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**Kumiai's manufacturing process patent related to pyroxasulfone was successfully granted (Australian Patent Application No. 2020300922)**

Kumiai Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. ("Kumiai") is pleased to announce that its manufacturing process patent related to pyroxasulfone (Australian Patent Application No. 2020300922, entitled 'Process For Producing Herbicide And Intermediate Thereof') (the "922 Patent") was successfully granted in Australia on 8 January 2026. The '922 Patent is valid until 30 October 2040.

The '922 Patent has been granted following Kumiai's successful defense of patent opposition proceedings commenced by ADAMA Agan Ltd. The Delegate's decision in favour of Kumiai can be accessed [here](#), and Kumiai's press release in relation to this decision can be accessed [here](#).

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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