

DOLPHIN BLUE DEVELOPMENT PHASE 1 GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

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Dear Sir,

RE: DOLPHIN BLUE DEVELOPMENT
PHASE 1 GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

Coffey Geotechnics Pty Ltd is pleased to present our report on the Phase 1 geotechnical assessment for the above site.

We draw your attention to the attached sheet entitled "Important Information About Your Coffey Report" which should be read in conjunction with this report.

We trust that this report meets with your requirements. If you require further information please contact the undersigned in our Coffs Harbour office.

For and on behalf of Coffey Geotechnics Pty Ltd



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1 INTRODUCTION

Coffey Geotechnics Pty Ltd has conducted a Phase 1 geotechnical assessment for the proposed Dolphin Blue development to be located at the existing Blue Dolphin Caravan Park located on Yamba Road Yamba. The aims of the work, which was commissioned by Mr Jonathon Moss of Rider Hunt Terotech, were to provide an assessment and recommendations in relation to the geotechnical issues for the site. Specifically this report addresses the following issues:

- Foundation design parameters, including alternative footing types and founding levels and recommendations as to bearing pressures and data to assess settlements;
- Excavation support (shoring and batter slopes), including recommendations on retaining wall options and design parameters for the basement car park retaining walls;
- Design parameters for foundation tie down structures and/or uplift piles to resist buoyancy forces for structures under flood conditions;
- Discussion of issues relating to liners of water ponds;
- Groundwater aggressivity to buried structural elements (piles, anchors, basement and ramp structures);
- Site preparation and excavation conditions;
- Suitability of site soils for reuse as engineered fill on-site;

A dewatering management strategy for the site is presented in the Coffey report Ref: GEOTCOFH01613AA-AG dated 18 October 2006.

Coffey conducted the work in general accordance with proposal no. CH1613/1-AB. This report presents the results of the site investigation.

2 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

We understand that the proposed development will include construction of residential and resort style accommodation. We understand that the current design includes buildings up to about four stories in height with basements for car parking beneath. The proposed basement levels are between RL0.5mAHD and RL-0.5mAHD, or approximately 1m to 2m below the existing ground surface. The design of the underground car park parking areas and lower floor levels are to be designed as water tight basements areas to withstand a design peak flood level of 2.4mAHD. We understand that the access ramp areas for vehicles into basements will need to incorporate a form of "levee bank" to retain water from the underground basements.

A limited number of man made water features/ponds will also be constructed as part of the development. We understand that the depths of the water features are relatively shallow and that they will be lined with an essentially impermeable material. The water features also need to be designed to manage fluctuations in the ground water levels so that the liners of the water features are not affected by groundwater uplift pressures.

3 SCOPE OF WORK

3.1 Fieldwork

Fieldwork for the Phase 1 geotechnical assessment was carried out on 9 May 2006, and between 29 May 2006 and 1 June 2006. The field work involved the drilling of eight boreholes (BH1 to BH8). Five of the shallow boreholes were drilled using a small 4WD truck mounted drilling rig fitted with solid flight augers. Boreholes were drilled to depths of 6m with SPT testing undertaken at about 1.5m intervals in each borehole.

Three deeper boreholes were drilled by a 6 tonne truck mounted drill rig to depths of between 25.45m and 44.95m. The boreholes were initially drilled with continuous spiral flights augers and a V-bit then progressed further by wash boring techniques. Standard Penetration Tests (SPTs) were carried out in the borehole at nominal 1.5m intervals and more widely spaced within the deeper section of the boreholes. Environmental and geotechnical samples were taken from the boreholes for subsequent laboratory testing.

Fieldwork was conducted by a Scientist from Coffey who located the boreholes, took samples and recorded results of in-situ testing, and produced engineering logs of the interpreted subsurface conditions. Figure 1 shows a locality plan for the site, and Figure 2 shows the investigation locations. Engineering logs of the boreholes are presented in Appendix A, along with explanation sheets defining the terms and symbols used in their preparation.

3.2 Laboratory Testing

Laboratory testing was conducted on samples recovered during fieldwork. Laboratory testing comprised the following:

- 5 Particle Size Distribution tests to assess materials classifications; and
- 2 Groundwater Aggressivity tests.

Atterbergs limits tests were proposed as part of the scope of work but were not carried out due to the granular nature of the soils within the subsurface profile.

The results of the laboratory testing are summarised in Table 1 and Table 2. Laboratory test reports are presented in Appendix B.

Table 1 - Results of Particle Size Distribution Testing

Borehole	Sample Depth (m)	Percentage Passing Sieve Sizes (mm)			
		2.36	0.60	0.15	0.075
BH1	1.5-1.95	100	98	5	1
BH2	2.9-3.35	100	98	3	0
BH3	1.4-1.95	100	100	3	0
BH4	1.4-1.85	100	100	4	1
BH5	2.9-3.35	96	93	5	2

Table 2 - Results of Aggressivity Testing

Borehole	Sample Depth (m)	Soluble Sulphate (mg/kg)	Soil Resistivity (ohm/mm)	Chloride (mg/kg)	pH
BH6	5	0.002	153,846	0.003	7.2
BH8	11.5-11.65	0.002	322,581	0.001	6.34

4 SITE CONDITIONS

4.1 Existing Surface Conditions

The site of about 5.2Ha is situated at lot 1 and 2 in DP706628 Yamba Road, Yamba. The site is situated on the north-eastern side of Yamba Road and is bounded by low rise detached dwellings to the south-west, the Clarence River to the north-east, the 'Moby Dick' motel to the south-east and the Clarence Valley Nature Reserve to the north-west.

Regionally the site is situated within a flat alluvial floodplain area of the Clarence River. Locally, the ground surface is generally flat. Some low rise, man made landscaping soil mounds are located on the site. Existing developments at the existing caravan park comprise numerous demountable cabins, brick amenities buildings and several in ground swimming pools. Vegetation on the site consists mainly of mowed lawns and scattered trees.

4.2 Local Geology

The Maclean 1:250,000 Geological Series Sheet produced by the Geological Survey of NSW indicates that the site is underlain by Quaternary aged sediments.

This area is located near the river mouth of the Clarence River which comprises deep sedimentary deposits of sands, silts and clays. Based on our previous experience in the low lying areas of the township of Yamba, a shallow band of indurated (or weakly cemented) sand has been encountered at a number of the sites investigated. These indurated sands are commonly referred to as 'coffee rock'.

A search of DLWC groundwater bore data in the area shows that the area comprises mainly sand with some clay lenses, from previous experience to the west of the site along Yamba Road, shallow deposits of soft clays have been encountered.

4.3 Subsurface Conditions

The subsurface conditions interpreted from the boreholes (BH1 to BH8) are summarised in Table 3. Based on limited number of locations investigated, the subsurface conditions across the site appear to be relatively uniform. The depths indicated have been measured from the ground surface levels during the investigation.

Table 3 - General Summary of Subsurface Profile at Locations Investigated

Unit	Material Description	Depth to Base of Unit (m)							
		BH1	BH2	BH3	BH4	BH5	BH6	BH7	BH8
1	Topsoil/Fill: Silty Sand, fine to medium grained, dark brown.	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.5	0.05	0.05
2a	Marine Soil: Sand and Silty Sand, fine to medium grained, loose to medium dense, grey.	2.5	4.0	2.5	4.0	4.0	1.5*	2.6	4
2b	Marine Soil (Interbedded Dense to Very Dense Sands and Indurated Sands): Sand and Silty Sand, medium dense to dense, fine to medium grained, grey and dark brown, low plasticity fines.	≥6.0	≥6.0	≥6.0	≥6.0	≥6.0	21.5	25.45	≥25.45
2c	Marine Soil (Medium Dense to Very Dense Sands): Sand and Silty Sand, fine to medium grained, grey and brown, low plasticity fines.	-	-	-	-	-	≥25.5	38.5	-
3a	Marine Soil (Firm to Loose Sandy Clay and Clayey Sand): Sandy Clay/Clayey, Sand, fine to medium grained sand, medium plasticity clay, grey, loose sand, estimated firm clays.	-	-	-	-	-	-	41.0	-
3b	Marine Soil (Stiff to Very Stiff Clays): Silty Clay, firm to very stiff, grey, medium to high plasticity fines, shell fragments.	-	-	-	-	-	-	≥44.95	-

*Note: Possibly deeper than indicated due to gravel/cobble affecting in-situ testing description.

Further description of the subsurface materials intersected by the boreholes is given on the engineering logs presented in Appendix A. Locations of the boreholes BH1 to BH8 are presented on Figure 2.

4.4 Groundwater Depths

A summary of the depths of standpipe piezometers installed at the site is presented in Table 4. Table indicates the depth of the boreholes, the depth of the piezometers and the standing groundwater levels as measured on 14 June 2006.

Table 4 - Borehole and Piezometer Summary

Borehole Number	Depth Drilled (m)	Ground Level (m, AHD)	Depth Of Piezometer (m, below ground level)	Groundwater Depth (m, below ground level) 14/6/06	Approximate Groundwater Level (m, AHD)
BH1	6	1.29	2.2	1.0	0.29
BH2	6	1.56	2.35	1.05	0.51
BH3	6	1.47	2.3	0.85	0.62
BH4	6	1.82	2.45	1.37	0.45
BH5	6	1.8	2.4	1.4	0.4
BH6	25.45	1.75	6.0	1.47	0.28
BH7	44.95	1.56	6.0	0.95	0.61
BH8	25.45	1.61	6.0	1.09	0.52

The levels of the groundwater indicated in Table 4 indicate the groundwater flows in a north-east direction towards the Clarence River.

5 CONSIDERATIONS FOR DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

5.1 Geotechnical Model

Based on the results of the subsurface investigations, the following preliminary geotechnical model has been developed in Table 5 below.

Table 5 - Preliminary Geotechnical Model for Foundations

Unit	Material Description	Depth To Base Of Unit (m)	Level Of Base Of Unit (m, AHD)
1	Topsoil: Silty Sand, fine to medium grained, dark brown.	0.05	-
2a	Marine Soil: Sand and Silty Sand, fine grained, medium dense to loose, grey.	2.5 to 4.0	-1.0 to -2.4
2b	Marine Soil (Interbedded Dense to Very Dense Sands and Indurated Sands): Sand and Silty Sand, medium dense to dense, fine grained, grey and dark brown, low plasticity fines.	21.5 to 25.5	-19.75 to -23.9
2c	Marine Soil (Medium Dense to Dense Sands): Sand and Silty Sand, fine to medium grained, grey and brown, low plasticity fines.	38.5	-36.9
3a	Marine Soil (Loose to Firm Sandy Clay and Clayey Sand): Sandy Clay/Clayey, Sand, fine to medium grained sand, medium plasticity clay, grey, loose sand, estimated firm clays.	41.0	-39.5
3b	Marine Soil (Firm to Stiff Clays): Silty Clay, firm to very stiff, grey, medium to high plasticity fines, shell fragments	≥44.95	≥-43.4

5.2 Founding Conditions & Parameters

Depending on the final design of the development, options considered appropriate for the foundations for the proposed structures forming the development at the site include:

- Shallow footings founded within the Unit 2a loose to medium dense Sand and Silty Sand materials which are encountered up to about 4m depth;

- Pile foundations within the Unit 2a, Unit 2b and/or Unit 2c sands;
- A combination of shallow footings and pile foundations (e.g. piled raft).

The decision as to the adopted foundation system will depend on the applied loads and the settlement that can be tolerated by each structure. It is possible that both options indicated above may be adopted at different locations and for different structures at the site. Preliminary design parameters for the relevant geotechnical units are provided in the following sections.

5.3 Shallow Footings

For shallow footings founded at the base of the excavations, the allowable bearing pressure may be assessed using the equation below, depending on the minimum dimension of the footing:

$$ABP = 50B + 80\text{kPa} \leq 250\text{kPa}$$

where ABP = allowable bearing pressure

B = minimum footing dimension

The values of Young's Modulus indicated in Table 6 below should be adopted in the assessment of settlements under shallow footings.

Table 6 - Preliminary Young's Modulus Values for Shallow Footings

Unit	Young's Modulus, E (MPa)
2a	20
2b	50
2c	40

5.4 Pile Foundations

Where footing loads are higher than can be supported by shallow footings, or settlements under shallow footings are excessive, pile foundations could be adopted.

A number of pile types could be utilised for the proposed structures depending on constraints such as allowable vibration levels during construction and Council approvals. Each of these piles may be designed to found in the alluvial sand units. Piling types considered suitable for the site are shown in Table 7 together with their advantages and disadvantages.

Table 7: Advantages and Disadvantages of Alternate Pile Types

Pile Type	Advantages	Disadvantages
Atlas Screw / Omega type piles. <i>Displacement type</i>	Low vibration and noise on installation. High level of performance confidence because of torque measurements on installation. Relatively high load carrying capacity due to displacement of materials.	May be more expensive than other options. Unlikely that a local supplier can conduct the installation.
Driven Pre-Cast Concrete Piles. <i>Displacement type</i>	High level of performance confidence. Relatively high load carrying capacity due to displacement type. No spoil removal issues	Relatively high noise and vibration during installation may affect nearby developments Would require dilapidation studies for adjacent structures and vibration monitoring during construction. Splice joints will be required due to depth if end-bearing, increasing cost. Unlikely that a local supplier can conduct the installation. Driving refusal may occur prior to design depth, affecting uplift capacity, which may require heavier driving.
Grout Injected/Continuous Flight Auger (CFA) Piles <i>Non-displacement type</i>	Low vibration and noise on installation.	Unlikely that a local supplier can conduct the installation. Additional cost of spoil removal. Typically lower load carrying capacity compared to displacement piles, due to mode of installation and lower confidence in pile performance. Some uncertainty about integrity due to installation process.

It is considered that open bored piles would not be practical at the site as pile hole support and dewatering of the base of the piles would be needed prior to pouring concrete.

Design parameters for the above pile types founded at least 4 pile diameters below the excavation level are shown in Table 8. The design should include assessment of both strength and serviceability limit states. At this stage a geotechnical reduction factor of $\Phi_g = 0.5$ should be applied to the ultimate values

indicated in Table 8 when considering the ultimate strength limit state. It is likely that once further investigations are carried out, provided those investigations indicate uniformity of geotechnical conditions at the site, a higher reduction factor may apply. Where driven piles are adopted, should a suitable proportion be dynamically tested, a higher geotechnical strength reduction factor of $\Phi_g = 0.65$ may be adopted.

The geotechnical parameters for pile design are given below.

Table 8 - Preliminary Geotechnical Strength Parameters for Pile Design

Founding Material	Pile Type	Ultimate End Bearing Capacity (MPa)	Ultimate Shaft Adhesion (kPa)
Unit 2a – Medium Dense to Loose Sand and Silty Sand	Displacement	1.8	40
	Non-displacement	0.9	25
Unit 2b – Dense to Very Dense Sand and Silty Sand	Displacement	10.0	150
	Non-displacement	5.0	75
Unit 2c – Medium Dense to Dense Sand and Silty Sand	Displacement	6.0	100
	Non-displacement	4.0	50

For piles designed as tension piles (e.g. to withstand basement uplift forces) the above shaft adhesion parameters should be reduced by 50% for the assessment of ultimate tension capacity. When designing piles for tension, reference must also be made to the discussion relating to other failure methods requiring consideration indicated in Section 5.4.

Table 9 - Preliminary Young's Modulus Parameters For Pile Serviceability Assessment

Founding Material & Expected Depth Range*	Pile Type	Young' Modulus, E (MPa)
Unit 2a – Medium Dense to Loose Sand and Silty Sand	Displacement	35
	Non-displacement	20
Unit 2b – Dense to Very Dense Sand and Silty Sand	Displacement	85
	Non-displacement	70
Unit 2c – Medium Dense to Dense Sand and Silty Sand	Displacement	60
	Non-displacement	45

5.5 Resistance of Basements to Uplift Pressures

Basement car parks beneath the existing structures will need to be designed to withstand hydrostatic pressures on the base of the concrete slabs during times of high groundwater and/or flood conditions. It is understood that the basement car parking areas will be designed as fully tanked structures, with a tanked access ramp that extends over a local levee system providing access. The levee system will be higher than the design flood level for the site.

The basement structures will need to be effectively 'tied down' such that uplift cannot occur. This could be achieved by using the dead weight of the structure and/or pile foundations capable of carrying tension loads. Ground anchors may be another possibility to provide tie down, but due to their smaller diameter would likely need to be much deeper than pile foundations to carry the same tensile load.

The design of tension piles will require consideration of two potential failure mechanisms. These include a failure by slip along the shaft of the pile ('shaft adhesion failure') and a 'cone pullout failure' mechanism. The 'cone pullout failure' mechanism is essentially the weight of the soil within conical shape extending up from the toe of the pile that would have to be moved in the event of the pile failing with no slippage along the pile shaft. The adopted geotechnical pile tension capacity would be the lower of the capacity assessed using these methodologies.

The first mechanism would be assessed assuming the preliminary design parameters indicated for tension piles in Section 5.4. The assessment of the potential failure second mechanism would depend on size and spacing of the piles, and the angle of the 'cone' up from the base of the pile. We recommend that the assessment of the 'cone pullout failure' mechanism be carried out in accordance with the information indicated below:

- An angle of the cone relative to the axis of the pile of 30°;
- Groundwater at the surface for the assessment of the effective unit weight of the soil;

- Where adjacent or nearby cones from different piles overlap, only the 'non-overlapping' volume only of soil may be considered;

Our preliminary calculations indicate that depending on the spacing and depth of the piles, the shaft adhesion calculation may be the critical condition when considering the tensile capacity of the piles. However, as this may change depending on the factors involved, both mechanisms should be checked.

5.6 Aggressivity to Buried Structural Elements

The results of the laboratory testing of samples taken during the investigation for aggressivity to buried structural elements are presented in Table 2, Section 3.2.

From results of the testing, the classification for concrete piles is assessed as 'Mild' in accordance with Table 6.1 in AS2159-1995 Piling - Design & Installation. For steel piles, the exposure classification is assessed as "Non Aggressive" in accordance with Table 6.3 in AS2159-1995 Piling - Design & Installation.

However based on the subsurface conditions at the site, and the close proximity of the site to the Clarence River it would be expected that the marine sand units could be affected by saline water. On this basis we suggest that the concrete and steel piles be designed for a minimum of a "moderate" exposure classification. Details of the design for cover to reinforcement and corrosion allowances for the various exposure classifications are presented in Table 10 below.

Table 10 - Summary for Design of Piles for Aggressivity

Exposure Classification	Concrete Minimum Cover to Reinforcement (mm)		Steel Uniform Corrosion Allowance (mm/year)
	Pre Cast	Cast In Place	
Non Aggressive	20	40	<0.01
Mild	20	50	0.01-0.02
Moderate	25*	55*	0.02-0.04*

Note: Values with (*) indicate the recommended exposure classifications to be designed for concrete and steel piles.

5.7 Excavation Conditions

Excavations to depths of up to 2m to 3m are proposed for the basement car parking facilities. It is expected that soil profiles encountered at the site could be readily excavated by conventional earthmoving equipment such as backhoes and excavators.

As noted above, groundwater was encountered between 0.8m and 1.0m depth below the ground surface. As the site soils within the depth of the proposed excavation and to a depth of about 45m below the ground surface comprised mainly sand and silty sand, groundwater inflows into excavations could be significant if adequate measures are not taken to address the issue.

A copy of the dewatering management statement discussing dewatering options is presented in Coffey report GEOTCOFH01613AA-AG dated 18 October 2006.

5.8 Site and Excavation Retention

As indicated in the dewatering management statement, the current philosophy for dewatering of the site does not rely on use of groundwater cut-off measures such as sheet pile walls installed to particular depths, but rather involves the use of local groundwater drawdown measures, such as spear points or the like. With this in mind, the consideration of excavation support could involve two general philosophies, namely the construction of batter slopes, or the use of excavation support in the form of vertical retaining systems around the perimeter of the investigations.

Where temporary batter slopes are adopted, a maximum slope angle of 2H:1V should apply. Batter slopes may apply where there is space around the excavation.

Where there is insufficient space for temporary batter slopes, or where vertical cuts are required, retaining walls will need to be constructed. In those instances, retaining walls will need to be constructed prior to excavation and could comprise:

- Drive sheet piles; or
- Contiguous pile or secant pile walls;

For an excavation depth of the order indicated for the development, it is considered that the wall options indicated above could be designed as cantilevered walls, or incorporate ground anchors for restraint (where necessary) and where space permits. The depth of embedment for retaining walls will require analysis and design, but may be of the order of 3m to 4m below the base of the excavation.

The depth of embedment for sheet piles will be limited due to the presence of indurated sand at the site. Based on our experience, we consider that sheet piles may be able to be installed about 2m into the Unit 2b dense to very dense Sands (i.e. a depth of 6m from the existing ground surface) assuming that a large hammer is used to drive the sheet piles.

Pile design for retaining structures will require an assessment of the induced bending moments and shear forces within the retaining wall to enable design of reinforcement for the piles. Where walls are designed to be low permeability cut off walls that will be cast internally into the tanked basement structure, they should be designed to withstand the full hydrostatic pressure under high water level conditions.

Cantilevered walls or walls with one row of anchors may be designed on the basis of a triangular stress distribution using the design parameters shown in Table 11. Preliminary 'At rest', active and passive earth pressure coefficients for each of the geotechnical units are also provided as requested.

Table 11 - Preliminary Retention Design Parameters

Geotechnical Unit	Unit 2a – Medium Dense To Loose Sand	Unit 2b – Dense To Very Dense Sand
Assessed Depth Range (m)	0.4-4	4-22
Unit Weight, γ (kN/m ³)	17	18
Effective Friction Angle, ϕ'	30	37
Effective Cohesion, c' (kPa)	0	0
'At rest' Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_0)	0.5	0.4
Active Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_a)	0.33	0.25
Passive Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_p)	3.0	4.0

If walls with more than one row of anchors are to be adopted a different stress distribution would apply. Coffey can provide this information and details for anchor design if necessary.

The values of earth pressure coefficient above assume that the area at the crest of the retaining wall is level. Design of the walls must take into account any surcharge from sloping ground or other loadings (such as from proposed or existing buildings) behind the wall.

With respect to excavation induced movements, the magnitude and extent of settlement will be dependant on the lateral deflection of the retaining structures and achieving little or no groundwater drawdown. Depending on the excavation sequence and active pressures, lateral displacements may be of the order of 0.3% to 0.7% of the retained wall height. The effect of this movement would generally extend to a distance represented by a line projected at about 45° to 60° up from the toe of the excavation. Where existing buildings or other movement in tolerant structures are located near the crest of the excavation, "at rest" earth pressure parameters should be used.

5.9 Preliminary Design of Anchor Support

Temporary ground anchors should be specified based on their required performance. Capacities for non pressure grouted anchors are likely to be relatively low in the marine soil. Significantly higher capacities should be able to achieve if pressure grouting is carried out. For the preliminary design of anchors, the bond stress for a non pressure grouted anchor can be estimated from the following equation:

$$\text{Ultimate Bond Stress} = \sigma'_0 \times \tan\phi \text{ (kPa)}$$

where:

- σ'_0 = the effective overburden pressure at a depth (D) from ground surface at the top of the retaining wall to the mid point of the bond length of the anchor. If the groundwater table is at about 1m depth σ'_0 will be equal to $10+10D$ where D is in metres.
- ϕ = effective friction angle for the geotechnical unit within which the anchor bond length is embedded and can be obtained from Table 11.

For pressure grouted, anchors the bond stress can be estimated from the following equation:

$$\text{Ultimate Bond Stress} = 1/3 P_i \times \tan\phi \text{ (kPa)}$$

where:

- P_i = the grout injection pressure in kPa

The bond stresses calculated using the above equation is applicable to anchors with a bond length within the range 3m to 7m. Bond lengths should not lie within a zone bounded by line drawn at a 45° angle upwards from the based of the excavation. Temporary anchors should be tested to 1.3 times their working load.

For the design and installation of ground anchors specialist contractors should be engaged to design and install anchors based on a performance specification.

5.10 Discussion of Issues Relating to Liners for Ponds

The development will incorporate a limited number of man made ponds and water features. Due to the relatively high permeability of the underlying soils, these ponds will need to be lined to enable water retention. However, in making the ponds watertight, unless mitigation measures are adopted in the design, the underside of the liner will be subjected to hydrostatic water (uplift) pressures in the event of groundwater level rise. This could result in the pond liners lifting, and potentially being damaged, depending on the materials used in their construction.

Options for the liners could include reinforced concrete, clay, or a form of synthetic low permeability barrier such as a HDPE liner.

Options for reducing the risk of hydrostatic uplift and potential damage to the liner include structural solutions such as tie down, or other options such as the incorporation of one-way valves that allow water to flow to the top of the liner as groundwater rises (therefore equilibrating the pressure top and bottom), but not to flow back once the groundwater level falls. The structural solutions are only applicable when the liner itself has a structural strength (e.g. reinforced concrete), and would likely be relatively expensive compared to other options. The one-way valve option could reasonably be adopted with most liner systems, and is therefore likely to be a reasonable option for the site. Consideration will need to be given to the flow capacity of the valves such that water can flow through at a fast enough rate to ensure no excess water pressure build-up on the underside of the liner and the connection of the valves to the liner such that the valve / liner connection is suitable for the life of the development.

5.11 Reuse of Geotechnical Materials

Based on the subsurface materials encountered during the investigation is considered that the materials won from the excavations may be suitable for reuse as engineered fill. However materials won from excavations should be observed by a suitable qualified geotechnical practitioner prior to use to give approval to the use of those materials. Furthermore, all materials won from excavations on site should be subject to testing/contamination in relation to acid sulphate soils in accordance with the acid sulphate soil management plan for the site.

5.12 Site Preparation

5.12.1 Base of Excavation

Based on the assumption that the excavations will extend to a depth of about 2m to 3m, the materials at the base of the excavation will comprise wet loose to medium dense sands which are expected to provide poor trafficability. To improve trafficability, a granular working platform at least 300mm thick (and possibly greater depending on the conditions evident) may be required at the base of the excavation. The need for such a platform will be dependant on a number of factors including the dewatering level, the nature of the exposed materials and the type of plant used in the excavation base.

5.12.2 General

The following general comments and recommendations are provided for site preparation beneath structures:

- Following excavation to design level, the exposed natural in-situ materials should be proof rolled to identify any wet, excessively deflecting or other deleterious material. Any such areas should be over-excavated and backfilled with a clean select material. All topsoil should be stripped and stockpiled for re-use as landscaping materials only.
- Approved fill beneath roads should be placed in layers not exceeding 300mm loose thickness and be compacted to a minimum density index of 65%.
- The top 300mm of natural subgrade or subgrade fill below pavements should be compacted to a minimum density index of 85%.
- Approved fill beneath structures should be placed in layers not exceeding 300mm loose thickness and be compacted to a minimum density index of 70%. All filling beneath structures should be carried out under Level 1 construction monitoring and testing as defined in AS3798-1996.
- Earthworks should be carried out in accordance with the recommendations outlined in AS3798-1996, '*Guidelines for Earthworks for Commercial and Residential Developments*'.

6 PHASE 1 ACID SULPHATE SOILS ASSESSMENT

6.1 Formation of Acid Sulfate Soils

Acid Sulphate Soils (ASS) are soils which contain significant concentrations of pyrite which, when exposed to oxygen, in the presence of sufficient moisture, oxidises, resulting in the generation of sulphuric acid. Unoxidised pyritic soils are referred to as potential ASS (PASS). When the soils are

exposed, the oxidation of pyrite occurs and sulphuric acids are generated, the soils are said to be actual ASS (AASS).

Pyritic soils typically form in waterlogged, saline sediments rich in iron and sulphate. Typical environments for the formation of these soils include tidal flats, salt marshes and mangrove swamps below about RL 5m AHD. They can also form as bottom sediments in coastal rivers and creeks.

Pyritic soils of concern on low lying NSW and coastal lands have mostly formed in the Holocene period, (i.e. 10,000 years ago to present day) predominantly in the 7,000 years since the last rise in sea level. It is generally considered that pyritic soils which formed prior to the Holocene period would already have oxidised and leached during periods of low sea level which occurred during ice ages, exposing pyritic coastal sediments to oxygen.

Disturbance or poorly managed development and use of acid sulphate soils can generate significant amounts of sulphuric acid, which can lower soil and water pH to extreme levels (generally <4) and produce acid and salts, resulting in high salinity.

The low pH, high salinity soils can reduce or altogether preclude vegetation growth and can produce aggressive soil conditions which may be detrimental to concrete and steel components of structures, foundations, pipelines and other engineering works.

Generation of the acid conditions often releases aluminium, iron and other naturally occurring elements from the otherwise stable soil matrices. High concentrations of such elements, coupled with low pH and alterations to salinity can be detrimental to aquatic life. In severe cases, affected waters flowing off-site can have detrimental effect on aquatic ecosystems.

6.2 Acid Sulphate Soils Risk Map

The Department of Land and Water Conservation 1:25,000 Acid Sulphate Soil Risk Map of Yamba shows that the site is located in an area of disturbed terrain and indicates that investigations for acid sulphate soils are required in these areas.

6.3 Laboratory Testing

Samples collected during fieldwork were placed in tightly sealed plastic bags and stored in chilled insulated containers during transit to cold storage at Coffey's Coffs Harbour laboratory.

Samples obtained for the acid sulphate assessment were sent to an external NATA registered laboratory and screened for the presence of potential ASS using laboratory methods 21Af and 21Bf of Ahern CR, Blunden B and Stone Y (eds) (1998), Acid Sulphate Soil Laboratory Methods Guidelines, ASSMAC. The results of the acid sulphate soil screening tests are summarised in Table 12.

Table 12 - Summary of Acid Sulphate Soil Screening Tests

Borehole & Depth (m)	pH in water	pH in H₂O₂	Borehole & Depth (m)	pH in water	pH in H₂O₂
BH6 0.5	5.38	3.52	BH7 4.0	8.72	6.14
BH6 1.0	5.24	4.14	BH7 5.0	6.78	5.22
BH6 1.5	6.11	4.09	BH7 5.5-5.7	6.57	4.74
BH6 2.5	8.59	6.14	BH7 7.0-7.3	6.52	4.26
BH6 3.5	8.90	6.02	BH7 8.5-8.8	6.62	4.04
BH6 4.0	8.7	6.33	BH8 0.5	7.5	6.17
BH6 4.5	8.37	6.10	BH8 1.0	7.16	2.96
BH6 5.5-5.8	7.44	4.75	BH8 1.5	8.27	5.9
BH6 7.0-7.15	6.42	4.5	BH8 2.5	8.48	6.49
BH6 10.0- 10.15	6.09	3.13	BH8 3.5	8.2	6.21
BH7 1.0	6.99	4.84	BH8 4.0	8.53	6.52
BH7 1.5	8.05	6.42	BH8 4.5	8.62	6.27
BH7 2.0	7.73	2.96	BH8 5.5-5.7	6.17	4.51
BH7 3.0	8.6	6.64	BH8 7.0 -7.3	6.11	4.34
BH7 3.5	9.04	6.48	BH8 11.5-11.65	6.55	3.79

The following points are noted from Table 12:

- Soil in water produced pH<4 for none of the samples tested. Soil:water pH<4 in this test is an indication of actual acid sulphate soil,
- Oxidation with hydrogen peroxide produced pH<3 in five of the 30 samples tested. Soil:peroxide pH<3 in this test is an indication of potential acid sulphate soil.

On the basis of the screening results, 14 samples were selected for additional testing to assess the potential for acid generation. The results of this testing are presented in Appendix B and are summarised in Table 13.

Table 13 - Summary of CRS Testing

Borehole & Depth (m)	Texture	Reduced Inorganic Sulfur (%Scr)	Action Criteria For %Scr	Total Potential Acidity (TPA) moleH ⁺ /tonne	Action Criteria For TPA
BH6 1.0	Coarse	0.005	0.03	-	18
BH6 1.5	Coarse	<0.005	0.03	-	18
BH6 3.5	Coarse	0.03	0.03	0	18
BH6 4.5	Coarse	0.031	0.03	0	18
BH6 5.5-5.8	Coarse	0.011	0.03	-	18
BH6 10.0-10.15	Coarse	0.03	0.03	45	18
BH7 1.0	Coarse	<0.005	0.03	-	18
BH7 1.5	Coarse	0.056	0.03	0	18
BH7 2.0	Coarse	0.052	0.03	5	18
BH7 5.5-5.7	Coarse	0.005	0.03	-	18
BH7 8.5-8.8	Coarse	<0.005	0.03	-	18
BH8 0.5	Coarse	0.05	0.03	-	18
BH8 1.0	Coarse	0.248	0.03	20	18
BH8 11.5-11.65	Coarse	<0.005	0.03	-	18

Note: Values in bold and underlined exceed action criteria;
Action criteria adopted are based on disturbance of more than 1000 tonnes of acid sulphate soils.

6.4 Discussion and Recommendations

Based on the results of the laboratory testing, samples from the Unit 2a and 2b marine soils exceeded the action criteria for both %S_{CR} and TPA. In accordance with the ASSMAC (1998) Acid Sulphate Soil Manual, an acid sulphate soils management plan is required for the development where soils exceed the action criteria. A preliminary acid sulphate soil management plan is presented in Appendix F.

Good quality fine agricultural lime should be used to treat excavated PASS. It should be noted that liming is only one of a number of techniques to lower the risk posed by PASS. Other options include avoidance of disturbing PASS and placing the soil below the water table level immediately following excavation to prevent oxidation from occurring. The final option chosen could be a combination of techniques based on the likely construction scenario and the volumes of ASS requiring management.

In calculating the liming ratios, a factor of safety of 1.5 has been allowed (as recommended in the ASSMAC guidelines) above the theoretical requirement to take into account the rate of lime reactivity and the possibility of inhomogeneous mixing.

Results of the CRS and TPA testing show that there are zones of potential acid sulphated soils at the site and that the TPA analysis shows that there is a significant buffering affect within the soil which reduces the acid generation during oxidation. Most of the samples of the Unit 2a and 2b were assessed to not require liming to neutralise their acid generating potential. Several of the samples were assessed to require liming rates between 4kg per cubic metre and 6kg per cubic metre. Based on the results of the laboratory testing, we consider that a preliminary treatment rate of about 4kg of lime per cubic metre would be appropriate.

Additional investigation and assessment of acid sulphate soils is recommended prior to development. Additional investigation might include sampling of soils at 0.5m intervals to at least 1m below the base of any disturbance or groundwater drawdown level in about seven to eight locations, laboratory testing and analysis of results.

7 CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER WORKS

Based on the data presented in this report, we consider that the site is suitable for the proposed development with respect to the geotechnical conditions.

Further investigation works will be required for the development during the design and construction phase of the development. Further work will likely include:

- A detailed geotechnical investigation of the subsurface conditions across the site including shallow and deep boreholes to further assess the geotechnical model.
- Assessment of design parameters for road pavements.
- Level 1, monitoring and testing during site earthworks.
- Detailed acid sulphate soils investigation and assessment.
- Further work for the dewatering/groundwater control issues (these are provided in Coffey report GEOTCOFH01613AA-AG).

We consider that the further investigation works recommended above could be carried out and the matters appropriately resolved during detailed design, pursuant to a Part 4A Construction Certificate for the development.

For and on behalf of Coffey Geotechnics Pty Ltd



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Senior Geotechnical Engineer

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Rely on Coffey for additional assistance

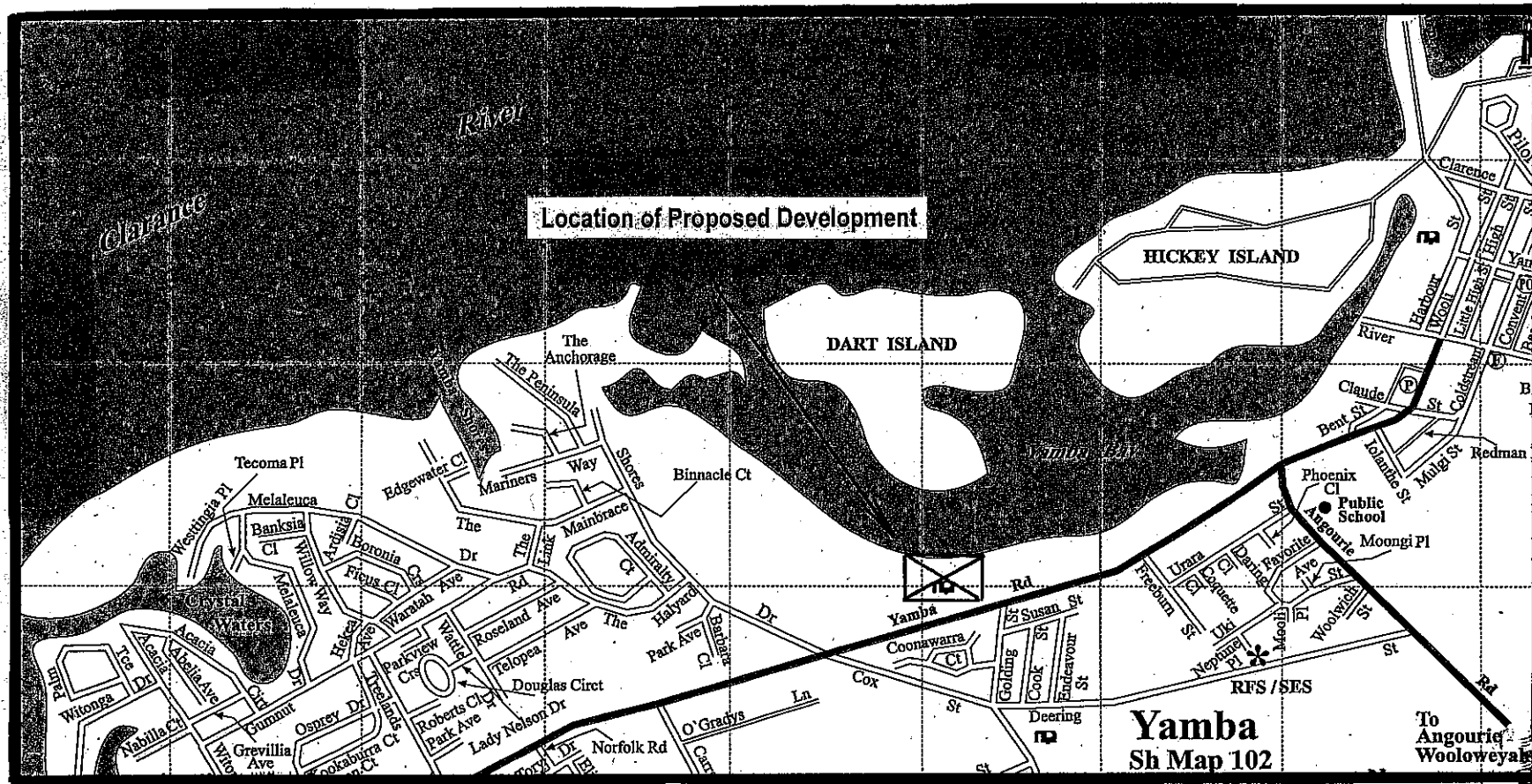
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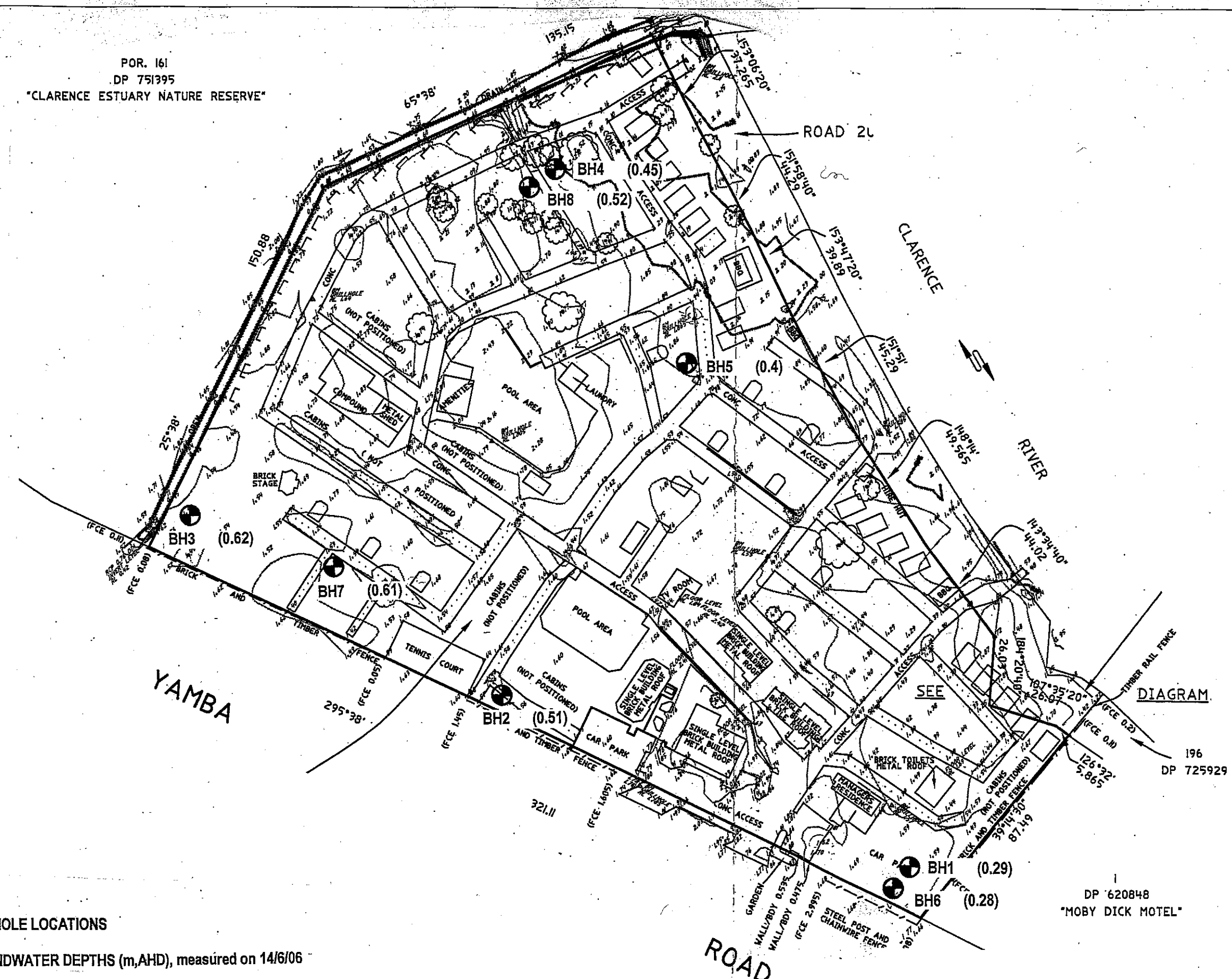
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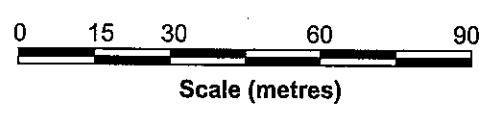
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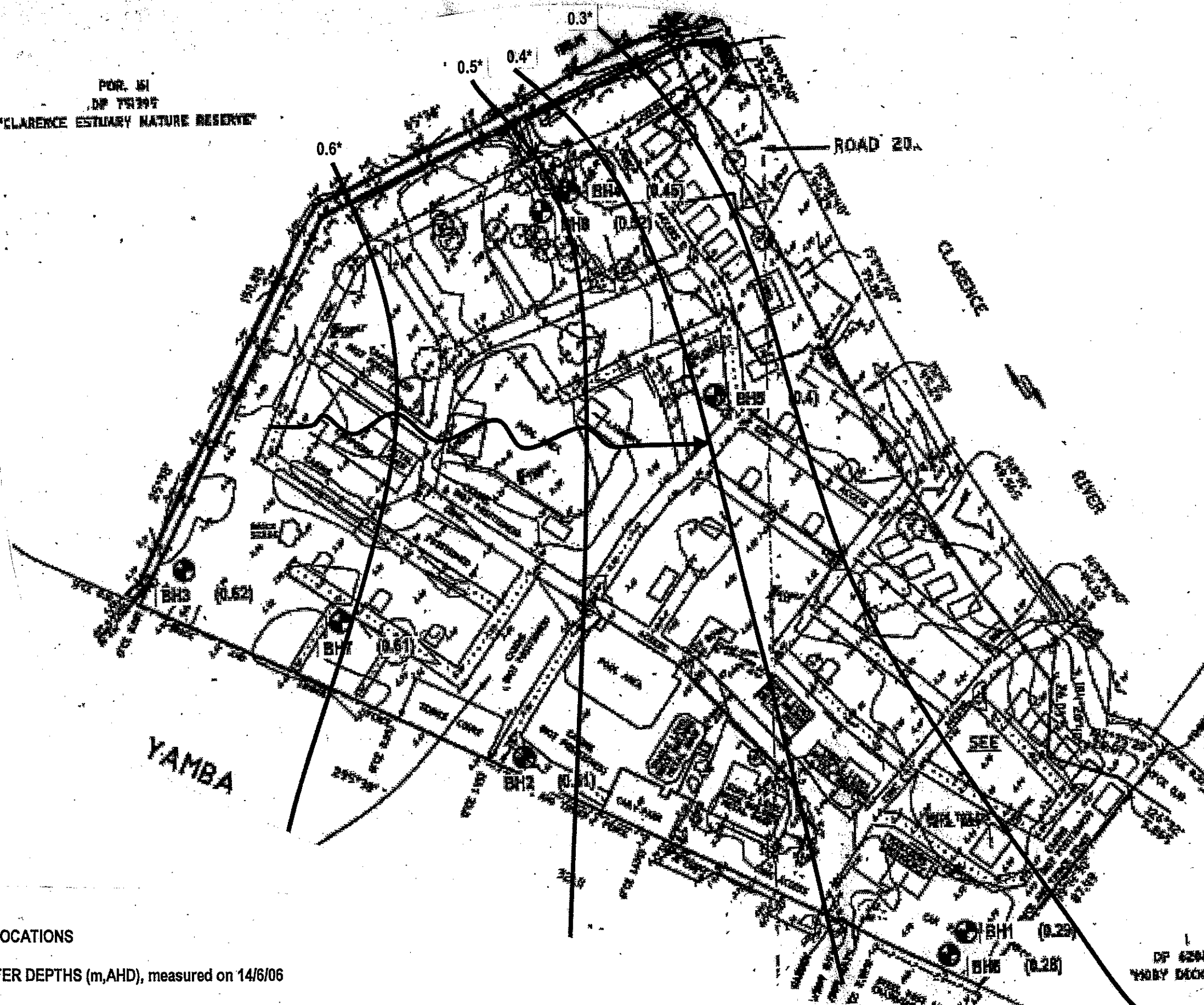


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



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Appendix A

Engineering Logs

Soil Description Explanation Sheet (1 of 2)

DEFINITION:

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 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.

CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL & SOIL NAME

Soils are described in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification (UCS) as shown in the table on Sheet 2.

PARTICLE SIZE DESCRIPTIVE TERMS

NAME	SUBDIVISION	SIZE
Boulders		>200 mm
Cobbles		63 mm to 200 mm
Gravel	coarse	20 mm to 63 mm
	medium	6 mm to 20 mm
	fine	2.36 mm to 6 mm
Sand	coarse	600 µm to 2.36 mm
	medium	200 µm to 600 µm
	fine	75 µm to 200 µm

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 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

TERM	UNDRAINED STRENGTH s_u (kPa)	FIELD GUIDE
Very Soft	<12	A finger can be pushed well into the soil with little effort.
Soft	12 - 25	A finger can be pushed into the soil to about 25mm depth.
Firm	25 - 50	The soil can be indented about 5mm with the thumb, but not penetrated.
Stiff	50 - 100	The surface of the soil can be indented with the thumb, but not penetrated.
Very Stiff	100 - 200	The surface of the soil can be marked, but not indented with thumb pressure.
Hard	>200	The surface of the soil can be marked only with the thumbnail.
Friable	–	Crumbles or powders when scraped by thumbnail.

DENSITY OF GRANULAR SOILS

TERM	DENSITY INDEX (%)
Very loose	Less than 15
Loose	15 - 35
Medium Dense	35 - 65
Dense	65 - 85
Very Dense	Greater than 85

MINOR COMPONENTS

TERM	ASSESSMENT GUIDE	PROPORTION OF MINOR COMPONENT IN:
Trace of	Presence just detectable by feel or eye, but soil properties little or no different to general properties of primary component.	Coarse grained soils: <5% Fine grained soils: <15%
With some	Presence easily detected by feel or eye, soil properties little different to general properties of primary component.	Coarse grained soils: 5 - 12% Fine grained soils: 15 - 30%

SOIL STRUCTURE

ZONING	CEMENTING
Layers Continuous across exposure or sample.	Weakly cemented Easily broken up by hand in air or water.
Lenses Discontinuous layers of lenticular shape.	Moderately cemented Effort is required to break up the soil by hand in air or water.
Pockets Irregular inclusions of different material.	

GEOLOGICAL ORIGIN

WEATHERED IN PLACE SOILS

Extremely weathered material Structure and fabric of parent rock visible.

Residual soil Structure and fabric of parent rock not visible.

TRANSPORTED SOILS

Aeolian soil Deposited by wind.

Alluvial soil Deposited by streams and rivers.

Colluvial soil Deposited on slopes (transported downslope by gravity).

Fill Man made deposit. Fill may be significantly more variable between tested locations than naturally occurring soils.

Lacustrine soil Deposited by lakes.

Marine soil Deposited in ocean basins, bays, beaches and estuaries.








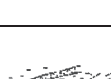
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SOIL CLASSIFICATION INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION

FIELD IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES (Excluding particles larger than 60 mm and basing fractions on estimated mass)					USC	PRIMARY NAME
COARSE GRAINED SOILS More than 50% of materials less than 63 mm is larger than 0.075 mm	GRAVELS More than half of coarse fraction is larger than 2.0 mm	CLEAN GRAVELS (Little or no fines)	Wide range in grain size and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes.		GW	GRAVEL
			Predominantly one size or a range of sizes with more intermediate sizes missing.		GP	GRAVEL
		GRAVELS WITH FINES (Appreciable amount of fines)	Non-plastic fines (for identification procedures see ML below)		GM	SILTY GRAVEL
			Plastic fines (for identification procedures see CL below)		GC	CLAYEY GRAVEL
	SANDS More than half of coarse fraction is smaller than 2.0 mm	CLEAN SANDS (Little or no fines)	Wide range in grain sizes and substantial amounts of all intermediate sizes missing		SW	SAND
			Predominantly one size or a range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing.		SP	SAND
		SANDS WITH FINES (Appreciable amount of fines)	Non-plastic fines (for identification procedures see ML below).		SM	SILTY SAND
			Plastic fines (for identification procedures see CL below).		SC	CLAYEY SAND
FINE GRAINED SOILS More than 50% of material less than 63 mm is smaller than 0.075 mm	SILTS & CLAYS Liquid limit less than 50	IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES ON FRACTIONS <0.2 mm.				
		DRY STRENGTH	DILATANCY	TOUGHNESS		
		None to Low	Quick to slow	None	ML	SILT
		Medium to High	None	Medium	CL	CLAY
	SILTS & CLAYS Liquid limit greater than 50	Low to medium	Slow to very slow	Low	OL	ORGANIC SILT
		Low to medium	Slow to very slow	Low to medium	MH	SILT
		High	None	High	CH	CLAY
		Medium to High	None	Low to medium	OH	ORGANIC CLAY
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	Readily identified by colour, odour, spongy feel and frequently by fibrous texture.			Pt	PEAT	
• Low plasticity – Liquid Limit W _L less than 35%. • Modium plasticity – W _L between 35% and 50%.						

• Low plasticity – Liquid Limit W_L less than 35%. • Medium plasticity – W_L between 35% and 50%.

COMMON DEFECTS IN SOIL

TERM	DEFINITION	DIAGRAM	TERM	DEFINITION	DIAGRAM
PARTING	A surface or crack across which the soil has little or no tensile strength. Parallel or sub parallel to layering (eg bedding). May be open or closed.		SOFTENED ZONE	A zone in clayey soil, usually adjacent to a defect in which the soil has a higher moisture content than elsewhere.	
JOINT	A surface or crack across which the soil has little or no tensile strength but which is not parallel or sub parallel to layering. May be open or closed. The term 'fissure' may be used for irregular joints <0.2 m in length.		TUBE	Tubular cavity. May occur singly or as one of a large number of separate or inter-connected tubes. Walls often coated with clay or strengthened by denser packing of grains. May contain organic matter	
SHEARED ZONE	Zone in clayey soil with roughly parallel near planar, curved or undulating boundaries containing closely spaced, smooth or slickensided, curved intersecting joints which divide the mass into lenticular or wedge shaped blocks.		TUBE CAST	Roughly cylindrical elongated body of soil different from the soil mass in which it occurs. In some cases the soil which makes up the tube cast is cemented.	
SHEARED SURFACE	A near planar curved or undulating, smooth, polished or slickensided surface in clayey soil. The polished or slickensided surface indicates that movement (in many cases very little) has occurred along the defect.		INFILLED SEAM	Sheet or wall like body of soil substance or mass with roughly planar to irregular near parallel boundaries which cuts through a soil mass. Formed by infilling of open joints.	

Rock Description Explanation Sheet (1 of 2)

The descriptive terms used by Coffey are given below. They are broadly consistent with Australian Standard AS1726-1993.

DEFINITIONS: Rock substance, defect and mass are defined as follows:

Rock Substance In engineering terms rock substance is any naturally occurring aggregate of minerals and organic material which cannot be disintegrated or remoulded by hand in air or water. Other material is described using soil descriptive terms. Effectively homogenous material, may be isotropic or anisotropic.

Defect Discontinuity or break in the continuity of a substance or substances.

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.

SUBSTANCE DESCRIPTIVE TERMS:

ROCK NAME Simple rock names are used rather than precise geological classification.

PARTICLE SIZE Grain size terms for sandstone are:
Coarse grained Mainly 0.6mm to 2mm
Medium grained Mainly 0.2mm to 0.6mm
Fine grained Mainly 0.06mm (just visible) to 0.2mm

FABRIC Terms for layering of penetrative fabric (eg. bedding, cleavage etc.) are:

Massive No layering or penetrative fabric.

Indistinct Layering or fabric just visible. Little effect on properties.

Distinct Layering or fabric is easily visible. Rock breaks more easily parallel to layering of fabric.

CLASSIFICATION OF WEATHERING PRODUCTS

Term	Abbreviation	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 Material	XW	Material is weathered to such an extent that it has soil properties, ie, it either disintegrates or can be remoulded in water. Original rock fabric still visible.
Highly Weathered Rock	HW	Rock strength is changed by weathering. The whole of the rock substance is discoloured, usually by iron staining or bleaching to the extent that the colour of the original rock is not recognisable. Some minerals are decomposed to clay minerals. Porosity may be increased by leaching or may be decreased due to the deposition of minerals in pores.
Moderately Weathered Rock	MW	The whole of the rock substance is discoloured, usually by iron staining or bleaching, to the extent that the colour of the fresh rock is no longer recognisable.
Slightly Weathered Rock	SW	Rock substance affected by weathering to the extent that partial staining or partial discolouration of the rock substance (usually by limonite) has taken place. The colour and texture of the fresh rock is recognisable; strength properties are essentially those of the fresh rock substance.
Fresh Rock	FR	Rock substance unaffected by weathering.

Notes on Weathering:

- AS1726 suggests the term "Distinctly Weathered" (DW) to cover the range of substance weathering conditions between XW and SW. For projects where it is not practical to delineate between HW and MW or it is judged that there is no advantage in making such a distinction. DW may be used with the definition given in AS1726.
- Where physical and chemical changes were caused by hot gasses and liquids associated with igneous rocks, the term "altered" may be substituted for "weathering" to give the abbreviations XA, HA, MA, SA and DA.


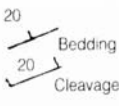



















ROCK SUBSTANCE STRENGTH TERMS

Term	Abbreviation	Point Load Index, I_{s50} (MPa)	Field Guide
Very Low	VL	Less than 0.1	Material crumbles under firm blows with sharp end of pick; can be peeled with a knife; pieces up to 30mm thick can be broken by finger pressure.
Low	L	0.1 to 0.3	Easily scored with a knife; indentations 1mm to 3mm show with firm bows of a pick point; has a dull sound under hammer. Pieces of core 150mm long by 50mm diameter may be broken by hand. Sharp edges of core may be friable and break during handling.
Medium	M	0.3 to 1.0	Readily scored with a knife; a piece of core 150mm long by 50mm diameter can be broken by hand with difficulty.
High	H	1 to 3	A piece of core 150mm long by 50mm can not be broken by hand but can be broken by a pick with a single firm blow; rock rings under hammer.
Very High	VH	3 to 10	Hand specimen breaks after more than one blow of a pick; rock rings under hammer.
Extremely High	EH	More than 10	Specimen requires many blows with geological pick to break; rock rings under hammer.

Notes on Rock Substance Strength:

- In anisotropic rocks the field guide to strength applies to the strength perpendicular to the anisotropy. High strength anisotropic rocks may break readily parallel to the planar anisotropy.
- The term "extremely low" is not used as a rock substance strength term. While the term is used in AS1726-1993, the field guide therein makes it clear that materials in that strength range are soils in engineering terms.
- The unconfined compressive strength for isotropic rocks (and anisotropic rocks which fall across the planar anisotropy) is typically 10 to 25 times the point load index (I_{s50}). The ratio may vary for different rock types. Lower strength rocks often have lower ratios than higher strength rocks.

Rock Description Explanation Sheet (2 of 2)

COMMON DEFECTS IN ROCK MASSES		Diagram	Map Symbol	Graphic Log (Note 1)	DEFECT SHAPE	TERMS
Term	Definition				Planar	The defect does not vary in orientation
Parting	A surface or crack across which the rock has little or no tensile strength. Parallel or sub parallel to layering (eg bedding) or a planar anisotropy in the rock substance (eg, cleavage). May be open or closed.				Curved	The defect has a gradual change in orientation
Joint	A surface or crack across which the rock has little or no tensile strength, but which is not parallel or sub parallel to layering or planar anisotropy in the rock substance. May be open or closed.				Undulating	The defect has a wavy surface
Sheared Zone (Note 3)	Zone of rock substance with roughly parallel near planar, curved or undulating boundaries cut by closely spaced joints, sheared surfaces or other defects. Some of the defects are usually curved and intersect to divide the mass into lenticular or wedge shaped blocks.				Stepped	The defect has one or more well defined steps
Sheared Surface (Note 3)	A near planar, curved or undulating surface which is usually smooth, polished or slickensided.				Irregular	The defect has many sharp changes of orientation
Crushed Seam (Note 3)	Seam with roughly parallel almost planar boundaries, composed of disoriented, usually angular fragments of the host rock substance which may be more weathered than the host rock. The seam has soil properties.				ROUGHNESS TERMS	
Infilled Seam	Seam of soil substance usually with distinct roughly parallel boundaries formed by the migration of soil into an open cavity or joint, infilled seams less than 1mm thick may be described as veneer or coating on joint surface.				Slickensided	Grooved or striated surface, usually polished
Extremely Weathered Seam	Seam of soil substance, often with gradational boundaries. Formed by weathering of the rock substance in place.				Polished	Shiny smooth surface
					Smooth	Smooth to touch. Few or no surface irregularities
					Rough	Many small surface irregularities (amplitude generally less than 1mm). Feels like fine to coarse sand paper.
					Very Rough	Many large surface irregularities (amplitude generally more than 1mm). Feels like, or coarser than very coarse sand paper.
					COATING TERMS	
					Clean	No visible coating
					Stained	No visible coating but surfaces are discoloured
					Veneer	A visible coating of soil or mineral, too thin to measure; may be patchy
					Coating	A visible coating up to 1mm thick. Thicker soil material is usually described using appropriate defect terms (eg, infilled seam). Thicker rock strength material is usually described as a vein.
					BLOCK SHAPE TERMS	
					Blocky	Approximately equidimensional
					Tabular	Thickness much less than length or width
					Columnar	Height much greater than cross section

Notes on Defects:

1. Usually borehole logs show the true dip of defects and face sketches and sections the apparent dip.
2. Partings and joints are not usually shown on the graphic log unless considered significant.
3. Sheared zones, sheared surfaces and crushed seams are faults in geological terms.

Borehole No. **BH1**

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Sheet 1 of 1
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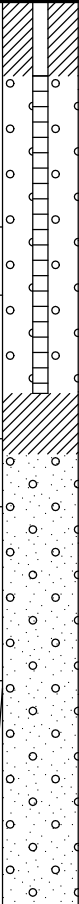
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Borehole Location: **REFER TO FIGURE 1**

Checked by:

drill model & mounting:MD200 TRUCK	Easting: 533265.923	slope: -90°	R.L. Surface: 1.59
hole diameter:	Northing: 6744036.446	bearing:	datum: AHD

drilling information							material substance								
method	penetration			support	water	notes samples, tests, etc	well details	RL	depth metres	graphic log	classification symbol	material soil type: plasticity or particle characteristics, colour, secondary and minor components.	moisture condition	consistency/ density index	structure and additional observations
	1	2	3												
ADT				N							SP	SAND: fine to medium grained, dark brown Colour change to pale brown/brown. Colour change to pale grey.	D/M M	MD	ALLUVIAL SOIL Roots to 0.05m.
					11:30 11/5/06				1					MD/D	
									2				W		
									3			Indurated layer at 3.25m to 3.4m, dark brown. shell fragments observed. Colour change to grey.		D	
									4					VD	
									5			Indurated layer at 4.4m-4.8m. Thin bands of indurated sand between 4.8m and 6m			SPT carried out with solid cone. 25 blows for 50mm penetration.
									6						
									7			End of BH1 due to limit of required investigation. Borehole terminated at 6m			
									8						

method AS auger screwing* AD auger drilling* RR roller/tricone W washbore CT cable tool DT diatube B blank bit V V bit T TC bit TBX Tubex *bit shown by suffix e.g. ADT	support C casing N nil penetration 1 2 3 4  no resistance ranging to refusal water  10/1/98 water level on date shown  water inflow  water outflow	notes, samples, tests U ₅₀ undisturbed sample 50mm diameter D disturbed sample N standard penetration test (SPT) N* SPT - sample recovered Nc SPT with solid cone P pressure meter Bs bulk sample R refusal E environmental sample PID PID measurement WS water sample PZ piezometer ALT air lift test	classification symbols and soil description based on unified classification system moisture D dry M moist W wet Wp plastic limit WL liquid limit	consistency/density index VS very soft S soft F firm St stiff VSt very stiff H hard Fb friable VL very loose L loose MD medium dense D dense VD very dense
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Borehole No. **BH2**

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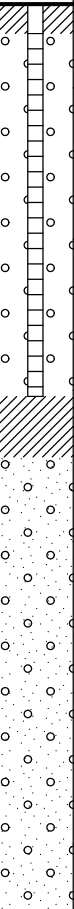
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Borehole Location: **REFER TO FIGURE 1**

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drill model & mounting:MD200 TRUCK	Easting: 533105.125	slope: -90°	R.L. Surface: 1.56
hole diameter:	Northing: 6744107.829	bearing:	datum: AHD

drilling information							material substance										
method	penetration			support	water	notes samples, tests, etc	well details	RL	depth metres	graphic log	classification symbol	material soil type: plasticity or particle characteristics, colour, secondary and minor components.	moisture condition	consistency/ density index		structure and additional observations	
	1	2	3														
ADT				N													
					1.50PM 9/5/06				1			SAND: fine to medium grained, dark brown Colour change to pale brown/brown. Colour change to pale brown. Colour change to grey.	D/M	L		ALLUVIAL SOIL Roots to 0.05m.	
									2					L/MD			
									3			Possible indurated sand layer at 3.3m	W				
									4					D			
									5			Possible indurated sand layer at 4.45m Shell fragments observed		VD		SPT carried out with solid cone. 25 blows for 140mm penetration.	
									6			Indurated dark brown sand.					
									7			END of BH2 at 6m due to limit of required investigation. Borehole terminated at 6m					
									8								

method	support	notes, samples, tests	classification symbols and soil description based on unified classification system	consistency/density index
AS auger screwing* AD auger drilling* RR roller/tricone W washbore CT cable tool DT diatube B blank bit V V bit T TC bit TBX Tubex *bit shown by suffix e.g. ADT	C casing N nil penetration 1 2 3 4  no resistance ranging to refusal water  10/1/98 water level on date shown  water inflow  water outflow	U ₅₀ undisturbed sample 50mm diameter D disturbed sample N standard penetration test (SPT) N* SPT - sample recovered Nc SPT with solid cone P pressure meter Bs bulk sample R refusal E environmental sample PID PID measurement WS water sample PZ piezometer ALT air lift test	 moisture D dry M moist W wet Wp plastic limit WL liquid limit	VS very soft S soft F firm St stiff VSt very stiff H hard Fb friable VL very loose L loose MD medium dense D dense VD very dense

Borehole No. **BH3**

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Borehole Location: **REFER TO FIGURE 1**

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Borehole No. **BH4**

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



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Borehole Location: **REFER TO FIGURE 1**

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hole diameter:	Northing: 6744309.382	bearing:	datum: AHD

drilling information							material substance								
method	penetration			support	water	notes samples, tests, etc	well details	RL	depth metres	graphic log	classification symbol	material soil type: plasticity or particle characteristics, colour, secondary and minor components.	moisture condition	consistency/ density index	structure and additional observations
	1	2	3												
ADT				N											

method AS auger screwing* AD auger drilling* RR roller/tricone W washbore CT cable tool DT diatube B blank bit V V bit T TC bit TBX Tubex *bit shown by suffix e.g. ADT	support C casing N nil penetration 1 2 3 4  no resistance ranging to refusal water  10/1/98 water level on date shown  water inflow  water outflow	notes, samples, tests U ₅₀ undisturbed sample 50mm diameter D disturbed sample N standard penetration test (SPT) N* SPT - sample recovered Nc SPT with solid cone P pressure meter Bs bulk sample R refusal E environmental sample PID PID measurement WS water sample PZ piezometer ALT air lift test	classification symbols and soil description based on unified classification system moisture D dry M moist W wet W _p plastic limit W _L liquid limit	consistency/density index VS very soft S soft F firm St stiff VSt very stiff H hard Fb friable VL very loose L loose MD medium dense D dense VD very dense
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Borehole No. **BH5**

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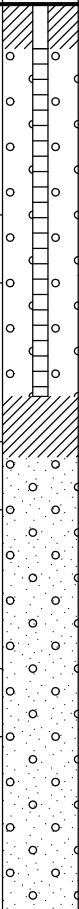

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Borehole Location: **REFER TO FIGURE 1**

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drill model & mounting:MD200 TRUCK	Easting: 533192.849	slope: -90°	R.L. Surface: 1.80
hole diameter:	Northing: 6744254.937	bearing:	datum: AHD

drilling information							material substance								
method	penetration			support	water	notes samples, tests, etc	well details	RL	depth metres	graphic log	classification symbol	material soil type: plasticity or particle characteristics, colour, secondary and minor components.	moisture condition	consistency/ density index	structure and additional observations
ADT	1	2	3	N								SAND: Fine to medium grained, brown. Colour change to pale brown at 0.4m. Colour change to grey at 1.2m. Numerous shell fragments throughout profile.	M	L	ALLUVIAL SOIL
					12:10 11/5/06	SPT 1,0,2 N*=2			1				W		
									2					MD	
						SPT 2,2,5 N*=7			3						
									4					D/D	
						SPT 6,13,17 N*=30			5						
									6						
									7			BH5 terminated at 6m due to limit of required investigation. Borehole terminated at 6m			
									8						

method AS auger screwing* AD auger drilling* RR roller/tricone W washbore CT cable tool DT diatube B blank bit V V bit T TC bit TBX Tubex *bit shown by suffix e.g. ADT	support C casing N nil penetration 1 2 3 4  no resistance ranging to refusal water  10/1/98 water level on date shown  water inflow  water outflow	notes, samples, tests U ₅₀ undisturbed sample 50mm diameter D disturbed sample N standard penetration test (SPT) N* SPT - sample recovered Nc SPT with solid cone P pressure meter Bs bulk sample R refusal E environmental sample PID PID measurement WS water sample PZ piezometer ALT air lift test	classification symbols and soil description based on unified classification system moisture D dry M moist W wet W _p plastic limit W _L liquid limit	consistency/density index VS very soft S soft F firm St stiff VSt very stiff H hard Fb friable VL very loose L loose MD medium dense D dense VD very dense
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Borehole No. **BH6**

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Project No: **CH1613/1**

Client: **RIDER HUNT TEROTECH**

Date started: **31.5.2006**

Principal:

Date completed: **31.5.2006**

Project: **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - BLUE DOLPHIN RESORT**

Logged by: **ELC**

Borehole Location: **REFER TO FIGURE 1**

Checked by:

drill model & mounting: P120 TRUCK	Easting: 533262.034	slope: -90°	R.L. Surface: 1.75
hole diameter:	Northing: 6744033.133	bearing:	datum: AHD

drilling information								material substance							
method	penetration			support	water	notes samples, tests, etc	well details	RL	depth metres	graphic log	classification symbol	material soil type: plasticity or particle characteristics, colour, secondary and minor components.	moisture condition	consistency/ density index	structure and additional observations
	1	2	3												
ADV				N								FILL: Sand, fine to medium grained, dark brown, trace of coarse grained gravel (sandstone origin)	M	L?	FILL
						D			1			SAND: fine to medium grained, brown			ALLUVIAL SOIL
						D						Colour change to grey.	W		
						D SPT 5,10,11 N*=21			2					D	No sample returned (rock in tip of SPT sampler)
						D									
						D									
						D SPT 4,7,10 N*=17			3						
						D									
						D			4			Colour change to dark brown at approximately 4m.		D/VD	
						D									
						D SPT 7,12,15 N*=27			5					VD	
						D									
						SPT 14,25,R N*=R			6			Becomes indurated sand.			SPT 25 blows for 150mm penetration.
						SPT 31,R,- N*=R			7						SPT 31 blows for 150mm penetration.
									8						

method AS auger screwing* AD auger drilling* RR roller/tricone W washbore CT cable tool DT diatube B blank bit V V bit T TC bit TBX Tubex *bit shown by suffix e.g. ADT	support C casing N nil penetration 1 2 3 4 no resistance ranging to refusal water 10/1/98 water level on date shown water inflow water outflow	notes, samples, tests U ₅₀ undisturbed sample 50mm diameter D disturbed sample N standard penetration test (SPT) N* SPT - sample recovered Nc SPT with solid cone P pressure meter Bs bulk sample R refusal E environmental sample PID PID measurement WS water sample PZ piezometer ALT air lift test	classification symbols and soil description based on unified classification system moisture D dry M moist W wet Wp plastic limit WL liquid limit	consistency/density index VS very soft S soft F firm St stiff VSt very stiff H hard Fb friable VL very loose L loose MD medium dense D dense VD very dense
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