



UCAN Products Selects Telles' Mirel Bioplastic for New Line of Kitchen Compost Bags

First Mirel-based Compostable Bags Now Available for Purchase by Consumers

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 26, 2011 –Telles™, a joint venture between [Metabolix](#), Inc. (NASDAQ: MBLX) and Archer Daniels Midland Company, today announced that UCAN Products, LLC, developers of consumer products that make it easier for people to be environmentally responsible, has selected [Mirel™ bioplastic](#) for a new line of kitchen compost bags. UCAN designed the three-gallon bags, which are available for purchase now at <http://www.ucanproducts.com>, to work with the company's forthcoming compost waste bin. The bags also fit other standard-sized kitchen compost bins.

UCAN is the first distributor to offer Mirel-based compost bags for consumer purchase. UCAN Products selected Mirel bioplastic for its durability and faster composting in industrial composting facilities. The Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) has certified that the bags are D6400 compostable. [Lakeside Plastics Ltd.](#) manufactures them using Telles' Mvera B5002 compostable film product.

"UCAN Products' mission is to change perceptions about green products by developing merchandise that is not only environmentally friendly, but also high quality and easy to use," said Carolyn Yecies Heller, founder and president of UCAN Products. "We selected Mirel for our compost bin bags because it's a superior biobased material that can safely be thrown into an industrial compost pile, eliminating the need for either the consumer or compost facility to remove the waste from the bag. We think it's the most convenient solution and one that will naturally lead to more people choosing composting."

"The commercialization of the UCAN compost bags is an important step in the development of our portfolio of Mirel-based products," said Bob Engle, general manager of Telles. "As consumer demand for more compostable products rises, companies ranging from big brand owners to startups are offering more environmentally sound options to answer this demand. Telles continues to work with these innovative, forward-thinking companies to bring more products made with Mirel to the market."

More information and updates on products made with Mirel can be found on the Mirel Bioplastics Facebook page at facebook.com/mirelbioplastics.

About UCAN Products, LLC

UCAN aspires to change how people view trash. The company wants people to think differently, think UCAN. Your trash is a powerful means to positively impact the earth. Twenty-eight percent of the content sent to our landfills is organics waste. By collecting and separating your food waste, UCAN make a difference. Separating food waste in our homes is critical in landfill reduction.

UCAN's mission is to develop well-designed consumer products that make it easier for people to be environmentally responsible. Many cities are changing the requirements of home trash collection for recycling, food waste collection, etc. in their effort to reduce landfill. UCAN provides solutions that work for every home, allowing this inevitable activity of our everyday life to be fun.

All UCAN products are made with the earth in mind – the company utilizes recycled and compostable materials whenever and wherever we can. All cans are made in the USA. Visit www.ucanproducts.com.

About Mirel Bioplastics

Mirel is a family of bioplastic materials that have physical properties comparable to petroleum-based resins, yet are biobased and biodegradable in natural soil and water environments, in home composting systems, and in industrial composting facilities where such facilities are available. The rate and extent of Mirel's biodegradability will depend on the size and shape of the articles made from it. However, like nearly all bioplastics and organic matter, Mirel is not designed to biodegrade in conventional landfills.

Commercial grades of Mirel are available for injection molding, thermoforming, sheet extrusion and film applications. For more information, please visit <http://www.mirelplastics.com>.

About Metabolix

Founded in 1992, Metabolix, Inc. is an innovation-driven bioscience company focused on providing sustainable solutions for the world's needs for plastics, chemicals and energy. The Company is taking a systems approach, from gene to end product, integrating sophisticated biotechnology with advanced industrial practice. Metabolix is now developing and commercializing Mirel™, a family of high performance bioplastics which are biobased and biodegradable alternatives to many petroleum-based plastics, through Telles, a joint venture between Metabolix and Archer Daniels Midland Company. Metabolix is also developing biosourced industrial chemicals and a proprietary platform technology for co-producing plastics, chemicals and energy, from crops such as switchgrass, oilseeds and sugarcane. For more information, please visit <http://www.metabolix.com>. (MBLX-G)

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