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SYNGENTA AG

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Re: SYNGENTA AG

Press Release: Syngenta enters into research collaboration on natural products 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 enters into research collaboration on natural products in China

Basel, Switzerland, 17 May 2005

Syngenta announced today that it has entered into a three-year research collaboration with Hubei Biopesticide Engineering Research Center (HBERC) of the Hubei Academy of Agricultural Sciences based in Wuhan, China. The aim of the collaboration is to discover natural chemicals that can be used as starting points for the development of novel crop protection agents.

Under the terms of this agreement, HBERC will collect micro-organisms from natural habitats in China, screen them for interesting biological activity and produce information on their chemical properties. Syngenta will provide technological and financial support and will pay HBERC royalties on any products derived from the research. Further financial details were not disclosed.

“With its recognized screening capabilities and strong expertise in natural products, HBERC will be an important research partner for Syngenta in China,” said David Lawrence, Syngenta Head of Research & Technology. “Natural products are a great source of inspiration for the discovery of innovative new products for crop protection. This evolution of our long-standing screening alliance underscores our commitment to build lasting research partnerships in China.”

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 2004 were approximately \$7.3 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.

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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.

SYNGENTA AG

Date: May 17, 2005

By: /s/ Christoph Mäder

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