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EANS-News: Lenzing AG / Pure Nature: Biochemicals of the Lenzing Group Given Official Biocertification

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Company Information

The U.S. Department of Agriculture grants its "biobased" certificate to the acetic acid, furfural and magnesium lignosulfonate produced by the Lenzing Group.

Lenzing - The biochemicals acetic acid, furfural and magnesium lignosulfonate manufactured in the biorefinery of the Lenzing Group were granted the Biobased Product Label by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This prominent certification is further official proof that the above-mentioned products of the Lenzing Group are derived 100% from the natural and renewable raw material wood.

"Lenzing stands for a responsible approach to nature. For this reason, we use 100% of the natural resource wood, from the core to the bark - as pulp, bioenergy and biochemicals such as acetic acid", explains Lenzing CEO Stefan Doboczky. "That is why we are very pleased that our pioneering role with respect to the issue of sustainability has gained worldwide recognition", Mr. Doboczky adds.

The Lenzing Group produces dissolving pulp at its sites in Lenzing, Austria and Paskov, Czech Republic. All the valuable raw materials are extracted from the wood within the framework of a cascading use. Acetic acid is derived from beech wood in the pulp production process, is recovered in several process steps and processed into high quality, food-grade acetic acid, for example for the food industry. Furfural is a product utilized as a solvent in the refining of lubrication oil, to name one example. Magnesium lignosulfonate is found in animal food or fertilizers.

On this basis of this award, Lenzing once again underlines its very high ecological standards. Just a few months ago, Lenzing Modal® fibers and Lenzing Viscose® fibers, including all product families, were also given the USDA Certified Biobased Product Label. The particularly environmentally compatible TENCEL® fibers have already been certified as biobased since the year 2011.

BioPreferred program

The certification of biobased products is part of the BioPreferred program implemented by the USDA. It is designed to motivate government institutions and companies to purchase biobased products or those which largely consist of biological materials.

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