

Bulmer to head Toro golf sales

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — The Irrigation Division of The Toro Company has added three national sales managers to its operations here. Don Bulmer has been promoted to national golf sales manager. He has been employed by Toro for 16 years and has held several positions in the Riverside operations, including midwest regional sales manager.

Jeanne Cantu has been named national specifications sales manager. She was promoted from her position as Toro's regional speci-

fications sales manager in Texas, where she has worked for the past year. Before coming to Toro, Cantu worked for a distributor in Florida as a specifications sales manager.

Mark Painter has been promoted to national contractor sales manager. A registered landscape architect, he has worked for Toro since 1989. Painter was formerly western regional business manager.

For more information, call the Riverside office at 909-688-9221.



Three new national sales managers at Toro (clockwise from top left): Don Bulmer, Jeanne Cantu and Mark Painter



Nelson takes on product development

ALBANY, Ore. — Eric K. Nelson, Ph.D., has been named director of turfgrass research and product development at Medalist America Turfgrass Seed.

Nelson, who joined Medalist in 1989 as director of turfgrass research, will use his experience and education in turfgrass adaptation as well as agronomy to work

with Medalist distributors and their customers — architects, builders, engineers and superintendents — in the selection of appropriate species and varieties for golf course and landscape establishment, in addition to renovation.

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ConVault sues for alleged patent infringements

DENAIR, Calif. — ConVault, Inc., a manufacturer of fire-resistant, concrete-vaulted, aboveground fuel storage tanks, has filed patent infringement lawsuits against three competitors. ConVault is seeking both monetary damages and injunctive relief that would halt production of the alleged infringing tanks.

According to ConVault President Tom Lindquist, suits have been filed against Nebraska Welding Ltd. of Omaha, Neb.; Hi-Tech Vaults, a division of Hausner's Inc. of Drumright, Okla.; and Guardian Concrete, Inc. of Schenectady, N.Y. An action has been filed in the United States Court of Federal Claims stating that Nebraska Welding allegedly infringes six ConVault patents.

ConVault has filed suit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, claiming that tanks manufactured by Hi-Tech infringe five ConVault patents.

ConVault has been joined in the suits against Nebraska Welding and Hi-Tech by five of its licensees: Quickset, Inc. of Irvine, Calif.; Old Castle, Inc. of South Bethlehem, N.Y.; ConVault Mid-Atlantic, Inc. of McLean, Vir.; Earth Protection Systems, Inc. of Bridgeview, Ill.; and ConVault-Florida, Inc. of Wildwood, Fla.

ConVault, Inc. and its licensee, Old Castle, filed jointly against Guardian Concrete in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York, alleging that ASTs manufactured by Guardian infringe five ConVault patents.

Mace Sod has new name: Multi-Turf

SOUTH BAY, Fla. — Mace Sod Service, Inc. has changed its name to Multi-Turf, Inc. The new name will appear on all bids, projects and billings issued after Sept. 1, 1993. Multi-Turf will continue to guarantee year-round service from more than 7,000 acres of Everglades muck-soil-grown Floralawn, Floratam, FX-10, Bitter Blue and 419 Bermudagrasses. The firm will also continue to offer its toll-free Lawn Care Help-Line (1-800-868-6223).