## **GEOSYNTHETICS**

# \*\*TENCATE Mirafi®

**Engineered Structures** 

Retaining Walls Steepened Slopes Embankments Pond Capping





## **Did You Know?**

Miramesh® GR is the only small aperture secondary reinforcment with a typical UV resistance of 100% at 500 hours and 97% at 2000 hrs.



Cherry Island Landfill is one of the largest vertical expansion berms in North America, measuring over 65' tall and almost a mile long. The reinforced berm utilizes high-strength geotextile material with a tensile strength of over 80,000 lb/ft.

The geosynthetic reinforced buttress to repair the 17 acre landslide at Trump National Golf Course in Los Angeles County, is the tallest geosynthetic reinforced wall structure, measuring over 110' tall.



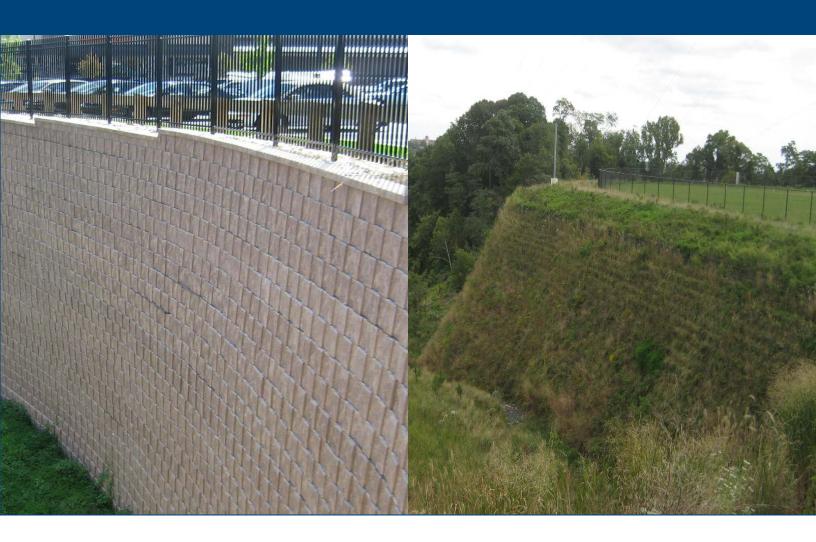


Soil reinforcement applications have specific needs and objectives. No one understands that better than TenCate Geosynthetics.

Developed to increase performance, reduce costs, and enable engineers to achieve what was once unachievable, TenCate Geosynthetics addresses the demands of both large-scale commercial sites as well as smaller residential projects. Our high strength geotextiles and geogrids are solutions to such problems as soft ground construction, maximizing useable land for site development, vertical grade separation, and soil structures.

Through engineering and research that spans more than 50 years, TenCate Geosynthetics continues to lead the way in geosynthetic system solutions for reinforced engineered structures. Using our deep knowledge of materials and production methods, combined with a resourceful, hands-on approach, TenCate Geosynthetics delivers materials that make a tangible difference in our customer's businesses. Our products enable retaining walls, reinforced soil slopes, embankments, and pond enclosures to be constructed cost-effectively and quickly.

Regardless of the project type, the soil being reinforced, or the design life of the structure, TenCate delivers the materials that solve your construction challenges.



## **TenCate Geosynthetics Engineered Structures**













TenCate Mirafi® geosynthetics (i.e., geogrids and geotextiles) MSE system solutions cost significantly less than conventional structures, and the rapid, simple installation process greatly shortens construction schedules. Their flexibility allows them to be used in both large industrial and small residential applications, with a proven performance in walls, slopes, and embankments.

We use our extensive knowledge of geosynthetics and MSE system solutions to make a difference in your business. How? By creating materials that allow your MSE systems to be constructed more efficiently and effectively.

			Miragrid® XT Geogrids	Mirafi <sup>®</sup> PET-Series	Miramesh®	Mirafi® CR-Series	Mirafi <sup>®</sup> TM-Series	Functions
		Block Face Retaining Walls	<b>✓</b>					SOIL REINFORCEMENT
		Green Face Retaining Walls	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>			SOIL EROSION PROTECTION
	7	Temporary Retaining Walls	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>			SOIL EROSION PROTECTION
		Reinforced Soil Slopes	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	SOIL EROSION PROTECTION
		Embankments on Soft Ground		*				SOIL SEPARATION
A STATE OF		Pile Supported Embankments		<b>✓</b>				REINFORCEMENT SEPARATION
		Sludge Pond Caps		<b>\</b> *		<b>√</b>		REINFORCEMENT SEPARATION FILTRATION

<sup>\*</sup> In some cases, Mirafi® HP-Series or RS-Series geotextiles are used in these applications. Talk to your local TenCate Geosynthetics technical representative

## **Retaining Walls**

Segmental, Wrapped Faced, Temporary Retaining Walls

Geosynthetic reinforced retaining walls have a slope angle that is typically greater than or equal to 70 degrees and includes multiple horizontal layers of geosynthetics, that act as reinforcements for the soil used as infill materials.

### Advantages of TenCate Retaining Wall Solutions vs. Traditional Retaining Structures:

- Construction
  - Minimum excavation needed behind exposed face
  - Native backfill used (including non-plastic fines)
  - Drainage provided with geotextiles
  - Skilled labor requirements reduced
- Performance
  - Long track record of superior performance

- Durability
  - Manufactured to create a
- Aesthetics
  - and styles, including vegetated
- - Lowest cost retaining system available

- long-lasting system
- - Variety of colors, shapes, or synthetic grass

# **Functions**

Temporary Geosynthetic Wall

Segmental Retaining Wall

Green Face Wall



### TenCate Mirafi® geosynthetics solve permanent and temporary retaining wall strength, stability, and face exposure challenges.

- Retaining walls constructed with geosynthetics maintain tensile strength in the backfill area, which takes pressure off the wall face and allows for more options in the wall facing.
- Wrapped faced walls made with Mirafi<sup>®</sup> geosynthetics offer a suitable green solution by using natural vegetation at the face.
- Miramesh® geotextiles have a high UV package that offers a permanent solution to wrap face retaining walls.
- Temporary walls reinforced with Mirafi® geosynthetics are a valuable tool for construction sites that need to divert traffic or water flow while maintaining the existing surroundings.



## **Case Study**

application location products Geogrid Reinforcement Fredericksburg, VA, USA Miragrid® XT Geogrids

### **Reinforced Soil Slopes**

Vegetated, Wrapped Faced

As with retaining walls, the reinforced soil slope (RSS) utilizes multiple horizontal layers of geosynthetics that act as reinforcements for the soil used to construct the slope. Utilizing geosynthetic reinforcement allows engineers to design steeper slopes with a suitable factor of safety. By definition, the RSS has a slope angle that is typically less than 70 degrees.

### Advantages of TenCate RSS Solutions vs. Traditional Retaining Structures:

### Construction

- Maximization of limited right-of-way sites
- Lower site-development costs
- Reduced construction timelines

#### **Performance**

- Ability to increase slope angles
- Minimization of land acquisition costs and maximization of useable land space
- Cost effective alternative to traditional retaining walls

### **Aesthetics**

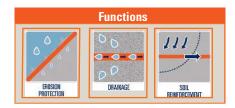
- Pleasing appearance with a "green structure"
- Environmentally friendly vegetated surfaces

TenCate Mirafi® geosynthetics provide tensile strength and stability, thereby allowing the construction of steep reinforced slopes within limited property line boundaries. Moreover, our materials enable slopes to be constructed to any height at any slope angle. By permitting the slopes to be vegetated or covered by another facing material, Mirafi® geosynthetics also factor in safety by preventing sliding, rotation, and erosion.

At TenCate Geosynthetics, we take a handson, active approach to every challenge. The key component with RSS is engineering, and TenCate understands that better than anyone. Our experts see the demands faced by our customers and go above and beyond what is expected to deliver the best solutions possible. In fact, our expertise is a resource for our entire value chain.











## Case Study

application location

products

Slope Reinforcement Wilmington, DE USA

Miramesh® GR, Miragrid® 20XT,

Mirafi® PET1170

### **Reinforced Embankments**

### **Embankments on Soft Ground**

Reinforced embankments on soft ground utilize very high strength polyester geotextiles to provide bearing stability to soil embankments.

# Reinforced Embankment

### **Advantages of TenCate Reinforced Embankment Solutions:**

### Construction

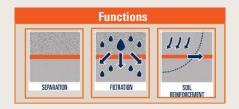
- Higher embankments and steeper side slopes permitted
- · Working platforms created
- Faster construction time
- More economical than other ground improvement options

#### **Performance**

- Reduction of construction time and required space
- Improved short and long-term embankment stability
- Promotion of more uniform settlement

Building embankments on weak foundations can be a construction challenge. Long-term effects of settlement and bearing instability can put surface improvements at risk. However, TenCate Geosynthetics can not only provide long-term stability, they can eliminate the need for costly over excavation, or other ground improvement options.

Depending on the project specifications, Mirafi® geotextiles can be used directly on the soft foundation, over prefabricated vertical drains (PVD's) or over drainage material prior to the placement of the embankment fill. The fill material can then be added. Consequently, the low shear strength of the foundation material is reinforced and the subgrade is kept separated from the structural fill. When used in this manner, TenCate geosynthetics offer stability and limit differential settlement—just two of the measurable benefits our materials bring to our customers.









### **Case Study**

application location products Embankment on Weak Subgrade Timmins, Ontario, Canada Mirafi® PET 600/100

## Load Transfer Platform for Pile Supported Embankments

Pile Supported Embankments

Constructing an embankment on soft ground adjacent to a rigid structure (i.e. bridge or existing embankment) can create significant problems due to differential settlement. In cases where settlement is not acceptable, pile supported embankments are often used. In a soil embankment application, transfering the embankment load to the piles is critical to performance. High strength geosynthetics provide a cost effective solution to transfer the load.

### **Advantages of TenCate Pile Supported Embankments:**

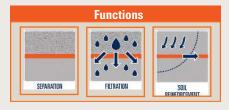
### Construction

- Reduces cost by reducing size of pile caps
- Reduces cost by increasing pile spacing, thus reducing total length of installed piles
- Faster construction time due to fewer piles to install
- · Raker piles are not needed

### **Performance**

- Improved long-term stability
- Reduction or elimination of settlement
- Increased overall stability







TenCate Mirafi® geosynthetics solve the challenges of constructing embankments on soft ground. Research has shown that utilizing a single layer of high strength reinforcement is more effective than using multiple layers of lower strength reinforcement because the strain cannot be uniformly distributed across multiple layers. The lower layers can be overstressed before the upper layer strengths are mobilized.



## **Sludge Pond Capping**

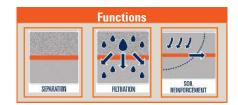
### Reinforced Pond Covers

When needing to provide a safe, cost effective method of capping and stabilizing sludge ponds, cells and lagoons, TenCate Geosynthetics has the solution. Facilitate the site closure by employing Mirafi® CR-Series geotextiles to stabilize the soft cell contents and create a working platform for select fill placement. Mirafi® CR-Series provide high tensile strengths at low strain and high efficiency seam strengths to support fill placement over very low shear strength materials, as well as durability to survive severe installation stresses.

### **Advantages of Sludge Pond Capping:**

### Construction

- Minimizes construction time and cost by eliminating the need for excavation or chemical stabilization of the weak cell contents.
- Allows the removal of surface water by filtering or retaining the fine sludge particles of the low shear strength material.
- Provides critical separation between subgrade and select fill.
- High seam strengths allow faster deployment of the geotextile and facilitates safe placement of select fill.







## **Did You Know?**

TenCate Geosynthetics manufactures geotextiles that are stronger than geogrid. TenCate Geosynthetics (PET) geotextiles have tensile strengths up to 1,600 kN/m (110,000 lb/ft).





TenCate Miramesh® geogrids provide some of the highest UV durability reinforcement available, allowing for permanent green face walls and slopes.

TenCate Miragrid® geogrid identifies the style name and tensile strength direction right on the geogrid. This makes for easy identification in the field.





TenCate Geosynthetics in-house laboratories are accredited by GAI-LAP. The on-site laboratories allow for a rigorous Quality Control (QC) program.

All TenCate Miragrid® XT geogrids are made in the USA. All are manufactured at the TenCate facility in Cornelia, GA.



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TenCate develops and produces materials that increase performance, reduce costs and enable people to achieve what was once unachievable. Our goal is to contribute significantly to progress in the industries in which we work.



Miragrid® XT High strength reinforcement geogrid comprised of high tenacity polyester fibers coated with a polymer coating.



Miramesh® GR Biaxial reinforcement geosynthetic comprised of green polypropylene fibers.



Mirafi® CR-Series High performance reinforcement geotextile comprised of polypropylene fibers.



Mirafi® PET High strength reinforcement geotextile comprised of high tenacity polyester fibers.

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