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Re: SYNGENTA AG

Press Release: "Preliminary First Quarter 2008 sales"

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

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Preliminary First Quarter 2008 sales

Basel, Switzerland, 3 April 2008

Growth in the first quarter of 2008 has exceeded expectations and preliminary first quarter sales figures indicate an increase of 20 percent at constant exchange rates compared with the first quarter of 2007. Growth was spread across all regions, with particularly strong demand for Crop Protection products augmented by a robust performance in Seeds. While this rate of growth is unlikely to be sustained throughout the year, the first quarter momentum leads the company to expect that full year earnings per share\* growth is likely to exceed 20 percent.

More detailed information will be available in the full first quarter trading statement to be published on 22 April.

\*Fully diluted, excluding 2007 non-recurring income, restructuring, impairment and share repurchase program.

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 2007 were approximately \$9.2 billion. Syngenta employs over 21,000 people in more than 90 countries. Syngenta is listed on the Swiss stock exchange (SYNN) and in New York (SYT). Further information is available at [www.syngenta.com](http://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 3, 2008

By:

/s/ Christoph Mäder

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