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Ridgetop Group Becomes Member of the Electronic System Design Alliance
Cites New IP Working Group, Effective Long-Term Committees as Reason for Joining

SAN JOSE, CALIF.— April 12, 2016 — Ridgetop Group of Tucson, Ariz., has become

a voting member of the Electronic System Design (ESD) Alliance (formerly the EDA

Consortium), an international association of companies providing goods and services throughout

the semiconductor design ecosystem.

In joining the Alliance, Ridgetop Group, provider of advanced electronic prognostics and

health management (PHM) solutions for electronic systems, semiconductor intellectual property

(IP) blocks, and built-in self-test (BIST) solutions for critical applications, noted several

initiatives that corresponded with its needs. They include the new Semiconductor IP Working

Group to develop common methodology and best practices for IP fingerprinting, the Market

Statistics Service (MSS) and the Export Committee that tracks licensing and compliance issues.

"Ridgetop is an impressive company with a portfolio of equally impressive solutions and tools to improve performance and reliability of mission-critical electronic systems for companies in North America, Europe and Asia," comments Bob Smith, the ESD Alliance's executive director. "It is with great pleasure that the Alliance welcomes Ridgetop Group."

Adds Doug Goodman, Ridgetop Group's president and chief executive officer (CEO): "The ESD Alliance's expanded mission and charter closely corresponds with Ridgetop's needs. Companies like ours throughout the Semiconductor design ecosystem need a common voice and committees to represent us. That's the ESD Alliance's value."

About the Electronic System Design Alliance

The [Electronic System Design (ESD) Alliance](#), an international association of companies providing goods and services throughout the semiconductor design ecosystem, is a forum to address technical, marketing, economic and legislative issues affecting the entire industry. It acts as the central voice to communicate and promote the value of the semiconductor design industry as a vital component of the global electronics industry. For more information about the ESD Alliance, visit http://www.esd-alliance.org

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