

Gill acquired by Woods Equipment

OREGON, Ill. — Woods Equipment Co. has acquired the assets of Gill Manufacturing Co., L.P. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

Based in Charlotte, N.C., Gill is a manufacturer and marketer of landscaping products to dealers primarily located in the Eastern and Southeastern regions of the U.S. Core products include pulverizers, turf renovators, seeders, core plug aerators, landscape rakes, and spreaders. The integration of these products broadens the spectrum of Woods'

Turf and Grounds Care Business.

As the third acquisition for Woods in the past twelve months, Gill joins the ranks of other brands that comprise the Woods product offering. In July 1994, Woods expanded into the industrial/construction attachment market with the acquisition of Gannon Manufacturing.

The addition of Alloway Manufacturing in November 1994 reinforced the commitment to provide agricultural dealers with a brand of specialty agricultural attachments.

Netlon secures Minn. distributor

BLAINE, Minn. — The Glen Rehbein Companies, headquartered here, have joined the Netlon Limited North America distributor network. The network centers on providing the patented Netlon Advanced Turf system, which incorporates small, interlocking polypropylene mesh elements with a free-draining rootzone medium covered by natural grass. The system is designed to relieve surface pressure.

The Glen Rehbein Companies include Glen Rehbein Excavating, which handles golf course construction, and Glen Rehbein Farms, which maintains two sod farms, a major installation of Strath Ayr SquAyr, and a washed-turf system. Glen Rehbein Farms can be reached by calling 612-674-7937. For the Netlon distributor nearest you, contact Stephen Guise at 714-578-0215.

MCS campaign

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entire pesticide industry, including golf courses, because the ultimate solution in terms of believers of MCS is non-use of the offending pesticide," explained RISE Executive Director Allen James.

"In reality, the issue is not that big. That's not the reality. However, for more specific uses like golf courses, there more might be more local reactions. Neighbors might object to the uses of certain chemicals under the aegis MCS, saying they were supersensitive to pesticides."

MCS has gained momentum in recent years as an increasing number of people have sued employers, citing adverse physical reactions to the chemicals used in pest control products, paint and lawn applications. In California's Marin County, HUD recently financed construction of the ultimate "safe house," built and maintained with nothing that might be deemed chemically volatile — paint, pesticides or certain polymers. Even an EPA building here in Washington has been singled out as chemically "unsafe," owing to allegedly toxic carpet glue.

Hollywood has entered the fray with "Safe," an art house film that documents an affluent housewife's bout with mysterious symptoms she believes are caused by chemical aspects of her environmental. Though the film makes clear the housewife's problems are primarily psychological, industry representatives and groups like RISE and ESRI fear the stampede of public opinion may legitimize the mysterious disorder.

"There's a harassment factor here," James explained. "Many proponents of MCS will simply harass the users of a particular chemical until the users simply cannot fight it anymore. We haven't seen it on golf courses yet, but we've seen it in other areas, like homeowners associations."

For more information on "Multiple Chemical Sensitivities: State of the Science Symposium," contact the symposium coordinator at 301-230-6553. For more information on the ESRI, call 301-984-8933.

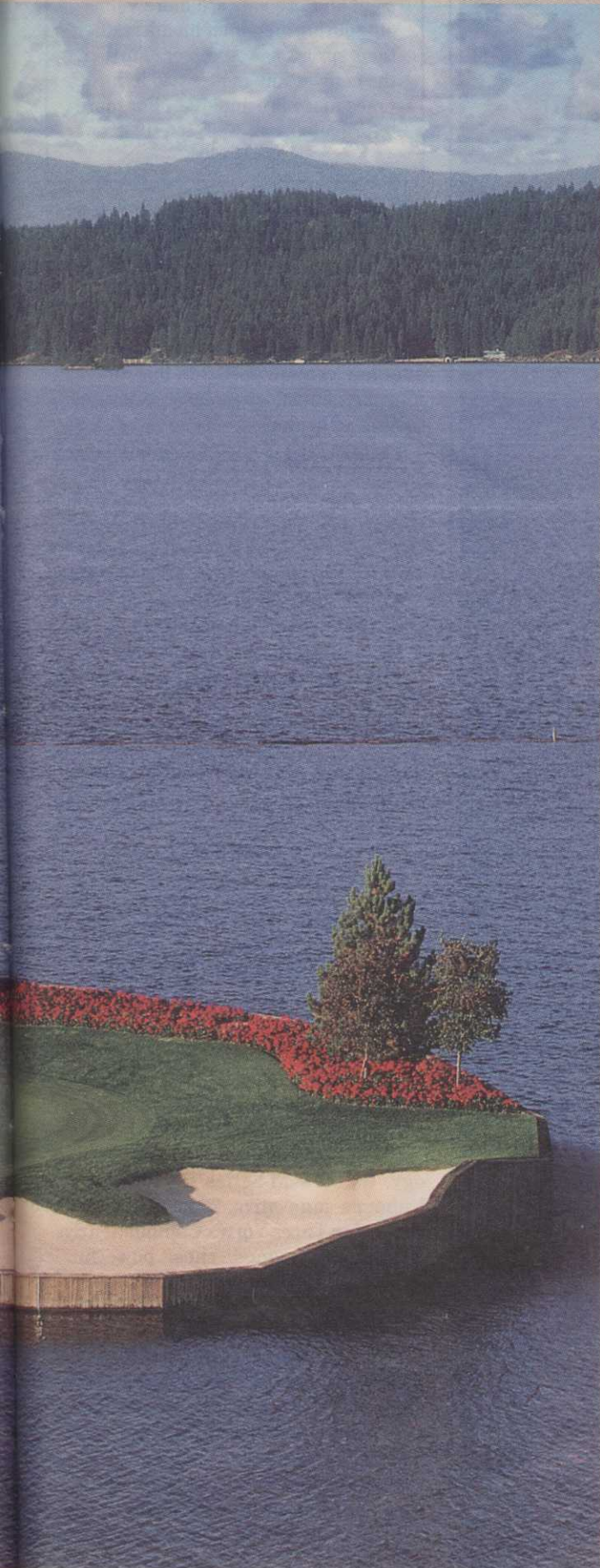
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tion for the insecticide in the U.S. by early 1997.

RH-0345 is a diacylhydrazine insecticide that controls grubs and other soil-borne pests on golf courses, industrial parks, home lawns, and other turf applications. This compound (benzoic acid, 4-chloro-, 2-benzoyl-2-(1,1-dimethylethyl) hydrazide) has a unique mode of action that interferes with the normal molting process of grubs and caterpillars.

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