

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Mail Stop 4561

October 16, 2009

Keshav Murugesh Chief Executive Officer Syntel, Inc. 525 E. Big Beaver Road, Suite 300 Troy, MI 48083

Re: Syntel, Inc.

**Registration Statement on Form S-3** 

Filed September 22, 2009

File No. 333-162060

Dear Mr. Murugesh:

We have limited our review of your filing to those issues we have addressed in our comments. Where indicated, we think you should revise your document in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

#### General

1. We are in receipt of your Form 10-K comment response letter dated September 25, 2009. Comments with respect to the Form 10-K will be provided promptly in a separate letter, and must be resolved prior to the desired effective date.

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# Incorporation of Documents by Reference, page 5

2. Please incorporate by reference all applicable reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of your most recent fiscal year, including all Current Reports on Form 8-K. Refer to Item 12(a)(2) of Form S-3. In this regard, we note that you have not incorporated by reference your Forms 8-K filed February 24, 2009.

## Item 17. Undertakings, page II-2

3. Your registration statement includes the undertaking set forth in Item 512(i) of Regulation S-K. In your response letter, please explain why you have concluded that this undertaking is applicable to your filing and this transaction. If you conclude that this undertaking is applicable, please explain the basis on which you also provide the (a)(5)(i) undertaking of Item 512 of Regulation S-K.

### Signatures, page II-4

4. Revise to provide the signature of your principal accounting officer or controller or, if that individual signed the document, ensure that they are so designated in the amendment.

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As appropriate, please amend your filings in response to these comments. Your amended registration statement should also include a marked copy of the amended filing that conforms with the provisions of Rule 310 of Regulation S-T. Marked copies such as those in HTML format that show changes within paragraphs help us to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with your amendment that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your amendment and responses to our comments.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes all information required under the Securities Act of 1933 and that they have provided all information investors require for an informed investment decision. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

Notwithstanding our comments, in the event the company requests acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statement, it should furnish a letter, at the time of such request, acknowledging that: Keshav Murugesh Syntel, Inc. October 16, 2009 Page 3

- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in connection with our review of your filing or in response to our comments on your filing.

We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. We will act on the request and, pursuant to delegated authority, grant acceleration of the effective date.

We direct your attention to Rule 461 regarding requesting acceleration of a registration statement. Please allow adequate time after the filing of any amendment for further review before submitting a request for acceleration. Please provide this request at least two business days in advance of the requested effective date.

You may contact Michael F. Johnson, Staff Attorney, at (202) 551-3477 with any questions. If you require further assistance, you may contact me at (202) 551-3462.

Sincerely,

Mark P. Shuman Branch Chief - Legal

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