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Geofabrics responds to seized Tiltex Rolls in Eurobent Factory

Geofabrics Australasia Pty Ltd (“Geofabrics”) is the exclusive distributor in the territory of Australia and New Zealand of the Concrete Canvas range of geosynthetic products.

In April 2018 a Polish court granted a preliminary injunction against Eurobent Sp.zo.o – the manufacturer of Tiltex TM (a cement / sand filled GCL product marketed as GCCM – Geosynthetic Cementitious Composite Mat) to refrain from infringement of Concrete Canvas Technology Ltd’s patent PL/EP 2027319 (including the prohibition of manufacturing Tiltex TM). The preliminary injunction has been final and binding since June 2018.

Geofabrics was encouraged to learn that 217 rolls of Tiltex product was seized from a manufacturing plant in Poland by court bailiffs on 13th August 2020 due to a breach of the preliminary injunction for the infringement of Concrete Canvas Technology Ltd’s patent. The manufacture of Tiltex in Poland is a clear breach of the injunction and Concrete Canvas continues enforcement action of its patent rights as granted by the Courts.

Dennis Grech - Geofabrics Australasia CEO & Managing Director Response to the hundreds of Tiltex rolls seized in the raid

Geofabrics’ customers deserve quality products which are compliant with the laws of the land. As an Australian manufacturer, I certainly understand the importance of innovation, the art of maturing an idea into a product that solves a customer problem. That is the essence of what we do. So I commend Concrete Canvas in enforcing the uniqueness of their product and to see this supported by the Courts in removing from the marketplace products that breach both the patent and the court injunction is most welcome. Innovation must be protected to encourage best in class companies to invest in innovation. These traits are fundamental to Geofabrics and Concrete Canvas.

Our civil infrastructure (road and rail), mining and petrochemical customers not only demand geosynthetic products that are strong in quality and design, but also, demand products that are offered into their infrastructure projects in full compliance with prevailing regulations and laws and certainly, not in breach of existing patents. Refusing to deploy products that infringe patents and court orders into Australian and New Zealand projects supports companies that invest in innovation and invest in solving customer problems through thought leadership.

To find out more about the Concrete Canvas product range, please visit www.geofabrics.co or call into one of our branches located through-out Australia and New Zealand.

Dennis Grech
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