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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
10 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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12 SYNOPSISYS, INC.,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 UBIQUITI NETWORKS, INC., UBIQUITI  
16 NETWORKS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED,  
CHING-HAN TSAI, and DOES 1-20,  
17 inclusive,

18 Defendants.  
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Case No. 3:17-cv-00561-WHO

**SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT  
FOR  
(1) VIOLATION OF DIGITAL  
MILLENNIUM COPYRIGHT  
ACT 17 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(1);  
(2) VIOLATION OF DIGITAL  
MILLENNIUM COPYRIGHT  
ACT 17 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(2);  
(3) VIOLATION OF DIGITAL  
MILLENNIUM COPYRIGHT  
ACT 17 U.S.C. § 1201(b)  
(4) VIOLATION OF 18 U.S.C. § 2318;  
(5) FRAUD;  
(6) CIVIL RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1964;  
(7) NEGLIGENT  
MISREPRESENTATION;**

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

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23 UBIQUITI NETWORKS, INC.

24 Counterclaimant,

25 v.

26 SYNOPSISYS, INC.,

27 Counterdefendant.  
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1 Plaintiff Synopsys, Inc. (“Synopsys”) hereby brings this Complaint against Defendants  
2 Ubiquiti Networks, Inc. (“Ubiquiti”), Ubiquiti Networks International, Ltd. (“UNIL”), and Ching-  
3 Han Tsai (“Tsai”) for carrying out a coordinated software piracy scheme involving at least  
4 Synopsys’ Debussy, Design Compiler, Formality, HSPICE, IC Compiler, Laker, Nlint, nWave,  
5 PrimeTime, Synplify Pro AV, Synplify Premier AV, TetraMAX, VCS, and Verdi applications, in  
6 violation of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§ 1201, *et seq.* (the “DMCA”), 18  
7 U.S.C. § 2318 (relating to counterfeit and illicit documentation and labels), 18 U.S.C. § 1029  
8 (relating to counterfeit access devices); 18 U.S.C § 1962 (relating to criminal enterprises); 17  
9 U.S.C. § 506 & 18 U.S.C. § 2319 (relating to criminal copyright infringement); 18 U.S.C § 1343  
10 (relating to wire fraud); and common law torts of deceit.

11 Synopsys seeks injunctive relief, statutory and/or actual damages, exemplary damages,  
12 attorneys’ fees and costs, an accounting, and any such other relief as the Court may deem proper.

### 13 **PARTIES**

14 1. Plaintiff Synopsys is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the  
15 State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in Mountain View, California.

16 2. Defendant Ubiquiti is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the  
17 State of Delaware and having its principal place of business at 2580 Orchard Parkway, San Jose,  
18 California 95131.

19 3. According to Ubiquiti’s February 9, 2017 10-Q filing with the U.S. Securities and  
20 Exchange Commission, Ubiquiti and its wholly owned subsidiaries develop high performance  
21 networking technology for service providers and enterprises.

22 4. According to Ubiquiti’s February 9, 2017 10-Q, a significant portion of Ubiquiti’s  
23 revenue is generated in the United States.

24 5. According to Ubiquiti’s February 9, 2017 10-Q, certain of Ubiquiti’s operating  
25 expenses are denominated in the currencies of the countries in which its operations are located,  
26 including particularly the Taiwan Dollar. Significant parts of Ubiquiti’s research and  
27 development operations are conducted outside the U.S., and Ubiquiti manages these  
28 geographically dispersed teams in order to meet its objectives for new product introduction,

1 product quality, and product support.

2 6. UNIL is an entity incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong with a registered  
3 office address of 18/F Edinburgh Tower The Landmark 15 Queen’s Road Central, Hong Kong.  
4 UNIL is a subsidiary of Ubiquiti and participates in Ubiquiti’s activities relating to the  
5 development and distribution of networking technology. UNIL has a branch in Taiwan with a  
6 principal office at Suite 107, Floor 12, Song Ren Road, Xin Yi District, Taipei.

7 7. According to publicly available business information regarding UNIL, Robert J.  
8 Pera is a Director and the CEO of UNIL, and UNIL’s business includes computer systems design  
9 services and exports. According to Ubiquiti’s February 9, 2017 10-Q, Robert J. Pera is also  
10 Ubiquiti’s Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board, founder, and Chief Operating  
11 Decision Maker. According to Ubiquiti’s February 9, 2017 10-Q, Ubiquiti reports financial  
12 information on an aggregate and consolidated basis to Mr. Pera.

13 8. According to publicly available business information regarding UNIL, persons  
14 employed by UNIL’s Taipei branch work in the field of semiconductor design, including the  
15 design of “IC’s” or “integrated circuits” and “ASIC” or “application-specific integrated circuits.”

16 9. Ubiquiti’s SEC filings, publicly available information about UNIL and its  
17 employees, and representations made by Tsai and others to Synopsys indicate that, under  
18 Ubiquiti’s management and direction, UNIL regularly conducts semiconductor design activities  
19 for Ubiquiti and designs products to be imported and sold in the United States, including in  
20 California. In addition, on information and belief, UNIL’s company website is a subdomain of  
21 the “ubnt.com” web domain owned and controlled by Ubiquiti from California.

22 10. Defendant Tsai is an individual employed by Ubiquiti as a Project Lead.

23 11. Tsai is a resident of California.

24 12. Publicly available information published by Tsai indicates that he is a  
25 semiconductor professional with extensive experience in the design of integrated circuits, and that  
26 from October 2013 to present, Tsai has worked as a Project Lead for Ubiquiti in Taipei.

27 13. On information and belief, Tsai regularly works out of Ubiquiti facilities in  
28 California, including its headquarters in the Northern District of California.



1 California and the Northern District, carried out business negotiations regarding the software at  
2 issue with Synopsys employees located in California, and Tsai, while physically present in  
3 California and acting on behalf of UNIL, misrepresented and omitted material facts to Synopsys  
4 in order to induce Synopsys to provide UNIL with access to Synopsys' copyright-protected  
5 software and documentation.

6 19. This Court also has personal jurisdiction over UNIL because of its regular business  
7 activities within and directed toward the State of California. Ubiquiti's SEC filings indicate that  
8 UNIL's semiconductor design activities are directed and funded from Ubiquiti's headquarters in  
9 the Northern District of California, and UNIL has an intimate and ongoing business relationship  
10 with Ubiquiti, Ubiquiti and UNIL CEO and board member Robert J. Pera, and other Ubiquiti  
11 employees located in California, including Tsai, who regularly manage and direct UNIL's  
12 activities from within California and the Northern District of California. Ubiquiti personnel  
13 including Tsai have authority to negotiate, review, and approve licenses for semiconductor design  
14 software on behalf of UNIL, and UNIL requires such technology to perform its ordinary business  
15 activities. In addition, UNIL designs products for importation to and sale within the State of  
16 California, including within the Northern District of California. UNIL has purposely availed  
17 itself of the laws of California by carrying out an ongoing business relationship with Ubiquiti in  
18 California, by purposely directing its normal business activities to California, and by filing a  
19 lawsuit as a plaintiff in at least one case in the Northern District of California.

20 20. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Tsai because he resides in California,  
21 owns real property in California, and regularly conducts business in the State of California and  
22 Northern District of California.

23 21. Venue in this district is appropriate under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400 because a  
24 substantial part of the events giving rise to the dispute occurred within this district.

### 25 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

#### 26 **General Background**

27 22. As modern electronic devices become more and more compact and powerful, they  
28 use increasingly sophisticated computer processor chips. For example, computer chips found in

1 modern networking equipment can contain millions of transistors. When designing a computer  
2 processing chip, the stakes are enormous. Chip designers need software that will ensure that their  
3 complex designs will work flawlessly. Accordingly, chip designers require extremely robust and  
4 powerful computer software to design and test those chips. Many of the world's biggest and most  
5 important chip design companies turn to Synopsys for that software.

6 23. Since it was founded in 1986, Synopsys has been a leading provider of Electronic  
7 Design Automation ("EDA") solutions for the semiconductor industry. EDA generally refers to  
8 using computers to design, verify, and simulate the performance of electronic circuits. For more  
9 than 25 years, Synopsys' solutions have helped semiconductor manufacturers and electronics  
10 companies design, test, and manufacture microchips and electronic systems for a wide range of  
11 products. Headquartered in Mountain View, California, Synopsys is the fifteenth largest software  
12 company in the world and currently employs over 10,000 employees worldwide. Synopsys has  
13 developed a comprehensive, integrated portfolio of prototyping, IP, implementation, verification,  
14 manufacturing, optical, field-programmable gate array, and software quality and security  
15 solutions.

16 24. Synopsys' EDA software applications, including its Debussy, Design Compiler,  
17 Formality, HSPICE, IC Compiler, Laker, Nlint, nWave, PrimeTime, Synplify Pro AV, Synplify  
18 Premier AV, TetraMAX, VCS, and Verdi applications, are works subject to copyright protection  
19 under Title 17 of the United States Code.

20 25. Synopsys does not sell ownership rights or copyright or other intellectual property  
21 rights to its EDA software and associated services. Instead, Synopsys' customers purchase  
22 licenses. These licenses grant Synopsys customers limited rights to install Synopsys' EDA  
23 software and to access and use specific Synopsys software programs and documentation subject  
24 to control by Synopsys' License Key system.

25 26. Synopsys' License Key system is a built-in security system that controls access to  
26 its licensed software by requiring a user to access a key code provided by Synopsys in order to  
27 execute the licensed software. This key code controls the quantity and term of the licensed  
28 software in accordance with the license terms.

1           27.     Neither Tsai, Ubiquiti, nor UNIL ever obtained a valid license from Synopsys to  
2 access and use the EDA software at issue herein. Instead, Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL fraudulently  
3 induced Synopsys to grant them limited access to a subset of the Synopsys software for a finite  
4 evaluation period.

5           28.     Since at least February 2014, Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL have been secretly using  
6 counterfeit keys obtained and/or created with tools obtained through hacker websites to  
7 circumvent the Synopsys License Key system and access and use Synopsys' EDA software,  
8 including at least its Debussy, Design Compiler, Formality, HSPICE, IC Compiler, Laker, Nlint,  
9 nWave, PrimeTime, Synplify Pro AV, Synplify Premier AV, TetraMAX, VCS, and Verdi  
10 applications, without a valid license. Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL knew or had reason to know that  
11 their access and use of Synopsys' software was unauthorized and in violation of the DMCA and  
12 other U.S. laws designed to protect Synopsys' valuable intellectual property. The fact that they  
13 were not being required to pay Synopsys a license fee for access and use of the software alone  
14 should have put Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL on notice that their access and use of Synopsys'  
15 software was unauthorized. Furthermore, use of counterfeit license keys continued even after  
16 Synopsys notified Ubiquiti of its unauthorized use of Synopsys' software.

17           29.     On information and belief, prior to October 2013, Tsai and others at Ubiquiti and  
18 UNIL conspired to, and did, form an associated in fact enterprise ("Piracy Enterprise") with a  
19 common purpose of pirating Synopsys' software in order to lower Ubiquiti and UNIL's  
20 semiconductor development costs and reap ill-gotten profits. Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL each took  
21 wrongful acts in furtherance of their unlawful agreement by financing the Piracy Enterprise,  
22 attempting to gain and gaining unauthorized access to Synopsys' software and documentation,  
23 making and distributing unauthorized copies of Synopsys' software and documentation, and using  
24 counterfeit and illicit license keys and counterfeit access devices to make unauthorized access to  
25 Synopsys' copyright-protected software, among other wrongful acts in furtherance of the Piracy  
26 Enterprise. Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL continuously and effectively carried out the purpose of the  
27 Piracy Enterprise from at least October 2013 to June 2016, causing harm to Synopsys in the form  
28 of at least, but not limited to, misappropriation of valuable intellectual property, lost licensing

1 revenue, and costs associated with remediating their conduct.

2 30. Ubiquiti and UNIL share certain information technology infrastructure including  
3 shared company communications networks, file repositories, email servers, IP addresses, and  
4 external and internal websites, including the web domain “www.ubnt.com,” which is registered,  
5 hosted, and maintained in the United States, and its subdomain “tw.corp.ubnt.com,” both of  
6 which are associated with the misconduct alleged herein. Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL made use of  
7 this shared IT infrastructure in conducting the Piracy Enterprise.

8 31. Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL have each used Internet communications transmitted by  
9 means of wire in interstate and foreign commerce in the course of conducting the Piracy  
10 Enterprise.

11 32. The Piracy Enterprise and its agents, while connected to the Internet via domains,  
12 subdomains, and shared IT infrastructure controlled by Ubiquiti and UNIL, have used counterfeit  
13 keys to circumvent the Synopsys License Key access-control system at least 39,000 times using  
14 multiple computers and devices associated with Ubiquiti, UNIL, and others. On information and  
15 belief, Defendant Tsai has personally used counterfeit license keys to circumvent the Synopsys  
16 License Key access-control system at least 66 times.

17 33. In addition to using counterfeit license keys, the Piracy Enterprise has created and  
18 distributed amongst its members (i) unauthorized and counterfeit copies of Synopsys’ software  
19 and documentation, (ii) technology and components thereof designed for the specific purpose of  
20 circumventing technological measures that effectively control access to Synopsys’ works, (iii)  
21 counterfeit access devices; (iv) counterfeit license keys, and (v) illicit license keys. On  
22 information and belief, the Piracy Enterprise has employed Ubiquiti and UNIL’s shared IT  
23 infrastructure in carrying out its illegal distribution of such materials and course of conduct.

#### 24 **Ubiquiti and Tsai Gain Access to Synopsys’ Intellectual Property**

25 34. In 2013, Ubiquiti had a need of electronic design automation software to assist in  
26 the design and testing of chips it was beginning to develop, and began discussions with Synopsys  
27 regarding its software products.

28 35. On September 11, 2013, Tsai, acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise,



1 communicated with Synopsys employees in Mountain View, California via email and represented  
2 that Ubiquiti was interested in licensing “at a minimum” Synopsys VCS and Verdi EDA software  
3 applications. Tsai also represented that Ubiquiti was interested in **licensing a separate suite of**  
4 **Synopsys semiconductor designs.** On or about September 12, Tsai met in person with Synopsys  
5 employees in San Jose and stated that Ubiquiti was also interested in licensing Synopsys’ Design  
6 Compiler application. On or about this same date, Tsai represented to Synopsys that Ubiquiti  
7 planned to build up a semiconductor design team at Ubiquiti’s U.S. headquarters, and that  
8 Synopsys was its number one choice. Tsai’s statements on September 11 and 12 were designed  
9 to, and did, create the impression that Ubiquiti was interested in creating a significant business  
10 relationship with Synopsys that would lead to substantial revenue. As evidenced by the conduct  
11 discussed below, Tsai’s statements on September 11 and September 12, 2013 were false when  
12 made.

13 36. On September 30, 2013, acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise, Tsai emailed  
14 Synopsys in Mountain View and represented that Ubiquiti was interested in taking a total of 21  
15 licenses for Synopsys VCS, Verdi, Design Compiler, and Formality EDA applications during the  
16 period from November 2013 to June 2014. Tsai represented that Ubiquiti was interested in  
17 obtaining licenses for VCS and Verdi applications by November 2013, additional licenses for  
18 these two products and Design Compiler in February 2014, and licenses for Formality by June  
19 2014. As evidenced by the conduct discussed below, Tsai’s statements on September 30, 2013  
20 were false when made.

21 37. On October 1, 2013, acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise, Tsai emailed  
22 Synopsys in Mountain View and represented that Ubiquiti had elected to take a Local Area  
23 Network (“LAN”) form of Synopsys’ licenses because the licenses would be used by a small U.S.  
24 team. Tsai stated “I don’t think it’s necessary for us to have the flexibility of checking out  
25 licenses across [different physical] sites over [a Wide Area Network].” As evidenced by the  
26 conduct discussed below, this statement was false when made, as Tsai and Ubiquiti contemplated  
27 using Synopsys’ software at numerous geographically distributed locations ranging from the  
28 Northern District of California to Taiwan.

1           38.     On October 14, 2013, acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise, Tsai emailed  
2 Synopsys in Mountain View and represented that Tsai intended for Ubiquiti to consummate its  
3 first EDA tool purchase from Synopsys before October 31, 2013. Later that day in a subsequent  
4 email, Tsai told Synopsys via communications directed to Mountain View that Ubiquiti's  
5 preference would be to pay Synopsys from an "offshore account" in Hong Kong. As evidenced  
6 by the conduct below, this representation was false when made.

7           39.     Also on October 14, 2013, acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise, Tsai emailed  
8 Synopsys in Mountain View and requested an evaluation license for Synopsys' VCS application.  
9 Tsai expressly represented that he would be "the one doing the eval" on his own personal laptop.  
10 Tsai further represented that he knew how to use VCS. Tsai's statements were false when made:  
11 in fact, Tsai intended all along for the evaluation to be done by other persons in Taiwan on  
12 computers that did not belong to Tsai.

13           40.     On October 15, 2013, Tsai traveled to Taipei where, acting on behalf of the Piracy  
14 Enterprise, he continued to represent that Ubiquiti was considering licensing Synopsys' EDA  
15 software while omitting material facts known to Tsai that were necessary to render his  
16 representations regarding Ubiquiti's intent non-misleading throughout. In reliance on Tsai's  
17 representations and omissions, Synopsys entered into a Master Non-Disclosure Agreement  
18 ("MNDA") with Ubiquiti, the purpose of which was to facilitate the parties' discussion of a  
19 potential business relationship. Ubiquiti and Synopsys executed the MNDA on October 15, 2013  
20 and November 25, 2013, respectively.

21           41.     From October 14, 2013 to November 25, 2013 Tsai, acting on behalf of the Piracy  
22 Enterprise, continued to represent that Ubiquiti was interested in licensing Synopsys' EDA tools.  
23 Tsai ultimately negotiated an agreement under which Ubiquiti would, according to Tsai, evaluate  
24 Synopsys' VCS application at a specific Ubiquiti location in San Jose, California for a period not  
25 to exceed ninety days. During these negotiations, Tsai omitted that the Piracy Enterprise would  
26 in fact use pirated copies of Synopsys' VCS application at unauthorized locations on  
27 unauthorized computers.

28           42.     Tsai's representations to Synopsys in September, October, and November

1 regarding Ubiquiti's desire to explore licensing Synopsys' products and willingness to conform to  
2 Synopsys' licensing terms were false when made. Shortly after fraudulently inducing Synopsys  
3 to grant Ubiquiti an evaluation license for Synopsys' VCS application—before the term of the  
4 evaluation license had even expired—persons acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise began  
5 using counterfeit license keys to access unauthorized copies of VCS from unauthorized locations.  
6 On information and belief, as soon as Tsai obtained access to Synopsys' file download and  
7 customer support websites, the Piracy Enterprise began making and distributing unauthorized  
8 copies of Synopsys' software and documentation, accessing Synopsys' software using both illicit  
9 license key files and counterfeit facsimiles of Synopsys' license key files, and providing to one  
10 another software and other technology components designed to circumvent Synopsys' technical  
11 measures that control access to Synopsys' copyright-protected works.

12         43. In reliance on Tsai's representations and omissions, on November 26, 2013,  
13 Synopsys executed a 90-day evaluation license to permit Ubiquiti to evaluate Synopsys' VCS  
14 application. Synopsys sent to Tsai a delivery email containing links to download VCS and a  
15 license key for VCS. The license provided that it was a nontransferable limited evaluation license  
16 to use Synopsys' VCS application and the accompanying license key on two computers  
17 concurrently in San Jose. The evaluation license strictly proscribed limited evaluation rights and  
18 expressly prohibited any use of the software for designing Ubiquiti's products. The evaluation  
19 license also prohibited Ubiquiti from making unauthorized copies of Synopsys' software,  
20 decompiling or reverse engineering Synopsys' software, tampering with or attempting to  
21 circumvent Synopsys' license key system, or distributing Synopsys' software to third parties,  
22 among other restrictions. The evaluation license also contained a confidentiality clause  
23 prohibiting Ubiquiti from unauthorized dissemination or use of Synopsys' confidential  
24 information, defined to include *inter alia* Synopsys' software. The evaluation license contained a  
25 clause expressly stating that the evaluation license superseded all prior agreements between the  
26 parties regarding the subject matter of the evaluation license. The evaluation agreement provided  
27 that licensees consented to personal jurisdiction in federal and state courts of Santa Clara County,  
28 California.

1           44.     In order to facilitate the evaluation license, and in reliance on Tsai's  
2 representations and omissions, Synopsys provided Tsai with temporary login credentials  
3 permitting Ubiquiti to access Synopsys' customer support and file download websites for  
4 purposes of facilitating Ubiquiti's evaluation of VCS. The Synopsys customer support and file  
5 download websites accessed by the Piracy Enterprise are all located on domains owned,  
6 registered, hosted, and maintained in the United States and the Northern District of California,  
7 with the exception of one host server located in Ireland that the Piracy Enterprise accessed via a  
8 remote host located at Synopsys' Mountain View headquarters.

9           45.     From November 27, 2013 to December 28, 2013, Tsai, acting on behalf of the  
10 Piracy Enterprise, accessed Synopsys' file download website and downloaded multiple files,  
11 including Synopsys' VCS application, Synopsys' SCL license management application, installer  
12 programs for each application, and related documentation. The software downloaded by Tsai was  
13 hosted by Synopsys on, and downloaded from, servers located in the United States, including  
14 servers located within the State of California.

15           46.     On December 2, 2013, Tsai, acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise, emailed  
16 Synopsys in Mountain View and stated that he was having trouble running Synopsys' license  
17 management software and temporary key file, purportedly on a virtual machine running on a  
18 computer located at Ubiquiti's San Jose headquarters. Synopsys customer support personnel  
19 responded to Tsai's inquiry and provided information on how to configure the license key file.  
20 Also on December 2, 2013, Tsai, acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise, emailed a Synopsys  
21 employee in Mountain View and requested for Synopsys to temporarily switch the Host ID listed  
22 in Ubiquiti's temporary key file to a new computer because, according to Tsai, the prior Host ID  
23 information he had provided was for an old personal laptop.

24           47.     On information and belief, Tsai's December 2, 2013 representations were false  
25 when made. In fact, the purpose of Tsai's communication was to gain the information and means  
26 required by the Piracy Enterprise to carry out its purpose of running Synopsys' software on  
27 unauthorized computers in unauthorized locations. Tsai omitted these facts from his  
28 representations to Synopsys.

1           48.     On information and belief, in late 2013 and early 2014, Tsai and others acting on  
2 behalf of the Piracy Enterprise transferred via Ubiquiti and UNIL's shared IT infrastructure some  
3 or all of the files downloaded from Synopsys to one or more computers controlled by UNIL.

4     **UNIL and Tsai Gain Further Access to Synopsys' Intellectual Property**

5           49.     During the first and second weeks of March 2014, Tsai, while physically located in  
6 the Northern District of California at Ubiquiti's headquarters and acting on behalf of the Piracy  
7 Enterprise, communicated with Synopsys via email about UNIL's purported desire to evaluate  
8 certain Synopsys software. Also included in these email discussions were other UNIL employees  
9 who work in the field of semiconductor design. Tsai emailed a quote he obtained under false  
10 pretenses from Synopsys in the fall of 2013 as the starting point for negotiations about obtaining a  
11 set of temporary evaluation license keys for UNIL. Tsai indicated that UNIL was close to  
12 obtaining software from a Synopsys competitor and wanted to evaluate Synopsys' competing  
13 tools before making a final decision. On information and belief, Tsai and other UNIL employees  
14 knew at the time of these email communications, but omitted to tell Synopsys, that UNIL had no  
15 intention of licensing Synopsys' software, but rather intended to make and distribute unauthorized  
16 copies of Synopsys' software and documentation and to use counterfeit license keys to  
17 circumvent Synopsys' license key system.

18           50.     During the first and second weeks of April 2014, Tsai, acting on behalf of the  
19 Piracy Enterprise, traveled to Taiwan and helped coordinate a meeting between UNIL and  
20 Synopsys to discuss UNIL's purported desire to evaluate and license Synopsys' software. At  
21 least Tsai and other UNIL employees attended a meeting with Synopsys on or about April 8,  
22 2014, during which Tsai and others, acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise, represented to  
23 Synopsys through affirmative misrepresentations and omissions that access to temporary  
24 evaluation license keys for Synopsys' software could sway UNIL to license Synopsys' EDA  
25 tools. Tsai represented that time was of the essence due to the state of negotiations between  
26 UNIL and Synopsys' competitor and UNIL's time frame for completing design of the product for  
27 which the subject EDA tools were needed.

28           51.     On information and belief, Tsai's representations to Synopsys in March and April

1 2014 regarding UNIL's purported consideration of licensing Synopsys' EDA products were false  
2 when made. At the time of such representations, UNIL and Ubiquiti employees were already  
3 making, distributing, and using unauthorized copies of Synopsys' software and documentation,  
4 circumvention technology, counterfeit license keys, and counterfeit access devices. Tsai omitted  
5 these material facts during his conversations with Synopsys.

6 52. In reliance on Tsai's representations, on April 14, 15, and May 9, 2014, Synopsys  
7 provided to UNIL temporary license keys for Synopsys' Formality, DC Ultra, HDL Compiler  
8 Verilog, and **DesignWare Library applications**. Also on May 9, 2014, Synopsys provided UNIL  
9 with a temporary key for its Power Compiler application. All of the temporary keys Synopsys  
10 provided to UNIL allowed for only one or two concurrently running executions, and all keys were  
11 designated to be hosted by license servers running only on specific computers with Host IDs  
12 enumerated in the temporary license key files that accompanied Synopsys' software. In addition,  
13 the temporary keys expired within two to four weeks after issuance.

14 53. On April 16, 2014, UNIL, acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise, downloaded  
15 Synopsys' license control software, its Formality and Design Compiler applications, and related  
16 documentation and installer files from Synopsys' electronic file transfer website. UNIL  
17 downloaded additional files on May 19, 2014. The files UNIL downloaded on April 16, 2014  
18 were hosted on, and downloaded from, servers located in the United States, including servers  
19 located within the Northern District of California. With respect to the files downloaded on May  
20 19, the files were downloaded via a remote host located at Synopsys' Mountain View  
21 headquarters.

22 54. On April 16 and April 17, 2014, despite being in possession of temporary license  
23 keys for Design Compiler, UNIL employees acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise began using  
24 counterfeit license keys to access Design Compiler software downloaded by UNIL.

25 55. On May 19, 2014, a UNIL employee acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise  
26 contacted Synopsys' customer support via email for assistance in using tools that, unbeknownst to  
27 Synopsys, were secretly being copied and used without authorization by the Piracy Enterprise.  
28 The person who made this request on behalf of UNIL represented to Synopsys that time was of

1 the essence, and that finding a quick solution to the subject issue could cause UNIL to license  
2 Synopsys' tool instead of licensing a competitor's tool. On information and belief, these  
3 statements were false when made, and the UNIL employee omitted material facts from their  
4 representation, including the fact of UNIL's true intent and its ongoing piracy conduct. In  
5 reliance on UNIL's representations and omissions, Synopsys customer support personnel in  
6 Mountain View communicated with UNIL and Ubiquiti regarding the issue and assisted in  
7 resolving the service request, which involved identifying and sharing with persons acting on  
8 behalf of the Piracy Enterprise a work-around solution to their problem and required an  
9 appreciable amount of effort and Synopsys resources. But for UNIL and Tsai's false  
10 representations and omissions regarding UNIL's purported desire to license Synopsys products,  
11 Synopsys would not have provided UNIL or Ubiquiti with the requested assistance or work-  
12 around information.

13           56. Subsequent to May 19, 2014, Tsai, UNIL, Ubiquiti, and other persons acting on  
14 behalf of the Piracy Enterprise repeatedly accessed Synopsys' customer support and file  
15 download websites. On information and belief, as soon as Synopsys issued temporary evaluation  
16 license keys to UNIL in April 2014, UNIL, Tsai, Ubiquiti, and others acting on behalf of the  
17 Piracy Enterprise began making, distributing, and using copies of Synopsys' software and  
18 documentation without authorization, including software and documentation downloaded from  
19 Synopsys servers located in the United States and California, and using counterfeit license keys  
20 and illicit license keys to access Synopsys' applications.

### 21 **Conduct of the Piracy Enterprise**

22           57. The volume and nature of counterfeit keys used by the Piracy Enterprise, including  
23 components of the counterfeit keys identifying specific computers controlled by UNIL and  
24 Ubiquiti, respectively, indicate that one or more persons acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise  
25 used counterfeit key generation software to create counterfeit Synopsys license keys for use by  
26 Ubiquiti and UNIL.

27           58. The nature of the counterfeit keys used by the Piracy Enterprise and use patterns  
28 for the infringed software applications indicate that members of the Piracy Enterprise distributed

1 amongst themselves counterfeit license keys and/or counterfeit key generation software in order  
2 to permit employees of Ubiquiti and UNIL to access Synopsys' software without authorization.  
3 On information and belief, counterfeit keys and counterfeit key generation software was  
4 exchanged between members of the Piracy Enterprise using the Internet and Ubiquiti and UNIL's  
5 shared IT infrastructure.

6 59. Data associated with the Piracy Enterprise's use of Synopsys' software indicates  
7 that the Piracy Enterprise set up networks of computers that permitted persons to remotely access  
8 counterfeit keys, counterfeit key generation software, and unauthorized and counterfeit copies of  
9 Synopsys' software from multiple workstations connected to the Internet and to shared IT  
10 infrastructure via IP addresses, domains, and subdomains owned and/or controlled by Ubiquiti  
11 and UNIL.

12 60. Sometimes, the Piracy Enterprise configured computers to operate in "license  
13 server" mode, in which case a host server containing counterfeit license key files and running  
14 unauthorized copies of Synopsys' license management software could distribute counterfeit keys  
15 over the Internet to multiple remote computers.

16 61. Other times, the Piracy Enterprise employed a "serverless" configuration in which  
17 case the Piracy Enterprise would store counterfeit license key files at specific file paths located on  
18 Ubiquiti and UNIL networks for retrieval by any computer with access to the file path.

19 62. Other times, the Piracy Enterprise configured computers so that Synopsys'  
20 applications and counterfeit license keys were accessible from a virtual machine that, on  
21 information and belief, could be accessed remotely and/or transported and used in and outside of  
22 California. Evidence indicates that the Piracy Enterprise used certain virtual machines in both  
23 California and in Taiwan.

24 63. Using at least the methods described above, the Piracy Enterprise distributed and  
25 used counterfeit license keys, illicit license keys, counterfeit access devices, and circumvention  
26 technology to access more than a dozen copyright protected works including Synopsys' Debussy,  
27 Design Compiler, Formality, HSPICE, IC Compiler, Laker, Nlint, nWave, PrimeTime, Synplify  
28 Pro AV, Synplify Premier AV, TetraMAX, VCS, and Verdi applications.





1           71.     Rather than paying a license to Synopsys for access and use of the EDA software,  
2 the Piracy Enterprise used counterfeit license keys that Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL knew to be  
3 counterfeit and in violation of Synopsys' valuable rights.

4           72.     By using counterfeit license keys, Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL have circumvented the  
5 Synopsys License Key access-control system, and have unlawfully gained access thereby to at  
6 least its Debussy, Design Compiler, Formality, HSPICE, IC Compiler, Laker, Nlint, nWave,  
7 PrimeTime, Synplify Pro AV, Synplify Premier AV, TetraMAX, VCS, and Verdi copyright  
8 protected software applications.

9           73.     Tsai, Ubiquiti, UNIL, and other members of the Piracy Enterprise agreed to act in  
10 concert in order to gain access to Synopsys' software and documentation and to circumvent  
11 technological measures that effectively control access to Synopsys' works. Subsequent to this  
12 agreement, one or more members of the Piracy Enterprise committed wrongful acts in furtherance  
13 of the agreement.

14           74.     The conduct described above has caused harm to Synopsys in an amount to be  
15 computed at trial, but that amount is in the millions of dollars and constitutes a violation of 17  
16 U.S.C. § 1201. **Synopsys is entitled to remedies including statutory damages, actual damages,**  
17 **and any profits attributable to Defendants' violations.**

18           75.     **The conduct described above was willful and with knowledge of wrongdoing; an**  
19 **award of maximum statutory damages is therefore necessary to dissuade Defendants and others**  
20 **from the use of counterfeit license keys.**

21           76.     Accordingly, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 1203, Synopsys is entitled to and hereby  
22 demands statutory damages in the maximum amount of \$2,500 for each of the violations of the  
23 statute.

24           77.     Synopsys is further entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and costs as provided  
25 under 17 U.S.C. § 1203.

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**SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

**(Against the Members of the Piracy Enterprise for Violations of the**

**Digital Millennium Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(2))**

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4 78. Synopsys hereby restates and re-alleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1  
5 through 77 above and incorporates them by reference.

6 79. Section 1201(a)(2) provides, in pertinent part, that no person shall manufacture,  
7 import, provide, or otherwise traffic in any technology, product, service, device, component, or  
8 part thereof that is primarily designed or produced for the purpose of circumventing a  
9 technological measure that effectively controls access to a work protected under title 17.

10 80. Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL created, imported, provided, or trafficked in products,  
11 services, or components or parts thereof primarily designed and produced for the purpose of  
12 circumventing technological measures that effectively control access to Synopsys' works.

13 81. Tsai, Ubiquiti, UNIL, and others members of the Piracy Enterprise agreed to act in  
14 concert in order to create, import, provide, or traffic in products, services, or components or parts  
15 thereof primarily designed and produced for the purpose of circumventing technological measures  
16 that effectively control access to Synopsys' works. Subsequent to this agreement, one or more  
17 members of the Piracy Enterprise committed wrongful acts in furtherance of the agreement.

18 82. The conduct described above has caused harm to Synopsys in an amount to be  
19 computed at trial, but that amount is in the millions of dollars and constitutes a violation of 17  
20 U.S.C. § 1201. Synopsys is entitled to remedies including statutory damages, actual damages,  
21 and any profits attributable to Defendants' violations.

22 83. The conduct described above was willful and with knowledge of wrongdoing; an  
23 award of statutory damages is necessary to dissuade Defendants and others from the use of  
24 counterfeit license keys.

25 84. Accordingly, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 1203, Synopsys is entitled to and hereby  
26 demands statutory damages in the maximum amount of \$2,500 for each of the violations of the  
27 statute.

28 85. Synopsys is further entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and costs as provided

1 under 17 U.S.C. § 1203.

2 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

3 **(Against the Members of the Piracy Enterprise for Violations of the**

4 **Digital Millennium Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 1201(b))**

5 86. Synopsys hereby restates and re-alleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1  
6 through 85 above and incorporates them by reference.

7 87. Section 1201(b) provides, in pertinent part, that no person shall manufacture,  
8 import, provide, or otherwise traffic in any technology, product, service, device, component, or  
9 part thereof that is primarily designed or produced for the purpose of circumventing a  
10 technological measure that effectively protects a right of an owner of a work protected under title  
11 17.

12 88. Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL created, imported, provided, or trafficked in products,  
13 services, or components or parts thereof primarily designed and produced for the purpose of  
14 circumventing technological measures that effectively protect Synopsys' rights in its works.

15 89. Tsai, Ubiquiti, UNIL, and other members of the Piracy Enterprise agreed to act in  
16 concert in order to create, import, provide, or traffic in products, services, or components and  
17 parts thereof primarily designed and produced for the purpose of circumventing technological  
18 measures that effectively protect Synopsys' rights. Subsequent to this agreement, one or more  
19 members of the Piracy Enterprise committed wrongful acts in furtherance of the agreement.

20 90. The conduct described above has caused harm to Synopsys in an amount to be  
21 computed at trial, but that amount is in the millions of dollars and constitutes a violation of 17  
22 U.S.C. § 1201. Synopsys is entitled to remedies including statutory damages, actual damages,  
23 and any profits attributable to Defendants' violations. The conduct described above was willful  
24 and with knowledge of wrongdoing; an award of statutory damages is necessary to dissuade  
25 Defendants and others from the use of counterfeit license keys.

26 91. Accordingly, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 1203, Synopsys is entitled to and hereby  
27 demands statutory damages in the maximum amount of \$2,500 for each of the violations of the  
28 statute.

1 92. Synopsys is further entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and costs as provided  
2 under 17 U.S.C. § 1203.

3 **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

4 **(Against the Members of the Piracy Enterprise for Violations of 18 U.S.C. § 2318)**

5 93. Synopsys hereby restates and re-alleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1  
6 through 92 above and incorporates them by reference.

7 94. Section 18 U.S.C § 2318 provides in pertinent part that it is a federal crime for  
8 persons to knowingly traffic in counterfeit or illicit labels accompanying a copy of a computer  
9 program. Any copyright owner who is injured, or is threatened with injury, by a violation of  
10 subsection section 2318 may bring a civil action in an appropriate United States district court.

11 95. Synopsys delivers authorized copies of its copyright protected software to  
12 licensees over the Internet via a secured file transfer protocol in binary form. In order to access  
13 Synopsys binaries, licensees must validate their copies of Synopsys' software with license keys  
14 that accompany the customer's specific authorized copies of Synopsys' software. Synopsys  
15 license keys are designed to ensure that users do not designate a higher number of licensed users  
16 or licensed copies than authorized and to prevent infringement.

17 **Synopsys' License Keys Are Software Identifying Labels**

18 96. **Synopsys' license key files are identifying labels accompanying and designed to**  
19 **accompany copies of Synopsys' computer programs.** The counterfeit keys used by Defendants  
20 mimicked the human readable text elements and format of Synopsys' genuine keys, including  
21 texts suggesting that Synopsys is the issuer of the keys. Synopsys license key files are comprised  
22 of human readable alphanumeric text elements that identify the name, version, and features of the  
23 Synopsys software licensed by the specific license key recipient. Synopsys license keys also  
24 identify Synopsys as the owner of the software and issuer of the license key. Synopsys license  
25 keys also identify the name and address of the licensee of the software that the license key  
26 accompanies. Synopsys license keys also identify a customer Site ID and host server designated  
27 by the licensee to run Synopsys' software. Synopsys license keys also direct licensees to follow  
28 the license file verification procedure set forth at <http://www.synopsys.com/licensing> when

1 installing or updating the licensee's license file and advise licensees that their license key must be  
2 verified with Synopsys' verification utility. Synopsys license verification utility confirms that  
3 license keys are valid to authorize execution of the software licensed to the licensee. Synopsys  
4 license key files further identify the date and time on which the license key file was created and  
5 the start and end date of the included license keys. The identifying information contained in  
6 Synopsys license keys (in addition to messages contained in license key transmittal emails and/or  
7 the pages of Synopsys download websites) indicates to the recipient that the license key is being  
8 delivered in connection with a specific software product configured to run features licensed by a  
9 specific customer.

10 97. When a user launches a Synopsys EDA application, Synopsys SCL software  
11 begins to execute and locates the directory where the licensee has saved her license key file or  
12 determines how to access the Synopsys license server. After retrieving the license key from  
13 either the license file or from the server, the SCL software displays to the user the server host, site  
14 ID, and license term dates set forth in the license key. After SCL identifies the correct license  
15 key, the EDA application begins to execute. The EDA application user interface displays to the  
16 user the name of the EDA application (i.e., "Design Compiler"), software version (i.e., Version  
17 1.2.3), and operating system that the application is written for (i.e., 64-bit Linux). The  
18 application user interface further displays to the user trademark information for the application  
19 that is being run. The application user interface then displays a copyright notice that provides, for  
20 example, "Copyright (c) 1988-2017 Synopsys, Inc. This software and the associated  
21 documentation may only be used in accordance with the terms and conditions of a written license  
22 agreement with Synopsys, Inc. All other use, reproduction, or distribution of this software is  
23 strictly prohibited." Where applicable, the application user interface then displays to the user the  
24 various distinct features of the application that have been specifically licensed by the particular  
25 licensee. Finally, after validating each specifically licensed feature against the license key, the  
26 application user interface displays to the user a message stating that the license key checkout has  
27 succeeded. The user may then use the application to perform EDA functions.

28 98. Where a user lacks a valid license key, Synopsys SCL software detects the lack of

1 a valid key and will not complete execution. Similarly, the EDA application itself cannot execute  
2 because no license key is served to it. The EDA application user interface displays a message to  
3 the user indicating that the wrong license file is being used and instructing the user to contact  
4 Synopsys.

5 99. As noted, one of the identifying aspects of Synopsys license keys is identification  
6 of the specific features that a licensee has licensed. Synopsys' EDA applications contain a wide  
7 array of rich features, some of which may not be necessary for a customer's specific design  
8 project. For example, a customer designing a simple electronic circuit may not require all of the  
9 latest, most advanced features of a given Synopsys EDA application. Thus, rather than paying for  
10 a license to unneeded features, customers may license a subset of the total feature set for a given  
11 Synopsys EDA application. Synopsys license keys identify the subset of licensed features, and an  
12 engineer who wishes to identify which features are available to her can look to the license key file  
13 for that information. For each copy of an authorized Synopsys EDA application binary, the  
14 accompanying Synopsys license keys reflects the unique feature set licensed by a particular  
15 licensee, which dictates the scope of how the particular copy of the licensed binary will execute.  
16 Unlicensed features not validated by the customer's license key will not run. In this way,  
17 Synopsys license keys identify and define the licensee's unique configuration of the Synopsys  
18 software they have licensed.

19 **Synopsys' License Keys Verify that a Software Copy is Not Counterfeit or Infringing**

20 100. Synopsys license key files, including temporary evaluation license key files, are  
21 genuine licensing and labeling components used by Synopsys to verify that a copy of a computer  
22 program is not counterfeit or infringing of any copyright, and to prevent parties from providing  
23 Synopsys' software to a higher number of licensed users than authorized.

24 101. Because Synopsys only provides genuine, authorized copies of its software to  
25 licensees, and because license keys always accompany Synopsys' delivery of its software,  
26 Synopsys license keys are used by Synopsys to verify that a copy of a computer program is not  
27 counterfeit or infringing. When a user runs an unauthorized copy of Synopsys' software using a  
28 counterfeit license key, Synopsys can determine whether it or an unauthorized third party was the

1 source of the copy of the software executed with the counterfeit license key. For example, in this  
2 case, Ubiquiti and UNIL used counterfeit license keys to run applications that they did not  
3 download from Synopsys' file transfer websites. Synopsys' license key system helped Synopsys  
4 identify the copies of these applications used by Ubiquiti and UNIL as unauthorized counterfeit  
5 copies provided by unknown third parties.

6 102. Synopsys license keys also prevent licensees from providing Synopsys' software  
7 concurrently to a higher number of licensed users than authorized under the terms of the  
8 applicable license. Once a license key has been checked out to a user, that checkout is counted  
9 against the total number of concurrent instances of the application that the licensee is authorized  
10 to run under the terms of their license. For example, if a user's license permits three concurrent  
11 uses of Design Compiler, only two additional users would be permitted to run Design Compiler  
12 after a first user executes Design Compiler. If a fourth user attempts to execute Design Compiler  
13 while three other users already have license keys checked out, Synopsys' license key system  
14 detects the fact that the maximum number of concurrent users set forth in the license key file has  
15 already been checked out, and the fourth user's attempt to run the application will fail.

16 103. On information and belief, Ubiquiti knowingly trafficked in **illicit labels** by  
17 providing to UNIL unauthorized copies of Synopsys' software and temporary license keys issued  
18 for Ubiquiti's Mountain View location to UNIL. The copies of Synopsys EDA applications that  
19 UNIL executed using the temporary license keys issued to Ubiquiti were unauthorized copies.

20 104. On information and belief, UNIL knowingly trafficked in illicit labels by  
21 providing unauthorized copies of Synopsys' software and temporary license keys issued for  
22 UNIL's Taiwan location to Ubiquiti. The copies of Synopsys EDA applications that Ubiquiti  
23 executed using these temporary license keys issued to UNIL were unauthorized copies.

24 105. Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL knowingly trafficked in counterfeit license key files that  
25 appeared to be genuine, but were not. The counterfeit license keys trafficked by Defendants  
26 mimicked the human readable text, structure, and format of Synopsys genuine license keys and  
27 would appear to an innocent reader of the key file to be a genuine Synopsys license key.

28 106. Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL intentionally used counterfeit and illicit labels in



1 connection with trafficking in goods or services.

2 107. Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL knowingly and intentionally trafficked in counterfeit  
3 license keys likely to cause confusion, to cause mistake, or to deceive persons not privy to the  
4 Piracy Enterprise. For example, on information and belief, based on representations made by  
5 counsel and Ubiquiti to this Court, at least one employee of Ubiquiti and/or UNIL was unaware  
6 that the software copies and license keys he used to perform EDA services for Ubiquiti and/or  
7 UNIL in California were counterfeit. According to a May 1, 2017 declaration submitted to this  
8 Court (Dkt. 50-1), California-based Ubiquiti employee Sheng-Feng Wang was not aware that he  
9 had received any unauthorized license keys or copies of Synopsys license keys in California.  
10 Sheng-Feng Wang's declaration indicates the counterfeit license keys and software copies used  
11 by the Piracy Enterprise were capable of being, and on information and belief, were in fact,  
12 passed off to unsuspecting end users as genuine license keys.

13 108. In carrying out their violations of 18 U.S.C § 2318, Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL used  
14 and intended to use facilities of interstate and foreign commerce.

15 109. Counterfeit and illicit labels trafficked and used by Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL  
16 accompanied, were enclosed with, or affixed to, or were designed to accompany, be affixed to, or  
17 enclosed with, copyrighted copies of computer programs.

18 110. Tsai, Ubiquiti, UNIL, and other members of the Piracy Enterprise agreed to act in  
19 concert in order to traffic or use counterfeit license key files and illicit license key files.  
20 Subsequent to this agreement, one or more members of the Piracy Enterprise committed wrongful  
21 acts in furtherance of the agreement.

22 111. The conduct described above has caused harm to Synopsys in an amount to be  
23 computed at trial. Synopsys is entitled to actual damages and any profits attributable to  
24 Defendants' violations.

25 112. The conduct described above was willful and with knowledge of wrongdoing; an  
26 award of statutory damages is necessary to dissuade Defendants and others from the use of  
27 counterfeit license keys.

28 113. Accordingly, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2318, Synopsys is entitled to and hereby

1 demands statutory damages in the maximum amount of \$25,000 for each of the violations of the  
2 statute.

3 **FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

4 **(Against the Members of the Piracy Enterprise for Fraud)**

5 114. Synopsys hereby restates and re-alleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1  
6 through 113 above and incorporates them by reference.

7 115. Tsai, acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise, knowingly made false  
8 representations of material fact to Synopsys during the time period between October and  
9 December 2013 in order to induce Synopsys to grant Tsai access to Synopsys' file download and  
10 customer support websites, and to grant Ubiquiti an evaluation license for VCS. Tsai also  
11 omitted material facts necessary to render his representations non-misleading. Specifically,  
12 acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise:

- 13 i. Tsai falsely represented that Ubiquiti was interested in evaluating, negotiating, and  
14 licensing Synopsys' software in good faith;
- 15 ii. Tsai falsely represented that Ubiquiti intended to evaluate VCS in San Jose,  
16 California;
- 17 iii. Tsai falsely represented that he needed assistance with setting up Synopsys'  
18 software and temporary license keys for legitimate use in San Jose;
- 19 iv. Tsai omitted that Ubiquiti and UNIL would make and use unauthorized copies of  
20 Synopsys' software and documentation;
- 21 v. Tsai omitted that he would provide his login credentials and/or Synopsys materials  
22 accessed through such credentials to unauthorized persons including UNIL  
23 employees in Taiwan;
- 24 vi. Tsai omitted that Ubiquiti and UNIL would use circumvention technology,  
25 counterfeit license keys, and illicit license keys to access Synopsys' software  
26 without authorization.

27 116. Tsai and others at UNIL, acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise, knowingly  
28 made false representations of material fact to Synopsys during April and May 2014 in order to

1 induce Synopsys to grant UNIL temporary evaluation license keys and access to Synopsys' file  
2 download and customer support websites. Tsai also omitted material facts necessary to render his  
3 representations non-misleading. Specifically, acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise:

- 4 i. Tsai falsely represented that UNIL was interested in evaluating, negotiating, and  
5 licensing Synopsys' software in good faith;
- 6 ii. Tsai falsely represented that time was of the essence as UNIL was close to signing  
7 a deal with a Synopsys competitor;
- 8 iii. Tsai or another UNIL employee falsely represented to Synopsys customer support  
9 on May 19, 2014 that if Synopsys could develop a work around solution for a  
10 problem UNIL was having with Synopsys' tools, the work around could convince  
11 UNIL to license Synopsys' tools rather than a competitor's tools;
- 12 iv. Tsai omitted that UNIL would make and use unauthorized copies of Synopsys'  
13 software and documentation;
- 14 v. Tsai omitted that UNIL had already been using and would continue to use  
15 circumvention technology, counterfeit license keys, and illicit license keys to  
16 access Synopsys' software without authorization;

17 117. As to each of the above representations and omissions, Tsai, Ubiquiti, UNIL, and  
18 other members of the Piracy Enterprise intended for Synopsys to rely on the false representations  
19 and omissions.

20 118. Synopsys reasonably relied on Tsai's and the Piracy Enterprise's false  
21 representations and omissions. Synopsys had no reason to know of the Piracy Enterprise's true  
22 intent.

23 119. Synopsys relied on Tsai's and the Piracy Enterprise's false representations in  
24 granting Tsai access to Synopsys' file download and customer support websites, executing an  
25 evaluation license for Ubiquiti, and issuing temporary evaluation license keys to Ubiquiti and  
26 UNIL.

27 120. The Piracy Enterprise agreed to act in concert in order to gain access to Synopsys  
28 websites, software, documentation, and services using material misrepresentations and omissions

1 communicated to Synopsys and to use circumvention technology and counterfeit and illicit  
2 licenses to access Synopsys' works. Subsequent to this agreement, one or more members of the  
3 Piracy Enterprise committed wrongful acts in furtherance of the agreement.

4 121. Synopsys' reliance on Tsai's and the Piracy Enterprise's representations caused  
5 Synopsys harm in an amount to be proven at trial.

6 122. The conduct described above was willful and with knowledge of wrongdoing; an  
7 award of punitive damages is necessary to dissuade Defendants and others.

8 **SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

9 **(Against All Defendants for Civil RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1964(c) & (d))**

10 123. Synopsys hereby restates and re-alleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1  
11 through 122 above and incorporates them by reference.

12 124. Section 1962(c) provides that is unlawful for any person employed by or  
13 associated with any enterprise engaged in interstate or foreign commerce to conduct such  
14 enterprise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity.

15 125. Section 1962(d) provides that is unlawful for any person to conspire to violate  
16 section 1962.

17 126. Section 1964(c) provides that a person injured in their business or property by a  
18 violation of section 1962 may sue to recover threefold damages and the cost of suit, including  
19 reasonable attorney's fees.

20 **The Enterprises**

21 127. Ubiquiti is an enterprise organized under the laws of Delaware that affects  
22 interstate commerce.

23 128. UNIL is an enterprise organized under the laws of Hong Kong that affects  
24 interstate commerce.

25 129. The Piracy Enterprise is an ongoing association in fact that affects interstate  
26 commerce whose members functioned as a continuing unit for the common purpose of achieving  
27 the objectives of the Piracy Enterprise, including enriching the members and associates of the  
28 Piracy Enterprise through copyright infringement, trafficking and using counterfeit and illicit

1 labels, and trafficking and using counterfeit access devices. Members of the Piracy Enterprise  
2 include Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL.

### 3 **Conduct of the Enterprises**

4 130. Tsai and others at Ubiquiti and UNIL are associated in fact and have conducted  
5 Ubiquiti and UNIL's affairs through a coordinated and continuous pattern of illegal activity for  
6 the common purpose of pirating Synopsys' software in order to lower Ubiquiti, and UNIL's  
7 semiconductor development costs and reap ill-gotten profits.

8 131. Ubiquiti and UNIL each provided funding, infrastructure, employee resources, and  
9 logistical support needed to conduct the Piracy Enterprise. Ubiquiti controlled and directed Tsai,  
10 while UNIL had control over its own employee members of the scheme, who were managed by  
11 and reported to Tsai. Tsai was responsible for negotiating with third party EDA software  
12 providers to gain for UNIL and Ubiquiti access to EDA tools necessary to carry out their scheme.

13 132. Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL have conducted and participated in the affairs of the  
14 Piracy Enterprise **through a pattern of racketeering activity** that affects interstate and foreign  
15 commerce. The Piracy Enterprise and its members have committed numerous predicate acts as  
16 set forth below.

17 133. On information and belief, in or about October 2013, Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL,  
18 conspired to operate Ubiquiti, UNIL, and the Piracy Enterprise through a pattern of racketeering  
19 activity in furtherance of the common purpose of the Piracy Enterprise. Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL  
20 each took wrongful acts in furtherance of their unlawful agreement by financing and/or managing  
21 the Piracy Enterprise, attempting to gain and gaining access to Synopsys' software and  
22 documentation, making and distributing unauthorized copies of Synopsys' software and  
23 documentation, and using counterfeit and illicit license keys and counterfeit access devices to  
24 access Synopsys copyright protected software, among other wrongful acts in furtherance of the  
25 Piracy Enterprise. Tsai, Ubiquiti, and UNIL continuously and effectively carried out the purpose  
26 of the Piracy Enterprise from at least October 2013 to June 2016, causing harm to Synopsys in the  
27 form of at least but not limited to misappropriation of valuable intellectual property, lost licensing  
28 revenue, and costs associated with remediating their conduct.

**Pattern of Racketeering**

134. At all times relevant, Tsai, Ubiquiti, UNIL, and other members of the Piracy Enterprise knew that they did not have a valid license, permission, authorization, or other authority from Synopsys to use its copyright-protected software and documentation.

135. Tsai, Ubiquiti, UNIL and other members of the Piracy Enterprise violated 17 U.S.C. § 506 on multiple occasions by knowingly and willfully infringing for the purpose of financial gain copyright-protected works owned by Synopsys.

136. Tsai, Ubiquiti, UNIL and other members of the Piracy Enterprise violated 18 U.S.C § 1343 by using telephones, the Internet, and email communication in furtherance of a fraudulent scheme to gain access to Synopsys' intellectual property by deceiving Synopsys about Ubiquiti and UNIL's purported intent to license Synopsys' software. On at least October 14 and December 2, 2013, Tsai misrepresented and omitted material facts in email communications with Synopsys that were intended to induce Synopsys to provide Ubiquiti and UNIL with access to valuable intellectual property belonging to Synopsys.

137. Tsai, Ubiquiti, UNIL and other members of the Piracy Enterprise violated 18 U.S.C § 2318 on multiple occasions by knowingly trafficking in and using counterfeit labels.

138. On information and belief, Tsai, Ubiquiti, UNIL and other members of the Piracy Enterprise have violated 18 U.S.C § 2318 on multiple occasions by knowingly trafficking in and using illicit labels.

139. Tsai, Ubiquiti, UNIL and other members of the Piracy Enterprise have violated 18 U.S.C. § 1029 on multiple occasions by knowingly and with the intent to defraud: (i) using and trafficking in counterfeit access devices to obtain access to valuable software, the value of the use of which aggregates more than \$1,000 per one-year period; (ii) possessing fifteen or more devices which are counterfeit or unauthorized access devices; and (iii) producing, trafficking, and having custody, possession, and control of counterfeit access device making equipment. By way of example and not limitation, the counterfeit license keys used by the Piracy Enterprise are counterfeit access devices. In addition, members of the Piracy Enterprise configured computers and virtual machines into counterfeit access devices in order to obfuscate and alter Host IDs, IP

1 addresses, MAC addresses, and other identifying information so that the Piracy Enterprise could  
2 misrepresent the location and identity of devices containing Synopsys' software and gain  
3 unauthorized access to Synopsys' valuable intellectual property. The Piracy Enterprise trafficked  
4 in such access devices and used them to deprive Synopsys of millions of dollars in licensing fees.

5 140. In order to receive any software from Synopsys, a customer must first open up a  
6 customer account with Synopsys by registering for Synopsys' SolvNet website and entering into a  
7 license agreement. After establishing an account, customers may then submit purchase orders for  
8 the software they wish to license under their account for a given license term. This contractual  
9 relationship makes possible the provision of software and support services based on payment or  
10 expectation of payment at a later point in time to Synopsys. Absent compliance with the payment  
11 obligations of their account, customers are not authorized to use Synopsys' software. One type of  
12 Synopsys customer account is a fixed-term technology subscription license ("TSL") account in  
13 which a customer may license specific software for a specific term. Another type of Synopsys  
14 customer account is a flexible spending account ("FSA") with an assigned a dollar value against  
15 which the customer may draw down to apply to Variable Time-Based Technology Subscription  
16 Licenses ("VTSL"). For these types of customer accounts, for each request for a VTSL, the FSA  
17 balance is reduced by the applicable VTSL fee.

18 141. When a third party uses a counterfeit license key to run Synopsys software, they  
19 gain access to goods and services that they would otherwise not have access to without paying  
20 monies into a Synopsys customer account. Ubiquiti, for example, paid no monies into any FSA  
21 or other type of Synopsys customer account, yet accessed millions of dollars' worth of software  
22 and services by using counterfeit access devices such as those described above. In essence,  
23 Defendants' counterfeit keys gave them access to an unlimited FSA to use against an all-  
24 encompassing technology pool. Alternatively, framed another way, Defendants' counterfeit  
25 license keys permit access to fictitious customer accounts with inordinately long TSLs so that  
26 they could access software without paying for it for many years.

27 142. On information and belief, Defendants have obtained unauthorized copies of  
28 Synopsys software from unknown third parties in the past and continue to have the know-how

1 and capability to obtain more unauthorized Synopsys software from such sources.

2 143. On information and belief, prior to the events described in this lawsuit, Defendants  
3 used counterfeit license keys to access EDA tools from another software provider.

4 144. On information and belief, Ubiquiti and UNIL continue to employ persons with  
5 the know-how and ability to create counterfeit license keys.

6 145. The conduct described above has caused harm to Synopsys' business and property  
7 in an amount to be computed at trial.

8 146. The conduct described above was willful and with knowledge of wrongdoing.

9 147. Synopsys is entitled to and hereby demands treble damages, attorney's fees, and  
10 costs of suit.

11 **SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

12 **(Against Members of the Piracy Enterprise for Negligent Misrepresentation)**

13 148. Synopsys hereby restates and re-alleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1  
14 through 147 above and incorporates them by reference.

15 149. The Piracy Enterprise agreed to act in concert in order to gain access to Synopsys  
16 websites, software, documentation, and services using material misrepresentations and omissions  
17 communicated to Synopsys and to use circumvention technology and counterfeit and illicit  
18 licenses to access Synopsys' works. Subsequent to this agreement, one or more members of the  
19 Piracy Enterprise committed wrongful acts in furtherance of the agreement.

20 150. Tsai, acting on behalf of the Piracy Enterprise, made material representations of  
21 fact to Synopsys that were untrue and omitted facts necessary to render his statements non-  
22 misleading.

23 151. Tsai had no reasonable grounds for believing his false representations were true.

24 152. Tsai intended for Synopsys to rely on his misrepresentations and omissions.

25 153. Synopsys reasonably relied on Tsai's representations.

26 154. Reliance on Tsai's false representations was a substantial factor in harm caused to  
27 Synopsys by Defendants.

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**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Synopsys prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

A. Entry of judgment in favor of Synopsys against Defendants;

B. An order awarding Synopsys statutory and/or actual damages and disgorgement of profits for each instance on which Defendants circumvented measures controlling access to Synopsys' software pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 1203;

C. An order awarding Synopsys statutory and/or actual damages and disgorgement of profits for each instance on which Defendants provided circumvention technology pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 1203;

D. An order awarding Synopsys statutory and/or actual damages and disgorgement of profits for each instance on which Defendants trafficked in counterfeit or illicit labels under 18 U.S.C. § 2318;

E. An order awarding Synopsys treble damages and attorney's fees under 18 U.S.C. § 1964;

F. An order awarding Synopsys actual damages and punitive damages for harm proximately caused by Defendants' fraud and/or negligent representation;

G. Prejudgment and post-judgment interest;

H. An order awarding Synopsys its costs and attorneys' fees pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 1203;

I. An order for an accounting of all gains, profits, cost savings and advantages realized by Defendants from their acts;


J. An order preliminarily and permanently enjoining Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and affiliated companies, their assigns and successors in interest, and those persons in active concert or participation with them, from the statutory violations alleged herein; and

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K. All such further and additional relief, in law or equity, to which Synopsys may be entitled or which the Court deems just and proper.

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**DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL**

Synopsys demands a jury trial for all issues so triable.

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