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Foreword

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The general scope of TC 288 is the standardisation of the execution procedures for geotechnical works (including testing and control methods), and of the required material properties. WG15 has been charged to revise EN 1538:2000, with the subject area of both retaining and cut-off diaphragm walls. This standard does not address the execution of barrettes, which is covered by EN 1536, *Execution of special geotechnical work — Bored piles*.

The design, planning and execution of retaining and cut-off diaphragm walls call for experience and knowledge in this specialised field. The execution phase requires skilled and qualified personnel and the present standard cannot replace the expertise of specialist contractors.

The document has been prepared to stand alongside EN 1997-1, *Eurocode 7: Geotechnical design — Part 1: General rules* and EN 1997-2, *Eurocode 7: Geotechnical design — Part 2: Ground investigation and testing*. This standard expands on design only where necessary (e.g. the detailing of reinforcement) and provides full coverage of the construction and supervision requirements.

A2 The amendment became necessary to accord the Standard EN 1538:2010 with EN 206:2013, *Concrete — Specification, performance, production and conformity*. EN 206:2013 has been revised to contain also the specific requirements for concrete for applications for special geotechnical works, making redundant respective provisions in EN 1538 (e.g. 6.1, 6.3 and 8.8).

Full according with EN 13670, *Execution of concrete structures* is however still pending. EN 1538:2010+A1:2015 therefore still contains specific requirements for bored piles as a concrete structure, such as the detailing of the reinforcement, the concrete placement and the supervision of concreting process which are complementing the provisions of EN 13670.

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