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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Golder Associates Ltd. (Golder) has been retained by URS Canada Inc. (URS) on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (MTO) to provide preliminary foundation engineering services for the Highway 401/Holt Road Interchange reconfiguration in the Town of Clarington, Regional Municipality of Durham, Ontario.

This report addresses the results of the subsurface investigation carried out for the reconstruction/replacement of the Interchange underpass structure.

The Terms of Reference and Scope of Work for the foundation engineering services are outlined in MTO's Request for Proposal (RFP) for Assignment No. 2008-E-0059 dated March 2009 and associated clarifications, and in Section 5.8 of the *Technical Proposal* for this assignment.

## **2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION**

The existing Highway 401/Holt Road Underpass bridge is located near the entrance to the Darlington Nuclear Power Plant approximately 10 km east of Oshawa, Ontario. According to the original design drawings prepared by Department of Highways – Ontario, dated 1961, the existing four-span underpass structure is about 60 m long with inner span lengths of about 18 m and outer span lengths of about 12 m, and the bridge deck is about 10 m wide. Based on the original design drawings, the existing abutments are supported on piles driven into the very dense native till deposits and the piers are supported on spread footings founded on the native glacial till deposits between about Elevation 108.2 m and 109.4 m.

Based on the preliminary drawings of the new Highway 401/Holt Road Interchange provided by URS (Holt Road – Conceptual Preferred Plan, on September 13, 2012), we understand that the existing bridge will be removed and a new Underpass bridge constructed about 30 m to the east of the existing bridge.

In general, the terrain in the area of the proposed new bridge is relatively flat, with the natural ground surface in the vicinity of the structure site ranging between about Elevation 111 m and 113 m.

The Highway 401 grade in the vicinity of the existing and the new Holt Road Interchange is at about Elevation 112 m. The existing Holt Road Underpass approach embankments consist of earth fill, up to about 6.5 m high, with the Holt Road surface at about Elevation 118.5 m. The existing approach embankment side slopes are oriented at approximately 2 horizontal to 1 vertical (2H:1V).

### **2.1 Previous Investigation**

The results of a previous geotechnical investigation carried out at the existing Highway 401/Holt Road bridge site were obtained from the MTO GEOCRES library, as summarized in a letter prepared by the Department of Highways – Ontario titled "Darlington Twp. Bridge No. 8, Holt Road Underpass at Highway 401 Intersection, District No. 7", dated March 7, 1961, GEOCRES No. BA851-E.

During the previous investigation, a total of seven (7) boreholes (Borehole Nos. 1 to 7, inclusive) were advanced in the general vicinity of the existing bridge as shown on Drawing 1. A copy of the original borehole logs is included in Appendix C.



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In general, the subsoils encountered in the above noted boreholes consist of a surficial deposit of granular fill, 0.3 m to 1.5 m thick, underlain by a 0.3 m to 1.4 m thick layer of topsoil. The topsoil is underlain by a deposit of silty sand till. The silty sand till is described in the borehole logs as gravelly / pebbly. The surface of the silty sand till was encountered between depths of about 0.6 m and 2.1 m below ground surface (between Elevation 111 m and 110 m according to the reference datum used on the borehole logs). The boreholes were terminated within the silty sand till at depths ranging from about 3 m to 9 m below ground surface (Elevation 108 m to 103 m). There were no groundwater levels nor any indication of groundwater being encountered during drilling shown on the borehole logs.

### 3.0 INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES

The field work for this subsurface investigation was carried out on November 22, 2012, during which time two boreholes (Boreholes HR-1 and HR-2) were advanced using a track-mounted CME-55 drill rig, supplied and operated by Strong Soil Search Inc. of Clarendon, Ontario. Borehole HR-1 was advanced on the east side of the proposed north abutment and Borehole HR-2 was advanced on the west side of the proposed south abutment, approximately at the locations shown on Drawing 1.

The boreholes were drilled using 108 mm diameter solid stem augers to depths of 7.8 m and 6.3 m below ground surface. Soil samples were obtained at 0.75 m and 1.5 m intervals of depth in the boreholes, using a 50 mm outside diameter split-spoon sampler in accordance with the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) procedure (ASTM D1586)<sup>1</sup>.

The groundwater conditions were observed in the open boreholes during and immediately following the drilling operations and are noted on the borehole records contained in Appendix A. The boreholes were backfilled in accordance with Ontario Regulation 903 (as amended).

The field work was supervised on a full-time basis by a member of Golder's engineering staff who located the boreholes in the field, directed the drilling, sampling, and in situ testing operations, and logged the boreholes. The soil samples were identified in the field, placed in labelled containers and transported to Golder's laboratory in Mississauga for further examination and laboratory testing. Index and classification tests consisting of water content determinations, Atterberg limits and grain size distribution were carried out on selected soil samples. The geotechnical laboratory testing was completed according to MTO procedures and/or ASTM standards as applicable.

The as-drilled borehole locations and ground surface elevations were measured/surveyed in the field relative to temporary benchmarks provided by URS. The borehole locations (referenced to the MTM NAD83 coordinate system) and ground surface elevations (referenced to geodetic datum) are summarized below and are shown on Drawing 1.

<sup>1</sup> ASTM International, ASTM D1586 – Standard Test Method for Standard Penetration Tests and Split Barrel Sampling of Soils



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Borehole Number	MTM NAD83 Northing (m)	MTM NAD83 Easting (m)	Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Borehole Depth (m)
HR-1	4,860,786.9	367,290.0	111.7	7.8
HR-2	4,860,707.2	367,300.7	111.7	6.3

## 4.0 SITE GEOLOGY AND SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

### 4.1 Regional Geology

This section of Highway 401 is located within the Iroquois Plain physiographic region, as delineated in *The Physiography of Southern Ontario* (Chapman and Putnam, 1984)<sup>2</sup> and *Urban Geology of Canadian Cities* (Karrow and White, 1998)<sup>3</sup>. The Iroquois Plain extends around the western shores of Lake Ontario. The Plain is comprised of the flat to undulating lakebed and beaches of the former glacial Lake Iroquois, which occupied this area during the last glacial recession.

The surficial soils in this area of the Iroquois Plain are typically comprised of glaciolacustrine clays, silts and sands to gravelly sands, which are underlain by an extensive till deposit that is mapped in this area as the Bowmanville Till. Within the area approximately bounded by Holt Road and Morgan's Road, the surficial glaciolacustrine deposits are absent or of limited thickness and the Bowmanville Till unit is frequently present immediately below the ground surface. Between these limits, an extensive surficial deposit of clayey silt to silty clay is present over the Bowmanville Till (Karrow and White, 1998). More recent alluvial deposits of gravel, sand, silt and/or clay are present in the valleys associated with Bowmanville Creek, Soper Creek, Wilmot Creek and Graham Creek.

The overburden soils are underlain by limestone bedrock of the Lindsay Formation, Simcoe Group (Geological Survey of Canada, 1997).<sup>4</sup>

### 4.2 Subsurface Conditions

As part of the subsurface investigation, two boreholes were advanced at the proposed new Highway 401/Holt Road Underpass structure site. The borehole locations, ground surface elevations and interpreted stratigraphic conditions are shown on Drawing 1. The detailed subsurface soil and groundwater conditions encountered in the boreholes and the results of in situ and laboratory testing are given on the borehole records contained in Appendix A. The detailed results of geotechnical laboratory testing are also presented on Figures B1 to B3 contained in Appendix B. The stratigraphic boundaries shown on the Record of Boreholes and on the interpreted stratigraphic section on Drawing 1 are inferred from non-continuous sampling and, therefore, represent transitions between soil types rather than exact planes of geological change. The subsoil conditions will vary between and beyond the borehole locations.

In summary, the subsurface conditions encountered at the site consist of a fill deposit comprised of loose to compact sandy silt between 1.8 m and 2.3 m thick, underlain by a very dense sandy silt to sand and silt till deposit interlayered

<sup>2</sup> Chapman, L.J., and Putnam, D.F., 1984. *The Physiography of Southern Ontario*, 3rd Edition. Ontario Geological Survey, Special Volume 2. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

<sup>3</sup> Karrow, P. F., and White, O. L., 1998. *Urban Geology of Canadian Cities*. Geological Association of Canada Special Paper No. 42. St. John's, Nfld.

<sup>4</sup> Ontario Geological Society, 1991. *Geology of Ontario*. Special Volume 4, Part 1. Eds. P.C. Thurston, H.R. Williams, R.H. Sutcliffe and G.M. Stott. Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Ontario.



with clayey silt till. A more detailed description of the soil deposits encountered in the boreholes is provided in the following sections.

### 4.2.1 Sandy Silt to Silty Sand (Fill)

A deposit of sandy silt to silty sand fill was encountered immediately below ground surface in both of the boreholes. The deposit was encountered at Elevation 111.7 m and the thickness of the deposit is 2.3 m and 1.8 m, in Boreholes HR-1 and HR-2, respectively.

The fill consists of sandy silt to silty sand containing trace clay, trace to some gravel and organics and rootlets.

The Standard Penetration Test (SPT) “N” values measured within the fill deposit range from 7 blows to 15 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a loose to compact relative density

The natural water content measured on three samples of the fill ranges between 11 per cent and 16 per cent.

### 4.2.2 Clayey Silt Till

A deposit of clayey silt till was encountered below the fill in Borehole HR-1 and within the upper portion of the sandy silt to sand and silt till deposit in Borehole HR-2. The surface of the clayey silt till was encountered at a depth of 2.3 m below ground surface, approximately Elevation 109.4 m, in both boreholes. This till deposit is about 1.5 m and 0.6 m thick in Boreholes HR-1 and HR-2, respectively.

The measured SPT “N” values within this deposit range from 28 to 33 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, suggesting a very stiff to hard consistency.

This glacial till deposit consists of clayey silt with sand to some sand, containing trace to some gravel. The results of grain size distribution tests completed on two selected samples of the clayey silt till are shown on Figure B1 in Appendix B. The grain size distribution for the clayey silt till sample taken from Borehole HR-1 closely resembles the grain size distributions of the sandy silt to sand and silt till, suggesting the clayey silt till layer is likely a transition zone to the underlying more granular till deposit.

Atterberg limits testing was conducted on two selected samples of the clayey till and measured plastic limits of 10 per cent and 15 per cent, liquid limits of 15 per cent and 33 per cent and plasticity indices of approximately 5 per cent and 18 per cent. These test results, which are plotted on a plasticity chart on Figure B2 in Appendix B, confirm that the deposit consists of clayey silt of low plasticity.

The natural water content measured on two samples of the clayey silt till was 10 and 15 per cent.

### 4.2.3 Sandy Silt to Sand and Silt (Till)

A deposit of sandy silt to sand and silt till was encountered underlying the fill at a depth of 1.8 m below ground surface in Borehole HR-2 and underlying the clayey silt till at a depth of 3.8 m below ground surface in Borehole HR-1, at Elevation 109.9 m and 107.9 m, respectively. Both of the boreholes were terminated within this till deposit at depths of 6.3 m and 7.8 m (Elevation 105.4 m and 103.9 m), in Boreholes HR-2 and HR-1, respectively.

This glacial till deposit consists of sandy silt to sand and silt, containing trace to some clay and trace to some gravel. The results of grain size distribution tests completed on three selected samples of the sandy silt to sand and silt till are shown on Figure B3 in Appendix B.





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The natural water content measured on four samples of the sand and silt till deposit ranges from about 7 to 8 per cent.

The measured SPT "N" values within this deposit range from 14 blows per 0.3 m of penetration to between 100 blows per 0.13 m of penetration and 100 blows per 0.07 m of penetration, indicating a compact to very dense (but typically very dense) relative density.

### 4.3 Groundwater Conditions

Details of the water levels observed in the open boreholes at the time of drilling are summarized on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A of this report. The water level in the open boreholes was measured at 4.9 m and 4.7 m below ground surface (corresponding to Elevation 106.8 m and 107.0 m) upon completion of drilling in Boreholes HR-1 and HR-2, respectively.

The water level at the site is expected to fluctuate seasonally in response to changes in precipitation and snow melt, and is expected to be higher during the spring season and periods of precipitation. Given the presence of a deposit of granular fill overlying very stiff to hard/very dense till, perched groundwater conditions can be expected to be present directly above the till deposit.

### 5.0 CLOSURE

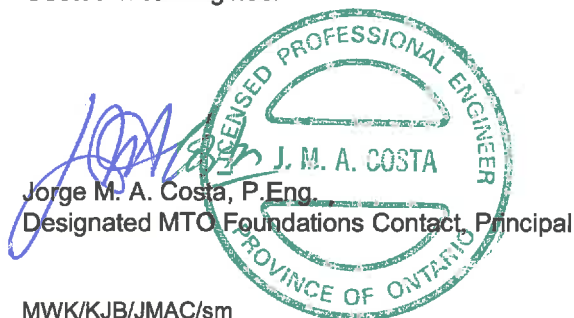
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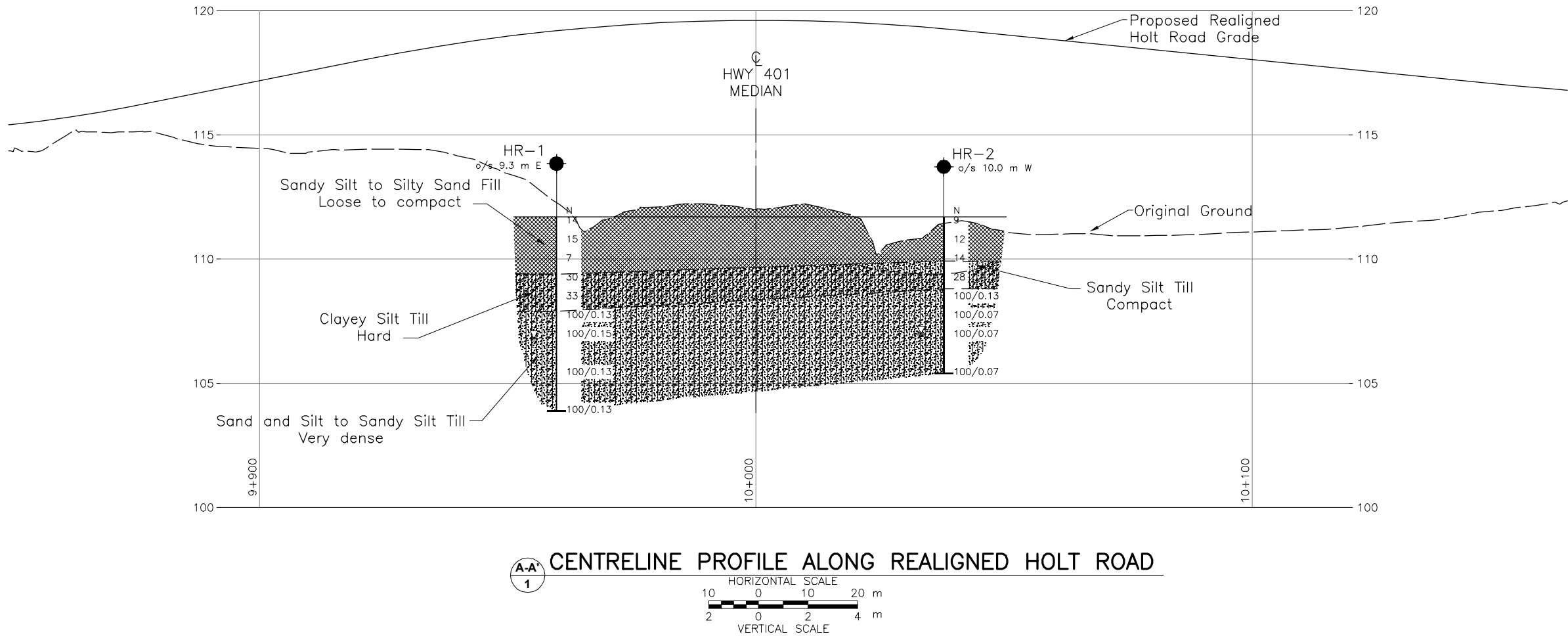
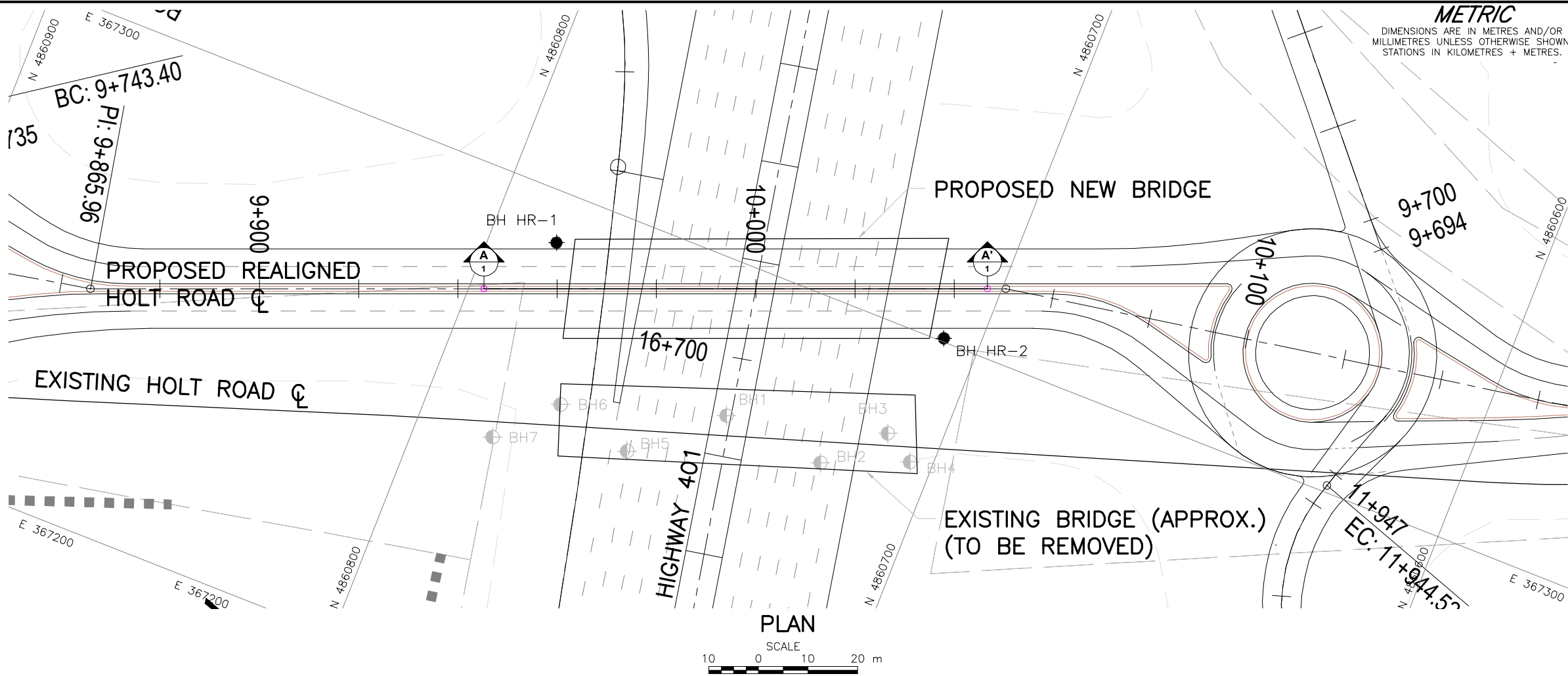
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HIGHWAY 401  
HOLT ROAD INTERCHANGE STRUCTURE  
BOREHOLE LOCATIONS AND SOIL STRATA

SHEET

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**KEY PLAN**  
SCALE  
2 0 2 4 km

**LEGEND**

- Borehole - Current Investigation
- ⊕ Borehole - Previous Investigation (1961)
- N Standard Penetration Test Value
- 16 Blows/0.3m unless otherwise stated (Std. Pen. Test, 475 j/blow)
- ≡ WL upon completion of drilling

**BOREHOLE CO-ORDINATES**

No.	ELEVATION	NORTHING	EASTING
BH HR-1	111.7	4860786.9	367290.0
BH HR-2	111.7	4860707.2	367300.7
BH1	112.8	4860742.3	367270.1
BH2	112.5	4860721.2	367268.3
BH3	111.9	4860710.7	367278.7
BH4	111.9	4860704.4	367275.0
BH5	112.9	4860758.3	367256.1
BH6	111.6	4860774.2	367260.0
BH7	111.5	4860784.5	367248.8

**NOTES**

This drawing is for subsurface information only. The proposed structure details/works are shown for illustration purposes only and may not be consistent with the final design configuration as shown elsewhere in the Contracts Documents.

The boundaries between soil strata have been established only at borehole locations. Between boreholes the boundaries are assumed from geological evidence.

The complete Foundation Investigation and Design Report for this project and other related documents may be examined at the Materials Engineering and Research Office, Downsview. Information contained in this report and related documents is specifically excluded in accordance with Section GC 2.01 of OPS General Conditions.

**REFERENCE**

Base plan provided in digital format by URS, drawing file no. 120921-X-Design\_Holt Preferred\_ACAD 2007.dwg, received January 3, 2013

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HWY.	401	PROJECT NO.	09-1111-0019	DIST.
SUBM'D. MWK	CHKD. MWK	DATE: 26/03/2013	SITE:	
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# **APPENDIX A**

## **Borehole Records**



## 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

### 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.) drive open sampler for a distance of 300 mm (12 in.)

#### 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.).

<b>PH:</b>	Sampler advanced by hydraulic pressure
<b>PM:</b>	Sampler advanced by manual pressure
<b>WH:</b>	Sampler advanced by static weight of hammer
<b>WR:</b>	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.

### III. SOIL DESCRIPTION

#### (a) Cohesionless Soils

Density Index	N
Relative Density	Blows/300 mm or Blows/ft
Very loose	0 to 4
Loose	4 to 10
Compact	10 to 30
Dense	30 to 50
Very dense	over 50

#### (b) Cohesive Soils Consistency

	$C_u, S_u$	
	kPa	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

### 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 <sub>4</sub>	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.

### V. MINOR SOIL CONSTITUENTS

Percent by Weight	Modifier	Example
0 to 5	Trace	Trace sand
5 to 12	Trace to Some (or Little)	Trace to some sand
12 to 20	Some	Some sand
20 to 30	(ey) or (y)	Sandy
over 30	And (cohesionless) or With (cohesive)	Sand and Gravel Silty Clay with sand / Clayey Silt with sand



## 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

### II. STRESS AND STRAIN

$\gamma$	shear strain
$\Delta$	change in, e.g. in stress: $\Delta \sigma$
$\varepsilon$	linear strain
$\varepsilon_v$	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
$w_l$ or LL	liquid limit
$w_p$ or PL	plastic limit
$I_p$ or PI	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
$C_\alpha$	secondary compression index
$m_v$	coefficient of volume change
$C_v$	coefficient of consolidation (vertical direction)
$C_h$	coefficient of consolidation (horizontal direction)
$T_v$	time factor (vertical direction)
U	degree of consolidation
$\sigma'_p$	pre-consolidation stress
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

\* Density symbol is  $\rho$ . Unit weight symbol is  $\gamma$  where  $\gamma = \rho g$  (i.e. mass density multiplied by acceleration due to gravity)

Notes: 1  
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$$\tau = c' + \sigma' \tan \phi'$$

$$\text{shear strength} = (\text{compressive strength})/2$$

PROJECT		RECORD OF BOREHOLE		No HR-1		SHEET 1 OF 1		METRIC														
W.P.		LOCATION		ORIGINATED BY																		
DIST		BOREHOLE TYPE		COMPILED BY																		
DATUM		DATE		CHECKED BY																		
09-1111-0019		N 4860786.9 ; E 367290.0		BM																		
2101-08-00		108 mm O.D. Continuous Flight Solid Stem Power Augering		MS																		
Geodetic		November 22, 2012		MWK																		
SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			PLASTIC LIMIT NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT LIQUID LIMIT			UNIT WEIGHT			REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)							
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES	GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa					WATER CONTENT (%)			γ			GR SA SI CL			
111.7	GROUND SURFACE							20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100	W <sub>p</sub>	W	W <sub>L</sub>	10 20 30									
0.0	Sandy silt to silty sand, trace clay, trace to some gravel, containing rootlets and organics (FILL) Loose to compact Brown to grey Moist		1	SS	14		111															
			2	SS	15																	
			3	SS	7		110															
109.4	CLAYEY SILT with sand, some gravel (TILL) Hard Grey Moist		4	SS	30		109												12	38	38	12
2.3			5	SS	33																	
107.9	SAND and SILT, some clay, trace to some gravel (TILL) Very dense Grey Moist		6	SS	100/0.13		108												16	40	32	12
3.8			7	SS	100/0.13		107															
			8	SS	100/0.13		106												5	40	43	12
							105															
104.7	Sandy SILT, trace clay, trace to some gravel (TILL) Very dense Grey Moist		9	SS	100/0.13		104															
7.0																						
103.9	END OF BOREHOLE																					
7.8	NOTES:  1. Water level in open borehole measured at a depth of 4.9 m below ground surface (Elev. 106.8 m) on completion of drilling.																					

PROJECT		RECORD OF BOREHOLE		No HR-2		SHEET 1 OF 1		METRIC								
W.P. 09-1111-0019		LOCATION		N 4860707.2 ; E 367300.7		ORIGINATED BY		BM								
DIST		HWY 401		BOREHOLE TYPE		108 mm O.D. Continuous Flight Solid Stem Power Augering		COMPILED BY								
DATUM		Geodetic		DATE		November 22, 2012		CHECKED BY								
								MWK								
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			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa								
111.7	GROUND SURFACE															
0.0	Sandy silt, trace clay, trace gravel, containing rootlets and organics (FILL) Loose to compact Brown to grey Moist		1	SS	9											
			2	SS	12											
109.9																
1.8	Sandy SILT, trace clay, trace gravel (TILL) Compact		3	SS	14											
109.4	Grey Moist															
2.3			4	SS	28											
108.8	CLAYEY SILT, some sand, trace gravel (TILL) Very stiff Grey Moist		5	SS	100/0.13											1 12 52 35
2.9			6	SS	100/0.07											5 47 34 14
	SAND and SILT, some clay, trace to some gravel (TILL) Very dense Grey Moist		7	SS	100/0.07											
105.4	END OF BOREHOLE		8	SS	100/0.07											
6.3	NOTES:  1. Water level in open borehole measured at a depth of 4.7 m below ground surface (Elev. 107.0 m) on completion of drilling.															





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HIGHWAY 401/HOLT ROAD INTERCHANGE STRUCTURE**

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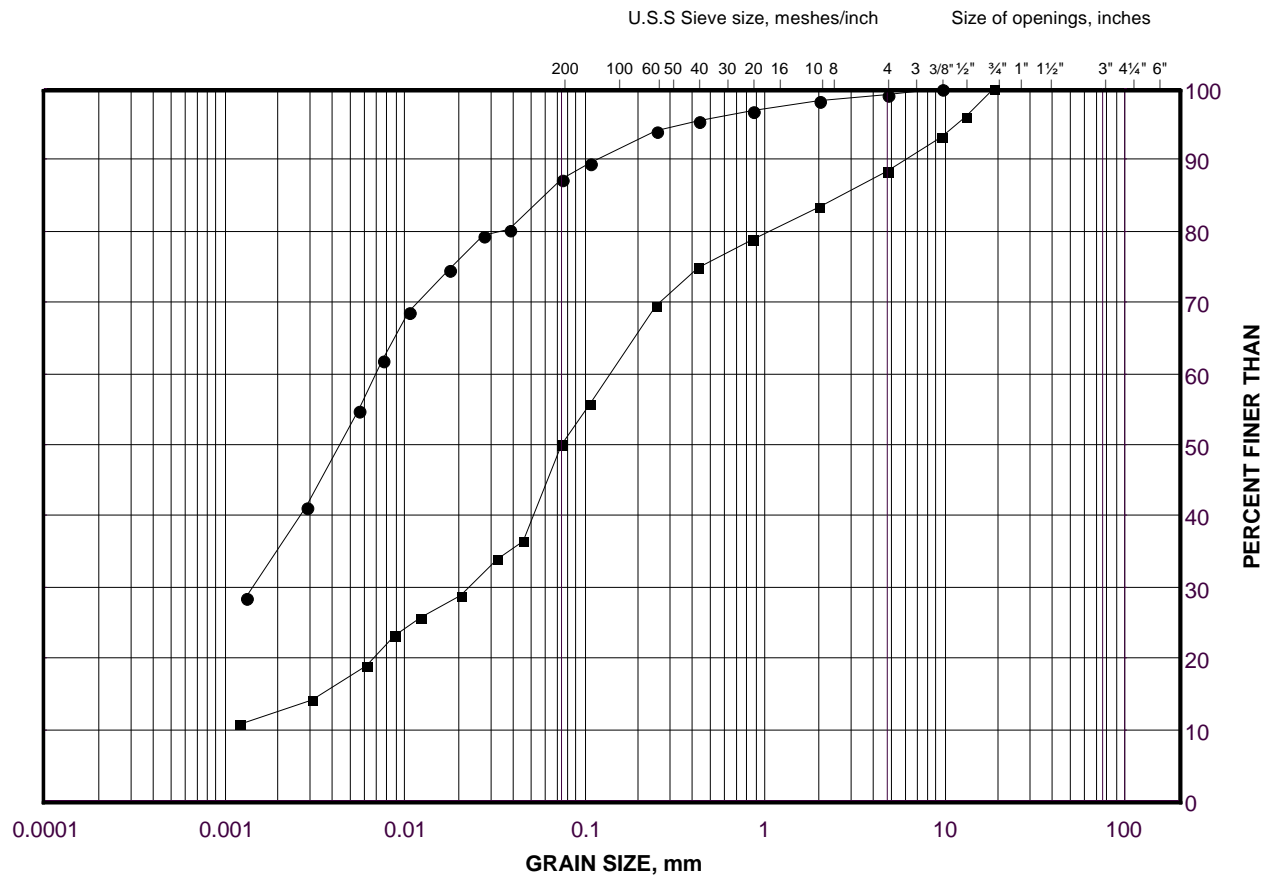
# **APPENDIX B**

## **Laboratory Test Results**

# GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION TEST RESULTS

Clayey Silt Till

FIGURE B1



SILT AND CLAY SIZES		FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE
FINE GRAINED		SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		SIZE

## LEGEND

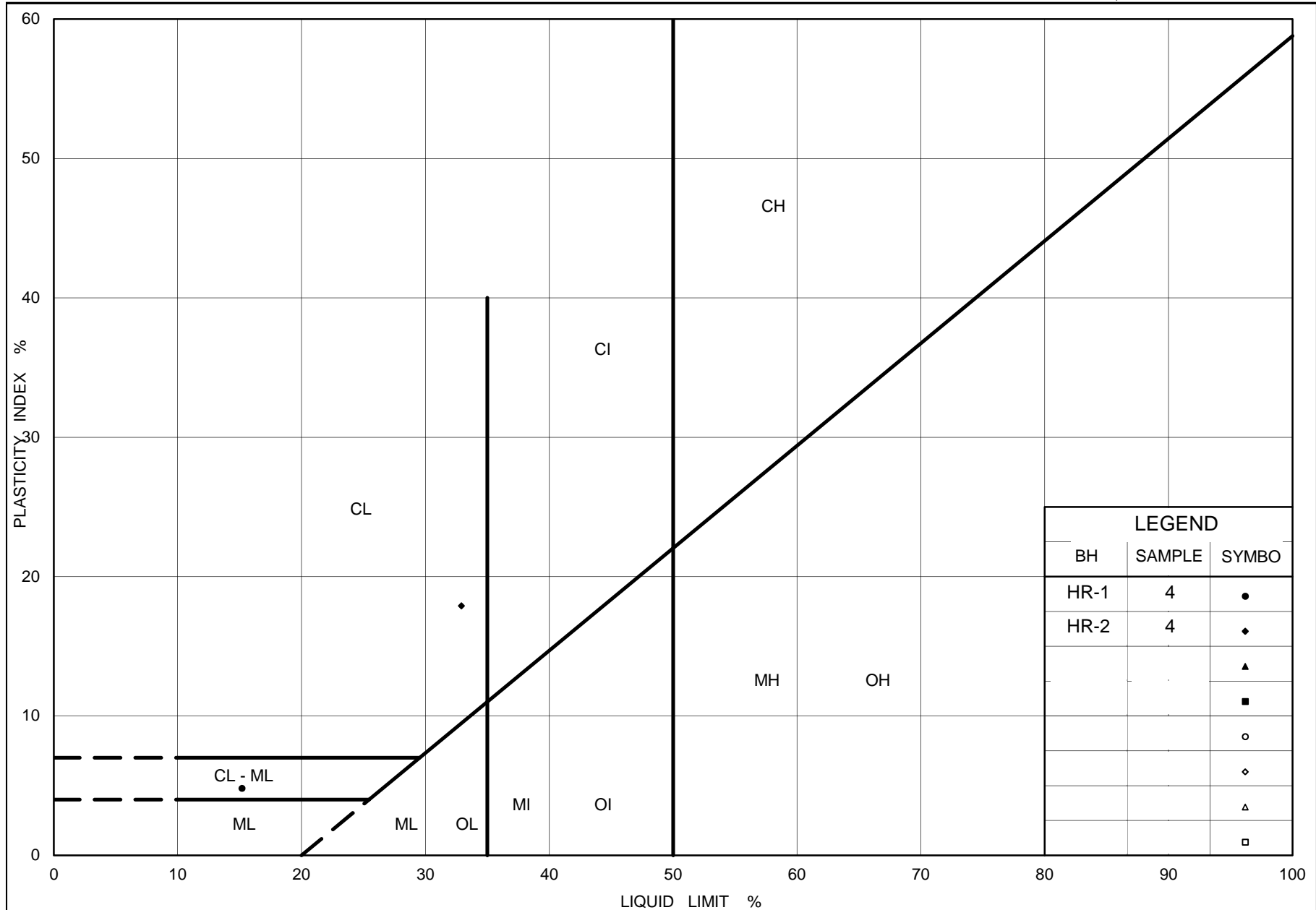
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●	HR-2	4	109.1
■	HR-1	4	109.1

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### Clayey Silt (Till)

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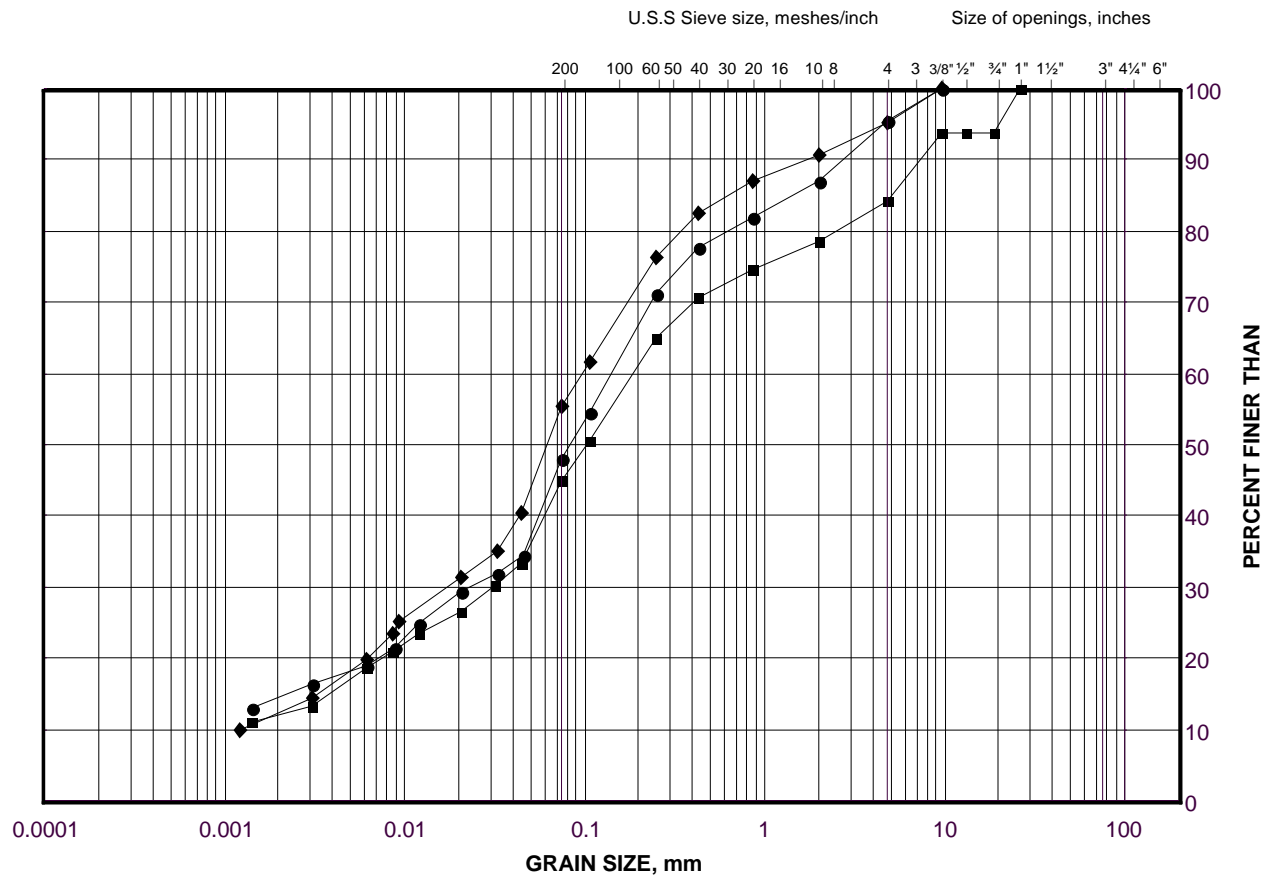
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# GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION TEST RESULTS

Sandy Silt to Sand and Silt Till

FIGURE B3



SILT AND CLAY SIZES	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE
FINE GRAINED	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		SIZE

## LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEVATION(m)
●	HR-2	5	108.6
■	HR-1	6	107.8
◆	HR-1	8	105.5

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# **APPENDIX C**

## **Borehole Logs – Previous Investigation**



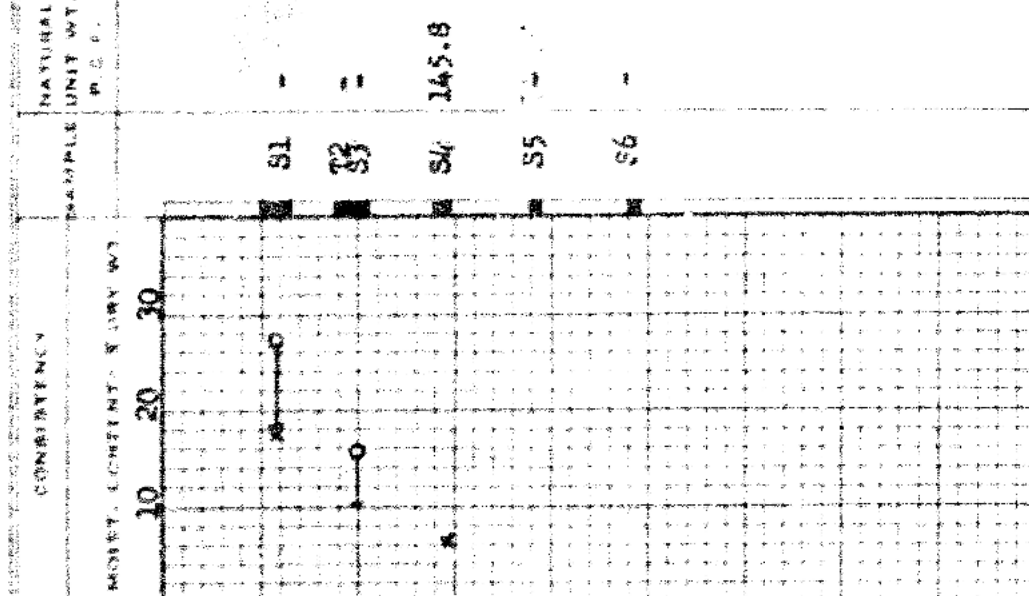
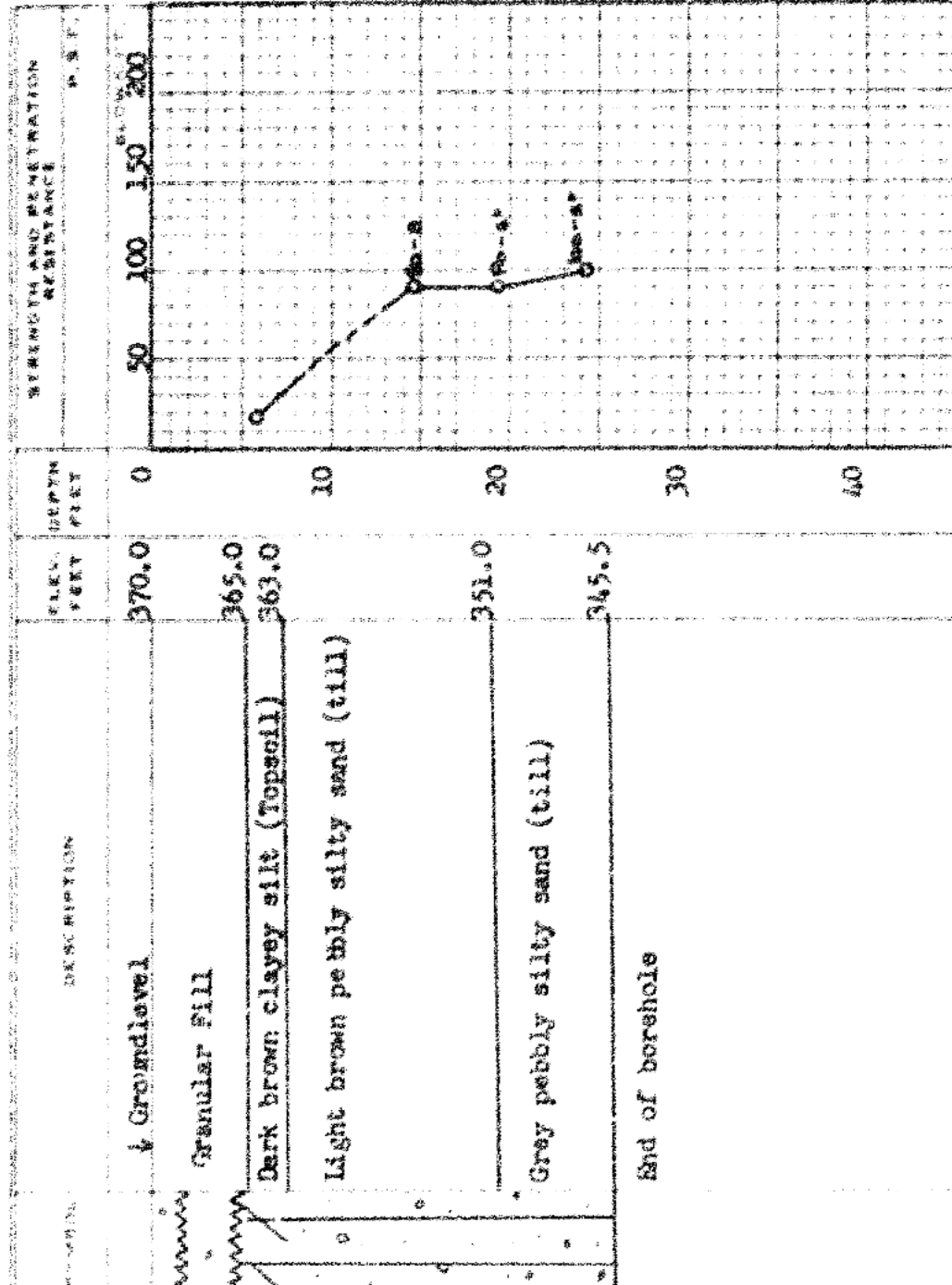
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BORING DATE Mar. 2/61 CHECKED BY V.K.

## LEGEND

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VANE TEST (G) AND SENSITIVITY (S) — +  
NATURAL MOISTURE AND LIQUIDITY INDEX — X  
LIQUID LIMIT — —  
PLASTIC LIMIT — —

2" DIA. SPLIT TUBE —  
2" SHELBY TUBE —  
2" SPLIT TUBE —  
2" DIA. CONE —  
2" SHELBY —  
CASING —



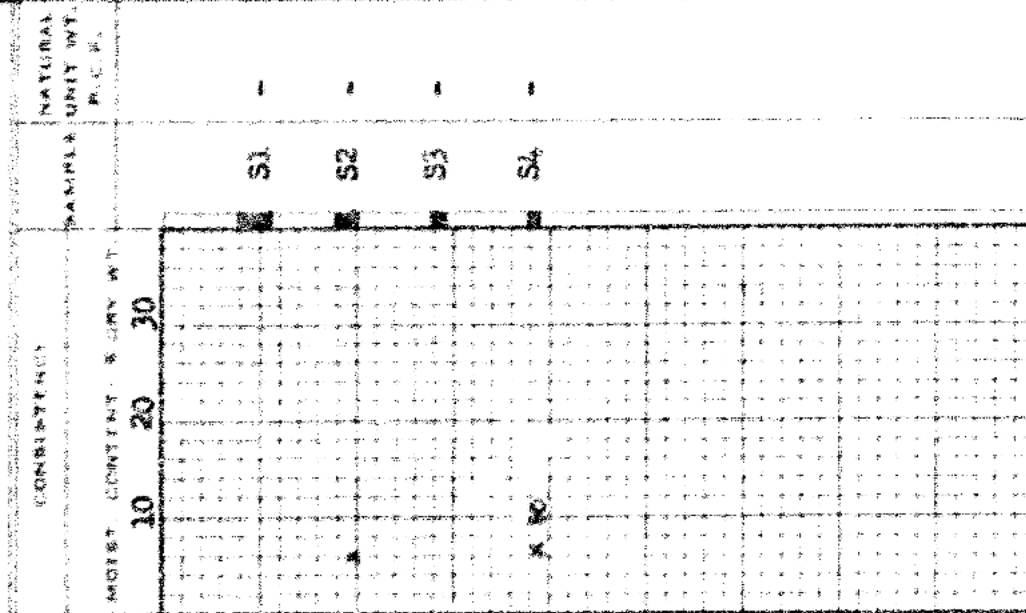
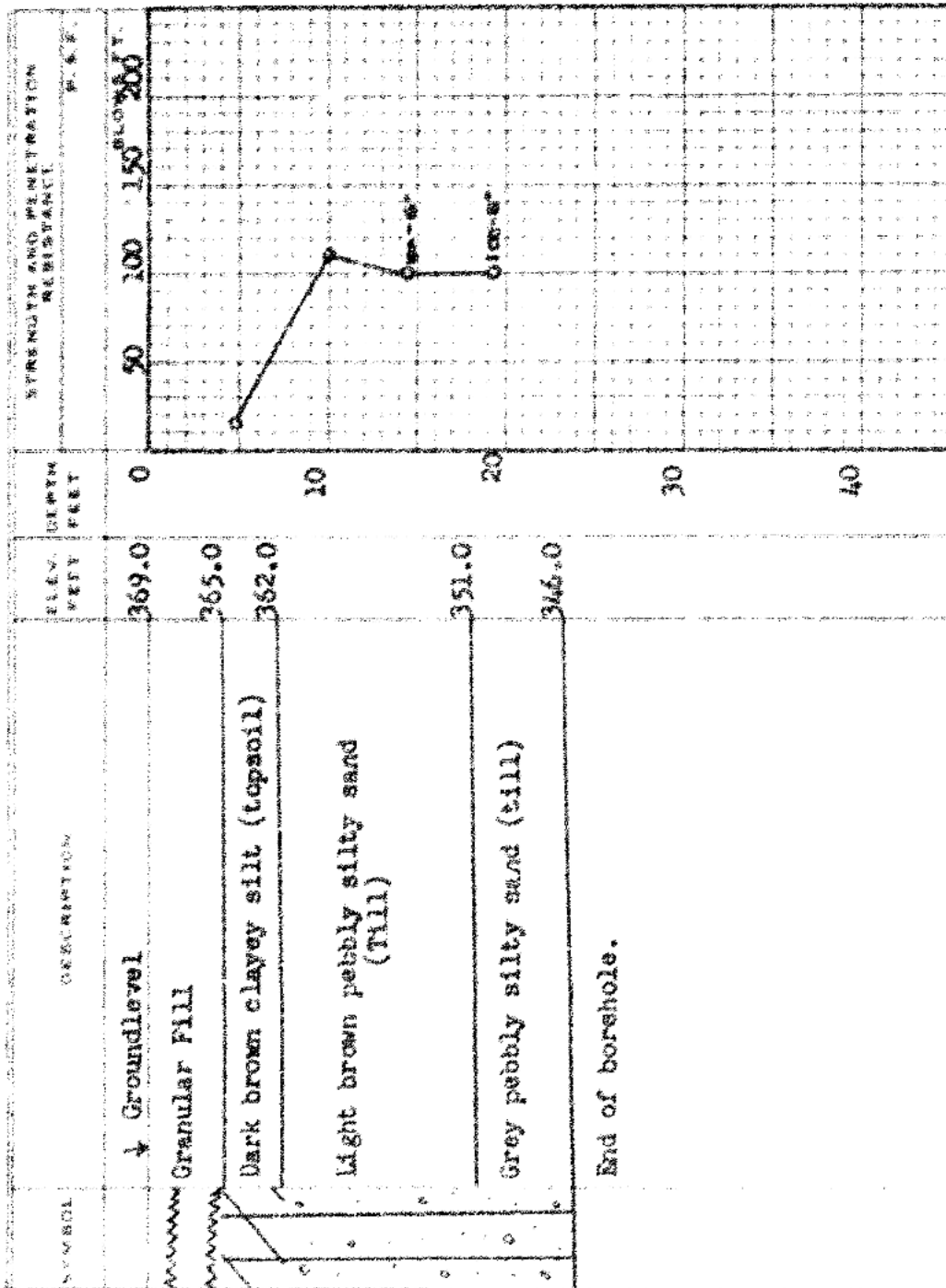
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 PLASTIC LIMIT ---



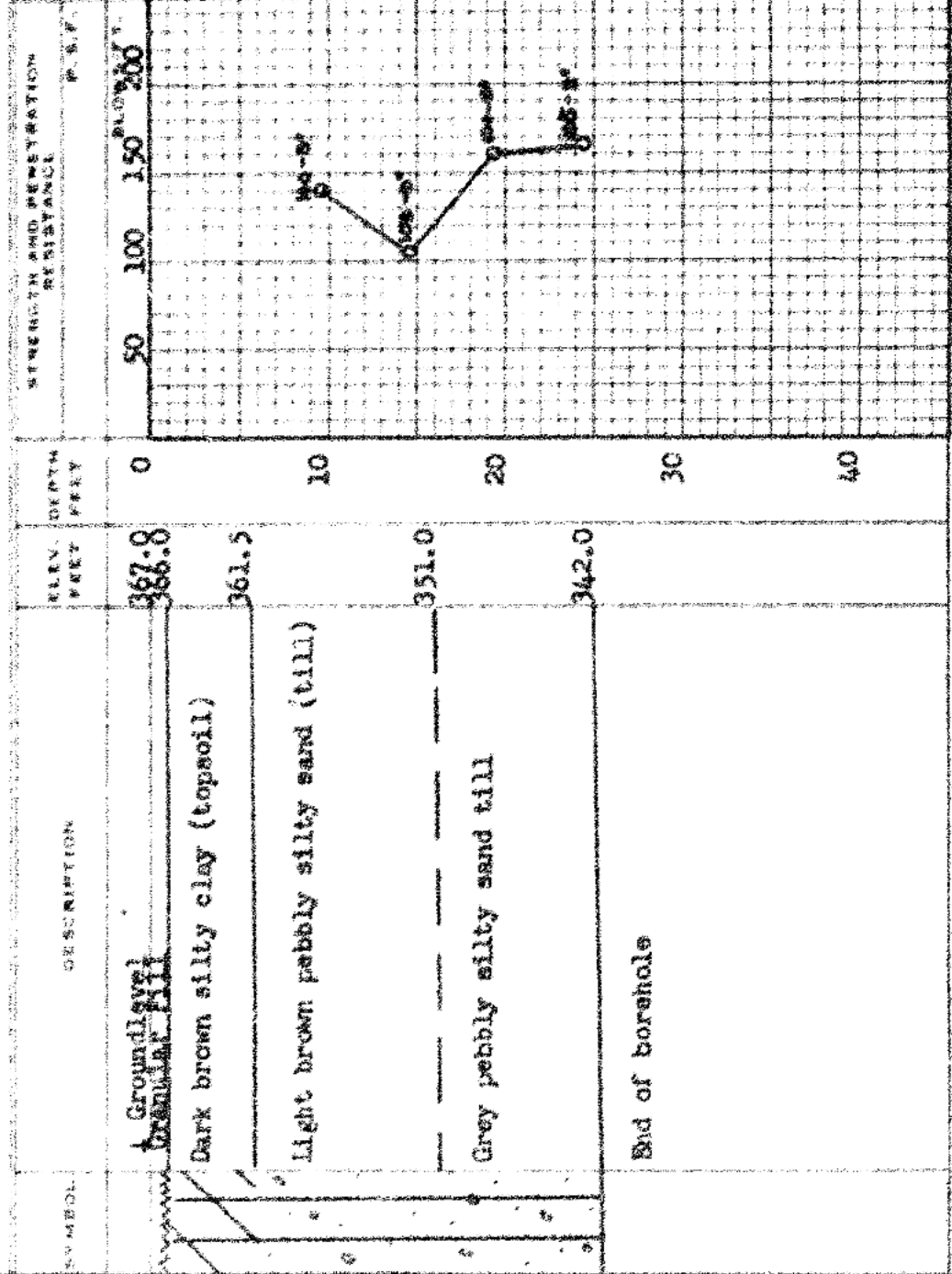
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2" SHELBY TUBE  
2" SPLIT TUBE  
2" DIA. CONE  
2" SHELBY  
CASING

## LEGEND

UNCONFINED COMPRESSION (QU)  
VANE TEST (C) AND SENSITIVITY (S)  
NATURAL MOISTURE AND  
LIQUIDITY INDEX  
LIQUID LIMIT  
PLASTIC LIMIT



CONSISTENCY	SAMPLE	NATURAL UNIT WT. P.C.F.
MOIST. CONTENT - % DRY WT.	S1	-
	S2	-
	S3	-
	S4	-
	S5	-

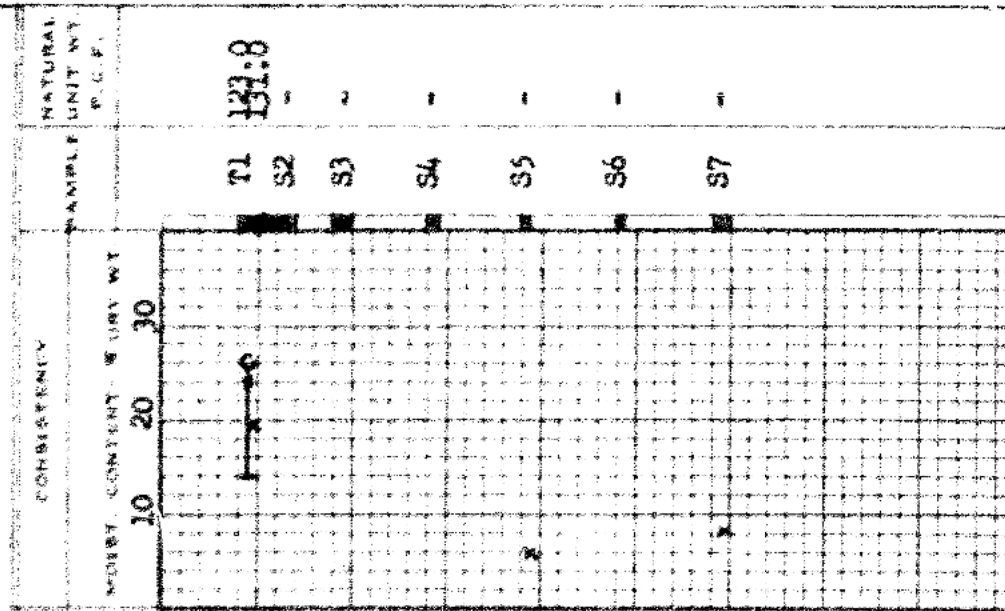
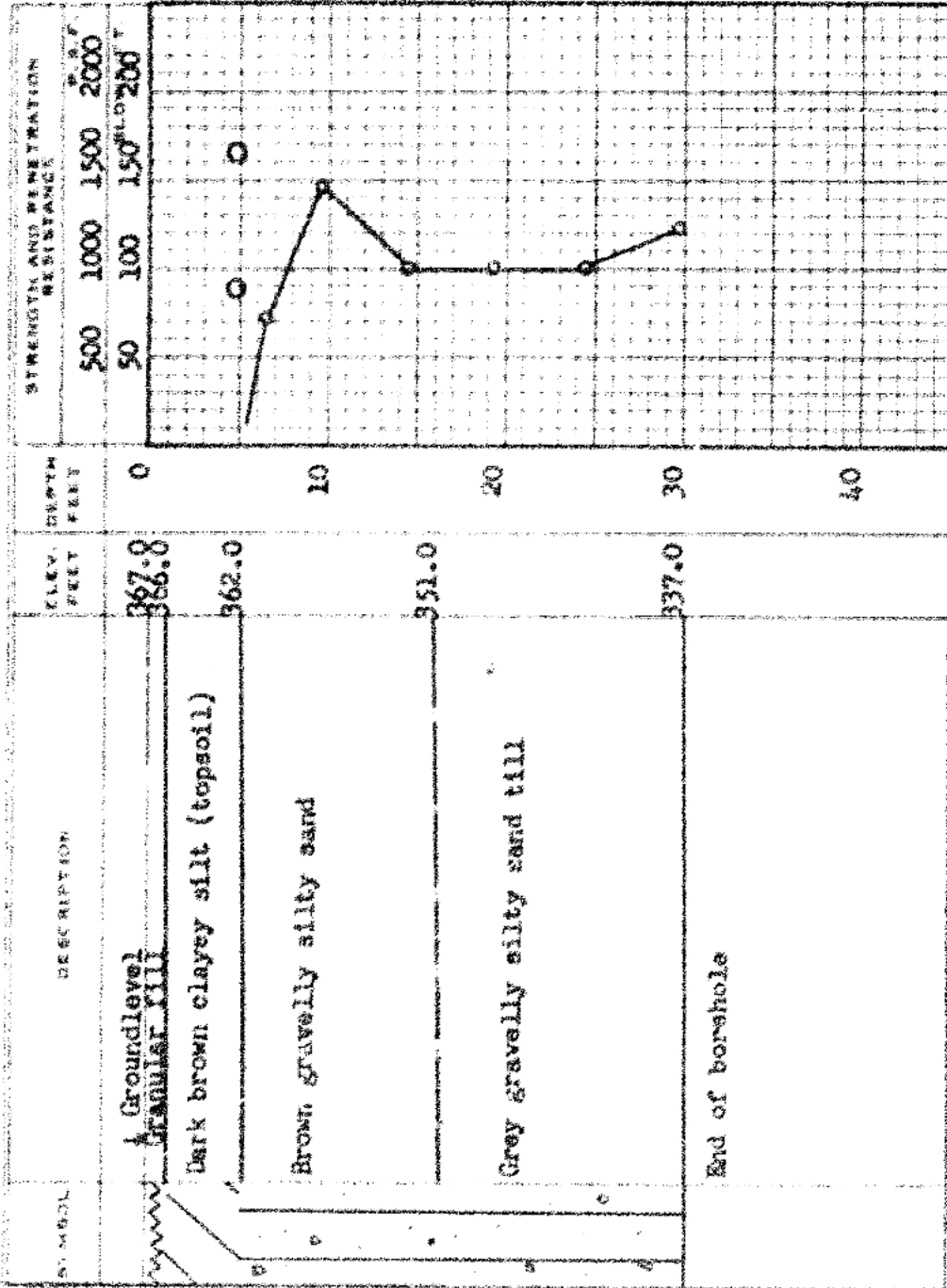
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## LEGEND

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2" SHELBY TUBE  
2" SPLIT TUBE  
2" DIA CONE  
2" SHELBY  
CASING

UNCONFINED COMPRESSION ( $Q_u$ )  
VANE TEST (C AND SENSITIVITY) (S)  
NATURAL MOISTURE AND  
LIQUIDITY INDEX  
LIQUID LIMIT  
PLASTIC LIMIT



T1 121.8  
S2 121.8  
S3 -  
S4 -  
S5 -  
S6 -  
S7 -

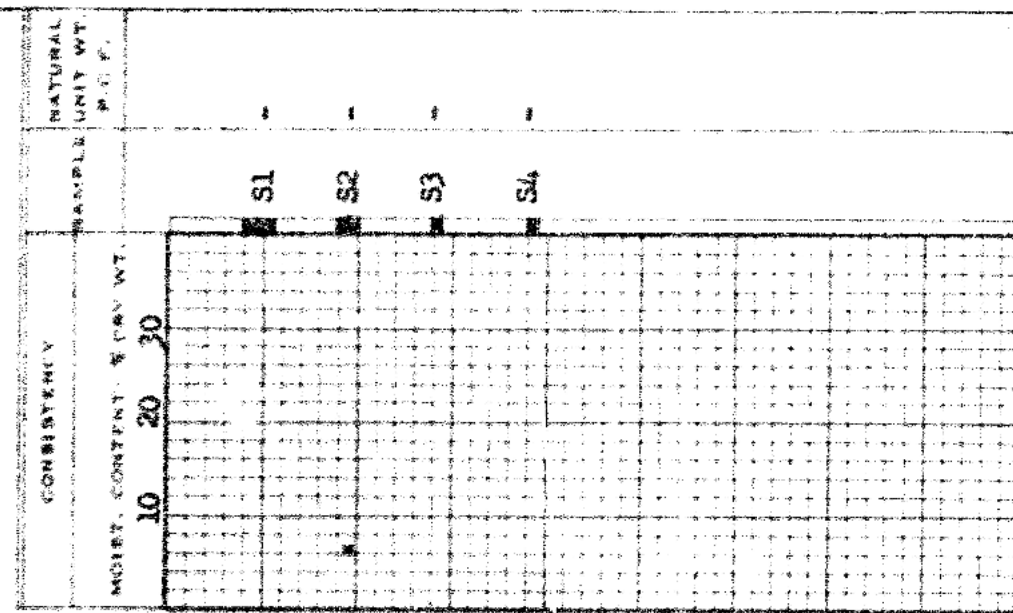
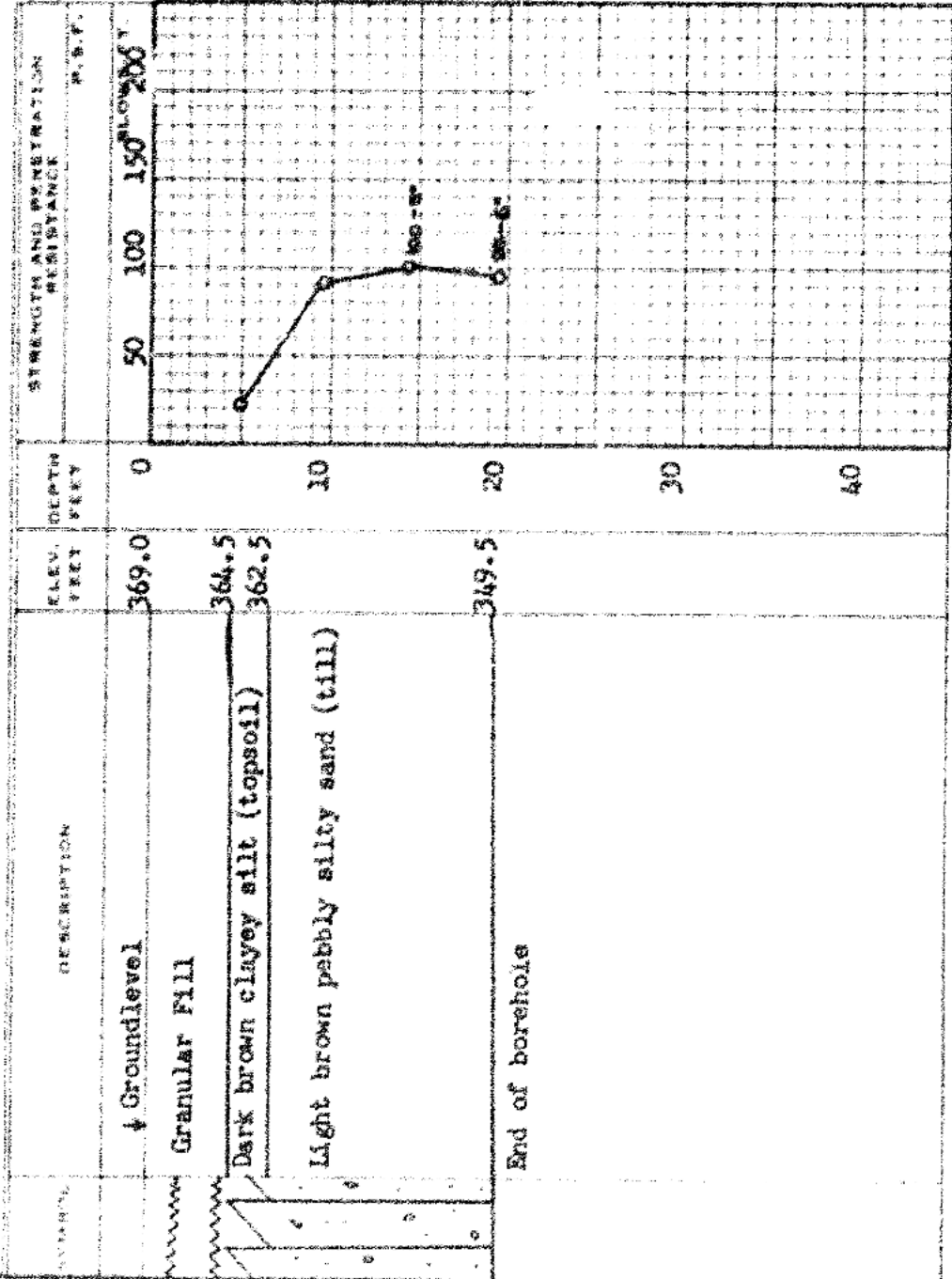
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## LEGEND

2" DIA. SPLIT TUBE  
2" SHELBY TUBE  
2" SPLIT TUBE  
2" DIA. CONE  
2" SHELBY  
CASING

1/2 UNCONFINED COMPRESSION (QU)  
VANE TEST (C) AND SENSITIVITY (S)  
NATURAL MOISTURE AND LIQUIDITY INDEX  
LIQUID LIMIT  
PLASTIC LIMIT



DESCRIPTION	ELEV. FEET	DEPTH FEET	STRENGTH AND PENETRATION RESISTANCE P.S.F.
Groundlevel	369.0	0	
Granular Fill	364.5		
Dark brown clayey silt (topsoil)	362.5		
Light brown pebbly silty sand (till)			
End of borehole	349.5		



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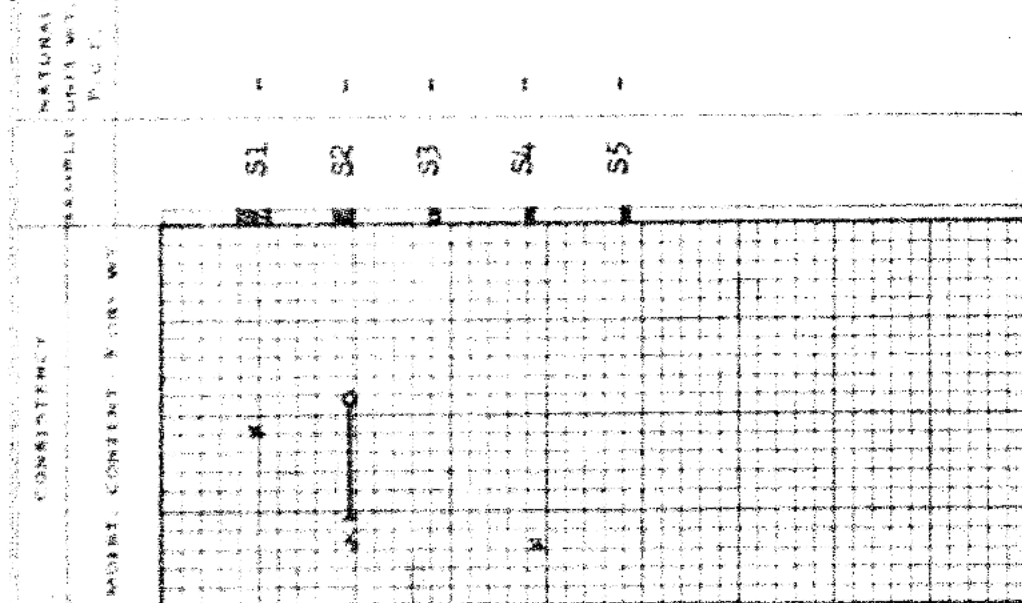
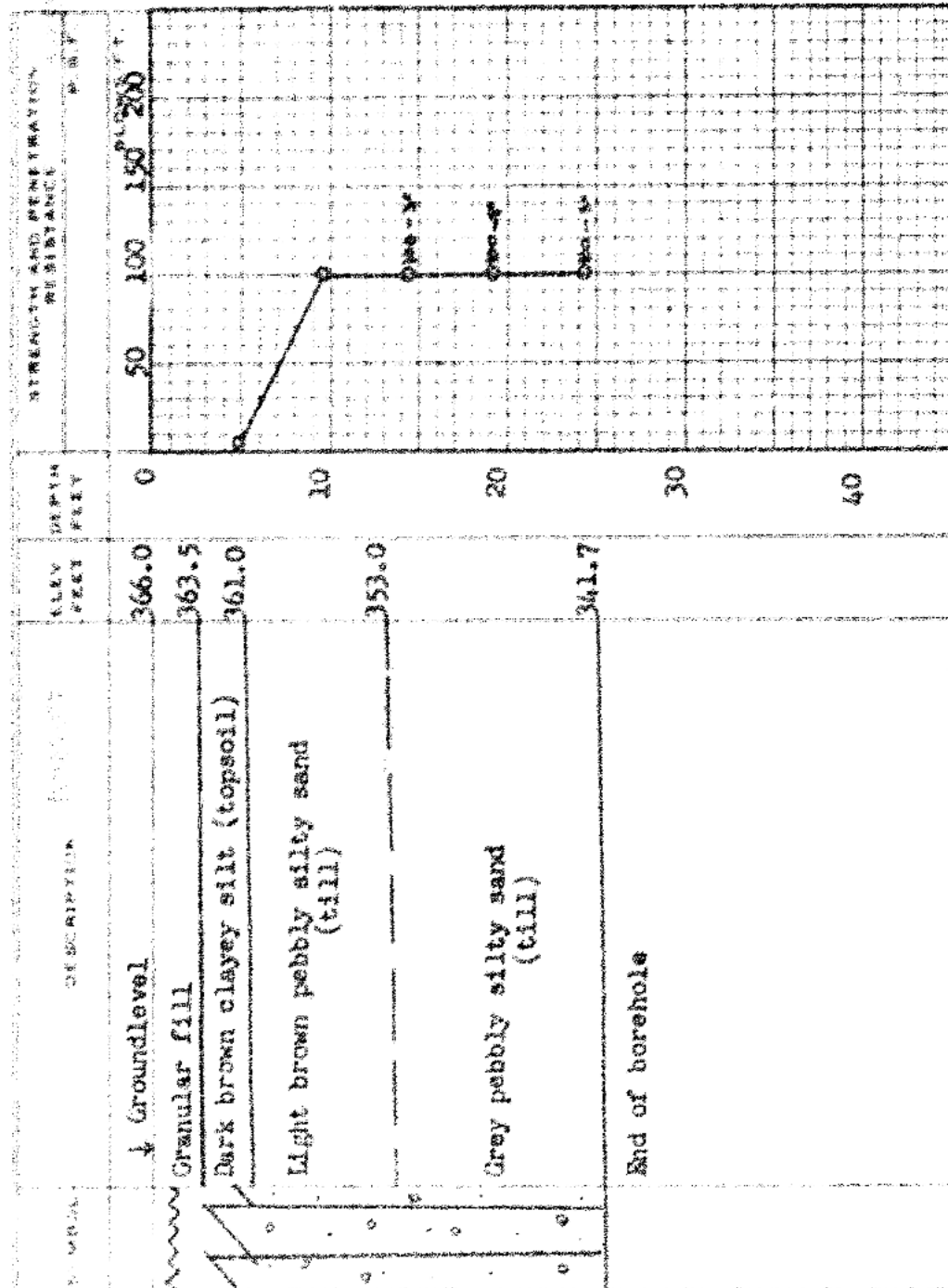
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## LEGEND

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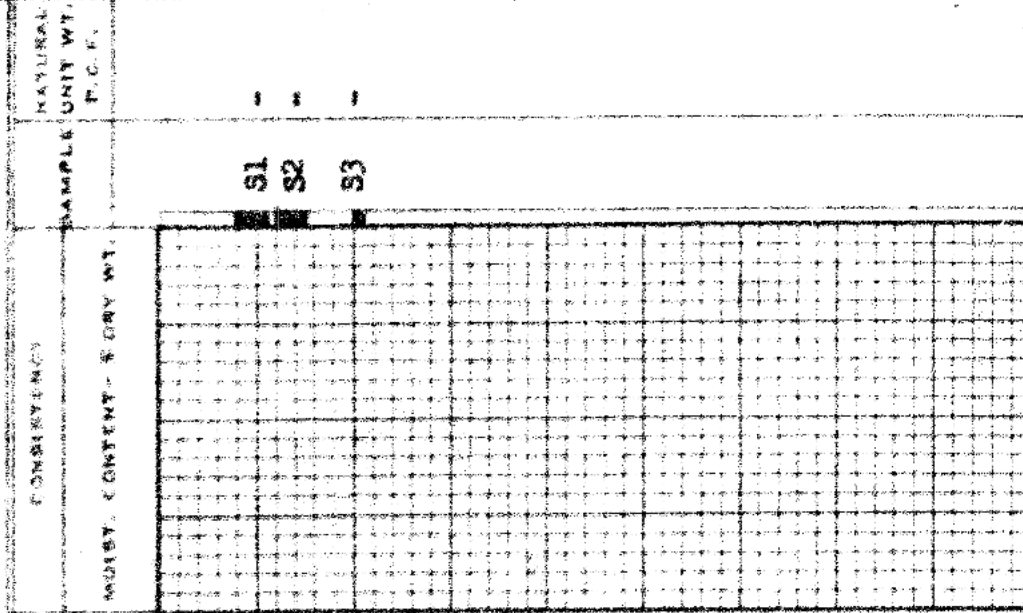
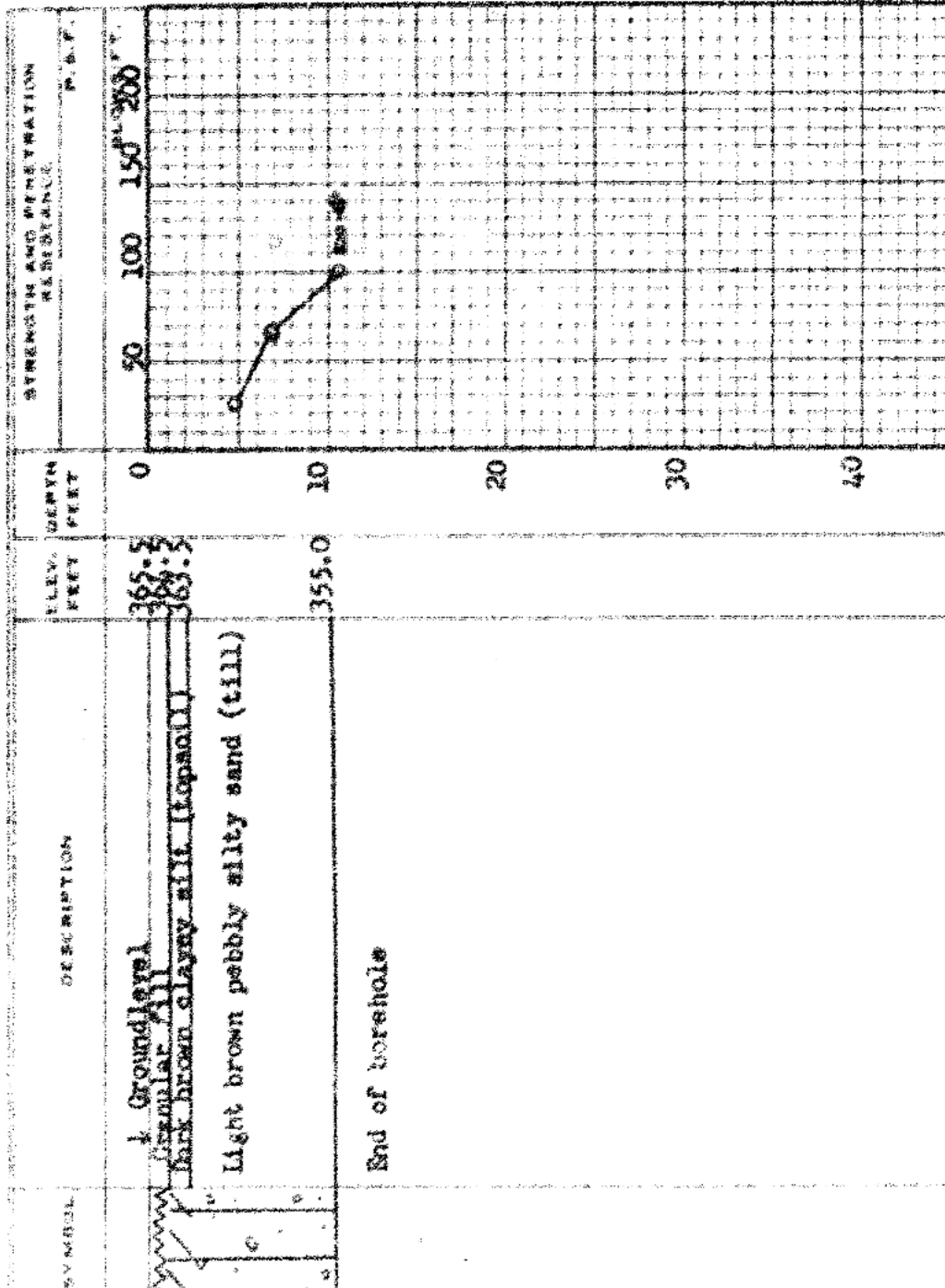
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JOB 61-P-15  
DATUM 365.5'  
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BORE HOLE NO. 7  
STATION See Drawing  
COMPILED BY B.E.  
CHECKED BY V.K.

## LEGEND

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VANE TEST (C) AND SENSITIVITY (S) --- +  
NATURAL MOISTURE AND LIQUIDITY INDEX --- LI  
LIQUID LIMIT --- X  
PLASTIC LIMIT --- P



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