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Carbon Design Systems Announces 87% Growth in 2008 while Q4 increases 108% *Ends 2008 With 27 New Customers, Partners, Full Virtual Prototyping Offering*

ACTON, MASS. — February 13, 2009 — Carbon Design Systems™ announced today that it closed calendar year 2008 with 27 new customers in major market segments worldwide, including wireless and consumer electronics, and posted year-over-year growth of 87% while Q4 grew 108% over the same period last year.

This growth is due to Carbon's ability to target the complete virtual prototyping lifecycle as the leading supplier of tools for the automatic creation, validation and deployment of system-level models and platforms. In the past year, Carbon rounded out its virtual prototyping offering, Carbon Model Studio, by acquiring SoC Designer from ARM®.

The combination of Carbon Model Studio and SoC Designer addresses the complete virtual prototyping lifecycle, from model generation, platform integration and architectural analysis to firmware validation and model and/or subsystem deployment.

In addition, Carbon expanded its model portfolio by working with ARM to create models for its intellectual property (IP) that includes ARM processors, prime cells and interconnect fabric, and partnering with Tensilica to distribute Tensilica's processor models.

Moving into 2009, Carbon will continue broadening its product line and will expand its partnerships and alliances to meet the needs of design teams using the Carbon tools.

"Despite the recent economic environment, we remain bullish and see continue adoption of tools as the de facto standard cycle-accurate virtual prototype environment," remarks Rick Lucier, Carbon's president and chief executive officer. "We're confident that we will continue to gain support within the IP community to broaden the appeal of our overall solution."

About Carbon Design Systems

Carbon offers the leading system validation solution for complex system-on-chip (SoC) designs. Target applications range from model generation and deployment to virtual platform creation, execution, and analysis. Carbon provides 100% implementation accuracy on the critical components required for accurate architectural analysis and pre-silicon hardware/software validation. Solutions are based on open industry standards, including SystemC, IP-XACT, Verilog, VHDL, OSCI TLM, MDI, SCML, CASI, CADI and CAPI. Carbon's customers are systems, semiconductor and intellectual property (IP) companies that focus on wireless, networking, and consumer electronics. Carbon is headquartered at 125 Nagog Park, Acton, Mass., 01720. Telephone: (978) 264-7300. Facsimile: (978) 264-9990. Email: info@carbondesignsystems.com. Website: www.carbondesignsystems.com.

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