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### **Tensar Earth Technologies Partners with Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics Company secures sales and marketing rights for SGTF's GlasGrid® pavement reinforcement systems**

ATLANTA, GA – October 25, 2005 – In its efforts to provide single-source solutions to the road-construction market, Tensar Earth Technologies (TET), a leading developer and manufacturer of technology-driven site solutions, has partnered with Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics (SGTF), the market leader in reinforcement solutions and developer of patented GlasGrid® Pavement Reinforcement Mesh. Effective January 1, 2006, TET will have exclusive sales and marketing rights for the GlasGrid® product line throughout North and South America.

Introduced in 1989, GlasGrid® mesh was developed to address the challenges of pavement cracking on highways, roads, runways and parking areas. The product is a stiff fiberglass material, coated with an elastomeric polymer that reinforces asphalt concrete overlays. GlasGrid® dissipates stress concentrated in the asphalt layer to reduce reflective cracking caused by traffic loads, age hardening and temperature fluctuations. From desert environments to near-arctic conditions, GlasGrid® has proven effective in every geographical area and climate. It is used both in new pavement construction as well as repaving projects.

“We’re pleased to add these capabilities to a market that’s extremely important to us,” remarked Bob Vevoda, TET president. “By combining the resources of two of the industry’s leading pavement solution companies, highway departments, private developers, engineers and contractors now have a sole source for pavement applications that cost less to construct, last longer and require less maintenance.”

GlasGrid products will be marketed with Tensar® Biaxial (BX) Geogrids, the key component of TET’s Spectra® Roadway Improvement System, used to stabilize subgrade layers and reinforce base course layers. Like GlasGrid® mesh, BX Geogrids ensure longer road life with less maintenance and help meet tight construction schedules and budgets.

“With rising fuel, transportation and aggregate costs, along with growing shortages of aggregate supplies in many areas, our partnership with SGTF is a great opportunity for us to build on our capabilities to reduce pavement costs while increasing quality and performance,” says Steve Valero, TET vice president of technology. “With complementary products, compatible technologies and in-house pavement design services, we’re able to offer top-to-bottom pavement solutions – literally.”

“And our sales force brings unequaled knowledge, experience and coverage of the roadway pavement market,” adds Dean Ditmar, TET vice president of sales. “We’re ready to help take GlasGrid Pavement Reinforcement Mesh Systems to the next level.”

For more information about Tensar Earth Technologies’ products, systems and services, visit **[www.tensarcorp.com](http://www.tensarcorp.com)**.

*About Tensar Earth Technologies* – Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Tensar Earth Technologies is a full-service provider of specialty products and engineering services that offer innovative and cost-effective alternatives to traditional construction methods. TET solutions are based on advanced soil reinforcement technologies and incorporate proprietary, engineered applications for commercial, industrial, municipal, residential and transportation infrastructure site development. TET specializes in solutions for common site development challenges including grade changes requiring retaining walls and poor soil conditions affecting the cost of roadways, parking lots and building structures. Patented, polymeric Tensar Geogrids are the primary component of their systems, offering unmatched strength and durability on any site. TET services include site evaluation, conceptual engineering, design, value engineering and construction assistance.

*About Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics* – Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics (SGTF) is part of a global alliance of companies within the reinforcement business of *Compagnie de Saint-Gobain*, the world’s largest construction materials company. With 39 facilities worldwide, SGTF manufactures and distributes 32 reinforcement product lines that provide reinforcement solutions for a wide range of industries and engineered applications. The company ranks first in Europe and second in the world in the reinforcement market. Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics manufactures GlasGrid® Pavement Reinforcement Mesh products in the United States at the company’s facility in Albion, New York. For more information, visit **[www.glasgrid.com](http://www.glasgrid.com)** and **[www.sgtf.com](http://www.sgtf.com)**.

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