



Synaptics Granted Patent for ChiralMotion(R) Gesture Technology

--Synaptics continues to drive innovation for human interface technology with strong IP portfolio

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Feb 16, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Synaptics Inc. (Nasdaq: SYNA), a leading developer of human interface solutions for mobile computing, communications, and entertainment devices, announced that the United States Patent and Trademark Office has granted it U.S. Patent #. 7,446,754, which protects Synaptics' widely acclaimed ChiralMotion(R) gesture technology intellectual property (IP).

Synaptics' ChiralMotion gesture technology is well-suited for devices such as notebooks, feature-rich mobile handsets, personal navigation systems, and personal media players that require easy control of entertainment, music, and other digital files. For example, ChiralMotion on a TouchPad(R) interface makes scrolling through long documents or WebPages on a notebook PC intuitive and easy. To reverse the direction of controls such as scrolling or zooming, users simply reverse the circular motion of their finger.

"The ChiralMotion patent is yet another indicator of Synaptics' industry leadership, innovation, and strong IP portfolio that spans far beyond the notebook PC," said Tom Tiernan, Synaptics president and COO. "As users have come to expect a better user experience and expanded capabilities from their devices, Synaptics is ready with a wide range of flexible, innovative human interface solutions to improve the end-user experience."

"Synaptics leads the industry by delivering next-generation human interface solutions that are meeting high consumer demands for a better user experience while allowing OEMs to differentiate their products with advanced features and functionality," said Gopal Garg, senior vice president of handheld business and corporate marketing for Synaptics. "The adoption of gesture technology by many of the world's most innovative and fast-paced OEMs is another example of how they continue to drive us to deliver advanced touch technologies in our solution stack."

To see Synaptics' ChiralMotion gesture technology in action, please visit <http://www.synaptics.com/go/ChiralMotion>

About Synaptics

Synaptics (NASDAQ: SYNA) is a leading developer of interface solutions for the mobile computing, communications, and entertainment industries. The company creates interface solutions for a variety of devices including notebook PCs, PC peripherals, digital music players, and mobile phones. The TouchPad(TM), Synaptics' flagship product, is integrated into a majority of today's notebook computers. Consumer electronics and computing manufacturers use Synaptics' solutions to enrich the interaction between humans and intelligent devices through improved usability, functionality, and industrial design. The company is headquartered in Santa Clara, Calif. <http://www.synaptics.com>

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