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University of Missouri-Kansas City selects Mondoturf for new soccer stadium

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – July 9, 2009 – When the University of Missouri-Kansas City opens its new Stanley H. Durwood Soccer Stadium and Recreational Field this fall, the venue will immediately take its place among the premier multi-use facilities in the Midwest. One key reason: the complex will feature a Mondoturf Monofilament Classic field.

“We are very excited to install a field with Mondoturf’s superior resilience,” said Tim Hall, UMKC’s director of athletics. “We did an enormous amount of due diligence before selecting the stadium’s field, and we concluded that the Mondoturf Monofilament Classic field was the best one for us.”

School officials expect that the stadium, funded in part by a \$5 million gift from the Stanley H. Durwood Foundation, will be ready for competition this fall—in time for the first-ever UMKC women’s soccer game. Additional construction on the facility is scheduled to be complete by spring 2010. In addition to UMKC’s NCAA Division I men’s and women’s soccer teams, the 850-seat stadium will be used by the university’s softball and track and field teams, and by UMKC intramural sports programs and community partners.

“The turf’s durability will allow our soccer teams to use the field both for practice sessions and intercollegiate matches, and it will provide a first-class playing surface for all student-athletes who use it,” Hall said.

The UMKC field will be Mondo’s third for an NCAA Division I soccer program, following installations at Northern Illinois University and Southern Illinois University.

The Mondoturf Monofilament Classic system features Mondo’s new generation of polyethylene fibers, which look and feel like natural grass and use color pigments that are free of toxins and heavy metals. Superior molecular alignment and a straight-line molecular direction provide dimensional memory and a greater capacity of recovery, ensuring the fiber will retain its appearance and will not deform even after many years of use. The system’s infill is a combination of 100 percent post-consumer recycled resilient granules and rounded or subangular sand, which provides unparalleled durability. Rounded sand is virtually non-abrasive, which reduces the risk of injury for athletes and minimizes wear on the turf fibers.

About the University of Missouri-Kansas City

The University of Missouri-Kansas City, one of four University of Missouri campuses, is a public university serving more than 14,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students. UMKC engages with the community and economy through the life and health sciences, visual and performing arts, urban issues and education, and a vibrant learning and campus life experience. The NCAA Division I athletics program includes 16 men’s and women’s teams.

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About Mondo

Mondo is the global leader in the sports flooring market, manufacturing floor surfaces for virtually every sport. Throughout its 60-year history, the company has invested heavily in research and development to produce cutting-edge products that meet the highest quality standards, deliver optimal athletic performance, are durable, require minimal maintenance and are environmentally safe.

More than 1,100 Mondo tracks and 800 Mondo artificial turf fields are installed worldwide. The official supplier of the athletic track for the past nine Olympic Games, Mondo also is the official supplier or official sponsor of more than 100 sports federations and associations, including FIBA, IAAF, Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association, NIRSA, U.S. Track Coaches Association and YMCA.

The company also supplies a wide variety of commercial flooring and is the world's largest producer of sports and toy balls with an average daily production of 450,000 units. In addition, it manufactures large luxury yachts under its Mondo Marine division.

A family-owned business since its founding in 1948, Mondo sells its products in more than 196 countries. The company's global headquarters are in Italy, and it has manufacturing facilities in North America, Europe and Asia. More information about Mondo is available at www.mondousa.com.

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