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**CIRANOVA PLACES PYCELL STUDIO SOURCE CODE INTO ESCROW  
WITH SI2 AS BENEFICIARY**

Agreement ensures that PDK developers and end users will  
always have access to PyCell Studio at no cost

SANTA CLARA, Calif. – March 12, 2007 – Ciranova™, Inc, an EDA start-up developing open and robust layout generation technology for analog and mixed signal design, announced today that it has placed into escrow the source code for PyCell Studio™, the company's industry-leading free product for creating interoperable OpenAccess PCells. The source code will be released to the Silicon Integration Initiative (Si2) in the event that Ciranova or its successor ceases to make the product available for free, or ceases to provide ongoing support. The complete agreement is available for review on the Ciranova web site.

"We want our customers to have confidence that PyCell Studio will always be available for free, without burdening each of them with the overhead of managing an individual escrow agreement," said Ed Petrus, Ciranova COO and vice president of engineering. "By creating this escrow agreement with Si2 as the beneficiary, we have ensured that our customers and their users will have ongoing access to PyCell Studio."

"Si2 is pleased to act as beneficiary for this escrow agreement," said Steve Schulz, president and CEO of Si2. "PyCell Studio is an important product for OpenAccess users. In the unlikely event that the release conditions are ever met, Si2 will make sure that this IP is made available to the entire OpenAccess community."

Developed from the start to be compliant with the OpenAccess API, Ciranova's products are compatible with any OpenAccess flow. PyCell Studio is a suite of tools that enables a designer to generate interoperable OpenAccess PCells, called PyCells™, and instantiate them in any OpenAccess environment, including Cadence's Virtuoso™ layout editor. The PyCell Studio distributions include everything required to create and release PyCells, including Python, OpenAccess, documentation, tutorials, utilities and sample PyCell code. PyCell Studio can be used to develop, validate and deploy any number of PyCell libraries, without restriction. Ciranova released PyCell Studio as a free downloadable product in January 2006, and hundreds of designers in over 30 countries have downloaded it to develop interoperable OpenAccess PCells and layout generators.

### **About Ciranova**

Ciranova is an Electronic Design Automation (EDA) startup company, focused on building an open, interoperable, language-based cell generator technology for custom, analog and mixed signal (AMS) integrated circuit design. Ciranova's technology, which is the only layout generator development environment built from the ground up on the industry standard OpenAccess database from Si2, will bring the integration, productivity and migration benefits of modern language-based design to custom and AMS designers. The company's first product, PyCell Studio™, is available as a free download from its web site, [www.ciranova.com](http://www.ciranova.com). The company is headquartered in Santa Clara, California.

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