Lofts Acquired by Budd Seed

The Budd family of Winston-Salem has completed its acquisition of Lofts Seed, Inc., the world’s largest marketer of turfgrass.

Richard Budd, chief executive officer of Lofts Seed, said, “We are very pleased to welcome this outstanding group of talented professionals into our company family. This is a major milestone in our company’s history and for the seed industry.

Ken Budd, president and chief operating officer of Budd Seed, has become president and chief operating officer of Lofts Seed Company. Richard Budd, chief executive officer of Budd Services and Budd Seed, has also become chief executive officer of Lofts Seeds. Gerald Chrisco, chief financial officer of Budd Services, has been named Lofts’ chief financial officer.


The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) has published its fourth annual Sports Turf Topics: A Compendium of STMA Articles. Based on 12 months of published material, the booklet contains nearly 40 articles, divided into five subject areas: Cultural Management of Sports Turf, Special Sports Turf Management, General Sports Turf Management, Award Winners and Profiles.

Each article was authored by a member of STMA and was published in a green industry publication. Copies of the publication may be purchased by non-members for $30 each from STMA headquarters. Contact: STMA executive director Steve Trusty at (712) 366-2669 or (800) 323-3875. Fax: (712) 366-9119.

Now, STMA is also accessible on the World Wide Web. Services include a description of the organization, member benefits, the “STMA Message,” and a membership application that can be sent directly to STMA Headquarters. Details of the upcoming 1997 STMA Conference & Exhibition to be held January 15-19 in Colorado Springs also will be available online soon. STMA’s home page address is: http://www.aip.com/STMA.