

NEWS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Date: 11.07.08****-Copy Starts-*****New Distributor for Syngene Image Analysis Products
Guarantees a High Level of Support and Service for Researchers in Greece***

Cambridge, UK: Syngene, a world-leading manufacturer of image analysis solutions, is delighted to announce it has appointed long established life science reagent and equipment supplier, Varelas S.A. as their distributor in Greece. Varelas, with its large network of sales and technical support professionals now allows scientists in Greece to rapidly access Syngene's excellent technology.

Under the terms of the agreement, Varelas is providing Syngene's 1D gel documentation range including U:Genius, the ultimate, low cost gel documentation product right through to Syngene's sophisticated G:BOX multi-functional image analysis systems. Varelas is also supplying equipment and software for imaging and analysing 2D protein gels with Dyversity and Dymension, Syngene's unrivalled system and software for this application. The addition of Syngene's products to Varelas' portfolio offers researchers in Greece a full range of equipment to complement their molecular biology and proteomics research.

Christiana Stanellou, General Manager, of Varelas, explained: "We have been marketing products for life science research in Greece for over 10 years and during that time have always wanted to collaborate with Syngene. This is because not only is Syngene clearly the market leader for reliable and innovative gel documentation systems but also shares our common philosophy of excellent customer care."

Laura Sullivan, Syngene's Divisional Manager stated: "We are very excited to be partnering with such a respected distributor as Varelas. Their expertise with life science reagents and equipment will allow us to grow our business in Greece, as well as maintain our well earned reputation of providing first class technical service. The addition of our image analysis systems and software to Varelas' range of high quality life science products ensures scientists in Greece can access flexible solutions that can be integrated into one simple workflow and will produce reliable, accurate results in their molecular biology and proteomics research."

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

About Varelas S.A.

Varelas is a major distributor of *in-vitro* diagnostics, life science reagents and equipment in Greece. Headquartered in Athens, the company has a well-organised branch office in Thessaloniki which enhances communication with the Northern Greek market.

Established in 1974, Varelas is part of the Galenica group of companies and initially began business as a distributor of *in-vitro* diagnostics. In 1997, Varelas entered the life sciences market and has rapidly established itself as a leading supplier to scientists in Greece.