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Stone Pillar Technologies Releases Version 4.1 of Stone Pillar Suite for Semiconductor Technology Development

New release improves automated report generation, adds improved support for test chip editing and documentation and device failure statistics

SANTA CLARA, California, June 7, 2006 – Stone Pillar Technologies Inc. today announced Version 4.1 of Stone Pillar Suite, a software tool suite supporting process technology development from test chip generation through process monitoring.

Software tools within Stone Pillar Suite automate the complex tasks involved in creating a test chip, testing devices, managing process flows and experiments, analyzing data, and generating reports. These tools help technology developers and process integration teams gain valuable insight into technology issues from early-stage development through yield improvement. |

With version 4.1, the latest release of Stone Pillar Suite adds support for p-cell creation from parameterized devices created in TestChipBuilder. Extensions to DesignRuleBuilder add the ability to define complex rules including diagrammatic representation that can be included in automatically generated documentation and DRC targeted runsets.

Version 4.1 introduces the ChipEditor product which adds support for manual creation and documentation of test chips. This enables draft test chip implementations to be created and documented and later edited as implementations change and evolve.

Extensions to TestPlanManager in the 4.1 release include the ability to link outputs from tests to inputs in subsequent tests. The automated capabilities of TestPlanManager reduce the engineering effort of creating test flows significantly. (See <http://www.stonepillar.com/pressreleases/PressRelease20050523.pdf> “National Semiconductor Reduces Engineering Effort for Test Flow Creation by 90% with Stone Pillar TestPlanManager.”) TestPlanManager reduces errors and speeds development of test flows by automating many of the steps that have traditionally been implemented by hand.

“Our latest product release extends the integration and automation of Stone Pillar Suite. Version 4.1 brings a new level of connectivity from early stage target setting through production monitoring,” said Tim Crandle, president of Stone Pillar Technologies.



Floating licenses for Stone Pillar Suite version 4.1 are available now as either term licenses or perpetual licenses, for either single geographic locations or worldwide. Tools in Stone Pillar Suite are licensed separately, with prices for individual tools ranging from \$10K to \$175K.

About Stone Pillar

Stone Pillar Technologies, Inc. is the leading provider of data management systems for semiconductor process technology development. Stone Pillar Suite enables semiconductor manufacturing and design engineers to gain valuable insight into design-for-manufacturability issues from early-stage technology development through yield improvement.

Products within Stone Pillar Suite automate and optimize tasks such as design rule creation and documentation; test chip development, documentation, and revision; test plan creation; and complete data management, analysis, and report generation. By facilitating detailed data analyses, Stone Pillar Suite reduces engineering costs and capital expenses and speeds the development of new process technologies.

Stone Pillar software is in use by leading semiconductor vendors and at leading research institutions worldwide.

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