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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

Thomas Bade
Regulatory Manager
Valent BioSciences Corp.
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RE: Product Name: VB-40009
EPA Reg. No: 73049-474
Application for Label Notification Dated November 23, 2011 to add an alternate brand name, Massivo BioNik Plant Growth Regulator per PR Notice 98-10 to the product registration

Dear Mr. Bade:

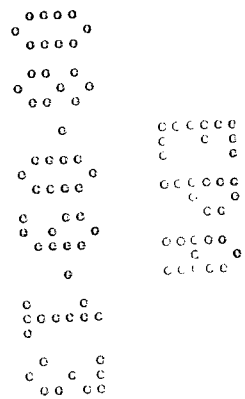
The Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division is in receipt of your application for Notification under Pesticide Registration (PR) Notice 98-10 dated above. A preliminary screen of this request has been conducted for its applicability under PR Notice 98-10 and it has been determined that the action(s) requested falls within the scope of PR Notice 98-10. Our records have been duly noted, and the label submitted with this application has been stamped "Notification Accepted" and will be placed accordingly in our records.

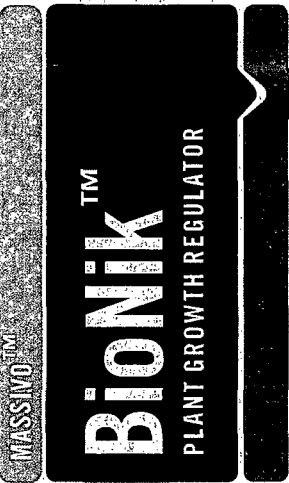
If you have any questions concerning this action, please feel free to contact Ms. Menyon Adams at (703) 347-8496 or email at adams.menyon@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda Hollis

Linda Hollis, Chief
Biochemical Pesticides Branch
Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention
Division (7511P)





FOR USE AS A SEED TREATMENT

- Active Ingredient:** S-Abscisic Acid 25.0% w/v
Other Ingredients 75.0% w/v
Total 100.0% w/v

Contains a total of 25 g of S-Abscisic Acid (S-ABA) in 100 ml of product. Application of BioNik™ (S-ABA) to seeds shifts the seedling emergence timeframe. Application of appropriate rates of BioNik also imparts an increased resistance of the emerged seedling to environmental stress (such as chilling stress).

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
CAUTION

EPA Registration No.: 73049-474
 EPA Establishment No.: 33762-IA-001

FIRST AID

- If in Eyes:**
- Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.
 - Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye.
 - Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

HOT LINE NUMBER

Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. You may also call toll-free 1-800-892-0099 (24 hours) for emergency medical treatment and/or transport emergency information. For all other information, call 1-847-968-4700.

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

HAZARDS TO HUMANS & DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Caution: Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet. Do not use treated seed for animal or human consumption. Do not allow treated seed to contaminate grain or other seed intended for animal or human consumption.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Applicators and other handlers must wear:
- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants.
 - Shoes plus socks.
 - Protective eyewear.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

User Safety Recommendations

- Users should:
- Remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
 - Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwater or rinsate. To prevent potential consumption by animals, cover or collect treated seeds spilled during loading.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the State or Tribal agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

Treated seed must not be used for or mixed with food or animal feed, or processed for oil. Seed commercially treated with a pesticide must be labeled as follows: "Treated Seed. Do not use for food, feed or oil."

The seed treater must add an EPA approved dye with the pesticide during the seed treatment process, unless dye is already on the seed [40 CFR 153.155(b)(1)].

AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR Part 170. This Standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements on this label about personal protective equipment (PPE), and restricted-entry interval. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

Use only for treating seed. Use only as directed. Read the label thoroughly and make sure it is understood before making applications. BioNik shifts seedling emergence and helps protect the emerged seedlings from temporary environmental stress.

Application Instructions:

- BioNik contains the active ingredient S-Abscisic Acid, commonly known as S-ABA. S-ABA is a potent naturally occurring Plant Growth Regulator found in plants.
- Undesired effects can result from any deviations from the label directions for applying BioNik.
- BioNik should be thoroughly mixed by shaking or agitation before use.
- Apply BioNik to seeds using commercial seed treatment equipment at a seed treatment facility.

COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
 Compatibility and performance data for BioNik with other agricultural products is not available. Although BioNik is generally compatible with many other seed treatment formulations, if BioNik is to be mixed with other seed treatment products, first test on a small scale. Use caution in mixing with other products as incompatibility might occur. Incompatibility is indicated by an inhomogeneous seed treatment mixture, an uneven seed coating, or poor adherence of the seed coating to the seed.

APPLICATIONS, RATES, AND TIMINGS
EMERGENCE AND FLOWERING DELAY FOR HYBRID SEED PRODUCTION

| CROP | OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT | APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS |
|---|--|---|
| Seeds for production of hybrid seeds of Corn, Sorghum, Pearl Millet, Rice and Sunflower | Delaying seedling emergence and flowering of inbred lines used in production of hybrid crops | Apply diluted BioNik directly to seeds for delayed emergence and synchronization of flowering of inbred lines used in production of hybrid crops. Make one application using seed treatment equipment which will give uniform coverage to all seeds. To ensure uniform coverage BioNik must be mixed into an application volume appropriate for the crop treated (see tables below). |

***Inbred Genetics:** Different inbreds within a given plant species may require a higher or lower rate of BioNik to achieve the desired period of emergence and flowering delay. The extent of delay resulting from BioNik is dependent on inbred genetics and is not immediately obvious without testing. The genetic background of the seed will affect its sensitivity to this natural growth regulator. Conduct small scale evaluations of each inbred to determine the dose required for the desired period of emergence and flowering delay. Treat a small amount of inbred seed with a range of application rates of BioNik (e.g. for a desired 50 growing degree day delay of corn, test 25, 50, 100, 200 mg a.i. per 1000 kernels), plant the seed under representative field conditions and measure the delay in emergence and flowering with respect to untreated, seed planted simultaneously. Treating with too little or too much BioNik will result in a delay that is shorter or longer than desired.

Delay Of Corn Inbred Parents

| Crop | Delay Of Anthesis | Active Ingredient (mg) Per 1000 Kernels | BioNik (grams) Per 1000 Kernels | Remarks |
|------------|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| Field corn | 50 GDD | 25 - 200 mg active ingredient | 0.1 - 0.8 grams BioNik | Application rate depends on inbred genetics*. |
| Field corn | 100 GDD | 100 - 400 mg active ingredient | 0.4 - 1.6 grams BioNik | Application rate depends on inbred genetics*. |

Apply BioNik in a total application volume of 8 to 35 fluid ounces per hundred pounds of seed according to equipment used and previous experience.

| Crop | Delay Of Anthesis | Active Ingredient (mg) Per 1000 Kernels | BioNik (grams) Per 1000 Kernels | Remarks |
|------------|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Field corn | 150 GDD | 200 - 600 mg active ingredient | 0.8 - 2.4 grams BioNik | Application rate depends on inbred genetics*. Significant stand loss is possible at these rates. |

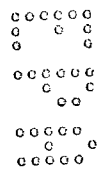
GDD = Growing Degree Days

Delay Of Sorghum Inbred Parents

| Crop | Delay Of Anthesis | Active Ingredient (grams) Per 100 Pounds Seed | BioNik (grams) Per 100 Pounds Seed | Remarks |
|---------|-------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Sorghum | 1 - 10 days | 20 - 200 grams active ingredient | 80 - 800 grams BioNik | Application rate depends on delay desired and inbred genetics*. Significant stand loss is possible at high rates. |

Delay Of Pearl Millet Inbred Parents

| Crop | Delay Of Anthesis | Active Ingredient (grams) Per 100 Pounds Seed | BioNik (grams) Per 100 Pounds Seed | Remarks |
|--------------|-------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Pearl Millet | 1 - 10 days | 50 - 400 grams active ingredient | 200 - 1600 grams BioNik | Application rate depends on delay desired and inbred genetics*. Significant stand loss is possible at high rates. |



| Crop | Delay Of Anthesis | Active Ingredient (grams) Per 100 Pounds Seed | BioNik (grams) Per 100 Pounds Seed | Remarks |
|------|-------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Rice | 1 - 10 days | 2 - 20 grams active ingredient | 8 - 80 grams BioNik | Apply BioNik in a total application volume of 10 to 40 fluid ounces per hundred pounds of seed according to equipment used and previous experience. Application rate depends on delay desired and inbred genetics*. Significant stand loss is possible at high rates. |

Delay Of Sunflower Inbred Parents

| Crop | Active Ingredient (mg) Per 1000 Seeds | BioNik (mg) Per 1000 Seeds | Remarks |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Sunflower | 100 - 600 mg active ingredient | 400 - 2400 mg BioNik | Apply BioNik in a total application volume of 20 to 100 fluid ounces per hundred pounds of seed according to equipment used and previous experience. Consult with Valent BioSciences representative for specific information. |

APPLICATIONS, RATES, AND TIMINGS GENERAL INDUCTION OF STRESS TOLERANCE

| CROP | OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT | APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS |
|------|-----------------------------|---|
| Corn | Induction of cold tolerance | Apply BioNik in a total application volume of 8 to 35 fluid ounces per hundred pounds of seed according to equipment used and previous experience. Applications: Make one application of 4.8 grams of BioNik per 80,000 kernel bag, (1.2 grams of active ingredient per 80,000 kernel bag). Emergence may be delayed 1 - 2 days. |

FACTORS AFFECTING RESPONSE TO BioNik
S-ABA, the active ingredient in BioNik, is a potent naturally occurring Plant Growth Regulator found in plants. In addition to proper application technique, environmental and cultural factors will affect a seed or seedling's response to treatment with BioNik. Do not use this product on old, weak, or damaged seed. Excessive stand loss could result from such use. **Different inbreds or cultivars** within a given plant species may require a higher or lower rate of BioNik to achieve the desired effects.

Determining Optimal Rates: Optimal BioNik rates will vary according to the desired emergence and flowering delay. Different inbreds or cultivars of the same species may respond differently to BioNik. Therefore, to determine response levels, treat or test a small number of seeds before applying BioNik to a large number of seeds.
DO NOT exceed the maximum stated rate.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.
Pesticide Storage: Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Store product in a cool place. Avoid extended storage conditions at temperatures above 25°C (77°F). Avoid exposure of product to light or sunlight.
Pesticide Disposal: To avoid wastes, use all material in this container by application according to label directions. If wastes cannot be avoided, offer remaining product to a waste disposal facility or pesticide disposal program (often such programs are run by state or local governments or by industry).

Container Disposal: Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container.

Triple rinse as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank and drain for 10 seconds after flow begins to drip. Fill container 1/4 full with water and recap. Shake for 10 seconds. Pour rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Repeat this procedure two more times. Then offer for recycling if available or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration. Do not burn, unless allowed by state and local ordinances.

WARRANTY AND DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

To the fullest extent permitted by law, seller makes no warranty, express or implied, of merchantability, fitness or otherwise concerning use of this product other than as indicated on the label. User assumes all risks of use, storage or handling not in strict accordance with accompanying directions.

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Complies with EPA Accepted Labeling

Date: 12/29/2011

Reviewer: Sylvester Gray

