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Central Life Sciences Introduces Leaf Saver™ Ant Bait for Control of Texas Leaf Cutter Ant Colonies

Granular bait designed to effectively control the Texas Leaf Cutter Ant

Schaumburg, IL, December 13, 2018 – Central Life Sciences, whose founders pioneered insect growth regulator (IGR) technology, today announced the release of Leaf Saver™ Ant Bait, a bait approved for use in multiple application sites including forestry operations, commercial nurseries and landscaped areas to control the Texas Leaf Cutter Ant. Leaf Saver™ Ant Bait granules feature the active ingredient hydramethylnon and are specifically designed for greater acceptance by the Texas Leaf Cutter Ant.

“Every year, the Texas Leaf Cutter Ant causes an estimated \$5 million in agricultural losses,” said Nancy Stratinsky, business manager for the Specialty Agriculture division of Central Life Sciences. “Leaf Saver was designed to protect foliage and seedlings from this devastating pest, helping our customers minimize the costly damage.”

The ready-to-use formulation is highly attractive to many ant species including the Texas Leaf Cutter Ant. Foraging ants take the bait back to feed to the rest of colony, including the queen(s). Following the death of the queen(s), no new worker ants can be produced, destroying the colony. Leaf Saver™ Ant Bait provides up to three months of control and begins to work quickly with noticeably fewer ants within one week of treatment.

Leaf Saver™ Ant Bait provides users the flexibility of a non-restricted use product approved for use in forested areas, noncropland areas, parks, rangelands and more. It features a low use rate, and it can be applied directly to individual colonies or as a broadcast application.

For more information about Leaf Saver™ Ant Bait and the complete lineup of professional ant control products from Central Life Sciences, including Extinguish® Professional Fire Ant Bait, Extinguish® Plus, ProBait® and Tango® products, visit www.centralantcontrol.com or call 800.248.7763.

About Central Life Sciences

Central Life Sciences, whose founders pioneered biorational pest control more than 45 years ago, offers unique and effective pest management solutions to make life better for people, plants and animals. By affecting insects' own chemistry, products by Central Life Sciences inhibit the life cycle of numerous pest species to reduce destructive populations. To learn more about Central Life Sciences, visit our website at www.centrallifesciences.com or call 1-800-248-7763.

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