




# The Windsor-Essex Parkway Project

## Geotechnical Investigation and Design Report – Culvert CV-3

(Cahill Drain, 9+963.74 Cousineau Road, LaSalle)

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## 2 Background Information

### 2.1 Geological Setting

The WEP project site is located within the Essex Clay Plain (a part of the St. Clair Clay Plain physiographic region) (ref. R-7, R-9 and R-15). The Essex Clay Plain was deposited during the retreat of the late Pleistocene Era ice sheets, when a series of glacial lakes inundated the area. The ice sheets generally deposited materials with a glacial till like gradation in the Windsor area. Depending on the locations of the glacial ice sheets and depths of water in the ice-contact glacial lakes, the materials may have been directly deposited at the contact between the ice sheet and bedrock or, as the lake levels rose and the ice sheets retreated and floated, the soil and rock debris within and at the base of ice may have been deposited through the lake water (i.e., lacustrine environment). It is considered that unlike typical till deposits (that have undergone consolidation and densification under the weight of the ice sheet), the majority of the “glacial till” soils in the Windsor and Detroit area were deposited through water and have a soft to firm consistency below a surficial crust layer that has become stiff to hard due to weathering and desiccation. Geologically, the deposit in the project area is considered to be slightly over-consolidated, having experienced no major overburden stresses in excess of the existing stresses.

The overburden in the St. Clair Clay Plain has variously been described as clayey silt till, silty clay till and glaciolacustrine clay. Hudon (ref. R-15) summarized the overburden geology in Windsor as consisting of the following successive strata: desiccated lacustrine clay, normally consolidated lacustrine clay, silty Tavistock till, glaciolacustrine clay and coarse Catfish Creek till. A distinct change in overburden deposits occurs in the east-west direction along a boundary located generally along the Huron-Church Road. Whereas, the eastern part of Windsor is underlain by firm to stiff glaciolacustrine silts and clays with upper deposits of stiff sandy to silty weathered clay and hard to stiff lacustrine clay-silt crust, the western part of Windsor is characterized by a thin surficial granular deposit underlain by thin crust layer underlain by soft to firm glaciolacustrine silts and clays.

At the WEP project area, the glacial till like deposit is typically 20 to 35 m thick and consists primarily of silty clay and clayey silt gradation with a random distribution of coarser particles. Random and apparently discontinuous seams / lenses of silt, sand and or gravel are present at various depths within the mass of the silty clay deposit. A stiff to hard surficial crust layer has formed due to weather and desiccation. Up to 2 m thick surficial layers of lacustrine silty clay or silt and sand are also encountered in the western sector of the project. A 1 m to 6 m thick very dense or hard basal glacial till or dense silty sand may be found directly overlying the bedrock surface. The bedrock at the project area comprises the Devonian Dundee Formation of the Hamilton Group and the underlying Devonian Lucas Formation of the Detroit River Group.

The Windsor area, referred to as the Essex Domain (with respect to bedrock geology), is located in the Grenville Front Tectonic Zone (GFTZ). The bedrock geology within the Essex Domain was formed as part of the midcontinent rift south-eastern extension. The midcontinent rift south-eastern extension is composed of Paleozoic cover rocks which form the bedrock foundation of the Essex Domain. The bedrock was deposited in the Paleozoic Era during the Middle Devonian period. Within the Essex Domain the following strata were deposited: the Hamilton Group, Dundee Formation, and Detroit River Group Onondaga Formation all consisting of Limestone, Dolostone, and Shale.































The backfill should be compacted in maximum 200 mm thick loose lifts in accordance with SP105S10. Longitudinal drains should be installed to provide positive drainage of the backfill. Other aspects of the backfill requirements with respect to subdrains and frost taper should be in accordance with OPSD 3101.150 and 3190.100.

Behind the retaining/wing wall well graded sand and gravel fill (Granular B Type I, or approved equivalent) should be used and placed as per OPSD 3101.150 requirements for minimum granular.

Heavy compaction equipment should not be used immediately adjacent to the walls of the structure as per the CHBDC and OPSS 501. Effects of backfill compaction activities should be simulated as live load over and above the static lateral earth pressure for structural design in accordance with Section 6.9.3 in the CHBDC.

Earth pressures on retaining/wing walls may be calculated on the basis of the parameters given in Table 5-4. In the case of sloping backfill surface, the coefficients in this table should be modified based on the following equations:

$$K_a = \left( \frac{\cos\phi}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{\sin\phi \cdot \sin(\phi - \beta)}{\cos\beta}}} \right)^2 \quad (\text{Eq. 5.7})$$

$$K_0 = (1 - \sin\phi)(1 + \sin\beta) \quad (\text{Eq. 5.8})$$

$$K_p = \left( \frac{\cos\phi}{1 - \sqrt{\frac{\sin\phi \cdot \sin(\phi + \beta)}{\cos\beta}}} \right)^2 \quad (\text{Eq. 5.9})$$

Where:  $\phi$  = Friction angle of backfill material,  
 $\beta$  = Slope of the backfill surface.











The design recommendations given in this report are applicable only to the project described in the text and then only if constructed substantially in accordance with the details stated in this report. Since all details of the design may not be known, it is recommended that AMEC be engaged during the final design and construction stages to verify that the design and construction are consistent with AMEC's recommendations.

The comments made in this report on potential construction problems and possible methods are intended only for the guidance of the structural and other designers and constructor. The number of test holes may not be sufficient to determine all the factors that may affect construction methods and costs. For example, the thickness of the surficial topsoil and the clay crust layer, the presence of artesian conditions and exsolved natural gases, and the strength of the silty clay stratum may vary markedly and unpredictably. The constructor should, therefore, make their own interpretation of the factual information presented and draw their own conclusions as to how the subsurface conditions may affect their work. The work presented in this report has been undertaken in accordance with normally accepted geotechnical engineering practices. No other warranty is expressed or implied.

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## Drawings

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## Figures











## **Appendix A      Borehole, CPT and DMT logs from Additional Geotechnical Investigation**





















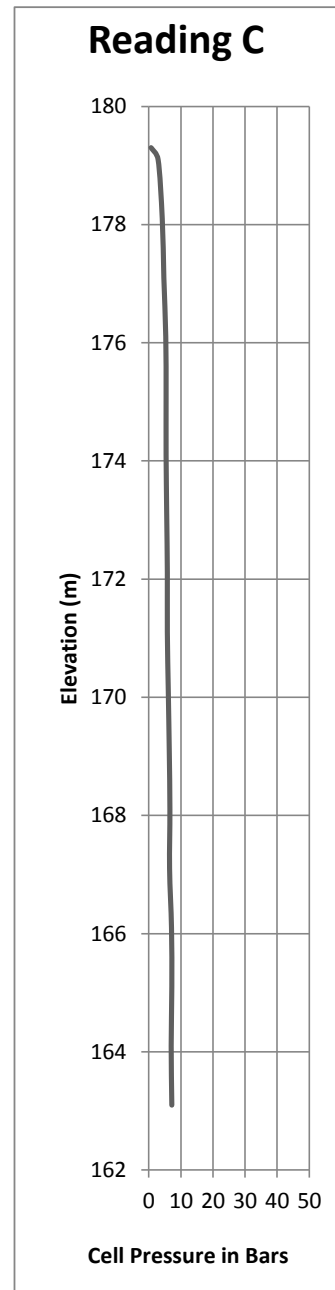
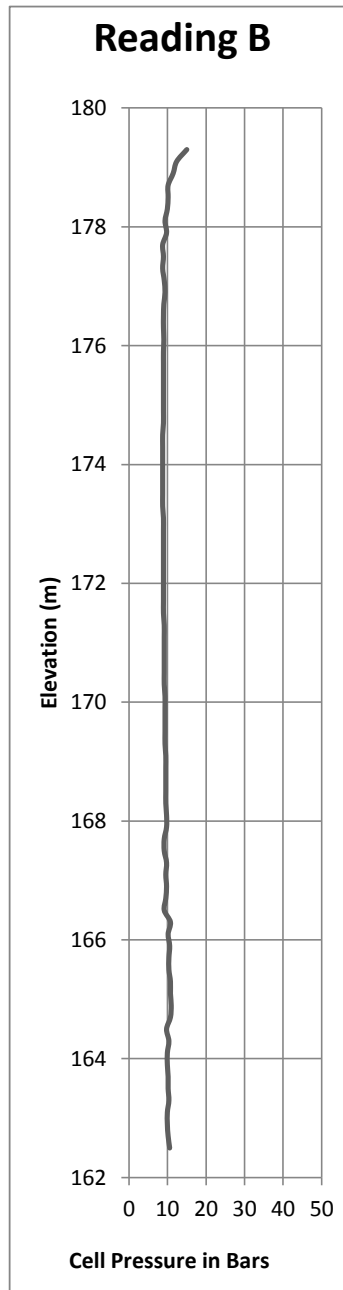
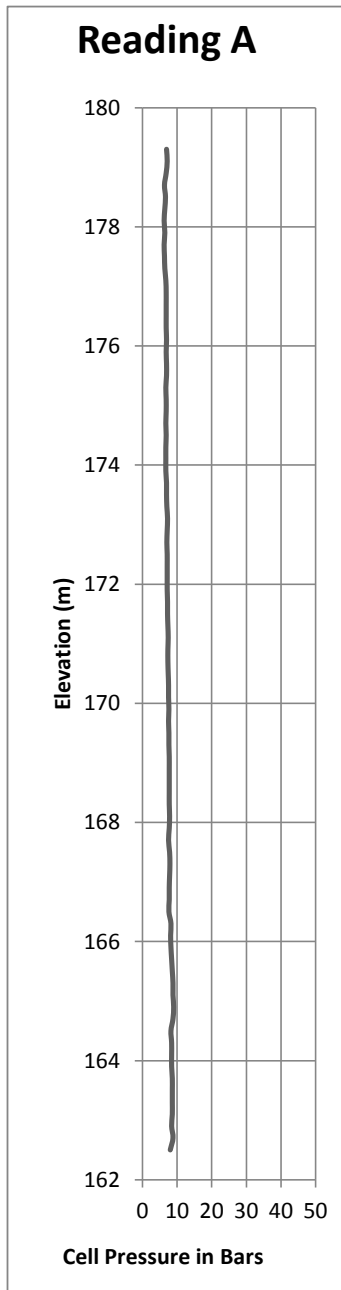


# RECORD OF DILATOMETER TEST DMT T9-1-DEEP

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 Ground Surface Elevation : 184.1

Test Date: 7/19/2011  
 Predrill Depth : 4.6 m  
 Delta A: 0.10 Bar

Sheet 1 of 1  
 Datum Geodetic  
 Delta B: 0.37 Bar



Operator: LC  
 Checked: DD



## **Appendix B      Borehole Logs from Previous Investigations**

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**RECORD OF CONE PENETRATION TEST CPT-114**

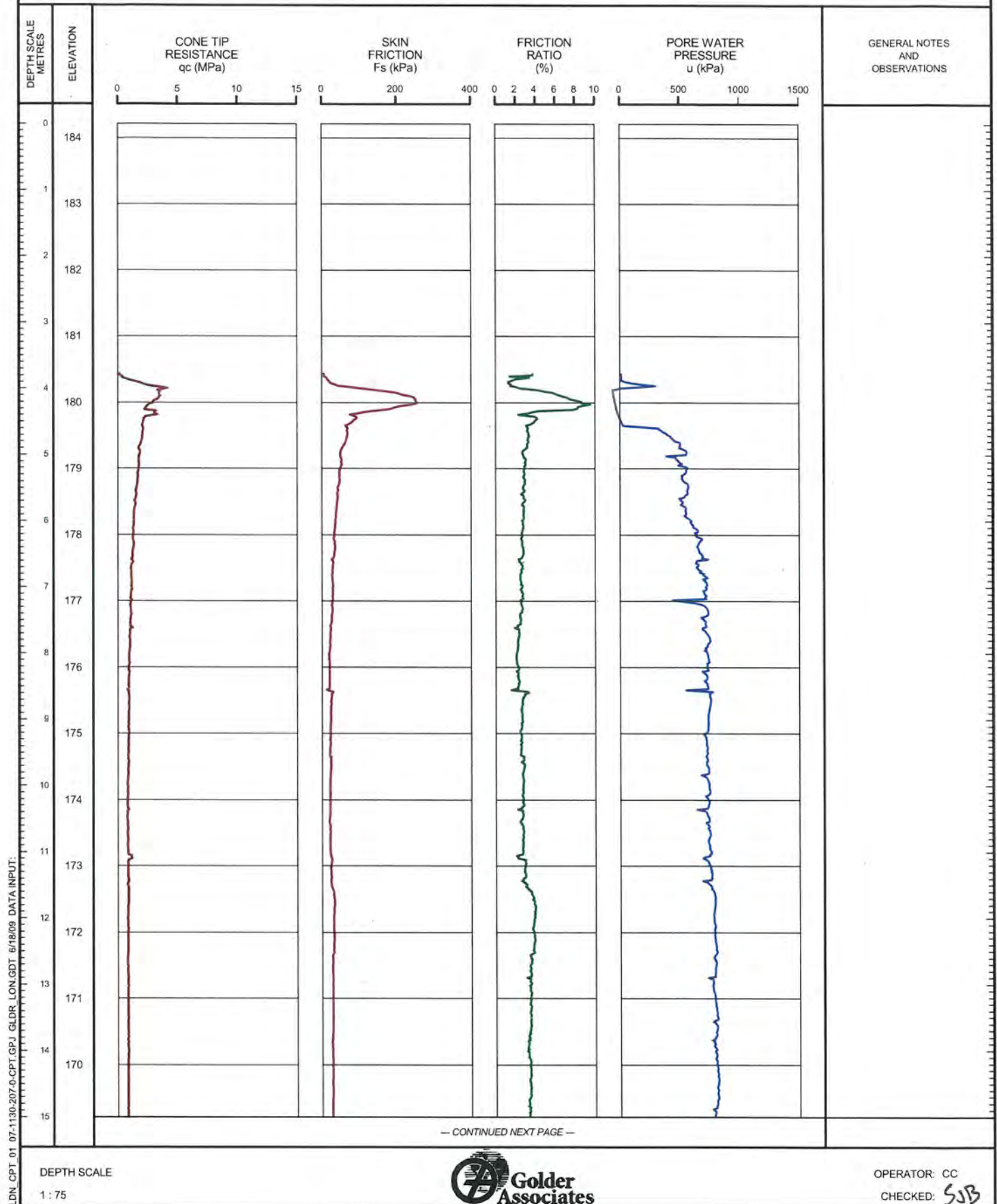
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LOCATION: N 4678526.7 ,E 334018.6

TEST DATE: September 10, 2008

DATUM: GEODETIC

GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION:    PREDRILL DEPTH: 3.80m    CORRECTION FACTOR A: 0.584    CORRECTION FACTOR B: 0.012





## Appendix C      Analytical Laboratory Results



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ALS Test Code	Matrix	Test Description	Method Reference**
MOISTURE-WT	Soil	% Moisture	Gravimetric: Oven Dried
PH-WT	Soil	pH	MOEE E3137A
Soil samples are mixed in the deionized water and the supernatant is analyzed directly by the pH meter.			
REDOX-POTENTIAL-WT	Soil	Redox Potential	APHA 2580
RESISTIVITY-WT	Soil	Resistivity	MOEE E3137A
SO4-WT	Soil	Sulphate	EPA 300.0
SULPHIDE-WT	Soil	Sulphide	APHA 4500S2D

\*\* ALS test methods may incorporate modifications from specified reference methods to improve performance.

The last two letters of the above test code(s) indicate the laboratory that performed analytical analysis for that test. Refer to the list below:

Laboratory Definition Code	Laboratory Location
WT	ALS ENVIRONMENTAL - WATERLOO, ONTARIO, CANADA

Chain of Custody Numbers:

092959-G

GLOSSARY OF REPORT TERMS

Surrogates are compounds that are similar in behaviour to target analyte(s), but that do not normally occur in environmental samples. For applicable tests, surrogates are added to samples prior to analysis as a check on recovery. In reports that display the D.L. column, laboratory objectives for surrogates are listed there.

mg/kg - milligrams per kilogram based on dry weight of sample

mg/kg wwt - milligrams per kilogram based on wet weight of sample

mg/kg lwt - milligrams per kilogram based on lipid weight of sample

mg/L - unit of concentration based on volume, parts per million.

< - Less than.

D.L. - The reporting limit.

N/A - Result not available. Refer to qualifier code and definition for explanation.

Test results reported relate only to the samples as received by the laboratory.

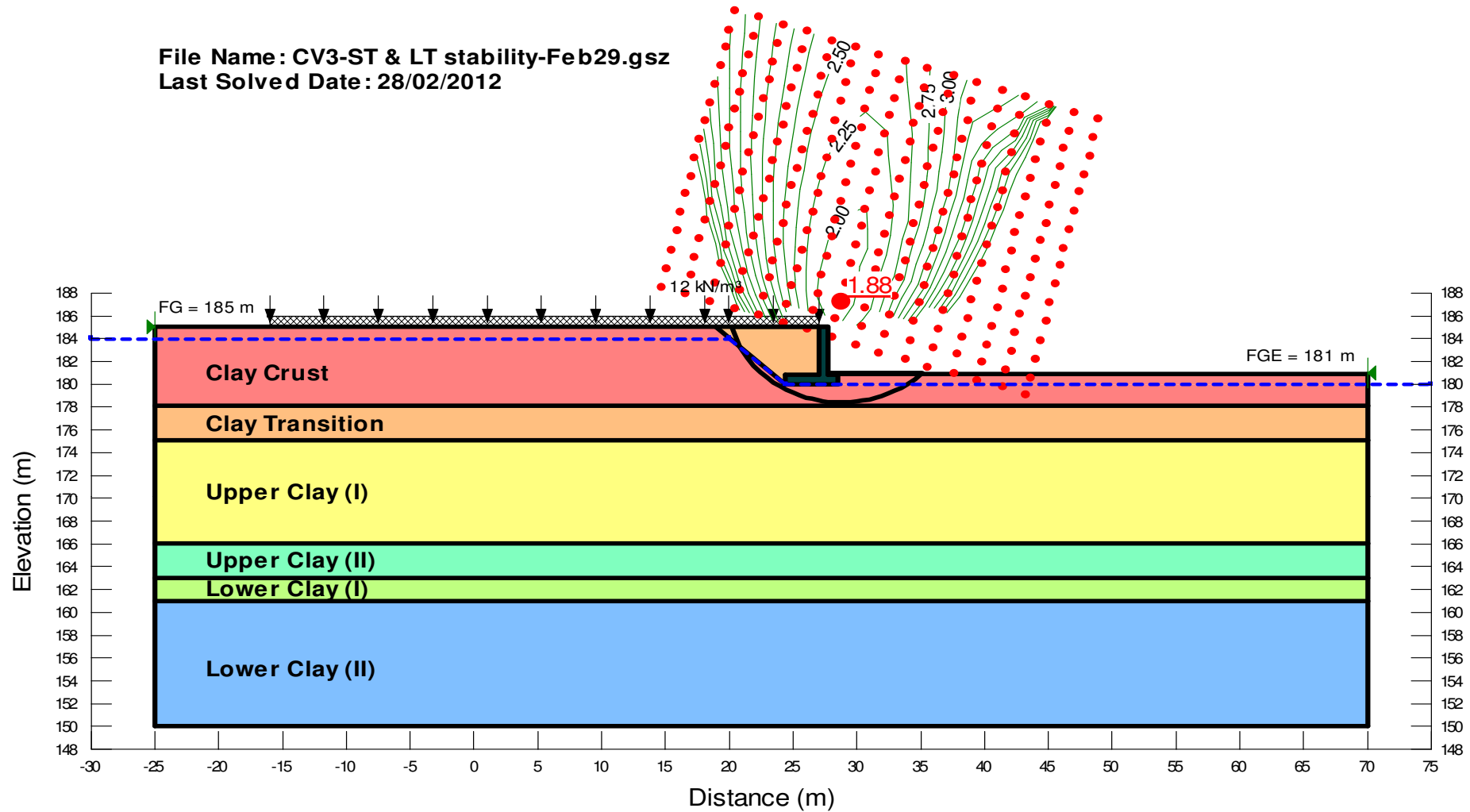
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## Appendix D      Slope Stability Analyses



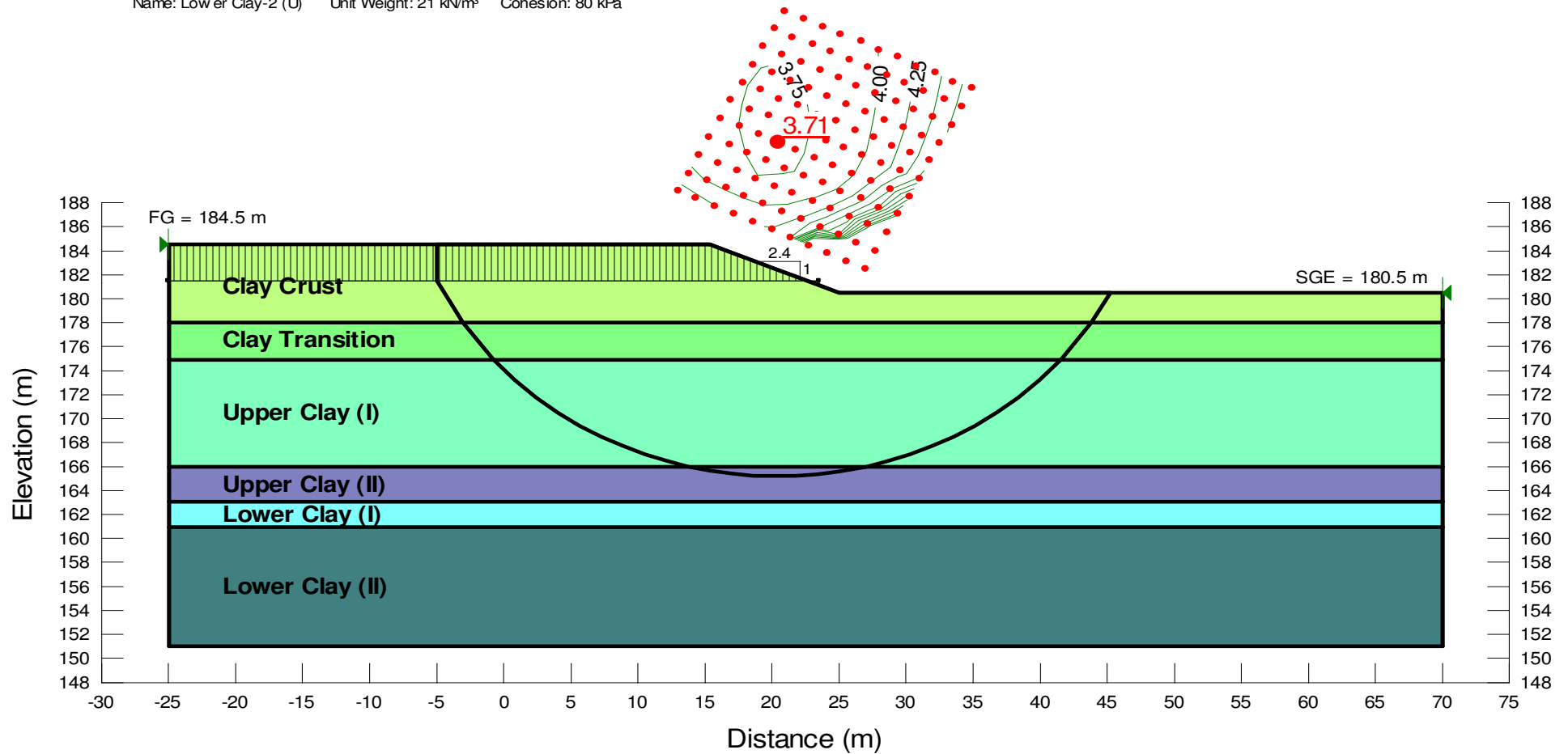
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 Name: Upper Clay -1 (D) Unit Weight: 20 kN/m<sup>3</sup> Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 30 ° Piezometric Line: 1  
 Name: Lower Clay -1 (D) Unit Weight: 21 kN/m<sup>3</sup> Cohesion: 0 kPa Phi: 30 ° Piezometric Line: 1  
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Name: Lower Clay-1 (U)	Unit Weight: 21 kN/m³	C-Top of Layer: 57 kPa	C-Rate of Change: 11.5 kPa/m	Limiting C: 80 kPa
Name: Upper Clay-2 (U)	Unit Weight: 20 kN/m³	C-Top of Layer: 50 kPa	C-Rate of Change: 2.3 kPa/m	Limiting C: 57 kPa
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