



Synaptics and NXT to Develop Integrated Audio Solutions for Laptop Computers

Partnership Creates New Innovation in Interface Technology

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Synaptics(R) Incorporated (Nasdaq: SYNA), a leader in human interface solutions for mobile computing and communications devices, today announced it has entered into an agreement to license NXT plc's flat panel loudspeaker technology, SurfaceSound(TM). NXT plc is a British company focusing on audio and speech technology. Under the agreement, the two companies will work together to integrate NXT's audio technology with Synaptics' capacitive sensing technology to develop a TouchPad(TM) with speaker capabilities.

"Our relationship with NXT is another example of Synaptics providing leading interface solutions to the notebook market," said Synaptics' general manager Don Kirby. "This strategic relationship allows us to continue to create unique user interface solutions that add value to our PC customers and end users."

"NXT's long-term strategy continues to focus on partnering with industry leaders in commercializing our technologies," said NXT CEO David Pearson. "Synaptics, who has a reputation as an inventive and trusted technology partner, is a market leader in its field, and has significant market share in its product areas."

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 (TM), the industry standard notebook pointing device; ClearPad(TM), a capacitive touch screen solution; TouchStyk(TM), a modular capacitive pointing stick solution; Spiral(R), an inductive, proximity sensing pen input system; cPad(TM), an LCD TouchPad; TouchScreen, a capacitive touch solution for large displays; and QuickStroke(R), a proprietary Chinese handwriting recognition software. More information about Synaptics can be found on the World Wide Web at www.synaptics.com.

About NXT

NXT's business is the invention, patenting, licensing and marketing of enabling technologies in sound and speech. NXT is setting a new world-standard in loudspeakers. It offers a superior alternative to existing technologies across most product sectors while creating new opportunities where conventional technology has been unable to deliver. NXT has developed industry-specific expertise and is focused on helping its licensees advance product to market efficiently and cost effectively.

NXT has more than 250 licensees for its patented SurfaceSound(R) flat panel loudspeaker technology. Licensees include 3M, Acer Computers, Armstrong, Authentic (mainly owned by NEC), DaimlerChrysler, Fujitsu Ten, General Motors, Intier, LG Electronics, Matsushita MEI, Philips, Pioneer, Siemens, Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications, TDK and Visteon. The company, which is fully listed on the London Stock Exchange (symbol NTX), has Technology Centres in Cambridge and Malvern and operations in London, Yokohama, Hong Kong, California and Detroit.

More information about NXT can be found on the World Wide Web at www.nxtsound.com.

NOTE: Synaptics, the Synaptics logo, cPad, TouchPad, TouchStyk, ClearPad, Spiral, and QuickStroke are trademarks or registered trademarks of Synaptics.

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technology (b) market demand for OEM products using Synaptics' products (c) the failure of Synaptics' products and OEM products to deliver commercially acceptable performance, and other risks as identified from time to time in Synaptics' SEC reports, including Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and Annual Reports on Form 10-K. All forward- looking statements are based on information available to Synaptics on the date hereof, and Synaptics assumes no obligation to update such statements.

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