

BASF Turf & Ornamentals to discontinue sales of Drive® 75 DF herbicide



RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC, August 11, 2009 – BASF Turf & Ornamentals today announced that, effective immediately, it will no longer sell Drive® 75 DF herbicide to the professional turf & ornamentals market. BASF will now focus on selling the most innovative product in postemergent herbicides, Drive® XLR8.

Launched in 2008, Drive XLR8 herbicide is a true liquid formulation and as such exhibits rainfastness in only 30 minutes. Drive XLR8 also shows improved efficacy over the older Drive75 DF and is easier to handle and mix.

“Innovation is a core competency at BASF and with Drive XLR8 we are pleased to provide our customers with this new patented and proprietary liquid formulation of quinclorac,” said Dr. Toni Bucci, Business Manager, BASF Turf & Ornamentals. “Turf professionals now have an even more effective product to battle difficult weeds such as crabgrass, torpedograss clover and speedwell while providing outstanding residual control.”

Drive XLR8 is available now through all BASF Turf & Ornamental distribution partners nationwide.

For more information about BASF Turf & Ornamentals visit www.betterturf.com and www.betterplants.com.

About the Crop Protection division

With sales of € 3.4 billion in 2008, BASF's Crop Protection division is a leader in crop protection and a strong partner to the farming industry providing well-established and innovative fungicides, insecticides and herbicides. Farmers use these products and services to improve crop yields and crop quality. Other uses include public health, structural/urban pest control, turf and ornamental plants, vegetation management, and forestry. BASF aims to turn knowledge rapidly into market success. The vision of BASF's Crop Protection division is to be the world's leading innovator, optimizing agricultural production, improving nutrition, and thus enhancing the quality of life for a growing world population. Further information can be found on the web at www.agro.basf.com.

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