May 9, 2006

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SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR FILTREXX EDGESAVER AND FILTREXX LIVING WALL TO NEW PRODUCT EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Dear Mr. Marks:

The Geotechnical Engineering Bureau, along with the Landscape Architecture Group, has reviewed the New Product Evaluation Application for the above listed products on behalf of the New Products Evaluation Committee (NPEC). Based on this review, the NPEC offers the following:

Filtrexx EdgeSaver
We have found the product acceptable for use on New York State Department of Transportation projects as a substitution under the following special specification:
Item 616.16----24: Fiber Rolls.

The Material Requirements for Fiber Rolls state “The fiber roll shall be the size and type specified elsewhere in the contract documents. The following minimum performance requirements shall be met as verified by the manufacturer’s written certification:
- sediment retention capacity of 40 kg/m under a minimum of three simulated 10 year predicted storm events on a 3:1 slope with clayey sand soil.
- soil loss effectiveness shall not be less than 50% (minimum sediment yield reduction value) under the simulated rainfall event specified above.
- The maximum destabilizing moisture content of the fiber rolls shall not exceed 10% under the simulated rainfall event described above.”
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Filtrex Living Wall
We have found the product acceptable for use on New York State Department of Transportation projects as a substitution under the following special specification and conditions:
Item 554.20----17: Terraced Geocell System.

1. The Engineer, along with the Regional Landscape Architect and Regional Geotechnical Engineer, concur with the aesthetic impact and stability computations of the final Living Wall configuration
2. Due to the inherent flexibility of the system, the Living Wall is not in direct support of the roadway (e.g. beneath the shoulder).

Please be aware that this letter of acceptance shall in no way be used for promotional purposes. For example, a copy of this letter, in any form, cannot be used as, or in conjunction with, advertisement in any sales literature or trade magazines.

If there are any questions or comments, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

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