

MONSANTO CO /NEW/  
Form SC TO-C  
May 31, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**SCHEDULE TO**

(RULE 14d-100)

**Tender Offer Statement Pursuant to Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**Monsanto Company**

(Name of Subject Company)

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**Bayer Aktiengesellschaft**

(Names of Filing Person (Offeror))

**Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**61166W101**

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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Not applicable

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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|--------------|---|
| Exhibit 99.1 | Article published in Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung on May 29, 2016 (translation from German original). |
| Exhibit 99.2 | Article published in quarterly <i>Crosstalk</i> magazine #112 for Bayer UK employees.                           |
| Exhibit 99.3 | Letter to Bayer R&D Employees sent on May 31, 2016.   |
| Exhibit 99.4 | Additional Q&A provided in response to individual inquiries.  |