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## **STADE DE FRANCE SELECTS TARKETT SPORTS AND ITS DESSO GRASSMASTER TECHNOLOGY**

### **FOR THE EURO 2016 FINALS**

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The Desso system allows for top-level games and events as the pitch recovers fast thanks to the reinforced root zone. As Stade de France is used by both the French National Football team and the French Rugby Union, the pitch will immediately serve a dual purpose.

The newest installation will be used as the pitch for the EURO 2016 finals. Just weeks from now, Stade de France will be the centrepiece of this European championship hosting the opening match and other group stages, a round of 16, quarterfinals and the finals on July 10

The Desso pitch is a 100% natural grass pitch reinforced by 20 million artificial fibers. Desso GrassMaster is the preferred playing surface in the Premier League, NFL, football & rugby world cups and other important competitions.

In France, Desso GrassMaster is already installed at Paris Saint-Germain (the resident club of the Parc des Princes and its training centre), Clairefontaine (French FA National training centre), FC Nantes, Guincamp, Le Havre, AS Monaco (training centre). Stade de France is the 600th Desso GrassMaster pitch.

The system consists of a 100% natural grass surface into which artificial fibers are injected 18cm deep, in a grid of 2x2cm. The ingenuity lies beneath the surface as the grass roots entwine with the fibers, thus anchoring the pitch. This results in a consistent playing surface with tremendous stability.

Alexandra Boutelier, General Director of Stade de France, stated: 'Stade de France hosts outstanding sportive events. Each year, the France national rugby union team and France national football team come to play international matches and major national football and rugby finals. Hosting these exceptional games, Stade de France wanted to endow a comparable playground with best international references, allowing athletes to perform in the best conditions they deserve.'

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