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STEGO INTRODUCES BEAST FORM STAKE PROTECT YOUR VAPOR BARRIER FROM THE HAZARDS OF FORMWORK

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. – *Avoid the use of stakes driven through the vapor retarder.*

For more than two decades, Stego Industries has echoed these critical instructions directly from ASTM E1643 – Standard Practice for Selection, Design, Installation, and Inspection of Water Vapor Retarders.

The industry leader in below-slab barrier materials introduced yet another innovative concrete accessory Thursday to protect designers' and contractors' vapor barrier installation: **BEAST® FORM STAKE**.

Beast Form Stake is a lightweight, durable and reusable composite stake for concrete formwork, where concrete slabs require additional hardware to create elevation changes in the slab. When used with **BEAST FOOT**, Beast Form Stake allows the installer to support concrete formwork without driving metal stakes through the critical membrane protecting the slab from water vapor and other soil gases.

"Concrete formwork is critical to slab design, but brutal on below-slab membranes -- none more than the metal stake," said Beast inventor and National Product Manager Steve Lutes. "Beast Form Stake provides superior functionality over a metal stake by eliminating the need to search for a usable nail hole and protects the vapor barrier from punctures when used with Beast Foot."

Using the innovative SpeedTrack™ Fastening Grooves, Beast Form Stake can be fastened to a form board at any height along the stake, rather than the very few fixed nail holes on traditional stakes, which require additional time to position so they are located in the correct spot. The grooves, on four edges of the round stake, also allow for countless fastening points along the edges with nails or screws for reuse.

"This latest addition to the Beast line of concrete accessories is why the construction industry looks to Stego for solutions," said Stego Founder Paul J. Blasdel. "Straightforward but critical innovations like Beast Form Stake continue to save the concrete contractor time and money while reinforcing Stego's key mission of protecting slabs."

BEAST CONCRETE ACCESSORIES launched in 2016 with the **BEAST SCREED** system, which allowed concrete crews to achieve better floor levelness (FL) numbers while improving upon outdated wet-screed methods. Along with **BEAST HOOK** (for overhead screed rails) and **BEAST DECK FOOT** (for elevated decks), the line was honored with three successive "Most Innovative Product" awards from World of Concrete in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Beast Form Stake is available through Stego Industries' distribution network throughout North America.

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STEGO INDUSTRIES, LLC is a leader in the below-slab vapor barrier industry. The most-specified vapor barrier in the United States, Stego earned this distinction across North America by earning the respect, trust, and recommendation of the design, engineering and construction communities. Our game-changing barrier solutions are a critical component in the design and construction of efficient, durable and healthy buildings. Stego Industries provides science-based solutions, field-tested results, and strategic speed to market from its 100% solar-powered headquarters in San Clemente, California.

