

NEWS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Date: 10.02.09****Image Attached****-Copy Starts-****G:BOX Chemi XT16 Image Systems at Major Antibody Supplier
Quadruples Throughput of Company's Western Blot Analysis**

Cambridge, UK: Syngene, a world-leading manufacturer of image analysis solutions, is delighted to announce its G:BOX Chemi XT16 imaging system is helping scientists at Abcam, one of the world's major suppliers of research antibodies, to rapidly ensure its products are of the highest quality.

Researchers at Abcam's laboratories in Cambridge, UK, are using the G:BOX Chemi XT16 to image Western blots stained with Horse Radish Peroxidase (HRP) to determine how effectively each antibody can detect the protein it was raised against. This imaging ensures Abcam can speed up the analysis of its products' specifications.

Hannah Cable, a Development Scientist at Abcam, commented: "We offer over 47,000 antibodies to life scientists so we need to use analytical methods that are fast and accurate. We initially used an infrared fluorescence detection system for imaging our chemiluminescent blots but found it was very slow so we decided to try CCD imaging and installed a G:BOX Chemi XT16 in 2007.

"Since this system takes about a quarter of the time to produce results, and is about half the price of our infrared detector, we installed an additional three G:BOX Chemi XT16 imaging systems to increase our quality control throughput. Obtaining the results we need to ensure our antibodies perform as they should has since been quicker and easier, which means we can supply more life scientists with the antibodies they need for their research."

Laura Sullivan, Syngene's Divisional Manager, stated: "Abcam is acknowledged as offering the best research-grade antibodies and we are proud that a company that values quality has chosen our G:BOX Chemi XT16 to help maintain the highest standards. The fact Abcam is now using four Syngene imaging systems to successfully assess the performance of a vast array of different antibodies demonstrates the G:BOX Chemi XT16 system's versatility in proteomics research."

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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 40 people in its UK and subsidiary operation in Frederick, USA.

About Abcam

Abcam, founded in 1998, is a producer and distributor of high quality research-grade antibodies and associated products. The Company, which is headquartered in Cambridge, UK, has offices in Cambridge, Mass., USA, as well as Tokyo in Japan and boasts one of the world's largest online catalogues of antibodies. Abcam now has an online catalogue of more than 47,000 products, most of which are antibodies, from over 250 suppliers supported by up-to-date and detailed technical data sheets, which are created by the Company. Abcam currently employs over 200 staff in its three operating companies.

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