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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 October 2007

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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: **“Third Quarter Trading Statement 2007”**

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

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Third Quarter Trading Statement 2007

Basel, Switzerland, 18 October 2007

Third quarter sales increased by 21% to \$1.7 billion; at constant exchange rates (CER) sales were 17% higher. For the first nine months sales rose 9% (CER) to \$7.4 billion.

In Crop Protection, third quarter sales rose 16% (CER) with growth across all regions. The main impetus came from Latin America where the strength of the portfolio was fully exploited in a strong market, notably Brazil and Argentina. In Europe, exceptional disease pressure in fruit and vegetables contributed to increased fungicide sales in major markets. Double digit growth in NAFTA reflected a strong US performance, particularly in herbicides. In Asia Pacific, continued progress in China, India and the emerging markets of South East Asia more than offset lower sales in Japan. For the first nine months, sales of new products rose 19% to \$949 million led by AXIAL[®], ACTARA[®], CRUISER[®] and CALLISTO[®].

Seeds sales rose 23% (CER) in the quarter driven largely by growth in Corn & Soybean in Latin America. Vegetables continued to deliver good growth with further expansion in Europe and emerging markets. The performance in Flowers reflected the consolidation of Fischer, acquired in the first half.

For the full year, continued strong performance enables the company to increase its 2007 target to high teens growth in earnings per share*.

* *Fully diluted, before restructuring, impairment, non-recurring income 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 2006 were approximately \$8.1 billion. Syngenta employs some 21,000 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.

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Unaudited Nine Months Product Line and Regional Sales

	9 Months	9 Months	Actual	CER⁽¹⁾
	2007	2006	%	%
Syngenta	\$m	\$m		
Crop Protection	5739	5119	+ 12	+ 9
Seeds	1701	1541	+ 10	+ 7
Plant Science	3	1	-	-
Inter-segment elimination ⁽²⁾	(44)	(51)	-	-
Third Party Sales	7399	6610	+ 12	+ 9
Crop Protection				
Product line				
Selective herbicides	1709	1568	+ 9	+ 6
Non-selective herbicides	711	601	+ 18	+ 15
Fungicides	1556	1346	+ 16	+ 11
Insecticides	936	854	+ 10	+ 6
Professional products	800	709	+ 13	+ 11
Others	27	41	- 34	- 35
Total	5739	5119	+ 12	+ 9
Regional				
Europe, Africa and Middle East	2123	1834	+ 16	+ 8
NAFTA	1935	1882	+ 3	+ 3
Latin America	861	635	+ 36	+ 36
Asia Pacific	820	768	+ 7	+ 3
Total	5739	5119	+ 12	+ 9
Seeds				
Product line				
Corn & Soybean	795	745	+ 7	+ 5
Diverse Field Crops	298	278	+ 7	+ 1
Vegetables and Flowers	608	518	+ 17	+ 12
Total	1701	1541	+ 10	+ 7
Regional				
Europe, Africa and Middle East	706	617	+ 14	+ 6
NAFTA	785	766	+ 3	+ 3
Latin America	112	79	+ 42	+ 42
Asia Pacific	98	79	+ 23	+ 16
Total	1701	1541	+ 10	+ 7

(1) Growth at constant exchange rates.

(2) Crop Protection inter-segment sales to Seeds.

Unaudited Third Quarter Product Line and Regional Sales

	3 rd Quarter 2007 \$m	3 rd Quarter 2006 \$m	Actual %	CER ⁽¹⁾ %
Syngenta				
Crop Protection	1436	1203	+ 19	+ 16
Seeds	283	222	+ 28	+ 23
Plant Science	1	0	-	-
Inter-segment elimination ⁽²⁾	(11)	(14)	-	-
Third Party Sales	1709	1411	+ 21	+ 17
Crop Protection				
Product line				
Selective herbicides	286	255	+ 12	+ 9
Non-selective herbicides	250	179	+ 40	+ 36
Fungicides	373	281	+ 32	+ 28
Insecticides	272	252	+ 8	+ 5
Professional products	246	219	+ 12	+ 10
Others	9	17	- 48	- 51
Total	1436	1203	+ 19	+ 16
Regional				
Europe, Africa and Middle East	452	382	+ 18	+ 12
NAFTA	339	303	+ 12	+ 11
Latin America	412	308	+ 34	+ 34
Asia Pacific	233	210	+ 11	+ 4
Total	1436	1203	+ 19	+ 16
Seeds				
Product line				
Corn & Soybean	63	37	+ 68	+ 66
Diverse Field Crops	44	36	+ 23	+ 14
Vegetables and Flowers	176	149	+ 19	+ 14
Total	283	222	+ 28	+ 23
Regional				
Europe, Africa and Middle East	129	100	+ 29	+ 20
NAFTA	63	50	+ 26	+ 26
Latin America	63	44	+ 43	+ 43
Asia Pacific	28	28	+ 3	- 4
Total	283	222	+ 28	+ 23

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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: October 18, 2007

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