

**AgriBio Tech, Inc.** has purchased **E. F. Burlingham & Sons** seed company. Dr. Johnny R. Thomas, CEO of AgriBio Tech, says the buy combines research, production and distribution to establish AgriBio Tech in the turfgrass sector of the green industry. "Ownership of Burlingham germplasm should enhance AgriBio Tech's negotiations for biotechnology access," says Thomas. Burlingham will continue to market its proprietary turf products through its traditional channels.

**AquaMaster** Fountains and Aerators of Kiel, Wisc., has established distributorships with the following U.S. and foreign companies: Kamex Industries, Inc., Seoul, Korea; Irritec Irrigation, Belmont, Western Australia; Mantag Irrigation Systems, New Delhi, India;

Kilpatrick International Sales, Boynton Beach, Fla.; Globen Co., Ltd., Nagoya, Japan; and Landscape Li Chuan Corp., Taipei, Taiwan.

**Cargill Salt** has completed its purchase of **Akzo Nobel Salt, Inc.** The buy includes all of Akzo's North American production, processing and marketing assets, including familiar brands such as Alberger; Diamond Crystal; Salt Sense; Champions Choice; Red•Out; and ResinGard. "We have increased our production capacity for all types of salt; rock, solar and evaporated," says Charles Sullivan, president of Cargill's Salt Division. Both companies have been suppliers of deicing salt to the green industry.

**Morbark**, headquartered in

Winn, Mich., the largest manufacturer of wood chipping and solid waste grinding equipment, has bought **GDS Screens**, the largest maker of portable trommel screens. Loran Balvanz, CEO of USM Equipment, which owned GDS, will serve as a consultant.

**Plant Health Care, Inc.** has an Internet web site to serve as a one-stop information resource for biological plant health care products. Root zone ecology and living microorganisms that promote plant health including mycorrhizal fungi, beneficial bacteria and biostimulants, are included. The address is: <http://www.planthealthcare.com>

**Pursell Industries** has completed a management-led buy-out of its consumer product di-

vision, with Citicorp Venture Capital joining as an equity investor. Taylor Pursell will lead the business, to be known as Pursell Technologies, Inc. Jim Pursell is chairman of Pursell Technologies; David Pursell is president and CEO.

Don Clark is marketing manager for **Rain Bird Sales, Inc.**'s Contractor Division. He oversees the strategic marketing communications activities of the Division, and manages the product planning staff.

Christopher R. Shadday is products manager for **Rohm and Haas** Company's Turf and Ornamental Products business. Shadday contributes to the company's marketing, business development and management programs for its turf and ornamental products.

**Sostram Corporation's** Echo 720 Turf and Ornamental Fungicide has received EPA approval for use in California. The broad-spectrum, flowable, contact fungicide works on a wide variety of turfgrass and ornamental diseases.

**The Toro Company** will move the Toro Hardie Irrigation administration/distribution offices to Toro's Riverside, Calif. irrigation headquarters. The move will begin in mid-June and is expected to be completed by the end of November. Also, all Toro irrigation valves will now be produced at the Toro Hardie El Paso, Texas manufacturing plant; irrigation products will be built at the Riverside site. **LM**

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**TURFGRASS DISEASE CD-ROM...** *Turfgrass Diseases: Diagnosis and Management*, by Gail L. Schumann and James D. MacDonald is an interactive guide to identifying and managing more than 65 turfgrass diseases and disease agents. It combines an extensive collection of high-quality images with vast reference material and expert advice on disease control, including the most current approaches to environmentally-sound integrated programs. The guide is designed for anyone who works with turfgrass—from professionals to students to plant scientists. It's simple yet authoritative, with more than 350 images. Cost is \$295 U.S., \$310 outside the U.S. There is a 30 percent quantity discount with purchase of 10 or more. Contact: APS PRESS, American Phytopathological Society, 3340 Pilot Knob Rd., St. Paul, MN 55121-2097; (612) 454-7250; fax: (612) 454-0766.

**IRRIGATION CATALOGUES...** **HIT Products Corporation** of Lindsay, Calif., has a catalogue of turf products that includes Procode Solar Controllers, Rainbow Controllers, pop-up sprinklers, valves and pressure compensation devices, and more. Contact the company at (209) 562-5975. George Cook is the company owner and marketing manager. **Superior Controls Co., Inc.**, of Valencia, Calif., makes a variety of solid-state controllers, electro-mechanical controllers, automatic adaptors, globe valves and pressure reducing valves. To obtain a catalogue, contact the company at (805) 257-3533.