

LANXESS at the IRG 2008 International Wood Protection Meeting in Istanbul, May 25–29, Military Museum and Culture Center

No chance for fungi, woodworms or termites

New, effective fungicidal and insecticidal formulations from LANXESS for wood protection

Leverkusen—LANXESS AG, a specialty chemicals company, will be presenting an extensive range of fungicidal and insecticidal active ingredient formulations for virtually all applications in wood protection at the 39th Annual Meeting of the International Research Group on Wood Protection (IRG), to be held in Istanbul from May 25 to 29. Products from the Preventol line are used in both waterborne and solventborne wood preservatives. Modes of application include brushing, dipping and even vacuum and pressure impregnation.

Among the insecticidal products to be presented are the new Preventol Series TX and TM grades. Preventol TX-CT 50 and Preventol TX-CE 12 are two new insecticide formulations marketed by the Material Protection Products business unit (MPP) for protecting wood and timber materials. The products contain an innovative, highly effective active ingredient from the class of chloronicotinyls. LANXESS soon expects this active ingredient to be listed in Annex I of the European Biocidal Products Directive. Preventol TX-CT 50 and Preventol TX-CE 12 are characterized by their superior effectiveness against termites (*Reticulitermes*, *Coptotermes* and other species) and wood-boring insects. Other advantages are their good properties in terms of leachability, eco-toxicology and cost-efficiency. Moreover, they can easily be incorporated into wood preservatives.

At the conference, Dr. Steffen Donath, Manager Technical Marketing Wood Protection, MPP business unit, will be presenting a technical paper on protecting OSB (oriented strand board) panels against termites by using a variety of active ingredients in the production process

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("Protection of OSB against termites by incorporation of different actives via glue line treatment").

OSB, also known as waferboard, is a multi-layer board made from long, narrow strands of wood. Growing in popularity worldwide, the panels are suitable for use in carcass work and interior building work, and for furniture and packaging material. Proven to be very strong, OSB is used for example in the USA primarily as a building material. Because it is a key element in homes, sufficient insecticidal treatment is essential. After all, dead wood is a favorite meal for termites, which cause billions of US dollars' worth of damage to homes in the USA every year, more than fire, storm or earthquake! According to estimates of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), these insects are responsible for USD 15-20 billion in building damage worldwide.

Incorporating an insecticidal active ingredient together with the adhesive during production makes it possible to protect the wood composite proactively. Tests according to the international standard EN 117 verify the outstanding effectiveness of the Preventol TX series.

In the Basidiomycetes fungicides segment, LANXESS will be introducing some newcomers, including Preventol A20-CT 30. This boasts superior effectiveness against a variety of fungi, cost-efficient use and very good metering thanks to its special formulation.

Further information on LANXESS Material Protection Products can be found on the Internet at www.protectedbypreventol.com.

The Material Protection Products business unit, one of the leading manufacturers and suppliers of biocidal active ingredients and formulations for wood protection, industrial applications, disinfection and preservation, is part of the Performance Chemicals segment, which achieved sales of EUR 1,970 million in fiscal 2007.

LANXESS is a leader in specialty chemicals with sales in 2007 of EUR 6.61 billion and currently around 15,200 employees in 21 countries. The company is represented at 44 production sites worldwide. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacture and sale of plastics, rubber, intermediates and specialty chemicals.

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