**SUPPLIER BUSINESS/NEW PRODUCTS**

**John Deere installs new fairway conditioner.**

Recently launched as an optional attachment for the established John Deere 3215A and 3135A fairway mowers, the new Deere fairway conditioner incorporates a contra-rotating grass tender conditioner, which is gear-driven rather than belt drive. This enables the attachment to provide a better, cleaner finish by grooming, recutting and dispersing grass clippings more evenly, particularly in wet conditions, without leaving unsightly clumps of grass on the fairway. For more information, contact 309-765-8000.

**CIRCLE #211**

**Textron/Ransomes**

Continued from page 1 of January 26. Ransomes only had a reported 89.68 percent of its preference shareholders on board at the end of the previous week. Ransomes was able to gather the appropriate amount of votes at the eleventh hour.

For Textron/Jacobsen, the Ransomes acquisition is consistent with the company's strategy to expand on a global basis, allowing it to leverage new manufacturing capacity and distribution networks.

"Look at the players in the market now," said Carl Burtner, president of Textron's Golf and Turf Group. "If you're not big your going to be out."

According to Burtner, Textron plans to keep the brand names in the spotlight as lines are trimmed and Jacobsen and Ransomes technologies are melded together.

"There's a number of line-fills for us, there's a number of things that just dovetail right into the Jake and E-Z-GO lines," said Burtner. "Each player has some very strong suits, so obviously we're not going to be duplicating. We're going to take the best each has to offer and try to come up with the best product line there is."

**E-Z-GO introduces Workhorse ST-350**

E-Z-GO Textron has announced production of a new multi-purpose off-road utility vehicle. The Workhorse ST-350 features a 11 hp, 350 cc, twin cylinder, 4 cycle, overhead cam engine, a 13-cubic-foot load bed with heavy duty bed liner and an 8000-pound payload capacity.

The Workhorse ST-350 represents a new direction for E-Z-GO. It was designed to meet a variety of off-road utility needs.

Some of the important features on the ST-350 include oversized tires, greater ground clearance, a special suspension system designed to handle rough terrain and a heavy duty wrap-around front bumper with brush guard. For more information, contact 706-798-4311.

**CIRCLE #209**

**J.R. Simplot launches SuperTurf**

The J.R. Simplot Company, manufacturer of the Best family of fertilizer formulations for the golf course and sports field market, has introduced SuperTurf. SuperTurf is engineered to deliver the results commonly associated with controlled-release fertilizers for approximately the same cost as quick-release blends.

Designed to last up to three months, SuperTurf combines Best's Turf Supreme with Polyon polymer and TriKote polymer/sulfur-coated urea prills to produce a 55 percent controlled-release, 25-5-5 product.

Polyon helps SuperTurf release nitrogen osmotically in accordance with turf nutritional needs or temperature conditions, which helps prevent the premature nutrient release. For more information, contact 800-992-6066.

**CIRCLE #210**

**Scotts/SSI**

Continued from page 71 in the 1980s and he continues as a leading expert in the field.

"I am confident that Scotts' powerful brands and leading market positions provide the best commercial platform from which to launch exciting new products using SSI technologies," said Sanford.

SSI operates an advanced genetic research facility in Waterloo, New York, and actively collaborates with other leading genetic scientists.

"We view genetically transformed plants as playing a valuable role in our world-wide brand development strategy over the next few years," said Charles Berger, Scotts chairman, president and chief executive officer.

Biolistics technology involves the delivery of desirable genetic characteristics by high-velocity injection into cells.

The technology is widely used in medical research and agricultural fields for applications ranging from immunization and cancer treatment to creation of new agricultural crop varieties, including corn and soybeans.

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**ProMag**

ProMag 36 is a combination of magnesium sulfate and magnesium oxide, supplying both immediate and long term non-burning magnesium availability.

ProMag 36 is the choice magnesium in micro-pressed form necessary to balance calcium and potassium in the soil. Such nutrient balance increases root mass resulting in healthy green turf.

ProMag 36 is versatile, allowing direct application or blending with other plant food ingredients in a wide variety of formulations.

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Toro shows new Sand Pro

The Toro Company has introduced its new Sand Pro 5020 featuring an 18-horsepower engine. It is equipped with Toro's patented three-wheel drive Series/Parallel traction system that virtually eliminates spinouts in forward and reverse. A 3-stage air filtration system provides clean air to the engine keeping it running longer and stronger. The operator-inmind design increases comfort with tilt steering and adjustable seat. For more information, contact 612-888-8801.

Jacobsen unveils Aero King 30

Jacobsen has introduced its new Aero King 30 greens aerator. The new Aero King 30 is powered by an 18-hp Briggs & Stratton Vanguard and offers a 30-inch coring width and a true, 4-inch coring depth. Depending on factors such as soil type, moisture content, past aeration practices and type and time of use, the new Aero King 30 is even capable of coring depths below 4 inches. For high productivity and versatility on golf greens, the operator can choose from two hole patterns: the standard 2.5-inch x 2.5-inch and an optional 2.5-inch x 3-inch. The unit aerates up to 14,375 square feet per hour with the standard hole pattern, and up to 21,500 square feet per hour with the optional pattern. For more information, contact 414-637-6711.