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## **The Toro Company Announces That Timothy Dordell Will Join As Deputy General Counsel**

*Dordell to Succeed Larry McIntyre in 2007*

**BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (August 22, 2006)** – The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC) today announced that Timothy P. Dordell will join the company as vice president and deputy general counsel, effective November 6. Dordell, who joins Toro from Ecolab Inc., is to succeed Larry McIntyre as general counsel upon McIntyre’s retirement in the spring of 2007 after 14 years with the company.

During the transition, McIntyre will continue to serve as vice president, secretary and general counsel, and Dordell will report directly to him as he becomes acquainted with Toro’s culture, business strategies, operations and markets. In his new role, Dordell will co-manage Toro’s legal department, including SEC regulations, corporate governance, and Sarbanes-Oxley compliance.

“Tim is a highly-regarded professional, who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this position,” said Michael Hoffman, chairman and CEO of The Toro Company. “We went through an extensive search and were able to find a candidate who is an excellent fit for the position. His background and expertise will serve Toro well.”

Dordell currently serves as associate general counsel, corporate and assistant secretary at Ecolab – a position he has held since 2002. His responsibilities include managing the law department’s corporate group, along with oversight of Sarbanes-Oxley and corporate governance, SEC compliance, and board activities. While at Ecolab, Dordell also served as senior attorney of mergers and acquisitions, and international law. Dordell received his bachelor’s degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., along with a law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School.

### **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 2005, 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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