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## **The Toro Company's Commercial Equipment "Biodiesel Ready" By 2008** *Initiative Includes Golf Course and Sports Fields and Grounds Equipment*

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (Feb. 14, 2007) – Advances in alternative fuel sources continue to generate greater interest in an age of increased concern for the environment and the pursuit of economical alternatives to petroleum-based fuels.

With a commitment to exploring new and more efficient technologies that are both customer-valued and environmentally responsible, The Toro Company is proud to announce that all diesel-powered golf course and sports fields and grounds equipment will be "Biodiesel Ready" by 2008. This includes the Toro Reelmaster®, Groundsmaster®, Greensmaster®, Workman® and MultiPro® product families. Beyond these specific product families, Toro will continue to expand the use of biodiesel fuels in other diesel-powered equipment lines.

As part of this initiative, the company is also creating upgrade kits for the above-mentioned product families to convert diesel models already in production or in the field to be compatible with biodiesel fuel. The kits are expected to be available by June 2007.

"Our biodiesel readiness initiative is part of a commitment to developing innovative solutions that meet the evolving needs of our customers and help to better the environment," said Mike Hoffman, chairman and CEO of The Toro Company. "The time is right for Toro and the industry to commit to this effort."

For the past five years, Toro has conducted extensive equipment testing using bio-fuel and biodiesel blends. With kit modifications and an understanding of a few additional precautions customers can enjoy a more efficient, cleaner technology through biodiesel fuel blends of up to B20.

Biodiesel is an alternative fuel source derived from biological sources that are completely biodegradable and non-toxic. Emissions from bio-fuels and biodiesel blends are lower than petroleum-based diesel fuels making them more environmentally friendly. There are various levels of biodiesel fuels including B2, B5, B10, B20 and B100. For example, biodiesel fuels designated as B20 represent a mixture of 80 percent petroleum and 20 percent bio-fuel.

For more information about biodiesel readiness, contact your local Toro distributor at 1-800-803-8676 or write to Toro Commercial Equipment at 8111 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55420.

### **About The Toro Company**

The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC) is a leading worldwide provider of outdoor beautification products, support services and integrated solutions. With sales of \$1.8 billion in 2006, Toro is committed to providing environmentally responsible products of customer-valued quality and innovation. Since 1914, the company has built a tradition of excellence around a number of strong brands that serve a customer base that includes golf course superintendents, groundskeepers, sports field managers, landscape and irrigation contractors, fruit and vegetable growers, and homeowners. The Toro Company is headquartered at 8111 Lyndale Avenue in Bloomington, Minn. Visit the company Web site at [www.thetorocompany.com](http://www.thetorocompany.com).

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