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Acquisition of Syngenta by ChemChina approved by Chinese competition authority

ChemChina and Syngenta today announced that they have received approval from the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) for the proposed acquisition of Syngenta by ChemChina. This represents a further step towards the closing of the transaction, which is expected to take place in the second quarter of 2017.

The ChemChina-Syngenta transaction will ensure continued choice and ongoing innovation for growers around the world.

About Syngenta

Syngenta is a leading agriculture company helping to improve global food security by enabling millions of farmers to make better use of available resources. Through world class science and innovative crop solutions, our 28,000 people in over 90 countries are working to transform how crops are grown. We are committed to rescuing land from degradation, enhancing biodiversity and revitalizing rural communities. To learn more visit www.syngenta.com and www.goodgrowthplan.com. Follow us on Twitter® at www.twitter.com/Syngenta.

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