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GEO - Santiago

GEO - SANTIAGO: Dan Rohe and Fred Rohe will be attending EXPOMIN 2008 in Santiago, Chile from April 15 to 18, 2008. On Thursday afternoon April 17 they will deliver a technical presentation at EXPOMIN on the use of ASTM D 7177 for nondestructive strength testing of thermally welded dual track PVC field seams. EXPOMIN is a biannual international conference and exhibition attended by mine owners, mining engineers and operators from around the world. The use of flexible PVC is steadily increasing in mining applications, and the use of PVC at South American sites is also expanding. FILMTEX is a major supplier of PVC geomembranes to the South American mining industry. Filmtex uses EPI's proprietary factory welding systems for fabrication of PVC geomembrane panels.

GEO – CANCUN: Dan Rohe presented a technical paper entitled "Eliminating costly tests for PVC geomembranes by using new ASTM D 7177 air channel test for field seams" at The First Pan American Geosynthetics Conference and Exhibition held in Cancun the first week of March. The paper is a case study of the waste water treatment pond project in Manton, Michigan which used extensive quality control testing of field seams, thereby eliminating costly water balance testing of each of three ponds, totaling 18+ acres. A Spanish version of the paper is available. Brad DeArment who supervised the project also attended the conference.

GEO – NEW ORLEANS: Dan Rohe and Brad DeArment, along with Fred Rohe recently participated in GeoCongress 2008 sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). The conference and exhibition was held the second week of March in New Orleans. EPI's booth was seen and visited by geotechnical engineers from around the world.

GEO – ASTM: Mark Wolschon continues to work diligently on developing new standards for ASTM. The latest project is an ASTM standard specification for factory and field seams for PVC geomembranes. Mark, Dan, and Fred also participated in the ASTM D 35 committee meetings this past February in Tampa, FL.