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Bionetix® International Celebrates 20th Anniversary of Providing Natural Bioremediation Solutions!

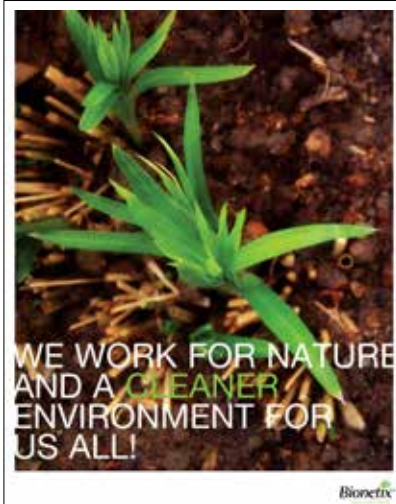


Cortec® is excited to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of its biotechnology subsidiary, Bionetix® International! Since 1996, Bionetix® has been supplying natural biological products to the petroleum, food and agriculture, and hazardous waste industries to degrade target substances in waste systems.



Through the foresight of Cortec's visionary founder and president, Boris Miksic, Cortec® acquired Bionetix® as a subsidiary in November 2010. Since then, Bionetix® has grown in many quality ways. Bionetix® now offers a line of more than 300 biological products, including numerous custom blends. Their bioremediation products are used in thousands of field applications worldwide, and many global companies with name recognition now rely on Bionetix® for environmentally friendly private label solutions.

Following Miksic's vision, Bionetix® has become more and more vertically integrated, with bacterial building blocks now researched and developed at Cortec's own Biotechnology Campus. On the whole, Cortec® ownership has resulted in better service and better quality control. "We offer service like no other company does.... we care about our people; we put them first all the time," noted Diana Di Marco, Technical Sales Manager at Bionetix®.



Bionetix® is making an ever increasing impact across the globe as market reach expands into European industrial cleaning, Asian shrimp farming, Central and South American waste treatment, and U.S. and Canadian private labeling markets. Blending and distribution capabilities are also growing with Cortec's recent purchase of CorteCros in the duty-free zone of Split, Croatia.

Miksic's comments reflecting on Bionetix's 20th anniversary demonstrate a continued vision to remain on the cutting edge of developing advanced environmentally friendly technology:

"Acquisition of Bionetix® International in 2010 was strategic in nature allowing Cortec® Corporation to reach third technological platform. Cortec® started in 1977 from organic chemistry platform while most of our competitors were using inorganic chemistries, ie. nitrites, chromates and molybdates. Twenty years later Cortec® developed on its own second technological platform: biobased and biodegradable building blocks. With acquisition of Bionetix® International of Montreal and recently inception of Cortec® Biotechnology Campus in Sarasota, FL our group of companies has entered the most elite group of specialty chemical companies in the world having the most environmentally friendly technologies in our portfolio as well as the most advanced plants, laboratories, marketing and sales organization reaching over 100 countries."

In celebration of this milestone, Cortec® and Bionetix® invite you to learn more about the quality service and natural products that Bionetix® has developed, and to join in looking forward to the next 20 years of innovation!



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