
Synopsys Week: Presidential Award, Leadership Change & Achievements

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Armenia's IT sector recorded 25% growth as of the end of 2012 compared to the year before. Turnover amounted to \$250 million in the sector. According to Armenia's Union of Information Technology Enterprises (UITE), there are about 350 enterprises operating in the information and communication technology sector in Armenia today with total staff of around 10,000 people.

Synopsys Armenia is the biggest employer in information technology sector of Armenia. Its staff is currently about 625 employees and it is growing by 30% every year. Synopsys has some 70 local offices in North America, Europe, Japan and Asia, with its headquarters based in California.

Synopsys Inc appeared on the Armenian market after the merger of Leda Design and Monterey Arset into one, Synopsys Armenia open joint stock company, in October 2004. Synopsys Armenia CJSC provides R&D and product support in EDA, design for manufacturing (DFM) and the development of semiconductor intellectual property (IP).

To develop the IT and communication technologies sector, the company has been conducting a number of events in the framework of a Synopsys Week in Armenia.

An annual international microelectronics Olympiad is also among significant events in the sector. The event was held October 16, with President Sargsyan granting educational awards to school and university students who excel in their academic and social activities.

On October 16, an announcement was made that Anwar Awad, vice president of engineering at Synopsys, has replaced Rich Goldman, vice president for corporate marketing and strategic alliances and chief executive officer of Synopsys Armenia CJSC, as executive sponsor of the Armenia site.

Speaking at a news conference Hovik Musaelyan, Synopsys Armenia chief executive manager thanked Rich Goldman for 9 years of cooperation and his invaluable contribution to the company and to the development of IT sector in Armenia.

Anwar Awad said: "Since establishing Synopsys Armenia, the capabilities of our team have grown significantly. Today, with over 550 engineers, our Armenian teams are working on the very leading edge of semiconductor processes, all the way to FinFET technologies at 16 nanometers," said Anwar Awad. "Our achievements in Armenia are a testament to the professionalism and commitment of dedicated Synopsoids at all levels of our organization. I look forward to working with our team for continued investment in our Armenian site and in our employees there."

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Synopsys Armenia Plants Another 1,000 Trees In Yerevan As Part Of Corporate Social Responsibility Program

More than 5,000 trees planted to date in partnership with ATP, contributing to a healthy environment in Yerevan

YEREVAN, Armenia, Oct. 19, 2013 - Synopsys, Inc. (Nasdaq:SNPS), a global leader providing software, IP and services used to accelerate innovation in chips and electronic systems, today announced that, as part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) program, about 600 employees of Synopsys Armenia CJSC, members of their families and 200 students of the Synopsys Armenia Education Department (SAED) planted 1,000 thuya evergreen trees in the area surrounding Yerevan State University (YSU). Driven by the motto, "One tree for each employee," Synopsys Armenia has planted more than 5,000 trees in nine years.

Participants included Rich Goldman, Synopsys vice president of Corporate Marketing and Strategic Alliances; Anwar Awad, vice president of Engineering at Synopsys, Hovik Musayelyan, Synopsys Armenia director; Arthur Harutyunyan, Community Tree planting manager; and other Synopsys Armenia and ATP staff and executives.

Sponsored by the Synopsys for Armenia Charitable Foundation, the tree planting is a coordinated outreach effort and was conducted through the Synopsys Community Volunteer Program. The Armenia Tree Project Charitable Foundation (ATP) partnered with Synopsys by providing evergreen saplings from its Karin and Khachpar nurseries. ATP also prepared the planting plots and will monitor the planted trees as they grow.

Inspired by the success of the annual tree planting, Synopsys Armenia announced the launch of a new initiative, "Just One Tree" in May 2013.

The initiative encourages information and communication technology companies operating in Armenia to plant just one tree for each employee as part of their CSR program. The trees will make Yerevan greener, establishing an urban forest and contributing to the healthier environment.

"Planting trees in Armenia for the past nine years has become a treasured annual tradition, a key activity of Synopsys Armenia's social corporate responsibility program, and a great chance for our employees and their families work together for a good cause. It leaves a visible legacy, allowing Synopsys Armenia employees to watch the tree that they personally planted grow each year-and it reflects the growth of Armenia's high tech industry," said Rich Goldman. "We're pleased to help restore Yerevan's urban forest as a demonstration of Synopsys's ongoing commitment to Armenia and our employees there."

"This is the eighth year that Synopsys has collaborated with the Armenia Tree Project to plant trees in educational settings within Armenia. Synopsys and its employees will be planting 1000 arbor vitas (thuya) trees on the grounds of Yerevan State University," said Tom Garabedian, ATP managing director. "Synopsys' continuing commitment to Armenia's educational sector highlights the importance of higher education to the future of Armenia, and the magnitude of this planting effort demonstrates the concern of Synopsys and its employees for the country's environment. We applaud Synopsys for its contributions to Armenia's environment."

"Synopsys Armenia strives to be a good corporate citizen by giving back to community investing in education and supporting a healthy environment," said Hovik Musayelyan. "The benefits of our annual tree planting are not only making Yerevan greener and more beautiful but also seeding a CSR culture in Armenia in the business community. Every company and citizen should feel responsible for making Armenia a better place to live."

"I feel lucky to be a part of Synopsys and to have an opportunity to participate in community events like our annual tree planting," said Lusine Hovhannisyanyan, fourth year Bachelor student and intern at SAED.

"The trees we planted last year at SAED greet us every morning and it's wonderful to know that we have contributed to making Yerevan a greener place."

About Armenia Tree Project (ATP Charitable Foundation) Armenia Tree Project (ATP Charitable Foundation), a non-profit program based in Watertown and Yerevan, conducts vitally important environmental projects in Armenia's impoverished and deforested zones and seeks support in advancing its reforestation mission. Since 1994, ATP has made enormous strides in combating desertification in the biologically diverse but threatened Caucasus region. Armenia Tree Project has planted and restored more than 4,000,000 trees at over 900 sites around the country. ATP's mission is to assist the Armenian people in using trees to improve their standard of living and protect the environment, guided by the need to promote self-sufficiency, aid those with the fewest resources first, and conserve the indigenous ecosystem. ATP's three major programs are tree planting, environmental education, and sustainable development initiatives.

Synopsys for Armenia Charitable Foundation The Synopsys for Armenia Charitable Foundation was established in July of 2005 to provide support to the community through educational and social initiatives. Its activities are divided into two areas: educational and social. The Foundation supports all Synopsys educational programs that provide for ongoing professional engineering education in cooperation with major Armenian universities. The Foundation also funds the RA Presidential Awards for the best students in the IT sector and sponsors various IT-related contests targeting students and young professionals. The Foundation's social activities primarily assist local communities.

About Synopsys, Inc. and Synopsys Armenia CJSC Synopsys, Inc. accelerates innovation in the global electronics market. As a leader in electronic design automation (EDA) and semiconductor IP, its software, IP and services help engineers address their design, verification, system and manufacturing challenges. Since 1986, engineers around the world have been using Synopsys technology to design and create billions of chips and systems. Synopsys established a presence in Armenia in 2004 as Synopsys Armenia closed joint stock company (CJSC). Synopsys Armenia CJSC provides R&D and product support in EDA, design for manufacturing (DFM) and the development of semiconductor intellectual property (IP). Employing several hundred qualified Armenian engineers, Synopsys is one of largest IT employers in Armenia. To encourage the highest levels of accomplishment for students in IT, the company sponsors several awards and competitions. Synopsys Armenia's investment in the community reaches well beyond IT. In 2010, Synopsys in Armenia was recognized as one of 12 finalists for the U.S. Secretary of State's annual Award for Corporate Excellence (ACE), citing the company's technology and financial leadership as well as its charity work and volunteer activities. Synopsys Armenia CJSC is located in Yerevan. Synopsys, Inc. is headquartered in Mountain View, California, and has approximately 70 offices located throughout North America, Europe, Japan, Asia and India. Visit Synopsys, Inc. and Synopsys Armenia online at www.synopsys.com and www.synopsys.am.

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