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1- Canadian Satellite to Study Ozone Layer

The countdown begins for Canada's first science satellite in over thirty years, SCISAT-1, was unveiled today at a ceremony at Magellan Aerospace's Bristol facility in Winnipeg. Scheduled for launch on January 19, 2003, SCISAT-1 will help a team of Canadian and international scientists improve their understanding of the depletion of the ozone layer, with a special emphasis on the changes occurring over Canada and in the Arctic. The scientific goal of the SCISAT-1/ACE (Atmospheric Chemistry Experiment) mission is to measure and understand the chemical processes that control the distribution of ozone in the Earth's atmosphere, particularly at high latitudes. The data, recorded as SCISAT-1 orbits the Earth, will provide Canadian and international scientists with improved measurements relating to global ozone processes and help policy makers assess existing environmental policy and develop protective measures for improving the health of our atmosphere and prevent further ozone depletion ...

Article @: <http://www.space.gc.ca/whatsnew/releases/pressrel/2002/020702.asp>

Source: Canadian Space Agency, 02 July 2002

2- Ozone Friendly MDI

IVAX Corporation announced it has received authorization in Germany under the European Union Mutual Recognition Procedure to begin selling the asthma product Salamol in a non-ozone depleting HFA (hydrofluoro-alkane) propellant in both IVAX' patented, breath-activated Easi-Breathe(TM) inhaler and a standard metered dose inhaler (MDI). Salamol is the asthma drug albuterol, a beta2-agonist bronchodilator used to relieve asthma symptoms. IVAX' Easi-Breathe inhaler with various asthma drugs and propellant formulations has been on the market in the U.K., Central and Eastern Europe, China, and was launched earlier this year in France and Mexico. It is the leading breath-activated device in the U.K., the second largest asthma market in the world. IVAX has also received approvals for numerous asthma drugs in its Easi-Breathe inhaler in other European countries and registrations are pending in several countries in Latin America ...

Article @: http://www.businesswire.com/cgi-bin/f_headline.cgi?day1/221842209&ticker=ivx|ivx.l

Source: Business Wire, 03 July 2002

3- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Schools

One of EPA's highest priorities is protecting children's health from unnecessary exposure to pesticides that are used in their schools to control pests. EPA is encouraging school officials to adopt Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices to reduce children's exposure to pesticides. IPM is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices. IPM programs use current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment. This information, in combination with available pest control methods, is used to manage pest damage by the most economical means, and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. EPA is helping schools understand and implement IPM through the distribution of printed publications, awarding grants to start IPM programs, offering workshops and courses and providing guidance and assistance through partnerships with universities and national associations ...

More information @: <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ipm/>

Source: US EPA, Office of Pesticide Programs, 02 July 2002

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