

Off The Fringe

Business briefs

Simplot, Pursell team up

Post Falls, Idaho-based Simplot Turf and Horticulture and Sylacauga, Ala.-based Pursell Technologies Inc. reached a long-term agreement to market Polyon Prol fertilizers and other PTI products to U.S. professional turfgrass markets in northeast, midwest and southwest states.

Simplot and PTI currently have a joint venture arrangement to market fertilizer products to the professional turf and horticulture markets in the West, as well as Pacific Rim countries.

Eco makes more changes

Rancho Bernardo, Calif.-based Eco Soil Systems announced the resignations of Douglas M. Gloff, its president and chief operating officer, and Mark D. Buckner, its chief financial officer and corporate secretary.

Max D. Gelwix, previously vice president of marketing, was promoted to president and chief operating officer. Dennis Sentz, previously vice president of accounting and controller, was promoted to chief financial officer and corporate secretary.

William B. Adams, Eco Soil chairman and CEO, said: "The company is reorganizing its corporate functions to position itself for the proposed sale of all or a part of its Turf Partners subsidiary to The J.R. Simplot Co. and the creation of a distribution channel for Eco Soil's proprietary products through Simplot."

Terra Now ProSource One

Memphis, Tenn.-based ProSource One is the new organizational name for the professional products group of Terra Industries.

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Poll: Nay to PDI

Sam Hocutt III, CGCS for Pawleys Plantation in Pawleys Island, S.C., is doing his George Gallup impression. Hocutt is conducting his own poll on the Professional Development Initiative, GCSAA's proposal to "improve the knowledge, skills and abilities of the professional superintendent." Through March 7, here are Hocutt's findings:

Are you in favor of the PDI?

Yes — 28 percent
No — 72 percent

Would you like to see the vote on class change canceled until 2002?

Yes — 78 percent
No — 22 percent

Do you like the Career Development System* plan better than the PDI plan?

Yes — 60 percent
No — 40 percent

Have you ever posted a comment in the GCSAA forum concerning PDI?

Yes — 53 percent
No — 47 percent

Are you happy with the current voting method?

Yes — 25 percent
No — 75 percent



Would you like to see the vote return to the individual?

Yes — 79 percent
No — 21 percent

Would you like to have absentee voting?

Yes — 83 percent
No — 17 percent

You can participate in Hocutt's poll by logging on to the Internet site:
<http://www.samscomputers.bizland.com/Pdiinfor.html>

The poll began on Feb. 29 and received 120 votes through March 7.

* *The Career Development System is being hailed by some superintendents as a simpler, fairer and cheaper proposal to better the profession. See page 10 (Flagstick) for more details.*

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