

## Project Update

### March-April 2007

#### **Users of CleanGredients™ Are Increasing!**

The CleanGredients™ surfactants module is fully functional and growing! Nine suppliers and nearly 80 formulators are now subscribed and using CleanGredients™, and the number grows almost daily. Visit <http://www.cleangredients.org/about/subscription/subscribers> for an up-to-date list of subscribers.

#### **CleanGredients™ Welcomes Cognis as Its Newest Surfactant Supplier**

We are pleased to welcome Cognis Corporation, which now has 10 surfactants listed in CleanGredients™. In addition, you will find a number of new surfactants from Air Products & Chemicals, Akzo Nobel Surface Chemistry, BASF, and Stepan with more currently under review.

If you have comments on the surfactants module or would like to subscribe as a formulator or supplier, email us at [news@cleangredients.org](mailto:news@cleangredients.org).

#### **CleanGredients™ Solvents Module Developing on Schedule**

The Solvents Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) continues to meet to establish attributes and criteria for listing solvents in CleanGredients™. We have defined general information, regulatory information, physical-chemical properties, environmental toxicity and fate and are currently working on human health attributes. (See <http://www.cleangredients.org/about/process/tacs/solvents> for a list of the TAC members)

We send our thanks to those of you who are involved in this process! For questions or comments on the solvents module, please email us at [news@cleangredients.org](mailto:news@cleangredients.org).

#### **CleanGredients™ Chelating Agents Module**

After surfactants and solvents, our next priority is chelating agents/sequestrants. We are currently assembling a provisional list of attributes for chelating agents/sequestrants and will soon seek your input.

Next steps include:

- Prepare a draft set of attributes for chelating agents/sequestrants
- Broadcast a 30-day Request for Comments (RfC)
- Begin TAC deliberations

We still need volunteers for the chelating agents TAC. If you'd like to participate and help shape this resource, please email us at [news@cleangredients.org](mailto:news@cleangredients.org).

#### **CleanGredients™ Sponsorship**

We are delighted to announce that Reckitt Benckiser has joined the U.S. EPA DfE Program, ISSA, and EcoLogo<sup>M</sup> in sponsoring CleanGredients™. GreenBlue will accept only four additional sponsors. If your organization is interested in demonstrating progressive industry leadership by becoming a sponsor, visit <http://www.cleangredients.org/about/sponsorship> to learn more.

## News and Outreach

- The 2007 ISSA Legislative and Regulatory Forum, was held April 5 & 6 in Arlington, VA. This year's forum was very successful and broke the previous attendance record. An entire day of this meeting was devoted to the 'green' market phenomenon, kicked off by Lauren Heine's presentation on CleanGredients™, which was followed by presentations from DfE, NSF International, EcoLogo<sup>M</sup>, Green Seal, and others.
- Topher Buck presented CleanGredients™ to the United Soybean Board's Technical Advisory Panel on Coatings, Inks, and Solvents at their meeting in Indianapolis, IN, on March 20 & 21. The meeting featured numerous presentations on the chemistry and applications of soy-based solvents.
- EcoLogo<sup>M</sup> recently announced a program of preferential treatment and pricing for DfE-partner products and for products containing surfactants listed in CleanGredients™. EcoLogo<sup>M</sup> will now accept a designation of "readily biodegradable" in CleanGredients™ as evidence that a surfactant meets specified requirements. For more information, email [dbugden@terrachoice.com](mailto:dbugden@terrachoice.com).
- The Investor Environmental Health Network has just released a video ("Toxic Chemicals in Products: Financial Risks and Opportunities") providing a 20-minute "short course" on how toxic chemicals in products relate to investment risk and opportunity. The video focuses on numerous companies, including Wal-Mart, SC Johnson, DuPont, Bed Bath and Beyond, Apple, Dow Chemical, and Avalon Cosmetics.
- ISSA has just published Green Cleaning for Dummies, written by Steve Ashkin and David Holly. For more information, visit the ISSA website.
- The Lowell Center for Sustainable Production recently hosted a three-day meeting in Lowell, MA entitled "The Green Chemistry and Commerce Council (GC3) Innovators Roundtable: The Role of Tools, Labels, and Retail in Promoting Safer Chemistry." See <http://www.chemicalspolicy.org/news.shtml> for more information.
- Topher Buck will present on CleanGredients™ at the 11th Annual Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference. This year's conference will be held in Washington, DC from 26-29 June.
- The fourth Green Chemistry and the Consumer Annual Symposium will be held in York, UK on 28 June 2007, to explore green chemistry solutions for sustainable product supply chains. Lauren Heine will be presenting on CleanGredients™ at this symposium. If you are interested in participating, contact Louise Summerton at [ls25@york.ac.uk](mailto:ls25@york.ac.uk).
- The Third International Conference on Green and Sustainable Chemistry will be held in Delft, The Netherlands, 1-5 July 2007. The conference will cover developments at the frontiers of green chemistry and sustainable technologies.

As always, we are grateful for your interest in and support of CleanGredients. Please feel free to contact us with questions or comments.

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