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XILINX TO DISCONTINUE OLDER XC4000A/H FPGA DEVICES

Newer XC4000 products offer faster, more cost-effective solutions

SAN JOSE, Calif., October 21, 1996—Xilinx, Inc., (NASDAQ:XLNX) today announced it will discontinue two families of older field programmable gate arrays devices, the XC4000A and the XC4000H families. These two families are older variations of the company's XC4000 series of products—the largest programmable logic family in the industry. The XC4000E, XC4000EX and XC4000D families will not be affected.

The company will convert customers to the newer Xilinx XC4000E and XC5200 FPGA families, which provide compatible pin configurations with both of the older product families while offering substantial cost advantages of as much as four times the price of older devices in some cases.

“This marks the first obsolescence of mature Xilinx FPGA devices and it begins the implementation of what we believe is the industry's most customer-friendly product discontinuation policy. Xilinx is giving customers considerably more time than the normal 12 months from notification of obsolescence to the last shipment date that's now standard in the industry,” said Sandeep Vij, vice president of marketing at Xilinx. “Moreover, streamlining our product line will allow us to focus our design and support efforts and achieve even better cost structures.”

Last-time orders to buy the XC4000A and XC4000H devices will be accepted until September 30, 1997. Last-time shipments will be made until March 31, 1998.

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Under its new product discontinuation policy, Xilinx will provide customers with 12 months notice to place their last-time orders for programmable logic devices that will have a “form, fit, and function” replacement, and provide at least an additional 90 days notice for last shipments. For products that do not have replacements, Xilinx will provide at least 24 months notice for last orders and at least 90 days for last shipments. In addition, Xilinx will use an after-life supplier that specializes in obsolete products to aid customers after the discontinuation date.

Founded in 1984, Xilinx is the world’s largest supplier of programmable logic solutions comprising industry leading device architectures and world class design software. Headquartered in San Jose, Calif., the company pioneered the market for field programmable gate array (FPGA) semiconductor devices that provide high integration and quick time-to-market for electronic equipment manufacturers in the computer, peripherals, telecommunications, networking, industrial control, instrumentation and high reliability/military markets.

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