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

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Re: SYNGENTA AG

Disclosure: “Syngenta announces public offer for Devgen”

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

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Basel, Switzerland, September 21, 2012

Syngenta announces public offer for Devgen

- Acquisition to reinforce leading position in global rice market
- Expanded toolbox for development of integrated rice offers
- RNAi technology for new biological insect control solutions

Syngenta today announced a bid for the Belgian company Devgen, a global leader in hybrid rice and RNAi technology. Completion of the transaction would enable Syngenta to combine its leading crop protection portfolio with Devgen's best-in-class rice hybrids and broad germplasm diversity. Devgen also brings proven expertise in RNAi-based insect control, for which the two companies signed a global license and research agreement to develop spray applications in May.

The intended takeover bid is for all outstanding shares and warrants issued by Devgen, representing a total consideration of around €403 million. Syngenta has offered €16 for each Devgen share and a price for the warrants set according to market practice.¹ The bid has been recommended by the Board of Directors of Devgen and is supported by a number of major shareholders holding approximately 48 percent of all shares. Devgen is listed on the NYSE Euronext Brussels exchange; delisting is planned on completion of the transaction.

Davor Pisk, COO, said: "This acquisition will significantly reinforce our leading global position in rice, enabling us further to expand our integrated offers by incorporating the next generation of hybrid rice. Syngenta has already demonstrated its ability to integrate technologies in ways which meet the needs of smallholder farmers in emerging markets. Rice is critical to global food security and we expect to make a key contribution to improving productivity. We look forward to welcoming Devgen employees with their knowledge of rice and other crops to Syngenta."

Sandro Aruffo, Head of R&D, said: "There is immense potential in combining Devgen's pioneering research in both GM and sprayable RNAi-based crop applications with Syngenta's broad crop protection portfolio. By building complementary biological insect control solutions into our offer we can increase the options and capabilities we provide to our customers."

¹ The bid will be subject to customary and normal conditions including (i) Syngenta acquiring at least 80% of the shares and (ii) no material adverse change having occurred.

Thierry Bogaert, CEO of Devgen, said: “I am pleased that the achievements and expertise of the Devgen team have been recognized by one of the leading companies in world agriculture. Syngenta’s global scale and reach means that our technology will reach more growers more quickly, enabling vital improvements in crop productivity and protection.”

Full details of the bid will be covered in the offer prospectus submitted by Syngenta and the memorandum of reply prepared by the Board of Directors of Devgen, following approval thereof by the FSMA, the Belgian financial markets regulator.

Syngenta is one of the world's leading companies with more than 26,000 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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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: September 21,
2012

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