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### Beaver can build dam against floods

Friday, 16 January 2009

## MINES prone to flooding are being marketed a flood barrier tool that does away with time consuming sandbags.

The **Beaver**, currently being made available by Fire Fighting Technologies International in Australia and New Zealand, is a mobile water-filled flood barrier currently used throughout Europe.

The **Beaver** eliminates the need for time consuming and labour intensive sandbagging.

Research by the US Army Corps Engineers has shown it takes 10 men about seven hours to fill 1500 sandbags to make a 1m high and 10m long wall. Supported by a Hytrans 4000L/min pump, a 1m high and 10m long **Beaver** twin-element can be ready in less than 15 minutes.

The **Beaver** consists of two flexible PVC tubes laid side by side, permanently joined to form a twin-element. Initially inflated with air, twin-elements can be pre-deployed and when in the right position filled with water.

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