



Press release

WATER-SAVING TRIPLE-T SYSTEM HOCKEY PITCH FOR HC BLOEMENDAAL

Genemuiden (NL), Thursday 20 August 2009 – **The coming season will see European and national champion, the Dutch Hockey Club Bloemendaal, playing its home matches on the new Triple-T System hockey pitch. Following on the heels of the Dutch Mixed Hockey Club Ede, HC Bloemendaal is the second hockey club in The Netherlands with this unique pitch. The Triple-T System is geared entirely to optimal player comfort, high ball speed and low friction in both dry and wet conditions. These characteristics – which support first-class technical play – were the most important reasons why HC Bloemendaal selected this system.**

The Triple-T System is the latest development in synthetic turf systems for hockey. Thanks to a unique fibre system and a shock-absorbent substratum, the water-based hockey pitch combines optimal playing characteristics with maximal durability. The system is based on a stable and exceptionally dense fibre structure, consisting of more than one million synthetic turf fibres per square metre, a special shock-absorbent substratum and an automatic sprinkler installation. Because of the construction and fibre thickness, the field 'consumes' only 6 to 8 m³ of water each match, a saving of 40% compared with traditional water-based pitches. Combining the above components results in a system with optimal playing characteristics, where the most technical players also come into their own.

Joint development

The Triple-T System is a joint development of Edel Grass, Oranjewoud Sport and TenCate Grass. With this new system, the partners' intention is to raise the sport of hockey – both the recreational sport and the top-flight sport – to an even higher level. The name Taeke Taekema Turf (Triple-T) System refers to the Dutch hockey icon Taeke Taekema. According to this top hockey player, the Triple-T System offers optimal ball control and high ball speed: 'This is by far the best field that I've ever played on'.

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Edel Grass is a leading supplier of synthetic turf systems, mainly for hockey, tennis and football. The company has been actively engaged in the development of synthetic turf in these markets from the very start. Edel Grass concentrates particularly on The Netherlands, Scandinavia, Germany, England, Eastern Europe and Africa. Edel Grass has the exclusive right to market the Triple-T System. www.edelgrass.com

Oranjewoud Sport is one of the major players in the field of developing and installing sports accommodation. Oranjewoud seeks to operate a concept approach, providing advice, engineering, installation and management right through from the preliminary stages. www.oranjewoud.nl/sport

TenCate Grass develops and produces synthetic turf components for sport, recreation and landscaping applications. TenCate Grass has production facilities in Europe, the Middle East and North America. Together with its partners, TenCate pursues a system approach. This gives users confidence in playing characteristics and lifespan. www.tencategrass.com

