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Specialists in Cosmeceutical Ingredients

ORGANIC PRICKLY PEAR SEED OIL

Oxford, CT (May 21, 2012) - Natural Sourcing is pleased to announce the availability of cold pressed Organic Prickly Pear Seed Oil [INCI: Opuntia ficus indica] within its growing line of specialty oils for use in innovative personal care products.

Organic Prickly Pear Seed Oil is a light, quick absorbing, stable and highly versatile oil. The high tocopherol content makes it a potent antioxidant. It improves skin elasticity and is an effective addition to anti-aging formulations. It acts as a powerful moisturizer and leaves the skin feeling velvety soft. Organic Prickly Pear Seed Oil can also be used to moisturize dry and damaged hair and to restore the health of nails and cuticles.

Cold pressed NOP certified Organic Prickly Pear Seed Oil is a highly stable oil and is an excellent source of tocopherols (antioxidants). The oil possesses an astonishingly high percentage (over 80%) of unsaturated fatty acids with a linoleic acid content of 62%. Prickly Pear Seed Oil is also rich in minerals and amino acids.

INCI: Opuntia ficus indica

Method of Extraction: Cold Pressed

Shelf Life: 2 Years

Origin: Tunisia - Northern Africa

Organic Prickly Pear Seed Oil Properties:

- Medium Viscosity
- Rapid Absorption
- Clear to Light Yellow in Color
- High Percentage of Unsaturated Fatty Acids
- Significant Content of Omega 6 Essential Fatty Acids:
 - C18:2 Linoleic: 61.88%
 - C18:1 Oleic: 22.11%
 - C16:0 Palmitic: 11.56%
 - C18:0 Stearic: 3.22%
 - C16:1 Palmitoleic: 0.62%
 - C18:3 Linolenic: 0.18%
- Rich in Vitamin E, Minerals and Amino Acids
- Potent Anti-Oxidant
- Good Source of Alpha (α -), Beta (β -) and Sigma (δ -) Tocopherols
- Strong Anti-Inflammatory

Cosmeceutical Uses:

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Organic Prickly Pear Seed Oil is Perfectly Suited for the Following Personal Care Applications:

- Moisturizers
- Anti-Aging Products
- Hair Care
- Nail Care
- Lip Care

About Natural Sourcing, LLC:

Natural Sourcing specializes in the procurement and supply of over 500 natural ingredients for cosmeceutical, spa, massage and aromatherapy applications. Ingredients are carefully selected for their quality and functionality in skin care, hair care and beauty treatments. Natural Sourcing's ingredient lines consist of nutritive specialty ingredients including berry oils, organic beeswax, organic shea butter, pomegranate oil and watermelon seed oil. Additionally, Natural Sourcing offers over 25 categories of natural ingredients.

Natural Sourcing is a member of the Organic Trade Association and has its organic certification through CCOF. Natural Sourcing is dedicated towards becoming an increasingly strong presence in the growing awareness of the importance and benefits of organic skin care.

Natural Sourcing operates a 30,000 square foot facility in Oxford, Connecticut.

Customers and interested parties can learn more about Natural Sourcing or request a brochure and product samples by visiting its Web site at www.naturalsourcing.com or by calling its Customer Care department at (800) 340-0080 or (203) 702-2500.