Media Release

Altium announces support for Altera's new low-cost Cyclone III FPGA family

Altium Designer to include support for new 65-nm devices

SYDNEY, Australia – March 20, 2007 – Altium Limited (ASX: ALU) today announced that its unified electronic product development solution – Altium Designer 6 – now supports the newly-introduced Cyclone III field-programmable gate array (FPGA) device family from Altera Corporation. This move allows engineers to use the low-cost Cyclone III devices to rapidly and interactively develop electronics systems using the full power of Altium Designer's unified design environment.

"We've long seen that the future of electronic product development lies in utilizing the full potential of programmable logic technology to accelerate hardware and software design, allowing more innovative products to be developed faster," commented Nick Martin, Altium's Founder and Chief Executive Officer. "Devices such as Altera's Cyclone III FPGAs play a crucial role in this future by enabling developers of electronic products to use programmable devices across a wider range of applications."

Altium Designer is the first system to bring together hardware, software and programmable hardware design within a single, unified design environment. In doing so, Altium Designer accelerates electronic product design and opens up new possibilities for design innovation by enabling hardware and software engineers – regardless of their level of FPGA design experience – to easily exploit the potential of programmable devices.

Altium is expanding the wide range of programmable devices already supported by Altium Designer with the addition of the Cyclone III family. Engineers using the system can easily target any supported device during development, eliminating the need to change development platforms or purchase additional software and specific device support modules. Altium Designer's unified design environment also allows designers to easily retarget the programmable hardware elements of a design to a range of different processor platforms, both FPGA-hosted and discrete, during development without significant software or hardware rework. This

means that crucial application architecture decisions can remain open and easily changeable until much later in the development cycle than currently possible.

For full embedded systems development, Altium Designer includes an extensive set of ready-to-use 'soft' components that can be used to target a wide range of programmable devices, including the Altera Cyclone III device. Developers can also easily implement processors, such as the Altera Nios II embedded processor (already fully supported by Altium Designer) and Altium Designer's TSK3000 soft-core RISC processor, within any suitably sized Cyclone series device.

"Our Cyclone series of devices have been customer-defined to service the growing need for low-cost programmable technology, and the Cyclone III family takes this to new heights," said Danny Biran, vice president of product and corporate marketing at Altera. "Altium's prompt support for the Cyclone III family, and their focus on helping electronics designers harness the power of programmable logic to drive the development of innovative products, complements our market-expansion goals that are behind this new, low-power, high-functionality, low-cost device family."

Pricing and availability

Support for the new Altera Cyclone III family is now available with the latest software update for Altium Designer 6 – Altium Designer 6.7. All Altium Designer 6 license holders can download this update for free at http://www.altium.com/Community/Support/SoftwareUpdates/. Altium Designer 6 is available for immediate purchase through Altium's sales and support centers worldwide. For information on pricing and flexible product licensing options, customers should contact their local Altium sales and support center. Details can be found at www.altium.com/contacts.

About Altium Designer

Altium Designer is the industry's only electronics product development system that removes the barriers imposed by disparate design flows and unifies the different design disciplines involved in electronics product development – the design of the hardware, the programmable hardware and the embedded software. Altium Designer's unified design environment means users can harness the potential of the latest electronics technologies, and move to a 'soft' design methodology without the need to acquire specialist programmable device expertise. This provides companies with increased design flexibility, reduced production costs and speeds time to market. Altium Designer also delivers the freedom to move between any device, from any vendor, at any time and lowers total cost of ownership by eliminating the need to integrate extra-cost add-ons to increase functionality, or make up a complete solution. For more information, please visit http://www.altium.com/Products/AltiumDesigner/

About Altium

Altium Limited (ASX:ALU) is the industry's leading developer of electronic product development solutions dedicated to unifying the different design disciplines involved in electronics product development. Altium products ensure all electronic engineers, designers, developers, and their organizations, take maximum advantage of emerging design technologies to bring smarter products to market faster and easier. Founded in 1985, Altium is headquartered in Sydney, Australia with sales offices in the United States, Europe, Japan, China, and resellers in all other major markets. For more information, visit us at www.altium.com.

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