

SYNGENTA AG  
Form 6-K  
May 14, 2004

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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 May 2004

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 acquires glyphosate tolerance technology for corn

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

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## Media Release

### **Syngenta acquires glyphosate tolerance technology for corn**

**Basel, Switzerland, 12 May 2004**

Syngenta announced today that it has acquired rights to a commercially successful glyphosate tolerance technology in corn from Bayer CropScience. The technology, called GA21, enables farmers to control weeds in corn with post emergence applications of the non-selective herbicide glyphosate. Syngenta will offer the technology in NK® brand hybrids and through licenses with other seed companies. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed. This transaction gives Syngenta fast-track entry into an important segment of the corn crop protection market, said David Jones, Head of Business Development for Syngenta. This valuable technology further strengthens our already broad product portfolio of corn hybrids, traits and crop protection products.

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](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: May 12, 2004

By: /s/ Damian Heller

Name: Damian Heller  
Title: Company Secretary

By: /s/ Daniel Michaelis

Name: Daniel Michaelis  
Title: Senior Corporate Counsel