

SYNOPSISYS INC
Form SC TO-C
March 30, 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)

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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 Synopsys, Inc.'s Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Preliminary Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders tentatively scheduled for May 11, 2005 and the related materials filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in conjunction with the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Preliminary Proxy Statement (the "Proxy Materials"). The Proxy Materials contain a proposal submitted for the approval of Synopsys' stockholders authorizing a program that will permit Synopsys' eligible employees to exchange options issued under Synopsys' 1992 Stock Option Plan and 1998 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan with an exercise price equal to or greater than \$25.00 per share (the "Eligible Options"), for a lesser number of options (the "New Options") to be granted, at the earliest, by the end of June 2005. The Option Exchange Program is open to all of Synopsys' eligible employees and the employees of Synopsys' participating subsidiaries. Members of Synopsys' Board and Synopsys' executive officers will not be eligible to participate. The New Options will have an exercise price per share equal to the closing price of Synopsys' common stock as reported on the Nasdaq National Market on the date the New Options are granted. The ratio of exchanged options to New Options will vary from 1.6 to 2.8.

The Proxy Materials do not constitute an offer to holders of options to purchase Synopsys' common stock to exchange their options. In the event Synopsys' stockholders approve the Option Exchange Program, the Option Exchange Program may be commenced at such time as determined in the discretion of Synopsys' Board of Directors, which may choose not to implement the Option Exchange Program.

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 |
|---------------------------|---|
| 99.1 | Proxy Statement for 2005 Annual Stockholders Meeting |
| 99.2 | Text of message to Synopsys employees from Aart J. de Geus, Chief Executive Officer of Synopsys, posted on Synopsys' intranet on March 30, 2005 |
| 99.3 | Employee Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), dated March 30, 2005 |