DuraBan Announces EPA Registration of Earth-Friendly Antimicrobial - Formula to Significantly Impact Green Building Materials and Other Markets

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> *DuraBan's unique surface bonding technology established as only permanent, water-based, non-leaching and non-VOC antimicrobial on the market.*

MINNEAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--

DuraBan LLC, a Minneapolis based chemical manufacturer specializing in earth-friendly antimicrobial, antibacterial and disinfectant technologies, today announced the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registration of its DuraBan™ antimicrobial formulas.

The registration establishes DuraBan LLC as a leading chemical manufacturer of permanent, water-based, non-leaching and non-VOC antimicrobials that are safe for the environment. DuraBan expects the formulas to have a significant impact in the consumer, original equipment manufacturing (OEM), industrial, and institutional markets, where incorporating built-in DuraBan antimicrobial technology will add value for manufacturers by providing environmentally-safe protection against mold, mildew and bacteria for consumer products.

"In the immediate future, we expect building material manufacturers, OEM's and retailers to thoroughly embrace our technology as the permanent, environmentally safe solution for mold, mildew and bacteria protection for products like lumber, wallboard and other building materials," said Robert Dahl, CEO and co-founder of DuraBan. "What differentiates our product from other antimicrobials is the fact that it is an environmentally-safe, water-based formula that permanently bonds to the material it is being applied to. Unlike other antimicrobials that are non-bonding and can leach toxic chemicals contaminating the environment, DuraBan's technology is virtually non-toxic and creates an antimicrobial barrier that will not leach and cannot be washed off."

DuraBan antimicrobials are custom formulated to provide a durable antimicrobial finish when applied to natural or manmade materials such as metals, textiles (fibers, woven fabrics and nonwovens), carpet, leather, wood, wallboard, rubber, plastics (all types), concrete, cement, ceramics, stone surfaces, composite materials, paints and coatings.

According to Dahl, “The building materials industry is fully aware of consumers’ growing desire to protect their homes from the harmful effects of mold and bacteria, without sacrificing the environment. “Thanks to the DuraBan technology, mold and bacteria problems in the home and office can now be addressed with a truly green product that delivers long term and permanent performance without harmful side effects.”

About DuraBan

DuraBan LLC is a Minneapolis, Minn., based chemical manufacturer and emerging global innovator of built-in, earth-friendly, antimicrobial product protection. DuraBan engineers safe and durable antimicrobial solutions for consumer, industrial and medical products around the world. Its technology can be engineered into a variety of surfaces and materials including: coatings, polymers, textiles, lumber, plastic and adhesives. Built-in to products during the manufacturing process, DuraBan’s antimicrobial product protection inhibits the growth of microbes, such as bacteria, mold and mildew that can cause stains, odors and product deterioration.

DuraBan’s proprietary and patented antimicrobial technologies deliver unmatched performance, durability and efficacy through a unique formulation based on surface-modifying nanotechnology. Once applied, DuraBan chemically bonds to the product surface, creating a permanent antimicrobial barrier that destroys microorganisms upon contact. DuraBan’s antimicrobial has never been shown to allow or cause microbial adaptation, resistance, mutation, diffusion or migration and easily bonds to almost any surface, creating unlimited applications for this breakthrough technology.

For more information about DuraBan, please visit www.durabanintl.com.