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**Kumiai successfully defends opposition by ADAMA Agan Ltd to  
Kumiai's manufacturing process patent related to pyroxasulfone  
(Australian Patent Application No. 2020300922)**

On 4 April 2023, ADAMA Agan Ltd ('ADAMA') filed an opposition proceeding before the Australian Patent Office opposing the grant of Australian Patent Application No. 2020300922, entitled 'Process For Producing Herbicide And Intermediate Thereof' (the '922 Patent'), in the name of Kumiai Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. ('Kumiai'), which claims a process for producing pyroxasulfone.

The hearing of the opposition was conducted on 14 March 2025 at the Australian Patent Office in Canberra, Australia, before a Delegate of the Commissioner of Patents.

On 28 November 2025, the Delegate issued their decision in favour of Kumiai, determining that ADAMA's opposition to the '922 Patent was unsuccessful. The reasons for the decision can be accessed [here](#). Subject to any appeal of the decision, the '922 Patent will proceed to grant.

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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