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Rock of Ages,,,

Have you ever heard of a rock factory?,,,, No!?,,, Me neither!

The rock used in your company carpark wasn't manufactured,, it's not 'manmade' in a factory somewhere. It's likely to have been manipulated, perhaps crushed and mixed with asphalt or cement, but it was already 100's of millions of years old by the time it got there. Generically speaking, it doesn't get any older or more basic - than rock. It may've been split, broken, crushed, melted, washed, baked, boiled and pressed, but it's still rock. It's been around a very very long time and it's not going anywhere, anytime soon!

Similarly with Water. It's been here for a few years too,, doing what it's designed to do best - erode, shape and regenerate our planet - and it's really good at it!,, after all, it's had a lot of practice! As the Earth turns, so too water will flow, drain, soak, seep, wick and sweat into any and all spaces not specifically built to stop it - for the lifetime of the building.

If it gets inside it will continue to do what it's been doing for eons and in any combination of three natural states, all with very different and amazing physical & chemical properties all designed to;

- a) Erode
- b) Corrode
- c) Dissolve
- d) All of the above!

Given this threat to your entire project, why would you not specify a proven 100% natural tanking membrane that <u>self-heals</u> as an effective risk management strategy?

When the plan is to install, bury and forget the tanking, why would you not specify and install rock, already millions of years old, that will self-remedy any leaks that may appear throughout the service life of the building -no digging required.

Bentonite clay expands significantly when hydrated. When the membrane is installed and confined between a concrete wall and back-fill, i.e. *a rock and a hard place*, this swelling creates a high pressure zone of extremely viscous clay 'gel' that flows into any low pressure spots, i.e., leaks, and seals them with an impervious clay plug able to withstand up to 70m of head pressure and it's so environmentally safe you can eat it!

It's easy to understand why we're comfortable offering the longest product warranty on the market - we're simply borrowing a specific type of rock, (ok,, clay), that has an amazing ability to swell, and using it for a split-second of it's 'lifetime', to stick it back in the ground to keep water out of a buildings; something it's been wanting to do for millions of years,, and!, it's really great at it!

• It's rock science - not rocket science!

Of the buildings inspected post Christchurch earthquakes, those sustaining the least damage from liquefaction were tanked in **Bentonite GCL**. From the initial tremors, through the major quakes and for each of the thousands of aftershocks, Bentonite Clay was the first response, actively sealing leaks as they occurred, in real time. In doing so it's an unsung hero, a quiet achiever, science in action, protecting your building, for a lifetime.

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