

NEWS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Date: 19.12.07****Photograph Attached*****New GeneSnap Image Acquisition Software Promises Reproducible Gel Imaging in Seconds***

Cambridge, UK: Syngene, a world-leading manufacturer of image analysis solutions, is delighted to announce GeneSnap Version 7.02, its new image acquisition software, is available free of charge to GeneSnap customers. This software has three new features that have been included specifically to help users of Syngene imaging systems to rapidly produce perfectly focused gel or blot images, time after time.

The new GeneSnap software, which now comes with effective pixels, focus indicator bar and auto focus configuration settings, is designed to make using G:BOX systems quick and easy. Effective pixels increase the resolution of the system by up to four times. The focus indicator bar allows users to see at a glance how precisely focused their image is. Once researchers are happy with their gel image, if they have a feed back lens they can add their focus setting to the new auto focus configuration now in GeneSnap, so that each time they view a similar gel or blot they can recall the details to guarantee they generate reproducible, high quality images in seconds. The auto focus configurations also hold all lighting, filter, effective pixel and exposure settings.

The new GeneSnap software will come as standard with all new Syngene G:BOX systems and existing GeneSnap customers can download the software, free of charge, from www.syngene.com. The upgraded version is easy to install on a G:BOX computer as it will configure itself to adapt to the lighting and filter options installed on each G:BOX system.

Laura Sullivan, Syngene's Divisional Manager stated: "At Syngene we continue to be the leaders in imaging innovation and the great new features we have added into our GeneSnap image capture software will make the Syngene G:BOX an intelligent imager that will outclass competing systems in efficiency and reproducibility. What's even better is this software upgrade is available to any GeneSnap customer or G:BOX user totally free, so these researchers can go to the Syngene web site and start using this exciting new software today, without any additional cost."

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Note to Editors**About Syngene**

Syngene is a world-leading supplier of integrated imaging solutions for analysis and documentation of gel-based information. Syngene's systems are used by more than 10,000 research organisations and over 50,000 individual scientists world-wide and include many of the world's top pharmaceutical companies and major research institutes.

Syngene, founded in 1997 is a division of the Cambridge based Synoptics Group. The Group's other divisions, Syncroscopy and Synbiosis, specialise in digital imaging solutions for microscopy and microbial applications respectively. Synoptics currently employs over 50 people in its UK and subsidiary operation in Frederick, USA.