Dow AgroSciences sorting out Rohm and Haas acquisition
Company to expand its golf presence

By ANDREW OVERBECK

INDIANAPOLIS — As the consolidation trend in the chemical industry continues to unfold and competition heats up, companies are scrambling for whatever market advantages they can get their hands on. In the case of Dow AgroSciences, it made the move earlier this year to purchase Rohm and Haas because the added product lines boosted its position in fungicides and expanded its presence in the turf and ornamentals market.

"As we looked at our product line, we realized that we've always lacked a strong fungicide line," said Scott Eicher, Dow AgroSciences' senior product marketing manager for turf and ornamentals.

The need to balance its product portfolio, which is strong in both herbicides and insecticides, was made especially clear last summer when the rates and uses of its popular Dursban insecticide was scaled back by the Environmental Protection Agency. According to Eicher, addressing product gaps was important for the company.

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Troon adds to California stable

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BRENTWOOD, Calif. — Shadow Lakes Golf Club has opened for play here continuing the growth of the stable of courses built and operated by Troon Golf Management of Scottsdale, Ariz. The facility is situated in the rolling grasslands of this agricultural community just east of San Francisco in a region that has seen a flurry of golf course construction in the last three years.

The 6,700-yard Gary Roger Baird-designed course plays through a

IRS's depreciation ruling due in November

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ATLANTA — The National Golf Course Owners Association, along with accounting firm KPMG, is continuing to work with the Internal Revenue Service to achieve a favorable outcome in its two-year battle to update tax rules to allow for the depreciation of greens, bunkers and tees.

The issue, which has been fast-tracked as part of the IRS's newly created Industry Issues Resolution (IIR) pilot program, is set to be settled by November.

Besides an initial meeting with the IIR group in June, KPMG partner William Ellis organized a course visit for IRS officials in

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