

SYNAPTICS INC
Form 8-K
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

March 26, 2008

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

SYNAPTICS INCORPORATED

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE

000-49602

77-0118518

(State or Other
Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**3120 SCOTT BLVD.
SUITE 130
SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA
95054**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(408) 454-5100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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In March 2006, Elantech Devices Corporation (Elantech) filed a Complaint for Patent Infringement against us claiming that we infringed one of its patents and seeking damages, attorneys fees, and a permanent injunction against us infringing or inducing others to infringe the patent. The Elantech patent relates to recognizing and providing an indication of the presence of multiple fingers on a touchpad. In April 2006, we filed our Answer to the Complaint and Counterclaims against Elantech, claiming that Elantech has infringed and induced infringement of four of our patents and seeking damages, attorneys fees, and a permanent injunction against infringing or inducing others to infringe. In addition, in December 2007, we filed a Complaint for Patent Infringement against Elantech claiming that Elantech infringed one of our patents relating to detecting the presence of multiple fingers on a touchpad and seeking damages, attorneys fees, and an injunction.

The most recent development was that on March 20, 2008, the Court, based on its infringement ruling, filed an order preliminarily enjoining us from making, using, selling, importing into or offering to sell within the United States touchpad products containing our Type 2 firmware code with enabled multiple finger counting functionality. We have previously developed additional ways to detect multiple fingers and have our own related patents.

We are not shipping any products that utilize the contested code. As a result, the preliminary injunction will have no impact on us, our business, or our customers. Although the contested code is no longer used in our products, we do not believe the contested code infringes the Elantech patent and we intend to appeal the Court s infringement ruling.

We do not believe any aspect of the Court s decision will have a material effect on our business. We intend to vigorously defend our patents and pursue our counterclaims.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SYNAPTICS INCORPORATED

Date: March 27, 2008

By: /s/Russell J. Knittel
Russell J. Knittel
Executive Vice President, Chief
Financial Officer, Secretary, and
Treasurer