



## **Artificial Turf Proven to Perform like Natural Grass**

*ACT Global Sports conducts field test to earn FIFA two-star certification.*

Austin, TX, January 02, 2007 --(PR.com)-- With increased worldwide participation in sports and leisure activities, artificial turf provides an ever-growing solution to the maintenance and durability limitations of natural grass. This has led several international sport organizations to evaluate the use of artificial turf surfaces as a natural grass alternative.

FIFA, the world's soccer governing body, has obtained significant testing, medical research, and player feedback in order to understand the playability, safety and performance of the perfect natural grass pitch. As a result, FIFA developed its highest "two-star" rating system to identify the best artificial turf pitches. By proving through extensive laboratory and field testing that its artificial turf system performs like natural grass, an artificial turf supplier can earn a FIFA Recommended Certificate.

ACT Global Sports announced today that it has signed a three-year license agreement with FIFA and has achieved a FIFA Recommended 2-Star Certificate for its installation at Chung Jang Sport Park in South Korea. "This installation demonstrates our commitment to sports performance and proves our artificial turf system performs like natural grass," comments Chris Clapham, Director of ACT Global Sports.

Installations that earn a FIFA Recommended 2-Star Certificate are eligible to host all FIFA international tournaments if allowed by the competition rules. Wil Ditzel, Director of ACT Global, explains, "We are very excited to offer an artificial surface that is manufactured and installed according to the highest quality requirements in the world. Our clients can choose from four products that duplicate the performance of natural grass. The successful field test enables clients such as Chung Jang Sport Park to obtain the FIFA 2-Star Recommendation."

The team at ACT Global Sports has a long history in the artificial turf industry. The company was formed in the beginning of 2006 through a merger of two leading companies - Global Sports Systems based in United States and China market leader ACT Corporation. John Baize, Director of ACT Global Sports, comments, "We successfully combined the industry experience, distribution network and product development expertise of Global Sports Systems with a high-quality, high-volume manufacturer in ACT Corporation. We are jointly committed to a simple mission - Innovation, Quality and Value."

ACT Global Sports is headquartered in Texas, USA with locations in The Netherlands, Cyprus, Hong Kong and China. Local sales and support is offered with representatives located in over 35 countries through an expanding partner network of leading sport field contractors. The company has ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 quality certifications along with state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment and a dedicated research and development center.

For additional information, please email [info@actglobalsports.com](mailto:info@actglobalsports.com) or visit [www.actglobalsports.com](http://www.actglobalsports.com). Information concerning the FIFA Quality Concept can be found on [www.fifa.com](http://www.fifa.com).



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