

# The Draslovka Group pioneers next-gen soil fumigant in Australia

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Breakthrough soil fumigant puts Aussie growers back in control.

In a world first, The Draslovka Group is set to transform the Australian agricultural sector by arming Aussie farmers with a newly approved, ozone friendly, broad spectrum soil fumigant to treat soil and control soil-borne diseases, nematodes and weeds.

As a leader in innovative crop science technologies, environmental stewardship, sustainability and safety, The Draslovka Group - with their Australian entity Draslovka Services Pty Ltd - has gained registration of Ethanedinitrile (EDN™ FUMIGAS). Australia is to be the first country in the world to approve the use of the fumigant as a pre-plant treatment for soil.

“The introduction of EDN™ FUMIGAS is a significant moment for the Australian agricultural, horticultural and ornamental grower sectors. It’s a huge step forward for farmers who have traditionally faced crop and yield loss following the methyl bromide ban,” says Kade McConville, Executive Director, Draslovka Services Pty Ltd.

Developed by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) in Australia in 1996, the use of Ethanedinitrile as a fumigant was explored as a replacement for ozone-depleting methyl bromide.

“EDN™ FUMIGAS has spent over a decade undergoing rigorous testing and approvals. The Draslovka Group is dedicated to developing sustainable initiatives that will secure tomorrow’s food chain. EDN™ FUMIGAS gives farmers greater control of their plant husbandry and harvest while also contributing greatly to the long-term sustainability of the environment,” adds Mr McConville.

In Australia, EDN™ FUMIGAS is approved for use as a pre-plant treatment for strawberry runners as well as strawberry, tomato, ornamentals (gerbera) and cucurbit crops and can be applied at any time of the year when the soil conditions permit, prior to planting.

“This is a significant first step for crop production globally. Further studies are underway to add turf grass, ginger, capsicum, eggplant, carrots, ornamental and other crops to the label.

“We are thrilled that the perseverance and determination of our researchers has resulted in a soil fumigant that will play a significant role in not only the ongoing success and longevity of Australian farmers but also farmers worldwide,” concludes Mr McConville.

The Draslovka Group is the sole global manufacturer and supplier of EDN™ FUMIGAS.

## **Fast facts about EDN™ FUMIGAS**

- EDN™ FUMIGAS is available immediately for use on Australian farms.

- EDN™ FUMIGAS is available to purchase through Draslovka Services Pty Ltd.
- EDN™ FUMIGAS can be applied either through drip or shank application at the rate of 30 to 50 g/m<sup>2</sup> depending upon the target organisms and application method.

### **About The Draslovka Group**

The Draslovka Group is a Czech Republic based privately owned company, dealing in speciality chemicals and proprietary manufacturing technologies. Their goal is to develop sustainable chemical products for use in industry and crop production.

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