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## SEA ISLE SUPREME IN FULL SWING

ATHENS, Ga. – Introduced in the summer of 2006, Sea Isle Supreme has taken root on golf courses around the world. This tournament quality grass is a low-growing, rapidly spreading semi-dwarf product that's perfect for golf courses from tee to green. Many courses have chosen Sea Isle Supreme for its versatility, ease of maintenance and excellent appearance.

An aggressive, yet non-invasive grower, Sea Isle Supreme accommodates a wide range of mowing heights and can be used on tees, fairways, roughs and greens. As water quality, quantity and conservation concerns continue to drive the global golf course landscape, Sea Isle Supreme offers an eco-friendly and low-maintenance alternative to the grasses of the past. It is more salt tolerant than any other commercially grown paspalum and can tolerate most types of alternate water sources including wastewater, effluent gray water, brackish water and even ocean water/fresh water blends. Plus, it often requires less nitrogen and less water than other warm season cultivars. As water quality decreases and salinity challenges increase, specifying a high-caliber grass like Sea Isle Supreme can reduce a golf course's long-term maintenance costs and improve grass management.

The irrigation flexibility made Sea Isle Supreme an excellent choice for the greens at The Old Collier Golf Club in Naples, Florida. "We could have chosen any grass variety for our greens," said Golf Course Manager Tim Hiers. "But we chose Sea Isle Supreme because it offers the best putting surface available, considering the brackish quality of our water. Plus it features a great root system, with growth of four to seven inches when managed properly. The result has been greens our membership especially likes for their consistency, speed and uniformity."

Sea Isle Supreme looks great and plays even better. With its excellent cool weather color retention, Sea Isle Supreme features year-round good looks. And it withholds its appearance even under the toughest conditions, offering superior recovery from injury. These characteristics have made a difference at South Carolina's Kiawah Island Golf Resort. "Besides being the most conducive turf for our water type at the Ocean Course, Sea Isle Supreme gives the greens an overseeded appearance," said Kiawah Island Golf Superintendent Jeff Stone. "And the quality of the grass has actually exceeded the expectations of our customers."

For all these reasons, many golf courses, especially those in coastal areas, are selecting Sea Isle Supreme. The grass is currently featured at top courses in the United States, as well as those around the world – in China, Fiji, Dominican Republic, Tahiti and the United Arab Emirates, for example.

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To further promote Sea Isle Supreme to both international and domestic golf courses, the growers association will be exhibiting at the Golf Industry Show in Anaheim, California, February 22-24, at booth #1816.

Developed by Dr. Ron Duncan, former professor of Crop and Soil Sciences at the University of Georgia, USA, Sea Isle Supreme can be irrigated using alternate water sources including salt water and reclaimed water. This cutting-edge semi-dwarf seashore paspalum variety is the most salt tolerant of the other commercially grown paspalums. It's an ideal choice for golf course greens, fairways, tees and roughs. Sea Isle Supreme is available through the following farms within the Sea Isle Supreme Growers Association: Diamond Turf, Phillip Jennings Turf, Pike Creek Turf, SMR Farms, South Florida Grassing, and Southern Turf International. For more information, visit the Sea Isle Supreme Growers Association online at [www.seaislesupreme.com](http://www.seaislesupreme.com).

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