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## FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION AND DESIGN REPORT

**Relocation of Existing Noise Barrier Wall 3**

**Widening of Highway 7/8**

**From 1.9 km West of Fischer-Hallman Road Interchange  
Easterly to 0.8 km East of Courtland Avenue Interchange**

**Kitchener**

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**PART A**

**FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT**

**RELOCATION OF EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3**

**WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 7/8**

**FROM 1.9 KM WEST OF FISCHER-HALLMAN ROAD**

**INTERCHANGE EASTERLY TO 0.8 KM EAST OF**

**COURTLAND AVENUE INTERCHANGE, KITCHENER**

**GWP 131-98-00**

**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, ONTARIO - WEST REGION**



## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Golder Associates Ltd. (Golder Associates) has been retained by Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon) on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (MTO) to carry out foundation investigations as part of the detail design work for GWP 131-98-00, the reconstruction and widening of Highway 7/8. This report presents the results of the foundation investigation conducted for the relocation of existing noise barrier wall 3 which is located in the area of the Westmount Road overpass from Station 13+791 to 14+476 Lt along Highway 7/8.

The purpose of the foundation investigation is to determine the subsurface conditions at the locations of the proposed works by drilling boreholes and carrying out in situ testing and laboratory testing on selected samples. The terms of reference for the scope of work are outlined in the MTO's Request for Proposal, Golder Associates' proposal P81-3002 dated April 8, 2008, our letters dated July 21 and 22, 2008 and our revised scope of work letter dated April 13, 2010. The work was carried out in accordance with our Quality Control Plan for Foundation Engineering dated July 4, 2008.

Dillon provided Golder Associates with the locations and extents of the noise barrier walls in plan for this project in digital format.



## **2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION**

### **2.1 General**

The area of GWP 131-98-00 on Highway 7/8 is located in the south-central area of Kitchener, Ontario. The project extends from 1.9 km west of Fischer-Hallman Road easterly to 0.8 km east of Courtland Avenue. The location of the wall is shown on the Key Plan, Figure 1 and on the Noise Barrier Wall Location Plan, Figure 2.

This section of Highway 7/8 is currently a four lane divided highway oriented generally east-west. Four overpass structures for Westmount Road, Homer Watson Boulevard, Ottawa Street South and Courtland Avenue East, one underpass structure for Fischer-Hallman Road and an overhead structure for Canadian National Rail (CNR) tracks are situated within the project limits.

Land use adjacent to this site is typically urban residential north of Highway 7/8 with predominantly industrial, commercial, institutional and residential areas to the south.

Existing noise barrier wall 3 extends from Station 13+791 to 14+476 Lt along Highway 7/8 in the area of the Westmount Road overpass. The topography in this area is hummocky to gently undulating with ground surface elevations sloping downwards from west to east and ranging from elevation 342 metres at the west end to 335 metres at the east end of the relocated wall.

### **2.2 Site Geology**

This project lies within the physiographic region of southwestern Ontario known as the Waterloo Hills<sup>1</sup>. The soils generally consist of sandy hills; some are ridges of sandy till while others are kames or kame moraines, with outwash sands deposited in the valleys. Adjoining the sandy hills is the Grand River spillway system comprised of alluvial terraces of sand and gravel.

Based on the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines Map 2559 entitled “Quaternary Geology, Stratford Area”, the site extends across an area transitioning from Maryhill Till to ice-contact sand zones, all deposited in the Pleistocene era. The ice-contact sand deposits are described as “poorly to well sorted, fine sand and/or gravel to coarse sand and/or gravel textured” while the Maryhill Till is described as “clay till”.

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<sup>1</sup> L.J. Chapman and D.F. Putnam: The Physiography of Southern Ontario, Third Edition. Ontario Geological Survey, Special Volume 2, 1984.



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The Geologic Survey of Canada Map 1263A entitled “Geology, Toronto-Windsor Area, Ontario” indicates that the subcropping bedrock in the area of site is dolomite and mudstone of the Salina formation of Upper Silurian age. Based on the Ministry of Natural Resources Map P.168 entitled “Bedrock Topography Series, Stratford Area, Southern Ontario”, the bedrock surface at the site is at an elevation of about 268 metres with the bedrock sloping downwards towards the east end of the site.



### 3.0 INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES

The field work for the foundation investigation for the design of the relocation of existing noise barrier wall 3 was carried out between May 26 and 29, 2010, during which time six boreholes were drilled along Highway 7/8 in the vicinity of the noise barrier wall. The borehole locations are shown on the Borehole Location Plan, Drawing 1.

The boreholes (numbered 50 to 55) were advanced to a depth of 5.0 to 5.2 metres. This information was supplemented at the remaining locations of the relocated noise barrier wall 3 with boreholes advanced for other components of this project as follows:

- Boreholes 308 and 310 (Geocres No. 40P7-55)
- Borehole 901 and 902 (Geocres No. 40P8-191)
- Borehole 922 (Geocres No. 40P8-185)

The table below summarizes the borehole locations, ground surface elevations at the borehole locations and the borehole depths:

Borehole	Location (m)		Ground Surface Elevation	Borehole Depth
	Northing	Easting	(m)	(m)
50	4 809 655	223 332	341.72	5.18
51	4 809 690	223 403	341.37	5.18
52	4 809 723	223 483	340.57	5.18
53	4 809 816	223 779	336.55	5.03
54	4 809 834	223 830	335.65	5.18
55	4 809 859	223 890	335.48	5.03
308 (40P7-55)	4 809 769	223 627	338.55	23.27
310 (40P7-55)	4 809 748	223 561	339.27	14.17
901 (40P8-191)	4 809 787	223 688	337.83	9.60
902 (40P8-191)	4 809 802	223 736	337.27	9.60
922 (40P8-185)	4 809 625	223 260	341.50	6.55

The drilling was carried out using truck mounted CME 45 and CME 55 power augers supplied and operated by a specialist drilling contractor. In the boreholes, samples of the overburden were generally obtained at 0.75 metre intervals of depth using 50 millimetres outside diameter split spoon sampling equipment in accordance with the standard penetration test (SPT) procedures. The samplers used in the investigations limit the maximum particle size that can be sampled and tested to about 40 millimetres. Therefore, particles or objects that may exist within the soils that are larger than this dimension will not be sampled or represented in the grain size distributions. Larger particle sizes, including cobbles and boulders, are known to be present in the glacial till deposits as



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discussed in the text of this report. In addition, a shear vane test was carried out in borehole 53 in order to further characterize the soils at that location.

The groundwater conditions were observed throughout the drilling operations. A summary of the groundwater level readings for all boreholes is presented in Table 1. The boreholes were backfilled in accordance with current Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) procedures and Ontario Regulation 372/07.

The field work was monitored on a full-time basis by experienced members of our engineering staff who located the boreholes in the field, monitored the drilling, sampling and in situ testing operations, logged the boreholes and surveyed the borehole locations and elevations. The samples were identified in the field, placed in labelled containers and transported to our London laboratory for further examination and testing. Index and classification tests, consisting of water content determinations, grain size distribution analyses and Atterberg limits determinations, were carried out on selected samples. The results of the testing are shown on the Record of Borehole sheets and in Appendix A. The Record of Borehole sheets for boreholes 308, 310, 901, 902 and 922 are presented in Appendix B.

The locations of the boreholes are shown on the Record of Borehole sheets and on Drawing 1, attached.



## **4.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

### **4.1 Site Stratigraphy**

The detailed subsurface soil and groundwater conditions encountered in the current boreholes, together with the results of the in situ and laboratory testing carried out on selected samples, are given on the attached Record of Borehole sheets following the text of this report and in Appendix A. The stratigraphic boundaries shown on the Record of Borehole sheets are inferred from non-continuous sampling and observations of drilling resistance and represent transitions between soil types rather than exact planes of geological change. Subsurface conditions will vary between and beyond the borehole locations.

The boreholes drilled at the site generally encountered highly complex and variable conditions consisting of asphaltic concrete pavement and/or topsoil and/or layers of granular and cohesive fill underlain by silty sand, silty clay, sandy silt, clayey silt till, silty clay till, clayey silt, sand and gravel and silt.

For the following discussion, the ground conditions from boreholes 308 and 310 (40P7-55), which were advanced in the area of noise barrier wall 3 for other components of the project have been limited to elevation 330 metres.

The borehole locations are shown on Drawing 1. A detailed description of the subsurface conditions encountered in the boreholes is provided on the Record of Borehole sheets and is summarized below.

#### **4.1.1 Pavements**

Asphaltic concrete was encountered from the pavement surface in all boreholes with the exception of boreholes 308 (40P7-55) and 922 (40P8-185). The thickness of the asphalt layer ranged from 80 to 150 millimetres.

Granular base and subbase materials were found underlying the asphaltic concrete in all the above mentioned boreholes. Granular roadbase material was also encountered at the ground surface in borehole 308 (40P7-58) overlying cohesive fill. The thickness of the granular base and subbase fill ranged from 330 millimetres to 1.4 metres. It should be noted that evidence of cobbles were observed when drilling through the granular subbase in boreholes 51, 54 and 310 (40P7-55).

#### **4.1.2 Topsoil**

Topsoil was found at the ground surface in borehole 922 (40P8-185). Buried topsoil layers were encountered at depth in boreholes 55, 901 (40P8-191) and 902 (40P8-191) underlying layers of granular and cohesive fill at elevations 332.9, 330.1 and 341.5 metres, respectively. The thickness of the topsoil layers ranged from 150 to



460 millimetres. It should be noted that evidence of topsoil was also encountered within the cohesive and granular fill layers in boreholes 50, 51, 53, 54, 310, 901 (40P8-191), 902 (40P8-191) and 922 (40P8-185).

The topsoil layers had N values of 9 to 26 blows per 0.3 metres indicating a loose to compact condition. The water contents ranged from 12 to 32 per cent. Materials designated as topsoil in this report were classified solely based on visual and textural evidence. Testing of organic content or for other nutrients was not carried out. Therefore, the use of materials classified as topsoil cannot be relied upon for support and growth of landscaping vegetation.

#### **4.1.3 Fill**

Layers of fill were found in all boreholes underlying the granular roadbase or topsoil from elevations 335.4 to 341.6 metres. In boreholes 308 (40P7-55), 901 and 902 (40P8-191) the granular fill was interlayered with cohesive fill layers. The granular fill was generally comprised of sandy silt, silty sand and sand and was 0.3 to 3.0 metres thick. The cohesive fill ranged from 0.6 to 6.0 metres thick and was generally comprised of clayey silt. Topsoil fill was encountered at elevations 331.9 and 330.7 metres in borehole 901. The topsoil fill layers were 0.3 metres thick.

The granular fill layers had N values of 7 to 36 blows per 0.3 metres indicating a loose to dense relative density and water contents generally ranged from 4 to 17 per cent.

The cohesive fill had N values ranging from 4 to 42 blows per 0.3 metres indicating a soft to hard consistency. An in situ shear vane test attempted in borehole 53 indicated that the undrained shear strength of a firm cohesive zone was above 144 kilopascals. The water contents were 10 to 28 per cent. The cohesive fill layer is of low plasticity based on the results of the Atterberg limit tests carried out on sample obtained during standard penetration testing. The plastic limit, liquid limit and plasticity index ranges were 11 to 16, 18 to 23 and 6 to 10 per cent, respectively. The Atterberg limit results for the cohesive fill layers are presented on Figure A-10 and indicate that the fill is of low plasticity.

The results of the grain size testing conducted on granular and cohesive fill layers are presented on Figures A-1 and A-2, respectively, in Appendix A.

#### **4.1.4 Silty Sand**

A layer of compact silty fine sand was encountered in borehole 922 (40P8-185) from elevation 340.1 metres. The silty sand was found underlying the granular fill. The thickness of the layer was 2.6 metres.

The silty sand had N values of 12 to 29 blows per 0.3 metres, generally increasing with depth. The water content was 13 per cent.

The results of grain size testing conducted on a silty sand sample obtained during standard penetration testing are presented on Figure A-3.



#### **4.1.5 Silty Clay**

A layer of silty clay was encountered in borehole 50 from elevation 338.1 metres underlying layers of fill. Borehole 50 was terminated in the silty clay after exploring it for 1.5 metres.

The N values in the silty clay were 10 blows per 0.3 metres indicating a stiff consistency. The water content was 23 per cent and the silty clay is of intermediate plasticity based on a plastic limit, liquid limit and plasticity index of 21, 48 and 27 per cent, respectively. The results of the Atterberg limit test are presented on Figure A-10.

The grain size distribution curve for a silty clay sample obtained during standard penetration testing is presented on Figure A-4.

#### **4.1.6 Silt**

A dense, 0.8 metre thick layer of silt was encountered in borehole 55 underlying topsoil at elevation 332.6 metres.

The silt had an N value of 44 blows per 0.3 metres and a water content of 11 per cent.

The grain size distribution curve for the silt sample recovered during standard penetration testing is shown on Figure A-5.

#### **4.1.7 Sandy Silt**

Layers of sandy silt were found in boreholes 51, 55 and 308 (40P7-55) at elevations 338.9, 331.8 and 333.6 metres, respectively. The sandy silt was found underlying fill in boreholes 51 and 308 (40P7-55) and underlying silt in borehole 55. It should be noted that clayey silt layers were observed in the sandy silt in borehole 308 (40P7-55). The thicknesses of the sandy silt layers were 0.8 and 3.5 metres in borehole 55 and 308 (40P7-55), respectively. Borehole 51 was terminated in sandy silt after exploring the stratum for 2.7 metres.

The N values for the sandy silt layers ranged from 4 to over 100 blows per 0.3 metres, indicating a loose to very dense relative density. The water contents were 9 and 16 per cent.

The results of grain size analyses conducted on samples of the sandy silt obtained during standard penetration testing are presented on Figure A-6.



#### **4.1.8 Clayey Silt Till**

Clayey silt till was encountered in boreholes 52, 54, 55 and 901 (40P8-191) at elevations 338.6, 331.2, 331.1 and 328.8 metres, respectively. The clayey silt till was found underlying layers of fill, sandy silt and sand and gravel. All of the above mentioned boreholes (52, 54, 55 and 901 (40P8-191)) were terminated in the clayey silt till after exploring the stratum for 3.2, 0.8, 0.6 and 0.6 metres, respectively. Although not specifically encountered in the boreholes, cobbles and boulders should be anticipated in the clayey silt till due to the depositional history of this material.

The stiff to hard clayey silt till had N values of 10 to 25 blows per 0.3 metres. The water contents were 14 and 15 per cent. An Atterberg limits determination carried out on a clayey silt till sample indicated the material to be of low plasticity. The plasticity limit, liquid limit and plasticity index for the clayey silt till sample were 14, 25 and 11 per cent, respectively. The Atterberg limit results for the clayey silt till are shown on Figure A-10.

The results of the grain size testing conducted on a clayey silt till sample obtained during standard penetration testing is presented on Figure A-7.

#### **4.1.9 Silty Clay Till**

A layer of stiff to very stiff silty clay till was encountered in borehole 922 (40P8-185) from elevation 337.5 metres. The silty clay till was found underlying silty sand. Borehole 922 (40P8-185) was terminated in the silty clay till after exploring the stratum for 2.6 metres.

The N values for the silty clay till were 11 to 18 blows per 0.3 metres. An in situ shear vane test indicated the undrained shear strength to be above 144 kilopascals at about elevation 336.1 metres. A water content of 20 per cent was measured. The silty clay till is of intermediate plasticity based on an Atterberg limit test, giving a plastic limit, liquid limit and a plasticity index of 14, 36 and 22 per cent, respectively. The results of the Atterberg limits test are presented on Figure A-10. Although not specifically found in the borehole, cobbles and boulders should be expected in silty clay till deposits due to the depositional history of the material.

The results of the grain size testing conducted on a silty clay till sample obtained during standard penetration testing is presented on Figure A-8.

#### **4.1.10 Clayey Silt**

Layers of clayey silt were encountered in boreholes 53, 310 (40P7-55) and 902 (40P8-191) at elevations 332.1, 332.6 and 329.2 metres, respectively. The clayey silt was found underlying layers of fill in boreholes 53 and 310 (40P7-55) and underlying topsoil in borehole 902 (40P8-191). Sand layers and silt layers were observed within the clayey silt in boreholes 53 and 902 (40P8-191), respectively. The thickness of the clayey silt was 3.4 metres



in borehole 310 (40P7-55). Boreholes 53 and 902 (40P8-191) were terminated in the clayey silt after exploring the layers for 0.6 and 1.5 metres, respectively.

The clayey silt had N values of 7 to 20 blows per 0.3 metres indicating a firm to very stiff consistency. Water contents in the clayey silt were 14 to 19 per cent. The clayey silt is of low plasticity based on plastic limits, liquid limits and plasticity indices of 14 and 17, 22 and 34 and 8 and 18 per cent, respectively. The Atterberg limits results for tests performed on samples of the clayey silt are shown on Figure A-10.

The results of the grain size testing conducted on selected clayey silt samples obtained during standard penetration testing are presented on Figure A-9.

**4.1.11 Sand and Gravel**

A layer of very dense sand and gravel was encountered in borehole 901 (40P8-191) at elevation 329.6 metres underlying the topsoil. The thickness of the sand and gravel was 0.6 metres.

An N value of 57 blows per 0.3 metres was measured in the sand and gravel. The water content was 11 per cent.

**4.2 Groundwater Conditions**

The groundwater conditions in the boreholes were monitored during and upon completion of drilling. The observed groundwater conditions are noted on the Record of Borehole sheets, and are summarized in the following text and Table 1.

**Table 1: Summary of Encountered Groundwater Levels**

Borehole	Ground Surface Elevation	Encountered Groundwater Level	
		Depth	Elevation
	(m)	(m)	(m)
50	341.72	Dry	Below 336.5
51	341.37	Dry	Below 336.2
52	340.57	Dry	Below 335.4
53	336.55	Dry	Below 331.5
54	335.65	Dry	Below 330.5
55	335.48	4.0	331.5
308 (40P7-55)	338.55	9.2	329.4
310 (40P7-55)	339.27	11.6	327.7



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Borehole	Ground Surface Elevation	Encountered Groundwater Level	
		Depth	Elevation
901 (40P8-191)	337.83	Dry	Below 328.2
902 (40P8-191)	337.27	Dry	Below 327.7
922 (40P8-185)	341.5	Dry	Below 335.0

During the fieldwork, the groundwater was encountered between elevation 327.7 and 331.5 metres in boreholes 55, 308 (40P7-55) and 310 (40P7-55).

The inferred groundwater level at the site varies as follows:

- Station 13+790 to 13+835 Lt - elevation 337 metres
- Station 13+835 to 14+000 Lt - below elevation 336 metres
- Station 14+000 to 14+085 Lt - below elevation 335 metres
- Station 14+085 to 14+220 Lt - elevation 330 metres
- Station 14+220 to 14+270 Lt - elevation 328 metres
- Station 14+270 to 14+320 Lt - elevation 329 metres
- Station 14+320 to 14+480 - below elevation 331.5 metres

The inferred groundwater levels are based on groundwater levels encountered and the soil colour change from brown to grey.

The above noted groundwater levels are not necessarily considered to be representative of the long-term, stabilized groundwater conditions as the readings were taken for a short duration only. The groundwater levels are expected to fluctuate due to climatic and seasonal variations.



## **5.0 MISCELLANEOUS**

This investigation was carried out using equipment supplied and operated by Aardvark Drilling Ltd. who is an Ontario Ministry of Environment licensed well contractor. The field operations were supervised by Mr. Michael Arthur and Mr. Matthew Rhody under the direction of Mr. David J. Mitchell.

The laboratory testing was carried out at Golder Associates' London laboratory under the direction of Mr. Chris M. Sewell. The laboratory is an accredited participant in the MTO Soil and Aggregate Proficiency Program and is certified by the Canadian Council of Independent Laboratories for testing Types C and D aggregates. This report was prepared by the Project Engineer, Ms. Dirka U. Prout, P.Eng., under the direction of the Team Leader, Mr. Philip R. Bedell, P.Eng. This report was reviewed by Mr. Fintan J. Heffernan, P.Eng., the Designated MTO Contact and Quality Control Auditor for this assignment.

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## **6.0 ENGINEERING RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **6.1 General**

This section of the report provides geotechnical parameters and recommendations for the geotechnical aspects of the design for the relocation of the existing noise barrier wall 3 along Highway 7/8 between Stations 13+791 and 14+476 Lt. The relocated wall will be shoulder mounted.

The design parameters and recommendations have been developed based on interpretation of the factual data obtained from the boreholes advanced at the site. The interpretation and recommendations provided are intended to provide the designers with sufficient information to design the proposed noise barrier wall foundations. Where comments are made on construction, they are provided in order to highlight those aspects that could affect the design or for which special provisions or operational constraints may be required in the Contract Documents. Those requiring information on aspects of construction should make their own interpretation of the factual information provided as it may affect the equipment selection, proposed construction methods, scheduling and the like.

### **6.2 Noise Barrier Wall Foundation Design**

The noise barrier wall foundation should be designed and constructed in accordance with MTO's SP599F01. It is recommended that the noise barrier wall be supported using conventional augered caissons with a diameter of 0.6 to 0.9 metres. Foundation design parameters for design of the caisson foundations are provided in Table I following the text of this report and are based on the soil conditions encountered along the proposed noise barrier wall alignment. The stratigraphy presented in Table I has been simplified for the purposes of the noise barrier wall foundation design.

Where both an undrained shear strength,  $c_u$  and an effective friction angle,  $\phi'$ , have been given for a specific stratum, the caisson design should be checked for both the drained and undrained condition and the larger of the two calculated caisson depths shall govern.

Portions of the caisson that will be embedded in organic materials, such as buried topsoil or topsoil fill layers found in boreholes 55, 901 (40P8-191) and 902 (40P8-191) at Stations 14+475, 14+250 and 14+300 Lt, respectively, should be neglected in the design. The passive resistance in the upper 1.4 metres below the ground should be neglected to account for frost action. In addition, for foundation design, full passive resistance will be mobilized only where the ground surface in front and behind the caisson is level. Where sloping ground is present adjacent to the noise barrier wall, the  $K_p$  values used in the calculation should be adjusted to account for the presence of the sloping ground. The embankment side slope behind the noise barrier wall is anticipated to slope downwards with an approximate slope inclination of 2 horizontal to 1 vertical along Stations 13+790 to 14+045 and 14+080 Lt and from the east abutment of the Westmount Road Overpass to approximately Station 14+385. At all other locations, the side slope will have an approximate inclination of 3 horizontal to 1 vertical.



The adjusted  $K_p$  value is to be applied to that portion of the caisson that is above the elevation of the ground surface at the toe of the slope; below this elevation, the full  $K_p$  is to be applied.

Deeper or larger diameter caissons may be required in the vicinity of Stations 14+220 to 14+320 Lt as boreholes 901 and 902 (40P8-191) encountered loose granular fill and/or firm cohesive fill extending to elevations 330.5 to 332.5 metres.

The existing Westmount Road overpass is located between approximately Stations 14+140 and 14+183 Lt and existing twin culverts are located between Stations 14+265 and 14+280 Lt. Due to the right-of-way restrictions, and to accommodate the embankment widening and grade raise, it has also been proposed to install a Retained Soil System (RSS) wall between Westmount Road and approximately Station 14+300 Lt. In this area, placement of noise wall foundations will need to be coordinated with the design of the underlying existing twin culverts.

### **6.3 Construction Considerations**

Excavations for the construction of the caisson noise barrier wall foundations will penetrate the surficial fill and will extend through deposits of silty sand, silty clay, sandy silt, clayey silt till, silty clay till, clayey silt, sand and gravel and silt. The sands, silts, clayey silt tills and silty clay tills at this site are susceptible to disturbance during caisson excavation and construction. Cobbles and boulders are to be expected in the clayey silt till and silty clay till soils. In addition, excavation of granular materials below the groundwater level may be required in localized areas such as adjacent to borehole 55 in the vicinity of Station 14+480 Lt, Highway 7/8.

With proactive dewatering, a temporary liner will be required to support the sides of the excavation and permit cleaning and inspection of the base. Careful cleaning of the base of the caisson should be carried out prior to placement of concrete to remove all loosened or disturbed materials. Alternatively, the foundations could be installed using mud drilling techniques (augered with the hole filled with bentonite slurry) and placement of concrete by tremie. Surface water run off should be directed away from the excavation. It is recommended that Non-Standard Special Provisions (NSSP) be included in the Contract Documents to alert the Contractor about the requirements for support of the augered excavations, measures to deal with excavation of saturated granular soils below the groundwater level and cobbles and boulders in the fill and glacial till material.

The caissons should be constructed and inspected in accordance with Ontario Provisional Standard Specifications 903 and SP599F01. Following construction, the Quality Verification Engineer shall submit a Certificate of Conformance confirming that the noise barrier wall foundations have been constructed in general conformance with the Contract Documents.



## 7.0 MISCELLANEOUS

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TABLE I

**FOUNDATION DESIGN PARAMETERS  
RELOCATION OF EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3**

Widening of Highway 7/8  
GWP 131-98-00

Station and Borehole	Soil Type	Elevation Interval (m)	Design Groundwater Elevation (m)	Undrained Shear Strength, $c_u^1$ (kPa)	Effective Angle of Friction, $\phi'^1$ (°)	Coefficient of Passive Pressure, $K_p$ Level Ground	Coefficient of Passive Pressure, $K_p^2$ 3H:1V/ 2H:1V Slope	Coefficient of Active Pressure, $K_a$ Level Ground	Unit Weight <sup>3</sup> (kNm <sup>-3</sup> )	
									Bulk, $\gamma$	Effective, $\gamma'$
13+791 to 13+835 Borehole 922 (40P8-185)	Compact silty sand	340.0 to 337.5	337	-	32	3.3	1.8/N/A	0.31	19.0	9.0
	Stiff to very stiff clayey silt till	Below 337.5		150	29	2.9	1.6/N/A	0.35	21.0	11.0
13+835 to 13+915 Borehole 50	Stiff cohesive fill	340 to 338	Below 336	50	28	2.8	1.5/N/A	0.36	19.0	9.0
	Stiff silty clay	Below 338		75	28	2.8	1.5/N/A	0.36	20.0	10.0
13+915 to 14+000 Borehole 51	Firm to stiff cohesive fill	340 to 339	Below 336	100	28	2.8	1.5/N/A	0.36	19.0	9.0
	Loose to compact sandy silt	Below 339		-	30	3.0	1.6/N/A	0.33	19.0	9.0
14+000 to 14+085 Borehole 52	Compact granular fill	Above 339	Below 335	-	30	3.0	1.6/1.1	0.33	19.0	9.0
	Stiff to very stiff clayey silt till	Below 339		150	29	2.9	1.6/1.1	0.35	21.0	11.0
14+085 to 14+160 Borehole 310 (40P7-55)	Stiff to very stiff cohesive fill	338 to 333	332	100	28	2.8	1.5/N/A	0.36	19.0	9.0
	Firm to very stiff clayey silt	Below 333		100	28	2.8	1.5/N/A	0.36	20.0	10.0

**FOUNDATION DESIGN PARAMETERS  
RELOCATION OF EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3**

Station and Borehole	Soil Type	Elevation Interval (m)	Design Groundwater Elevation (m)	Undrained Shear Strength, $c_u^1$ (kPa)	Effective Angle of Friction, $\phi'^1$ (°)	Coefficient of Passive Pressure, $K_p$ Level Ground	Coefficient of Passive Pressure, $K_p^2$ 3H:1V/ 2H:1V Slope	Coefficient of Active Pressure, $K_a$ Level Ground	Unit Weight <sup>3</sup> (kNm <sup>-3</sup> )	
									Bulk $\gamma$	Effective $\gamma'$
14+160 to 14+220 Borehole 308 (40P7-55)	Firm to hard cohesive fill	337 to 334	330	100	27	2.7	N/A/0.9	0.38	19.0	9.0
	Compact to very dense sandy silt	Below 334		-	32	3.3	N/A/1.2	0.31	19.0	9.0
14+220 to 14+270 Borehole 901 (40P8-191)	Stiff cohesive fill	336 to 335	328	75	28	2.8	N/A/1.0	0.36	19.0	9.0
	Loose to compact granular fill	335 to 330		-	30	3.0	N/A/1.1	0.33	18.5	8.5
	Very dense sand and gravel	330 to 329		-	35	3.7	N/A/1.4	0.27	21.0	11.0
	Very stiff clayey silt till	Below 329		150	30	3.0	N/A/1.1	0.33	21.0	11.0
14+270 to 14+320 Borehole 902 (40P8-191)	Firm to stiff cohesive fill	336 to 334	329	75	28	2.8	N/A/1.0	0.36	19.0	9.0
	Loose to compact granular fill	334 to 332		-	30	3.0	N/A/1.1	0.33	18.5	8.5
	Firm to very stiff cohesive fill	332 to 329		150	28	2.8	N/A/1.0	0.36	20.0	10.0
14+320 to 14+370 Borehole 53	Firm to stiff cohesive fill	335 to 332	Below 331.5	75	28	2.8	N/A/1.0	0.36	19.0	9.0
	Very stiff clayey silt	Below 332		100	29	2.9	N/A/1.1	0.35	20.0	10.0
14+370 to 14+430 Borehole 54	Stiff cohesive fill	334.5 to 331	Below 331.5	150	28	2.8	N/A/1.0	0.36	19.0	9.0
	Stiff clayey silt till	Below 331		75	29	2.9	N/A/1.1	0.35	21.0	11.0
14+430 to 14+476 Borehole 55	Stiff cohesive fill	334 to 333	331.5	100	28	2.8	1.5/N/A	0.36	19.0	9.0
	Compact to dense sandy silt	333 to 331		-	30	3.0	1.6/N/A	0.33	19.0	9.0
	Very stiff clayey silt till	Below 331		150	30	3.0	1.6/N/A	0.33	21.0	11.0

**FOUNDATION DESIGN PARAMETERS  
RELOCATION OF EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3**

**NOTES:**

1. Where both  $c_u$  and  $\phi'$  have been given for a specific stratum, the foundation design should be checked for both the drained and undrained conditions and the larger of the two calculated foundation depths shall govern.
2. Passive earth pressure coefficient ( $K_p$ ) values are provided for level ground. Where sloping ground is present adjacent to the noise barrier wall, adjusted  $K_p$  values must be used in the foundation design. Between Stations 14+045 and 14+080 Lt and from the east side of the Westmount Road overpass and the existing culvert areas, from approximately Stations 14+175 to 14+385 Lt, the ground behind the existing noise barrier wall will slope downwards at 2 horizontal to 1 vertical. For the remaining areas of noise barrier wall 3, the ground behind the noise barrier will slope downwards at 3 horizontal to 1 vertical.
3. Below the groundwater level, the effective unit weight of the soil ( $\gamma'$ ) should be used.
4. This table is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying report.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

The abbreviations commonly employed on Records of Boreholes, on figures and in the text of the report are as follows:

### I. SAMPLE TYPE

AS	Auger sample
BS	Block sample
CS	Chunk sample
SS	Split-spoon
DS	Denison type sample
FS	Foil sample
RC	Rock core
SC	Soil core
ST	Slotted tube
TO	Thin-walled, open
TP	Thin-walled, piston
WS	Wash sample

### III. SOIL DESCRIPTION

#### (a) Cohesionless Soils

Density Index (Relative Density)	N <u>Blows/300 mm or Blows/ft.</u>
Very loose	0 to 4
Loose	4 to 10
Compact	10 to 30
Dense	30 to 50
Very dense	over 50

### II. PENETRATION RESISTANCE

#### Standard Penetration Resistance (SPT), N:

The number of blows by a 63.5 kg. (140 lb.) hammer dropped 760 mm (30 in.) required to drive a 50 mm (2 in.) split spoon sampler for a distance of 300 mm (12 in.)

#### (b) Cohesive Soils

#### Consistency

	kPa	$c_u, s_u$	psf
Very soft	0 to 12		0 to 250
Soft	12 to 25		250 to 500
Firm	25 to 50		500 to 1,000
Stiff	50 to 100		1,000 to 2,000
Very stiff	100 to 200		2,000 to 4,000
Hard	over 200		over 4,000

#### Dynamic Cone Penetration Resistance; $N_d$ :

The number of blows by a 63.5 kg (140 lb.) hammer dropped 760 mm (30 in.) to drive uncased a 50 mm (2 in.) diameter, 60° cone attached to "A" size drill rods for a distance of 300 mm (12 in.).

- PH:** Sampler advanced by hydraulic pressure  
**PM:** Sampler advanced by manual pressure  
**WH:** Sampler advanced by static weight of hammer  
**WR:** Sampler advanced by weight of sampler and rod

#### Piezo-Cone Penetration Test (CPT)

A electronic cone penetrometer with a 60° conical tip and a project end area of 10 cm<sup>2</sup> pushed through ground at a penetration rate of 2 cm/s. Measurements of tip resistance ( $Q_t$ ), porewater pressure (PWP) and friction along a sleeve are recorded electronically at 25 mm penetration intervals.

### IV. SOIL TESTS

w	water content
$w_p$	plastic limit
$w_l$	liquid limit
C	consolidation (oedometer) test
CHEM	chemical analysis (refer to text)
CID	consolidated isotropically drained triaxial test <sup>1</sup>
CIU	consolidated isotropically undrained triaxial test with porewater pressure measurement <sup>1</sup>
$D_R$	relative density (specific gravity, $G_s$ )
DS	direct shear test
M	sieve analysis for particle size
MH	combined sieve and hydrometer (H) analysis
MPC	Modified Proctor compaction test
SPC	Standard Proctor compaction test
OC	organic content test
$SO_4$	concentration of water-soluble sulphates
UC	unconfined compression test
UU	unconsolidated undrained triaxial test
V	field vane (LV-laboratory vane test)
$\gamma$	unit weight

**Note:** 1 Tests which are anisotropically consolidated prior to shear are shown as CAD, CAU.

## LIST OF SYMBOLS

Unless otherwise stated, the symbols employed in the report are as follows:

### I. General

$\pi$	3.1416
$\ln x$ ,	natural logarithm of x
$\log_{10}$	x or log x, logarithm of x to base 10
g	acceleration due to gravity
t	time
F	factor of safety
V	volume
W	weight

### II. STRESS AND STRAIN

$\gamma$	shear strain
$\Delta$	change in, e.g. in stress: $\Delta \sigma$
$\epsilon$	linear strain
$\epsilon_v$	volumetric strain
$\eta$	coefficient of viscosity
$\nu$	poisson's ratio
$\sigma$	total stress
$\sigma'$	effective stress ( $\sigma' = \sigma - u$ )
$\sigma'_{vo}$	initial effective overburden stress
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	principal stress (major, intermediate, minor)
$\sigma_{oct}$	mean stress or octahedral stress $= (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)/3$
$\tau$	shear stress
u	porewater pressure
E	modulus of deformation
G	shear modulus of deformation
K	bulk modulus of compressibility

### III. SOIL PROPERTIES

#### (a) Index Properties

$\rho(\gamma)$	bulk density (bulk unit weight*)
$\rho_d(\gamma_d)$	dry density (dry unit weight)
$\rho_w(\gamma_w)$	density (unit weight) of water
$\rho_s(\gamma_s)$	density (unit weight) of solid particles
$\gamma'$	unit weight of submerged soil ( $\gamma' = \gamma - \gamma_w$ )
$D_R$	relative density (specific gravity) of solid particles ( $D_R = \rho_s / \rho_w$ ) (formerly $G_s$ )
e	void ratio
n	porosity
S	degree of saturation

#### (a) Index Properties (continued)

w	water content
$w_l$	liquid limit
$w_p$	plastic limit
$I_p$	plasticity index = $(w_l - w_p)$
$w_s$	shrinkage limit
$I_L$	liquidity index = $(w - w_p)/I_p$
$I_C$	consistency index = $(w_l - w)/I_p$
$e_{max}$	void ratio in loosest state
$e_{min}$	void ratio in densest state
$I_D$	density index = $(e_{max} - e) / (e_{max} - e_{min})$ (formerly relative density)

#### (b) Hydraulic Properties

h	hydraulic head or potential
q	rate of flow
v	velocity of flow
i	hydraulic gradient
k	hydraulic conductivity (coefficient of permeability)
j	seepage force per unit volume

#### (c) Consolidation (one-dimensional)

$C_c$	compression index (normally consolidated range)
$C_r$	recompression index (over-consolidated range)
$C_s$	swelling index
$C_a$	coefficient of secondary consolidation
$m_v$	coefficient of volume change
$c_v$	coefficient of consolidation
$T_v$	time factor (vertical direction)
U	degree of consolidation
$\sigma'_p$	pre-consolidation pressure
OCR	over-consolidation ratio = $\sigma'_p / \sigma'_{vo}$

#### (d) Shear Strength

$\tau_p, \tau_r$	peak and residual shear strength
$\phi'$	effective angle of internal friction
$\delta$	angle of interface friction
$\mu$	coefficient of friction = $\tan \delta$
$c'$	effective cohesion
$c_{u, s_u}$	undrained shear strength ( $\phi = 0$ analysis)
p	mean total stress $(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)/2$
$p'$	mean effective stress $(\sigma'_1 + \sigma'_3)/2$
q	$(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)/2$ or $(\sigma'_1 + \sigma'_3)/2$
$q_u$	compressive strength $(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)$
$S_t$	sensitivity

- Notes:**
- 1  $\tau = c' + \sigma' \tan \phi'$
  - 2 shear strength = (compressive strength)/2
  - \* density symbol is  $\rho$ . Unit weight symbol is  $\gamma$  where  $\gamma = \rho g$  (i.e. mass density x acceleration due to gravity)

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**METRIC**

PROJECT 08-1132-084-1 W.P. 131-98-00 LOCATION N 4809655.3 ; E 223332.2 ORIGINATED BY MA  
 DIST HWY 7/8 BOREHOLE TYPE POWER AUGER / SOLID STEM COMPILED BY WDF  
 DATUM GEODETIC DATE May 29, 2010 CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80					
341.72	ROAD SURFACE															
0.08	ASPHALT															
0.34	FILL, sand and gravel, crushed															
341.05	FILL, sand and gravel															
0.67	Brown															
	FILL, sandy silt, trace gravel, with clayey silt layers		1	SS	18											
	Compact															
	Brown		2	SS	17											
339.59																
2.13	FILL, clayey silt, trace topsoil, trace sand, trace gravel		3	SS	11											
	Stiff															
	Brown		4	SS	8											
338.06																
3.66	SILTY CLAY, some sand, trace gravel		5	SS	10											
	Stiff															
	Brown		6	SS	10											
336.54																
5.18	END OF BOREHOLE															
	Borehole dry during drilling on May 29, 2010.															

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**METRIC**

PROJECT 08-1132-084-1  
 W.P. 131-98-00 LOCATION N 4809690.2 ; E 223402.5 ORIGINATED BY MA  
 DIST HWY 7/8 BOREHOLE TYPE POWER AUGER / SOLID STEM COMPILED BY WDF  
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SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)				
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	20	40	60
341.37	ROAD SURFACE																			
0.08	ASPHALT																			
0.37	FILL, sand and gravel, crushed																			
340.67	FILL, sand and gravel, with cobbles																			
0.70	Brown																			
340.15	FILL, silty sand, some clay, trace topsoil		1	SS	16															
1.22	Compact Brown																			
340.15	FILL, clayey silt, trace topsoil, trace sand, trace gravel		2	SS	15															
1.22	Stiff Brown																			
338.93	SANDY SILT, trace clay		3	SS	4															
2.44	Loose to compact Brown																			
338.93			4	SS	7															0 45 49 6
338.93			5	SS	11															
338.93			6	SS	14															
336.19	END OF BOREHOLE																			
5.18	Borehole dry during drilling on May 26, 2010.																			

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**METRIC**

PROJECT 08-1132-084-1 W.P. 131-98-00 LOCATION N 4809722.8 ; E 223482.5 ORIGINATED BY MA  
 DIST            HWY 7/8 BOREHOLE TYPE POWER AUGER / HOLLOW STEM COMPILED BY WDF  
 DATUM GEODETIC DATE May 26, 2010 CHECKED BY           

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)			
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	10	20
340.57	ROAD SURFACE																		
0.10	ASPHALT																		
	FILL, sand and gravel, crushed																		
0.40	FILL, sand and gravel Brown																		
0.70	FILL, silty fine sand, trace gravel, with clayey silt pockets Compact Brown		1	SS	12							○							
338.59			2	SS	20								○						
1.98	CLAYEY SILT TILL, some sand, trace gravel Stiff to very stiff Brown		3	SS	16							○						0 16 53 31	
			4	SS	16														
			5	SS	13														
			6	SS	13														
335.39	END OF BOREHOLE																		
5.18	Borehole dry during drilling on May 26, 2010.																		

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**METRIC**

PROJECT 08-1132-084-1  
 W.P. 131-98-00 LOCATION N 4809815.7 ; E 223778.9 ORIGINATED BY MR  
 DIST HWY 7/8 BOREHOLE TYPE POWER AUGER / HOLLOW STEM COMPILED BY WDF  
 DATUM GEODETIC DATE May 26, 2010 CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)								
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	20	40	60	80	100	10	20
336.55	ROAD SURFACE																							
0.11	ASPHALT																							
0.30	FILL, sand and gravel, crushed Brown																							
335.85	FILL, sand and gravel Brown																							
0.70	FILL, clayey silt, trace gravel, trace topsoil, with sand layers Firm to very stiff Brown		1	SS	11																			
			2	SS	8																			0 34 46 20
			3	SS	13																			
			4	SS	6																			0 20 58 22
			5	SS	7																			
332.13	CLAYEY SILT, trace sand, trace gravel, with sand layers Very stiff Brown		6	SS	17																			
4.42																								
331.52	END OF BOREHOLE																							
5.03	Borehole dry during drilling on May 26, 2010.																							

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PROJECT 08-1132-084-1  
 W.P. 131-98-00 LOCATION N 4809833.6 ; E 223829.7 ORIGINATED BY MA  
 DIST HWY 7/8 BOREHOLE TYPE POWER AUGER / SOLID STEM COMPILED BY WDF  
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SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)								
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	20	40	60	80	100	10	20
335.65	ROAD SURFACE																							
0.10	ASPHALT																							
0.30	FILL, sand and gravel, crushed Brown																							
334.95	FILL, sand and gravel, with cobbles Brown																							
0.70	FILL, sand, fine to medium, trace silt, with clayey silt layers																							
334.28	Compact Brown		1	SS	17																			
1.37	FILL, clayey silt, some sand, trace gravel, trace topsoil																							
	Stiff to very stiff Brown		2	SS	11																			0 22 52 26
			3	SS	14																			
			4	SS	18																			1 15 59 25
			5	SS	12																			
331.23	CLAYEY SILT TILL, trace sand, trace gravel																							
4.42	Stiff Brown		6	SS	10																			
330.47	END OF BOREHOLE																							
5.18	Borehole dry during drilling on May 26, 2010.																							

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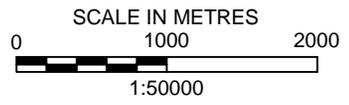
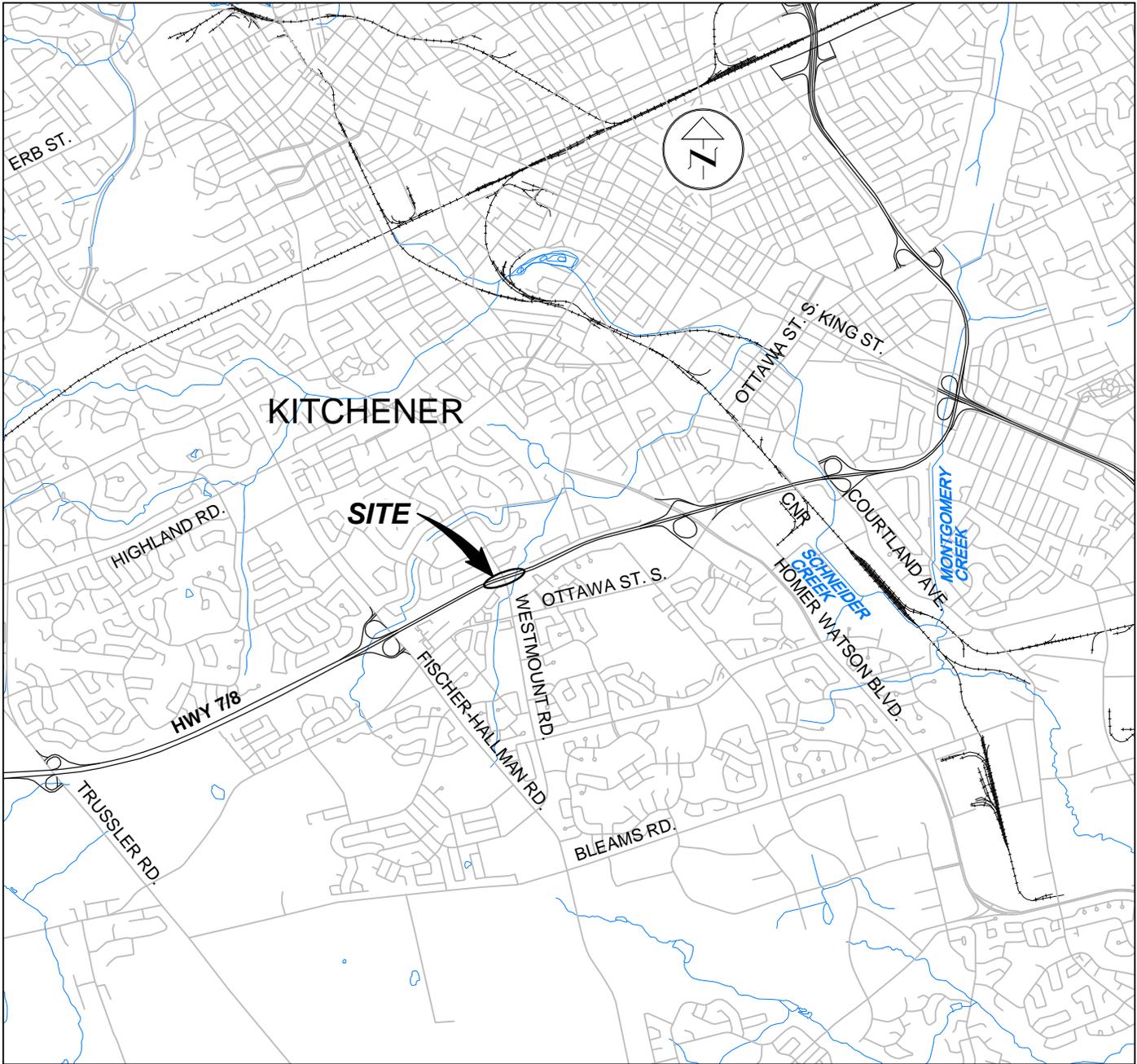
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 DIST HWY 7/8 BOREHOLE TYPE POWER AUGER / HOLLOW STEM COMPILED BY WDF  
 DATUM GEODETIC DATE May 27, 2010 CHECKED BY

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)						
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa				
											WATER CONTENT (%)											
335.48	ROAD SURFACE																					
0.11	ASPHALT																					
0.34	FILL, sand and gravel, crushed Brown																					
0.61	FILL, sand and gravel Brown																					
334.11	FILL, silty fine sand, trace gravel Compact		1	SS	16																	
1.37	FILL, clayey silt, some sand, trace gravel Stiff to very stiff Brown		2	SS	11													0	22	53	25	
332.89			3	SS	15																	
2.59	TOPSOIL, silty, trace sand Compact Grey																					
332.58																						
2.90	SILT, some sand, trace clay Dense Brown		4	SS	44														0	16	77	7
331.82																						
3.66	SANDY SILT Compact Brown		5	SS	15																	
331.06																						
4.42	CLAYEY SILT TILL, trace sand, trace gravel Very stiff Grey		6	SS	22																	
330.45																						
5.03	END OF BOREHOLE																					
	Groundwater encountered at about elev. 331.5m during drilling on May 27, 2010.																					

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**REFERENCE**

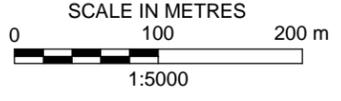
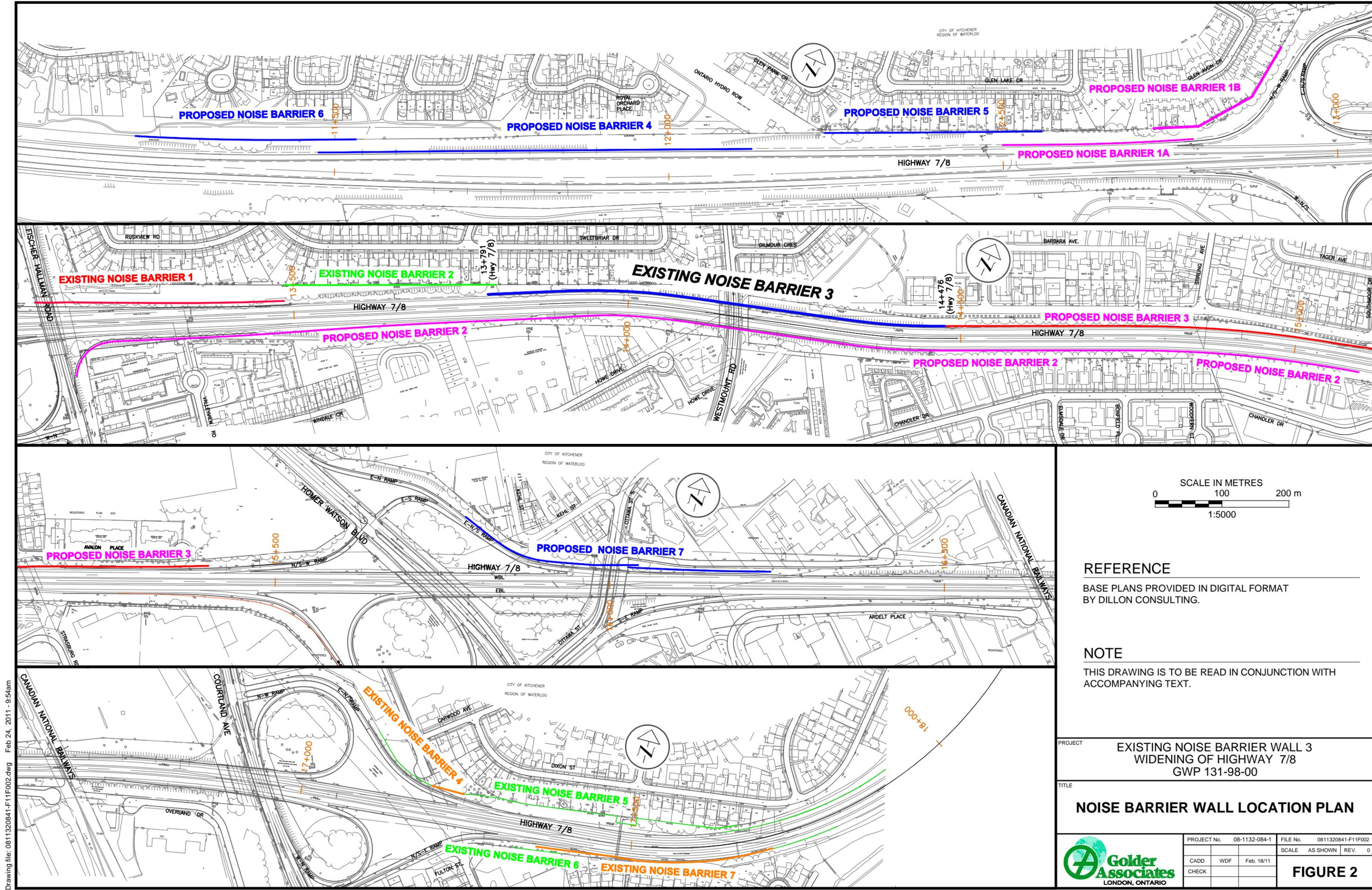
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**NOTE**

THIS DRAWING IS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH ACCOMPANYING TEXT.

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TITLE		KEY PLAN	
PROJECT No.	08-1132-084-1	FILE No.	0811320841-F11F001
CADD	WDF	Feb. 18/11	SCALE AS SHOWN
CHECK			REV.
<p><b>Golder Associates</b> LONDON, ONTARIO</p>			<b>FIGURE 1</b>

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**REFERENCE**

BASE PLANS PROVIDED IN DIGITAL FORMAT BY DILLON CONSULTING.

**NOTE**

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PROJECT EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3  
WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 7/8  
GWP 131-98-00

TITLE **NOISE BARRIER WALL LOCATION PLAN**

	PROJECT No.	08-1132-084-1	FILE No.	0811320841-F11F002
	CADD	WDF	Feb. 18/11	SCALE AS SHOWN   REV. 0
	CHECK			<b>FIGURE 2</b>

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**METRIC**  
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 STATIONS IN KILOMETRES + METRES.

CONT No.  
 WP No. 131-98-00

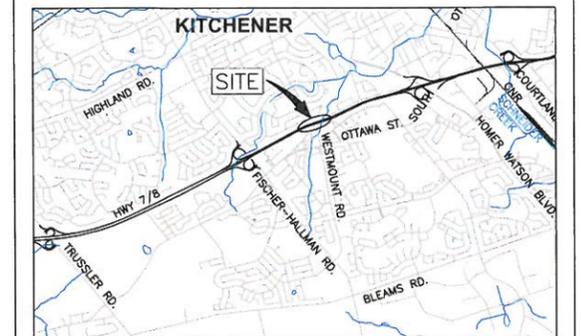


EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3  
 WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 7/8  
 BOREHOLE LOCATIONS

SHEET



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KEY PLAN  
 SCALE IN KILOMETRES

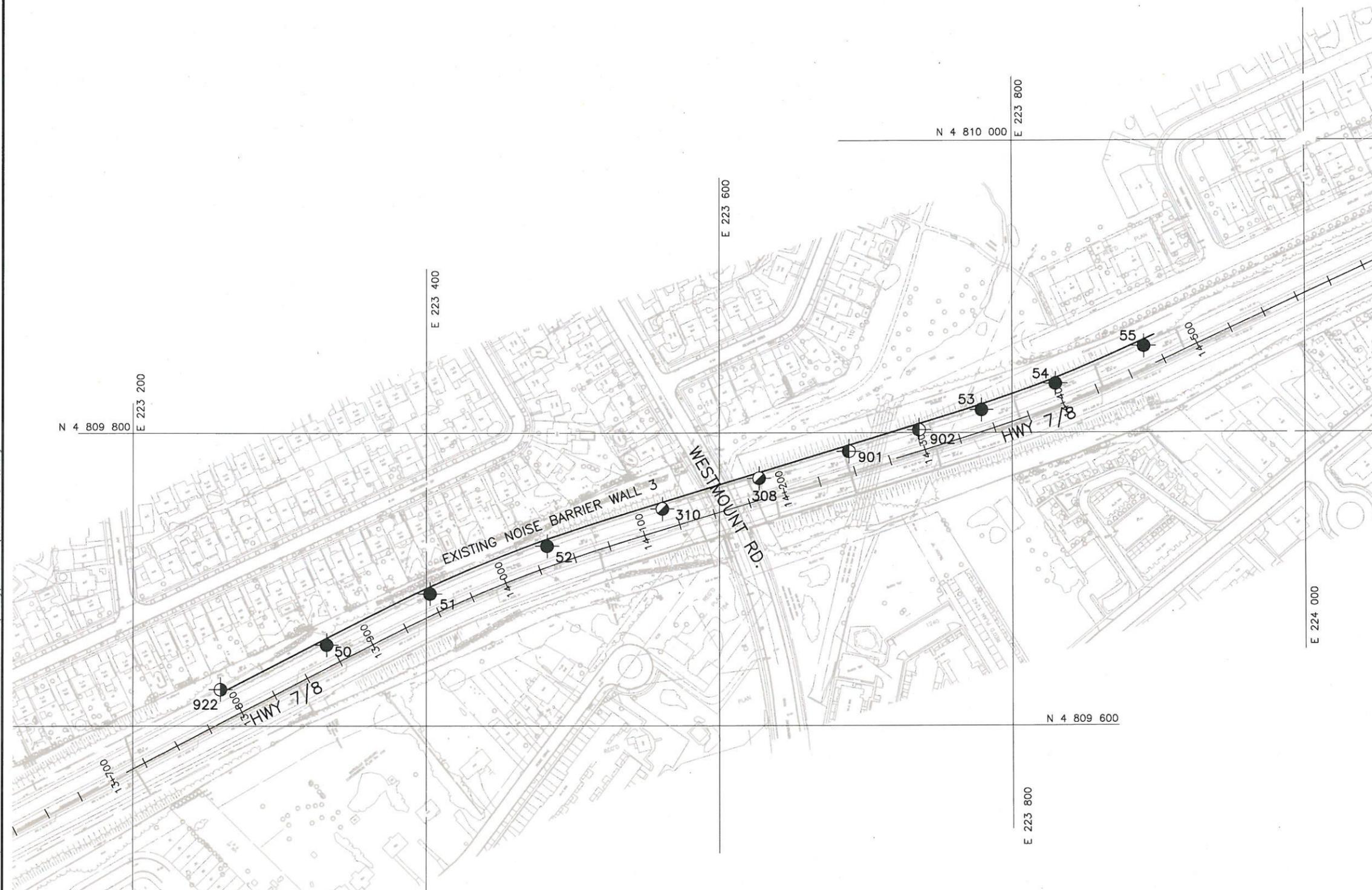
**LEGEND**

- Borehole - Current Investigation
- Borehole - (Geocres No. 40P7-55)
- Borehole - (Geocres No. 40P8-191)
- Borehole - (Geocres No. 40P8-185)

No.	ELEVATION	CO-ORDINATES (MTM ZONE 10)	
		NORTHING	EASTING
50	341.72	4 809 655.3	223 332.2
51	341.37	4 809 690.2	223 482.5
52	340.57	4 809 722.8	223 482.5
53	336.55	4 809 815.7	223 778.9
54	335.65	4 809 833.6	223 829.7
55	335.48	4 809 859.1	223 890.0
(Geocres No. 40P7-55)			
308	338.55	4 809 769.0	223 627.1
310	339.27	4 809 748.2	223 560.9
(Geocres No. 40P8-191)			
901	337.83	4 809 787.4	223 688.1
902	337.27	4 809 802.0	223 736.0
(Geocres No. 40P8-185)			
922	341.50	4 809 624.9	223 260.1

**NOTES**  
 This drawing is for subsurface information only. Surface details and features are for conceptual illustration.

**REFERENCE**  
 Base plans provided in digital format by Dillon Consulting.



**PLAN**  
 SCALE  
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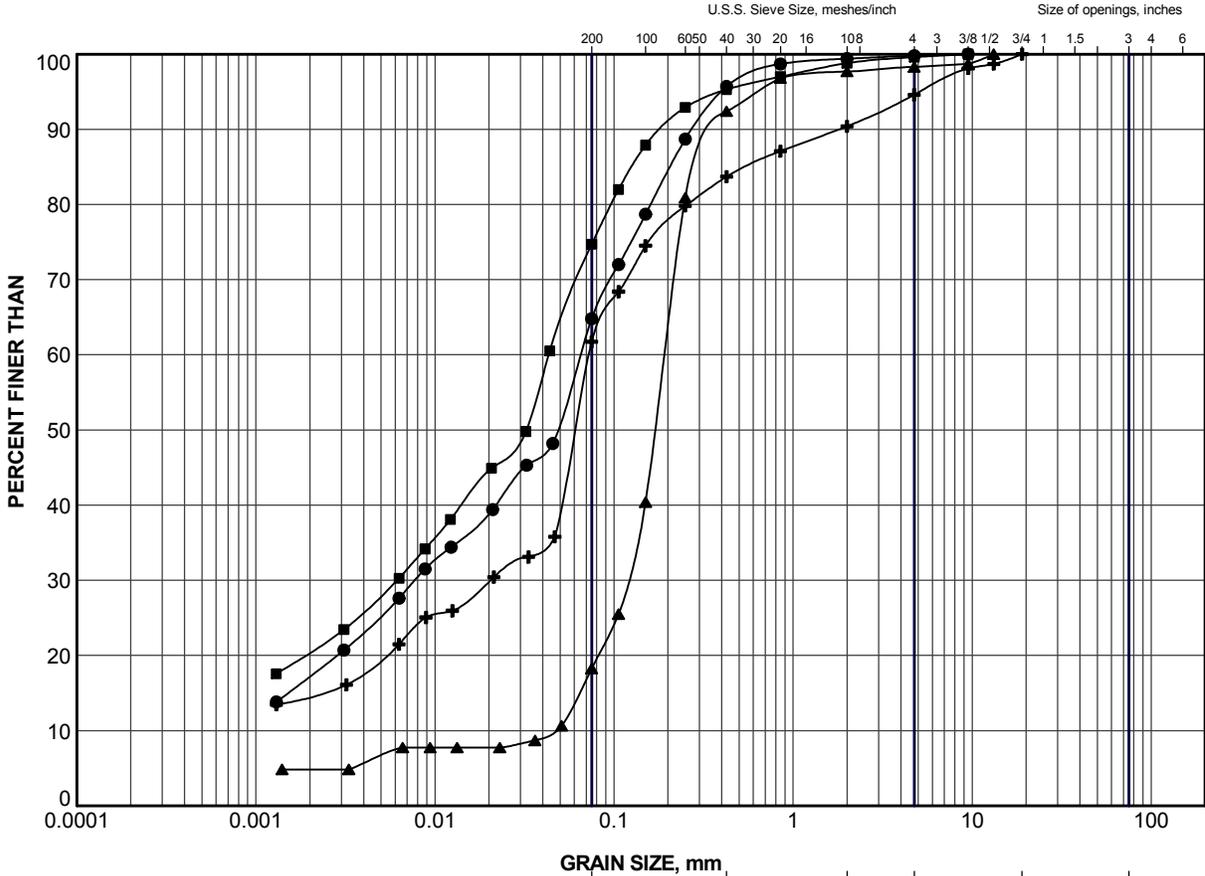


NO.	DATE	BY	REVISION
Geocres No. 40P8-188			
HWY.	7/8		PROJECT NO. 08-1132-084-1 DIST.
SUBM'D.	ML	CHKD.	DATE: Oct. 22/10 SITE:
DRAWN:	WDF	CHKD.	APPD. DWG. 1



# **APPENDIX A**

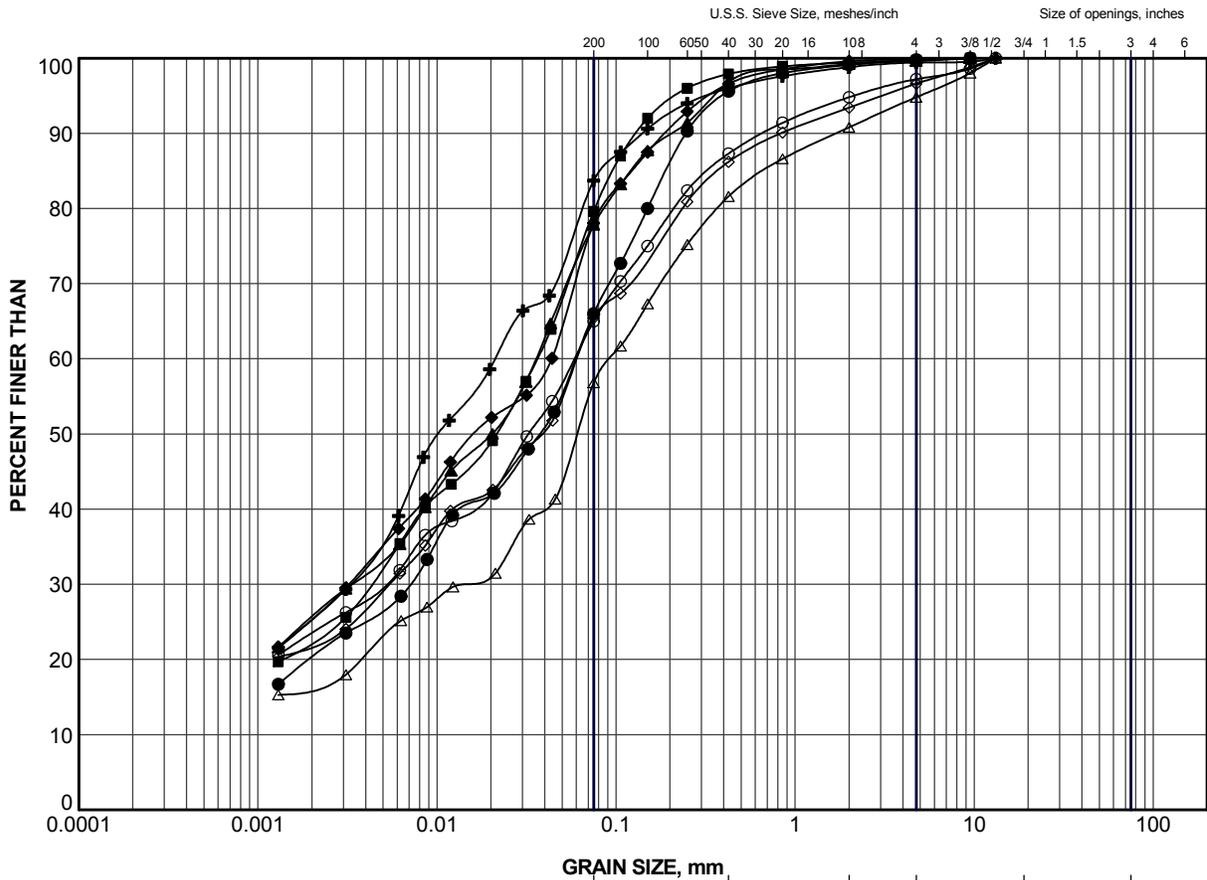
## **Laboratory Test Data**



CLAY AND SILT	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	Cobble Size
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

<b>LEGEND</b>			
SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEV (m)
●	50	2	340.0
■	901	6	333.0
▲	901	9	330.8
+	902	4	334.0

PROJECT	EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3 WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 7/8 GWP 131-98-00				
TITLE	<b>GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION</b> <b>FILL - NON COHESIVE</b>				
 <b>Golder Associates</b> LONDON, ONTARIO	PROJECT No.	08-1132-084-1	FILE No.	0811320841-F11FOA1	
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	CHECK			REV.	
				<b>FIGURE A-1</b>	

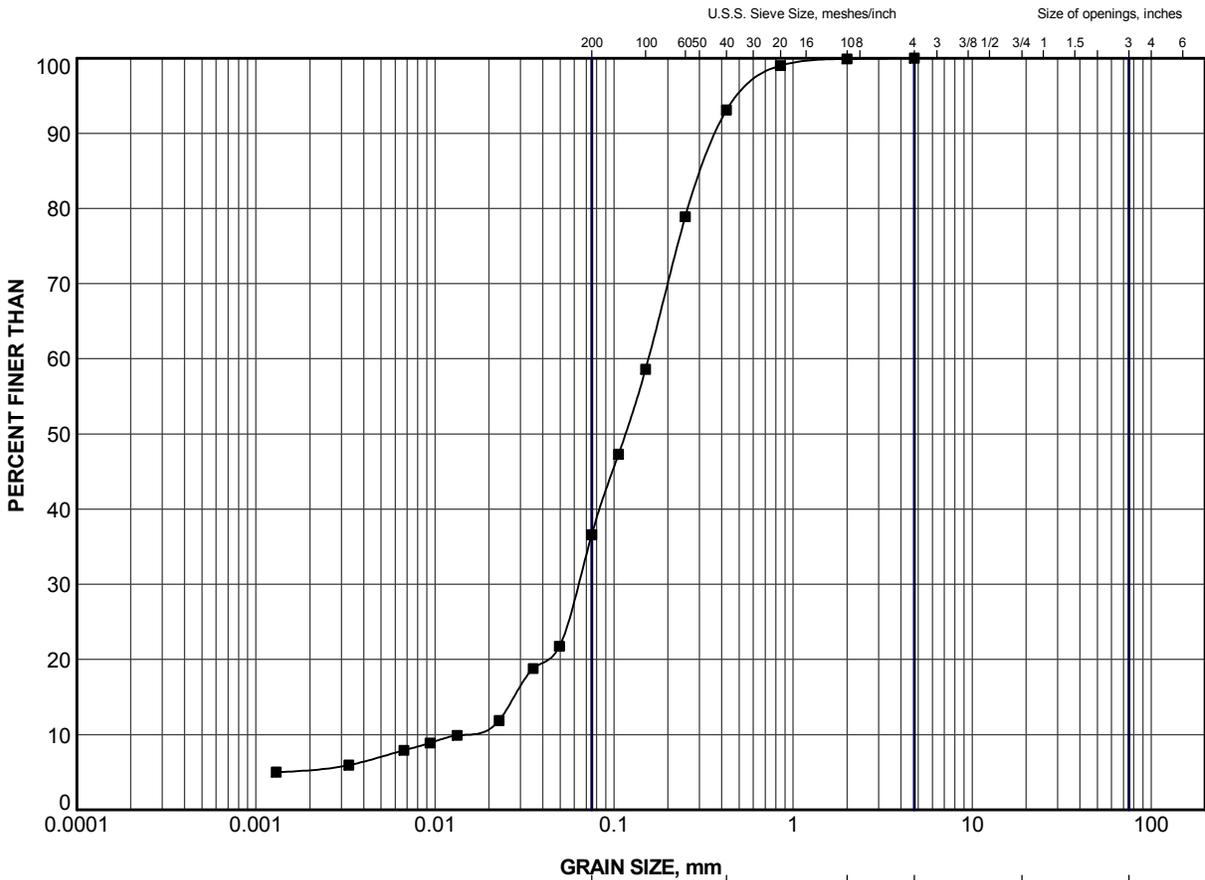


CLAY AND SILT	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	Cobble Size
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEV (m)
●	53	2	334.8
■	53	4	333.3
▲	54	2	333.9
+	54	4	332.4
◆	55	2	333.7
◇	308	3	336.0
○	901	3	335.3
△	902	7	331.7

PROJECT	EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3 WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 7/8 GWP 131-98-00		
TITLE	<b>GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION</b> <b>FILL - COHESIVE</b>		
 <b>Golder Associates</b> LONDON, ONTARIO	PROJECT No.	08-1132-084-1	FILE No. 0811320841-F11F0A2
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	SCALE	N/A	REV.
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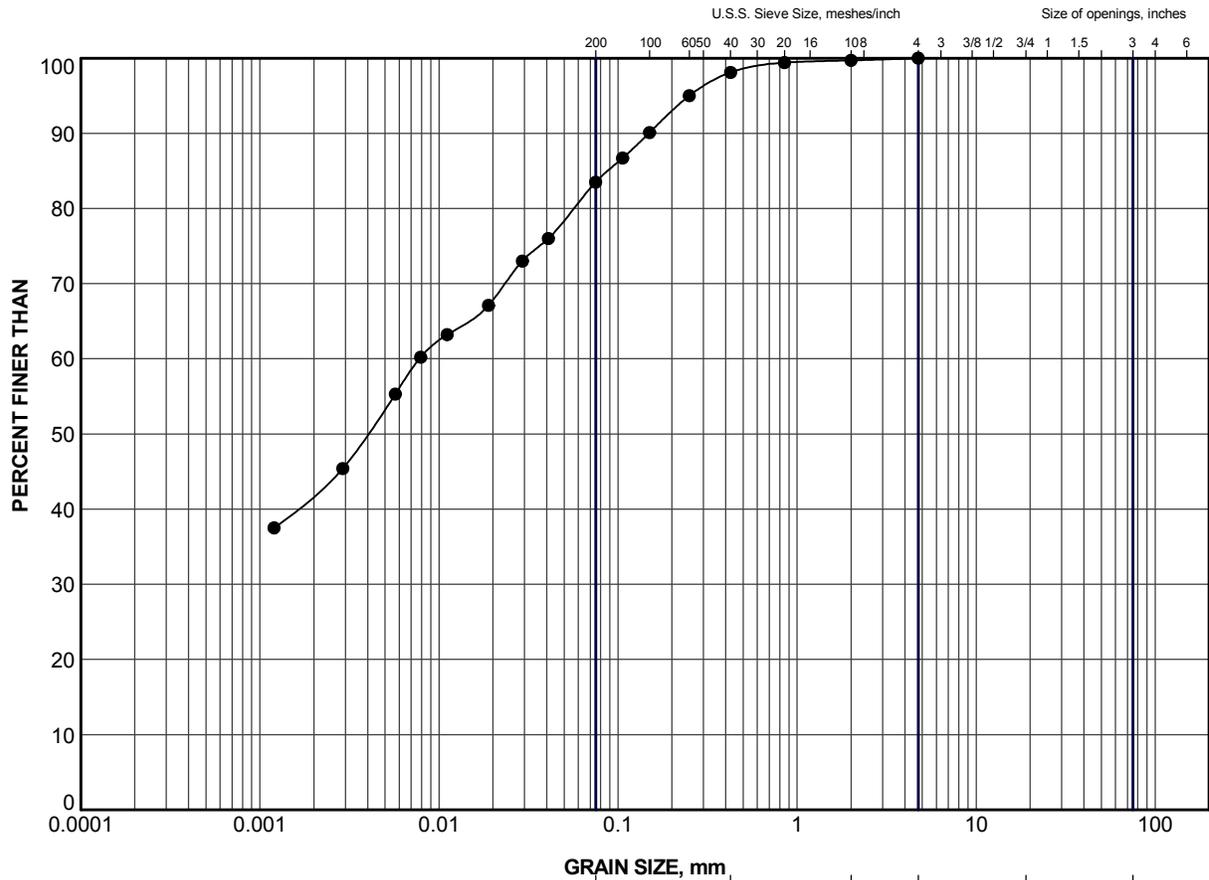


CLAY AND SILT	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	Cobble Size
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

<b>LEGEND</b>			
SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEV (m)
■	922	2	339.8

PROJECT	EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3 WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 7/8 GWP 131-98-00		
TITLE	<b>GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION</b> <b>SILTY SAND</b>		
 <b>Golder Associates</b> LONDON, ONTARIO	PROJECT No.	08-1132-084-1	FILE No. 0811320841-F11F0A3
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			<b>FIGURE A-3</b>

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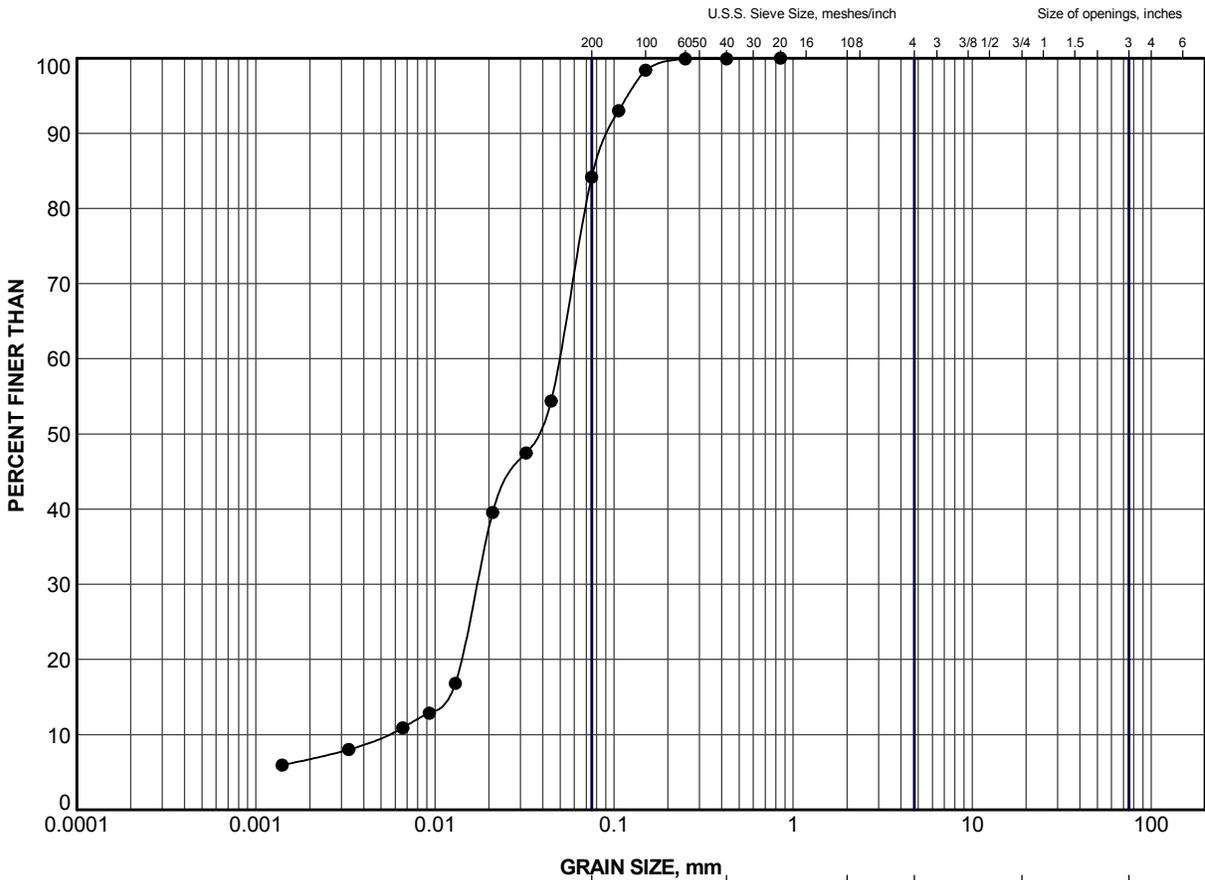


CLAY AND SILT	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	Cobble Size
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

<b>LEGEND</b>			
SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEV (m)
●	50	5	337.7

PROJECT	EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3 WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 7/8 GWP 131-98-00		
TITLE	<b>GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION</b> <b>SILTY CLAY</b>		
 <b>Golder Associates</b> LONDON, ONTARIO	PROJECT No.	08-1132-084-1	FILE No. 0811320841-F11F0A4
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	SCALE	N/A	REV.
			<b>FIGURE A-4</b>

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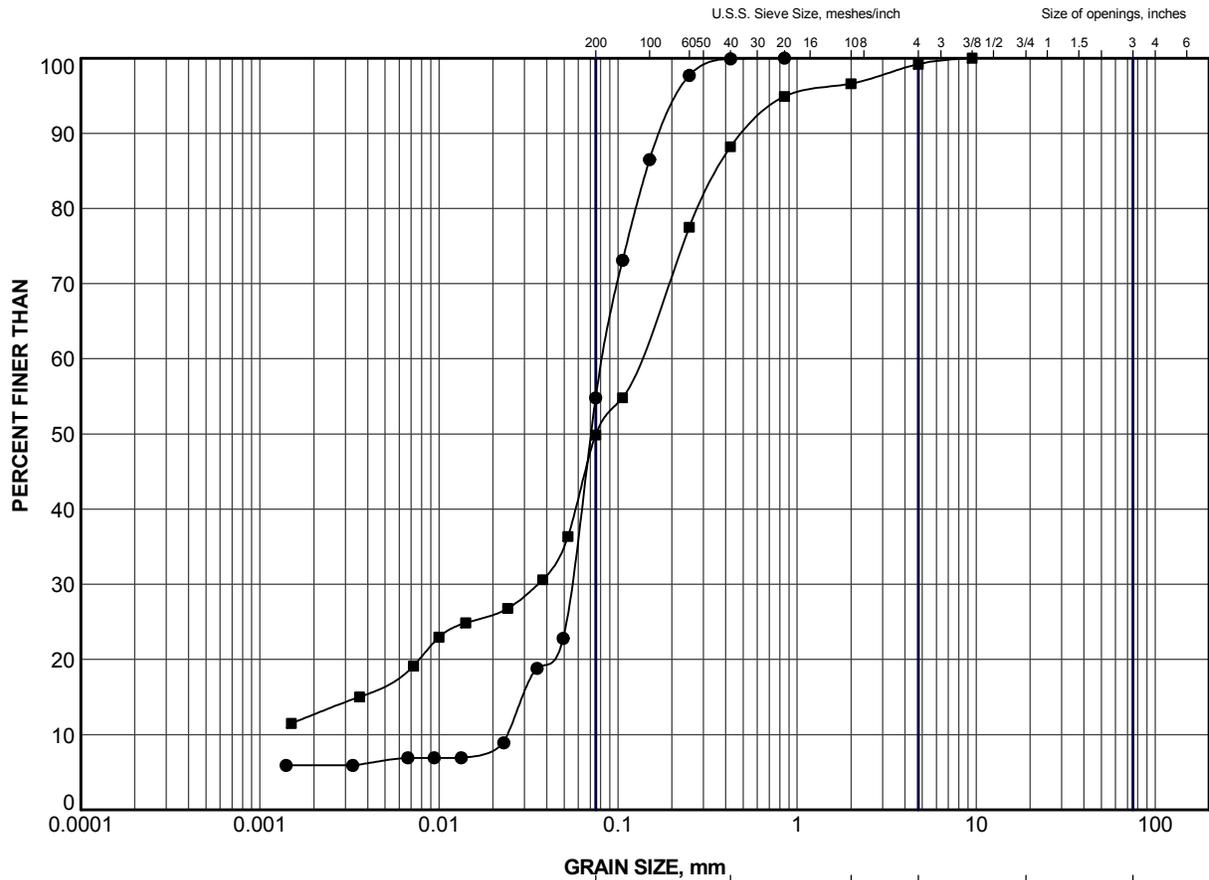


CLAY AND SILT	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	Cobble Size
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

<b>LEGEND</b>			
SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEV (m)
●	55	4	332.2

PROJECT	EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3 WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 7/8 GWP 131-98-00		
TITLE	<b>GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION</b> <b>SILT</b>		
 <b>Golder Associates</b> LONDON, ONTARIO	PROJECT No.	08-1132-084-1	FILE No. 0811320841-F11F0A5
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	CHECK		
	SCALE	N/A	REV.
			<b>FIGURE A-5</b>

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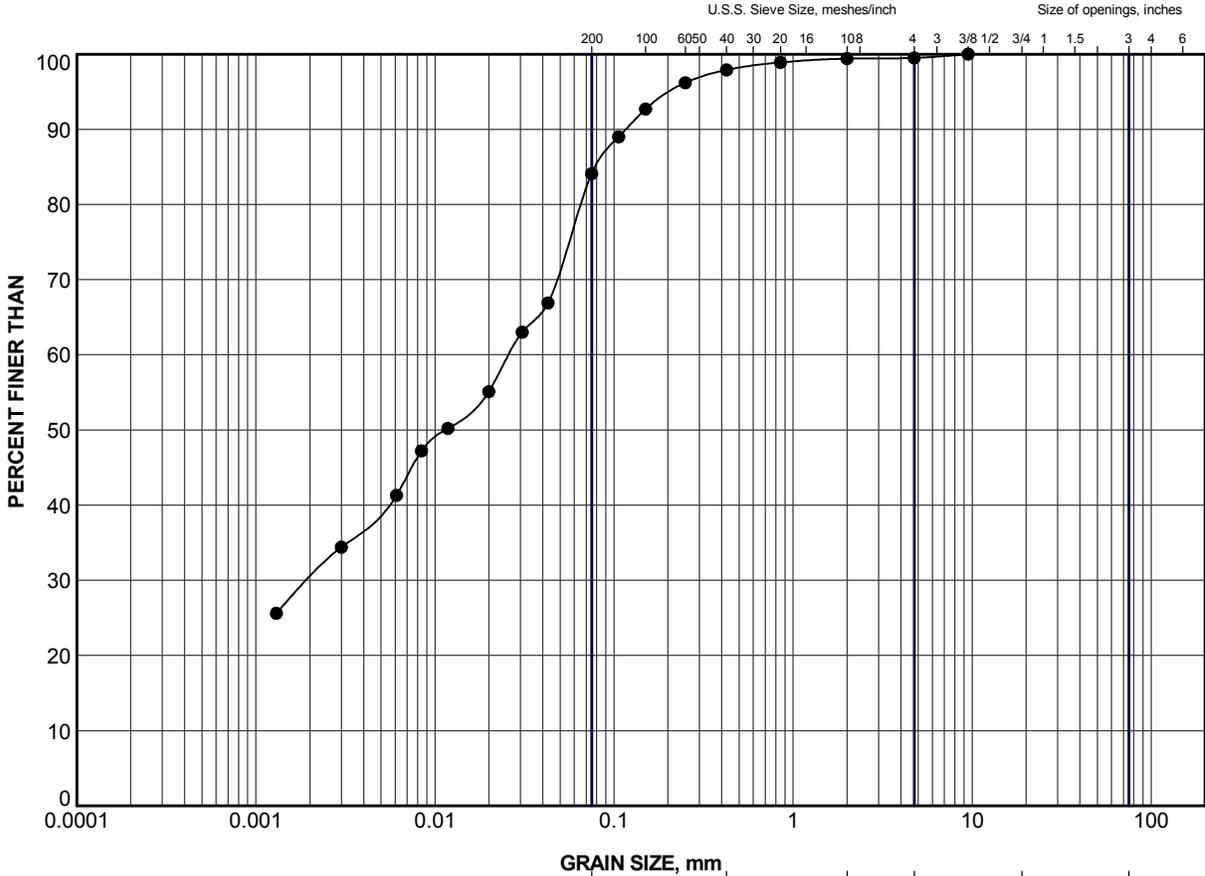
CLAY AND SILT	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	Cobble Size
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

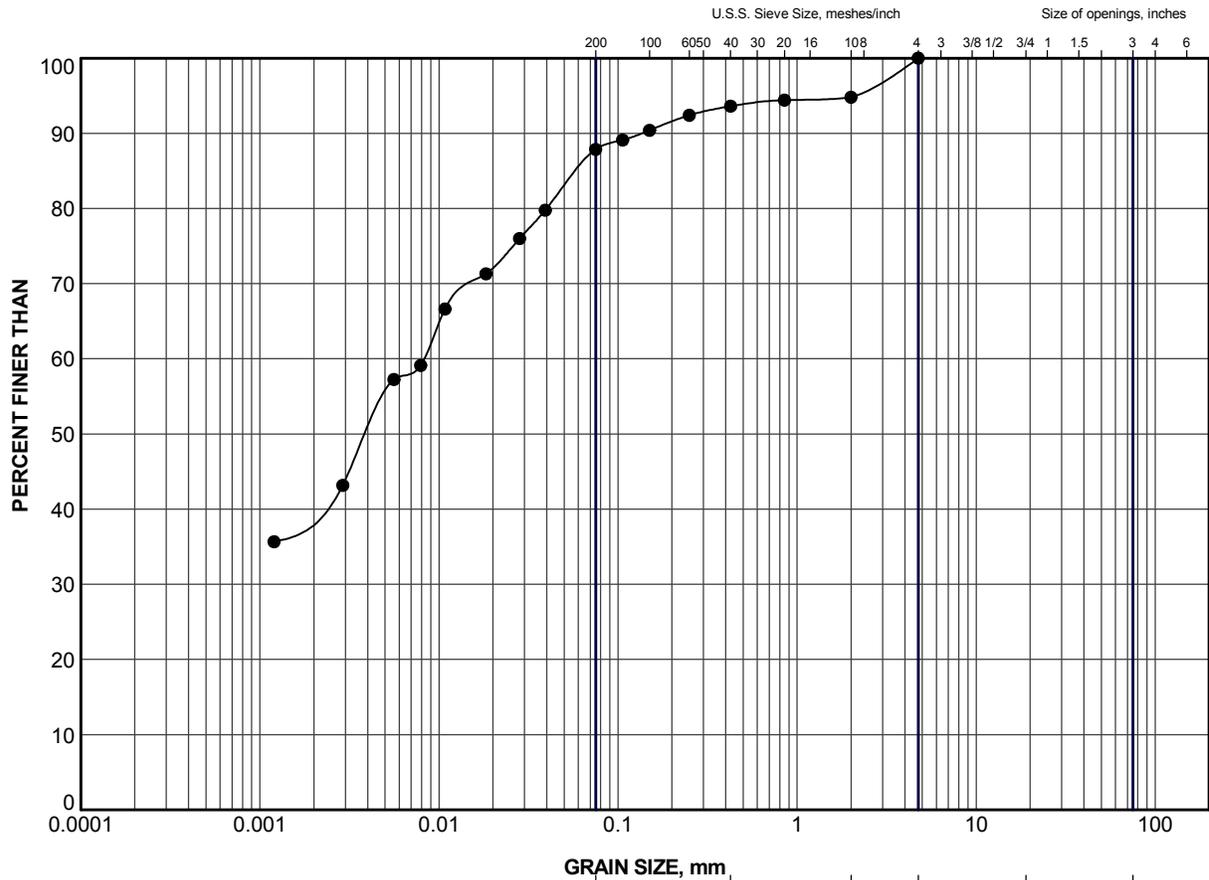
**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEV (m)
●	51	4	338.1
■	308	9	330.7

PROJECT	EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3 WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 7/8 GWP 131-98-00		
TITLE	<b>GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION SANDY SILT</b>		
 <b>Golder Associates</b> LONDON, ONTARIO	PROJECT No.	08-1132-084-1	FILE No. 0811320841-F11F0A6
	DRAWN	LMK	Feb. 22/11
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	SCALE	N/A	REV.
			<b>FIGURE A-6</b>

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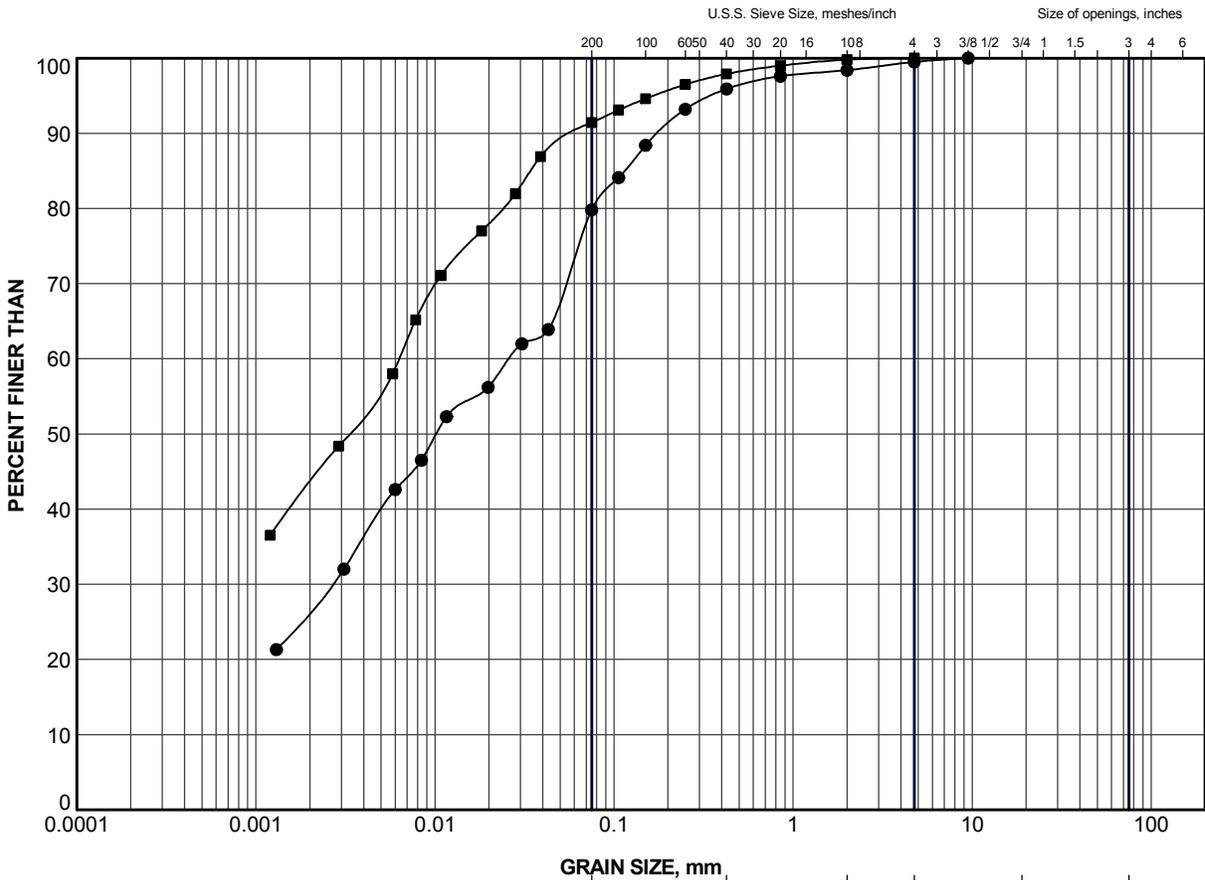


CLAY AND SILT	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	Cobble Size
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

<b>LEGEND</b>			
SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEV (m)
●	922	6	336.7

PROJECT	EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3 WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 7/8 GWP 131-98-00		
TITLE	<b>GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION</b> <b>SILTY CLAY TILL</b>		
 <b>Golder Associates</b> LONDON, ONTARIO	PROJECT No.	08-1132-084-1	FILE No. 0811320841-F11F0A8
	DRAWN	LMK	Feb. 22/11
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	SCALE	N/A	REV.
			<b>FIGURE A-8</b>

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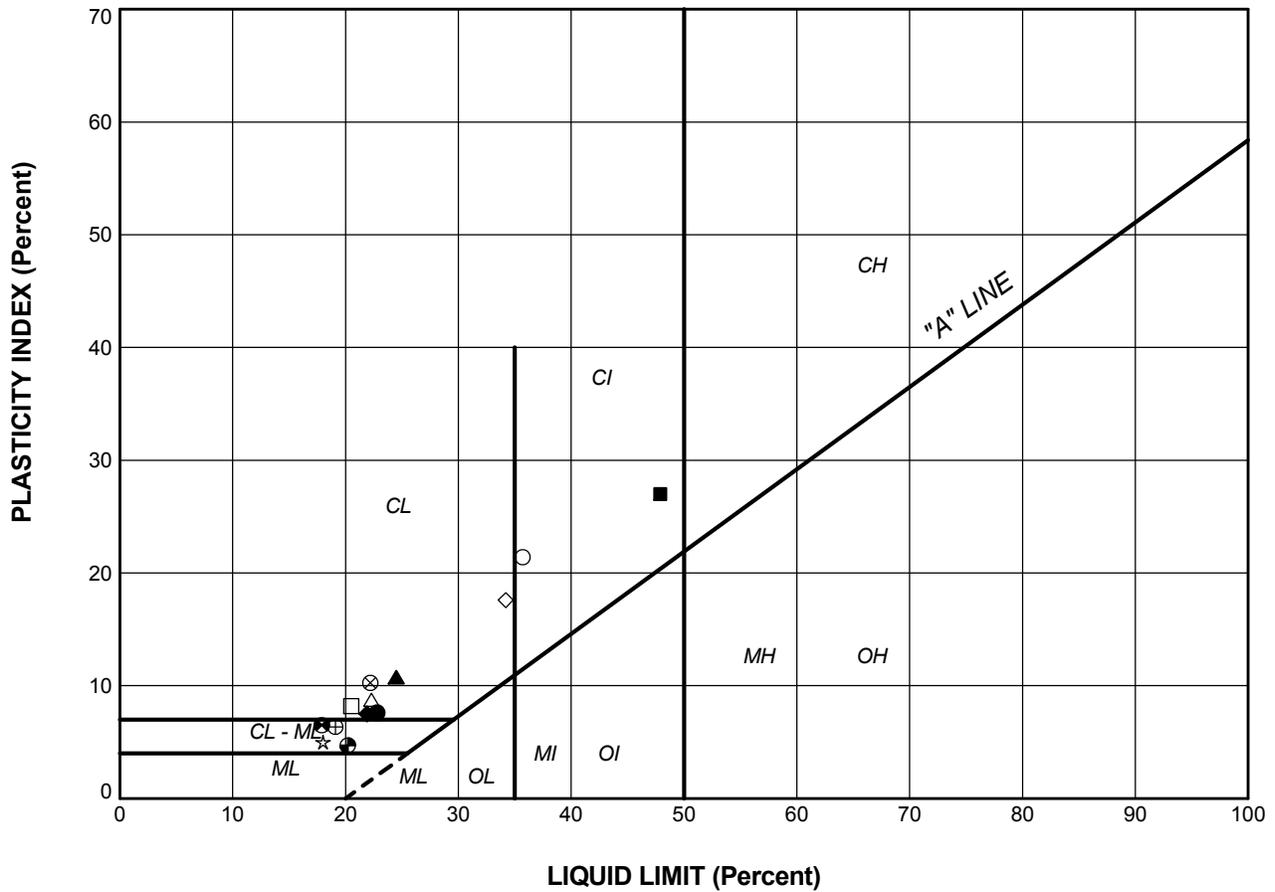
CLAY AND SILT	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	Cobble Size
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEV (m)
●	310	10	331.4
■	902	11	328.7

PROJECT	EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3 WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 7/8 GWP 131-98-00		
TITLE	<b>GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION CLAYEY SILT</b>		
 <b>Golder Associates</b> LONDON, ONTARIO	PROJECT No.	08-1132-084-1	FILE No. 0811320841-F11F0A9
	DRAWN	LMK	Feb. 22/11
	CHECK		
	SCALE	N/A	REV.
			<b>FIGURE A-9</b>

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**SOIL TYPE**  
 C = Clay  
 M = Silt  
 O = Organic

**PLASTICITY**  
 L = Low  
 I = Intermediate  
 H = High

**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	LL(%)	PL(%)	PI
<b>SILTY CLAY</b>					
■	50	5	47.9	20.9	27.0
<b>CLAYEY SILT TILL</b>					
▲	52	3	24.5	13.8	10.8
<b>CLAYEY SILT</b>					
◆	310	10	21.9	14.4	7.5
◇	902	11	34.2	16.6	17.6
<b>SILTY CLAY TILL</b>					
○	922	6	35.7	14.3	21.4
<b>FILL - CLAYEY SILT</b>					
⊗	53	2	22.2	12.0	10.3
⊕	53	4	19.1	12.8	6.4
△	54	2	22.3	13.6	8.8
●	54	4	22.8	15.2	7.6
□	55	2	20.5	12.3	8.2
●	308	3	17.9	11.4	6.5
●	901	3	20.2	15.5	4.7
*	902	7	18.0	13.0	5.0

PROJECT  
 EXISTING NOISE BARRIER WALL 3  
 WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 7/8  
 GWP 131-98-00

TITLE  
**PLASTICITY CHART**

	PROJECT No.	08-1132-084-1	FILE No.	0811320841-F11F0A10	
	DRAWN	LMK	Feb. 22/11	SCALE	N/A
	CHECK			REV.	
				<b>FIGURE A-10</b>	



# **APPENDIX B**

## **Records of Boreholes From Other Components of GWP 131-98-00**



# **APPENDIX B-1**

**Records of Boreholes – Westmount Road Overpass  
(Site No. 33-228)  
(Geocres No. 40P7-55)**

**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 308**

1 OF 2

**METRIC**

PROJECT 08-1132-084-1 W.P. 131-98-00 LOCATION N 4809769.0 ; E 223627.1 ORIGINATED BY JB  
 DIST HWY 7/8 BOREHOLE TYPE POWER AUGER / ROTARY DRILLING / TRICONE COMPILED BY LMK  
 DATUM GEODETIC DATE November 24, 2008 CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC NATURAL LIQUID LIMIT			UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)		
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80	100	W <sub>p</sub>	W			W <sub>L</sub>	GR
338.55	GROUND SURFACE																	
0.00	FILL, sand and gravel, some silt Compact Brown		1	SS	20													
337.18	FILL, clayey silt, some sand, trace gravel Firm to hard Brown		2	SS	6													
1.37			3	SS	8													
334.89	FILL, sandy silt, some clay, trace gravel Dense Brown		4	SS	42													
3.66			5	SS	33													
334.13	FILL, clayey silt, trace sand and gravel Very stiff Brown		6	SS	21													
4.42			7	SS	42													
333.55	SANDY SILT, some clay with clayey silt layers Compact to very dense Brown		8	SS	17													
5.00			9	SS	106/ 200mm													
330.02	SILTY FINE SAND Compact Grey		10	SS	14													
8.53			11	SS	15													
328.49	SILT, some clay with peat Compact Grey		12	SS	27													
10.06			13	SS	49													
326.97	CLAYEY SILT TILL, some sand, trace gravel Stiff to hard Grey																	
11.58																		

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+<sup>3</sup>, ×<sup>3</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity ○ 3% STRAIN AT FAILURE

**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 308**

2 OF 2

**METRIC**

PROJECT 08-1132-084-1

W.P. 131-98-00

LOCATION N 4809769.0 ; E 223627.1

ORIGINATED BY JB

DIST \_\_\_\_\_ HWY 7/8

BOREHOLE TYPE POWER AUGER / ROTARY DRILLING / TRICONE

COMPILED BY LMK

DATUM GEODETTIC

DATE November 24, 2008

CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100
319.35	CLAYEY SILT TILL, some sand, trace gravel Stiff to hard Grey		14	SS	45												
					15	SS	64										
					16	SS	14										
19.20	SAND AND GRAVEL, some silt Very dense Grey																
					17	SS	109										62 21 12 5
20.80	SILTY FINE SAND, with clayey silt layers Very dense Grey																
					18	SS	110										0 42 41 17
315.28	END OF BOREHOLE  Groundwater encountered at about elev. 329.4m during drilling on November 24, 2008.		19	SS	106/ 250mm												
23.27																	

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+<sup>3</sup>, ×<sup>3</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity      ○ 3% STRAIN AT FAILURE

**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 310**

1 OF 1

**METRIC**

PROJECT 08-1132-084-1 W.P. 131-98-00 LOCATION N 4809748.2 ; E 223560.9 ORIGINATED BY MA  
 DIST HWY 7/8 BOREHOLE TYPE POWER AUGER / HOLLOW STEM COMPILED BY DMB  
 DATUM GEODETIC DATE June 3, 2009 CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)					
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa			
						○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL × LAB VANE					WATER CONTENT (%)			GR	SA	SI	CL				
339.27	GROUND SURFACE																				
0.00	ASPHALT																				
0.15	FILL, sand and gravel, crushed																				
0.40	FILL, sand and gravel, with cobbles																				
338.54	Brown																				
0.73	FILL, clayey silt, some sand, trace gravel		1	SS	9																
	Stiff to very stiff		2	SS	12																
	Brown and grey		3	SS	21																
336.37																					
2.90	FILL, clayey silt, trace sand, trace gravel, trace topsoil		4	SS	15																
	Stiff to very stiff		5	SS	10																
	Brown and grey		6	SS	11																
			7	SS	12																
			8	SS	16																
332.56																					
6.71	CLAYEY SILT, trace sand		9	SS	7																
	Firm																				
	Brown																				
331.80																					
7.47	CLAYEY SILT, trace to some sand, trace gravel		10	SS	18												1	19	54	26	
	Very stiff																				
	Grey																				
			11	SS	20																
329.21																					
10.06	SANDY SILT, some clay		12	SS	26													5	27	52	16
	Compact																				
	Grey																				
			13	SS	13																
326.16																					
13.11	SAND, trace silt																				
	Compact																				
	Grey																				
			14	SS	17																
325.10																					
14.17	END OF BOREHOLE																				
	Groundwater encountered at about elev. 327.7m during drilling on June 3, 2009.																				

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+<sup>3</sup>, ×<sup>3</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity ○ 3% STRAIN AT FAILURE



# **APPENDIX B-2**

**Record of Borehole – Overhead Signs  
(Geocres No. 40P8-185)**





# **APPENDIX B-3**

## **Records of Boreholes – Retained Soil System Walls (Geocres No. 40P8-191)**



**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 902**

1 OF 1

**METRIC**

PROJECT 08-1132-084-1  
 W.P. 131-98-00 LOCATION N 4809802.0 ; E 223736.0 ORIGINATED BY MR  
 DIST HWY 7/8 BOREHOLE TYPE POWER AUGER / HOLLOW STEM COMPILED BY WDF  
 DATUM GEODETIC DATE May 26, 2010 CHECKED BY

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)					
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa			
											WATER CONTENT (%)										
											10	20	30								
337.27	ROAD SURFACE																				
0.09	ASPHALT																				
0.27	FILL, sand and gravel, crushed Brown																				
0.55	FILL, sand and gravel Brown																				
	FILL, clayey silt, trace sand, trace gravel Firm to very stiff Brown		1	SS	7																
			2	SS	13																
			3	SS	16																
334.37																					
2.90	FILL, sandy silt, some clay, trace gravel Loose to compact Brown		4	SS	12													5	33	48	14
			5	SS	9																
332.85																					
4.42	FILL, clayey silt, trace to some sand, trace gravel, trace topsoil Firm to very stiff Brown and grey		6	SS	9																
			7	SS	5													5	38	41	16
			8	SS	9																
			9	SS	18																
329.65																					
7.62	TOPSOIL, silty Loose Black		10	SS	9																
329.19																					
8.08	CLAYEY SILT, trace sand, with silt layers Stiff Grey		11	SS	14													0	9	48	43
327.67																					
9.60	END OF BOREHOLE Borehole dry during drilling on May 26, 2010.		12	SS	14																

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+<sup>3</sup>, ×<sup>3</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity ○ 3% STRAIN AT FAILURE

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