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**Report of Foreign Issuer** 

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

For the month of January 2006

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# 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 obtains regulatory approvals for Axial] in North America[] 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 obtains regulatory approvals for Axial[] in North America

## Basel, Switzerland, 24 January 2006

Syngenta announced today that its new cereal herbicide, Axial, has received registrations in Canada and the US. It will be launched in these two of the world s five leading cereal markets for the 2006 season, as well as in the UK where the product obtained registration last September. Axial is expected to achieve peak global sales of at least \$150 million annually.

[Axial, provides outstanding control of a broad spectrum of grass weeds in wheat and barley and offers unprecedented crop safety], says John Atkin, Chief Operating Officer of Syngenta Crop Protection.

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 2004 were approximately \$7.3 billion. Syngenta employs some 20,000 people in over 90 countries. Syngenta is listed on the Swiss stock exchange (SYNN) and in New York (SYT). Further information is available at <a href="http://www.syngenta.com">www.syngenta.com</a>.

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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:January 24, 2006

By:/s/ Christoph Mäder

Name: Christoph Mäder Title: Head Global Legal & Taxes

By:/s/ Damian Heller

Name: Damian Heller Title: Company Secretary

ystem used by the Plan Administrator -- as of January 31, 2005, to have been credited to the reporting person's account in the Norfolk Southern Corporation Thrift and Investment Plan (TIP), a trusteed 401(k) plan. In accordance with TIP's terms applicable to all participants, acquisitions were made at various times and at various prices.(3)Reports the grant to the reporting person of option to purchase 9,000 shares of common stock under the Norfolk Southern Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan). The options may be exercisable in certain cases after January 28, 2006, if the reporting person retires.(4)Reports the number of Restricted Stock Units, exempt under Section 16b(3), granted and credited to the account of the reporting person on January 28, 2005, under the terms of the Norfolk Southern Corporation Restricted Stock Unit Plan. These Units ultimately will be satisfied in cash, not in shares of common stock, upon expiration of the restriction period or on January 28, 2010, whichever is earlier.(5)Reports cash payment to the reporting person of deferred stock units paid as dividend equivalents under the Long-Term incentive Plan (a Rule 16b-3 plan) based on the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on January 31, 2005.

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