

SYNOPSISYS INC  
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**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  
Chief Executive Officer  
Synopsisys, Inc.  
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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.

Issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

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

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

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Attached are (i) Synopsys, Inc.'s Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Definitive Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 23, 2005 and the related materials filed with Securities and Exchange Commission in conjunction with the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Definitive Proxy Statement (the "Proxy Materials"); (ii) a communication to employees of Synopsys from Aart J. de Geus, Chief Executive Officer, regarding the submission of the proposed Option Exchange Program for approval by Synopsys' stockholders; (iii) a communication to managers of Synopsys regarding the proposed Option Exchange Program and the filing of the Proxy Materials; and (iv) employee frequently asked questions regarding the Option Exchange Program (the "Communication Materials").

The Proxy Materials and the Communication 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](http://www.sec.gov).**

### ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Definitive Proxy Statement for 2005 Annual Stockholders Meeting
99.2	Text of a message to Synopsys employees from Aart J. de Geus, Chief Executive Officer of Synopsys, posted on Synopsys' intranet on April 19, 2005
99.3	Text of an email message to Synopsys managers, dated April 19, 2005
99.4	Employee Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), dated April 19, 2005

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ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.