

CONNIFLEX - LATVIA



AS Latvijas Valsts Meži (LVM) invests in their second Conniflex line

Conniflex is an effective and environmentally friendly protection preventing the pine weevil from damaging the bark of young forest seedlings. The protective effect also lasts throughout the most critical period for the newly planted seedlings, i.e. the first two years.

Conniflex can simply be described as an armor of sand applied to the stem of the seedlings. The coating is flexible and expands as the seedling grows. The specially developed and water-based Hydrofix is used to guarantee that the sand bonds to the stem. The treatment is completed in the drying unit for hardening of the Hydrofix. The seedlings are treated with Conniflex in the nursery before they are packed and sent away to the forest owner. Only one treatment in the nursery is necessary and Conniflex can be used on all types of containerized seedlings.

Today Conniflex is widely used in Sweden, the Baltic States and Norway.

In 2016 AS Latvijas Valsts Meži (LVM) in Latvia signed an agreement with BCC AB for a first complete Conniflex line with the annually capacity of more than 10 million plants. This line was installed in the containerized nursery Mazsili close to Stende in western Latvia. The line has operated with great success and the nursery has annually delivered high-quality treated plants.

In January 2024, LVM decided to invest in a second complete Conniflex line to be installed in the containerized nursery Strenci in the northeast part of the country. This new line is based on the updated Conniflex treatment process with modernized application unit, more efficient sanding process and the latest version of drying cabinets. The supply from BCC will also include a new sand treatment unit in order to recycle surplus sand from the process.

“The main goal for this investment is development of sustainable, economically viable and environmentally friendly forest management not only in Latvia’s State Forests, but in all forests of Latvia, as LVM is supplying plants to all forest owners in Latvia. The plants produced by LVM are well recognized for the superb quality and vitality. This investment is aimed not only to increase supply of high quality Conniflex treated tree plants in Latvia, but also to develop and expand the export market for LVM tree plants in North European countries.”

Says Laima Zvejniece, Production Manager Division Seeds and Plants, AS Latvijas Valsts Meži.

The new Conniflex line should be installed in Strenci Nursery in October 2024, to be available for the packing and treatment season 2024 – 2025.

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