

**NEWS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Date: 26.01.06****-Copy Starts-****Synoptics named one of UK Eastern Region's Top Companies  
In Prestigious Deloitte Technology Fast 50 Ranking**

**Cambridge, UK:** Synoptics, a world leader in the development and manufacture of innovative digital imaging systems for life science applications, is pleased to announce it has recently been listed in the Deloitte Technology Fast 50 as one of the fastest-growing technology companies in the East of England.

Synoptics achieved a healthy 60 percent growth in turnover in the past five years to be ranked 28<sup>th</sup> in the Deloitte Technology Fast 50; alongside other prominent life science companies such as Astex Therapeutics, Abcam and Cambridge Antibody Technology. The 50 high growth companies included in this list were announced recently during a Gala Dinner at The Belfry in Cambourne, near Cambridge. This year's event was supported nationally by the London Stock Exchange and locally by Mills & Reeve, Bailey Fisher, Lambert Smith Hampton and Marston Hotels.

Synoptics, comprising three divisions: Syngene, Synbiosis and Syncroscopy, provides innovative products that life scientists say they need to improve the quality and speed of their research and it is this customer focus which has driven the success of the business. Syngene, the largest division, produces state-of-the-art equipment and software that are used to analyse gels in the fast moving fields of genomics and proteomics. Synbiosis and Syncroscopy have expertise in providing imaging solutions for microbial and microscopy applications respectively.

Phil Atkin, Managing Director of Synoptics commented: "The Eastern region has the UK's highest density of technology companies manufacturing software and equipment, as well as biotechnology and medical products. Therefore, we are honoured that Synoptics has won a place alongside these highly respected firms in this region's Deloitte Technology Fast 50."

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