

**ANNUAL REPORT**

SYNGENTA FINANCE N.V.  
AMSTERDAM

on the financial statements 2012

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## Directors' report

### General

Syngenta Finance N.V. (hereafter the "Company") was incorporated on 20 March 2007. Its principal activities are to borrow, lend and raise funds in order to finance Syngenta group companies. All raised funds are lent to the sole shareholder Syngenta Treasury N.V. The Company's ultimate holding company is Syngenta AG, Switzerland.

Services are fully dependant on developments within the Syngenta group. No substantial change of services is foreseen.

### Financial

2012 was a profitable year for the Company. In 2012 the interest income of the Company amounted to USD 95,323,000 (2011: USD 116,821,000). The gross interest margin in 2012 was USD 269,000 (2011: USD 738,000). The main cause of the decrease is the spread of 0.12% on the funds lent to Syngenta Treasury N.V. of a Euro Bond of EUR 500,000,000 which was repaid in 2011. In line with the decreased gross interest margin the profit before tax decreased from USD 1,083,000 in 2011 to USD 722,000 in 2012.

The current ratio in 2012 is 1.08 (2011: 1.11) and the debt ratio 0.998 (2011: 0.997). The Company did not pay any dividend to its shareholder.

The Company participates in the global, integrated risk management processes of the Syngenta Group. A financial risk management framework is in place in the form of a Treasury policy, approved by the Board of Directors. This policy provides guidance over all Treasury and finance related matters, is underpinned by delegated authority guidelines and is additionally supported by detailed procedures in place across Syngenta.

Although the Company's interest income and profitability are exposed to fluctuations in foreign currency and interest rates, the Company has transferred all foreign currency and interest rate risk on to Syngenta group companies with mirroring conditions, leaving no exposure at the Company level. The nature of Company's business exposes it to a range of financial risks. These risks include (i) market risks, which include potential unfavourable changes in foreign exchange rates and interest rates, (ii) counterparty credit risk and (iii) liquidity and refinancing risk.

A financial risk management framework is in place in the form of a Treasury policy within the Syngenta group. This policy provides guidance over all treasury and finance related matters, is underpinned by delegated authority guidelines and is additionally supported by detailed procedures in place across Syngenta group. In accordance with its Treasury policy, the Company actively monitors and manages financial risks.

Financial instruments available for use to mitigate these risks are selected by the Company according to the nature of the underlying risk. These instruments are designed to economically hedge underlying risks arising from operational activities and from funding and investment positions. The Company does not enter into any speculative financial transactions. The details of the Treasury policy are described below.

All funds borrowed are lent on a back to back basis to Syngenta Group Companies, leaving no currency and interest rate exposure at the Company level. As of 31 December 2012, the Company had no financial transactions that represented a significant concentration of credit risk neither was exposed to any significant liquidity risk due to cash generated from operations of the Syngenta Group Companies, with additional access to capital markets through a USD 2.5 billion Global Commercial Paper program backed by a USD 1.5 billion committed, revolving, multi-currency, syndicated credit facility.

In 2012 two USD Bonds were issued:

- USD 500,000,000 due on 28 March 2022 and bearing interest at a fixed rate of 3.125%
- USD 250,000,000 due on 28 March 2042 and bearing interest at a fixed rate of 4.375%

At the general meeting of shareholders it will be proposed to add the profit of 2012 to retained earnings.

### **Personnel**

There are no employees in service of the Company. The expectation is that this will not change in 2013. Treasury and financing services are rendered from Syngenta group companies.

### **Board composition**

As of 1 January 2013 the Act on Management and Supervision ('Wet Bestuur en Toezicht') came into effect. With this Act, statutory provisions were introduced to ensure a balanced representation of men and women in management boards of companies governed by this Act. Balanced representation of men and women is deemed to exist if at least 30% of the seats are filled by men and at least 30% are filled by women.

The board of directors of the Company consists of eight directors. One seat is taken by a woman. Since the company does not comply with the law in this respect, it has looked into the reasons for non-compliance. The board recognizes the benefits of diversity, including gender balance. However, the board feels that gender is only one part of diversity. The Board members will continue to be selected on the basis of wide ranging experience, backgrounds, skills, knowledge and insights.

### **Subsequent events**

No significant subsequent events occurred after the end of the financial year.



## Prospects for 2013

### Investments

The Company will continue its activities for financing Syngenta group companies. The level of investments during 2013 is fully dependant on developments within the Syngenta group. No new bond issues or repayments are expected in 2013.

### **Management statement**

Management declares that, to the best of their knowledge, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and profit or loss of the Company. The annual report gives a true and fair view of the financial position as per the balance sheet date and the developments and performance of the Company during the financial year and the principal risks the Company faces are described in the annual report.

Amsterdam, 22 April 2013

The Board of Managing Directors:

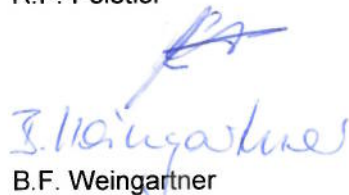


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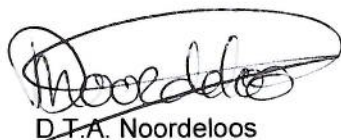


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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012**

before appropriation of profit

	Note	2012	2011
(in thousands of USD)			
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Financial fixed assets	1	<u>2,272,739</u>	<u>1,491,412</u>
		2,272,739	1,491,412
<b>Current assets</b>			
Receivables	2	190	490
Receivables from Syngenta group companies	2	41,825	37,377
Cash at bank and in hand	3	<u>1,201</u>	<u>41</u>
		43,216	37,908
<b>Total assets</b>		<u><u>2,315,955</u></u>	<u><u>1,529,320</u></u>

**SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY AND LIABILITIES**

	Note	2012	2011
(in thousands of USD)			
<b>Shareholder's equity</b>	4		
Paid-up and called-up share capital		60	59
Retained earnings		4,758	3,463
Currency translation reserve		(96)	117
Profit for the year		722	1,083
		5,444	4,722
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>	5		
		2,270,535	1,490,561
<b>Current liabilities</b>	6		
		39,976	34,037
<b>Total shareholder's equity and liabilities</b>		<u>2,315,955</u>	<u>1,529,320</u>

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 2012**

	Note	2012	2011
(in thousands of USD)			
Interest income from Syngenta group companies		95,323	116,821
Interest expense to debt holders		( 95,054)	( 116,083)
<b>Gross interest margin</b>	7	269	738
Other operating expenses		( 21)	( 21)
Recharge to Syngenta group company		474	366
<b>Total net operating income</b>		453	345
<b>Profit before taxation</b>		722	1,083
Income taxes	9	-	-
<b>Net profit</b>		722	1,083



**CASH FLOW STATEMENT 2012**

Note	2012	2011
(in thousands of USD)		
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>		
Operating profit	722	1,083
Adjustments to operating profit:		
Amortization differences of upfront fees	319	355
	319	355
Changes in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in other receivables	( 4,148)	7,397
Increase/(decrease) in payables	( 1,587)	( 82)
Increase/(decrease) in accruals and deferred income	7,525	( 8,735)
	1,790	( 1,420)
Cash flow from operating activities	2,831	18
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>		
Investment in other financial fixed assets	( 746,321)	722,230
Cash flow from investing activities	( 746,321)	722,230
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from long-term liabilities	744,650	( 722,230)
Cash flow from financing activities	744,650	( 722,230)
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>18</b>

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### General

Syngenta Finance N.V. (hereafter "the Company") is a private limited liability company incorporated on 20 March 2007. Its corporate seat is in Amsterdam. The objectives of the Company are to participate in, take an interest in any other way and conduct the management of other business enterprises of whatever nature, to borrow, lend and raise funds, amongst other by issuing bonds, promissory notes and other financial instruments and evidence of indebtedness as well as to enter into agreements, of any kind whatsoever in connection with such financing activities, to finance Syngenta group companies and third parties and in any way to provide security or undertake the obligations of Syngenta group companies and third parties, to invest in securities of any kind whatsoever to enter into foreign exchange transactions of any kind whatsoever as well as any kind of commodity and derivative transactions with Syngenta group companies as well as with other parties and finally all activities which are incidental or may be conducive to any of the foregoing. The Company's ultimate holding company is Syngenta AG, Switzerland.

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code.

### Foreign currency translation

The functional currency of the Company is Euro ("EUR"). The presentation currency is United States Dollar ("USD"), as a result the financial statements are presented in USD. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are initially carried at the exchange rates ruling at the date of transaction.

Monetary balance sheet items denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Non-monetary balance sheet items that are measured at historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the date of transaction. Non-monetary balance sheet items that are measured at current value are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the date of valuation. Exchange differences arising on the settlement or translation of monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are taken to the profit and loss account.

All balance sheet items denominated at functional currency are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising on the translation of (non) monetary to presentation currency are taken directly to the foreign currency translation reserve. The foreign currency translation reserve is included under the legal reserves.

The exchange rate used, where applicable for 2012, is USD 0.7582 to Euro 1.

The exchange rate used, where applicable for 2011, is USD 0.7735 to Euro 1.

## Balance sheet

### Financial fixed assets

Financial fixed assets represent loans receivable from Syngenta group companies and initial measurement is at fair value. After initial measurement, financial fixed assets are carried at amortised cost based on the effective interest rate method. Gains and losses are taken to the profit and loss account through the amortisation process.

### Receivables

Receivables represent loans receivable from Syngenta group companies with a maturity of under one year and other receivables. Receivables are carried at the lower of face value and recoverable amount (being the higher of value in use and fair value less costs to sell).

### Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents are carried at their face value.

### Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognized initially at their fair value less transaction costs, which represents the net proceeds of issuing the liability. Subsequently, financial liabilities are stated at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. Financial liabilities are classified as current if the debt agreement terms require repayment within one year of the balance sheet date. Otherwise, they are classified as non-current.

### Income taxes

The Company together with Syngenta Treasury N.V. constitutes a fiscal unity. All companies within the fiscal unity are jointly and severally liable for the tax liabilities of the fiscal unity.

The Company is subject to ordinary applicable Dutch corporate income tax rate, its taxable income being calculated on an arm's length reward corresponding to the functions performed and risks assumed by the Company.

## **Profit and loss account**

### **Gross interest margin**

Gross interest margin represents the proceeds and costs from the supply of services, net of withholding taxes.

Interest income is recognised pro rata in the profit and loss account, taking into account the effective interest rate for the asset concerned, provided the income can be measured and the income is probable to be received.

Interest expense is allocated to successive financial reporting periods in proportion to the outstanding principal. Premiums and discounts are treated as annual interest charges so that the effective interest rate, together with the interest payable on the loan, is recognised in the profit and loss account, with the amortised cost of the liabilities being recognised in the balance sheet. Interest and similar charges are recognised in the year in which they fall due.

### **General expenses**

Expenses are determined with due observance of the aforementioned accounting policies and allocated to the financial year to which they relate. Foreseeable and other obligations as well as potential losses arising before the financial year-end are recognised if they are known before the financial statements are prepared and provided all other conditions for forming provisions are met.



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1. Financial fixed assets

	2012	2011
(in thousands of USD)		
<b>Loans to Syngenta group companies</b>		
Balance as at 1 January	1,491,412	1,524,694
Reclassification to short-term receivables		
Amortisation of loans	9,480	8,612
Additions	746,321	-
FX revaluation of loans	25,526	( 41,894)
Total financial fixed assets as at 31 December	<u>2,272,739</u>	<u>1,491,412</u>

The loans to Syngenta group companies bear interest at an average rate of 5.989% (2011: 4.629%). The effective interest rate has been determined disregarding the discount and premiums, since their impact is only marginal. The interest rate is fixed on an arms' length basis.

The maturity dates of the loans to Syngenta group companies ranges from 2014 up to 2042 (2011: 2014 to 2035). The carrying amounts of the loans to Syngenta group companies can be split based on the maturity dates as follows:

- Loans maturing within 1-5 years: USD 1,298,183,000 (2011: USD 1,264,353,000) denominated in euro totalling EUR 1,000,000,000
- Loans maturing after 5 years: USD 974,556,000 (2011: USD 227,059,000).

As part of its treasury services, the Company had granted credit lines to a group company for a maximum amount to USD 3,250,000,000 at interest rates corresponding to the Company's borrowing costs increased by all costs (if any) relating to the issue of loans which fund receivables under these credit lines.

All receivables are from the sole shareholder Syngenta Treasury N.V.

## 2. Receivables and receivables from Syngenta group companies

	2012	2011
(in thousands of USD)		
Other receivables	190	490
Amounts receivable from Syngenta group companies	41,825	37,377
Balance as at 31 December	<u>42,015</u>	<u>37,867</u>

Amounts receivable from Syngenta group companies includes the recharge of operational expenses to Syngenta Treasury N.V.

## 3. Cash at bank and in hand

	2012	2011
(in thousands of USD)		
Cash at bank	<u>1,201</u>	<u>41</u>

There are no restrictions on the availability of cash and cash equivalents.

## 4. Shareholder's equity

Movements in the individual items of equity were as follows:

	Ordinary shares	Retained earnings	Currency translation reserve	Profit/(loss) for the year	Total
(in thousands of USD)					
Balance at 1 January 2012	59	3,463	117	1,083	4,722
Currency translation movement	1	212	( 213)	-	-
Profit appropriation	-	1,083	-	( 1,083)	-
Profit for the year	-	-	-	722	722
Balance at 31 December 2012	<u>60</u>	<u>4,758</u>	<u>( 96)</u>	<u>722</u>	<u>5,444</u>



**Paid-up and called-up share capital**

Issued share capital is equal to the paid-up and called-up share capital of 45,000 ordinary shares of € 1.00 each. Shares were paid up in cash in 2007.

**5. Long-term liabilities**

(in thousands of USD)	2012			2011		
	> 5 years	> 1 year	Total	> 5 years	> 1 year	Total
<b>Amounts payable to third parties</b>						
Balance as at 1 January	227,060	1,263,501	1,490,561	226,170	1,297,317	1,523,487
Addition of payables	744,650	-	744,650	-	-	-
Amortisation	1,175	8,641	9,816	890	8,039	8,929
Foreign currency revaluation of payables	-	25,508	25,508	-	(41,855)	(41,855)
Balance as at 31 December	972,885	1,297,650	2,270,535	227,060	1,263,501	1,490,561

(in thousands of USD)	2012			2011		
	> 5 years	> 1 year	Total	> 5 years	> 1 year	Total
Eurobond 30 June 2014	-	657,733	657,733	-	643,735	643,735
Eurobond 22 April 2015	-	639,917	639,917	-	619,766	619,766
Private placements 8 December 2020	70,430	-	70,430	69,995	-	69,995
Private placements 8 December 2025	68,781	-	68,781	68,478	-	68,478
Private placements 8 December 2035	88,795	-	88,795	88,587	-	88,587
USD bond 28 March 2022	497,141	-	497,141	-	-	-
USD bond 28 March 2042	247,738	-	247,738	-	-	-
Amounts payable to third parties	972,885	1,297,650	2,270,535	227,060	1,263,501	1,490,561

The Company partly finances its intra-group financing activity through the issuance of debt securities.

- In 2005 a Eurobond was issued with a face value of EUR 500,000,000 due on 22 April 2015, bearing interest at a fixed rate of 4.125%.
- In 2006 a second Eurobond was issued with a face value of EUR 500,000,000 bearing interest at a fixed rate of 4.125%. This bond matured on 21 September 2011 and has been reported as a current liability since 2010.
- In 2009 a third Eurobond was issued with a face value of EUR 500,000,000 due on 30 June 2014, bearing interest at a fixed rate of 4.000%.

In 2012 two additional USD Bonds were issued as follows:

- USD 500,000,000 due on 28 March 2022 and bearing interest at a fixed rate of 3.125%
- USD 250,000,000 due on 28 March 2042 and bearing interest at a fixed rate of 4.375%

In 2005 three tranches of fixed rate notes under a Note Purchase Agreement in the US Private Placement market were issued with a group of investors for a total amount of USD 250,000,000. The three tranches mature as follows:

- USD 75,000,000 due on 8 December 2020 and bearing interest at a fixed rate of 5.11%.
- USD 75,000,000 due on 8 December 2025 and bearing interest at a fixed rate of 5.35%.
- USD 100,000,000 due on 8 December 2035 and bearing interest at a fixed rate of 5.59%.

The Company's ultimate parent, Syngenta AG, has fully and unconditionally guaranteed the bonds and the private placement notes.

The effective interest rate has been determined disregarding the discounts and premiums, since their impact is only marginal. The interest rate is fixed and does not depend on future changes in certain factors.

## 6. Current liabilities

	2012	2011
(in thousands of USD)		
Amounts owed to Syngenta group companies	18	1,605
Other liabilities	39,958	32,432
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,976</b>	<b>34,037</b>

Amounts owed to Syngenta group companies include accrued interest and overhead accruals.

Other liabilities can be broken down as follows:

	2012	2011
(in thousands of USD)		
Accrued interest 3rd party	39,901	32,370
Audit fees payable	41	38
Other expenses payable	16	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,958</b>	<b>32,432</b>

## 7. Gross interest margin

Gross interest margin represents the interest income and expense related to the amounts receivable from Syngenta group companies and bonds and private placements.

	2012	2011
(in thousands of USD)		
Interest income from Syngenta group companies	95,323	116,821
Interest expense to debt holders	( 95,054)	( 116,083)
Gross interest margin	<u>269</u>	<u>738</u>

## 8. Net operating income

	2012	2011
(in thousands of USD)		
Other operating income/(expenses)	( 5)	( 4)
Audit fees	( 15)	( 17)
Recharge to Syngenta group companies	<u>473</u>	<u>366</u>
Total net operating income	<u>453</u>	<u>345</u>

Recharges to Syngenta group companies are calculated based on an arm's length principle.

## 9. Income taxes

The Company forms a fiscal unity with Syngenta Treasury N.V. Tax charges are recorded through Syngenta Treasury N.V.

### Reconciliation of the effective tax rate

	2012	2011
(in thousands of USD)		
Profit for the year	722	1,083
Local tax rate (25.5%)	218	271
Tax calculation	( 218)	( 271)
Tax expense for the year	-	-

The applicable tax rate for the Company's financial statements is 25% (2011: 25%) and the effective tax rate 0.0 % (2011: 0.0%). The difference in tax rate is a consequence of application of the arm's length basis to calculate the reward corresponding to the functions performed and risks assumed by the Company. There are no differences in tax rates or any other differences between situations in which profits or reserves are retained and situations in which profits or reserves are distributed.

## Workforce

There are no employees in the service of the Company.

## Remuneration of and loans to members of the Board of Managing Directors

The members of the Board of Managing Directors did not receive any remuneration and have not taken out loans from the Company.



## **Related parties**

### **Related parties**

Syngenta Seeds B.V., Syngenta International AG and Syngenta Treasury N.V. are considered related parties. Syngenta Seeds B.V. and Syngenta International AG provide advisory services, office space, (IT) facilities and administrative services to the Company.

### **Ultimate parent company**

Syngenta AG, Switzerland, is the ultimate parent company of the Company and includes the financial data of the Company in its consolidated financial statements, copies of which are available at cost from the head office of Syngenta AG, Switzerland.

## **Commitments not shown in the balance sheet**

### **Liability**

The Company is jointly and severally liable for the tax liabilities of the Dutch group companies forming part of the fiscal unity. Total tax liabilities of these group companies amount to USD 4,207,947 (2011: USD 3,471,052).

### **Other commitments not shown in the balance sheet**

The Company, acting as guarantor, has entered into a new Revolving Credit Facility Agreement replacing that which existed previously between, amongst others, the Company, Syngenta AG and a group of international banks for USD 1,500,000,000 on 2 November 2012. (2011: USD 1,200,000,000 credit facility). At 31 December 2012, there were no outstanding amounts drawn under this facility.

No guarantees have been issued for members of the Board of Managing Directors by the Company, its Syngenta group companies.

All commitments to related parties are included in the balance sheet.

## Financial instruments

### Foreign currency risk

The Company is not exposed to foreign currency risks as it has lent on all debt to Syngenta group companies with mirroring conditions.

### Interest rate risk

The Company is not exposed to interest rate risks as it has lent on all debt to Syngenta group companies with mirroring conditions.

### Credit risk

The Company has policies and operating guidelines in place to ensure that financial instruments are limited to transactions with high credit quality banks and financial institutions. These include limits in respect of counterparties to ensure there is no significant concentration of credit risk. Any excess cash is invested in liquid investment grade instruments and split across major banks, financial and other institutions to minimize the credit risk. As of 31 December 2012, the Company had no financial transactions that represented a significant concentration of credit risk. No credit losses have been incurred from the investments described above.

The Company provides financial services to Syngenta companies worldwide. The Company bears no credit risk as ultimate holding company Syngenta AG has issued a guarantee of repayment of outstanding amounts from other Syngenta group companies. Nevertheless, defined credit limits are set and monitored on an ongoing basis.

The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the going concern values of the originated loans and receivables that are carried in the balance sheet. At the reporting date there were no significant financial guarantees for third party obligations that increase this risk.

### Liquidity and refinancing risk

Within the Company's risk management framework, liquidity risk is defined as the potential inability to meet all financial obligations on time and refinancing risk is defined as the potential inability to partially or fully refinance maturing debts. The Company's liquidity risk policy is to maintain at all times sufficient liquidity reserves in order to meet payment obligations as they become due and also to maintain an adequate liquidity margin. Liquidity requirements are forecasted on a frequent basis.

The principal source of liquidity consists of cash generated by the operations of Syngenta group companies and from a long-term capital that is partly financed through four unsecured bonds and through unsecured notes issued under the Note Purchase Agreement in the US Private Placement market. Additionally, the Company has access to capital markets through a USD 2.5 billion Global Commercial Paper program. Both the unsecured bonds and notes and the Global Commercial Paper programs are



unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Syngenta AG. In addition, the Company has access to a USD 1.5 billion committed, revolving, multi-currency, syndicated credit facility with high credit quality banks. The facility is guaranteed by Syngenta AG.

## Financial assets and liabilities

The carrying value and fair value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities can be broken down as follows:

(in thousands of USD)	2012		2011	
	Carrying value	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value
<b>Financial assets:</b>				
Financial fixed assets	2,272,739	2,548,737	1,491,412	1,738,548
Receivables and receivables from Syngenta group companies	41,865	41,865	37,385	37,385
Cash at bank and in hand	1,201	1,201	41	41
	<u>2,315,805</u>	<u>2,591,803</u>	<u>1,528,838</u>	<u>1,775,974</u>
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>				
Long-term liabilities	2,270,535	2,548,205	1,490,561	1,739,400
Current liabilities	39,975	39,975	34,432	34,036
	<u>2,310,510</u>	<u>2,588,180</u>	<u>1,524,993</u>	<u>1,773,436</u>

The estimated market value of the financial assets and liabilities is determined using available market information and appropriate valuation methods. The following methods and assumptions have been used to estimate the market value of the financial instruments:

- Current and non-current assets and liabilities representing the bonds issued with financial counterparties and the fixed rate notes under a Note Purchase Agreement in the US Private Placement market, and the related loans to Syngenta group companies: the market values are estimated based on the present value of expected future cash flows using current market rates.
- All other financial assets and liabilities: given the short term of these instruments, the carrying value is close to the market value.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Articles of Association provisions governing profit appropriation

Profit is appropriated in accordance with Article 17.2 of the Articles of Association, which states that the General Meeting of Shareholders shall determine the allocation of the profit.

### Proposed appropriation of the profit for 2012

If the General Meeting of Shareholders accepts this proposal, the net profit for 2012 of USD 722,000 will be added to the retained earnings.

### Events after the balance sheet date

No significant changes in equity occurred after the end of the financial year.

Amsterdam, 22 April 2013

The Board of Managing Directors:



A.M.M. Kuntschen

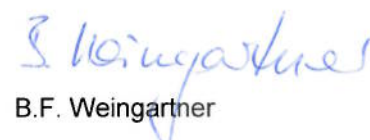


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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: The shareholder of Syngenta Finance N.V.

### Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements 2012 of Syngenta Finance N.V., Amsterdam, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2012, the profit and loss account for the year then ended and the notes, comprising a summary of the accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### *Management's responsibility*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements and for the preparation of the directors' report, both in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. Furthermore management is responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standards on Auditing. This requires that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### *Opinion with respect to the financial statements*

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Syngenta Finance N.V. as at 31 December 2012 and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

## **Report on other legal and regulatory requirements**

Pursuant to the legal requirement under Section 2:393 sub 5 at e and f of the Dutch Civil Code, we have no deficiencies to report as a result of our examination whether the management board report, to the extent we can assess, has been prepared in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of this Code, and whether the information as required under Section 2:392 sub 1 at b-h has been annexed. Further we report that the directors' report, to the extent we can assess, is consistent with the financial statements as required by Section 2:391 sub 4 of the Dutch Civil Code.

Amsterdam, 22 April 2013

Ernst & Young Accountants LLP

Signed by F.J. Blenderman