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## **ASTROTURF® APPOINTS JIM PRETTYMAN CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

**RALEIGH, NC. (February 3, 2009)** – AstroTurf® today announced the appointment of Jim Prettyman as Chief Operating Officer. In this capacity Prettyman will be responsible for the full range of operating functions aimed at enhancing the company’s reputation as a premier supplier of turf products for the industry. Prettyman comes to this assignment with an extensive background in manufacturing, product and research development and customer service.

Prior to joining AstroTurf®, Prettyman served as Senior Vice President of R&D and Commercial Operations at Mohawk Industries. Prettyman started his career with the Dupont Company and held management and executive positions in DuPont’s Fiber Department including world-wide responsibility for carpet fiber operations.

“Jim has an incredibly valuable experience base that makes him a great addition to our team” said GSV CEO Jon Pritchett. “His leadership expertise, coupled with his extensive operations knowledge is an asset to our company as we continue to leverage our brand’s vertically integrated manufacturing assets to produce exceptional turf products for our markets.”

“AstroTurf® has an ingenious vision for the expansion of synthetic turf products under the AstroTurf® name,” said Prettyman. “I look forward to working with the team in innovative ways to provide our customers the safest, most advanced synthetic turf systems available.”

### **About AstroTurf®**

The iconic AstroTurf® brand offers advanced, state-of-the-art, multi-sport and specialized synthetic turf systems with proprietary engineered technologies, leveraging the industry’s only vertically integrated manufacturing system. The relaunch of AstroTurf®, including the enlistment of football legend Archie Manning as ambassador for the brand, has positioned it again as the leading innovator in the synthetic turf industry, with a growing number of high schools, colleges, professional sports teams and municipalities selecting AstroTurf®-branded products for their premium quality, technical superiority and safety. AstroTurf® is a registered trademark of Textile Management Associates, Inc.

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