

Amyris Wins a SEPAWA Innovation Award for Breakthrough Emollient - Neossance(R) Hemisqualane

EMERYVILLE, Calif., Oct. 20, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Amyris, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMRS), the industrial bioscience company, is pleased to announce it has won a SEPAWA Innovation Award 2015 for its Neossance® Hemisqualane high-performance emollient. SEPAWA is one of the largest industry associations in Europe whose members are experts in the detergents/cleansers, cosmetics and perfume industries and the annual awards recognize new, high-impact ingredients that are expected to have a disruptive effect on the industry. Neossance Hemisqualane, a sugarcane-derived sustainable alternative to silicones, was chosen for exceptional innovation in the field of cosmetics, detergents and perfumery and for its superior performance as an ingredient in skin, hair and sun care, as well as makeup products. Amyris's European cosmetic distributor, Safic-Alcan accepted the award on Amyris's behalf after giving a presentation on Neossance Hemisqualane at the SEPAWA Congress in Fulda, Germany.

"We are honored to receive this award highlighting the high quality and performance of Neossance Hemisqualane (www.neossance.com), our renewable personal care ingredient," said Caroline Hadfield, Senior Vice President, Personal Care, at Amyris. "Overall, Amyris's growing portfolio of squalane and hemisqualane-based personal care products are achieving recognition for providing our formulator partners and consumers with the opportunity to use innovative new products with better performance than traditional alternatives and with an added benefit of being better for our planet. Our personal care product sales are experiencing unprecedented growth for Amyris as we further penetrate the global personal care market."

The SEPAWA award follows Amyris's recent achievement of certification by the International Organization for Standardization's (ISO) highest Cosmetic standard - 22716 for Good Manufacturing Standards (GMP) with its manufacturing partner, Glycotech, Inc., illustrating that the company's Neossance® and Biossance™ high-performance emollients are produced to the exacting quality and purity standards demanded for cosmetics.

About Amyris

Amyris is the integrated renewable products company that is enabling the world's leading brands to achieve sustainable growth. Amyris applies its innovative bioscience solutions to convert plant sugars into hydrocarbon molecules, specialty ingredients and consumer products. The company is delivering its No Compromise® products in focused markets, including specialty and performance chemicals, fragrance ingredients, and cosmetic emollients. More information about the company is available at www.amyris.com.

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