

SYNGENTA AG
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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 January 2013

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

Schwarzwaldallee 215
4058 Basel
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Re: SYNGENTA AG

Disclosure: “Syngenta e-licensing heralds new era for sharing of plant science innovation”

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

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Syngenta e-licensing heralds new era for sharing of plant science innovation

- Easy, internet-based access to key patented technologies
- Fair, reasonable and transparent terms for all
- Free use for academic and non-profit organizations

Syngenta today launched a landmark e-licensing platform to provide plant breeders and research institutes around the world with quick and easy access to patented native traits from its commercial vegetable varieties.

The global internet-based platform also offers access to patented enabling technologies, which help breeders with gene expression, plant transformation and protein targeting as they develop high-yielding varieties.

Syngenta's Head of Business Development, Robert Berendes, said: "We are proud to be able to make our patented native traits and enabling technologies more accessible than ever before. Our e-licensing platform will help accelerate innovation in agriculture so that growers – large and small – can increase productivity in the face of challenges such as climate change and scarce natural resources."

All academic and non-profit organizations can make free use of the available traits and technologies for R&D purposes and can distribute the resulting products in developing countries free of charge.

Creating new varieties with desirable combinations of plant characteristics requires extensive breeding expertise and long-term R&D investment. Patents play an important role in incentivizing research. However, plant breeders have traditionally been challenged by the complex, costly and time-consuming process of obtaining licenses to patented technology. Syngenta has addressed this issue by offering standard licenses under fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory (FRAND) terms. There are also no lengthy and complex negotiations as licenses can be secured via the internet-based platform.

To access Syngenta's e-licensing system, please visit: www.traitability.com

Syngenta is one of the world's leading companies with more than 26,000 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

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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: January 17, 2013

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