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Route 66 Field Turf Installation Project on Schedule for Opening Day Completion

Recent misinformation has indicated that subsurface drainage problems would potentially delay the installation of the playing surface at the Route 66 Stadium for an extended period of time. When a perceived drainage issue was recently identified, an independent testing firm was retained to verify that proper materials were placed during the installation of the field sub-base. Testing has confirmed that the product placed on the field is the correct material. Extended winter conditions contributed to the perceived drainage issue at Route 66 Stadium. It is not uncommon for a construction project of this size and nature to experience minor issues such as this. Throughout the construction process, quality control measures have been employed to ensure that proper materials and construction techniques have been utilized.

The field turf installation project for Route 66 Stadium is on schedule to be completed prior to the Joliet Slammers home opening day on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Work has been completed on the underground drainage system and field sub-base. It is expected that installation of the field turf playing surface will begin within the next week. It is anticipated that the installation of the playing surface will take approximately two weeks, weather permitting.

The City of Joliet is committed to providing an exceptional sports, entertainment and cultural venue at Route 66 Stadium and would like to thank residents for their patience throughout the current construction process.

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