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The Tensar Corporation Breaks Ground for Major Plant Expansion

<u>Production capacity for Biaxial (BX) Geogrid at Georgia plant</u> will more than double to meet growing world demand

Atlanta, GA – February 15, 2006 – Marking double-digit sales growth, executives and employees of The Tensar Corporation, joined by representatives of long-term construction partner Tiernan & Patrylo, Inc., recently broke ground on the expansion of its Morrow, Georgia manufacturing facility. The expansion will more than double the 23-year old plant's capacity to manufacture Tensar® Biaxial (BX) Geogrid, the key component of the Company's patented Spectra® Roadway Improvement System used worldwide. Construction activities began on February 13.

"This expansion is a significant milestone in the history of our Company. It will house the most modern and technologically advanced equipment used to make biaxial geogrid in the world," commented Phil Egan, President and CEO of The Tensar Corporation. "We're taking several quantum leaps forward in terms of production capacity, throughput speeds and process efficiencies with what is already a world-class operation," Egan noted.

"It's a very exciting time, and something we can all be proud of," added Bennett Suggs, The Tensar Corporation's Vice President of Operations. Suggs remarked that in addition to meeting growing customer demand, "our expansion will help keep manufacturing jobs in the U.S. with continuing productivity improvements."

The expansion represents the plant's largest capital equipment expenditure in its history, prompted in large part by significant, record-breaking sales growth over the past five years. Other factors include the passage of the \$286.5 billion federal transportation bill (SAFETEA-LU) in 2005, funding highway and mass transit programs through 2009; increased infrastructure construction in Canada and Latin America; and the continuing

efforts of engineers and contractors to source products that install quickly and easily, ensure longer road life with less maintenance and help meet tight construction schedules and budgets.

Nearly 60,000 square feet will be added to the existing 172,000 square foot facility, located on an 18-acre site approximately 15 miles south of downtown Atlanta. Both installation of new equipment and relocation of existing equipment are scheduled to begin in June, with all manufacturing processes online by November. Peachtree City-based Tiernan & Patrylo, the design-build firm involved in the plant's original construction, has completed other facility renovations through the years.

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

With manufacturing facilities in Morrow, Georgia and Evansville, Indiana, and with business development personnel in more than 50 locations across the United States, Canada and Latin America, The Tensar Corporation is well positioned to provide customized solutions to common earthwork construction challenges. Based upon the Company's "faster, better, cheaper" business model, these solutions include high performance, leading-edge systems and products that save time and money.

For more information, visit www.tensarcorporation.com.



(From Left to Right) Dennis Patrylo, Vice President of Tiernan & Patrylo, presents a commemorative shovel to Phil Egan, President and CEO of The Tensar Corporation, at the groundbreaking ceremony marking the Company's Morrow, Ga. plant expansion. Looking on are The Tensar Corporation's Bennett Suggs, Vice President of Operations, and Senior Project Engineers Dave Daugherty and Brian Zhou.