



TenCate Mirafi® Geosynthetics in action.

## Underground Expert Corner

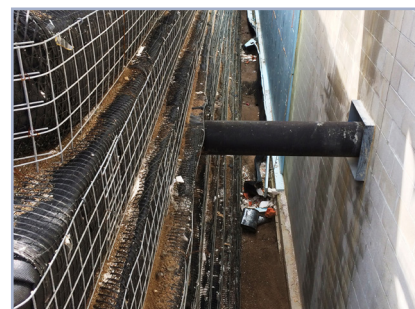
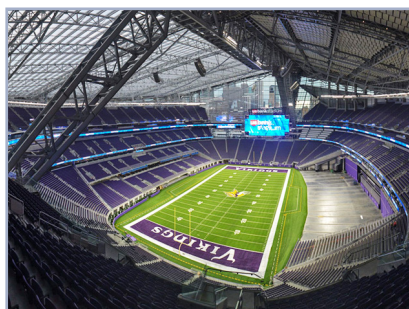
Geo the Gopher enjoyed the VIP treatment at TenCate's Red Carpet event during GeoAmericas 2016. Geo had the honor of being photographed with many industry personalities from the geosynthetic industries. Below are a few he'd like to share.



[See more of Geo the Gopher's Photos](#)

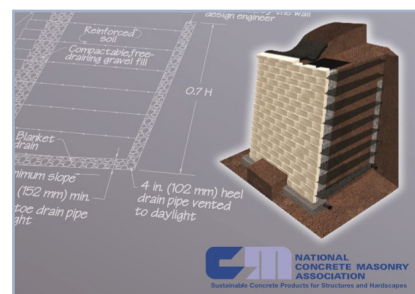
## Engineered Structures: Vikings Stadium Scores with Miragrid®

TenCate Miragrid® stress relief wall saved an impressive \$5.5 million in construction costs and reduced construction time for the new Minnesota Vikings Stadium. The innovative structure, designed by Gale-Tec Engineering, was constructed using Miragrid® geogrid primary reinforcement, which was spaced at 18 inches vertically. The final structure reached 40 ft. (12 m) tall and spanned over 700 ft. (215 m) long.



## Engineered Structures: NCMA Releases New *SRW Best Practices Manual*

The National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA) has published the *SRW Best Practices Manual for the Specification, Design, Construction and Inspection of SRW Systems* in order to further the Zero Failures initiative. The manual provides excellent guidelines for implementing best practices for SRW systems for designers, installers, and inspectors. Highlights from *Section 2.2 Geosynthetic Reinforcement* of the manual including using ONLY NTPEP REGE0 evaluated geogrid for SRW projects and review product certification from the actual manufacturer of the geosynthetic reinforcement.



[Download the SRW Best Practice Guide here.](#)

[Download the Current NTPEP REGE0 reports here.](#)





## The Energy Update

MIRAFI® RSi GEOSYNTHETICS  
TO THE RESCUE ONCE AGAIN!

After many failed attempts to stabilize soft soils for the construction of access roads on a large wind energy project through the use of uniquely-shaped extruded geogrids, the owner, contractor, and consultant for the project called on TenCate for a solution. We were happy to provide a successful design by utilizing Mirafi® RS380i and RS580i.



## TenCate Lobbying Efforts Lead to Change

TenCate continues to monitor and advocate for actions on Capitol Hill that invest in the country's critical infrastructure. This past December, Congress passed a multi-year highway bill (The FAST Act) for the first time in a decade. The FAST Act is a five year, \$305 million bill that allows for

states and municipalities across the country to proceed with critical infrastructure repair and construction projects. Congress is also considering infrastructure investment legislation for airports and waterways.

## Congratulations, John Folts, Region 1 Governor-Elect



The 2016 national election for the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) concluded on Wednesday, June 1, with an exciting win for one of our EMB's. John C. Folts, P.E., M.ASCE was elected Region 1 Governor for ASCE for the

2016-2019 term. We congratulate John and wish him success as Region Governor-Elect. Full election results may be found on the Society's web page, ASCE Smart-Brief, and in ASCE News.

## TenCate Welcomes a New Face



◀ **Joe Friederichs, PE**, has joined TenCate Geosynthetics Americas as Technical Manager – Engineered Structures. Joe will be responsible for managing and promoting all technical and engineering aspects of

the wall, slope and embankment market relating to Miragrid® XT, PET-Series and Miramesh® products in North America. Joe resides in Lakeville, MN and brings over 20 years of geotechnical design and technical experience in the segmental retaining wall and geosynthetic reinforcement industry to TenCate.

## TenCate Promotions



◀ **Lee Bryan** has been appointed as Global Director of Product Supply for TenCate Geosynthetics. In this role, Lee will oversee all purchasing and production activities in addition to other

important value creation opportunities. Lee will put his initial focus on the EMEA region where he will join the European Management Team (EMT) while also assessing and recommending the future product supply structure for TenCate Geosynthetics EMEA. Lee is in his 10th year with TenCate Geosynthetics, serving since 2009 as President of TenCate Geosynthetics Americas.



◀ **John Henderson** has been appointed as President of TenCate Geosynthetics Americas. John will continue to provide oversight for our global Water & Environment activities while we prepare

the structure for the next phase of acceleration. John is in his 20th year with TenCate Geosynthetics, serving most recently as Global Director of Water & Environment and Global Marketing Director.