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November 10, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
(Amendment No. 7)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

SYNOPSYS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01

(Title of Class of Securities)

871607107

(CUSIP Number)

Gregory D. Hitchan
Blum Capital Partners, L.P.
909 Montgomery Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94133
(415) 434-1111

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

November 1, 2004

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

94-3205364

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [x]
(b) [x]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS* See Item 3

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) []

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION California

7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

NUMBER OF SHARES 8. SHARED VOTING POWER 7,604,188**

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON WITH 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 7,604,188**

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 7,604,188**

12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES []

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 4.9%**

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN, IA

** See Item 5 below

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC.

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON 94-2967812

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM STRATEGIC GP, L.L.C.

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON 94-3303831

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S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON 94-3395150

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6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION U.S.A.

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 7 amends the Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on May 17, 2004 by Blum Capital Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership, ("Blum L.P."); Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc., a California corporation ("RCBA Inc."); Blum Strategic GP, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Blum GP"); Blum Strategic GP II, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Blum GP II"); and Richard C. Blum, the Chairman and a substantial shareholder of RCBA Inc. and a managing member of Blum GP and Blum GP II (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"). This amendment relates to shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value (the "Common Stock") of Synopsys, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). The principal executive office and mailing address of the Issuer is 700 East Middlefield Road, Mountain View, California 94043. The following amendments to the Schedule 13D are hereby made. Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 is hereby amended as follows: (a), (b) According to the Issuer's most recent Form 10-Q, there were 152,099,509 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of September 4, 2004. Based on such information, after taking into account the transactions described in Item 5(c) below, the Reporting Persons report beneficial ownership of the following shares of Common Stock: (i) 2,532,138 shares of Common Stock held by Blum L.P. and RCBA Inc. on behalf of the limited partnerships for which Blum L.P. serves as the general partner, or on behalf of an entity for which Blum L.P. serves as investment advisor, which represents 1.7% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; (ii) 1,691,900 shares of Common Stock held by Blum GP on behalf of the limited partnership for which it serves as the general partner, which represents 1.1% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; (iii) 3,235,550 shares of the Common Stock held by Blum GP II on behalf of the limited partnership for which it serves as the general partner and on behalf of the limited partnership for which it serves as the managing limited partner, which represents 2.1% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; and (iv) 72,300 shares of the Common Stock that are legally owned by The Nuclear Decommissioning Trust of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. ("Dominion Connecticut") and 72,300 shares of the Common Stock that are legally owned by Virginia Electric and Power Company Qualified Nuclear Decommissioning Trust ("Virginia Electric") (collectively, the "Investment Advisory Clients"), with respect to which Blum L.P. has voting and investment power. Each Investment Advisory Client has entered into an investment management agreement with Blum L.P., but neither Investment Advisory Client has any contract, arrangement or understanding with the other Investment Advisory Client, or any other Reporting Person, with respect to the acquisition, ownership, disposition or voting of any shares of the Common Stock. Each Investment Advisory Client disclaims membership in a group with any Reporting Person or with the other Investment Advisory Client, and each disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares beneficially owned by the

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Reporting Persons other than for their own account.

Voting and investment power concerning the above shares are held solely by Blum L.P., Blum GP and Blum GP II. The Reporting Persons therefore may be deemed to be members in a group, in which case the group would be deemed to have beneficial ownership of an aggregate of 7,604,188 shares of the Common Stock, which is 4.9% of the outstanding Common Stock. As the sole general

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partner of Blum L.P., RCBA Inc. is deemed the beneficial owner of the securities over which Blum L.P. has voting and investment power. As Chairman, director and a substantial shareholder of RCBA Inc., Richard C. Blum might be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the securities beneficially owned by RCBA Inc. Additionally, Mr. Blum may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the securities over which Blum GP and Blum GP II have voting and investment power. Although Mr. Blum is joining in this Schedule as a Reporting Person, the filing of this Schedule shall not be construed as an admission that he, or any of the other shareholders, directors or executive officers of RCBA Inc., managing members and members of Blum GP and Blum GP II, is, for any purpose, the beneficial owner of any of the securities that are beneficially owned by RCBA Inc., Blum GP, or Blum GP II.

c) During the last 60 days, the Reporting Persons purchased the following shares of Common Stock in the open market:

Entity	Trade Date	Shares	Price/Share
The limited partnerships for which Blum GP II serves as the general partner and the managing limited partner.	09-10-04	186,500	16.8295
	09-13-04	63,500	16.7991
	09-14-04	55,682	16.8482
	09-15-04	80,468	16.6720
	09-21-04	404	16.5983
	09-21-04	19,596	16.5984
	09-22-04	80,000	16.4838

During the last 60 days, the Reporting Persons sold the following shares of Common Stock in the open market:

Entity	Trade Date	Shares	Price/Share
Investment partnerships for which Blum L.P. serves as the general partner and on behalf of an entity for which Blum L.P. serves as investment advisor.	10-22-04	215,700	15.7569
	10-25-04	51,500	15.8535
	10-26-04	18,400	15.9800
	10-27-04	281,500	16.0208
	10-28-04	33,300	16.1350
	10-29-04	168,100	16.1119
	11-01-04	324,900	16.1512

Entity	Trade Date	Shares	Price/Share
The limited partnership for which Blum GP serves as the general partner	10-22-04	40,000	15.7569
	10-25-04	34,500	15.8535
	10-26-04	12,200	15.9800
	10-27-04	188,000	16.0208
	10-28-04	22,200	16.1350
	10-29-04	112,400	16.1119
	11-01-04	217,200	16.1512

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Entity	Trade Date	Shares	Price/Share
The limited partnerships for which Blum GP II serves as the general partner and the managing limited partner.	10-22-04	76,600	15.7569
	10-25-04	66,000	15.8535
	10-26-04	23,400	15.9800
	10-27-04	359,500	16.0208
	10-28-04	42,500	16.1350
	10-29-04	214,900	16.1119
	11-01-04	415,300	16.1512

Entity	Trade Date	Shares	Price/Share
The Investment Advisory Clients for which Blum L.P. serves as investment advisor.	10-22-04	3,400	15.7569
	10-25-04	4,500	15.8535
	10-26-04	1,000	15.9800
	10-27-04	16,000	16.0208
	10-28-04	2,000	16.1350
	10-29-04	9,600	16.1119
	11-01-04	18,600	16.1512

(d) Not applicable.

(e) As of November 1, 2004, the Reporting Persons ceased to be beneficial owners of more than five percent of the Common Stock.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit A Joint Filing Undertaking.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: November 10, 2004

RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC.

BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc.
its general partner

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

Gregory D. Hitchan
General Counsel and Secretary

Gregory D. Hitchan
General Counsel and Secretary

/s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

By: Gregory D. Hitchan, Attorney-in-Fact