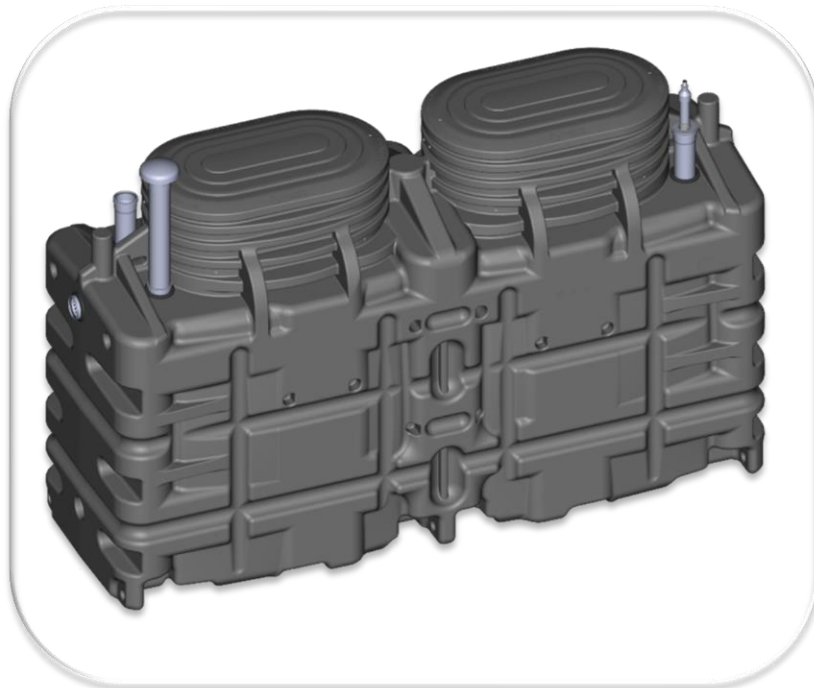




## INSTALLATION AND USER GUIDE

# ECOROCK-5000 & BIOROCK® Multirock systems *BIOROCK Multiple Installations*





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Dear Customer,

Congratulations on your purchase of this BIOROCK® Domestic Sewage Treatment Plant. Your new BIOROCK will guarantee years of trouble-free operation, peace of mind and protection for the environment.

We highly recommend that you familiarize yourself with this guide for the installation, commissioning and maintenance of your new BIOROCK system.

The instructions for the maintenance and visual checks of the system will ensure that you have a reliable and long-lasting sewage treatment plant.

Please do not hesitate to contact your BIOROCK distributor for any queries or further assistance. Thank you for choosing BIOROCK.

**READ CAREFULLY**

The installation and commissioning of your BIOROCK system should be carried out by a BIOROCK trained and approved installer. Your installer will be able to offer you a maintenance contract. The BIOROCK Warranty is only valid if the required maintenance is carried out by a BIOROCK trained and approved installer.

Should you not wish to take out a maintenance contract, make sure you have your sewage treatment plant inspected and maintained on a regular basis by an industry trained, competent wastewater professional.

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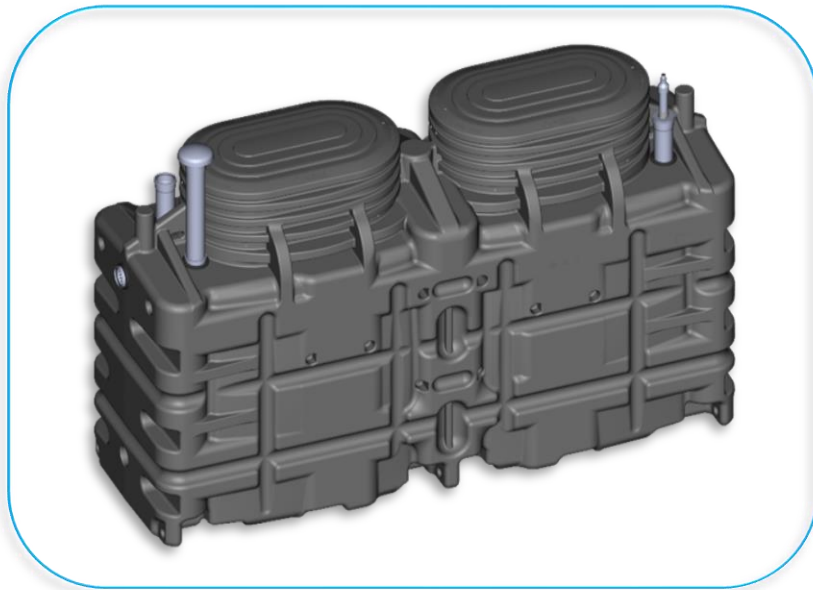
# A. INSTALLATION GUIDE

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## 1. THE BIOROCK SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM

### 1.1 GENERAL POINTS

The ECOROCK-5000 unit from BIOROCK is a compact non-electric Sewage Treatment Plant. The treatment relies on the revolutionary BIOROCK biological purification process. The ECOROCK-5000 sewage treatment unit is exclusively designed for domestic waste water purification.

The BIOROCK plant consists of a Primary Tank and an ECOROCK-5000 Bioreactor. Both parts (Primary Tank and Bioreactor) must be **independently ventilated**.

A small pump can be installed in a pump shaft downstream of the system to lift the treated water and discharge to a higher level if needed.

BIOROCK recommends the installation of an effluent sampling at the outlet of the treatment unit.

The ECOROCK-5000 treatment unit can be installed after a non-BIOROCK Primary Tank, provided that this tank is properly sized, equipped with an efficient effluent filter and properly, independently vented.

### 1.2 SIZING

The ECOROCK-5000 unit has a capacity of 30 P.E. (Person Equivalent). The capacity of the individual ECOROCK-5000 unit can be increased if the required final effluent quality is of a lower standard than the results, achieved during the EN-12566-3 Performance test.

The ECOROCK-5000 units can be installed in parallel for larger capacities (BIOROCK Multirock Systems).

When the ECOROCK-5000 units are installed in parallel, we recommend the use of a Flow Management System between the Primary Tank and the Treatment Units. The BIOROCK Flow Control Chamber (FCC) and Splitterbox (SB) are an option.

The FCC acts as a 'header tank' to provide a controlled surge flow to the SB and guarantees equal flow to each of the BIOROCK units installed in parallel.

The standard BIOROCK Flow Control Chamber and BIOROCK Splitterbox are suited for a maximum of 3x ECOROCK-5000 units; for more ECOROCK-5000 units in parallel, another Flow Control Chamber and Splitterbox with a larger capacity should be used.

	VOLUME PRIMARY TANK	FLOW CONTROL CHAMBER	Maximum ORGANIC LOAD	Maximum HYDRAULIC LOAD
Up to 30 PE 1x ECOROCK-5000	<i>BIOROCK recommends a minimum volume of 3x the daily water production</i>	NO	2,25 Kg BOD <sub>5</sub> /day	4.500 L./ day
Up to 60 PE 2x ECOROCK-5000		YES	4,50 Kg BOD <sub>5</sub> /day	9.000 L./ day
Up to 90 PE 3x ECOROCK-5000		YES	6,75 Kg BOD <sub>5</sub> /day	13.500 L./ day
Up to 120 PE 4x ECOROCK-5000		YES	9,00 Kg BOD <sub>5</sub> /day	18.000 L./ day
Etc.		YES	11,25 Kg BOD <sub>5</sub> /day	22.500 L./ day





### 1.3 PRECAUTIONS

Please note that BIOROCK shall not be responsible for any installation design parameters and groundworks at any case. We recommend to involve a civil engineer or a specialized design office in the design of the system installation if necessary and to follow best practices of the industry.

This is especially true for the Multirock installations; considering the larger volumes of wastewater to be treated, a proper dispatching through all Treatment Units is essential for efficiency of the system.

It is the installer's responsibility to ensure equal distribution of the wastewater by testing the Flow Management System prior to leaving site. The installer should ensure any necessary supplementary setting on the BIOROCK or non-BIOROCK Flow management System if necessary.

Important precautions for the proper use of the BIOROCK system: Only domestic sewage should enter the system; no rainwater is allowed.

To ensure the good working order of the BIOROCK system, the use of automatic toilet cleaners, electric waste-disposal systems and pumps equipped with blades are not to be used.

If there is a professional kitchen on site, an efficient and properly sized grease trap should be installed. The grease trap should be installed before the primary tank.

Do not dispose of the following items to the BIOROCK system:

Kitchen or motor oils, fats, wax, resin, paint, solvents, hydrocarbon-based products (petrol, crude oil etc.), any pesticide or antibacterial product, items of a toxic nature, boiler or air-conditioning condensate, swimming pool backwash, rainwater, drainage water or ground-water.

**An effective effluent filter should be installed in the outlet of the Primary Tank, before the water goes on to the Bioreactor.**

**Pipework after the ECOROCK units, and especially after Multirock installations, should allow sampling.**

Special care should be taken with the aeration of the system. The aeration should be checked by the installer using a smoke test once pipework and ventilation ducts have been connected and before backfilling the system. The smoke test should be performed under normal representative conditions.

Each system should be vented independently and equipped with its own ventilator (wind driven or electrical). The number of elbows used in the pipework should be limited as much as possible. 90° elbows should not be used, 45° elbows should be used instead. The high air outlets should be installed as close as possible to the low air inlets.

**Achieving efficient ventilation is the responsibility of the installer as he is familiar with the implementation, site and local conditions that may interfere in the system's venting.**

The Primary Tank should be aerated separately in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.






## 1.4 IDENTIFICATION


Before installing please copy the serial number of each tank on to the documents to be kept by the customer (Appendix 5 of this Guide.)

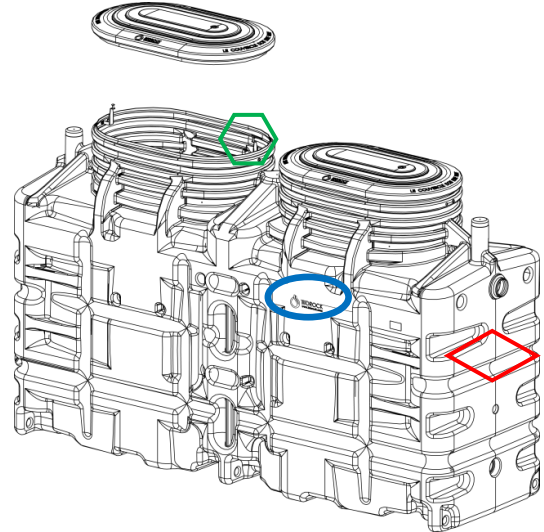
When looking at the tank facing the BIOROCK® logo, the serial number is:

- On an identification tag inside the tank, and /or

Marked  as on the drawing below

- Engraved on the area to your right at the bottom of the rounded top.

Marked  as on the drawing below



> Detail of the identification plate inside the tank:



## 1.5 HANDLING AND TRANSPORT OF THE TANKS

Two integrated slots on the bottom of the tank enable a safe movement by fork lift.

Four lifting eyes are situated on the top corners of each tank, enabling lifting by crane or JCB.

The tanks should be handled, transported and stored with care after delivery to avoid being damaged.



## 2. Operating principle of an ECOROCK Sewage Treatment Plant

A BIOROCK system is composed of a Primary tank and one or several ECOROCK treatment units (Multirock installations). Initially the raw sewage enters the primary tank to provide separation and the breakdown of organic solids (Primary Treatment). The sewage then passes through an effluent filter before discharging into the ECOROCK Treatment Unit which incorporates the well proven aerobic digestion process (Secondary Treatment) and filtration process (Tertiary Treatment).

**In case of Multirock installation**, and when more than three Treatment Units are installed in parallel after a Primary Tank, the installation of a Flow Management System is necessary and highly recommended.

### 2.1 THE PRIMARY TANK

The effluent (domestic wastewater composed of black water: origin toilets – and grey water: origin kitchen, bathroom, laundry) enters the primary tank. This Primary Tank carries out the first basic phase of wastewater treatment, that is separation of solids and fats by flotation (formation of a grease layer) and by clarification (the suspended solids sink to the bottom of the tank by natural settlement). Separated solids building up at the bottom of the primary compartment are called “primary sludge”. This sludge breaks down in time by anaerobic digestion.

The primary tank should always be equipped with an efficient effluent filter. This filter holds back remaining suspended solids, fats and other floating matter which enables a higher quality of pre-treatment.

**In case of Multirock installation**, when a BIOROCK effluent filter is fitted into the Primary Tank, and when the Primary Tank is of a volume of more than 7500 liters (included), a Ø110mm effluent filter may be not sufficient for the flow and a Ø160 mm effluent filter may be necessary instead.

#### 2.1.1 Ventilation of the Primary Tank

Any Primary tank should have a proper unencumbered low level and high level vent. The low level vent should be connected directly on the outlet side of the tank and the high level on the inlet side and should not be positioned more than 10 m<sup>1</sup> from the tank and at a minimum height of 4 m<sup>1</sup> with a wind driven ventilator also fitted. The water inlet should be made air tight. All ventilation should be checked with a smoke test.

#### 2.1.2 Performance of the Primary Tanks (PT)

If the Primary Tank being used is not a BIOROCK tank, make sure that the quality of the effluent from the PT meets the BIOROCK requirements. Proper ventilation of a PT is necessary, not only to avoid smell problems, but also to evacuate the gasses produced. A Primary Tank generates malodorous gases like hydrogen sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S). Ventilation of the gasses is necessary to prevent H<sub>2</sub>S being transformed into harmful sulphuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Sulphuric acid will harm the biological process and can cause degradation of the BIOROCK Media.



BIOROCK requires the following performance of a PT in front of the ECOROCK unit(s):

Composition of normal domestic wastewater (according to EN12566-3+A2 Annex B.3.2):			
	Variation		
BOD <sub>5</sub> * <sup>1</sup> :	150 - 500	mg O <sub>2</sub> /l	
COD* <sup>1</sup> :	300 - 1000	mg/l	
S.S.:	200 - 700	mg/l	
KN:	25 - 100	mg/l	
NH <sub>4</sub> -N:	22 - 80	mg/l	
P-Total:	5 - 20	mg/l	
* <sup>1</sup> : The ration between BOD <sub>5</sub> and COD should always be < 2			

Minimum performance requirements of a Primary Tank* <sup>2</sup> :				
	Effluent PT		Average	
	EN 12566-6: 2008			
BOD <sub>5</sub> :	100 - 350	mg O <sub>2</sub> /l	200 ± 50	mg O <sub>2</sub> /l
COD:	200 - 600	mg/l		
S.S.:	40 - 150	mg/l	80 ± 20	mg/l
KN:	35 - 100	mg/l		
NH <sub>4</sub> -N:	30 - 80	mg/l		
P-Total:	4 - 20	mg/l		
* <sup>2</sup> : The sampling should be done with a minimum 24 hour sampling				

The effluent is easy biodegradable if the ratio of BOD<sub>5</sub> and COD is less than 2. Between 2 and 3 it is partially biodegradable and greater than 3, the effluent is not biodegradable.



## **2.2 THE BIOROCK TREATMENT UNIT (Bioreactor) – ECOROCK-5000**

The ECOROCK-5000 sewage treatment unit is a biological purification system, using the BIOROCK media as a carrier material for bacteria. The ECOROCK-5000 unit consists of two biological filtration stages and one aeration stage, has pre-treated water passed through it by gravity. The pre-treated water is spread over the surface of the first layer of BIOROCK media by a distribution system and penetrates into the media for purification.

The treated water discharging from the unit must flow by gravity to the next stage or a discharge point.

## **2.3 ECOROCK-5000 TREATMENT UNIT: TECHNICAL**

- ◆ The tanks and covers are made of polyethylene
- ◆ Each tank has two lifting eyes that are situated at the middle of the tank
- ◆ The water inlet has a  $\varnothing$  of 110 mm
- ◆ Air inlet and air outlet have a  $\varnothing$  of 110 mm
- ◆ The water outlet has two possible diameters;  $\varnothing$ 75 and  $\varnothing$  110 mm
- ◆ Each unit has a serial number that is located on the right side of the tank (*A/Chapter 1.3*)
- ◆ All materials in the BIOROCK plants are resistant to corrosion and guarantee a long-term lifespan
- ◆ The tanks are made by rotational molding in HDPE (High Density Polyethylene)
- ◆ The tanks are UV resistant and have a lifespan of at least 25 years
- ◆ The HDPE tanks are 100% recyclable
- ◆ The screws are made of stainless steel
- ◆ The pipes are made of PVC and Polypropylene
- ◆ The entire system is nearly 100% recyclable



### 3 Installation layouts

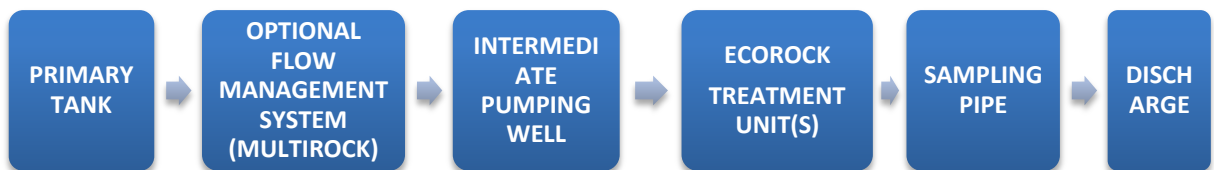
The installation of the BIOROCK system depends on the available site, gradient, type of ground, the level of the water inlet and the discharge options.

When the outlet for final effluent is not accessible, a sampling shaft should be installed. When using a final effluent pump the pump shaft can be used as a sampling shaft.

#### 3.1 INSTALLATION LAYOUT N°1 GRAVITY DISCHARGE (non-electric)



#### 3.2 INSTALLATION LAYOUT N°2 PUMPED DISCHARGE, PUMP AFTER THE PRIMARY TANK



In case of use of an intermediate pump well between the primary tank and the treatment unit, an intermediate Flow Control Device may be required after the pump well for smooth water discharge to the Treatment Units.

#### 3.3 INSTALLATION LAYOUT N°3 PUMPED DISCHARGE, PUMP AFTER THE TREATMENT UNIT(S)



## 4 INSTALLATION OF THE TANKS

This chapter provides a guide to the installation and commissioning of the BIOROCK system. This manual cannot be a substitute for documentation and instructions from manufacturers of non-BIOROCK products integrated into the system by the installer/user, i.e Flow Management Devices or Primary Tank.



**Please take photographs of each stage of the installation with particular attention to all of the connecting pipework**



**DO NOT completely fill the tanks with water before unit is backfilled  
DO NOT use dirty or contaminated water**



**DO NOT use a mechanical compactor, only compact manually**



**DO NOT reuse the excavated soil or spoil from the site**



**DO NOT install the system too close to the house or other buildings  
DO NOT install the system too close to large trees**

### 4.1 INSTALLATION PRINCIPLE

Dimensions and weight of the ECOROCK-5000 treatment unit:

Biological Treatment Unit - ECOROCK-5000	Value	Measure
Capacity in Person Equivalent (PE) <sup>*1</sup>	30	PE
Volume of the ECOROCK-5000 unit	5.000	Litres
Length of the Tank	3.500	mm
Width of the Tank	1.150	mm
Height of the Tank	2.175	mm
Total weight (empty) of the ECOROCK-5000 unit	679	Kg
Pipe diameters	110	mm
Cover (2x)	1.200 x 700	mm

*Capacity of the ECOROCK-5000 unit can be decreased or increased if the required effluent quality is of a higher or lower standard than the results achieved during the EN-12566-3 performance test*



4.1.1 Before the installation of the complete system

- ♦ Always keep the system accessible
- ♦ Check the tanks and the associated equipment (internal reinforcements, connections, seals, etc.) before installation, see technical details for each tank
- ♦ A minimum distance of about 3 m<sup>1</sup> from the house and 3 m<sup>1</sup> from trees which have extensive roots should be ensured
- ♦ A minimum distance of 2.5 m<sup>1</sup> from any building should be ensured, otherwise the stability of the building should be checked
- ♦ The installation should be located away from any traffic areas and parking (at least 2 m<sup>1</sup>)
- ♦ The installation of the BIOROCK system is possible in high ground water conditions if special precautions are taken
- ♦ Consult a professional engineer if the units are to be installed with extension sets
- ♦ System lids should not be buried and should always remain accessible for maintenance
- ♦ The minimum distance between the primary tank and the treatment unit is 300 mm
- ♦ The distance between the side of the excavation and the tanks must be minimum of 300 mm
- ♦ Connections for the BIOROCK system are made with flexible seals with a diameter of 110 mm
- ♦ Local rules and legislation must be followed

4.1.2 Installation of the Primary Tank

- ♦ The Primary Tank must be installed as close as possible (less than 10 m<sup>1</sup>) to the wastewater discharge point of the property; this avoids fats clogging in the inlet pipe. With a longer pipe run from the property to the primary tank the installation of a grease trap may be necessary
- ♦ This 110 mm diameter pipe (100 mm minimum, 160 mm maximum) should have a minimum gradient of 2 % and a maximum of 4%
- ♦ The Primary Tank should always discharge by gravity into the (optional) Flow Management System and ECOROCK Treatment Units
- ♦ Install the Primary Tank allowing a gradient towards the BIOROCK system
- ♦ The Primary Tank should be installed away from any traffic area, unless special precautions are in place



**The Primary Tank must be equipped with an efficient Effluent Filter**



**For installation at Commercial Sites such as Restaurants, Hotels, Pubs etc... particular attention should be taken to FOG (Fats, Oil and Greases) management.**

**Excess of FOGs may affect the overall performance of the system and special precautions for their removal may be necessary.**

**It is the installer's responsibility to ensure that special precautions (i.e. properly-sized Grease Trap or other extra devices) are in place to avoid FOGs affecting the BIOROCK system.**



**❖ Installation of a Pump Well**

If the effluent can't be discharged by gravity, a pump well should be installed for above-ground discharge. The pump is required to lift the effluent (treated water) to a higher level.

BIOROCK has developed an optional PE pump well with a diameter of 400 mm. The PE pump well has the same height as the ECOROCK-5000 unit. All the connections are matching with the openings at the ECOROCK units.

At the end of the ECOROCK-5000 the treated water (effluent) is collected in the pump shaft and can be easily pumped to a higher level with a normal submersible pump.

- ♦ The seals on the BIOROCK tanks are flexible and have a diameter of 110 mm
- ♦ The discharge pipe for the treated effluent should have a minimum gradient of 1%

**4.1.3 Installation of the ECOROCK treatment unit(s)**

- ♦ The ECOROCK-5000 unit(s) must be installed downstream of the Primary Tank
- ♦ The effluent from the Primary Tank should flow by gravity to the Treatment Units
- ♦ The gradient of the treated effluent pipe to the BIOROCK units should be a minimum of 1%

**4.2 INSTALLATION IN DRY GROUND CONDITIONS**

*See Appendix «Installation in dry ground conditions»*

**❖ Conditions for installation:**

- Dry and stable ground conditions
- Absence of water at the bottom of the excavation

**4.2.1 Installation and digging in dry ground conditions**

- ♦ The maximum level of top soil above the backfill is 200 mm
- ♦ The units must stand on a clean and stable base such as concrete
- ♦ In dry ground conditions pea gravel can be used
- ♦ Mud and other soft materials must be removed from the bottom of the excavation prior to Installation.
- ♦ A stable base must be created at the bottom of the excavation
- ♦ The base of the excavation should be level and compacted
- ♦ There must be a distance of at least 300 mm between the walls of the excavation and the Units. Same distance applies between the tanks in case of Multirock installations.

**4.2.2 Installation of the tanks in dry ground conditions**

- ♦ Once the base of the excavation is stable, the installation can begin
- ♦ The Primary Tank should not be positioned horizontally; it must have a slight gradient towards the water outlet
- ♦ Before connecting any water or ventilation pipes, ensure that the units are perfectly Installed.
- ♦ Ensure that all levels are correct so that the wastewater can flow freely through the system
- ♦ Check that all connections are correctly positioned
- ♦ Ensure that the seals are watertight





#### 4.2.3 Backfilling in dry ground conditions

- ♦ Backfill the hole with 3 to 6 mm smooth pea gravel, or lean-mix concrete whilst filling the tanks with water at the same level
- ♦ Do not exceed 300 mm per filling and compaction cycle
- ♦ Make sure that the BIOROCK® media is completely saturated with water
- ♦ Do not backfill with the soil removed during the excavation: roots and stones can damage the tank.
- ♦ Do not compact the backfill material mechanically: compact manually.
- ♦ Backfilling around and filling both the Primary Tank and BIOROCK unit(s) with water should take place at the same time.
- ♦ Once the backfilling is finished and compacted, check the levels of the tanks again
- ♦ The lids or access covers of the system should be installed just above ground, level to provide easy access for maintenance.
- ♦ Close and secure all covers with screws
- ♦ Complete the backfilling once all pipework has been checked and connected.

### **4.3 INSTALLATION IN HIGH GROUND WATER CONDITIONS**

#### ***Appendix «Installation in high ground water conditions»***

The ECOROCK-5000 units can be installed in high ground water conditions with special precautions.

If you don't use a BIOROCK Primary Tank, please confirm with the manufacturer that this Primary tank is suitable for high ground water conditions.



**If you don't use a BIOROCK Primary Tank, please consult the manufacturer to ensure this Primary Tank is suitable for high ground water conditions.**



**The level of the water table must never exceed the level of liquid inside the Primary Tank. Extremely high water tables signify a flood risk which could cause water ingress or collapsed tanks.**



**Multirock installations: The level of the water table must never exceed the level of water inlet pipe of the Treatment Units. Extremely high water tables signify a flood risk which could cause water ingress or collapsed tanks.**

Perform the same work as in dry ground conditions with the additional recommendations and modifications below:

- ♦ For installations in a high water table area, ensure the adequate drainage of the excavation during installation.



- ♦ Anchor the unit(s) to the concrete slab (slab thickness should be a minimum 150 mm)
- ♦ The base must extend to a minimum distance of 300 mm beyond the base of the tanks on all sides
- ♦ If you are unsure, a qualified civil engineer should be consulted
- ♦ Anchoring the tanks to the base is achieved with a system using the anchoring points; these are positioned on the lower corners of the tanks



**For installations in a high water table area, ensure the adequate drainage of the excavation during installation and anchor the unit to the concrete slab**

**Important:**

- ♦ The tanks should be secured and anchored to the concrete base
- ♦ In all high ground water conditions, the backfilling should be carried out to a level of 20 cm below the tank covers.
- ♦ We recommend that the tanks are backfilled with (lean mix) concrete instead of a regular backfill



#### **4.4 INSTALLATION IN «DIFFICULT» AREAS AND SITES**

❖ Conditions of installation:

- ♦ Difficult ground conditions can be unstable ground, clay, rocks, etc.
- ♦ If necessary, ensure the adequate drainage of the excavation during installation and anchor the unit(s) to the concrete slab.
- ♦ Solutions such as sheet piling should be used to secure the sides of the excavation.
- ♦ A retaining wall may be necessary to ensure that the backfill does not move in a difficult installation.

##### 4.4.1 Installation in difficult areas and sites

- ♦ Never use heavy clay soil for the top soil level. If the top soil to be used is predominantly clay then mix it with sand.
- ♦ In all difficult grounds conditions the base of the excavation should be constructed from concrete with a minimum depth of 300 mm.
- ♦ Roots and stones can result in damage to the tank wall and should be removed.
- ♦ The depth to the bottom of the excavation and the concrete base for the Primary Tank must allow an incline of 2% minimum for the wastewater inlet pipe from the property to the Primary Tank.

##### 4.4.2 Installation in difficult ground conditions

- ♦ Once the base of the excavation is stable the installation can begin.
- ♦ Before connecting any pipe work or ventilation pipes ensure the units are perfectly installed and stable on the excavation base. Ensuring that all levels are correct is crucial if the wastewater is to flow efficiently through the system.
- ♦ Pay special attention to the rubber seals. The seals ensure that the system is watertight.

##### 4.4.3 Backfilling in difficult ground conditions

- ♦ In all difficult ground conditions backfilling should be carried out to a level of 20 cm below the tank covers. Concrete should be used, compacted and applied in layers of 300 mm.
- ♦ A retaining wall may be necessary to ensure that the backfill does not move in a difficult installation. The thickness and structure of any retaining wall should be specified by a qualified engineer along with the method of construction and backfilling procedure.
- ♦ At the same time as backfilling around the Primary Tank and BIOROCK unit(s) all tanks should be gradually filled with clear water (increments of 300 mm)
- ♦ Once the backfilling is finished and compacted, check the levels of the tanks again
- ♦ The various lids or access covers for the system are installed just above ground level to provide easy access for maintenance.
- ♦ Position the hatches and secure them with the screws positioned on the sides.
- ♦ Backfilling to the surface is completed once all pipe work has been connected. With a maximum depth of 20 cm the backfill should consist of top soil without any stones or sharp objects. When building up the final level of backfill around the covers keep in mind any future settlement of the soil.



#### 4.5 INSTALLATION UNDER ROADS, COURTYARDS OR STORAGE AREAS

❖ Installation conditions:

Roads, courtyards or storage areas: The installation will be carried out in accordance with the preceding paragraphs, taking into account the nature of the soil.



**For an installation under roads, courtyards or storage areas, a distribution slab of reinforced concrete should be constructed and placed above the tanks**

- ♦ The concrete slab must be constructed in such a way that it does not rest on the tanks
- ♦ The edges of the slab must rest on the surrounding ground; the ground must be stable. If unstable ground, specific foundations should be built
- ♦ These foundations, the thickness of the slab distribution, the access to the lids of the tanks, the unit and sampling pipe, the reinforcement and the structure of the slab, etc., will be specified by a qualified civil engineer, based on expected traffic loads and the nature of the soil
- ♦ The high air outlet pipes should preferably be installed outside the concrete slab area, if this is impossible then they should be anchored in the slab.

#### 4.6 OTHER SPECIFIC CASES

##### 4.6.1 Incline too steep (>5%)

A retaining wall may be necessary to ensure that the backfill does not move if the incline is too steep. The thickness and structure of any retaining wall should be specified by a qualified engineer along with the method of construction and backfilling procedure.

Generally, the backfill material must be compacted pea gravel or lean mix concrete applied in layers of 30 cm. (depending on ground conditions)



**A detailed assessment must be carried out for all installations in difficult ground conditions. If you are not sure about the installation, always consult a local engineer**



## 5 VENTILATION & WATER DISTRIBUTION



Never smoke in the vicinity of the installation or sewage works in general.  
Never enter the tanks without taking the necessary safety precautions such as ventilation, air monitoring, air supply and other procedures as required.  
Always have someone else on site if entering confined spaces.



Both the Primary Tank & ECOROCK-5000 unit(s) must be vented separately



Achieving efficient ventilation is always the responsibility of the installer as he is familiar to the implementation site and local conditions that may interfere in the system's venting.



Make sure that the ventilation works properly. Always check the efficiency of the ventilation through the system with a smoke test prior to backfilling.



If the site is not suitable for non-electric ventilation, electric ventilation should be installed



Use as few bends as possible  
**NEVER USE 90° bends**  
Only use 45° bends

### 5.1 VENTILATION OF THE PRIMARY TANK

A Primary Tank generates malodorous gases that must be removed by effective ventilation. The Primary Tank must have a ventilation system consisting of a low air inlet and a high air outlet. The distance between the air inlet and air outlet pipe should be as far as possible from each other.

- ♦ The high air outlet pipe should have a wind driven or electrical ventilator
- ♦ The wind driven ventilator must be located at least 400 mm above roof level, clear of all potential obstacles and located at least 1 m away from any windows or skylights
- ♦ We recommend a gradient of 1% to avoid any water settling in the air pipe



- ♦ Only use 45° bends (never use 90° bends)
- ♦ The ventilation pipes must have a minimum diameter of 100 mm
- ♦ The Primary Tank vent pipe must be independent of the properties soil vent pipe
- ♦ The water inlet pipe of the Primary Tank should be plugged or capped (blocked for air)
- ♦ Always check the ventilation with a smoke test in representative conditions (calm weather and storms are not representative conditions)

### **5.2 VENTILATION OF THE ECOROCK-5000 TREATMENT UNIT(S)**

- ♦ The ECOOROCK treatment unit(s) has(ve) a separate ventilation system
- ♦ The vent pipe for the ECOROCK unit must be independent of the properties soil vent pipe and must not be combined with the Primary Tank vent pipe.
- ♦ The aeration of the both the upper level and the middle section of the treatment unit is combined
- ♦ The air intake is located at the front of the treatment unit
- ♦ The air outlet pipe should always be equipped with a wind driven or electrical ventilator
- ♦ The ventilation pipes must have a minimum diameter of 100 mm
- ♦ Only use 45° bends (never use 90° bends)
- ♦ Always check the ventilation with a smoke test in representative conditions (calm weather and storms are not representative conditions)

If the ventilation is not working properly:

- ♦ Check the ventilation system again by following the diagram
- ♦ Check if the pipe work is obstructed or disconnected at any stage
- ♦ Check if the air outlet pipe is positioned high enough
- ♦ Check that the wind driven ventilator has enough capacity, otherwise change to an electric Ventilator

### **5.3 WATER DISTRIBUTION PIPE**



**Make sure the BIOROCK® Media is saturated with clean water**

- ♦ Check and adjust the water distribution pipe to ensure an even distribution across the BIOROCK® media
- ♦ Adjust the height/level of the water distribution pipes using the threaded supports
- ♦ The discharge angle can also be adjusted by twisting the pipes
- ♦ Make sure that the BIOROCK® media is completely saturated with water
- ♦ DO NOT completely fill the tanks with water before unit is backfilled
- ♦ DO NOT use dirty or contaminated water
- ♦ Check the connection from the Primary Tank outlet pipe to the BIOROCK treatment unit(s)
- ♦ There should not be any accumulation of water within the BIOROCK® unit
- ♦ Water should not accumulate on top of the BIOROCK® media
- ♦ The level of the BIOROCK® media must be just under the water distribution pipe
- ♦ Check that the water from the Primary Tank flows by gravity into the BIOROCK® unit (s)



#### **5.4 BIOROCK® MEDIA**

BIOROCK Media is an ideal carrier material for bacteria. The BIOROCK Media is clearly visible in the treatment unit. Under the water distribution system, the BIOROCK Media will have a grey colour.

The BIOROCK Media is highly resistant to degradation and remains extremely stable over the long term. It is an inorganic material which does not break down over time. It requires little maintenance: Scraping and scarification is not necessary. Its structure and composition ensures unsurpassed and unique surface treatment with exceptional purification results.

In normal use the BIOROCK Media should not be removed or replaced. The top layer of the BIOROCK Media may have to be rinsed after a period of time if contaminated with solids.

The BIOROCK Media is an ecological, recyclable material.



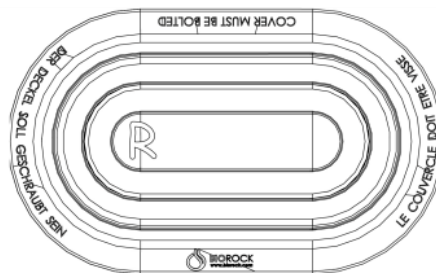
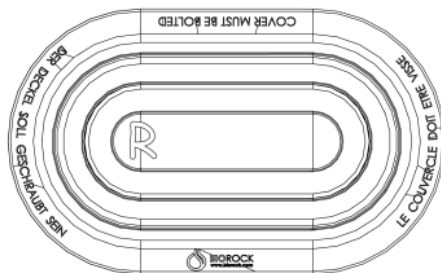
**For your safety always contact BIOROCK or your BIOROCK distributor for replacement or re-arrangement of BIOROCK media bags.**



**Used BIOROCK media can be returned to your distributor or to BIOROCK for recycling.**

#### **5.5 SECURING THE LIDS**

- ♦ The lids of the BIOROCK tanks should remain accessible for maintenance
- ♦ Always close and secure the lids after use using a screw driver.



**Always close and secure the lids  
Always keep the lids accessible  
Make sure the lids are air tight  
The lids are for pedestrian use only**



## **6. STOPPING AND RESTARTING THE SYSTEM**

The establishment of an efficient biomass varies. The system start-up period differs depending on the system size, its location, the temperature and especially the conditions of use.

For long periods of shutdown or non-use of the system (absence periods), no special precautions are required. The sewage system will re-start as facilities are used again and will not require any particular attention.

For absence periods exceeding six months, it is recommended to empty the Primary Tank and refill with fresh water.

If the unit is equipped with an electric ventilator, it is best to shut it down during the absence period and to check and clean it before the restart.

If a pump station is installed, it is best to commission it and clean it before the shutdown period.

The BIOROCK system remains efficient after a shutdown period.

## **7. CONFORMITY AND WORK COMPLETION**

In all cases, the owner and the installer will jointly complete the installation checklist for BIOROCK Sewage Treatment Plants (Appendix 5) and send it back to the manufacturer at the address listed.

The document is attached to the user's guide. This completed document validates the warranty when received by the manufacturer.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE AND MAINTENANCE**

See the procedures in Part B of this Manual; User Guide, page 23-47.

## **9. COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS**

The ECOROCK-5000 units comply with all requirements of EN 12566-3 + A2, 12566-6 and the Construction Product Regulations.

Performance tests for the CE marking of BIOROCK® units were produced and validated by the European Platform notified as CERTIPRO (notification NB 1476) located in MOL, Belgium.





## 10. WARRANTY



**10 years warranty on the BIOROCK® media \*<sup>1</sup>**

**25 years warranty on the BIOROCK® tanks \*<sup>2</sup>**

*\*<sup>1</sup> The 10 years warranty shall only apply if the annual maintenance is carried out by a BIOROCK® approved installer or supervised by a trained BIOROCK® Certified professional*

*\*<sup>2</sup> The 25 years warranty shall only apply if the installation is carried out by a BIOROCK® approved installer or supervised by trained BIOROCK® Certified professional*

### Manufacturer's Warranty - Terms and Conditions:

#### Content of BIOROCK warranty:

Every BIOROCK treatment plant leaving the production line is inspected and verified according to ISO 9001 standards. The guarantee covers the tanks, materials and parts.

As the operation of the system is linked to the use of the products and not the manufacturing, the warranty does not apply to the function of the plants.

If a defect in the manufacture of the product is acknowledged by the supplier, the guarantee is limited to the replacement of the defective parts, this excludes any other expenses. Defective equipment and associated accessories should will be made available to the manufacturer and repackaged in the original packaging if necessary.

The warranty is subject to installation and operation as per the manufacturer's instructions and in accordance with good installation practices. The warranty will not apply in the event of:

- Failure to comply with the basic design data for the wastewater treatment plant;
- failure to return the completed commissioning form / or failure to issue a valid notice of conformity when commissioning is complete;
- Failure to follow installation instructions detailed in the Installation Guide, for the primary tank and effluent filter (including the water tightness test) and the treatment unit;
- Failure to present or regularly update the maintenance reports by the user (the maintenance report can be found in the manual);
- Failure to comply with other requirements, norms, local regulations or common standards;
- Damage caused by any accidental or climatic events, beyond our control.

#### Activation of the BIOROCK warranty:

In order to activate the BIOROCK Warranty, the owner of the installed products must complete the approval certificate correctly (Appendix 5 "BIOROCK Installation and user guide"). This form must be completed by both the installer and person commissioning the system, it should then be returned to the address indicated on the document.

#### Length of the BIOROCK warranty:

Annual maintenance is a condition for the manufacturer's warranty. This must be carried out by a trained and qualified contractor. The maintenance must be carried out to the manufacturer's instructions as specified in the user guide.



The owner must complete the maintenance book and keep it up-to-date by adding any maintenance and commissioning activities carried out on the BIOROCK plant.

Attention: Sludge emptying documents - confirmation of emptying, receipts, dates and volumes etc issued by the contractor must also be retained. The maintenance book must be made available in the event of a complaint.

**BIOROCK warranty:**

- **10 years on the BIOROCK Media (biological part of the treatment plant).**
- **25 years on BIOROCK tanks**
- **2 years on electrical options, supplied by BIOROCK**

**Condition of delivery:** In the case of incomplete delivery (missing equipment or accessories) or damage observed on delivery, these remarks / observations should be listed on the carrier delivery note or bill. The carrier and the supplier must be informed within 48 hours or 2 business days.

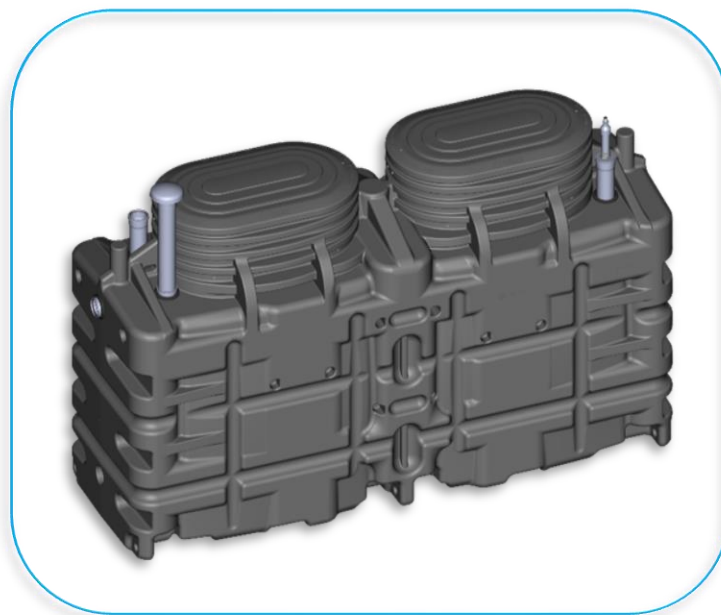
Follow the maintenance instructions and visual controls to maintain a reliable and durable system. Please contact your dealer with any question.





## B. USER GUIDE

# ECOROCK-5000 & BIOROCK® Multirock systems *BIOROCK® Multiple Installations*



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## 1. Safety instructions

*Related to the installation and operation of an ECOROCK treatment plant*

- ☛ **NOTE:** Consult with certified professionals regarding all installation and maintenance work, and for all operations undertaken on this sewage treatment plant. Your distributor and/or your installer will advise you on how to set up a maintenance contract.
- ☛ **NOTE:** Household wastewater contains human faeces (excrement). This means that wastewater may contain very noxious pathogenic bacteria. Under certain conditions (for instance stagnant wastewater, high temperatures etc.) these noxious pathogenic bacteria may be present in large numbers. Therefore, always use plastic gloves and proper disinfectants if you come into contact with wastewater or with parts which have been in contact with wastewater. The term wastewater also includes the final effluent (the purified wastewater from the BIOROCK® System).
- ☛ **NOTE:** The effluent CANNOT be reused for any other purpose other than discharge into the surface water or infiltration into the soil. The water may contain traces of bacteria, which under certain circumstances (stagnant water, high temperature etc.) may grow in large numbers and be potentially harmful to human health.
- ☛ **NOTE:** The final effluent (the “clean” water from the System) is NOT drinkable.
- ☛ **NOTE:** Always keep the lid closed and open it only for inspections and maintenance work. Never leave the lids and inspection points unsupervised while open. Lids are for pedestrian use only.
- ☛ **NOTE:** Do not put your head directly into any septic tank or sewage treatment plant through the manhole even to “have a look” or in an effort to find the cause of a malfunction. Noxious gases may accumulate in the system and may interfere with respiration and cause nausea, dizziness and in very extreme cases loss of consciousness.
- ☛ **NOTE:** Do not install, repair, change or check electrical components yourself; this can be extremely dangerous due to the combination of electricity and water especially when using 230 Volt. Leave this task to a qualified electrician, who can install the system in accordance with local regulations. When using 12 Volt electrical accessories, there is no danger of electrocution, but contact a qualified electrician if in doubt.
- ☛ **NOTE:** Never smoke near the work area while the operations described in this manual are being carried out, and never enter the work area without having taken all the prior precautions for ventilation and atmospheric testing as prescribed in the applicable local regulatory provisions.
- ☛ **NOTE:** Any risks during the installation are related to excavation or handling of material. While installing the tanks, use a sling hung from the 4 corners of the upper part of the tank. Make sure that no one is in the maneuvering area, and do not position yourself under the load.



## **2. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

In order to support sustainable development, BIOROCK has developed a sewage treatment plant with a very low carbon footprint. It does not need electricity, mechanical parts or chemicals to work.

Selecting a product that offers a sustainable solution to the problem of waste disposal is a key factor in protecting the environment. The construction market is becoming increasingly aware of the need for environmentally sustainable solutions to issues such as sewage treatment and the disposal of effluent from off-mains systems. There is a clear shift towards responsible and sustainable products. BIOROCK sewage treatment systems are the acknowledged leader in this rapidly changing market.

All materials used in the manufacture and assembly of the BIOROCK systems equipment are corrosion-resistant to ensure a long term installation. The main components are polyethylene (Tanks), PVC (piping) and the BIOROCK media. Nearly 100% of the components can be recycled.

### **2.1 USEFUL INFORMATION**

#### 2.1.1 Sustainability

Sustainable development is based on three factors: Protection of the environment, social progress, and economic development.

Both production methods and consumption must respect both human beings and the natural environment to enable all inhabitants on Earth to meet their basic needs (food, clothing, education, work, living in a healthy environment).

Education for sustainable development is fundamental: it is the main necessary step towards a general change in mindset and behavior. This change in mindset for each of us (citizens, businesses, local authorities, governments, international institutions) is necessary to address threats to the Earth (social inequality, industrial and health risks, climate change, biodiversity loss, etc.).

#### 2.1.2 Waste disposal

Waste results from the operation of treatment systems and maintenance of drainage systems for sewage and rainwater. These are predominantly organic waste (sludge, grease, wastewater treatment plant waste, drain material, etc.) or mineral (sand treatment plant, sludge, sewage sands, etc.).

Sludge produced in the Primary Tank must be removed by a licensed contractor.

The used BIOROCK media can be returned to BIOROCK or to a BIOROCK Certified Partner for recycling.

The effluent filter for the Primary Tank can be disposed after rinsing.



## **2.2 POLYETHYLENE AND PVC**

PE and PVC are recoverable using different processes

### 2.2.1 Energy recovery

Incineration leads to energy recovery. However it may generate pollutants and gas.

### 2.2.2 Material recycling

Recycling plastics of this nature (PVC, PE) into granules or powder which can be sold as an alternative to virgin material in manufacturing.

### 2.2.3 The BIOROCK® media

The BIOROCK® media is inert but if there is a need to replace some of the media the dirty bags (once removed) must be cleaned before recycling.

The used BIOROCK® Media can be returned to BIOROCK for recycling.

Always ask a professional waste disposal contractor to periodically remove sludge. Once removed, the sludge will be disposed safely at an approved facility.



### 3. OPERATING & MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

An annual service and maintenance contract should be set up for your BIOROCK system. Contact your dealer if necessary or contact us for more details about the closest dealer to you.



#### Maintenance on Multirock installations:

Multirock installations are specific, especially when serving commercial applications (particular wastewater characteristics). To ensure long lasting efficiency of the system, Multirock installations should be visited and maintained on a more frequent basis than domestic installations.

A maintenance visit each quarter (every 3 months) by a Certified, trained BIOROCK Professional is mandatory for Multirock installations. A periodic service and maintenance contract should be set up by the user with this Professional.

BIOROCK highly recommends users to set up a maintenance contract with their local dealer or Certified Installer to ensure the long lasting efficiency of BIOROCK products. Completing the maintenance book together with a BIOROCK Certified Professional is a condition for warranty. However, should you be unable to get this service locally, BIOROCK can provide a maintenance planning schedule giving an overview of the maintenance procedures. This planning schedule will allow a professional in the wastewater industry to provide the maintenance service.

Please check with local authorities how often the primary compartment should be emptied as this should be in line with local regulations.

The summary below indicates the commissioning of your sewage treatment plant. Your sewage treatment plant can be free from any failures as the BIOROCK system does not require electricity. (In normal operation, and following the maintenance recommendations)

#### GENERALLY:

Every year: (Multirock: Each quarter)

- ✓ Visually check the water tightness of the complete system
- ✓ Check the ventilation
- ✓ Check if there are any smells exiting the tanks

#### PRIMARY TANK

Every year: (Multirock: Each quarter)

- ✓ Check the sludge level
- ✓ Empty the Primary Tank if the sludge level is > 50%
- ✓ Change the effluent filter if necessary or change after emptying the Primary Tank
- ✓ Take a sample of the effluent from the Primary Tank and check quality visually

#### ECOROCK-5000 UNIT(S)

Every year: (Multirock: Each quarter)

- ✓ Clean the water distribution pipe (rinse using a hose pipe)
- ✓ Check and re-adjust the water distribution pipe if necessary





- ✓ Check the first layer of BIOROCK® Media
- ✓ Rinse or replace the first layer of BIOROCK® Media if necessary
- ✓ Remove and clean the alarm
- ✓ Take a sample of the outgoing water (final effluent) and check for clearness and odour. Clearness means that the water contains few suspended particles. The colour may vary from neutral to dark yellow. The odour of the water will normally be neutral to light ammonia.

**Neutral**



**Dark yellow**



### **FLOW MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

For Multirock only, Each quarter

- ✓ Clean the Flow Management System
- ✓ If BIOROCK Flow Control Chamber (FCC) and Splitterbox (SB): Rinse using a hose pipe
- ✓ Check and re-adjust the float of the FCC if necessary
- ✓ Check equal distribution of the wastewater through the ECOROCK units



### 3.1 PRIMARY TANK AND EFFLUENT FILTER

For a non-BIOROCK Primary Tank please refer to the maintenance schedule from the manufacturer of the Primary Tank that you have purchased. However, should you be unable to get information, BIOROCK can provide a maintenance planning schedule giving you an overview of the maintenance procedures.

Please check how often you need to empty your Primary Tank in line with local regulations. Please check if the Primary Tank has the required efficiency that is required by BIOROCK. See page 9, Chapter 2.1.

#### MAINTENANCE GUIDE FOR THE PRIMARY TANK (PT) AND THE EFFLUENT FILTER (EF)

##### Sampling of the pre-treated waste water coming from the Primary Tank

*Take your first sample 6 months after commissioning, then once a year, or at the same time as the Primary Tank is emptied.*

- ♦ Check (visually) the pre-treated wastewater quality
- ♦ Take a sample (with rubber or latex domestic use gloves) of the purified sewage water in a clean glass.
- ♦ The color of the water should range from light brown to yellow, from turbid to very turbid, but very little deposit should show at the bottom of the sample after it has rested for twenty minutes
- ♦ The purified water may have a slight (septic) odor



**If the water looks different or you find increased deposits in the pre-treated waste water, this may be caused by:**

- ♦ Water flowing too fast through the PT, too short retention time (hydraulic overload). Check that no rainwater run-off system passes through the installation.
- ♦ The volume of the Primary Tank is too small to accommodate normal usage
- ♦ Incorrect disposal of harmful, toxic, anti-bacterial or non-biodegradable products into the installation
- ♦ You may need to call a certified septic tank cleaning company to empty the PT and to clean it (skimming off the fats and floating matter — the surface layer). Never completely empty the PT; always leave a layer of sludge at the bottom to ensure that it continues to function correctly after it has been emptied
- ♦ In all of these cases, you should consult the documents and user manuals provided by the tank manufacturer



**If you notice any foul odors, these may be caused by:**

- ♦ The ventilation system is not working properly
- ♦ The ventilation system is not airtight at the T-piece of the water inlet in the PT
- ♦ The internal waste water system in the house is not vented properly with a soil vent pipe
- ♦ The inspection seals or the seals on the Primary Tank are not air- or watertight
- ♦ Insufficient airflow through the ventilation system; ventilation pipes too small - diameter >100 mm, a badly positioned wind driven ventilator, etc.
- ♦ A block in the airflow in the tank itself, because the surface layer has become too thick (for example fats & floating matter) or a baffle wall that is too high.
- ♦ In all of these cases, you should consult the documents and user manuals provided by the manufacturer.



**Effluent Filter cleaning and replacement**

The BIOROCK effluent filter should be checked annually (Multirock: every quarter) and cleaned (rinsed) or replaced when required.

- ♦ Open the cover at the PVC pipe that provides access to the Effluent Filter
- ♦ Take the rod holding the Effluent Filter and lift it carefully to remove
- ♦ Beware of flying particles
- ♦ The Effluent Filter should be replaced when necessary, when its condition is no longer fit for efficient filtering of suspended solids.

**Emptying of the Primary Tank**

*The first emptying of the Primary Tank takes place, when the sludge level reaches 50% of the Primary Tank volume, unless superseded by local regulations.*

- ♦ Always use a certified septic tank emptier.
- ♦ Replace the Effluent Filter at least every two years.
- ♦ The frequency with which the tank is emptied may be adapted according to the nature of the operation and how many people live in the building. It must be emptied when the sludge level reaches 50%.
- ♦ The cleaning certificate, written by the certified septic tank cleaning company, must be retained by the owner in and placed in the maintenance guide.
- ♦ The septic tank emptier should pressure wash the sides of the tank and the Effluent Filter to remove the accumulated fats and other matter.
- ♦ The tanker, while emptying the Primary Tank, must not be parked any nearer than 4 meters (14') from the installation to ensure and maintain stability.
- ♦ Refill the Primary Tank with clean water after emptying before resuming normal operation.

**Further information:**

The quantity of sludge produced is influenced by how the unit is used (size, frequent overloads, type of waste water, routine maintenance). Each unit is different. This is particularly true for commercial applications.

ECOROCK-5000	Sludge production in Primary Tank		
Capacity in Person Equivalent	1x ECOROCK-5000 30 PE	2x ECOROCK-5000 60 PE	3x ECOROCK-5000 90 PE
Sludge production	5.475 Liters/year	10.950 Liters/year	16.425 Liters/year

We estimate that an installation of 5 PE will produce a maximum of +/- 900 liters of sludge in the first year. The quantity of sludge produced will reduce over the first few years: normally after the fourth or fifth year, the residual quantities will have decreased by 40%. When emptying, the cleaner must leave a few centimeters of sludge at the bottom of the tank; the bacteria that break down the sludge are specific and take a long time to develop.



### 3.2 THE ECOROCK TREATMENT UNIT(S)

*The 10 years warranty shall only apply if the annual maintenance is carried out by a BIOROCK® approved installer or supervised by a trained BIOROCK® Certified professional*

#### MAINTENANCE PLANNING FOR THE ECOROCK-5000 SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT



**Only take a sample from running water.  
Never use a sample from stagnant water**

#### **Effluent sampling:**

*6 months after start-up, then every year*

- ♦ Only take a sample from running water. Never use a sample from stagnant water
- ♦ Take a sample of the outgoing water (final effluent) and check for clearness and odour. Clearness means that the water contains few suspended particles. The colour may vary from neutral to dark yellow. The odour of the water will normally be neutral to light ammonia
- ♦ Sampling can be done via any sampling point or directly at the outlet of the tank
- ♦ Always wear rubber or latex domestic gloves when taking a sample
- ♦ The outgoing water should be clear. A little deposit might show at the bottom of the sampling glass after it has rested for twenty minutes
- ♦ The water shouldn't have a septic or nauseating odor. It may have the characteristic smell of fresh humus
- ♦ If the visual check seems to show a malfunction (turbid treated water, presence of deposits or suspended matter, nauseating or septic odor), take the sample to a certified laboratory for testing
- ♦ If the laboratory confirms a problem with the water quality check:
  - if the primary tank is functioning properly
  - the quality of the pre-treated water from the Primary Tank
  - if there are any fats or solids on the surface of the BIOROCK® Media
  - the water distribution in the BIOROCK unit(s)
  - if the ventilation of the Primary Tank is functioning properly
  - if the ventilation of the BIOROCK system is functioning properly
  - if the unit is correctly sized for its required capacity
  - the presence of harmful, toxic, antibacterial or non-biodegradable products in the installation



If you notice the presence of increased deposits (suspended matter) in the treated waste water or if the unit is clogged up:

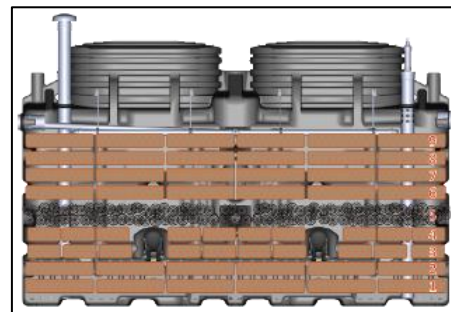
A prolonged overload of pollution in the installation, repeated misuse of the primary tank (late sludge removal, an inefficient effluent filter and neglect over several years) can lead to the saturation of the BIOROCK® Media in the bioreactor.



**Cleaning or replacement procedure for the BIOROCK® Media:**

*The BIOROCK Media can be removed using a metal hook or a rake. The BIOROCK media can be returned to a local BIOROCK partner. BIOROCK will arrange media recycling after use.*

- ♦ If the BIOROCK® Media is clogged, remove the bags of BIOROCK media until you get to clean bags
- ♦ If possible clean the BIOROCK® media with a normal water hose. Wash the bags in a basin of water, agitating them aggressively, so that all of the sludge that has accumulated in the bags is removed
- ♦ If it is impossible to clean the BIOROCK® media, replace with new bags
- ♦ Before returning the BIOROCK® media bags, clean the inside of the tank and if necessary the Aeration rings
- ♦ Carefully place the bags back in the unit as detailed below

**Build-up of the BIOROCK media from bottom to top:**

Layers 1 to 4 of BIOROCK® media 2x2	Layer 5	Layer 6	Layers 7 to 9
121 kg of BIOROCK media 20x20x20mm (average 122 bags)	42 kg of plastic aeration rings (average 594 rings)	39 kg of BIOROCK media 10x10x10mm (average 39 bags)	87 kg of BIOROCK media 20x20x20mm (average 88 bags)

While replacing the bags of BIOROCK Media, make sure that each layer of bags completely covers the surface of the unit, ensure that there is no free space between the bags. The bags of BIOROCK Media should always overlap each other. Ensure that the aeration rings are put back to the same position and height.

BIOROCK can quote media replacement and recycling through its network of distributors and installers. Contact us for your closest BIOROCK Certified Professional.



**A well performing ECOROCK unit does not produce a bad smell, it should have a smell of fresh humus**

**Problems with bad smells are generally caused by a poor ventilation of the Primary Tank and/or Treatment Units**

**Check the alarm**

*To be done annually (Multirock: Each quarter)*

Clean the float and the pipe with clean water.

Visually check the alarm positioning: ⇒ Lift lightly and let it go down.

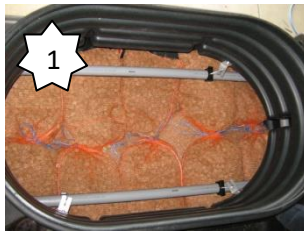


**Check water tightness of the water inlet pipe and the water distribution pipe***To be done annually (Multirock: Each quarter)*

Visually check the water tightness of the water inlet pipe from the Primary Tank.

**Check that the water distribution pipe provides an equal distribution of water to the BIOROCK® media***To be done annually (Multirock: Each quarter)*

Clean the inside of the water distribution pipe with clean water using a hose pipe.



1. Unclip the water distribution pipe and remove the pipe system from the tank
2. Adjust the height/level of the water distribution pipes using the threaded supports
3. The discharge angle can also be adjusted by twisting the pipes

**Check the BIOROCK media and its possible settlement***To be done annually (Multirock: Each quarter)*

- ♦ The BIOROCK Media may settle progressively as the water flows through it. This generally occurs after some years of usage.
- ♦ Should this occur, just shake the BIOROCK media bags manually and placed them back in the tank. Make sure that each layer of bags completely covers the surface of the Treatment Unit with no free space between the bags which should always overlap each other.
- ♦ If the inspection shows an accumulation of suspended solids at the top layer of BIOROCK media, then the BIOROCK media of the top layer may need to be cleaned more thoroughly. (see Ch. "Cleaning or replacement procedure for the BIOROCK Media")



**Any long-lasting water accumulation on the surface of the bags indicates that it is necessary to clean at least the first layer of BIOROCK media.**



**The frequency of cleaning and / or replacement of the BIOROCK media bags depend on the quantity and quality of effluent leaving the Primary Tank. Checking the Effluent Filter and Primary Tank on an annual basis is very important. (Multirock: Each quarter)**

**If you still notice the presence of fats:**

If flow difficulties persist after the above cleaning operations, check for an accumulation of fat in the Primary Tank and at the Effluent Filter.

**If you still notice the presence of fats:**

If flow difficulties persist after the above cleaning operations, check for an accumulation of fat upstream from the treatment unit(s).

In this case, the Primary Tank and the Effluent Filter efficiency must be checked.



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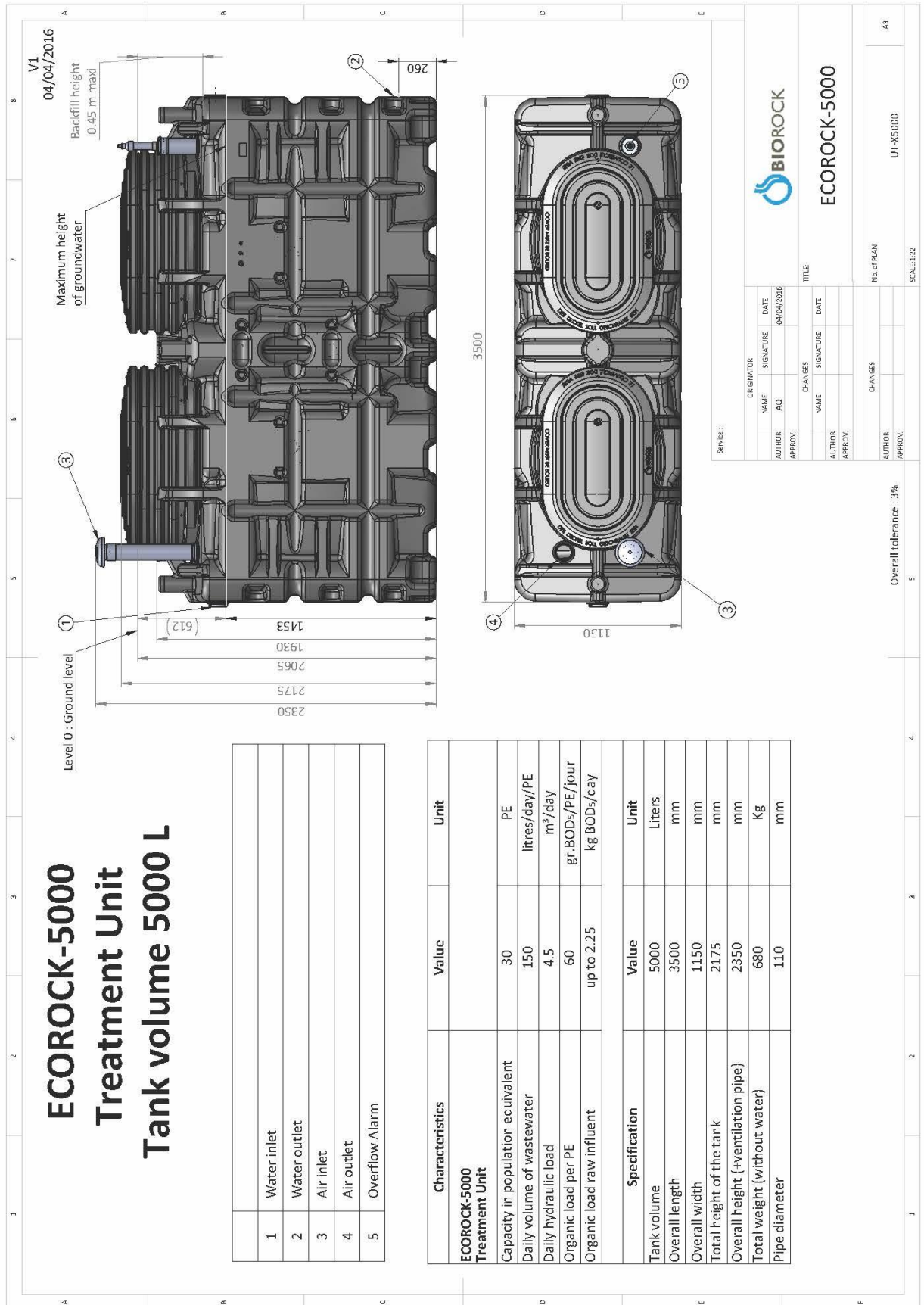
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## 1.1

## ECOROCK-5000 Treatment Unit Tank volume 5000 L

1	Water inlet
2	Water outlet
3	Air inlet
4	Air outlet
5	Overflow Alarm

Characteristics	Value	Unit
<b>ECOROCK-5000 Treatment Unit</b>		
Capacity in population equivalent	30	PE
Daily volume of wastewater	150	litres/day/PE
Daily hydraulic load	4.5	m <sup>3</sup> /day
Organic load per PE	60	gr.BOD <sub>5</sub> /PE/pour
Organic load raw influent	up to 2.25	kg BOD <sub>5</sub> /day
<b>Specification</b>		
Tank volume	5000	Liters
Overall length	3500	mm
Overall width	1150	mm
Total height of the tank	2175	mm
Overall height (+ventilation pipe)	2350	mm
Total weight (without water)	680	kg
Pipe diameter	110	mm

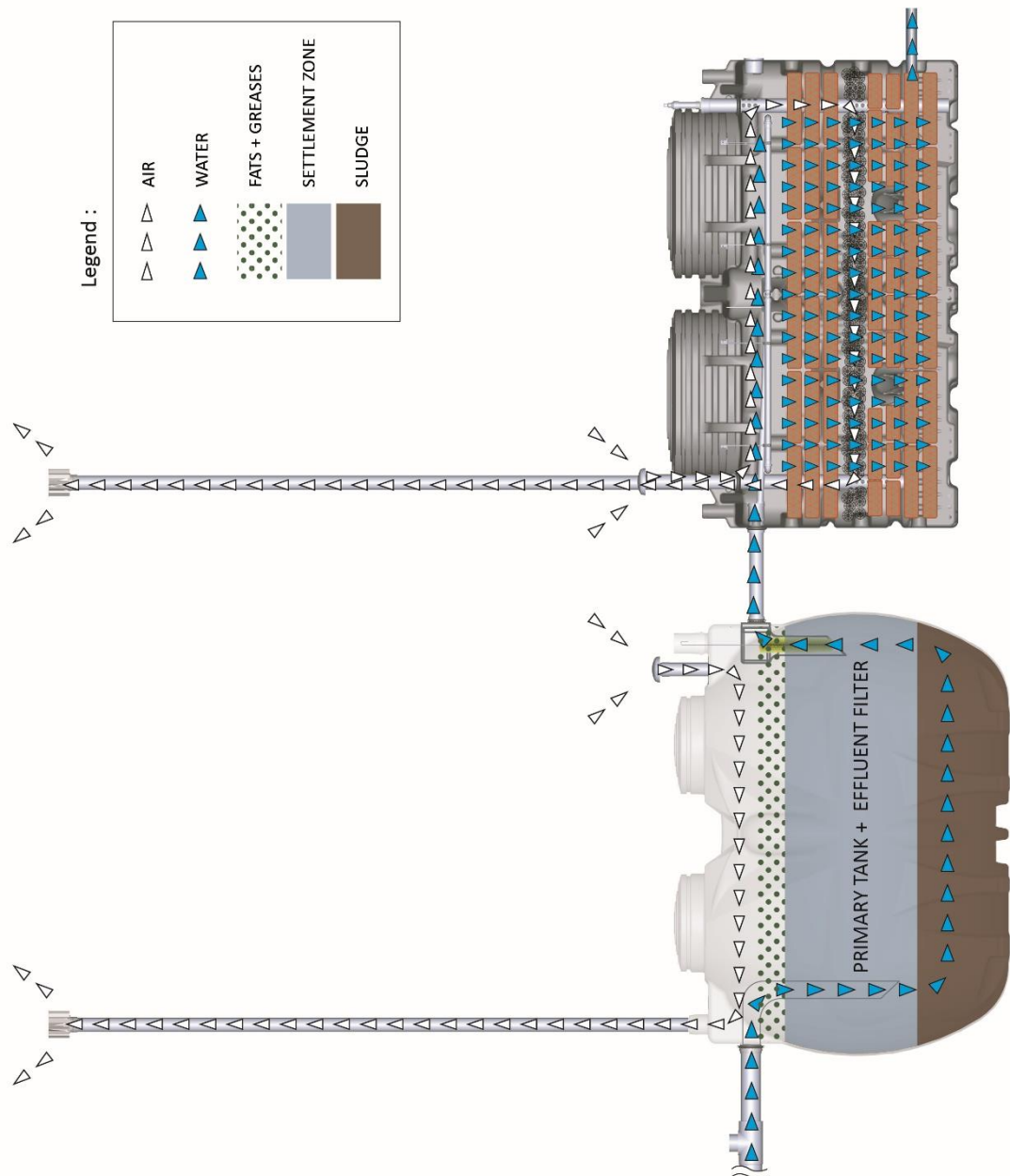




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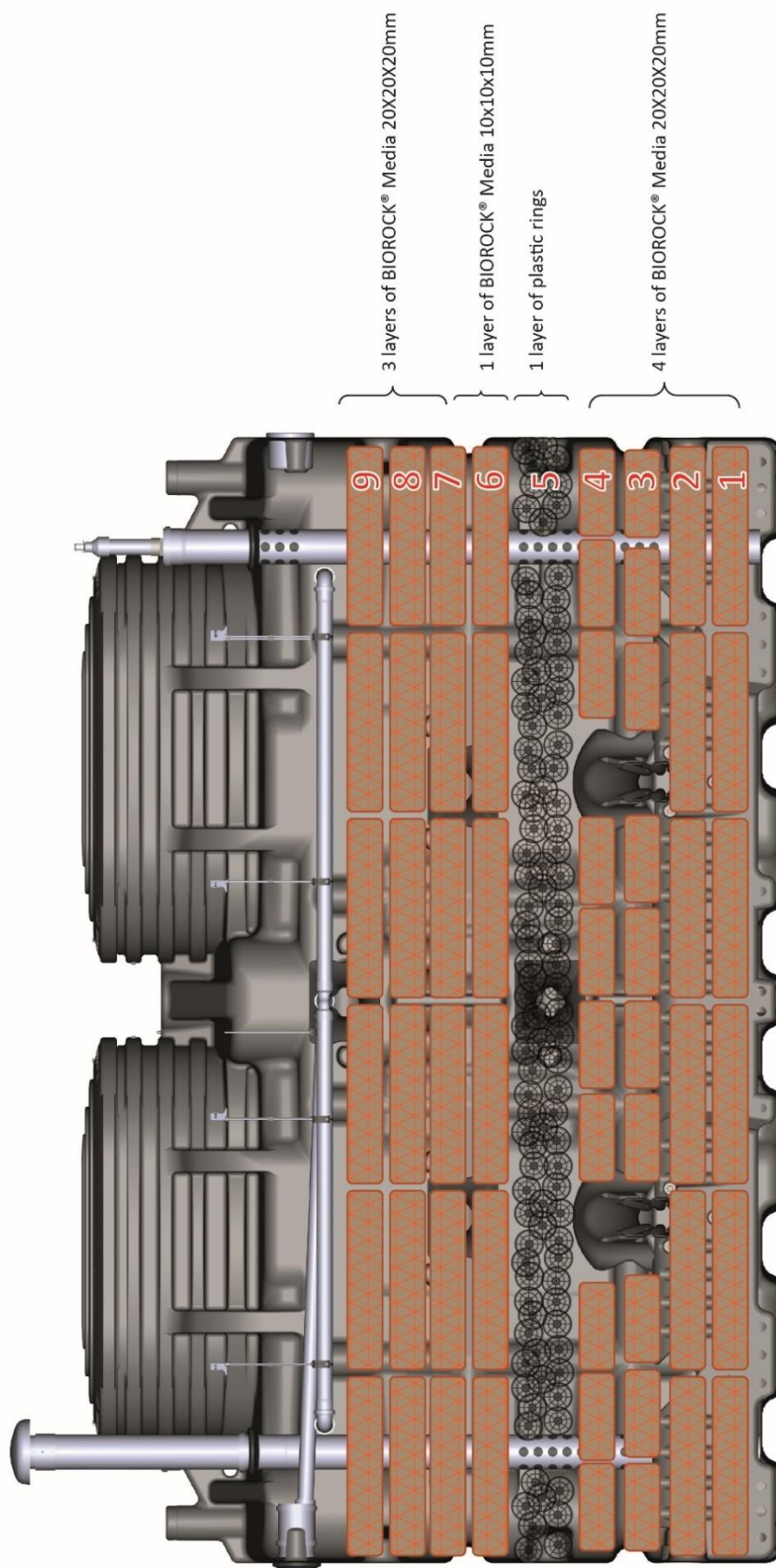
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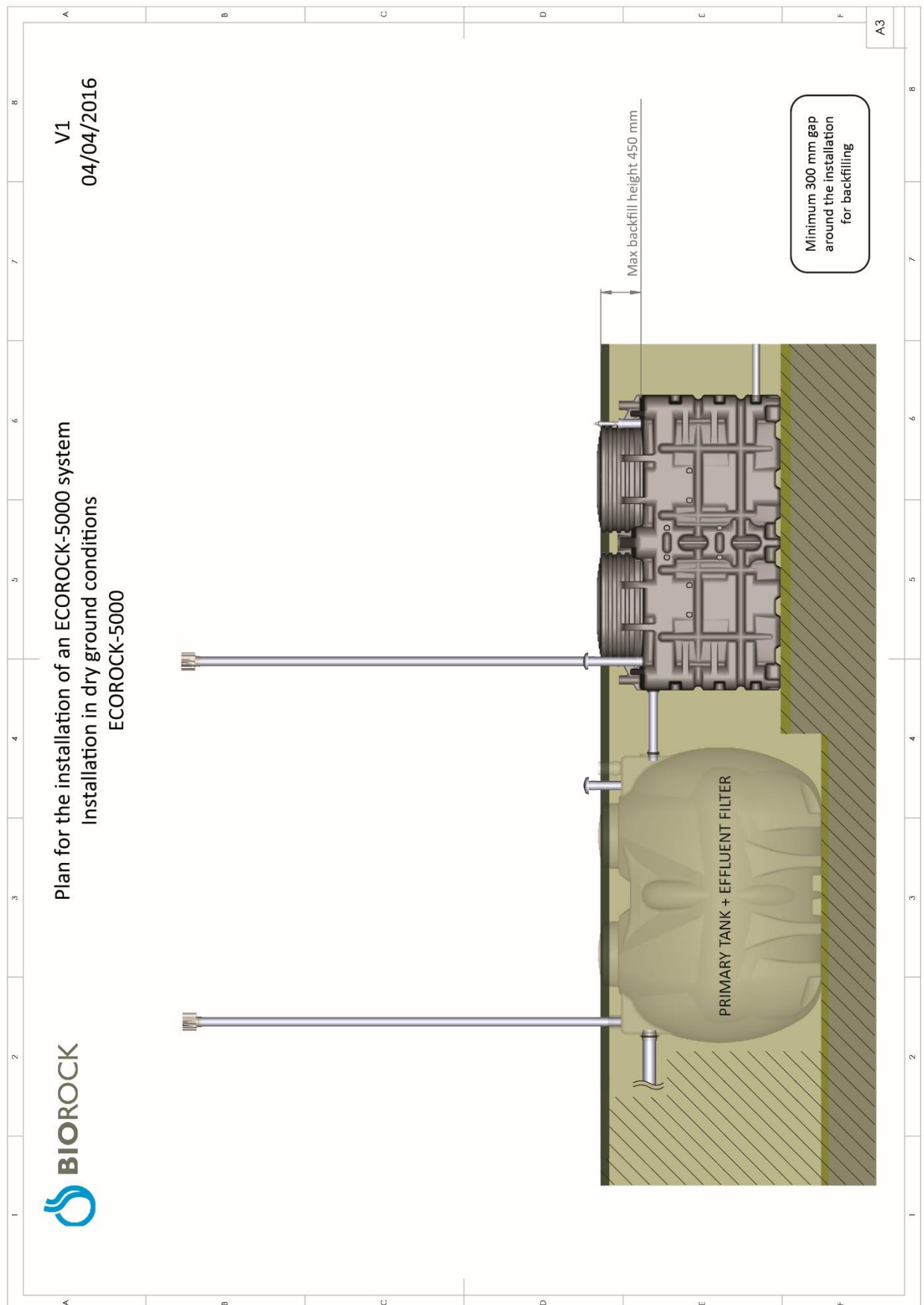
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Drawing (Cross section) showing the layers of BIOROCK® Media in a ECOROCK-5000 unit



## APPENDIX 2

### 2.1

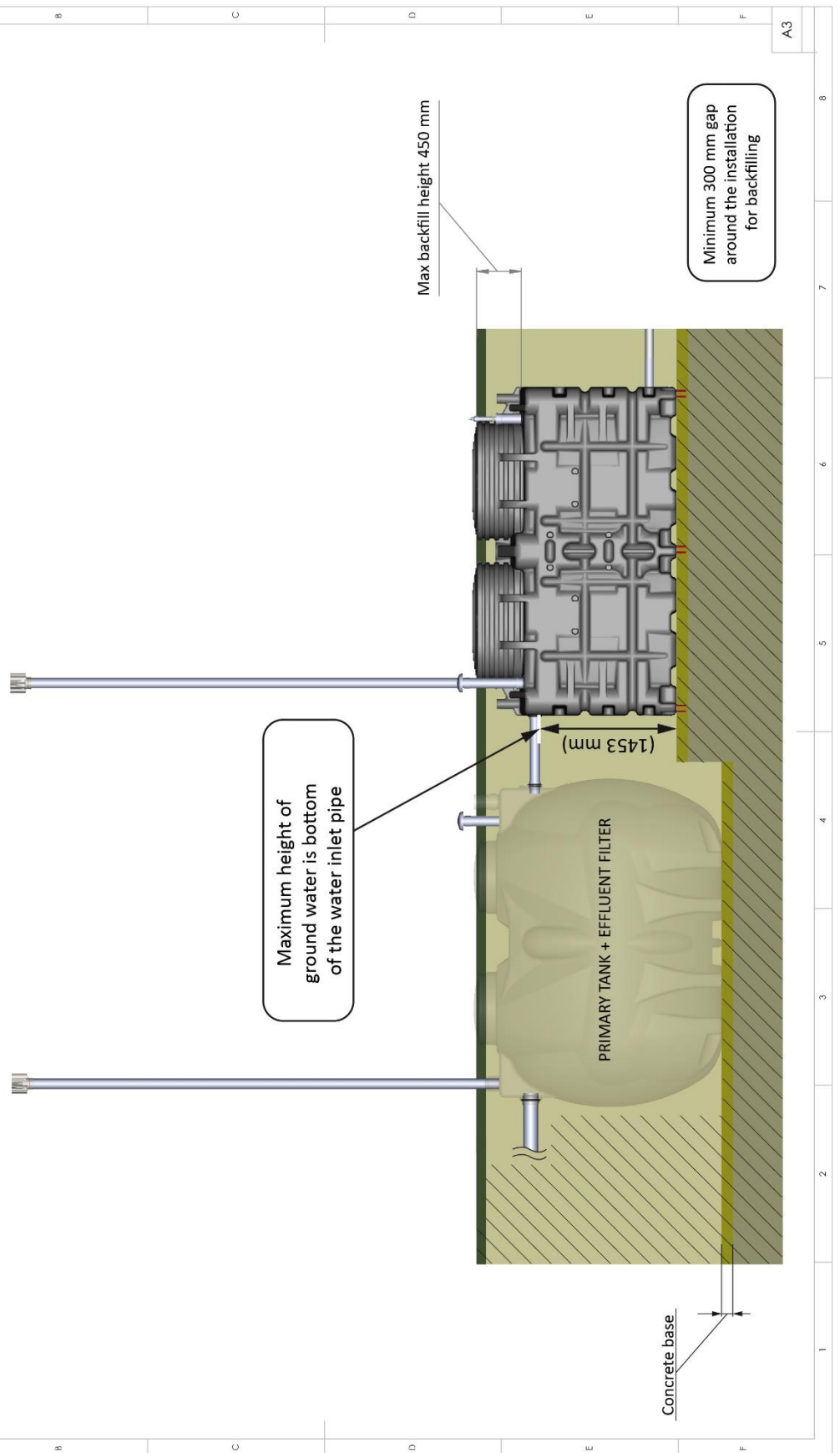


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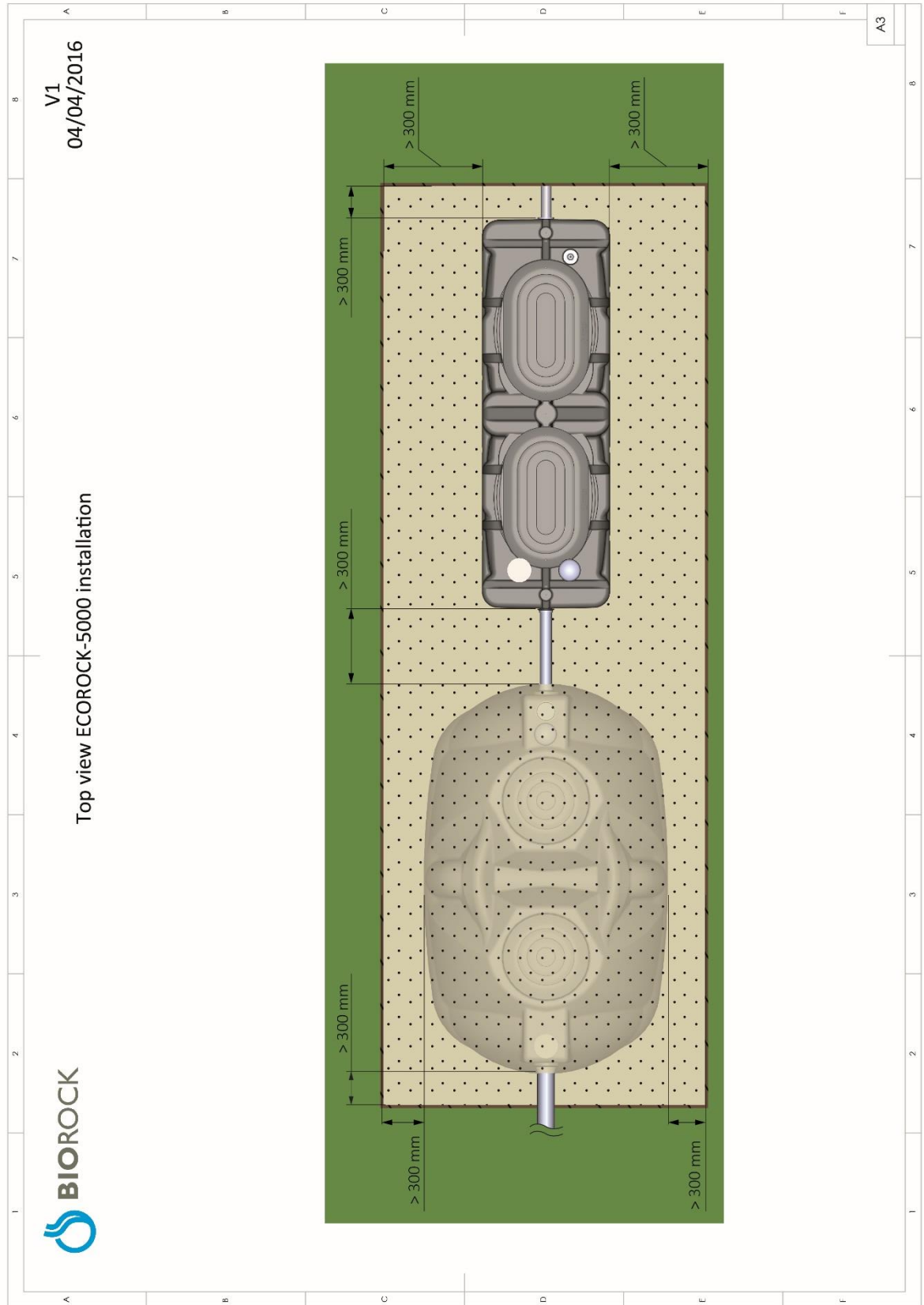
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Plan for the installation of an ECOROCK-5000 system  
Installation in high ground water conditions  
ECOROCK-5000



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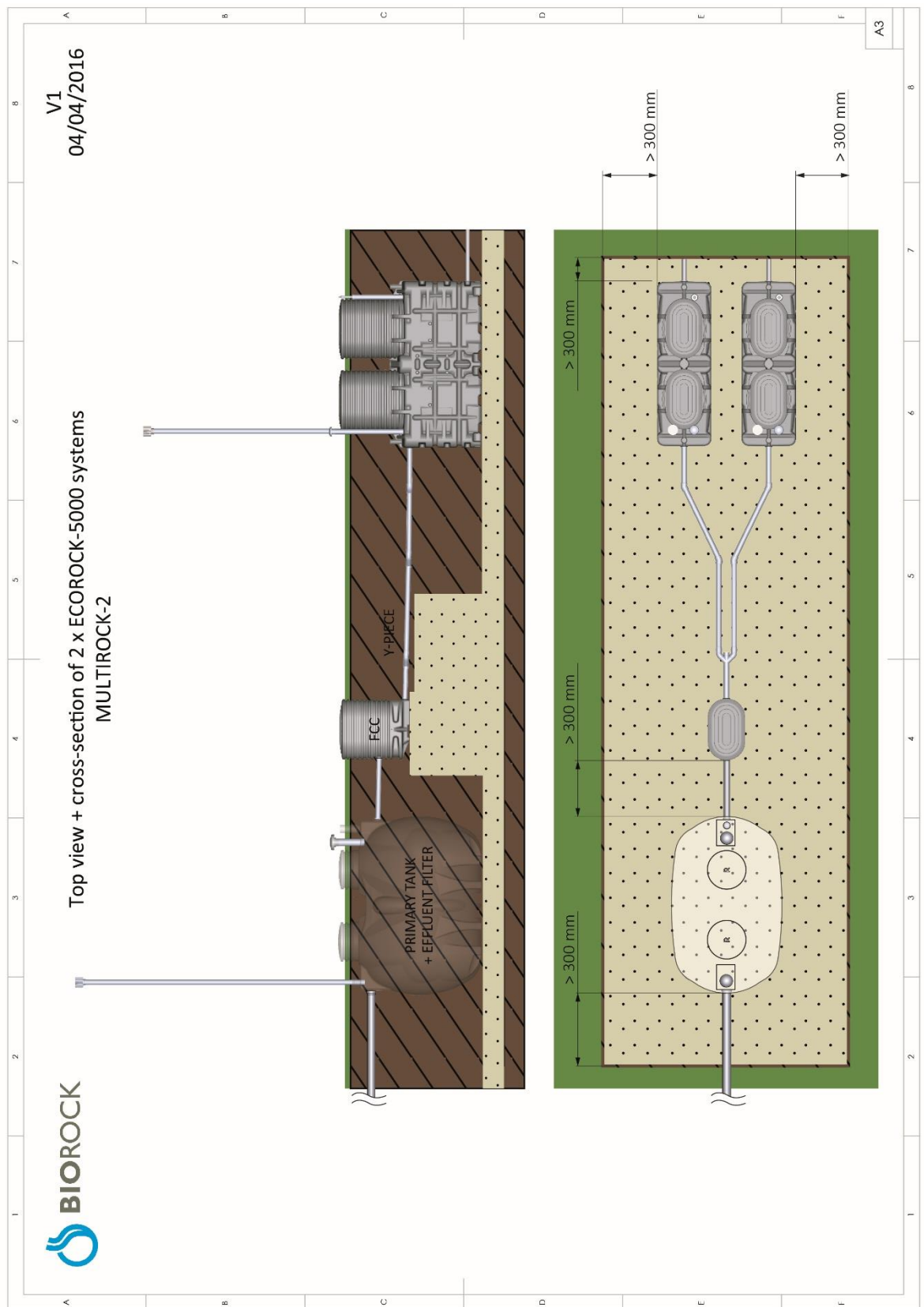
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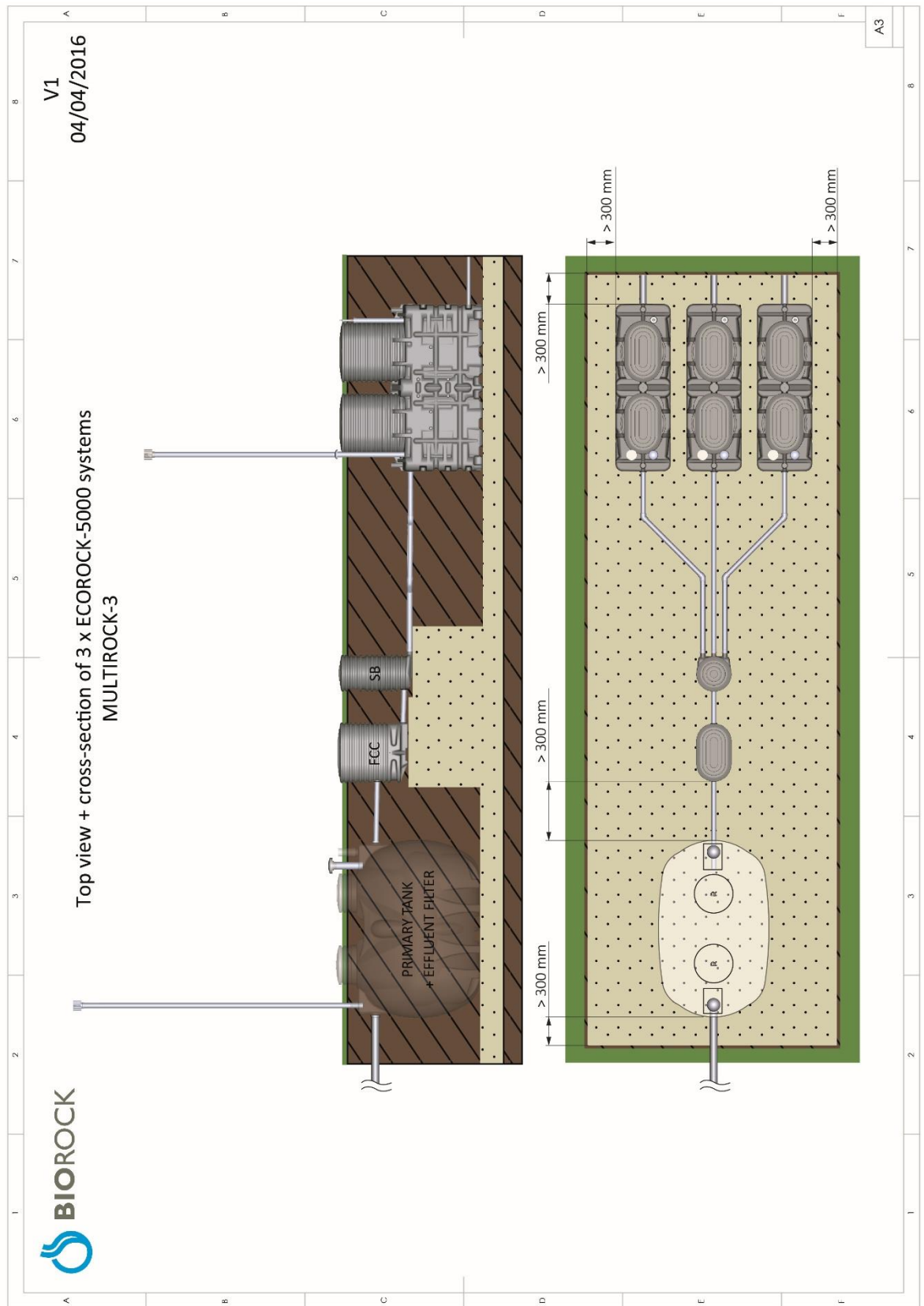
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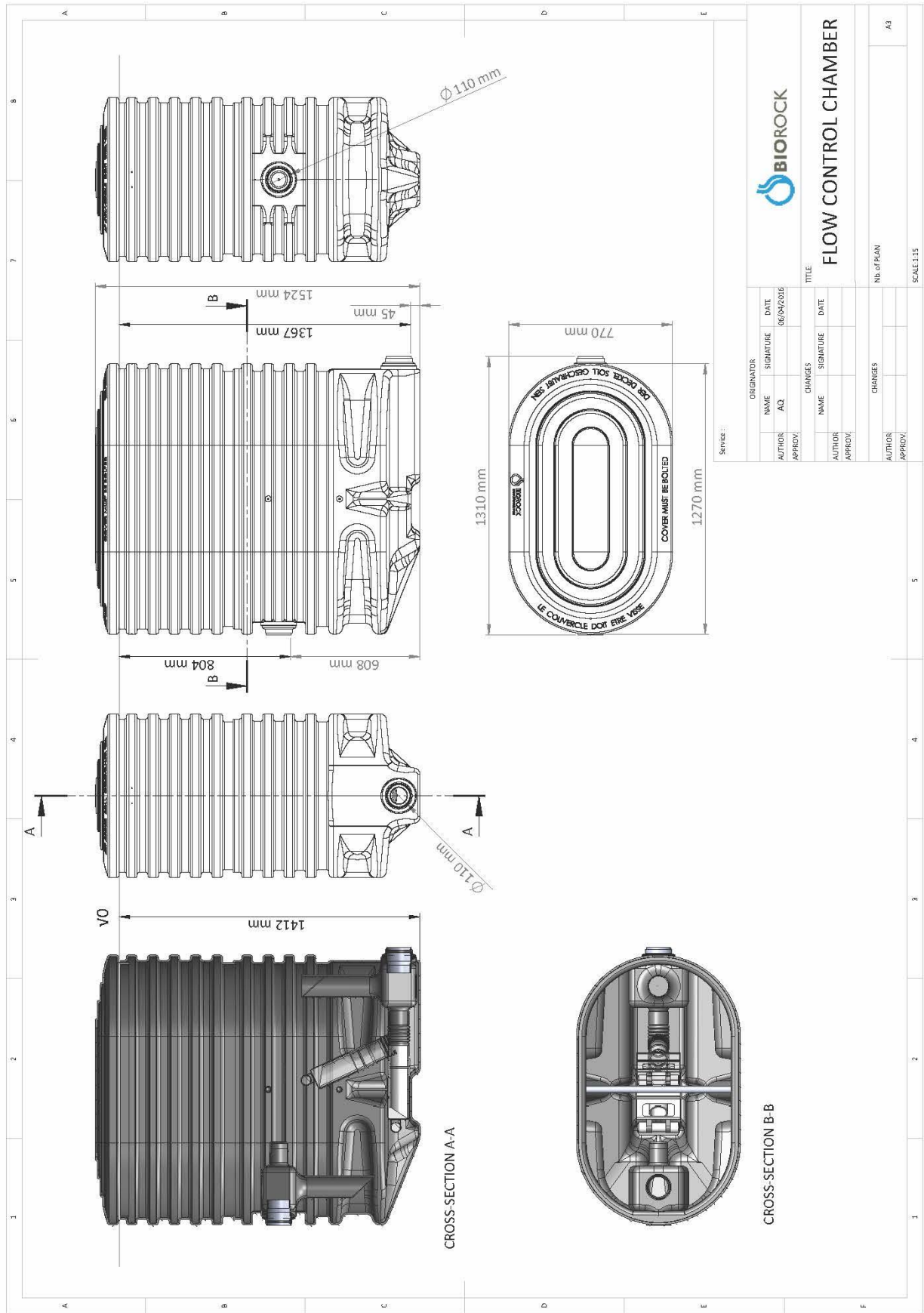


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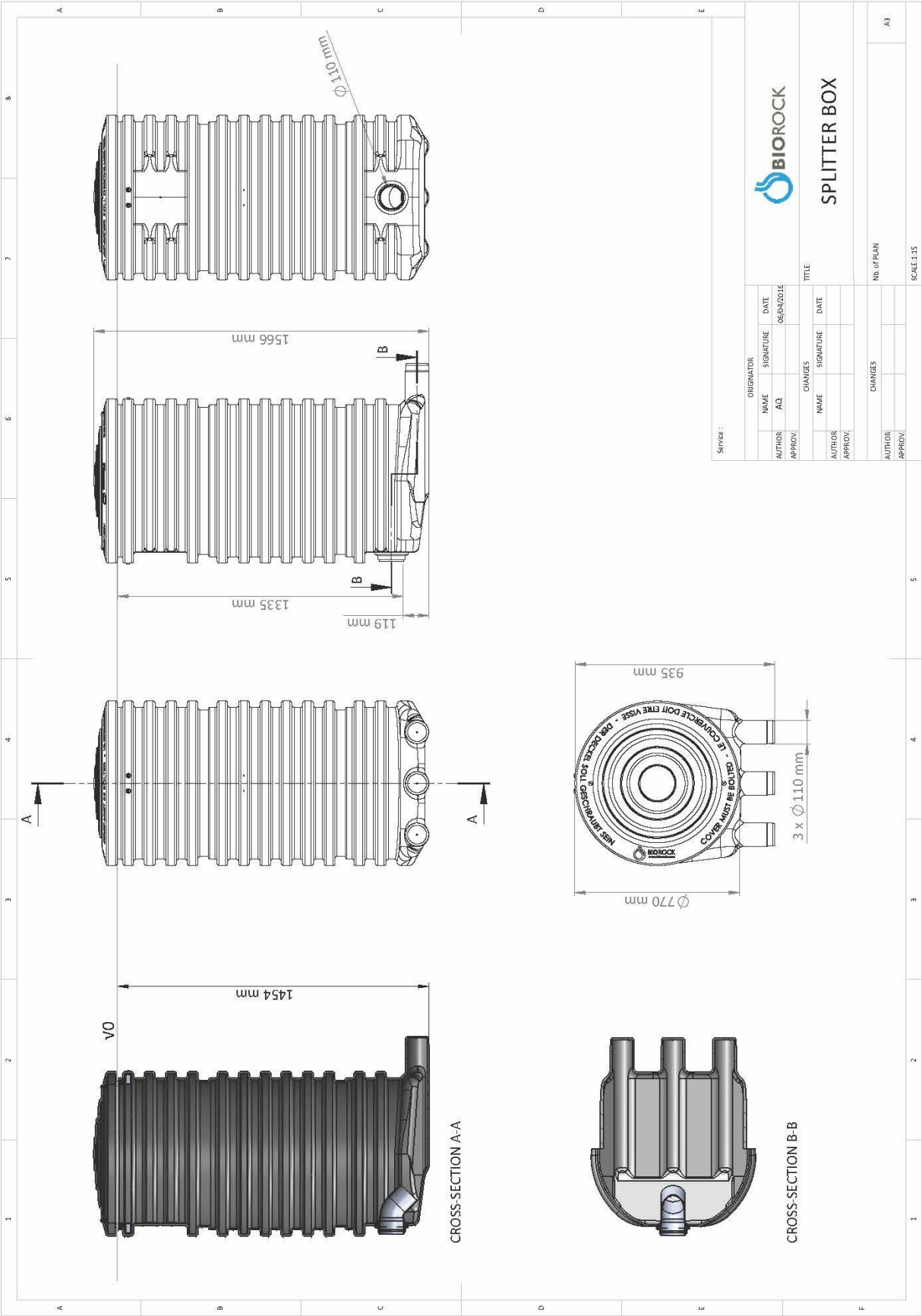


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## APPENDIX 4

## MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS FORM

*To be completed – TO BE KEPT BY THE USER*

DATE OF FIRST COMMISSIONING: ..... / ..... / .....

Product N° of tank: (see page 9 in the user's guide)

**Warning:***Please keep sludge emptying documents and proofs validated by the contractor.*

DATE	WORK COMPLETED	CONTRACTOR'S NAME	COMMENTS

If you have not subscribed to any maintenance agreement, please ask a trained, professional contractor to provide maintenance and any work required on your sewage treatment plant.





## APPENDICE 5

## ACTIVATION OF THE WARRANTY

(see our conditions)

*Important Information:* If this form isn't returned to BIOROCK within 120 days the installation of the system, there will be no warranty at the system

## INSTALLATION FORM FOR A MULTIROCK SYSTEM

This form must be completed and returned to:

BIOROCK S.a.r.l.

4-5 Z.A.E. Le Triangle Vert

L-5691 ELLANGE (Luxembourg)

or by e-mail : [info@biorock.com](mailto:info@biorock.com)

PLEASE KEEP ONE COPY FOR YOURSELVES.

**Type of installation:****Installation capacity :**

..... PE

Installation date :

.....

Commissioning date:

.....

DISTRIBUTOR : .....

NAME : .....

ADDRESS : .....

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## Installer

NAME.....

INITIALS.....

Address .....

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TEL. : .....

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E-mail.....

## OWNER

Name.....

Initials.....

Address .....

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Tel.....

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E-mail.....

☐ New built home☐ Existing home

## Adresse of the installation if different than owner

Name.....

Initials.....

Address .....

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Tel.....

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E-mail.....

☐ New built home☐ Existing home**Please indicate :**

♦ Nature of building: ..... ♦ Number of rooms : ..... ♦ Number of occupants : .....

Soil conditions: ☐ Dry ☐ High ground water ☐ Difficult ☐ On a slope ☐ Other: .....Discharge: ☐ Infiltration ☐ Water course ☐ Re-use ☐ Other: .....

Type &amp; Capacity of the primary tank: ..... Serial number: .....

Type &amp; Capacity of the treatment unit: ..... Serial number: .....

Ventilation: ☐ Winddriven ventilator ☐ ElectricalPump: ☐ After Primary Tank ☐ After BIOROCK Reactor**Declaration :**

The MULTIROCK® system is installed and commissioned in accordance with:

- The current legislations stating the technical requirements applicable to domestic sewage treatment plants in the territory where the system has been installed
- Installation, use and maintenance requirements of the Primary Tank and its Effluent Filter, indicated in the Instruction Manual as provided by your supplier
- Current installation, use and maintenance requirements of the MULTIROCK System

Signed at : ..... on .....

Signatures :

The Owner :

Name of the responsible Authority:  
(if applicable)

The installer:

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