

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 November 2009

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 acquires U.S. lettuce seed companies"

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, November 12, 2009

Syngenta acquires U.S. lettuce seed companies

- Simultaneous acquisition of two U.S. lettuce seed companies lays strong foundation for growth
  - Acquired lettuce gene pool strengthens worldwide development portfolio

Syngenta announced today the signing of agreements to acquire two U.S.-based lettuce seed companies: Synergene Seed & Technology, Inc. and Pybas Vegetable Seed Co., Inc. The acquisitions will establish a significant position for Syngenta in the North American lettuce market and will broaden its lettuce development portfolio in Europe and Asia.

“The acquired companies are highly complementary and combine a broad and deep range of proprietary germplasm with excellent breeding and production capabilities,” said Davor Pisk, Chief Operating Officer Syngenta Seeds. “Syngenta’s technology platform will allow us to optimize these strengths and to provide a compelling product offering to growers in North America and internationally.”

Synergene Seed & Technology, Inc. is a lettuce seed company based in Salinas, CA, with a diverse and proprietary lettuce gene pool. Pybas Vegetable Seed Co., Inc., based in Santa Maria, CA, is well-known for its quality seed production and processing as well as its germplasm. Both companies will be integrated into the Syngenta Vegetables business.

The lettuce seed market is valued at around \$160 million globally.

No financial details of the transaction have been disclosed.

Syngenta is one of the world's leading companies with more than 24,000 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) or [www.growmorefromless.com](http://www.growmorefromless.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: November 12, 2009      By: /s/ Christoph Mäder  
Name: Christoph Mäder  
Title: Head Legal & Taxes

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