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Mr. Matthew Kero  
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**Re: Application for Product Review  
Basalt Fiber Reinforced Polymer (BFRP) Rebar as an Alternative to Steel Reinforcement**

Dear Mr. Kero,

We have completed our review of the above referenced product application. Based on our review and upon recommendations from American Council of Engineering Companies Houston Chapter, we are approving the limited use of BFRP Rebar as an alternative to steel reinforcement.

The use of BFRP rebar is limited to the following types of the City's Capital Improvement Plan projects: sidewalks, curbs and gutters, driveways, and channel slope protection. The use of BFRP rebar in any other type of project will need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the director of the Department of Public Works and Engineering.

We will periodically evaluate the performance of the end product. Unsatisfactory performances may warrant the removal of BFRP rebar from the approved list. It is the manufacturer's responsibility to inform the City about any future change in the product for our reevaluation and approval.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Summer Lindsay (Executive Secretary Product Review Committee) at 832-394-9153.

Sincerely,

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Senior Assistant Director  
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