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

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Re: SYNGENTA AG

Disclosure: “Syngenta submits legal challenge to EU suspension of thiamethoxam”

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, August 27, 2013

Syngenta submits legal challenge to EU suspension of thiamethoxam

Syngenta has submitted a legal challenge to the European Commission's decision to suspend the use of thiamethoxam on bee attractive crops. The Commission took the decision on the basis of a flawed process, an inaccurate and incomplete assessment by the European Food Safety Authority and without the full support of EU Member States.

Syngenta Chief Operating Officer, John Atkin, said: "We would prefer not to take legal action but have no other choice given our firm belief that the Commission wrongly linked thiamethoxam to the decline in bee health. In suspending the product, it breached EU pesticide legislation and incorrectly applied the precautionary principle.

"Since the EU suspension of thiamethoxam was announced, farmers and farmer organizations have expressed great concern that an extremely effective, low dose product will not be available to them and will have to be replaced by much less sustainable alternatives. Modern products like thiamethoxam are essential to address the challenge of increasing European food production and reducing the reliance on imports."

Syngenta called on all stakeholders to concentrate on practical solutions to bee health, which most experts agree is damaged by disease, viruses and the loss of habitat and nutrition. The company confirmed its commitment to support the expansion of Operation Pollinator across Europe and the Bee Health Action Plan, which was published in April 2013.

For more information on Syngenta's contribution to bee health visit: www.operationpollinator.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

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