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Matrix® Turf Installation Completed at Western Illinois University

MACOMB, Illinois (September 10, 2011) — Western Illinois University announced the official completion of their Matrix synthetic turf field by Hellas Sports Construction on time as promised for their home season opener against Jacksonville University. Joining an elite group of clients that include the Dallas Cowboys Stadium, the Cotton Bowl, Baylor University, Idaho State, the Alamodome and Northern Arizona University, WIU is in good company.

Assistant Vice President/Director of Athletics, Dr. Tim Van Alstine states, "We are so pleased with the Matrix turf 46 with an exceptional patented infill system. The entire Hellas team was awesome to work with; one of the best, if not *the* best construction crews we have had on our campus. They know their business and their product; they willingly answered our questions, and they really gave us a true sense of confidence. The quality of their work and their product is second to none."

The Matrix system is the turf industry's paramount product and is comprised of special monofilament (spinneret) yarns in different sizes, shapes and colors. This configuration creates the best traction and system stability possible, and under stadium lighting the color combination provides excellent light deflection. The environmentally friendly backing and high strength coating provides an unparalleled tuft bind. Its durability and playability is highly superior to other turf products available in the market.

The Hanson Field project required removal of the previous grass surface and major construction to prepare for the new Matrix system. Subsequently a javelin runway and four new pits for the long jump and triple jump were installed and the discus/shot put area was redesigned.

This project is part of the *Target: Western Forward Facility Initiative*, which was launched in September 2001. In 2007, the east side of Hanson Field underwent a renovation with seating and concessions stands. Future plans include a video scoreboard display, west side seating, a press box facility, coach's offices and campus classrooms.

About Hellas Construction, Inc.

Headquartered in Austin, TX, Hellas Construction is one of the largest sport contractors in the United States. While specializing in the general construction of sports facilities and synthetic surfaces, Hellas also provides turf manufacturing, base construction, field, track and tennis installation and maintenance. Hellas controls all business processes to take its products straight to the end-user including marketing, sales, quality control and project management. For more information visit HellasConstruction.com.

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