



Zeltia presents Xylazel Air Sano, a new paint suitable for people with allergies and asthma, endorsed by the Spanish Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (SEaic)

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- Xylazel Aire Sano is the first Spanish paint with an external endorsement (SEaic), ensuring that any person who comes into contact with it will not be exposed to sensitizing substances that can aggravate symptoms of respiratory illnesses, such as allergy or asthma
- Xylazel Aire Sano is a promising line which has already been well received in northern Europe, not only by people with asthma and allergies, but also by those who are particularly sensitive to cleaning products
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Madrid, 8 October 2012. Allergies are currently a veritable non-infectious epidemic in developed countries and their incidence increases steadily each year, affecting people of all ages. In Spain, there are currently more than ten million people with some kind of allergy and more than three million with asthma. "People, such as asthmatics, who exhibit bronchial hyperreactivity to certain substances may also be affected by paints and varnishes that release volatile irritants, especially during the drying process," said Dr Joaquin Sastre, Head of the Allergy department at the Jimenez Díaz Foundation (Madrid) and President of the Spanish Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology (SEaic), at the press conference to present Xylazel Air Sano, a new paint suitable for people with allergies and asthma.

In the ongoing search for solutions to meet the needs of consumers, and sensitive to the problem of respiratory illnesses, Grupo Zeltia's chemical subsidiary Xylazel has developed a new line of health-related products to help improve people's quality of life. Xylazel Air Sano is an environmentally-friendly, water-based paint which does not emit substances which are significantly sensitizing or may cause irritation when used indoors. "According to the study carried out by Tecnalia, all emissions are within the safety limits and, therefore, pose no risk as irritants for patients with respiratory problems", said Dr Sastre. "This type of initiative is excellent and demonstrates the industry's commitment to society and to an improvement in the quality of life for patients and society as a whole," he added.



José Ramón Álvarez Sacristán, head of R&D, Quality and Control at Xylazel, highlighted three characteristics of the new paint: "It has no toxic or carcinogenic ingredients and, since it contains no solvents, people are not exposed to sensitizing substances once the paint dries. Moreover, it is a high-quality product that can also be used outdoors. "It is the first Spanish paint with an external endorsement (SEAIC), ensuring that any person who comes into contact with it will not be exposed to sensitizing substances that can aggravate symptoms of respiratory illnesses, such as allergy or asthma", he added. "Paints generally contain solvents and dangerous additives".

René Petit Martínez, head of Technical Service and Development for Xylazel, highlighted the paint's innovative features "in a market that is increasingly demanding and concerned about health-related issues." "Xylazel Aire Sano "is a promising line which has already been well received in northern Europe, not only by people with asthma and allergies, but also by those who are particularly sensitive to cleaning products," he added. In complying with the European Union's environmental requirements (e.g. A+ certification), "We aim to provide consumers with a healthy alternative while also offering a wide range of colours to cater to different decorative tastes".

About Xylazel:

Xylazel, S.A., a wholly-owned Grupo Zeltia subsidiary, was founded in 1975 and is based at the Las Gándaras industrial estate in Porriño (Pontevedra). Xylazel manufactures and sells paints and varnishes and is specialized in protective and decorative wood and metal products for the DIY, professional and industrial segments. It is a sector leader in wood and metal protectors, and a pioneer in Spain in developing a culture of wood protection. Xylazel is an acknowledged specialist in the markets where it operates and its innovative products are known for their high quality and high added value. The Xylazel brand offers a broad range of highly reputable protection products. It is certified to the ISO 9001 and 14001 standards by BUREAU VERITAS.

About SEAIC:

The Spanish Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology (SEAIC) is a professional, scientific, non-profit association which operates throughout Spain and comprises professionals who study immunological diseases, and hypersensitivity in particular. Its main objectives are to promote and disseminate research in allergology and clinical immunology; promote training and professional development; encourage contact, the exchange of experiences and sharing among its members; intervene in problems that may affect its members; and promote information and health education for the general public in its area of expertise.

About Zeltia:

Zeltia S.A. is a world-leading biopharmaceutical company specialized in the development of marine-based drugs for use in oncology and central nervous system illnesses. Grupo Zeltia consists mainly of the following companies: PharmaMar, the world-leading biotechnology company in advancing cancer care through the discovery and development of innovative marine-derived medicines; Noscira, a biotech firm focused on discovering and developing new drugs against Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases of the central nervous system; Genomica, Spain's leading molecular diagnostics company; Sylentis, dedicated to researching therapeutic applications of gene silencing (RNAi); and a chemical division comprising Zelnova and Xylazel, two highly profitable companies that are leaders in their respective market segments.

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