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Tensar Corporation Makes Major Investment in Geogrid Production

Tensar Corporation, the leader in geosynthetic soil reinforcement and stabilisation, is making a major investment to increase the output capacity of its geogrid production plant in Morrow, Georgia. Expansion in the production will come on stream in 2012 enabling an increase in output of 30 per cent in the US.

“Significant growth of our TriAx geogrid sales in the Americas has prompted the move,” said Don Meltzer, CEO of Tensar Corporation. “Since launching TriAx in the Americas in 2009, we have seen a tremendous response from our customers who have embraced the new technology resulting in a major shift in sales from our biaxial grids to TriAx, as well as experiencing overall growth in our sales of road stabilisation geogrids.”

TriAx Geogrid has a unique way of interacting with aggregate road bases. The utilisation of the product over soft soil can save customers up to 50 percent in construction costs by requiring less aggregate. It can also simplify construction and enhance reliability on trafficked surfaces.

“This investment reflects our confidence that TriAx growth will continue as engineers everywhere become more open to innovative, value-engineered solutions in this tough economic climate,” said Bob Vevoda, President and Managing Director of Tensar International.

Tensar produces its geogrids by extruding a sheet of polymer followed by a process of punching and drawing to create a stiff grid structure. Increased extrusion capacity will balance the existing output of the geogrid punching and drawing processes at the Morrow plant.

“We have three plants that service our global needs,” Vevoda said. “The Morrow plant serves the Americas, while our UK and China plants primarily serve the rest of the global demand. We will also be investing in a similar expansion in our Wuhan plant in China to add further capacity in early 2013.”

Additional information about TriAx Geogrid properties and capabilities is available at <http://www.tensarcorp.com/TriAx>.

About Tensar International

Headquartered in Atlanta, Tensar International is a full-service provider of specialty products and engineering services that offer innovative and cost-effective alternatives to traditional construction methods. Tensar solutions are based on advanced soil reinforcement technologies and incorporate proprietary, engineered applications for commercial, industrial, municipal, residential and transportation infrastructure site development. The company specialises in solutions for common site development challenges, including grade changes requiring retaining walls and poor soil conditions affecting the cost of roadways, parking lots and building structures. Patented, polymeric Tensar® Geogrids are the primary component of the company’s systems, offering reliable strength and durability. Contracted services include site evaluation, conceptual engineering, design, value engineering and installation advice. For more information, visit <http://www.tensarcorp.com>.

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