Stabilizing the Devil Slide with Hollow Core, Grout Injection Bored (IBO®) Micro Piles For Caltrans

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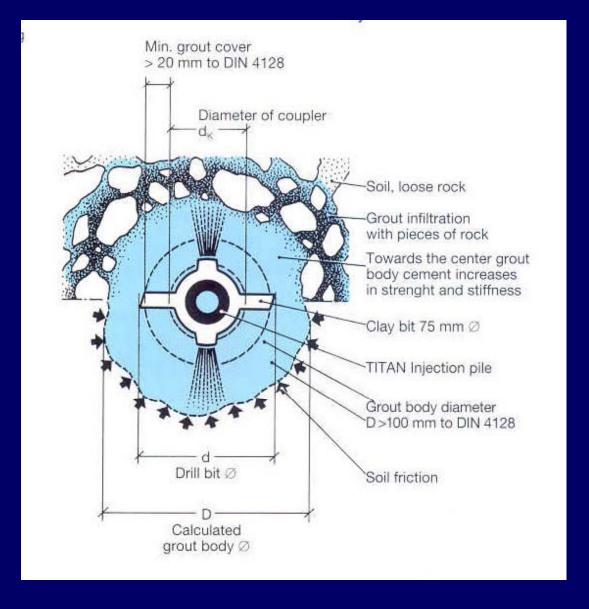
The use of Grout Injection Bored, (IBO®) hollow bars for micro piles has increased rapidly over the past 10 years. These Micro Piles are different from others.





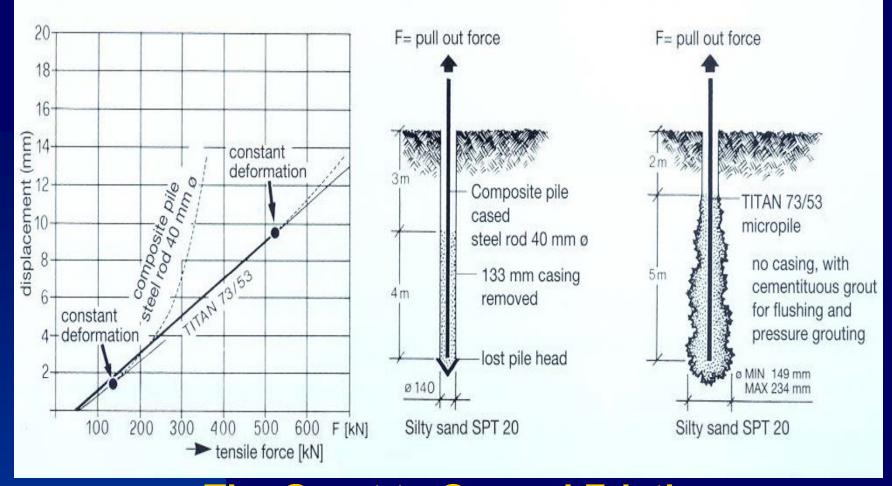


With the dynamic rotary grout flushing during drilling, the surrounding ground is vastly improved and very high grout to ground bondfriction is achieved to resist difficult loading conditions.









The Grout to Ground Friction

is equal or higher than open hole ore casing drilled and post-grouted Micropiles





The Project consists of two parts:

- 1. The Devil Slide Emergency Repair
- 2. South Tunnel Portal Retaining Wall Support, Both near each other on the Pacific Coastal Highway #I in California.

Owner: Caltrans

Contractors: Drill Tech and Condon Johnson

This is a typical case history where hollow bar micro piles have been chosen to stabilize a landslide for Caltrans, to resist a very difficult loading condition which constantly triggered the slides at this location.





First project,

The Devil Slide Emergency Repair









The Beautiful Coast Line in California
But If ??



For many years, just north of Half Moon **Bay on the Pacific Coast Highway** (PCH), landslides similar to this one caused many traffic delays along this stretch of road called **Devil Slide.**







Millions of dollars have been spent in the past, trying to rectify this problem with a variety of slope stabilization methods, all with little or no success.

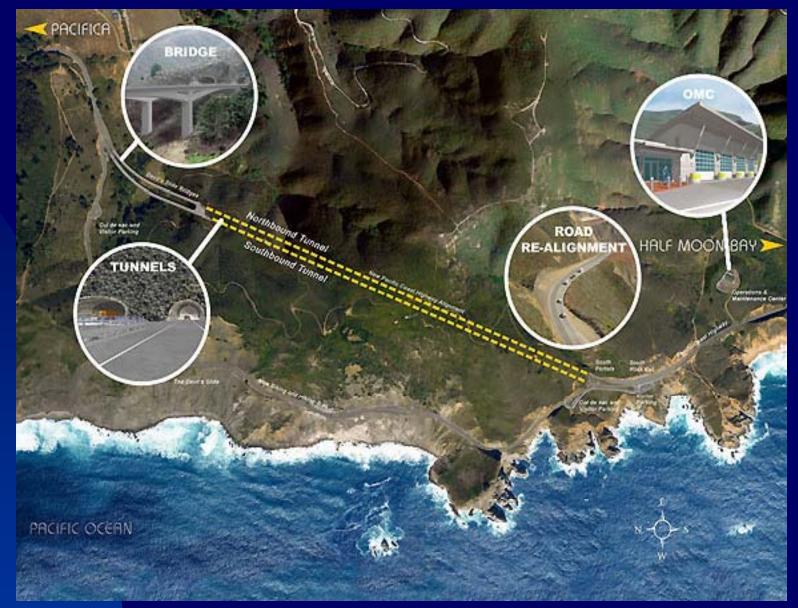
The PCH is a heavily traveled road, not only by tourists but also by many coastal residences and businesses. It was therefore decided to bypass this part of the highway.

The solution to solve the problem

Building a combination tunnel and bridge through the mountain and over the valley north of the tunnel.















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The decision was made to specify Titan Hollow bars also for this project,







Failing, existing shotcrete slope repaired with Titan 40/20 IBO® Rock Anchors







Had to be drilled from a Cage to provide ground improvement for global Tie Back Anchors

Titan

Hollow Bar

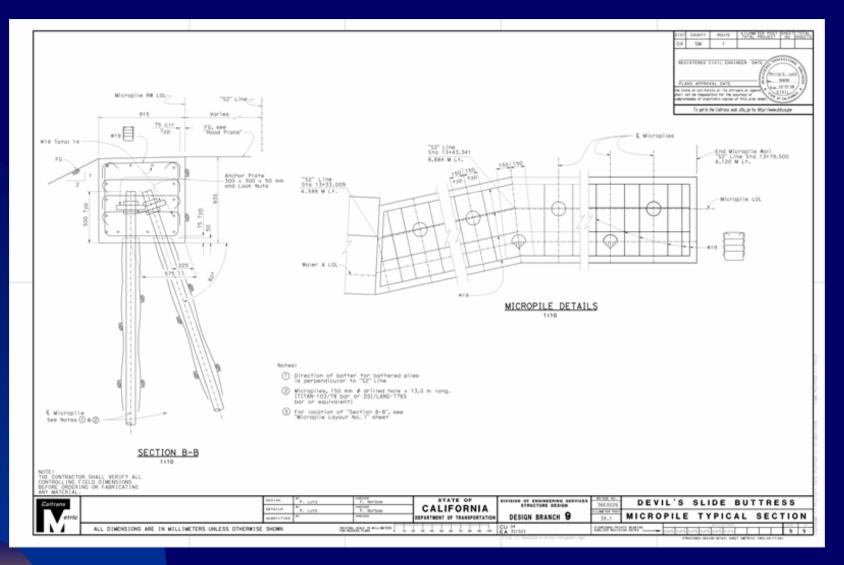




Sufficient working space allowed installation of the Tie Back Anchors at the southern end of the slide







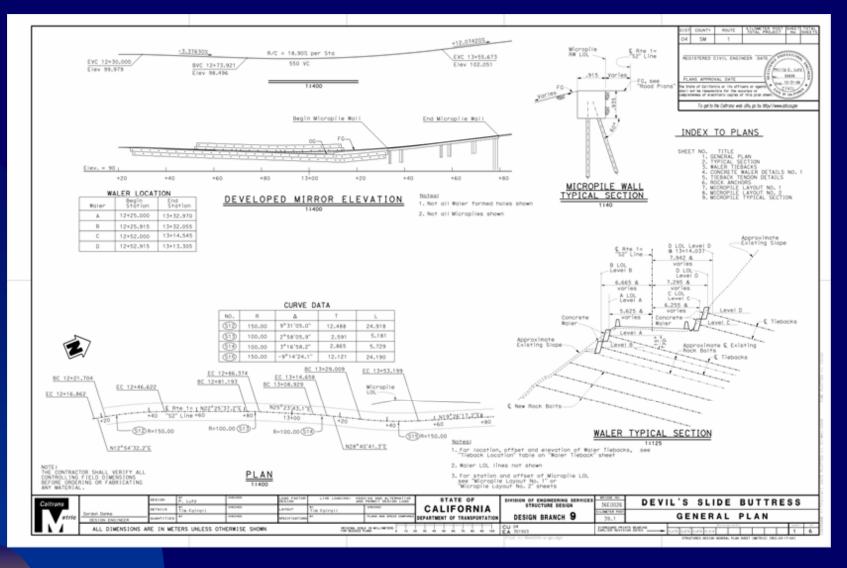


Hollow Bar

Micropile detail for the northern end of the slide,

GON.







The Caltrans Design







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Vertical and battered micro piles







High Speed
High Shear
Grout Mixer and
Holding Tank





For continuous grouting during drilling



Forming pile cap and grade beam











Placing Reinforcing steel in Pile Cap







Hollow Bar

Finished emergency Slide Repair



Because of the fast installation of Hollow Bar Micro Piles, Caltrans could re-open the Pacific Coastal Highway ahead of schedule.



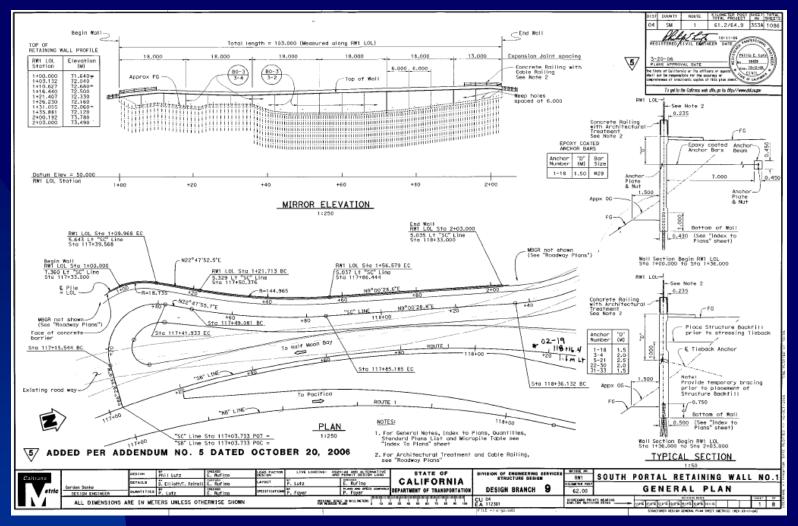


Second Project

South Tunnel Portal Retaining Wall Support and Slope Stabilization for a detour road to start work on the tunnel portal



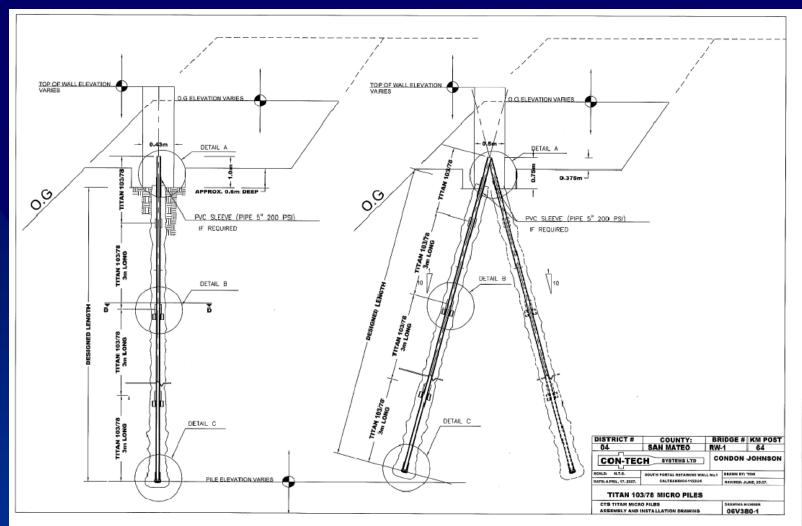






Over 140 straight and battered Micro Piles to support the new retaining Wall and to stabilize the slope below







Vertical Piles under shallow wall Battered Piles under higher wall







Drilling vertical piles

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Trench to collect flushing grout









difference between flushing and final grout





Exposed excellent ground improvement











Compression Test using production piles as reaction piles









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Piles are overlapping into wall by 1.0 m







Forming of retaining wall







Road is re-aligned







The finished wall







Tunnel construction can now start





Another Landslide Near Laguna Beach, CA.

Stabilized with hollow bar passive Anchor Piles





Massive Landslide

17 houses lost











Temporary support of remaining houses







IBO Drilling of Hollow Titan 103 Bars







Bottom row of Anchor Piles







Finished Hollow Bar Anchor Piles



Embankment Stabilization for VIA Rail Near Toronto, Ontario, Canada















