

MONSANTO CO /NEW/
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Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A
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MONSANTO COMPANY

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Legal Proceedings Regarding the Merger

As previously disclosed, in connection with the merger agreement between Monsanto Company (Monsanto) and Bayer Aktiengesellschaft and the transactions contemplated thereby, a purported class action lawsuit, captioned Ken Gawrych, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, v. Monsanto Company et al., was filed on November 16, 2016 in the Circuit Court for St. Louis County, State of Missouri (the Court). On November 22, 2016, Monsanto and its financial advisors moved to dismiss the lawsuit on the grounds that it was improperly filed in the Court because Monsanto 's bylaws require breach of fiduciary duty claims to be brought in Delaware courts. On December 12, 2016, the Court dismissed the case against Monsanto and its financial advisors without prejudice.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT

In connection with the proposed merger transaction involving Monsanto and Bayer, Monsanto filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) the definitive proxy statement and other documents relating to the proposed transaction on November 10, 2016, and has mailed the definitive proxy statement and proxy card to Monsanto 's shareowners. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION, SHAREOWNERS OF MONSANTO ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT CAREFULLY, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE THEREIN, AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors and security holders may obtain a copy of the definitive proxy statement and the other documents filed by Monsanto with the SEC free of charge at the SEC 's website, <http://www.sec.gov>, and Monsanto 's website, www.monsanto.com. In addition, the documents may be obtained free of charge by directing a request to Corporate Secretary, Monsanto Company, 800 North Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63167, or by calling (314) 694-8148.