



Synaptics Names New Member to its Board of Directors

Ron Van Dell, president and CEO of Legerity

San Jose, CA – May 21, 2002 – Synaptics® Incorporated (NASDAQ: SYNA) – an acknowledged leader in human interface solutions for mobile computing and communication devices – today announced that Ron Van Dell has joined its board of directors. Van Dell brings with him extensive experience in the voice interface, PC, and semiconductor industries. In addition to serving as president and CEO of Legerity, an analog/mixed signal IC company focusing on next-generation voice and data networks, Van Dell is also on the board of directors of IceFyre, a leading provider of 5 GHz wireless LAN products.

“We are delighted to welcome Ron to Synaptics’ board,” said Francis Lee, President and CEO of Synaptics. “We feel that Ron’s extensive experience and broad based background will help us to continue to grow the company.”

Prior to joining Legerity, Van Dell served as general manager for Dell Computer’s Dimension product line. Van Dell went to Dell from Harris Semiconductor (now Intersil Corporation), where he was vice president and general manager of the company’s communication IC business.

About Synaptics Incorporated

Synaptics develops advanced interface solutions for products as diverse as notebook and desktop computers, mobile computing and communications devices, automotive applications and security solutions. Synaptics products include: TouchPad™, the industry standard notebook pointing device; ClearPad™, a capacitive touch screen solution; TouchStyk™, a modular capacitive pointing stick solution; Spiral®, an inductive, proximity sensing pen input system; cPad™, an LCD TouchPad; TouchScreen, a capacitive touch solution for large displays; and QuickStroke®, a proprietary Chinese handwriting recognition software. More information about Synaptics can be found on the World Wide Web at www.synaptics.com

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