

May 12, 2017

Mr. Hasnain Jaffri, PE
Supervising Engineer
City of Houston
Engineering and Construction Division

**RE: Standard Product Approval: Basalt FRP (BFRP - GatorBar) in Lieu of
Grade 60: Steel Reinforcement**

Dear Mr. Jaffri,

In accordance with your request letter dated, March 27, 2017, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Houston (ACEC Houston) has reviewed the above referenced product (Basalt FRP / BFRP – GatorBar). Specifically, our Design Standards and Plan Review Committee as well as our Geotechnical Committee reviewed the specifics of the product. They have stated that we have no objection to this product being accepted by the City of Houston and incorporated onto the approved product list for use in driveways, sidewalks and hike and bike trails. This recommendation was presented to our Board of Directors on May 11, 2017, and the Board has concurred with their recommendation.

Thank you for giving ACEC the opportunity to provide input on evaluation of new products being considered by the City of Houston. Please let us know of future opportunities in how we can support the City of Houston in improving the quality of infrastructure for the public's use.

Sincerely,



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