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# FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

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**Note:** For purposes of the contract, this report supersedes all other Foundation Reports prepared by, or for the Ministry in connection with the above mentioned project.

## EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN REPORT

**N VALUE:** THE STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (SPT) N VALUE IS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO CAUSE A STANDARD 51mm O.D SPLIT BARREL SAMPLER TO PENETRATE 0.3m INTO UNDISTURBED GROUND IN A BOREHOLE WHEN DRIVEN BY A HAMMER WITH A MASS OF 63.5kg, FALLING FREELY A DISTANCE OF 0.76m FOR PENETRATIONS OF LESS THAN 0.3m N VALUES ARE INDICATED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR THE PENETRATION ACHIEVED AVERAGE N VALUE IS DENOTED THUS  $\bar{N}$ .

**DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION TEST:** CONTINUOUS PENETRATION OF A CONICAL STEEL POINT (51mm O.D 60° CONE ANGLE) DRIVEN BY 475 J IMPACT ENERGY ON 'A' SIZE DRILL RODS. THE RESISTANCE TO CONE PENETRATION IS MEASURED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR EACH 0.3m ADVANCE OF THE CONICAL POINT INTO THE UNDISTURBED GROUND

SOILS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS.

**CONSISTENCY:** COHESIVE SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH ( $c_u$ ) AS FOLLOWS:

$c_u$ (kPa)	0 - 12	12 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 100	100 - 200	> 200
	VERY SOFT	SOFT	FIRM	STIFF	VERY STIFF	HARD

**DENSENESS:** COHESIONLESS SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF DENSENESS AS INDICATED BY SPT N VALUES AS FOLLOWS:

N (BLOWS/0.3m)	0 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 30	30 - 50	> 50
	VERY LOOSE	LOOSE	COMPACT	DENSE	VERY DENSE

ROCKS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURAL FEATURES AND / OR STRENGTH.

**RECOVERY:** SUM OF ALL RECOVERED ROCK CORE PIECES FROM A CORING RUN EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN.

**MODIFIED RECOVERY:** SUM OF THOSE INTACT CORE PIECES, 100mm+ IN LENGTH EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN. THE ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (RQD), FOR MODIFIED RECOVERY, IS:

RQD (%)	0 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 75	75 - 90	90 - 100
	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT

**JOINTING AND BEDDING:**

SPACING	50mm	50 - 300mm	0.3m - 1m	1m - 3m	> 3m
JOINTING	VERY CLOSE	CLOSE	MOD. CLOSE	WIDE	VERY WIDE
BEDDING	VERY THIN	THIN	MEDIUM	THICK	VERY THICK

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

### FIELD SAMPLING

S S	SPLIT SPOON	T P	THINWALL PISTON
W S	WASH SAMPLE	O S	OSTERBERG SAMPLE
S T	SLOTTED TUBE SAMPLE	R C	ROCK CORE
B S	BLOCK SAMPLE	P H	T W ADVANCED HYDRAULICALLY
C S	CHUNK SAMPLE	P M	T W ADVANCED MANUALLY
T W	THINWALL OPEN	F S	FOIL SAMPLE

### STRESS AND STRAIN

$u_w$	kPa	PORE WATER PRESSURE
$r_u$	1	PORE PRESSURE RATIO
$\sigma$	kPa	TOTAL NORMAL STRESS
$\sigma'$	kPa	EFFECTIVE NORMAL STRESS
$\tau$	kPa	SHEAR STRESS
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	kPa	PRINCIPAL STRESSES
$\epsilon$	%	LINEAR STRAIN
$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$	%	PRINCIPAL STRAINS
E	kPa	MODULUS OF LINEAR DEFORMATION
G	kPa	MODULUS OF SHEAR DEFORMATION
$\mu$	1	COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION

### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

$m_v$	$kPa^{-1}$	COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME CHANGE
$C_c$	1	COMPRESSION INDEX
$C_s$	1	SWELLING INDEX
$C_a$	1	RATE OF SECONDARY CONSOLIDATION
$c_v$	$m^2/s$	COEFFICIENT OF CONSOLIDATION
H	m	DRAINAGE PATH
$T_v$	1	TIME FACTOR
U	%	DEGREE OF CONSOLIDATION
$\sigma'_{vo}$	kPa	EFFECTIVE OVERBURDEN PRESSURE
$\sigma'_p$	kPa	PRECONSOLIDATION PRESSURE
$\tau_f$	kPa	SHEAR STRENGTH
$c'$	kPa	EFFECTIVE COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi'$	-°	EFFECTIVE ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
$c_u$	kPa	APPARENT COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi_u$	-°	APPARENT ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
$\tau_R$	kPa	RESIDUAL SHEAR STRENGTH
$\tau_r$	kPa	REMOULDED SHEAR STRENGTH
$S_r$	1	SENSITIVITY = $\frac{c_u}{\tau_r}$

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

$\rho_s$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SOLID PARTICLES	e	1, %	VOID RATIO	$e_{min}$	1, %	VOID RATIO IN DENSEST STATE
$\gamma_s$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOLID PARTICLES	n	1, %	POROSITY	$I_D$	1	DENSITY INDEX = $\frac{e_{max} - e}{e_{max} - e_{min}}$
$\rho_w$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF WATER	w	1, %	WATER CONTENT	D	mm	GRAIN DIAMETER
$\gamma_w$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF WATER	$S_r$	%	DEGREE OF SATURATION	$D_n$	mm	n PERCENT - DIAMETER
P	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SOIL	$w_L$	%	LIQUID LIMIT	$C_u$	1	UNIFORMITY COEFFICIENT
$\gamma$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOIL	$w_p$	%	PLASTIC LIMIT	h	m	HYDRAULIC HEAD OR POTENTIAL
$\rho_d$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF DRY SOIL	$w_s$	%	SHRINKAGE LIMIT	q	$m^3/s$	RATE OF DISCHARGE
$\gamma_d$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF DRY SOIL	$I_p$	%	PLASTICITY INDEX = $w_L - w_p$	v	m/s	DISCHARGE VELOCITY
$\rho_{sat}$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SATURATED SOIL	$I_L$	1	LIQUIDITY INDEX = $\frac{w - w_p}{I_p}$	i	1	HYDRAULIC GRADIENT
$\gamma_{sat}$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SATURATED SOIL	$I_C$	1	CONSISTENCY INDEX = $\frac{w_L - w}{I_p}$	k	m/s	HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY
$\rho'$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SUBMERGED SOIL	$e_{max}$	1, %	VOID RATIO IN LOOSEST STATE	j	$kN/m^3$	SEEPAGE FORCE
$\gamma'$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SUBMERGED SOIL						

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MISCELLANEOUS

The fieldwork for this investigation was carried out under the supervision of John Le Messurier, Student Engineer, and Tae. C. Kim, Senior Foundation Engineer. The equipment was owned and operated by Anchor Drilling Co. Ltd., Midhurst.

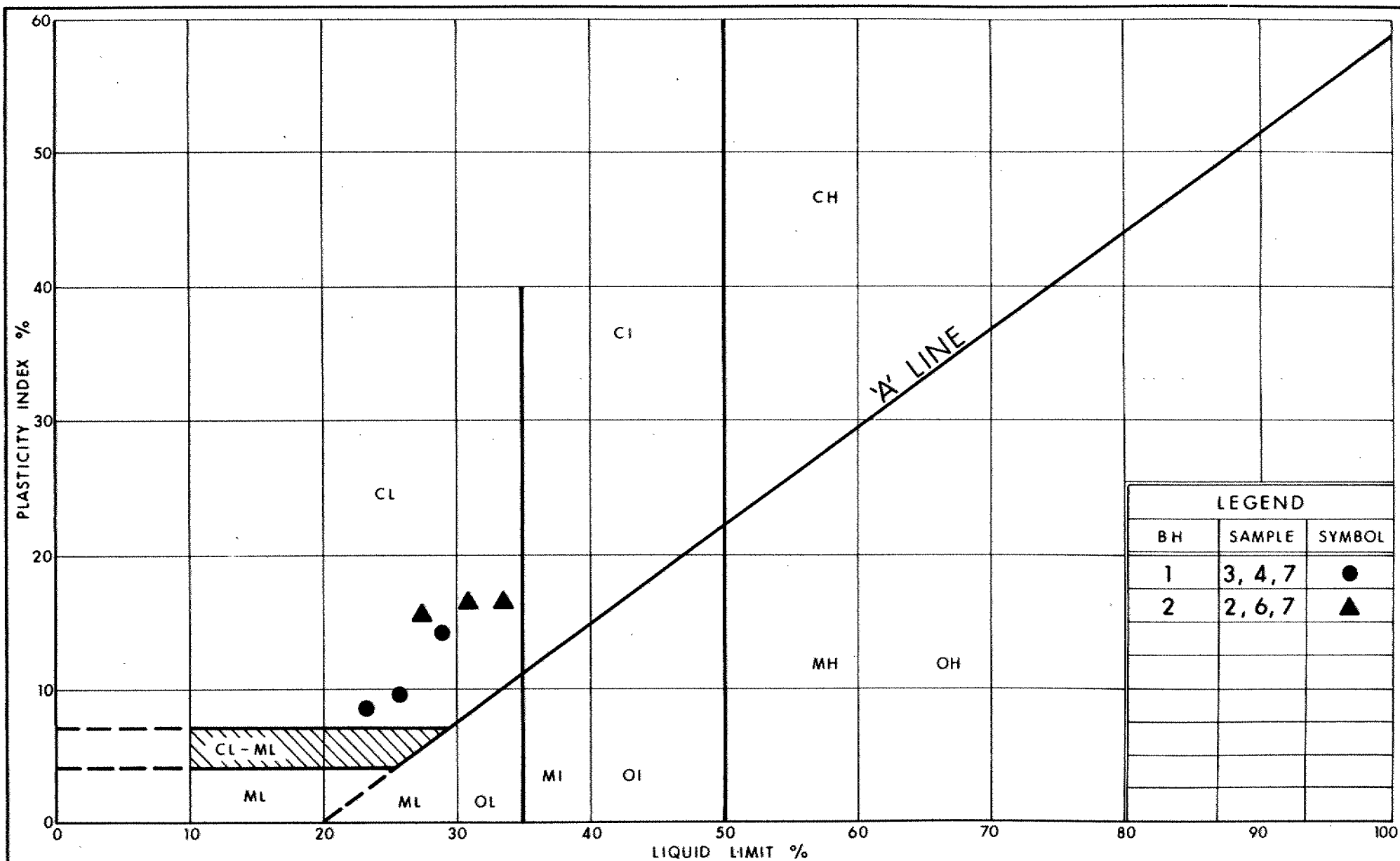
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## APPENDIX



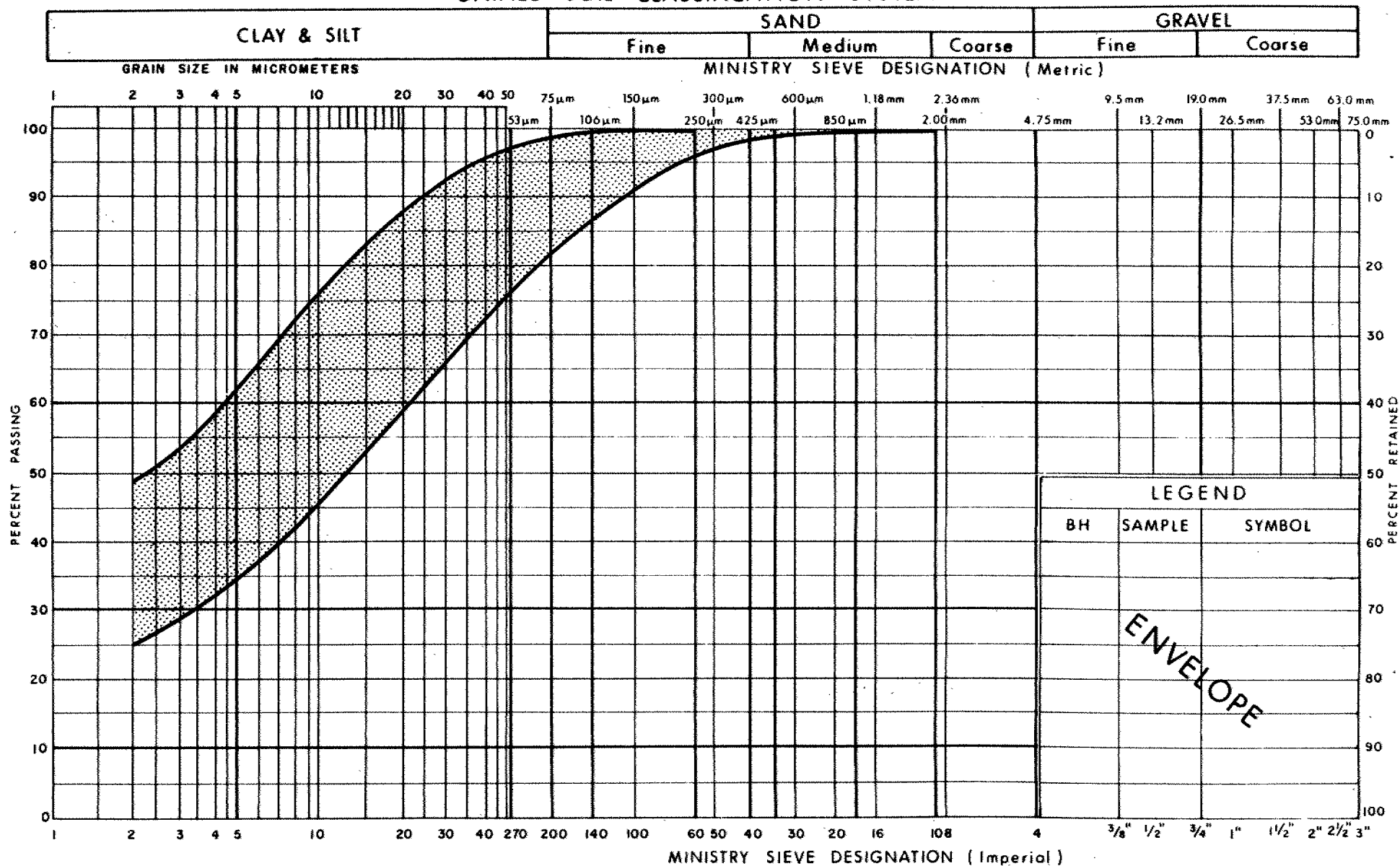
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# PLASTICITY CHART CLAYEY SILT, TRACE TO SOME SAND

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## UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



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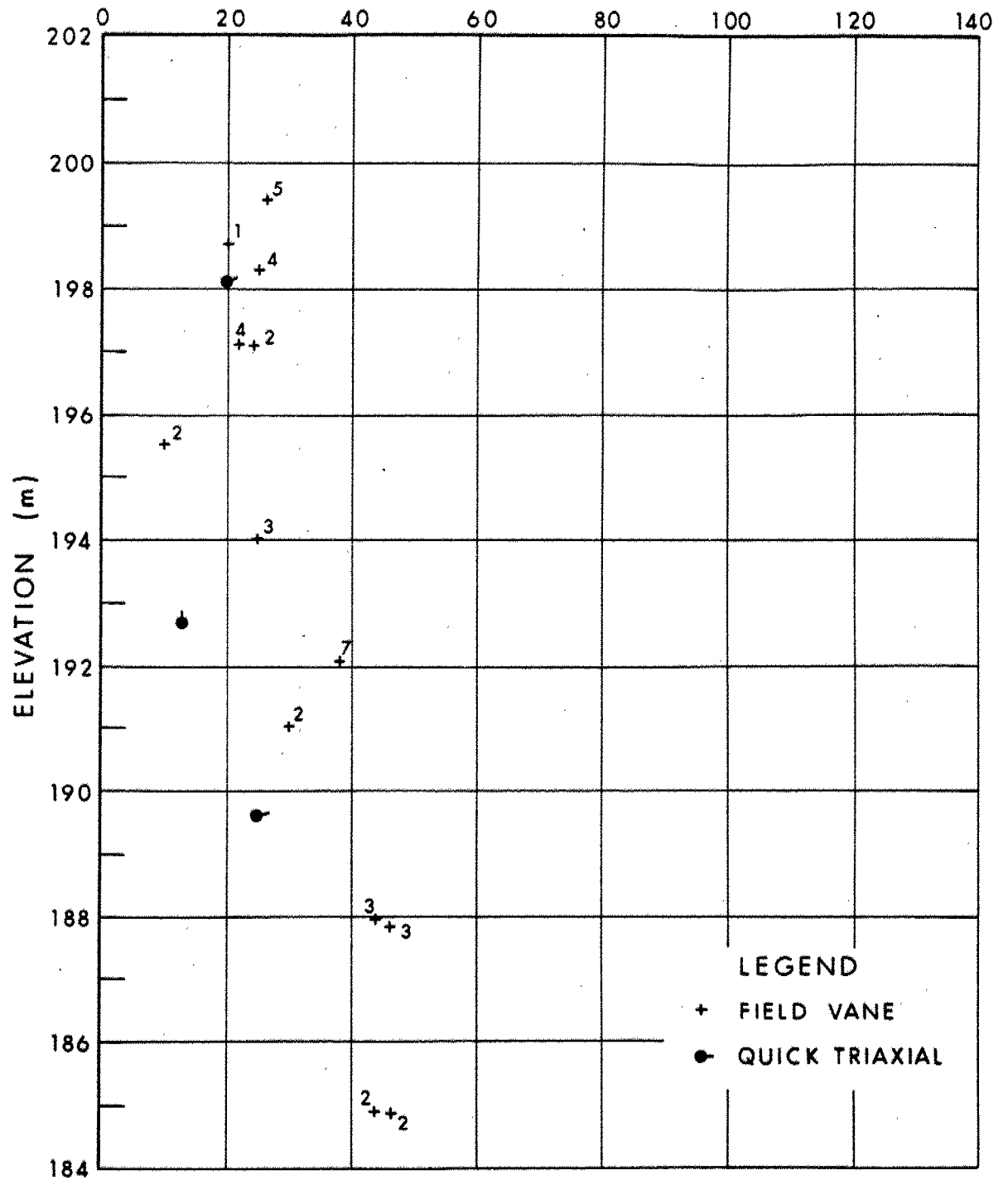
**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**  
**CLAYEY SILT, TRACE TO SOME SAND**

FIG No 2

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# SHEAR STRENGTH ( $C_u$ ) Vs ELEVATION

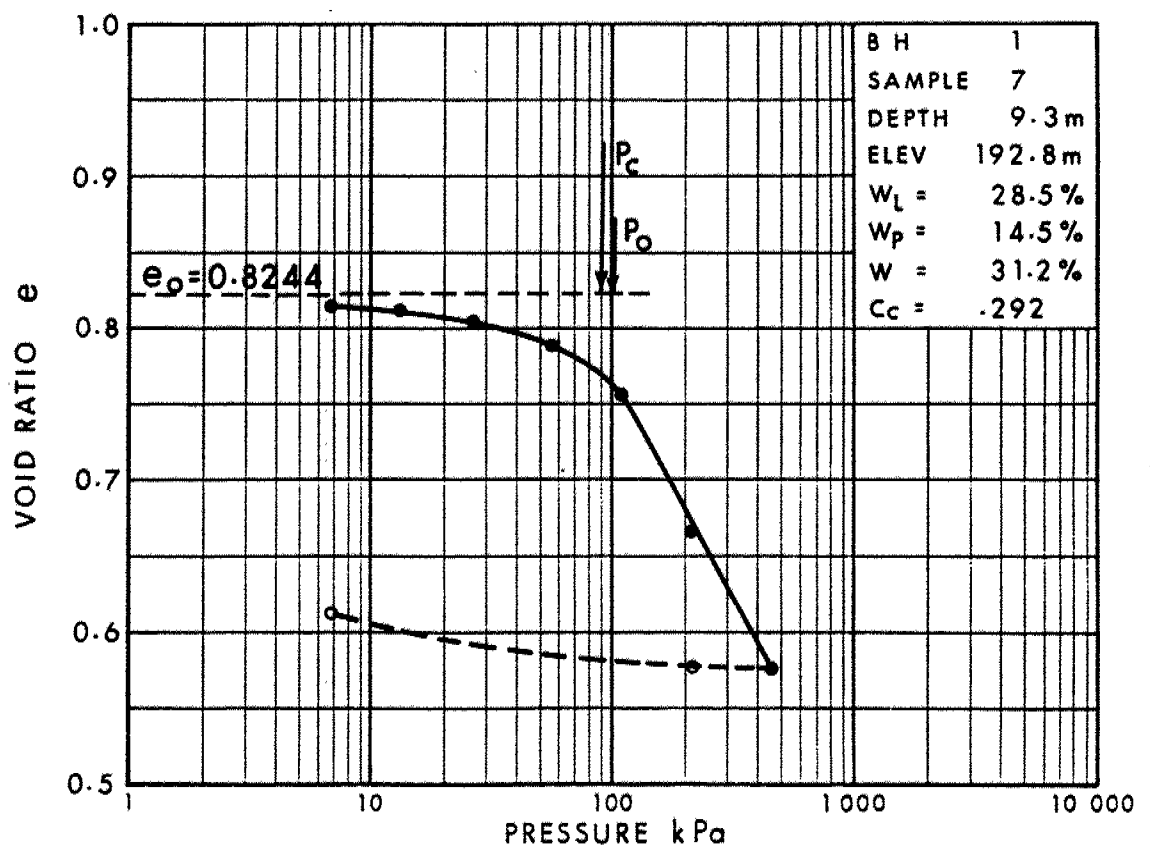
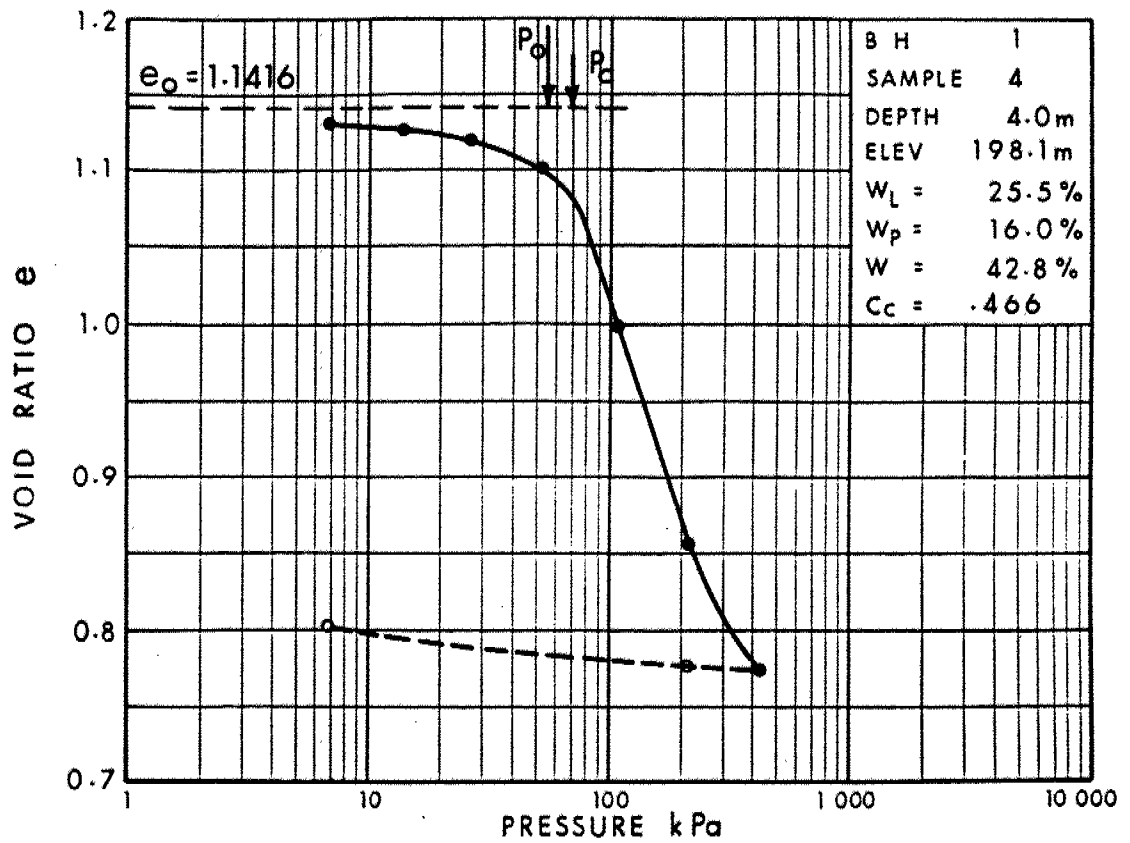
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Fig 3

# VOID RATIO - PRESSURE CURVES



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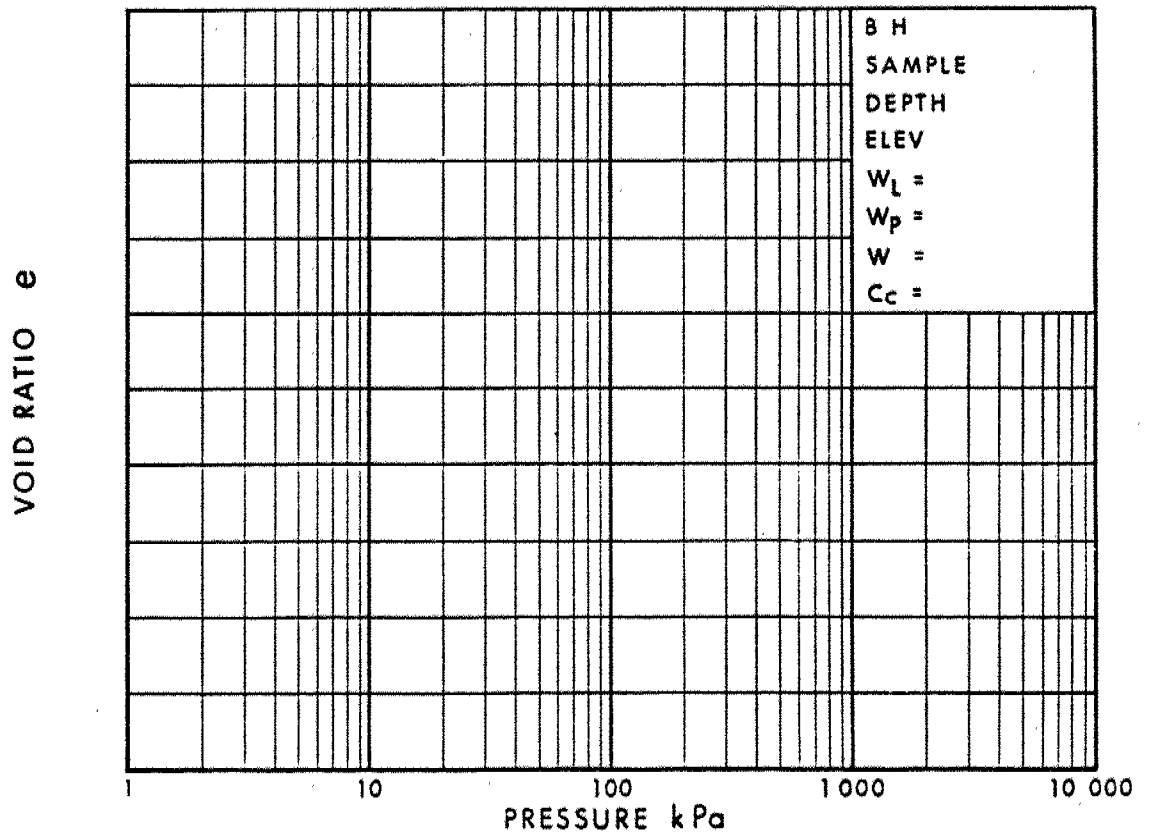
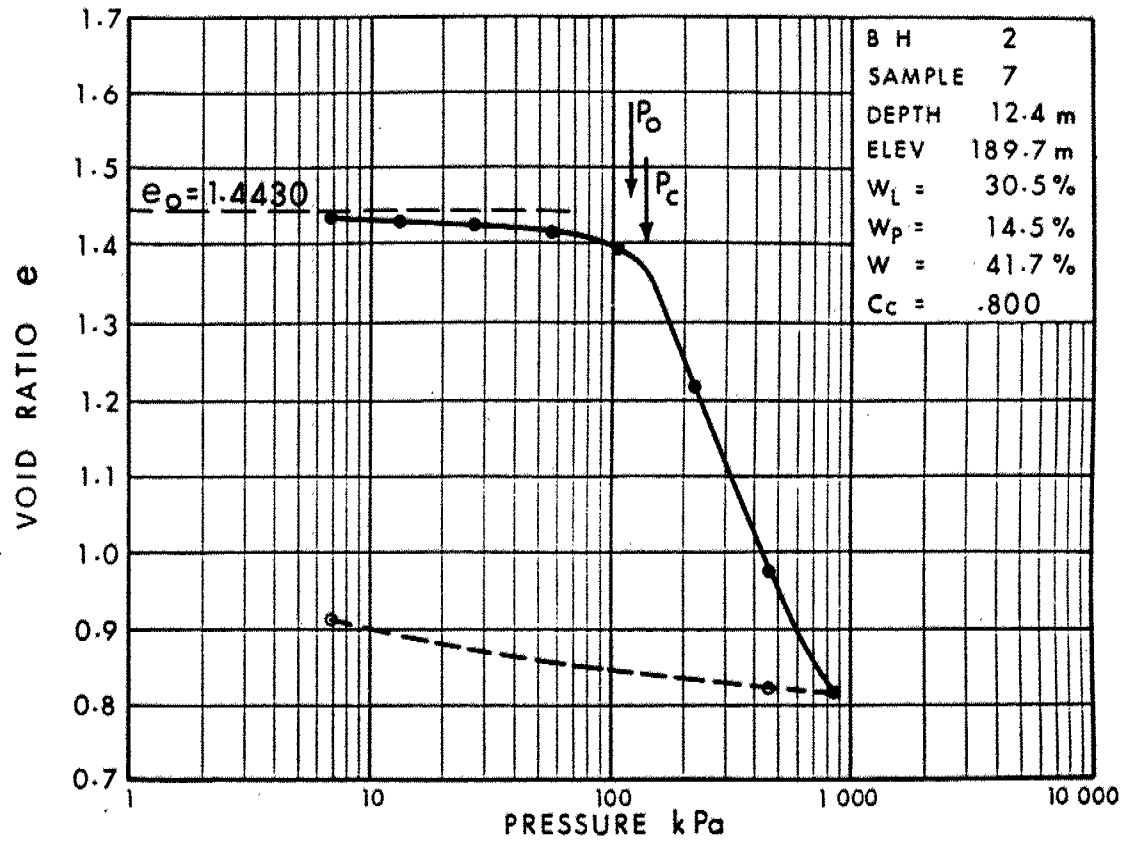
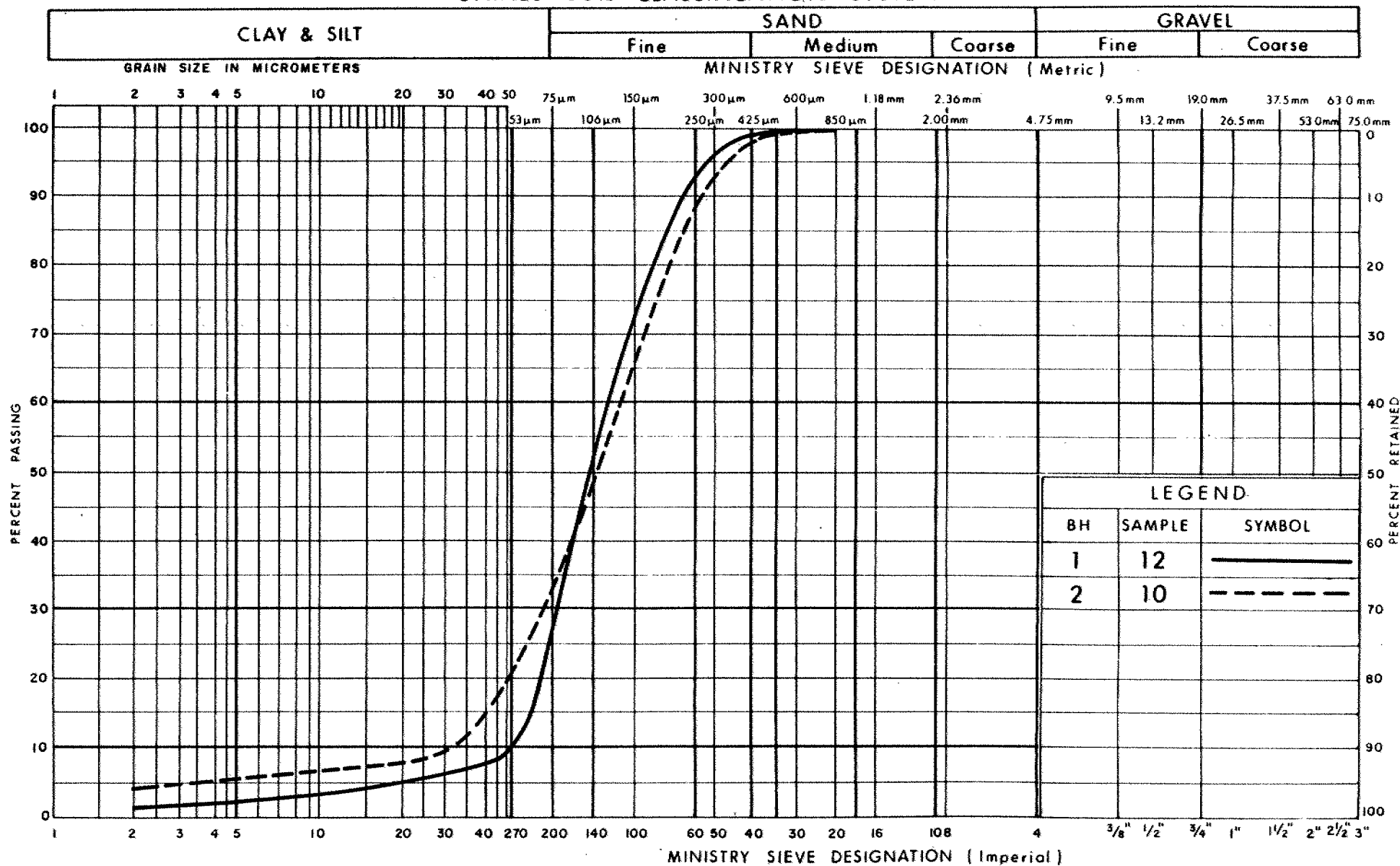


Fig 5

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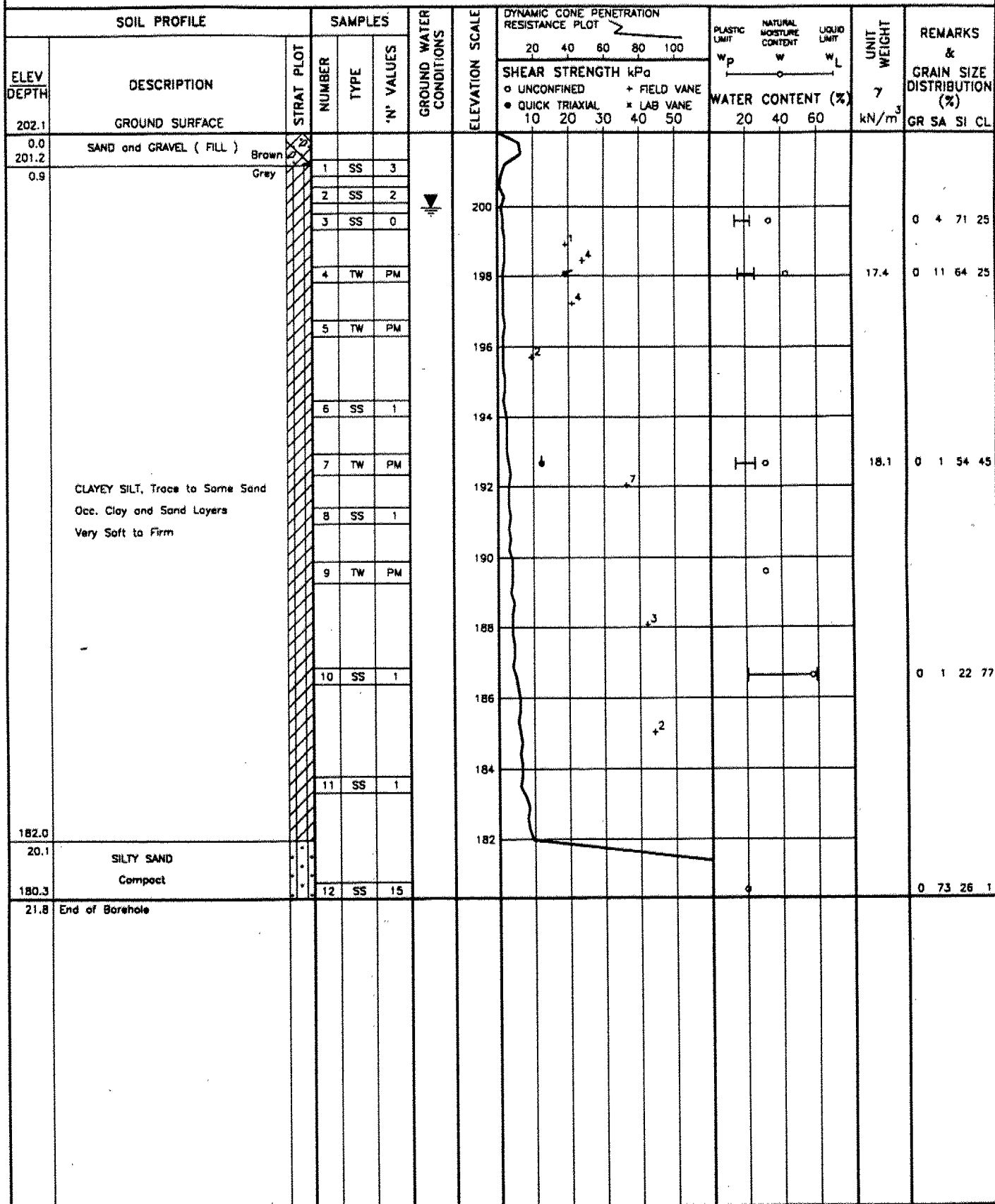
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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

1 OF 1 METRIC

W.P. 210-85-01 LOCATION STATION 16+820 : O/S 7.5 m RT ORIGINATED BY JLM  
 DIST 5 HWY 27 BOREHOLE TYPE H S AUGER AND CONE TEST COMPILED BY TCK  
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 DIST 5 HWY 27 BOREHOLE TYPE HS AUGER and Cone Test COMPILED BY TCK  
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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 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						
202.1	GROUND SURFACE													
0.0	SAND and GRAVEL (FILL)	Brown	1	SS	1									0 2 51 47
201.0		Grey	2	SS	2									
1.1			3	TW	PM									
			4	SS	0									
			5	SS	0									
	CLAYEY SILT, trace to some Sand		6	SS	2									0 18 34 48
	Occ. Clay and Sand Layers		7	TW	PM									
	Very Soft to Firm		8	TW	PM									
			9	SS	3								17.0	0 3 42 55
182.0														
20.1	SILTY SAND		10	SS	33									0 67 29 4
	Dense to Very Dense													
178.8			11	SS	67									
23.3	End of Borehole													
	Artesian Condition was encountered after completion of Borehole. Head was not measured in view of urgency of sealing.													

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## DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

It is understood that the original proposal was for a concrete box culvert replacement. In view of the soft normally consolidated subsoil at the site, substantial deformations are anticipated as a result of applied vertical loading. It was recommended by the Regional Geotechnical Section that the proposed concrete culvert be replaced with a triple steel pipe arch culverts.

It is proposed to replace the existing single small size C.S.P.A. (1.0 m x 0.7 m x 18.4 m) at the site with a triple larger size C.S.P.A. (1.630 m x 1.12 m x 22.0 m). The proposed culverts are to be located at the same location. The proposed invert elevation is about 200.8 m while the proposed grade elevation of Hwy. 27 is about 202.5 m. Based on this, a culvert roof cover of approximately 0.7 m and approach fills in the order of 1.7 m will be required.

### Recommendation for the Steel Pipe Arch Culverts

The steel pipe arch culverts can be founded at the proposed invert elevation (200.8 m) provided it is constructed in accordance with current MTO bedding and backfilling requirements as specified in OPSS 421 and OPSD 802 series. The major items of consideration are summarized below.

#### Bedding to Structure

- 1) The bedding should consist of a granular pad (Granular 'A') with a minimum thickness of 300 mm. The excavation for the bedding shall extend to a width of a minimum 1.5 m on the outer side of the outside culverts.
- 2) All softened material created during construction of foundation and any deleterious or organic material present at the founding elevation shall be removed and replaced with a granular material.
- 3) For the width of the area under the bottom radius of the pipe arch the bed should be levelled and left uncompacted for a depth of 300 mm below the invert level.

- 4) The culvert pipe bed is to be carefully shaped to receive the lowest segment of pipe formed by the bottom radius.
- 5) The area adjacent to the haunches of the pipe and below the portion of the sloping invert should be compacted by means of hand tamping.
- 6) The minimum depth of cover shall be the span of the pipe culvert divided by 6 or 300 mm, whichever is greater.
- 7) Scour protection at the culvert inlet and outlet shall be provided to protect the culvert bedding. The design of the scour protection shall be made in conjunction with applicable hydrological requirements.

#### Backfill to Structure

Backfill for the plate pipe culverts shall be designed and constructed according to OPSD 803 series. The following items of consideration are hereby reinforced.

- 1) The frost penetration depth at the site is 1.5 m and the frost taper should be designed accordingly to the Regional geotechnical requirements.
- 2) The backfill material should be machine compacted on both sides of the pipe and between culverts, simultaneously in equal lifts in accordance with OPSS 501.08.02.
- ✓3) To prevent piping around the culvert, a 1 m thick blanket of approved impermeable material (refer to OPSS 1205) should be placed at the culvert inlet as a sealer behind a 600 mm layer of rip-rap. This blanket should extend to the high water level. Around the culvert outlet, a 1 m thick blanket of Granular 'A' material should be placed as a filter behind a 600 mm layer of rip-rap.
- 4) Backfill material shall consist of a free draining material such a Granular 'A' or Granular 'B' to prevent hydrostatic pressure build-up on the culvert walls. Design parameters of the soil are given in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - Backfill Properties

	<u>Granular 'A'</u>	<u>Granular 'B'</u>
Angle of Internal Friction ( $\phi$ )	35°	30°
Unit Weight ( $\text{kN/m}^3$ ), $\gamma$	22.8	21.2
Coefficient of Active Earth Pressure( $K_a$ )	0.27	0.33
Coefficient of Earth Pressure at Rest( $K_o$ )	0.43	0.50

The earth pressure coefficient at rest is to be used when the design of the abutment walls are rigid and unyielding.

The backfill beyond the granular wedge as illustrated on OPSD 803 series can consist of acceptable borrow material as defined in OPSS 212.05.

#### Stability and Settlement

No stability problems are anticipated for the proposed height of permanent embankment (about 1.7 m) constructed to a 2H:1V geometry.

However, as discussed previously, in view of the soft normally consolidated subsoil at the site, substantial settlements are anticipated if additional embankment load is applied. Therefore, it is recommended that the proposed grade of Hwy. 27 must be maintained without any grade revision.

#### Recommendations for the Concrete Box Culverts

The existing steel pipe culvert has been performed satisfactorily for the last 16 years without any signs of structural distress, in spite of the settlement induced by roadway embankment. It is believed that the major portion of the settlement has been completed. No further settlement will take place in this area if no grade revision is contemplated. In view of this, a concrete box type culvert could be equally suitable at this location. However, the final choice should be based on the economical and practical construction considerations. If concrete type of culverts is considered at this particular location, the following design values are recommended for the purpose of the O.H.B.D.C.

Factored Bearing Capacity at U.L.S.	75 kPa
Bearing Capacity at S.L.S. Type II	50 kPa

A footing width of 3.0 m with an embedded depth of 1.5 m was used in calculation of the above capacities. The magnitude of the differential settlement of the footings for S.L.S. Type II is anticipated to be within 25 mm, provided the subsoil is not disturbed by construction activities.

Bedding and backfilling for the concrete box culverts will be similar to those for the steel pipe culverts.

#### Construction Considerations

##### Temporary Diversion

To facilitate the construction of the culvert, a temporary diversion of the Creek should be considered.

##### Dewatering

It is recommended that conventional sump pump techniques with perimeter ditches be applied to assure that the foundation construction is advanced in the dry.

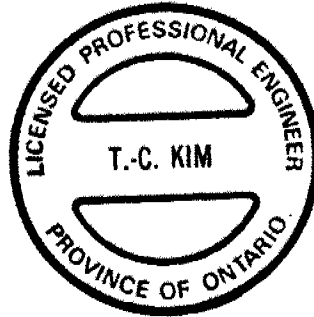
##### Temporary Excavation Slopes

Temporary excavation cuts for foundation elements should be at a slope no steeper than 2H:1V in view of the high water table.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

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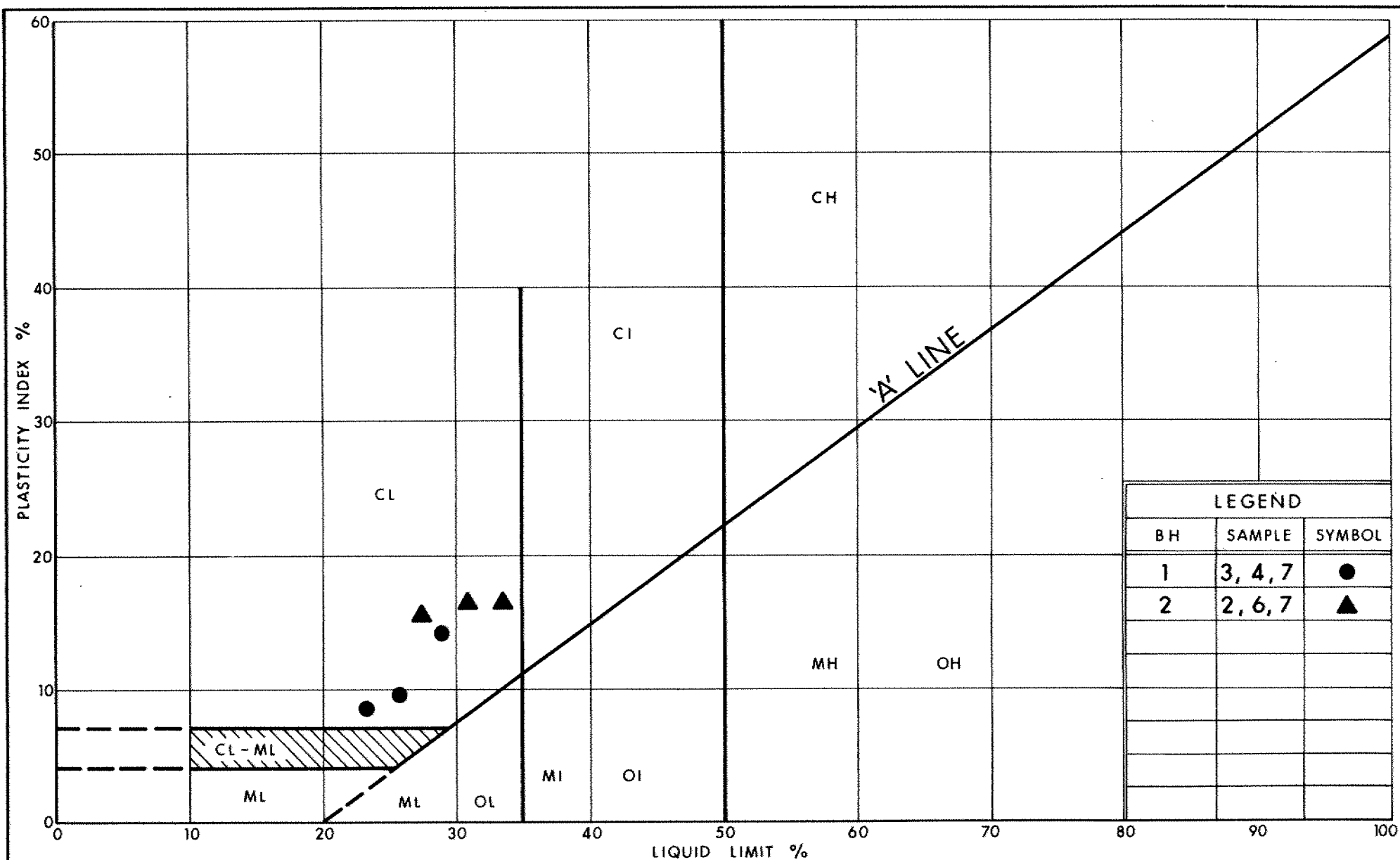
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## APPENDIX



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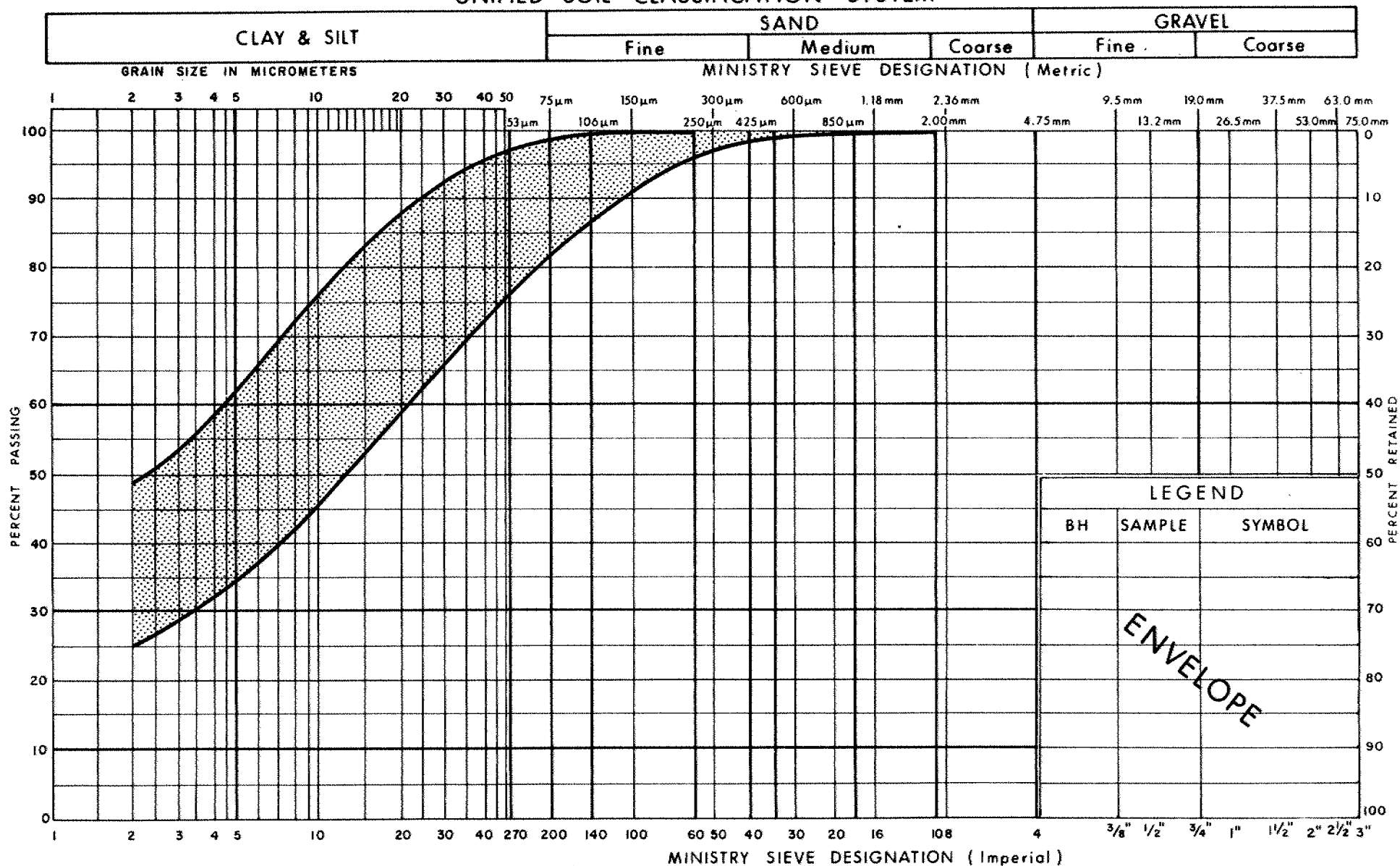
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# PLASTICITY CHART CLAYEY SILT, TRACE TO SOME SAND

FIG No 1

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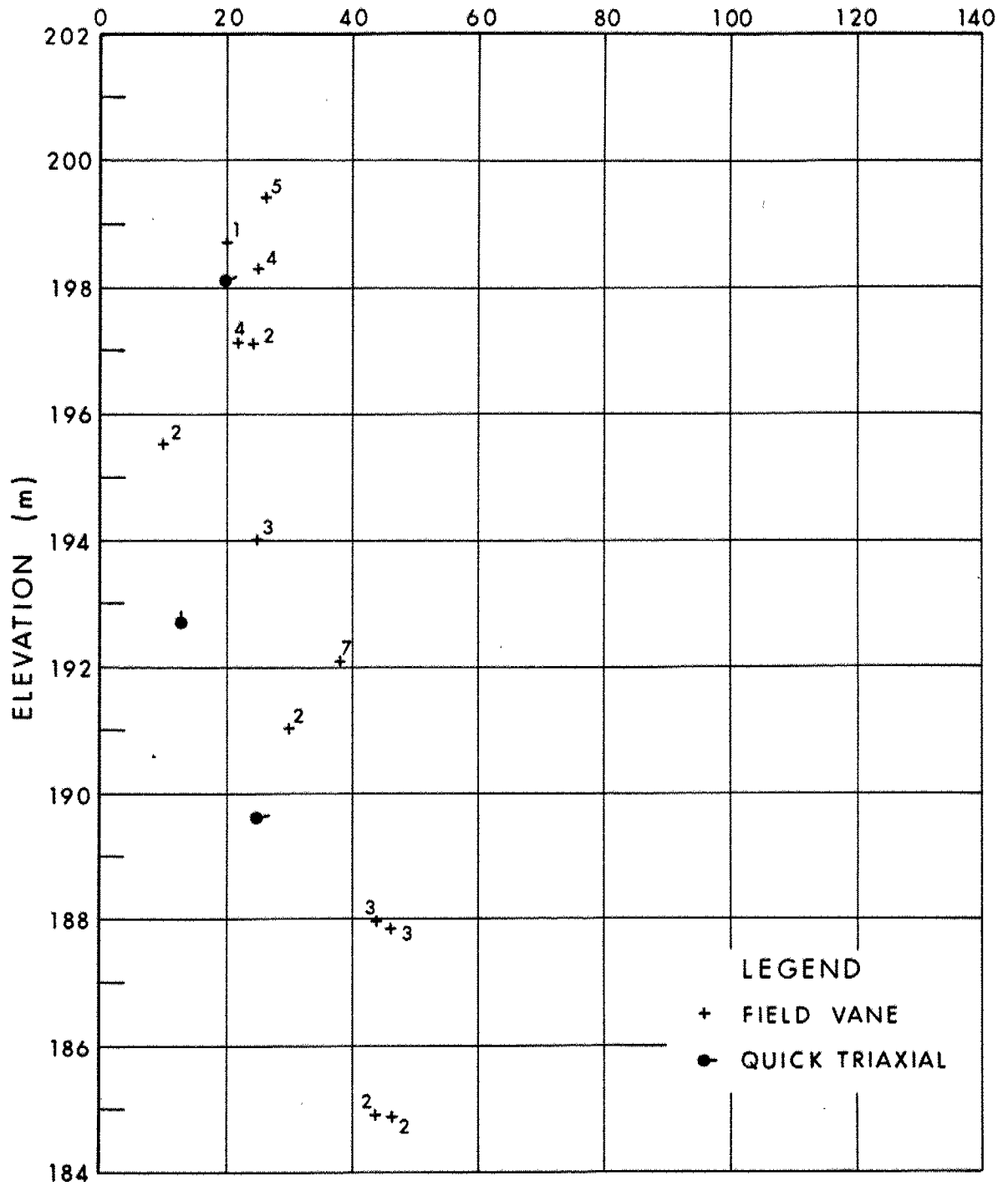
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# SHEAR STRENGTH ( $C_u$ ) Vs ELEVATION

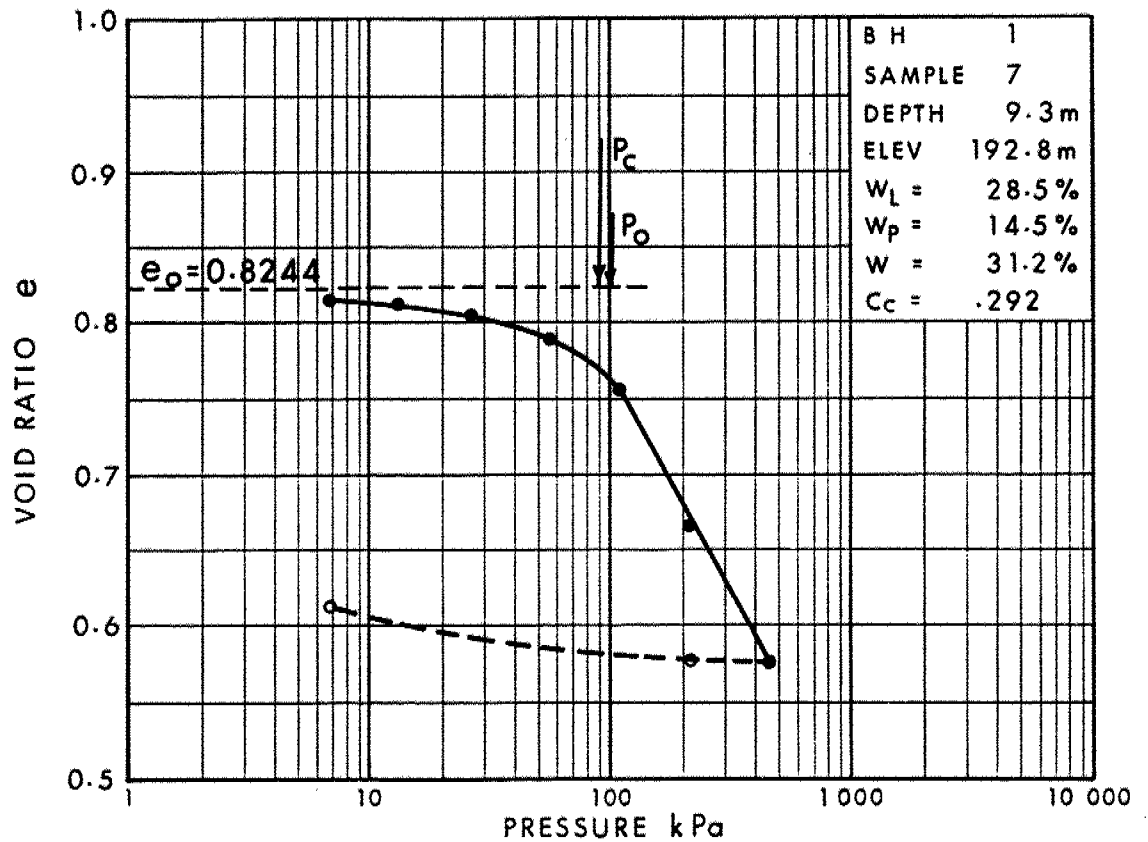
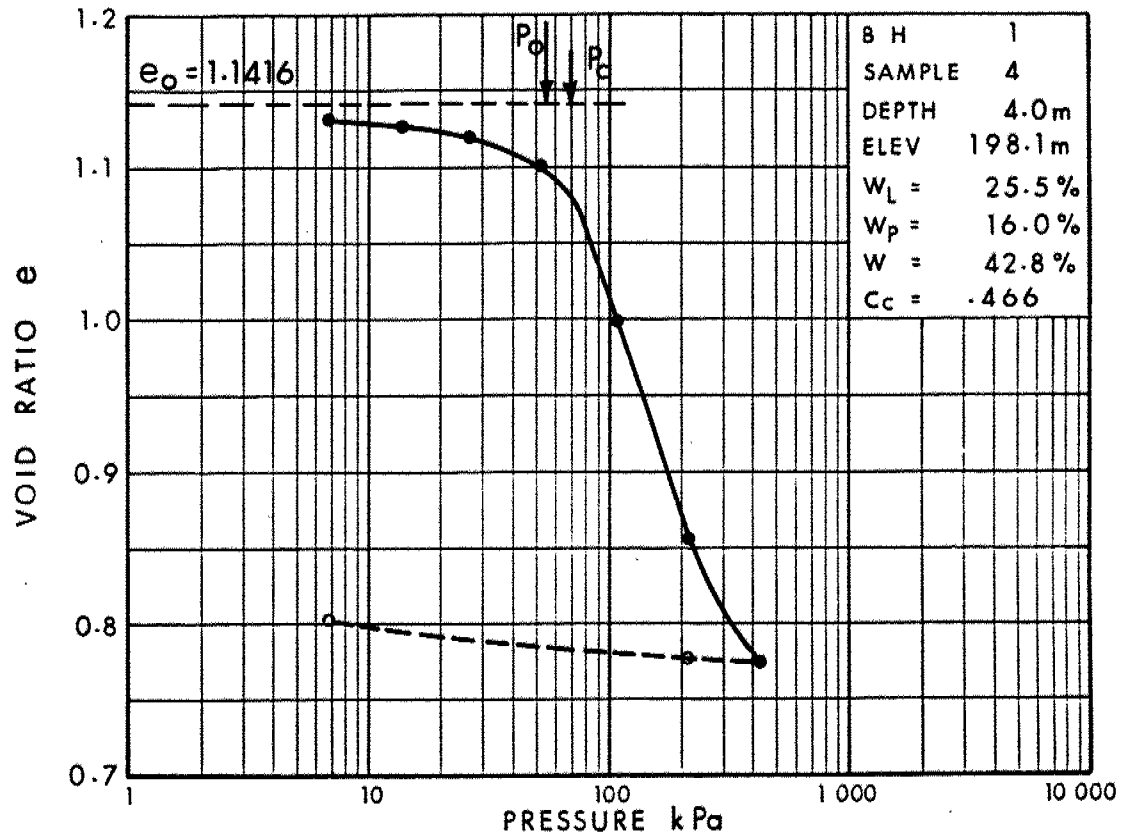
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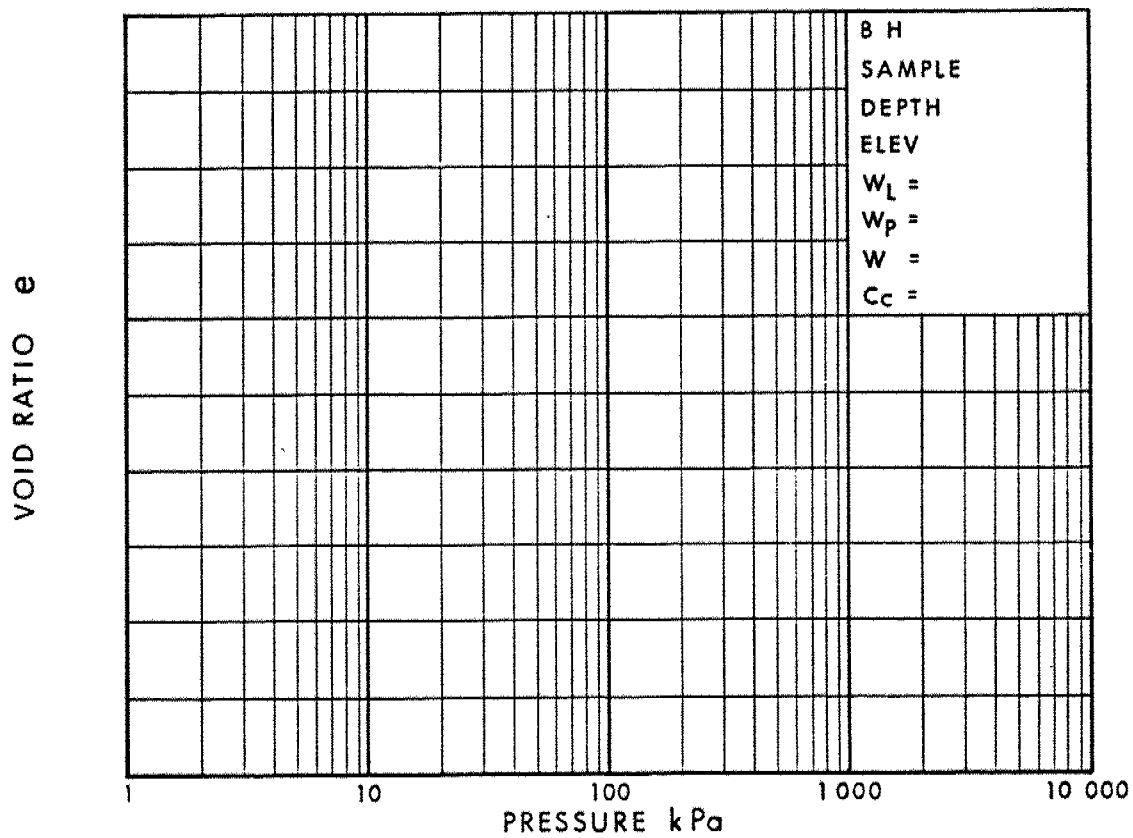
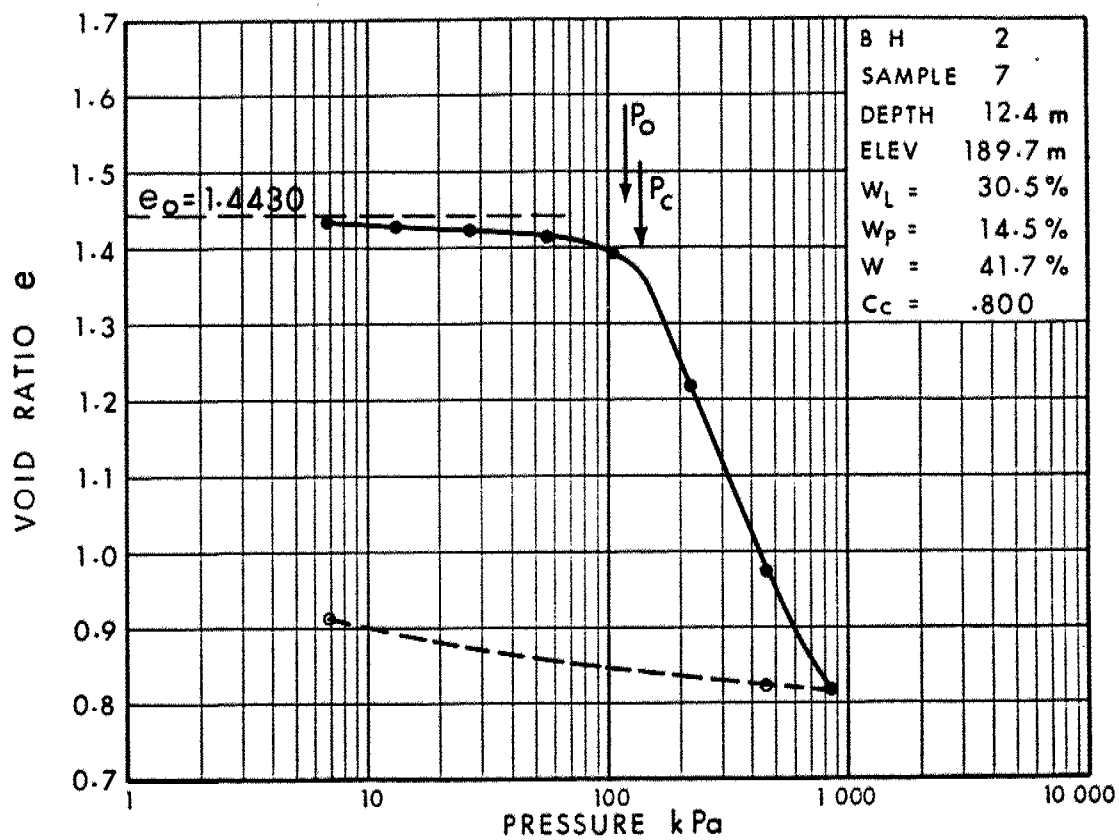
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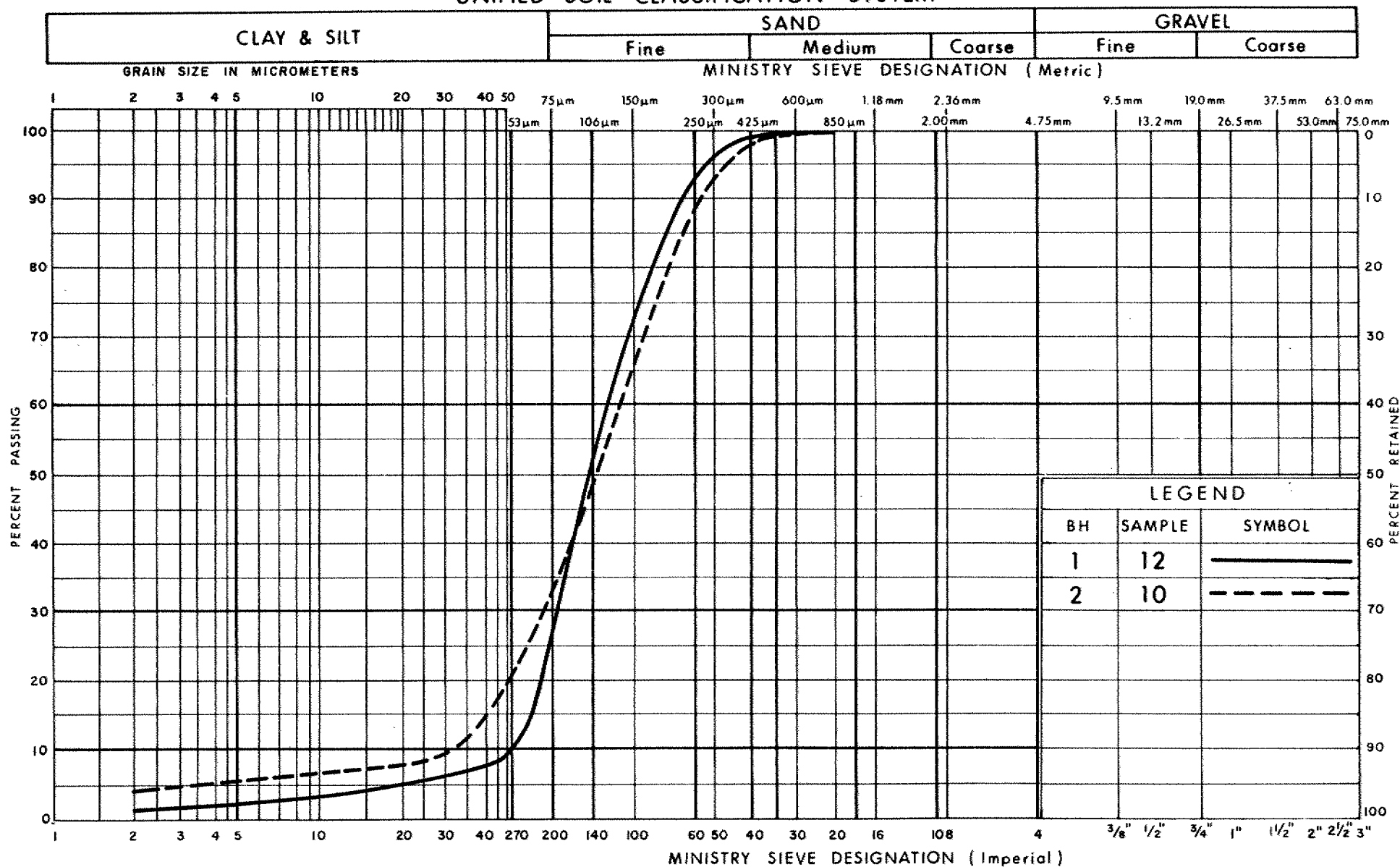
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## GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION SILTY SAND

FIG No 6

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## EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN REPORT

**N VALUE:** THE STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (SPT) N VALUE IS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO CAUSE A STANDARD 51mm O.D. SPLIT BARREL SAMPLER TO PENETRATE 0.3m INTO UNDISTURBED GROUND IN A BOREHOLE WHEN DRIVEN BY A HAMMER WITH A MASS OF 63.5kg, FALLING FREELY A DISTANCE OF 0.76m. FOR PENETRATIONS OF LESS THAN 0.3m N VALUES ARE INDICATED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR THE PENETRATION ACHIEVED. AVERAGE N VALUE IS DENOTED THUS  $\bar{N}$ .

**DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION TEST:** CONTINUOUS PENETRATION OF A CONICAL STEEL POINT (51mm O.D. 60° CONE ANGLE) DRIVEN BY 475 J IMPACT ENERGY ON 'A' SIZE DRILL RODS. THE RESISTANCE TO CONE PENETRATION IS MEASURED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR EACH 0.3m ADVANCE OF THE CONICAL POINT INTO THE UNDISTURBED GROUND.

SOILS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS.

**CONSISTENCY:** COHESIVE SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH ( $c_u$ ) AS FOLLOWS:

$c_u$ (kPa)	0 - 12	12 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 100	100 - 200	> 200
	VERY SOFT	SOFT	FIRM	STIFF	VERY STIFF	HARD

**DENSENESS:** COHESIONLESS SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF DENSENESS AS INDICATED BY SPT N VALUES AS FOLLOWS:

N (BLOWS/0.3m)	0 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 30	30 - 50	> 50
	VERY LOOSE	LOOSE	COMPACT	DENSE	VERY DENSE

ROCKS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURAL FEATURES AND / OR STRENGTH.

**RECOVERY:** SUM OF ALL RECOVERED ROCK CORE PIECES FROM A CORING RUN EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN.

**MODIFIED RECOVERY:** SUM OF THOSE INTACT CORE PIECES, 100mm+ IN LENGTH EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN. THE ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (RQD), FOR MODIFIED RECOVERY, IS:

RQD (%)	0 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 75	75 - 90	90 - 100
	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT

**JOINTING AND BEDDING:**

SPACING	50mm	50 - 300mm	0.3m - 1m	1m - 3m	> 3m
JOINTING	VERY CLOSE	CLOSE	MOD. CLOSE	WIDE	VERY WIDE
BEDDING	VERY THIN	THIN	MEDIUM	THICK	VERY THICK

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

### FIELD SAMPLING

S S	SPLIT SPOON	T P	THINWALL PISTON
W S	WASH SAMPLE	O S	OSTERBERG SAMPLE
S T	SLOTTED TUBE SAMPLE	R C	ROCK CORE
B S	BLOCK SAMPLE	P H	T W ADVANCED HYDRAULICALLY
C S	CHUNK SAMPLE	P M	T W ADVANCED MANUALLY
T W	THINWALL OPEN	F S	FOIL SAMPLE

### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

$m_v$	$\text{kPa}^{-1}$	COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME CHANGE
$C_c$	1	COMPRESSION INDEX
$C_s$	1	SWELLING INDEX
$C_a$	1	RATE OF SECONDARY CONSOLIDATION
$c_v$	$\text{m}^2/\text{s}$	COEFFICIENT OF CONSOLIDATION
H	m	DRAINAGE PATH
$T_v$	1	TIME FACTOR
U	%	DEGREE OF CONSOLIDATION
$\sigma'_{v0}$	kPa	EFFECTIVE OVERBURDEN PRESSURE
$\sigma'_p$	kPa	PRECONSOLIDATION PRESSURE
$\tau_f$	kPa	SHEAR STRENGTH
$c'$	kPa	EFFECTIVE COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi'$	-°	EFFECTIVE ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
$c_u$	kPa	APPARENT COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi_u$	-°	APPARENT ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
$\tau_R$	kPa	RESIDUAL SHEAR STRENGTH
$\tau_r$	kPa	REMOULDED SHEAR STRENGTH
$S_f$	1	SENSITIVITY = $\frac{c_u}{\tau_r}$

### STRESS AND STRAIN

$u_w$	kPa	PORE WATER PRESSURE
$r_u$	1	PORE PRESSURE RATIO
$\sigma$	kPa	TOTAL NORMAL STRESS
$\sigma'$	kPa	EFFECTIVE NORMAL STRESS
$\tau$	kPa	SHEAR STRESS
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	kPa	PRINCIPAL STRESSES
$\epsilon$	%	LINEAR STRAIN
$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$	%	PRINCIPAL STRAINS
E	kPa	MODULUS OF LINEAR DEFORMATION
G	kPa	MODULUS OF SHEAR DEFORMATION
$\mu$	1	COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

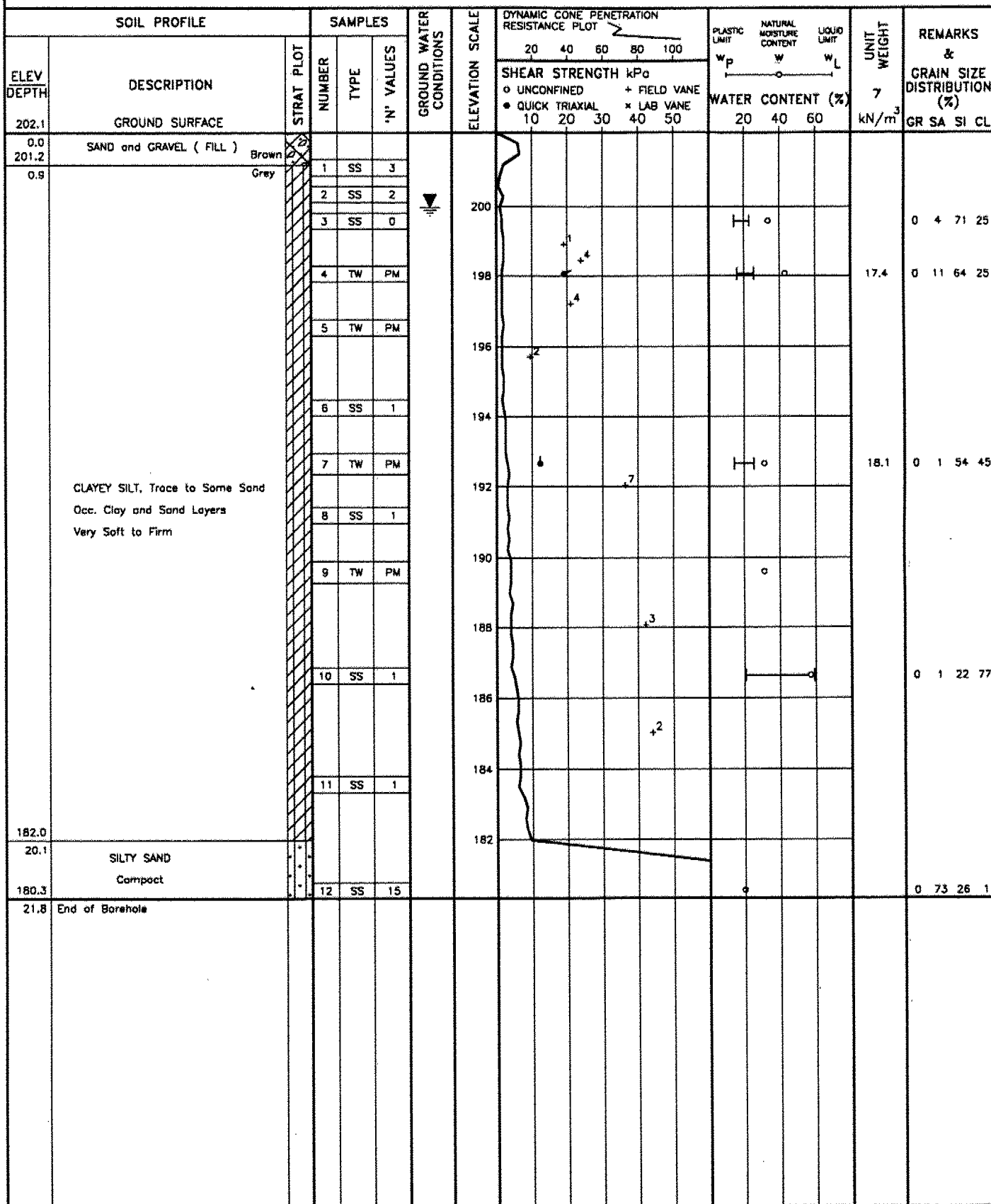
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$\gamma_s$	$\text{KN}/\text{m}^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOLID PARTICLES	n	1, %	POROSITY	$I_D$	1	DENSITY INDEX = $\frac{e_{\max} - e}{e_{\max} - e_{\min}}$
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$\gamma_w$	$\text{KN}/\text{m}^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF WATER	$S_r$	%	DEGREE OF SATURATION	$D_n$	mm	n PERCENT - DIAMETER
$\rho$	$\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$	DENSITY OF SOIL	$w_L$	%	LIQUID LIMIT	$C_u$	1	UNIFORMITY COEFFICIENT
$\gamma$	$\text{KN}/\text{m}^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOIL	$w_p$	%	PLASTIC LIMIT	h	m	HYDRAULIC HEAD OR POTENTIAL
$\rho_d$	$\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$	DENSITY OF DRY SOIL	$w_s$	%	SHRINKAGE LIMIT	q	$\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	RATE OF DISCHARGE
$\gamma_d$	$\text{KN}/\text{m}^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF DRY SOIL	$I_p$	%	PLASTICITY INDEX = $w_L - w_p$	v	m/s	DISCHARGE VELOCITY
$\rho_{\text{sat}}$	$\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$	DENSITY OF SATURATED SOIL	$I_L$	1	LIQUIDITY INDEX = $\frac{w - w_p}{I_p}$	i	1	HYDRAULIC GRADIENT
$\gamma_{\text{sat}}$	$\text{KN}/\text{m}^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SATURATED SOIL	$I_C$	1	CONSISTENCY INDEX = $\frac{w_L - w}{I_p}$	k	m/s	HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY
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$\gamma'$	$\text{KN}/\text{m}^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SUBMERGED SOIL						

# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

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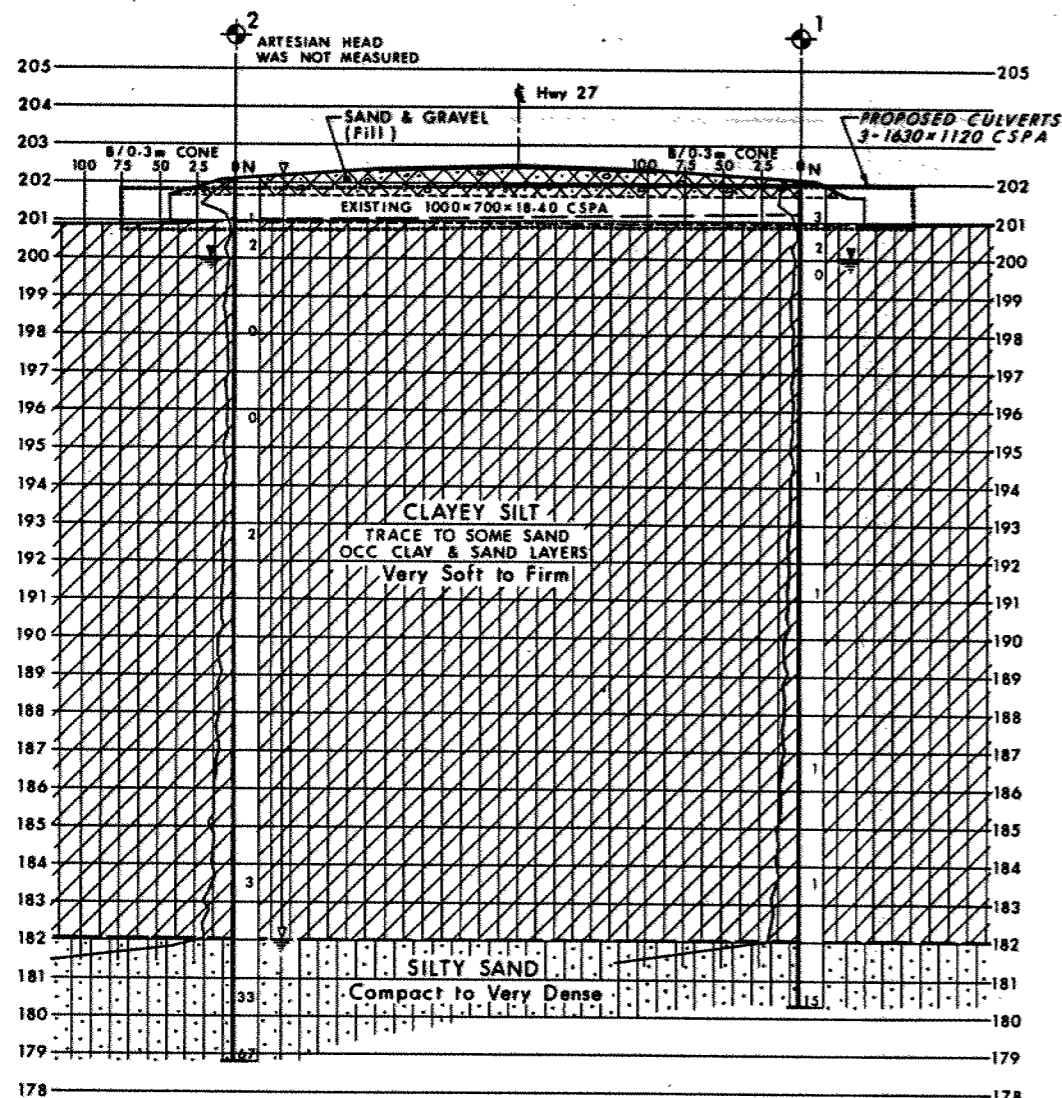
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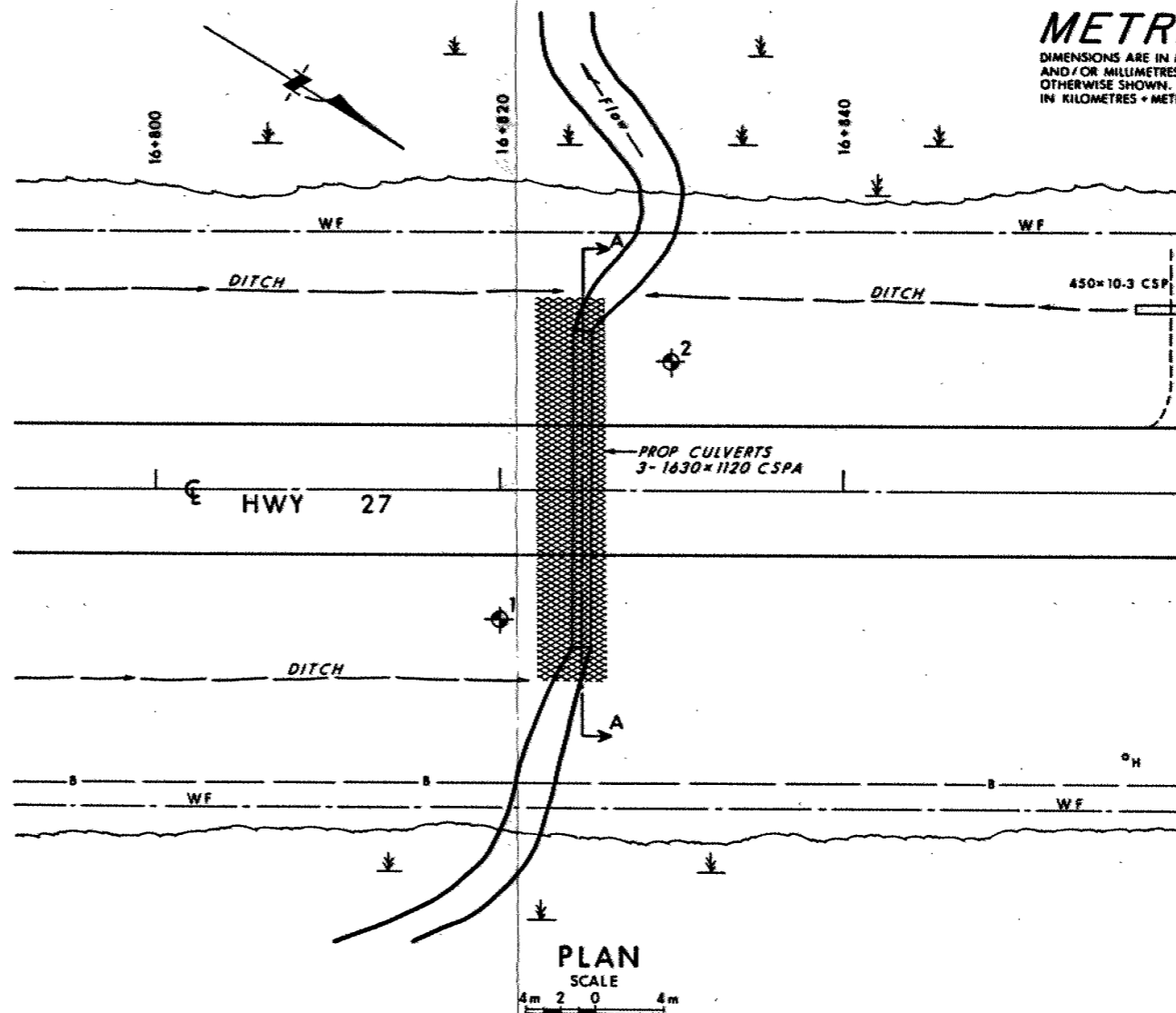
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ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20 40 60 80 100						
202.1	GROUND SURFACE													
0.0	SAND and GRAVEL (FILL)	Brown	1	SS	1									0 2 51 47
201.0		Grey	2	SS	2									
1.1			3	TW	PM									
			4	SS	0									
			5	SS	0									
	CLAYEY SILT, trace to some Sand		6	SS	2									0 18 34 48
	Occ. Clay and Sand Layers		7	TW	PM									
	Very Soft to Firm		8	TW	PM									
			9	SS	3									
182.0														
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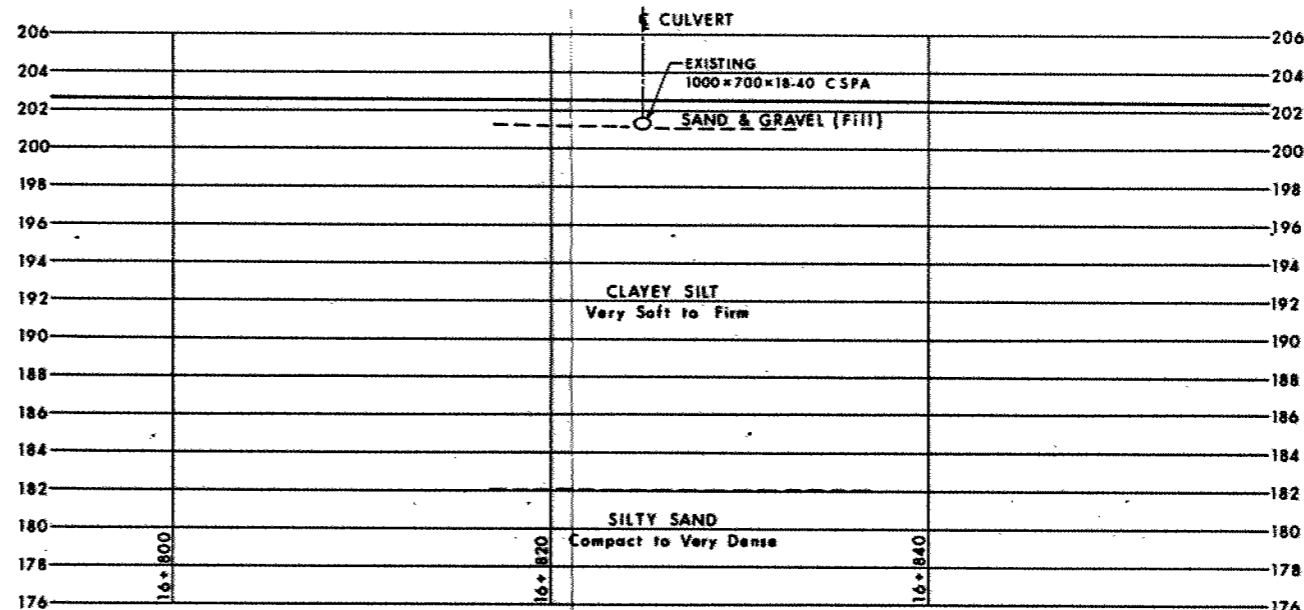
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PROFILE HWY 27

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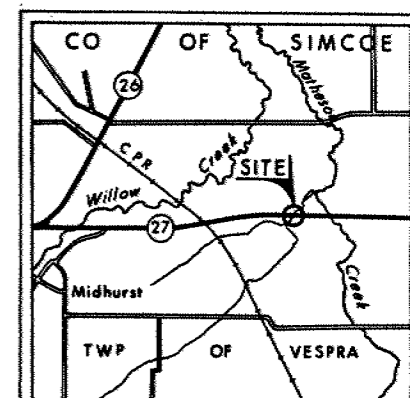
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HWY 27 CULVERT REPLACEMENT  
(STA 16+824.8)

BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA



SHEET



KEY PLAN  
SCALE  
1km 0 1 2km

**LEGEND**

- Bore Hole
- ⊕ Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (Cone)
- ⊕ Bore Hole & Cone
- N Blows/0.3m (Std Pen Test, 475 J/blow)
- CONE Blows/0.3m (60° Cone, 475 J/blow)
- WF at time of investigation 1990 08
- ↑ Artesian Head
- ↓ Artesian Encountered

No	ELEVATION	STATION	OFFSET
1	202.1	16+820	7.5m Rt
2	202.1	16+830	7.5m Lt

**NOTE**

The boundaries between soil strata have been established only at Bore Hole locations. Between Bore Holes the boundaries are assumed from geological evidence.

NOTE: The complete foundation investigation and design report for this project and other related documents may be examined at the Engineering Materials Office, Downsview. Information contained in this report and related documents is specifically excluded in accordance with the conditions of Section 102-2 of Form 100.

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HWY No 27	DIST 5
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# memorandum



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Head, Geotechnical Section  
Southwestern Region

Date: 1991 01 17

Attn: D. McLay, Soils Supervisor

From: Foundation Design Section  
Room 315, Central Building

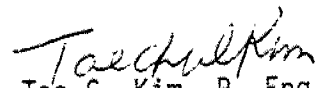
Re: Review of Preliminary Drawing  
Culvert Replacement at Hwy. 27  
Township of Vespra  
W.P. 210-85-01  
District 5, Owen Sound

Further to the telephone conversation between your Mr. D. McLay and our Mr. Tae Kim, and subsequent "FAX" message from Mr. G. Gates of Planning & Design Section on January 16, 1991, the schematic drawing has been reviewed by this section.

Based on our review, it is concluded that the design confirms our recommendations. However, it should be noted that for the 600 mm rock protection, geotextile underneath the rip-rap be eliminated since the potential sliding would occur along the surface of the geotextile and the angular rock would puncture the geotextile.

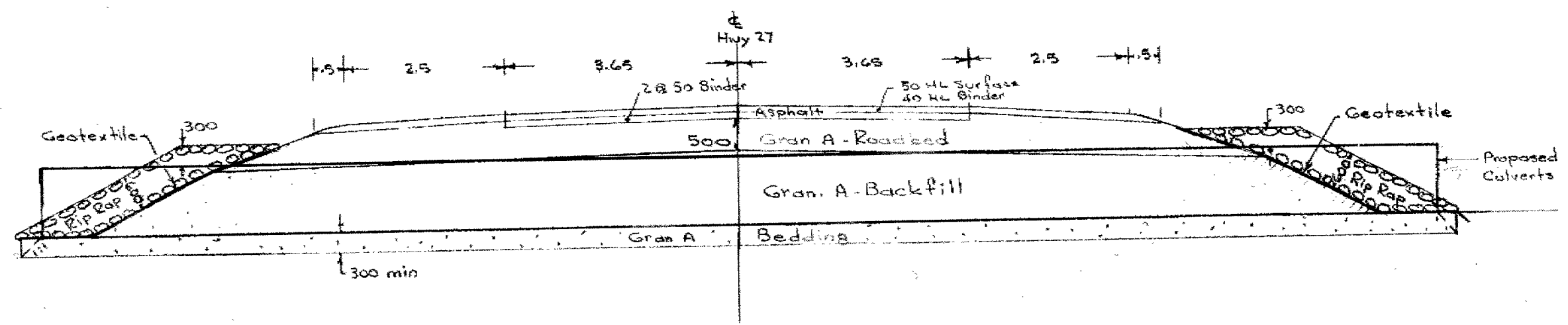
It is also understood that the designer would like to eliminate the proposed clay sealer behind a 600 mm layer of rip-rap due to the difficulty of installation. However, it is still our opinion that a 1 m thick blanket of clay material should be placed at the culvert inlet as recommended in our report (WP 210-85-01, Dec. 10/90) in order to prevent piping around the culvert. This technique has been used successfully for the similar situation of high water level in Central and Northwestern Regions for a long period of time. Alternatively, interlocking sheet piling or wing walls with cut-off wall can be considered if the clay seal is not favourable. However, it should be noted that the alternatives would be much more expensive than the clay sealing.

We have no further comments. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

  
Tae C. Kim, P. Eng.  
Sr. Foundation Engineer  
for  
M. Devata, P. Eng.  
Chief Foundation Engineer

MD/TCK/jb

cc: G. Gates - Planning & Design Section  
Southwestern Region



PLACE 3 1630 x 1120 x 22.0 CSPR CULVERTS

HWY 27  
 WP 210.85.00  
 DIST. 5

# memorandum



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To: Mr. M. Bond  
Head, Geotechnical Section  
Southwestern Region

Date: 1990 11 13

Attn: D.A. Hohnstein  
Pavement Design & Evaluation Officer

From: Foundation Design Section  
Room 315, Central Building

Subject: Hwy. 27 Culvert Replacement  
at Sta. 16+825, with a triple C.S.P.A.  
Township of Vespra, W.P. 210-85-01  
District 5, Owen Sound

The field work for the foundation investigation for the above noted project has been completed. Due to the urgency of this project as per your request, we are herewith submitting our advanced recommendations. This memo provides summary of subsurface conditions and recommendations which will permit your office to proceed with design of the above structure.

The complete foundation investigation and design report will be forwarded to your office at a later date upon the completion of laboratory testing and drafting. In the mean time, if additional information is required, please contact this office.

## SITE DESCRIPTION AND GEOLOGY

The site is located on Hwy. 27, approximately 10 km north of Barrie and 4 km south of the intersection of County Road #22 and Hwy. 27 in the Township of Vespra, County of Simcoe. The topography in the immediate area is generally flat to gently undulating. The immediate vicinity of the site is occupied by farms and mixed bushland.

Physiographically, the site is located in the "Simcoe Lowland" region known as the Nottawasaga Basin. (Ref.: Chapman and Putnam, 1984). This basin has several distinctive divisions. The terrain at the site bears the characteristics of the Camp Borden sand plain and the Minesing flats. Subsoil was believed to be deposited by the tributaries of the Nottawasaga River, the predominant sediments being fine sands and silty sands. The remainder of the basin is floored with calcareous clay, some marl and in the south, with the sandy delta of the early Nottawasaga.

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### SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

The subsoil conditions are generally uniform consisting primarily of two distinct deposits. The upper layer consists of a deep deposit of clayey silt ranging in thickness of about 19.0 m at BH 2 and 19.5 m at BH 1. Underlying this stratum is a silty sand. The thickness of this deposit was not proven.

Overburden was covered with a thin layer of road fill material at two borehole locations. This layer consists of sand and gravel with a maximum thickness of about 1.1 m at BH 2.

Grounwater conditions were observed through the measurement of water level in the open boreholes. The groundwater level in both boreholes after completion was found to be some 2.1 m below the existing road surface which corresponds to an approximate elevation of 200.0 m. However, it should be noted that an artesian condition was also encountered at BH 2 after the completion of borehole. This borehole was sealed with a mixture of bentonite pellets and gravel at the source of artesian zone. No attempt was made to measure the artesian head in view of urgency of sealing the borehole without any undue delay.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is understood that the original proposal was for a concrete box culvert replacement. In view of the soft normally consolidated subsoil at the site, substantial deformations are anticipated as a result of applied vertical loading. It was recommended by the regional Geotechnical Section that the proposed concrete culvert be replaced with a triple steel pipe arch culverts.

It is proposed to replace the existing single small size C.S.P.A. (1.0 m x 0.7 m x 18.4 m) at the site with a triple larger size C.S.P.A. (1.630 m x 1.12 m x 22.0 m). The proposed culverts are to be located at the same location. The proposed invert elevation is about 200.8 m while the proposed grade elevation of Hwy. 27 is about 202.5 m. Based on this, a culvert roof cover of approximately 0.7 m and approach fills in the order of 1.7 m will be required.

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The steel pipe arch culverts can be founded at the proposed invert elevation (200.8 m) provided it is constructed in accordance with current MTO bedding and backfilling requirements as specified in OPSS 421 and OPSD 802 series. The major items of consideration are summarized below.

#### Bedding to Structure

- 1) The bedding should consist of a granular pad (Granular 'A') with a minimum thickness of 300 mm. The excavation for the bedding shall extend to a width of a minimum 1.5 m on either side of the culvert.
- 2) All softened material created during construction of foundation and any deleterious or organic material present at the founding elevation shall be removed and replaced with a granular material.
- 3) For the width of the area under the bottom radius of the pipe arch the bed should be levelled and left uncompacted for a depth of 300 mm below the invert level.
- 4) The culvert pipe bed is to be carefully shaped to receive the lowest segment of pipe formed by the bottom radius.
- 5) The area adjacent to the haunches of the pipe and below the portion of the sloping invert should be compacted by means of hand tamping.
- 6) The minimum depth of cover shall be the span of the pipe culvert divided by 6 or 300 mm, whichever is greater.
- 7) Scour protection at the culvert inlet and outlet shall be provided to protect the culvert bedding. The design of the scour protection shall be made in conjunction with applicable hydrological requirements.

#### Backfill to Structure

Backfill for the plate pipe culverts shall be designed and constructed according to OPSS 803 series. The following items of consideration are hereby reinforced.

- 1) The frost penetration depth at the site is 1.5 m and the frost taper should be designed accordingly to the Regional geotechnical requirements.
- 2) The backfill material should be machine compacted on both sides of the pipe and between culverts, simultaneously in equal lifts in accordance with OPSS 501.08.02.
- 3) To prevent piping around the culvert, a 1 m thick blanket of approved impermeable material (refer to OPSS 1205) should be placed at the culvert inlet as a sealer behind a 600 mm layer of rip-rap. This blanket should extend to the high water level. Around the culvert outlet, a 1 m thick blanket of Granular 'A' material should be placed as a filter behind a 600 mm layer of rip-rap.

4) Backfill material shall consist of a free draining material such a Granular 'A' or Granular 'B' to prevent hydrostatic pressure build-up on the culvert walls. Design parameters of the soil are given in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - Backfill Properties

	<u>Gran. 'A'</u>	<u>Gran. 'B'</u>
Angle of Internal Friction ( $\phi$ )	35°	30°
Unit Weight ( $\text{kN/m}^3$ ), $\gamma$	22.8	21.2
Coefficient of Active Earth Pressure( $K_a$ )	0.27	0.33
Coefficient of Earth Pressure at Rest( $K_o$ )	0.43	0.50

The earth pressure coefficient at rest is to be used when the design of the abutment walls are rigid and unyielding.

The backfill beyond the granular wedge as illustrated on OPSP 803 series can consist of acceptable borrow material as defined in OPSS 212.05.

#### Stability and Settlement

No stability problems are anticipated for the proposed height of permanent embankment (about 1.7 m) constructed to a 2H:1V geometry.

However, as discussed previously, in view of the soft, normally consolidated subsoil at the site, substantial settlements are anticipated if additional embankment load is applied. Therefore it is recommended that the proposed grade of Hwy. 27 must be maintained without any grade revision.

#### Recommendations for the Concrete Box Culverts

The existing steel pipe culvert has been performed satisfactorily for the last 16 years without any signs of structural distress, in spite of the settlement induced by roadway embankment. It is believed that the major portion of the settlement has been completed. No further settlement will take place in this area if no grade revision is contemplated. In view of this, a concrete box type culvert could be equally suitable at this location. However, the final choice should be based on the economical and practical construction considerations. If concrete type of culverts is considered at this particular location, the following design values are recommended for the purpose of the O.H.B.D.C.

Factored Bearing Capacity at U.L.S.	75 kPa
Bearing Capacity at S.L.S. Type II	50 kPa

A footing width of 3.0 m with an embedded depth of 1.5 m was used in calculation of the above capacities. The magnitude of the differential settlement of the footings for S.L.S. Type II is anticipated to be within 25 mm, provided the subsoil is not disturbed by construction activities.

Bedding and backfilling for the concrete box culverts will be similar to those for the steel pipe culverts.

#### Construction Considerations

##### Temporary Diversion

To facilitate the construction of the culvert, a temporary diversion of the Creek should be considered.

##### Dewatering

It is recommended that conventional sump pump techniques with perimeter ditches be applied to assure that the foundation construction is advanced in the dry.

##### Temporary Excavation Slopes

Temporary excavation cuts for foundation elements should be at a slope no steeper than 2H:1V in view of the high water table.

We believe this memorandum meets with your present requirements.

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