

SYNOPSISYS INC
Form SC TO-C
May 23, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE TO
(Rule 13e-4)**

*Tender Offer Statement Under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934*

SYNOPSISYS, INC.

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))

Options to Purchase Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

871607 10 7

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities of Underlying Common Stock)

**Aart J. de Geus
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(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing person)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Transaction Valuation*

Amount of Filing Fee*

Not applicable

Not applicable

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third party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

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amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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Attached are (i) a communication to employees of Synopsys from Aart J. de Geus, Chief Executive Officer, regarding approval of the proposed Option Exchange Program by Synopsys' stockholders; (ii) a communication to the managers of Synopsys from Jan Collinson regarding approval of the proposed Option Exchange Program by Synopsys' stockholders; and (iii) an article posted on Synopsys' intranet entitled "Employee Stock Option Exchange Program Approved."

At the time the Option Exchange Program has commenced, Synopsys will provide option holders who are eligible to participate in the exchange with written materials explaining the precise terms and timing of the Option Exchange Program. Persons who are eligible to participate in the Option Exchange Program should read these written materials carefully when they become available because they will contain important information about the Option Exchange Program. Synopsys will also file these written materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission as part of a tender offer statement upon the commencement of the Option Exchange Program. Synopsys stockholders and option holders will be able to obtain these written materials and other documents filed by Synopsys with the Securities and Exchange Commission free of charge from the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Text of an email message to Synopsys employees from Aart J. de Geus, Chief Executive Officer of Synopsys, dated May 23, 2005 |
| 99.2 | Text of an email message to Synopsys managers from Jan Collinson, dated May 23, 2005 |
| 99.3 | Text of an article posted on Synopsys' intranet on May 23, 2005 entitled "Employee Stock Option Exchange Program Approved" |