



Global disruption with supply chain of raw materials affects the manufacture of Polymers

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Over the past 10 days, a raw materials supply chain disruption has directly impacted the availability of finished products, including agricultural and horticultural polymers. Last week Evonik, manufacturer of Stockosorb®, invoked the force majeure clause of our contract due to this disruption in the global supply chain, brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic and winter weather events in the USA. These events triggered what was an already taxed system due to Covid-19, exposing the growing fragility in the Just-in-Time delivery of raw materials to manufacturers worldwide. This disruption has affected all industries, not just superabsorbent polymer products.

What does this mean to customers of Green Solutions LLC dba Greener Solutions Int'l?

Short-term Availability (1-4 months): Current inventory in our warehouse system and Evonik's warehouse system for Stockosorb 660 Med is highly limited. Green Solutions LLC is working on an allocation basis to supply our current customer needs over the next 2 – 3 months as best we can.

Long-term Availability (4 months and beyond): We anticipate returning to "Business as Usual" as soon as possible, hopefully approaching normal supply availability in the next four months.

Pricing: Product pricing and availability is affected by lack of inventory and inability to restock in the short-term. Production costs have increased along with raw material costs. As a result, pricing to our longtime customers needs to be adjusted as well. We will hold the line as long as we can, however, as the supply crisis extends, pricing will be subject to change on a daily basis. Please contact us to check your pricing.

Evonik and Green Solutions LLC are working to maintain as much stability in the market with Stockosorb as possible. The current situation is evolving rapidly, and we are all trying to get more information on supply chain, manufacturing, etc. We will continue to share the most accurate information available so you can make the best decisions for your business.

Thank you for your continued support and for your business. Please continue to check our website for updates. Should you have any additional questions, don't hesitate to call, email or text me.

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