



REDUCING THE FOOTPRINT & INCREASING THE HANDPRINT Through Positive Interventions with The Vetiver System

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The Structures **rise** from the **Sand Cliffs.**

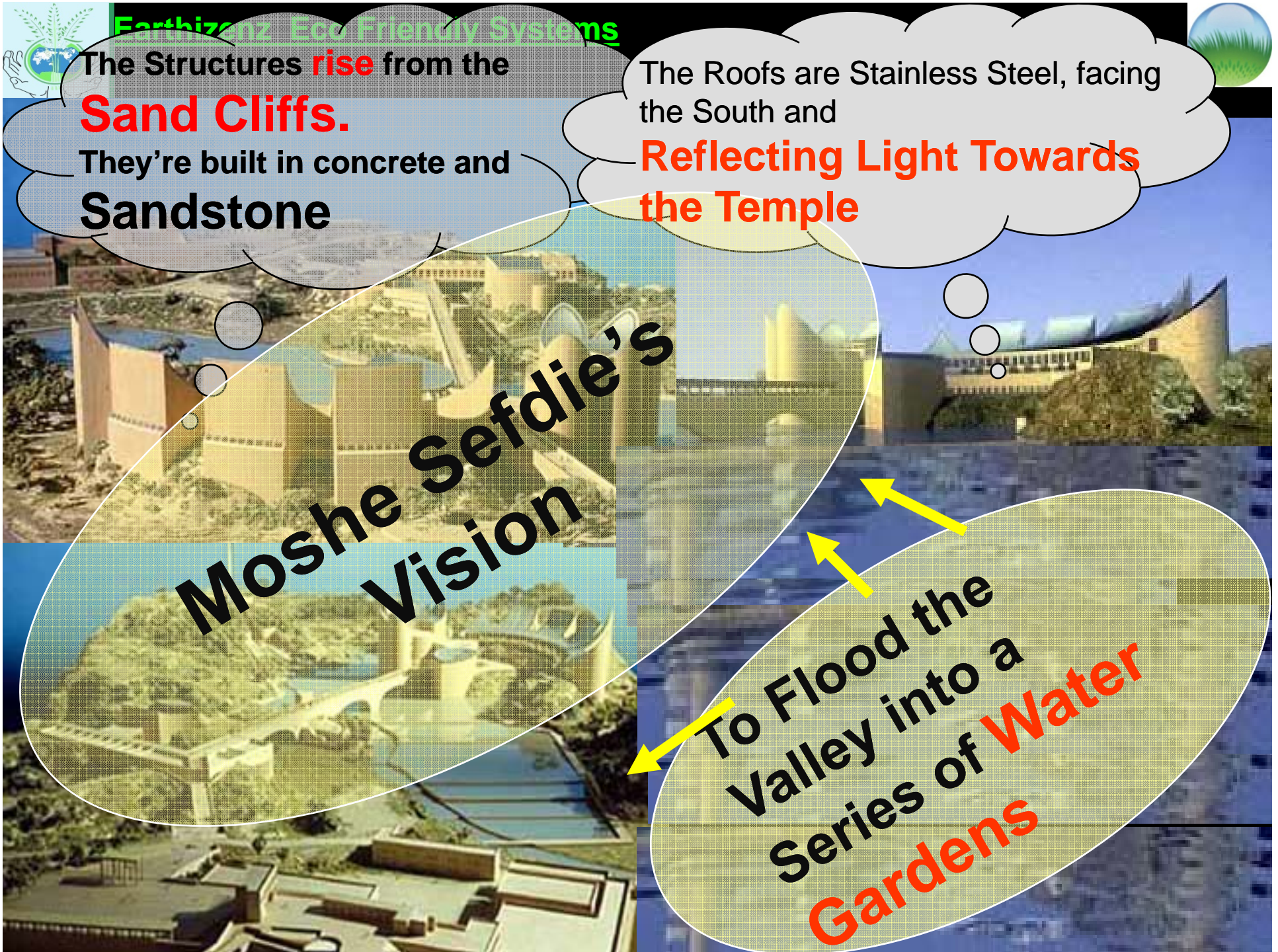
They're built in concrete and **Sandstone**

The Roofs are Stainless Steel, facing the South and

Reflecting Light Towards the Temple

Moshe Sefdie's Vision

To Flood the Valley into a Series of **Water Gardens**





Most of Moshe Sefdie's
vision has been realised,
except for one thing:

Water Gardens

The Catchment Area and
the **Sand Cliffs**
are sending tonnes of silt

The only way forward was

Bio Engineering

Through different apps of the
Vetiver System



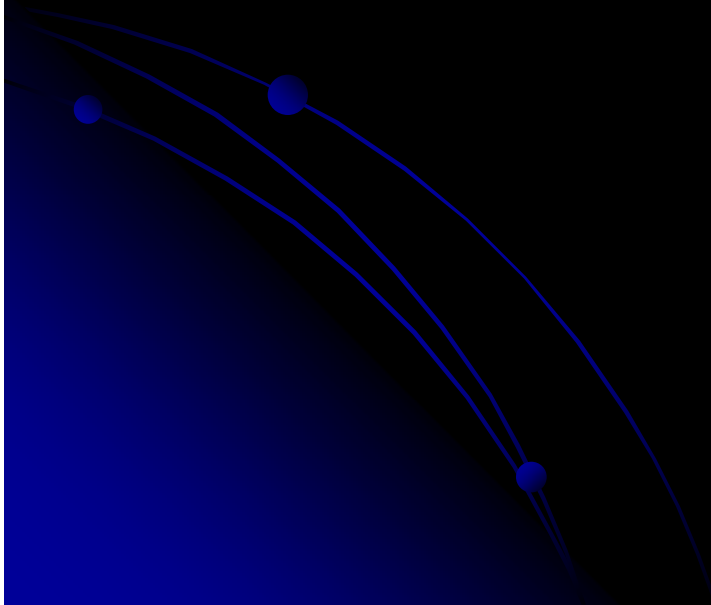
Applications of VS used at Anandpur Sahib

- Revegetation and Possible Reforestation
- Prevention of Soil Erosion and its migration
- Steep Filled up Slope Stabilization (Road Batter)
- Silt Control in water body
(Planting in the Catchment Area)



Vetiver application for **Revegetation & Reforestation** at Anandpur Sahib, Punjab (Hillock Slopes)

Before
&
After



BEFORE

This hill has
soil saver on it

Road Batter

02.07.2009 14:46



AFTER

The hill with the soil saver

Road Batter

07.10.2010 11:22



BEFORE

Vetiver Rows



02.07.2009 14:41

AFTER

**Present View
of the same
spot from
another Angle**

07.10.2010 11:21



BEFORE

02.07.2009 14.40



AFTER

07.10.2010 11:24

BEFORE



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A photograph of a grassy slope, likely a hillside or embankment, showing dense green grass and some smaller plants in the foreground. A yellow rectangular box is overlaid on the lower center of the image, containing the word "AFTER" in bold red capital letters. The background shows a steep, grassy hillside under bright sunlight, with some darker foliage at the top.

AFTER

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BEFORE



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AFTER

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BEFORE



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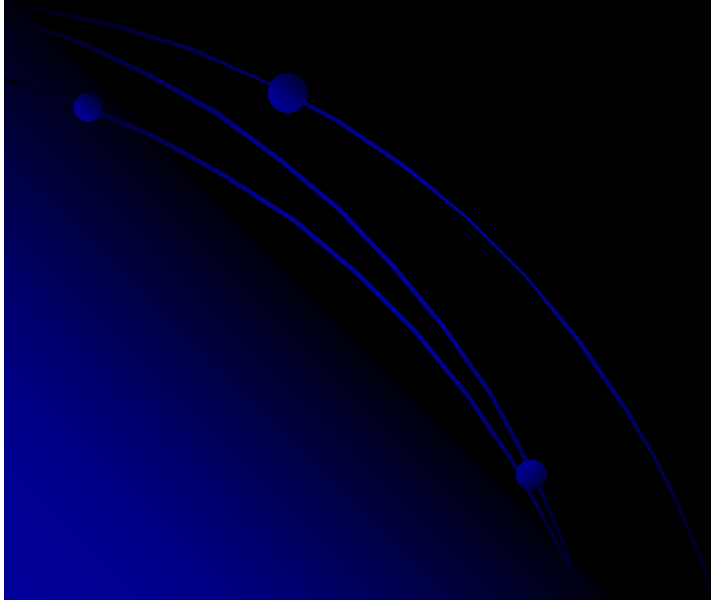
AFTER

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Vetiver application for Prevention of **Soil Erosion & its Migration**

Before
&
After



BEFORE





Monsoon of 2009.
The cafeteria front full
of mud eroded along
the Service road



**Breach on one side
has caused damage
to both sides. The
eroded soil is from
the surrounding
hillocks**



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Slope Protected with Vetiver

Swale Protected with Vetiver

07.10.2010 11:21





Road Batter

Swale

**Rows of Vetiver on
hillock**

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Road Batter

Swale

Swale

**Rows of Vetiver on
hillock**

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**Vetiver Stopping
Erosion from Hillock
and cutting down
Velocity of flow in
swale**



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**ZERO SOIL
MIGRATION**

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**ZERO SOIL
MIGRATION DESPITE
RECORD RAIN**

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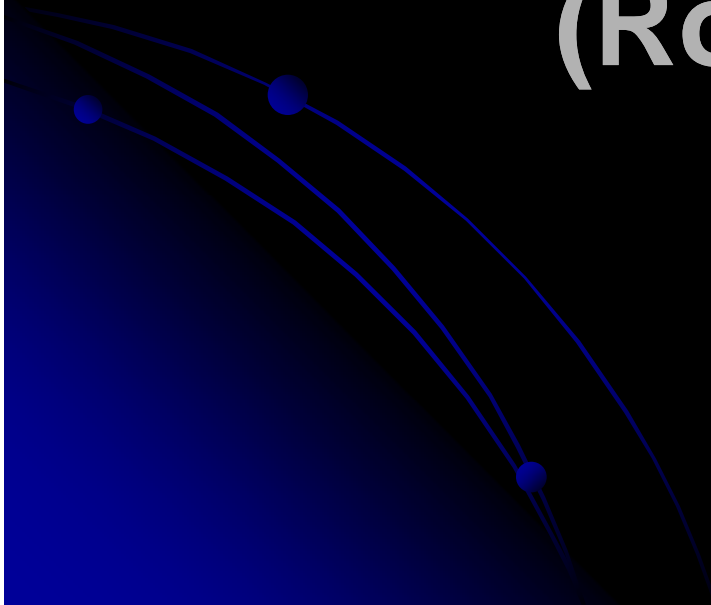
A photograph of a paved area, possibly a parking lot or a walkway, with a concrete curb. The pavement is dark grey and shows some signs of wear and debris. A red circle is drawn around the text in the center. In the background, there is a grassy area and a concrete structure. The overall scene appears to be an outdoor setting.

**ZERO SOIL
MIGRATION DESPITE
RECORD RAIN**

07.10.2010 13:10



Vetiver application for
Steep Filled up Slope
Stabilisation
(Road Batter)
Before
&
After





BEFORE



The rains did this. Maybe the road drainage system collapsed



BEFORE

Total Washout



31.07.2009 15:16



BEFORE

The earth has given way
from under the geo-textile

The Geo-textile needs to be removed
and the earth refilled, remoulded
and compacted

31.07.2009 15:16





The Vetiver that we grew
on top has survived

BEFORE

31.07.2009 15.16





BEFORE



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AFTER

Vetiver has stabilized the entire slope

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AFTER



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AFTER

07.10.2010 11:23





AFTER

**Not a single breach along
the entire length despite
heaviest rains in recent
times**

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AFTER

**This Slope is Over
60 degrees steep**

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AFTER

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AFTER



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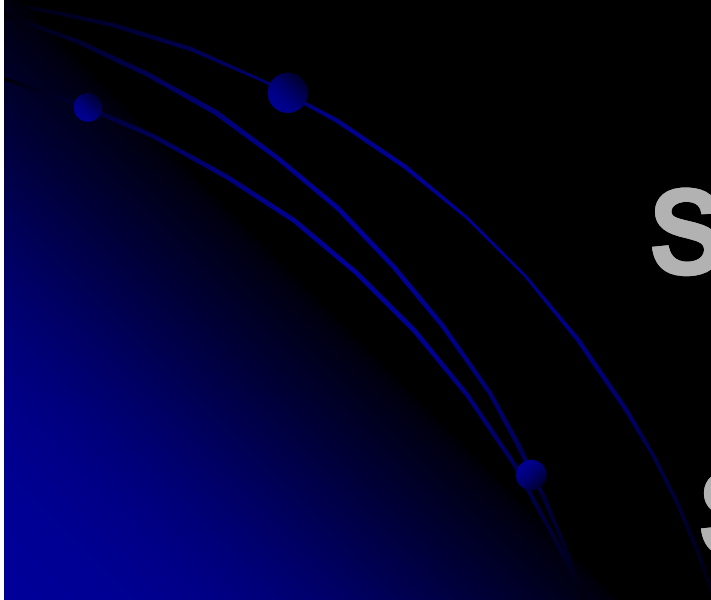
AFTER

Vetiver has retained moisture within the slope enabling other vegetation to grow.

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Vetiver application for
Silt Control in water body
(Planting in the Catchment
Area)
&
Silt Before
V/s
Silt After





SILT IN OCT 2009



Polythene liner is Visible

SILT IN 2010

Catchment Area Protected with Vetiver

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SILT IN OCT 2009



SILT In 2010

Polythene liner is Visible



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First Cell:
Zero Silt



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SILT IN OCT 2009



SILT IN 2010



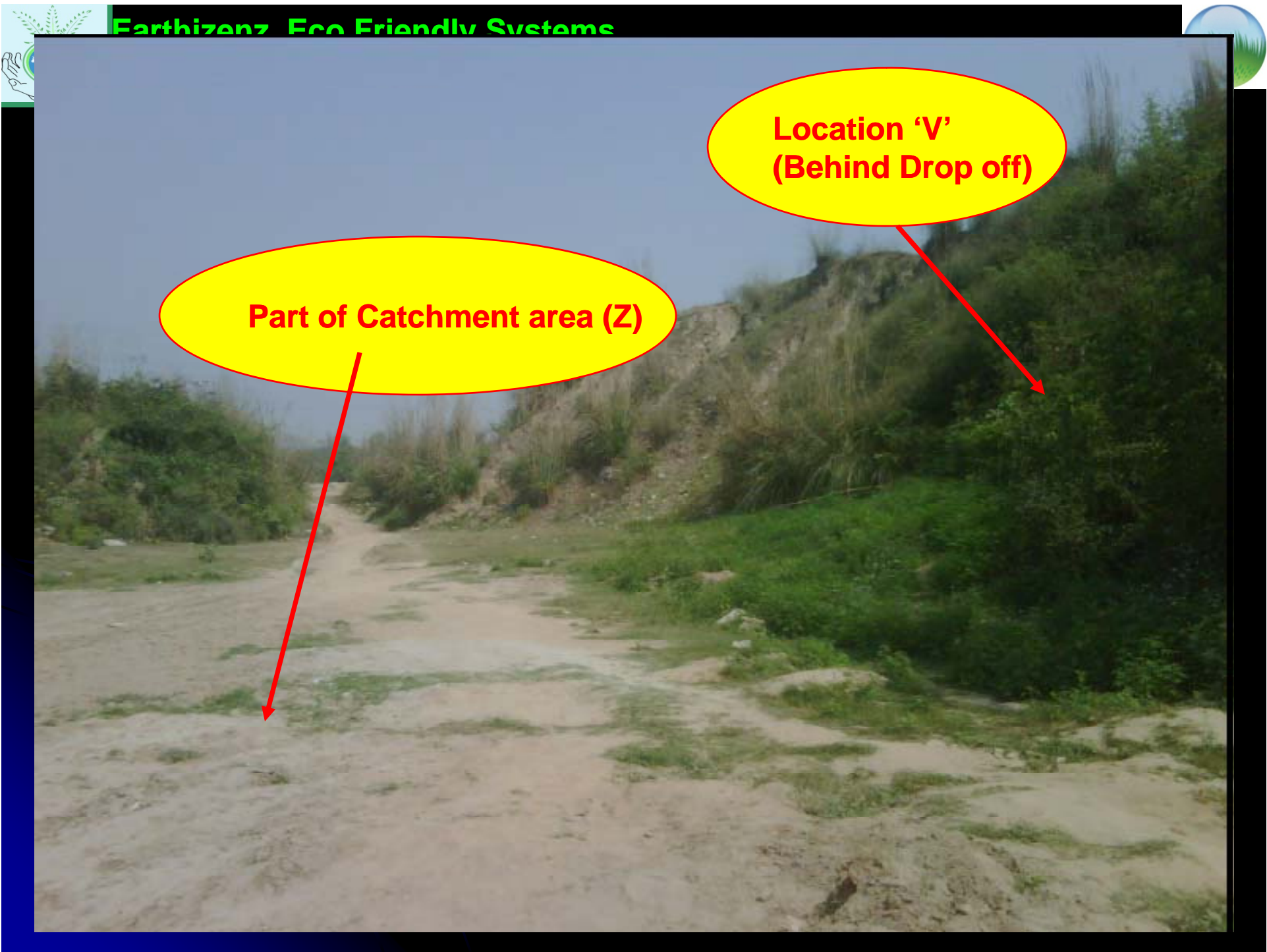
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Our Intervention: Clumps of Vetiver strategically Planted in the rain to Prevent Silt Carried by the same rain to the Water Body.



The Silt was reduced by 99% at the end of the same monsoon as planting



Part of Catchment area (Z)

**Location 'V'
(Behind Drop off)**

**Location 'V'
Rain Cuts & Gullies**



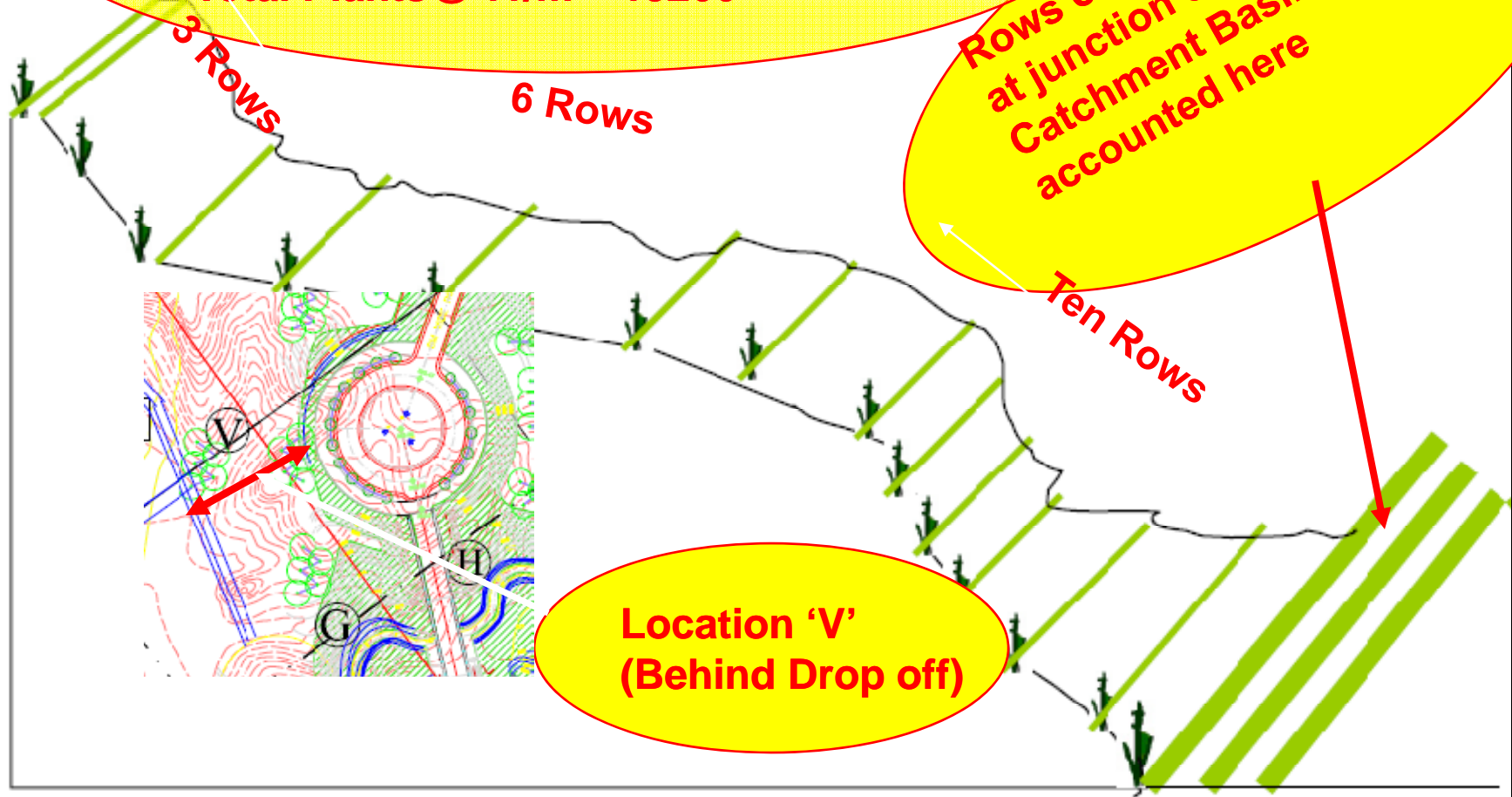


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Total Length as per measurement of KHC staff= 67 meters

Total Rows= 18

Total Plants @ 11/m = 13266



Rows of Vetiver clumps at junction of hill and Catchment Basin not accounted here

Location 'V' (Behind Drop off)



**Location 'V'
(Behind Drop off)**

Water Body

Gully/ Rain Cut

Area Z

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Gully Control by Dr. Paul Truong, Australia

- The Gully was reshaped and bags were placed the same has **has been done here**
- The bags were filled with 1/3 to 1/2 of soil+ N&P fertilizers for fast growth
- and 1/2 sand to make it heavy to sit firm on the surface.



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Note that the vertical interval is only one sand bag thick.

3/17/2009



In just Two months!

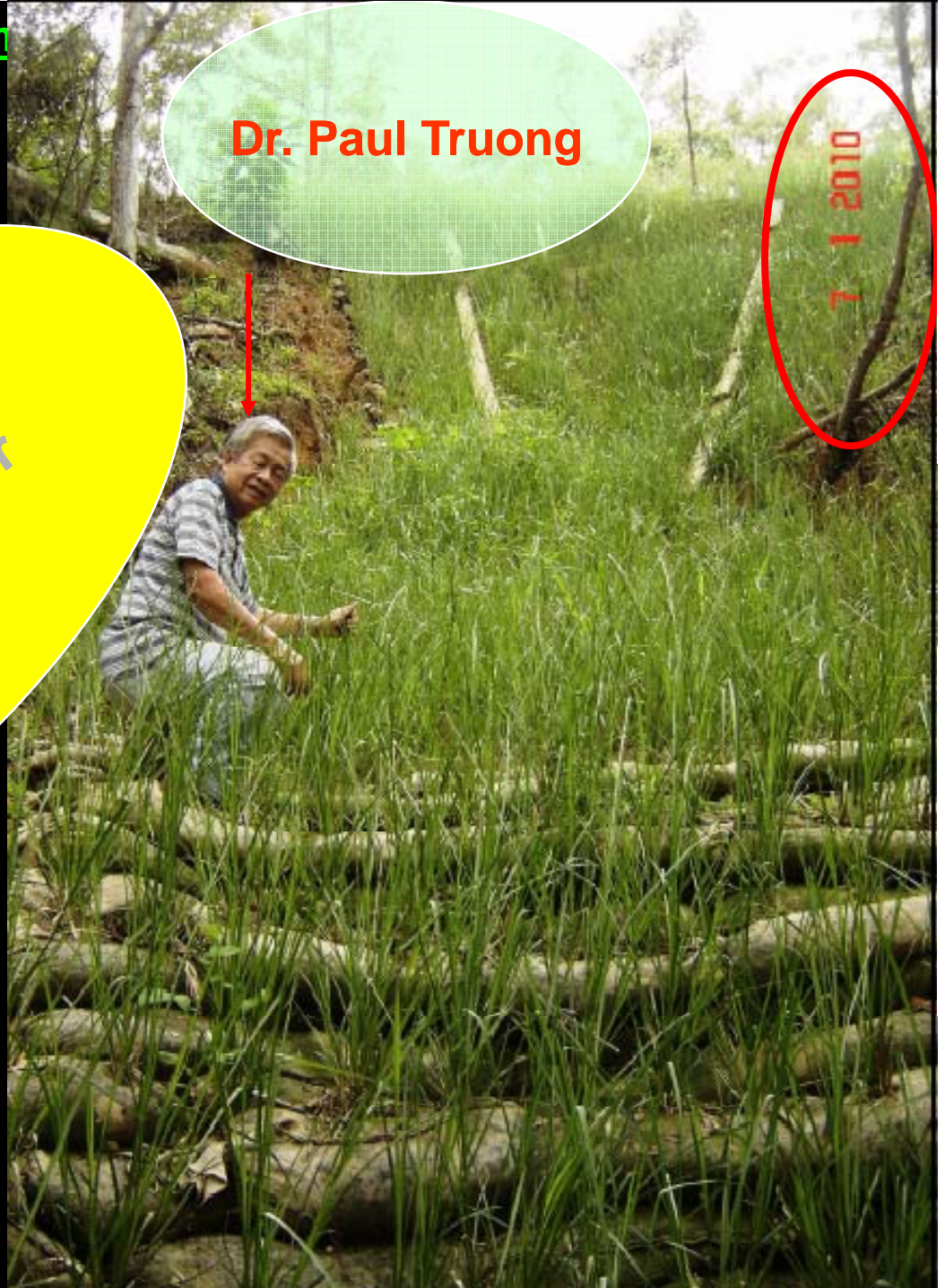
**Fertilizer and
soil has made
the difference**

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AT KHC

The dangerous Rain Cuts and
Gullies Behind Drop off and
some other Gullies in the
Catchment area of the water
Body, need the same
treatment



Dr. Paul Truong

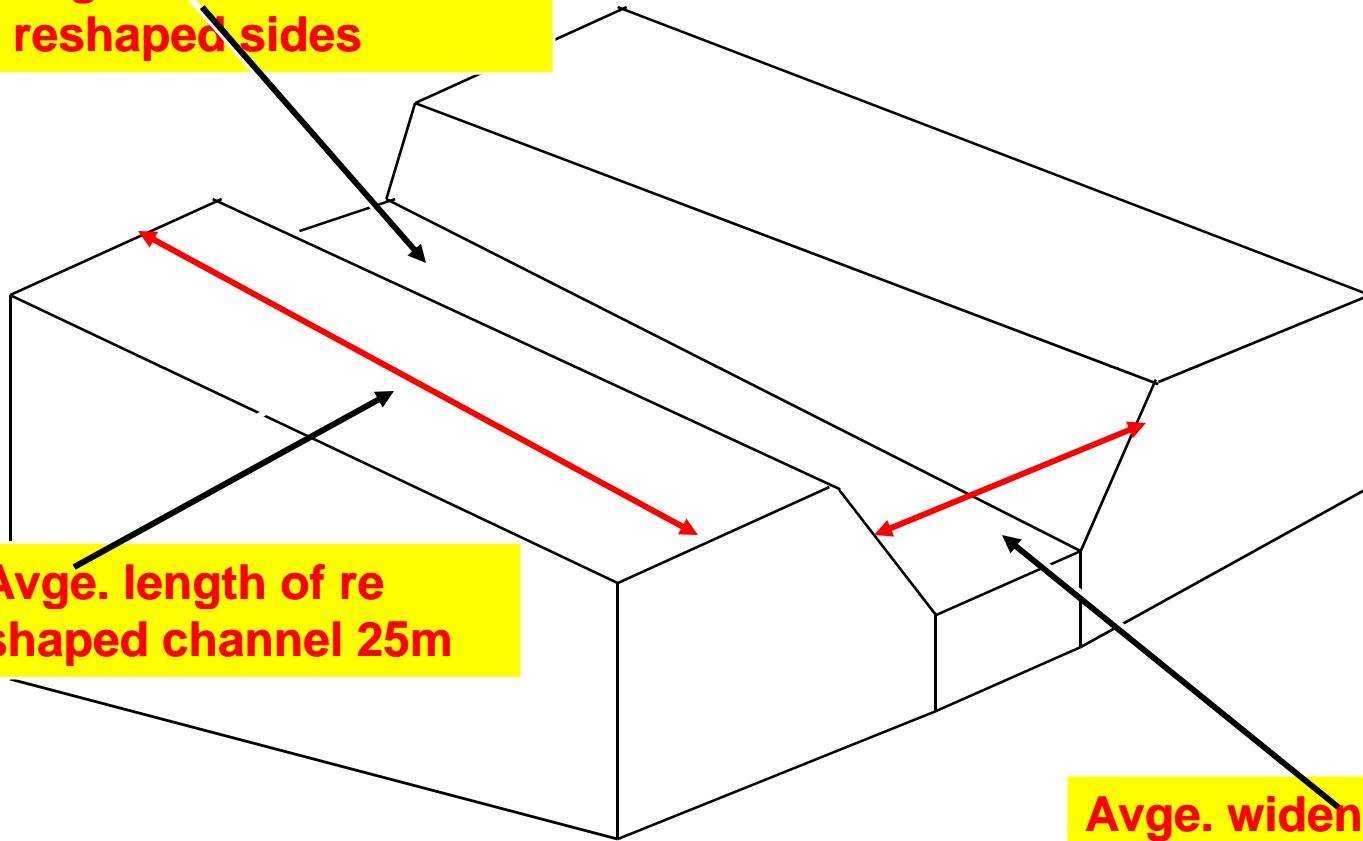
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1 or 2 layers of Soil bags + soil from reshaped sides

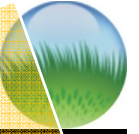
Avge. length of re shaped channel 25m

Avge. widened width of re shaped channel 10m





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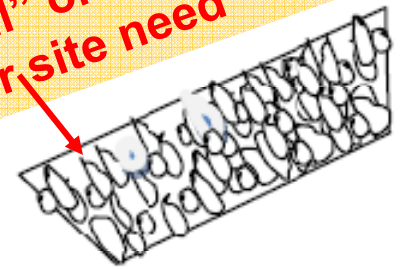
Average 5 rows running across reshaped slopes.

Total rows per raincut (average) = $5+5=10$

Total length of rows/raincut = $10 \times 25 = 250\text{m}$

Total length/ raincut in addition to the rows running across hill = $250+50= 300\text{mtrs}$

Trapezoidal "porous wall" one or two as per site need



Vetiver rows running across hill, already accounted for

Assume 5 additional rows at the bottom of the canal, total length = $5 \times 10 = 50\text{m/ raincut}$





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**Rows of vetiver @
7plants/m, rows at
1m spacing
quantity as per
measurement at
site**

**Stone
pitching**

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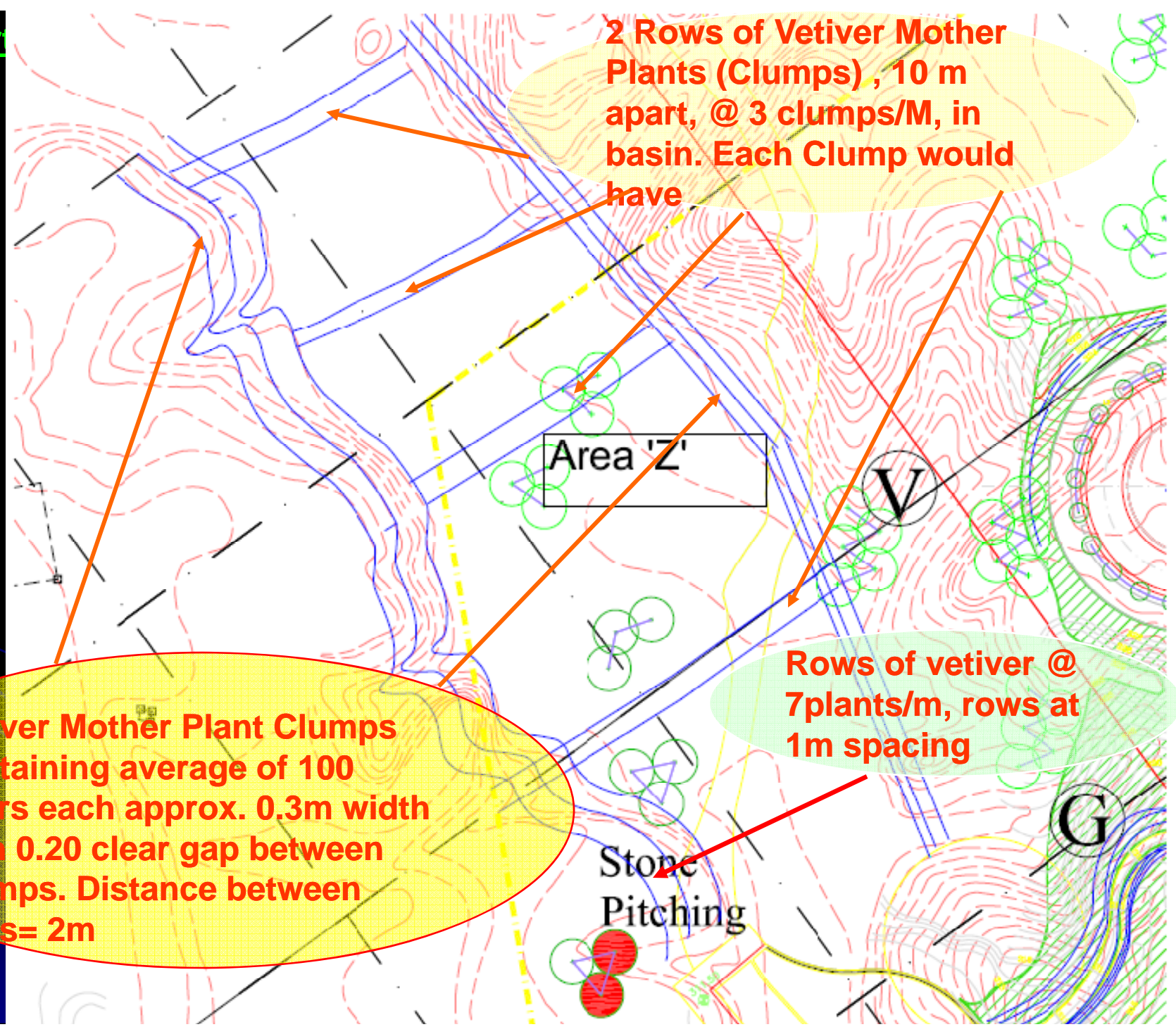
2 Rows of Vetiver Mother Plants (Clumps) , 10 m apart, @ 3 clumps/M, in basin. Each Clump would have

Area 'Z'

Rows of vetiver @ 7plants/m, rows at 1m spacing

Vetiver Mother Plant Clumps containing average of 100 tillers each approx. 0.3m width with 0.20 clear gap between clumps. Distance between rows= 2m

Stone Pitching





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Outer row at edge of basin



0.30m Clump

150m along basin

2.00 M

2.00 M

10.00 M

10.00 M

Vetiver row 10.00 M s, 5-10 M apart, across basin @ 3 mother clumps/m

Vetiver rows, 5-10 M apart, across basin @ 3 mother clumps/m

0.20m gap

50.00 M

50.00 M

10.00 M

Clumps 0.30M wide

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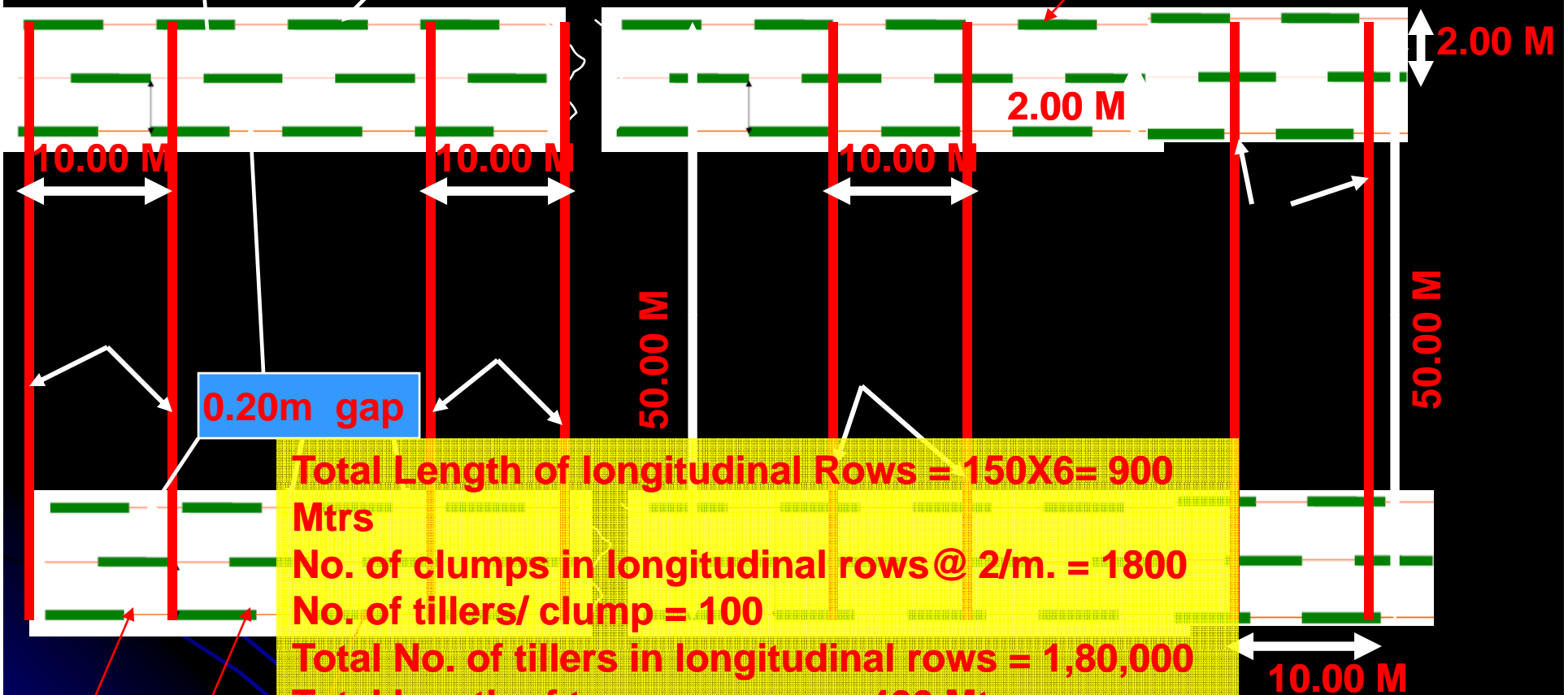
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0.30m Clump

150m along basin

Outer row at edge of basin



Total Length of longitudinal Rows = $150 \times 6 = 900$ Mtrs

No. of clumps in longitudinal rows @ 2/m. = 1800

No. of tillers/ clump = 100

Total No. of tillers in longitudinal rows = 1,80,000

Total length of transverse rows = 400 Mtrs

No. of clumps @ 3/m in transverse rows = 1200

Total tillers @ 100/clump = 1,20,000

Total tillers in basin area = 3,00,000

Clumps
0.30M wide



Thank You

