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Stone Pillar Technologies announces initial release of Silicon Insight™ Design Rule Generator

New tool provides unique design rule generation based on unit process capabilities

San Jose, California – February 18, 2003: Stone Pillar Technologies Inc., the leading provider of software solutions for semiconductor technology development, today announces the initial release of the Design Rule Generator module of the Silicon Insight software tool suite. The Design Rule Generator provides intelligent, automated design rule creation, and documentation capabilities.

“The Silicon Insight Design Rule Generator provides dramatic improvements over ad hoc design rule creation,” said Tony Clark, CTO for Stone Pillar. “The Layout Design Rule Generator makes revisions and design rule changes extremely rapid. The resulting rule sets are much more readable and less error prone.”

Highlights of the new capability include automated design rule generation that includes the effects of unit process variations, registration variations, and inter-layer rule specifications. The generated rules are readable, searchable, and filterable by layer, devices, or rule type and can take into account limitations based on electrical constraints or manufacturing limitations. The Design Rule Generator prevents redundant rule creation, and avoids missed or unneeded rules.

For pricing or additional details, visit www.stonepillar.com or contact Stone Pillar Technologies.

About Silicon Insight

Silicon Insight is a complete toolkit for semiconductor technology development. Silicon Insight includes intelligent, automated capabilities for design rule creation, documentation, and verification, test chip development, documentation, and revision, and complete data management for semiconductor technology development and monitoring.

Silicon Insight offers a set of application tools tailored to semiconductor process and circuit development and maintenance which enable automation and optimization of common tasks and provide unique functionality to improve engineering efficiency.

All Stone Pillar products are Java based and can be deployed on virtually any hardware supporting the Java Virtual Machine.

About Stone Pillar Technologies, Inc.

Stone Pillar Technologies, founded in 1998, is the leading provider of complete data management systems for semiconductor process technology development. Silicon Insight reduces the requirement for experimental split lots by making information about experiments available and transparent across an organization.

Stone Pillar software tools enable engineers engaged in the integration, characterization, and testing of analog and mixed-signal semiconductor processes to focus on analysis, rather than tedious and error-prone tasks of gathering and formatting data.

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

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