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Synaptics' Natural ID Enables Biometric Security for New Lenovo ThinkPad Powered by the Enterprise-Level Multifactor Intel® Authenticate Solution

SAN JOSE, Calif., Jan. 19, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Synaptics Incorporated (NASDAQ: SYNA), the leading developer of human interface solutions, today announced it is working with Intel and Lenovo on secure enterprise-level fingerprint authentication for the next generation Lenovo ThinkPad® notebooks. The Synaptics® Natural ID™ area touch fingerprint solution will be supported by Intel Authenticate, a hardware-enhanced, multifactor authentication solution that strengthens identity protection on the PC, making it less vulnerable to identity and security credential attacks. This helps reduce the risk of policy tampering by a rogue entity from interception, override, and replay attacks - including the ability to gain higher privileges.

Synaptics' Natural ID area touch fingerprint solution, is one of several multifactors, such as Bluetooth proximity, Geolocation (IP-based), and Secure PIN (hardware-based), being supported by Intel Authenticate. The move enables IT administrators to tailor access permissions by using a more robust set of authentication solutions and to combine up to three categories of hardened factors, thereby improving network security and the user experience.

The additional support of Synaptics' Natural ID fingerprint solutions to a subset of multi-factors provides another level of deep system integration, as well as the reliability, scale and feature-set needed to help further improve the user experience in enterprise-class applications. Intuitiveness and speed are also vital to providing a quality user experience, especially in multifactor authentication environments. The highest levels of security are built into every facet of Natural ID, making multifactor authentication faster, easier and more secure.

"Synaptics played a critical role in supporting the development of Intel Authenticate and we're very pleased with the teamwork and leveraging of their expertise in biometrics. Our like-minded vision of eliminating the need to remember and type passwords is taking a large step forward with Intel Authenticate," said Tom Garrison, vice president and general manager, Business Client Platforms, Intel.

"The work we're doing with companies like Intel and Synaptics demonstrates our commitment to provide our customers with a secure, yet delightful user experience and helps us continue to push the envelope on innovation in the next generation of PCs," said Luis Hernandez, vice president and general manager, ThinkPad Business, Lenovo.

"Our ongoing partnerships with leading OEMs, like Lenovo and Intel, is a testament to Synaptics' industry leading fingerprint solutions and our commitment to provide the most secure combination of biometric authentication factors available," said Anthony Gioeli, vice president of marketing, Biometrics Product Division, Synaptics.

About Synaptics:

Synaptics is the pioneer and leader of the human interface revolution, bringing innovative and intuitive user experiences to intelligent devices. Synaptics' broad portfolio of touch, display, and biometrics products is built on the company's rich R&D, extensive IP and dependable supply chain capabilities. With solutions designed for mobile, PC and automotive industries, Synaptics combines ease of use, functionality and aesthetics to enable products that help make our digital lives more productive, secure and enjoyable. (NASDAQ: [SYNA](#)) www.synaptics.com.

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