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December 1, 2008

Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail

Peter S. Teshima
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RE: Magma Design Automation, Inc.
Schedule TO-I
Filed November 20, 2008
File No. 5-77999

Dear Mr. Teshima:

We have limited our review of the filing to those issues we have addressed in our comments. Where indicated, we think you should revise the document in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

The purpose of our review process is to assist you in the compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in the filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

Schedule TO-I
Exhibit (a)(1)(A): Offer to Exchange
Risks of Participating in the Offer, page 14

1. Please revise the disclosure in this section to explicitly note that the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act's safe harbor protections do not apply to statements made in

connection with the tender offer. See Section 21E(b)(2)(C) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Regulation M-A telephone interpretation M.2 in the July 2001 Supplement to the Division of Corporation Finance's Manual of Publicly Available Telephone Interpretations available at www.sec.gov.

2. Please revise to eliminate the statement in the last sentence under this heading that you "do not undertake any additional obligation to update these forward-looking statements after the date of this Offer to Exchange to reflect actual results or future events or circumstances." This statement is inconsistent with your obligation to amend and promptly disseminate revised information in the event that your existing disclosure materially changes.

Conditions of the offer, page 44

3. We note your disclosure in the last paragraph of this section where you provide that your "failure at any time to exercise any of these rights will not be deemed a waiver of any such rights, but will be deemed a waiver of our ability to assert the condition that was triggered with respect to the particular circumstances under which we failed to exercise our rights." This language appears to imply that if a condition is triggered and you fail to assert the condition, you will not lose the right to assert the condition at a later time. Please note that when a condition is triggered and you decide to proceed with the offer anyway, we believe that this decision is tantamount to a waiver of the triggered condition(s). Depending on the materiality of the waived condition and the number of days remaining in the offer, you may be required to extend the offer and recirculate new disclosure to option holders. In that regard, please confirm your understanding to us that if an offer condition is triggered, you will notify shareholders whether or not you have waived an offer condition.

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As appropriate, please amend your filing in response to these comments. You may wish to provide us with marked copies of the amended filing to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with your amended filing that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested supplemental information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your amended filing and responses to our comments.

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In connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filings;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filings; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in our review of your filings or in response to our comments on your filings.

Please direct any questions to me at (202) 551-3621 or, in my absence, to Tina Chalk, Senior Special Counsel, at (202) 551-3263. You may also contact me via facsimile at (202) 772-9203. Please send all correspondence to us at the following ZIP code: 20549-3628.

Sincerely,

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