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**FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT**  
for  
**Mud Creek Bridge**

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Highway 416, Str. Site: 3-358/2

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### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Strata Engineering Corp. has been retained by UMA Engineering Ltd. to carry out a foundation investigation for the crossing of the proposed southbound lanes of Highway 416 and Mud Creek. The terms of reference were to investigate the site by means of sampled boreholes and dynamic cone penetration tests and to provide a full geotechnical report.

This report, which follows a letter report dated 1990 12 20, is submitted in compliance with these terms of reference.

### **2.0 SITE AND GEOLOGY**

The site is located within Rideau Township approximately 30 km south of Ottawa along Highway 16. The location of the site is shown on the key plan in Drawing 1878904-A, appended. The proposed bridge centreline is approximately 30 m to the west of centreline of the existing structure at Highway 16.

The topography of the immediate area is flat. With the exception of a small wooded area to the west of the site, the land use is primarily agricultural. The creek flows within a channel some 4 m deep. The creek is approximately 10 m wide and 2 m deep in the vicinity of this site.

The site lies in the physiographic region known as the North Gower Drumlin field. The drumlins are oriented more or less north-south. A mantle of marine soils is draped over the drumlins and other glacial landforms. The marine soils are the result of inundation by the Champlain Sea. Therefore, silt and Leda clay are common in this area.

### **3.0 FIELD AND LABORATORY WORK**

The field work, carried out from 1990 10 26 to 30, consisted of the drilling of six boreholes, each accompanied by a dynamic cone penetration test. Four boreholes were drilled at the corners of the proposed structure. The remaining two boreholes were drilled along centreline away from the structure to provide information for the approach fills. The borehole elevations, referenced to Geodetic datum, were supplied by UMA Engineering. The locations of the boreholes are shown on Drawing 1878904-A.

Drilling was conducted with two bombardier mounted CME 55 drill rigs. Hollow stem augers were used to advance the boreholes. Boreholes 1 and 6 for the approach embankments were terminated within the highest competent stratum. Boreholes 2 and 5 were terminated at auger refusal. Bedrock was cored in Boreholes 3 and 4.

Standard Penetration Tests were used to sample very dense materials as well as non-cohesive deposits, the accompanying N values being noted in blows/0.3 m. In cohesive strata, relatively undisturbed samples were obtained by pushing thin walled Shelby tubes either manually or hydraulically into the soil.

After the recovery of each thin walled tube sample, standard MTO A size vane tests were conducted to determine the undrained shear strength of the deposit. Remoulded shear strengths were also measured to determine the sensitivity of the soil.

Upon completion of each borehole the water levels were measured in the uncased holes. Boreholes 1, 2, 5 and 6 were backfilled with native soil cuttings. Bentonite sealed perforated standpipes were installed in Boreholes 3 and 4. The water level in these instrumented holes was monitored over a period of time. The site was restored to its original condition.

Recovered samples were transported to our Don Mills Laboratory for further visual examination, classification and index property testing such as moisture content, grain size distribution and Atterberg limits. Unconfined compression tests were performed on six thin walled tube samples. The results are shown on the Record of Boreholes and on Figures 1, 2A and 2B.

#### **4.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

##### **4.1 General**

The soil stratigraphy consists of a silty clay to clay deposit overlying loose silt above a silty sand glacial till. Fractured limestone bedrock lies 11 m to 14.2 m below prevailing ground surface.

##### **4.2 Surficial Organics**

Topsoil (200 mm to 400 mm) was present at all borehole locations.

##### **4.3 Silty Clay to Clay**

A 4.2 m to 5.6 m thick deposit of silty clay to clay occurs below the topsoil.

The upper 1.5 m to 2.0 m of this deposit is desiccated. This upper desiccated crust is mottled brown and fissured. The moisture content in the crust ranged from 25 to 50 per cent, and lies between the liquid and plastic limits of the soil. One field vane test within the crust gave an undrained shear strength value of 68 kPa.

Below the desiccated zone the silty clay to clay is grey. The moisture content ranged from 70 to 40 per cent, generally decreasing with depth. Atterberg limits (Figure 1) indicate medium to high plasticity.

Field vane test undrained shear strength values ranged from 24 kPa to 58 kPa generally increasing with depth and decreasing moisture content, indicating a soft to firm consistency. The sensitivity of the soil is about 6 with extreme values of 2 and 11.

#### 4.4 Silt

At about elevation 85 m to 86 m the silty clay to clay deposit is underlain by a grey silt deposit with thin clay seams. This stratum was 2.9 m to 4.6 m in total thickness at the drilled locations.

Field vane tests were carried out in this deposit in the belief that the soil was cohesive. However, when the recovered samples were examined, it was seen that the deposit was predominantly silt. Hence, any field vane values shown for this deposit have been discounted in stability analyses. The natural moisture content of the silt ranged from 20 to 50 per cent, the average being about 30 per cent. N values of 0 to 10 blows/0.3 m indicate the silt is very loose to compact.

#### 4.5 Silty Sand (Glacial Till)

The silt stratum is underlain at a depth of about 9m below the prevailing ground surface by a silty sand with some gravel (glacial till). This deposit was fully penetrated in Borehole 3 where the thickness was 4.7 m and in Borehole 4 where it was 6.9 m.

Grain size curves are shown in envelope form in Figure 2A. A sandy zone is plotted on Figure 2B. N values in this deposit were between 2 and 114 blows/0.3 m, generally increasing with depth. The lower N values were observed within the upper zones of the deposit and may be due to local re-working of the till. The dynamic cone penetration tests all terminated within this deposit. Based on these N values, the deposit is considered to be very dense with localized loose to compact zones near its surface. Cobbles are suspected to be present on the basis of observations in the field during drilling.

#### 4.6 Limestone Bedrock

Limestone bedrock was proven in Boreholes 3 and 4. It is badly fractured with core recoveries of between 37% and 90%. The maximum RQD value was 30%, most values being 0% for each core run.

### 5.0 GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

The phreatic level at the site corresponds more or less to the creek level. Observations are listed below:

Borehole	Ground Elev. (m)	W.L. Elev. (m)	Date
1	89.8	88.5	1990 10 30
2	90.4	88.3	1990 10 29
3	89.9	89.9	1990 10 29
4	90.7	90.3	1990 10 30
5	90.6	88.2	1990 10 30
6	90.8	88.5	1990 10 30

## 6.0 DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 6.1 General

It is proposed to construct southbound lanes 30 m west of the existing Highway 16 which will be upgraded to a 4 lane freeway standard between Highway 401 and Ottawa. This will entail construction of a bridge across Mud Creek. The proposed structure is likely to be similar to the existing single span structure. The proposed embankment fill heights will be in the order of 3 m in height.

This investigation indicates the presence of topsoil overlying silty clay to clay above loose to compact silt. The silt overlies very dense silty sand glacial till above fractured limestone bedrock.

### 6.2 Structure Foundations

The presence of the silty clay stratum precludes the use of conventional spread footings for the proposed structure. Hence, a deep foundation is recommended.

Sub-artesian pressures within a competent lower bearing stratum preclude the use of caissons, due to difficulties associated with installation under such conditions. Therefore, steel H piles are recommended as the most appropriate deep foundation alternative for this site.

A minimum earth cover of 1.8 m should be provided to the underside of pile caps to protect against frost action.

Wing walls should be supported on end bearing piles unless they can be adequately cantilevered from the abutments. Due to the likely presence of cobbles at depth within the sand and gravel glacial till deposit it is recommended that the pile toes be reinforced.

The piles should be driven to bedrock. However if refusal is encountered above bedrock, the Hiley Dynamic Pile Driving formula should be used to determine the final founding elevation.

Steel H piles such as HP 310x110 are normally designed for the following axial load capacities:

Factored Axial Capacity in ULS	1600 kN
Axial Capacity at SLS Type II	1150 kN

However, the clay deposit which these piles will penetrate is sensitive and therefore subject to loss of strength after pile driving. The disturbed and softened clay surrounding the pile shafts will reconsolidate with time, causing negative skin friction loading on the piles. Therefore, it is recommended that the HP 310x110 steel H Piles be designed for the following axial capacities, to allow for downdrag loading:

Factored Axial Capacity in ULS	1400 kN
Axial Capacity at SLS Type II	950 kN

The piles should be driven with an energy not less than 50 kJ to achieve the intended capacities.

For pile length estimation, assume the pile toes to reach bedrock at about elevation 76.5 m. Some piles may go deeper where the bedrock is slightly below this elevation and some piles may hang up above this level within the very dense glacial till deposit. However, on average, a pile toe elevation of 76.5 m is adequate for pile length estimation. Should piles hang up in the glacial till, they can be easily cut off, after confirmation of their axial capacities by using the Hiley formula in accordance with MTO policy and practice.

### 6.3 Earth Pressures

Earth pressures should be computed as per sub-section 6-6.1.2.2 of the OHBD Code. A yielding foundation condition may be assumed. The granular A or B backfill should be in accordance with MTO Special Provision No. 109F03 (latest revision). The following parameters are recommended for granular backfill:

	Granular A	Granular B
Angle of Internal Friction, $\phi'$	35.0°	30.0
Unit Weight (kN/m <sup>3</sup> ), $\gamma$	22.8	21.2

Surcharge effects, if any, should be computed as per Clause 6-6.1.2.4 of the OHBD Code.

### 6.4 Approach Embankments

The proposed profile grade at elev. 92.5 m results in a maximum fill height of 2.5 m. For fills of no more than 4 m, built with 2:1 slopes, no deep seated stability problems are anticipated.

All organic materials should be stripped before the placement of fill for the approaches. Total short and long term settlements under such embankment loading are estimated to be in the order of 25 mm - 30 mm.

### 6.5 Construction Considerations

The steel H piles may constitute a travel path for artesian flow. To prevent uncontrolled flow and consequent erosion and undermining, it is recommended that a 600 mm thick granular "A" filter-drainage blanket be provided below the pile cap, prior to pile driving, with suitable rip-rap cover to protect against surface erosion by high water.

Temporary excavations with side slopes of 1:1 may be made by open cut methods to maximum depths of 3 m within the silty clay stratum. Such side slopes will remain stable if (1) they are not surcharged with excavation spoil and (2) they are left open no longer than 24 hours. For longer exposure than 24 hours, the side slopes should be flattened to 1.5H : 1.0V.

Seepage into excavations made within the silty clay is expected to be minimal, and capable of being handled by pumping from sumps located within the excavation.



## 7.0 CLOSURE

The drilling was supervised by A. C. Abel. Drill rigs were rented from F. E. Johnston and Marathon Drilling companies, Ottawa.

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## **APPENDIX**

Explanation of Terms used in this Report

Records of Boreholes 1 to 6

Figures 1, 2A and 2B

Drawing 1878904-A

## 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 (R Q D), FOR MODIFIED RECOVERY, IS:

R Q D (%)	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 M	T W ADVANCED HYDRAULICALLY
C S	CHUNK SAMPLE	P H	T W ADVANCED MANUALLY
T W	THINWALL OPEN	F S	FOIL SAMPLE

### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

$m_v$	kPa <sup>-1</sup>	COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME CHANGE
$C_c$	1	COMPRESSION INDEX
$C_s$	1	SWELLING INDEX
$C_\alpha$	1	RATE OF SECONDARY CONSOLIDATION
$C_v$	m <sup>2</sup> /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
$S_t$	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

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

# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No1

METRIC

W P 187-89-04 LOCATION N: 5 005 065 ; E: 366 407.5 ORIGINATED BY A.A.  
 DIST 9 HWY 416 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger , Dynamic Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY A.K.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1990 10 26 CHECKED BY C.M.

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 kg/m³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa						
89.8	Ground Surface							20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60					
0.0	200mm Topsoil Silty Clay to Clay Stiff Desiccated Mottled Brown		1	SS	10									
	Firm to Stiff		2	SS	5									
	Grey		3	TW	PM									
			4	TW	PM									
84.2														
5.6	Silt Occ. Clay Seams Loose		5	TW	PM									
	Grey		6	TW	PM									
80.6														
9.2	Silty Sand trace Gravel (Glacial Till) Compact to Very Dense		7	SS	12									
	Grey		8	SS	101									
78.7														
11.1	End of Borehole													

+3, x5 : Numbers refer to  
Sensitivity

20  
15  
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(%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

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## METRIC

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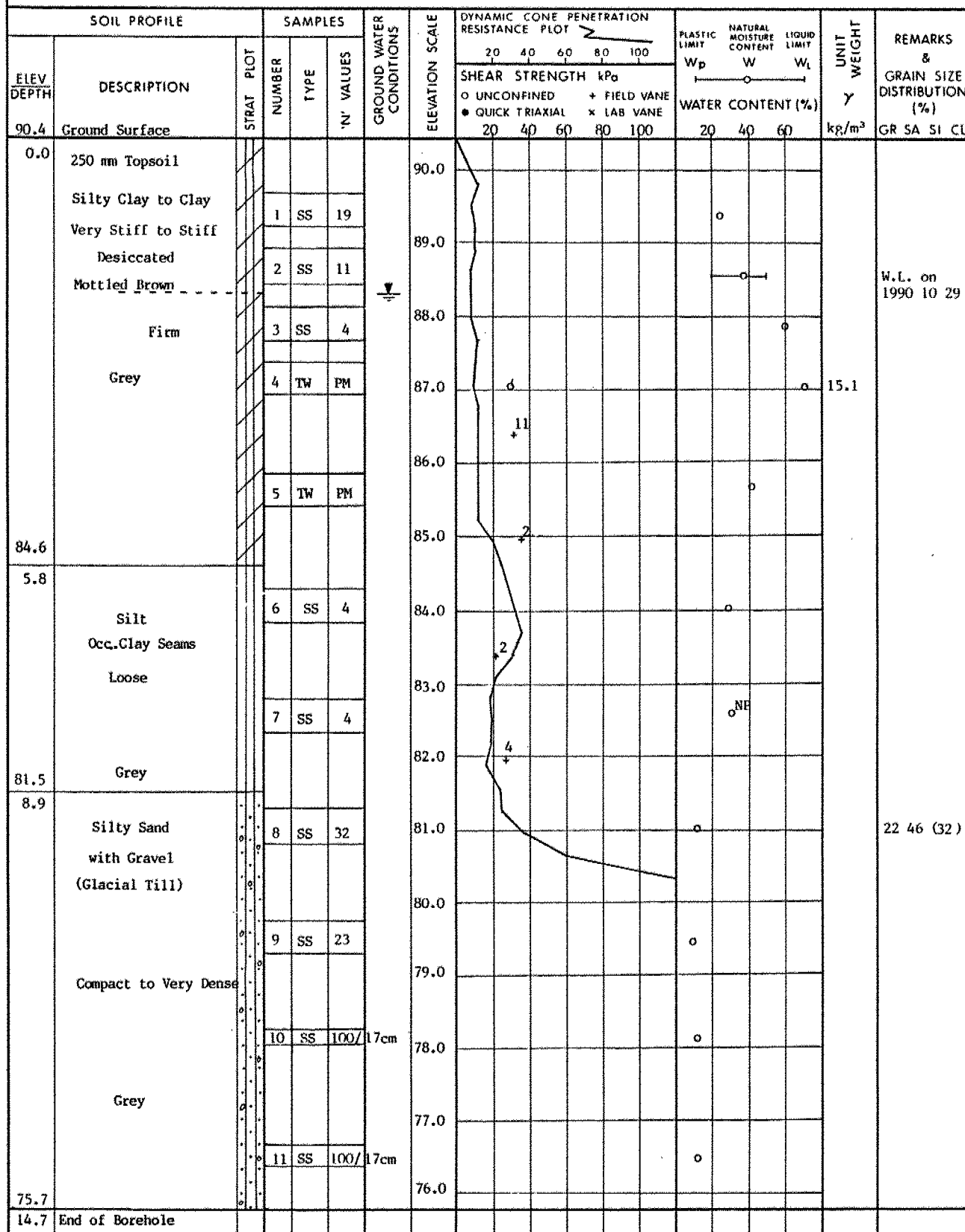
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COMPILED BY A.K.

DATUM Geodetic

DATE 1990 10 29

CHECKED BY C.M.



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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3

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 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1990 10 26 CHECKED BY C.M.

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 Y kg/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	20 40 60 80 100					
89.9	Ground Surface													
0.0	250mm Topsoil													
	Silty Clay to Clay		1	SS	10									
	Stiff to Firm													
	Desiccated		2	SS	4									
	Mottled Brown													
	Soft to Firm		3	TW	PM									
	Grey													
85.4														
4.5	Silt		4	TW	PH									
	Occ. Clay Seams													
	Loose to Compact		5	TW	PH									
	Grey		6	SS	10									
81.0														
8.9	Silty Sand some Gravel (Glacial Till)		7	SS	51									
	Very Dense		8	SS	100/10cm									
	Grey		9	SS	100/20cm									
76.3														
13.6	Limestone Bedrock Fractured		10	BX RC	Rec 75%									RQD = 30%
74.9	Cont. on page 2		11	BX RC	Rec 90%									RQD = 22%
15.0														

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Sensitivity

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15 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3 cont'd

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 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1990 10 26 CHECKED BY C.M.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC NATURAL LIQUID LIMIT MOISTURE LIMIT CONTENT			UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa					W <sub>p</sub>	W		
74.9	Cont. from page 1															
15.0	Limestone Bedrock		12	BX	Rec											
74.1	Fractured			RC	80%											
15.8	End of Borehole															

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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 4

METRIC

W P 187-89-04

LOCATION N: 5 005 104 ; E: 366 380

ORIGINATED BY A.A.

DIST 9 HWY 416

BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger , Dynamic Cone Penetration Test

COMPILED BY A. K.

DATUM Geodetic

DATE 1990 10 30

CHECKED BY C.M.

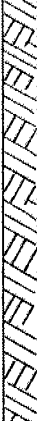
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ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100					
90.7	Ground Surface												
0.0	200mm Topsoil Silty Clay to Clay Firm Desiccated Mottled Brown	1	SS	5		Sub Art. Head							W.L. on 1990 10 30
	Soft to Firm	2	SS	6									
	Grey	3	SS	2									
		4	TW	PM								15.4	
86.3													
4.4	Silt Occ. Clay Seams Very Loose	5	TW	PM									
	Grey	6	SS	1									
83.4					Seal								
7.3	Silty Sand with Gravel (Glacial Till)	7	SS	2									22 41 (37)
	V. Loose to V.Dense	8	SS	36									
	Grey	9	SS	114/17cm									
		10	BX	Boulder									
		11	SS	58/23cm									
76.5													
14.2	Limestone Bedrock Fractured	12	BX	Rec									RQD = 0 %
75.7	Continued on page 2		RC	37%		Sub Art. Encountered							
15.0													

+3, x5 : Numbers refer to  
Sensitivity

20  
15 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
10



RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 4 cont'd										METRIC							
W P 187-89-04		LOCATION N: 5 005 104 ; E: 366 380				ORIGINATED BY A.A.											
DIST 9 HWY 416		BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, Dynamic Cone Penetration Test				COMPILED BY A.K.											
DATUM Geodetic		DATE 1990 10 30				CHECKED BY C.M.											
SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa									
75.7	Cont. from page 1																
15.0	Limestone Bedrock  Fractured		12	BX RC	Rec 37%		75.0									RQD = 0%	
			13	BX RC	Rec 48%		74.0										RQD = 0%
			14	BX RC	Rec 50%		73.0										RQD = 0%
71.3							72.0 Standpipe										RQD = 0%
19.4	End of Borehole																

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20  
15 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 5

METRIC

W P 187-89-04 LOCATION N: 5 005 094.5; E: 366 374 ORIGINATED BY A.A.  
 DIST 9 HWY 416 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, Dynamic Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY A.K.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1990 10 30 CHECKED BY C.M.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100					
90.6	Ground Surface													
0.0	350mm Topsoil Silty Clay to Clay Firm Desiccated Mottled Brown		1	SS	6		90.0							
	Soft to Firm		2	SS	6		89.0							
	Grey		3	SS	2		88.0							
			4	TW	PM		87.0							
86.2							86.0							
4.4	Silt occ. Clay Seams Very Loose		5	TW	PM		85.0							
	Grey		6	SS	2		84.0							
			7	SS	*		83.0							
81.6							82.0							
9.0	Silty Sand some Gravel (Glacial Till)		8	SS	12		81.0							
	Compact						80.0							
79.4	Grey													
11.2	End of Borehole Probable Bedrock * Penetrated by weight of Hammer and Rods													

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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 6

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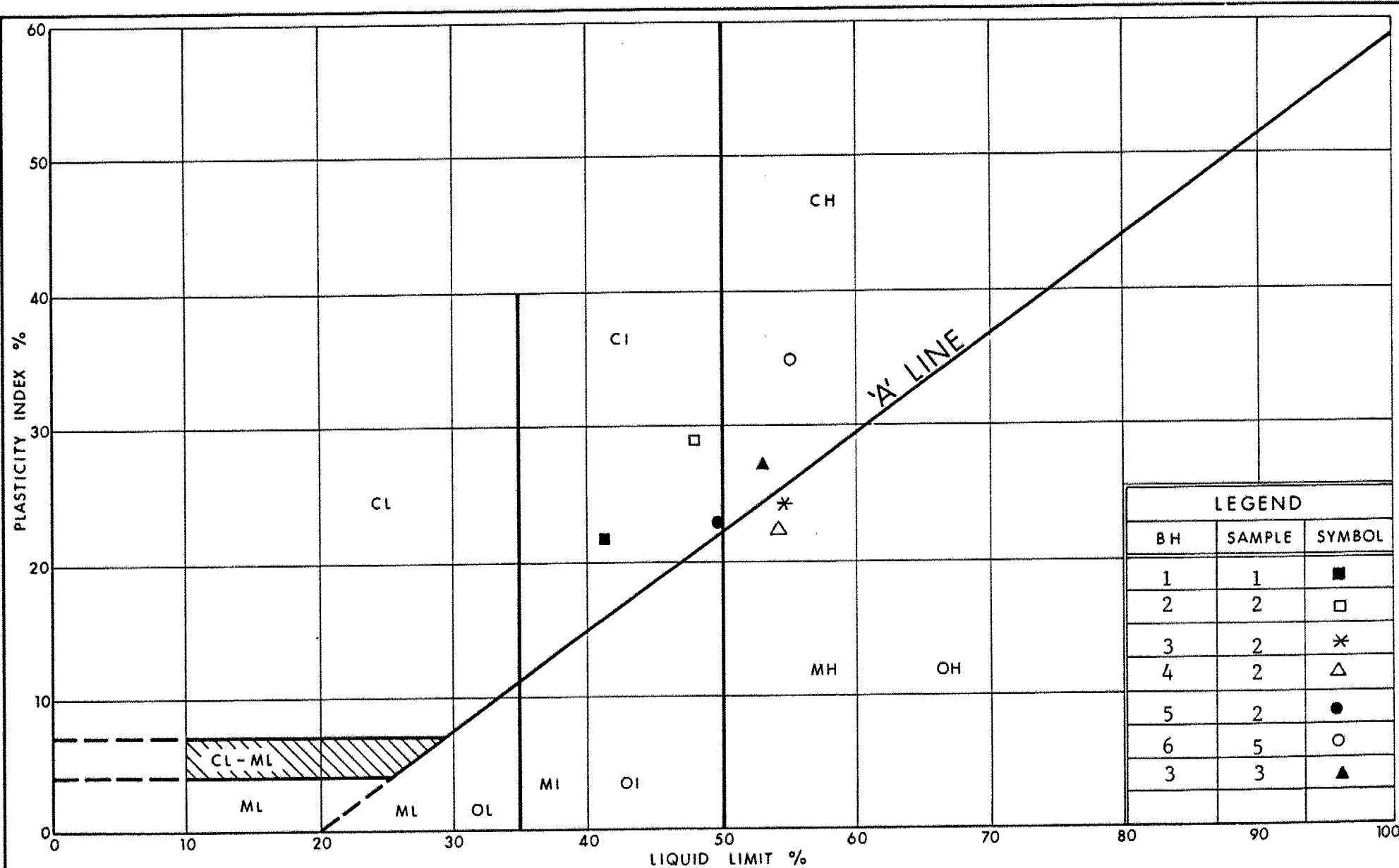
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 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1990 10 26 CHECKED BY G.M.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL				
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa							WATER CONTENT (%)			
90.8	Ground Surface							20 40 60 80 100										
0.0	300mm Topsoil Silty Clay to Clay Firm Desiccated Mottled Brown		1	SS	6													
			2	SS	6													
	Firm		3	SS	4													
	Grey		4	TW	PM													
85.6			5	SS	4													
5.2	Silt Occ. Clay Seams Loose Grey		6	TW	PM													
			7	SS	5													
81.9																		
8.9	Silty Sand some Gravel (Glacial Till) Compact Grey		8	SS	18													
78.6																		
12.2	End of Borehole																	

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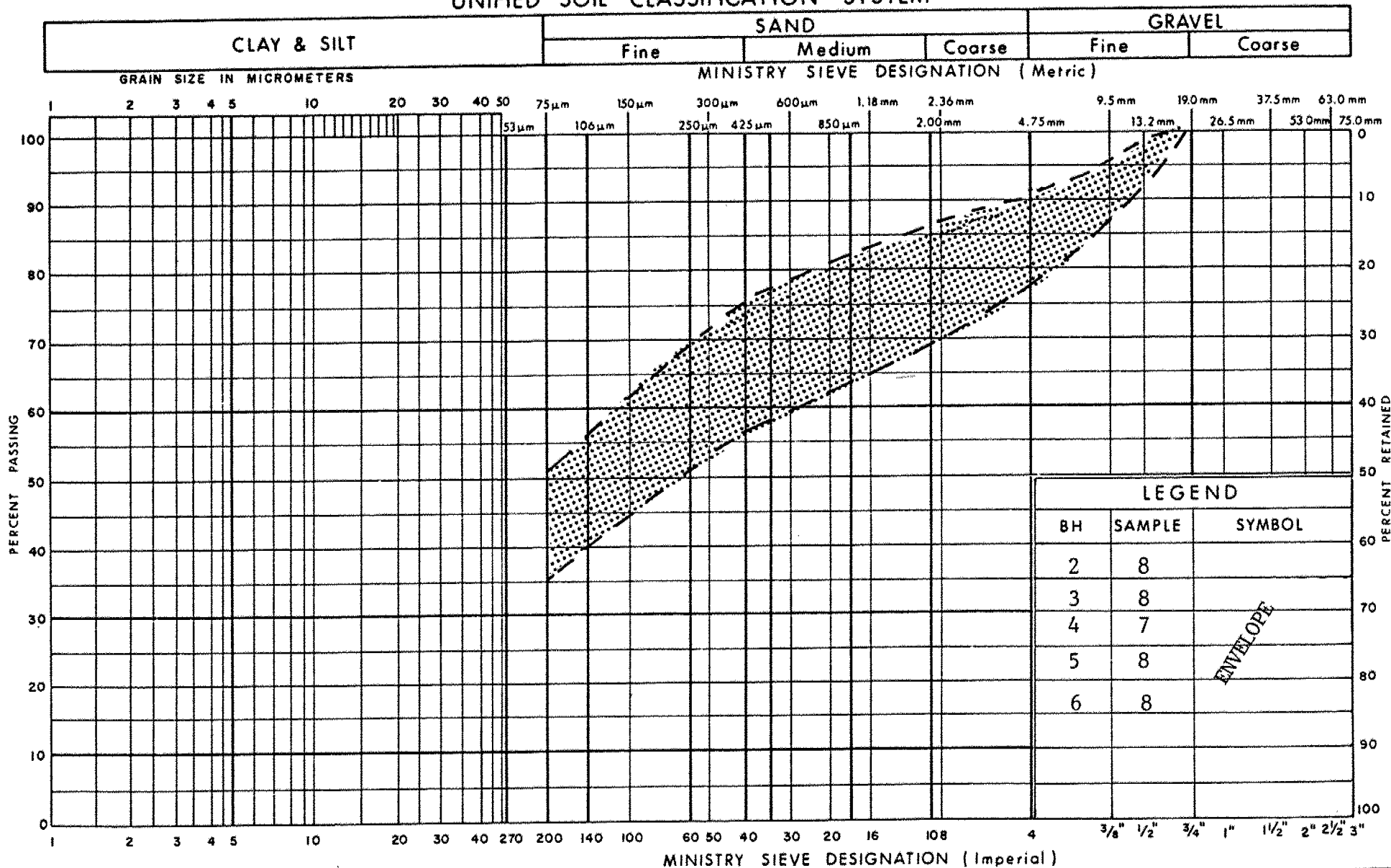
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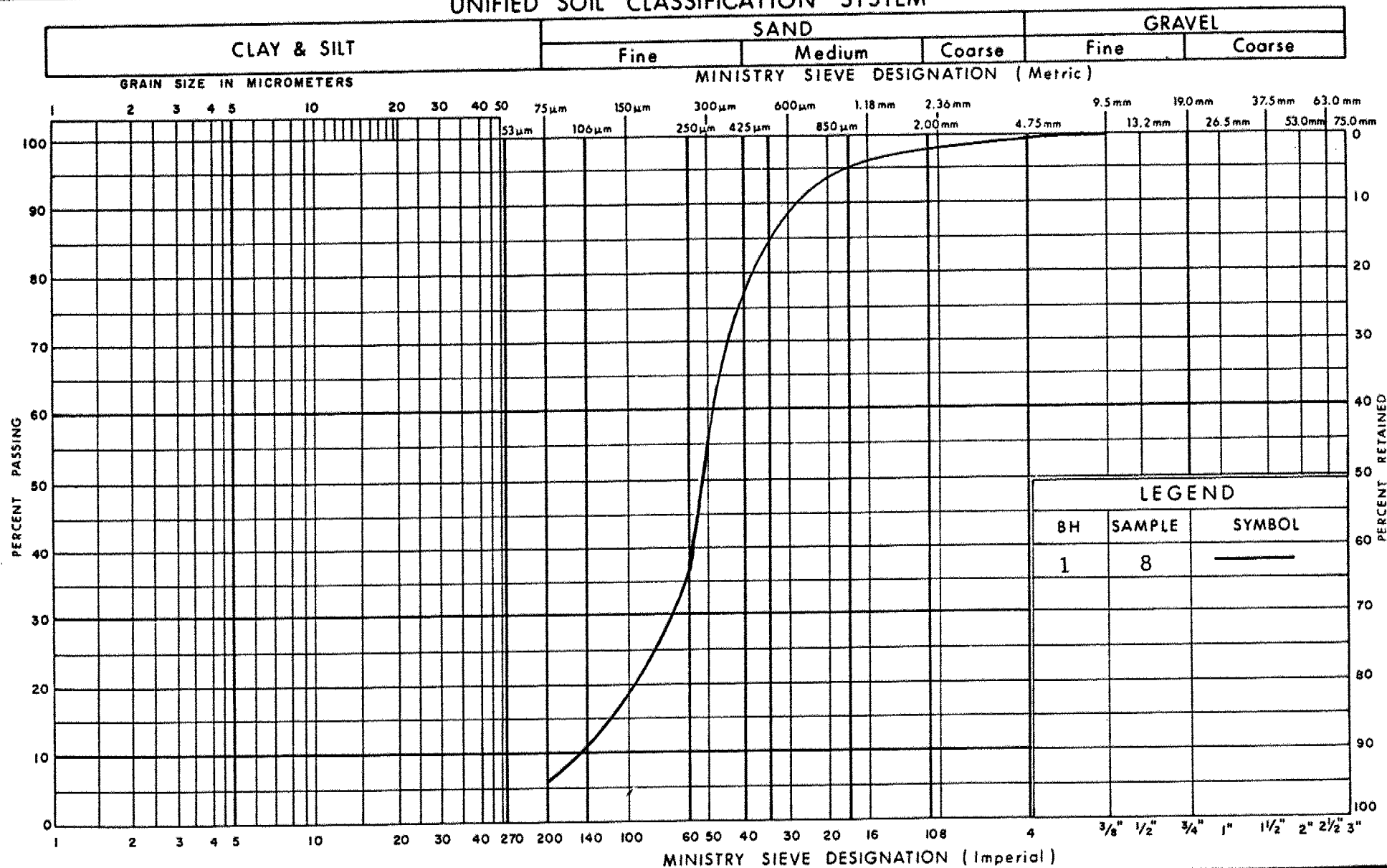
Silty Sand with some Gravel  
(Glacial Till)

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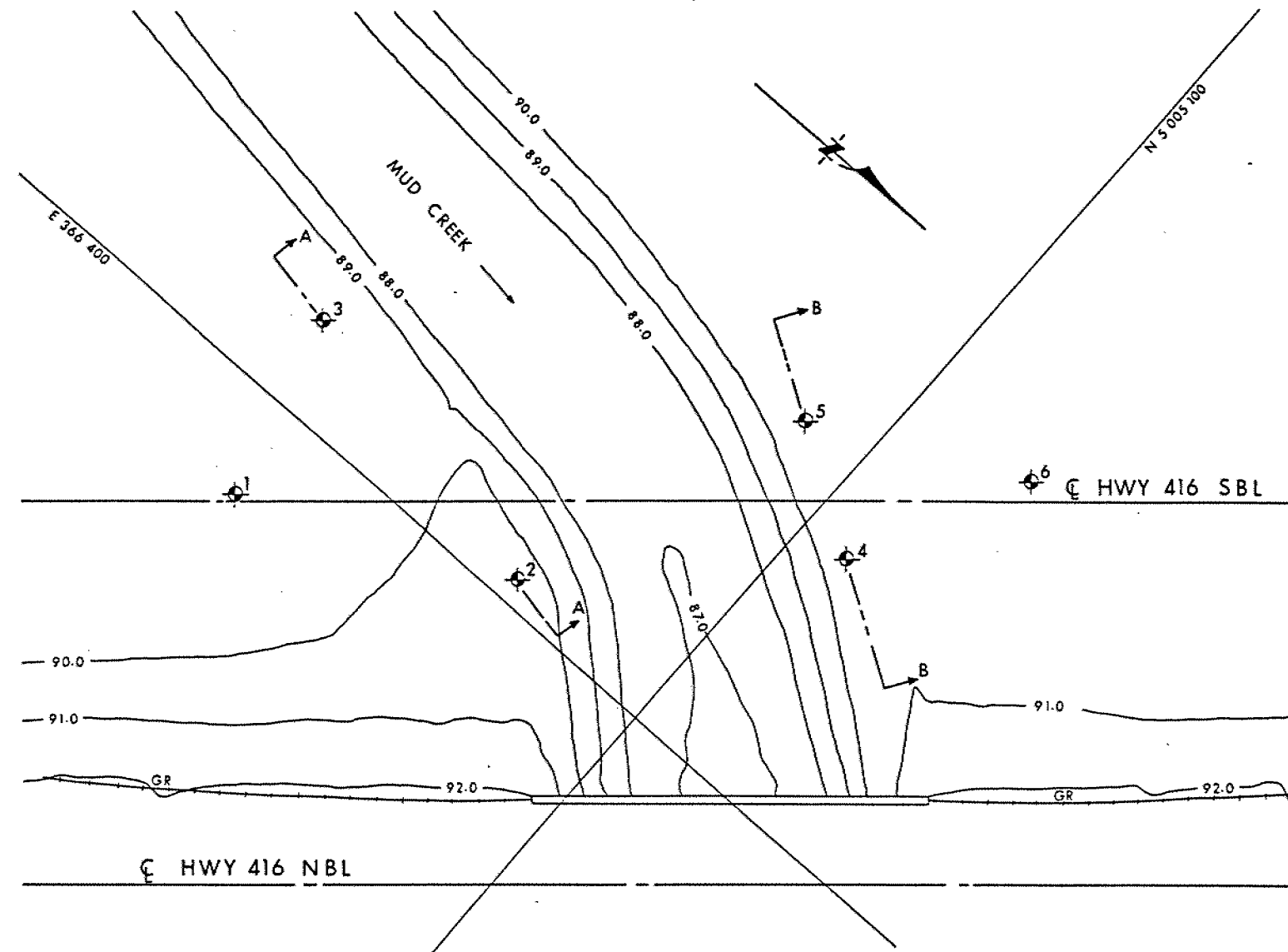
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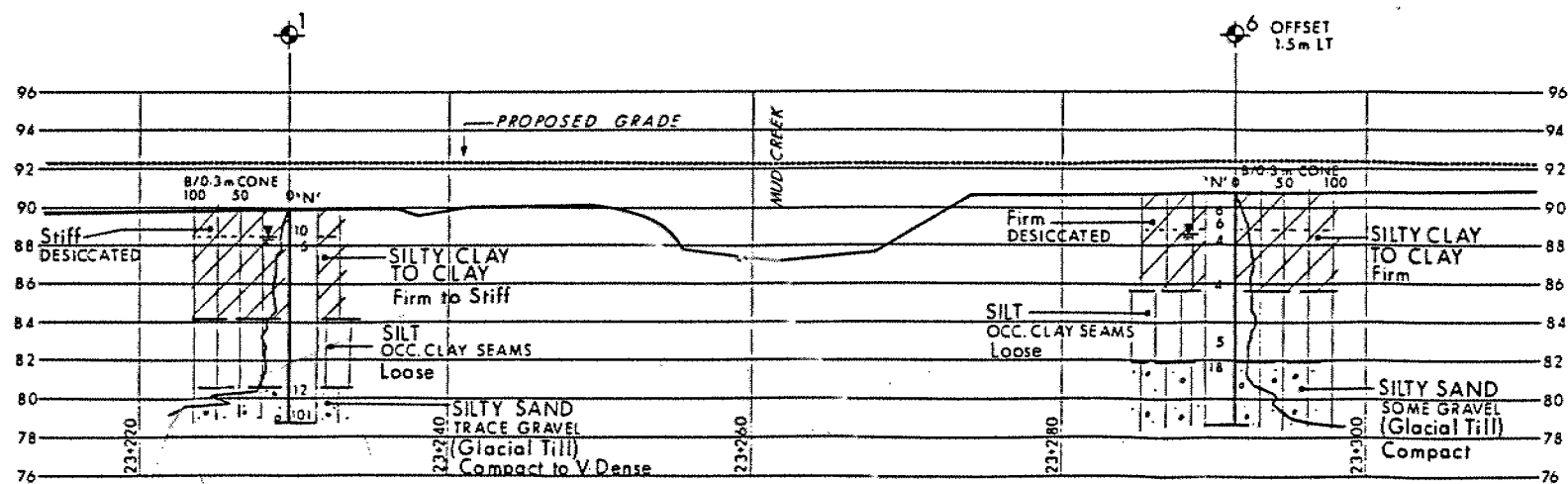
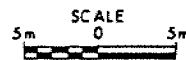
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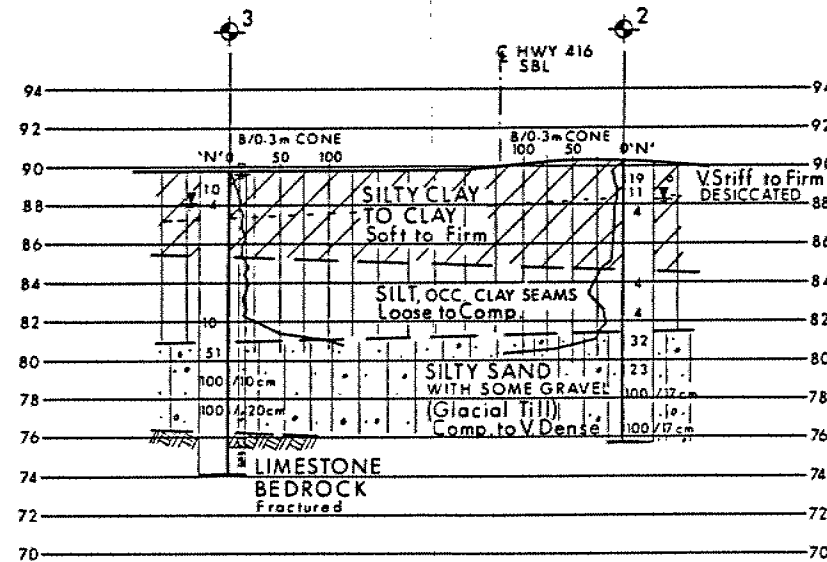
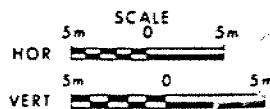
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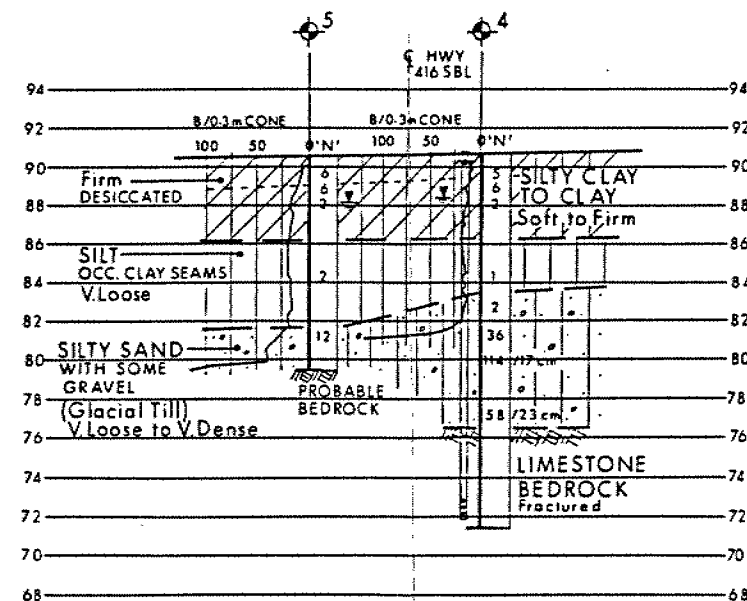
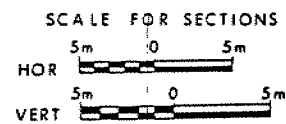
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PROFILE HWY 416 S.B.L.



SECTION A-A



SECTION B-B

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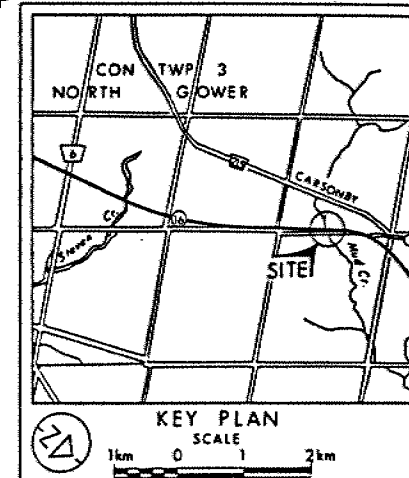
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BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA



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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)
- WL at time of investigation Oct 1990
- Stand Pipe
- Head SUB ARTESIAN WATER Encountered

No	ELEVATION	CO-ORDINATES NORTH	EAST
1	89.8	5 005 065.0	366 407.5
2	90.4	5 005 086.0	366 398.0
3	89.9	5 005 061.0	366 393.0
4	90.7	5 005 104.0	366 380.0
5	90.6	5 005 094.5	366 374.0
6	90.8	5 005 111.0	366 366.0

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 included in accordance with the conditions of Section 102-2 of Form 100

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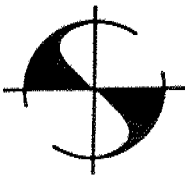
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## **FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT**

### **for Mud Creek Bridge**

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#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Strata Engineering Corp. has been retained by UMA Engineering Ltd. to carry out a foundation investigation for the crossing of the proposed southbound lanes of Highway 416 and Mud Creek. The terms of reference were to investigate the site by means of sampled boreholes and dynamic cone penetration tests and to provide a full geotechnical report.

This report, which follows a letter report dated 1990 12 20, is submitted in compliance with these terms of reference.

#### **2.0 SITE AND GEOLOGY**

The site is located within Rideau Township approximately 30 km south of Ottawa along Highway 16. The location of the site is shown on the key plan in Drawing 1878904-A, appended. The proposed bridge centreline is approximately 30 m to the west of centreline of the existing structure at Highway 16.

The topography of the immediate area is flat. With the exception of a small wooded area to the west of the site, the land use is primarily agricultural. The creek flows within a channel some 4 m deep. The creek is approximately 10 m wide and 2 m deep in the vicinity of this site.

The site lies in the physiographic region known as the North Gower Drumlin field. The drumlins are oriented more or less north-south. A mantle of marine soils is draped over the drumlins and other glacial landforms. The marine soils are the result of inundation by the Champlain Sea. Therefore, silt and Leda clay are common in this area.

#### **3.0 FIELD AND LABORATORY WORK**

The field work, carried out from 1990 10 26 to 30, consisted of the drilling of six boreholes, each accompanied by a dynamic cone penetration test. Four boreholes were drilled at the corners of the proposed structure. The remaining two boreholes were drilled along centreline away from the structure to provide information for the approach fills. The borehole elevations, referenced to Geodetic datum, were supplied by UMA Engineering. The locations of the boreholes are shown on Drawing 1878904-A.

Drilling was conducted with two bombardier mounted CME 55 drill rigs. Hollow stem augers were used to advance the boreholes. Boreholes 1 and 6 for the approach embankments were terminated within the highest competent stratum. Boreholes 2 and 5 were terminated at auger refusal. Bedrock was cored in Boreholes 3 and 4.

Standard Penetration Tests were used to sample very dense materials as well as non-cohesive deposits, the accompanying N values being noted in blows/0.3 m. In cohesive strata, relatively undisturbed samples were obtained by pushing thin walled Shelby tubes either manually or hydraulically into the soil.

After the recovery of each thin walled tube sample, standard MTO A size vane tests were conducted to determine the undrained shear strength of the deposit. Remoulded shear strengths were also measured to determine the sensitivity of the soil.

Upon completion of each borehole the water levels were measured in the uncased holes. Boreholes 1, 2, 5 and 6 were backfilled with native soil cuttings. Bentonite sealed perforated standpipes were installed in Boreholes 3 and 4. The water level in these instrumented holes was monitored over a period of time. The site was restored to its original condition.

Recovered samples were transported to our Don Mills Laboratory for further visual examination, classification and index property testing such as moisture content, grain size distribution and Atterberg limits. Unconfined compression tests were performed on six thin walled tube samples. The results are shown on the Record of Boreholes and on Figures 1, 2A and 2B.

#### **4.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

##### **4.1 General**

The soil stratigraphy consists of a silty clay to clay deposit overlying loose silt above a silty sand glacial till. Fractured limestone bedrock lies 11 m to 14.2 m below prevailing ground surface.

##### **4.2 Surficial Organics**

Topsoil (200 mm to 400 mm) was present at all borehole locations.

##### **4.3 Silty Clay to Clay**

A 4.2 m to 5.6 m thick deposit of silty clay to clay occurs below the topsoil.

The upper 1.5 m to 2.0 m of this deposit is desiccated. This upper desiccated crust is mottled brown and fissured. The moisture content in the crust ranged from 25 to 50 per cent, and lies between the liquid and plastic limits of the soil. One field vane test within the crust gave an undrained shear strength value of 68 kPa.

Below the desiccated zone the silty clay to clay is grey. The moisture content ranged from 70 to 40 per cent, generally decreasing with depth. Atterberg limits (Figure 1) indicate medium to high plasticity.

Field vane test undrained shear strength values ranged from 24 kPa to 58 kPa generally increasing with depth and decreasing moisture content, indicating a soft to firm consistency. The sensitivity of the soil is about 6 with extreme values of 2 and 11.

#### 4.4 Silt

At about elevation 85 m to 86 m the silty clay to clay deposit is underlain by a grey silt deposit with thin clay seams. This stratum was 2.9 m to 4.6 m in total thickness at the drilled locations.

Field vane tests were carried out in this deposit in the belief that the soil was cohesive. However, when the recovered samples were examined, it was seen that the deposit was predominantly silt. Hence, any field vane values shown for this deposit have been discounted in stability analyses. The natural moisture content of the silt ranged from 20 to 50 per cent, the average being about 30 per cent. N values of 0 to 10 blows/0.3 m indicate the silt is very loose to compact.

#### 4.5 Silty Sand (Glacial Till)

The silt stratum is underlain at a depth of about 9m below the prevailing ground surface by a silty sand with some gravel (glacial till). This deposit was fully penetrated in Borehole 3 where the thickness was 4.7 m and in Borehole 4 where it was 6.9 m.

Grain size curves are shown in envelope form in Figure 2A. A sandy zone is plotted on Figure 2B. N values in this deposit were between 2 and 114 blows/0.3 m, generally increasing with depth. The lower N values were observed within the upper zones of the deposit and may be due to local re-working of the till. The dynamic cone penetration tests all terminated within this deposit. Based on these N values, the deposit is considered to be very dense with localized loose to compact zones near its surface. Cobbles are suspected to be present on the basis of observations in the field during drilling.

#### 4.6 Limestone Bedrock

Limestone bedrock was proven in Boreholes 3 and 4. It is badly fractured with core recoveries of between 37% and 90%. The maximum RQD value was 30%, most values being 0% for each core run.

### 5.0 GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

The phreatic level at the site corresponds more or less to the creek level. Observations are listed below:

Borehole	Ground Elev. (m)	W.L. Elev. (m)	Date
1	89.8	88.5	1990 10 30
2	90.4	88.3	1990 10 29
3	89.9	89.9	1990 10 29
4	90.7	90.3	1990 10 30
5	90.6	88.2	1990 10 30
6	90.8	88.5	1990 10 30

## 6.0 DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 6.1 General

It is proposed to construct southbound lanes 30 m west of the existing Highway 16 which will be upgraded to a 4 lane freeway standard between Highway 401 and Ottawa. This will entail construction of a bridge across Mud Creek. The proposed structure is likely to be similar to the existing single span structure. The proposed embankment fill heights will be in the order of 3 m in height.

This investigation indicates the presence of topsoil overlying silty clay to clay above loose to compact silt. The silt overlies very dense silty sand glacial till above fractured limestone bedrock.

### 6.2 Structure Foundations

The presence of the silty clay stratum precludes the use of conventional spread footings for the proposed structure. Hence, a deep foundation is recommended.

Sub-artesian pressures within a competent lower bearing stratum preclude the use of caissons, due to difficulties associated with installation under such conditions. Therefore, steel H piles are recommended as the most appropriate deep foundation alternative for this site.

A minimum earth cover of 1.8 m should be provided to the underside of pile caps to protect against frost action.

Wing walls should be supported on end bearing piles unless they can be adequately cantilevered from the abutments. Due to the likely presence of cobbles at depth within the sand and gravel glacial till deposit it is recommended that the pile toes be reinforced.

The piles should be driven to bedrock. However if refusal is encountered above bedrock, the Hiley Dynamic Pile Driving formula should be used to determine the final founding elevation.

Steel H piles such as HP 310x110 are normally designed for the following axial load capacities:

Factored Axial Capacity in ULS	1600 kN
Axial Capacity at SLS Type II	1150 kN

However, the clay deposit which these piles will penetrate is sensitive and therefore subject to loss of strength after pile driving. The disturbed and softened clay surrounding the pile shafts will reconsolidate with time, causing negative skin friction loading on the piles. Therefore, it is recommended that the HP 310x110 steel H Piles be designed for the following axial capacities, to allow for downdrag loading:

Factored Axial Capacity in ULS	1400 kN
Axial Capacity at SLS Type II	950 kN

The piles should be driven with an energy not less than 50 kJ to achieve the intended capacities.

For pile length estimation, assume the pile toes to reach bedrock at about elevation 76.5 m. Some piles may go deeper where the bedrock is slightly below this elevation and some piles may hang up above this level within the very dense glacial till deposit. However, on average, a pile toe elevation of 76.5 m is adequate for pile length estimation. Should piles hang up in the glacial till, they can be easily cut off, after confirmation of their axial capacities by using the Hiley formula in accordance with MTO policy and practice.

### 6.3 Earth Pressures

Earth pressures should be computed as per sub-section 6-6.1.2.2 of the OHBD Code. A yielding foundation condition may be assumed. The granular A or B backfill should be in accordance with MTO Special Provision No. 109F03 (latest revision). The following parameters are recommended for granular backfill:

	Granular A	Granular B
Angle of Internal Friction, $\phi'$	35.0°	30.0
Unit Weight (kN/m <sup>3</sup> ), $\gamma$	22.8	21.2

Surcharge effects, if any, should be computed as per Clause 6-6.1.2.4 of the OHBD Code.

### 6.4 Approach Embankments

The proposed profile grade at elev. 92.5 m results in a maximum fill height of 2.5 m. For fills of no more than 4 m, built with 2:1 slopes, no deep seated stability problems are anticipated.

All organic materials should be stripped before the placement of fill for the approaches. Total short and long term settlements under such embankment loading are estimated to be in the order of 25 mm - 30 mm.

### 6.5 Construction Considerations

The steel H piles may constitute a travel path for artesian flow. To prevent uncontrolled flow and consequent erosion and undermining, it is recommended that a 600 mm thick granular "A" filter-drainage blanket be provided below the pile cap, prior to pile driving, with suitable rip-rap cover to protect against surface erosion by high water.

Temporary excavations with side slopes of 1:1 may be made by open cut methods to maximum depths of 3 m within the silty clay stratum. Such side slopes will remain stable if (1) they are not surcharged with excavation spoil and (2) they are left open no longer than 24 hours. For longer exposure than 24 hours, the side slopes should be flattened to 1.5H : 1.0V.

Seepage into excavations made within the silty clay is expected to be minimal, and capable of being handled by pumping from sumps located within the excavation.

## 7.0 CLOSURE

The drilling was supervised by A. C. Abel. Drill rigs were rented from F. E. Johnston and Marathon Drilling companies, Ottawa.

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## **APPENDIX**

Explanation of Terms used in this Report

Records of Boreholes 1 to 6

Figures 1, 2A and 2B

Drawing 1878904-A

## 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 (R Q D), 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 <sup>-1</sup>	COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME CHANGE
$C_c$	1	COMPRESSION INDEX
$C_s$	1	SWELLING INDEX
$C_\alpha$	1	RATE OF SECONDARY CONSOLIDATION
$c_v$	m <sup>2</sup> /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
$S_t$	1	SENSITIVITY = $\frac{c_u}{\tau_r}$

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

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

# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No1

METRIC

W P 187-89-04 LOCATION N: 5 005 065 ; E: 366 407.5 ORIGINATED BY A.A.  
 DIST 9 HWY 416 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger , Dynamic Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY A.K.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1990 10 26 CHECKED BY C.M.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)					
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa							WATER CONTENT (%)				
								○ UNCONFINED      + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL      x LAB VANE							W <sub>p</sub> W      W <sub>L</sub>				
							20	40	60	80	100	20	40	60	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	GR SA SI CL			
89.8	Ground Surface																		
0.0	200mm Topsoil Silty Clay to Clay Stiff Desiccated Mottled Brown		1	SS	10														
			2	SS	5														
	Firm to Stiff																		
	Grey		3	TW	PM														
			4	TW	PM														
84.2																			
5.6	Silt Occ. Clay Seams Loose		5	TW	PM														
			6	TW	PM														
	Grey																		
80.6																			
9.2	Silty Sand trace Gravel (Glacial Till) Compact to Very Dense		7	SS	12														
78.7	Grey		8	SS	101														
11.1	End of Borehole																		

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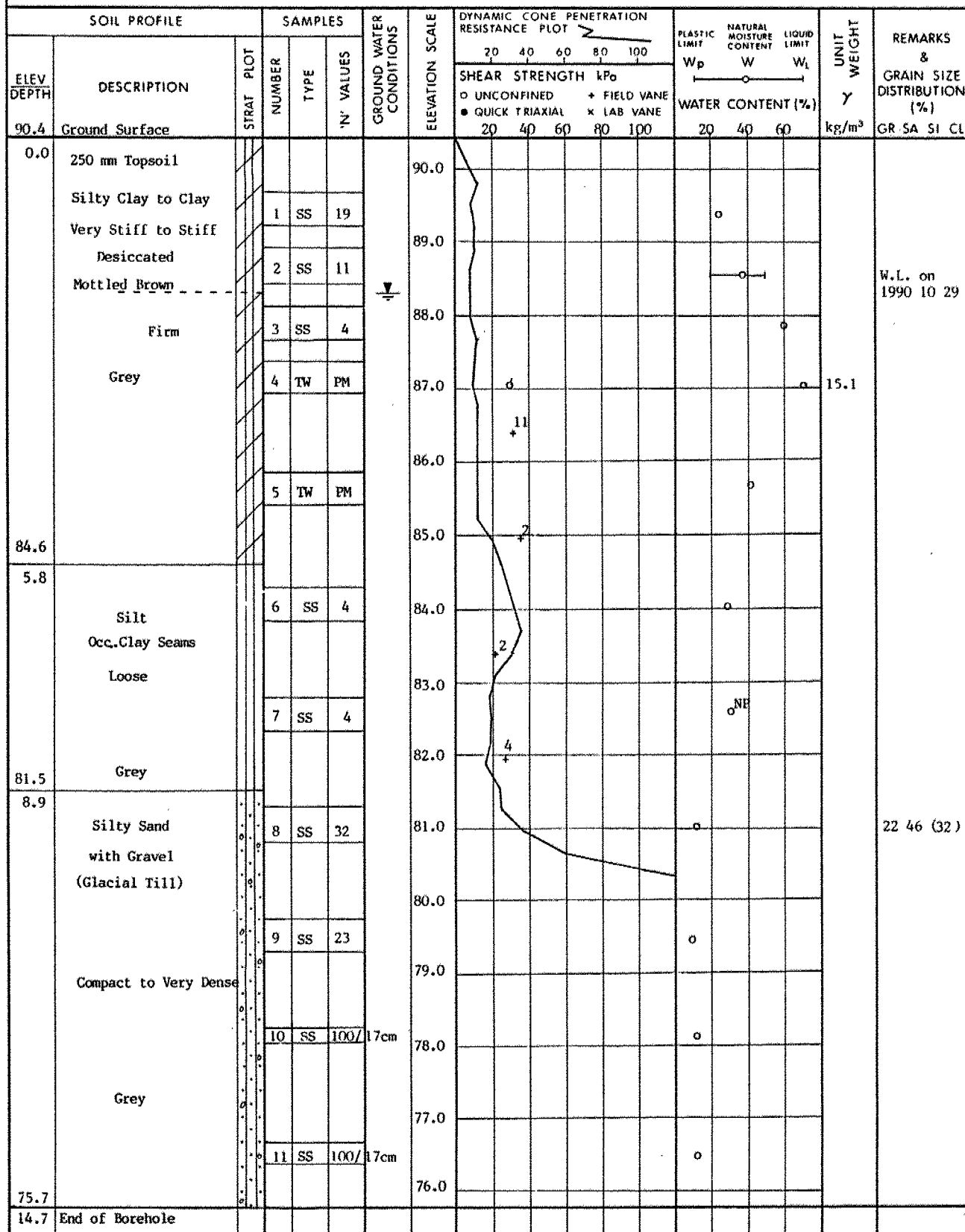
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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No2

METRIC

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 DIST 9 HWY 416 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger , Dynamic Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY A.K.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1990 10 29 CHECKED BY G.M.



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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No3

METRIC

W P 187-89-04 LOCATION N: 5 005 061 ; E: 366 393 ORIGINATED BY A.A.  
 DIST 9 HWY 416 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, Dynamic Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY A.K.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1990 10 26 CHECKED BY G.M.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100					
89.9	Ground Surface													
0.0	250mm Topsoil													
	Silty Clay to Clay		1	SS	10									
	Stiff to Firm													
	Desiccated		2	SS	4									
	Mottled Brown													
	Soft to Firm		3	TW	PM									
	Grey													
85.4														
4.5	Silt		4	TW	PH									
	Occ. Clay Seams													
	Loose to Compact		5	TW	PH									
	Grey		6	SS	10									
81.0														
8.9	Silty Sand		7	SS	51									
	some Gravel (Glacial Till)													
	Very Dense		8	SS	100/10cm									
	Grey		9	SS	100/20cm									
76.3														
13.6	Limestone Bedrock		10	BX	Rec									
	Fractured			RC	75%									
74.9	Cont. on page 2		11	BX	Rec									
15.0				RC	90%									

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RQD = 30%

RQD = 22%

# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3 cont'd

METRIC

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 DIST 9 HWY 416 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, Dynamic Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY A.K.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1990 10 26 CHECKED BY C.M.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE									
74.9	Cont. from page 1																
15.0	Limestone Bedrock		12	BX	Rec												
74.1	Fractured			RC	80%		Piezometer									RQD = 0%	
15.8	End of Borehole																

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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 4

METRIC

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 DIST 9 HWY 416 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger , Dynamic Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY A. K.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1990 10 30 CHECKED BY C.M.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT				UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100		
90.7	Ground Surface												
0.0	200mm Topsoil Silty Clay to Clay Firm Desiccated Mottled Brown		1	SS	5		Sub Art. Head						W.L. on 1990 10 30
	Soft to Firm		2	SS	6								
	Grey		3	SS	2								
			4	TW	PM							15.4	
86.3													
4.4	Silt Occ. Clay Seams Very Loose		5	TW	PM								
	Grey		6	SS	1								
83.4													
7.3	Silty Sand with Gravel (Glacial Till)  V. Loose to V.Dense		7	SS	2								22 41 (37)
	Grey		8	SS	36								
			9	SS	114/17cm								
			10	BX	Boulder								
			11	SS	58/23cm								
76.5													
14.2	Limestone Bedrock Fractured		12	BX RC	Rec 37%								RQD = 0 %
75.7	Continued on page 2						Sup Art. Encountered						
15.0													

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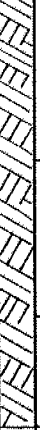
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METRIC

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DIST 9 HWY 416 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, Dynamic Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY A.K.  
DATUM Geodetic DATE 1990 10 30 CHECKED BY C.M.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT	LIQUID LIMIT	UNIT WEIGHT  γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL		
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	20 40 60 80 100					W <sub>p</sub>	W			W <sub>L</sub>	
							SHEAR STRENGTH kPa					WATER CONTENT (%)						
							○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE											
							● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE											
75.7	Cont. from page 1																	
15.0	Limestone Bedrock  Fractured		12	BX RC	Rec 37%		75.0									RQD = 0%		
								74.0									RQD = 0%	
					13	BX RC	Rec 48%		73.0									
					14	BX RC	Rec 50%		72.0									RQD = 0%
71.3							Standpipe											
19.4	End of Borehole																	

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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 5

METRIC

W P 187-89-04 LOCATION N: 5 005 094.5; E: 366 374 ORIGINATED BY A.A.  
 DIST 9 HWY 416 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, Dynamic Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY A.K.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1990 10 30 CHECKED BY C.M.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100					
90.6	Ground Surface													
0.0	350mm Topsoil Silty Clay to Clay Firm Desiccated Mottled Brown		1	SS	6		90.0							
	Soft to Firm		2	SS	6		89.0							
	Grey		3	SS	2		88.0							
			4	TW	PM		87.0							
86.2							86.0							
4.4	Silt occ. Clay Seams Very Loose		5	TW	PM		85.0							
	Grey		6	SS	2		84.0							
			7	SS	*		83.0							
81.6							82.0							
9.0	Silty Sand some Gravel (Glacial Till)		8	SS	12		81.0							
	Compact						80.0							
79.4	Grey													
11.2	End of Borehole Probable Bedrock * Penetrated by weight of Hammer and Rods													

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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 6

METRIC

W P 187-89-04 LOCATION N: 5 005 111 : E: 366 366 ORIGINATED BY A.A.  
 DIST 9 HWY 416 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, Dynamic Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY A.K.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1990 10 26 CHECKED BY C.M.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL				
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa							WATER CONTENT (%)			
								20 40 60 80 100										

90.8	Ground Surface													
0.0	300mm Topsoil													
	Silty Clay to Clay													
	Firm													
	Desiccated													
	Mottled Brown													
			1	SS	6		90.0							
			2	SS	6		89.0							
	Firm		3	SS	4		88.0							
			4	TW	PM		87.0							
	Grey						86.0							
			5	SS	4		85.0							
85.6							84.0							
5.2	Silt						83.0							
	Occ. Clay Seams						82.0							
	Loose						81.0							
			6	TW	PM		80.0							
	Grey						79.0							
			7	SS	5									
81.9														
8.9	Silty Sand													
	some Gravel													
	(Glacial Till)													
	Compact													
			8	SS	18									
	Grey													
78.6														
12.2	End of Borehole													

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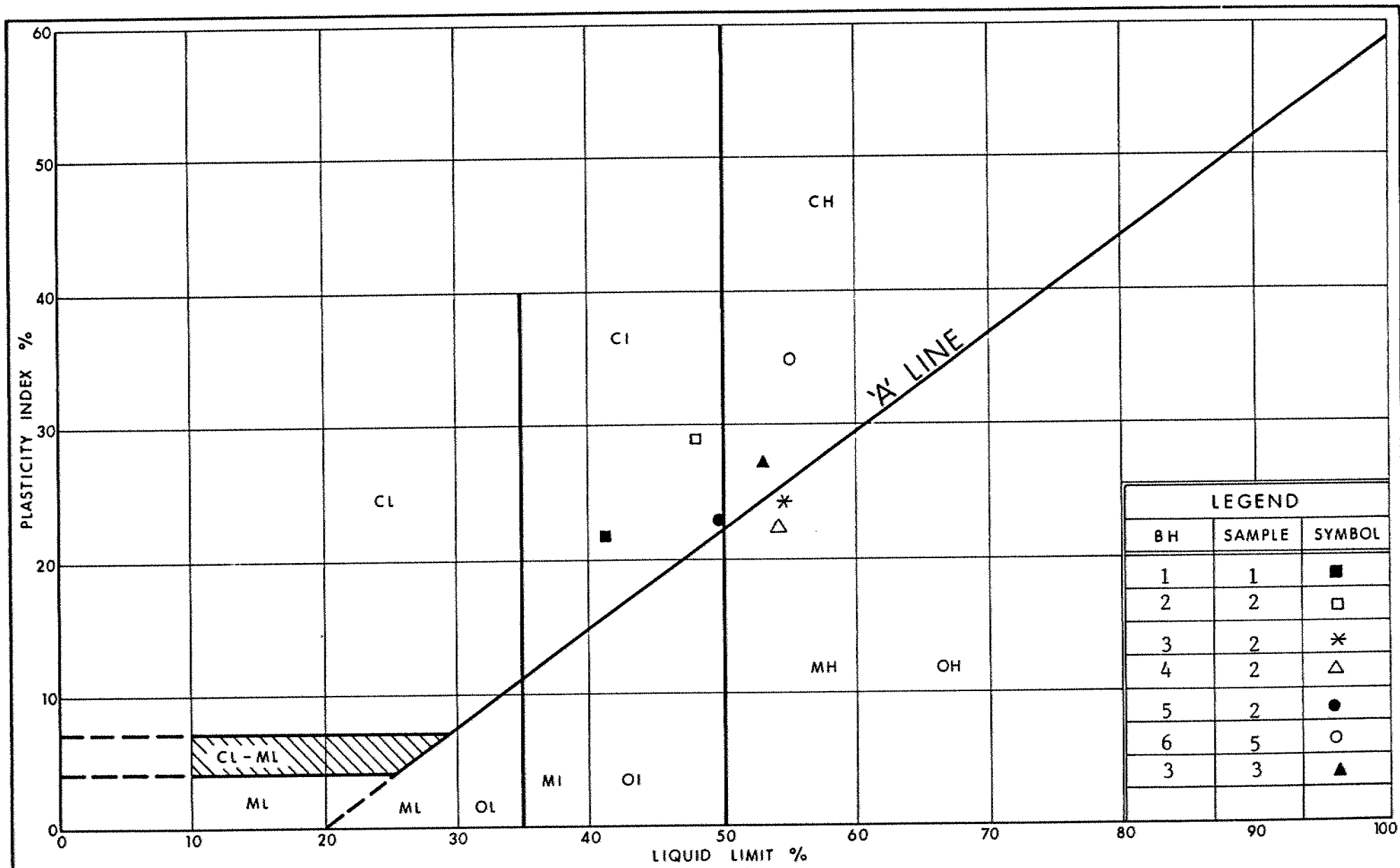
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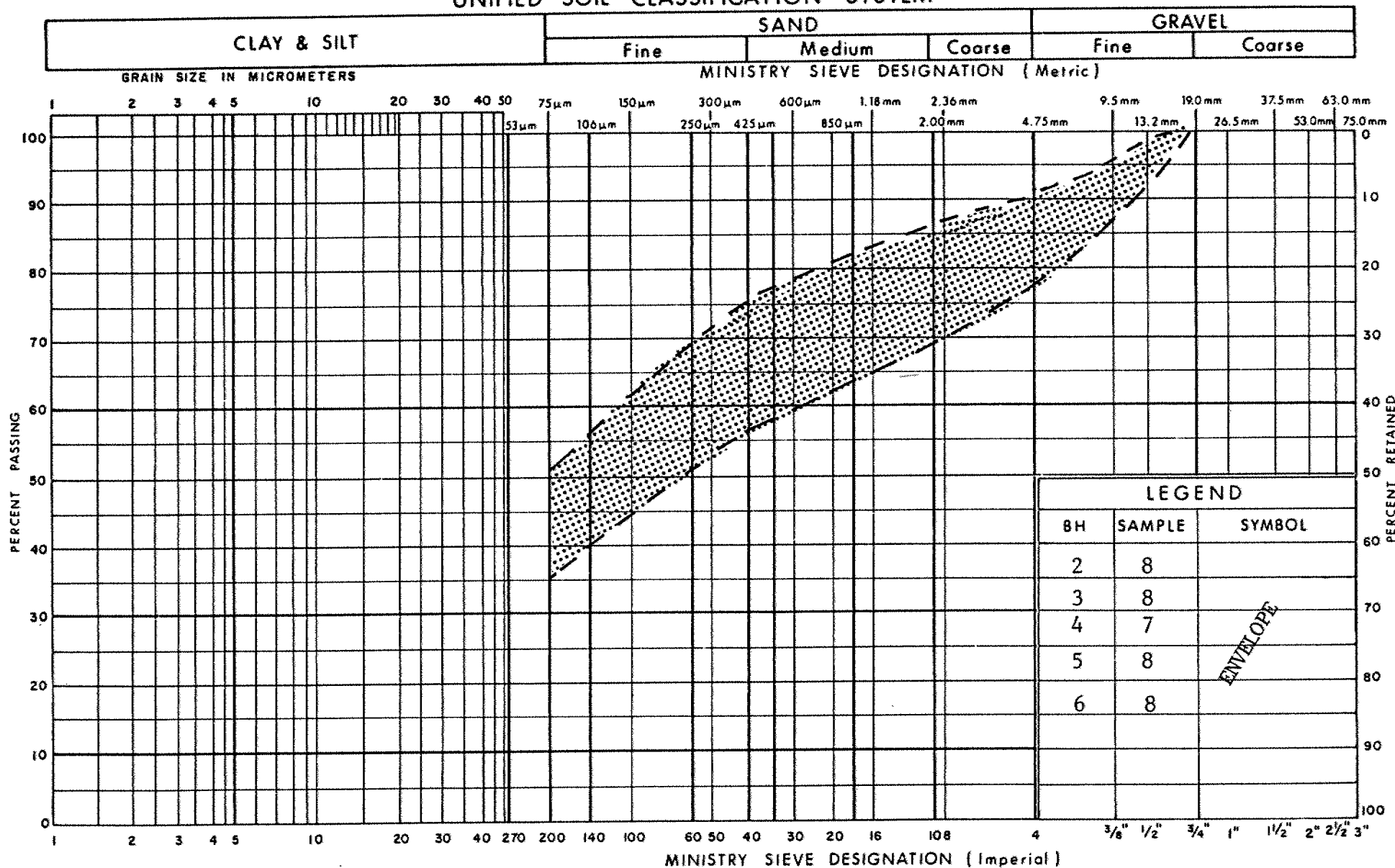
# PLASTICITY CHART Silty Clay to Clay

FIG No 1

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## GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

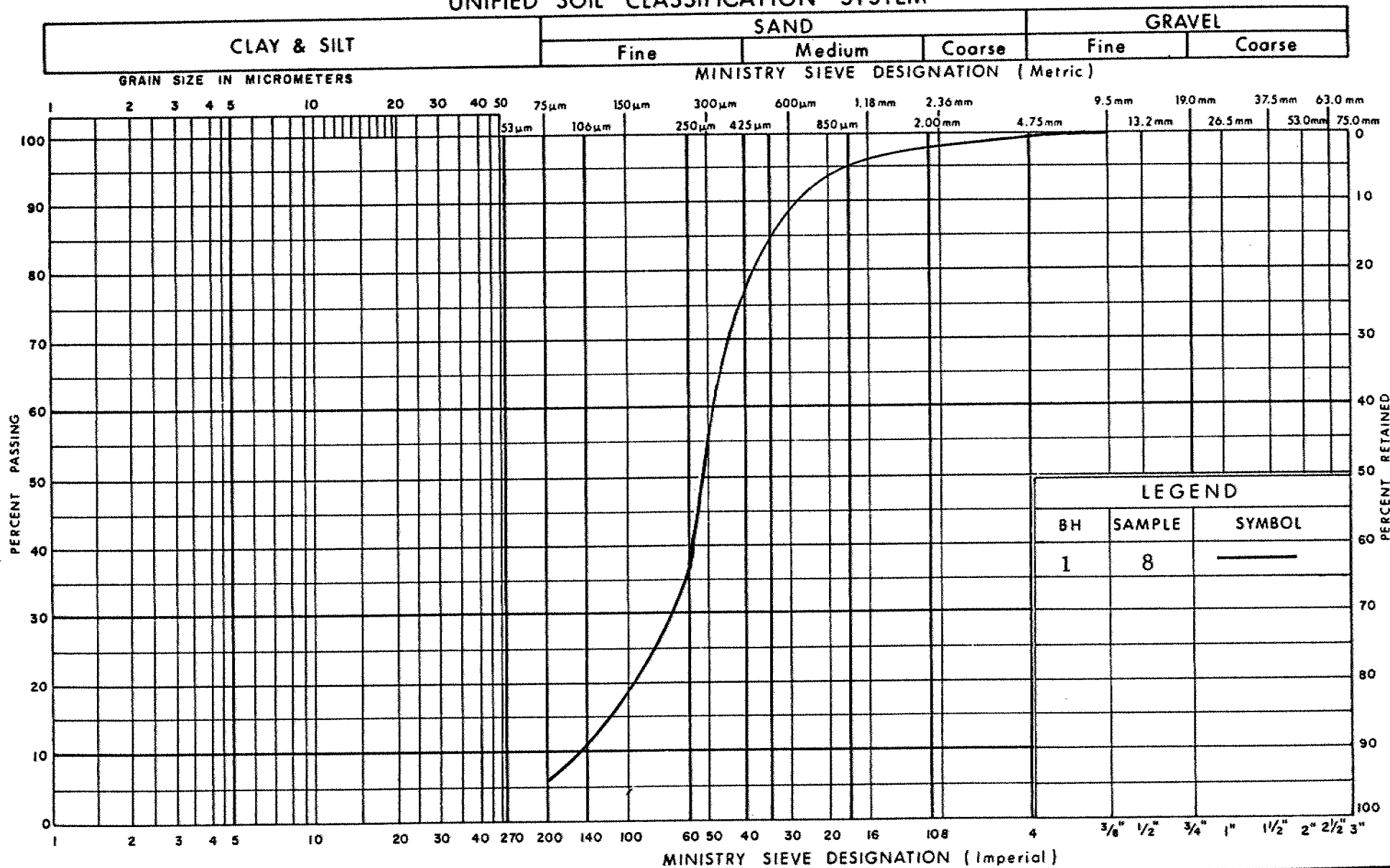
Silty Sand with some Gravel  
(Glacial Till)

FIG No 2A

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## GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Silty Sand trace Gravel  
(Glacial Till)

FIG No 2B

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Mud Creek Bridge

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DIMENSIONS ARE IN METRES  
AND/OR MILLIMETRES UNLESS  
OTHERWISE SHOWN. STATIONS  
IN KILOMETRES + METRES.

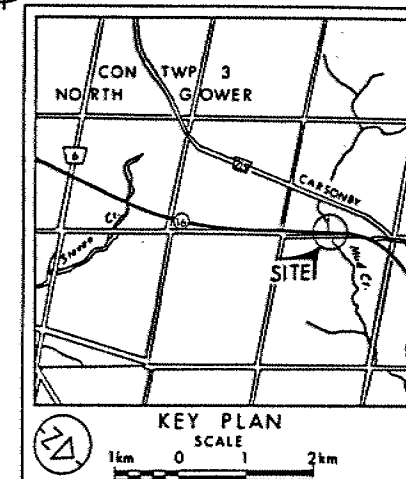
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MUD CREEK  
BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA



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**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)
- W/L at time of investigation Oct 1990
- Stand Pipe
- Head SUB ARTESIAN WATER Encountered

No	ELEVATION	CO-ORDINATES NORTH	EAST
1	89.8	5 005 065.0	366 407.5
2	90.4	5 005 086.0	366 398.0
3	89.9	5 005 061.0	366 393.0
4	90.7	5 005 104.0	366 380.0
5	90.6	5 005 094.5	366 374.0
6	90.8	5 005 111.0	366 366.0

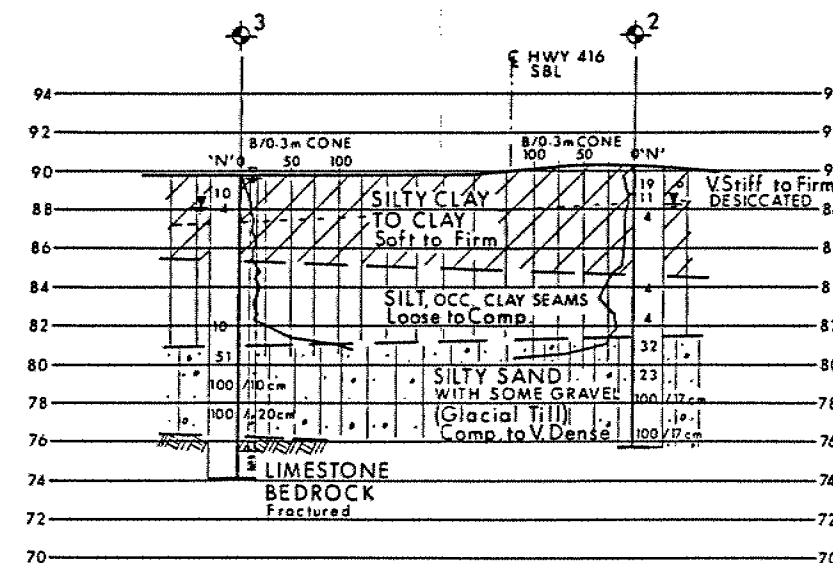
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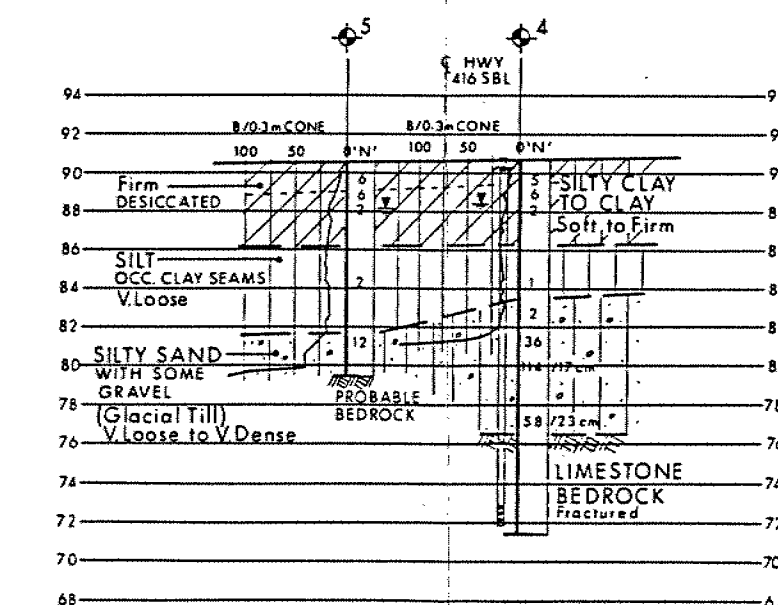
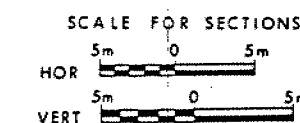
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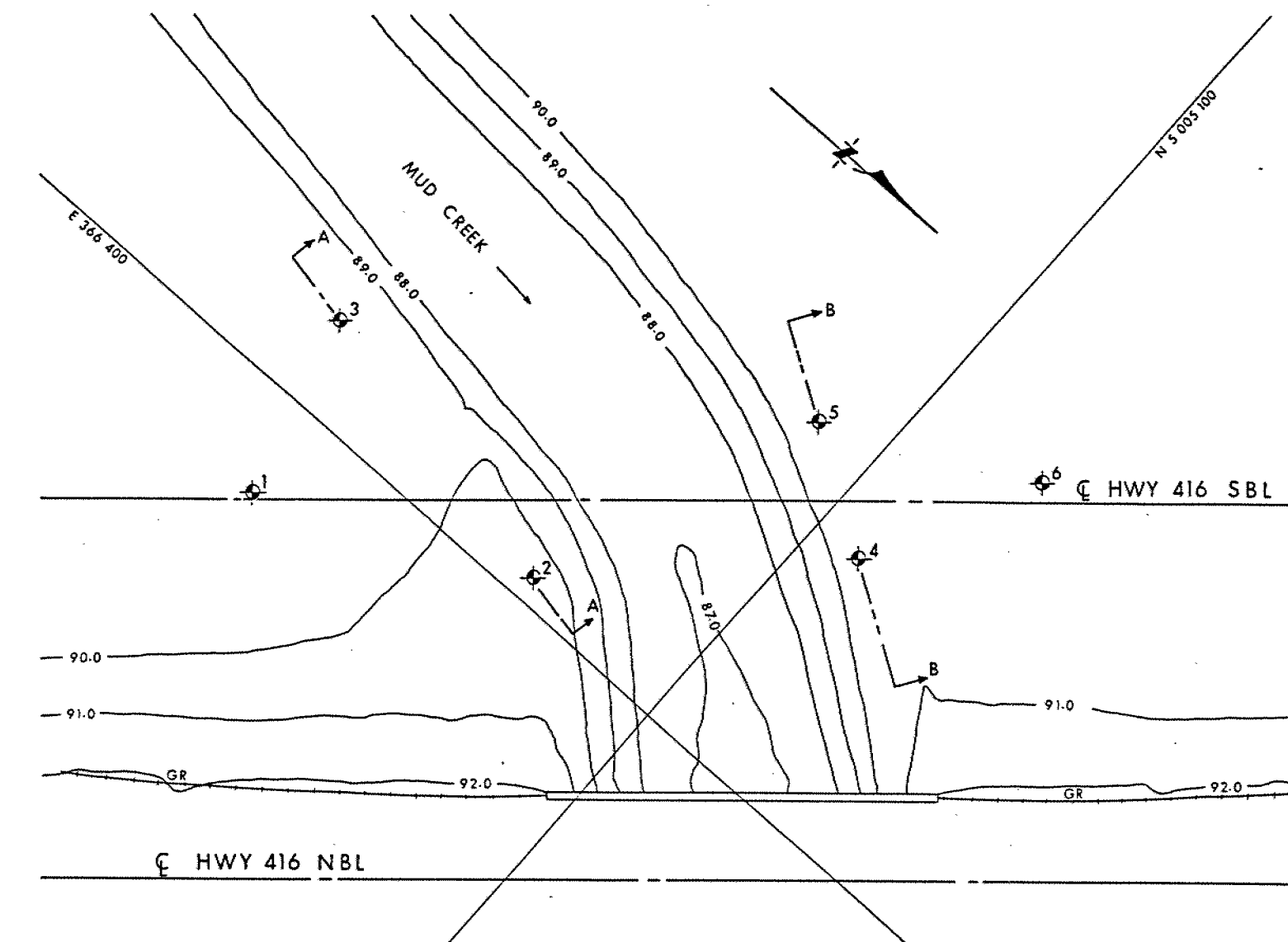
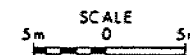
**SECTION B-B**



**SECTION A-A**



**PLAN**



**PROFILE HWY 416 S.B.L**

