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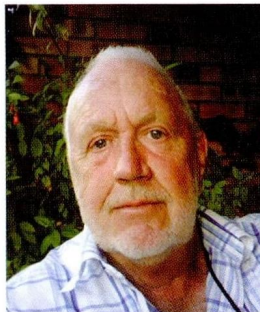
Walter and Robert Ebeling, directors of PMSA, and Gordon Forrester, have launched Basalt Technology (Pty) Ltd to promote 'StoneRod' technology into the southern African market.

StoneRod lava rock fibres are superior to E glass, and almost match, in certain applications, carbon fibre capabilities, but at much lower prices. Fibres will be offered for conventional concrete, shotcrete, superskin, and nuclear concrete. The material can be obtained as a lay-up cloth or tissue.

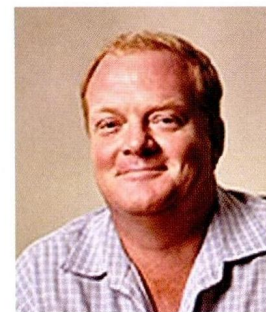
This new, viable material will fill niches in many spheres of industry in South Africa, including ballistics, fire proofing and explosion mediation through blast curtaining. Geo-grids, rock bolts and other aspects of support and reinforcing are being developed.



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Other potential market segments include asphalt road reinforcing, refractory reinforcement, motor vehicle silencing, brake and clutch lining reinforcement, insulation, and even rust-free game fence droppers! ■

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