EPA close on reassessments
Agency working on possible use restrictions for three turf-related chemicals
By ANDREW OVERBECK
HENDERSON, Nev. — AgriBioTech (ABT) has reached an agreement in principle to sell its turfgrass seed assets and Professional Turfgrass Division to Kenneth Budd, former ABT president and chief operating officer, and Post Falls, Idaho-based J.R. Simplot for approximately $85 million, plus assumption of liabilities. The two parties are also expected to assume ABT’s obligations under contracts with its growers. The exact details of the Budd/Simplot deal were not disclosed.
For the past two months, Development Specialists Inc. (DSI) has been overseeing the reorganization of ABT and taking bids on the company’s assets. DSI expects the deal to close by the end of June, but stresses that it must first be approved by the bankruptcy court and that competing bids may still be submitted by other parties.
Simplot has been aggressively expanding its reach in
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Irish golfers open new Stephen Kay links in New York
By JAY FINEGAN
UNION VALE, N.Y. — A little touch of Ireland has sprung up in New York’s Hudson River Valley, thanks to the financial backing of 500 golfers of Irish descent and the talents of golf course architects Stephen Kay and Douglas Smith. The Links at Union Vale, just now opening, undoubtedly ranks as one of the most unusual golf course development projects in recent years.
The par-72, 18-hole, links-style layout is the brainchild of the Irish Golf Association (IGA), comprised of about 30 clubs clustered in the New York metropolitan area. “Much like bowling leagues, these are
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EcoAegis, a bonded hemlock fiber mulch and seed mixture, produced by Canadian Forest Products (Canfor) of Vancouver, British Columbia, is becoming more widely used in steep sloped areas as a seeding agent and an erosion control device.
Hydrograss Technologies, based here, is the exclusive East Coast distributor of EcoAegis.
“We first used it on landfills. Engineers used it on 3-to-1 slopes in lieu of erosion blankets and had great success,” said Robert Arello, president of Hydrograss Technologies.
EcoAegis combines hemlock fiber with a guar bonding agent creating a matrix cover that prevents erosion by absorbing the
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Manufacturers eye total course Global Positioning technology
By ANDREW OVERBECK
In today’s information-crazed society, satellite-driven Global Positioning Systems (GPS) are becoming more widely used as the technology improves and costs come down. GPS systems are being used as navigational devices by hikers, bikers, golfers. Some the United states have in systems on golf courses to point exact and increase food and beverage revenues.
Not to be left out of the GPS revolution, large maintenance equipment manufacturers have teamed up with "clubhouse based" GPS companies to develop a total course solution that would bring the satellite technology to superintendents.
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