

IN A NUTSHELL**Biodegradable plastic-making plant goes online**

AHMEDABAD: Ahmedabad-based Greendiamz Biotech in collaboration with its partner Limagrain (France) launched 100% biodegradable and compostable 'Truegreen' bioplastic film on Monday. Manufactured at the company's Bavla facility that can churn out 4,000-5,000 tonnes of such plastics per annum, the company aspires to reach out to the floriculture and horticulture industry through the product, said Greendiamz Biotech director Dipack Sangghvi. The company has invested Rs 40 crore in the project, for which it had signed an MoU with the Gujarat government at the Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2009. Made of Biolice, a 100% biodegradable and 100% compostable raw material that is manufactured using whole cereal grain and Limagrain maize varieties, 95% of the material decomposes to carbon, oxygen and biomass within 180 days. TrueGreen CEO Ronnie Khajotia said the product is not a substitute to plastic, but will rather strengthen the plastic industry as some uses of plastic cannot be replaced. He further said due to its non-dependency on petroleum products, it will have long-term usage.— **Our Bureau**