FMC Corporation to Acquire Fluindapyr Active Ingredient Assets from Isagro S.p.A.

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- Transaction will expand FMC’s fungicide portfolio with full global rights to novel broad-spectrum fungicide
- Following transaction close, FMC will be sole owner of Fluindapyr and related intellectual property

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FMC Corporation (NYSE: FMC) and Isagro S.p.A. have agreed to a binding offer whereby FMC will acquire Isagro’s Fluindapyr active ingredient assets for $65 million (approximately $60 million). The cash transaction, expected to close by the end of third quarter 2020, will transfer to FMC all intellectual property, know-how, registrations, product formulations and other global assets of the proprietary broad-spectrum fungicide molecule.

Fluindapyr, originally discovered by Isagro, has been jointly developed by FMC and Isagro under a 2012 research and development collaboration agreement. Each company has been investing in its own fungicide formulations based on Fluindapyr active ingredient, and each is pursuing registrations in select regions and countries. The transaction will provide FMC with full global rights to Fluindapyr active ingredient, including key U.S., European, Asian and Latin American fungicide markets.

“Fluindapyr is an important SDHI molecule in the FMC portfolio that combats a variety of diseases in row crops, specialty crops and turf,” said Mark Douglas, president and CEO-elect of FMC. “This acquisition strengthens our fungicide product line. We expect a pre-launch in Paraguay this year, an initial launch in the U.S. in 2021, followed by launches in China, Europe, Argentina, Brazil and other countries.”

The transaction, subject to customary regulatory approvals from relevant antitrust authorities and the finalization and transfer of commercial agreements, excludes liabilities, Isagro sites and workforce. Additional financial details have not been disclosed.

About FMC

FMC Corporation, an agricultural sciences company, provides innovative solutions to growers around the world with a robust product portfolio fueled by a market-driven discovery and development pipeline in crop protection, plant health, and professional pest and turf management. This powerful combination of advanced technologies includes leading insect control products based on Rynaxypyr® and Cyazypyr® active ingredients; Authority®, Boral®, Centium®, Command® and Gamit® branded herbicides; Talstar® and Hero® branded insecticides; and flutriafol-based fungicides. The FMC portfolio also includes biologicals such as Quartzo® and Presence® bionematicides. FMC Corporation employs approximately 6,400 employees around the globe. To learn more, please visit www.fmc.com.

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