

The 5th International Conference: Where?

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J-P Giroud – President of the IGS

In Canada? In Singapore? By the 31 December 1988 deadline, the IGS had received letters of intent from Canada and Singapore: in these two countries, organizing committees have been formed and are willing to prepare proposals for the organization of the Fifth International Conference on Geotextiles and Geomembranes to be held in 1994. The IGS has sent the two organizing committees instructions for preparing proposals, which include numerous requirements regarding financial guarantees, technical paper selection, benefits to IGS members, etc. These instructions, which are similar to those already used for the selection of the venues of the 3rd and 4th International Conferences, proved in the past that they could lead to excellent proposals.

This shows that the IGS is doing long-range planning and that there is consistency and continuity in the procedures used. One of my goals since the formation of the IGS has been to establish a set of rules and procedures to ensure that IGS activities and decisions will always be inspired by objectivity and a spirit of international cooperation. I believe that these rules and procedures will place the IGS on the right track and provide my successors with all appropriate means to steer our society on a safe course.

Singapore and Canada are expected to submit their proposals by June 1989. The Council will review these proposals and present its recommendation to the General Assembly regarding the venue for the Fifth International Conference on Geotextiles and Geomembranes. In 1986 three proposals were received for the organization of the 4th International Conference and the Council recommended that the General Assembly decide by a vote between two of them.

The next General Assembly will of course take place in 1990, in The Hague, during the 4th International Conference. The IGS officers are already working on the preparation of the General Assembly, a heavy burden for the IGS Secretary. At the same time, the organizers of the 4th International Conference are working diligently, and, knowing them, we can be sure that the conference and the exhibition will be perfectly organized. However, an essential component of the success of the 4th Conference is presently in your hands: IGS members should work hard this month to submit good abstracts to the conference paper selection committee. There will certainly be many abstracts, and many good ones, submitted by those who have been actively participating in the "geoconferences" in the past decade. However, this is not enough. International Conferences on Geotextiles and Geomembranes are every IGS member's business. I am sure that many members who do not usually speak at conferences have interesting applications, tests, or concepts to present. I do encourage them to submit abstracts. The main goal of IGS, which is to exchange information, will be achieved only if IGS members from all sectors actively participate in conferences.

The IGS organizes and plans for the benefit of its members. The members in turn should actively participate. What better opportunity than the 4th International Conference?

GEOSYNTHETICS '89 - The North American Geosynthetics Society's Second Regional Conference

by

Professor R. Kerry Rowe - Editor - IGS News

Recent advances relating to the use of geotextiles, geomembranes and related products was the subject of Geosynthetics '89 held in San Diego 21-23 February 1989. Sponsored by the Industrial Fabrics Association International, under the auspices of the North American Geosynthetics Society and the International Geotextile Society, Geosynthetics '89 was attended by more than 950 individuals and 60 exhibitors. This represented a considerable increase over the 740 attendees at the first conference - Geosynthetics '87. A total of almost fifty papers were scheduled for presentation in sessions concerned with landfills and lining systems, quality assurance and specifications, drainage and walls, embankments, foundations and railways, steep slopes, pavements, soil-geosynthetic systems, and testing. The majority of papers were presented by individuals from the consulting industry, manufacturers, or government agencies. Eight papers arose directly from university research and another seven papers represented joint efforts between universities and industry. Ten percent of the papers originated outside North America.

Landfills and lining systems represent a major application for geosynthetics and it is not surprising that five papers dealt with this topic. These papers covered areas such as construction, drainage media, leachate leakage rates through landfill liners and the stability of soil layers on lining systems, with the latter two topics attracting particular attention from the audience. An additional four papers discussed the related issues of quality assurance and specifications.

It was rather surprising to the writer that ''drainage and walls'' only attracted three papers. These covered the topics of vertical drains, the use of tensile reinforcement to alleviate bridge approach settlement, and finally a parametric study using the ''displacement design method'' which is being proposed by a group from France.

The topic of embankments usually attracts interest and Geosynthetics '89 was no exception with six papers being presented. These ranged from some fundamental studies of the consideration of strain in the design of reinforced embankments (with comments on implications for soils susceptible to progressive failure/strain softening), and the important effects of the surface crust on the behaviour of reinforced embankments, to the use of high strength reinforcement to allow construction of a levee on a soft clay foundation.

The pavement session also attracted six papers on subjects ranging from cold climate applications such as the use of drainage wicks for the mitigation of frost effects and the use of geosynthetics to control pavement spreading in Alaska, to consideration of the influence of geotextiles on the compaction of fill and cost effective pavement design.

Three papers dealt with the behaviour of soil geosynthetic systems and included consideration of the stress-deformation response of geotextile reinforced granular structures, finite element analysis of soil-geotextile "composites" and the dynamic behaviour of saturated fiber reinforced sand.

The session on foundations and railways contained four papers which ranged from the description of a "functional approach to the design of geotextile applications" to theoretical and experimental studies of foundations reinforced by geotextiles or related products.

Five papers dealing with 'steep slopes' were presented. These included two papers directed at design considerations and three papers on field applications.



Dr. J-P Giroud addresses delegates at Geosynthetics '89.



Organizing Committee of Geosynthetics '89: From left to right. R. Kerry Rowe, Bill Neal, Joe Luna, Bob Carrol, Jay Beech, Laurie Honnigford, Ted Gailer (Chairman), Joe Fluet, Steve Warner (not shown: Iraj Noorany; Neil Williams).

As is usual, the topic of 'testing' attracted the most papers. Eight of these dealt with testing related to landfill applications. These ranged from a paper on an ''expertsystem to assess flexible membrane lining material'' to the use of ''microtome sections examining polyethylene geosynthetic microstructures and carbon black dispersion''. Also included were papers on the effect of waste loads on geocomposites, evaluation of field welding techniques, and locating and repairing leaks (including electric leak location methods). Four papers dealt with more general testing issues including the shear resistance between cohesive soils and geogrids, evaluating degradation and durability of geotextiles and the behaviour of geogrid anchorage.

The papers presented were generally of a high quality and indicated the viability of running a balanced non-commercial regional technical conference on geosynthetics. The exhibition associated with the conference was open on Tuesday afternoon (where wine and cheese encouraged discussion and an informal atmosphere), and on Wednesday morning.

The exhibition and formal presentations were supplemented by a panel discussion on "Writing of Geosynthetics Specifications" which was organized and moderated by the President of NAGS, Mr. Joe Fluet. This interesting and well attended session aroused some good discussion from the floor in addition to the discussion by the seven panelists. The panel session was preceded by an address from the President of the IGS, Dr. J-P Giroud, who congratulated the conference organizers on their success and brought greetings on behalf of the International Geotextile Society. Dr. Giroud stressed the international character of the geosynthetics community and invited NAGS to take a leadership role. The North American Chapter held its bi-annual general meeting on Wednesday afternoon (see separate article) following the panel discussion.

The conference was organized by IFAI with a committee consisting of Jay Beech, Bob Carrol, Joe Fluet, Joe Luna, Bill Neal, Iraj Noorany, Kerry Rowe, Steve Warner and Neil Williams under the chairmanship of Ted Gailer. Laurie Honnigford of IFAI acted as General Secretary for the Conference. Apart from the obvious immediate technical benefits, Geosynthetics '89 was successful in increasing the IGS membership by about 300 members.

The conference proceedings are available from IFAI, 345 Cedar Building, Suite 450, St. Paul, MN 55101, U.S.A. for US \$55 plus postage. 1st Congress 'Kunststoffe in der Geotechnik' (K-GEO 88) Revisited

by Professor R. Floss

The last issue of IGS News contained a brief report on the 1st Congress "Kunststoffe in der Geotechnik", organized under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr.-Ing. Rudolf Floss of the Institute for Foundation Engineering, Soil and Rock Mechanics of the Technical University Munich, Germany, which was held on 29-30 September 1988 in Hamburg, Germany. The congress was sponsored by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Erdund Grundbau (DGEG) of Germany, along with Österreichischer Ingenieur- und Architektenverein (ÖIAV) of Austria and Schweizerische Verband der Geotextilfachleute (SVG) of Switzerland. As indicated in the previous report, the congress was intended to provide an opportunity for an exchange of ideas and experience between engineers and the production industry in German-speaking countries. The objective of this present article is to provide additional information concerning the topics discussed in the four sessions of the congress.

The first session of the congress concerned filtration, drainage and separation with geotextiles in highway and hydraulic engineering. This session covered new ways of dimensioning and testing for geotextiles used in these applications. The main aim was to consider the influence of clogging by soil particles as a result of hydraulic and dynamic processes, as well as the effect of deformation on the mechanical and hydraulic functions of geotextiles.

The second session examined the effect of aging of geotextiles and stability problems concerning projects in which geotextile reinforcing is used. The papers covered the subject of estimating and predicting the long-term mechanical behaviour on the basis of physico-chemical changes. In addition, the results of model and large size investigations on samples reinforced with geotextiles were presented and examples of usage in highways, dams, fills, retaining walls and foundations were given. The results presented indicated the need for future research which would allow differences between the calculated and measured load carrying capacity of a project to be eliminated.

The third session was on the usage of geotextiles for special purposes and covered a wide range of applications. The numerous developments included a new type of waterproof and drainage element in the form of a composite-geotextile as well as new methods of construction for coastal areas. The developments also extended to the use of geotextiles in the form of asphalt reinforcement and composite fabrics for earth anchors.

The last session concerned the environmental problem of waste disposal and water reservoirs. The experience gained from actual cases of waterproofing with geomembranes was reported. The primary questions raised concerned the mechanical behaviour under loading and the expected factor of safety. The related requirements for the development of testing methods were pointed out. Finally, the use of geosynthetics as drainage systems and as mechanical protection for geomembranes in the case of surface and base sealing systems was presented.

The presence of more than 300 participants underlines the need for congresses such as this. The Schweizerische Verband der Geotextilfachleute will host the 2nd Congress "Kunststoffe in der Geotechnik" (K-GEO 92) in Switzerland.

The proceedings of K-GEO 88 are available from:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Erd- und Grundbau e.V. Hohenzollernstrasse 52 D 4300 Essen, Telefax (0201) 78 27 43

The price of the Proceedings is DM 105 for individuals and DM 80 for members of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Erd- und Grundbau, e.V.

Symposium on the Microstructure and of Geosynthetics

by Dr. lan Peggs

Ninety-four people from as far afield as China, Poland and South Africa attended the Symposium on the Microstructure and Performance of Geosynthetics which was held in Orlando, Florida, U.S.A. on 27 January 1989. The Symposium was organized in conjunction with the meetings of ASTM (the American Society for Testing and Materials) Committee D35 on Geosynthetics and International Organization for Standardization Subcommittee on Geotextiles (ISO/TC38/SC21). The symposium was sponsored by ASTM's Geosynthetics Committee and was chaired by Dr. Ian D. Peggs of GeoSyntec, Inc.

Twelve papers were presented. They were evenly split between those which considered microstructure as related to the polymeric material itself and those which considered the voids within geotextiles to be the geosynthetic microstructure. Interesting comparisons could be made between the different methods used by different researchers to assess geosynthetic performance, and the nuances of similar methods used to assess the same (e.g. filtration) performance characteristics.

The keynote paper, presented by Dr. J. Daniel of Reemay Inc., raised the question "Is Microstructure Important to the Performance of Geosynthetics?" Depending upon one's interpretation of the word "microstructure" the answer expressed through the subsequent presentations appeared to be "Yes!" Three papers discussed thermal analytical techniques to investigate geosynthetic durability, and three discussed electron and light microscope techniques to examine crosssections and fracture faces. Four presentations related microscopy and related imaging techniques to the determination of geotextile pore structure. One especially interesting paper examined the effect of freezing on the surfaces of geotextile fibers. All these factors were tied together by a presentation requesting that they all be carefully considered in an attempt to reliably project the service lives of the geosynthetic lining systems of hazardous waste landfills.

The proceedings of the symposium will be available as an ASTM Special Technical Publication (STP) later in the year.

First Indian Geotextiles Conference

The First Indian Geotextiles Conference was held in Bombay, India on December 8-9, 1988. Organized under the auspices of the International Geotextile Society (IGS) and the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering (ISSMFE), the conference was attended by nearly 300 delegates from 12 countries. Prof. B. Nag, Director, IIT., Bombay opened the conference and Prof. D.N. Buragohain, Head, Civil Engineering Department welcomed the delegates. Dr. J-P Giroud brought greetings on behalf of the IGS.

The exhibition of geotextiles, geojute and related products involved a total of 8 booths from different countries. The exhibition was open to the public throughout the conference and a large number of attendees took the opportunity to view the range of products displayed by the manufacturers.

A special lecture on geotextile filters and a State-of-the-Art report on geosynthetics were delivered by Dr. J-P Giroud on the first and second days of the conference respectively.

A total of 61 papers were presented and discussed at the various technical sessions. The session topics were chosen to be relevant to the current areas of geotextile usage in the world and comprised: properties and laboratory evaluation, ground restrainment/stabilization, reinforced soil, slope protection/erosion control, drainage and filters, special applications or problems, and a special session on geojute. The conference provided plenty of scope for interaction between the delegates both during the very lively technical sessions and the social occasions.



From left: Dr. J-P Giroud, the President, IGS (addressing the delegates at the First Indian Geotextile Conference), Mr. B.M. Nagporewalla, Mrs. A. Lall, Dr. J.N. Mandal, Prof. B. Nag, Dr. R.K. Katti, Mr. K.R. Datye, Prof. D.N. Buragohain.

Another highlight of the conference was a general assembly meeting for the formation of an Indian Chapter of the International Geotextile Society.

The First Indian Geotextiles Conference proved to be a great success and the organizers are to be congratulated on a job well done.

> (Reported by Dr. J.N. Mandal Organizing Secretary)

Activities of the Japanese Chapter of the IGS

The Japanese Chapter (JCIGS) organized a seminar which was held at the Japan Press Center Hall on Tuesday, 11 October 1988. The lectures were: "Design of Retaining Structures" by Dr. E. Leflaive (France); "Reinforced Embankments Constructed on Soft Soils" by Dr. R.K. Rowe (Canada); "Protection of Waterway Banks and Slopes" by Prof. R. Floss (West Germany); "Leakage Control Design for Lining Systems" by Dr. J-P Giroud (U.S.A.); "Geomembrane Testing" by Prof. J.M. Rigo (Belgium).

The seminar was attended by approximately 150 people including Dr. J-P Giroud, president of the IGS, Mr. Massenaux, secretary, many council members, foreign scholars who had taken part in IS Kyushu, Japanese IGS members, and researchers. Following the technical presentations, the election of Prof. Masami Fukuoka as an honorary member of the IGS was announced.

A very successful get-together, attended by the lecturers, council members and the JCIGS members, was held following the seminar.

A dinner party, attended by IGS council members and JCIGS corporate members, was held at Gakushi-Kaiken Hall.

On 12 October 1988, the IGS council members visited Kuriyama Dam of the Tokyo Electric Power Company and Nikko National Park (Toshogu Shrine) (see IGS News, Vol. 4, No. 3). The Japanese Chapter held the 3rd Japanese Geotextile Symposium on 2 December 1988 at Hatsumei-Kaikan, Tokyo. Approximately 120 individuals attended to hear the presentation of 19 papers and one committee report on the classification and application of existing geotextiles. The paper topics included: reinforced retaining walls; reinforced steep and high embankments; mechanical behaviour of soil reinforced by continuous threads; dynamic behaviour of a reinforced embankment; strength and permeability of sand mixed with synthetic fibers and cement; field measurements on drainage due to a geotextile.

At the General Assembly of the Japanese Chapter it was reported that there are 108 individual members and 8 corporate members. The members of the Chapter Council are: Chairman M. Fukuoka; Advisors S. Tanaka and T. Yamanouchi; Secretary K. Iwasaki; Treasurer F. Umebayashi; Auditors S. Yamato and Y. Watari; Members T. Akagi, H. Abe, K. Kutara, K. Kumagai, K. Nakamura, Y. Nagano, S. Horiya, K. Makiuchi, S. Nishibayashi. Ohbayashi Co. is a new corporate member.

The next Japanese Symposium on Geotextiles will be held on 2 December 1989. Seminars on geotextiles will also be held in Tokyo and Osaka between 28-30 November 1989.

The ordinary General Meeting will be held in January 1990.

(Reported by M. Fukuoka and K. Iwasaki)

North American Geosynthetics Society

The North American Geosynthetics Society, NAGS, held its General Assembly as part of Geosynthetics '89 (see separate article) in San Diego, California, U.S.A. on 22 February 1989. The Society, which is the North American Chapter of the IGS, has grown rapidly over the past two years and has now over two hundred members. Mr. Joe Fluet handed over the Presidency of the Society to Prof. Bob Koerner. The executive of the Society for the next two years will consist of

Professor R. (Bob) Koerner Professor R. (Bob) Holtz	- President - President Flect
Mr. R. (Bob) Carrol	- Executive Vice President
Dr. Inv. Booch	Vice President
DI. Jay Beech	- Vice President
Professor R. Kerry Rowe	- Vice President
Mr. John Paulson	- Treasurer
Mr. Joe Fluet	- Past President

The Society is planning a series of regional meetings to deal with the use of geosynthetics in waste applications. Tentative plans are for six of these local meetings to be held in 1990 at the following locations: Seattle, Edmonton, Toronto, Montreal, Boston and Milwaukee.

The North American Society is planning to establish "Awards of Excellence" to recognize achievement in the field

German Section "Synthetics in Geotechnics"

In September 1988 the German Society of Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering established a section "Kunststoffe in der Geotechnik", under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. -Ing. Rudolf Floss of the Institute for Foundation Engineering, Soil and Rock Mechanics of the Technical University at Munich.

With this, the German Society institutionalizes a new field of activity, the importance of which has grown remarkably in numerous aspects of soil mechanics and foundation engineering, construction of traffic ways, environmental protection, waste disposal engineering and more. The scope of the Section will cover geotextiles, geomembranes, joint sealings, synthetic reinforcing elements and other geotechnical synthetic products.

It will be the aim of the new section to promote cooperation and communication between owners, specifiers, contractors, engineers, manufacturers and other users of synthetic products, including the collection and distribution of the results of scientific research.

News of Members

Milligan Awarded Engineering Honor

The Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, Canada, has awarded Victor Milligan the 1988 Engineering Medal for Engineering Excellence. Milligan, a professional engineer and senior principal of Golder Associates of Mississauga, Ontario, received his medal November 5 at an awards ceremony in Toronto in recognition of his contributions in the geotechnical engineering area.

Milligan has helped design containment for waste dumps and environmentally hazardous mine tailings. He has worked across North and South America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Hong Kong and Australia. of geosynthetics by members of NAGS. The NAGS awards are intended to complement the awards system which has recently been established by the IGS. The NAGS awards will be presented bi-annually at the NAGS regional conference and the first presentations will be made in 1991. A committee to formulate draft policies and procedures has been established under the chairmanship of Mr. Bob Carrol of the Tensar Corporation. It has been announced that the Tensar Corporation and Gundle Linings will donate funds to initiate and maintain the award. Other corporations have also been invited to contribute.

Other activities planned by NAGS include encouraging university student interest in geosynthetics by means of lectures and field trips organized by NAGS members and the provision of the Geotechnical Fabrics Report to full-time undergraduate or graduate students at a nominal cost. NAGS members interested in these activities should contact Professor Kerry Rowe of the Faculty of Engineering Science, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada N6A 5B9.

The next regional conference of NAGS will be held in 1991. Dr. Jay Beech of GeoServices is chairing a committee set up to identify a suitable time and location.

The first activity of this new Section in 1988 was the First Kongress ''Kunststoffe in der Geotechnik'' (K-GEO 88) on September 29 and 30 at Hamburg. Membership in this Special Section is open to all interested specialists in Germany and abroad.

For further information regarding the Section call:

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Rollin elected Chairman of ISO Subcommittee on Geotextiles and Geotextile Related Products

Dr. André Rollin of École Polytechnique, Montreal, Canada, was unanimously elected chairman of the International Organization for Standardization's Subcommittee on Geotextiles and Geotextile Related Products (ISO/TC38/SC21) at the meeting held in Orlando, Florida, in January 1989. The British Standards Institution acted as secretariat for the subcommittee meeting which was attended by thirty-five delegates from twelve countries. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in The Hague, The Netherlands on 23-25 May 1990.

Call for Papers: 4th International Conference on Geotextiles and Geomembranes

The organizers of the 4th International Conference on Geotextiles, Geomembranes and Related Products (to be held in The Hague 27 May - 1 June 1990) have issued a call for the submission of Abstracts of original contributions. A total of 10,000 copies of the bulletin were mailed and by February 15 more than 200 people from 36 countries had requested one or more abstract forms. To date, the most popular conference theme is soil reinforcement (mentioned in 25% of the replies).

There is still time for you to submit an abstract! Abstracts should be typed on a special Abstract Reproduction Form which will be sent by the Conference Secretariat on request. Abstracts should be received by the Secretariat before 15 May 1989.

Potential authors are reminded that they should indicate the relevant Conference theme and that **only abstracts in English** will be considered.

All abstracts will be reviewed and evaluated by two members of the Scientific Committee.

The Paper Selection Committee will select 90 papers for presentation in one of the parallel sessions, 40 for presentation in poster session; 180 selected abstracts will be published as such in Vol. 1 of the Proceedings. All authors will be notified of the decision of the Paper Selection Committee before October 1989.

The full paper of each accepted abstract should reach the Secretariat before 15 March 1990. The subject matter of the full paper should be identical with the subject matter of the accepted abstract and of the relevant presentation at the Conference.

English will be the official language for the Conference. However, there will be simultaneous translation from and into English, French and German.

The next issue of IGS News will provide details concerning the abstracts submitted, the keynote speakers and the Conference schedule. Any questions concerning the Conference and requests for abstract reproduction forms should be directed to:

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CORPORATE PROFILES

As indicated in IGS News, Vol. 4, No. 2, the IGS Council has decided that in each issue of the IGS News three Corporate Members will be allocated space to allow them to introduce their company or association and present their achievements. The criteria for selection of corporate profiles is described in IGS News, Vol. 4, No. 2, p. 7. There is no charge for having a Corporate Profile published; it is a benefit of membership.

Fibertex Aps

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Fibertex Aps is a fully owned subsidiary of the Danish East Asiatic Company. It was founded in 1968 and established in the northern part of Jutland in the surroundings of the town Aalborg.

While Fibertex Aps may be a rather small company from an international point of view, this is compensated for by being highly specialized and by utilizing very modern production equipment run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 48 weeks a year.

About 90 percent of the production is exported, originally mostly in Europe, but now to many other parts of the world.

For the many staff members who have been participating since the start of the company, the past twenty years have represented a period of continuous expansion. On the occasion of our 20th anniversary, Fibertex Aps announced a 50 percent increase in production capacity over the following 18 months through an investment of DKK 120 Million. From the very beginning Fibertex Aps has been deeply involved in the development of geotextiles and in the study and promotion of the technology for using them.

The products in the Fibertex Aps range are nonwovens and the main raw material is polypropylene. The production method has been developed and refined with the aim of being as flexible as possible. Products may be adapted to each specific end-use by adjusting the mix of fibers, degree of prestress, and the wide range of needle-punching controls.

The Fibertex *Elephant* Geotextile range covers all the typical nonwoven applications: stabilization by separation, drainage system protection, erosion protection and prevention of reflective cracking in asphalt layers. In addition, these materials are used for membrane protection, membrane creation by bitumen impregnation, for an underlay in concrete casting and for the lining of concrete formwork.

Don and Low Limited (Geotextiles) by Mr. John King St. James Rd., UK-Forfar, Angus DD8 2AL United Kingdom

Don and Low Limited produce an extensive range of woven polypropylene geotextile products sold under the tradenames Lotrak and Trammel.

Based in the traditional centre of the Scottish weaving industry in Forfar, Angus, Don and Low Limited traces its history to the late 18th century. Geotextile manufacture began in 1974 and has developed rapidly in parallel with the company's other polypropylene weaving activities.

The Geotextile Division is staffed by experienced technical and commercial personnel who provide a service to designers, specifiers and end-users of geotextile products. This level of service has proven to be of great advantage to the construction industry and has assisted in gaining acceptance of geotextile products in the marketplace.

The Lotrak woven polypropylene geotextiles have masses per unit area ranging from 90 g/m² to 1200 g/m² and tensile strengths ranging from 9 kN/m to over 300 kN/m.

In addition to plain woven geotextiles, Don and Low Limited also produce composite geotextiles which are manufactured by needle-punching staple fiber onto woven polypropylene base fabrics.

The company's Trammel fin drain system has been in use since 1976 and has been incorporated in many civil engineering projects within the United Kingdom and abroad.

Don and Low's geotextile products have been used in a number of important contracts including the Royal Navy base at Rosyth, RAF Alconbury, RAF Leeming, RAF Sculthorpe and other military establishments.

Important civilian contracts have included the A17 Long Sutton Bypass in Lincolnshire, where 135 000 m² of Lotrak 35/30 was used to resolve particular problems related to construction in the area. Other projects include the Nissan factory at Sunderland, British Nuclear Fuels Sellafield, Sizewell "B" Power Station and Stansted Airport.

Over the past few years, Don and Low have also received international recognition and success with sales to Scandinavian countries, The Netherlands, the Middle East and also



Lotrak 1 - Lotrak 35/30 used in separator and reinforcement application. A17 Long Sutton Bypass, England.

the Falklands. They have achieved their reputation by providing customers with high quality products at a cost effective price and with comprehensive service including full technical support.

Recent multi-million investment in new technology and quality will enable them to fully support this commitment to current and new customers worldwide.

Future developments include the introduction of various new distributorships in countries including Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Spain, Portugal, West Germany, Switzerland, Austria and various African countries.

Seminars on the use of geotextiles are frequently given to various local and national government authorities and an ongoing programme of training for Don and Low staff and distributors is maintained.

The company is involved in a number of geotextile research programmes with the Construction Industry Research and Information Association and various United Kingdom universities.

Don and Low Limited were the first U.K. corporate member of IGS and have supported international activities and actively encouraged the formation and development of the U.K. Chapter.

Report on the Activities of the U.K. Section of the IGS

The Meetings Programme initiated by the U.K. Section has been extremely successful so far. More than forty people attended a meeting held in Bristol, 6 December 1988, on the subject of 'Fin Drains''. A meeting was held at the Institution of Civil Engineers in London on 16 February 1989, where the topic was ''The Use of Geotextiles in Temporary Works''. There will also be a meeting in Glasgow on 19 April 1989 where the subject will be ''The Use of Geotextiles in Relation to Problems Involving Mining Subsidence''. The Section is trying to start a collection of examples of geotextile usage in the U.K. It is hoped that something will be ready for publication early next year, but as yet the response has been limited. Members are encouraged to provide input to the Chairman.

(Reported by Mr. P. Rankilor Chairman, U.K. Section)

Asahi Chemical Industry Co. Ltd.

by Mr. Sinichi Yamato

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Throughout the more than 50 years since its founding, the Asahi Chemical Industry Co. Ltd. has expanded its operations from the supply of raw materials to the development of finished products. Asahi Chemical makes full utilization of by-products and derivatives, based on the latest technology and development. Full self-sufficiency in basic production materials was established in the early 1970s, with the completion of the Mizushima petrochemical complex in Okayama Prefecture. The corporate base was further strengthened in 1982 with the absorption of Asahi-Dow Limited which had a strong complementary position in resins and plastics.

Today Asahi Chemical continues its growth with comprehensive operations and products which have become an integral part of everyday life, including synthetic fibers, industrial chemicals and petrochemicals, plastics and rubber, food products, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, construction materials and housing, and has expanded into new, high growth areas such as biotechnology and electronics.

Over the past fiscal year, Asahi Chemical's sales increased by 5.2 percent or 47, 451 million yen (US \$380 million) over the previous year, to 951,988 million yen (US \$7,616 million) with a profit of 24,418 million yen (US \$195 million). New sales of the fibers and textiles division were about US \$2,000 million.



Asahi Chemical Industry Co. Ltd. is now producing and marketing various geotextile products through both the fibers and textiles division and the construction materials division. One of these geotextiles, Fabriform, is applied for slope protection. Another special geotextile developed recently is TenacSD. This is a super-drawn material made of polyacetal, which has a diameter in the range of 0.5-2.0 mm O.D. TenacSD has the advantage of high tensile strength (greater than that of piano wire) combined with the capability of bending and folding like mild steel. A new application for geotextiles is the "City Guy" method for constructing small piles used in restricted areas (see photograph). This method is characterized by having a woven geosynthetic bulb at the tip of the pile. After placing the pile, this bulb is expanded by a cement grout thereby increasing the bearing capacity.

Asahi Chemical is active in the Japanese Chapter of the IGS and Mr. S. Yamato is on the council of the Japanese Chapter.



Fully automatic piling system "City Guy" for use in confined inner-city areas. Photo shows expanded pile base formed using a geotextile (see text).

New Corporate Member of IGS

The IGS News begins a new tradition with this issue: effective immediately, we will welcome new Corporate Members of the IGS in the issue of the IGS News after they become a Corporate Member. Thus, it is with pleasure that we welcome Texsol, a French Company, as a new Corporate Member.

Texsol develops and markets a patented material and technique based on the in situ mixing of continuous synthetic fiber and granular soil. This new composite material has high cohesion and fairly high deformability. The Texsol material has a wide variety of applications: mainly slope protection and retaining structures, but also foundation layers under railroads and roads, protection against erosion, shock resistant structures, foundation layer on soft soil, etc. Texsol has now been used in more than 100 structures in France. There are current licensees in Japan, The Netherlands, Malaysia, Australia and soon in West Germany, the U.K. and the U.S.A.

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Please take a few minutes now to provide the information requested below and mail to Professor Ara Arman. Chairman of the IGS Committee on Research. If you know of others who may not be receiving IGS News but are performing research in geosynthetics, please either send their name and

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