This guide specification has been prepared by Propex Operating Company, LLC (Propex) to assist design professionals in the preparation of a specification section covering the use of high performance turf reinforcement mats (HPTRMs) in conjunction with Engineered Earth Anchors for non-structural slope protection and/or erosion control applications. It may be used as the basis for developing either a project specification or an office master specification. Since it has been prepared according to the principles established by The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) including the use of section numbers and titles from the 2018 Edition of Master Format, this guide specification may be used in conjunction with most commercially available master specifications sections with minor editing.

The following should be noted in using this guide specification:
•Optional text requiring a selection by the user is enclosed within brackets, e.g.: "Section [01 33 00] []."
Items requiring user input are enclosed within brackets, e.g.: "Section []."
•Optional paragraphs are separated by an "OR" statement, e.g.: **** OR ****
This guide specification is available in both hard copy and a variety of electronic formats to suit most popular wo

processing programs and operating platforms. Please contact Propex at (800) 621 1273 for additional copies or for information on available electronic formats.

The information, including technical and engineering data, figures, tables, designs, drawings, details, procedures, and specifications, presented in this publication are for general information only. The information contained herein is subject to change without notice. While every effort has been made to ensure its accuracy, this information should not be used or relied upon for any specific application without independent professional examination and verification of its accuracy, suitability and applicability. The user shall be solely responsible for the selection, use, efficiency, and suitability of the information and anyone making use of the information does so at his own risk and assumes any and all liability resulting from such use. The information is provided on an "as is" basis and Propex disclaims any and all express or implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for any general or particular purpose or freedom from infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright, or proprietary right in regard to information or products contained or referred to herein. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as granting a license, express or implied under any patent, trademark, or copyright. In no event shall Propex be liable to user for any indirect, special, consequential or incidental damages arising out of the use, the results of use or inability to use the information.

## 1 GENERAL

#### 1.1 SUMMARY

A. The work for this section shall consist of furnishing all materials, equipment, and labor necessary for the installation of a High Performance Turf Reinforcement Mat (HPTRM) and engineered earth anchors as an Engineered Earth Armoring Solution for non-structural slope protection and/or erosion control.

#### 1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

Edit the following paragraphs to coordinate with other sections of the project's Technical Specifications and bid documents.

## SECTION 31 35 19.16 ENGINEERED EARTH ARMORING SOLUTION FOR NON-STRUCTURAL CHANNEL PROTECTION

•		7.070
	E.	SECTION [32 92 19 SEEDING AND SODDING] []
	D.	SECTION [31 25 00 EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROLS] []
	C.	SECTION [31 05 19 GEOTEXTILE] []
	B.	SECTION [31 00 00 EARTHWORK] []
	A.	SECTION [01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES] []

# 1.3 UNIT PRICES

Include the following language only for unit price contracts or lump sum contract with unit price adjustments. Delete for lump sum contracts.

A. Method of Measurement: By the square yard (or square meter - as indicated in contract documents)

The total square yards (square meter) for measurement shall be based on the area in which the Engineered Earth Armoring Solution will be installed plus percentages to take into account seam overlapping, trenching, curves, waste, etc. The following may be used as guidance in determining the total square yards (square meters) for measurement.

Description		Measurement	Units
1.	Installation Area	Shape of area to be installed (i.e. Length X Width)	Square Yard (Square Meter)
2.	Overlaps, Trenching, Waste, etc.	10% of Installation Area	Square Yard (Square Meter)
3.	Curves, radius (if applicable)	5% of Installation Area	Square Yard (Square Meter)
	Total Area	Installation Area + 10% + 5% (if applicable)	Square Yard (Square Meter)

The total area for measurement shall include the following Engineered Earth Armoring Solution components:

- 1. High Performance Turf Reinforcement Mat (HPTRM)
- 2. Engineered Earth Anchors, and
- 3. Securing Pins
- B. Basis of Payment: By the square yard (or square meter as indicated in contract documents) installed.

#### 1.4 REFERENCES

The following language assumes that the date of each reference standard will be the latest edition as of the date of the project's technical specifications. This provision must be defined in Division 1; coordinate with Division 1 statements.

- A. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
  - 1. D 4354 Standard Practice for Sampling of Geosynthetics and Rolled Erosion Control Products (RECPs) for Testing.
  - 2. D 4355 Standard Test Method for Deterioration of Geotextiles by Exposure to Light, Moisture and Heat in a Xenon Arc Type Apparatus.
  - 3. D 4439 Standard Terminology for Geosynthetics.
  - 4. D 4759 Standard Practice for Determining the Specification Conformance of Geosynthetics.
  - 5. D 4873 Standard Guide for Identification, Storage, and Handling of Geosynthetic Rolls and Samples.
  - 6. D 6524 Standard Test Method for Measuring the Resiliency of Turf Reinforcement Mats (TRMs).
  - 7. D 6525 Standard Test Method for Measuring Nominal Thickness of Rolled Erosion Control Products.
  - 8. D 6567 Standard Test Method for Measuring the Light Penetration of a Rolled Erosion Control Product (RECP).
  - 9. D 6575 Standard Test Method for Determining Stiffness of Geosynthetics Used as Turf Reinforcement Mats (TRMs).
  - 10. D 6818 Standard Test Method for Ultimate Tensile Properties of Rolled Erosion Control Products.
- B. Geosynthetic Accreditation Institute Laboratory Accreditation Program (GAI-LAP).
- C. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol
- D. International Standards Organization (ISO):
  - 1. 9001:2015 Quality Management System Certification.
  - 2. 14001:2015 Environmental Management System Certification
  - 3. 14064-3:2006 Environmental Management Life Cycle Assessment
  - 4. 17025:2005 Laboratory Testing and Calibration

E. Publically Available Specification (PAS) 2050:2011 – Specification for the assessment of the life cycle greenhouse gas emissions

# 1.5 DEFINITIONS

- A. Certificate of Compliance (COC): An official document certified by an authorized representative within the manufacturer's company that the manufactured synthetic turf reinforcement mat product(s) meet designated property values as manufactured in a facility having achieved ISO 9001:2015 certification, and tested in accordance with GAI-LAP procedures.
- B. High Performance Turf Reinforcement Mat (HPTRM): A long-term, non-degradable RECP composed of ultraviolet (UV) stabilized, non-degradable, synthetic fibers, nettings and/or filaments processed into three-dimensional reinforcement matrices designed for immediate and permanent protection for erosion control applications where design flows exert velocities and shear stresses that exceed the limits of mature natural vegetation. The HPTRM MARV tensile strength per ASTM D-6818 is 3000 lbs/ft in the weakest principle direction.
- C. *Manufacturer*: Entity that produces synthetic HPTRM products through a process directly utilizing obtained raw materials, in a facility owned and operated by said entity, using equipment and assemblies owned and operated by said entity, subject to a certified Manufacturing Quality Control (MQC) Program. Upon completion of production, the manufacturer may sell the HPTRM product(s) directly to the customer, or through a vendor entity.
- D. *Manufacturing Quality Control (MQC) Program*: A certified and documented program initiated and operated by the manufacturer that outlines the operational techniques and activities which sustain a quality of the synthetic HPTRM product(s) that will satisfy given needs.
- E. *Minimum Average Roll Value (MARV):* Property value calculated as typical minus two standard deviations. Statistically, it yields a 97.7 percent degree of confidence that any sample taken during quality assurance testing will exceed value reported.
- F. Engineered Earth Anchor (Anchor): A device designed to permanently stabilize soil via a metal anchor, flexible or rigid tendon, and load bearing plate. The anchor and tendon are driven through the HPTRM to the specified depth, and then tensioned appropriately to load-lock the anchor for desired pull-out resistance.
- G. Rolled Erosion Control Product (RECP): A temporary degradable or long-term non-degradable material manufactured or fabricated into rolls designed to protect the soil surface, reduce soil erosion and if needed assist in the growth, establishment and protection of vegetation.
- H. Securing Pin: A device designed to temporarily hold the HPTRM in place during installation until the engineered earth anchors are installed, or the establishment of vegetation occurs.
- I. *Trilobal Monofilament Yarn:* A multi-dimensional polymer fiber consisting of a minimum of three points, providing increased surface area and grooves/channels along the fiber to capture additional moisture and sediment to enhance vegetative growth.
- J. Typical Roll Value: Property value calculated from average or mean obtained from test data.

K. *Vendor:* An entity that provides engineered earth armoring solution product(s) to a customer, on behalf of an independent manufacturer. A vendor does not manufacture the actual engineered earth armoring solution product(s), and therefore is not subject to provisions of a certified MQC Program.

# 1.6 SUBMITTALS

Edit the following to coordinate with Division 1.
---------------------------------------------------

- A. Submit under provisions of Section [01 33 00] [\_\_\_\_\_]:
  - 1. Qualifications:

The following documentation shall be submitted to the engineer of record and/or project owner for review and approval prior to installation.

- a) A Certificate of Compliance (COC) stating the name of the HPTRM manufacturer, product name, style, chemical compositions of filaments or yarns and other pertinent information to fully describe the HPTRM. The COC shall state that the furnished HPTRM meets the requirements of the specification and shall be attested to by a person having legal authority to bind the Manufacturer.
- b) The Manufacturer's Manufacturing Quality Control (MQC) Program to assure compliance with the requirements of the specification.
- c) A project list demonstrating a documented history of HPTRM installations with engineered earth anchors totaling more than 2,000,000 square yards, with over 500,000 square yards having been installed in the marketplace for more than five (5) years. Past project documentation submitted for evaluation shall include project name, date of installation, and size of the project.
- d) A certification demonstrating that the HPTRM is manufactured in a facility that has been ISO 14001 certified for measuring environmental impact and continuously looking for ways to improve it for a minimum of ten (10) years.
- e) A certification demonstrating that the HPTRM is manufactured in a facility that has been ISO 9001:2015 certified and tested in a laboratory that has been both GAI-LAP and ISO 17025:2005 certified.
- f) Third party / Independent Testing values demonstrating UV resistance testing for two consecutive years including most recent year. Testing and reporting of the results shall follow ASTM D-4355, showing the percent tensile strength retained in both machine and cross-machine direction.
- g) Documentation of functional longevity for the HPTRM demonstrating the material's durability in the field. The documentation shall demonstrate a minimum retained tensile strength of 70% per ASTM D-6818 after a minimum of ten (10) years of exposure in an area having a minimum solar radiation of 21.70 MJ/m²-day. The documentation shall include photos and date of the initial installation and field sampling, and the test results of the field sampling.
- h) A certification demonstrating that the HPTRM has been evaluated and certified by an independent third party to have a maximum cradle-to-grave carbon footprint of 2.7 kg CO2e/m2 when tested per GHG Protocol, ISO 14064-3:2006, and PAS 2050:2011.

- i) Documentation of full scale flume testing demonstrating the required performance when subjected to at least 0.5 hrs of continuous flow for the unvegetated HPTRM with Engineered Earth Anchors, partially vegetated HPTRM, and fully vegetated HPTRM.
- j) Documentation demonstrating that in a vegetated state, the HPTRM can perform when subjected to wave overtopping simulations, performed by Colorado State University (CSU), and authorized and directed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

## 1.7 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. HPTRM labeling, shipment and storage shall follow ASTM D 4873.
- B. Product labels shall clearly depict the manufacturer or supplier name, style name, and roll number.
- C. Each shipping document shall include a notation certifying that the material is in accordance with the manufacturer's certificate.
- D. Each HPTRM roll shall be wrapped with a material that will protect the RECP from damage due to shipment, water, sunlight, and contaminants. Individual roll wrapping will be not be required for HPTRMs exceeding the UV Resistance requirements per ASTM D-4355 in Section 2.2.A.6. The protective wrapping shall be maintained during periods of shipment and storage.
- E. During storage, HPTRM rolls shall be elevated off the ground and adequately covered to protect them from the following: Site construction damage, extended exposure to UV radiation, precipitation, chemicals that are strong acids or strong bases, flames, sparks, temperatures in excess of 160 degrees F (71 degrees C) and any other environmental condition that might damage the HPTRM.

## 1.8 QUALITY ASSURANCE SAMPLING, TESTING, AND ACCEPTANCE

- A. A HPTRM shall be subject to sampling and testing to verify conformance with this specification. Sampling for testing shall be in accordance with ASTM D-4354.
- B. Acceptance shall be in accordance with ASTM D-4759 based on testing of either conformance samples obtained using Procedure A of ASTM D-4354, or based on manufacturer's certifications and testing of quality control samples obtained using Procedure B of ASTM D 4354.
- C. Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing shall be waived for ISO 9001:2015 Certified Manufacturing Facilities. Documentation of ISO 9001:2015 Certification shall be provided per the requirements of Section 1.6.A.

## 2 PRODUCTS

## 2.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. All components of the Engineered Earth Armoring Solution shall be furnished by a single manufacturer as a complete system.
- B. Approved Engineered Earth Armoring Solution Manufacturers:
  - Propex Operating Company, LLC
     4019 Industry Drive
     Chattanooga, TN 37416
     (800) 621-1273
- C. Approved Engineered Earth Armoring Solution:
  - 1. ARMORMAX 75 Erosion Control (EC)
- D. Alternative Engineered Earth Armoring Solution Manufacturers:
  - Alternate manufacturers seeking pre-approval shall be submitted to the engineer of record and/or
    owner a minimum of ten (10) work days prior to the bid date and must meet the requirements
    outlined within this document.
  - 2. Alternate manufacturers meeting the material specifications within Section 2 seeking pre-approval shall submit the following for evaluation.
    - a) Documentation demonstrating a history of installations designed for non-structural slope protection and/or erosion control meeting the requirements of Section 1.6.A.1.c.
    - Documentation demonstrating local representation within the state in which the project is being constructed.
    - c) Documentation demonstrating the alternative engineering design for slope protection and/or erosion control considered the soil properties, erosion potential, hydrology, hydraulics, and vegetation requirements. The following shall be submitted:
      - 1) Overall alternative engineered earth armoring solution design methodology
      - 2) Input parameters
      - 3) Calculations / Model output
      - 4) Anchor system information including: materials, strength, length, spacing (vertical & horizontal), size, locking mechanism, load bearing plate, and tendon
      - 5) Factor of Safety to support the erosion control design; with the conditions analyzed and documented for the proposed project
      - 6) Alternative engineered earth armoring solution product sample including all components.
  - 3. Alternate manufacturers seeking pre-approval shall have a manufacturer's representative present at the pre-bid meeting.
  - 4. Alternate manufacturers that do not provide documentation meeting or exceeding the requirements of Section 1.6.A will not be approved.

#### 2.2 MATERIALS

## A. HPTRM:

- 1. A three-dimensional, high tensile strength, long term non-degradable lofty woven polypropylene RECP specially designed for erosion control applications that exhibits very high interlock and reinforcement capacity with both soil and vegetative root systems.
- A homogeneous woven matrix composed of Trilobal monofilament yarns heat-set and woven into
  uniform configuration of resilient pyramid-like projections to improve interlock and minimize yarn
  displacement around anchors and pins, which also results in greater flexibility for improved
  conformance to uneven surfaces.
- 3. A material not comprised of layers, composites, or discontinuous materials, or otherwise loosely held together by stitched or glued netting.
- 4. Material Properties:

Property	Test Method	<b>Test Parameters</b>	Units	<b>Property Requirement</b>
Thickness <sup>1</sup>	ASTM D-6525	Minimum	in (mm)	0.40 (10.2)
Light Penetration <sup>1</sup> (% Passing)	ASTM D-6567	Maximum	percent	10
Tensile Strength <sup>1</sup>	ASTM D-6818	Minimum	lb/ft (kN/m)	4,000 x 3,000 (58.4 x 43.8)
Tensile Elongation <sup>1</sup>	ASTM D-6818	Maximum	percent	40 x 35
Resiliency <sup>1</sup>	ASTM D-6524	Minimum	percent	80
Flexibility <sup>2, 3</sup>	ASTM D-6575	Maximum	in-lb (mg-cm)	0.534 (615,000)
UV Resistance <sup>2</sup>	ASTM D-4355	Minimum	percent	90 at 3,000 hrs <sup>4</sup> 90 at 6,000 hrs
Carbon Footprint <sup>2</sup>	ISO 14064-3 GHG Protocol PAS 2050:2011	Maximum	Kg CO2e	2.7 per 1 m <sup>2</sup>

## Note:

- 1. Minimum Average Roll Value (MARV).
- 2. Typical Value.
- 3. A smaller value for flexibility denotes a more flexible material.
- 4. Third party / Independent Testing values must be provided showing UV resistance testing for two consecutive years including most recent year.

- 5. Hydraulic Performance Properties:
  - a) Flume Testing: The HPTRM must meet the following at a minimum when subjected to at least 0.5 hrs of continuous flow producing the following conditions.
    - 1) Unvegetated HPTRM with Engineered Earth Anchors

Permissible velocity: 13 ft/sec (4.0 m/sec) Permissible shear stress: 4.8 psf (230 Pa)

2) Partially Vegetated HPTRM

Permissible velocity: 15 ft/sec (4.6 m/sec) Permissible shear stress: 8 psf (383 Pa)

3) Fully Vegetated HPTRM

Permissible velocity: 25 ft/sec (7.6 m/sec) Permissible shear stress: 16 psf (766 Pa)

- b) Wave Overtopping Testing: In a vegetated state, the HPTRM must demonstrate the following at a minimum when subjected to wave overtopping simulations, performed by Colorado State University (CSU), and/or as authorized and directed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
  - 1) Each type of HPTRM product shall be subject to a single wave overtopping simulation down the flume on one set of trays (linear and angled sections) at 4.0 cfs/ft for the duration equivalent to 3 test hours (~6 elapsed hours).
  - Passing this wave overtopping test is defined as surviving the three (3) equivalent test hours without visible damage.
  - Failure is defined by 0.2 ft. (0.06 m) or more of soil/grass erosion over a 4 ft<sup>2</sup> (0.37 m<sup>2</sup>) area.
- 6. Functional Longevity: The HPTRM shall have a documented installation history demonstrating a minimum retained tensile strength of 70% per ASTM D-6818 after a minimum of ten (10) years of exposure to a minimum solar radiation of 21.70 MJ/m2-day.
- 7. Environmental Impact: The HPTRM shall be evaluated and certified by an independent third party to have a maximum cradle-to-grave carbon footprint of 2.7 kg CO2e/m² when tested per GHG Protocol, ISO 14064-3:2006, and PAS 2050:2011.
- 8. Manufacturing Impact: The HPTRM shall be manufactured in a facility that is ISO 14001 certified for measuring environmental impact and continuously looking for ways to improve it for a minimum of ten (10) years.
- 9. Manufacturing Quality Control: Testing shall be performed at a laboratory accredited by GAI-LAP for tests required for the HPTRM, at frequency exceeding ASTM D-4354, with following minimum acceptable testing frequency:

Property	Test Frequency yd <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )
Thickness	1/14,700 (1/12,291)
Light Penetration (% Passing)	1/14,700 (1/12,291)
Tensile Strength	1/14,700 (1/12,291)
Tensile Elongation	1/14,700 (1/12,291)
Resiliency	1/14,700 (1/12,291)
Flexibility	1/14,700 (1/12,291)
UV Resistance	Annually

#### 2.3 SECURING DEVICES

#### A. Securing Pins:

- 1. Securing pins should be a minimum of 0.20 in. (5 mm) diameter steel with a 1.5 in. (38 mm) steel washer at the head of the pin.
- 2. Length: 12 to 24 inches (300 to 600 mm) as depicted on the drawings to provide sufficient ground penetration for pullout resistance.
- 3. Heavier metal securing pins and/or stakes may be required in rocky soils
- 4. Depending on soil pH and design life of the securing pin, galvanized or stainless steel securing pins may be required.

# B. Engineered Earth Anchor:

- 1. Anchors with a minimum drive depth, size, loading, and spacing specified by the engineer of record and/or the manufacturer used to provide slope protection and/or erosion control as depicted in the construction plans, engineering submittals and/or drawings.
- 2. The engineered earth anchor components shall be constructed of materials suitable to resist corrosion and UV degradation particularly at the soil/air interface.
- 3. The top load bearing plate shall have openings allowing vegetative growth through the plate. The bearing plate shall include a recessed cavity so that the tendon can be cut flush or below the bearing plate surface.
- 4. The top load bearing plate shall be of sufficient size to resist forces acted upon by the tensioned anchor.
- 5. For quality control purposes and warranty claims, engineered earth anchors should be delivered to the jobsite fully assembled and ready for installation.

# 6. Material Properties:

Component	Material Composition	Physical Properties
Anchor Head	Aluminum	3.57 in. x 1.26 in. x 0.91 in. (90.7 mm x 32.0 mm x 23.1 mm) (L x W x H) Bearing Area: 3.44 in <sup>2</sup> (22.2 cm <sup>2</sup> )
Cable Tendon	Galvanized Steel	Diameter: 0.109 in. (2.8 mm)
Lower	Aluminum	Length: 0.63 in. (16.0 mm)
Termination	Ferrule	Wall Thickness: 0.09 in. (2.3 mm)
Load Bearing Plate	Aluminum	3.97 in. x 4.40 in. x 0.65 in. (100.8 mm x 111.8 mm x 6.4 mm) (L x W x H) Bearing Area: 8.07 in <sup>2</sup> (52.1 cm <sup>2</sup> )
Top		Circumferential Triple Wedge Grip Assembly to Eliminate Cable Pinch Points Grip to Cable Contact Surface Area: 0.242 in <sup>2</sup> (156.1 mm <sup>2</sup> ) Grip to Cable Contact Ratio: 83% of Cable Diameter

# 7. Performance Properties:

Performance Property	Value
Ultimate Assembly Strength	1,300 lbs (5.78 kN)
Ultimate Cable Strength	1,600 lbs (7.11 kN)
Typical Working Load*	500 lbs (2.22 kN)
Minimum Embedment Depth	3.0 ft. (0.91 m)
Maximum Embedment Depth	5.0 ft. (1.52 m)

<sup>\*</sup> Anchor performance is a function of in situ soil strength and therefore the load range in this specification should be regarded as a guide only. Site specific soil conditions shall be evaluated by a licensed geotechnical engineer to determine the anchor type, depth, and pattern to resist slope instability. Pre-construction pull tests may be recommended.

## 3 EXECUTION

## 3.1 PREPARATION

- A. The area(s) to be treated with the engineered earth armoring solution shall be cleared, grubbed, graded and compacted as indicated on the construction plans and technical specifications or as directed by the Engineer of Record.
- B. The placement of new fill or addressing a sloughed slope may require soil placed to be keyed into the existing slope and compacted in horizontal lifts per the Engineer of Record. To ensure compaction at the face of the slope, the slope face may be over-built, compacted in lifts, and then regraded or trimmed to the final grade. All fill shall be placed and compacted per the project's earthwork technical specifications.
- C. The subgrade shall be uniform and smooth. Large rocks, soil clods, vegetation, and other sharp objects shall be removed prior to installation of the HPTRM. This will assist in the HPTRM maintaining direct contact with the soil surface.
- D. Construct a perimeter trench around the area(s) limits to be treated with the engineered earth armoring solution as follows:
  - 1. Excavate a Crest of Slope (COS) trench a minimum of 3 ft. (900 mm) horizontal over the crest of the slope when possible. Trench dimensions shall be 12 in. (300 mm) wide by 12 in. (300 mm) deep.
  - 2. Excavate an Initial Channel (IC) and Terminal Channel (TC) trench 12 in. (300 mm) wide by 12 in. (200 mm) deep at the channel armoring limits.
- E. Refer to Section 3.2 for the appropriate vegetation establishment method.

## 3.2 VEGETATION ESTABLISHMENT

- A. Establish permanent vegetation, where feasible, to assist in the long-term performance of the Engineered Earth Armoring Solution and the control of erosion.
- B. A site specific soil test shall be conducted to determine the recommended soil amendments required to establish permanent vegetation.
- C. The type and method of vegetation establishment should be unique to the projects geometry, location, climate, season, topography, soils, seed type, etc. and shall be as directed per one of the following:
  - 1. Construction plans
  - Technical Specifications
  - 3. Manufacturer's engineered earth armoring solution submittal
  - 4. As directed by the Engineer of Record
  - 5. As directed by the project owner.
- D. Water and/or irrigate seeded/sodded areas as needed to establish and maintain permanent vegetation until the desired vegetative density has been achieved.
- E. Rubber-tired or rubber-tracked vehicles shall be used, and sharp turns avoided. No heavy and/or metal-tracked equipment or sharp turns shall be permitted on the installed engineered earth armoring solution. Foot traffic and construction equipment shall be avoided over the TRM if loose or wet soil conditions exist.

#### 3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. Install HPTRM at elevations and alignments indicated.
- B. Beginning at the downstream end of the channel, place initial end of first roll of HPTRM into the COS trench and secure with securing pins and engineered earth anchors. The securing pins shall be placed at 12 in. (300 mm) intervals in between the engineered earth anchors at 4 ft. (1.2 m) intervals.
- C. Unroll the HPTRM down the initial side slope and up the opposing side slope, terminating the HPTRM edge in the IC trench with securing pins at 12 in. (300 mm) intervals in between anchors at 5 ft. (1.5 m) intervals.
- D. Secure the HPTRM end in the opposite COS trench with securing pins at 12 in. (300 mm) intervals in between anchors at 4 ft. (1.2 m) intervals.
- E. The securing pins provide for temporary tie-down of the HPTRM to aid with the installation of the engineered earth anchors and where applicable the establishment of vegetation. Secure the HPTRM initially with the securing pins driven flush with the HPTRM at the designated frequency based on the engineered earth armoring channel protection requirements.
- F. Install the engineered earth anchors at the depth, spacing and loading based on the engineered earth armoring slope stability or erosion control requirements to permanently secure the HPTRM. Increased anchoring frequency may be required based on the baseline establishment tests required in Section 1.6.B.
- G. Position adjacent upstream rolls in same manner until the armoring limits are completed, overlapping preceding rolls a minimum of 3 in. (75 mm) with securing pins at 12 in. (300 mm) intervals in between anchors at 5 ft. (1.5 m) intervals and the last HPTRM panel edge terminates in the TC trench with securing pins at 12 in. (300 mm) intervals in between anchors at 5 ft. (1.5 m) intervals.
- H. Secure the overlaps with securing pins at 12 in. (300 mm) intervals in between the engineered earth anchors placed at intervals based on the engineered earth armoring channel protection requirements.
- Backfill and compact the trenches with specified soil or as directed by the earthwork technical specifications
  or as directed by the Engineer of Record.
- J. Alternate installation methods must be approved by the Engineer of Record and manufacturer prior to execution.
- K. Refer to Section 3.2 for the appropriate vegetation establishment method.

#### END OF SECTION