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Propex[®]
GEOSOLUTIONS

Summer 2017

U.S. Made in Ringgold, GA

Propex GeoSolutions is a global leader in manufacturing geosynthetic and erosion control solutions. We are proud to be the only geosynthetic manufacturer who can provide all U.S. made solutions from our plant in Ringgold, Georgia. The plant features manufacturing and distribution space of 807,000 sq.ft. Ringgold boasts the largest geosynthetic capacity under one roof.

In 2017 Propex GeoSolutions has heightened its focus on product and solution innovation launching more than five new projects to roll out in late 2017 and 2018. During the same time frame we have increased the engineering and innovation resources by more than double. Over the past year more than 400 active SKUs have been manufactured in the Ringgold plant. With the engineering and technical support on site and the plant's focus on customer alignment, Ringgold continues to put the voice of the customer and markets served at the forefront. One specific highlight from this focused activity allows Propex to load more rolls than any other manufacturer per truck optimizing freight for all customers.

Ringgold has an onsite testing facility that is certified by the Geosynthetic Accreditation Institute/ Laboratory Accreditation Program (GAI-LAP). Daily, products are tested in the lab to ensure each meets its designated specifications.



Additional technology is utilized to monitor process control indicators to design in product conformity. In addition to GAI-LAP, Ringgold has achieved the following quality certifications.

- ISO 9001 and 14001
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials - National Transportation Products Evaluation Program (AASHTO NTPEP)
- American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA)
- Conformité Européene (CE)
- Lean/Six Sigma certifications - 4 black belts, 12 green belts & 12 yellow belts

Safety is the most important metric in Ringgold. To date, the plant has 776 safe work days and more than 685,000 safe work hours. Continual safety improvement events ensure that all 200 employees understand safety standards throughout the plant.

We continue to see increased demand for our geosynthetic products, which has increased jobs in Ringgold over 20% in 2017. This trend is expected to continue as Propex continues to develop innovative products and solutions to address unmet needs in the applications and markets we serve.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[StormCon 2017](#)

The Surface Water Quality Conference Expo
Bellevue, WA / Booth 229
August 29-30

[Floodplain Mgmt. 2017](#)

Long Beach, CA / Booth 121
Sept. 5-8

[Dam Safety 2017 Conference](#)
San Antonio, TX / Sept. 10-14

[Perumin / Arequipa, Peru](#)
Sept. 18-2

[National Tribal Transportation 2017 Conference](#)
Tucson, AZ / Sept. 25-29

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Project Spotlight

The Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) program began shortly after hurricane Katrina for flood protection improvements, one of which being protection of refurbished earthen levees against the erosion-causing hydraulic forces from storm surge overtopping.

[Click here](#) to read the full case study and learn how the ARMORMAX[®] Engineered Earth Armoring Solution[™] was selected to provide a robust permanent repair.



Propex Leads Coalition to Support Infrastructure Spending

Spearheaded by Mike Gorey, CEO of Propex, the Coalition to Promote the Adoption of Geosynthetics (CPAG) gathered together in Washington to encourage the adoption of geosynthetic material in funded infrastructure projects. CPAG is comprised of executives from four of the geosynthetic industry's top manufacturers & marketers, Propex Operating Company, Tencate, Tensar International Corporation and Hanes Geo Components.

While they are competitors in trade, they are partners in advocacy in building on the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST Act) law. The FAST Act encourages the use of durable, resilient and sustainable materials and practices, including the use of geosynthetics and other innovative technologies in U.S. infrastructure projects.



Currently, the products are only specified in approximately 10 percent of possible applications throughout North America and the CPAG wants to see that number increase.

[Click here](#) to read the article posted in Plastics News.



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