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Kumiai commences new court proceedings in Australia in relation to a third-party pyroxasulfone product (Crop Smart Pty Ltd)

On 12 November 2024, Kumiai Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. ('Kumiai') commenced patent infringement proceedings against Crop Smart Pty Ltd in relation to the distribution and sale of the Smart Sayonara 850 WG Herbicide with the active ingredient, pyroxasulfone, in Australia.

During 2024, Kumiai has commenced five separate patent infringement proceedings in Australia regarding products containing pyroxasulfone, one of which has been resolved favorably through a settlement: [Kumiai successfully resolves patent infringement proceeding in Australia.](#)

Kumiai is one of the world's leading agrochemical companies with over 70 years' experience in manufacturing herbicide products.

Kumiai manufactures Sakura® 850 WG pyroxasulfone herbicide which has been trusted by Australian farmers for years. Kumiai has a global patent portfolio which includes Australian patents relating to pyroxasulfone herbicide.

Kumiai regards intellectual property rights to be of critical importance, and we are committed to enforcing our intellectual property rights, both in Australia and around the world.

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