

Press Release

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BELCHIM CROP PROTECTION USA AND SIPCAM AGRO USA ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP FOR DISTRIBUTION OF MINERVA® FUNGICIDE

New Partnership Secures Continued Availability of Best-In-Class Fungicide to US Sugarbeet Growers

Chaddsford, PA - March 5, 2024 – Belchim Crop Protection USA (“Belchim USA”) and Sipcama Agro USA, Inc. (“Sipcama Agro”), are proud to announce a partnership that will enable Belchim USA to exclusively market and sell Minerva® Fungicide, a demonstrated superior choice for excellent control of Cercospora leaf spot (CLS), powdery mildew and Ramularia on sugar beets.

Sugar beet growers know the foundational treatment in a successful CLS program is crucial to the prevention and control of the disease. Minerva® Fungicide is the preferred choice for the first application to get a CLS program off to a strong start due to its highly effective systemic activity to protect existing and future developing leaves.

“Minerva has been long recognized as the standard for CLS control in sugar beets and offers an economical cost per acre that allows sugar beet growers the opportunity to protect their investment and maximize ROI,” said Brent Marek, CEO and COO of Sipcama Agro. “Belchim has an excellent record of providing quality agricultural products to growers and distributors and we see more product sharing to come.”

Belchim is equally enthusiastic regarding the implications of this agreement. “This license from Sipcama Agro will increase the potential for Minerva Fungicide, facilitating the optimization of grower use for this important fungicide for sugar beet growers in the United States,” said Tom Wood, President and General Manager of Belchim USA. Minerva is the second product in the last two years Belchim USA has added to its sugarbeet portfolio having achieved a 24C in ND and MN with Spin-Aid herbicide acquired from Bayer. “We also look forward to more opportunities with Sipcama Agro in the coming years.”

Minerva® Fungicide is registered for use in the following states: CA, CO, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MT, ND, NE, OH, OR, SD, UT, WA, WI and WY. More information about Minerva® Fungicide can be found [here](#).

About Belchim USA

Belchim USA proudly offers a variety of crop protection products to the agricultural industry. We strive to bring diverse formulations to the market with a focus on creating unique, cost-effective solutions for growers of high-value fruit, vegetable and specialty crops, as well as products that can also be part of a larger solution for big row crops, like corn, soybeans and potatoes. For more information about Belchim USA please visit belchimusa.com.

About Sipcama Agro: *Headquartered in Durham, North Carolina, Sipcama Agro USA Inc., is owned by the Sipcama-Oxon Group, a privately owned Italian company recognized worldwide for its chemical formulation and manufacturing expertise. For more information, visit sipcamaagro.com.*

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