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SYNGENTA AG
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Re: SYNGENTA AG

Press Release: "Third Quarter 2010 Sales"

Herewith we furnish a press release related to Syngenta AG. The full text of the press release is the following:

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Third Quarter 2010 Sales

- Sales up 11 percent at constant exchange rates
- Crop Protection: growth across all product lines, all regions
- Continuing strong performance in Latin America
- Upturn in Northern hemisphere markets
- Technology success in Seeds
- Full year guidance maintained

Sales in the third quarter of 2010 increased by 11 percent at constant exchange rates; reported sales were 10 percent higher at \$2.2 billion. In the first nine months of the year, sales were up 1 percent at constant exchange rates at \$8.9 billion.

In Crop Protection, third quarter sales volume increased by 18 percent, with strong growth across all product lines and all regions. Prices were 7 percent lower and 5 percent lower excluding glyphosate, an improved performance compared with the second quarter. In Europe, growth in most major markets was driven by Herbicides and by Seed Care. NAFTA saw sustained volume momentum across the portfolio, more than offsetting lower prices notably for glyphosate. Latin America continued to deliver an excellent performance, particularly in Argentina where sales were up by more than 40 percent. In Brazil, moisture levels improved towards the end of September resulting in a good start to planting. Growth in Asia-Pacific accelerated, driven by the emerging markets.

Growth in Selective Herbicides was led by CALLISTO® in North America and by sales on oilseed rape in Europe. Modest growth in Non-selective Herbicides was due largely to strong volume growth in TOUCHDOWN® in the Americas, more than offsetting price weakness. Fungicide growth was led by AMISTAR® in Latin America, where sales were up by more than 50 percent. Growth in Insecticides was driven by ACTARA® and DURIVO®. Seed Care sales improved with a strong performance by CRUISER® in Europe and Latin America. In Professional Products, turf and ornamentals showed a recovery in an improved economic environment.

Combined sales of new products reached \$338 million in the first nine months of the year, an increase of 16 percent. The main drivers were DURIVO® and REVUS®, which are being launched in additional markets.

Seeds sales increased by 12 percent in the third quarter. Volume increased by 4 percent and prices were 8 percent higher. Sales of Corn & Soybean were up by more than 20 percent led by the USA, reflecting a positive market reaction to an enhanced portfolio. Sales of Diverse Field Crops increased slightly due to the consolidation of the recent sunflower acquisition. Vegetables showed double digit growth in all regions reflecting the breadth of the range and expansion into emerging markets.

Mike Mack, Chief Executive Officer, said:

“The third quarter performance confirms our expectation of continuing positive volume momentum in the second half of 2010. This, coupled with careful control of costs and increasing profitability in Seeds, should allow us to achieve full year operating income around last year’s level. As we look ahead to 2011, we are in a strong position to capture value from improving conditions in the crop protection market and from the significant advances in our Seeds technology.”

Syngenta is one of the world's leading companies with more than 25,000 employees in over 90 countries dedicated to our purpose: Bringing plant potential to life. Through world-class science, global reach and commitment to our customers we help to increase crop productivity, protect the environment and improve health and quality of life. For more information about us please go to www.syngenta.com.

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Unaudited Third Quarter Product Line and Regional Sales

	Q3 2010	Q3 2009	Actual	CER(1)
	\$m	\$m	%	%
Syngenta				
Crop Protection	1763	1609	+ 10	+ 11
Seeds	442	406	+ 9	+ 12
Business Development	3	2	na	na
Inter-segment elimination(2)	- 9	- 17	-	-
Total	2199	2000	+ 10	+ 11
Crop Protection				
Product line				
Selective Herbicides	302	272	+ 11	+ 15
Non-selective Herbicides	276	270	+ 2	+ 2
Fungicides	503	454	+ 11	+ 11
Insecticides	337	322	+ 5	+ 5
Seed Care	202	186	+ 9	+ 13
Professional Products	97	92	+ 7	+ 5
Others	46	13	na	na
Total	1763	1609	+ 10	+ 11
Regional				
Europe, Africa and Middle East	422	402	+ 5	+ 14
NAFTA	424	404	+ 5	+ 4
Latin America	590	515	+ 15	+ 15
Asia Pacific	327	288	+ 13	+ 9
Total	1763	1609	+ 10	+ 11
Seeds				
Product line				
Corn & Soybean	154	126	+ 23	+ 22
Diverse Field Crops	68	70	- 3	+ 2
Vegetables	156	139	+ 12	+ 15
Flowers	64	71	- 9	- 4
Total	442	406	+ 9	+ 12
Regional				
Europe, Africa and Middle East	158	159	-	+ 8
NAFTA	122	94	+ 31	+ 31
Latin America	112	115	- 3	- 3
Asia Pacific	50	38	+ 31	+ 26
Total	442	406	+ 9	+ 12

(1) Growth at constant exchange rates.

(2) Crop Protection inter-segment sales to Seeds.

Unaudited Nine Months Product Line and Regional Sales

	9 months 2010 \$m	9 months 2009 \$m	Actual %	CER(1) %
Syngenta				
Crop Protection	6759	6609	+ 2	-
Seeds	2205	2082	+ 6	+ 4
Business Development	8	7	na	na
Inter-segment elimination(2)	- 33	- 43	-	-
Total	8939	8655	+ 3	+ 1
Crop Protection				
Product line				
Selective Herbicides	1922	1887	+ 2	- 2
Non-selective Herbicides	824	961	- 14	- 17
Fungicides	1991	1810	+ 10	+ 7
Insecticides	1037	995	+ 4	+ 2
Seed Care	571	578	- 1	- 2
Professional Products	339	317	+ 7	+ 4
Others	75	61	na	na
Total	6759	6609	+ 2	-
Regional				
Europe, Africa and Middle East	2212	2212	-	- 2
NAFTA	2086	2286	- 9	- 12
Latin America	1300	1065	+ 22	+ 22
Asia Pacific	1161	1046	+ 11	+ 4
Total	6759	6609	+ 2	-
Seeds				
Product line				
Corn & Soybean	960	969	- 1	- 3
Diverse Field Crops	454	374	+ 21	+ 16
Vegetables	516	461	+ 12	+ 11
Flowers	275	278	- 1	- 2
Total	2205	2082	+ 6	+ 4
Regional				
Europe, Africa and Middle East	920	818	+ 12	+ 9
NAFTA	948	974	- 3	- 3
Latin America	174	156	+ 11	+ 11
Asia Pacific	163	134	+ 22	+ 15
Total	2205	2082	+ 6	+ 4

(1) Growth at constant exchange rates.

(2) Crop Protection inter-segment sales to Seeds.

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

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