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Report of Foreign Issuer

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

For the month of August 2004

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SYNGENTA AG

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Re: SYNGENTA AG
Press Release: Syngenta fortifies US market position with LEXAR corn herbicide

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 fortifies US market position with LEXAR[®] corn herbicide

Basel, Switzerland, 16 August 2004

Syngenta announced today the introduction of a new corn herbicide, LEXAR[®], in the USA. LEXAR[®] delivers superior season-long, pre-emergence weed control. The product will be available for the 2005 season and is specifically designed for the needs of growers in the central and southern corn-growing regions of the USA.

With its recent registration by the US Environment Protection Agency (EPA), LEXAR[®] is approved for use on all field corn varieties. LEXAR[®] is a new herbicide in the CALLISTO[®] range, a product family with sales of \$243 million in the first six months of 2004.

“LEXAR[®] is a powerful product that provides broad-spectrum weed control with a single application,” said John Atkin, Chief Operating Officer of Syngenta Crop Protection. “LEXAR[®] targets soil conditions and problem weeds specific to the central and southern US corn-growing areas. It will complement LUMAX[®] herbicide, which is designed for the northern geography. Enlarging our successful CALLISTO[®] range will allow us to further build on our market leading position in US corn.” 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.

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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: August 16, 2004

By: /s/ Peter Schreiner

Name: Peter Schreiner
Title: Authorized Signatory

By: /s/ Eva Catillon

Name: Eva Catillon
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