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Bayer CropScience acquires rights to FMC Corporation's insecticides discovery pipeline

Successful innovation is a key driver for Bayer CropScience

Monheim / June 27, 2006 – Bayer CropScience AG, Monheim, Germany, and FMC Corporation, Philadelphia, USA, announced today that Bayer CropScience has acquired the rights to FMC's insecticides discovery pipeline. The agreement enables Bayer CropScience to discover and commercialize new insecticidal compounds from the discovery pipeline. In return FMC will receive royalty and milestone payments on the compounds and access to certain Bayer CropScience products for premixes with FMC products. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

"We are very much pleased with our alliance with FMC Corporation" said Dr. Alexander Klausener, Head of Research of Bayer CropScience. "The arrangement will strengthen our early discovery pipeline with the aim to create products that meet the demands of our customers. This may be a basis for future collaborative ventures and we expect benefits for both companies."

FMC Corporation is a diversified chemical company serving agricultural, industrial and consumer markets globally for more than a century with innovative solutions, applications and quality products. The company employs approximately 5,000 people throughout the world. FMC operates its businesses in three segments: Agricultural Products, Specialty Chemicals and Industrial Chemicals.

Bayer CropScience, a subsidiary of Bayer AG with annual sales of about EUR 6 billion, is one of the world's leading innovative crop science companies in the areas of crop protection, non-agricultural pest control, seeds and plant biotechnology. The company offers an outstanding range of products and extensive service backup for

modern, sustainable agriculture and for non-agricultural applications. Bayer Crop-Science has a global workforce of about 19,000 and is represented in more than 120 countries. This and further news is available at:
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