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AGRIS LAUNCHES GLOBAL INNOVATION CENTER IN SINGAPORE, CONNECTING RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY WITH CAPITAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

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SINGAPORE, Sept. 18, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- AgriS (Thanh Thanh Cong – Bien Hoa Joint Stock Company, stock code: SBT) officially launched the AgriS Global Innovation Center in Singapore, with the aim of accelerating the commercialization of agricultural innovation by connecting research, technology, production capabilities, capital and international markets.

The launch took place as part of AgriS Global NEXUS 2026 – Converge to Elevate, bringing together representatives from government agencies, diplomatic missions, research institutions, universities, financial institutions, investment funds and enterprises from Vietnam, Singapore and the wider region.

H.E. Tran Phuoc Anh, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Singapore, said:

"AgriS' decision to establish its Global Innovation Center in Singapore reflects the growing confidence and international ambition of Vietnam's private sector. Through the Center, AgriS aims to connect scientific research with commercial application; agricultural capabilities with international technology and capital; and Vietnam's production strengths with regional and global markets.

In this direction, Singapore serves as a strategic convergence point, connecting AgriS' agricultural foundations in Vietnam and the wider region with leading universities, research institutions, technology partners, investors and international customers."

Connecting Research with Commercialization

The AgriS Global Innovation Center serves as a permanent hub in Singapore, connecting science, technology, data and market insights with AgriS' production capabilities and value chains, helping shorten the journey from concept development and validation to application and commercialization.

The Center is focused on four strategic roles: accelerating agricultural innovation and commercialization; connecting R&D with industry and international markets; driving supply-chain integration and value creation; and providing a platform for AgriS' regional and global expansion strategy.

Ms. Dang Huynh Uc My, Chairlady of the Board of Directors of AgriS, emphasized:

"Innovation creates value when science moves beyond research into real-world application, becomes integrated into the value chain and reaches markets at meaningful scale.

The AgriS Global Innovation Center is designed as a Nexus – bringing together strategic partners, scientific and technological capabilities, agricultural and production platforms, capital and international markets. From Singapore, we aim to shorten the journey from concept to commercialization, while creating new pathways for agricultural innovation from Vietnam and the region to reach global markets."

At the AgriS Global Innovation Center, AgriS works with domestic and international experts and technology partners to test and co-develop high-tech agricultural solutions. Solutions are connected early with production conditions, technology requirements, capital and market demand, thereby improving their readiness for application, commercialization and scale.

Singapore - A Strategic Nexus

The AgriS Global Innovation Center builds on AgriS' research and partnership network across Vietnam, Australia, Indonesia and Singapore. AgriS currently manages nearly 90,000 hectares of growing areas across Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Australia; operates 11 AgTech Hubs; and is supported by approximately 9,000 hectares of research farms across Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Australia and Indonesia.

This network provides real-world environments for new technologies and solutions to be tested, validated and refined under actual agricultural operating conditions. From Singapore, AgriS connects these capabilities with international research institutions, technology partners, investors and customers.

The development of the Center is supported by JTC Corporation, a Singapore government agency for master planning, developing and managing industrial estates to drive business innovation and economic growth.

Mr. John Lu, Director for Trade at Enterprise Singapore, said:

"We are pleased that AgriS has chosen Singapore for its first Global Innovation Center. As a multinational agricultural group, AgriS will be able to leverage this Global Innovation Center to grow its R&D capabilities, while tapping Singapore's vibrant agri-food and innovation ecosystem to accelerate the development and commercialisation of high-value agricultural solutions. As a trusted business hub that is deeply integrated into global supply chains, Singapore can serve as a strategic gateway to bring these new solutions to other markets."

Mr. Joel Ang, Vice President and Head of Southeast Asia and Oceania at the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB), said:

"The launch of the AgriS Global Innovation Centre is a key milestone in the company's growth journey and underscores the ambition of Southeast Asian enterprises to anchor high-value R&D in Singapore. We warmly welcome this investment which will create good jobs, foster partnerships with local enterprises in Singapore, and accelerate AgriS' global expansion."

Expanding Research and Commercialization Partnerships

Building on the connection between scientific research and real-world agricultural application, at AgriS Global NEXUS 2026, AgriS and Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore), through Global Mind Agriculture (GMA), announced their intention to further develop the proposed AgriS–NTU Joint Lab for Resilient Bioinnovation, to be anchored at FRESH@NTU.

The proposed Joint Lab is expected to connect scientific research in Singapore with AgriS' field-validation, production and commercialization capabilities across tropical agricultural markets.

AgriS also signed Memoranda of Understanding with the Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST) and the Vietnam Marketing Association (VMA), broadening its collaboration network from research and technology to market development and commercialization. Through the Center in Singapore, AgriS aims to serve as a platform connecting Vietnam's multidisciplinary innovation capabilities with international networks of research, technology, capital and markets.

Driving Innovation Across the Value Chain

AgriS' research and partnership initiatives are built on its agricultural value-chain platform, connecting R&D with growing areas, production, data, finance, logistics and markets to

develop solutions that enhance operational efficiency, optimize resources and create greater value from agriculture.

This direction is reflected in the strategy "Beyond Agriculture. Creating Sustainable Value" with the ambition to expand the value generated by agriculture beyond raw materials toward value-added products, technology, knowledge, business models and scalable commercial solutions.

AgriS' portfolio currently includes nearly 200 food and agricultural products across sugarcane, coconut, rice, banana and pineapple, together with nature-derived nutritional solutions. On this foundation, the AgriS Global Innovation Center connects research, field validation, production and markets, enabling new solutions to be assessed for feasibility, market demand and scalability before commercial deployment.

The Center was launched as part of AgriS Global NEXUS 2026 – Converge to Elevate, where AgriS and its partners explored how ASEAN can transform its agricultural advantages into higher-value products and solutions by strengthening connections across science, policy, industry, finance and international markets.

The program also expanded opportunities for collaboration in research, technology, talent development, cross-border investment, supply-chain integration and commercialization.

With Singapore serving as a strategic hub within its international innovation network, AgriS aims to connect research capabilities, growing areas and value chains across its operating markets with global technology, capital and customers. Through AgriS Global NEXUS, the Group continues to develop a collaborative ecosystem that can bring agricultural solutions from research and testing into real-world application, commercialization and international scale.

About AgriS

AgriS (Thanh Thanh Cong – Bien Hoa Joint Stock Company, HOSE: SBT) provides comprehensive high-tech agricultural solutions and develops a circular agricultural ecosystem built around three pillars: AgTech, FoodTech and FinTech, underpinned by ESG principles.

AgriS develops and operates a circular commercial value chain with more than 200 product lines spanning key agricultural categories including sugarcane, coconut, banana, rice and pineapple. Its products serve the domestic market and are exported to nearly 80 international markets.

AgriS' portfolio covers raw materials, processed products and value-added solutions that meet international standards for quality, traceability and sustainable development.

AgriS has consistently been included in the VNSI20, comprising 20 listed companies with leading sustainability performance in Vietnam's capital market.

About GMA

Global Mind Agriculture (GMA) is AgriS' investment and international collaboration arm in Singapore. GMA focuses on opportunities across agriculture, food and sustainable development, operating as a platform for trading, food and beverage research and product development, and digital innovation. As a strategic bridge, GMA facilitates cross-border collaboration, technology transfer and market expansion between Singapore, Vietnam, Australia and the broader Asia-Pacific region.

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SOURCE Thanh Thanh Cong – Bien Hoa Joint Stock Company

Syngenta files for Hong Kong IPO, aiming to raise at least \$5 billion, sources say



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Sept 15 (Reuters) - Swiss seeds and agrichemicals company Syngenta Group has confidentially filed for a Hong Kong initial public offering, aiming to raise at least \$5 billion, according to three people with direct knowledge of the matter.

The Basel-based company, controlled by Chinese state-owned Sinochem, hopes to launch the offering as soon as the end of this year, or if not, early 2027, said two of the sources.

Depending on the market response, the offering size could be up to \$10 billion, the sources said. At that size, it would be Hong Kong's biggest IPO since 2010, according to LSEG data.

Hong Kong's IPO market is booming, with initial public offerings and secondary listings raising \$45.8 billion so far this year, compared with \$24 billion in the same period last year, LSEG data showed.

The exact timing, offering size and the company's valuation have not been finalised, said the sources, who declined to be named as the information was not public.

A listing of that size would test investor appetite for a company whose owner, Sinochem, paid \$43 billion to take it private in 2017 and has yet to mark that investment to a public market valuation. Success would hand Hong Kong one of its marquee deals of the year and give Syngenta a way to start paying down some of its debts and also invest in new crop-protection products and seeds.

Syngenta expects the global agricultural market to improve next year, especially if there is a resolution in the Iran conflict that would ease shortages of natural gas used to make fertilisers, making the products cheaper for farmers, said a person familiar with the matter.

The company also wants to make the most of the booming Hong Kong stock market before it cools, the person added, while recently appointed CEO Hengde Qin, a Chinese national, is seen as a person who can navigate the various approval processes.

"We do not comment on market speculation," Syngenta said in a response to Reuters. Sinochem did not respond to a request for comment.

Bloomberg News first reported on the filing on Tuesday, saying the company is considering raising about \$5 billion.

The planned listing would revive an effort by Sinochem to take Syngenta public after the company withdrew a planned Shanghai listing in 2024.

SEEDS AND CROP-PROTECTION BUSINESS

Syngenta sells seeds and crop-protection products, including herbicides, insecticides and fungicides, and also provides biological and digital farming products. It has more than 50,000 employees in over 90 countries, according to its website.

Syngenta reported a decline in second-quarter sales and profit following its exit from a low-margin business in China.

Quarterly sales fell by 7% to \$5.7 billion, while earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) dropped 2% to \$1 billion. On a currency-adjusted basis, EBITDA was 4% higher.

Syngenta in July appointed Qin, previously chief operating officer, as its new CEO, effective August 1, to succeed Jeff Rowe, who returned to the United States after nearly 10 years with the company.

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