MAT to continue manufacturing fiber mulch

FLOODWOOD, Minn. — MAT Inc. recently announced that it will continue to manufacture premium wood fiber mulch for hydroseeding following Weyerhaeuser’s closure of its Engineered Fiber Business after more than 30 years of operation.

MAT has manufactured 100 percent of Weyerhaeuser’s private-labeled Silva-Fiber and Silva-Blend branded product lines for the midwestern and eastern markets since 1988. Joe Karpik, President of MAT, has appointed Ron Perez, a recently retired Weyerhaeuser employee, to head the sales and marketing activity in these markets.

The first truckloads of MAT Fiber produced under the new label were shipped to Barenbrug Seed Co. in Pittsburough, Pa., and Flick Brothers Seed Co. in Kingsville, Mo.

E-Z-Go president joins CF board

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Club Foundation (CF), the charitable arm of the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA) has added L.T. Walden Jr., President of Augusta, Ga.-based E-Z-Go Textron, to its Board of Governors.

L.T. Walden, a resident of Augusta, also serves as President of the National Golf Car Manufacturers Association and Executive Vice President of The Boys Club of Augusta, among other posts.

CF, which raises funds for educational opportunities for club managers, is in the midst of concluding its Campaign for Excellence, a capital campaign to create an educational endowment. The Textron Group, consisting of Jacobsen, Textron Financial Corp., Textron Specialty materials and E-Z-Go, was one of the first corporations to contribute to the campaign, pledging $100,000 in 1994.

Milorganite to boost research

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Golf course superintendents can help support turfgrass research when they use organic Milorganite fertilizer this fall, according to Larry Lennert, manager of research and product development at Milorganite.

For each ton purchased and delivered between August 1 and November 30, 1997, Milorganite will donate $10 to the superintendent’s favorite turfgrass research organization. "Milorganite and its distributors have long supported turfgrass research at the national level through the O.J. Noer Research Foundation," Lennert said. "The Turfgrass Research Donation Program enables Milorganite customers to support turfgrass research at the local level as well."

This is the third year that Milorganite has sponsored its Turfgrass Research Donation Program. In the first two years of the program, Milorganite donated nearly $40,000 to turfgrass research organizations across the U.S. and Canada.

CETCO APPOINTS LAPINSKI TO EUROPEAN POST

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. — Colloid Environmental Technologies Co. announced the appointment of Michael C. Lapinski to the position of managing director for CETCO Europe.

Lapinski, who will continue his current responsibilities as vice president of finance for CETCO, will replace Ryan McKendrick, who has been managing director of CETCO Europe for the past year. McKendrick will now refocus his attention on Asia.

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