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MORSE JOINS CORON SALES TEAM

SOUDERTON, Pa. — Stanley Morse, formerly of Vicksburg Chemical and Arcadian Corp., has joined the

CoRon sales team. Morse is now responsible for sales and technical support of CoRon's liquid, controlled release, nitrogen fertilizer products in the Southwest and mid-South.



Stanley Morse

Morse will be based in College Station, Texas.

LUPER TO REP GREENTURF IN S.E.

MCKINNEY, Texas — John Luper has joined Green Turf International as the southeastern regional sales manager, having previously served as general manager of Liquid Ag Systems in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Green Turf's distributor in Florida. A certified golf course superintendent since 1979, Luper can be reached here at Green Turf by dialing 1-800-799-9074.

PULLIAM PROMOTED AT ZENECA

WILMINGTON, Del. — Keelan Pulliam has been named business director for Zeneca Professional Products, based here. In his new position Pulliam will oversee the division's business growth and direction following Zeneca's recent restructuring, which created five separate business segments in North America. Most recently, Pulliam served as director of sales for Zeneca Ag Products.

CHANGE OF SCENERY FOR DAKOTA

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Dakota Turf has relocated its offices here. The new address is Dakota Turf, 712 E. 50th St. North, P.O. Box 1859, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57104. The firm can be reached by telephone at 605-336-1873; or by fax at 605-336-0005.

AMIAD TAPS DAVIDSON FOR WEST

VAN NUYS, Calif. — Mike Davidson has been named western regional sales manager for Amiad Filtration System's lrrigation Division, based here.

Davidson is a 17yearveteran in the use, design and sales of irrigation filtration systems. The past four years he's served as sales engineer for the Southern California territory.



Mike Davidson

Emissions deadline comes, goes in Calif.

By HAL PHILLIPS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Enforcement dates on the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) stricter emission standards have passed, and manufacturers of mowers and utility vehicles have fallen in line. However, engine manufacturers may not be completely up to snuff until later this spring.

Wisconsin Total Power has received CARB approval on its Wisconsin engine models AENL2, BKN2 and THD3, while Kohler will not even request approval for its Magnum model. Other manufacturers — including Briggs & Stratton and

Mitsubishi — have received the okay on some models, but not others.

"In some cases, the engines have not been certified," said Kirk Reimers, chief engineer for Cushman, a division of Ransomes America Corp. "We're not hurting on the sales side because they've been grandfathered. But the engineswitching process has been very expense.

"Of course, we — as an on-road motorcycle and meter-maid vehicle manufacturer — have been involved with CARB before. They have not other choice but to be hard-line because the EPA has named

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With the SubAir unit are (from left) Patrick Bennett & David Ferris, co-owners of SubAir Inc., Dr. Joe Duich of Penn State and Marsh Benson, superintendent of Augusta (Ga.) National.

NEW PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

Ferris to debut SubAir in San Francicso

By MARK LESLIE

arly indications are that golf course superintendents will soon have an important addition to their arsenal. Called SubAir, it is a system that blows air into the drainage network below the root zone of a U.S. Golf Association-spec green.

"It doesn't solve all your problems," said its inventor, Augusta National Golf Club superintendent Marsh Benson. "But it gives a turf manager a much better fighting chance to control the micro-climate he's trying to grow grass in.

"All of us typically have one or two notorious greens that give us problems year-in and year-out. I think that's where the system will get its start, trying to turn those greens around. Then, with a mobile unit, taking those benefits from green to green."

"It has incredible potential," said Tim Hiers, superintendent at Collier's Reserve in Naples, Fla., who has used SubAir on his greens. "There are a lot of other things you have to do right, but this is a tool that could be extremely beneficial."

"We're working with three angles — oxygen, temperature control and moisture control — using the air system to do all three," said David Ferris, president of SubAir, Inc., which teamed with Benson about a year ago. Benson first designed the system in 1989 and spent four years

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California EPA signs off on Primo and Dimension

SACRAMENTO, Calif. —With all the hoo-hah surrounding the state's strict emissions standards, it's easy to forget California also has separate and stricter laws regarding chemical registration.

However, state officials here have given their approval to a pair of golf course industry products:

• Primo, a turf growth management tool manufactured by Greensboro, N.C.-based Ciba Turf & Ornamental, was recently registered by the California Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use in the state. Primo, which has been okayed for use in the remaining 49 states since 1993, regulates turf growth by reducing the size of plant cells and is designed to reduce clippings by approximately 50 percent.

• Philadelphia-based Rohm and Haas Co. has received registration from the California EPA for Dimension, a turf herbicide designed to control crabgrass and other susceptible grasses and broadleaves. Dimension is also expected to prove effective against kikuyograss, a problem turf not addressed by many herbicides labeled in California.

Bishop named new Lebanon president; stays on as COO

LEBANON, Pa. — Katherine Bishop has been elected president of Lebanon Chemical Corporation and its subsidiaries, headquartered here.

Bishop, who was elected president at a recent directors meeting, will continue as chief operating officer and will be responsible for the operations of the business.

At the same meeting, Richard J. New-master, Jr., chief administrative officer, was appointed corporate secretary. New-master was already serving as secretary of Lebanon's Stanford Seed and Seaboard subsidiaries.

Vernon Bishop will continue as chairman and chief executive officer. Bishop will remain invloved in the overall direction of the corporation and in counseling management.

In other Lebanon news, Paul Grosh has been named national sales and marketing manager for Lebanon Turf Products, the division responsible for Country Club fertilizers and grass seed, NX-PRO fertilizers, Greenskeeper fertilizers and grass seed, Lebanon Pro Fertilizers and Lebanon Control Products.

Grosh had served as sales and marketing manager for Professional Products. He joined Lebanon in 1987 as a sales representative and was promoted to sales manager of Southern and Mid-Atlantic sales in 1989.