Two Greensmix divisions opt for incorporation

Greensmix, a supplier of custom-blended rootzone media, has announced the incorporation of its affiliate company, North Woods Organics, located in Duluth, Minn. Greensmix also announced the incorporation of its Mexican Company, Greensmix International Soil Blenders SA de CV.

North Woods is managed by Principal Scientist Thomas Levar, a former research scientist with the University of Minnesota who holds honors graduate degrees in both soil science and horticultural science.

Levar has published several papers over his 17-year career and is recognized throughout the international peat community. Levar, a recent guest commentator on the Golf Course News Op-Ed page (Feb. 1993), started his career under the mentorship of the legendary Dr. Rouse Farnam.

Levar's role at North Woods Organics includes the management of peatland resources which encompasses resource assessment, characterization of peat materials, and peatland management for agriculture and forestry.

North Woods Organics now offers a wide variety of organics for rootzone media including: sphagnum, reed-sedge, hypnum and top moss. All of these organics are available from several locations throughout North America, in either bulk, 7-cubic-yard bulk sacks or 5-cubic-foot compressed bales.

Greensmix International provides precision screening of sand and gravel, organics for rootzone media, custom soil blending services, and golf cart path installation for several golf course builders and developers in Mexico.

Greensmix maintains an office in Cabo San Lucas, California Baha Sur, Mexico, managed by Randy Ruth, who joined the Mexican division in 1993. He brings 10 years of golf course construction experience to his current position.

For more information, contact Christine Faulks at 715-258-8566.

In other Greensmix news, Peter Stratton has been appointed northeastern division manager. Stratton's responsibility includes all sales in the northeastern United States. Prior to joining the Greensmix division, Stratton was a division manager for Faulks Bros. Construction, Inc., the parent company of Greensmix. Stratton can be reached at Greensmix company headquarters at 1-800-557-1796.

Manage earns experimental permit

ST. LOUIS — The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted an experimental use permit for Manage turf herbicide from Monsanto.

The EPA action allows use on 500 acres in 1993, including golf courses, sod farms and other turf areas where nutgrass is a problem. It is safe to all major warm and cool season North American turfgrasses, said Dennis Plummer, business director for Monsanto.

Manage, a sulfonylurea herbicide, is applied at very low use rates. Field trials have demonstrated it has negligible potential to reach groundwater supplies, Plummer said.

It also has very favorable toxicological properties, he said. "It is practically non-toxic to mammals, birds, fish and honeybees."

Aeration seminars offered by AAT

CHASKA, Minn. — A technical seminar on Applied Aeriation Technologies is immediately available for wastewater treatment professionals. The seminar, called "Windows On Aeration," is accredited for 1.2 CEU (continuing educational units). The seminars are held here in Chaska, a western suburb of Minneapolis.

The "Windows On Aeration" seminars benefit design professionals, wastewater treatment plant operators, managers and treatment system administrators.

In just 12 short hours of classroom instruction, direct observation, and a hands-on experience, participants will learn the latest methods for designing and using biological wastewater treatment systems with all of the available aeration technologies.

Seminar dates for the second quarter of 1993 are: May 13 & 14; May 26 & 27; June 16 & 17; and June 30 & July 1.

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