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RISC Micorprocessor market to exceed \$3 Billion in 2003 says new report from Forward Concepts

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Tempe AZ, September 27, 1999 According to the new "RISC2000" market study produced by Micrologic Research and marketed by Forward Concepts, the worldwide market for RISC microprocessor chips will reach \$2 billion in 2000 and exceed \$3 billion in 2003. That predicted growth follows RISC revenue declines in 1998 and 1999 even though unit shipments continued to grow. It blames the earlier revenue decline on lower prices caused by improved semiconductor technologies, increasing use of system-on-a-chip solutions in place of discrete microprocessors, and by the weak markets in several parts of the world, mostly Asia.

The study observes that most of those predicted MPUs will go into embedded applications, but several workstation and server manufacturers will continue to use discrete RISC microprocessors until at least 2003, including Sun and IBM and possibly Hewlett-Packard and Silicon Graphics. But even these companies, with the possible exception of Sun, are predicted to also market Intel-based products using the new IA-64 architecture that debuts with Intel's Merced.

The RISC2000 study is 194 pages long and includes 98 drawings, graphs, and tables. It includes valuable discussions of the activities of 36 RISC suppliers and includes block diagrams and descriptions of more than 50 RISC microprocessors and cores. The study also includes discussions and forecasts of selected end markets, including smart cards and cellular phones, that will drive the demand for both discrete RISC chips and ASIC cores. The study includes historical and forecast RISC microprocessor shipments in units and dollars by major geographic region through the year 2003.

"RISC2000," Report Number 940, is available from Forward Concepts for \$2,795.00 in North America and \$2,895.00 Internationally. A substantial discount applies for multiple-copy orders. For detailed information, including a free executive overview, visit the Forward Concepts Web site at www.forwardconcepts.com or the Micrologic Research Web site at www.mosmicro.com, or telephone Forward Concepts at (480) 966-3759.

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