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To Turf Managers and Agronomist:

At Oak Tree National we have been using Humalfa Turf Builder as a divot mix, a soil amendment in new construction, and to rehabilitate weak soils. Humalfa Turf Builder was a critical piece in our team's preparation for the 2014 US Senior Open.

We initially used Humalfa Turf Builder in a 50/50 mix with waste sand to fill divots on range tees and on the course. I was blown away by how quickly the divots healed on our range tees (important because our tees are undersized) and how much it reduced the need for conventional fertilization. We saw similar results on tees and fairways. Additionally, the USGA thought it was an excellent divot mix to use during the tournament because it provided a good surface for players to hit out of in a divot.

In preparation for the US Senior Open we constructed 12 new tees on the course. We were so impressed by Humalfa's impact on our divots that we used it as a soil amendment in tee construction. We were pleased to see how quickly those tees were suitable for play, and how they are now our strongest tees on the course. These tees also maintain color later in the fall and green up quicker in the spring. I highly recommend the use of this product as a soil amendment in new constructions, particularly with bermudagrass.

Our last but not least use of this product has been incorporating it into weak turf and soils through topdressing and/or filling aeration holes. This has allowed us to build a good layer of topsoil in weak areas, resulting in greater turf health due to more available nutrients and increased water holding capacity.

I am so grateful for Humalfa Turf Builder, it has had such a dramatic impact on our program and the quality of our conditions, and helped to produce excellent playing conditions for the 2014 US Senior Open. I cannot recommend its use more strongly.

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