**Rules for IGS Corporate Case Study Competition**

**Pan American Region for GeoAmericas 2020**

**1. Prerequisites**

1.1. The Case Study must be submitted by a fully paid up Corporate Member of the IGS at the time of submission and GeoAmericas 2020

1.2. Case studies will only be accepted on cases which involve geosynthetic types which are mentioned in the norm ISO 10318: 2018

1.3. The activity which is the subject of the Case Study may involve the application of a product or system on a project or a trial or testing program.

1.4 The activity which is the subject of the Case Study must been undertaken in a location within the Pan-American region of the International Geosynthetics Society

1.5 For clarity the IGS Corporate Member submitting the Case Study may be based anywhere in the world.

1.6 The activity which is the subject of the Case Study must have taken place, fully or partially, within the period from 1st April 2016 and 31st October 2019.

1.7 The Case Study should be a factual account of the activity containing no commercial promotion of any product or service involved. Any company, product or system names can only be referred once each.

1.8 Authors should permit the disclosure of the case study in any IGS media.

1.9 By submitting the Case Study the Corporate Member commits, if shortlisted, to deliver a presention on the Case Study at a special session in GeoAmericas 2020 in Brazil.

1.10 All submissions must be received by the IGS Secretariat by 31st January 2020.

1.11 Only one Case Study per Corporate Member will be accepted for entry.

1.12 The Corporate Member must supply products or services as part of the Case Study.

**2. Rules for the Case Study Content**

The case study should be written in as a technical article

2.1. Formatting

* Corporate Member Name
* Contact Name and email address
* Font: Times New Roman.
* Title: size 18, aligned in the center of the page. Start the title word in capital letters.
* Text: size 12 and spacing in simple lines.
* Size limited to 4 pages of A4 (including photographs and figures) and total of 3000 words
* Format: portrait orientation, with the body text arranged in a column, with justified paragraphs.
* Document language: English.
* File format to be submitted: PDF.
* Specific formats:
* Title of items: the numbering of the items and sub-items must be justified to the left, on Times New Roman, size 12.
* Titles of the first order must be capitalized.
* Titles of second and third order should have their initial capitalized and the rest in lower case.
* The space between the titles of first, second and third order and the text should be one line, size 12.
* At the end of the text of each item or sub-item, if the next paragraph is another item, the spacing should be two blank lines, size 12. If the next paragraph is another sub-item, the spacing should be a blank line, size 12.
* Photos, pictures and the charts
* The photos, figures and charts should be clear and inserted in the text, next to the reference to it, and not exceeding the page margins.
* The subtitles should be placed below the picture and figure.
* Chart subtitles should be placed above them.
* All photos, figures and charts should be numbered with Arabic numerals, Times New Roman, size 10.

2.2 Required items

* Name of the activity
* Kind of activity (retaining wall, landfill, testing program...)
* Place of the activity (city, state)
* Date of implementation (start and finish)
* Geosynthetics involved (names as in the nomenclature from ISO 10318: 2018)
* Benefits and/or knowledge gained, lessons learned : technical and/or constructive and/or economic)
* Justification/evidence of any benefit claimed

2.3. Desirable items (will be viewed favourably during judging)

* Details of sustainable or environmental impact benefit
* Innovative practice or solution
* Photos and/or diagrams

**3. 3. Rules for the acceptance of the case study**

3.1. For acceptance, the case study must contain all required items.

3.2. Statement of each author:

* Allocating the non-exclusive copyright of the case study to the IGS, aiming publication and dissemination in any means of reproduction, whether of their own or third parties. Winner or not of this competition, the author (s) licenses to IGS Brazil the right to use, reproduce, edit and adapt the case submitted as well as their own portraits in events and other actions related to this contest.
* Stating agreement with the contest rules and with the text of the case study submited.

3.3. By participating in this contest, the author (s) assumed to be responsible, entirely and exclusively, under the law, for the veracity and accuracy of the information provided, as well as being solely responsible for obtaining all necessary authorizations of all third parties who, directly or indirectly, have involvement with the work and / or believed to have the right to argue against disclosure, and is (are) responsible for all potential costs and payments resulting from any legal action.

3.4. The Power Point presentation of the winner study case must be submitted to evaluation by the IGS 15 days before the event in which will be presented.

**4. Submission & Judging Procedure**

* As indicated above the deadline for submission is 31st January 2020
* Submission to the IGS Secretariat via email to: igssec@geosyntheticssociety.org
* Selection of shortlist of 5 to 6 Case Studies will be made by the IGS Officers by 15th February 2020
* Shortlisted Case Studies will be presented at a special session in GeoAmericas 2020 in Rio de Janiero, Brazil.
* A panel of 5-7 independent judges will be selected by the IGS Officers to vote on the Case Study presentations
* A winner(s) will be selected and awards issued at the GeoAmericas 2020 closing session.
* The winner(s) will be invited to present their case studies again at a special session at the International Geosynthetics Conference in Rome, Italy in 2022 where the International winner and runner up will be selected from the four IGS regions.