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ADM PARTNERS WITH GYPSOIL TO DISTRIBUTE GYPSUM

DECATUR, IL – Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) has signed an agreement with the Gypsoil Division of Beneficial Reuse Management LLC (BRM) to market gypsum (calcium sulfate) produced at ADM's Decatur, IL, lactic acid plant. The product is marketed as Gypsoil™ brand gypsum.

Gypsoil is used by Midwestern agricultural producers to loosen tight clay soils. Over time, applying Gypsoil neutralizes the metals and chemical salts that bind to clay particles and cause poor soil structure.

“The result is a softer, more manageable soil profile,” says Ron Chamberlain, director of gypsum programs for Gypsoil/BRM. “This means there is less crusting and sealing at the soil surface, less ponding and runoff after a rain and less soil erosion.”

Gypsoil creates an environment, deep into the soil profile, that is conducive to soil organisms, including microbes as well as earthworms. These soil organisms break down organic matter and nutrients in the soil faster and better, making nutrients more available to plants, explains Chamberlain. “This helps make crops healthier and more vigorous,” he says.

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Gypsum produced at ADM's Decatur lactic acid facility is a co-product of lactic acid production from corn fermentation. Lactic acid is widely used as a food additive in processed meats and other products to regulate pH, enhance product quality and extend product shelf life.

Serving growers

Partnering with BRM/Gypsoil expands ADM's resources to support growers as they adopt this new soil improvement technology. "The gypsum derived from ADM's corn fermentation processes will help to improve soil fertility for crop producers throughout the Midwest," says Katheryne Rehberg, ADM product manager, Acidulants. "Gypsoil brings a broad base of technical knowledge on the use of gypsum for agricultural production."

"Our goal is to help agricultural producers gain access to sustainable resources to meet their production needs," says Chamberlain.

For more information, visit www.gypsoil.com.

About ADM

Every day, the 29,000 people of Archer Daniels Midland Company (NYSE: ADM) turn crops into renewable products that meet the demands of a growing world. At more than 240 processing plants, we convert corn, oilseeds, wheat and cocoa into products for food, animal feed, chemical and energy uses. We operate the world's premier crop origination and transportation network, connecting crops and markets in more than 60 countries. Our global headquarters is in Decatur, Illinois, and our net sales for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, were \$62 billion. For more information about our company and our products, visit www.adm.com.

About Gypsoil

Gypsoil is a division and tradename of Beneficial Reuse Management LLC. Its mission is to make a positive impact in our customers' soil while conserving natural resources and protecting the environment.

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Applying Gypsoil™ brand gypsum helps soften tight clay soils by neutralizing the metals and chemical salts that bind to clay particles and cause poor soil structure. Photo supplied by GYPSOIL/BRM, 2011.