

## **Smartroad Tools Newsletter – 26 December 2018**

**Subject:** Year-end update from Smartroad Tools

Dear Colleague,

As 2018 draws to a close, we want to share the latest developments regarding our innovative technology for non-destructive monitoring of the earth supporting critical infrastructure.

Our trip to Seoul to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Geosynthetics was very successful. We were able to talk face to face with many key players in the geosynthetics business, describing our technology, requesting feedback and exploring opportunities for joint development. We have discussions ongoing with several potential partners, and have received a new set of samples for testing from one of them. We hope to be able to conclude a formal agreement in the first quarter of 2019.

We have also submitted a research proposal to the Thai National Science, Technology and Development Agency (NSTDA), in cooperation with the Railway Cluster group at King Mongkut's University of Technology (KMUTT). Our proposed eighteen month project includes full-scale field validation as well as FEM simulation studies and additional laboratory experiments. If we obtain funding for this proposal, this will move us much closer to commercialization.

A few weeks ago, we participated in the Demo Day for the second batch of companies attending the Sprint Deep Tech Accelerator program. This gave us the chance to meet or reconnect with many people in the Asian start-up ecosystem.

Papers discussing our recent research have been accepted to two upcoming conferences, the International Conference on Materials Processing Technology (Tokyo, Japan: March 2019) and the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Structural Health Monitoring of Intelligent Infrastructure (St. Louis, Missouri, USA; August 2019).

If you haven't done so already, do visit our redesigned website at <http://www.smartroadtools.com>, which now provides much more detail about our technology, research results and progress. You can also access back issues of our newsletter.

Last, but certainly not least, we want to wish you the best of the festive season, and a peaceful and prosperous new year.

Best regards,

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