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## **SynergEyes Awarded Two New U.S. Patents**

**Carlsbad, CA (June 15, 2009)** – SynergEyes, Inc., the high Dk hybrid contact lens manufacturer, announced today that it has been issued two new patents from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The first new patent has an extensive claim set of 27 claims and provides protection for aspheric geometries within the landing area, which includes the just-launched *ClearKone*<sup>™</sup> and other subsequent design evolutions. In addition, the patent claims the use of a diagnostic set to fit high Dk hybrid contact lenses and the use of fluorescein to evaluate the fit of a high Dk hybrid contact lens. The second patent controls modulating skirt curves per base curve.

Both new patents complement prior patents awarded SynergEyes for its high Dk hybrid contact lens designs, and bring SynergEyes' intellectual property patent portfolio to a total of eleven patents. SynergEyes was granted two patents in 2006. One was for its HyperBond<sup>™</sup> technology that provides a strong, durable junction between the rigid center and soft skirt of the hybrid lens. The second patent was for its method to provide a rotationally stable platform for front surface toric, de-centered multifocal and wavefront guided hybrid lenses. SynergEyes was also granted two patents in 2008. One of those patents pertained to

SynergEyes' hybrid contact lens bonding technology and lens design. The other recognized SynergEyes' manufacturing and fitting techniques of hybrid contact lenses designed specifically for post-surgical patients.

Joe Collins, SynergEyes co-founder and Vice President of Manufacturing and R&D, commented, "SynergEyes, Inc. is dedicated to providing our customers with innovative technological advances in hybrid contact lens designs. These new patents significantly enhance and protect our intellectual property portfolio and represent highly valued strategic assets that distinguish our products in the contact lens industry."

SynergEyes manufactures a new type of contact lens that combines two materials – a rigid gas permeable center and a soft, hydrophilic outer skirt. The result is a durable "hybrid" lens for patients seeking crisp, clear vision and the all-day comfort of a soft lens.

Incorporating patented HyperBond™ technology and HydrolEyes™ surface science, the SynergEyes lenses with FDA market-clearance include *SynergEyes® A* for naturally occurring ametropia, targeting patients with astigmatism, current gas permeable lens wearers, and patients demanding optimized vision; *SynergEyes® KC* and *ClearKone™* for keratoconus, *SynergEyes® Multifocal* for presbyopia and *SynergEyes® PS* for post-surgery and post-trauma refractive errors.

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