Tiller Corporation and its operating divisions, Barton Sand & Gravel Co., Commercial Asphalt Co., and Barton Enterprises, Inc., are pleased to announce the addition of Mike Kelly as its new Director of Product Development. Mike, formerly with Rehbein Environmental Solutions Group, has worked closely with engineers, golf course architects, landscapers, and property developers to manage storm water challenges and other unique design issues with the use of sand and soil blends. Mike’s focus is to bring solutions to our customer’s environmental needs.

We are excited to introduce the Greenjacket AFS (Air Flow System) insulation. We have been listening! While our Foam Insulation will still be available, we are answering the call for a better method of insulating, while allowing for even better air movement under the Greenjacket Turf Cover.

The AFS (Air Flow System) system is a UV Resistant, Non-woven PET staple fiber, bonded with a blend of non-water soluble acrylic resins.

After years of serving the community as Green Image, we are proud to announce that Green Image, and our sister stores Polfus Implement, Horizon Equipment and Tri-County Implement, have consolidated into our parent company, Frontier, Inc. Effective immediately, we will do business as Frontier Ag & Turf.

Building the Frontier brand in all locations provides many advantages for our customers: Ease of doing business with all locations and divisions; within our company; our additional buying power will ensure competitive pricing, and access to larger and more complete inventories.

People and business structure remain the same - only the name is new!

Aaron Johnsen, formerly the Turf Consultant at Spectrum Technologies, Inc., announces the formation of Turf Intelligence LLC. Turf Intelligence LLC will focus on helping turfgrass managers utilize data from measurement technology, such as soil moisture sensors, salinity meters, weather stations, and reflectance instruments, to optimize inputs and maintain consistently exceptional conditions. Services will primarily be data mapping for site analysis and management planning; assistance with the selection and implementation of measurement technology; and formation and analysis of on-site research. Visit www.turfintel.com or contact Aaron at 651-895-2601 or turfintel@yahoo.com for more information.

Plaisted Companies is pleased to be recognized as the official supplier of the aggregate and specialty soils required to build the playing surface at Target Field. Currently being laid down in coordination with the field heating and irrigations systems, Plaisted products - mined in Elk River - will be used to form the base layers of the playing field including: Clean select-fill created to serve as a base layer; Specialty-sized pea-gravel to facilitate quick drainage; An engineered soil mix consisting of a specially designed sand/peat mix for the turf root-zone.

“The Minnesota Twins are proud to partner with a great local company to help us build a consistent playing surface at Target Field,” said Larry DiVito, head groundskeeper at Target Field.

Once the playing surface sub-layers have been laid and the field heating system and irrigation system are completed, the natural turf-grass sod installation will begin in early September.

“Plaisted Companies is happy to be involved in the construction of Target Field,” says Todd Plaisted, President, Plaisted Companies. “We’re pleased to see that our products will play a crucial role in Minnesota baseball for years to come.”

Target Field, one of America’s most urban ballparks, will be located in the historic Warehouse district of downtown Minneapolis. Site clearing began May 15, 2007 with actual construction commencing in August 2007. The 40,000 seat ballpark is slated for completion prior to Opening Day 2010 and the cost of construction is $425 million. The Twins Ballpark Webcams provide fans the opportunity to view progress on the construction of the new downtown Minneapolis ballpark through completion in the spring of 2010. For more information on Target Field and to view the site through the Webcam, visit www.twinsbaseball.com/newballpark.