

## **CYPRESS ANNOUNCES SECOND FIVE-MILLION-SHARE STOCK BUYBACK**

**Cypress completed its recently announced stock buyback and announced that it would repurchase an additional five million shares, bringing the total program to 10 million shares.**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, December 21, 2000...Cypress Semiconductor Corporation today announced that it has completed its recently announced stock buyback program and has been authorized by the board of directors to buy back an additional five million shares. This brings the total stock buyback program to 10 million shares. Cypress cited the undervaluation of the stock and current market conditions as the reasons for the buyback.

### **About Cypress**

Cypress Semiconductor is "Driving the Communications Revolution"™ by providing high-performance integrated circuit solutions to fast-growing markets, including data communications, telecommunications, computation, consumer products, and industrial control. With a focus on emerging communications applications, Cypress's product portfolios include networking-optimized and micropower static RAMs; high-bandwidth multi-port and FIFO memories; high-density programmable logic devices; timing technology for PCs and other digital systems; and controllers for Universal Serial Bus (USB). Cypress is No. 1 in the USB and clock chip markets.

More than two-thirds of Cypress's sales come from fast-growing communications markets and dynamic companies such as Alcatel, Cisco, Ericsson, Lucent, Motorola, Nortel Networks, and 3Com. Cypress's ability to mix and match its broad portfolio of intellectual property enables targeted, integrated solutions for high-speed systems that feed bandwidth-hungry Internet applications. Cypress aims to become the preferred silicon supplier for Internet switching systems and for every Internet data stream to pass through at least one Cypress IC.

Cypress employs more than 4,200 people worldwide with international headquarters in San Jose, California. Its shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CY. More information about Cypress is accessible electronically on the company's worldwide web site at <http://www.cypress.com> or by CD-ROM (call 1-800-858-1810). An electronic investor forum, and other investor information, is located at <http://www.cypress.com/investor/index.html>.

### **Safe Harbor Provision**

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