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From: Borlase, George [mailto:GBorlase@cpsc.gov]

Sent: Sunday, November 02, 2014 9:49 PM

To: Gill, Darren; Recht, Joel Subject: RE: FieldTurf / ASTM

Mr. Gill,

Good evening and thank you for the note. If you would please send me additional information on the meeting next Monday, I will send to the appropriate technical staff. I cannot promise that CPSC technical staff will be able to attend the meeting on November 10^{th} – it is short notice for us, as we put on the CPSC public calendar all public meetings staff will be attending at least seven days in advance. However, if you have phone conference capabilities someone from CPSC staff may be able to call in, depending on the availability of resources.

Sincerely, George

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From: Gill, Darren [mailto:DGill@fieldturf.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 02, 2014 11:42 AM

To: Borlase, George **Subject:** FieldTurf / ASTM

Dear Dr. Borlase,

On October 29, I met with Jonathan Midgett in Chairman Kaye's office on the subject of the safety of artificial turf. My company, <u>FieldTurf</u>, is the largest artificial turf company in the world and manufacturers and installs 50 percent of turf fields in the domestic and international market.

FieldTurf has been very active in ASTM and helped the turf industry develop the current ASTM standard on the content of lead in turf blades, which was instrumental in creating an incentive for FieldTurf to eliminate all lead from turf blades used in artificial turf.

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I have the privilege of serving on the ASTM subcommittee that intends to develop a voluntary standard governing the manufacture of infill (the substrate beneath turf covering), particularly crumb rubber, which is the main component of the infill. During our meeting with the Chairman's office, I suggested that the participation of CPSC staff would be a tremendous asset to the process, and Jonathan Midgett suggested that I reach to you as the appropriate person to invite the appropriate CPSC staff to our meeting, which takes place on November 10th in New Orleans.

I look forward to working with you and the appropriate CPSC staff.

Please let me know what next steps I should take.

Thanks again, **Darren Gill**Vice-President – Marketing, Innovation, Customer Service



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