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New Gel Documentation System
Features High Specification Imaging at a Low Price

Cambridge, UK: Syngene, a world-leading manufacturer of image analysis solutions, is pleased to announce the availability of its new U:Genius, an affordable gel documentation system for accurately recording DNA and protein gels images.

Built to the same high standards as Syngene's market leading G:BOX image analysers, U:Genius provides an impressive 2 mega pixel resolution. The system has a compact darkroom with a unique touch screen and can accommodate any bench top transilluminator. Having a universal darkroom without any computer but using an embedded Windows XP processor, means scientists can save money because they do not need to purchase an additional transilluminator or PC with their U:Genius.

The U:Genius darkroom comes with internal white light for viewing and focusing and has self-stowing doors that automatically turn off the transilluminator when the door is opened, thus preventing accidental UV exposure. The touch screen features intuitive icons linked to Syngene's latest imaging methods, so scientists needing to rapidly resolve close band images can easily produce true 16 bit images using the EDR (Extended Dynamic Range) icon. Additionally, those wanting to capture perfect protein gel images by reducing background noise can use the Neutral Fielding icon. Images may also be rotated, sharpened and annotated.

The gel images generated can be printed on any printer, stored on the U:Genius' processor, or saved to a USB memory stick using the USB port conveniently located on the front of the system. If scientists need to obtain data from their images, they can analyse them on any lab PC using GeneTools, Syngene's unrivalled image analysis software, a copy of which is included FREE with the U:Genius.

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Laura Sullivan, Syngene's Divisional Manager commented: "We are very excited about our new U:Genius because it includes many features only available on systems of double or treble the price. We are confident that scientists with limited space or budgets will realise the combination of intelligent design and patented imaging technologies makes U:Genius the best choice for basic gel documentation."

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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 Synoptics Group based in Cambridge, UK. The Group's other divisions, Syncroscopy and Synbiosis, specialise in digital imaging solutions for microscopy and microbial applications respectively. Synoptics currently employs 40 people in its UK and subsidiary operation in Frederick, USA.