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APPLICATION OF GEOSYNTHETICS IN GROUND IMPROVEMENT

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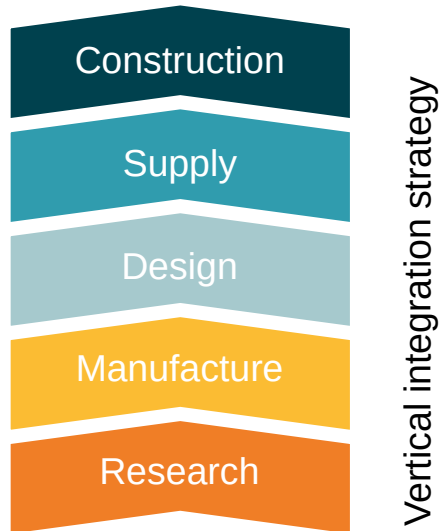
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Bologna, Italy
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MISSION

To become a **leading international provider of advanced solutions** to the civil, geotechnical and environmental construction markets.



VISION

We strive to be a **technical reference** solving our client's problems through innovation, collaboration and best-value environmental solutions.





// For over 140 years, we have researched, designed and developed solutions to solve technical problems within the Civil Engineering, Geotechnical and Environmental Construction Markets.

1879

The origins

On May 3, 1879 Raffaele Maccaferri established "Ditta Maccaferri Raffaele, Officina da Fabbro" in Lavino (Bologna) for the production of wrought iron items.

1907

Beginning of expansion

The original "sack" gabions were followed by the new box-shaped design, which was used in many large public work projects.

1946-1966

New launch and products

Reorganisation and re-launch of production. Creation of new products: Maccaferri was the first company in Europe to introduce 'heavy duty' galvanising. In 1966 Florence was hit by disastrous floods. Gabions proved to be extremely efficient for the reconstruction of roads and water courses.

1893

The gabion invention

"Ditta Maccaferri" invented the famous gabion. The old craft trade grows into an industrial enterprise.

1914-1940

Diversification

Start of the diversification process: 18 new companies set up, through mergers and new acquisitions.

1996-2005

Evolution

Start of systematic partnerships to offer to customers a full range of durable and cost-effective environmental solutions. Maccaferri enters the Geosynthetic market with its own portfolio of solutions.

Today

New challenges

Development of new value-added solutions: Geosynthetics specialities, Rockfall protection and smart early-warning systems, applications for tunnelling and solutions in the defence and security sectors.

1967-1995

Five continents

Operations expanded over 5 continents. Sharp acceleration in geographical and product diversification. New market approach in compliance with international standards and specifications. Overseeing presence of our engineers at the most important sites in every part of the world.

2006-2018

Expansion

Geographical expansion through localization and further widening of the portfolio of environmental engineering solutions.





Sales in **100+** countries



Revenues ~ **500 M€**



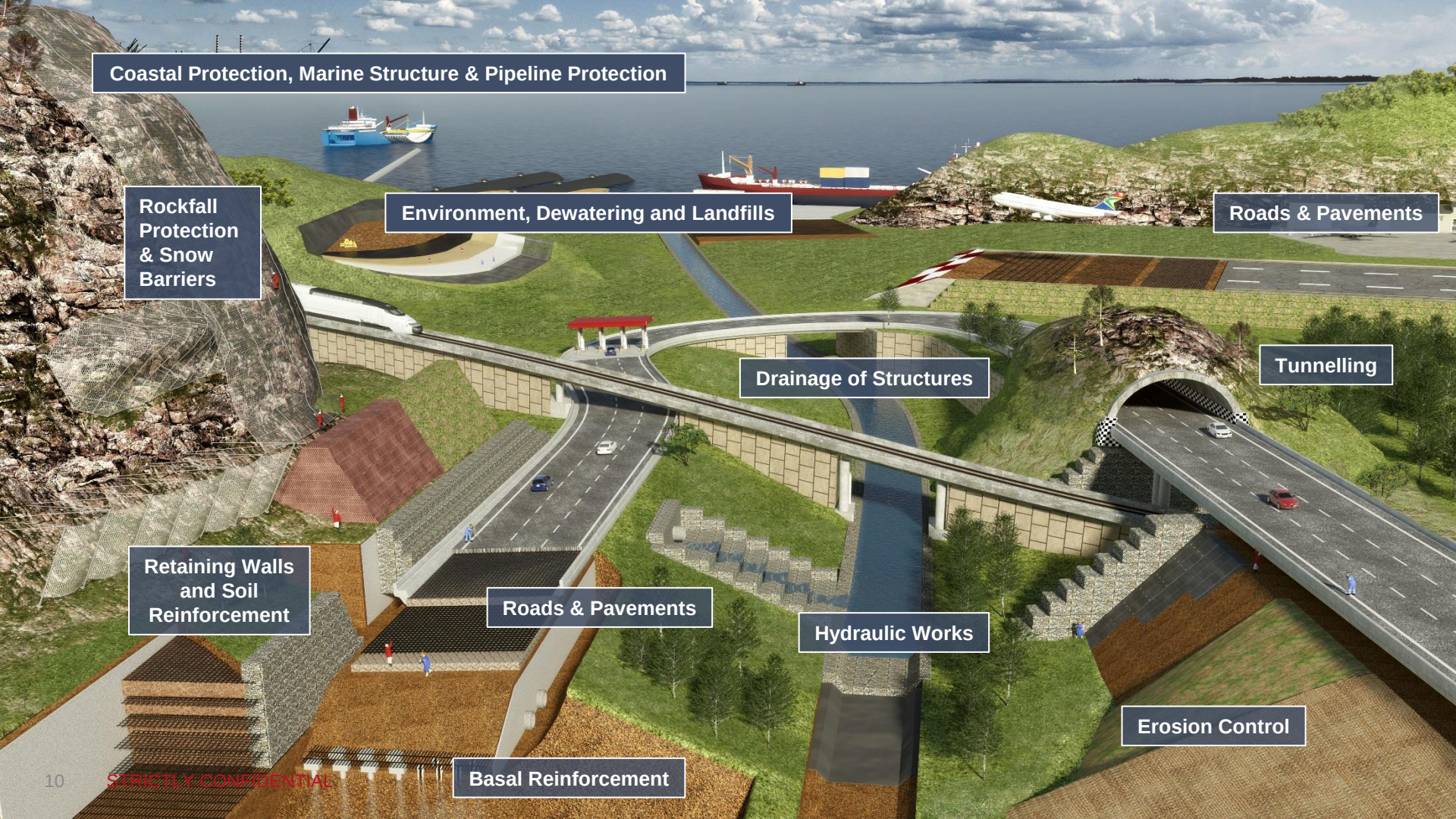
3,000+ employees



25+ factories



60+ subsidiaries



Coastal Protection, Marine Structure & Pipeline Protection

Rockfall
Protection
& Snow
Barriers

Environment, Dewatering and Landfills

Roads & Pavements

Drainage of Structures

Tunnelling

Retaining Walls
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Reinforcement

Roads & Pavements

Hydraulic Works

Erosion Control

Basal Reinforcement

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Driven Piles



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Sheet Piles



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Raft Foundations



researchgate.net

Caisson Piles



dailycivil.com

Bored Piles



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**GROUND IMPROVEMENT USING
GEOSYNTHETICS**

GEOSYNTHETICS

PREFABRICATED VERTICAL
DRAINS

BEARING CAPACITY
IMPROVEMENT USING
GEOGRID RAFT FOUNDATION

BASAL REINFORCEMENT FOR
EMBANKMENTS ON SOFT SOIL

GEOSYNTHETIC ENCASED
STONE COLUMNS





PREFABRICATED VERTICAL DRAINS

Consolidation by Drainage System

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PVDs

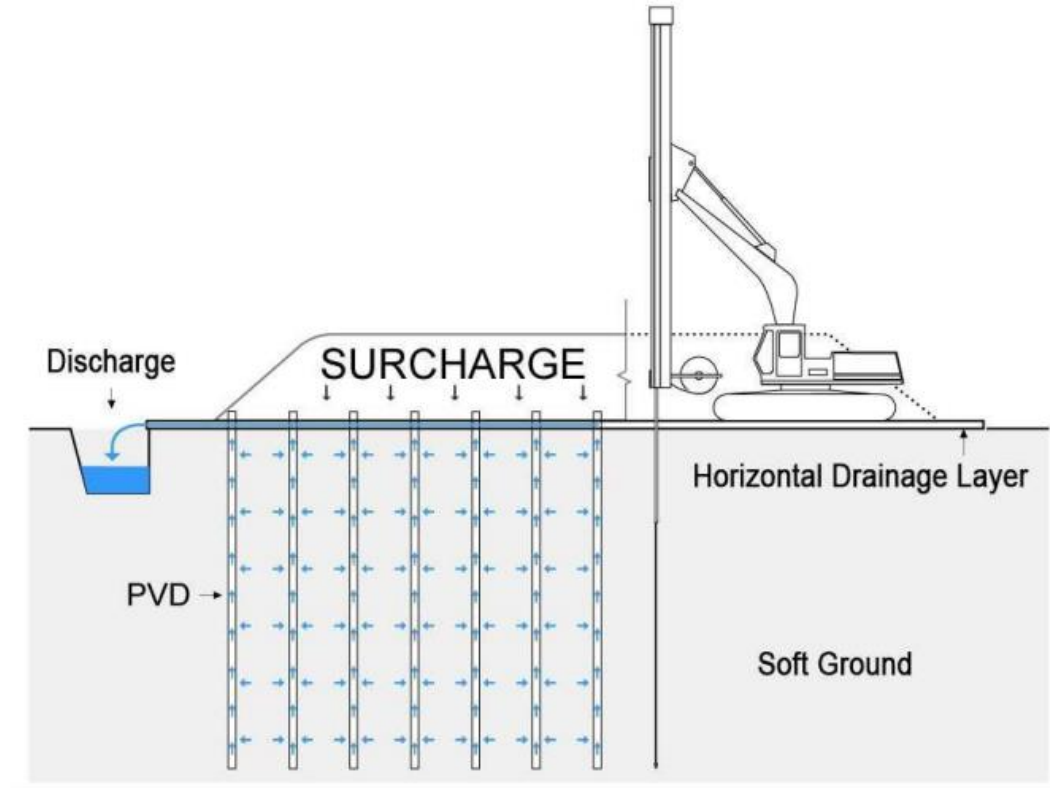
- PVDs are band-shaped (rectangular-shaped) materials consisting of synthetic geotextile jackets surrounding an inner plastic core.
- The jackets are of non-woven polyester or polypropylene geotextile



PVDs

The main function of PVD is to **accelerate the primary consolidation settlement.**

- The surcharge will increase pore water pressure initially, but with time the water will drain away (due to the very low permeability of clay).
- The PVDs are used to shorten pore water travel distance reducing preloading time.
- The pore water will flow laterally to the nearest drain and then discharge through the PVD.

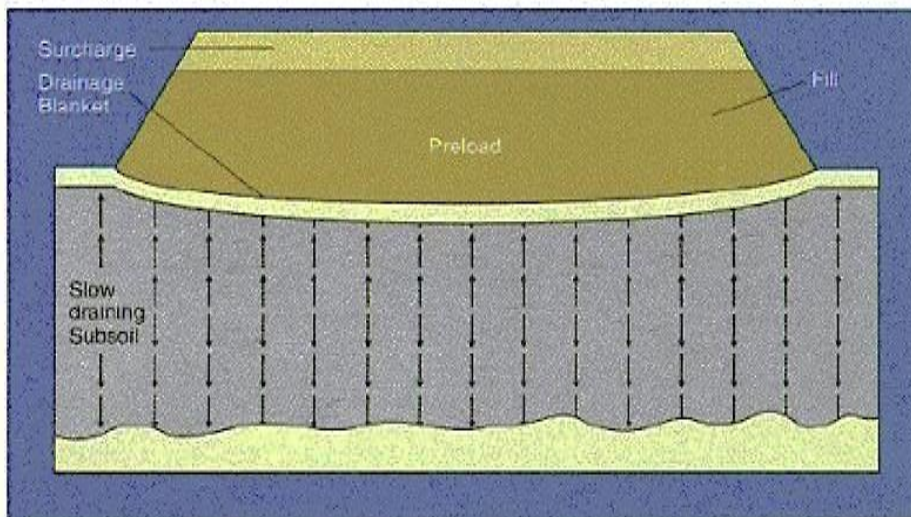


USE OF PREFABRICATED VERTICAL DRAINS (WICK DRAINS)

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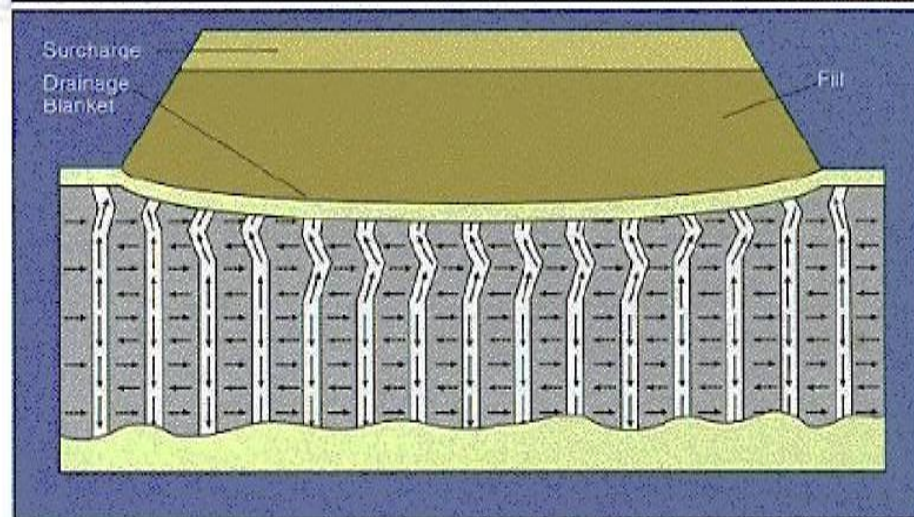
PVDs

WITHOUT VERTICAL DRAINS



Without inserting PVD, dissipation of excess pore pressure is a slow process.

WITH VERTICAL DRAINS

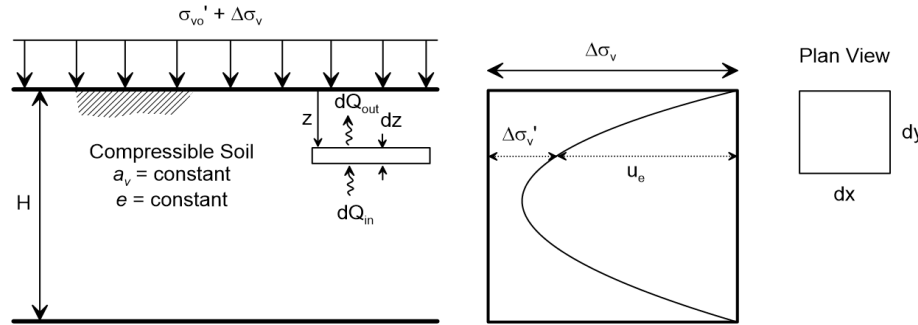


With PVD the excess pore pressure dissipates quickly through shorter drainage paths.

USE OF PREFABRICATED VERTICAL DRAINS (WICK DRAINS)

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TERZAGHI'S 1-D THEORY OF CONSOLIDATION



$$\rho_c = RR * H * \log\left(\frac{\sigma'_f}{\sigma'_o}\right) + CR * H * \log\left(\frac{v_f}{v}\right)$$

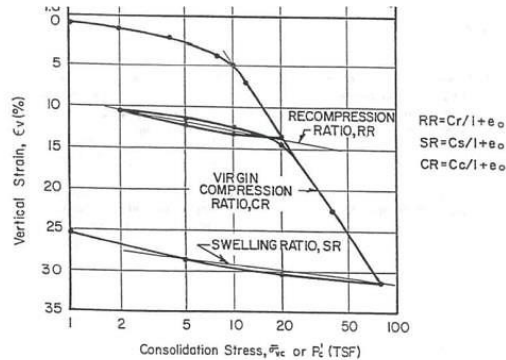


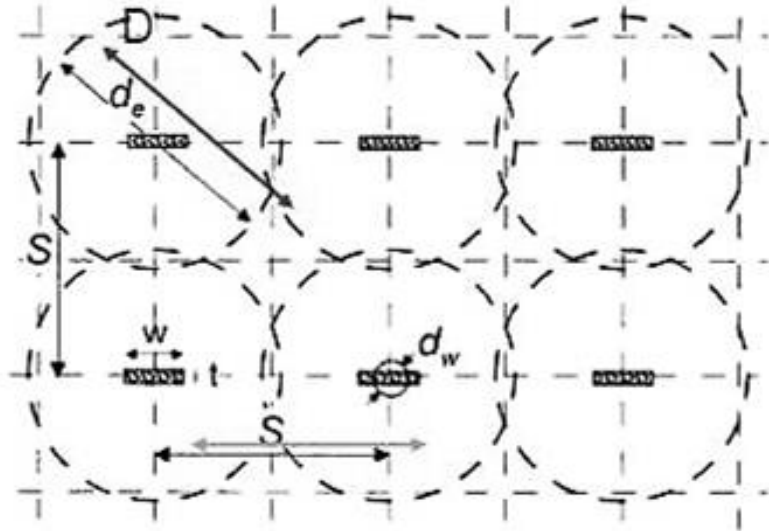
Figure 8-44 Compression Curves and Definition of Compressibility Indices



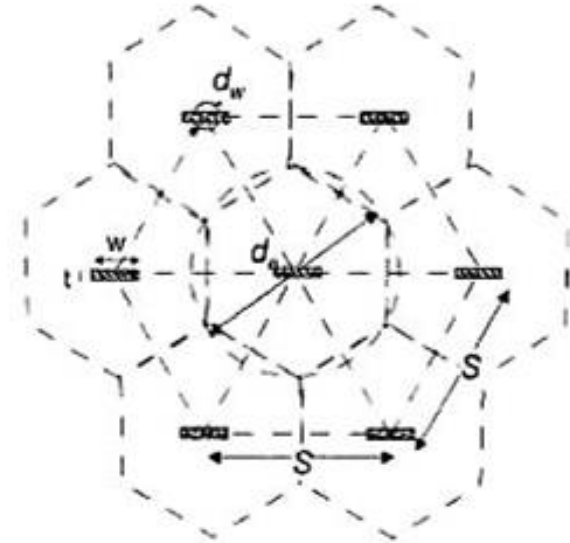
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PVDs



(a)



(b)

(a) Square pattern, $D/2 = 0.565(S)$; (b) triangular pattern $D/2 = 0.525(S)$

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PVDs



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TECHNICAL DATA SHEET
Rev. 03, Date 16.08.2019

MACDRAIN™ VD PREFABRICATED VERTICAL DRAIN

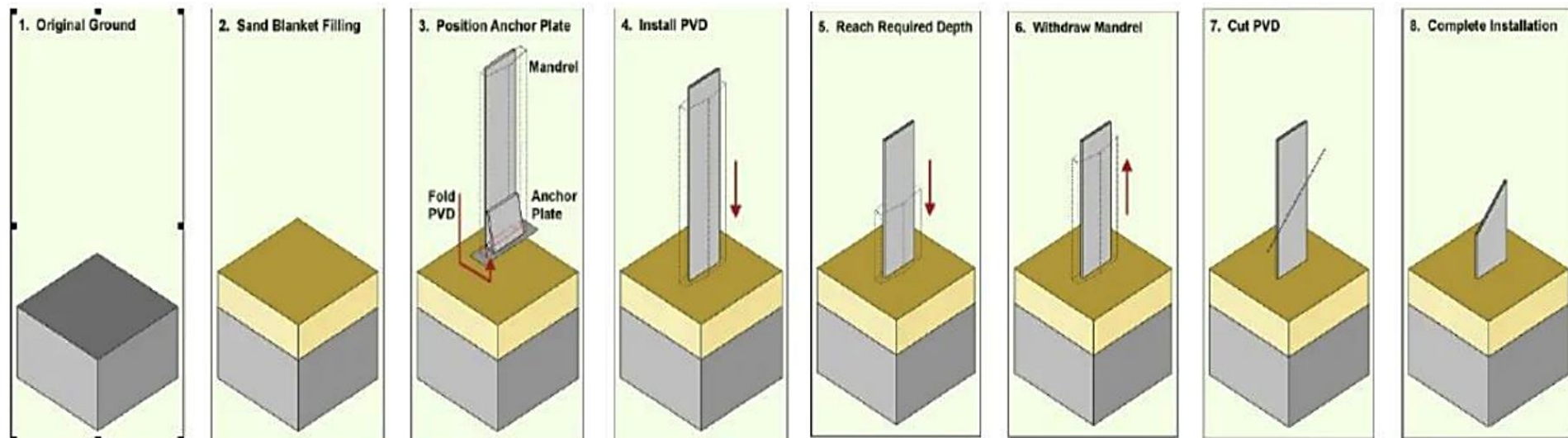
MacDrain™ VD prefabricated vertical drain is appropriate for most ground improvement projects requiring vertical drain. MacDrain™ VD is a two-part prefabricated soil drain consisting of a polypropylene core covered with a spun bonded polyester filter fabric. The fabric allows water to pass into the drain core while restricting the movement of soil particles which might clog the core, thus allowing faster consolidation.

	Standard	Unit	VD-I	VD-II	VD-III	VD-IV
DRAIN						
Core configuration						
Core material			PP	PP	PP	PP
Width	ISO 22198	mm	100±5	100±5	100±5	100±5
Thickness	ISO 9863-1	mm	3	3	4.0±0.5	4.0±0.5
Tensile strength, full width	ISO 10319	kN	2	2.5	2.4	2.5
Tensile strength at 10% strain	ISO 10319	kN	1.5	2	2	2
Discharge capacity, 350kPa, i=0.5	ASTM D 4716	cm³/sec	80	80	90	90
FILTER						
Wide width tensile strength, MD	ISO 10319	kN/m	6	7	6	7
Grab tensile strength, MD	ASTM D 4632	N	500	500	500	500
Coefficient of permeability, k	ISO 11058	cm/sec	1 x 10-2	-1 x 10-2	1 x 10-2	1 x 10-2
Apparent opening size, O90	ISO 12956	µm	< 75	< 75	< 75	< 75
Puncture resistance	ASTM D 4533	N		100	100	
Puncture resistance	ASTM D 4583	N		100	100	
Mullen burst strength	ASTM D 3786	kPa		900	900	

USE OF PREFABRICATED VERTICAL DRAINS (WICK DRAINS)

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Installation of PVDs





Consolidation by Drainage System | MacDrain® PVD | Taganito Mines, Surigao del Norte



GEOGRID RAFT FOUNDATION

Bearing Capacity Improvement Using Geogrid Raft Foundation

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WHAT IS A GEOGRID?

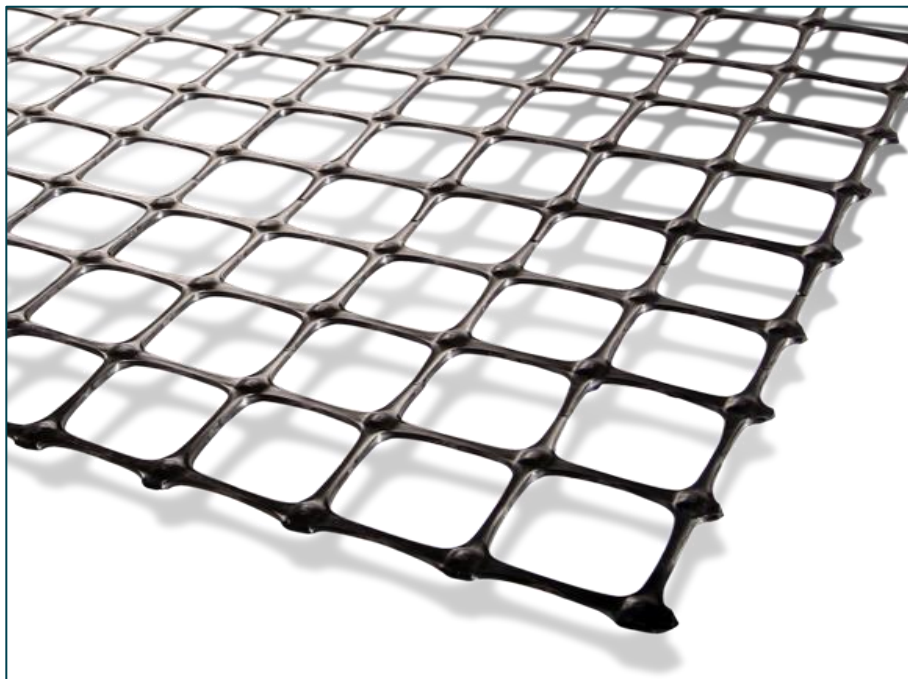
GEOGRIDS

“A geosynthetic formed by a regular network of integrally connected elements with apertures greater than 6.35 mm (1/4 in.) to allow interlocking with surrounding soil, rock, earth, and other surrounding materials to function primarily as **reinforcement**.” (ASTM D 4439).



MacGrid EG30S is used in warehouse flooring to improve the mechanical properties of the base course material.

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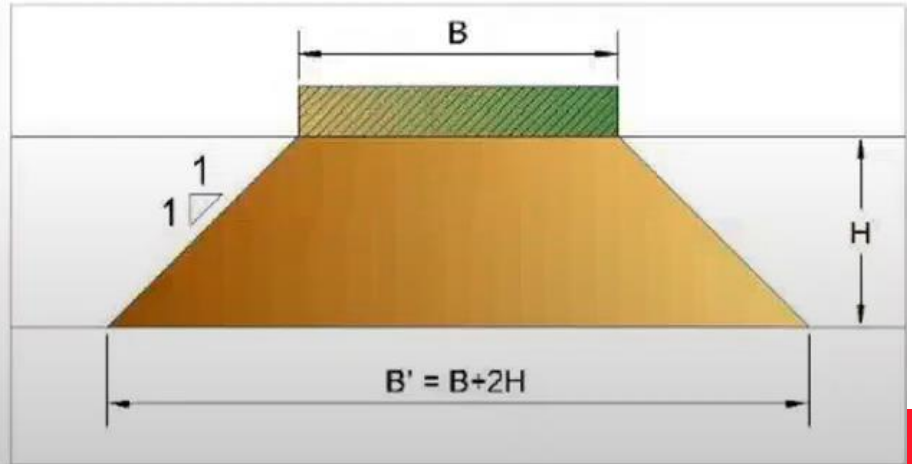
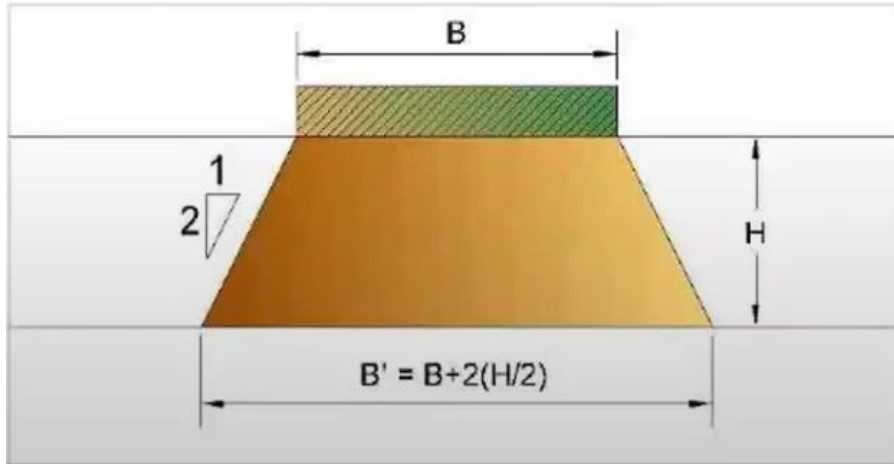
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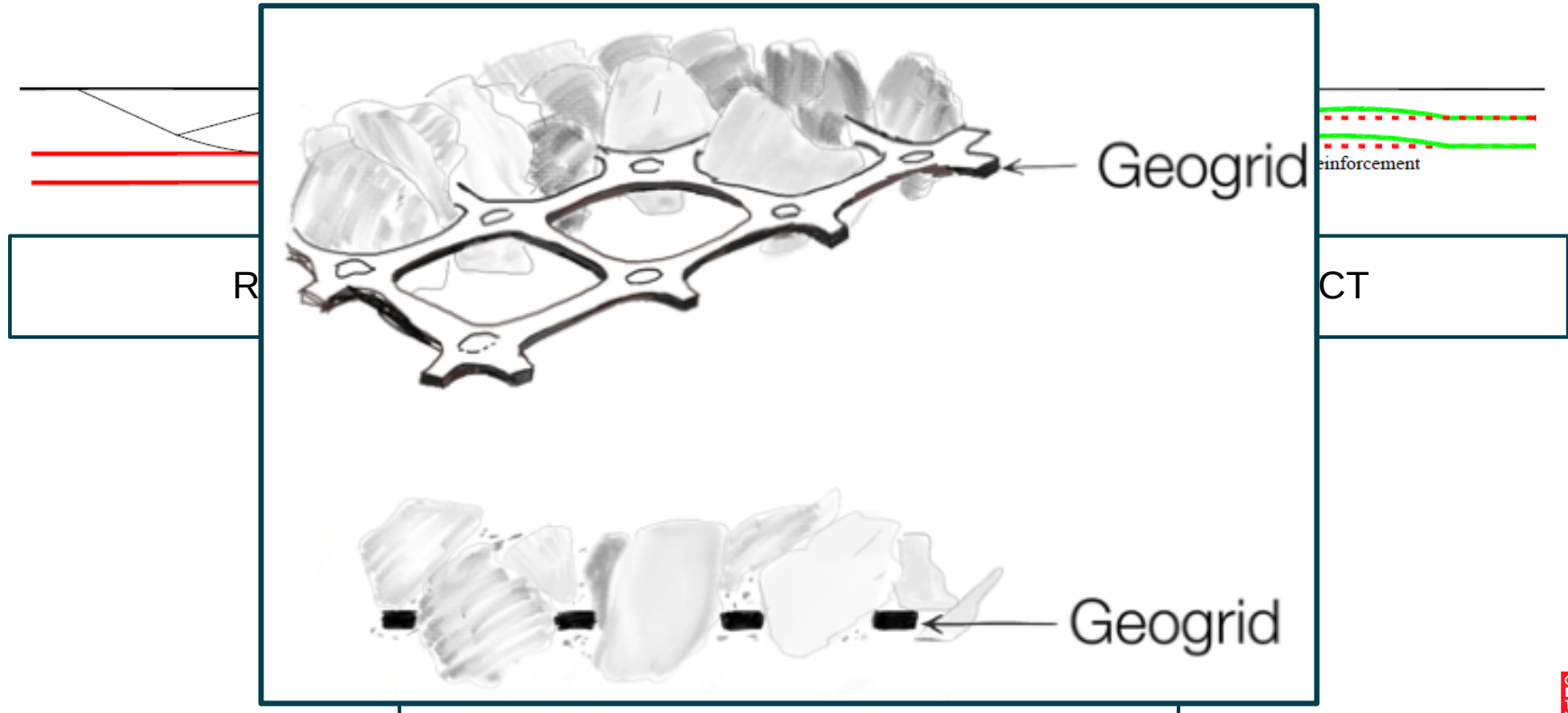
Woven - (MacGrid WG)

BEARING CAPACITY AND SETTLEMENT

Geogrids widen the load distribution area from a ratio of 2V:1H without geogrids to a 1V:1H ratio with geogrids. Furthermore, the widened distribution area for the load helps in improving the bearing capacity of by reducing the bearing capacity and the settlement of the soil



REINFORCEMENT MECHANISMS





CEBU-CORDOVA LINK EXPRESSWAY WORKING PLATFORM Cebu, Philippines

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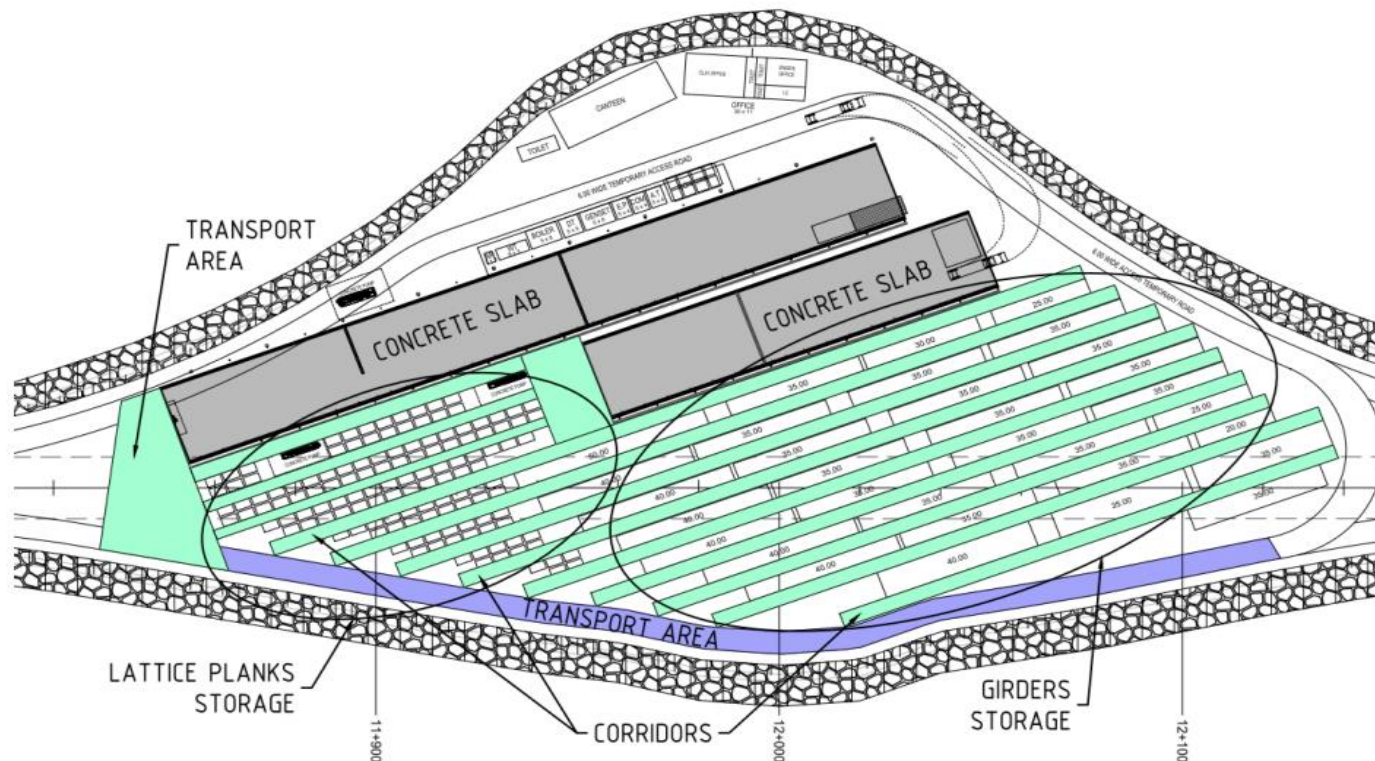
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SUBGRADE REINFORCEMENT

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CASE HISTORY: CEBU-CORDOVA LINK EXPRESSWAY



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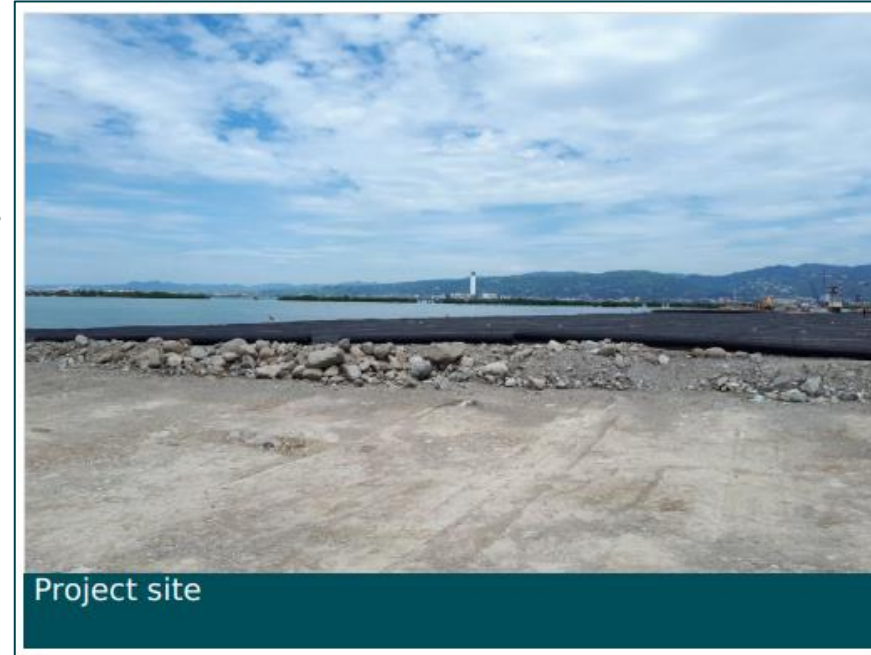
SUBGRADE REINFORCEMENT

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CASE HISTORY: CEBU-CORDOVA LINK EXPRESSWAY

Maccaferri Philippines proposed a solution to stabilize the granular working platform of the reclaimed grounds of the Cebu-Cordova Bridge for a safe and convenient expressway experience.

We have supplied 23000 sqm of MacGrid EG20S and 16000 sqm of MacGrid EG30S.



Project site



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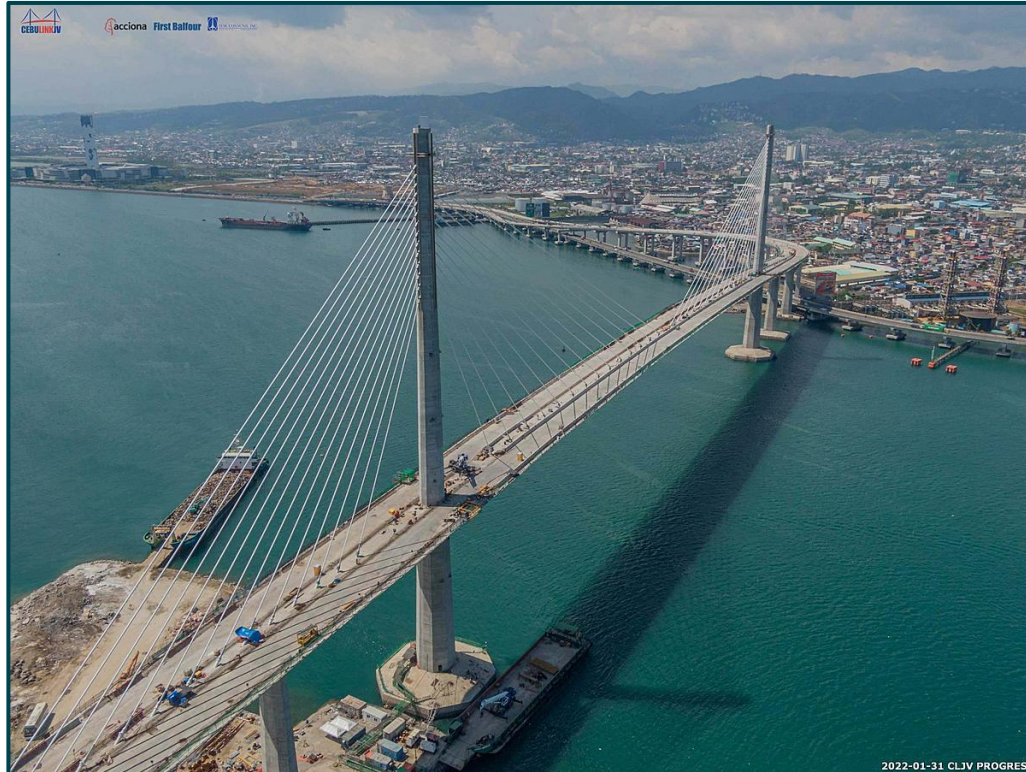


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FGEN LNG MULTIPURPOSE
JETTY & GAS RECEIVING
FACILITY Temporary Working
Platform
Batangas, Philippines

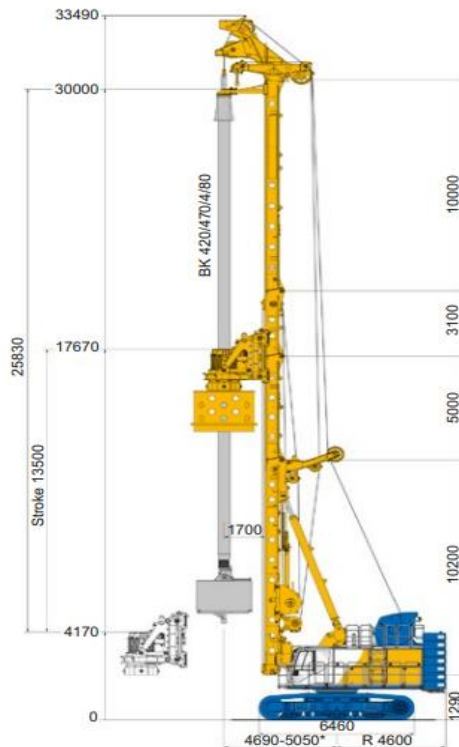
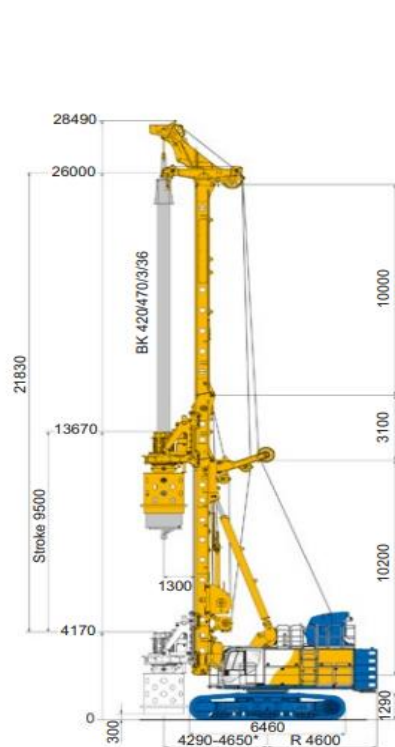
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SUBGRADE IMPROVEMENT

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CASE HISTORY: FGEN LNG MULTIPURPOSE JETTY & GAS RECEIVING FACILITY



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CASE HISTORY: FGEN LNG MULTIPURPOSE JETTY & GAS RECEIVING FACILITY

	Basic version		Upgraded version	
Mast extension	without		5 m	
Upper Kelly guide	without		with	
Drilling axis	1,300 mm	1,550 mm	1,700 mm	2,000 mm
Max. drilling diameter				
uncased	2,300 mm	2,800 mm	3,100 mm	3,700 mm
cased	2,000 mm	2,500 mm	2,800 mm	3,400 mm
Operating weight approx.	150 t	180 t	180 t	185 t
with Kelly BK 420/470/...	...3/36	...4/94	...4/80	...4/80
with bucket	Ø 1,500 mm	Ø 1,800 mm	Ø 2,320 mm	Ø 3,500 mm
with counterweight *	19.7 t	29.4 t	29.4 t	34.3 t



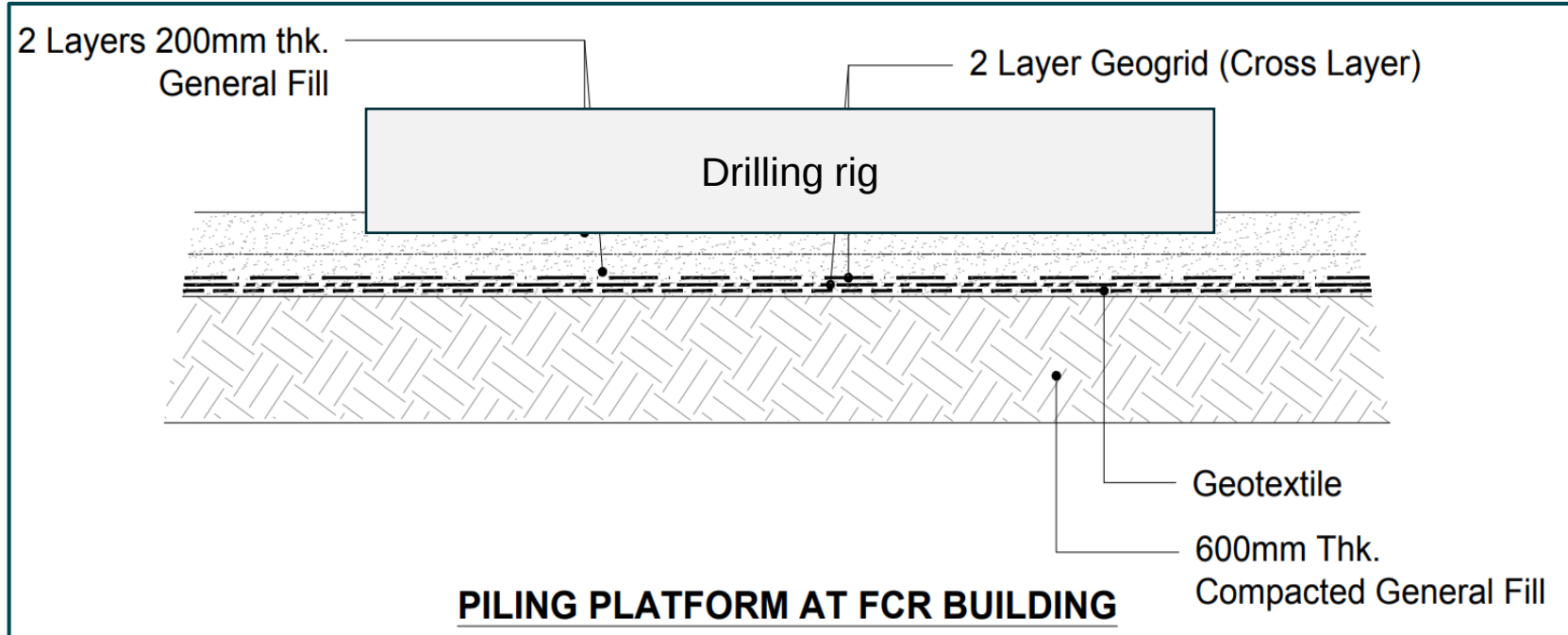
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CASE HISTORY: FGEN LNG MULTIPURPOSE JETTY & GAS RECEIVING FACILITY

Typical section of the piling platform with geogrid reinforcement.



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CASE HISTORY: FGEN LNG MULTIPURPOSE JETTY & GAS RECEIVING FACILITY

DCP result without geogrids

#	Number of Blows	DEPTH OF TEST (mm)	CBR (%)	BEARING CAPACITY (KPa)
1	0	0	---	0.00
2	1	116	1	47.50
3	1	193	2	54.07
4	1	255	3	58.93
5	1	310	3	62.16
6	1	367	3	61.16
7	1	423	3	61.65
8	1	477	3	62.70
9	2	565	4	69.42
10	2	642	5	74.68
11	2	713	5	78.27
12	2	775	6	84.99

DCP results with geogrid reinforcement

#	Number of Blows	DEPTH OF TEST (mm)	CBR (%)	BEARING CAPACITY (KPa)
1	0	0	---	0.00
2	3	63	10	110.60
3	3	127	9	109.35
4	3	177	13	131.40
5	5	246	15	152.29
6	5	312	16	157.78
7	5	363	22	194.54
8	7	418	29	241.11
9	7	472	30	244.76
10	19	522	99	501.26
11	8	575	35	277.02
12	6	628	25	218.98
13	8	689	30	247.11
14	5	756	16	155.90



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CASE HISTORY: FGEN LNG MULTIPURPOSE JETTY & GAS RECEIVING FACILITY



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12 Units x 1,500 MT Grain Silos
Talavera, Nueva Ecija

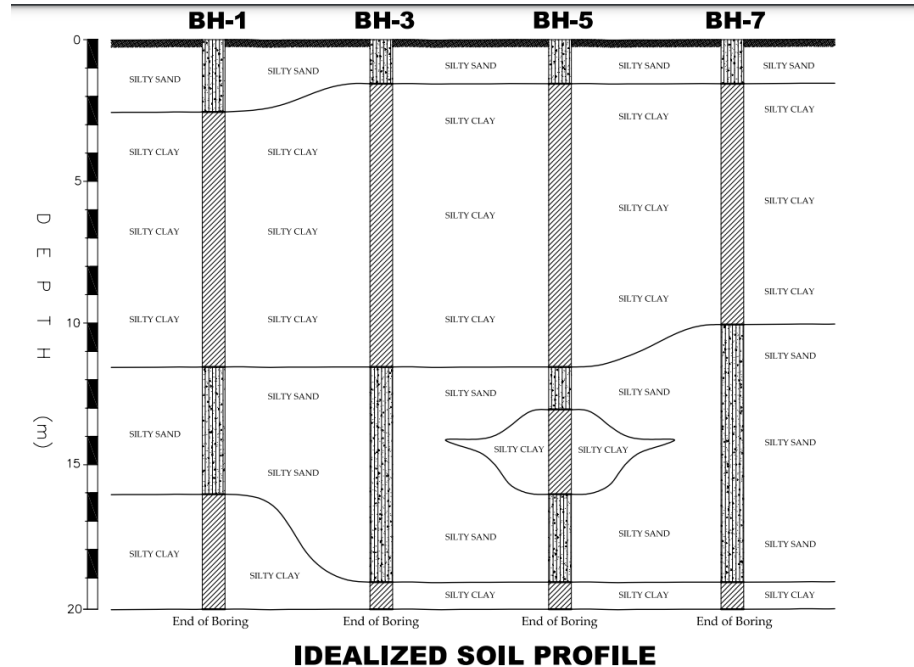
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BEARING CAPACITY

Allowable Bearing Capacity is 175 KPa at Talavera, Nueva Ecija

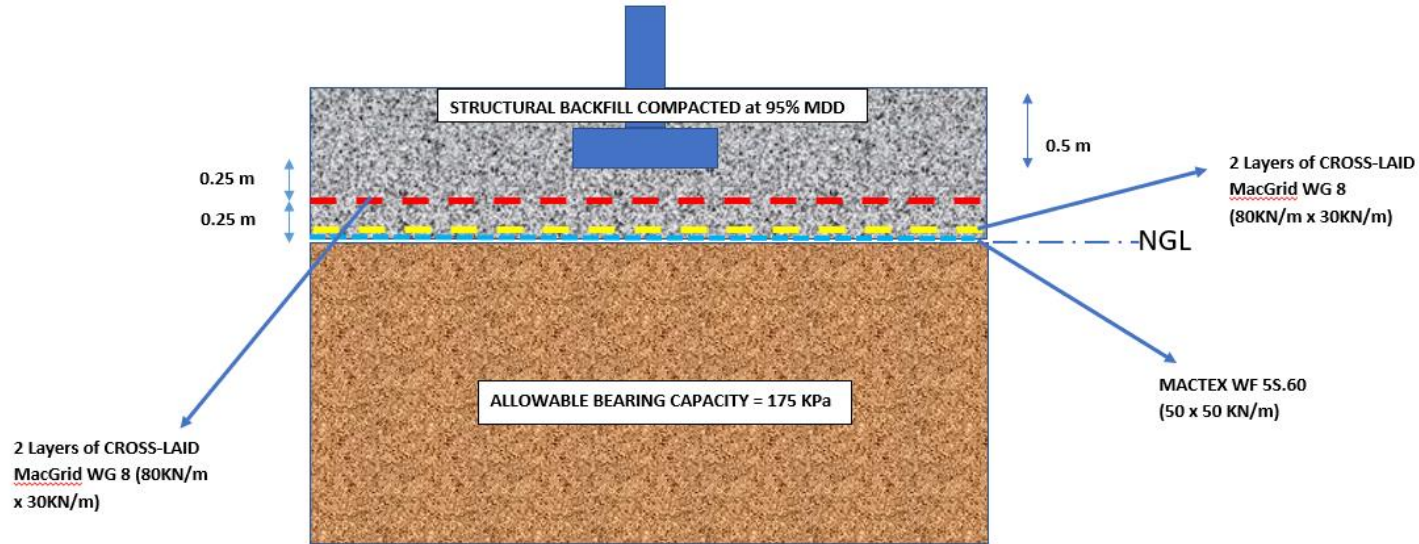
An allowable bearing capacity of **175 KPa for shallow foundation** was recommended by the geotechnical engineer.



PROPOSED SECTION OF GEOGRID RAFT FOUNDATION

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Minimum of 260 KPa Allowable Bearing Capacity



Gravel Pad With a Thickness of 0.50 meters

Target Allowable Bearing Capacity : 260 KPa

Design calculation reference: FHWA/LA.07/423, Abu-Farsakh, Chen, Yoon, *Use of Reinforced Soil Foundation to Support Shallow Foundation*, Louisiana Transport Research Center, Baton Rouge, La., US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, November 2008



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Ground Improvement | Plate Load Test BS EN 1377 Part 9:1990 | Philippines

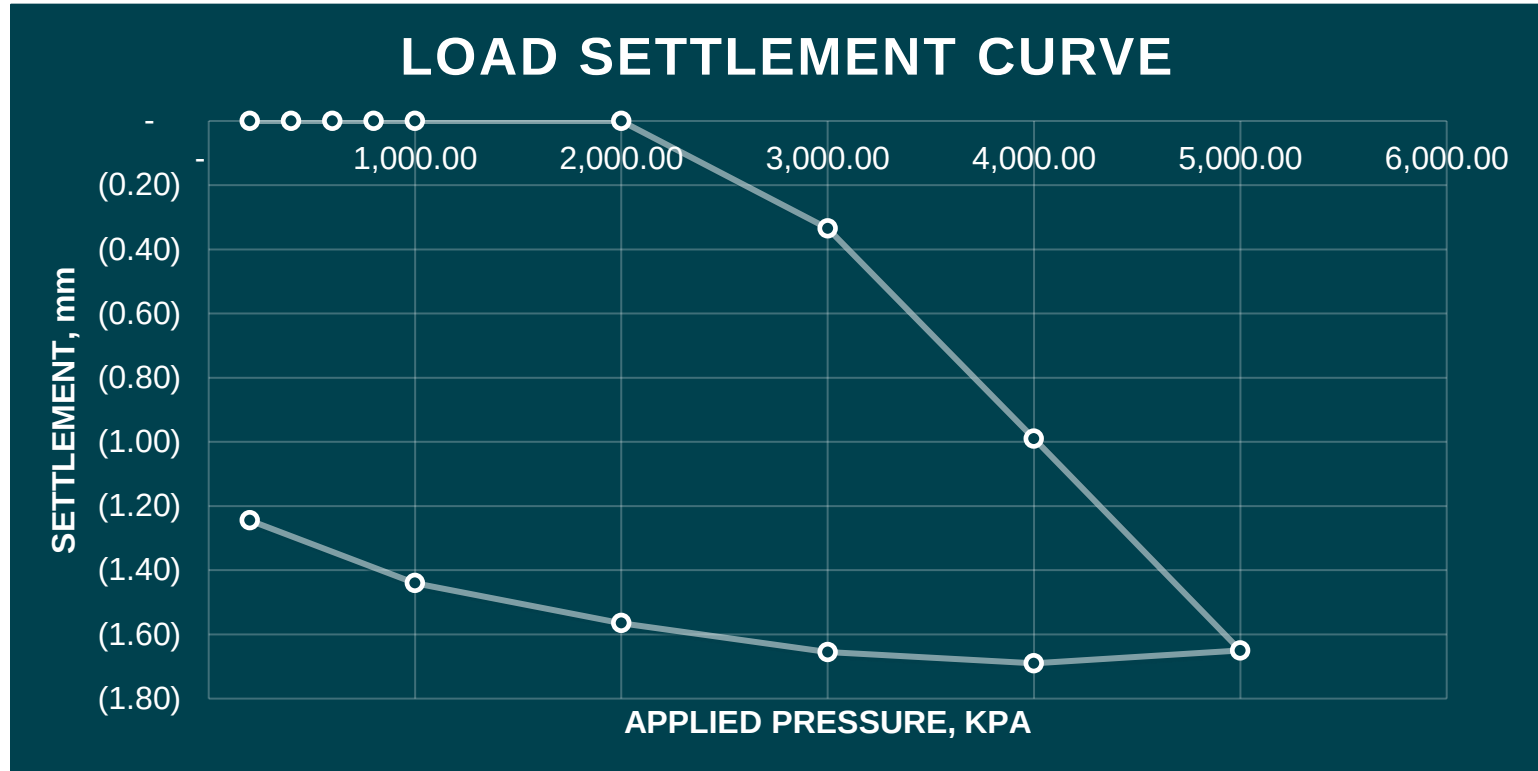


Ground Improvement | Plate Load Test BS EN 1377 Part 9:1990 | Philippines

PLATE LOAD TEST RESULTS

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Maximum pressure of **5,000 KPa** was reached @ **1.65 mm** settlement only



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PROJECT EPIC

Tank Farm Facility and Site Development

San Roque, Bauan, Batangas

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SUBGRADE IMPROVEMENT USING GEOGRIDS

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CASE HISTORY: D&L, BAUAN, BATANGAS

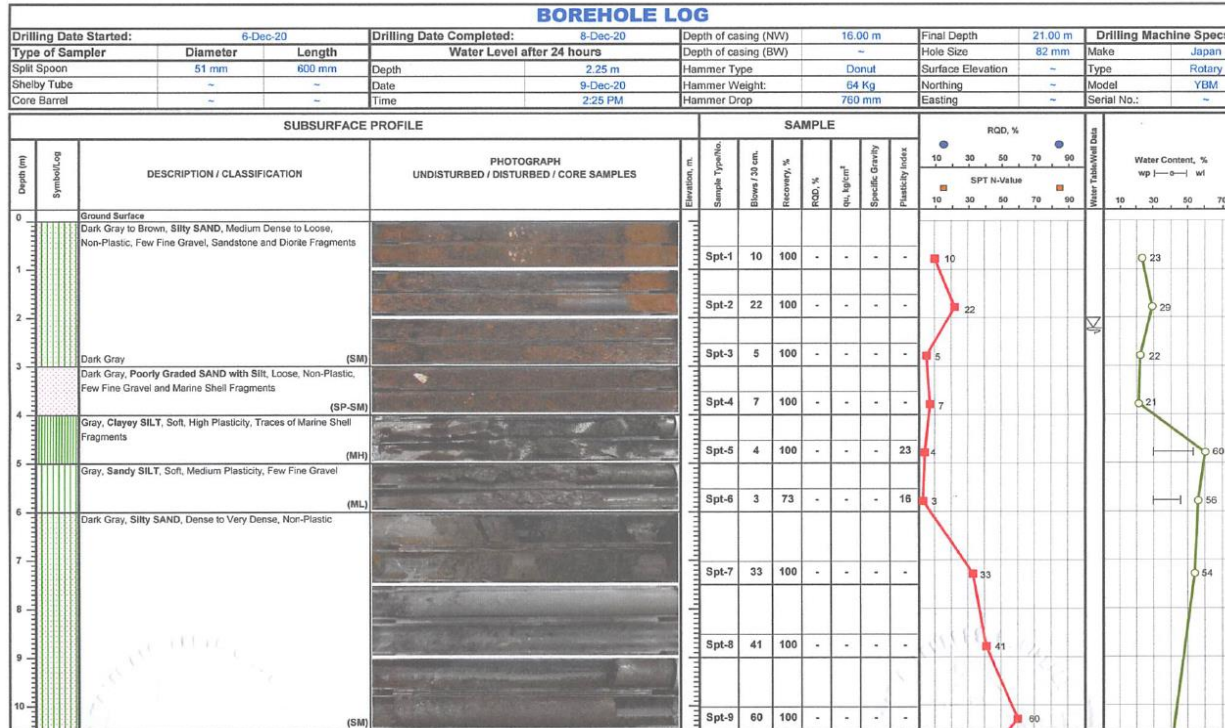
A site in Bauan, Batangas started with a very soft soil full of discarded matter. The soil needs to be improved because a warehouse will be situated above the finished grade of the soil with a load-bearing capacity of 60 kPa.

The soil full of discarded material was excavated and the remaining soil was installed with a layer of geotextile first to separate the natural soil from the backfill material. The backfill material was installed with layers of geogrids spaced at 0.30 m.



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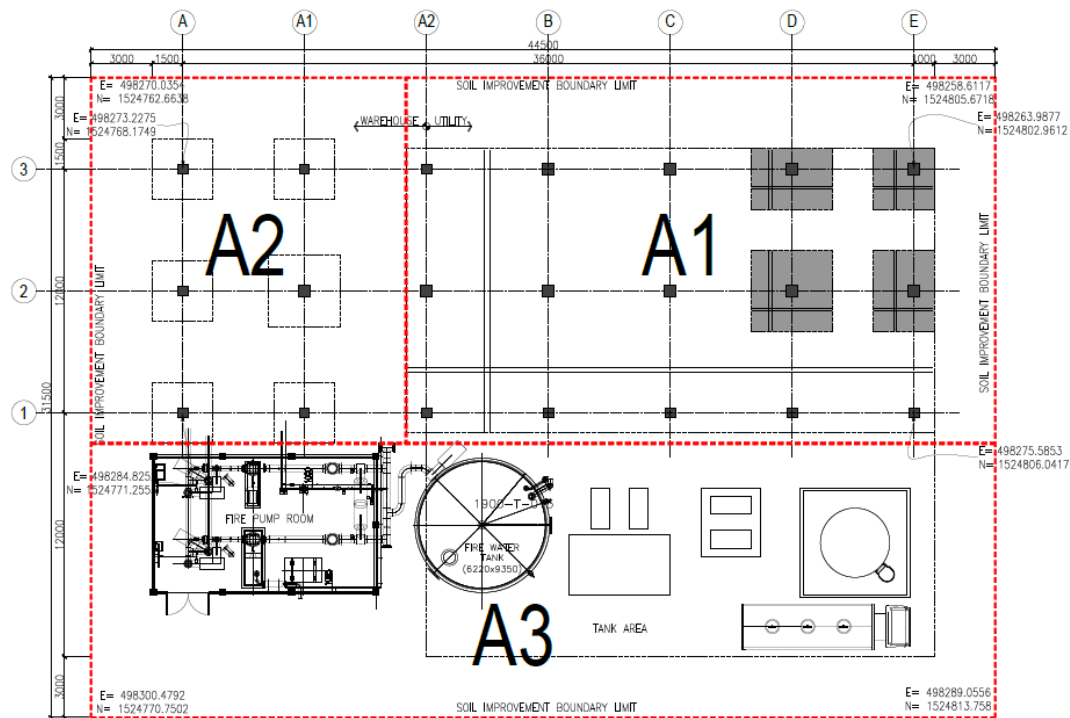
SUB-SURFACE SITE CONDITIONS



The site is underlain by six(6) meters of very soft (SPT<10) sandy/clayey silt layers (SM/MH/ML)



FOUNDATION PLAN

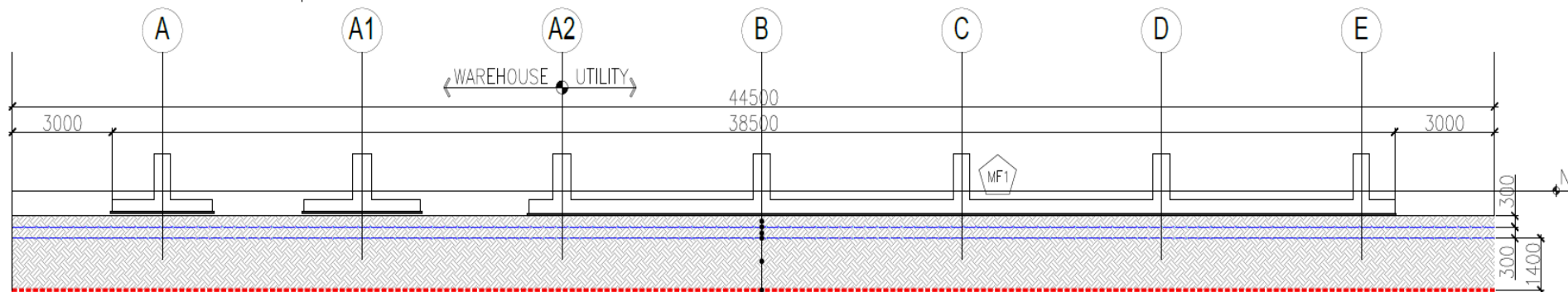


A FOUNDATION PLAN
ST 01 SCALE 1:150M



FOUNDATION PLAN

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COMPACTED SUB-BASE COURSE @95%
 MACGRID WG8 (LAID PARALLEL TO LONGER SIDE)
 COMPACTED SUB-BASE COURSE @95%
 MACGRID WG8 (LAID PARALLEL TO SHORTER SIDE)
 COMPACTED SUB-BASE COURSE @95%
 MACTEX MXL 70

A.1 LONGITUDINAL SECTION
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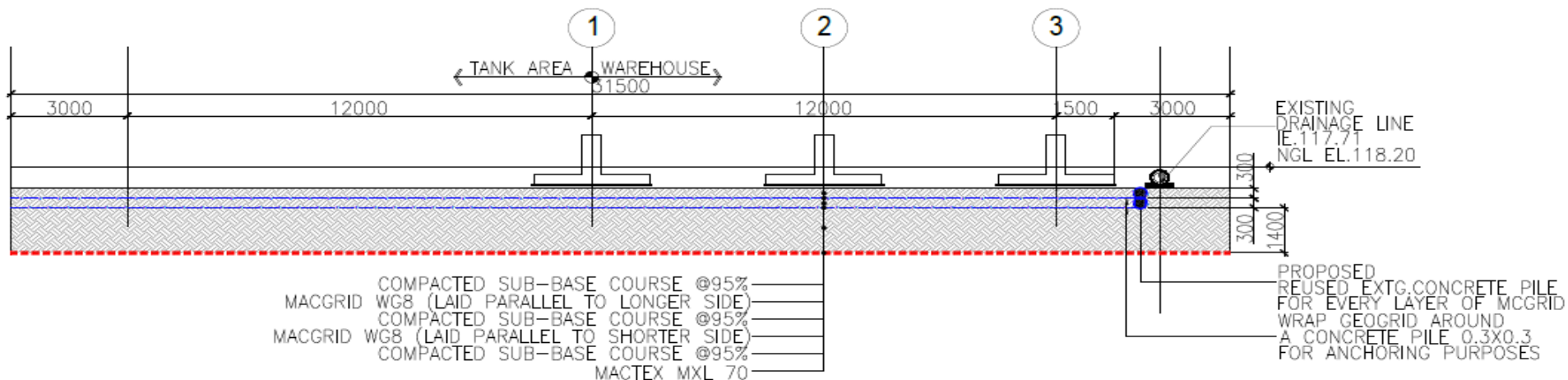
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	LOCATION: SAN ROQUE, BAUAN BATANGAS	

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A.2 TRANSVERSE SECTION
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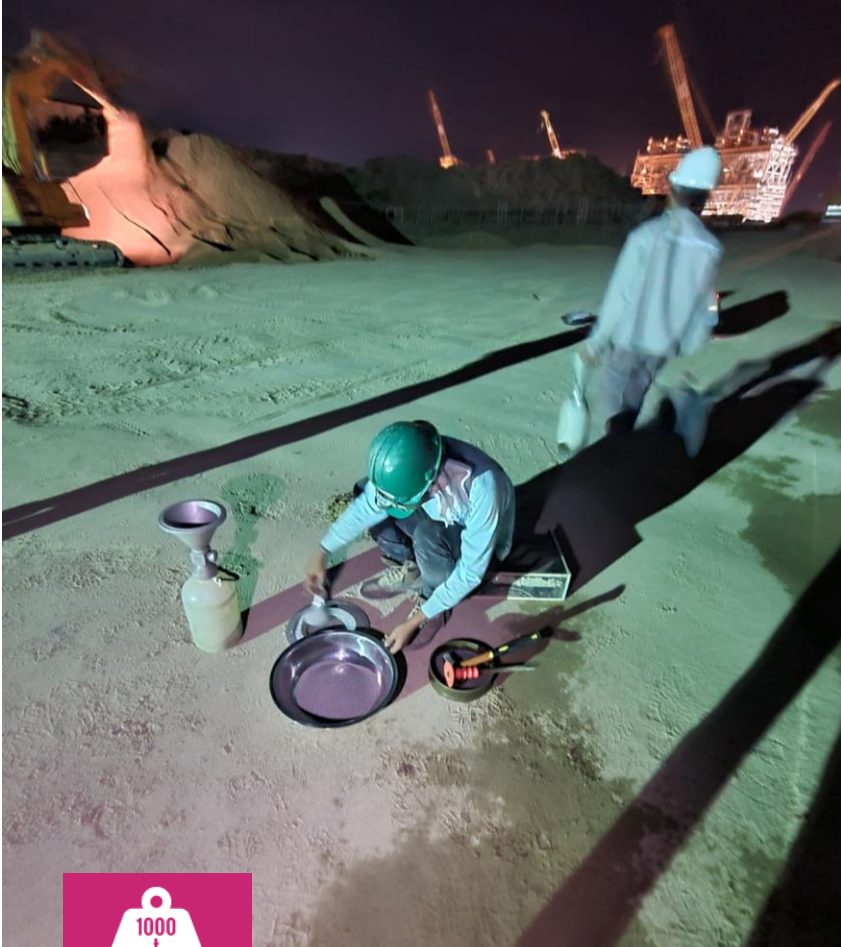




Ground Improvement | Original Site Condition | Batangas, Philippines



Ground Improvement | MacTex MXL | Separation Geotextile | Batangas, Philippines



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Ground Improvement | Field Density Test (95% MDD) | Batangas, Philippines



Ground Improvement | MacGrid WG | Installation | Batangas, Philippines



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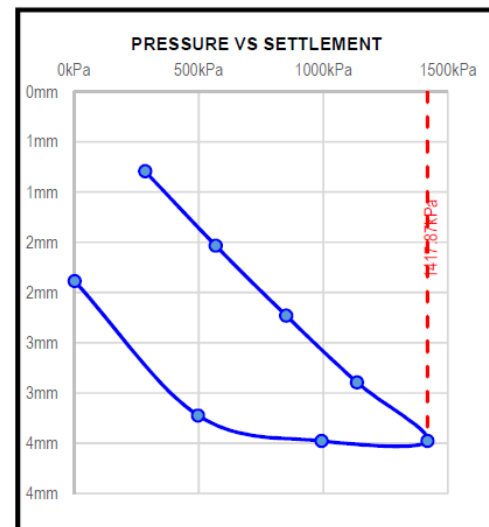
Ground Improvement | Completed building above the foundation pad | Philippines

RESULTS OF PLATE LOAD TEST

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IN-SITU PLATE LOAD TEST (BS 1377 PART 9 : 1990 STANDARD)	
PARAMETERS AND RESULTS	VALUE
EXCAVATION DEPTH	2.00m
WIDTH OF FOUNDATION	10.00m
PLATE DIAMETER	300.00mm
UNIT WEIGHT OF SOIL	18.00kN/m ³
WEIGHT OF JACK	10.50kg
WEIGHT OF PLATE	12.30kg
WEIGHT OF SAND BAG & PLATFORM	10000.00kg
MATERIAL CLASSIFICATION	-
MAX. PERMISSIBLE FOUNDATION SETTLEMENT	50.00mm
MAX. RECORDED PLATE SETTLEMENT	3.48mm
PLASTIC SETTLEMENT	1.76mm
ELASTIC SETTLEMENT	1.72mm
MAX. RECORDED FOUNDATION SETTLEMENT	13.11mm
ALLOWABLE DIFF. SETTLEMENT	9.83mm
FACTOR OF SAFETY	3.00
REQUIRED ALLOWABLE BEARING CAPACITY	60.00kPa
MAX. APPLIED PLATE STRESS	1417.87kPa
ULTIMATE BEARING CAPACITY	1417.87kPa
ALLOWABLE BEARING CAPACITY	472.62kPa

THE RECOMMENDED ALLOWABLE BEARING CAPACITY IS 470kPa



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DESIGN, GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION, MATERIALS TESTING
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CLIENT: STA/ CLARA INTERNATIONAL CORP.

PROJECT: PROJECT EPIC

LOCATION: BAUAN, BATANGAS

TESTED BY: ROEL TALAVERA - LAB TECH

TEST NO. 2022-02-PLT-002B

DATE TESTED: 11/02/2022

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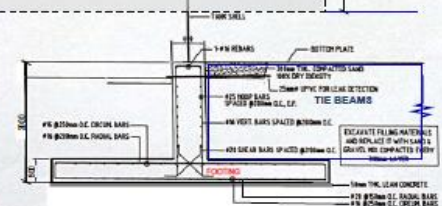
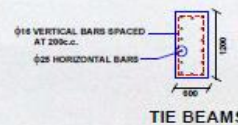
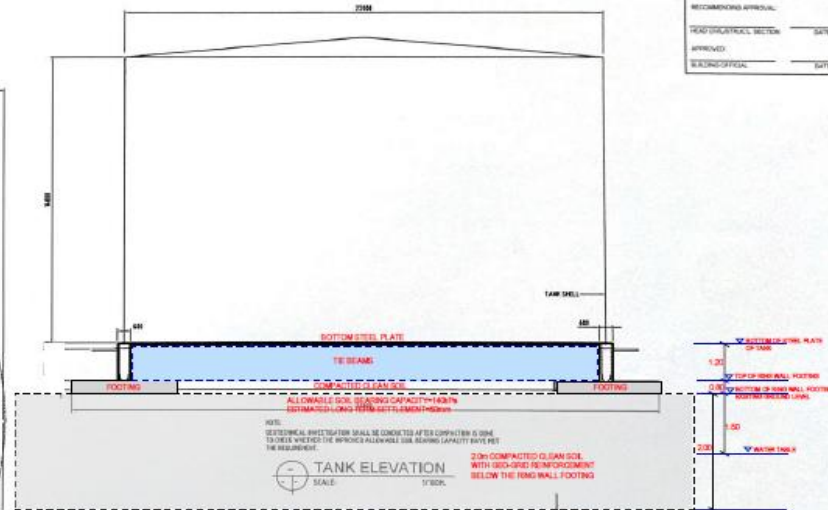
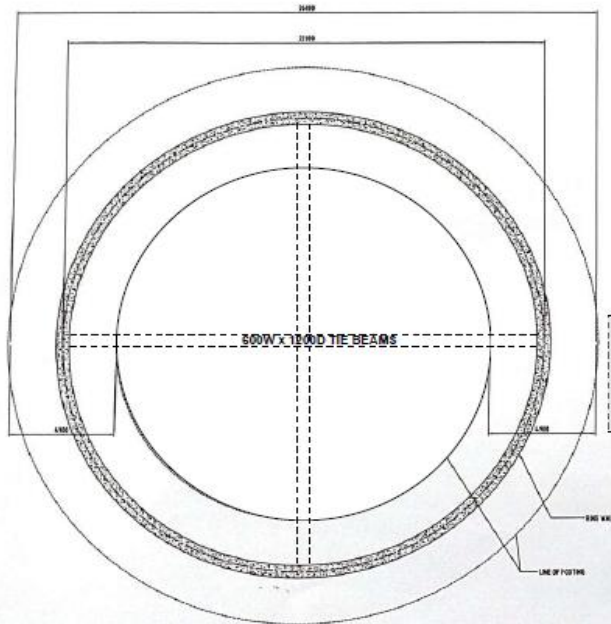
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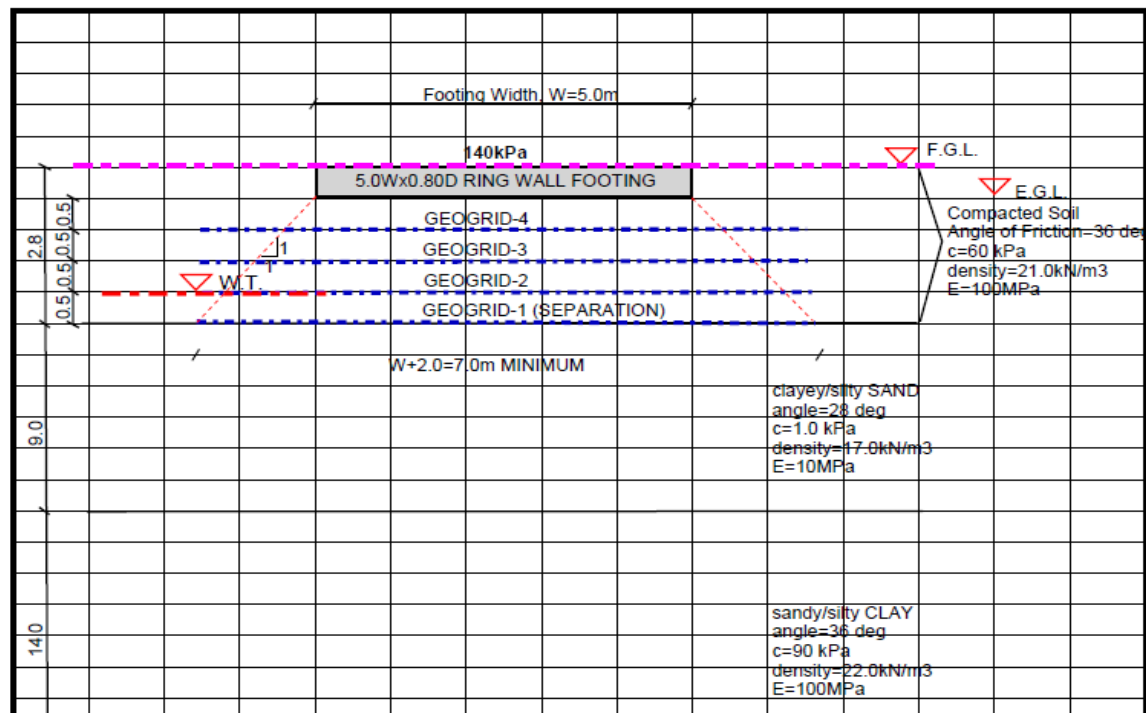
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CALCULATION SHEET



PREPARATION FOR GEOGRIDS INSTALLATION

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First Layer



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Second Layer



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Third Layer



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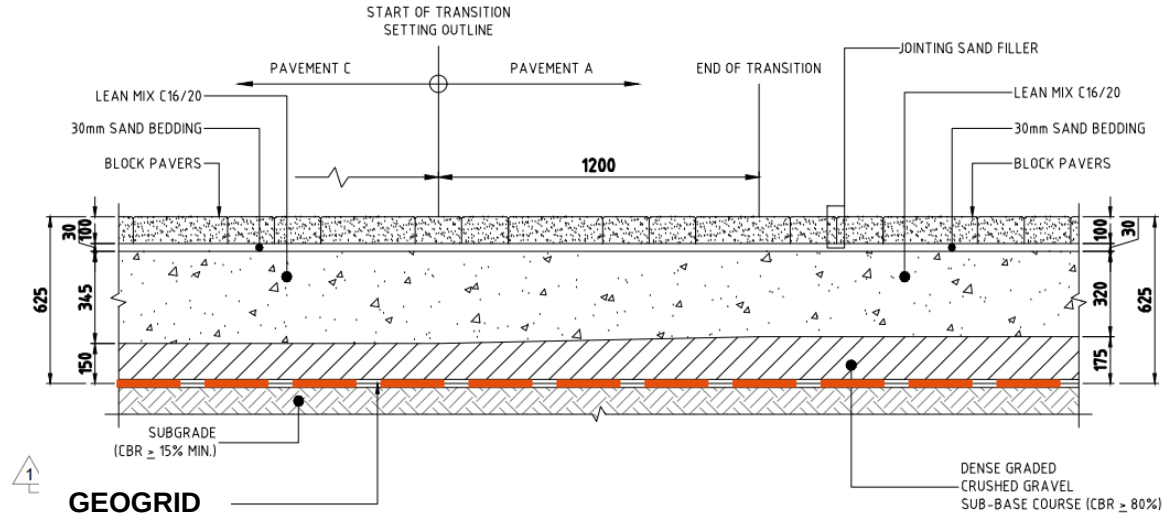
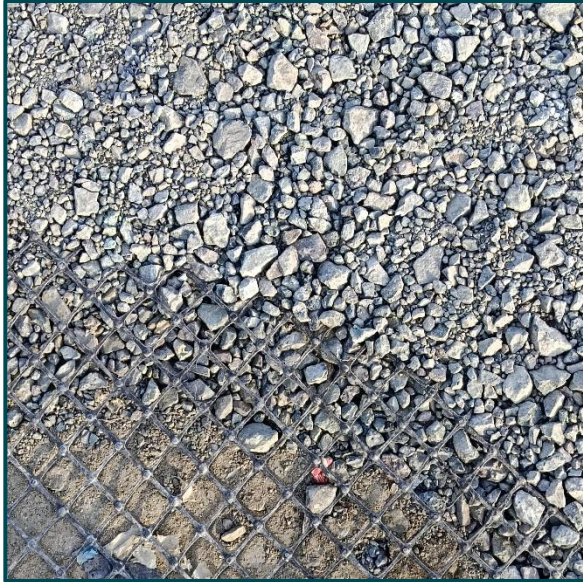
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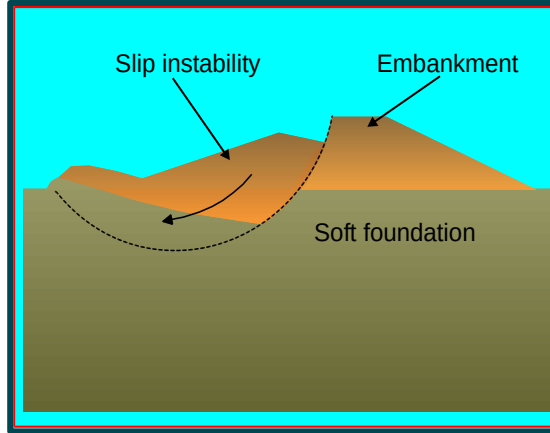
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For Embankments on Soft Soil

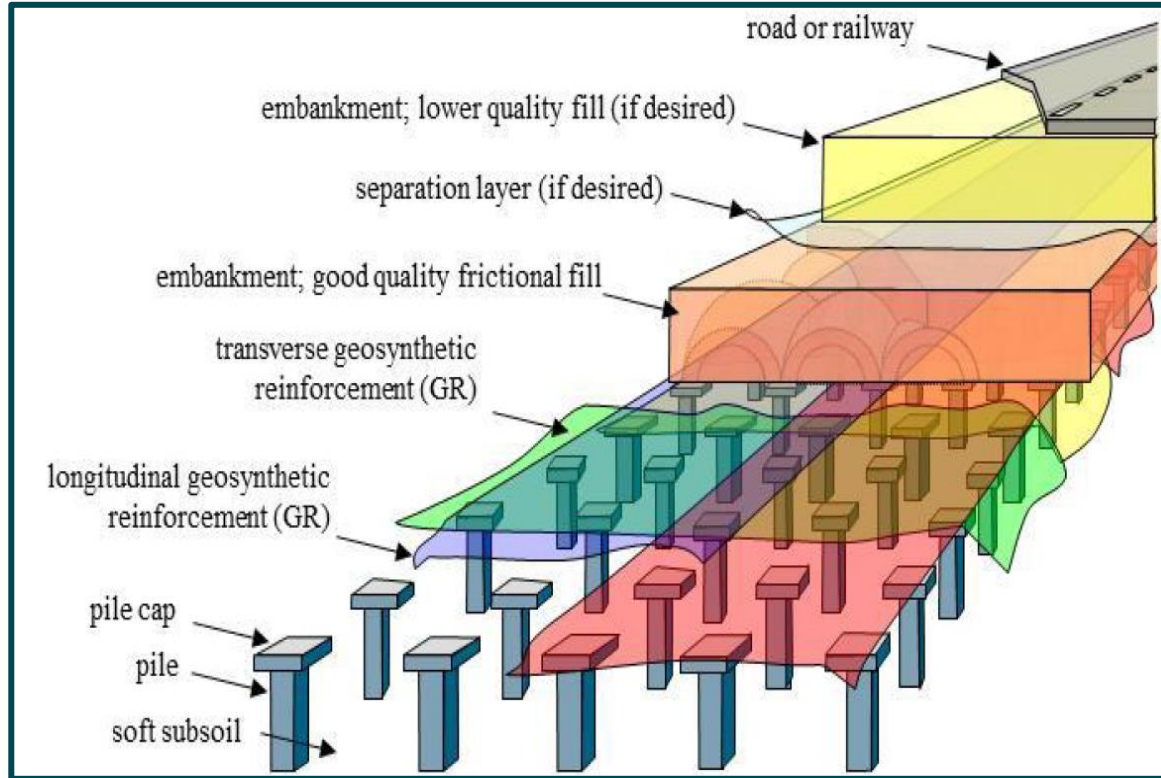
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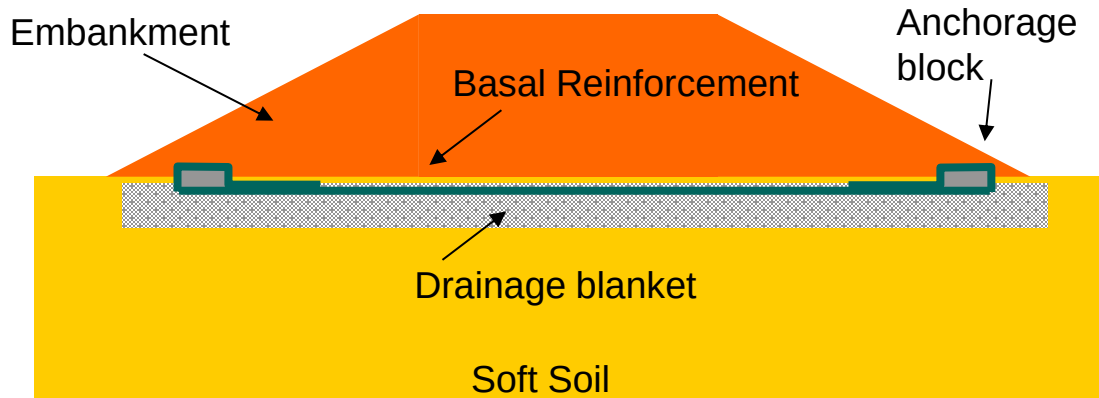
- Low initial undrained shear strength (bearing capacity)
- High water table
- Stability of embankment
- High compressibility
- Settlement
- Very low permeability



BASAL REINFORCEMENT



BASAL REINFORCEMENT



What can geosynthetics do?

to increase the safety factors against catastrophic failure

Yes

to limit the magnitude of overall settlements

No **(Can be)**

to control differential settlements

Partly

Ultimate Limit States considered in BS 8006 are:

- M** Rotational Stability of embankment.
- M** Lateral Sliding Stability of the embankment fill.
- M** Foundation Extrusion Stability.
- M** Global Stability (Overall).

Serviceability Limit States considered in BS 8006 are:

- M** Settlement of the foundation.
- M** Excessive strain in the embankment

Local Stability



Rotational Stability



Foundation Extrusion Stability



Lateral Sliding



Global Stability



Excessive Settlement



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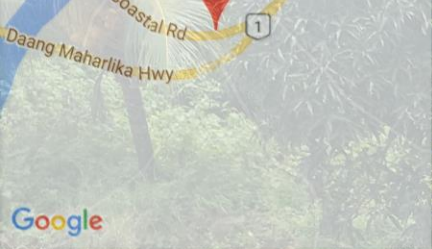
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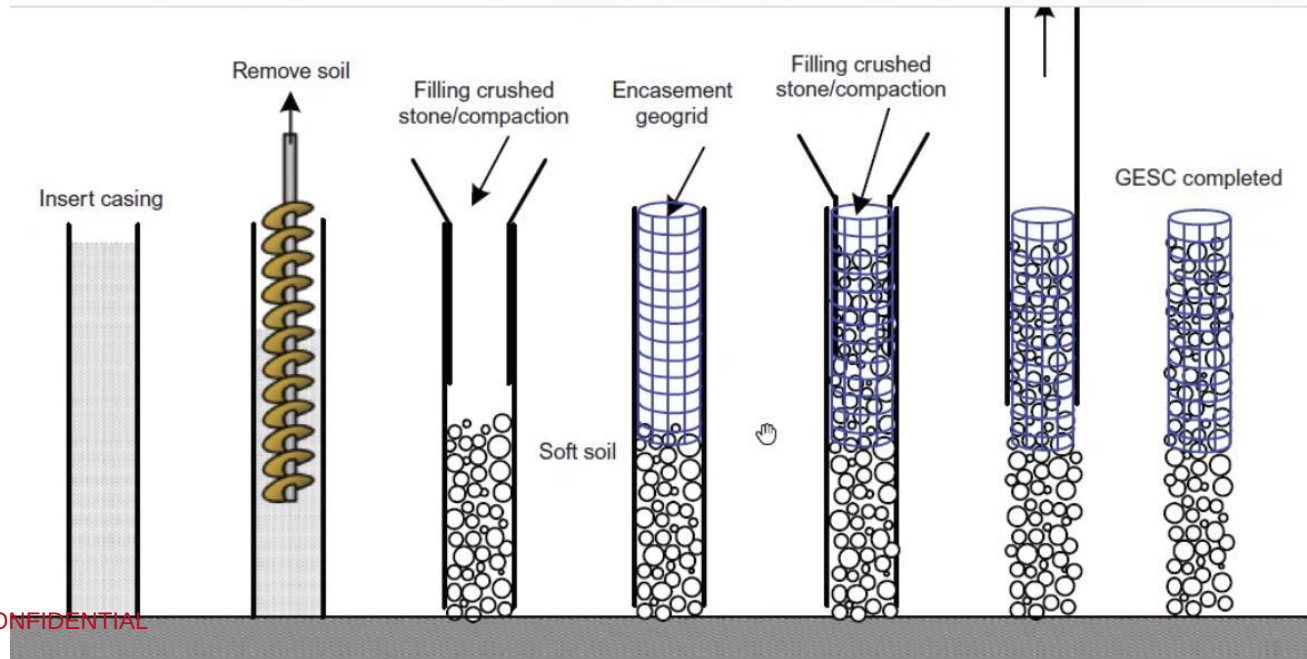


GEOSYNTHETIC ENCASED STONE COLUMNS (GESCs)

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GEOSYNTHETIC ENCASED STONE COLUMNS (GESCs)

- Stone columns are used for both cohesive soils and silty sands to increase strength and decrease compressibility.
- This method involves discrete inclusions that reinforces soil and is suited for wide spread loads.



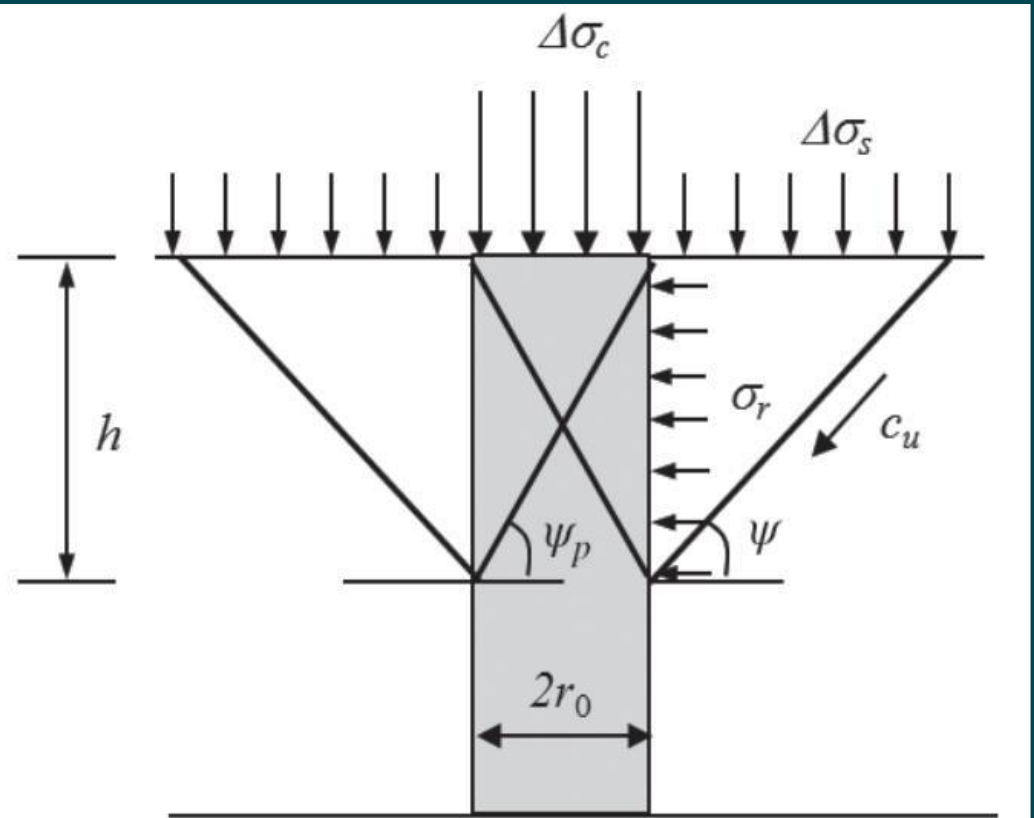
ADVANTAGES OF STONE COLUMNS

- Reduces shallow foundation settlement.
- Increases bearing capacity, allowing a reduction in footing size.
- Mitigates liquefaction potential.
- Provides slope stabilization.
- Permits construction on fills.
- Permits shallow footing construction.
- Prevents earthquake-induced lateral spreading.



BEARING CAPACITY OF STONE COLUMNS

- Brauns (1978) proposed a simplified method to estimate the ultimate bearing capacity of an individual stone column in saturated soft soil under an undrained condition based on an asymmetrical model.
- This method considers a passive shear failure from the column to the surrounding soil. It is assumed: (1) the interface between the column and the soil is smooth, (2) no circumferential (hoop) stress exists, and (3) no self-weight is considered for the column and the soil.

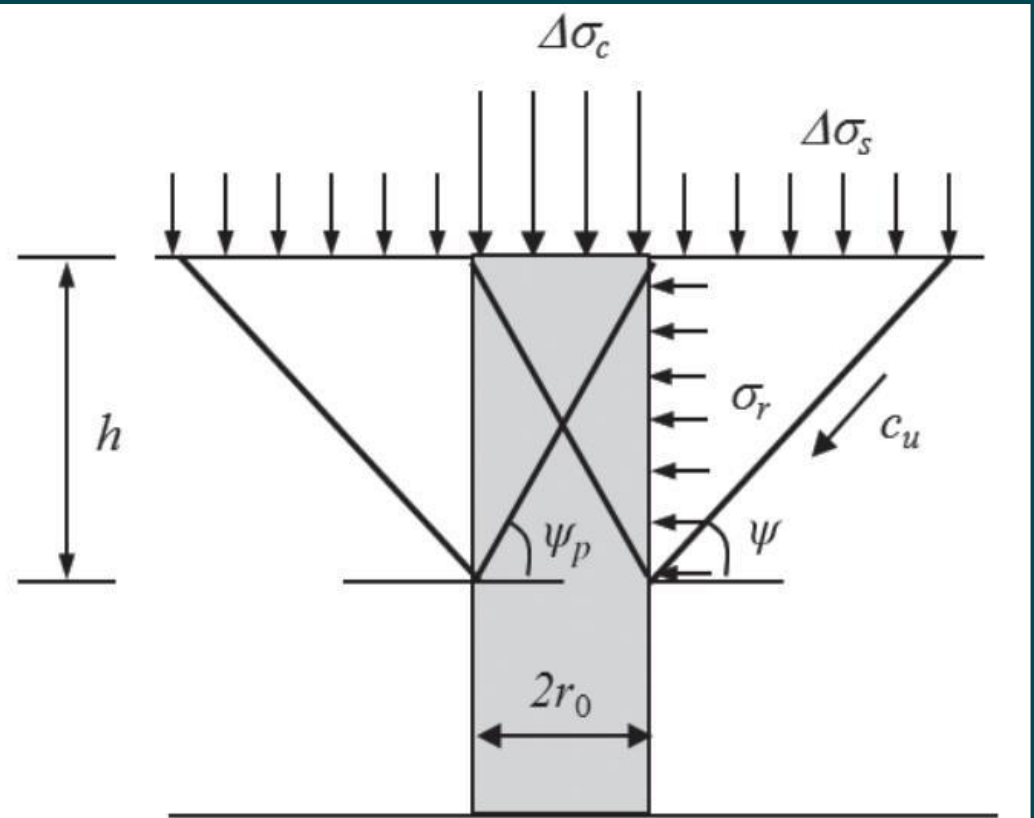


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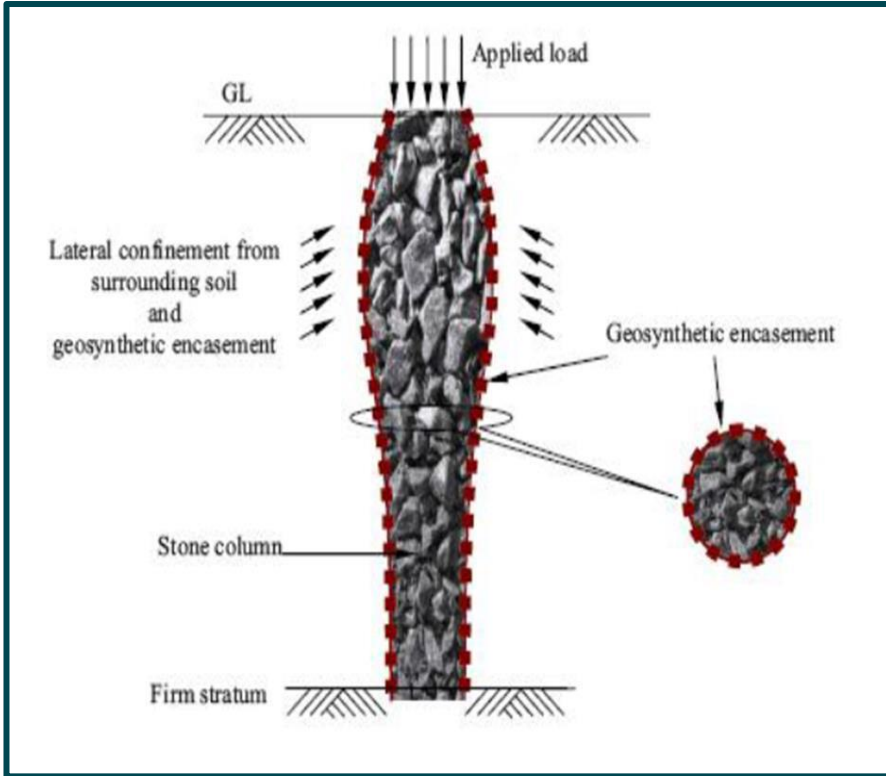
Since stone columns and the surrounding soil mobilized their strengths at a similar strain level, the ultimate bearing capacity (q_{ult}) of a granular-column-reinforced composite foundation can be estimated as follows:

$$q_{ult} = q_{ult,c}a_s + q_{ult,s}(1 - a_s)$$

Where q_{ult} is the ultimate bearing capacity of the surrounding soil, which can be estimated as $5c_u$ as suggested by Barksdale (1987).



SOLUTIONS USING GESCs



FUNCTIONS

- End bearing element transferring loads to firm stratum with radial confinement of bearing column
- Separation, filtration, drainage
- GESCs are water permeable that may also perform as high capacity vertical drains but they practically do not influence the flow of ground water streams.
- GESC systems cannot be completely settlement-free; hence widely used for flexible structures.

CALCULATIONS

In addition to the lateral confinement by surrounding soil, Murugesan and Rajagopal (2010) considered additional confinement by geosynthetic encasement for the ultimate bearing capacity of an individual stone column due to possible bulging failure with a bulging length of four times the column diameter as follows:

$$q_{ult,c} = (\sigma_{r0} + 4c_u + \sigma_{r,g})K_p$$

Where σ_{r0} = lateral soil stress induced by the overburden stress at the middle point of the column bulging length;
 σ_{r0} = additional confining stress by geosynthetic encasement; K_p = coefficient of passive earth pressure of the column.

The additional confining stress was calculated by considering the hoop tensile force in the geosynthetic encasement as follows:

$$\sigma_{r,g} = \frac{2T_g}{d_c}$$

Where T_g is the hoop tensile force of the geosynthetic.

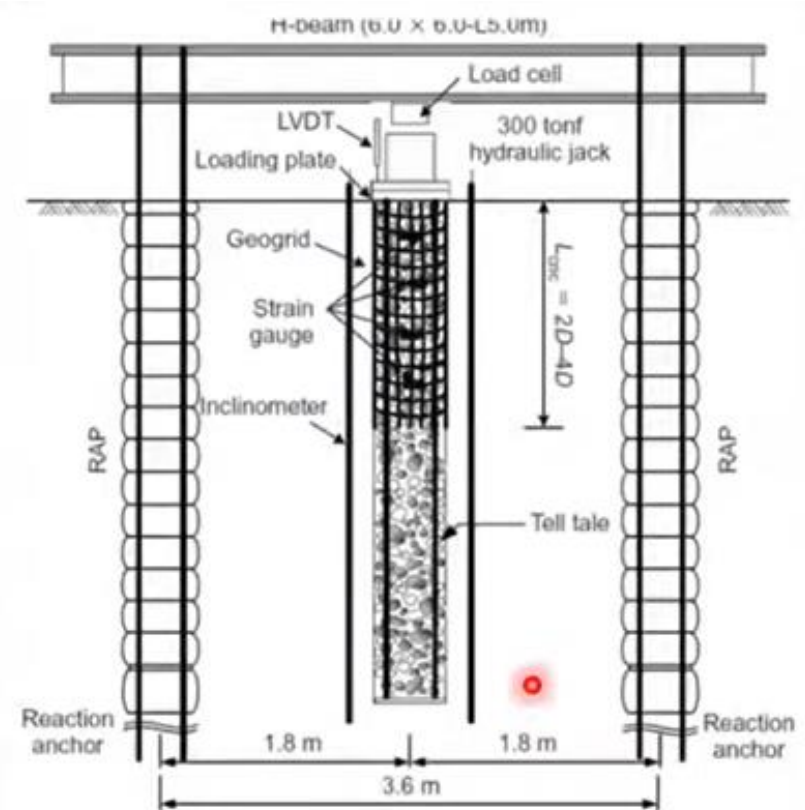
TYPICAL DESIGN PARAMETERS

- Suitable for compressible silts and clays (undrained shear strength, $c_u = 15\text{--}50$ kPa)
- Typical spacing: 1.5 - 3.5 m
- Typical diameter: 0.8 - 1.1 m
- Typical depth: 10 - 15 m (max. 30 m)
- Replacement ratio: 0.2 - 0.4
- Stress concentration ratio: 2 - 5 (rigid footing) & 1.5 to 3.0 (embankment)
- Settlement improvement factor: 1.5 – 6
- Column loads: < 500 kN/column

Performance of geogrid-encased stone columns in soft ground: full-scale load tests.

C. Yoo and D. Lee

The geogrid-encased stone column (GESC) system, which increases the confinement effect, has been developed to improve the load-carrying capacity of stone columns. This paper presents the results of an investigation on improvement in load-carrying capacity and settlement reduction of a GESC using field-scale load tests. Also, the effect of the geogrid encasement length and column strain is investigated. In addition, isolated GESC behavior was compared to rammed aggregate pier (RAP) and conventional stone column (CSC) behavior. The results show that additional confinement provided by the geogrid encasement increased the stiffness of the stone column and reduced the settlement of the soft ground. Also, bulging of the GESC was observed to occur directly beneath the base of the geogrid encasement. The improvement in the performance of GESC was found to be significant, even with partial encasement.

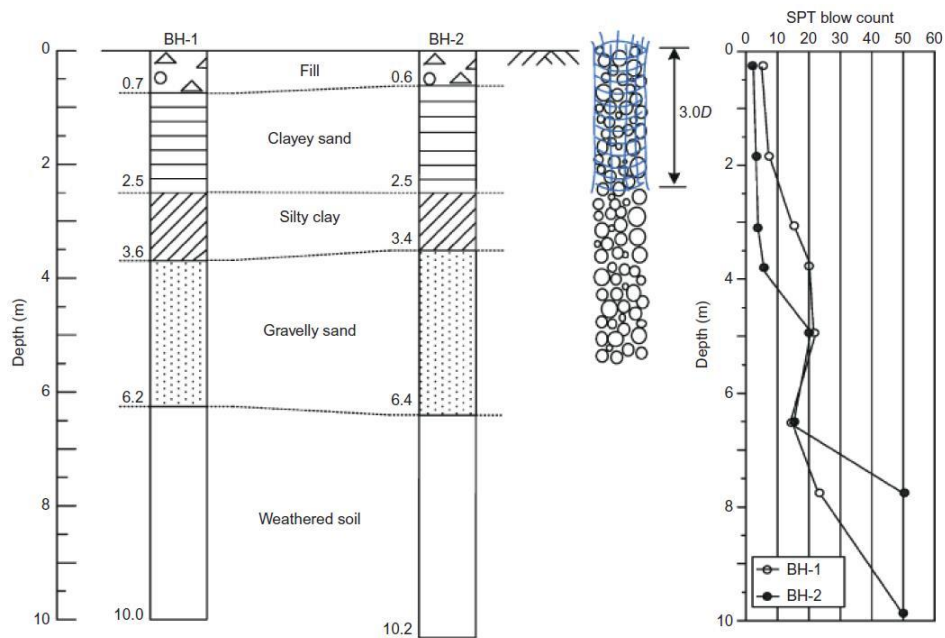


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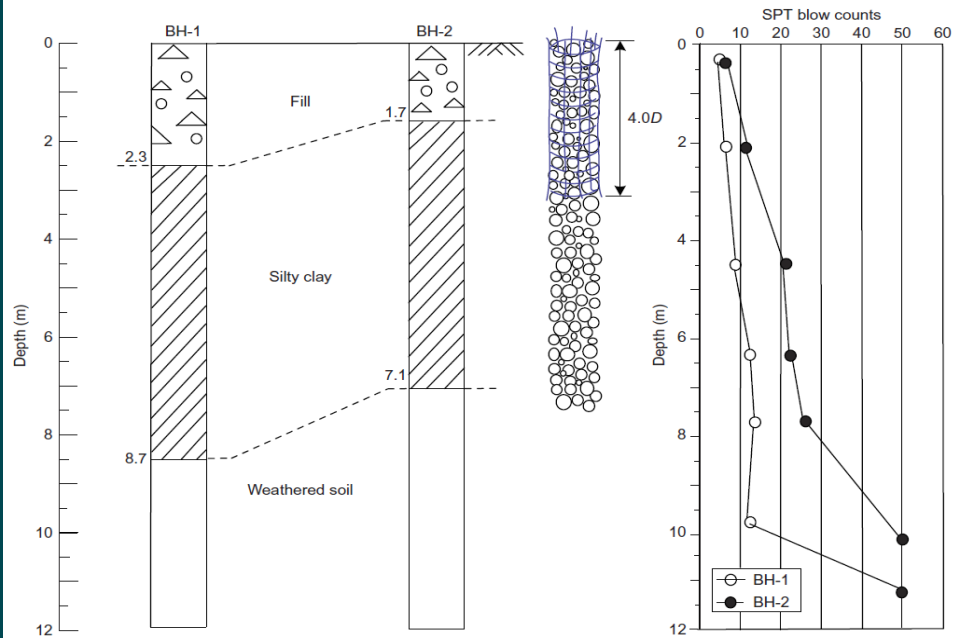
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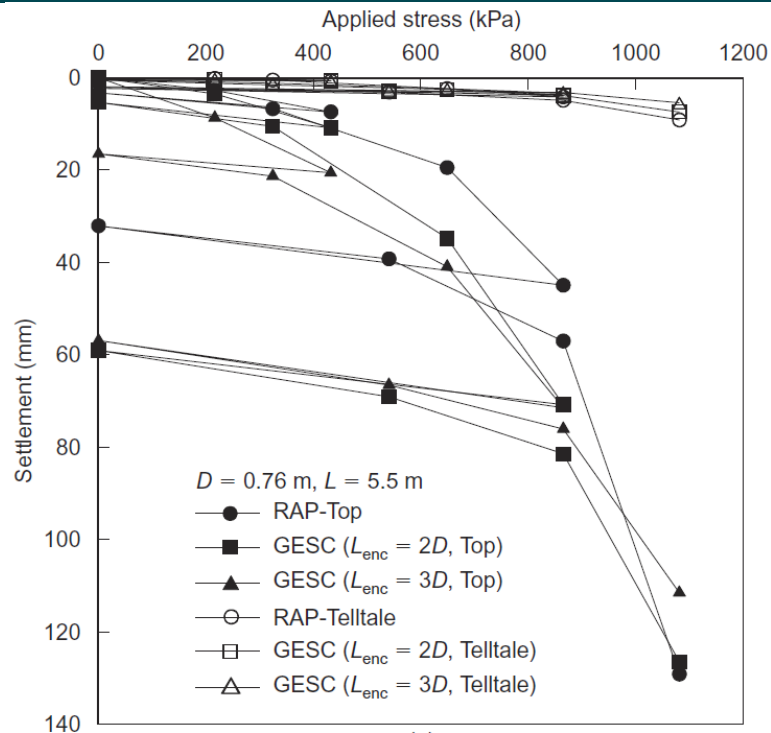
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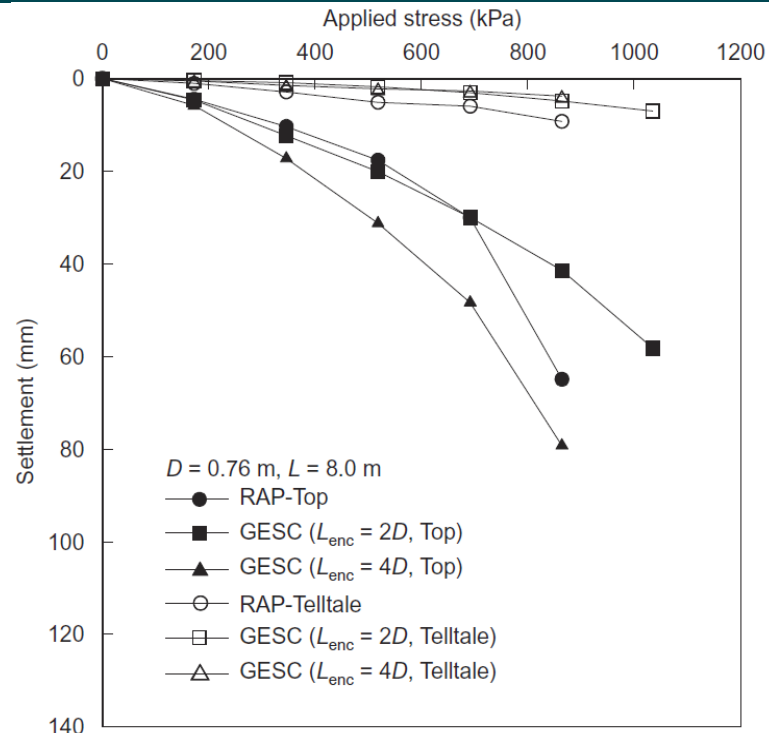
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(a)

Applied stress (kPa)

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(b)

CASE STUDY CONCLUSION

- The lateral bulging is considerably decreased due to the added confinement by the geogrid encasement.
- The failure mode of the RAP is bulging failure. The confining effect provided by the geogrid encasement controls bulging failure in unreinforced stone columns, thus improving their load-carrying effect by reducing settlement and preventing rapid column failure.
- In the case of GESCs, maximum deflection within the geogrid-encased region was within 5 mm, thus showing approximately 3 times the lateral deflection reduction effect of RAPs.
- It is recommended that at least 4.0D from the top is encased with geogrid to maximize the reinforcement effect of the geogrid.
- Geogrid hoop strain reaches its maximum value within a depth of 1.0D from the top of the column and decreases as the depth increases.
- It can be seen that the critical encasement length of geogrid is at 3D.

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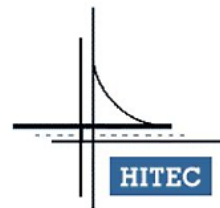
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