

## DowElanco plans plant expansion

INDIANAPOLIS — DowElanco has announced a production plant expansion to meet increased demand for oryzalin, the active ingredient in Surflan pre-emergent herbicide. Oryzalin's world-wide sales have increased 15 percent over the last year and customer demand continues to strengthen, according to John Peterson, product manager for Surflan.

"Industry professionals are seeking versatile products that are highly efficacious and versatile enough to be used on a variety of sites," said Peterson, who attributed Surflan's growing appeal to the need to reduce weeds as part of integrated pest management programs. "They need to strike a balance between satisfying their customers and keeping operating expenses in mind. That means implementing a pest management program that advocates a judicious use of weed control products."

For more information on Surflan and the planned plant expansion, contact DowElanco at 1-800-352-6776.

## Ransomes receives U.S. patent for electric greensmower

LINCOLN, Neb. — Ransomes America Corp. has been granted a patent by the U.S. Patent Office for the Ransomes E-Plex, the industry's first electric triplex greens mower.

The patent, effective April 18, 1995, covers 50 of the mower's design features including:

- A pivoted center cutting reel that swings out from under the E-Plex, designed for ease of service.
- Two ways to backlap the cutting reels. The operator can choose to drive the reels in reverse directly from the motor or use a separate external power source. Backlapping is a method for keeping an edge on the individual blades and bedknife.

• Linear actuators to lift the reels independently and an individual reel "on/off" selection switch. This lets the operator determine which of the cutting heads will be used for the perimeter cut.

"The patent on the Ransomes E-Plex illustrates what a revolutionary example of engineering this mower is," said Peter Whurr, director of product management and training for Ransomes. "Because the mower is electrically powered, it's environmentally friendly and exceptionally quiet. In fact, the E-Plex's quiet operation has made it very popular with golf courses that are part of private residential developments."

## CETCO acquires Claymax Corp.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. — Colloid Environmental Technologies Co. (CETCO), the environmental unit of AMCOL International Corp., has purchased certain assets of Claymax Corp. of Fairmount, Ga., the manufacturer of geosynthetic clay liners used for lining containment ponds and beautification lakes. Terms were not disclosed.

Claymax is CETCO's fifth acquisition in the environmental market since January 1994, expanding its core capabilities in lining technologies, wastewater treatment, ground water monitoring/drilling and commercial construction materials.

For more information on the Claymax acquisition, contact CETCO at 708-506-6150.

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from David Buzzelli, co-chairman of President Clinton's Council on Sustainable Development and panel discussions on important issues, including multiple chemical sensitivity.

Hole sponsorships at the RISE Golf Classic are going quickly. If your firm is interested, contact Tournament Chairman Terry Higgins at 616-372-2038.

Applied Biochemists, a division of Great Lakes Biochemical Co., Inc. of Milwaukee, Wis., has joined RISE. A basic manufacturer, Applied Biochemists is the 15th new RISE member for 1995 and the 117th overall.

Nominees to the RISE Governing Board have been announced by Nominating Committee Chairman Peter Machin of The Andersons. Winning candidates will fill three-year terms on the governing board, beginning in September of 1995.

Official representatives will vote by mailed ballot on Jim Champion of Riverdale Chemical, a formulator; Janet Giesselman of Rohm and Haas, a basic manufacturer; and Allen Haws of the Bayer Corp., another basic. Results will be announced at the RISE Annual Meeting in September.

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