

# Combigrid® - Portside East Development - Australia

Temporary working platform

- **Project Name**  
Portside East Development, Hamilton, Queensland, Australia
- **Client**  
Global Synthetics Pty Ltd, Virginia, Queensland, Australia
- **Contractor**  
Mainland Civil Pty Ltd, Shailer Park, Queensland, Australia
- **Technical consultant**  
Geoinventions Consulting Services (GCS), Underwood, Queensland, Australia
- **Developer**  
Brookfield Residential Properties, Calgary, Canada
- **Products**  
Combigrid 40/40 Q1 GRK 4 C  
Secugrid 40/40 Q1





The Gallery House development at Portside East is a luxurious apartment project in Hamilton, Queensland, Australia. The project features a 19 and a 20 storey building with approximate 169 apartments and 1100m<sup>2</sup> retail space. The building will offer easy access to the inner city and stylish waterfront living.

## Challenge

The scope was to design a sufficiently thick working platform to prevent any punching or bearing failures during the piling operations. As the construction site is adjacent to the Brisbane River, the existing loose to medium dense sand subgrade did not have the required bearing capacity to withstand the proposed 370kPa piling pressures exhibited during operations.

## Solution

In order to achieve the required bearing capacity, the consultant designed a platform using a combination of Combigrid<sup>®</sup> geocomposite and Secugrid<sup>®</sup> geogrid. The geogrid component in Combigrid<sup>®</sup> provides reinforcement whilst the integrated geotextile component provides a positive separation and filtration function.

The Combigrid<sup>®</sup> geocomposite was placed on top of the weak sub-grade and the Secugrid<sup>®</sup> geogrid layer was placed in the middle of the 800mm thick platform.

By using a geocomposite, the consultant provided value engineering by reducing the thickness of the platform compared to conventional working platform designs commonly provided in the industry. This provided material savings and reduced the overall construction timeframe for the construction of these platforms.

By using reconstituted subbase material for the platform reinforcement fill, the consultant also reduced the need for utilising processed quarry material and additional transport which further reduced the carbon footprint of this project.