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Syngenta e-licensing heralds new era for sharing of plant science innovation

- **Easy, internet-based access to key patented technologies**
- **Fair, reasonable and transparent terms for all**
- **Free use for academic and non-profit organizations**

Syngenta today launched a landmark e-licensing platform to provide plant breeders and research institutes around the world with quick and easy access to patented native traits from its commercial vegetable varieties.

The global internet-based platform also offers access to patented enabling technologies, which help breeders with gene expression, plant transformation and protein targeting as they develop high-yielding varieties.

Syngenta's Head of Business Development, Robert Berendes, said: "We are proud to be able to make our patented native traits and enabling technologies more accessible than ever before. Our e-licensing platform will help accelerate innovation in agriculture so that growers – large and small – can increase productivity in the face of challenges such as climate change and scarce natural resources."

All academic and non-profit organizations can make free use of the available traits and technologies for R&D purposes and can distribute the resulting products in developing countries free of charge.

Creating new varieties with desirable combinations of plant characteristics requires extensive breeding expertise and long-term R&D investment. Patents play an important role in incentivizing research. However, plant breeders have traditionally been challenged by the complex, costly and time-consuming process of obtaining licenses to patented technology. Syngenta has addressed this issue by offering standard licenses under fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory (FRAND) terms. There are also no lengthy and complex negotiations as licenses can be secured via the internet-based platform.

To access Syngenta's e-licensing system, please visit: www.traitability.com

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