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Summary:

At the Annual General Meeting on April 27, 2004 Syngenta AG will suggest a reduction in nominal value of CHF 1.70 to its shareholders. You were already informed on February 11, 2004 via the Market Supervision Messages window that an adjustment to the Eurex options on shares of Syngenta AG for existing series, by the amount exceeding the previous fiscal year's dividend, would be required.

With effect from July 15, the strike price of the Eurex option on Syngenta AG shares will be displayed with two decimal places.

This circular contains a description of the adjustment procedure.

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At the Annual General Meeting on April 27, 2004 Syngenta AG will suggest a reduction in nominal value of CHF 1.70 to its shareholders. You were already informed on February 11, 2004 via the Market Supervision Messages window, that the reduction in nominal value would require an adjustment to the Eurex option on shares of Syngenta AG pursuant to Section 2.15.7 (5) of the Contract Specifications for Futures Contracts and Options Contracts at Eurex Deutschland and Eurex Zürich. This adjustment amounts to CHF 0.85, being the difference between the nominal value reduction and the previous fiscal year's dividend of CHF 0.85.

The reduction in nominal value is planned for July 16, 2004.

The basis for the adjustment will be the closing auction price of the SYNN share on July 15, 2004. This price will firstly be reduced by the amount of the previous year's dividend. The resulting price will be used to calculate the adjustment factor (R-factor).

S1 = Closing auction price of the SYNN share

S2 = S1 – CHF 0.85 (previous year's dividend)

S3 = S2 – CHF 0.85 (difference to the previous year's dividend)

R-factor = S3/S2

The strike price is adjusted by multiplying it by the R-factor.

The new contract size will be calculated as follows:

New contract size = (old strike price * old contract size)/new strike price

The strike prices and contract sizes resulting from the adjustment will be published in the Market Supervision Messages window immediately after close of trading on July 15, 2004. The version number of adjusted series will be increased by 1. New series with the standard contract size 10 and version number 0 will be introduced with effect from July 16, 2004.

All outstanding orders and quotes will be deleted after close of trading on July 15, 2004.

On exercise of an adjusted series, a cash payment will be made for the figure after the decimal point in the new standard contract size.

On the days preceding the reduction in nominal value, the Contract Cover Assignment Entry window should be used to delete all allocations of shares covering short call positions for the SYNN product.

In future the strike price of the Eurex option on Syngenta AG shares will be displayed with two decimal places. Two decimal places will be added from **July 15, 2004**.

Please contact the Functional Helpdesk, tel. +49-69-211-1 12 10, should you have any further questions.

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