

SYNGENTA AG  
Form 6-K  
December 21, 2004

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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 December 2004

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 Management Appointment

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 Management Appointment**

**Basel, Switzerland, 17 December 2004**

Mike Mack, currently Head of Crop Protection NAFTA, is to be appointed to the Executive Committee as Chief Operating Officer Syngenta Seeds, with effect from January 1, 2005, based in Basel. He takes over from Jeff Beard who is stepping down from the Executive Committee and has decided to pursue his career outside Syngenta.

Mike Mack joined Syngenta in his current position in 2002. He was previously President Worldwide Paper Division at Imerys SA following senior appointments at English China Clays plc and Mead Corporation of the USA. He studied Economics in Michigan and Strasbourg and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.

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](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: December 17, 2004

By: /s/ Damian Heller

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Name: Damian Heller  
Title: Company Secretary

By: /s/ Daniel Michaelis

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Name: Daniel Michaelis  
Title: Senior Corporate Counsel