SYNOPSYS INC Form 8-K September 09, 2005

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT** 

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

September 6, 2005

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

SYNOPSYS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-19807 (Commission File Number) **56-1546236** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

700 East Middlefield Road Mountain View, California 94043

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (650) 584-5000

#### N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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#### Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On September 6, 2005, the Board of Directors of Synopsys, Inc. (the Company) appointed Rex S. Jackson, Senior Vice President, Acting Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the Company, to the position of Principal Accounting Officer of the Company. Mr. Jackson already serves as Principal Financial Officer of the Company.

Mr. Jackson, 45, joined the Company in February 2003 as Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. In May 2005, Mr. Jackson was appointed Acting Chief Financial Officer and in June 2005, Mr. Jackson was appointed Senior Vice President. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Jackson was an investment director with Redleaf Group, Inc., an early stage venture capital firm, from April 2000 through December 2001, and President and CEO of Atlantes Services, Inc., a Redleaf portfolio company, from December 2001 through January 2003. Prior to joining Redleaf, from August 1998 to April 2000, Mr. Jackson was Vice President and General Counsel of AdForce, Inc., a provider of ad management and delivery services on the Internet. Prior to joining AdForce, Mr. Jackson served as Vice President, Business Development and General Counsel of Read-Rite Corporation, a manufacturer of thin film recording heads for the disk and tape drive industries from 1996 to 1998, and as Vice President and General Counsel from 1992 to 1996. Mr. Jackson holds an A.B. degree from Duke University and a J.D. degree from Stanford University.

There is no family relationship between Mr. Jackson and any other Company executive officer or director.

There is no employment agreement between the Company and Mr. Jackson.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 9, 2005 SYNOPSYS, INC.

/s/ Rex S. Jackson

Name: Rex S. Jackson

Title: Senior Vice President, Acting Chief

Financial Officer, General Counsel and

Secretary

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