



### *LEED& AP Accreditation*

**June 15, 2008, Jupiter, Florida** - Synthetic Turf International ("STI") today announced Vice President of Operations William Hatfield has attained the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") AP Accreditation. He earned the LEED AP credential by passing the LEED Professional Accreditation exam from the Green Building Certification Institute. LEED AP's are building industry professionals who have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and the LEED& Green Building Rating System™. Commenting on the accreditation, Hatfield states "Through the course of study I have discovered numerous applicable processes which are appropriate for the synthetic turf industry. Already, STI's product development teams are working to incorporate these measures."

A Certified Playground Safety Inspector, Hatfield joined STI in 2004 as a project manager. He has a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Dowling College and a MSM/MBA from Abertus Magnus College. Hatfield has extensive experience as a project and logistics manager in the field of aeronautical engineering. He most recently worked as the Senior Support Equipment Engineer for Pratt & Whitney where he progressed through various positions of increased management responsibility for more than two decades.

The LEED Green Building Rating System™ is a voluntary, consensus-based standard to support and certify successful green building design, construction and operations. LEED provides a nationally-recognized system to promote integrated, whole-building design practices in the building industry.

Founded in 1995, Synthetic Turf International is a pivotal member of a consortium which equals the world's largest supplier of premium synthetic surfaces for commercial and residential applications, including decorative and functional lawn and landscape. Headquartered in Jupiter, Florida, STI offers public and private consumers worldwide a full compliment of synthetic surface solutions.

STI synthetic putting greens are the choice of amateurs and touring and teaching professionals alike. STI golf turfs include fringe grasses, E-Z Tee® tee-lines, short game target greens, chipping greens and other related synthetic golf surfaces. STI is endorsed by 2008 Masters Winner Trevor Immelman, and David Leadbetter, one of the industry's most respected instructors.

For sporting applications STI offers premium synthetic surfaces for youth, scholastic, collegiate and recreation league sports. STI's synthetic surfaces are utilized for both

indoor and outdoor play fields. STI Game Courts are another proven solution for hard surface court sports including tennis, basketball, volleyball and badminton.