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1 Background and Scope of Works

This report provides the findings of a geotechnical investigation and sub-surface exploration of a proposed road alignment adjacent to the Hanson Quarry located at Eastern Creek, NSW. Field investigations were undertaken on the 2nd and 9th of July 2006.

Our understanding of the proposal is that the proposed road alignment, which may ultimately become a dedicated public road with significant through traffic, will generally be consistent with the existing Quarry right of way and that in time may become (Attachment A).

Our scope of works have been to assess the stability and suitability of the propose road alignment which we understand is somewhat to the north of the alignment nominated on local development precinct plans. Specifically, this includes:

- 1. Investigation of sub-surface soil and rock properties using site drilling along the existing haul road alignment to provide a 'worst case' stability assessment given that this is closest to the open cut mine.
- 2. Soil and rock strength testing to determine preliminary properties required for stability analysis.
- 3. Undertake preliminary stability analysis for both existing conditions and for the proposed road development with suitably allowance working surcharge loads imposed by the road (both during construction and in operation). An assessment of the impact of traffic and earthquake loads was also undertaken.

Our report has been prepared in accordance with:

- Australian Geomechanics Society (AGS 2000)
- Australian Standards 1726 (1993) and 1289.6.3.1 (2004)



2 Site Description

2.1 Field Investigations

Two site inspections were undertaken on 2nd and 9th of July 2006. All field inspections were carried out on a Sunday due to less traffic on the haul road and the shut down of all quarry plant. Works conducted during field investigations include:

- General walkover inspection of the site and surrounding areas to examine local geology, slope stability and sedimentology.
- Completion of 5 test holes to a depth of 2-10m involving detailed sub-surface investigations including soil and continuous core diamond drilling of rock (NMLC).
- Soil overburden sampling and rock coring sampling.
- Penetration testing of soil overburden material with Standard Penetration Test (SPT).

2.2 Location of Existing Road

The existing road is located on the southern side of the Quarry. Various material stockpiles and the Pioneer asphalt plant occur to the south of the existing road with the quarry located to the north (Figure 1). The existing road forms part of the quarry haul road as well as being the main road for vehicle access to the asphalt plant, stockpile areas and provides site access to areas west and north of the quarry.

Attachment A indicates locations of the proposed road with respect to the precinct road alignment and test boreholes undertaken. Vertical and horizontal road alignments for the proposed road and Precinct plan roads are provided in Attachment A.





Figure 1: Eastern Creek Quarry and the existing road and investigation area (Google Earth).

2.3 Condition of Existing Road

Preliminary site inspections indicate that below the surface pavement materials (predominantly gravel and clay materials), a residual clay mantle exists overlying generally moderately weathered to fresh bedrock. Depth of the mantle varies between 1.5m the west (BH2) to 2.5 m (BH4) in the east. Fill depths over the clay mantle varied and consisted of primarily general clay based fill and road-base materials.

The amount of sub-surface soil or soil overburden (fill, road base and natural clays) above rock varied along the road. More generally, the western portion of the current road has been cut into the natural materials (Plates 1 and 2) while the eastern portion was on fill (Plates 3, 4 and 5). The road is in a serviceable condition with no obvious signs of excessive wear and tear or sub-surface stress. No evidence of past or recent slope instability was observed along the investigation transect. These observations suggest that sub-surface conditions are stable and suitable for heavy load traffic (which indeed has been the usage to recent times).



2.4 Geology

The 1:100 000 Sydney geological sheet (NSW Mineral Resources, 1991) indicates that the quarry area is a basalt / andesite intrusion within local Wianamatta Shale materials (Bannerman *et al.*, 1990).

Site borehole investigations indicate that the existing road is underlain by andesite / basaltic rock materials. These are generally only moderately weathered to approximately 3-4 m below the clay mantle, and then grade to fresh bedrock at greater depths.

Our testing (including field strength testing and point load testing) indicates that the moderately weathered rock materials are generally of moderate strength with fresh bedrock strength being moderate to high.

2.5 Geological Section

A site geological section was prepared on the basis of bore-hole test data. This is provided in Attachment B.



3 Geotechnical Risk Assessment

3.1 Geotechnical Risk Management Guidelines

A geotechnical risk assessment for the proposed road alignment has been undertaken in accordance with the principles outlined in the AGS (2000) guidelines for landslide risk management. The assessment employs the qualitative risk assessment matrices in Appendix G of the AGS (2000) guidelines to determine the level of risk to life and property arising from the proposed road.

The risk assessment includes the following site features in determining site geotechnical risk classification.

- Site geological and topographical setting
- Site stormwater and sub-surface drainage
- Sub-subsurface soil and strength profiles
- Strength properties of rock materials
- Site gradient and slope instability
- Relative site position in landscape.

Each of these features is described in the followng sections.

3.2 Site Physical Features

3.2.1 Site Drainage

Existing site drainage associated with the existing road conveys runoff to adjacent drains running parallel with the road.

No natural drainage lines were noted along the road. No surface dampness or groundwater was encountered during inspection.

3.2.2 Groundwater

Groundwater was not observed during sub-surface investigations to a depth of 10 m. On the basis of site and local geology and topography, it is expected that ephemeral groundwater may be present at the soil rock interface (>2.0 - 4.0 m below ground level) after periods of substantial and extended rainfall. More permanent groundwater is likely to be > 10 m in depth. Further to this, we note that considerable



groundwater dewatering has occurred in the local area in association with the mine excavation site.

3.2.3 Soil Profile

Five test bore sites (Attachments A, B and C) and standard penetration testing (Attachment D) were used to determine the site sub-surface conditions in the vicinity of the proposed road works. A summary of soil conditions is provided in Table 1.

Layer (m)	Depth Range	Consistency	Undrained Shear	
Pavement Material	(m BGL)	Very Stiff	Strength (kN/m²)	
Upper clays	0.5 – 2.0	Stiff	60	
Lower Clays	2.0 - 4.0	Very Stiff - Hard	310	

Table 1: Depth to bedrock at test locations.

<u>Note</u>: BGL = metres below ground level.

3.2.4 Rock Strength Testing

Preliminary rock strength testing was undertaken in the field as rock cores were logged. More detailed testing was undertaken later using the Point load test method. Point load test results are provided in Attachment D with a summary of average rock strengths at each borehole provided in Table 2. These show that rock strength was generally consistent between each of the various boreholes. Further to this, strength data generally show increase with depth. This is particularly so at BH1, BH3. Strength testing data, together with borehole data were used to estimate net *in-situ* rock properties such as internal angle of friction and cohesion for use in instability analysis.

Table 2: Summary of borehole rock properties.

Bore Hole No.	ls50 (Mpa)	UCS (Mpa)
BH1	1.47	30.85
BH2	1.33	27.84
BH3	1.33	27.92
BH4	1.39	29.09
BH5	No sample	No sample

<u>Note</u>: Is50 = Corrected point load strength, UCS = Unconfined compressive strength.



3.3 Stability Analysis

3.3.1 Modelling Approach

A slope stability analysis was undertaken using the SLIDE 5.0 modelling package. This allows for the assessment of Factor of Safety (FOS) against sliding under a range of development scenarios include any soil reinforcements and loading scenarios. Two scenarios were modelled:

- 1. Existing conditions. This included current pavement construction and current heavy vehicular loadings.
- 2. Proposed development. This included replacement of the current pavement with a new rigid or semi-rigid pavement and expected vehicular loadings.

3.3.2 Ground Vibrations

The impact of ground vibrations was included as part of the stability assessment. At present, very heavy vehicles utilise the existing road which is constructed of a mixture of gravel and clay fill. Road corrugations are substantial and considerable noise and ground vibrations occur in relation to local heavy vehicle traffic.

Following redevelopment, a new smooth pavement will replace the existing pavement and heavy vehicle traffic will be considerably reduced given the cessation of mining activities. On this basis, we estimate the following ground vibration parameters for instability modelling.

Bore Hole No.	Existing Conditions	Developed Conditions
Peak Particle Velocity (m/s) ¹	2.0	0.6
Peak Ground Acceleration (m/s²)	0.188	0.057
Dominant Vibration Frequency (Hz)	15	15
Acceleration Coefficient (g)	0.019	0.006

Table 3: Ground vibration parameters used for modelling.

Note: ¹. Estimate based on literature.

3.3.3 Pavement Conditions

Assumptions for existing pavement conditions were based on site testing. Pavement varied along the investigation transect from a 0.3 m thick layer of road base gravels (BH1) to stiff to very stiff clays approximately 1.0 - 1.5 m thick (BH2, BH3 and BH4). On the basis of



borehole and SPT test data, undrained shear strengths of 160 KPa for the existing pavement have been utilised for instability modelling.

Given that final designs for the proposed pavement have not yet been determined, we have assumed that a 600 mm thick 32 MPa rigid pavement will be provided.

3.3.4 Vehicular Loads

The impact of vehicular traffic load has been incorporated into the instability analysis. Factors used for modelling are provided in Table 4.

Table 4: Traffic indu	ced distributed loads.

Factor	Existing Conditions	Developed Conditions
Maximum Vehicular Mass (tonnes)1	88	68
Likely Maximum Distributed Load (KPa)	24.4	10.7
Assumed Distributed Load (KPa)	30	15

Note: ¹. Data sourced from National Transport Commission Australia on-line database (2006) and Caterpillar Australia on-line vehicular fact sheets (2006)

3.3.5 Earthquake Forces

Australia is located entirely within a tectonic plate and experiences low to moderate levels of seismic activity compared with say Japan, New Zealand and California. Peak ground acceleration (PGA) is an estimate of the maximum horizontal acceleration experienced by a solid mass at the soil surface in an earthquake. The 5-point 'peril scale' (Table 5) is based on PGA from the Global Seismic Hazard Assessment Program (GSHAP, 1999). This scale gives peak ground accelerations in bedrock having a 10% chance of exceedance in 50 years (equivalent to a 475 ARI).

Table 5: Global seismic hazard assessment program 'Peril Scale'.

Risk Rating	Peak Ground Acceleration (m/s ²)				
Very High	> 4				
High	2.4 - 4.0				
Medium	0.8 – 2.4				
Low	0.2 - 0.8				
Negligible	< 0.2				

Note: ¹. Estimate based on literature.



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P0601396JR01_v3 Geotechnical Study.doc – October 2006 Page 12 Further to the above, actual ground-shaking intensity felt at ground level can be strongly modulated by the response of the soils and weathered material overlying basal rocks. This tendency to amplify ground motions is given by a five-point ground zonation developed by Blong *et al.* (2000). An overview of this zonation is provided in Table 6. Site materials within the existing access road fall within category 4 (Table 6). On this basis, high transfer rate of earthquake loads would be expected at the development site for both existing and developed conditions.

Zone	Material
1	Unconsolidated and swampy soils
2	Variable alluvial, estuarine and wind-blown deposits, including sands, organic materials and unconsolidated clays
3	Thicker soils and sediments of older river terraces and valley fills, well-drained coastal and inland sand dunes
4	Competent bedrocks but subsoils may be plastic or have high shrink-swell potential leading to cracking of structures
5	Shallow soils on competent bedrock

Table 6: Global seismic hazard assessment program 'Peril Scale'.

On the basis of data contained within AS 1170.4 (1993), the acceleration coefficient for Sydney is 0.08. The acceleration coefficient agrees with data published by Geosciences Australia (Australian Government, 2006) and can be interpreted with reference to the 'Peril scale' (ie. 10% chance of exceedance in 50 years).

3.3.6 Modelling Scenario Summary

Modelling scenarios evaluated in the stability assessment are described in Table 7. We note that earthquake accelerations were included for both pre- and post-development conditions in order that 'worst case' adverse site conditions could be considered.

Table 7: Summary of modelling scenarios evaluated.

Scenario	Description
1	Existing conditions
2	Existing with earthquake loads
3	Proposed development
4	Proposed development with earthquake loads



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3.3.7 Modelling Results

Detailed results of modelling are provided in Attachment F and summarised below in Table 8. This describes the Factor of Safety (FOS) against sliding. Values > 1 represent stability, with a value of > 1.5 being generally acceptable.

Table 8: Summary of modelling Factor of Safety (FOS) results.

Scenario	Existing Conditions	Developed Conditions
No Earthquake Load	6.541	7.265
With Earthquake Load	5.929	5.929

Results show that the FOS against sliding is considerably greater than 1.5 for all modelled scenarios, even under design earthquake loads. In fact, modelling indicates that the FOS actually improves under the developed conditions in association with reduced ground vibrations and reduced traffic load due to removal of mining machinery.

3.3.8 Assessment of Road Alignments

We have undertaken an assessment of the proposed road alignment in relation to the NSW RTA road design guidelines. Our assessment is that the vertical and horizontal alignment complies with the requirements for a 60 km speed limit. Should the speed limit be increased to 70 km/hour, only minor horizontal road re-alignment may be required. Our view is that such realignment, where this would be required, would not adversely affect road stability or alter the outcomes and recommendations of this report.

3.4 Recommendations

It is our view that there are no geotechnical conditions along the proposed alignment that would preclude consent for such a road proposal. The proposed road will not detrimentally affect local slope stability. Historically the usage of heavy mining machinery at the site and along the Quarry road has demonstrated this stability without a more formal road pavement.



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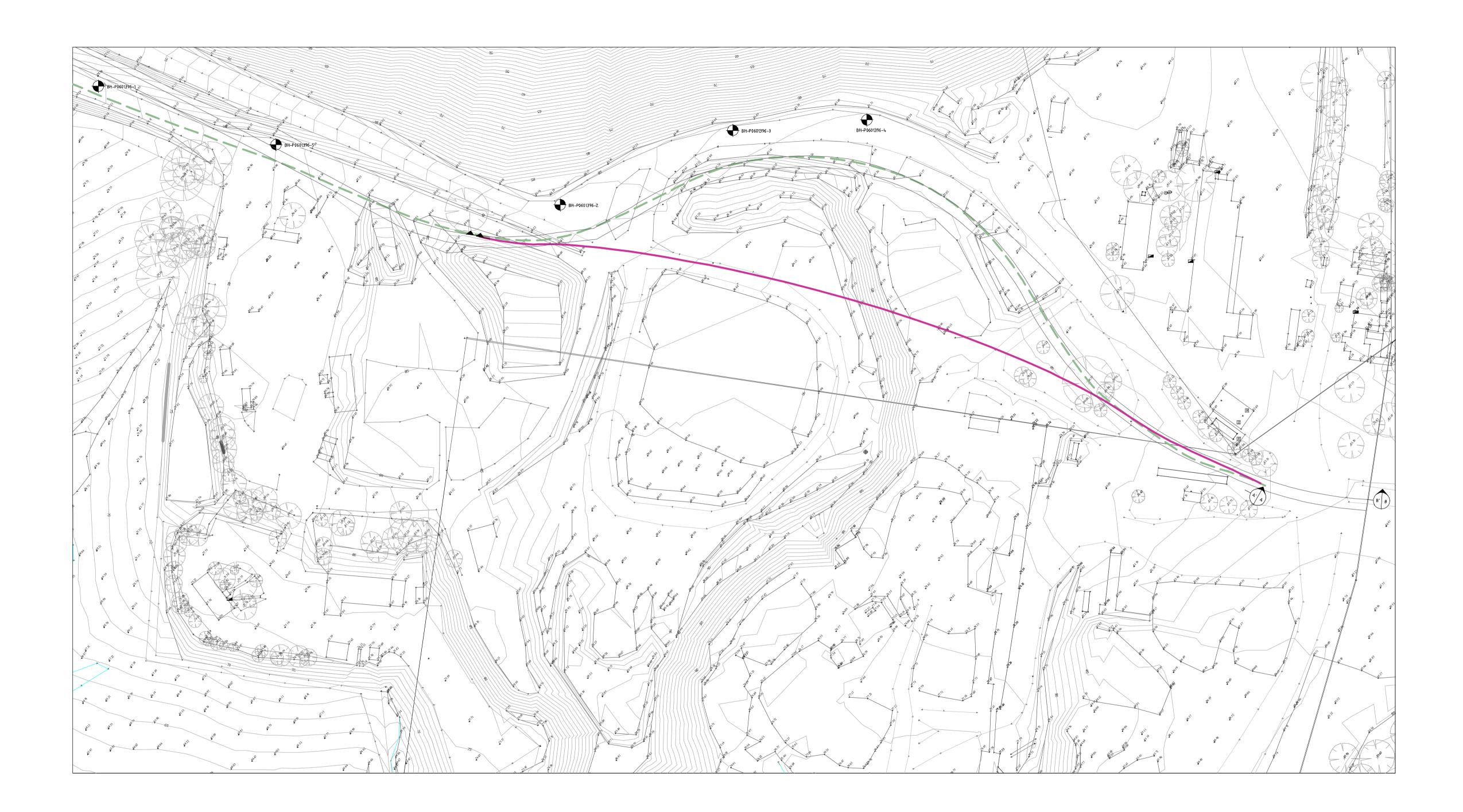
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5 Attachment A – Site plan with road alignments, borehole locations and road sections





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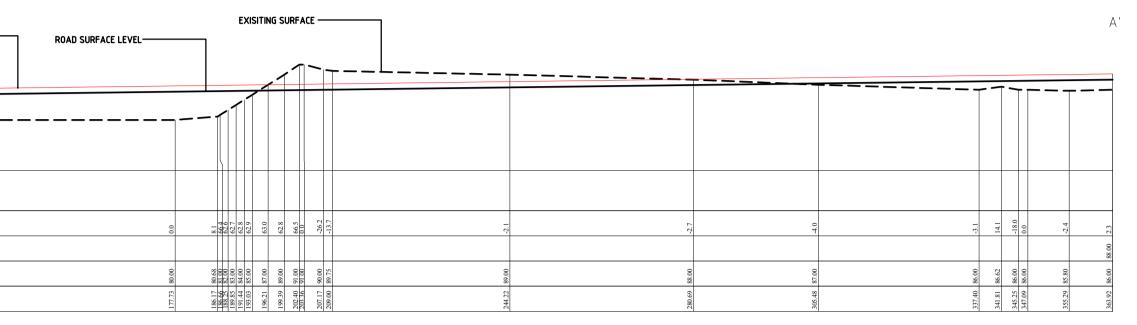
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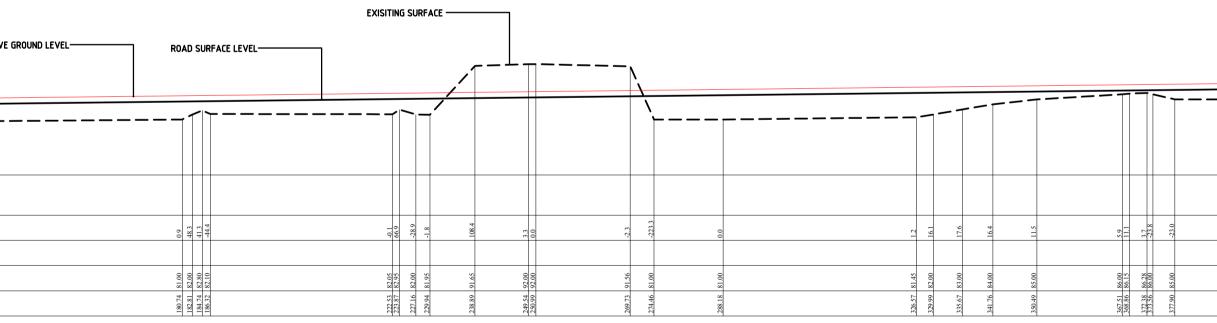




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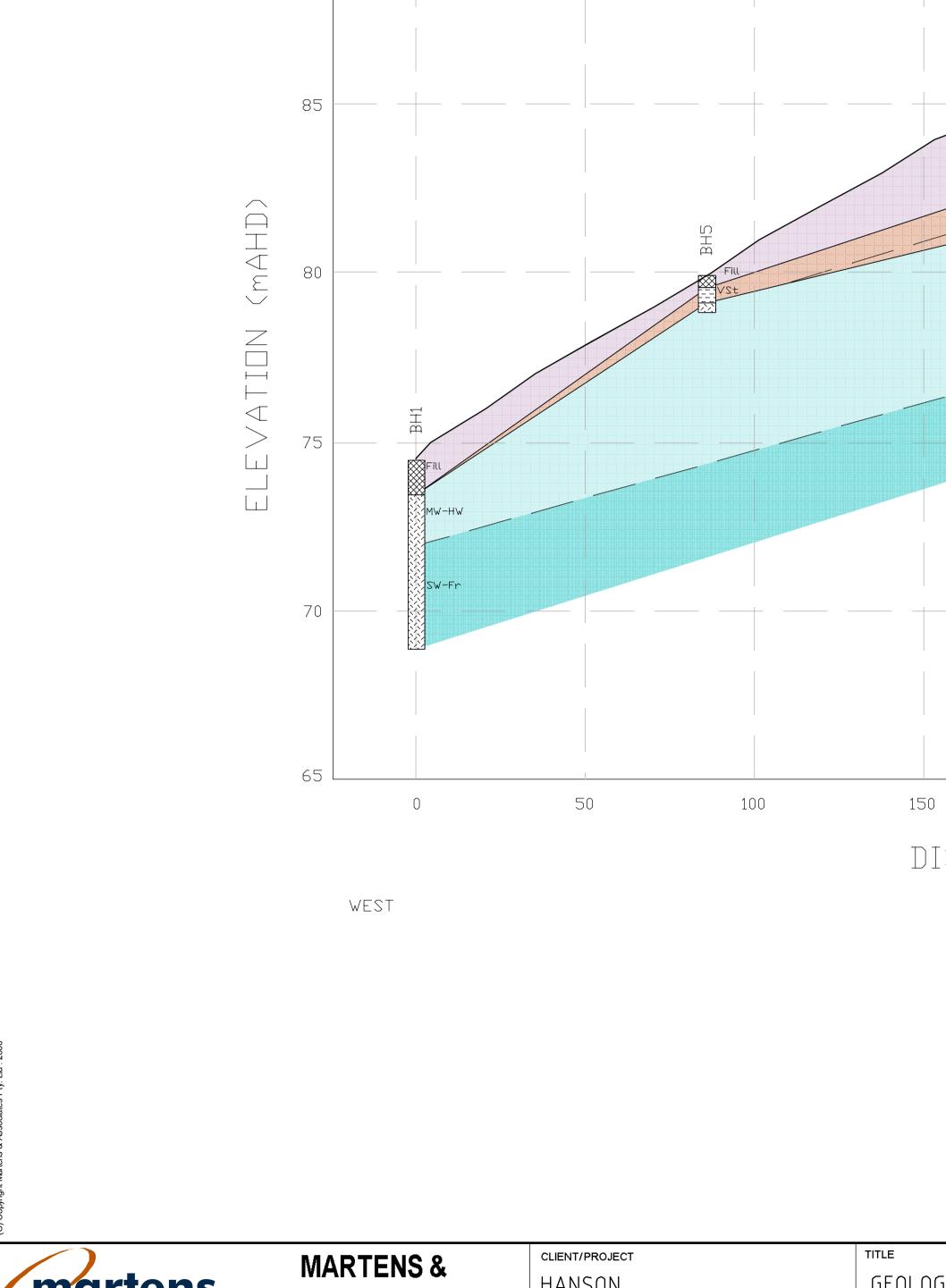
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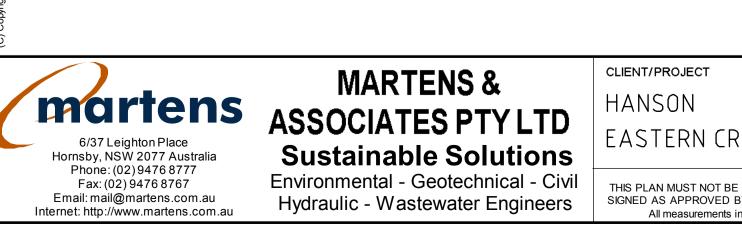
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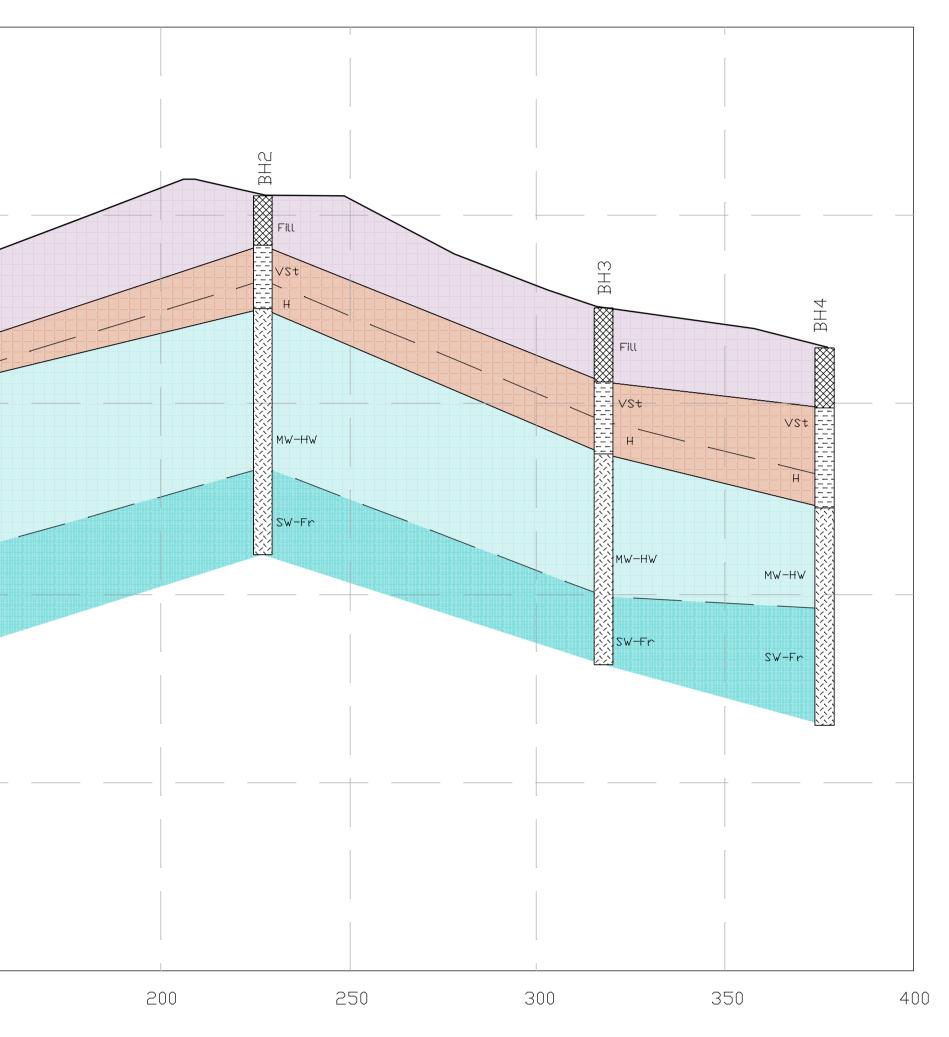






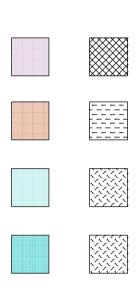
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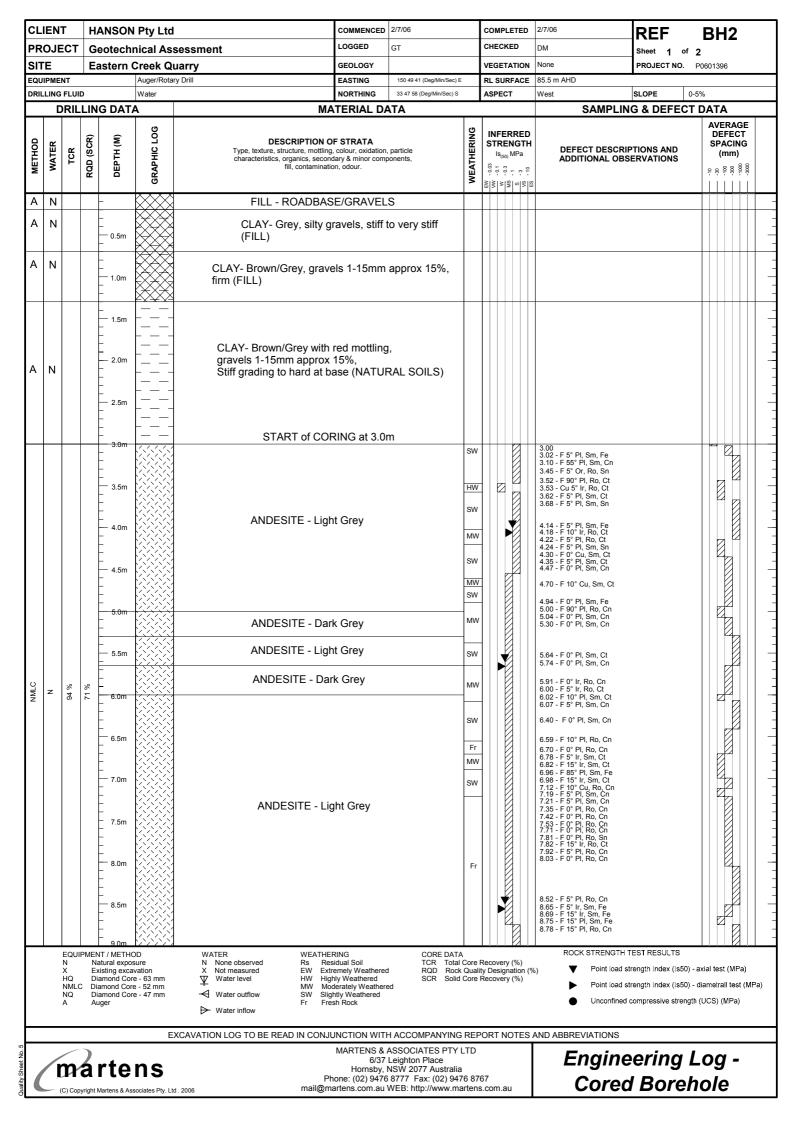




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NMLC	z	100% (100%)	62% (44.9%)	3.5m - 4.0m 4.0m 4.5m 4.5m 5.0m 		ANDESITE - Light Gre	y with yellov	vish tinge	Fr -MW Fr	-			3.54 - F 35° PI, Ro, Fe 3.78 - F 60° PI, Ro, Sn 3.84 - F 15° Ir, Ro, Sn 3.89 - F 15° Ir, Ro, Sn 4.10 - F 20° Ir, Ro, Ct 4.28 - F 5° Un, Ro, Ct 4.31 - F 10° Ir, Ro, Ct	4.47 - F 45° Pl, Ro, Sn	
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A	N			2.5m 		CLAY-Grey/Brown, Stif approx 15%, very stiff t (NATURAL SOILS).											
LC L	z	00 % (86.3%)	6.4%)	4.0m 		ANDESITE- EXTREME soil properties. START CORING ANDESITE - Light Brown/Gre	at 4.65m	-	EW				4.65 4.73 - F 80° Un, Ro, Ct 4.80 - F 15° Un, Ro, Ct				
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-			0	-		CORELC	DSS		EW				4.99 - F 0° Ir, Ro, Ct 5.10 - F 15° Ir, Sm, Ct 5.18 - CS 15° Pl, Sm, Ct	5.04 - F 5° Cu, Sm, C	t		
NMLC	z	88.2 % (86.3%)	42.1 % (36.4%)	- 5.5m - 5.5m 		ANDESITE - Grey with	brown stair	ning	HW EW HW SW				5.36 - Core loss 5.42 - F 5° Pl, Sm, Ct 5.46 - Cu 5° Ir, Sm, Ct 5.53 - F 5° Pl, Sm, Ct 5.00 - F 5° Pl, Sm, Ct 5.00 - F 5° Pl, Sm, Ct 5.96 - F 5° Pl, Sm, Ct 5.96 - Cu 15° Ir, Sm, Ct 5.98 - Cu 15° Ir, Sm, Ct 5.98 - Cu 15° Ir, Sm, Ct 6.00 - F 5° Pl, Sm, Ct	5.56 - F 10° Ir, Sm, C 6.14 - F 0° PI, Sm, Cr			
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NMLC	z	80 % (86.3%)	47.6 % (36.4%)	- 8.0m - 8.0m 		ANDESITE - Ligt	nt Grey		Fr EW SW				7.70 - F 0° PI, Sm, Sn 7.75 - F 6° Ir, Sm, Ct 7.77 - F 10° Ir, Sm, Ct 7.88 - F 0° PI, Sm, Cn 8.19 - F 0° PI, Sm, Cn 8.33 - F 0° Ir, Sm, Sn 8.45 - F 5° Ir, Sm, Ct 8.47 - Cu 5° Ir, Sm, Ct 8.54 - F 5° Ir, Sm, Ct 8.54 - F 5° Ir, Sm, Ct 8.54 - F 5° Ir, Sm, Ct	3.87 - F 10° Ir, Ro, Ct			
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Attachment D- Standard Penetration Testing Summary

Depth	TB2	N	TB3	N	TB4	N	TB5	Ν
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1.30	6		2		4		25/80 ³	
1.45	7	13	3	5	5	9	-	-
2.00	-		-		-		-	
2.15	22		2		8		25/304	
2.30	23		3		26		-	
2.45	25/100	-	4	7	23	49	-	-
3.00	-		-		-		-	-
3.15	-		6		16		-	-
3.30	-		6		17		-	-
3.45	-		11	17	32	49	-	-
4.00	-		-		-		-	-
4.15	-		11		5		-	-
4.30	-		26		13		-	-
4.45	-		25/90 ²	-	30	43	-	-

NOTES: ¹ SPT terminated at 2.4m. ² SPT terminated at 4.39m. ³ SPT terminated at 1.23m. ⁴ SPT terminated at 2.03m



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9 Attachment E- Point Load Testing Data



Client Hanson Australia Pty Ltd Address Level 6, 35 Clarence Street, Sydney Project Hanson Quarry Road stability assessment - BH1

Sample Ref	Client Ref	Lithology	D (mm)	W (mm)	P (kN)	Test Type	ls (Mpa)	ls50 (Mpa)	UCS (Mpa)	Class	Interpretation		
BH1-1.30-A	P0601396	Andesite	52	45	1.0	D	0.37	0.38	7.9	М	Medium Strength		
BH1-1.30-B	P0601396	Andesite	52	45	2.0	0	0.67	0.70	14.7	м	Medium Strength		
BH1-2.80-A	P0601396	Andesite	52	50	6.0	D	2.22	2.26	47.4	Н	High Strength		
BH1-2.80-B	P0601396	Andesite	52	50	5.5	0	1.66	1.77	37.2	Н	High Strength		
BH1-4.05-A	P0601396	Andesite	52	100	7.5	D	2.77	2.82	59.3	Н	High Strength		
BH1-4.05-B	P0601396	Andesite	52	100	9.0	0	1.36	1.69	35.5	Н	High Strength		
BH1-4.05-A1	P0601396	Andesite	52	115	8.0	D	2.96	3.01	63.2	VH	Very High Strength		
BH1-4.05-B1	P0601396	Andesite	52	115	8.5	0	1.12	1.43	30.1	Н	High Strength		
t Device		Shambhavi PIT-01 Point Load	d Tester			Sample Received		9.7.2006					
mple History								5.9.2006					
mpled By		GMT	Test Method										
b Number		P0601396											
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Test Types - D = Diametral, O = Axial / Block

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Sample Ref	Client Ref	Lithology	D (mm)	W (mm)	P (kN)	Test Type	ls (Mpa)	ls50 (Mpa)	UCS (Mpa)	Class	Interpretation		
BH2-4.10-A	P0601396	Andesite	52	35	5.0	D	1.85	1.88	39.5	н	High Strength		
BH2-4.10-B	P0601396	Andesite	52	35	5.0	0	2.16	2.12	44.5	н	High Strength		
BH2-5.60-A	P0601396	Andesite	52	42	2.5	D	0.92	0.94	19.8	м	Medium Strength		
BH2-5.60-B	P0601396	Andesite	52	42	4.0	0	1.44	1.47	30.9	н	High Strength		
BH2-8.50-A	P0601396	Andesite	52	70	3.0	D	1.11	1.13	23.7	н	High Strength		
BH2-8.50-B	P0601396	Andesite	52	70	3.5	0	0.76	0.87	18.2	м	Medium Strength		
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Test Device		Shambhavi PIT-01 Point Loa	d Tester			Sample Received							
Sample History		Unsoaked				Sample Tested							
Sampled By		GMT				Test Method							
Job Number		P0601396											
Laborator Officer		G. Taylor											
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Terms - D = Platen S	Separation (mm), V	/ = Avg Sample Width (mm),	P = Failure Load (KN), I _s = Point Load St	rength (Mpa), I _s 50	0 = Corrected Point Lo	oad Strength (M	pa), UCS = Unconfi	ned Compressive	e Strength estimate (I	Mpa)		
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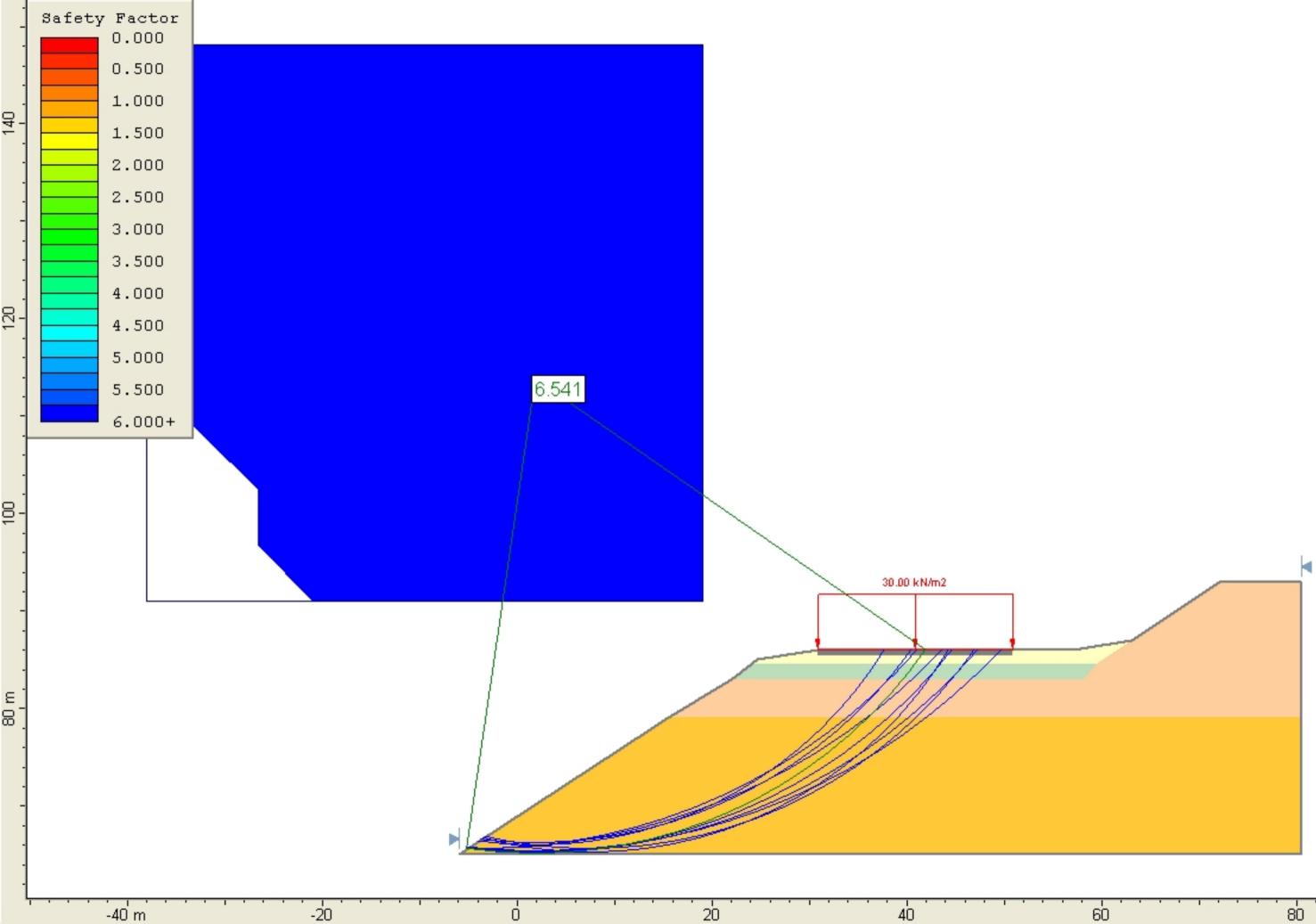
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BH3-7.90-A	P0601396	Andesite	52	40	3.5	D	1.29	1.32	27.7	Н	High Strength		
BH3-7.90-B	P0601396	Andesite	52	40	5.0	0	1.89	1.91	40.2	Н	High Strength		
BH3-9.10-A	P0601396	Andesite	52	50	3.5	D	1.29	1.32	27.7	Н	High Strength		
BH3-9.10-B	P0601396	Andesite	52	50	4.5	0	1.36	1.45	30.4	Н	High Strength		
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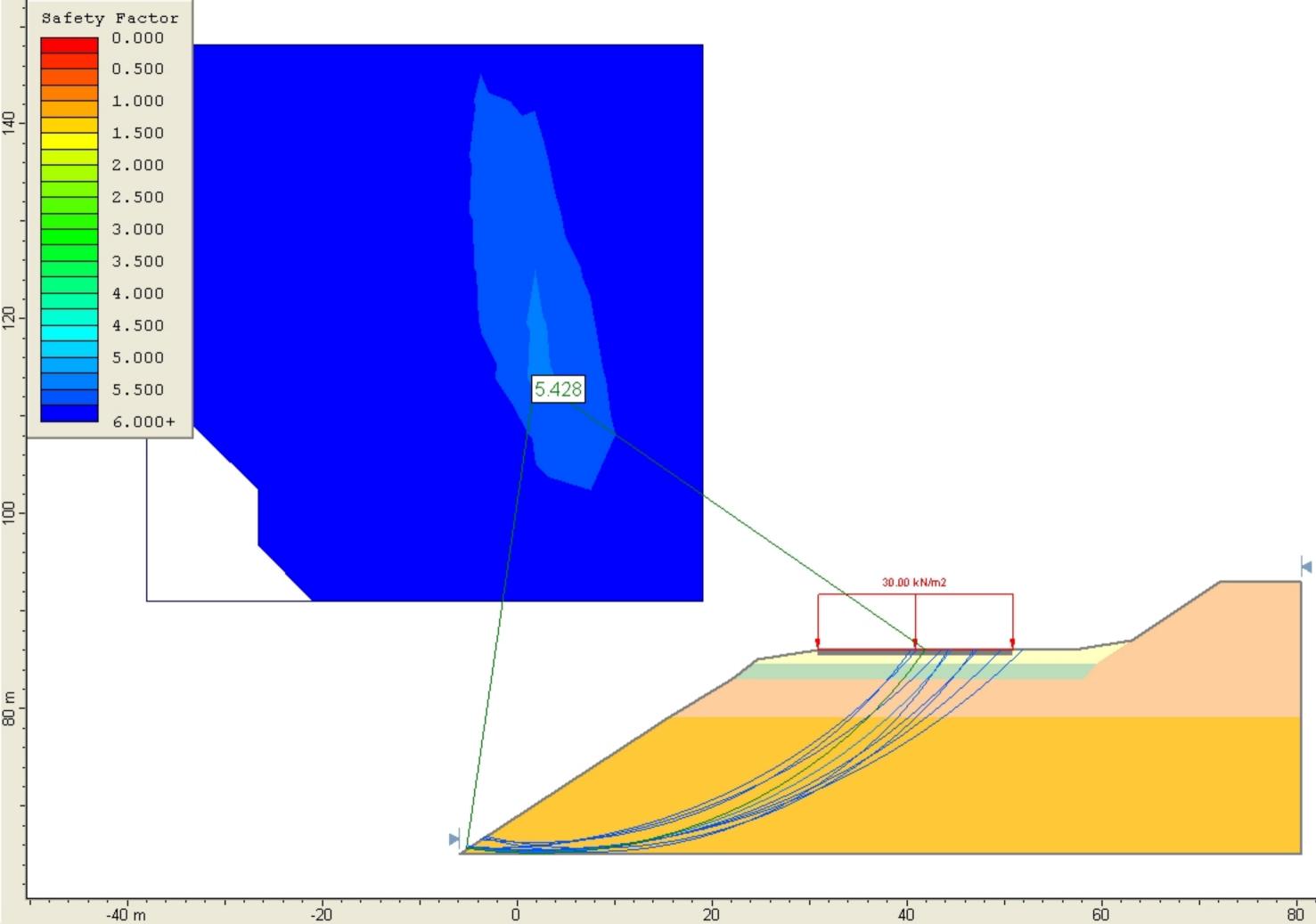
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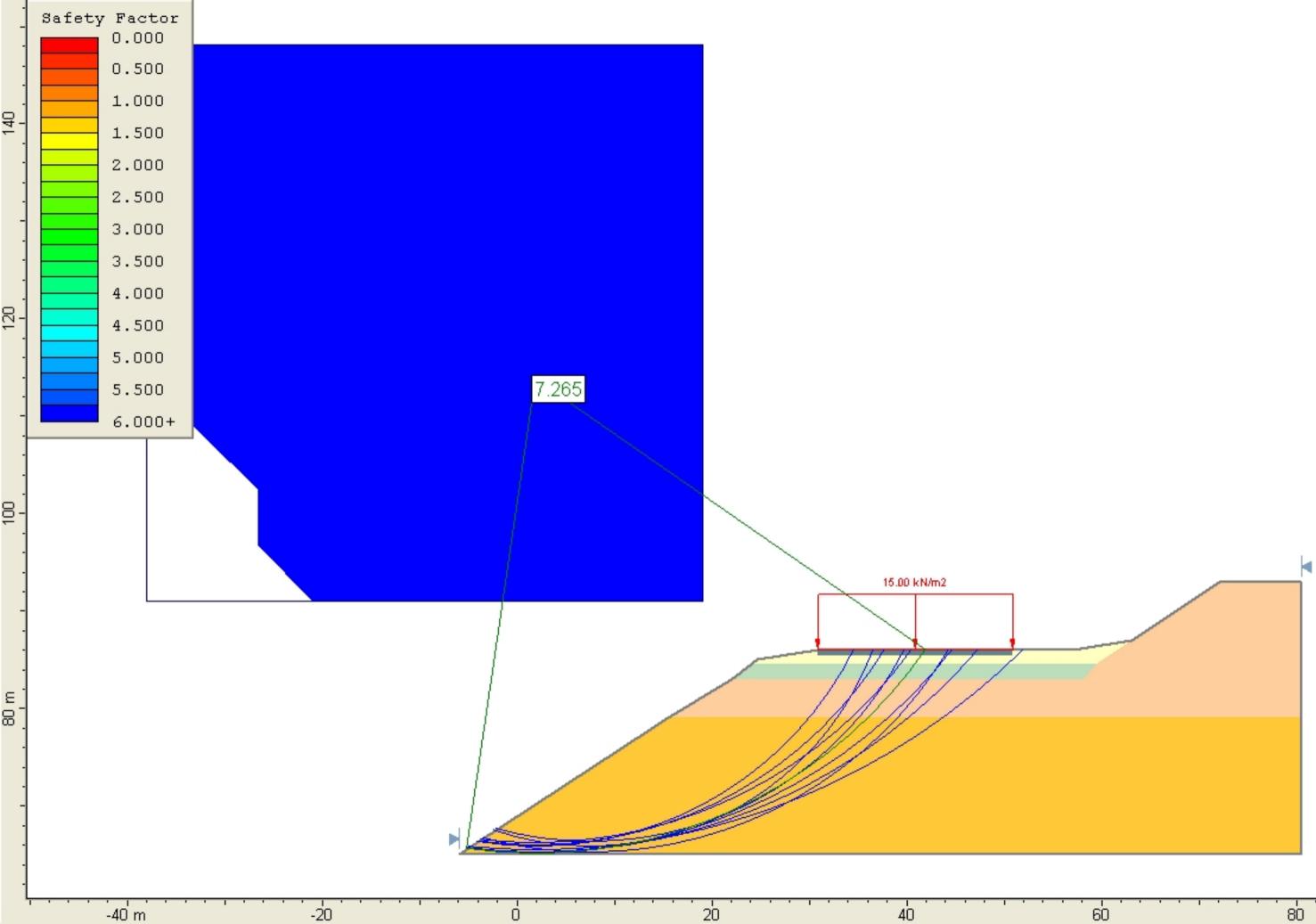
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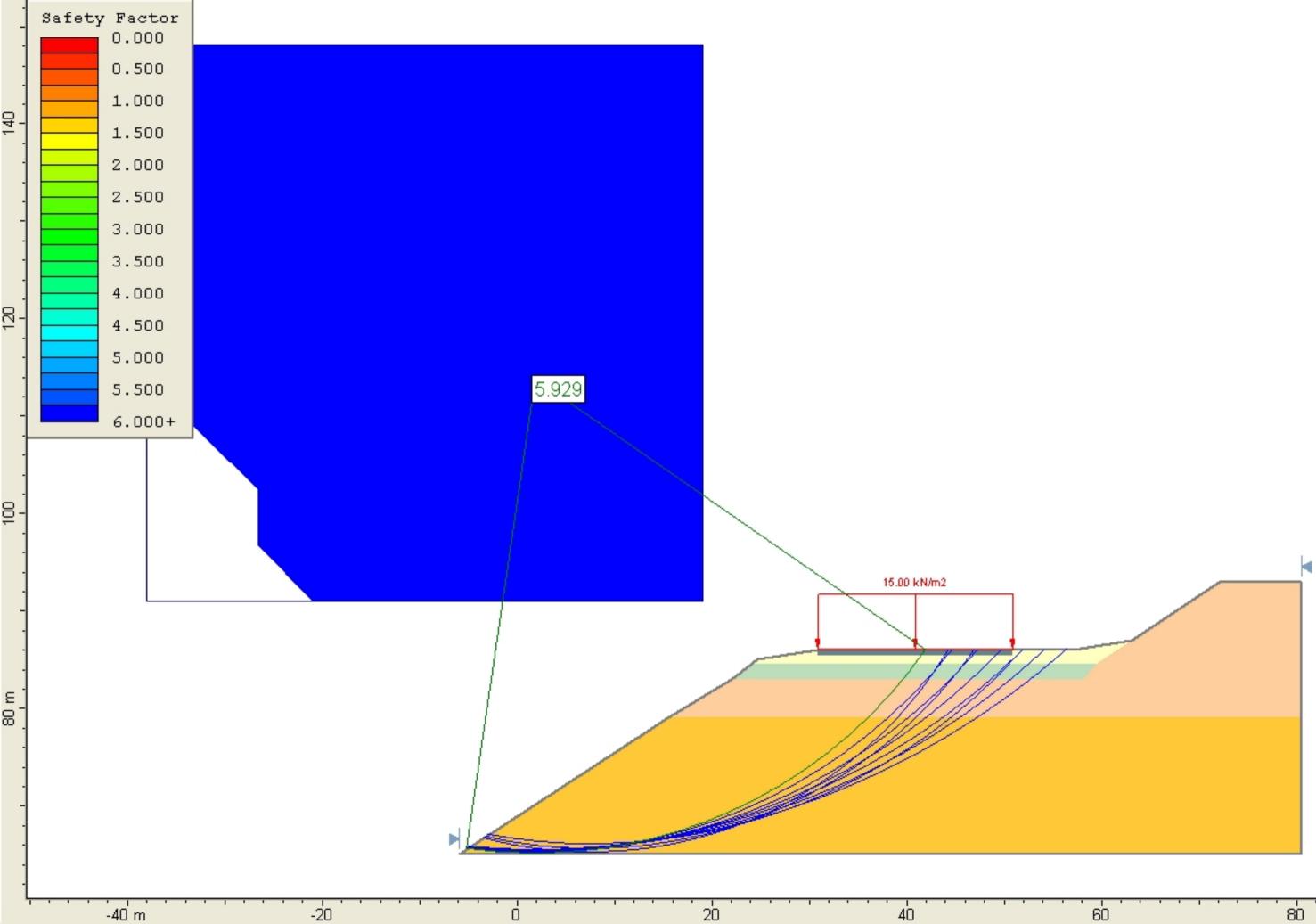














11 Attachment G - Plates



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Plate 1: View looking west from Test Bore 1 at road and cut in local rock.



Plate 2: View looking east from Test Bore 1 at cut running adjacent to road.





Plate 3: View looking west from Test Bore 3 at stockpiles.

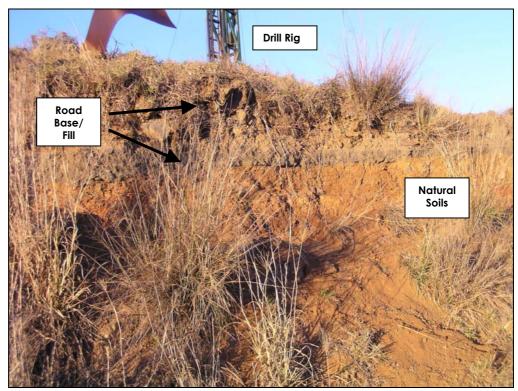


Plate 4: View looking south at profile of bank down slope (approximately 2-3m below Test Bore 3 surface R.L) showing fill and road base above natural soils.





Plate 5: View looking east at bank adjacent to road showing fill and road base above natural soils.



12 Attachment H - Notes Relating to This Report



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Information

Important Information About Your Report

Subsurface conditions cause more construction problems than any other factor. These notes have been prepared by Martens to help you interpret and understand the limitations of your report. Not all of course, are necessarily relevant to all reports, but are included as general reference.

Engineering Reports - Limitations

Geotechnical reports are based on information gained from limited sub-surface site testing and sampling, supplemented by knowledge of local geology and experience. For this reason, they must be regarded as interpretative rather than factual documents, limited to some extent by the scope of information on which they rely.

Engineering Reports - Project Specific Criteria

Engineering reports are prepared by qualified personnel and are based on the information obtained, on current engineering standards of interpretation and analysis, and on the basis of your unique project specific requirements as understood by Martens. Project criteria typically include the general nature of the project; its size and configuration; the location of any structures on the site; other site improvements; the presence of underground utilities; and the additional risk imposed by scope-of-service limitations imposed by the Client.

Where the report has been prepared for a specific design proposal (eg. a three storey building), the information and interpretation may not be relative if the design proposal is changed (eg. to a twenty storey building). Your report should not be relied upon if there are changes to the project without first asking Martens to assess how factors that changed subsequent to the date of the report affect the report's recommendations. Martens will not accept responsibility for problems that may occur due to design changes if they are not consulted.

Engineering Reports – Recommendations

Your report is based on the assumption that the site conditions as revealed through selective point sampling are indicative of actual conditions throughout an area. This assumption often cannot be substantiated until project implementation has commenced and therefore your site investigation report recommendations should only be regarded as preliminary.

Only Martens, who prepared the report, are fully familiar with the background information needed to assess whether or not the report's recommendations are valid and whether or not changes should be considered as the project develops. If another party undertakes the implementation of the recommendations of this report there is a risk that the report will be misinterpreted and Martens cannot be held responsible for such misinterpretation.

Engineering Reports – Use For Tendering Purposes

Where information obtained from this investigation is provided for tendering purposes, Martens recommend that all information, including the written report and discussion, be made available. In circumstances where the discussion or comments section is not relevant to the contractual situation, it may be appropriate to prepare a specially edited document. Attention is drawn to the document 'Guidelines for the Provision of Geotechnical Information in Tender Documents', published by the Institution of Engineers, Australia.

The Company would be pleased to assist in this regard and/or to make additional report copies available for contract purposes at a nominal charge.

Engineering Reports – Data

The report as a whole presents the findings of the site assessment and the report should not be copied in part or altered in any way.

Logs, figures, drawings etc are customarily included in a Martens report and are developed by scientists, engineers or geologists based on their interpretation of field logs (assembled by field personnel) and laboratory evaluation of field samples. These data should not under any circumstances be redrawn for inclusion in other documents or separated from the report in any way.

Engineering Reports – Other Projects

To avoid misuse of the information contained in your report it is recommended that you confer with Martens before passing your report on to another party who may not be familiar with the background and the purpose of the report. Your report should not be applied to any project other than that originally specified at the time the report was issued.

Subsurface Conditions - General

Every care is taken with the report as it relates to interpretation of subsurface conditions, discussion of geotechnical aspects, relevant standards and recommendations or suggestions for design and construction. However, the Company cannot always anticipate or assume responsibility for:

- Unexpected variations in ground conditions the potential for will depend partly on test point (eg. excavation or borehole) spacing and sampling frequency which are often limited by project imposed budgetary constraints.
- Changes in guidelines, standards and policy or interpretation of guidelines, standards and

policy by statutory authorities.

- The actions of contractors responding to commercial pressures.
- Actual conditions differing somewhat from those inferred to exist, because no professional, no matter how qualified, can reveal precisely what is hidden by earth, rock and time.

The actual interface between materials may be far more gradual or abrupt than assumed based on the facts obtained. Nothing can be done to change the actual site conditions which exist, but steps can be taken to reduce the impact of unexpected conditions

If these conditions occur, the Company will be pleased to assist with investigation or advice to resolve the matter.

Subsurface Conditions - Changes

Natural processes and the activity of man create subsurface conditions. For example, water levels can vary with time, fill may be placed on a site and pollutants may migrate with time. Reports are based on conditions which existed at the time of the subsurface exploration.

Decisions should not be based on a report whose adequacy may have been affected by time. If an extended period of time has elapsed since the report was prepared, consult Martens to be advised how time may have impacted on the project.

Subsurface Conditions - Site Anomalies

In the event that conditions encountered on site during construction appear to vary from those that were expected from the information contained in the report, the Company requests that it immediately be notified. Most problems are much more readily resolved at the time when conditions are exposed, rather than at some later stage well after the event.

Report Use By Other Design Professionals

To avoid potentially costly misinterpretations when other design professionals develop their plans based on a report, retain Martens to work with other project professionals who are affected by the report. This may involve Martens explaining the report design implications and then reviewing plans and specifications produced to see how they have incorporated the report findings.

Subsurface Conditions - Geoenvironmental Issues

Your report generally does not relate to any findings, conclusions, or recommendations about the potential for hazardous or contaminated materials existing at the site unless specifically required to do so as part of the Company's proposal for works.

Specific sampling guidelines and specialist equipment, techniques and personnel are typically used to perform geoenvironmental or site contamination assessments. Contamination can create major health, safety and environmental risks. If you have no information about the potential for your site to be contaminated or create an environmental hazard, you are advised to contact Martens for information relating to such matters.

Responsibility

Geotechnical reporting relies on interpretation of factual information based on professional judgment and opinion and has an inherent level of uncertainty attached to it and is typically far less exact than the design disciplines. This has often resulted in claims being lodged against consultants, which are unfounded.

To help prevent this problem, a number of clauses have been developed for use in contracts, reports and other documents. Responsibility clauses do not transfer appropriate liabilities from Martens to other parties but are included to identify where Martens' responsibilities begin and end. Their use is intended to help all parties involved to recognize their individual responsibilities. Read all documents from Martens closely and do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

Site Inspections

Martens will always be pleased to provide engineering inspection services for aspects of work to which this report is related. This could range from a site visit to confirm that conditions exposed are as expected, to full time engineering presence on site. Martens is familiar with a variety of techniques and approaches that can be used to help reduce risks for all parties to a project, from design to construction.

Soil Data Explanation of Terms (1 of 3)

Definitions

In engineering terms, soil includes every type of uncemented or partially cemented inorganic or organic material found in the ground. In practice, if the material does not exhibit any visible rock properties and can be remoulded or disintegrated by hand in its field condition or in water it is described as a soil. Other materials are described using rock description terms.

The methods of description and classification of soils and rocks used in this report are based on Australian Standard 1726 and the S.A.A Site Investigation Code. In general, descriptions cover the following properties - strength or density, colour, structure, soil or rock type and inclusions.

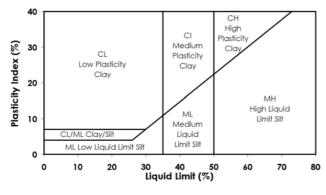
Particle Size

Soil types are described according to the predominating particle size, qualified by the grading of other particles present (eg. sandy clay). Unless otherwise stated, particle size is described in accordance with the following table.

Division	Subdivision	Size	
BOULDERS		>200 mm	
COBBLES		60 to 200 mm	
	Coarse	20 to 60 mm	
GRAVEL	Medium	6 to 20 mm	
	Fine	2 to 6 mm	
	Coarse	0.6 to 2.0 mm	
SAND	Medium	0.2 to 0.6 mm	
	Fine	0.075 to 0.2 mm	
SILT		0.002 to 0.075 mm	
CLAY		< 0.002 mm	

Plasticity Properties

Plasticity properties can be assessed either in the field by tactile properties, or by laboratory procedures.



Moisture Condition

- Dry Looks and feels dry. Cohesive and cemented soils are hard, friable or powdery. Uncemented granular soils run freely through hands.
- Moist Soil feels cool and damp and is darkened in colour. Cohesive soils can be moulded. Granular soils tend to cohere.
- Wet As for moist but with free water forming on hands when handled.

Consistency of Cohesive Soils

Cohesive soils refer to predominantly clay materials.

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Term	C₀ (kPa)	Approx SPT "N"	Field Guide
Very Soft	<12	2	A finger can be pushed well into the soil with little effort.
Soft	12 - 25	2 to 4	A finger can be pushed into the soil to about 25mm depth.
Firm	25 - 50	4 – 8	The soil can be indented about 5mm with the thumb, but not penetrated.
Stiff	50 - 100	8 – 15	The surface of the soil can be indented with the thumb, but not penetrated.
Very Stiff	100 - 200	15 – 30	The surface of the soil can be marked, but not indented with thumb pressure.
Hard	> 200	> 30	The surface of the soil can be marked only with the thumbnail.
Friable	-		Crumbles or powders when scraped by thumbnail

Density of Granular Soils

Non-cohesive soils are classified on the basis of relative density, generally from the results of standard penetration test (SPT) or Dutch cone penetrometer tests (CPT) as below:

Relative Density	%	SPT 'N' Value (blows/300mm)	CPT Cone Value (qc Mpa)
Very loose	< 15	< 5	< 2
Loose	15 – 35	5 - 10	2 -5
Medium dense	35 – 65	10 - 30	5 - 15
Dense	65- 85	30 - 50	15 - 25
Very dense	> 85	> 50	> 25

Minor Components

Minor components in soils may be present and readily detectable, but have little bearing on general geotechnical classification. Terms include:

Term	Assessment	Proportion of Minor component In:
Trace of	Presence just detectable by feel or eye, but soil properties	Coarse grained soils: < 5 %
	little or no different to general properties of primary component.	Fine grained soils: < 15 %
	Presence easily detectable by feel or eye, soil properties little	Coarse grained soils: 5 – 12 %
With some	different to general properties of primary component.	Fine grained soils: 15 – 30 %

Soil Data Explanation of Terms (2 of 3)

Soil Agricultural Classification Scheme

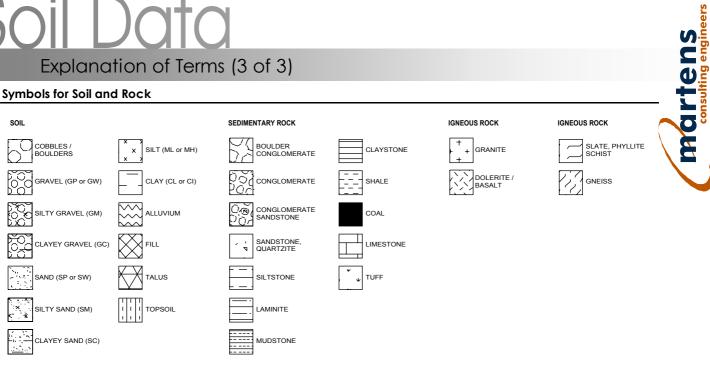
In some situations, such as where soils are to be used for effluent disposal purposes, soils are often more appropriately classified in terms of traditional agricultural classification schemes. Where a Martens report provides agricultural classifications, these are undertaken in accordance with descriptions by Northcote, K.H. (1979) The factual key for the recognition of Australian Soils, Rellim Technical Publications, NSW, p 26 - 28.

Symbol	Field Texture Grade	Behaviour of moist bolus	Ribbon length	Clay content (%)
S	Sand	Coherence nil to very slight; cannot be moulded; single grains adhere to fingers	0 mm	< 5
LS	Loamy sand	Slight coherence; discolours fingers with dark organic stain	6.35 mm	5
CLS	Clayey sand	Slight coherence; sticky when wet; many sand grains stick to fingers; discolours fingers with clay stain	6.35mm - 1.3cm	5 - 10
SL	Sandy loam	Bolus just coherent but very sandy to touch; dominant sand grains are of medium size and are readily visible	1.3 - 2.5	10 - 15
FSL	Fine sandy loam	Bolus coherent; fine sand can be felt and heard	1.3 - 2.5	10 - 20
SCL-	Light sandy clay loam	Bolus strongly coherent but sandy to touch, sand grains dominantly medium size and easily visible	2.0	15 - 20
L	Loam	Bolus coherent and rather spongy; smooth feel when manipulated but no obvious sandiness or silkiness; may be somewhat greasy to the touch if much organic matter present	2.5	25
Lfsy	Loam, fine sandy	Bolus coherent and slightly spongy; fine sand can be felt and heard when manipulated	2.5	25
SiL	Silt Ioam	Coherent bolus, very smooth to silky when manipulated	2.5	25 + > 25 silt
SCL	Sandy clay loam	Strongly coherent bolus sandy to touch; medium size sand grains visible in a finer matrix	2.5 - 3.8	20 - 30
CL	Clay loam	Coherent plastic bolus; smooth to manipulate	3.8 - 5.0	30 - 35
SiCL	Silty clay loam	Coherent smooth bolus; plastic and silky to touch	3.8 - 5.0	30- 35 + > 25 silt
FSCL	Fine sandy clay loam	Coherent bolus; fine sand can be felt and heard	3.8 - 5.0	30 - 35
SC	Sandy clay	Plastic bolus; fine to medium sized sands can be seen, felt or heard in a clayey matrix	5.0 - 7.5	35 - 40
SiC	Silty clay	Plastic bolus; smooth and silky	5.0 - 7.5	35 - 40 + > 25 silt
LC	Light clay	Plastic bolus; smooth to touch; slight resistance to shearing	5.0 - 7.5	35 - 40
LMC	Light medium clay	Plastic bolus; smooth to touch, slightly greater resistance to shearing than LC	7.5	40 - 45
МС	Medium clay	Smooth plastic bolus, handles like plasticine and can be moulded into rods without fracture, some resistance to shearing	> 7.5	45 - 55
НС	Heavy clay	Smooth plastic bolus; handles like stiff plasticine; can be moulded into rods without fracture; firm resistance to shearing	> 7.5	> 50

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Explanation of Terms (3 of 3)

Symbols for Soil and Rock



Unified Soil Classification Scheme (USCS)

		(Excluding p		DENTIFICATION PROC	EDURES g fractions on estimated mass)	USCS	Primary Name
0.075		action is	AN VELS or no is)	Wide range in grain si	ze and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes.	GW	Gravel
ger than	GRAVELS More than half of coarse fraction is larger than 2.0 mm.	CLEAN GRAVELS (Little or no fines)	Predominantly one	size or a range of sizes with more intermediate sizes missing	GP	Gravel	
OILS mm is lar	NLS nm is larç	GRA an half of larger tha	GRAVELS WITH FINES (Appreciable amount of fines)	Non-plastic fin	es (for identification procedures see ML below)	GM	Silty Gravel
COARSE GRAINED SOILS naterial less than 63 mm mm	aked ey	More th	GRAVE WITH FIN (Apprecic fines)	Plastic fines	(for identification procedures see CL below)	GC	Clayey Gravel
ARSE GR erial less mi	to the n	action is	AN IDS or no ss)	Wide range in grai	n sizes and substantial amounts of intermediate sizes missing.	SW	Sand
RAINED SOILS COARSE GRAINED SOILS More than 50 % of material less than 63 mm is larger than 0.075 mm mm (A 0.075 mm particle is about the smallest particle visible to the naked eye)	SANDS More than half of coarse fraction is smaller than 2.0 mm	CLEAN SANDS (Little or no fines)	Predominantly one size or a range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing			Sand	
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3 mm is	.si Oq DRY STREN L .si (Crushin E ⊕ Characteria		DILATANC	r TOUGHNESS	DESCRIPTION	USCS	Primary Name
LS s than 6 mm	n partic	None to Lo	w Quick to Slow	None	Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands with slight plasticity	ML	Silt
ED SOI rial les 0.075 1	75 mn	Medium t High	None	Medium	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravely clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays	CL	Clay
E GRAIN of mate ler than	FINE CRAINED SOILS FINE CRAINED SOILS Characteristics than 50 % of material less than 63 mm is smaller than 50 % of material less than 63 mm is maller than 0.075 mm particle is do Median High High High High		Slow to Ve Slow	ry Low	Organic slits and organic silty clays of low plasticity	OL	Organic Silt
FINI an 50 % small			Slow to Ve Slow	ry Low to Medium	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils, elastic silts	мн	Silt
ore the			None	High	Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays	СН	Clay
		Medium t High	None	Low to Medium	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity	OH	Organic Silt
HIGHLY ORGANI SOILS		Rec	adily identified by	colour, odour, spon	gy feel and frequently by fibrous texture	Pt	Peat
Low Plastic	ity – Li	quid Limit Wı	< 35 % Mediu	um Plasticity – Liquid	limit W $_{\rm L}$ 35 to 60 % High Plasticity - Liquid limit W	/ _L > 60 %	

Rock Data Explanation of Terms (1 of 2)

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Definitions

Descriptive terms used for Rock by Martens are given below and include rock substance, rock defects and rock mass.

Rock Substance	In geotechnical engineering terms, rock substance is any naturally occurring aggregate of minerals and organic matter which cannot, unless extremely weathered, be disintegrated or remoulded by hand in air or water. Other material is described using soil descriptive terms. Rock substance is effectively homogeneous and may be isotropic or anisotropic.
Rock Defect	Discontinuity or break in the continuity of a substance or substances.
Rock Mass	Any body of material which is not effectively homogeneous. It can consist of two or more substances without defects, or one or more substances with one or more defects.

Degree of Weathering

Rock weathering is defined as the degree in rock structure and grain property decline and can be readily determined in the field.

Term	Symbol	Definition
Residual Soil	Rs	Soil derived from the weathering of rock. The mass structure and substance fabric are no longer evident. There is a large change in volume but the soil has not been significantly transported.
Extremely weathered	EW	Rock substance affected by weathering to the extent that the rock exhibits soil properties - ie. it can be remoulded and can be classified according to the Unified Classification System, but the texture of the original rock is still evident.
Highly weathered	HW	Rock substance affected by weathering to the extent that limonite staining or bleaching affects the whole of the rock substance and other signs of chemical or physical decomposition are evident. Porosity and strength may be increased or decrease compared to the fresh rock usually as a result of iron leaching or deposition. The colour and strength of the original rock substance is no longer recognisable.
Moderately weathered	MW	Rock substance affected by weathering to the extent that staining extends throughout the whole of the rock substance and the original colour of the fresh rock is no longer recognisable.
Slightly weathered	SW	Rock substance affected by weathering to the extent that partial staining or discolouration of the rock substance usually by limonite has taken place. The colour and texture of the fresh rock is recognisable.
Fresh	Fr	Rock substance unaffected by weathering

Rock Strength

Rock strength is defined by the Point Load Strength Index (Is 50) and refers to the strength of the rock substance is the direction normal to the bedding. The test procedure is described by the International Society of Rock Mechanics.

Term	ls (50) MPa	Field Guide	Symbol
Extremely weak	< 0.03	Easily remoulded by hand to a material with soil properties.	EW
Very weak	0.03 - 0.1	May be crumbled in the hand. Sandstone is 'sugary' and friable.	VW
Weak	0.1 - 0.3	A piece of core 150mm long x 50mm diameter may be broken by hand and easily scored with a knife. Sharp edges of core may be friable and break during handling.	W
Medium strong	0.3 - 1	A piece of core 150mm long x 50mm diameter can be broken by hand with considerable difficulty. Readily scored with a knife.	MS
Strong	1 - 3	A piece of core 150mm long x 50mm diameter cannot be broken by unaided hands, can be slightly scratched or scored with a knife.	S
Very Strong	3 - 10	A piece of core 150mm long x 50mm diameter may be broken readily with hand held hammer. Cannot be scratched with pen knife.	VS
Extremely strong	> 10	A piece of core 150mm long x 50mm diameter is difficult to break with hand held hammer. Rings when struck with a hammer.	ES

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Degree of Fracturing

This classification applies to diamond drill cores and refers to the spacing of all types of natural fractures along which the core is discontinuous. These include bedding plane partings, joints and other rock defects, but excludes fractures such as drilling breaks.

Term	Description
Fragmented	The core is comprised primarily of fragments of length less than 20mm, and mostly of width less than core diameter.
Highly fractured	Core lengths are generally less than 20mm-40mm with occasional fragments.
Fractured	Core lengths are mainly 30mm-100mm with occasional shorter and longer sections.
Slightly fractured	Core lengths are generally 300mm-1000mm with occasional longer sections and occasional sections of 100mm-300mm.
Unbroken	The core does not contain any fractures.

Rock Core Recovery

TCR = Total Core Recovery	SCR = Solid Core Recovery	RQD = Rock Quality Designation		
$=\frac{\text{Length of core recovered}}{\text{Length of core run}} \times 100\%$	$=\frac{\sum \text{Length of cylindrical core recovered}}{\text{Length of core run}} \times 100\%$	$= \frac{\sum Axial lengths of core > 100 mm long}{Length of core run} \times 100\%$		

Rock Strength Tests

- ▼ Point load strength Index (Is50) axial test (MPa)
- Point load strength Index (Is50) diametrall test (MPa)
- Unconfined compressive strength (UCS) (MPa)

Defect Type Abbreviations and Descriptions

Defect Type (with inclination given)		Coating or Filling		Roughr	Roughness	
BP	Bedding plane parting	Cn	Clean	Ро	Polished	
х	Foliation	Sn	Stain	Ro	Rough	
L	Cleavage	Ct	Coating	SI	Slickensided	
JT	Joint	Fe	Iron Oxide	Sm	Smooth	
F	Fracture			Vr	Very rough	
SZ	Sheared zone (Fault)	Planarity		Inclinat	Inclination	
CS	Crushed seam	Cu	Curved		The inclination of defects are measured from	
DS	Decomposed seam	lr	Irregular	perpendicular to the core axis.		
IS	Infilled seam	PI	Planar			
V	Vein	St	Stepped			
		Un	Undulating			



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Sampling

Sampling is carried out during drilling or excavation to allow engineering examination (and laboratory testing where required) of the soil or rock.

Disturbed samples taken during drilling provide information on colour, type, inclusions and, depending upon the degree of disturbance, some information on strength and structure.

Undisturbed samples may be taken by pushing a thinwalled sample tube into the soils and withdrawing a soil sample in a relatively undisturbed state. Such samples yield information on structure and strength, and are necessary for laboratory determination of shear strength and compressibility. Undisturbed sampling is generally effective only in cohesive soils. Other sampling methods may be used. Details of the type and method of sampling are given in the report.

Drilling Methods

The following is a brief summary of drilling methods currently adopted by the Company and some comments on their use and application.

<u>Hand Excavation</u> – in some situations, excavation using hand tools such as mattock and spade may be required due to limited site access or shallow soil profiles.

<u>Hand Auger</u> - the hole is advanced by pushing and rotating either a sand or clay auger generally 75-100mm in diameter into the ground. The depth of penetration is usually limited to the length of the auger pole, however extender pieces can be added to lengthen this.

<u>Test Pits</u> - these are excavated with a backhoe or a tracked excavator, allowing close examination of the *insitu* soils if it is safe to descend into the pit. The depth of penetration is limited to about 3m for a backhoe and up to 6m for an excavator. A potential disadvantage is the disturbance caused by the excavation.

Large Diameter Auger (eg. Pengo) - the hole is advanced by a rotating plate or short spiral auger, generally 300mm or larger in diameter. The cuttings are returned to the surface at intervals (generally of not more than 0.5m) and are disturbed but usually unchanged in moisture content. Identification of soil strata is generally much more reliable than with continuous spiral flight augers, and is usually supplemented by occasional undisturbed tube sampling.

<u>Continuous Sample Drilling</u> - the hole is advanced by pushing a 100mm diameter socket into the ground and withdrawing it at intervals to extrude the sample. This is the most reliable method of drilling in soils, since moisture content is unchanged and soil structure, strength *etc.* is only marginally affected.

<u>Continuous Spiral Flight Augers</u> - the hole is advanced using 90 - 115 mm diameter continuous spiral flight augers which are withdrawn at intervals to allow sampling or *insit u* testing. This is a relatively economical means of drilling in clays and in sands above the water table. Samples are returned to the surface or, or may be collected after withdrawal of the auger flights, but they are very disturbed and may be contaminated. Information from the drilling (as distinct from specific sampling by SPTs or undisturbed samples) is of relatively lower reliability, due to remoulding, contamination or softening of samples by ground water.

Non-core Rotary Drilling - the hole is advanced by a rotary bit, with water being pumped down the drill rods and

returned up the annulus, carrying the drill cuttings. Only major changes in stratification can be determined from the cuttings, together with some information from 'feel' and rate of penetration. **DITTENS** consulting engin

<u>Rotary Mud Drilling</u> - similar to rotary drilling, but using drilling mud as a circulating fluid. The mud tends to mask the cuttings and reliable identification is again only possible from separate intact sampling (eg. from SPT).

<u>Continuous Core Drilling</u> - a continuous core sample is obtained using a diamond tipped core barrel, usually 50mm internal diameter. Provided full core recovery is achieved (which is not always possible in very weak rocks and granular soils), this technique provides a very reliable (but relatively expensive) method of investigation.

Standard Penetration Tests

Standard penetration tests are used mainly in noncohesive soils, but occasionally also in cohesive soils as a means of determining density or strength and also of obtaining a relatively undisturbed sample. The test procedure is described in AS 1289 Methods of Testing Soils for Engineering Purposes - Test F3.1.

The test is carried out in a borehole by driving a 50mm diameter split sample tube under the impact of a 63 kg hammer with a free fall of 760mm. It is normal for the tube to be driven in three successive 150 mm increments and the 'N' value is taken as the number of blows for the last 300mm. In dense sands, very hard clays or weak rock, the full 450mm penetration may not be practicable and the test is discontinued.

The test results are reported in the following form:

(i) In the case where full penetration is obtained with successive blow counts for each 150mm of say 4, 6 and 7 blows:

as 4, 6, 7

N = 13

(ii) In a case where the test is discontinued short of full penetration, say after 15 blows for the first 150mm and 30 blows for the next 40mm

as 15, 30/40 mm.

The results of the tests can be related empirically to the engineering properties of the soil. Occasionally, the test method is used to obtain samples in 50mm diameter thin walled sample tubes in clays. In such circumstances, the test results are shown on the borelogs in brackets.

CONE PENETROMETER TESTING AND INTERPRETATION

Cone penetrometer testing (sometimes referred to as Dutch Cone - abbreviated as CPT) described in this report has been carried out using an electrical friction cone penetrometer. The test is described in AS 1289 - Test F4.1.

In the test, a 35mm diameter rod with a cone tipped end is pushed continuously into the soil, the reaction being provided by a specially designed truck or rig which is fitted with an hydraulic ram system. Measurements are made of the end bearing resistance on the cone and the friction resistance on separate 130mm long sleeve, immediately behind the cone. Tranducers in the tip of the assembly are connected by electrical wires passing through the centre of the push rods to an amplifier and recorder unit mounted on the control truck.

As penetration occurs (at a rate of approximately 20mm per second) the information is output on continuous chart

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recorders. The plotted results given in this report have been traced from the original records.

The information provided on the charts comprises: Cone resistance - the actual end bearing force divided by the cross sectional area of the cone - expressed in MPA. Sleeve friction - the frictional force of the sleeve divided by the surface area - expressed in kPa.

Friction ratio - the ratio of sleeve friction to cone resistance - expressed in percent.

There are two scales available for measurement of cone resistance. The lower (A) scale (0 - 5 Mpa) is used in very soft soils where increased sensitivity is required and is shown in the graphs as a dotted line. The main (B) scale (0 - 50 Mpa) is less sensitive and is shown as a full line.

The ratios of the sleeve resistance to cone resistance will vary with the type of soil encountered, with higher relative friction in clays than in sands. Friction ratios of 1%-2% are commonly encountered in sands and very soft clays rising to 4%-10% in stiff clays.

In sands, the relationship between cone resistance and SPT value is commonly in the range:

 q_c (Mpa) = (0.4 to 0.6) N (blows/300mm)

In clays, the relationship between undrained shear strength and cone resistance is commonly in the range:

 q_c = (12 to 18) c_u

Interpretation of CPT values can also be made to allow estimation of modulus or compressibility values to allow calculation of foundation settlements.

Inferred stratification as shown on the attached reports is assessed from the cone and friction traces and from experience and information from nearby boreholes *etc*. This information is presented for general guidance, but must be regarded as being to some extent interpretive. The test method provides a continuous profile of engineering properties, and where precise information on soil classification is required, direct drilling and sampling may be preferable.

DYNAMIC CONE (HAND) PENETROMETERS

Hand penetrometer tests are carried out by driving a rod into the ground with a falling weight hammer and measuring the blows for successive 150mm increments of penetration. Normally, there is a depth limitation of 1.2m but this may be extended in certain conditions by the use of extension rods. Two relatively similar tests are used.

Perth sand penetrometer - a 16 mm diameter flat ended rod is driven with a 9kg hammer, dropping 600mm (AS 1289 - Test F 3.3). This test was developed for testing the density of sands (originating in Perth) and is mainly used in granular soils and filling.

Cone penetrometer (sometimes known as the Scala Penetrometer) - a 16mm rod with a 20mm diameter cone end is driven with a 9kg hammer dropping 510mm (AS 1289 - Test F 3.2). The test was developed initially for pavement sub-grade investigations, with correlations of the test results with California bearing ratio published by various Road Authorities.

LABORATORY TESTING

Laboratory testing is carried out in accordance with AS 1289 Methods of Testing Soil for Engineering Purposes. Details of the test procedure used are given on the individual report forms.

TEST PIT / BORE LOGS

The test pit / bore log(s) presented herein are an engineering and/or geological interpretation of the subsurface conditions and their reliability will depend to some extent on frequency of sampling and the method of excavation / drilling. Ideally, continuous undisturbed sampling or excavation / core drilling will provide the most reliable assessment, but this is not always practicable, or possible to justify on economic grounds. In any case, the boreholes represent only a very small sample of the total subsurface profile.

Interpretation of the information and its application to design and construction should therefore take into account the spacing of boreholes, the frequency of sampling and the possibility of other than 'straight line' variation between the boreholes.

GROUND WATER

Where ground water levels are measured in boreholes, there are several potential problems:

In low permeability soils, ground water although present, may enter the hole slowly, or perhaps not at all during the time it is left open.

A localised perched water table may lead to an erroneous indication of the true water table.

Water table levels will vary from time to time with seasons or recent prior weather changes. They may not be the same at the time of construction as are indicated in the report.

The use of water or mud as a drilling fluid will mask any ground water inflow. Water has to be blown out of the hole and drilling mud must first be washed out of the hole if water observations are to be made.

More reliable measurements can be made by installing standpipes which are read at intervals over several days, or perhaps weeks for low permeability soils. Piezometers sealed in a particular stratum, may be advisable in low permeability soils or where there may be interference from a perched water table.

