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The Tensar Corporation to Expand Georgia Manufacturing Plant Production capacity for Biaxial (BX) Geogrid will more than double to meet growing demand

Atlanta, GA – September 1, 2005 – Paving the way to meet ever-growing demand, The Tensar Corporation (TTC), a leading developer and manufacturer of technology-driven site solutions, has announced plans to expand its Morrow, Georgia production facility. The expansion more than doubles the plant's capacity to manufacture Tensar® Biaxial (BX) Geogrid, the key polymeric component of the company's patented Spectra® Roadway Improvement System. The plan was recently approved by the Company's Board of Directors and is expected to go online late in 2006.

“This expansion represents the plant's largest capital equipment expenditure since it went online in 1983. It will incorporate “step-change” process technologies that will result in dramatic increases in throughput speeds, manufacturing efficiencies and production capacity. But more importantly, it assures Tensar Earth Technologies' ability to continue to support our customers' growing needs with innovative and cost-effective construction solutions,” commented Phil Egan, President and CEO of The Tensar Corporation.

Dynamics in three areas played a large part in the decision to expand the plant. The recent passage of the \$286.5 billion federal transportation bill (SAFETEA-LU), funding highway and mass transit programs through 2009, promises to initiate or resume a number of major projects. The increase of infrastructure construction in Canada and Latin America signals continued growth in these important international markets. And the demand for BX Geogrid has surged as engineers and contractors continue to source products that install quickly and easily, ensure longer road life with less maintenance and help meet tight construction schedules and budgets.

“To date, more than 250 million square meters of Tensar BX Geogrid have been installed on roadway projects worldwide,” commented Bob Vevoda, President of Tensar Earth Technologies, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Tensar Corporation. “We see this as only the beginning – and with our plant expansion, we'll be able to accommodate the future demand we anticipate.”

The expansion significantly impacts the plant's workplace and workforce as well. Another 60,000 square feet will be added to the existing 172,000 square foot facility, located on an 18-acre site south of downtown Atlanta.

An estimated 15 to 20 new positions will be added to its current crew of 125. And the expansion will enlarge a facility whose productivity and performance metrics are already impressive.

“Continuous improvements and capital investments have resulted in a 20% compound annual production capacity growth rate over the last four years. And, so far this year, productivity has increased by 12% over a record 2004,” commented Bennett Suggs, the Company’s Vice President of Operations. “With the plant’s expansion, we expect to maintain or exceed that record quickly and consistently.”

About The Tensar Corporation - Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, TTC provides site development solutions and other technologies through its subsidiary business units: Tensar Earth Technologies, Geopier Foundation Company, North American Green and Tensar Polytechnologies.

With manufacturing locations in Morrow, Georgia and Evansville, Indiana and business development personnel in more than 50 locations across the United States, Canada and Latin America, we are well positioned to provide customized solutions to common earthwork construction problems. Our solutions are based on our “faster, better, cheaper” business model – leading-edge, high performance solutions that save time and money.

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