



syngenta

Invitation

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 9.30 a.m.
St. Jakobshalle Basel

Basel, March 19, 2014

Dear shareholders,

We are pleased to invite you to the **Annual General Meeting of Syngenta AG** which will take place as follows:

Date: **Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 9.30 a.m.**
(doors open at 8.30 a.m.)

Place: **St. Jakobshalle Basel, Brüglingerstrasse 19–21, 4052 Basel**

Agenda*

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- 1.1 Approval of the Annual Report, including the Annual Financial Statements and the Group Consolidated Financial Statements for the year 2013
- 1.2 Consultative vote on the compensation system

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3 Reduction of share capital by cancellation of repurchased shares

4 Appropriation of the available earnings as per Balance Sheet 2013 and dividend decision

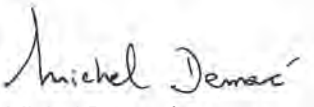
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- 7 Election of Michel Demaré as Chairman of the Board of Directors**
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- 9 Election of the Independent Proxy**
- 10 Election of the external auditor**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Syngenta AG:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michel Demaré". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michel Demaré
Chairman

For organizational notes please refer to the last pages of this brochure.

* Translation: The German text of the invitation is legally binding.

Motions and Explanations

1 Annual Report 2013

1.1 Approval of the Annual Report, including the Annual Financial Statements and the Group Consolidated Financial Statements for the year 2013

The Board of Directors proposes approval.

1.2 Consultative vote on the compensation system

The Board of Directors proposes to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to endorse the compensation system (pages 15–18 of the Corporate Governance Report and Compensation Report 2013). This vote is consultative.

Explanation

On January 1, 2014, the Ordinance against Excessive Compensation at Listed Companies (VegÜV) came into effect, in implementation of article 95 paragraph 3 of the Federal Constitution. Amongst other things, this Ordinance requires listed companies to submit the compensation of members of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee to the General Meeting of Shareholders for approval. The exact provisions governing this have to be included in the Articles of Incorporation. An amendment to this effect is being submitted to you for approval under agenda item 5. The first vote on the compensation of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee in accordance with the amended Articles of Incorporation will be held at the 2015 AGM.

For this year's AGM, the Board of Directors has decided, again in line with the recommendations of the Swiss Code of Best Practice for Corporate Governance, to submit the compensation system to shareholders for a consultative vote. The principles and elements of compensation at Syngenta are described in more detail in the Compensation Report.

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2 Discharge of the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee

The Board of Directors proposes that discharge be granted to the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

3 Reduction of share capital by cancellation of repurchased shares

The Board of Directors proposes:

(A) As a consequence of the 180,500 shares acquired within the scope of the repurchase programs on the second trading line in 2012 and 2013, to reduce the share capital of the Company from currently CHF 9,312,614.90 by CHF 18,050.00 to CHF 9,294,564.90, divided into 92,945,649 registered shares with a par value of CHF 0.10 each, and the subsequent cancellation of the 180,500 repurchased shares;

(B) To declare, as a result of the audit report prepared in accordance with article 732 paragraph 2 of the Swiss Code of Obligations, that the claims by the creditors are fully covered notwithstanding the above reduction of the share capital;

(C) To amend article 4 paragraph 1 of the Articles of Incorporation of Syngenta AG in accordance with the capital reduction as follows (amendments underlined):

“The share capital of the Company is CHF 9,294,564.90, fully paid-in and divided into 92,945,649 registered shares. Each share has a par value of CHF 0.10.”

Explanation

On April 22, 2008, the AGM approved a share repurchase program of up to 10% of the share capital. The repurchase program started in April 2010 and ended on December 31, 2012. In 2012, Syngenta repurchased through this repurchase program a last tranche of 13,500 shares on the second trading line.

On April 24, 2012, the AGM approved a new share repurchase program of up to 10% of the share capital. The repurchase program started in July 2013 and ends in July 2016 at the latest. In 2013, Syngenta repurchased through this new repurchase program a first tranche of 167,000 shares on the second trading line.

The Board of Directors proposes to cancel these shares in the total amount of 180,500 and to reduce the share capital accordingly.

The external auditor Ernst & Young AG determines in an audit report prepared for the AGM that the claims by creditors are fully covered notwithstanding the reduction of share capital pursuant to this agenda item.

The reduction of share capital can only be accomplished after threefold publication of the notice to creditors (article 733 of the Swiss Code of Obligations) which will be published after the AGM in the Swiss Commercial Gazette.

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4 Appropriation of the available earnings as per Balance Sheet 2013 and dividend decision

The Board of Directors proposes to appropriate the available earnings 2013 as follows:

Balance brought forward	CHF 2,868,294,960
Net profit of the year 2013	CHF 1,271,049,357
Available earnings	CHF 4,139,344,317
Proposed dividend	CHF -929,456,490
Allocation to free reserves	CHF -200,000,000
Balance to be carried forward	CHF 3,009,887,827

Explanation

The Board of Directors proposes to the AGM a gross dividend of CHF 10.00 per share for the business year 2013. No dividend will be paid either on the 180,500 repurchased shares, which are assigned to cancellation in accordance with the resolutions proposed under agenda item 3, or on all Treasury Shares held by Syngenta AG and its subsidiaries. The dividend will be paid as a net amount after deduction of any taxes and fees that may be due.

The final amount to be appropriated for dividend payment will be determined on April 30, 2014, by the number of shares with dividend rights and will be adjusted accordingly.

Subject to the approval of the dividend by the AGM, the dividend will be paid on May 7, 2014, to those shareholders holding Syngenta shares on April 30, 2014, at close of trading.

5 Revision of the Articles of Incorporation

The Board of Directors proposes a comprehensive revision of the Articles of Incorporation of Syngenta AG to implement the legal provisions of the Ordinance against Excessive Compensation at Listed Companies (VegüV) which has come into effect on January 1, 2014, and to make further amendments.

Explanation

The Ordinance against Excessive Compensation at Listed Companies (VegüV) which came into effect on January 1, 2014, will implement the provisions of article 95 paragraph 3 of the Federal Constitution. Listed companies need to meet its requirements by amending their Articles of Incorporation and Regulations within two years after the VegüV has entered into force. With the proposed revision, Syngenta complies already today with the legal requirement to adapt its Articles of Incorporation. At the same time, it proposes several additional amendments to the Articles.

The accompanying booklet shows the existing and proposed new version of the Articles side by side. Commentaries and explanations are provided on all the changes. The Articles are submitted for approval in one single vote.

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6 Elections to the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes the re-election of all members of the Board of Directors for a term each of one year.

Explanation

Under article 3 VegüV and article 20 paragraph 1 of the revised Articles of Incorporation, the members of the Board of Directors must be elected individually and annually; re-election is possible.

The CVs and other information on the members of the Board of Directors proposed for re-election can be found on Syngenta's website:

<http://www.syngenta.com/global/corporate/en/about-syngenta/governance/management-and-board/Pages/board-of-directors.aspx>.

6.1 Re-election of Vinita Bali

The Board of Directors proposes the re-election of Vinita Bali, born 1955, as a member of the Board of Directors for a one-year term of office.

6.2 Re-election of Stefan Borgas

The Board of Directors proposes the re-election of Stefan Borgas, born 1964, as a member of the Board of Directors for a one-year term of office.

6.3 Re-election of Gunnar Brock

The Board of Directors proposes the re-election of Gunnar Brock, born 1950, as a member of the Board of Directors for a one-year term of office.

6.4 Re-election of Michel Demaré

The Board of Directors proposes the re-election of Michel Demaré, born 1956, as a member of the Board of Directors for a one-year term of office.

6.5 Re-election of Eleni Gabre-Madhin

The Board of Directors proposes the re-election of Eleni Gabre-Madhin, born 1964, as a member of the Board of Directors for a one-year term of office.

6.6 Re-election of David Lawrence

The Board of Directors proposes the re-election of David Lawrence, born 1949, as a member of the Board of Directors for a one-year term of office.

6.7 Re-election of Michael Mack

The Board of Directors proposes the re-election of Michael Mack, born 1960, as a member of the Board of Directors for a one-year term of office.

6.8 Re-election of Eveline Saupper

The Board of Directors proposes the re-election of Eveline Saupper, born 1958, as a member of the Board of Directors for a one-year term of office.

6.9 Re-election of Jacques Vincent

The Board of Directors proposes the re-election of Jacques Vincent, born 1948, as a member of the Board of Directors for a one-year term of office.

6.10 Re-election of Jürg Witmer

The Board of Directors proposes the re-election of Jürg Witmer, born 1948, as a member of the Board of Directors for a one-year term of office.

7 Election of Michel Demaré as Chairman of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes the election of Michel Demaré, born 1956, as Chairman of the Board of Directors for a one-year term of office.

Explanation

Pursuant to article 4 VegüV, the Chairman of the Board of Directors now has to be elected by the AGM. The term of office is one year; re-election is possible.

8 Election of the members of the Compensation Committee

The Board of Directors proposes the election of Eveline Saupper, Jacques Vincent and Jürg Witmer as members of the Compensation Committee for a one-year term of office.

Explanation

Pursuant to article 2 paragraph 2 VegüV, the members of the Compensation Committee now have to be elected by the AGM. Members are elected individually for a one-year term of office; re-election is possible. Subject to his election by the AGM Jürg Witmer will remain Chairman of the Compensation Committee.

8.1 Election of Eveline Saupper

The Board of Directors proposes the election of Eveline Saupper, born 1958, as a member of the Compensation Committee.

8.2 Election of Jacques Vincent

The Board of Directors proposes the election of Jacques Vincent, born 1946, as a member of the Compensation Committee.

8.3 Election of Jürg Witmer

The Board of Directors proposes the election of Jürg Witmer, born 1948, as a member of the Compensation Committee.

9 Election of the Independent Proxy

The Board of Directors proposes that Prof. Dr. Lukas Handschin be elected as Independent Proxy for the 2015 AGM.

Explanation

Article 8 VegüV states that the Independent Proxy now has to be elected by the AGM. The term of office is one year; re-election is possible. Natural persons, legal entities and partnerships are eligible provided they meet the independence criteria. For these purposes, the same criteria apply as for the independence of the external auditor under article 728 paragraph 2–6 of the Swiss Code of Obligations (CO).

In application of article 30 paragraph 1 VegüV, the Board of Directors has appointed Prof. Dr. Lukas Handschin as Independent Proxy for this year's AGM. Prof. Handschin will therefore already be performing his duties at this year's AGM. He is attorney at law in Zurich and Professor of Law at Basel University. Prof. Handschin is independent of Syngenta.

10 Election of the external auditor

The Board of Directors proposes the election of KPMG AG as external auditor of Syngenta AG for the business year 2014.

Explanation

Ernst & Young AG was elected as external auditor of Syngenta AG for the first time at the AGM in 2002 and re-elected each subsequent year. After twelve uninterrupted years of working with Ernst & Young AG, the Board of Directors proposes to elect KPMG AG as auditor to Syngenta AG.

Organizational Notes

Voting rights

All shares registered with voting rights in the share register of Syngenta AG at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2014, are entitled to vote.

Personal attendance/Admission cards

The dispatch of ordered admission cards and voting material will start on March 27, 2014. Timely processing is guaranteed for all applications received by April 24, 2014. In case of a short-term change in the number of votes, the admission card and voting material can be amended before the start of the AGM at the “GV-Büro” in the St. Jakobshalle Basel.

Representation/Power of Attorney

Shareholders may arrange to be represented by their legal representative, another shareholder with the right to vote, a representative designated in an agreement with a nominee or the Independent Proxy.

In order to appoint one of the above-mentioned proxies, please complete and sign the enclosed form. Timely processing is guaranteed for all applications received by April 24, 2014.

Annual Report

The Annual Report 2013 consists of:

- the Annual Review, incorporating the Corporate Responsibility Report (English or German)
- the Corporate Governance Report and Compensation Report (English or German)
- the Financial Report (English only)

As of March 19, 2014, the Annual Report may be viewed on www.syngenta.com or at the domicile of the Company at Schwarzwaldallee 215, Basel.

The mailing of pre-ordered Reports starts on March 19, 2014. Shareholders may place, modify or revoke orders either by phone (+41 58 399 6133) or by e-mail (syngenta.aktienregister@sag.ch). For environmental protection reasons, we only dispatch Annual Reports upon request.

Articles of Incorporation

The proposed Articles of Incorporation being submitted to the AGM for approval (with a comparison of the old and new wording, including explanations) are enclosed with this invitation. They are also available for consultation on the internet and can be requested in hard copy from the Company (see overleaf for contact address).

Organizational Notes

Comments on the AGM schedule

- Please note that the AGM starts at 9.30 a.m.
- Speakers are asked to register at the speakers' desk ("Wortmeldung") located in the auditorium before the start of the meeting. The meeting will be held in English and in German. Simultaneous translations into German, English and French will be available.
- If you choose to leave the meeting before the end, please return your voting documents, electronic device and headset at the validation desk.
- On the day of the AGM, all shareholders are invited to the Syngenta exhibition in the lobby of the St. Jakobshalle Basel from 8.30 a.m. Before the start of the meeting, coffee and croissants will be served. After the AGM, shareholders are invited to a light meal.

Transport

Your journey on the BVB/BLT network to and from the AGM at the St. Jakobshalle Basel is free of charge upon presentation of this invitation brochure or of the admission card (bus or tram stop "St. Jakob" by bus no. 36 or tram no. 14). Free parking in the St. Jakob Basel car park is available for those attending the Syngenta AGM.

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