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SYNGENTA AG

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Re: SYNGENTA AG

Press Release: Syngenta receives intellectual property protection for corn herbicide in China

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

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Item 1

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Media Release

Syngenta receives intellectual property protection for corn herbicide in China

Basel, Switzerland, 3 March 2005

Syngenta announced today that it has received Administrative Protection for its chemical compound *mesotrione* from the Chinese National Development and Reform Commission. The protection gives Syngenta exclusive rights to manufacture and sell *mesotrione* in China. *Mesotrione* is the active ingredient in the fast growing CALLISTO® range, a market leader in corn herbicides, launched in 2001.

Administrative Protection is a transitional intellectual property right granted consistent with China's obligations under the World Trade Organization's agreement on intellectual property (TRIPS). It was introduced in China in 1992 and enables protection of agrochemical compounds which were previously unpatentable. Syngenta currently has nine compounds under Administrative Protection in China.

"The protection for *mesotrione* is a significant achievement and will enhance the development of CALLISTO® products particularly in important Asian markets," said John Atkin, Chief Operating Officer of Syngenta Crop Protection. "It underpins the support for patent and intellectual property protection of chemical compounds in China."

The CALLISTO® range of selective herbicides provides unprecedented broadleaf weed control, an outstanding environmental profile and excellent crop safety.

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

