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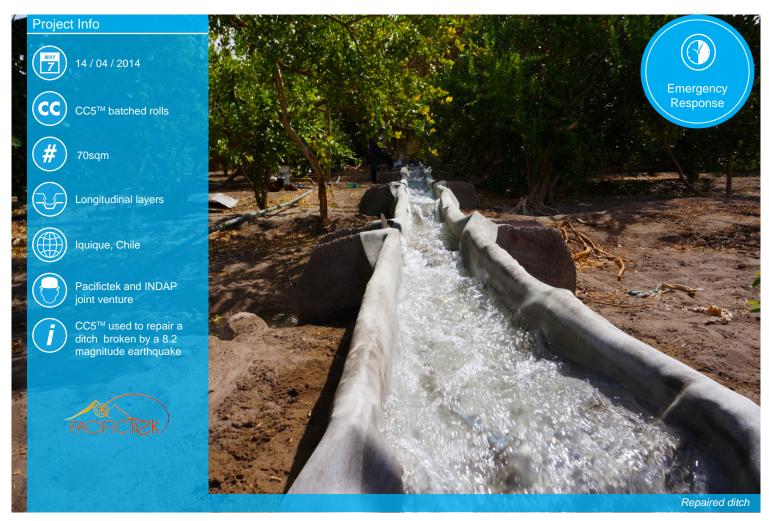












In April 2014 Concrete Canvas® GCCM\* (CC) was used for emergency remediation of a concrete irrigation ditch at a lemon farm located in the small oasis town of Pica, 90km east of Iquique, Chile.

On the 1st of April 2014, a 8.2 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Chile, 95km northwest of Iquique. The force of the earthquake broke apart the farm's existing poured concrete irrigation ditch, cracking it in several places and making it unusable. This posed an immediate threat to the lemon trees and therefore the livelihood of the farmer. The INDAP (a government agency dedicated to help small farmers) and Pacifictek funded the project as a joint venture, both parties donating time, money and materials. The installation was completed by 3 INDAP personnel and a Pacifictek official.

Man portable 7-10sqm batched rolls of CC5™ were carried to site, as the proximity of the trees would not allow any kind of plant access. Loose stone and rubble were cleared from the ditch, before CC was unrolled down its length and folded over the existing structure. The CC was fixed to the poured concrete form using masonry screws at roughly 200mm centres. Each layer was overlapped by 100mm in the direction of water flow, screwed and grouted with an epoxy grout. Epoxy grout was also used on the joints created by the steel doors located on the sides of the ditch, which are opened to allow irrigation.

In total 70sqm of CC5™ was installed by a team of 4 in one afternoon. The speed of installation resulted in the lemon trees and the farmer's business being saved. Batched rolls allowed delivery to site with no damage to the lemon trees and the flexibility of CC meant no expensive or time consuming formwork was needed. The installation has resulted in further project commissions.

\*Geosynthetic Cementitious Composite Mat





















#### Project Info





CC5™ Bulk rolls



60sqm



Transverse layers



Jacobsdal, Freestate, South Africa



Oranje Riet Water Users Association



The objective of this trial was to establish whether CC could be used to reline existing canals that have deteriorated and need either localised repair work or need to be completely relined. The profile of this canal measured approximately 2.9m in laid width. A 'surface-to-surface' bonding technique, where the material is folded back on itself by 50mm so that there is CC to CC contact was used for the securing the joints with the overlap in the direction of water flow. The trial was completed within 3 hours and the result is a durable, efficient and neat section of canal that was relined with relative ease and at a very good rate of implementation. The joints proved to be very strong and rigid which results in a new relined section of the canal that is completely waterproof.



















#### **Project Info**







180sqm



2 longitudinal layers



Malkerns, Swaziland



Concrete Canvas SA



Crop irrigating canal required upgrading during peak irrigation season. Water flow was dammed briefly to allow re-shaping of the existing earth profile and installation of the control of the co CC5™. Hydration was conducted under flow conditions meaning re-commissioning of the canal took place much earlier than previously anticipated.
The CC5™ was
installed in under 2





















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CC5™ Bulk rolls



200sqm



Vertical transverse layers



Nocaima, Colombia



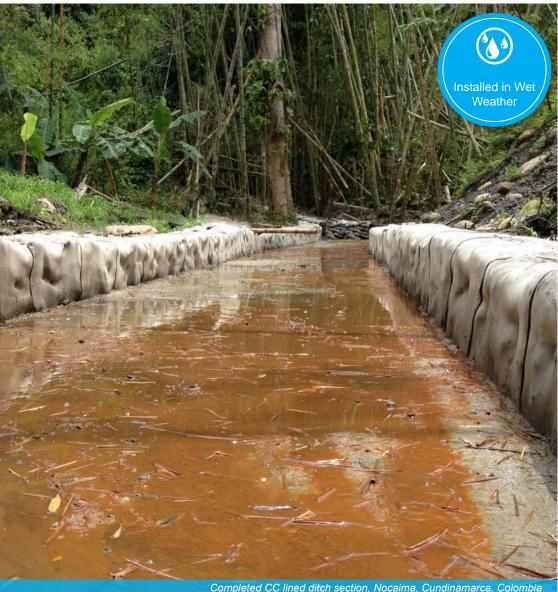
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CC was used to line a sandbag and gravel bed ditch designed to prevent ground saturation of nearby private properties in a remote jungle area.

The customer was Concesión Sabana De Occidente who have specified CC on previous works.

The installation was completed in 4 days using a team of 5 workers. Limited site access and inclement weather prohibited more traditional concrete solutions so CC was specified as an environmentally friendly high performance liner to prevent erosion of the sandbag wall structures.



Completed CC lined ditch section, Nocaima, Cundinamarca, Colombia



Ditch profile prior to lining with CC











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