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Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of April 2004

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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 holds Annual General Meeting

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

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Syngenta holds Annual General Meeting

Basel, Switzerland, 27 April 2004

At the third Annual General Meeting of Syngenta AG in Basel, shareholders approved all the motions proposed by the Board of Directors. The 847 shareholders represented 25.9% of the total shares issued.

The intention of the Board to return more than \$800 million to shareholders over the next three years was supported. Shareholders approved a doubling of the dividend to CHF 1.70, to be paid by way of a reduction of the nominal value of shares. In addition, the shareholders authorized the Board to purchase up to 10 per cent of the total share capital, allowing for the commencement of the share repurchase program announced in February.

Rupert Gasser, Heinz Imhof and Michael Pragnell were re-elected to the Board each for a three-year term of office. Sir David Barnes has decided not to stand for re-election, having reached the age of 68. Sir David has played an important role in the creation of Syngenta and during the integration phase. His successor will be proposed for election at the Annual General Meeting 2005.

At the meeting, the annual and financial reports for 2003 were approved. Ernst & Young AG were re-elected as Group Auditors of Syngenta.

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

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countries. Syngenta is listed on the Swiss stock exchange (SYNN) and in New York (SYT). Further information is available at 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: April 27, 2004

By: /s/ Damian Heller

Name: Damian Heller
Title: Company Secretary

By: /s/ Daniel Michaelis

Name: Daniel Michaelis
Title: Senior Corporate Counsel
