Environmental Golf cited as Ariz. Contractor of the Year

PHOENIX, Ariz. — The Arizona Chapter of the American Public Works Association has named Environmental Golf Inc. Contractor of the Year for an evaluation of the company’s construction management, safety performance, environmental considerations, community relations, quality, innovation and unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions.

Under the direction of Thomas E. Yerkey, manager of the Phoenix branch of Valley Crest and Environmental Golf, the project has been kept working, and play had to be maintained on nine holes, throughout the construction process. The job was completed two weeks ahead of schedule, with an unblemished safety record and careful attention to minimizing noise and other potential environmental impact.

Jim Jones, public works director of the city of Tempe, said: “We were dealing with a highly professional, well-managed and extremely dedicated organization.

“From the expertise and management skill at the top, to the enthusiasm and can-do attitude of their work crews, professionalism was evident in the final quality of this sensitive and very visible project.”

Valley Crest Landscape, a subsidiary of Environmental Industries, Inc., of Calabasas, Calif., has been providing full-scale landscape and irrigation contracting services since 1949. Environmental Golf specializes in golf course construction and renovation.

Gilliland advising Indonesia project

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Rod Gilliland has been appointed senior adviser and project manager for Royal Jakarta, a 2,290-hectare planned residential and golf community located just south of Jakarta in the Republic of Indonesia.

The project will be the first of its kind in Indonesia. Previously, Gilliland was vice president of sales and marketing for Coto de Caza, a 4,000-acre private master-planned community in Orange County, California. Gilliland has worked with Ponderosa Homes, The Desert Princess Country Club and Resort in Palm Springs, Broadmoor Homes and Eagle Development.

Construction for Royal Jakarta began this spring. The project will feature infrastructure, security, planned landscaping and recreation amenities including a Gary Player-designed 18-hole golf course, three-hole practice course, driving range, golf training academy and sports complex.

Royal Jakarta’s phase I will create 2,950 homes in neighborhoods of about 120 units.

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