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SYNGENTA AG

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Re: SYNGENTA AG

Press Release: Syngenta and DuPont Reach Agreement on Lawsuits

Filed herewith is a press release related to Syngenta AG. The full text of the press release follows:

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Media Release

Syngenta and DuPont Reach Agreement on Lawsuits

Wilmington, Delaware (USA) and Basel, Switzerland, 29 November 2004

Syngenta and DuPont announced today an agreement that settles infringement claims between the seed businesses of the two companies.

The agreement settles claims Syngenta Seeds, Inc., had brought against DuPont subsidiary Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., in a 2002 patent infringement lawsuit involving Pioneer, Monsanto, Dow AgroSciences and Mycogen, a wholly owned affiliate of Dow AgroSciences. Under the agreement, Pioneer receives a commercial license to Syngenta patents relating to Herculex¹ and YieldGard² insect resistant corn traits.

The companies also settled claims Pioneer brought against Syngenta in 2002. Pioneer had asserted that Syngenta inappropriately acquired Pioneer proprietary genetic material 15 years ago through a practice known as "chasing selfs". Syngenta has since terminated the practice.

Additional details of the agreements were not disclosed.

"We are pleased to have reached this agreement which recognizes the value of our intellectual property rights," said David Jones, Head of Business Development at Syngenta.

"This agreement is good news for farmers," said Dean Oestreich, Pioneer President. "It helps ensure we can continue to bring the new agricultural technologies that farmers want in the seed brand they prefer to plant, while

confirming the importance of germplasm intellectual property protection.□

Syngenta's ongoing lawsuit seeks damages and injunctive relief to stop Monsanto, Dow and Mycogen from selling Herculex and YieldGard insect resistant corn traits. Trial in this lawsuit begins today in US District Court in Delaware.

Syngenta is a world-leading agribusiness committed to sustainable agriculture through innovative research and technology. The company is a leader in crop protection, and ranks third in the high-value commercial seeds market. Sales in 2003 were approximately \$6.6 billion. Syngenta employs some 19,000 people in over 90 countries. Syngenta is listed on the Swiss stock exchange (SYNN) and in New York (SYT). Further information is available at www.syngenta.com.

DuPont is a science company. Founded in 1802, DuPont puts science to work by creating sustainable solutions essential to a better, safer, healthier life for people everywhere. Operating in more than 70 countries, DuPont offers a wide range of innovative products and services for markets including agriculture, nutrition, electronics, communications, safety, and protection, home and construction, transportation and apparel.

¹ Herculex is a trademark of Dow AgroSciences LLC.

² YieldGard is a registered trademark of Monsanto Company.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 29, 2004

SYNGENTA AG

By: /s/ Christoph Mäder

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Title: General Counsel

By: /s/ Damian Heller

Name: Damian Heller
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