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New formulation for Vapam HL soil fumigant improves efficiency

Widely used in tomatoes, potatoes, ginseng and other horticulture crops

February 12, 2009 – Dorchester, Ontario – Growers can now control a host of soil-borne diseases, insects, nematodes and weeds more effectively before planting with a new formulation of **Vapam HL[®]** liquid soil fumigant that contains over 30% more active ingredient than previously, for added convenience.

“Soil fumigants are an effective way to control or suppress pests that will threaten the yield and quality of your crop from the outset of season,” said Colin Smith, Eastern Product Manager for UAP Canada, the distributor of Vapam HL. “Vapam HL is the leading soil fumigant on the market and its new formulation is an important time-saver in the busy pre-planting or pre-seeding timeframe.”

Vapam HL, with the active ingredient metam sodium, is a very effective soil fumigant used as a soil treatment before planting. While registered for a long list of high-value vegetable and floral crops, Vapam HL is most widely used in Canada in tomatoes, potatoes and ginseng crops.

“The new formulation has a higher concentration which means a tank-full goes a lot further and that there’s less handling required,” said Irwin Schmidt, consultant. AMVAC Chemical Corporation is the manufacturer of Vapam HL, based in Los Angeles, California.

The list of pests that Vapam HL suppresses or controls includes all species of nematodes (when proper contact is achieved), diseases such as rhizoctonia, *Pythium*, Phytophthora, Verticillium, Fusarium and Sclerotinia, as well as germinating weed seeds.

There are various methods for the application of Vapam HL, including chemigation, drip applications, soil injection, treatment of potting soil and band injection.

About UAP Canada

Founded in 1978, United Agri Products (UAP) is the largest distributor of agricultural and non-crop inputs in Canada and the United States and is an emerging developer of their own proprietary innovative new technologies. UAP is helping growers meet the challenges of higher crop yields and healthier production practices by offering a comprehensive line of proven crop protection products, including plant nutrients, herbicides, fungicides, insecticides and specialty products. These products are available to Canadian growers through national and regional dealers. UAP Canada is headquartered in Dorchester, Ontario, with regional offices in Oak Bluff, Manitoba and Langley, British Columbia and reps in every corner of the country.

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