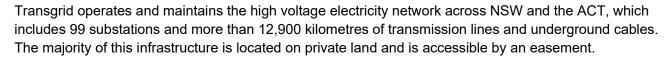
Fencing Guidelines

Earthing and Isolation of Fences in Easements



An easement provides a 'right of way', allowing access for our staff and contractors to build and maintain electrical infrastructure on private property. If you have an easement registered on your property, there may be some restrictions on the activities performed or structures that can be placed within the easements, including fences.

All fences installed within Transgrid easements should be built with wooden or other non-conductive materials to minimise the risk of injury and/or damage to property. Where this is not possible and metal fences must be installed, certain requirements must be met and are outlined in these guidelines.

As the operator and manager of the high voltage transmission network across NSW and the ACT, Transgrid connects generators, distributors and major end users to the electricity they need, when they need it. At Transgrid, we keep you and your way of life connected. Our core role is to provide safe, reliable and efficient transmission services to NSW, the ACT and the National Electricity Market.

While transmission is a small component of the electricity bill, around 7% for households and businesses, we do not believe that consumers should pay more than necessary for a reliable electricity supply.

Our network comprises 99 bulk supply substations and more than 12,900 kilometres of high voltage transmission lines and cables. Interconnected to QLD and VIC, the network provides a strong electricity system enabling energy trading between Australia's three largest states along the east coast and supporting a competitive wholesale electricity market.

We believe in working with the communities we operate in. We help them learn about energy through our BeSafeKids primary school education program. Each quarter we partner with different communities to support them grow and develop through our Community Partnership Program. While our easement teams work with landowners to ensure the safety of easements. For more information visit our website www.Transgrid.com.au.

Risks posed by metal fences on easements

If a metal fence is installed near a high voltage transmission line, there is a possibility it could act as a conductor of electricity and dangerous currents may be carried along the fence.

These voltages may be an induced voltage from the fence being parallel to a nearby transmission line, or they may be a transferred voltage (or transferred potential), which occurs when a fence is installed too close to the high voltage transmission pole or tower (structure).

The amount of induced or transferred voltage can vary between different transmission lines and structures, and is also affected by the soil beneath the transmission line.

In some cases where a metal fence must be installed, Transgrid may request a detailed earthing assessment and additional measures may be required beyond those outlined in this guideline.





Ensuring the safety of metal fences

It is important that all metal fences near a transmission line meet Transgrid's guidelines to minimise the risk of injury or damage to property. This document outlines the guidelines for a fence which is located near or adjacent to a structure, or runs parallel to or across a transmission line easement. Regardless of the location of the fence, you should always follow these simple rules:

- A metal fence should never touch a transmission line structure
- A metal fence should always be at least 1m away from an underground earthing system

To find out the location of any underground earthing systems call "Dial before you dig" on 1100.

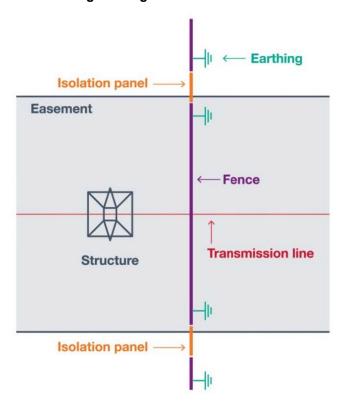
Fences near a structure

Metal fences that run across an easement, within 25m of the base of a transmission line structure, pose specific risks. To manage this risk the following steps must be taken:

- Install Isolation panels where the fence enters or exits the easement
- Provide earthing either side of the isolation panels.

The diagram below (Diagram 1) shows an example where a fence runs across the easement. It is important the fence has isolation panels installed as it enters and exits the easement, ensuring it is earthed at either side. If the fence stops inside the easement, it will need to be earthed next to the last post. If the fence is within 2m of the structure, the fence may need to be modified to ensure safety.

Metal fencing running across the easement near a structure





Fences on the easement in general

It is recommended all fencing located within an easement is made from wood or non-conductive materials. However, we understand in some cases metal fencing may be required. In these cases, follow these requirements to reduce the risks:

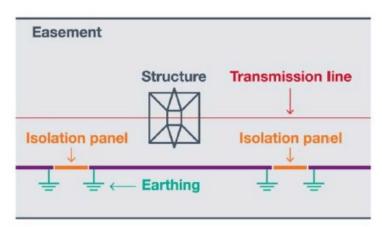
- Each separate strand of wire or metal fence panel should be effectively earthed at the edge of the
 easement, wherever the fence passes in or out of the easement area, and at any end of the fence
 located within the easement area
- Metal gates should be earthed by bonding across the hinges to the fence (in the case of a wire or other metal fence), or by suitable earthing arrangements at the gate post for fences of wooden construction
- All fence and gate earthing must be installed in accordance with the diagrams provided in this guideline
- Any fencing installed on the easement must not exceed 2.5m in height.

Fences parallel to a transmission line

Metal fences located within an easement and running parallel to a transmission line (see Diagram 2) also pose specific risks. To manage this, adhere to these requirements:

- Fences that run parallel with a transmission line past a structure should have earthing and isolation panels installed 25m either side of each structure
- An additional earth should be installed around the middle of each span if the fence passes more than one structure
- In addition to the above, any fence should be earthed at each end.

Metal fending running parallel to the line in the easement



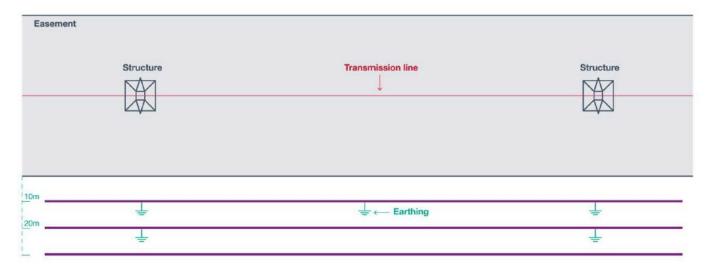
Fences parallel to a transmission line outside the easement

The risk of transferred voltage reduces when the distance between the transmission line and the metal fence is greater. However, to minimise any potential risk of induced voltages, you must follow these requirements:

- Fences within 10m of the easement should be earthed once in line with each structure and once in the middle of each span
- Fences within 20m of the easement should be earthed once in line with each structure
- Fences more than 20m from the easement would not generally require earthing



The below diagram (diagram 3) shows the distance of a fence running parallel to an easement and the subsequent level of earthing required.



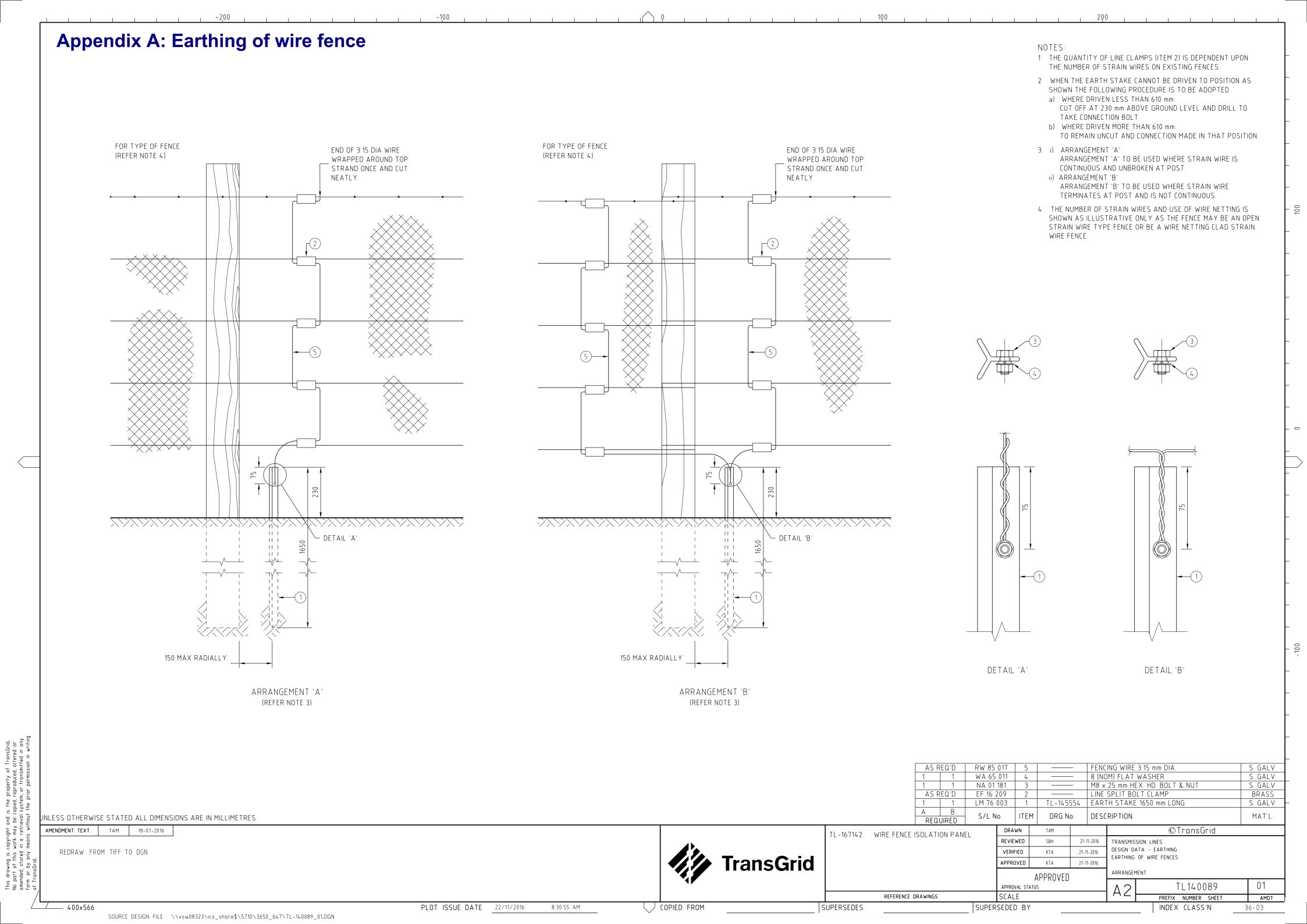
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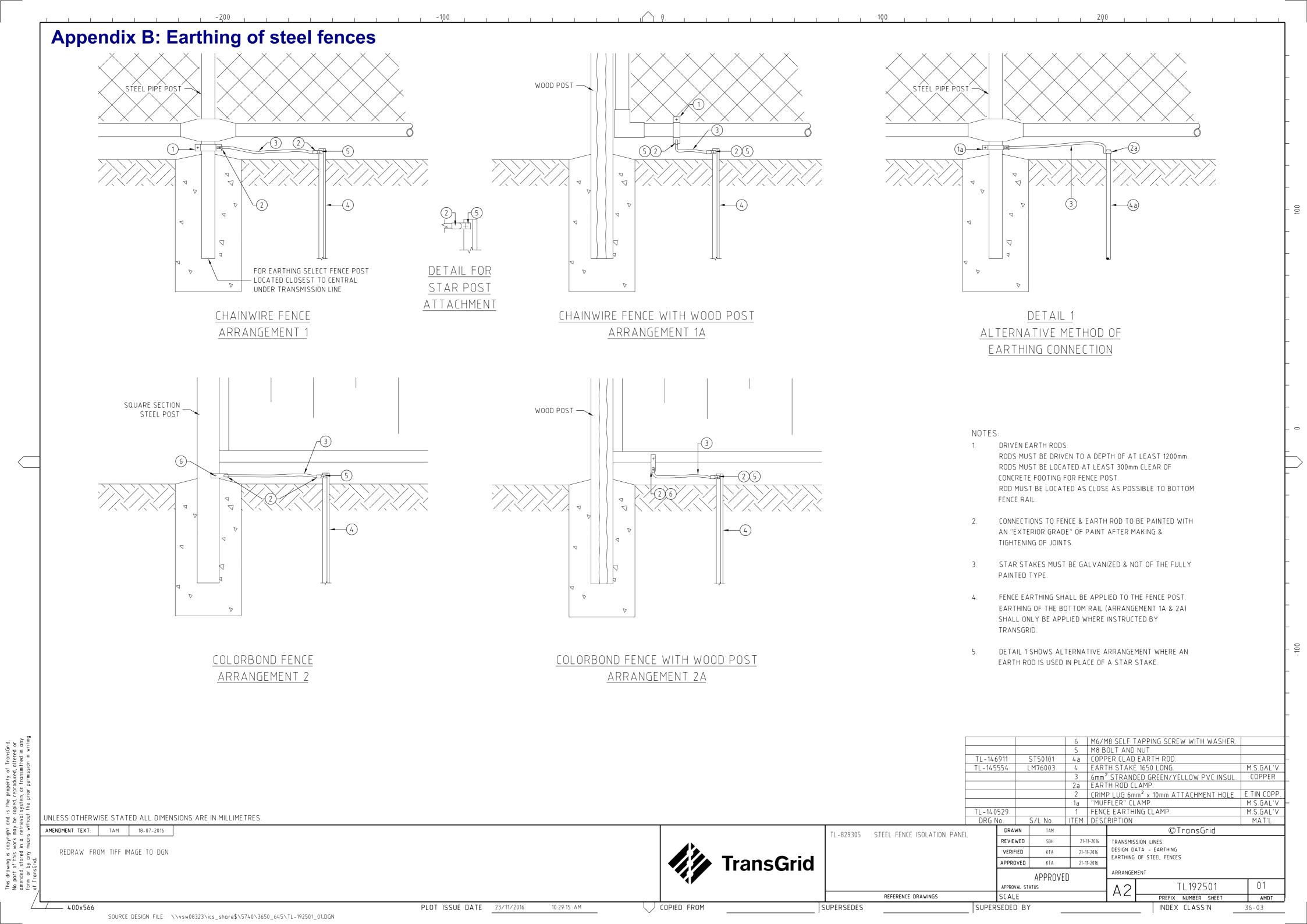
Temporary fencing installed within an easement needs to be earthed. Where a typical chain-wire or weldmesh panel fence supported by concrete or plastic block bases is used, every second panel should be earthed and the pipe clamp between posts of adjoining panel posts should be replaced with a clamp arrangement made of wood or other non-metallic material.

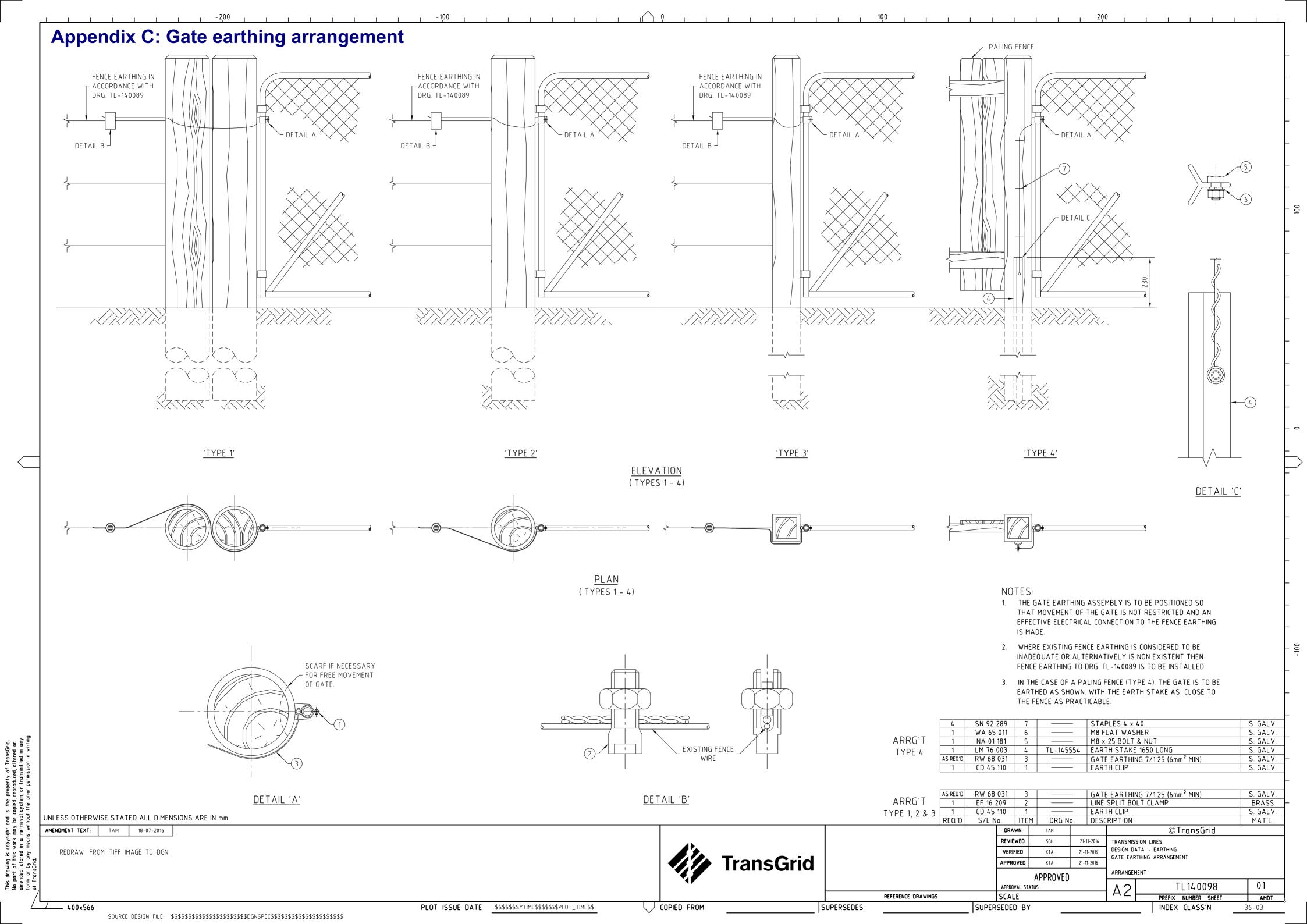
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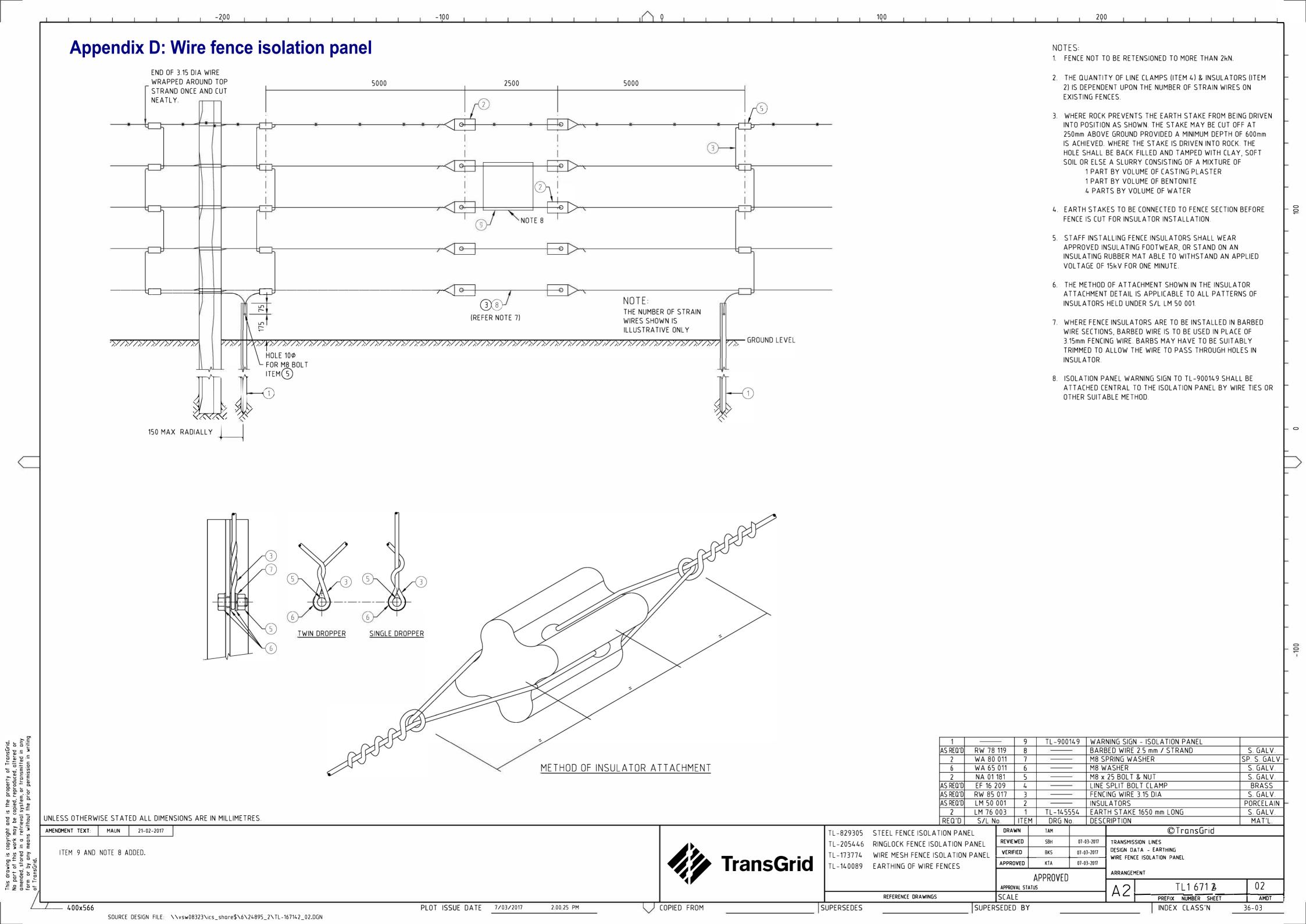
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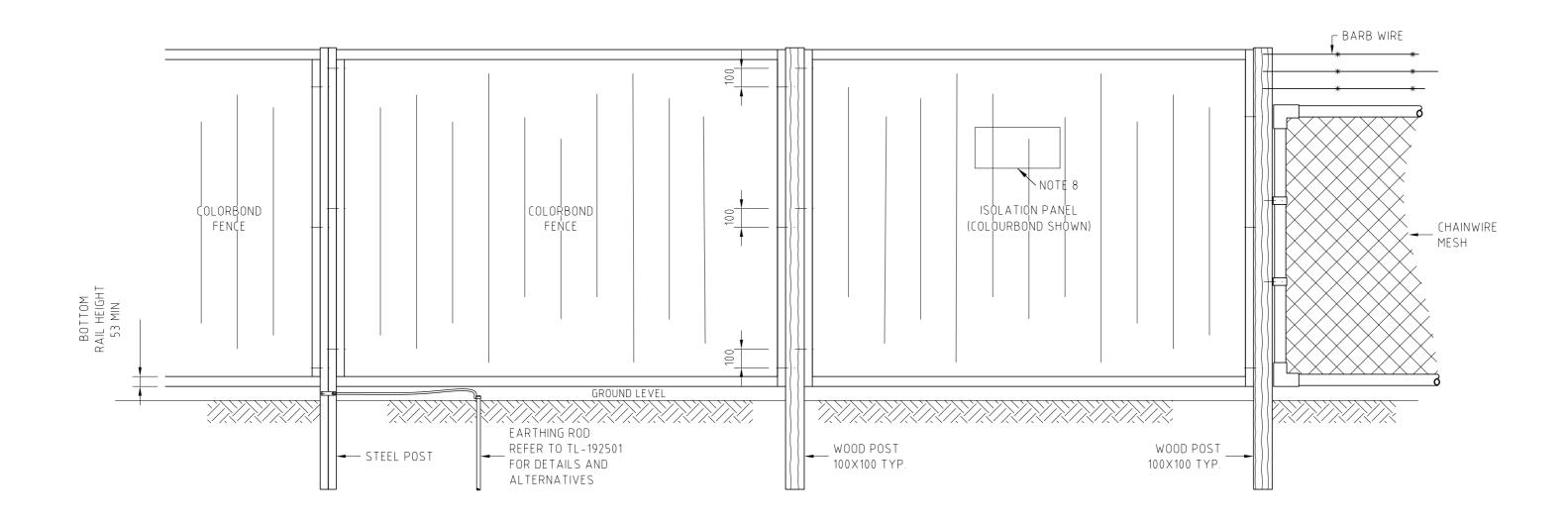
For further information please contact Transgrid on 1800 222 537.











FRONT ELEVATION

SCALE 1:20

2:00:20 PM

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TL-192501 EARTHING OF STEEL FENCES TL-829305 STEEL FENCE ISOLATION PANEL

REFERENCE DRAWINGS

WIRE MESH FENCE ISOLATION PANEL

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NOTES:

WOOD POSTS.

NON-CONDUCTIVE.

TYPICAL EXAMPLES.

OTHER SUITABLE METHOD.

MAINTAINED.

OTHER SIDE OF THE WOOD POST.

1. THE ISOLATION PANEL SHALL NOT BE EARTHED UNLESS

2. THE FENCE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ISOLATION PANEL SHALL BE

3. THE SCREWS USED TO FIX THE FENCE PANELS TO THE WOOD

4. BOLTS SHALL NOT BE USED TO FIX THE FENCE PANELS TO THE

6. THERE MUST BE NO METALLIC CONNECTIONS (INCLUDING BARBED SECURITY WIRE) WHICH CONNECT TO THE FENCE PANELS ON

7. COLORBOND AND CHAINWIRE ARE SHOWN ON THIS DRAWING AS

THIS DESIGN CAN BE APPLIED TO OTHER TYPES OF METAL FENCING PROVIDED THE GENERAL ARRANGEMENT CAN BE

8. ISOLATION PANEL WARNING SIGN TO TL-900149 SHALL BE

ATTACHED CENTRAL TO THE ISOLATION PANEL BY WIRE TIES OR

5. IF WOOD POST ARE TO BE PAINTED THE PAINT SHALL BE

POST SHALL NOT PENETRATE MORE THAN 50mm INTO THE POST AND SHALL BE OFFSET AT LEAST 100mm FROM ANY SCREWS USED TO FIX THE PANEL ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE POST.

SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED BY TRANSGRID.

EARTHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TL-192501.

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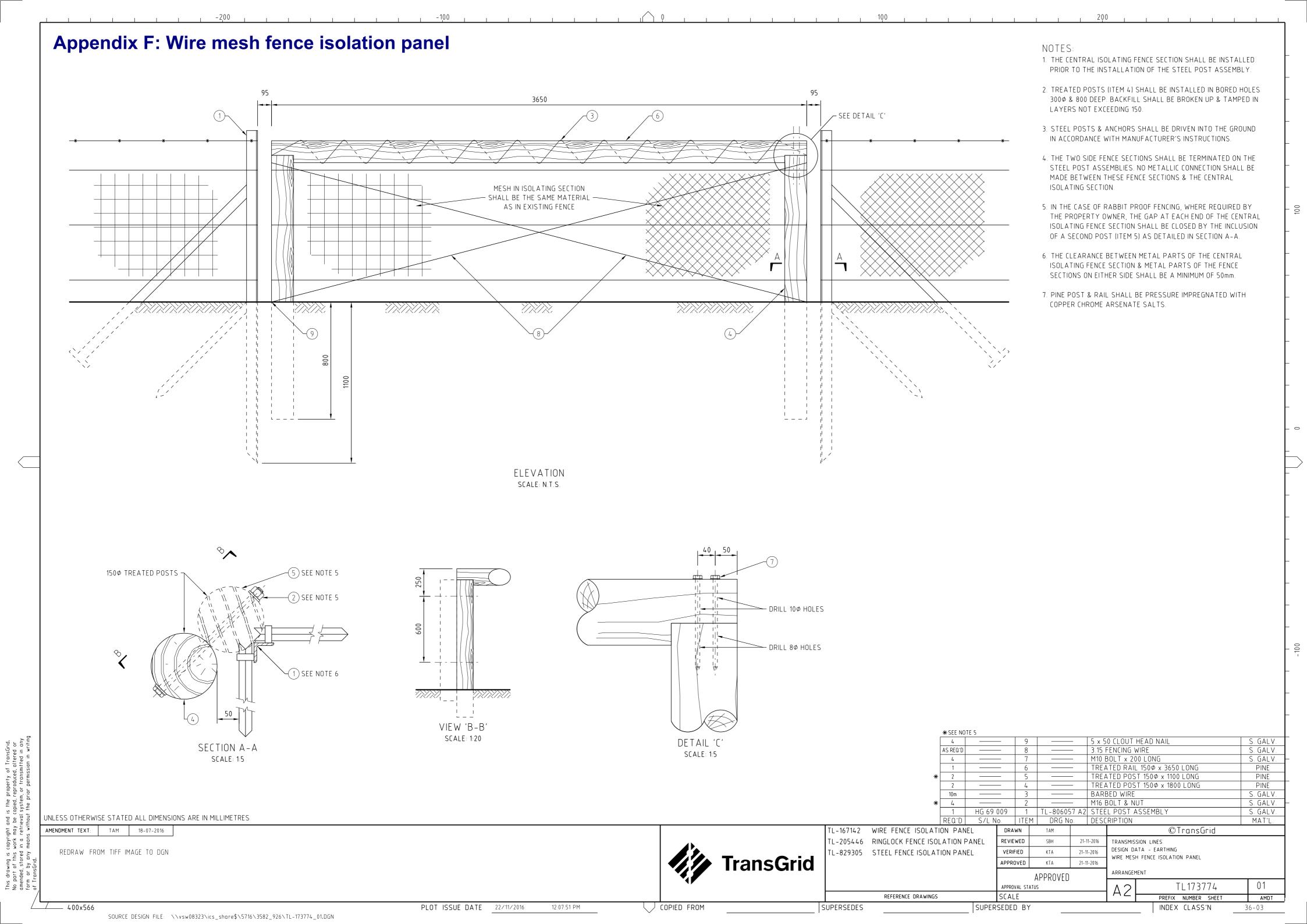
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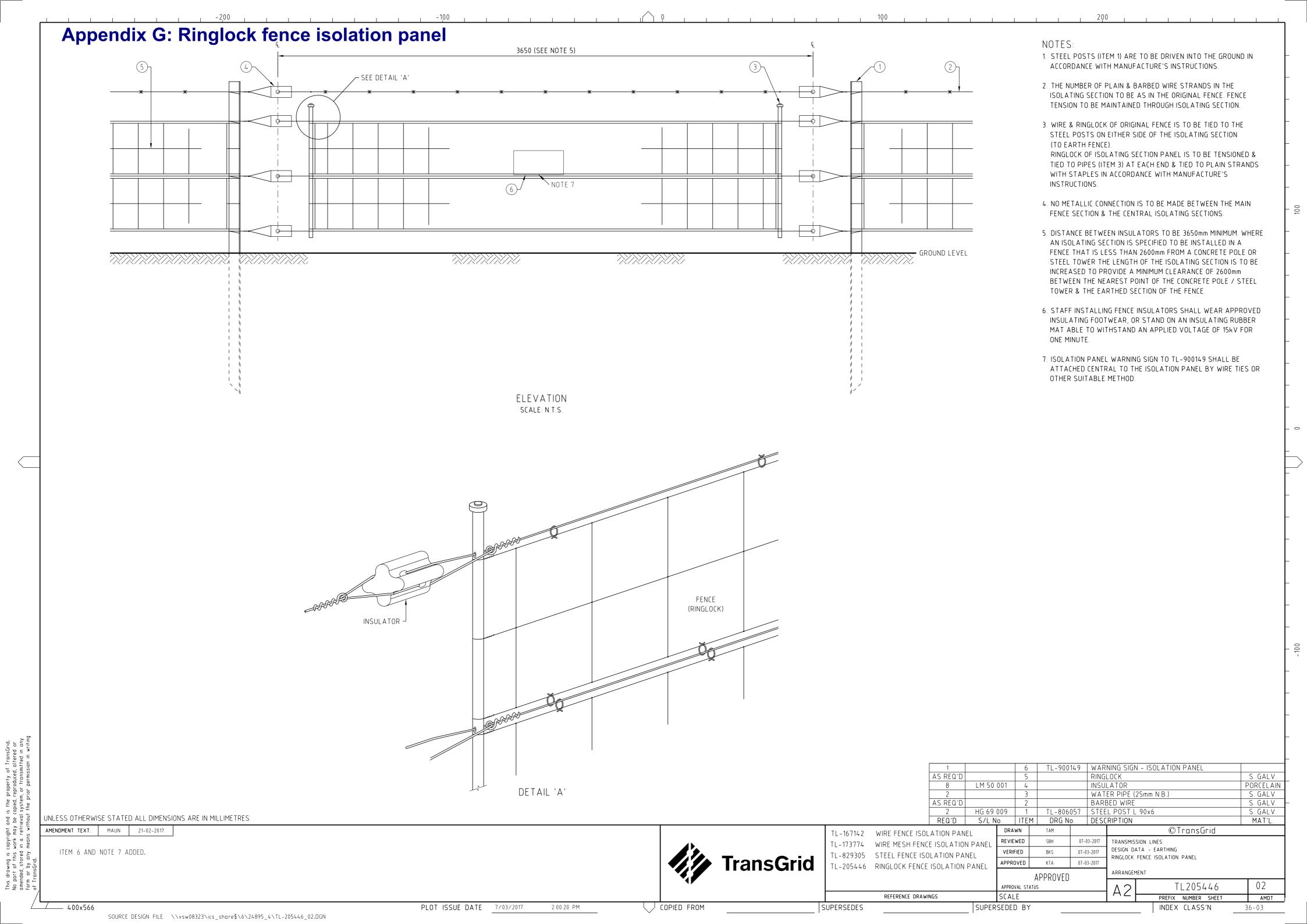
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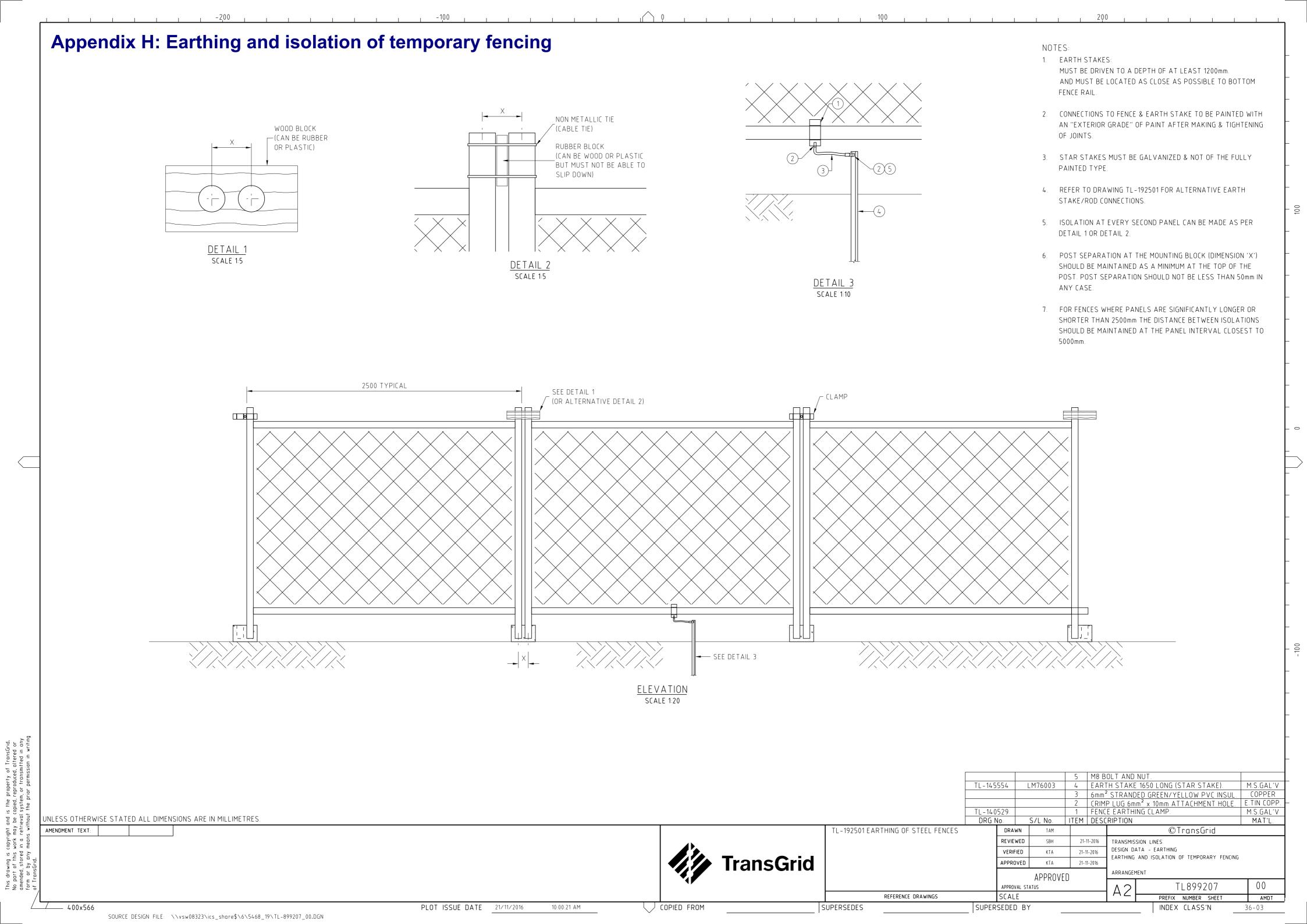
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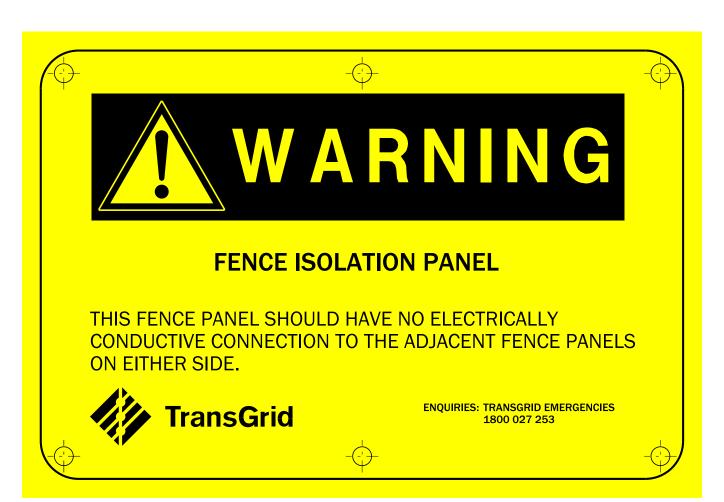
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Appendix I: Fence isolation panel warning sign



NOTES

- SIGN TO BE INSTALLED ON FENCE ISOLATION PANELS.
- SIGN TO BE MADE OF MATERIAL SUITABLE FOR PROLONGED OUTDOOR USAGE E.G. (NOT LIMITED TO) HIGH IMPACT STRENGTH PLASTIC 3mm THICK PVC OR EQUIVALENT.
- SIGN SHALL BE CAPABLE OF WITHSTANDING MINOR MECHANICAL ABUSE, SUCH AS SCRATCHING, SO AS INSCRIPTION REMAINS LEGIBLE OVER SEVERAL YEARS OF CONTINUOUS USE.
- SIGN DIMENSIONS SHALL BE MINIMUM 200mm WIDE x 150mm HIGH.
- SIGN LETTERING: FORM OF LETTERS ARE TO BE GENERALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS1319.
- SIGN MATERIAL TO BE NON-REFLECTIVE. LEGEND COLOUR (AS SHOWN): BACKGROUND COLOUR = YELLOW WORD COLOUR = BLACK
- WARNING SYMBOLIC SIGN SHOULD BE SIZED ACCORDING TO AS1319.

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