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Synaptics Drives Windows 8 Adoption with TouchPad™, Touchscreen and Custom Gesture Interface Solutions

Synaptics Provides The Broadest Portfolio of Touch Solutions Designed To Optimize The Win8 and WinRT User Experience

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Nov. 5, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Synaptics Inc. (NASDAQ: SYNA), a leading developer of human interface solutions, today announced full support for Windows 8-driven Ultrabooks, notebook PCs, tablets and convertible configurations, as well as external TouchPads for desktop and All-in-One PCs. As a co-engineering partner with Microsoft, Synaptics is uniquely qualified to support the rich and immersive user experience in high-performance, thin and light notebook and PC designs that will drive the success of Windows 8.

Synaptics Gesture Suite™ (SGS) Windows 8 provides users with a powerful and intuitive way to be more productive and interactive with their Windows 8 and Windows RT notebook systems. SGS Windows 8 was developed with Synaptics' highly knowledgeable usability team who analyzed the most common user workflows, from entertainment activities such as viewing photos and listening to music, to productivity activities such as accessing emails and presentations. The result is an intelligent, usability-optimized model in the form of a customizable TouchPad driver and control panel that makes it easy for consumers to understand the growing portfolio of gestures available on Synaptics interface solutions.

For over 20 years, Synaptics' TouchPad family has led the PC industry in interface performance, with demonstrated leadership in pointing accuracy and OS navigation. Synaptics has leveraged this experience to help maximize the user experience improvements that Windows 8 provides by supporting the recommended larger 4.85" (105 x 65mm) diagonal TouchPads and ClickPads.

Synaptics' ForcePad™, the ultimate TouchPad, adds an added dimension of control through the application of pressure sensing. ForcePad is a multi-finger, variable force detection, capacitive TouchPad that offers a large "modern touchpad" gesture area that is up to 40 percent thinner than today's ClickPads, making it ideal for the fast and fluid Windows 8 touch experience.

With regards to growing interest in notebook and tablet-based touchscreens, Synaptics' ClearPad™ Series 7 family of premium solutions leverage the heritage of the ClearPad family, and are designed to meet the demanding Windows 8 and Windows RT touchscreen requirements with support for up to 17" screen sizes.

"The introduction of Windows 8 presents a new paradigm shift in personal computing, one that puts multi-touch capability front and center, and underscores just how pervasive touchscreen technology has become in our everyday lives," said Mark Vena, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Synaptics' PC Division. "This is an exciting time for touch technology, and Synaptics looks forward to continuing its long-standing legacy and innovation in developing the industry's broadest, most sophisticated portfolio of touchscreen, TouchPad and ultra-thin keyboard solutions."

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About Synaptics

As a leading developer of human interface solutions which enhance the user experience, Synaptics provides the broadest touch solutions portfolio in the industry. The ClearPad™ family supports touchscreen solutions for devices ranging from entry level mobile phones to flagship premium smartphones, tablets and notebook PCs. The TouchPad™ family, including ClickPad™ and ForcePad™, is integrated into the majority of today's notebook PCs. Synaptics' wide portfolio also includes ThinTouch™ supporting thin and light keyboard solutions, as well as key technologies for next generation touch-enabled video and display applications.

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