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Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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SYNGENTA AG

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Switzerland

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Re: SYNGENTA AG

Press Release: Syngenta and Delta & Pine Land enter long-term technology agreement in cotton

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

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Media Release

Syngenta and Delta & Pine Land enter long-term technology agreement in cotton

Basel, Switzerland, 24 August 2004

Syngenta and Delta and Pine Land (D&PL) of the USA announced today a long-term agreement to develop and commercialize novel biotechnology products for cotton.

Syngenta will grant licenses to D&PL for its insect resistance biotechnology traits in cotton. In return, Syngenta will receive payments for the licenses and a share of grower technology fees. The first product to be commercialized under the agreement is expected to be a novel insect control trait, VipCot[®]. This will be followed by stacked insect traits.

David Jones, Head of Business Development at Syngenta, commented: "This agreement with the market leader in cotton seeds will enable Syngenta to commercialize its portfolio of cotton traits. We are delighted that D&PL have, through this important commitment, recognized the quality of Syngenta's science."

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 2003 were approximately \$6.6 billion. Syngenta employs some 19,000 people in over 90 countries. Syngenta is listed on the Swiss stock exchange (SYNN) and in New York (SYT). Further information is available at www.syngenta.com.

Delta and Pine Land Company is a leading commercial breeder, producer and marketer of cotton planting seed. Headquartered in Scott, Mississippi, USA, with multiple offices in eight US states and facilities in several countries, D&PL also breeds, produces and markets soybean planting seed in the USA. For more information, please refer to www.deltaandpine.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: August 24, 2004

By: /s/ Christoph Mäder

Name: Christoph Mäder
Title: Authorized Signatory

By: /s/ Damian Heller

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Title: Authorized Signatory