

Sun Chucks the 'Rock' Aside

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([Channel Register](#) [1]) - The word on the street today is that server maker Sun Microsystems - which is in the midst of being eaten by software giant Oracle for \$5.6bn - has formally killed off the 16-core "Rock" UltraSparc-RK processor that has been in development for more than five years.

The official response from Michelle Parkinson, the spokesperson for Sun's Systems group, was that Sun had "no comment re: Rock," which is exactly what you would expect from a company that is in the middle of being acquired and which is cleaning house before Larry Ellison and a whole bunch of Oraclers move in.

Sun has two more weeks before its fiscal year ends and another four weeks before Sun shareholders vote on the Oracle takeover, and it is hard to believe it will close out the year on a financial high given its woes, the economy, the Oracle acquisition, and all of the uncertainties that has introduced in the customer base.

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