# **CETCO® TBM-PRO**

# TUNNEL BORING MACHINE SLURRY AND BACKFILL GROUT BENTONITE

### **DESCRIPTION**

CETCO TBM-PRO is a 'dual application' sodium bentonite produced for tunnel projects utilising TBM Slurry-Mode while also requiring a low bleed backfill grout/annulus grout. CETCO TBM-PRO an easy mixing, high quality 200 mesh product made from naturally occurring sodium bentonite. It is made from the highest grade Australian sodium bentonite and is selectively mined & produced for use within the tunnelling & civil engineering sectors. CETCO TBM-PRO meets the performance criteria of the American Petroleum Institute (API) 13A, Section 11 specification and typically provides bleed of <5% at 24 hours.

## **RECOMMENDED USE**

CETCO TBM-PRO is designed for use in various civil engineering applications including; backfill grouting for TBM projects, TBM slurry, diaphragm walls, slurry walls/cut-off walls, piling, micro-tunnelling, pipe-jacking, general purpose grouting and similar civil-construction work.

# **MIXING AND APPLICATION**

Mixing ratios should be determined by an independent laboratory in accordance with the required project specifications. Water purity will affect bentonite performance. Mixing is best accomplished by adding CETCO TBM-PRO slowly through a jet/hopper mixer or colloidal mixer. CETCO TBM-PRO dosage rates are to be approved by the principal contractor as per the 'proven' mix design.

### **PACKAGING**

1200 kg bulka bags or pneumatic tanker.

GENERAL PROPERTIES	
Property	Typical Value
Bulk Density (tonnes/m³)	~0.85 mt/m <sup>3</sup>
Moisture	Max 13%
pH (6.25% solids)	8 to 11
CEC (meg/100g)	>75
Free Swell	Min 24 ml per 2 grams
Wet Screen Analysis	<2.5% on 75 um
Marsh Funnel Viscosity	(22.5 g/350 ml) Min 35 sec

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