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SECURITIES SERVICING
DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS

Corporate Action

ATTENTION: International Research, Sales, Trading and Operations Staff

DISTRIBUTION OF PUT OPTIONS

Syngenta

Country: Switzerland
Symbol: SYT
CUSIP Number: 87160A100
Exchange: NYSE
Ratio: 5 ADRs: 1 ORDINARY SHARE

Syngenta has announced that it will grant one free put option (the "Syngenta Put Options") for each Syngenta Share held in Switzerland. Holders of Syngenta ADRs as of the ADR Record Date are entitled to elect to receive, in connection with the distribution of the Syngenta Put Options, either the Syngenta Put Options distributed with respect to their Syngenta ADRs or the cash proceeds from the sale of such put options.

Rate of Distribution: One put option for every 5 ADSs held. (Fractions dropped)
Deadline Date to elect put options: March 17, 2006, 5pm N.Y. Time
Distribution date for Put Options: as soon as practicable after March 17, 2006
Default: Cash (Holders do not have to take any action in order to receive cash)

After the election deadline, The Bank of New York will attempt to sell put options on behalf of those holders who chose not to receive them. If any such sale is completed, and if it is practicable and feasible to make a cash distribution, an ADR payable date and cash distribution rate will be announced.

A fee of \$0.02 per Syngenta ADS will be deducted from any cash distribution and for any delivery of put options.

ADR Record Date: February 21, 2006
ADR Payable Date (for Cash): TBA
ADR Cash Distribution Rate: TBA

ADR holders who wish to receive put options must send Delivery Instructions to The Bank of New York by the Deadline Date. The Bank of New York has closed



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its books for ADR issuances until further notice; however, issuances can be completed if brokers deposit Syngneta ADSs with put options. Cancellations can be delivered with puts options at the direction of the broker subject to collection of the ADS cancellation fee and the fees for delivering put options.

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