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## **Rohner AG has signed a contract with Syngenta Crop Protection AG**

The two Swiss based companies Rohner AG, Pratteln and Syngenta Crop Protection AG, Basel have signed a contract for the custom manufacture of an important intermediate which will allow Syngenta to synthesize larger amounts of a novel active ingredient for development purposes.

The contract was signed for supply in 2007 and 2008. No financial details were disclosed. This agreement further attests to RohnerChem's positioning in selected market segments, where complex, multi-step, and innovative synthesis is required.

Rohner focuses on custom synthesis for speciality and fine chemicals and full service for the life science industry. Today, the company offers the production of Advanced Intermediates and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) on an exclusive basis for customers in the pharmaceutical industry. All production is carried out according to ISO and, as needed, according to cGMP standards on lab or large scale. RohnerChem is to provide fast and cost efficient technology transfer into its complex multipurpose plants in short timeframes and is therefore an interesting manufacturing partner.

Syngenta is a world-leading agribusiness committed to sustainable agriculture through innovative research and technology. The company is a leader in crop protection, and ranks third in the high-value commercial seeds market. Sales in 2006 were approximately \$ 8.1 billion. Syngenta employs around 21,000 people in over 90 countries.