

REPORT ON  
SOILS INVESTIGATION  
FOR  
GOLFLINKS ROAD UNDERPASS  
HIGHWAY 403, DISTRICT #4  
HAMILTON

W.P. 200-58

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SECTION 1INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to present the results of the soils and foundation investigation carried out in connection with the proposed Golflinks Road Underpass in the Township of Ancaster. The site is located at the intersection of the proposed Highway No. 403 alignment and the revised alignment of Golflinks Road.

The work was authorized by Mr. A. Rutka, Materials and Testing Engineer, of the Department of Highways, Ontario on November 4, 1964.

## SECTION 2

### SUMMARY

The project consists of a 4 span, 2 lane bridge to provide grade separation between the proposed alignment of Golflinks Road and Highway No. 403. The two end spans are 45 feet in length and the intermediate spans are 102 and 121 feet long.

The site was underlain by two soil strata resting on relatively flat lying bedrock. The upper soil stratum consisted of brown to grey non plastic silts and the stratum was 22 to 32.5 feet thick relative to surface elevations of 758.8 to 768.3 feet. The top several feet of this stratum was loose and slightly organic. The remainder was of medium to dense relative density.

The soil stratum overlying bedrock was approximately 11 feet thick. Both till textured silt and interglacial silts and clays were encountered in this stratum. The soils were dense to very dense.

Ground water level was determined to be 1.9 to 9.5 feet below ground surface (elevation 756.3 to 759.5). Water levels roughly followed the surface topography.

The use of spread footings, founded in the medium to dense silt stratum, was considered for pier and abutment support. To keep settlements within tolerable limits a maximum allowable bearing capacity of 2 t.s.f. is recommended. Because required depths of spread footings are as much as 7.7 feet below measured ground water level, piping ("quicksand" condition) could occur during excavation. To ensure against piping, ground water must be kept below footing level during excavation and construction. A vacuum well point

system should be suitable. In addition foundation soils loosened during construction would have to be recompacted prior to footing placement.

In view of the dewatering difficulties associated with spread footings an alternative piled foundation was considered. The use of steel H piles or pipe piles driven to bedrock or when necessary, into the dense soil stratum overlying bedrock is feasible. Pile loadings of up to 50 and 75 tons may be used for BP-12 and 12 inch diameter pipe piles respectively. In actual fact pile strengths may govern pile loadings.

No stability problems are anticipated from approach fills having side slopes of 2 horizontal to 1 vertical or flatter.

### SECTION 3

#### DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURES

##### 3.1 Field Procedures

The drilling program consisted of 10 Boreholes and 9 Dynamic Cone Probes located at the proposed abutment and pier locations as shown on the accompanying drawing appended to this report.

The locations of all boreholes and cone probes were established in relation to the proposed Highway No. 403 centre line. A spirit level was used to establish surface elevations at borehole and cone probe locations. The D.H.O. bench mark located in the south east root of a 3.5 foot oak tree 145 feet left of Highway No. 403 station 175+33 was used as the reference elevation.

Two drilling rigs were used to carry out the boring on this project. Full time supervision of field operations was provided by a qualified soils engineer assisted by a qualified soils technician.

Boring and sampling operations were carried out with standard diamond drilling equipment. Generally a wash boring procedure was used whereby the casing was driven to the required sample depth by means of a 350 pound hammer and the soil in the casing was then washed out to the bottom of the casing by means of a side jet chopping bit. Special care was taken to ensure against washing beyond the bottom of the casing and to keep the casing full of water at all times. When the denser "till textured" zones were encountered driving of the casing often

was extremely slow. Accordingly the procedures were modified to allow a partial washing ahead of the casing. Soil samples were taken at intervals of 5 feet or less by means of the standard split spoon sampler. The blows of the 140 pound hammer falling 30 inches were recorded for each 6 inches of sampler penetration. In addition several thin wall tube samples were obtained. In all cases the tube samples had to be driven.

A five foot long double tube AXt core barrel was used to obtain continuous samples of bedrock. All samples were retained and forwarded to the testing laboratory for detailed classification and testing.

The dynamic cone probe test consisted of driving a 2 inch diameter cone into the soil by means of a 140 pound hammer falling 30 inches. The blows for each foot of penetration were recorded.

Water level observations were taken in the open boreholes. Measurements were taken during and on completion of the exploratory works. A further check of water levels was made 11 days subsequent to drilling operations.

### 3.2 Laboratory Procedures

Unit weight, moisture content, maximum and minimum density and grain size distribution characteristics of the overburden were investigated by laboratory tests.

The unit weight determinations were made by the mercury immersion method and grain size distributions were investigated by standard hydrometer methods.

Maximum and minimum density was determined generally following the procedures outlined in the ASTM "Procedures for Soil Testing". The Harvard Miniature mold (1.4 inch  $\phi$  and 2.8 inches long) was used for this determination. For comparative purposes a Harvard Miniature test using 50 blows per layer for 5 layers was carried out.



SECTION 4  
SITE CONDITIONS

The site area consisted of undulating cultivated farmland with surface elevations varying from approximately 758 to 770. Two separate soils strata were encountered over flat lying bedrock at elevation 725. Information on soils and the assumed soils profile are shown on the borehole logs and drawing appended to this report.

The uppermost soil stratum was found to vary in thickness from 22 to 32.5 feet. It consisted predominately of lenses of uniformly graded silty soil varying in composition from silt to silt containing a minor percentage of sand or clay. Typical gradation curves for these soils are contained in the Appendix. Occasionally thin lenses or seams of sandy and red-brown clayey soils were encountered. Almost all the soils in this stratum were non plastic. Traces of organic matter were observed in the first several feet below ground surface.

The colour of this upper soil stratum varied from brown to grey. The change from brown to grey occurred at depths varying from 6.3 to 12.4 feet (Elevations varied from 748.9 to 756.1). The elevation of colour change was not uniform nor did it consistently follow the topography. Consequently it has been assumed that the depth of colour change was depended on factors other than previously existing minimum water levels.

The upper soil deposit has a variable density. Cone probe penetration resistances showed a marked increase from approximately 5 to more than 20 blows per foot at depths varying from 3 to 8 feet below ground surface. Accordingly the soils above this point of

rapid change have been assumed to be loose. Below this point standard penetration values varied from 15 to 46 blows per foot indicative of medium to dense relative density. Most of these penetration resistances came within the 18 to 30 range suggesting that the deposit is predominately of medium relative density. Generally the blows were higher at the east end of the site. Dry unit weights of soil samples from boreholes 5, 7 and 9 varied from 102 to 113 p.c.f. relative to moisture contents of 24.3 to 17.6 respectively. Unit weights tended to be lower in boreholes 5 and 7 than in borehole 9. The maximum and minimum dry soil densities were determined to be 120 and 78.5 p.c.f. respectively. These values are in close agreement with the 118 and 80 p.c.f. suggested by Hough (Basic Soils Engineering) for similar soils.

The lower soil stratum was generally about 11 feet thick but varied from 8.7 to 13.7 feet in thickness. This deposit was found to contain two distinct soil types which have been grouped on the basis of apparent relative density. Both of these soils were found to be considerably denser than the soils above. At boreholes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8, the lower soil consisted of grey and brown interglacial lacustrine sediments of silt and silt some clay. The soils were found to be layered in some locations and lensed in others.

In the remainder of the boreholes, the lower soil was composed of grey till-textured silt containing variable amounts of clay and gravel. It should be noted that on the centreline soil profile and sections on the drawing included in this report, the symbol used to designate "till" has been deleted in areas of interglacial soils.

Standard penetration values in this lower stratum varied from 33 to more than 100 with values in excess of 50 blows per foot most common.

Bedrock consisted of flat laying light grey dolomite with top elevations from 725.1 to 725.7. The upper several feet of bedrock contained a moderate number of small voids (less than 3/8 inch diameter) most of which were coated or filled with calcareous deposits. The voids became smaller and less frequent with increasing depth.

In two borings, evidence of thin clayey seams were observed. These locations are indicated on the borehole logs.

Water return, during bedrock drilling, varied from 50 to 100 percent but several times complete water losses occurred. Connections were observed between boreholes 3 and 4, and 5 and 6 during drilling of the upper 2 to 4 feet.

Ground water levels determined by measurement in open boreholes varied from elevation 756.3 to 759.5. These elevations were found to follow the general topography of the ground surface. Water levels determined shortly after completion of drilling were not appreciably different from those recorded 11 days after completion. The high water table is consistent with the wet and somewhat swampy depression approximately 150 yards north east of the site.

## SECTION 5

### DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED STRUCTURE

#### 5.1 General

The proposed structure will provide the grade separation at the intersection of the proposed alignments of Highway 403 and Golflinks Road. The Golflinks Road structure will consist of a 4 span, 2 lane bridge supported on two abutments and three intermediate piers. Two end spans of 45 feet and two middle spans of 102 and 121 feet are contemplated for the structure. Approach fills will also be required.

Spread footings and piled foundations have been considered for the structure. Each is discussed separately as follows:

#### 5.2 Spread Footings

Considering the use of spread footings for the new structure, the presence of loose soil and small amounts of organic material in the first several feet below ground surface requires that spread footings be founded on the medium dense to dense silt stratum as shown on the following table:

<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Nearest Boreholes</u>	<u>Maximum Footing Elev.</u>
west abutment	1 and 2	755
west pier	3 and 4	750
centre pier	5 and 6	755
east pier	7 and 8	756
east abutment	9 and 10	755

The soil properties considered in the assessment of bearing capacity were as follows:

From sample observation, the majority of the upper soil stratum was clearly non plastic and accordingly non plastic behaviour has been considered for design purposes.

The relative density of the soils was investigated by three separate means.

(a) Correlation of standard penetration values with relative density as shown on the classification chart in the Appendix. This will be referred to as the "conventional method."

(b) Correlation of standard penetration values with relative density by means of the Gibbs and Holtz chart.

(c) Direct determination of relative density on the basis of laboratory measurements of unit weight relative to laboratory maximum and minimum densities.

The "conventional" method, (a), indicates that although the penetration resistance of the soils below proposed footing level were within the medium to dense range (values varied from 15 to 46) they were for the most part medium dense (the majority of values obtained were less than 30). The Gibbs and Holtz chart (method b) indicated that the same soils were predominately very dense but locally dense. The laboratory determination of relative density indicated a predominately dense deposit (63 percent of determinations

were between 65 to 85 percent relative density) with occasional values in the very dense range.

These various approaches to density interpretation suggest that in this instance, the "conventional" method underestimates relative density. This is discussed further in the subsequent section on settlement. For design calculations the unit weight of the silt stratum was assumed to be 100 p.c.f. above the ground water level and 62 p.c.f. in the submerged condition.

Using the bearing capacity equation in Terzaghi and Peck "Soil Mechanics in Engineering Practice" an allowable bearing value of 3 t.s.f. was obtained. Settlement considerations may however be more critical than shear strength considerations.

Expected settlements were investigated for both medium and dense soil conditions under a range of loadings. Following the procedures suggested by Hough "Basic Soils Engineering", estimated settlements of 1.4, 2.5 and 3.4 inches were calculated for loadings of 1, 2 and 3 t.s.f. respectively on a dense soil (in place density of 106 p.c.f.). For a medium dense soil (in place density of 102 p.c.f.) the corresponding settlements would be approximately 25 percent higher, i.e., 1.8, 3.2 and 4.3 inches. As a check on the relative magnitude of these settlements, a linear extrapolation from the settlement chart in Terzaghi and Peck "Soil Mechanics in Engineering Practice" was made. For a medium dense soil (Standard Penetration average of 20) settlements in the range of 2 inches could be expected with a loading of 2 t.s.f. For a dense soil (Standard penetration value of 35) settlements would be in the order of 1.3 inches for a loading of 2 t.s.f.

The "Hough" procedure is obviously conservative but the calculations do illustrate the variation of settlement with load. They can also be used to represent a maximum possible settlement. The determinations from the Terzaghi and Peck charts are believed to be more representative.

Considering the silty nature of the soil a substantial portion of the settlement should occur due the abutment and pier loading prior to deck placement. i.e. For a 2 t.s.f. loading more than one half the settlement would occur under a load of 1 t.s.f. (as might be assumed for the load prior to deck placement.) This is of significance where deck total and differential settlements are of major importance.

From the previous calculations it can be seen that, even for the "Hough" method of settlement calculation, the total deck settlements i.e. settlement from 1 to 2 t.s.f. would be in the order of 1.4 inches. For the more realistic Terzaghi and Peck calculations the corresponding total settlements would be less than 1 inch for a medium dense soil and about 0.6 inches for a dense soil. On the basis of the previous discussion of relative density it would be reasonable to assume an intermediate density to be applicable. Accordingly total and differential deck settlements under a 2 t.s.f. loading should be within tolerable limits. A maximum allowable bearing value of 2 t.s.f. could therefore be used for design purposes.

With respect to excavation for the footings, it is likely that material will have to be removed to a maximum depth of 7.7 feet below ground water level as shown on the following table.

<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Maximum Footing Elevation</u>	<u>Average Ground Water Elevation</u>
West abutment	755	759
West pier	750	757.7
Centre pier	755	757
East pier	756	757.7
East abutment	755	758.3

Considering the low permeability and high relative density of the silty soils, it is unlikely that they can be drained from sumps in open excavation without danger of excess upward hydraulic pressure. This would lead to piping of the soil on the bottom of the excavation (quicksand condition) as well as subsidence of the ground surrounding the excavation. Therefore, in order to prevent reduction of soil bearing capacity it will be necessary to lower the ground water level to below footing level prior to excavation and to keep it there until the footings are constructed and backfilled. In our opinion, a vacuum well point system would provide the



most adequate system of dewatering at the site. In addition, since some soil disturbance may occur during excavation, recompaction of the soils immediately below the footings should be stipulated before footing concrete placement.

### 5.3 Piles

In view of the difficulties of installing and operating a ground water control system for spread footings, the use of piles has also been considered as an alternative means of foundation support. For this site, end bearing piles such as H piles or pipe piles driven to bedrock or, when impossible, the very dense soil overlying bedrock are recommended.

Considering the use of steel H piles for this structure, it is expected that BP 12 piles will be capable of supporting loads in excess of 50 tons each if driven to bedrock. It is, however, conceivable that it may not be possible to drive some piles completely through the dense soil overlying bedrock as some sections of this stratum are extremely dense. In order to reduce the possible effects of load transfer from piles founded in soil to those founded on bedrock it is recommended that every reasonable effort be made to drive all piles to bedrock. Provisions should be made for reinforcing the lower end of the piles to withstand high driving resistance without pile damage where required. Such reinforcing should not generally be necessary but could be used if considerable difficulty is encountered in driving piles in any particular area. Under these circumstances pile loadings of up to 50 tons each may be used. The refusal criteria should not be less than 15 blows per inch using a D-12 Delmag hammer.

Closed end or open end pipe piles may also be used for foundation support subject to the qualifications included

in the discussion on H piles. The allowable bearing capacity of 12 inch diameter pipe piles would be in the order of 75 tons per pile if taken to bedrock although the actual bearing capacity would be determined by the structural strength of the pile.

#### 5.4 Approach Fills

No stability problems are anticipated for approach fills with side slopes of 2 horizontal to 1 vertical or flatter.

If the spread footing alternative for foundation support is used some abutment settlement due to soil loading may occur. Such settlements should be relatively small. However, in order to remove this settlement influence from the deck it is advisable to place the approach fills prior to deck placement. Also in connection with the spread footing alternative it should be noted that soils from the excavations would be too wet for direct use as fill.

## APPENDIX

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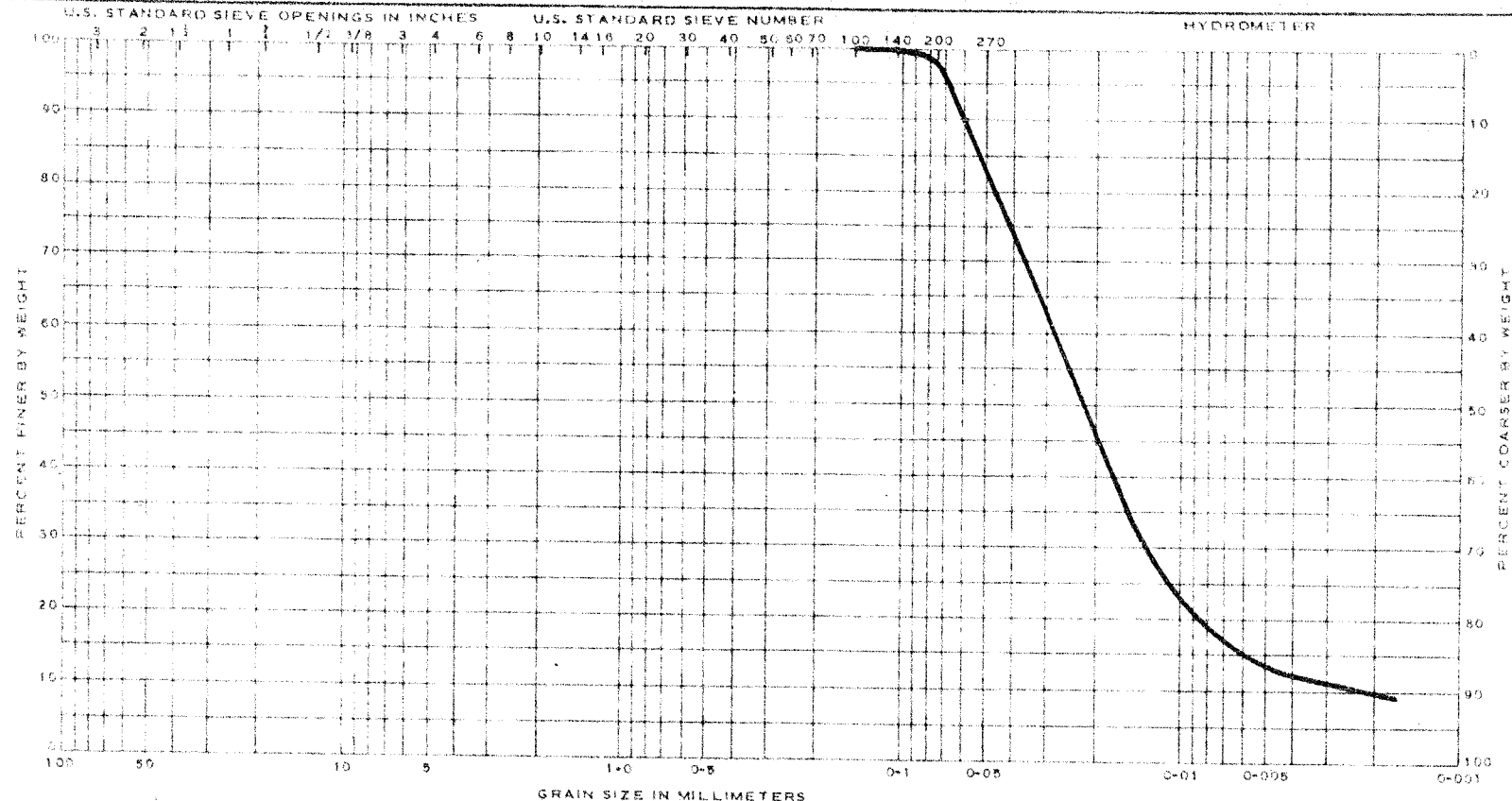
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SAMPLE NUMBER 1 DATE DEC/84

ASSOCIATED GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES

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SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY  
MECHANICAL ANALYSIS



M.I.T. CLASSIFICATION

STONES	GRAVEL	SAND	SILT	CLAY
		COARSE	COARSE	
		MEDIUM	MEDIUM	
		FINE	FINE	

U.S. BUREAU OF SOILS

GRAVEL	SAND	SILT	CLAY
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	V.F.		

CLASSIFICATION

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SOIL MECHANICAL ANALYSIS

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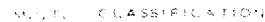
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MECHANICAL ANALYSIS



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SILT

CLAY

### CLASSIFICATION

## NON PLASTIC FINES

## SOIL MECHANICAL ANALYSIS

SCREENHOLE -

DEPTH -

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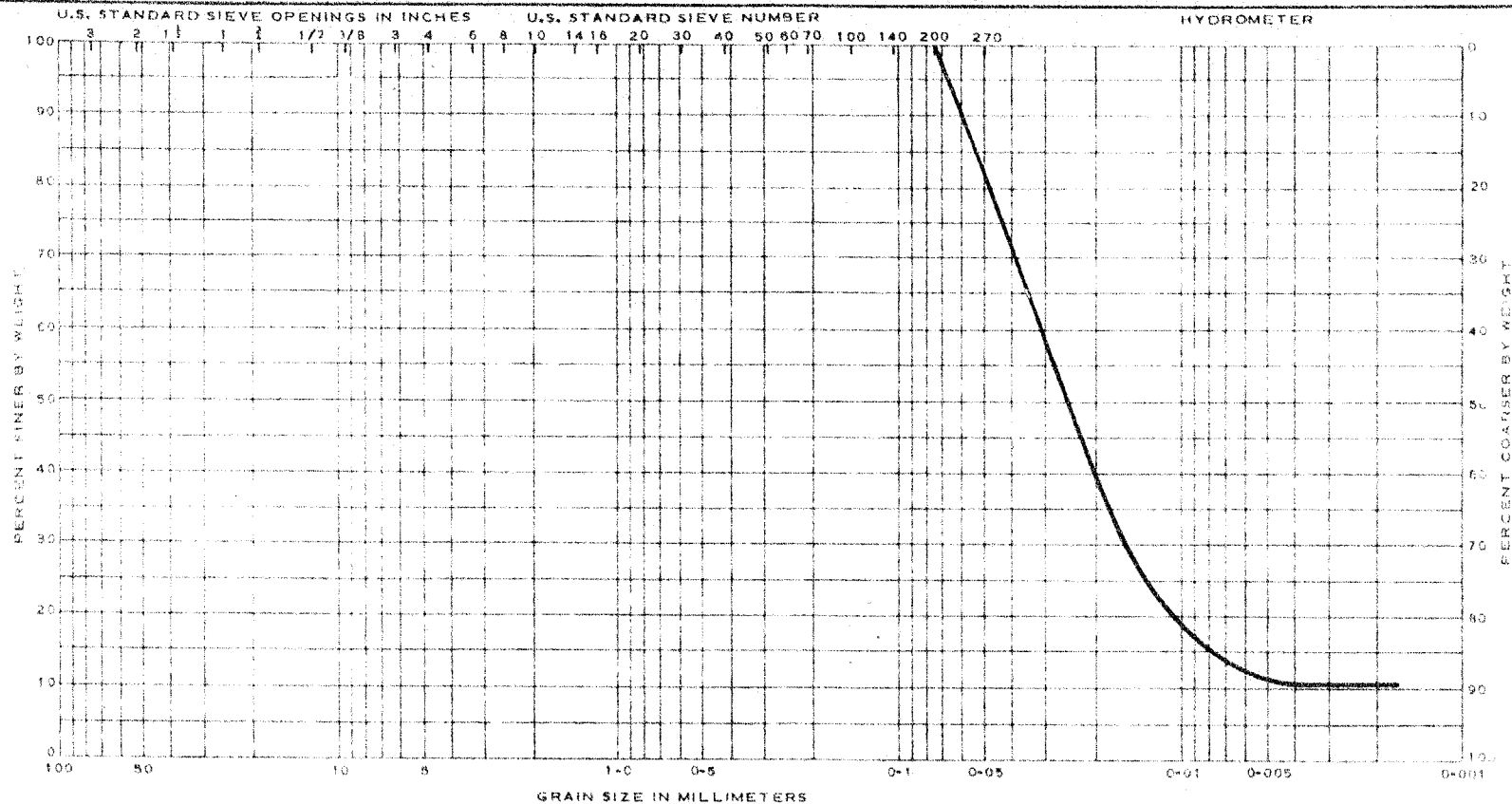
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SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY  
MECHANICAL ANALYSIS



M.I.T. CLASSIFICATION

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U.S. BUREAU OF SOILS

GRAVEL SAND COARSE FINE V.F. SILT CLAY

CLASSIFICATION

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BOREHOLE -

DEPTH -

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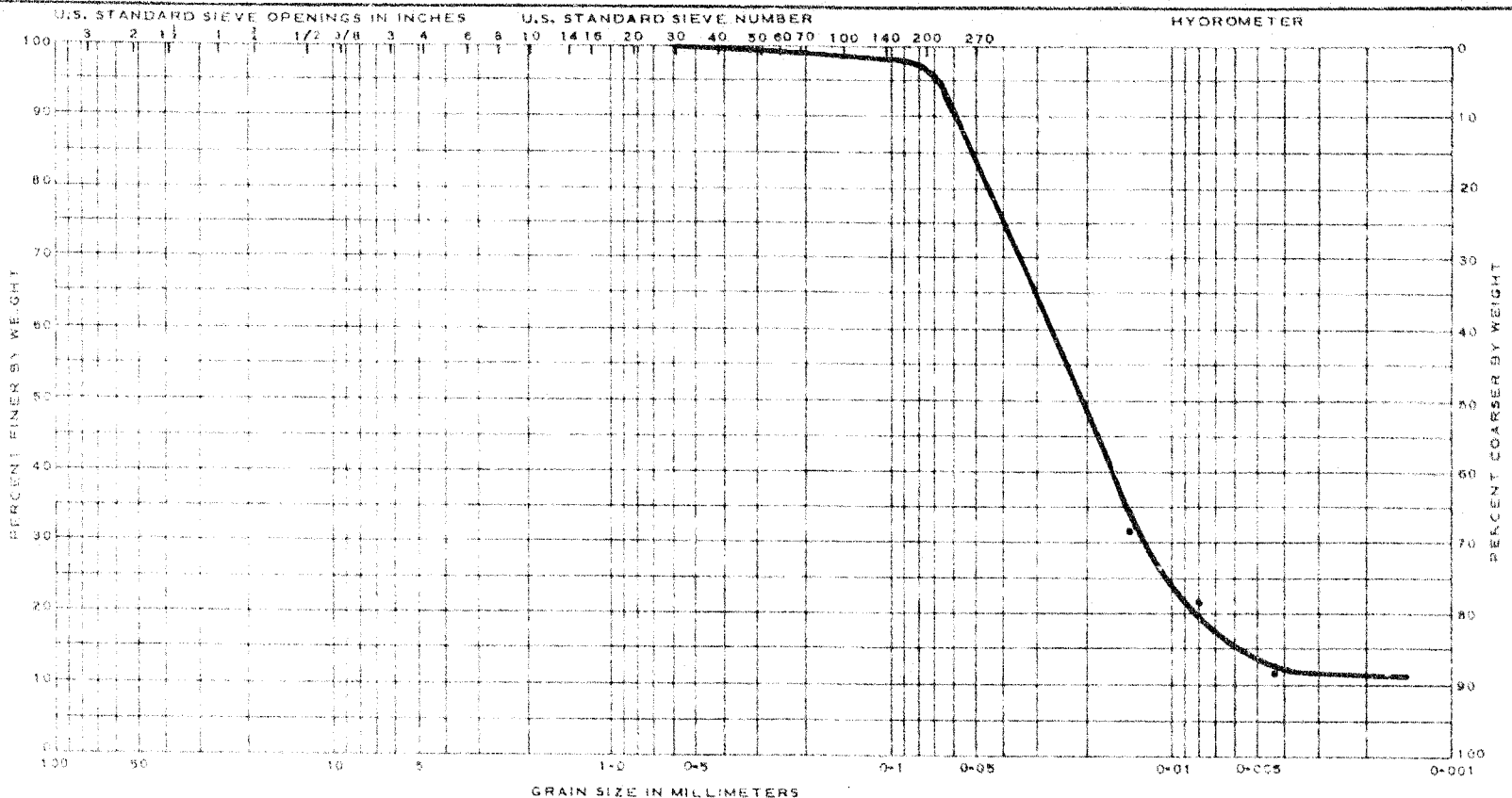
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SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY  
MECHANICAL ANALYSIS



M.I.T. CLASSIFICATION										
STONES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT			CLAY	
			COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE		
U.S. BUREAU OF SOILS										
	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT				CLAY
			COARSE		FINE	V.F.				
CLASSIFICATION										
NON PLASTIC FINES										
SOIL MECHANICAL ANALYSIS										
BOREHOLE -					DEPTH -					

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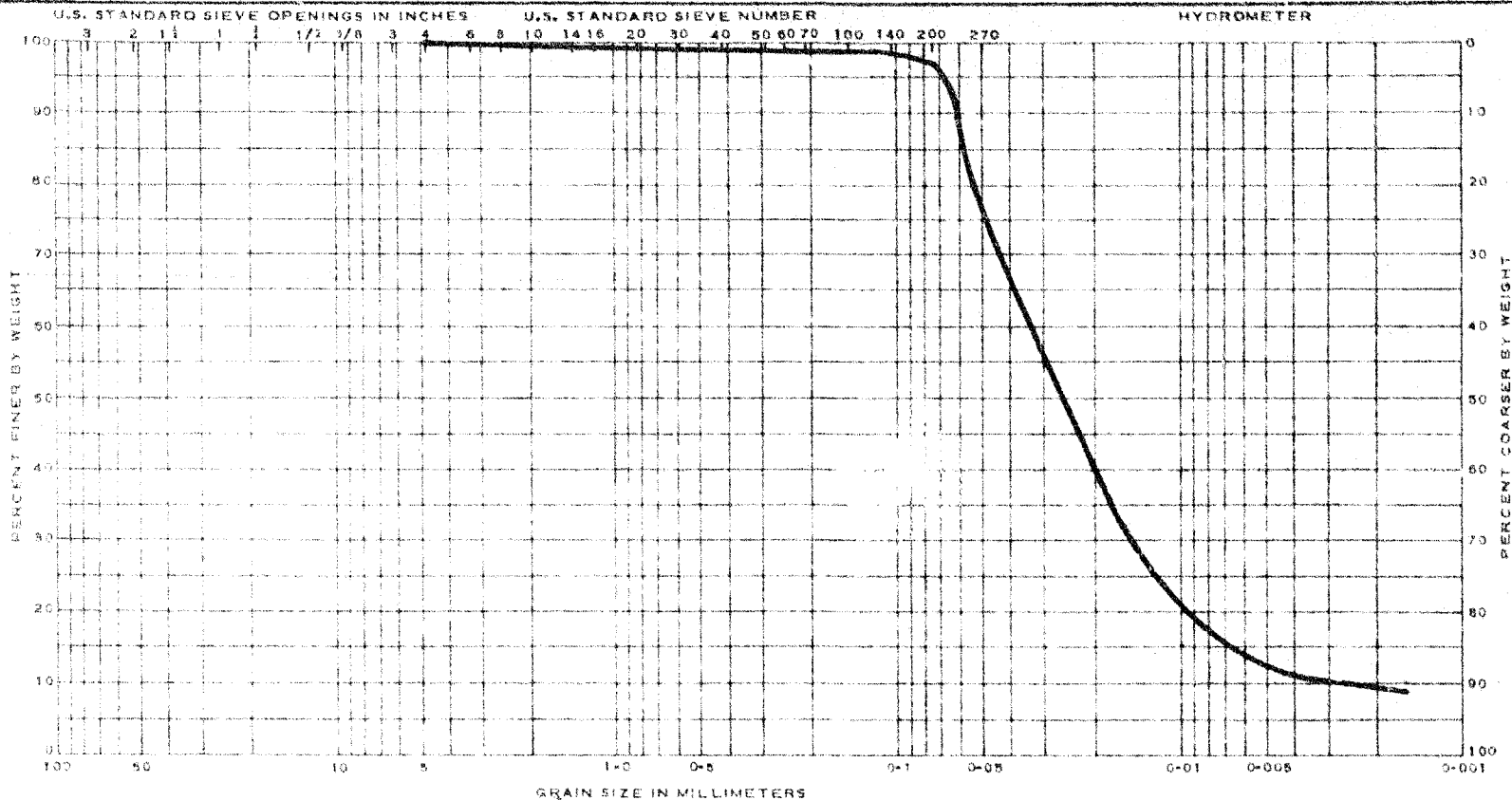
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MECHANICAL ANALYSIS



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U.S. BUREAU OF SOILS

GRAVEL SAND COARSE FINE V.F. SILT CLAY

CLASSIFICATION

NON PLASTIC FINES

SOIL MECHANICAL ANALYSIS

BOREHOLE -

DEPTH -



CLIENT ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

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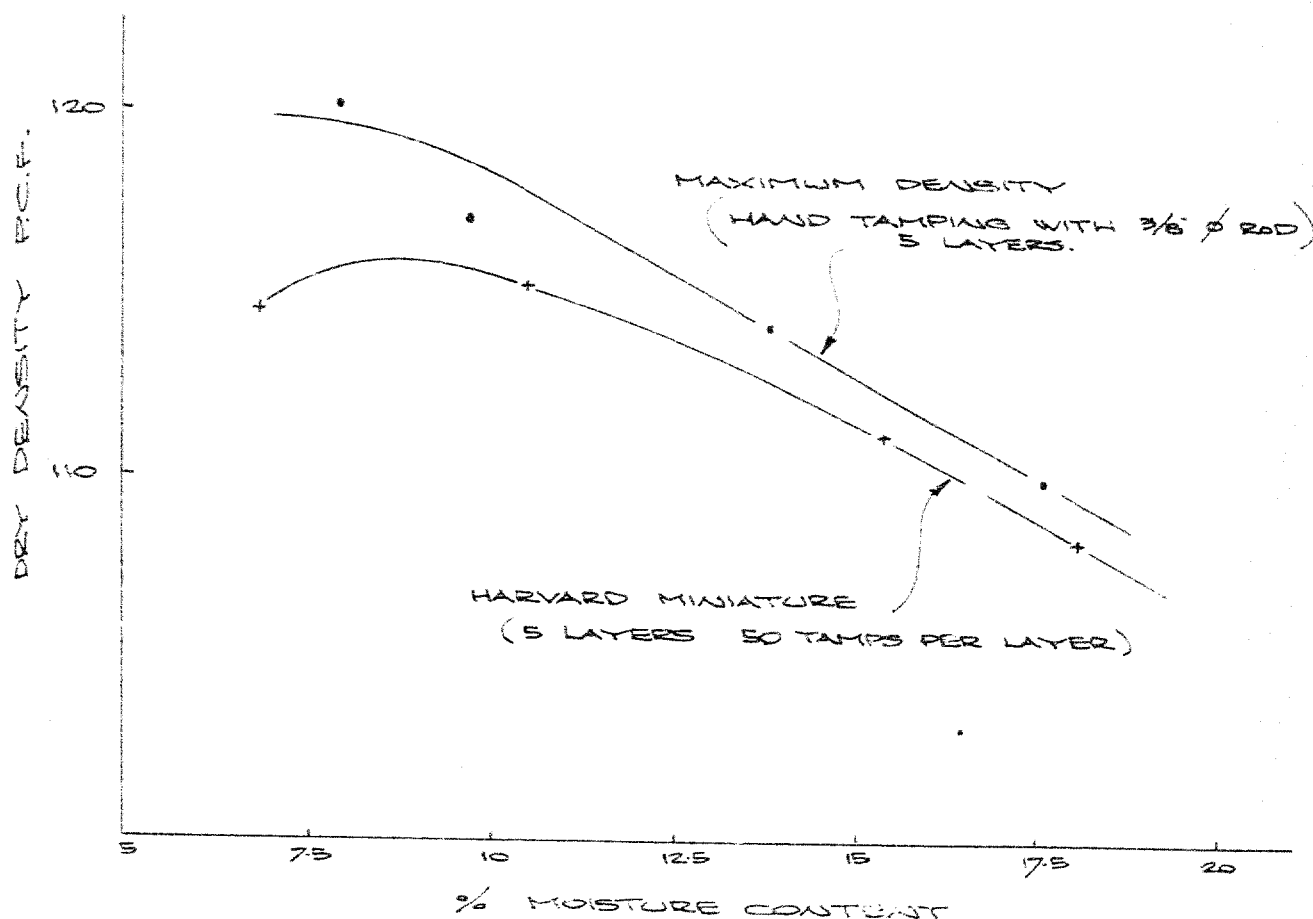
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HARVARD MINIATURE  
AND  
MAXIMUM DENSITY TEST

USED COMBINED SAMPLES FOR BOTH TESTS

BH-7 SAMPLES 3, 4 & 5, PH-5 SAMPLES 3 & 4







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### ABBREVIATIONS

SS - SPLIT SPOON	C - CONSOLIDATION TEST
ST - SHELBY TUBE	M - MECHANICAL ANALYSIS
TWP. - THIN WALLED PISTON	T - TRIAXIAL COMPRESSION
DB - DIAMOND BIT	K - PERMEABILITY
	U - UNCONFINED COMP.
	PCF - POUNDS PER CUBIC FOOT
	WN - NATURAL WATER CONTENT

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OFFICE BOREHOLE LOG  
BOREHOLE NO. 4

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CLIENT: ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

JOB NO.: 6449

LOCATION: SOL PLAINS RD. & HWY 403

CO-ORDINATES: 178+55.6 (REF. HWY 403)

ELEVATION (SURFACE): 762.8 (COLLAR)

DATE (STARTED): 11/11/64 (FINISHED): 12/11/64 (COMPILED): R.E.M.

RIG NO.: 1 TYPE: D.D. FIELD SUP.: R.E.M.

SYMBOLS

SILT

CLAY

SAND

GRAVEL

PEAT

FILL

▲ - VANE SHEAR (NATURAL)

○ - VANE SHEAR (REMOLDED)

• - STANDARD PENETRATION

UNDISTURBED

DISTURBED BUT REPRESENTATIVE

FAIR

LOST

SS - SPLIT SPOON

ST - SHELBY TUBE

TWP - THIN WALLED PISTON

DB - DIAMOND BIT

C - CONSOLIDATION TEST

M - MECHANICAL ANALYSIS

T - TRIAXIAL COMPRESSION

K - PERMEABILITY

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PCF - POUNDS PER CUBIC FOOT

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OFFICE BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE NO. 6

BORING LOG

FIELD TESTS

SAMPLING

LABORATORY TESTS

SCALE

DEPTH

ELEV.

WATER OBSERVATION

LOG

DESCRIPTION

SHEAR STRENGTH (TONS PER SQUARE FOOT)

STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (BLOWS PER FOOT)

20 40 60 80

DYNAMIC CONE PROBE

156 BLOWS

26 BLOWS/3 1/4"

VERY DENSE GREY SILT TRACE TO SOME CLAY AND GRAVEL (TILL TEXTURE)

BEDROCK DOLOMITE

BOTTOM OF BOREHOLE

REMARKS

CULTIVATED TOPSOIL 0-0.6







COLOUR CHANGE AT 9.3

OCCASIONAL THIN BROWN-RED CLAYEY SEAMS 13.0 TO 25.0





**SYMBOLS**

	SILT		GRAVEL	▲ - VANE SHEAR (NATURAL)
	CLAY		PEAT	○ - VANE SHEAR (REMOLDED)
	SAND		FILL	● - STANDARD PENETRATION

ABBREVIATIONS			
	UNDISTURBED	SS - SPLIT SPOON	C - CONSOLIDATION TEST
	DISTURBED BUT REPRESENTATIVE	ST - SHELBY TUBE	M - MECHANICAL ANALYSIS
	FAIR	TWP. - THIN WALLED PISTON	T - TRIAXIAL COMPRESSION
	LOST	DB - DIAMOND BIT	K - PERMEABILITY
			U - UNCONFINED COMP.
			PCF - POUNDS PER CUBIC FOOT
			WM - NATURAL WATER CONTENT







OFFICE BOREHOLE LOG  
BOREHOLE NO. 8





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OFFICE BOREHOLE LOG  
BOREHOLE NO. 9

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SYMBOLS

		▲ - VANE SHEAR NATURAL
		○ - VANE SHEAR (REMOLDED)
		● - STANDARD PENETRATION

ABBREVIATIONS			
	UNDISTURBED	SS = SPLIT SPOON	C = CONSOLIDATION TEST
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OFFICE BOREHOLE LOG  
BOREHOLE NO. 10

Boring Log					Field Tests					Sampling					Laboratory					Tests					REMARKS
SCALE FEET	DEPTH FEET	ELEV. FEET	WATER OBSERVATION	LOG	DESCRIPTION	SHEAR STRENGTH (TONS PER SQUARE FOOT)				PENETRATION RESISTANCE (BLOWS PER FOOT)	SAMPLE NUMBER	CONC'D	DEPTH		RECOVERY LENGTH REC. DIST. DRIV	UNIT WEIGHT PCF		ATTERBERG LIMITS							
						STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (BLOWS PER FOOT)							FROM FEET	TO FEET		TYPE	WP %	L	P						
						20 40 60 80																			
						DYNAMIC CONE PROBE																			
5	2.5	758.2			DENSE BROWN TO GREY SILT WITH LEUSES CONTAINING VARIABLE AMOUNT SAND OR CLAY					37	1		5.0	6.5	SS	15/18					TRACE OF ORGANIC TO 7.0				
10										46	2		10.0	11.5	SS	10/18					COLOR CHANGE AT 10.4				
15										37	3		15.0	16.5	SS	14/18									
20										42	4	XXXX	20.0	22.0	ST	16.5/22					OCCASIONAL BROWN-RED THIN CLAYEY SEAMS 13.0 TO 23.8				
25	23.5	756.7			DENSE TO VERY DENSE GREY SILT, VARIABLE GRAVEL AND CLAY CONTENT (TILL TEXTURE)					37	5		25.0	26.5	SS	15/18									
30										58	6	XXXX	30.0	31.0	ST	10.5/12									
35	31.6	729.9								58	7		31.0	32.5	SS	12/18									
40	39.6	720.9			BEDROCK (DOLOMITE)						8	XXXX	34.6	39.6	DB	58.5/60									
					BOTTOM OF BOREHOLE																				

## SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

The following system was used to describe the various soils encountered at the site as determined by visual field examination and test. It was also used to classify those soils upon which a laboratory grain size determination had been made.

<u>Soil Components</u>	<u>Particle Size</u>	
Clay	<	.002 mm
Silt	>	.002 mm < .06 mm
Sand	>	.06 mm < 2.0 mm
Gravel	>	2.0 mm < 2 in.
Cobbles	>	2 in. < 6 in.
Boulders	>	6 in.
<u>Descriptive Terms</u>	<u>Range of Proportions</u>	
and	greater than 40%	
with	25% to 40%	
some	10% to 25%	
trace	less than 10%	

### Example

Silt (predominant type) with (25% - 40%) sand, some (10% - 25%) gravel, trace (<10%) clay.

# STANDARD PENETRATION CLASSIFICATION

Relative Density of Sands as determined by Standard Penetration Tests						
No. of Blows/foot N			Relative Density D <sub>d</sub>			Designation on Borehole Log
0	-	4	0	-	0.2	Very Loose
4	-	10	0.2	-	0.4	Loose
10	-	30	0.4	-	0.6	Medium Dense
30	-	50	0.6	-	0.8	Dense
Over		50	0.8	-	1.0	Very dense

Shear Strengths of Clays as determined by Standard Penetration Tests						
No. of Blows/foot N			Shear Strength s psf			Designation on Borehole Log
		2			250	Very soft
2	-	4	250	-	500	Soft
4	-	8	500	-	1000	Medium
8	-	15	1000	-	2000	Stiff
15	-	30	2000	-	4000	Very Stiff
		30			4000	Hard

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. A. Stermac,  
Principal Foundation Eng.  
Room 107, Lab. Bldg.

FROM: Bridge Division,  
Downsview, Ontario

DATE: March 5, 1965.

OUR FILE REF.

IN REPLY TO

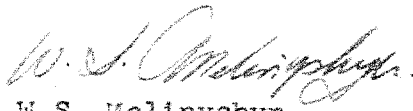
SUBJECT: Golflinks Road Underpass,  
Hwy. #403, W.P. 200-58  
District #4

Enclosed please find one (1) print of our preliminary plan D 5572 for the proposed structure.

The design utilizes 12 BP steel "H" piles and is based on the recommendation found in the Foundation Report done by Associated Geotechnical Services Limited.

Would you please inform us if you have any comments or let us have your approval if the plan is satisfactory.

WSM/m

  
W.S. Melinyshyn,  
Regional Bridge Location Engineer

Mr. W. S. Melinyshyn,  
Regional Bridge Location Engr.,  
Bridge Division.

Foundation Section,  
Materials & Testing Div.,  
Room 107, Lab. Bldg.

March 9, 1965

Golflinks Road Underpass,  
Hwy. #403, W.P. 200-58,  
District #4.

With reference to the Preliminary Drawing  
No. D 5572 for the above-mentioned structure, we would  
like to comment that it is not indicated how far the  
piles should be driven. If H-piles driven to rock are  
contemplated, we would have nothing to add.

AGS/MdeF

*A. G. Stermac*  
A. G. Stermac,  
PRINCIPAL FOUNDATION ENGINEER

cc: Foundations Office ✓  
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Mr. A. H. Foye,  
Bridge Engineer,  
Bridge Division.

Foundation Section,  
Materials & Testing Div.,  
Room 107, Lab. Bldg.

Attention: Mr. A. McCubbin

January 5, 1965

FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION NO. 37 BY:  
Associated Geotechnical Services Ltd.  
Colfranks Road Underpass, Hwy. #403,  
District #4, Hamilton. -- M.P. 200-58.

Attached, please find the above-mentioned report  
submitted by the Consultant, Associated Geotechnical Services  
Ltd. of Toronto.

We have reviewed the report and have found the factual  
information well presented and adequate. It is believed that the  
recommendations contained in the report will be adequate for your  
further design work. In our opinion, both alternatives - i.e.,  
spread footings or end-bearing piles, are applicable. Consideration  
should also be given to driving steel sheet piles around the  
footing excavation as a ground water control measure.

If a continuous type of structure is considered, we  
feel that end-bearing piles would provide a technically better  
solution. For spread footings with loads of 2.0 - 2.5 t/sq.ft.,  
we feel that differential settlements will definitely be within  
tolerable limits.

Should there be any further questions you would like  
to discuss, please feel free to call on our office.

AGG/SGCF

Attech.

cc: Messrs. A. H. Foye (2)  
E. A. Freganekes  
H. D. McMillan  
G. A. Hunter (2)  
W. Greenland  
T. J. Kovich  
A. Watt

*Afternoon*  
A. C. Starnes,  
PRINCIPAL FOUNDATION ENGINEER

Foundations Office  
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# ASSOCIATED GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES LIMITED

CONSULTING ENGINEERS

YOUR REF.

OUR REF.

211 DAVENPORT ROAD  
TORONTO 5, ONTARIO  
927-3822

December 31st, 1964.

Department of Highways of Ontario,  
Highway 401 & Keele Street,  
Downsview,  
Ontario.

Attention: Mr. M.A. Rutka, P. Eng.  
Materials & Research Engineer

Dear Sir,

Re: Golflinks Road Underpass  
W.P. 200-58, Hwy #403  
District #4, Hamilton.

We have forwarded to you under separate cover, 10 copies of our soils report for the Golflinks Road Underpass and one extra copy of each soil cross section. This information was given directly to Mr. K.Y. Lo.

It should be noted that the report discusses both piled and spread foundations as alternative means of bridge support. Both are feasible and the decision to use either alternative is largely one of economics. There is, however, a possible large variation of time and cost for the required ground water lowering and subsurface soil recompaction associated with the spread footing alternative. Accordingly the piled foundation alternative, in our opinion, is more attractive than spread footings unless there is an obvious and significant saving in cost.

We trust that the information transferred to you is adequate for your purposes. We also look forward to a continuing relationship.

Yours very truly,

ASSOCIATED GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES LIMITED



R. Marttila

RM:eam

Materials & Testing Division

Hwy. 401 & Keele St.,  
Downsview, Ontario.  
November 4, 1964.

Associated Geotechnical Services, Ltd.,  
211 Davenport Road,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Attention: Mr. J. Kilgus

Cs: Colfrinks Road Underpass, W.P. 200-58,  
Hwy 401, District 17, Hamilton.

Dear Sir:

Please consider this your authority to carry out a foundation investigation at the above site. Plans and profiles were provided to your representative on November 3, 1964.

It is understood that a qualified Soils Engineer will be in charge of the field work at all times.

Ten copies of the completed foundation report, with one additional copy of each subsoil profile, should be submitted to the Foundation Section prior to December 23, 1964. Previous requirements as to preliminary borehole information, and Laboratory testing program, should be followed.

Because the drawings accompanying the foundation reports, showing the location of borings, the inferred subsoil conditions, etc., are to become contract drawings, you are requested to prepare them in accordance with the D.M.E. standards. To enable you to do this, we are supplying you with sample drawings with all the necessary explanations, together with linen sheets for your drawings. You are also requested to provide the D.M.E. with Cronaflex copies of the drawings.

Charges for the work performed will be in accordance with your Schedule of Rates, dated July 19, 1962, and invoice to be addressed to the attention of the undersigned.

SHS/12

cc: Messrs. J. McCombie  
G. Hunter  
R. Greenland  
F.J. Kovach

From: Officer E.O. Smith (2)  
Gen. Files. Mrs. E. Tate

Yours very truly,

*G. Rucka*

A. Putha  
Materials & Testing Engineer

## MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. A. Stermac,  
Principal Foundation Engineer,  
Room 107, Lab. Bldg.

FROM: Bridge Division,  
Downsview, Ontario.

DATE: September 28, 1964.

OUR FILE REF.

IN REPLY TO

SUBJECT: Golflinks Road Underpass  
Highway 403, W.P. 200-58  
District #4

Enclosed please find a print of Plan E 3894-1 with the probable locations of the revised structure footings marked in red.

The bridge previously designed was supported on 12 BP 53 piles driven to bedrock with a design load capacity of 50 tons per pile.

Would you kindly advise us if the recommendations of the original report W.J. 60-F-56 are applicable to the new design. If this report is satisfactory would you please give us the probable bedrock elevations at the new footings locations in order to determine the pile lengths required.

If it is felt that additional holes are necessary, these can be possibly done in early November. At this time new site plans will be available for the Mohawk Interchange (in the immediate area of Golflinks Road) where a foundation investigation will be required.

*W. S. Melinyshyn*

WSM/es

W. S. Melinyshyn,  
Regional Bridge Location Engineer.

cc. R. Fitzgibbon  
cc. N. D. Smith

Note - A foundation investigation will be carried out at the revised structure footing locations. This will be carried out at the time of Mohawk Rd interchange investigation. Informed WSM and agreed.

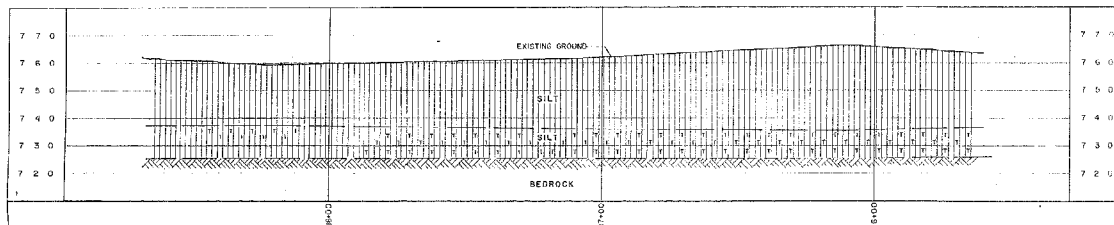
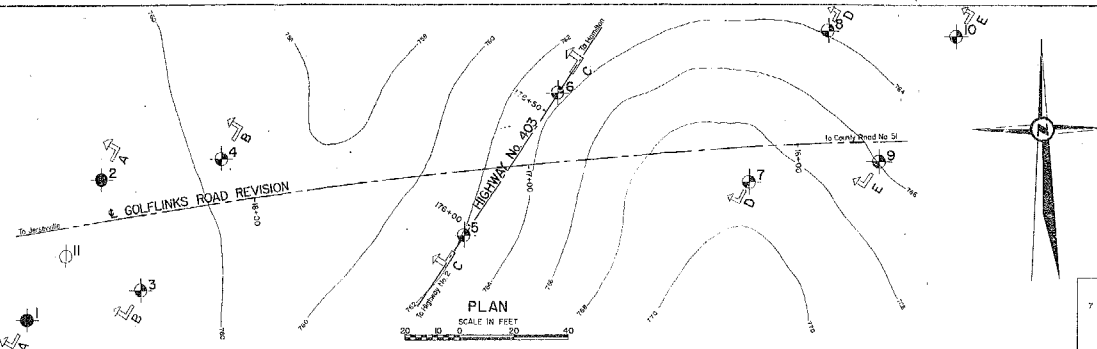
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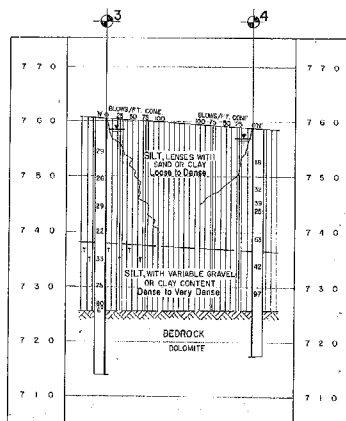
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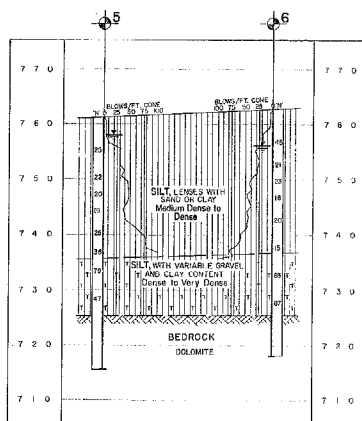
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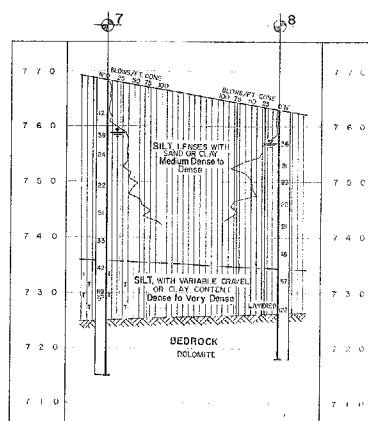
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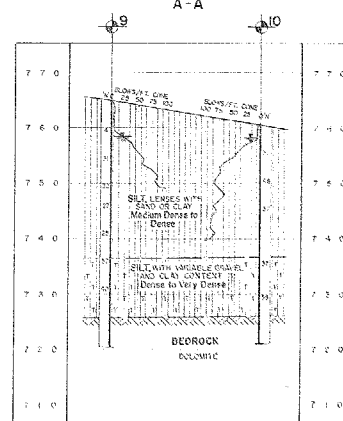
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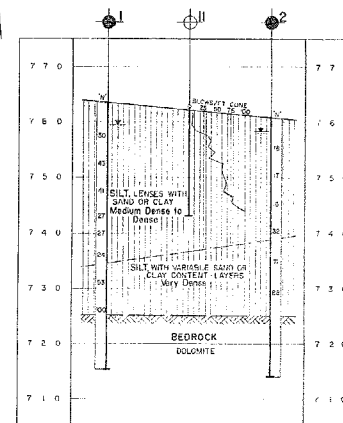
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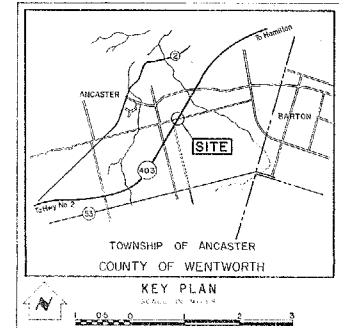
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# LEGEND

- Bore Hole
- Other Investigation Hole
- Stone & Concrete Investigation Hole
- Water Levels established at time of field investigation

NO.	ELEVATION	STATION	OFFSET
1	763.6	174+80	10' LT
2	760.9	175+10	125' LT
3	760.6	175+14	80' LT
4	758.8	175+70	80' LT
5	761.3	175+96	E
6	762.8	176+58	E
7	760.3	176+70	77' RT
8	763.1	177+32	70' RT
9	785.0	177+02	102' RT
10	760.5	177+56	110' RT
11	762.3	175+09	120' LT

# NOTE

The boundaries between soil strata have been established only at Bore Hole locations. Between Bore Holes the boundaries are assumed from geotechnical evidence and may be subject to considerable error.

DATE	1964
BY	J. E. K. COOPER
CHECKED	J. E. K. COOPER
APPROVED	J. E. K. COOPER

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS - ONTARIO  
MATERIALS & HIGHWAY DIVISION

**GOLFINKS ROAD UNDERPASS**

KING'S HIGHWAY NO. 403 DIST. NO. 4  
CO. WENTWORTH LOT 49 CON. II  
TWP. ANCASTER

BRIDGE SITE

STATION 175+00  
CHECKED J. E. K. COOPER  
DATE DECEMBER 1964  
APPROVED J. E. K. COOPER

SCALE 200' = 50'  
PLAN (DRAWING NO.)  
SECTION (DRAWING NO.)

