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TURFLINE SECURES VIBRATORY PATENT

ST. CHARLES, Mo. — Turflin, Inc., the manufacturer of the True-Surface(r) Greens Rolling System, has been awarded a patent for the company's vibratory greens roller by the U.S. Patent Office. The patent was issued in 1992 and the rollers can now be found on courses in the U.S. and overseas. The True-Surface(r) system incorporates an unbalanced center shaft with an eccentric flyweight to create the needed movement of the outer roller, designed to result in a truer, faster putting surface. For more information, contact the firm at 1-800-443-8506.

BOWLER TO STAFF SEAL'S A-P OFFICE

KUALA LUMPUR — National Seal Co. will open a new sales office here in an effort to target the expanding Asia-Pacific environmental market. National Seal sees particular opportunity in Taiwan, Australia, Thailand and the Philippines, where rapid growth in the environmental industry has spurred interest in these types of containment systems, according to Mike Bowler, vice president of Asia-Pacific operations. For more information, phone the U.S. office at 708-898-1161.



Mike Bowler

EP AERATION SCORES AT PGA WEST

LA QUINTA, Calif. — E.P. Aeration has announced that eight of its EP LK series sub-surface activated oxygen aeration systems have been installed at the new Tom Weiskopf-designed course here at the PGA West complex. The systems, which will treat three lakes at the course, were specified and selected by Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, based in Huntington Beach, Calif. The lakes were constructed by Living Waters of Brea, Calif.

GREENSCAPE EXPANDS, RELOCATES

CARROLLTON, Texas — Greenscape Pump Services, Inc. has announced the expansion and relocation of its main offices here. The new address is 1425 Whitlock Lane, Suite 108, Carrollton, Texas, 75006; phone — 214-446-0037; fax — 214-446-0313. Greenscape has also opened a new branch San Antonio office, which can be reached by writing 11031 Wye Drive, Suite 102, San Antonio, Texas, 78217; calling 210-590-9577; or faxing 210-590-9066.

Chemical firms brace for MCS P.R. struggle

By HAL PHILLIPS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — It's called MCS, short for multiple chemical sensitivity. No one is sure what causes MCS, how to prevent it, or whether there's actually anything to prevent. However, the specialty chemical industry is shoring up its scientific flanks in anticipation of a public relations struggle.

The phenomenon of MCS — a condition of ill health allegedly induced by reactions to household and workplace chemicals — has prompted an upcoming conference, "Multiple Chemical Sensitivities: State of the Science Symposium," scheduled for Oct. 30 to Nov. 1 in Baltimore. The event is co-sponsored by the International Society of Regulatory Toxicology & Pharmacology, the Johns Hopkins University Educational Resource Center and the National Medical Advisory Service, Inc.

MCS also commanded a great deal of attention at the RISE Annual Meeting, held here in September. RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment) — a trade association and lobbying group representing more than 120 members of the specialty chemical industry — has taken a position consistent with the nation's mainstream medical community: That MCS is essentially a psychological affliction.

Nevertheless, RISE devoted an entire morning's education session to MCS, a disorder not recognized by mainstream toxicologists but one that has garnered increased public exposure in the courts, in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) facilities, even in the nation's movie theaters. RISE members also heard from representatives of the Environmental Sensitivities Research Institute (ESRI), a group trying to inject more science into the debate.

"The broader issue of MCS affects the

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contingent representing Europe and Asia-Pacific, traveled to Deere headquarters in order to evaluate and critique the firm's product lines. During testing and neighboring Pinnacle CC, green, fairway and rough mowers were all evaluated, in addition to utility vehicles and a number of concept machines.



Bob Sumner photos

FEEDBACK '95 IN MOLINE

More than 800 golf course industry experts, 550 of them superintendents, descended on Moline, Ill., in late August for John Deere's annual Feedback '95. Five different groups from the United States and Canada, plus a

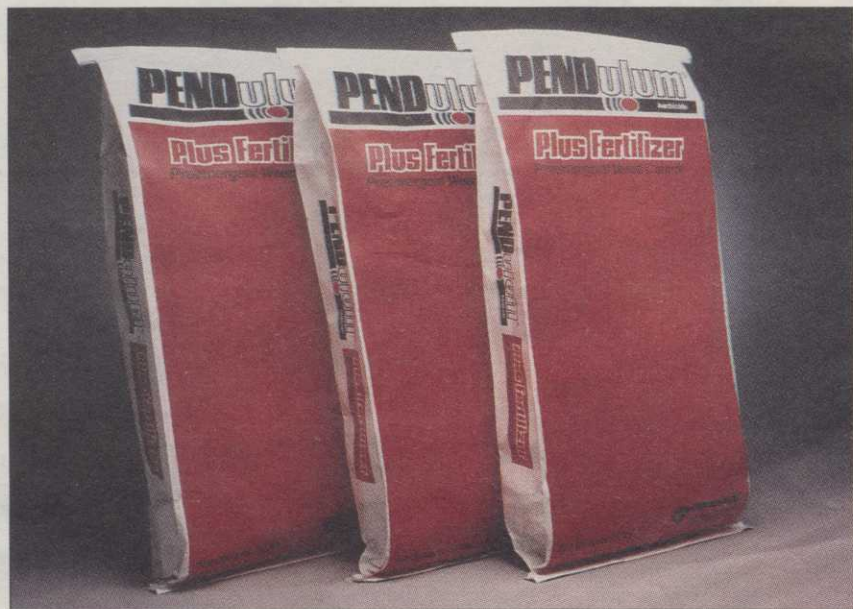
HCC wins patent suit for Dig-it knockoff

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Spancrete Machinery Corp. of Milwaukee, Wis., has been awarded an undisclosed sum in financial damages from RH&M Machine Co. of Morgantown, W.Va., for the infringement of U.S. Patent No. 4,925,358, covering a towable backhoe marketed under the trade name, Dig-it.

The ruling, issued by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, also orders RH&M to discontinue sale of the infringing backhoe

which it had designated as the Gopher Digger II.

The jury's infringement verdict had been reached in December of 1992 but had been stalled when the trial court overturned the verdict on technical grounds. The original verdict of infringement has since been reinstated by the court of appeals for the Federal Court. Dig-it products are currently marketed and manufactured by HCC, Inc. of Mendota, Ill.



NEW PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

American Cyanamid has brought golf course superintendents the convenience of pre-emergent herbicides and fertilizer in one product with Pendulum Plus Fertilizer, formulated to provide control of most annual grasses and many broadleaf weeds found in turfgrass. Pendulum Plus is a granular product and can be applied with most commercially available spreaders. It will be available in early 1996. For more information on Pendulum Plus Fertilizer, call 201-831-387. For more new products, see page 42.

American Cyanamid, Rohm & Haas join forces on insecticide

American Cyanamid Co. and Rohm and Haas Co. have announced the formation of RohMid L.L.C., a marketing and sales joint venture to develop, register and commercialize a new insecticide, RH-0345, for the U.S. turf and ornamental market.

According to Janet Giesselman, Turf and Ornamental products manager for Rohm and Haas, and Tom Perkins, Ph.D., business manager, Turf, Ornamental and Pest Control Products at American Cyanamid, both firms have expertise in developing molting accelerator compounds (MACs) for the 2.2 million acre U.S. turf market. The formation of RohMid allows the companies to share the costs of developing a new insecticide and to expedite the development of data needed to register the product with regulatory authorities.

RohMid hopes that the Environmental Protection Agency will grant a registra-

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