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Sumitomo Biorational bets on biological growth, appoints Remy Lyczko to lead global agrosolutions business

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Industry veteran takes charge of AgroSolutions Division as the company accelerates innovation in biorationals, botanical technologies and regenerative agriculture

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As biological crop protection and regenerative farming gain strategic importance across global agriculture, Sumitomo Biorational Company LLC has appointed Remy Lyczko as President of its AgroSolutions Division (ASD), signalling a renewed focus on expanding its portfolio of biorational technologies for growers worldwide. The appointment took effect on July 1, 2026.

Lyczko assumes leadership of the division at a time when growers are increasingly seeking alternatives that combine productivity with environmental sustainability. The AgroSolutions Division is responsible for developing biological and botanical crop solutions designed to improve farm performance while supporting more sustainable production systems. Going forward, the division is expected to strengthen its offerings across regenerative agriculture and other farming practices that reduce dependence on conventional crop protection inputs.

His appointment reflects Sumitomo Chemical Group's broader strategy of positioning biological solutions as a key pillar of future agricultural growth. As regulatory scrutiny on conventional chemistries intensifies and demand for residue-conscious farming continues to rise, investment in biorational technologies has become an increasingly important area of competition within the global crop protection industry.

Lyczko brings more than two decades of international leadership experience spanning the agrochemical and biological crop protection sectors. Over the course of his career, he has led commercial operations across North America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa, building market strategies, strengthening customer partnerships and driving the commercialisation of innovative crop technologies across diverse agricultural markets.

Since joining the Sumitomo Chemical Group in 2014, Lyczko has held several senior leadership positions across the organisation. Most recently, he served as Vice President of Commercial Operations at Sumitomo Biorational Company, where he played a central role in strengthening the company's commercial capabilities and market execution. Earlier assignments included leadership roles as Commercial Director for the EMEA region at Sumitomo Chemical Agro Europe, Country Manager for Philagro France, and Sustainable Solutions Business Director – EMEA, providing him with extensive experience across both conventional and biological crop protection businesses.

His elevation comes as the agricultural inputs industry undergoes a structural shift towards integrated crop management, where biological products are increasingly being used alongside conventional chemistries to improve efficacy, enhance sustainability and address evolving regulatory requirements.

Under Lyczko's leadership, the AgroSolutions Division is expected to continue expanding technologies that enable growers to improve crop productivity while meeting rising expectations around environmental stewardship, soil health and resilient farming systems. The company also aims to strengthen innovation across its portfolio of botanical and biorational solutions, supporting the transition towards more sustainable agricultural practices globally.

The appointment underscores Sumitomo Biorational Company's long-term commitment to biological innovation as agriculture navigates the dual challenge of producing more food while reducing its environmental footprint. With biological crop protection projected to remain one of the fastest-growing segments of the global agricultural inputs market, leadership capable of combining scientific innovation with commercial execution is likely to play an increasingly important role in shaping the company's next phase of growth.