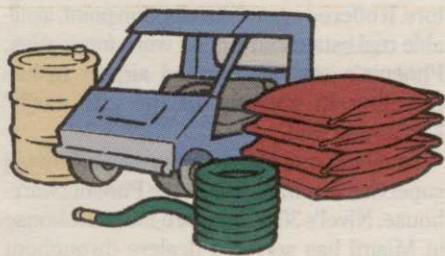


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BUNTON NAMES S'EAST DISTRIBUTOR

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Vince Thigpen Distributing Co. of Tifton, Ga., has been appointed exclusive distributor of the Bunton Co.'s rotary commercial products for the Southeast region.

The area includes North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

Located within 300 miles of Atlanta, Ga.; Birmingham and Mobile, Ala.; and Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa, Fla., Thigpen can provide one-day shipment by truck.

For more information, write Thigpen at P. O. Box 888, Tifton, Ga. 31793; 912-382-1396.

PARKWAY ACQUIRES DEL TREK

HOUSTON, Texas — Parkway Research of Houston has acquired the business operations of Del Tek, Inc.

Del Tek was most notable for its product Consan Triple Action 20. CTA-20 is an EPA-registered contact fungicide/algicide with approved turf labeling for Brown patch, pythium, leaf spot, root rot, fading out and more.

An additional feature of CTA-20 is that it is extremely safe. It is non-phytotoxic, biodegradable, non-flammable, and does not require special handling or storage.

SANDOZ ADDS PEST EFFECTIVENESS

DES PLAINES, Ill. — Sandoz Agro North America has announced the addition of two key pests, psyllids in California and green scale in Hawaii, to its Mavrik Aquaflow label.

Mavrik Aquaflow controls a broad spectrum of insects, including mites. Fully registered with the Environmental Protection Agency, it is an unrestricted material with a very low toxicity which does not harm birds, bees and other beneficial insects.

NEW DISTRIBUTOR FOR THE ANDERSONS

SHELBY, N.C. — Porter Brothers has been named an authorized distributor of The Andersons brand of fertilizer, announced C.M. "Chuck" Bolt, president of distribution for RSI Holdings, Inc.

Headquartered in Shelby, Porter Brothers, which is owned by RSI Holdings, Inc., is one of the nation's largest distributors of turf care and outdoor power equipment. The company sells to customers in North Carolina, South Carolina, and portions of Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee.

CATALANO JOINS RAIN BIRD

GLENDORA, Calif. — Mike Catalano has accepted the position of customer technical support engineer for the Golf Division of Rain Bird Sales, Inc., according to Steve Christie, director of sales and marketing.

Catalano will be responsible for technical support of the golf product line and available to all customers.

Catalano has experience as product manager and as an independent irrigation consultant.

Miles reorganizes U.S. sales force

Former Mobay Specialty group doubles number of sales areas and reassigns key personnel

The Agriculture Division, Specialty Products of Miles Inc., formerly Mobay Specialty Products Group, is expanding and reorganizing its field sales organization.

Until recently, the former Mobay Specialty Products Group had two U.S. sales areas, North and South. The re-named organization's sales force is divided into four areas — Northeast, Southeast, Midwest and West.

"We feel these changes are necessary for the growth, maturity and support of our customers," said Miles Specialty Products Manager Allen Haws.

Cecil Childers, formerly area manager for the South, now serves as pest control product marketing manager, remaining at the home office in Kansas City.

Steve Chaney, formerly a field representative in Champaign, Ill., relocates to Kansas City to assume duties as turf and ornamental

product marketing manager.

Rich Burns, formerly area manager for the North, will relocate to Atlanta, Ga., to serve as manager for the Southeast region. The field representatives in the Southeast are Greg Pagano, Ph.D of New Port Richey, Fla.; Trey Turner of Ocala, Fla.; Jon Stewart of Greensboro, N.C.; Lee Bloomcamp of Miami; Dick Nash, Ph.D of Cordova, Tenn.; and Jack Hoxie of Snellville, Ga.

Ken Linscott, former district manager in Florida for Mobay Agricultural Chemicals Division, will relocate to Dallas to act as area manager for the West. The field representatives in the West are Judy Wanner of Arlington, Texas; Randall Davis of Austin, Texas; Ben Oller of Fresno, Calif.; and Paul Brown of Lincoln, Calif.

Dan Meek, formerly turf and ornamental product manager, will remain in the Kansas City area to serve as Midwest area manager. The field representatives in the Midwest include John Spaulding of Liberty, Mo.; and Richard Skorepa of Dublin, Ohio. Two additional field representatives will be added in



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this area.

Hal Paul, formerly pest control product manager, relocates to Philadelphia, to serve as area manager for the Northeast. The field representatives in the Northeast are Greg Ellis of Greenwich, R.I.;

Bob Hughes of Wayne, Pa.; and Mike Ruizzo, Ph.D. of Sparks, Md. An additional field representative will be named shortly.

Rick Robb, formerly seed treatment product manager for the Agricultural Chemicals Division, now serves as marketing services manager, a new position for the group.

Jim Schell, regional manager for Mobay's Central region, will soon relocate to headquarters in Kansas City to serve as national accounts and governmental sales manager.

Brad Filson, formerly governmental sales manager, now serves as product packaging manager.

Pennington completing work on new plants

Pennington Enterprises, Inc. is completing construction of two new plants for its Gro Tec, Inc. subsidiary and one new plant for its Earth Pak, Inc. subsidiary.

Officials say one of the new plants for the Gro Tec subsidiary will be the most modern and one of the most automated lawn, garden, and golf course fertilizer plants in the nation. The second plant for the Gro Tec subsidiary will be the lawn and garden chemicals plant. This plant will be 2-1/2 times larger than the original Gro Tec plant, which was destroyed by fire in April 1991.

Both plants were built on a 45-acre site in Eatonton, Ga., using the latest EPA guidelines for pollution control. Two dry lakes will retain spill or run-off during a fire or other natural disaster. All buildings at the site will be diked for

further protection from run-off. Chemical storage will be limited to fireproof concrete bunker-type storage facilities. Wiring throughout the plants will be explosive proof type. Each plant will have a high deluge sprinkler system.

The lawn and garden chemical plant will use pharmaceutical technology and equipment rather than agricultural technology and equipment in manufacturing lawn and garden chemicals. This will give Gro Tec a finer degree of control.

Pennington said Gro Tec, through its affiliation with Bio-Plus, Inc., will be the only lawn and garden chemical manufacturer in the nation who is basic in the carrier manufacturing in addition to the impregnation of chemicals into the carrier. A patent was issued to Bio-Plus last Aug. 20, on its process for the

manufacture of carriers for insecticides from peanut hulls.

The Gro Tec plant will have a 33.3-percent capacity increase over the original plant destroyed in the fire.

Located on the Gro Tec site will be a new quality-control lab staffed by two trained chemists.

The new facility for the Earth Pak, Inc. subsidiary will be located on Pennington Road in Shady Dale, Ga., 12 miles from Pennington's corporate headquarters in Madison. The Earth Pak plant will be an 80-acre facility for basic ingredient manufacturing, processing, and packaging of pine bark nuggets and mulch, Cypress mulch, composted cow manure, peat moss, potting soils, play sand, and decorative rocks.

Hood honored by ASIC chapter

San Diego - Larry Hood, regional sales manager for Hydro-Scape Products, Inc., was selected as the 1991 Associate Member of the Year by the Southern California Chapter of the American Society of Irrigation Consultants, according to Dave Pagano, irrigation designer with Sasaki Associates. The award was presented at the recent ASIC conference in Hawaii.

"Larry has organized the ASIC annual tennis tournament since 1985 and he's always been there for the organization, doing whatever was needed," said Pagano. "The award represents our thanks to Larry for not only his personal time but his dedication to ASIC that has been so valuable over the years."

Hood is a resident of Orange and works from the El Toro branch of Hydro-Scape Products.



Larry Hood, right, of Hydro-Scape Products receives award from Dave Pagano of ASIC

Seed Research of Ore. adds to technical committee

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Seed Research of Oregon, Inc. has added six members to its technical advisory committee.

They are Bill Sessums of Pinewild Country Club of Pinehurst, N.C.; Harold Schuemann of Crystal Springs Country Club in Grand

Rapids, Mich.; David Nickson of Peninsula Country Club in Frankston, VIC, Australia; Peter Jones of International Resort Holdings, Collingtree Park in Northampton, England; Susumu Nakano of Koraku Golf Course in Okayama, Japan; and John Zoller

of the city of Portland.

This 19-member committee of worldwide superintendents advises on the specific needs of golf courses regarding turfgrass species, varieties, blends and mixtures, and evaluates new Seed Research products.