



Harder, Safer, Faster – Simply Better Ice!

AMERICAN AIRLINES CENTER LAUNCHES 'FAST ICE' PILOT PROGRAM Dallas Stars First NHL Team To Move To Revolutionary Ice

Dallas Texas, October 20, 2002 – ICE Research Corporation of Markham, Canada and the Dallas Stars hockey team announce the first professional pilot of the 'FastICE™' ice resurfacing system by an NHL team. The October 20, 2002 match between the Dallas Stars and the Washington Capitals will be the first nationally televised NHL game played on ice made with the revolutionary 'FastICE™' system.

The 'FastICE™' system is a major innovation in ice resurfacing technology. It creates ice that is harder, less brittle and less prone to chipping than ice created by traditional ice resurfacing systems. The result is a skating surface that is harder, faster and smoother for the players to skate on. The 'FastICE™' system builds a denser ice surface, which can also generate significant savings in energy costs for rink owners.

The 'FastICE™' system is installed on the rinks' existing ice resurfacer. According to Mark Durst, President of ICE Research Corporation, developer of 'FastICE™', the big innovation is the way in which the water is applied. "We use computer controlled hydraulics to spray precise volumes of water on the rink," says Durst. "The water flash-freezes to the ice surface. Kind of like how freezing rain freezes on your car windshield. This results in less oxygen being absorbed into the ice, making the ice harder and stronger."

Bob Jordan of the Dallas Stars says the move to 'FastICE™' is significant for several reasons. "It's better for the players and the fans. Fewer gouges and chips will dramatically improve the ice surface for the players. The fans can also look forward to an increase in the speed of the game. Harder ice and less snow development will mean faster skating and better puck control."

The 'FastICE™' system pilot has been launched with the authorization of the NHL. Head NHL Ice Maker, Dan Craig, believes it may be the most significant and important change in ice making since the invention of the ice resurfacer. "The current ice resurfacers are essentially manual machines. You turn a valve and gravity fed water is poured onto the ice through a pipe and then spread with a cloth. The 'FastICE™' system brings us into this century. It's a computerized spray system, which forms an even and consistent application throughout the entire ice surface. The system adds precision control to the process, which is incredibly important."

The 'FastICE™' system has been tested extensively at rinks in North America. Former NHL stars Mike Gartner and Wes Jarvis – owners of National Training Rinks™ - have worked closely with the FastICE research team. "In the four months that we've been testing the FastICE™ system, we've noticed a significant improvement in the quality of our ice," says Gartner. "It simply makes harder, faster ice," adds Jarvis. At the conclusion of the pilot project, the system will be made available to all NHL teams.

ABOUT ICE RESEARCH CORPORATION

ICE Research Corporation of Markham, Canada was the inspiration of two men Hockey Legend Don Cherry calls "The Ice Men". Steve Dawe and Mike Horodenska were ice-makers at Toronto's Air Canada Centre. Through their experience they came to believe that there was a better way to make ice. Enlisting the aid of experts in hydraulic spray technology and computer control systems, ICE Research Corporation was formed. The result is 'FastICE™'.

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