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Third Quarter 2008 sales: strong growth in all regions

Sales in the third quarter of 2008 increased by 28 percent at constant exchange rates (CER). Reported sales were 33 percent higher at \$2.3 billion. In the first nine months of the year sales were up 22 percent (CER) to \$9.6 billion.

In Crop Protection third quarter sales were 26 percent higher (CER), with volume growth of 12 percent and price realization, including glyphosate, ahead of target at 14 percent. In NAFTA, the growth rate increased significantly driven by the expansion of the corn fungicide market and strong herbicide demand. In Latin America there was a good start to the season with a further acreage increase and ongoing investment in both soybean and corn. Europe saw sustained growth in herbicides and seed care; sales in Eastern Europe were almost 50 percent higher reflecting the drive to increase productivity. Asia Pacific saw growth across the emerging markets and improved trading in Australia.

Growth by product line was broad-based. The most notable performances were from non-selective herbicides, led by price gains in TOUCHDOWN[®]; fungicides, with strong demand for AMISTAR[®] in the USA and Brazil; and seed care, where technology adoption continues in both developed and emerging markets, led by CRUISER[®]. Combined sales of new products, defined as those launched since 2006, reached \$242 million in the first nine months (+87 percent). The largest contribution came from the cereal herbicide AXIAL[®], with good progress also in REVUS[®] and the successful launch of DURIVO[®].

Seeds sales increased by 41 percent (CER) in the quarter. Sales of corn and soybean more than doubled, with lower returns in the USA and excellent growth in Brazil, where both crops benefited from expanding demand and an enhanced offer. All regions showed strong growth in vegetables with emerging markets, notably Asia, playing an increasingly important role.

Mike Mack, CEO, said: "The sales figures we have presented today attest to the strength of our business in a turbulent global environment. The fundamental drivers for agriculture remain unchanged, with rising food and feed demand inevitably requiring increased use of agricultural technology in a context of limited land availability. Our confidence in Syngenta's near term as well as its longer term performance allows us to reaffirm our target for earnings per share* growth of more than 35 percent in 2008 and high teens in 2009."

* Fully diluted, excluding 2007 non-recurring income, restructuring, impairment 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 2007 were approximately \$9.2 billion. Syngenta employs over 21,000 people in more than 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

Syngenta	9 months 2008 \$m	9 months 2007 \$m	Actual %	CER⁽¹⁾ %
Crop Protection	7429	5739	+ 29	+ 22
Seeds	2156	1701	+ 27	+ 20
Business Development	22	3	-	-
Inter-segment elimination ⁽²⁾	(35)	(44)	-	-
Third Party Sales	9572	7399	+ 29	+ 22

Crop Protection

Product line				
Selective Herbicides	2063	1709	+ 21	+ 13
Non-selective Herbicides	1101	711	+ 55	+ 48
Fungicides	2103	1556	+ 35	+ 26
Insecticides	1089	936	+ 16	+ 12
Seed Care ⁽³⁾	622	452	+ 38	+ 30
Professional Products	387	348	+ 11	+ 7
Others	64	27	+ 138	+ 132
Total	7429	5739	+ 29	+ 22

Regional

Europe, Africa and Middle East	2813	2123	+ 33	+ 18
NAFTA	2355	1935	+ 22	+ 19
Latin America	1213	861	+ 41	+ 41
Asia Pacific	1048	820	+ 28	+ 22
Total	7429	5739	+ 29	+ 22

Seeds

Product line				
Corn and Soybean	958	795	+ 21	+ 17
Diverse Field Crops	420	298	+ 41	+ 28
Vegetables and Flowers	778	608	+ 28	+ 20
Total	2156	1701	+ 27	+ 20

Regional

Europe, Africa and Middle East	984	706	+ 39	+ 24
NAFTA	872	785	+ 11	+ 10
Latin America	173	112	+ 55	+ 55
Asia Pacific	127	98	+ 29	+ 24
Total	2156	1701	+ 27	+ 20

(1) Growth at constant exchange rates.

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

(3) Seed Care previously grouped within Professional Products.

Unaudited Third Quarter Product Line and Regional Sales

Syngenta	3rd Quarter 2008	3rd Quarter 2007	Actual	CER⁽¹⁾
	\$m	\$m	%	%
Crop Protection	1875	1436	+ 31	+ 26
Seeds	417	283	+ 47	+ 41
Business Development	2	1	-	-
Inter-segment elimination ⁽²⁾	(17)	(11)	-	-
Third Party Sales	2277	1709	+ 33	+ 28

Crop Protection

Product line				
Selective Herbicides	384	286	+ 34	+ 27
Non-selective Herbicides	362	250	+ 45	+ 41
Fungicides	454	373	+ 22	+ 19
Insecticides	310	272	+ 14	+ 13
Seed Care ⁽³⁾	234	153	+ 53	+ 45
Professional Products	98	93	+ 5	+ 1
Others	33	9	+ 268	+ 257
Total	1875	1436	+ 31	+ 26

Regional

Europe, Africa and Middle East	563	452	+ 25	+ 12
NAFTA	505	339	+ 49	+ 48
Latin America	515	412	+ 25	+ 25
Asia Pacific	292	233	+ 25	+ 25
Total	1875	1436	+ 31	+ 26

Seeds

Product line				
Corn and Soybean	144	63	+ 131	+ 129
Diverse Field Crops	67	44	+ 50	+ 35
Vegetables and Flowers	206	176	+ 17	+ 11
Total	417	283	+ 47	+ 41

Regional

Europe, Africa and Middle East	173	129	+ 34	+ 20
NAFTA	99	63	+ 58	+ 58
Latin America	107	63	+ 70	+ 70
Asia Pacific	38	28	+ 33	+ 34
Total	417	283	+ 47	+ 41

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