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Bayer Confirms Preliminary Discussion Regarding Acquisition of Monsanto

Leverkusen, Germany, May 19, 2016 – Bayer executives recently met with executives of Monsanto to privately discuss a negotiated acquisition of Monsanto Company.

The proposed combination would reinforce Bayer as a global innovation-driven Life Science company with leadership positions in its core segments, and would create a leading integrated agriculture business.

This statement follows Monsanto's announcement earlier today regarding a proposal from Bayer. A further statement will be made as appropriate.

Bayer: Science For A Better Life

Bayer is a global enterprise with core competencies in the Life Science fields of health care and agriculture. Its products and services are designed to benefit people and improve their quality of life. At the same time, the Group aims to create value through innovation, growth and high earning power. Bayer is committed to the principles of sustainable development and to its social and ethical responsibilities as a corporate citizen. In fiscal 2015, the Group employed around 117,000 people and had sales of EUR 46.3 billion. Capital expenditures amounted to EUR 2.6 billion, R&D expenses to EUR 4.3 billion. These figures include those for the high-tech polymers business, which was floated on the stock market as an independent company named Covestro on October 6, 2015. For more information, go to www.bayer.com.

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