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**SUBJECT:** New product evaluations

**PRODUCT Name:** EarthGuard and EarthGuard Fiber Matrix

Thank you for submitting your product for review and testing to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). We have reviewed your specifications (data sheets) and material samples and determined the **EarthGuard and EarthGuard Fiber Matrix** mulch has been approved for MDOT use by this letter provisionally with the condition that during the first year its field performance be equal to or better than other materials.

The mulch needs to be field tested on an MDOT construction project to observe performance. You will be required to locate an MDOT project and receive MDOT's regional and Contractor's permission to use the product. When the contractor agrees to use the product, the contractor will be required to contact the MDOT Project Engineer, myself and The New Materials Engineer at the Geotechnical Services Unit, Construction & Technology Division, P.O. Box 30049, Lansing, MI 48909.

If the field test is satisfactory, the product will be approved for use on MDOT projects. The product may be immediately unapproved should any problems develop related to installation or performance as a result of products, materials, or manufacturing changes.

At this time we are not aware of any of your products on our projects.

Sincerely,  
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