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XILINX ANNOUNCES MERGER WITH NEOCAD

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 29, 1995—Xilinx, Inc., (NASDAQ:XLNX), the leader in programmable logic, today announced the acquisition of NeoCAD, Inc., a developer of high performance design software for FPGAs. The merger underscores Xilinx's continued commitment to provide a diverse suite of programmable logic solutions. Combining Xilinx's strength in FPGA and EPLD programmable logic devices and process technologies with NeoCAD's advanced FPGA software technology, the merger will provide Xilinx's large customer base with immediate access to even more powerful FPGA software design solutions. Additionally, the combination of technologies will allow Xilinx to accelerate development of an even broader range of FPGA products to satisfy expanding market needs.

The companies have signed a definitive agreement for the acquisition. Terms are not being disclosed at this time.

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Commenting on the announcement, Curt Wozniak, president and chief operating officer of Xilinx, stated, "Customers have demanded a wide range of architectures and programming technologies to satisfy their product needs, and software is a key enabler in this regard. It is clear that NeoCAD, with its advanced FPGA software, can provide innovative technology that will allow Xilinx to accelerate its software and hardware development, in order to keep pace with the demanding marketplace. This increased capability will allow Xilinx to significantly enhance its industry leading FPGA and EPLD solutions and bring new solutions to market more quickly, further increasing our customers' programmable logic alternatives."

According to Kenn Perry, vice president of NeoCAD, "Having served the programmable logic industry with high performance software technology over the past four years, it became apparent to us that Xilinx offers the dominant solution for programmable logic designers. Indeed, because our software technology works so well with Xilinx's devices, this merger becomes a win-win situation for our customers and allows us to serve a broader base of applications with continued innovations in both hardware and software."

Xilinx's current software development system, XACT®, will ultimately employ NeoCAD's software technology to provide a flexible, technology-independent methodology that enables Xilinx to quickly support its current and emerging architectures. Equally important, the NeoCAD FPGA technology evaluation capability, whereby customers can perform "what if" scenarios and select the optimum devices based on their cost, speed, and density requirements, will also be incorporated with Xilinx's software system. The XACT development systems has been shipped to more than 21,000

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customers worldwide and supports the XC2000, XC3000, XC4000, XC5000 and XC7000 device families from Xilinx. The MOS programmable logic market is expected to grow from \$1.3 billion in 1994 to \$2.4 billion in 1998, according to San Jose, Calif.-based market research firm Dataquest. The continued growth of the high-density, high-performance programmable logic market is largely dependent upon the capabilities of the development software. While programmable logic devices need to be faster, denser and less expensive, the design software needs to be easier to use, provide more powerful design and debug capabilities and be supplied to customers in advance of device availability. With an accelerated approach, such as that provided by NeoCAD, Xilinx will be able to offer its customers complete logic solutions more quickly.

NeoCAD was founded in November 1990 to address the need for high-performance design tools for programmable technologies. NeoCAD is the only company providing device-independent implementation tools to support the growing number of unique FPGA architectures. NeoCAD is headquartered at 2585 Central Avenue, Boulder, Colorado, 80301.

Founded in 1984, Xilinx is the world's leading supplier in the billion dollar CMOS programmable logic industry. The company pioneered the market for field programmable gate array (FPGA) semiconductor devices that provide high integration and quick time-to-market for electronic equipment manufacturers in the computer peripherals, telecommunications, industrial control, instrumentation, and military markets. Headquartered in San Jose, Calif., the company produces innovative device architectures and associated development system software.

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