

The JFTC Seeks Information and Comments from Third Parties Concerning the Proposed Acquisition of ANSYS, Inc. by Synopsys, Inc.

July 26, 2024

Japan Fair Trade Commission

The Japan Fair Trade Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “JFTC”) has been reviewing possible impacts on competition from the proposed acquisition of ANSYS, Inc. (headquartered in the U.S.) by Synopsys, Inc. (headquartered in the U.S.), and decided to seek information and comments from third parties concerning possible impacts on competition that would arise from the proposed acquisition in the manner described below.

It is noted that this does not mean that the proposed acquisition would pose any concerns with respect to the Antimonopoly Act.

1. Submission of information and comments

Please submit your information and comments in Japanese by postal mail or e-mail, identifying your name, address and contact information (telephone number and/or e-mail address). If you submit your information and comments as a corporation or an association, please identify the location of the main office, the name of a corporation or an association and the name of a liaison person, in addition to the contact information. If you submit a documentation prepared not in Japanese, please attach Japanese translation to the original documentation. Submitting information and comments by phone is not acceptable.

Please describe possible impacts on competition that you consider the proposed acquisition would have in as much detail as possible.

(Reference)

Synopsys, Inc. and a group of companies held and controlled by Synopsys, Inc. manufacture and sell Electronic Design Automation (EDA) software used in semiconductor chip design, etc.

ANSYS, Inc. and a group of companies held and controlled by ANSYS, Inc. manufacture and sell Simulation & Analysis software (S&A software), which uses virtual models to verify and analyze product performance. S&A software can conduct multi-physics simulation and analysis without the need for physical prototyping or experimentation to ensure compliance with customer specifications such as mechanical strength and heat dispersion.

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(2) Due date

August 30, 2024, no later than 6 p.m. (JST)

2. Privacy policy

Information and comments received will be used only for the purpose of reviewing the proposed acquisition. Please note that the JFTC will not make individual responses to the information and comments.

It is noted that the JFTC asks for your identification and contact information for the communication purpose where any clarifications may be needed on your information and comments. The information provided will not be used for any other purposes.