

# News Release



## **BASF launches new turf fungicide to keep golf course greens spotless and healthy**

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- **New turf fungicide Flite® Flowable will be available from June 26**
- **Highly effective in controlling outbreaks of major fungal diseases**
- **BASF's broad portfolio offers various solutions for turf disease control**

Tokyo, Japan – June 15, 2017 – BASF will launch a new turf fungicide, Flite® Flowable, that provides excellent preventive and curative control of anthracnose, a fungal disease that causes black patches on leaves and destroys them in a very short time. Containing the active ingredient triticonazole, Flite Flowable fungicide is also effective in controlling other key turf diseases including dollar spot and brown patch.

Anthracnose occurs from spring to autumn in Japan, when the temperature is above a certain level. It has become a growing challenge in bent grass, commonly used in golf courses. "Golf course turf is very delicate and is susceptible to diseases caused by various factors, such as the weather, environmental conditions and tread pressure. A preventive measure against diseases is crucial to maintaining the quality of greens," said Michi Kondo, Senior Manager, Professional & Specialty Solutions, Crop Protection, BASF Japan.

The launch of Flite Flowable offers applicators a new alternative for rotational disease control and improved resistance management. Flite Flowable is also systemic and highly rainfast. It is available in

small-lot packages to benefit greenskeepers who only need the product in limited amount.

“BASF’s turf management products, such as Flite Flowable, are not only highly effective in prevention of diseases, they also help greenskeepers and turf managers maintain healthy and functional turf. BASF will continue to develop and provide innovative solutions that meet the needs of our Japanese customers to pursue high quality, spotless turf,” added Kondo.

### **About BASF’s Crop Protection division**

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