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Syngenta announces malaria insecticide entering early development phase

Syngenta and IVCC today announced a breakthrough in mosquito control that will help protect communities at risk from malaria and other life-threatening diseases. This is the first development of a new public health insecticide in 30 years.

Recent years have seen significant gains in controlling malaria in disease endemic countries through the application of insecticide treated bednets and indoor residual spraying. These achievements are at risk as the mosquitoes that transmit malaria have become increasingly resistant to existing insecticides.

To combat this increasing threat, scientists from Syngenta have identified a novel insecticide 'active ingredient,' which is being progressed into early development. This unique solution could prove highly effective in controlling insecticide resistant adult mosquitoes and preventing the spread of disease.

The breakthrough is a result of four years of intensive research, supported by IVCC – a product development partnership funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the UK Agency for International Development (UKAID), the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

“This represents a key milestone in our long-term commitment to the fight against malaria and follows on from our successful IVCC collaboration that led to the development of Actellic® 300CS for Indoor Residual Spray (IRS) treatments,” said Andy Bywater, Global Brand Manager for Pest Management at Syngenta.

“Thanks to the groundbreaking work of our international R&D team, we have identified a solution which could radically transform public health in regions where peoples’ lives are under threat daily from malaria,” added Andrew Plant, Global Head of Lawn & Garden Product Development.

Nick Hamon, IVCC CEO, said: “We shouldn’t underestimate the potential significance of this breakthrough. Together with other solutions in the IVCC pipeline, this new insecticide has the potential to substantially reduce the risk of future

insecticide resistance and lay a foundation for the eventual eradication of malaria. This is good news for millions of people globally, especially those living in poor, rural regions of Africa where malaria continues to have such a dramatic impact on families and communities, as well as on economic development.”

World Malaria Day on April 25th raises awareness of malaria and other vector-borne diseases.

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IVCC is a Product Development Partnership (PDP) established as a not for profit company and registered charity to overcome the barriers to innovation in the development of new insecticides for public health vector control and to develop information systems and tools which will enable new and existing vector control tools to be used more effectively. For more information please go to www.ivcc.com

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