Chemical company Bayer wants to buy Monsanto, the largest seed company in the world. This $66-billion takeover would create the world’s biggest seed and pesticide company. Together, Bayer-Monsanto would control around 31% of the world’s commercial seed market and 26% of agro-chemicals.

This merger needs to be approved by the Canadian government. [www.cban.ca/corporatecontrol](http://www.cban.ca/corporatecontrol)

Companies Dow and Dupont have also agreed to merge, and the Chinese state-owned company ChemChina has bought Syngenta. The resulting three companies will control more than 65% of global pesticide sales and almost 61% of commercial seed sales.

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“If such a crime of ecocide were recognized in international criminal law, the activities of Monsanto could possibly constitute a crime of ecocide. Several of the company’s activities may fall within this infraction such as...the large-scale use of dangerous agrochemicals in industrial agriculture; and the engineering, production, introduction and release of genetically engineered crops.”

— International Monsanto Tribunal, Advisory Opinion April 18, 2017

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