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SYNGENTA AG

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Re: SYNGENTA AG

Press Release: Innovative Syngenta products address corn rootworm threat in Europe

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

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Item 1

Media Release

Innovative Syngenta products address corn rootworm threat in Europe

Basel, Switzerland, 15 April 2004

With the registration of three innovative insecticide treatments, Hungarian maize growers are among the first European farmers to have an effective means of preventing significant crop loss due to Western corn rootworm.

Since it was first found in Hungary in 1995, Western corn rootworm has now been detected on 1.1 million hectares of the country's maize cropland and this year could cause serious economic damage on about ten per cent of this area. To control the effects of this pest, three Syngenta products have been granted registration: CRUISER[®], FORCE[®] and KARATE ZEON[®].

With infestations appearing across several European countries, crop losses are estimated to reach 300-500 million annually within five years if left unchecked. For a number of years, Syngenta has

