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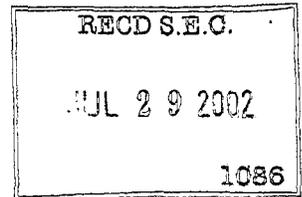
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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a OR 15d-16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of July 2002

SYNGENTA AG  
(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934)

Yes

No

(If "Yes" is marked indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-\_\_)

Re: SYNGENTA AG  
Press release

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

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## **Syngenta files suit to enforce biotechnology patents**

**Basel, Switzerland, July 26, 2002 – Syngenta filed suit yesterday against Monsanto, DeKalb Genetics, Pioneer Hi-Bred, Delta and Pine Land, Dow AgroSciences and Mycogen Seeds in Federal District Court in Delaware to stop the unlawful infringement of US biotechnology patents covering transgenic corn and cotton, which are either owned by or exclusively licensed to Syngenta.**

Specifically, Syngenta asserts that YieldGard® and Herculex™ I insect resistant corn products and Roundup Ready® and Bollgard® cotton products fall within the scope of its patent rights. Syngenta is seeking damages and injunctive relief to stop Monsanto, DeKalb Genetics, Pioneer Hi-Bred, Delta and Pine Land, Dow AgroSciences and Mycogen Seeds from selling these products and from developing further infringing products.

"It is clear that nothing short of this comprehensive action will stop the ongoing violation of our intellectual property rights," said David Jones, Head of Plant Science at Syngenta. "Our competitors are proceeding without regard to our patents. We are prosecuting these actions to stop their infringing activities."

Two separate lawsuits are filed. In the first, Syngenta charges that Monsanto, DeKalb Genetics, Pioneer Hi-Bred, Dow AgroSciences and Mycogen Seeds are infringing one or more of US Patent No. 6,075,185, US Patent No. 6,320,100, and US Patent No. 6,403,865. These patents cover synthetic Bt genes with increased expression in corn and corn plants resistant to insects such as European corn borer; patent cover includes corn plants with such genes either alone or stacked with other traits.

In a second lawsuit, Syngenta asserts that Monsanto and Delta and Pine Land are infringing US Patent No. 6,051,757, which covers methods of transferring genes into broadleaf plants such as cotton and soybeans using Agrobacterium and related methods of breeding. This patent emanates from the work of Syngenta scientist Dr. Mary-Dell Chilton, who is a co-inventor and was the first to successfully insert transgenes into plants.

These actions are unrelated to a patent interference proceeding between Syngenta, Monsanto and other third parties contesting rights to a US patent covering all transgenic broadleaf plants per se, including soybeans, cotton and canola.

Syngenta is a world-leading agribusiness. The company ranks first in crop protection, and third in the high-value commercial seeds market. Sales in 2001 were approximately US \$6.3 billion. Syngenta employs more than 20,000 people in over 50 countries. The company is committed to sustainable agriculture through innovative Research and Technology. Syngenta is listed on the Swiss stock exchange and in London, New York and Stockholm. Further information is available at [www.syngenta.com](http://www.syngenta.com).

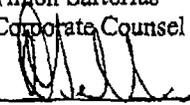
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Pursuant to the requirements of the U.S. Securities Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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Title: Corporate Counsel

By:   
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Title: Company Secretary

Date: July 29, 2002