**Golf Ventures, RapidTurf partner**

JUPITER, Fla. — Golf Ventures Inc., a distributor to the golf course maintenance market, has formed an exclusive sales and distribution partnership with RapidTurf Inc., a supplier of natural grass grown on plastic, in Florida.

According to Jim Sartain, Golf Ventures' chief executive officer, the alliance is a natural extension of the company's tradition of offering its golf course clients innovative products.

RapidTurf and RapidSprigs products and services include certified turf grasses (Tifdwarf), custom-grown new releases (Floradwarf and Tifeagle) as well as installation services. The company said that installing rolls of RapidTurf considerably reduces the time between planting and playing.

**British Landscaping plans move across the River Welland**

LINCOLNSHIRE, England — British Landscaping Equipment Co. (BLEC), having outgrown its original premises located next to the family home, have settled into a new, purpose-built factory and office/showroom facility.

The move, from the Deeping Gate, near Peterborough, to the next-door village of Deeping St. James, actually crosses the River Welland and therefore the county boundary from Cambridgeshire to Lincolnshire, where BLEC has acquired a half-hectare site, with excellent road access.

The company said the new facilities should ensure that BLEC is equipped for expansion into the next century, while maintaining its policy of continuous development of products particularly suited to landscapers, golf and sportsfield developers and turfgrowers.

**ITODA commits to Platinum Tee**

NAPLES, Fla — The Independent Turf & Ornamental Distributors Association (ITODA) unanimously passed a resolution to commit to membership in the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) Platinum Tee Club, the GCSAA's funding effort to advance environmental and scientific research developments in golf course management. The ITODA agreed to make this commitment at its annual fall meeting in Naples.

**Pursell names new formulator**

SYLACAUGA, Ala. — The Lange-Stegmann Co., a St. Louis-based fertilizer formulator, will now offer Polyon-coated controlled-release fertilizers throughout the central US.

According to Michael Stegmann, vice president of Lange-Stegmann, Polyon-coated nutrients will soon be available in many of the company's fertilizer blends, including various specialty formulations. Stegmann also announced that additional sales staff has been added to support the move.

David Pursell, president and chief executive officer of Pursell Technologies, said: "Lange-Stegmann is an outstanding company with an unparalleled reputation. Their expertise and experience will prove beneficial as we expand the availability of Polyon-coated products."

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Lennert, Milorganite's sales and advertising manager, said: "The plant will operate in the same manner and Milorganite will be the same product it has always been."

According to United Water Resources, Milwaukee-area customers are guaranteed to save in excess of $130 million as a result of the new contract. United Water already has agreed to hire all MMSD employees at current wages and benefits packages.

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