



Soil remediation

- Chemical treatment
- Removal
- Immobilisation
- Containment

Remediation solutions for a wide range of industries

Keller Group plc - Who we are

Every day, people around the world live, work and play on ground prepared by Keller, the number one geotechnical specialist contractor worldwide.



North America

North-East
South-East
Florida
Mid-West
Central
West
Canada
Moretrench Industrial
Suncoast
Specialty Services



EMEA

Central Europe
North-East Europe
North-West Europe
South-East Europe/Nordics
Middle East/Africa
Iberia and Latin America
French Speaking Countries



Asia-Pacific

ASEAN
India
Australia
Austral

Solutions specialist

Used alone or in combination, our techniques solve a wide range of geotechnical challenges across the entire construction sector – from industrial, commercial and housing projects to infrastructure construction for dams, tunnels, transportation and water treatment, as well as projects to address environmental challenges.

Global strength and local focus

We are unique in that we combine global strength and knowledge with our local presence and focus. Our knowledge of local markets and ground conditions means we're ideally placed to understand and respond to a particular local

engineering challenge. Our global knowledge base then allows us to tap into a wealth of experience, and the brightest minds in the industry, to find the optimum solution. With 10,000 employees and operations across six continents, we have the people, expertise, experience and financial stability to respond quickly, get the job done and see it through safely.

By connecting global resources and local knowledge, we can tackle some of the largest and most demanding projects around the world but the everyday work we do is just as important and, in total, we handle an unrivalled 7,000 projects every year.



Keller at a glance



Established
in 1860



7k
contracts
executed a year



40
countries



10,000
employees

Helping create
infrastructure
that improves
the world's
communities



Ground improvement



Grouting



Heavy foundations



Earth retention



Instrumentation and monitoring





Soil remediation

Soil polluted with different contaminants, whether from industrial operations, landfill or improper waste disposal can cause considerable problems. Keller can apply various techniques to remove, treat or contain contamination and eliminate future risk for the environment and the people living within it.

Challenges we can solve

Our extensive geotechnical expertise accumulated over many years enables us to provide cost-efficient solutions and respond flexibly to a variety of challenging situations and conditions.

We use advanced technologies that allow the execution of highly complex works to remediate, immobilise, seal and/or strengthen the ground. These include wet and dry soil mixing, various types of piles, diaphragm walls, anchors and sophisticated types of grouting.

We take special care to keep disruption to a minimum, selecting technology and equipment to ensure operations can continue during the work.

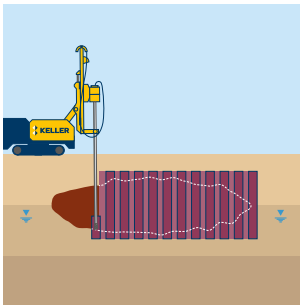
We are also able to help develop and design all the laboratory tests required, helped by our close cooperation with leading academic and industry partners.

Health and safety

We believe no one should be harmed as a result of any work we do and our ultimate goal is zero incidents.

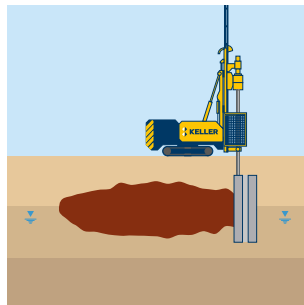
Health and safety is a priority for Keller and we have a proven track record of one of the lowest accident frequency rates in our industry. The commitment of leaders and employees to our Think Safe programme has earned us awards and recognition from industry bodies as well as our clients.

Possible approaches



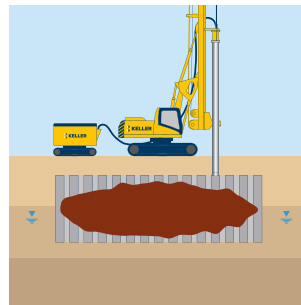
Chemical treatment –
chemical degradation
by introducing
remediating agents

- Halocrete®
(In situ chemical
oxidation/
reduction)
- Grouting and
chemical grouting
- Deep soil mixing/
Mass mixing/
Soilcrete®
- Soilfrac®



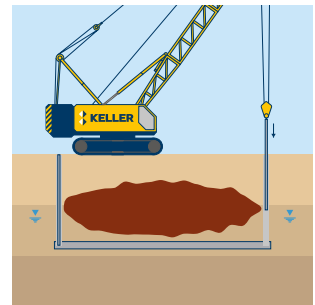
Removal –
extraction of polluted
material

- Excavation and
replacement
- Bored piles
- Soil washing



Immobilisation –
binder incorporation
into polluted soil

- Soilcrete®
- Grouting and
chemical grouting
- Deep soil mixing/
Mass mixing
- Soilfrac®



Containment –
enclosure around the
contaminated zone

- Soilcrete®
- Grouting and
chemical grouting
- Deep soil mixing/
Mass mixing
- Cut-off wall
- Slurry wall,
optionally with a
synthetic
membrane

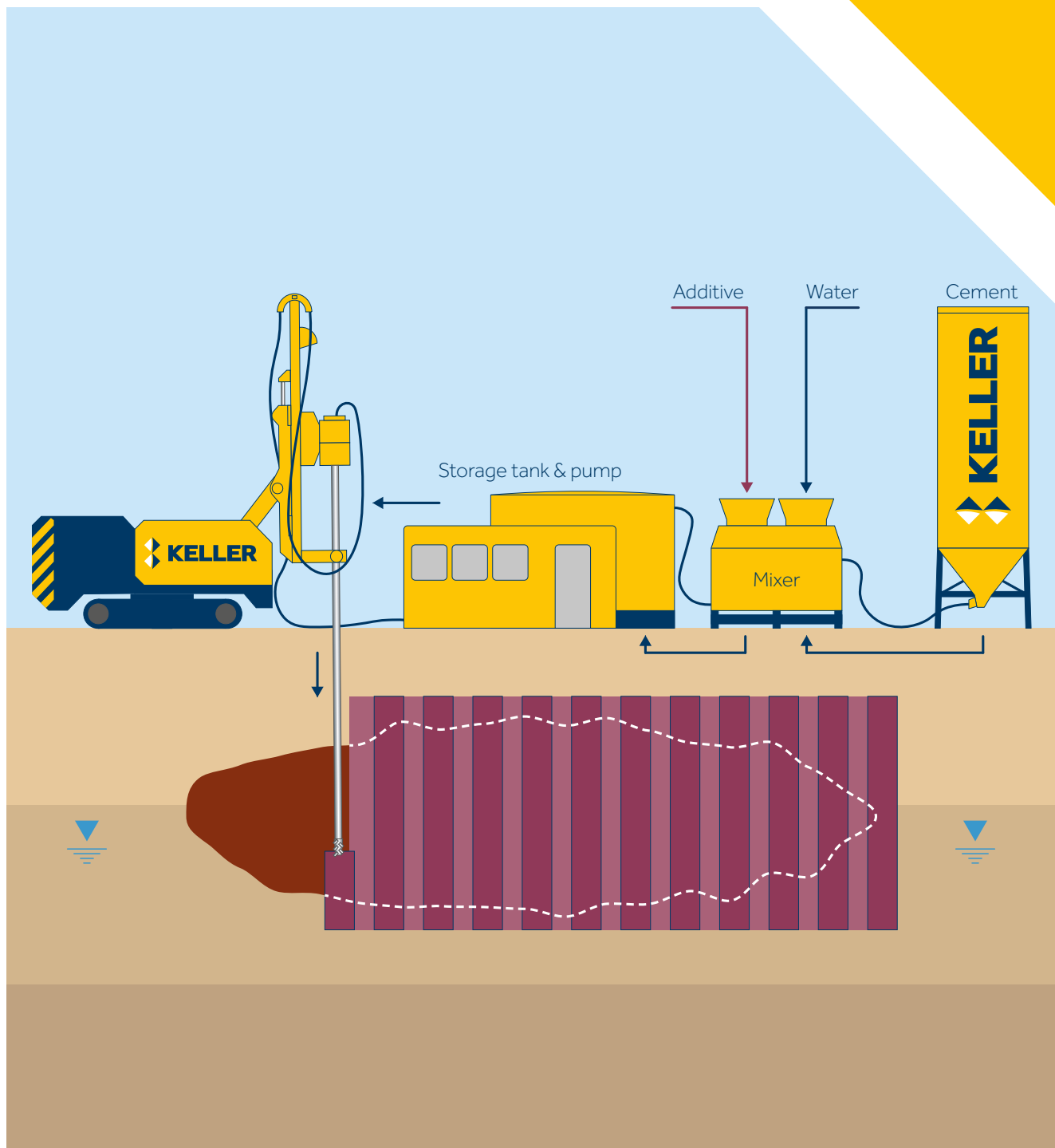
Chemical treatment, removal, immobilisation and containment techniques

Different techniques can be applied depending on the site characteristics, like the type and amount of contaminant, the groundwater conditions, various chemical parameters and the presence of sensitive structures around the treatment zone.

Advantages

- Minimal impact on people and existing structures
- Compliance with environmental regulations
- Solutions available for different contaminants (heavy metals, mineral oils, PAH (Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons) chlorinated hydrocarbons etc)
- Efficient decontamination with minimal waste
- Monitoring with state-of-the-art instrumentation
- Close cooperation between owner, government/administration, environmental consultant and geotechnical contractor





Before execution:

- Site investigation to identify contamination type/source and plume extension
- Laboratory tests to determine the reaction behaviour between soil and slurry (agent)
- Definition of point of delivery

Treatment:

- Insertion of the remediating agent and/or
- Intensive mixing to evenly distribute the agent
- Supervision and testing of the degree of chemical treatment

Post treatment:

- Verification of columns for distribution and concentration of agent
- Continuous monitoring required as an integral part of all remediation projects

Chemical treatment

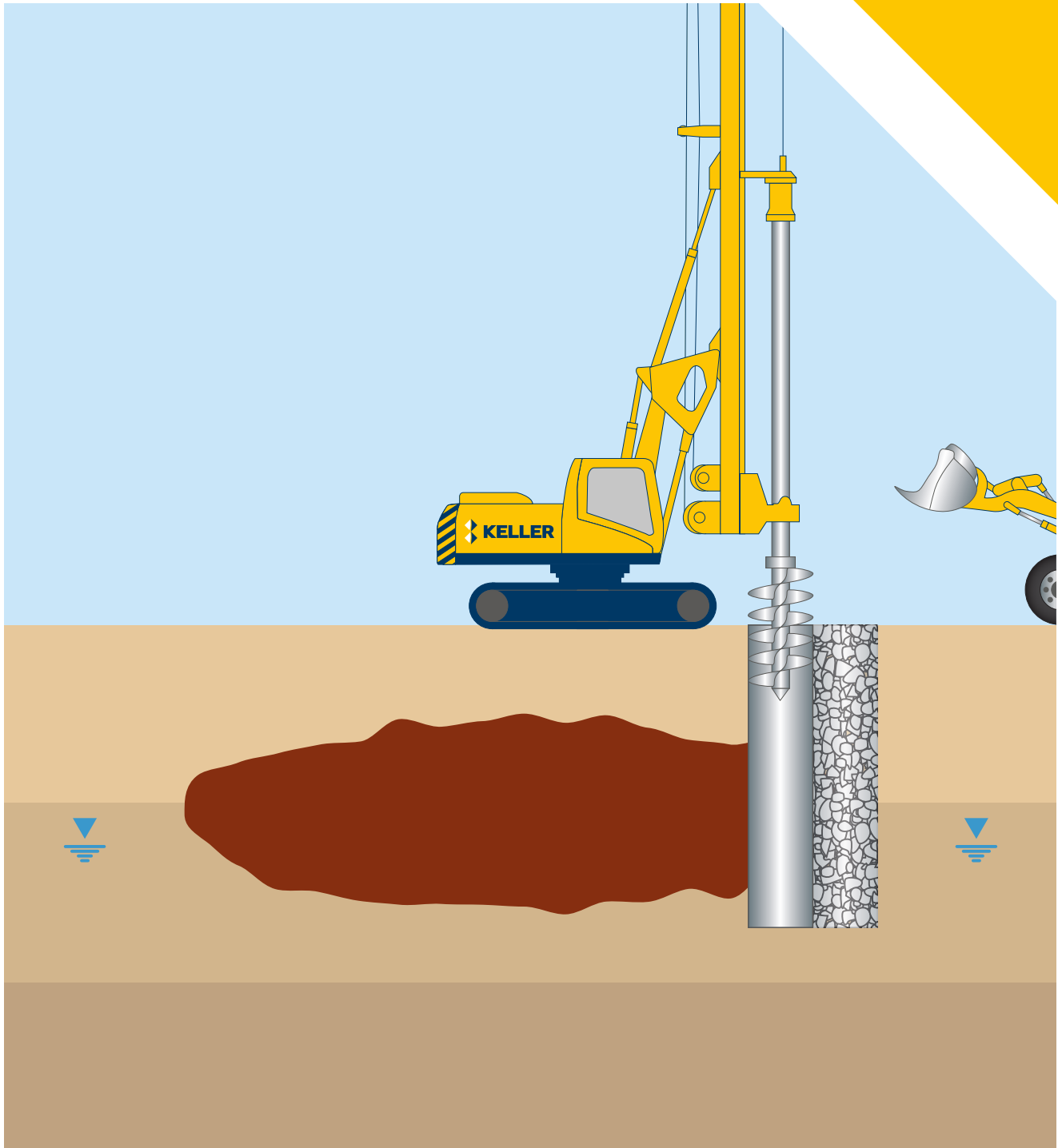
Keller has developed an in situ remediation method (HaloCrete®) using bespoke chemical agents, eg iron particles, which with our Soilcrete® technology or soil mixing, breaks down the contaminant through a chemical reaction.

In-house research and development

using HaloCrete® for example

- Developed in partnership with:
AIT Austrian Institute of Technology,
Graz University of Technology,
Rohrdorfer Zement and others.
- Exhaustive laboratory tests in batch
reactors for column experiments
- Large-scale field tests with extensive
instrumentation and monitoring
- Chemical and mechanical analysis of
soil samples, slurries and
groundwater pre and post-treatment





Before execution:

- Site investigation to identify contamination type/source and plume extension
- Definition of point of delivery

Treatment:

- Execution of cased drillings
- Separation and classification of excavated material
- Boreholes are filled with clean gravel or concrete

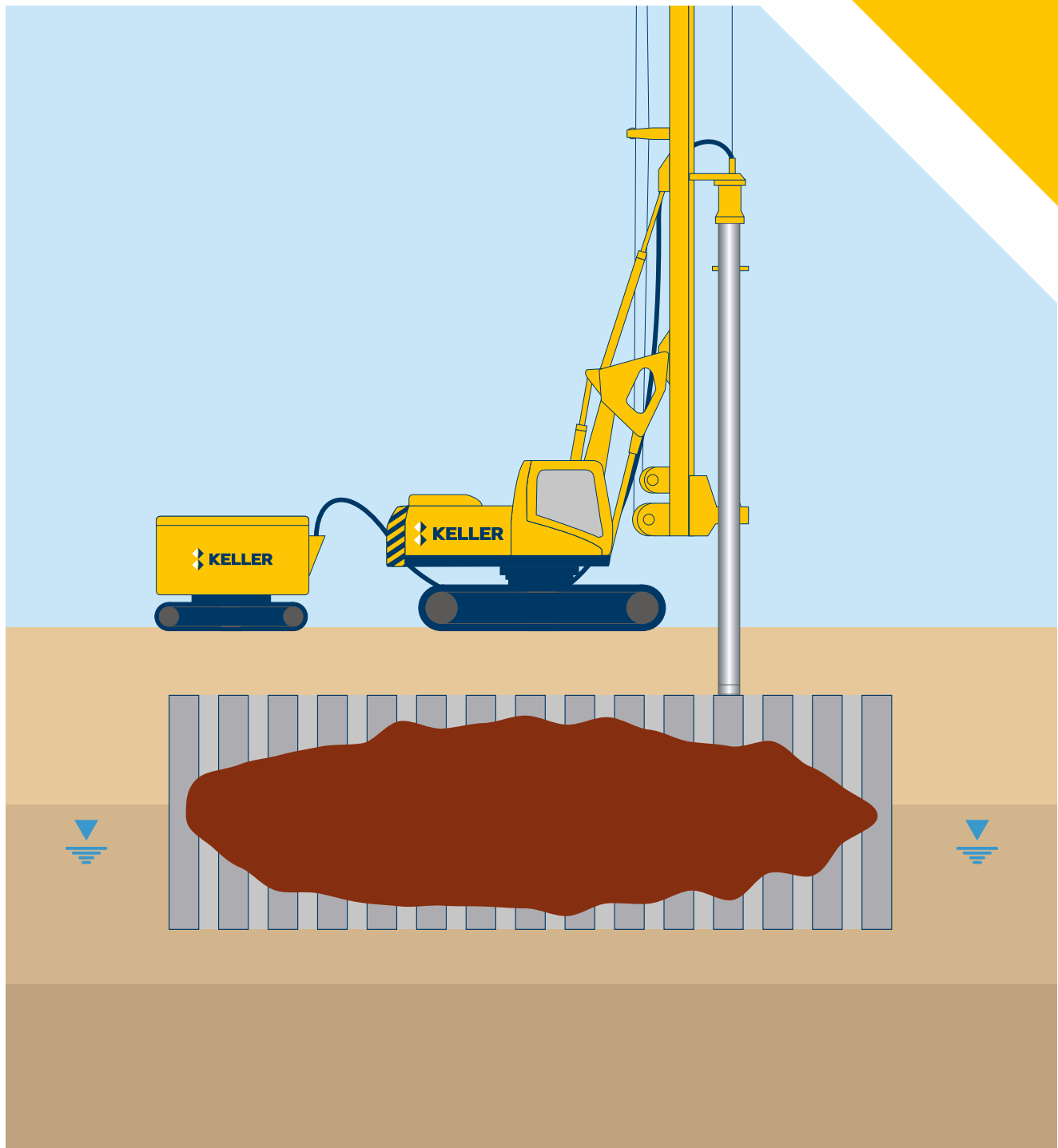
Post treatment:

- Continuous monitoring required as an integral part of all remediation projects

Removal

When contamination is too deep or too close to existing structures, bored piles can be used to enable excavation without the need for horizontal support.





Before execution:

- Site investigation to identify contamination type/source and plume extension
- Laboratory tests to determine the retention capacity

Treatment:

- Introduction of a hydraulic binder into the ground
- Disaggregation of the soil matrix containing the contaminant
- Formation of a body using the soil particles with the contamination as aggregate permanently fixing them in place

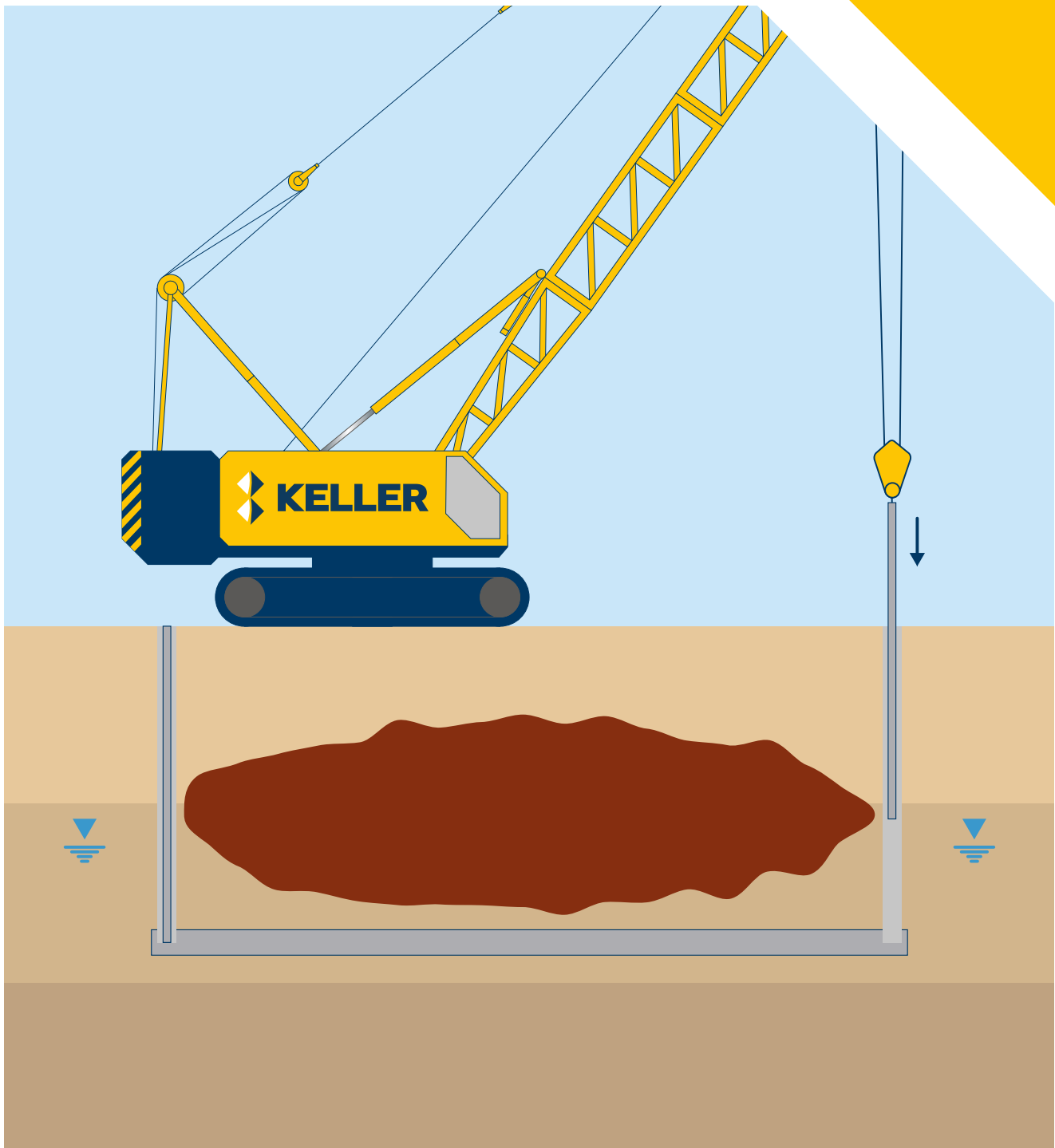
Post treatment:

- Verification of executed columns for position and inclination
- Continuous monitoring required as an integral part of all remediation projects

Immobilisation

Various methods are used to introduce a hydraulic binder into contaminated ground to replace or fill the pore volume and to fix the soil particles with the adhering contaminants permanently in one place.





Before execution:

- Site investigation to identify contamination type/source and plume extension
- If necessary, laboratory tests to prove the stability and durability of the barrier material against the present contamination

Treatment:

- Formation of an impermeable barrier around the contamination source and plume
- Verification of the thickness and hydraulic conductivity against the specified values

Post treatment:

- Verification of flow rates, distribution and concentration of agent inside and outside the barrier
- Continuous monitoring required as an integral part of all remediation projects

Containment via cut-off walls, deep soil mixing / mass mixing

Various geotechnical techniques can be used to install a technically impermeable barrier around a contaminant to stop the expansion of its plume, contain the contamination and its source. The barrier protects the surrounding area while the contamination is kept in place eliminating the need for its costly removal and disposal.



Case studies

2008 | Containment

Bottom seal with jet grouting and soil-bentonite cut-off wall at former gas plant – Salem, USA

2009 | Immobilisation

Municipal waste landfill – O69 (Räumung) Landfill Freistadt, Austria

2013 | Containment

Cut-off wall around landfill – Caloundra, Australia

2013 | Immobilisation

Deep soil mixing at former gas factory – Albury, Australia

2018 | Chemical treatment

Chlorinated hydrocarbons (PCE) under a former laundry – ST25 Putzerei Plachy, Ritterstraße, Graz, Austria

2018 | Excavation

Cased bored piles for mineral oil spill – MKW Vogelweiderstraße, Wels, Austria

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