



**For Immediate Release**

## **CIVITAS Fungicide Now Available in Canada**

***Only commercially available turf fungus control product that uses the turf's natural defences to kill or inhibit fungal diseases***

**Mississauga, Ontario, Canada – April 13, 2011** – CIVITAS™ the revolutionary golf course fungicide from Petro-Canada, has been approved for sale in Canada by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). CIVITAS is the only commercially available turf fungus control product for the golf course industry that utilizes a unique mode of action called Induced Systemic Resistance (ISR). CIVITAS is a synthetic isoparaffin-based product that, unlike traditional chemical fungicides, works to prime the turf's genes, stimulate its natural defences and kill or inhibit fungal diseases.

"We are excited to deliver the benefits of CIVITAS to the Canadian golf course industry," says Reinie Drygala, Manager for Lawncare Products. "The science behind CIVITAS is revolutionary. Unlike anything else on the market today, CIVITAS delivers tournament-ready course conditions without resistance issues."

The CIVITAS approval in Canada comes three years after its introduction into the US market where superintendents have seen the benefits first-hand.

"Bar none, CIVITAS is the greatest thing I've ever seen," says Bob Crockett, Owner and Superintendent, Green Hills Golf Course in Clyde, Ohio, "It has helped me with the density and overall health of the turf. My turf is stronger in its ability to heal, recuperate and repair stress." (See the full testimonial at [www.civitasturf.com/ce](http://www.civitasturf.com/ce))

Described as a plant defence activator, CIVITAS provides broad-spectrum control on a variety of grasses, including bent grass, rye grass and poa and helps to control dollar spot, spring leaf spot, grey and pink snow mold.

Throughout the six years of research and development CIVITAS underwent robust testing and university trials. The product was tested by some of the turf grass industry's leading academics including Dr. Frank Rossi (Cornell University) and Dr. Thomas Hsiang (University of Guelph). A webinar detailing their research findings is available for download at [www.civitasturf.com/ce](http://www.civitasturf.com/ce)

CIVITAS is available through Syngenta Canada and regional turf specialty distributors in the US. Packaging sizes vary, and include a 1041 litre tote, 208 litre drum, 113.5 litre drum and a 20 litre pail.

## **About Petro-Canada**

CIVITAS is specially formulated by Petro-Canada, a Suncor Energy business, which has over 20 years of experience in the agriculture industry developing and commercializing agricultural fungicides and insecticides. Petro-Canada blends and packages more than 350 different lubricants, specialty fluids and greases that are exported to more than 60 countries on six continents. Products are manufactured from 99.9% pure base oils – among the purest in the world. Petro-Canada is also the world's largest producer of white oils. Petro-Canada specializes in offering customers products and services proven to increase productivity and lower operating costs, technical leadership and training.

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For more information on products and services, please call 1-866-335-3369, visit [civitasturf.com/ce](http://civitasturf.com/ce) or [lubricants.petro-canada.ca](http://lubricants.petro-canada.ca) (TSX: SU, NYSE: SU).

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