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Synergetic Group in Numbers

656K

The hours worked since the last safety incident across three projects with over 250 workers.

450

The approximate number of employees at Synergetic Development Group, including casuals on our active project sites.

29

The number of Synergetic's active projects as at the time of publishing this newsletter.

CEO's Message

Strengthening our Partnership for the Future

Dear Valued Customer,

I hope this message finds you well. I am delighted to introduce our inaugural quarterly newsletter, a new initiative to keep you informed and engaged with the latest developments at Synergetic.

First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support, especially during these challenging economic times. The past year has tested businesses across all sectors, and your steadfast partnership has been crucial to our resilience and growth. Your trust and loyalty inspire us to strive for excellence every day, and for that, we are profoundly thankful.

To continue delivering the highest level of quality services, we have undertaken a significant internal realignment. This strategic move, in response to the changing economic landscape, aims to better position Synergetic for future success. By streamlining our operations and optimizing our organisational structure, we aim to enhance efficiency, foster innovation, and improve the overall client experience – being closer to the market demands.

What does this mean for you? Our realignment ensures we can respond to your needs more swiftly and effectively, allocate resources more strategically, and bring you enhanced service delivery and innovative solutions. We believe these changes, that have aligned our internal teams into three market focused executing divisions, i.e. end-to-end Consulting Services; Energy & Industrial Project Solutions; and Infrastructure & Real Estate Solutions; will make Synergetic more agile and capable of providing even greater value to your business.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the future of our relationship with you. Our focus remains on building a sustainable, mutually beneficial partnership that adapts to the evolving business environment. We are committed to enhancing our service offerings and continuously seeking ways to add more value to your operations.

As we navigate the future together, we remain dedicated to transparency and open communication. Your feedback is invaluable, and we encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions on how we can serve you better.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to achieving greater success together in the coming quarters.

Stephen Kiarie

C.E.O

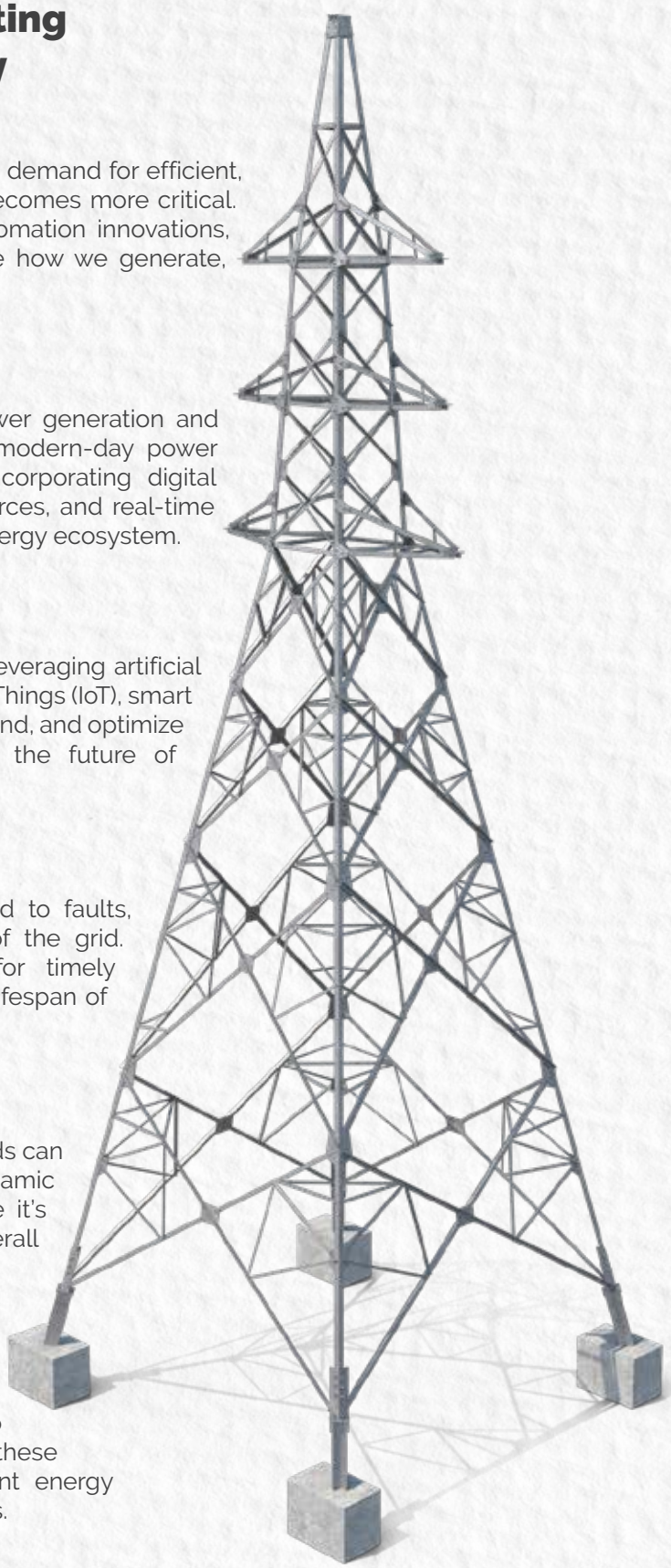
Synergetic Development Group

Organizational Setup

Energy

The Future of Smart Grids: Integrating Automation for Sustainable Energy Management

As the global demand for power proceeds to increase, the demand for efficient, sustainable, and resilient energy management systems becomes more critical. The evolution of smart grids improved by advanced automation innovations, rests atop of this transformation guaranteeing to change how we generate, distribute, as well as consume electrical power.



Smart Grids

Traditional power grids, characterized by centralized power generation and one-way distribution, are progressively lapsing despite modern-day power challenges. Smart grids represent a paradigm shift, incorporating digital communication technologies, decentralized energy resources, and real-time data analytics to create a more dynamic and responsive energy ecosystem.

Automation

Automation is the backbone of smart grid innovation. By leveraging artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and the Internet of Things (IoT), smart grids can autonomously manage energy flow, predict demand, and optimize resource allocation. Here's how automation is driving the future of sustainable energy management:

1. Enhanced Reliability and Resilience:

Automated systems can quickly detect and respond to faults, minimizing outages and enhancing the resilience of the grid. Predictive maintenance, enabled by AI, allows for timely interventions, reducing downtime and extending the lifespan of infrastructure.

2. Optimized Energy Distribution:

Through real-time data analytics, automated smart grids can balance supply and demand more efficiently. This dynamic adjustment ensures that energy is distributed where it's needed most, reducing waste and improving overall system efficiency.

3. Integration of Renewable Energy:

Automation facilitates the seamless integration of renewable energy sources such as solar and wind into the grid. By intelligently managing the intermittency of these sources, smart grids ensure a stable and consistent energy supply, even as the proportion of renewables increases.

4. Consumer Empowerment:

Smart grids equipped with automated demand response capabilities can empower consumers to take an active role in energy management. By utilizing smart meters and IoT devices, consumers can monitor their energy usage in real time and adjust consumption patterns.

Challenges and Opportunities

While the potential of automated smart grids is immense, several challenges remain. Cybersecurity threats pose significant risks to the highly interconnected and data-driven nature of smart grids. Ensuring sturdy security measures and durable architectures is paramount. Additionally, the transition to fully automated smart grids requires substantial investment in infrastructure and technology, as well as regulatory support.

However, the opportunities far outweigh these challenges. By embracing automation, we can allow for new levels of efficiency, reliability, and sustainability in our energy systems. Governments, utilities, and technology providers must collaborate to drive innovation and investment in smart grid technologies.

Conclusion

The future of energy management lies in the integration of automation into smart grids. This convergence promises to meet growing energy demands while also being sustainable, efficient, and resilient. As we move towards this future, we must remain focused on fostering innovation, improving security, and ensuring equitable access to these transformative technologies. The path to a sustainable energy future is clear, and automation is critical to realising its full potential.

Infrastructure

Flood Protection With Geosynthetics

Introduction

The changing weather patterns caused by climate change are leading to more severe and extreme weather conditions.

In some cases, it is essential to manage the flow of water. Sea defense dikes, emergency flood alleviation dikes, canal dikes, and various types of streams and channels are crucial for protecting land and enabling irrigation or navigation. Longitudinal dikes are often used to control river water during floods.

What is Geosynthetics?

Geosynthetics are synthetic materials designed to improve the performance and lifespan of civil engineering projects. These materials, typically made from polymers like polypropylene, polyester, or polyethylene, possess impressive properties such as high tensile strength, flexibility, and chemical resistance. Geosynthetics are classified into different types, including geotextiles, geomembranes, geogrids, geocells, and Geo-composites, each tailored to address specific engineering challenges.

By using geosynthetic building materials and flood protection systems, you can enhance long-term technical flood protection in vulnerable areas. Geotextile solutions can also aid in the rapid and efficient reconstruction after a flood event.

Technical flood protection with geotextiles

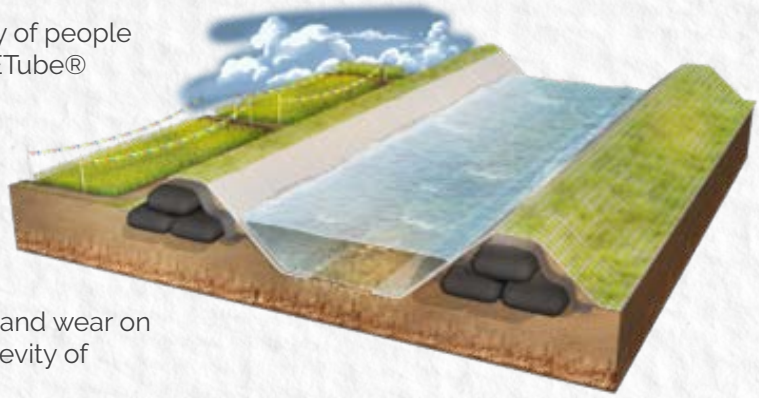
Erosion-protected and securely sealed channels, spillways, and stormwater retention basins can be quickly and efficiently constructed using geosynthetics. This ensures that structures with geosynthetics offer the best possible protection even during heavy rainfall events.

Examples of applications for geosynthetic flood protection actions

Riverbank and Channel Protection

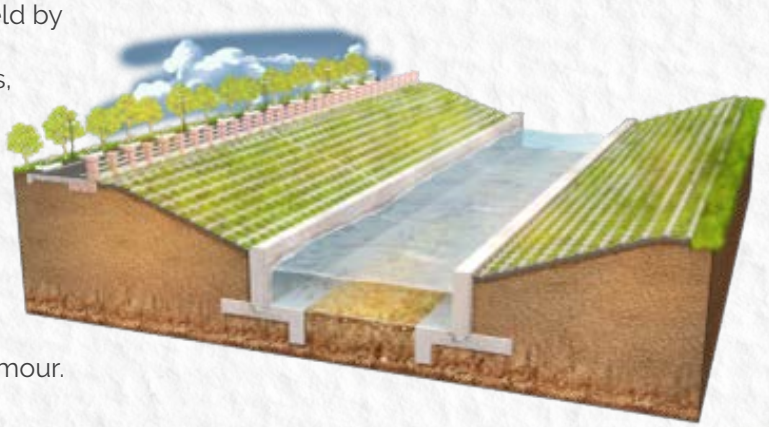
Bank erosion in rivers or channels is a natural process, but this process could be accelerated due to the impact of human activities. Hydraulic engineers need to explore fluvial geomorphology, carry out the function of riverine structures and maintain the balance of nature. Geosynthetics can offer cost effective, high working efficiency and environmentally friendly geosynthetic products into various riverine works, such as revetments to strengthen the bank or flow control structures to reduce the bank scour or induce sedimentation.

1. Levees and Dikes

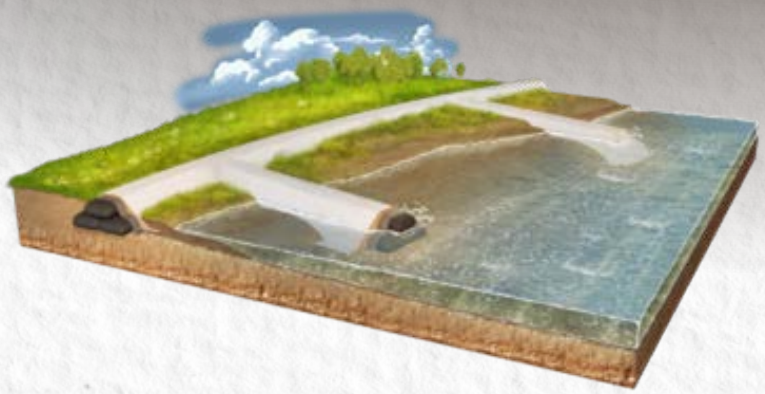


Levees or Dikes are applied to protect the safety of people and surroundings against flooding. Stacked ACETube® geotextile tubes or wrapped ACEGrid® geogrid reinforced soil structures enhance the core of natural or man-made river embankments. ACETex® geotextiles further stabilize and reinforce soft soil conditions often encountered in embankment foundations. The highly permeable ACE geosynthetic materials simultaneously reduce the pore water pressure and wear on artificial river embankments enhancing the longevity of these flood mitigating structures.

2. Revetments



River embankment defences are regularly upheld by artificial revetments. Several cost-effective ACE geosynthetic options exist that frame riverbanks, curtailing erosion and protecting riversides and adjacent structures from destructive flow velocities apparent in rivers during storms and floods. ACE revetment systems incorporate ACETex® geotextiles or ACETube® geotextile tube structures to stabilize and reinforce embankments and are further fortified with ACEFormer™ geotextile mattresses or ACEMat™ erosion control mats armour.

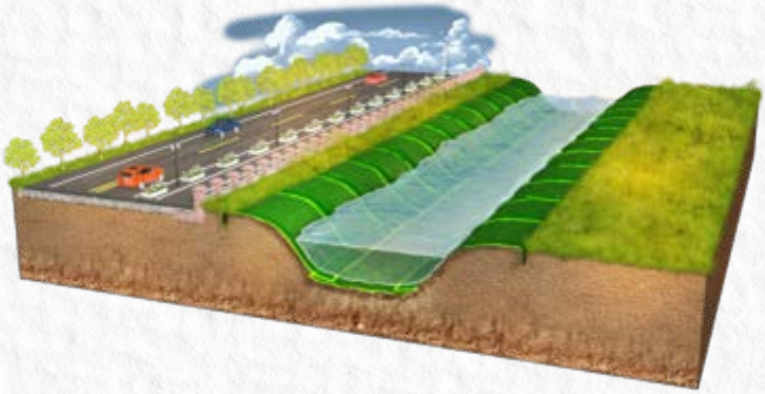


3. Wing Dams / Groynes

Alteration of turbulent currents and modification of riverside habitats are achieved by installing ACETube® geotextile tubes perpendicular to riverbanks that form groynes. These flexible groyne structures, withstanding the uneven landform, alter flow direction and decrease flow velocities which restrains lateral erosion. The trapped sediment extends and maintains the river banks.

4. Pier Scour Protection System

The foundations of hydraulic structures are constantly unearthed or washed away by forceful river currents. ACE's robust scour protection system combines ACETube® geotextile tubes and ACEFormer™ geotextile mattresses to effectively stabilize pier alignments and diminish scour around single or multiple pile foundations.



5. Channel Lining Protection

Channel or river without lining protection, it is easy to occur erosion that changes the flow direction or causes the water to overflow and flood. Laying the product of erosion control mat-ACEMat R decreased the water flow shear stress. It not only effectively prevents water erodes, but also dissipates the scouring attack. Provide the environment with a stable and sufficient water cross-section of the channel/river.

Other Flood Control Applications Geosynthetics

1. Storm Water Storage

Efficient water retention during local heavy rainfall events

a. Sustainable retention effect

During short-term heavy rainfall, stormwater retention basins are flooded to relieve the stormwater sewer system. The accumulated water volumes can then be discharged from the temporary storage into the receiving watercourse in a controlled and slowed manner. Since the surface water can be contaminated with pollutants, the basin must be sealed to protect the groundwater. Sealing is also required if local infiltration is not possible or desirable. Rainwater retention basins can sustainably reduce the devastating effects of local heavy rainfall events.

b. Sustainable retention effect

Sludge dewatering hoses can be used to maintain the reservoir volume of the stormwater retention basin. They allow sludge to be dewatered economically and quickly. The large-format hoses offer a high process capacity with simultaneous high dewatering performance in a comparatively small space. This enables rapid construction progress or quick restoration of the required reservoir volume.

2. Reconstruction after a flood

Geosynthetics and geo-systems for fast and safe reconstruction

Our geosynthetic construction materials enable you to quickly and safely set up construction roads, secure embankments, erect supporting structures, and bridge abutments over the long term. They also allow for highly loadable working platforms on low-bearing soils, as well as the creation of temporary and permanent dumps for contaminated sludge, rubble, waste, etc. In addition, we offer products such as concrete mats, erosion control and reinforcement solutions, contaminant surface filters, geosynthetic clay liners, and more for safe reconstruction after flood situations.

3. Geogrid-reinforced earth structures

Fast and resource-efficient reconstruction

Constructing steep slopes and retaining structures is a common and often unexpectedly challenging task in earthworks and foundation engineering. Our geogrid-reinforced systems offer innovative and cost-effective solutions for engineering structures. These systems provide many advantages over conventional construction methods due to their flexible design options, high stability, and fast construction. They allow for settlement-resistant systems, even with over steepened slopes, in a simple, efficient, and ecologically sustainable way.

Plastic-reinforced earth structures are particularly efficient, resource-saving, and quick to construct. They are used in infrastructure reconstruction in flood-damaged regions, for building bridge abutments and dam constructions for railway lines, reconstructing eroded embankments, and more.

4. Construction of access roads

Access roads for the development of disaster areas

Wherever there are unstable soils that need to be driven over, either temporarily or permanently, soil stabilization measures are necessary. Different types of soil softness require different base layers to withstand varying loads. Geosynthetics have proven to be effective in stabilizing base courses because they offer maximum resistance to mechanical stress and provide significant economic and ecological advantages. Geosynthetics are particularly useful in disaster areas or areas with damaged road infrastructure. They help accelerate the reconstruction of road networks in the long term by reducing mass transport and base course thickness.

5. Temporary and permanent landfills

Large amounts of waste and contaminated sludge build up during floods or heavy rainfall. Our solutions provide quick and permanent landfill sealing systems for the temporary or long-term transfer of these wastes. We offer the right systems for every construction phase to securely seal and stabilize the landfill permanently.

Consulting

Navigating New Regulatory Changes in the EPC Industry

The Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) business is continuously changing, and remaining current with new regulatory standards is critical to the success of your projects. At Synergetic Consulting, we understand the difficulties associated with navigating this complex landscape. In this edition of our newsletter, we discuss recent regulatory developments affecting the EPC sector and offer strategies to keep your projects compliant and successful.

Recent Regulatory Changes in the EPC Sector

1. Environmental Regulations

- ***New Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Requirements:*** Recent amendments have introduced stricter guidelines for conducting EIAs. Projects now require more comprehensive baseline data and mitigation plans to minimize environmental impact.
- ***Sustainability Reporting:*** There is an increased emphasis on sustainability reporting, requiring detailed documentation of environmental management practices and outcomes.

2. Health and Safety Standards

- ***Updated Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Standards:*** The latest OSH regulations mandate enhanced safety protocols on construction sites, including mandatory safety training for all workers and regular safety audits.
- ***Emergency Response Plans:*** New guidelines necessitate robust emergency response plans, including regular drills and coordination with local emergency services.

3. Labour Laws

- ***New Labour Contract Regulations:*** Changes in labour laws now require more detailed employment contracts, ensuring fair wages, working conditions, and clear terms of employment.
- ***Worker Welfare Provisions:*** Enhanced regulations on worker welfare, including mandatory provisions for on-site healthcare, adequate rest facilities, and nutritional standards.

4. Procurement Policies

- ***Transparency and Anti-Corruption Measures:*** New procurement policies aim to increase transparency and reduce corruption, with strict guidelines on tender processes, bid evaluations, and contractor selection.
- ***Local Content Requirements:*** Regulations promoting the use of local materials and labour have been strengthened, necessitating compliance with local content quotas.

Strategies for Ensuring Compliance

1. Comprehensive Regulatory Audits

Conduct regular audits to ensure your projects comply with the latest regulations. Our team of experts can help identify potential compliance gaps and recommend corrective actions.

2. Training and Capacity Building

Invest in continuous training programs for your staff to keep them updated on new regulatory requirements. We offer customized training sessions to ensure your team is well-versed in the latest compliance standards.

3. Sustainable Practices Integration

Integrate sustainability into your project planning and execution. Our consultancy services include developing sustainability strategies that align with regulatory requirements and enhance project outcomes.

4. Enhanced Project Documentation

Maintain detailed documentation for all project activities, from environmental impact assessments to safety protocols and procurement processes. This not only ensures compliance but also improves project transparency and accountability.

5. Engage with Regulatory Authorities

Foster strong relationships with regulatory bodies to stay informed about upcoming changes and participate in consultations. Our team can facilitate these engagements and ensure your interests are represented.

How Synergetic Consulting Can Help

At Synergetic Consulting, we specialize in guiding our clients through the complexities of regulatory compliance in the EPC industry. Our services include:

- ***Regulatory Compliance Audits:*** Comprehensive assessments to identify and address compliance gaps.
- ***Training Programs:*** Tailored training sessions on new regulatory requirements and best practices.
- ***Sustainability Consulting:*** Strategies to integrate sustainability and comply with environmental regulations.
- ***Documentation Support:*** Assistance in maintaining thorough and compliant project documentation.
- ***Stakeholder Engagement:*** Facilitation of communication with regulatory authorities and stakeholders.

Staying ahead of regulatory changes is essential for the success of your projects. Let us help you navigate these changes with confidence and ensure your projects are compliant, efficient, and sustainable.

Thank you for trusting Synergetic Consulting as your partner in excellence.

Health & Safety

Why is Health & Safety Important?

Because it is fundamental to Employee well-being and Organisational Productivity.

The workplace at Synergetic Development Group (SDG) consist of either the office or the project sites, and as a result, the diversity of our Health & Safety scope is broad. However, the principle of understanding risks, being conscious of the hazards and recognising the precautions in place is a requirement for all.

In our workplaces, you are likely to be hit by falling objects or even fall from a height. As such, hard hats and harnesses are a staple in our project sites. Your unintentional office ergonomics are likely to cause you long-term spinal strain while suffocation in confined spaces & injury from motor-operated machinery can lead you to hospital admission or worse. Be deliberate with understanding the risks of your workplace and utilise the basic safety measures, lest you become a statistic.

Synergetic staff have an average age of 32; this young, talented and vibrant workforce is already socially and professionally impacting society. Each of our staff members has direct & indirect dependents who care and wholeheartedly rely on you – so we all have a moral duty to keep each other safe. Holding each other accountable for safety is a spirited obligation for the loved ones who await our return at the end of the day.

The Health & Safety Committee will be the vehicle to propel a safety culture across all our workplaces by driving awareness, supporting policy development and instilling a compliant culture that is rooted in the care of our staff, suppliers, clients and the community.

The Committee is an industry best practice, a regulatory requirement, and is a foundational cornerstone of the organisation. However, its success is unlikely without the sincere engagement of the wider organisation in driving an honest willingness to care for each other's well-being.

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