SUPPLIERS CORNER

AgriBioTech Inc., named Tony Blum to the newly created position of Vice President, Director of Communications, Planning and Development. Blum was formerly Director, Planning and Development.

Aimcor, manufacturer of TurfFace® Sports Field Conditioner and Profile™ porous ceramic conditioners, is now Profile Products LLC.

Bayer has a new website for turf and ornamental questions: www.protect-your-turf.com

Century Rain Aid purchased Rain Control, a Midwest distributor of irrigation equipment. This expands the range of products, geographic diversity, locations and delivery services and increases technical expertise and product support.

Growth Products has added Patrick Carney, CGCS, as a technical sales representative. His sales territory includes KY, IN, IL, IA, WI and MN.

Bill Gonyea was named manager of customer service by Harmony Products Inc.

Joe Ernst was named director of commercial sales and technical services for Howard Johnson's Enterprises Inc. The company also named Jerry Schroeder territory manager for its Western Region.

Tom Childers was promoted to Eastern regional sales manager for Irritrol Systems. Childers will implement sales programs and promotions in states west of the Mississippi River.

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The Maryland branch of Lofts Seed is relocating to Savage, MD, to accommodate production and distribution needs for the mid-Atlantic states and future growth. This is a combined operation of Seed Corporation of America and Lofts Seeds Maryland branch.

Pursell Technologies is expanding its plant in Sylacauga, AL, to keep up with increased demand for such products as POLYON® fertilizer coating technology.

Seed Research of Oregon has a new office/warehouse facility in Glendale, AZ, to serve as a central office and to enhance the Arizona operation's shipping, receiving and warehousing abilities.

James A. Wier was named president and chief operating officer of Simplicity Manufacturing Inc.

Stihl was the first platinum sponsor ($10,000 and above) of the Equipment and Engine Training Council (EETC) and challenges all other power equipment manufacturers to also support the EETC financially.

Harold C. Pinto has been named managing director of Textron Turf Care & Specialty Products - Europe. He is responsible for manufacturing operations and sales facilities in England, Germany, France, Italy and Australia. Previously, Pinto was senior vice president of sales and marketing at Textron Turf Care & Specialty Products - Americas. LM

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ALTERNATIVE TO WOODEN BULKHEADS... can be seen in a videotape from Crane Plastics Company about its C-LOC® engineered vinyl sheet piling, an erosion control product that replaces conventional bulkhead materials. For a copy of the video contact Robyn Snider, Crane Plastics Company, 800/690-2562.

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