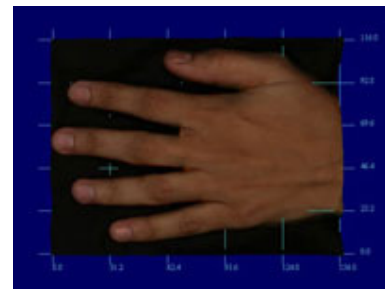


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### **EYKONA: FINALISTS FOR THE EPSRC BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION 2005-06**

#### **From healthcare to video gaming – unlocking the potential of 3D imaging.**

Eykona Technologies has reached the finals of the prestigious Research Councils' Business Plan Competition. The competition is run by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, one of the eight research councils in the UK. As a finalist, Eykona wins £10,000 prize money.



Eykona Technologies Ltd is developing innovative 3D imaging systems that could deliver major benefits in fields as wide-ranging as healthcare and video-gaming. Unlike others currently available, Eykona's systems combine the ability to produce high-quality 3D images of real objects/surfaces with portability and low cost – offering the prospect of increasingly widespread use of 3D imaging in future.

Eykona's portfolio of patents covers, for example, its SurfaceImager system. Now at the working prototype stage, SurfaceImager could be used to record the progression of melanomas or to help analyse wrinkle removal achieved by cosmetic surgery. It could also present a fast, easy and relatively inexpensive way of developing detailed and realistic video games or movie special effects.

Looking ahead, Eykona is also developing technology that could cut design times/costs and produce better design outcomes for products aimed at the small-scale consumer electronics market (e.g. mobile phones), and also in industrial-scale engineering. The ultimate aim is to develop a hand-held 3D scanner suitable both for specialist uses (e.g. on-site documenting of archaeological finds) and for the mass-market (e.g. in the fast-growing field of on-line gaming).

H2O have been assisting in developing Eykona's technology and obtaining funding for its commercialisation and launch next year. David Kelly, Chief Executive of H2O said "This is a very exciting time for H2O and Eykona, and we believe we have only scratched the surface of the potential uses of this ground-breaking technology."

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