

SYNGENTA AG  
Form 6-K  
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**FORM 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of December 2006

Commission File Number: 001-15152

**SYNGENTA AG**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Schwarzwaldallee 215**  
**4058 Basel**  
**Switzerland**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Re: SYNGENTA AG  
Press  
Release: **"Syngenta appoints new Executive Committee members"**

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

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**Media Release**

**Syngenta appoints new Executive Committee members**

**Basel, Switzerland, December 15, 2006**

Syngenta announced today that **Bruce Bissell**, Head of Global Operations, and **David Jones**, Head of Business Development, will be retiring from Syngenta on February 28, 2007.

Both were founder members of the Syngenta Executive Committee and played critical roles in establishing the company and in its subsequent success. They have served Syngenta and its legacy organizations with distinction: Bruce Bissell for 38 years and David Jones for 31 years.

With effect from January 1, 2007, **Robert Berendes** is appointed to the Executive Committee as Head of Business Development. From the same date, **Mark Peacock** is appointed to the Executive Committee as Head of Global Operations with responsibility for global supply and information services.

Michael Pragnell, Chief Executive, said: "On behalf of the whole organization, I should like to express my warmest appreciation to Bruce and David for all they have contributed to Syngenta throughout their distinguished careers. I should also like to wish Robert and Mark every success in their new positions."

Robert Berendes (41) is currently Head of Diverse Field Crops. He was previously Head of Strategy, Planning, M&A (2002-2005) for Syngenta. Prior to this, he was a partner and co-leader of the European chemical practice at McKinsey & Company. He graduated from the University of Cologne with a Diploma in Chemistry and has a PhD in Biophysics from the Max-Planck-Institute for Biochemistry/Technical University of Munich.

Mark Peacock (45) is currently Head of Global Supply. He was previously Regional Supply Manager for Asia Pacific (2000-2003) for Syngenta. Prior to this, he was a Product Manager in Zeneca Agrochemicals and General Manager of the Electrophotography Business in Zeneca Specialties. He has a degree in chemical engineering from Imperial College, London and a Masters in international management from McGill University in Montréal.

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 2005 were approximately \$8.1 billion. Syngenta employs more than 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](http://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: December 15, 2006

By: /s/ Damian Heller

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Name: Damian Heller

Title: Senior Corporate Counsel

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