



News Release

Strengthening the international production network:

Bayer CropScience invests EUR 30 million in expansion of crop protection production at the Dormagen Chemical Park

Active substance Prothioconazole controls fungi that can harm human health

Monheim, April 3, 2009 – Over the next two years, Bayer CropScience AG will be investing around EUR 30 million in the expansion of production capacities for the active ingredient prothioconazole at the Chemical Park in Dormagen. This investment comes in response to the growing demand in the fungicides business. Dormagen is one of the biggest Bayer CropScience production sites in the world.

Prothioconazole is approved in more than 40 countries for use in cereals, canola, soybeans, pulses and groundnuts. This modern crop protection substance is marketed globally and provides outstanding and long-lasting efficacy against a broad spectrum of plant diseases caused by fungal pathogens. Prothioconazole also counteracts the formation of mycotoxins, toxic substances produced by fungi which can harm human health and are a common cause of food poisoning. In the 2008 financial year, products based on prothioconazole were among Bayer CropScience's ten most important products worldwide, with sales of EUR 246 million.

About Bayer CropScience

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