EcoScience Corp. earns $105,000 grant to research aquatic weeds

WORCESTER, Mass. — EcoScience Corporation (NASDAQ:ECSC) has announced receipt of a $105,000 award from the State of Minnesota for research leading to the biological control of the aquatic weed, Eurasian watermilfoil. The program is being conducted concurrently with EcoScience’s development of a bioherbicide for milfoil control, Aqua-Byte.

Milfoil, one of the most problematic aquatic weeds in North America, infests and clogs lakes and waterways. Since the 1960s when milfoil was brought to the U.S., the infestation has expanded to 38 states. The current means of control are either undesirable or too costly for many of the potential applications, such as recreational ponds and reservoirs.

Estimated current annual revenues in aquatic weed control in the U.S. are $35 million. This market is expected to grow significantly with the availability of environmentally compatible weed control products.

EcoScience is developing aquatic weed control products incorporating naturally occurring microorganisms as the control agent. The goal of the Minnesota-funded research is to identify additional strains of a naturally occurring fungus that will act across broader temperature ranges and that are more aggressive than current isolates. EcoScience plans to conduct field trials this summer with promising isolates identified and evaluated during the past year.

EcoScience Corporation is engaged in the discovery, development and commercialization of natural pest control products (biopesticides) and horticultural products and growing systems. The company has biopesticides under development for the control of insects, weeds and disease of plants, fruits and vegetables.

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TD&D gets NFL stamp of approval

OLATHE, Kan. — Turf Diagnostics & Design, a leader in applying the USGA perched-water table concept to the high performance athletic field market, has been recommended by the National Football League office to the 26 league teams and/or controlling stadium facility authorities for the evaluation of their high performance turf systems.

The first successful use of the perched water table concept for athletic fields was the University of Florida stadium field for the Gators. TD&D has been involved in the design phase of NFL, Major League Baseball and NCAA stadiums and practice facilities.

TD&D has acted as agronomic consultant/quality control agent during the construction and initial establishment of the turf systems. TD&D is currently supporting the installation of the training complex for the San Diego Padres/Seattle Mariners in Poria, Ariz., the Univ. of Buffalo stadium field, and the farm team stadium for the N.Y. Mets in Norfolk, Va.