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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 31, 2005

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.)

2381 BERING DRIVE SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 95131

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(408) 434-0110

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On March 31, 2005, Synaptics Incorporated entered into a cross license agreement with Japan-based Alps Electric Co., Ltd. and Alps U.S.-based affiliate, Cirque Corporation. The cross licenses in the agreement are worldwide, non-exclusive, non-transferable, and royalty-free. The cross license agreement settles certain intellectual property claims of the parties and contains mutual releases of the intellectual property claims of the parties. The foregoing description of the agreement, a copy of which has been filed herewith, is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the agreement, which is incorporated by reference herein. An application has been submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission for confidential treatment, pursuant to Rule 24b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, of portions of the agreement. These portions have been omitted from the agreement filed herewith.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) *Pro Forma Financial Information*. Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

10.22 Settlement Agreement between Synaptics Incorporated, Alps Electric Co., Ltd., and Cirque Corporation, dated as of March 31, 2005 *

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SIGNATURES

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 31, 2005 By: /s/ Russell J. Knittel

Russell J. Knittel

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial

Officer,

Chief Administrative Officer, and

Secretary

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