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Report of Foreign Issuer

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For the month of October 2009

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SYNGENTA AG
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Re: SYNGENTA AG

Press Release: "Third Quarter 2009 Sales"

Herewith we furnish a press release related to Syngenta AG. The full text of the press release is the following:

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Basel, Switzerland, October 23, 2009

Third Quarter 2009 Sales

- Nine month sales unchanged at constant exchange rates
- Third quarter sales 8% lower*; 3% lower* ex glyphosate price
 - Good start to Latin America season
 - Full year earnings target maintained

Sales in the third quarter of 2009 were 8 percent lower at constant exchange rates; excluding a decline in glyphosate prices sales were 3 percent lower*. Reported sales were 12 percent lower at \$2 billion. In the first nine months of the year, sales were unchanged at constant exchange rates at \$8.7 billion.

In Crop Protection third quarter sales were 10 percent lower*; excluding glyphosate pricing sales were 4 percent lower*. In Europe and NAFTA, grower sentiment was subdued in a shorter season with lower pest pressure; credit constraint in Eastern Europe also contributed to a reduction in volume. Latin America saw robust volume growth at the start of the main season supported by higher soybean acres. In Asia-Pacific sales were driven by the launch of new products and by strong growth in fungicides. Overall, prices excluding glyphosate were slightly higher for the quarter and for the first nine months were up by 6 percent.

Crop Protection sales by product line saw an increase in Fungicides and Insecticides led by Latin America and Asia Pacific. Sales of Selective Herbicides were lower primarily due to a product timing issue in France; Non-selective Herbicide performance reflected significantly lower glyphosate prices. Seed Care sales continued their rapid growth in Asia Pacific but were lower in other regions. Professional Products have been affected this year by the economic environment.

Combined sales of new products reached \$274 million in the first nine months, an increase of 30 percent*, driven by DURIVO®, REVUS® and AXIAL®.

Seeds sales increased by 3 percent* in the quarter. For Corn & Soybean volumes in Latin America showed good growth driven by corn in Argentina and soybean in Brazil; in NAFTA returns of soybean were higher following early season acreage

* At constant exchange rates.

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uncertainty. Diverse Field Crops and Vegetables grew strongly in all regions, with Vegetables continuing their rapid expansion in Eastern Europe and Asia-Pacific, notably China. Flowers growth reflected the consolidation of acquisitions.

For the full year, Syngenta is targeting earnings per share** close to the record level achieved in 2008.

Syngenta is one of the world's leading companies with more than 24,000 employees in over 90 countries dedicated to our purpose: Bringing plant potential to life. Through world-class science, global reach and commitment to our customers we help to increase crop productivity, protect the environment and improve health and quality of life. For more information about us please go to www.syngenta.com.

** Fully diluted, excluding restructuring and impairment.

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This document contains forward-looking statements, which can be identified by terminology such as 'expect', 'would', 'will', 'potential', 'plans', 'prospects', 'estimated', 'aiming', 'on track' and similar expressions. Such statements may be subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results to differ materially from these statements. We refer you to Syngenta's publicly available filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for information about these and other risks and uncertainties. Syngenta assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, changed assumptions or other factors. This document does not constitute, or form part of, any offer or invitation to sell or issue, or any solicitation of any offer, to purchase or subscribe for any ordinary shares in Syngenta AG, or Syngenta ADSs, nor shall it form the basis of, or be relied on in connection with, any contract therefore.

Unaudited Nine Months Product Line and Regional Sales

| | 9 months 2009 | 9 months 2008 | Actual % | CER(1) % |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Syngenta | \$m | \$m | | |
| Crop Protection | 6609 | 7429 | - 11 | - 2 |
| Seeds | 2082 | 2156 | - 3 | +6 |
| Business Development | 7 | 22 | - 69 | - 69 |
| Inter-segment elimination(2) | (43) | (35) | - | - |
| Third Party Sales | 8655 | 9572 | -10 | - |
| Crop Protection | | | | |
| Product line | | | | |
| Selective Herbicides | 1887 | 2063 | - 8 | +2 |
| Non-selective Herbicides | 961 | 1101 | - 13 | - 5 |
| Fungicides | 1810 | 2103 | - 14 | - 4 |
| Insecticides | 995 | 1089 | - 9 | - |
| Seed Care | 578 | 622 | - 7 | +1 |
| Professional Products | 317 | 387 | - 18 | - 15 |
| Others | 61 | 64 | - 5 | - |
| Total | 6609 | 7429 | - 11 | - 2 |
| Regional | | | | |
| Europe, Africa and Middle East | 2212 | 2813 | - 21 | - 6 |
| NAFTA | 2286 | 2355 | - 3 | +3 |
| Latin America | 1065 | 1213 | - 12 | - 12 |
| Asia Pacific | 1046 | 1048 | - | +10 |
| Total | 6609 | 7429 | - 11 | - 2 |
| Seeds | | | | |
| Product line | | | | |
| Corn and Soybean | 969 | 958 | +1 | +7 |
| Diverse Field Crops | 374 | 420 | - 11 | +9 |
| Vegetables and Flowers | 739 | 778 | - 5 | +4 |
| Total | 2082 | 2156 | - 3 | +6 |
| Regional | | | | |
| Europe, Africa and Middle East | 818 | 984 | - 17 | +1 |
| NAFTA | 974 | 872 | +12 | +13 |
| Latin America | 156 | 173 | - 10 | - 10 |
| Asia Pacific | 134 | 127 | +6 | +21 |
| Total | 2082 | 2156 | - 3 | +6 |

(1) Growth at constant exchange rates.

(2) Crop Protection inter-segment sales to Seeds.

Unaudited Third Quarter Product Line and Regional Sales

| | 3rd Quarter 2009 \$m | 3rd Quarter 2008 \$m | Actual % | CER(1) % |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Syngenta | | | | |
| Crop Protection | 1609 | 1875 | - 14 | - 10 |
| Seeds | 406 | 417 | - 3 | +3 |
| Business Development | 2 | 2 | - 32 | - 31 |
| Inter-segment elimination(2) | (17) | (17) | - | - |
| Third Party Sales | 2000 | 2277 | - 12 | - 8 |
| Crop Protection | | | | |
| Product line | | | | |
| Selective Herbicides | 272 | 384 | - 29 | - 25 |
| Non-selective Herbicides | 270 | 362 | - 25 | - 21 |
| Fungicides | 454 | 454 | - | +5 |
| Insecticides | 322 | 310 | +4 | +9 |
| Seed Care | 186 | 234 | - 20 | - 14 |
| Professional Products | 92 | 98 | - 7 | - 7 |
| Others | 13 | 33 | - 59 | - 64 |
| Total | 1609 | 1875 | - 14 | - 10 |
| Regional | | | | |
| Europe, Africa and Middle East | 402 | 563 | - 29 | - 19 |
| NAFTA | 404 | 505 | - 20 | - 18 |
| Latin America | 515 | 515 | - | - |
| Asia Pacific | 288 | 292 | - 1 | +4 |
| Total | 1609 | 1875 | - 14 | - 10 |
| Seeds | | | | |
| Product line | | | | |
| Corn and Soybean | 126 | 144 | - 13 | - 13 |
| Diverse Field Crops | 70 | 67 | +6 | +20 |
| Vegetables and Flowers | 210 | 206 | +2 | +8 |
| Total | 406 | 417 | - 3 | +3 |
| Regional | | | | |
| Europe, Africa and Middle East | 159 | 173 | - 8 | +4 |
| NAFTA | 94 | 99 | - 6 | - 5 |
| Latin America | 115 | 107 | +7 | +7 |
| Asia Pacific | 38 | 38 | +1 | +9 |
| Total | 406 | 417 | - 3 | +3 |

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(2) Crop Protection inter-segment sales to Seeds.

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: October 23, 2009

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