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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 April 2005

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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 to launch long-dated Euro-denominated bond

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 to launch long-dated Euro-denominated bond

Basel, Switzerland, 4 April 2005

Syngenta announced today that it intends to launch a Euro-denominated Eurobond of benchmark size with a maturity of at least 15 years subject to market conditions. The company also intends to make a public tender offer on April 4 for its outstanding 5.5% Eurobond, due July 10 2006. Proceeds from the Eurobond issue will be partially utilized further to strengthen the Group's major pension funds which were 85 per cent funded at the end of 2004.

"This balance sheet optimization further enhances our financial position and underpins our commitment to return more than \$1 billion to shareholders by end 2006 through the combination of a progressive dividend policy and share repurchase programme", said Domenico Scala, Chief Financial Officer. He added: "This is an opportune time to issue new debt, extend the maturity profile and, at the same time, significantly improve the funding of our major pension funds."

Further information on these transactions is available at www.bondcom.com/syngentabond.

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 2004 were approximately \$7.3 billion. Syngenta employs some 19,000 people in over 90 countries. Syngenta is listed on the Swiss stock exchange

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Any offer to purchase or solicitation of offers to sell the 2006 Notes will be contained exclusively in a tender offer memorandum to be prepared by Syngenta Luxembourg Finance (#2) S.c.A.

The making of a tender offer for, or a solicitation of offers to sell, the 2006 Notes and the offering, sale and delivery of any New Notes issued by Syngenta Luxembourg Finance (#2) S.c.A, and the distribution of any offering materials in connection therewith, in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. In particular, neither the 2006 Notes nor any New Notes have been or will be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and may not be offered or sold, or be the subject of any offer to buy or a solicitation of an offer to sell, in the United States absent an exemption from registration under the Securities Act/Stabilisation/FSA.

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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: April 4, 2005

By: /s/ Christoph Mäder

Name: Christoph Mäder
Title: General Counsel

By: /s/ Damian Heller

Name: Damian Heller
Title: Company Secretary

