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NEWS TO USE: Monsanto To Appeal St. Louis Jury's Verdict In PCB Litigation Case

BACKGROUND:
Wednesday a St. Louis jury ruled in favor of three plaintiffs who sued Monsanto claiming they contracted non-Hodgkins lymphoma as a result of eating food containing polychlorinated biphenyls or PCBs. PCBs were sold by the former Monsanto Company to the manufacturers of other products who incorporated PCBs into their products for a variety of reasons (The primary purchasers were GE and Westinghouse). Widely recognized as a nonflammable safety fluid, PCBs were required by many electrical and building codes and insurance companies for use in electrical equipment in buildings where the possibility of fire presented a risk to human life. The former Monsanto stopped manufacturing PCBs in 1977. The suit alleged that the former Monsanto was negligent in that production of those PCBs more than four decades ago.

Prior to Wednesday's verdict, juries in four straight similar trials both in Los Angeles County and St. Louis County have ruled in Monsanto's favor and against comparable claims by attorneys for nine other plaintiffs. While we have deep sympathy for these plaintiffs, the evidence presented in this case simply does not support yesterday's verdict, including the fact that scientists say more than 90% of non-Hodgkins lymphoma cases have no known cause.

Monsanto's legal team will appeal the verdict which awarded the three plaintiffs $46.5 million in damages.

ACTION:
As appropriate, please share the below messages and resources with stakeholders, as well as friends, family and others in your network.

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KEY MESSAGES: ***THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS APPROVED TO SHARE EXTERNALLY.***

- While Monsanto has deep sympathy for the plaintiffs, we are disappointed by the jury's decision and plan to appeal this jury's verdict.

- Previous juries in four straight similar trials (three in Los Angeles County and one in St. Louis County) rejected similar claims by attorneys that those plaintiffs contracted non-Hodgkins lymphoma as a result of eating food containing PCBs.

- The evidence simply does not support today's verdict, including the fact that scientists say more than 90% of non-Hodgkins lymphoma cases have no known cause.

- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma is a name used to refer to a large group of more than 30 distinct diseases with distinct causes. There are 70,000 new cases of NHL diagnosed in this country every year. The cause of the majority of NHLs is unknown. The evidence simply doesn't support the assertion that the historic use of PCB products causes any form of NHL.

- The former Monsanto manufactured and sold PCBs, an industrial chemical, to other large companies such as GE and Westinghouse. The PCBs sold by the former Monsanto Company between 40 and 80 years ago were a useful, legal product that other companies incorporated them into their products such as caulks, paints and light fixtures.

- The former Monsanto voluntarily stopped manufacturing PCBs in 1977.

- Monsanto today, and for the last decade, has been focused solely on agriculture, but we share a name with a company that dates back to 1901. The former Monsanto was involved in a wide variety of businesses including the manufacture of PCBs. While our involvement in this trial stems from legacy liabilities associated with those former businesses, this case has nothing to do with Monsanto's business today.

RESOURCES:

- Click here for PCB information on Monsanto.com
- Click here for Questions about Products of the Former Monsanto on Monsanto.com
- Click here for a video about PCBs
- Click here for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch story on the verdict

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