

**INTERNATIONAL GEOSYNTHETICS SOCIETY, UK CHAPTER,
11TH INVITATION LECTURE
JOINTLY WITH THE BRITISH GEOTECHNICAL ASSOCIATION**

Wednesday 12th October 2011 at 6.00pm

at the

Institution of Civil Engineers, One Great George St, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA

**“Recent Developments in the Use of
Geosynthetics in Marine Engineering”**

Speaker:

**MR CHRIS LAWSON, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR,
TENCATE GEOSYNTHETICS GROUP**

Some of the earliest applications of geosynthetics were in marine and hydraulic engineering. Since the 1960's they have become integral components in a wide variety of marine engineering structures. More recently, geosynthetic use in marine engineering has evolved to include systems normally associated with on-land construction, e.g. reinforced soil structures, and to the use of geotextile containment units for a variety of mass-gravity hydraulic and marine structures.

Further, these geotextile containment units have also been used for the offshore disposal of contaminated sediments.

To support the central theme of the presentation, five case studies from Europe and Asia will be presented in detail.

Chris Lawson is the Global Technical Director of TenCate Geosynthetics Group, headquartered in The Netherlands. He has spent 30 years in the geosynthetics field and has worked in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America. Chris has been involved on a number of national committees establishing Codes of Practice, notably BS8006, a UK Code of Practice on reinforced soil. He has written over 50 publications covering the fields of geosynthetics, geotechnics and hydraulic and marine engineering. He is a past Council member of the IGS. Chris presented the Third Giroud Lecture at the Eighth International Conference on Geosynthetics in Yokohama, Japan in 2006.

***This meeting will be transmitted via webcast, details for which will be issued to
BGA and EGGS members by email before the event.***

Advance booking not required

Tea and biscuits will be available at 5.30pm – 6.00pm.

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