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### **Tensar International Expands Pavement Reinforcement Product Line Company Adds GlasPave™ Waterproofing Paving Mat, New from Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics**

Atlanta, GA – March 14, 2008 – Tensar International Corporation (TIC), a leading developer and manufacturer of technology-driven site solutions, has expanded its pavement reinforcement capabilities with the addition of the GlasPave™ Waterproofing Paving Mat, new from Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics (SGTF). The GlasPave™ mat joins SGTF's well-established GlasGrid® Pavement Reinforcement System, used to reduce reflective cracking on highways, runways and parking lots. TIC is the exclusive distributor of both products throughout North and South America.

"We are very excited to add the new GlasPave™ products to the already successful GlasGrid® asphalt reinforcement product line," remarked Kerry Hook, P.Eng., SGTF's National Sales Manager for Civil Engineering Products. "GlasPave™ mats complement the GlasGrid® System by filling the need for a lower cost waterproofing product that also helps to retard reflective cracking on lower volume asphalt pavements such as residential streets, parking lots and tennis courts," Hook added.

"Thanks to our partnership with Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics and the introduction of the GlasPave™ product, we have a complete offering of pavement rehabilitation interlayers to complement Tensar's biaxial reinforcement geogrids to better meet the needs of owners, engineers and contractors," said Stephen Archer, P.E., TIC's Roadway Solutions Marketing Director.

The GlasPave™ Waterproofing Paving Mat is composed of a unique combination of fiberglass mesh, embedded into a high performance polyester fabric, that provides the highest tensile strength at low strain of any comparable product currently available. Its geosynthetic, nonwoven matrix enables an asphalt binder to penetrate and fill voids within the material, limiting the infiltration of surface moisture into a pavement structure. This helps to reduce reflective cracking, improve road performance, lower maintenance requirements and extend pavement service life. In addition, the GlasPave™ matrix design promotes a quick, strong bond with a variety of asphaltic tack coats.

The GlasPave™ mat resists rot, mildew and chemical degradation. Unlike polypropylene fabrics, it will neither shrink nor change dimensions when exposed to hot mix asphalt. With its higher tensile strength, it is more durable and less susceptible to on-site installation damage. And it is easily milled for recycling for asphalt rehabilitation projects. GlasPave™ mats are currently available in two roll widths (46 in. and 78.75 in.) and in two lengths (750 ft. and 3,000 ft.) for easy installation.

For more information on the GlasPave™ Waterproofing Paving Mat and all other pavement reinforcement solutions, visit [www.tensarcorp.com](http://www.tensarcorp.com).

*About Tensar International Corporation* – Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Tensar International Corporation is a full-service provider of specialty products and engineering services that offer innovative and cost-effective alternatives to traditional construction methods. TIC solutions are based on advanced soil reinforcement technologies and incorporate proprietary, engineered applications for commercial, industrial, municipal, residential and transportation infrastructure site development. TIC 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 the company's systems, offering unmatched strength and durability on any site. Company services include site evaluation, conceptual engineering, design, value engineering and construction assistance. For more information, visit [www.tensarcorp.com](http://www.tensarcorp.com).

*About Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics* – Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics is a world leader in engineered grids and fabrics for the paving marketplace. It is part of a global alliance of companies within the High Performance Materials sector of *Compagnie de Saint-Gobain*, the world's largest construction materials company. With plants worldwide, SGTF manufactures and distributes dozens of reinforcement product lines that provide reinforcement solutions for a wide range of industries and engineered applications. SGTF produces GlasGrid® Pavement Reinforcement System and GlasPave™ Waterproofing Paving Mat products in the United States at the company's manufacturing facility in Albion, New York. For more information, visit [www.glasgrid.com](http://www.glasgrid.com) and [www.sgtf.com](http://www.sgtf.com).