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## **Metabolix Announces European Patents For The Production Of Polyesters In Plant Crops.**

September 23, 1999. Metabolix Inc. ("MBX") today announced that it has been awarded a European Patent describing the production of polyesters in plant crops. The polyesters, known as PHAs, can be used as thermoplastics in an extensive range of applications. In parallel, Metabolix has also developed energy efficient fermentation routes to convert plant derived feedstocks into aqueous based PHA coating compositions. The PHA polyester materials may also be readily broken down to useful chemicals providing an alternative environmentally attractive and economical route for the sustainable production of chemical intermediates. The European Patent No. 482 077 brings the number of patents issued or exclusively licensed to Metabolix for the production of plastics and chemicals from agricultural sources to a total of eleven.

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