

SYNGENTA AG  
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FORM 6-K  
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 March 2011

Commission File Number: 001-15152

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 to divest Materials Protection business”

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, March 1, 2011

Syngenta to divest Materials Protection business

- Sale of Materials Protection business to Lanxess
- Exclusive licensing and supply agreements for related active ingredients and technologies

Syngenta announced today that it has signed an agreement to divest its Materials Protection business to Lanxess. Under the terms of the agreement, Lanxess will purchase intellectual property, registrations and regulatory data specific to Materials Protection. Syngenta will grant Lanxess access to related active ingredients and technologies through exclusive licensing and supply agreements. Employees and fixed assets are not part of the divestment.

Syngenta's Materials Protection business had sales of around \$25 million (€19 million) in 2010. The transaction is expected to close in April 2011. Financial details have not been disclosed.

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](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: March 1, 2011

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