Synaptics Provides Touch Interface Driver for Android Software Development Kit

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Nov 12, 2007 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Synaptics Inc. (Nasdaq: SYNA), a leading developer of capacitive-based human interface solutions for mobile computing, communications and entertainment devices, today announced that it is providing the software driver to enable touch interfaces for the Android(TM) software development kit (SDK).

Android, announced on Monday, Nov. 5 by members of the Open Handset Alliance(TM), is the first truly open and comprehensive platform for mobile devices. The Open Handset Alliance is composed of 34 leading technology and wireless companies with a common goal of fostering innovation on mobile devices and giving consumers a better mobile user experience. By providing developers a new level of openness to work more collaboratively, the Android SDK will accelerate the pace at which new and compelling mobile applications are made available to consumers.

As the only touch interface company in the Alliance, Synaptics is providing mobile handset designers with a powerful yet easy-to-use tool to develop advanced, multi-touch gestures for the Android platform. The Synaptics driver is available through the Android Software Developer Kit and can be used with a variety of Synaptics products, including ClearPad(TM) and MobileTouch(TM).

"Synaptics is proud to be a founding member of the Open Handset Alliance," said Joseph Virginia, vice president, Synaptics Corporate Marketing and Handheld Business. "Our contribution to the Android platform will help bring dynamic touch user interfaces to everyone in the mobile market. By creating an open environment conducive to collaboration and partnering, the Alliance will allow key influencers to deliver innovative devices and services to meet the needs of the fast-changing mobile industry."

For more information on the Open Handset Alliance, visit http://www.openhandsetalliance.com.

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, California. http://www.synaptics.com

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