

SYNOPSIS INC  
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FILED BY AVANT! CORPORATION PURSUANT TO RULE 425 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933. IN ADDITION, AVANT! CORPORATION DEEMS THIS COMMUNICATION TO BE FILED UNDER RULE 14a-12 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934. SUBJECT CORPORATION: AVANT! CORPORATION, COMMISSION FILE NO. 0-25864.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In connection with the proposed merger, Synopsys and Avant! will file a joint proxy statement/prospectus with the SEC. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT / PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED MERGER WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement / prospectus (when available) and other related documents filed by Synopsys and Avant! with the SEC at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The joint proxy statement / prospectus (when it is available) and the other documents may also be obtained for free by accessing Synopsys' website at [www.synopsys.com](http://www.synopsys.com) or by directing a request by mail or telephone to 700 E. Middlefield Road, Mountain View, CA 94043, Attention: Company Secretary, (650) 584-5000, or by accessing Avant!'s website at [www.avanticorp.com](http://www.avanticorp.com) or by directing a request by mail or telephone to 4671 Bayside Parkway, Fremont, CA 94538, Attention: Company Secretary, (510) 413-8000.

Synopsys, Avant!, and their respective directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees may be soliciting proxies from their respective stockholders in favor of the merger. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be considered participants in the solicitation of the Synopsys stockholders, or the Avant! stockholders, as the case may be, in connection with the proposed merger, will be set forth in the joint proxy statement / prospectus when it is filed with the SEC.

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On December 3, 2001, Avant! Corporation and Synopsys, Inc. announced that they have entered into a merger agreement whereby Synopsys is to acquire Avant!. Avant! filed the merger agreement under cover of Form 8-K today and the merger agreement is incorporated by reference into this filing.