Over 370 exhibitors have booked their places at the SALTEX '96 show 3-5 September, at the Royal Windsor Racecourse.

"Space at SALTEX has been in increasingly high demand since the show returned to Windsor two years ago," said Jon Gibson, the SALTEX Event Manager. "Space for last year's show sold out, with over 380 exhibitors covering close to 50,000 m², which was a 12% increase over 1994. In fact, only the construction industry can boast a bigger trade show in the UK'.

According to Jon Gibson, "Stand sales this month have been buoyant, and SALTEX '96 is now set to beat last year's record-breaking success." Some of the companies recently signed up include JCB, which has increased its stand size this year, and Renault Agriculture, a new exhibitor to the show – testimony to the strength and breadth of the exhibition.

The growth in the number of exhibitors is in part due to the dramatic increase in the number of visitors to the show, which has gone up by 250% in the last two years. Last year 14,946 visitors came to SALTEX, making it an increasingly attractive way for suppliers to meet potential customers with the power and intention to buy.

SALTEX '96, as in previous years, will bring together buyers and suppliers across the breadth of the open space management industry. One of the new features this year will be a free seminar programme, in which exhibitors at SALTEX will share their expertise in new trends and developments affecting the industry. Speakers will include representatives from Jacobsens, Charterhouse, Farmura, Sisis, Industrial Power Units and Sportsground Irrigation.

"There are continual changes within our industry - it is obviously very important that the operators become aware of the latest products, services and techniques, all of which can be seen at SALTEX," commented Gibson.

For free tickets to the show, call the SALTEX ticket hotline on 01954-230710.

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SELECTION OF EXHIBITORS

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Rufford Top-Dress Supplies - stand A19 - will be offering a new service this year at SALTEX '96. Prospective customers are invited to bring along a small sample (150 gms/50z minimum) of rootzone from their greens. Rufford will analyse the material, recommending the most compatible top dressing from its range.

Also on show this year will be a new software programme which can help design top dressing or rootzone mixes for customers.

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Hayter - Stand W14 - will be launching its latest triple turf mower, the LT324 (pictured) featuring a 4 wheel drive “on demand” system and GRP moulded body which provides an attractive, modern look to the unit. Hinged access to all major components make maintenance easy. The machine has been developed to complement the successful LT312 which will also be on display. Our FM514 Fairway Mower, launched last year, award winning gang units and also the Double 3 pedestrian machine which recently was awarded Best Product of 1996 by Amenity Management are among the many in the impressive line up of quality machines on show.

BIGGA - Stand G1 - brings a strong team to SALTEX with Executive Director Neil Thomas, Greenkeeper International Editor Scott MacCallum, Membership Services Officer Janet Adamson and the entire Sales and Marketing Department of Sales and Marketing Manager James McEvoy, Sales and Marketing Executive Louise Lunn and the Sales and Marketing Assistant Amanda Freeman on hand to offer a warm welcome to anyone who visits the stand.

A full range of BIGGA merchandise will also be on show as well as information on Association membership and the education courses, videos and literature which is available.

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Among the grinders being demonstrated, are its popular Jupiter and Juno machines.

Hunters well engineered products have acquired an excellent reputation over the last 25 years for a 'quality' grind and are used at numerous leading Golf and Sports Clubs, Local Authorities, Turf Grower and mower repair workshops throughout the world.

This year at SALTEX Rhône-Poulenc - Stand P2 - will be exhibiting its extensive range of products for autumn use such as the ultimate contact fungicide, ROVRAL GREEN and the dual purpose pest management product CASTAWAY PLUS for casting earthworm and leatherjacket control.

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We also have several exciting new products pending MAFF approval.

In its 50th Anniversary year, Huxleys - Stand S9 - will be exhibiting several new products which illustrate the company's progress since it began selling the Allen Motor Scythe in 1946.

The new Huxley Teestar is an all-hydraulic ride-on triple mower for precision mowing of golf tees and greens surrounds, as well as sports-ground and amenity areas. British built, the Teestar has already been exported to Japan.

Other new products include the Soil Reliever Junior, a heavy duty deep tine aerator with 48" working width, and the Turfblazer Hydro Power 1280, which is a high performance 126" cut rotary mower with Turbo charged 61 hp diesel engine. A rear mounting version of the popular Grainskeeper Greens Brush, for fitting to suitable tractors and turf vehicles, will also be displayed.

On the stand will be examples of the full Huxley range.

Pictured above is the new Huxley Teestar.

Supreme Mowing Ltd - Stand V15 - is renowned for its world famous range of precision built grinding machines and backlapping units and of course an extensive range of quality replacement parts for all leading grass cutting machines.

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New products for 1996 include the Greenguard non turf-burning hydraulic oil starter pack complete with a supply of flushing oil to ensure that all traditional hydraulic oil is fully flushed out.

The Course Wear clothing and footwear range covers knitwear, foul weather clothing, chain saw trousers, insulated boiler suits and much, much more.

For details and information contact John Wood, Marketing Director, on 01535 611103 or fax on 01535 611543.

**Farmura - Stand E80** – will be displaying its full range of environmentally sensitive turf care and landscape products which are available throughout the United Kingdom and the E.U. from a network of specialist distributors making access to the products easy and quick wherever you are.

Of special interest with Autumn approaching, is Inhibitor for strengthening the turf against fusarium attack and Ferrosol Liquid Iron for greening and hardening the plant against disease.

With the highly successful range of Farmura Liquid Organic fertilisers, the advanced Super Concentrates, Superpaver Grass Reinforcement, Turf Irons and the winners of the Blazon Spray Indicator Draw being announced together with the usual Farmura hospitality, Stand E80 will be worth a visit. Come and discuss integrated feed programmes and prepare turf for winter.

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**Farmura - Stand E80** – will be concentrating on the key products for fine turf renovation after the stresses of summer heat and physical wear on its stand at SALTEX.

Levington Greenmaster will be prominently featured on the stand, as the ideal autumn treatment for fine turf. Greenmaster Autumn contains ferrous sulphate to control moss through the autumn and winter, and has a 6:5:10 NPK formulation to help toughen the sward and improve rooting without encouraging new moss through the autumn and winter, and has a 6:5:10 NPK formulation to help toughen the sward and improve rooting without encouraging.

**At Saltex this year Watermation – Stand P6** – will be introducing its exciting new range of gear drive sprinklers (pictured). This extensive range covers everything from small shrub heads to long range turf sprinklers suitable for sports ground and golf courses.

Watermation has always provided reliable, high quality irrigation equipment and this new range is certainly no exception. All the sprinklers can be used as full or part circle operation by simple, visual arc adjustment without using any key. They are also vandal resistant and return to their pre-set arc even if forced out. This new range added to Watermation’s world famous impact drive sprinklers give the customers a real choice.

**Levington Horticulture – Stand X 11-12-13** – will be concentrating on the key products for fine turf renovation after the stresses of summer heat and physical wear on its stand at SALTEX.

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**Grass Roots Construction Ltd – Stand P13** – a sister company of Grass Roots Trading Co has established itself as the cost effective solution to construction needs.

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**Ransomes – Stand V15** – will be launching a seven-unit fairway mower at SALTEX '96. Known as the Fairway 405 it is believed to offer the widest cut of any mower in its class.

Engineered for optimum performance and productivity, the Fairway 405/s seven steerable/ floating cutting heads give a maximum mowing width of 4m (15.8in), with selectable lift of the two outer cutting units.

Powered by a 46.5hp turbocharged diesel engine, the Fairway 405 combines the durability of heavier machines with the manoeuvrability and low ground pressure of a lightweight mower. The 405 features variable reel speed control, in-situ backlapping and robust hydrostatic transmission providing permanent four-wheel drive in work with two wheel drive for transport. The cutting units can be specified with 7 or 11 blades and all have Ransomes variable weight transfer system ensuring a close/ even finish over undulating turf.

Operator comfort and convenience are enhanced by the high-back suspension seat, “walk-through” platform and ergonomic control layout. Both the engine and hydraulics are easily accessible for service and the reel to bedknife adjustment can be made by hand.

Equipped with hydrostatic steering as standard and with the option of Ransomes Turf Protector hydraulic oil leak detection system, the Fairway 405 offers a cutting performance in excess of 9 acres an hour (3.6ha). Price of the machine will be announced at SALTEX '96.

**Jacobsen – Stand W38** – is very pleased to announce the appointment of Browns, Geo Browns Implements Ltd as Jacobsen dealer for the area of Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and some of the North London Boroughs. Browns are a well established company with depots at Chesham and Leighton Buzzard.

Browns are at this year's SALTEX show and will have on display products from Jacobsen, Kubota and Carthouse. The area representatives covering the new Jacobsen are: Peter Hopkinson – Chesham and Steve Lee – Leighton Buzzard.

**Toro Commercial Products – Stand W50** – is continuing its run of new product introductions with the announcement at SALTEX of two new mowers, a new and improved model of its Greens Aerator and a new, trailed version of the walk-behind Hydroject water injection aerator.

There is also a new injection system for the Hydroject, allowing it to be used for applying wetting agents and soil conditioners.

The new Reelmaster 2600-D (pictured) is an all-purpose triplex mower for a precision cut on sports fields and amenity areas as well as around golf bunkers, greens, tees, collars and approach areas. It features the all-new design, engine, drive, cutting units and mainframe to be found on the Reelmast 2300-D announced last year, but is fitted with wider cutting units to give an 85-inch cut for greater productivity.

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**Tildenet – Stand F40** – will again be exhibiting its complete range of netting products specifically designed for the Sport, Leisure, Grounds and Greens Industry.

New products on display will include the Tildenet Rugby Practice Cage, Economic Grass Germination Sheeting, The Unique Golfing Green "The Epic", Bunker Membrane and Indoor Golf, Cricket and Sport netting.

All information and literature will be available from the Tildenet and several of Tildenet products will be assembled for display and demonstration purposes.

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