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## Bayer Agrees £7.25 Billion Settlement for Roundup Cancer Claims

### Description

Agrochemical company Bayer has proposed a \$7.25 billion settlement to resolve thousands of lawsuits in the United States. These lawsuits accuse Bayer of failing to inform consumers that its widely used weedkiller Roundup might lead to cancer.

This settlement emerges ahead of a scheduled U.S. Supreme Court hearing in April, where Bayer argues that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved Roundup without a cancer warning, which they believe should nullify state court claims against the company. However, this case will not be impacted by the proposed settlement.

The agreement could mitigate the company's financial risks associated with a potential adverse ruling from the Supreme Court. If the court sides with Bayer, affected patients would still receive compensation from the settlement. Conversely, if the ruling favours the plaintiffs, the settlement would help Bayer avoid greater financial liabilities.

Bayer, which acquired Monsanto in 2018 and inherited Roundup, contests claims linking its key ingredient, glyphosate, to non-Hodgkin lymphoma, a type of cancer. Nonetheless, the company acknowledges that ongoing litigation is straining its capacity to market Roundup in U.S. agricultural sectors.

Filed in St. Louis Circuit Court, the settlement requires court approval and aims to address approximately 200,000 claims related to Roundup. It stipulates that Bayer will pay into a fund for up to 21 years, with individual payouts varying based on the level of exposure, age at diagnosis, and severity of the illness. For instance, a worker diagnosed with an aggressive cancer before age 60 could receive an average of \$165,000.

Despite enthusiasm from some quarters, concerns linger regarding the adequacy of the proposed payouts. Critics, including attorneys representing plaintiffs, maintain that the amounts offered are insufficient. Meanwhile, in an interesting twist, Bayer has received support from the Trump administration regarding its legal strategies against state-level lawsuits, reflecting ongoing political interplay in environmental and public health matters.



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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Settlement** /'set(ə)lmənt/ (noun): An official agreement intended to resolve a dispute or lawsuit.
2. **Compensation** /,kɒmpən'seɪʃən/ (noun): Payment made to someone as reparation for loss or injury.
3. **Liabilities** /,laɪə'bɪlɪtɪz/ (noun): Legal responsibilities or obligations; debts.
4. **Lawsuits** /'lɔːsuːts/ (noun): Legal cases brought before a court of law.
5. **Acknowledge** /ək'nɒlɪdʒ/ (verb): Accept or admit the existence or truth of something.
6. **Mitigate** /'mɪtɪ,geɪt/ (verb): Make less severe serious or painful.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What is the proposed settlement amount by Bayer to resolve lawsuits?  
Option: \$5 billion  
Option: \$7.25 billion  
Option: \$10 billion  
Option: \$12 billion
2. Which herbicide is at the center of Bayer's lawsuits?  
Option: Glyphosate  
Option: Roundup  
Option: Herbimax  
Option: WeedAway
3. What type of cancer is associated with the claims against Bayer?  
Option: Lung cancer  
Option: Breast cancer  
Option: Non-Hodgkin lymphoma  
Option: Skin cancer
4. How long will Bayer pay into the settlement fund?  
Option: 10 years  
Option: 15 years  
Option: 21 years



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Option: 25 years

5. Where was the settlement filed?

Option: New York Court

Option: Los Angeles Circuit Court

Option: St. Louis Circuit Court

Option: Chicago District Court

6. Which company did Bayer acquire that owned Roundup?

Option: Dow Chemical

Option: Syngenta

Option: Monsanto

Option: BASF

### True-False

7. Bayer argues that the EPA approved Roundup with a cancer warning.

8. The proposed settlement has been approved by the court.

9. Bayer has received support from the Biden administration regarding its lawsuits.

10. The settlement aims to address around 200,000 claims.

11. The settlement could help Bayer reduce its financial liabilities.

12. Individual payouts from the settlement will be the same for all claimants.

### Gap-Fill

13. Bayer contests claims linking its key ingredient, \_\_\_\_\_, to non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

14. The proposed settlement is aimed at resolving lawsuits related to \_\_\_\_\_.

15. If the court rules in favor of the plaintiffs, the settlement will help Bayer avoid greater

\_\_\_\_\_.



16. Bayer acquired Monsanto in the year \_\_\_\_\_ .
17. A worker diagnosed with an aggressive cancer before age 60 could receive an average payout of \_\_\_\_\_ .
18. The proposed settlement requires \_\_\_\_\_ approval.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. \$7.25 billion 2. Roundup 3. Non-Hodgkin lymphoma 4. 21 years 5. St. Louis Circuit Court  
6. Monsanto  
**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False  
**Gap-Fill:** 13. glyphosate 14. Roundup 15. financial liabilities 16. 2018 17. \$165,000 18. court

## Answer

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