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206 WATER STREET
SARNIA ONTARIO

Report on
SOIL INVESTIGATION
for
VIDAL STREET BRIDGE
SARNIA, ONTARIO.

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I INTRODUCTION

In accordance with authorization from Nisbet Letham Limited, Consulting Engineers, a soil investigation has been carried out in the City of Sarnia where it is proposed to reconstruct a section of Vidal Street. The proposed structure is an overhead road crossing the approach cutting to the St. Clair railway tunnel and a spur line about 300 feet to the north. Vidal Street at this point connects the main city area to the industrial section to the south.

The objects of this investigation as defined by discussions with the client have been:-

- (a) to reveal the subsurface conditions and to determine the relevant soil properties for the design and construction of the piers and abutments
- (b) to investigate the stability of the existing railway cutting
- (c) to recommend the thickness of subbase and base course for the approach road construction

II THE GEOLOGY OF THE SITE

The site is situated in the southern part of the City of Sarnia, in an area of little surface relief. The general ground surface elevation is about El. 602 feet Geodetic datum, and the railway cutting extends down to El. 563 where it crosses the centre line of the road.

The physiographic region, known as the St. Clair Clay Plains, consists of deep clay deposits with a thickness of about 120 feet, overlying black shale bedrock. The surface of the bedrock is usually very flat.

III FIELD WORK

The field work, consisting of 22 boreholes, was carried out during the period April 5 to 27, 1967, at the locations indicated on the site plan, Enclosure 2. The holes were advanced by a continuous flight power auger, except for those put down in the railway cutting which were advanced by a diamond drill machine.

Standard penetration tests were carried out at frequent intervals of depth, as detailed on Appendix A, and the results are recorded on the Geotechnical Data Sheets as q_{N6} values.

Undisturbed samples were obtained in 2-inch diameter thin-walled Shelby tubes which were sent to the laboratory for testing. The ends of the samples were sealed in the field to prevent loss of moisture.

The undrained shear strength of the cohesive soil was measured insitu by means of a 4-inch long by 2-inch diameter four bladed rotating vane. The vane was pushed 18-inches in the undisturbed soil below the bottom of the borehole and a torque was applied until the soil failed. The vane was then rotated 10 times to remould the soil and after one minute the torque test was repeated. The shear strength of the soil was calculated from the

torque and the dimensions of the vane, and the sensitivity of the material estimated from the ratio of the original torque to the final torque after remoulding.

Elevations were referred to Geodetic benchmarks which were obtained from the City of Sarnia Engineering Department.

IV SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Detailed descriptions of the strata encountered in each borehole are given on the Geotechnical Data Sheets, comprising Enclosures 3 to 19. The following notes are intended only to amplify this data:-

Underlying thin surface layers of topsoil, sand and gravel road ballast, and clay fill, the boreholes penetrated a deep clay stratum which extends down to El. 483. Black shale bedrock was encountered at this elevation and was penetrated 5 feet in borehole 4. A core recovery of 100% was obtained which indicates that the bedrock is in a sound condition.

The clay stratum has an upper weathered zone extending down to El. 597. Below the weathered zone, the clay stratum has a very stiff crust which extends down to El. 589.

Unconfined compression tests carried out on samples taken from the crust zone gave values of undrained shear strength ranging from 2750 to 7400 p.s.f.

The colour of the crust is generally brown, however with increasing depth the colour changes to grey and is characterized by an increase in the moisture content and a decrease in the shear strength. The shear strength reaches a minimum value of 1400 p.s.f. at El. 580. Below El. 580 the undrained shear strength increases gradually, as would be expected due to the overburden pressure.

A shear strength against depth relationship is plotted on Enclosure 20, together with the shear strength profile used for design purposes. The high values of undrained shear strength as measured by insitu vane shear tests could be a result of the vane encountering gravel particles thus increasing the normal resistance which would be attributed to the clay.

Classification tests carried out on samples of the brown and grey clay types are listed as follows:-

	<u>Brown Silty Clay</u>	<u>Grey Silty Clay</u>
Bulk density (p.s.f.)	132 to 137	123 to 124
Dry Density "	114 to 124	98 to 101
Moisture Content %	12 to 16	22 to 27
Plastic Limit %	13 to 15	15 to 18
Liquid Limit %	29 to 33	31 to 38
Plasticity Index	13 to 15	22 to 27
Liquidity Index	0	0.1 to 0.5
Sensitivity	-	1.1 to 2.7

V GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

Over the level part of the site, the groundwater reached equilibrium at an average El. 598. However due to the impermeable nature of the silty clay subsoil a seasonal fluctuation in the water table may be anticipated.

From a visual and tactile examination of the soil samples the groundwater table may be assumed to fluctuate between El. 592 and El. 598.

The groundwater table in the lower part of the railway cutting may be assumed to coincide with the invert elevation of the drainage system.

VI DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

It is understood that the piers and abutments will be about 100 feet in length, and that where the soil conditions permit, they will be supported on strip footing foundations.

The total of the live and dead loads on the pier footings for spans of 100 feet will be about 38 kips per linear foot, and of this total the live loading will constitute 7 kips per linear foot.

The total of the live and dead loads on the abutment footings will be about 25 kips per linear foot and of this total the live loading will constitute 6 kips per linear foot.

PIERS & ABUTMENTS LOCATED NORTH OF THE RAILWAY CUTTING

The critical factor in the prevailing soil conditions is the magnitude of the total loads, and whether the very stiff brown silty clay crust is strong enough to withstand them without imposing too high a load on the relatively compressible grey silty clay layer below. The footings should also be located below the upper layer of weathered silty clay to minimise settlement.

On the basis of the borehole results the optimum elevation which may be considered applicable to the above comments is at El. 596. However due to other circumstances a deeper footing grade may be necessary, and the following table may be used in estimating allowable soil pressures for various footing dimensions and grades.

<u>Footing Elevation</u> <u>feet</u>	<u>Maximum Allowable Soil Pressure</u> <u>tons per square foot</u>						
	<u>Footing Widths Feet</u>						
	Up to:						
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
596	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4
595	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.3
594	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2
593	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1
592	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0
591	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
590	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8

589	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7
588	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6
587	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5
586	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4

The above soil pressures incorporate a factor of safety of 3 against shear failure of the underlying soil and are calculated on the basis of the undrained shear strength profile shown on Enclosure 20.

Construction

The footing grade should be inspected by a competent soils engineer prior to placing of the concrete and any 'soft' areas removed and replaced by lean concrete.

It is anticipated that seepage will be restricted to any rainfall which occurs during the construction period and in this respect particular care should be taken to protect the footing grade and prevent softening when it is exposed.

Settlement

On the basis of previous laboratory testing carried out on this site and in the same area, the following values of the modulus of compressibility 'K' have been assumed:-

	<u>Modulus of Compressibility tons/sq.foot</u>
Very stiff brown silty clay	140
Stiff grey silty clay	60

Using these values the computed theoretical settlement is about 1.5 inches. However this oedometer value of settlement must be corrected for the effect of rigidity of the foundation and lateral strain taking place during consolidation. Applying these correction factors the most probable value of settlement is estimated to be 0.8 inch. Since the settlement will be due to the long term consolidation of the subsoil, in the settlement analysis only the dead weight of the structure was considered.

A deformation of the clay stratum will take place immediately as the load is applied due to the elastic deformation of the clay, which takes place without dissipation of pore pressure. Based on an assumed modulus of elasticity of 200 tons per square foot it is estimated that the maximum elastic deformation will be about 0.5 inch.

SOUTH ABUTMENT

The layer of weathered silty clay extends down to El. 595.8 at borehole 3 location therefore it is recommended that the footing grade be established at El. 595. For design purposes the allowable soil pressures can be estimated from the table shown in the preceding discussion.

The stability of the railway cutting embankment will depend on the location of the south abutment and approach fill and in this respect calculations indicate that the forward toe of the abutment should be a minimum distance of 10 feet from the edge of the cutting to maintain adequate slope stability.

PIERS LOCATED ON THE SLOPE OF THE RAILROAD CUTTING

The ultimate bearing capacity of foundations on slopes depends on the geometry of the slope and also on the properties of the soil. A method of calculating the ultimate bearing capacity was developed by G. G. Meyerhof which applies a correction to the bearing capacity factor N_{cq} in the standard formula for bearing capacity.

$$q = c \cdot N_{cq} + \gamma D$$

where q is the ultimate bearing capacity

c is the undrained shear strength

γ is the unit weight

D is the depth of the footing below
the ground surface

According to Meyerhofs graphs, using values of slope angle of 20 degrees and a height of slope of 40 feet, the value of the bearing capacity factor is 2.0. The ultimate bearing capacity is therefore 2800 pounds per square foot at the surface of the slope.

It is usual to apply a factor of safety of 3 in bearing capacity design, therefore the allowable bearing capacity of footings on the slope will be 930 p.s.f. plus an additional 40 p.s.f. for each foot of cover above the footing grade.

The above design necessitates a footing width of about 40 feet which is impractical, therefore it is recommended that the piers be supported on friction piles which will transfer the load to the stiffer clays at a much lower depth.

The following estimates of working loads and pile penetrations are based on the shear strength profile shown on Enclosure 20. It is also assumed that the minimum spacing of the piles in each pile cap will be 3 times the pile diameter.

Timber Piles

An adhesion corresponding to 75% of the undrained shear strength of the soil has been assumed for the design of a timber pile foundation.

It is estimated that nominal 12-inch diameter timber piles will achieve a suitable set corresponding to a working load of 30 tons with a penetration of 35 feet. Additional penetration will increase the working load by 1 ton per foot of penetration, however if a working load in excess of 30 tons is proposed, pile loading tests should be performed.

Steel Tube Piles

An adhesion corresponding to 50% of the undrained shear strength of the soil has been assumed for the design of a steel tube pile foundation.

It is estimated that 12-inch diameter tube piles will develop working loads of 40 and 50 tons capacity with penetrations of 50 and 60 feet respectively.

Steel H-piles

The friction load which may be applied to a steel H-pile will depend on the dimensions of the pile rather than the weight of section used.

The following estimates of working load have been made for different pile sizes and penetrations:-

<u>Type of Pile</u>		<u>Penetration (feet)</u>	<u>Working Load (tons)</u>
BP	8	50	40
BP	8	60	50
BP	10	50	50
BP	10	60	62

Settlement of Piled Foundations

In estimating the consolidation settlement of friction pile foundations, the load from the structure may be considered to act as a spread footing at a depth equal to two thirds of the penetration distance of the pile. Therefore in the estimation of settlement it has been assumed that the load will act at about El. 540.

Based on the assumed modulus of compressibility 'K' of 60 tons per square foot, the estimated consolidation settlement of a typical pile group is 2.0 inches. However this oedometer value of settlement must be corrected for the effect of lateral strain taking place during consolidation, which results in a most probable value of settlement of 1.5 inches.

STABILITY OF THE RAILWAY CUTTING

The stability of the slope of the existing railway cutting was calculated using Taylors stability chart and using the following data:-

Slope angle 20 degrees
Height of Slope (H) 40 feet
Unit weight 124 lb.per cu.ft.

The average undrained shear strength for a factor of safety of 1.0 is 750 p.s.f. therefore based on the minimum shear strength value of 1400 p.s.f. taken from the shear strength profile, it can be assumed that the actual factor or safety is 1.9. This does not take into account the higher shear strength which may be attributed to the very stiff crust and can therefore be considered a conservative value.

The stability of three slip circles were calculated taking into account the load from the south abutment footing and the weight of fill above it. The geometrical layouts of the slip circles are shown on the cross-section of the railway cutting, Enclosure 21.

The results of the slip circle analyses are as follows:-

<u>Slip Circle No.</u>	<u>Factor of Safety</u>
1	2.2
2	2.0
3	1.7

From these results it can be assumed that the critical surface is a deep-seated slip with the arc passing below the toe of the slope and intersecting the ground surface in the level part of the cutting.

The overturning moment due to the load from the abutment footing and approach fill, as calculated in Slip Circle No. 3, amounted to 11.5% of the total overturning moment, therefore the reduction in factor of safety from 1.9 (Taylor's Chrt) to 1.7 may be attributed to the additional loading from the abutment and approach fill.

CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH FILLS

The main body of the approach fills may be constructed with granular (sand and gravel) or cohesive silty clay material possessing suitable compaction characteristics. The fill should be placed in layers of six to eight inches in thickness and compacted to at least 95% of the maximum Standard Proctor dry density of the particular material used.

It is usual for granular material to be compacted with a vibratory roller and cohesive material with a sheeps-foot roller to achieve the required compaction. Insitu density tests should be made on the compacted fill to determine whether the required density is being achieved, and to ensure that the moisture content compares favourably with the optimum moisture content for the particular material.

DESIGN OF ROAD SUBBASE AND BASEFlexible Pavement

There are a great many methods of pavement design differing in their reliability and in their method of approach to the problem. In Ontario, the Department of Highways have established standards of road base which have been proven practically although they may apply only to one particular area.

In this area the following design standards are applicable to the design of road bases on compacted fills:-

<u>Thickness Granular 'B' or Sand Cushion inches</u>		<u>Thickness Granular 'A'</u>
Clay Fill	18	6
Granular Fill	9	6

Cement Stabilized Base

In the Sarnia area where there is a scarcity of granular fill material, the cement stabilized road base may prove more economical.

For design purposes it may be assumed that one inch of cement stabilized soil is equivalent to 2-inches of Granular 'A', or 3-inches of Sand Cushion. It therefore follows that a 6-inch layer of cement stabilized soil on 6-inches of Sand Cushion is equivalent to 4-inches of Granular 'A' on 18-inches of Sand Cushion.

Compaction

Each layer of subbase and base shall be thoroughly compacted to the satisfaction of the Engineer. In the case of controversy a minimum of 100% of the maximum Proctor dry density as determined by the Department of Highways procedure, will be required.

SUMMARY

- (i) It is recommended that the footing grade be established at El. 596 for piers and abutments constructed on the north side of the railway cutting.

Allowable soil pressures for the design of spread footing foundations are presented in the report.

- (ii) It is recommended that the footing grade for the south abutment be established at El. 595.

Allowable soil pressures for the design of a spread footing may be estimated from the table referred to in the preceding item.

- (iii) To maintain the stability of the slopes of the railway cutting the south abutment footing and the footing of the pier closest to the north edge of the cutting shall be a minimum distance of 10 feet from the edge of the cutting.

- (iv) It is recommended that piers constructed on the slope of the cutting be supported on friction pile foundations. The working loads which can be developed by timber, steel-tube and steel H-piles are discussed in the report.

- (v) The factor of safety with regard to slope failure of the existing cutting is estimated to be 1.9. After completion of the structure the factor of safety is estimated to be 1.7.



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APPENDIX A

STANDARD PENETRATION TESTS

In order to determine the relative density of non-cohesive soils, such as sands and gravels, the standard penetration test has been adopted. The test also gives an indication of the consistency of cohesive soils.

A two-inch external diameter thick-walled sample tube is driven into the ground at the bottom of the borehole by means of a 140 lb. hammer falling freely through 30 in. The tube is first driven about 6 in. to allow for the presence of disturbed material at the bottom of the borehole. The number of standard blows required to drive the sampler a further 12 in. is recorded. The sample tube used is one originally developed by the Raymond Concrete Pile Company in the United States, where a sufficient number of tests have been made in conjunction with field investigations to show that the results, although essentially empirical, may be applied to foundation design.

For sands:

Values of N	Density
Less than 10	Loose
Between 10 and 30	Compact
Between 30 and 50	Dense
Greater than 50	Very dense

Enclosures

LIST OF SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS AND NOMENCLATURE.

SOIL COMPONENTS AND GROUND WATER CONDITIONS.

BOULDER	COBBLE	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT	CLAY	ORGANICS	BEDROCK	GROUND WATER LEVEL	DEPTH OF CAVE-IN
		COARSE	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE						
Ø	> 8"	3"	3/4"	4.76mm	2.0	0.42	0.074	0.002	>	NO SIZE LIMIT		
U.S. Standard Sieve Size :				No.4	No.10	No.40	No.200					

SAMPLE TYPES.

AS Auger sample

CS Sample from casing

ChS Chunk sample

RC Rock core

% Recovery

SS Split spoon sample

TP Piston, thin walled tube sample

TW Open, thin walled tube sample

WS Wash sample

SAMPLER ADVANCED BY static weight : w

" pressure : p

" tapping : t

OBSERVATIONS

MADE WHILE

CORING

Steady pressure

No pressure

Intermittent pressure

Intermittent pressure

Washwater returns

Washwater lost

PENETRATION RESISTANCES.

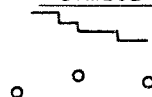
DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE : to drive a 2"Ø, 60° cone attached to the end of the drilling rods into the ground, expressed in blows per foot.

STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE, -N- : to drive a 2" outside dia, split spoon sampler 1 foot into the ground, expressed in blows per foot.

EXTRAPOLATED -N- VALUE

The energy for the penetration resistances is supplied by a 140 lb. hammer falling 30 inches

SYMBOL :



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SOIL PROPERTIES.

W % Water content

LL % Liquid limit

PL % Plastic limit

PI % Plasticity index

LI Liquidity index

γ

Natural bulk density (unit weight)

e

Void ratio

RD

Relative density

Cv

Coeff. of consolidation

mv

Coeff. of volume compressibility

k Coeff. of permeability

C Shear strength — in terms of total stress

φ Angle of int. friction — in terms of effective stress

C' Cohesion — in terms of effective stress

φ' Angle of int. friction — in terms of effective stress

UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH.

— DERIVED FROM —

TRIAXIAL

UNCONFINED

LABORATORY

FIELD

COMPRESSION TEST

St

VANE TEST

St

POCKET PENETROMETER TEST — St

Strain at failure is represented by direction of stem

20%
15% — 5%
10%

St : sensitivity = $\frac{\text{shear strength in undisturbed state}}{\text{shear strength in remoulded state}}$

SOIL DESCRIPTION.

COHESIONLESS SOILS :

RD :

Very loose

0 - 15 %

Loose

15 - 35 %

Compact

35 - 65 %

Dense

65 - 85 %

Very dense

85 - 100 %

COHESIVE SOILS :

c lbs/sq.ft.

Very soft

less than 250

Soft

250 - 500

Firm

500 - 1000

Stiff

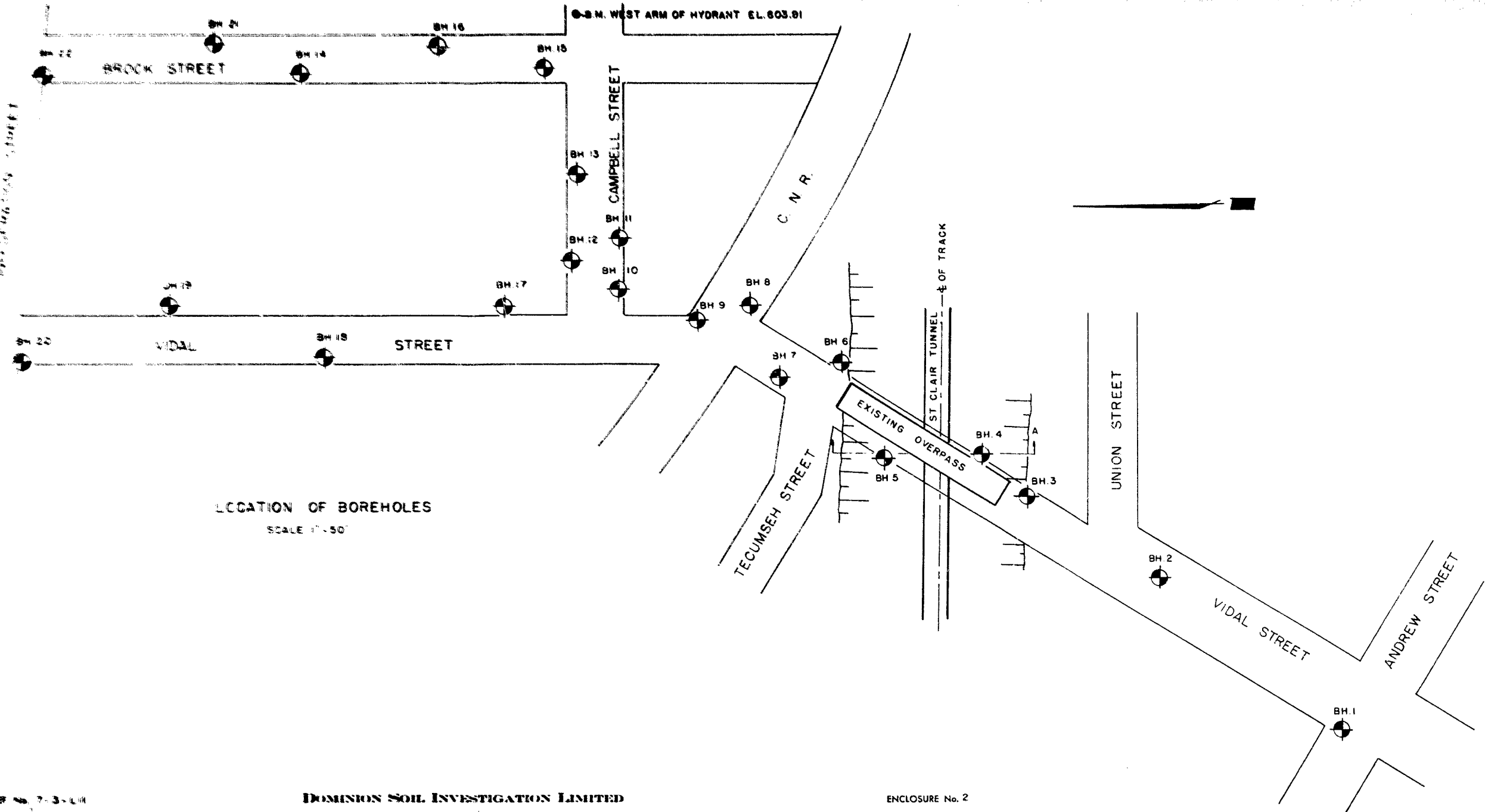
1000 - 2000

Very stiff

2000 - 4000

Hard

over 4000



LOCATION OF BOREHOLES
SCALE 1" = 50'

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MEASURED BY BORING Auger
DIAMETER OF BORING 4-inch
DATE April 5 & 6, 1967

ENCLOSURE NO. 3

ELEVATION ft	DEPTH ft	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE blows per foot					CONSISTENCY water content %					REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	ANALYSIS	20	40	60	80	100	PL	WL	U			
							SHEAR STRENGTH 100 lbs. sq. ft.										
							10	20	30	40	50	10	20	30	40		
602.5	0.0	Ground Surface					Borehole 1										
		4" Asphalt															
		Stiff grey weathered silty clay trace of organics		1	SS	8	○										
600	5.0	Silty clay, containing traces of sand and gravel (Glacial Till)		2	SS	12	○										
				3	SS	39				○							
595				4	SS	29				○							
				5	SS	12	○										
590																	
585	17.5	End of Borehole															
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VERTICAL SCALE 1 IN TO 5 FT

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GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE 3

OUR REFERENCE NO. 7-3-L11

CLIENT Nisbet Letham Limited
PROJECT Vidal Street Bridge,
LOCATION Sarnia, Ontario.
DATUM ELEVATION

METHOD OF BORING Auger
DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE 4-inch
DATE April 6, 1967

ENCLOSURE NO. 4

ELEVATION ft	DEPTH ft	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	STRATIFICATION SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE blows per foot					CONSISTENCY water content %				REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	No. or Advance of Sample	20	40	60	80	100	PL	W	LI		
							SHEAR STRENGTH 100 lbs sq ft									
							10	20	30	40	50	10	20	30	40	
603.8	0.0	Ground Surface														
		4" Asphalt														
	2.5	Sand & Gravel														
600		Stiff grey/brown weathered silty clay trace of organics		1	SS	8	O									
				2	SS	8	O									
595	8.0	Very stiff		3	SS	29		O								
		silty		4	SS	31		O								
590		clay, Brown		5	SS	17		O								
		traces Grey		6	SS	7		O								
		of														
585	20.0	sand and gravel														
		Compact to		7	SS	26		O								
580		dense														
		grey														
575	27.0	silt		8	SS	31		O								
		Stiff														
570		to		9	SS	9		O								
		very														
565		stiff		10	TW											
		grey														
560		silty		11	SS	5		O								
		clay,														
555		traces		12	SS	5		O								
		of														
550		gravel.		13	SS	12		O								
	52.5	End of Borehole														

GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE 4

OUR REFERENCE NO. 7-3-111

CLIENT Nisbet Letham Limited
PROJECT Vidal Street Bridge
LOCATION Sarnia, Ontario,
DATUM ELEVATION

METHOD OF BORING Washboring
DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE 3 1/2 (3-inch)
DATE April 26 & 27, 1967

ENCLOSURE NO. 5

ELEVATION ft	DEPTH ft	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	STRATIFICATION SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE Blows per foot					CONSISTENCY water content %		REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	NO. OF BLASTS	20	40	60	80	100	P	W	
582.4	0.0	Ground Surface												
		4" Topsoil	T											
580		Stiff	T	1	SS	11								
		to	T	2	TW									
575		very	T	3	SS	9								+St=1.3
		stiff	T	4	TW									+St=1.4
570		gray	T	5	SS	8								+St=1.5
		silty	T	6	SS	10								+St=1.6
565		clay,	T	7	TW									+St=1.3
		containing	T	8	SS	10								+St=1.4
560		traces	T	9	SS	26								+St=1.5
		of	T	10	SS	21								+St=1.4
555		sand	T	11	SS	20								+St=1.7
550		and	T											
545		gravel	T											
540	42.5	End of Borehole												

GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE 7-3-L11

OUR REFERENCE NO. 7-3-L11

CLIENT Nisbet Letham Limited
PROJECT Vidal Street Bridge
LOCATION Sarnia, Ontario.
DATUM ELEVATION

METHOD OF BORING Washboring
DIAMETER OF BORING 6 Bx (3-inch)
DATE April 25 & 26, 1967

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ELEVATION ft	DEPTH ft	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	STRATIFICATION SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETROMETER RESISTANCE Blow per foot					REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	DEPTH ft	20	40	60	80	100	
							SHEAR STRENGTH 100 lbs/sq ft					
							10	20	30	40	50	
580.3	0.0	Ground Surface										
		1" Topsoil										
		Stiff		1	SS	24						
575		brown		2	SS	13						
		to		3	SS	6						+St=1.3
		grey		4	TW							+St=1.5
570				5	SS	4						+St=1.0
		very		6	TW							+St=1.5
565												+St=1.5
		stiff		7	SS	10						+St=1.3
560				8	SS	12						+St=1.5
		silty		9	SS	11						+St=1.5
555				10	TW							+St=1.3
		clay,		11	SS	21						+St=1.4
550				12	SS	21						
		containing										
545												
		traces										
540												
		of										
535												
		sand										
530												
525		and										
520		Gravel		13	SS	21						+St=1.7
515												
510				14	SS	13						+St=1.8
505												
500				15	SS	13						+St=1.8
495												
490				16	SS	13						
485	97.0											
480	102.0	Black shale (Bedrock)		17	AXT							
		End of Borehole										
475												

VERTICAL SCALE: 1 IN. TO 5 FT

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GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE 6.

OUR REFERENCE NO. 7-3-L11

CLIENT Nishet Letham Limited
PROJECT Vidal Street Bridge,
LOCATION Sarnia, Ontario.
DATUM ELEVATION

METHOD OF BORING Auger
DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE 4-inch
DATE April 5, 1967

ENCLOSURE NO. 7

ELEVATION ft	DEPTH ft	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	STRATIFICATION SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE Blows per foot					CONSISTENCY water content %		REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	No. or Advance-ment of Sampler	20	40	60	80	100	PL	W	
							10	20	30	40	50			
604.1	0.0	Ground Surface												
		8" Topsoil												
600	4.0	Loose black cinder Fill		1	SS	9								
		Stiff brown weathered silty clay	T	2	SS	9								
	7.5													
595		Silty	T	3	SS	16								
		clay		4	SS	24								
590		containing		5	SS	12								
		traces		6	SS	12								
		Very stiff brown												
585		of	T											
		Stiff grey		7	SS	8								
		sand												
580		and		8	SS	11								
		gravel												
575	29.0	Very dense	***	9	SS	77								
		grey silt												
570	33.5													
		Stiff grey		10	SS	8								
		silty clay												
565		trace of												
		fine gravel		11	SS	4								
	42.5													
560		End of Borehole												

W. L.
El. 598.1
21/4/1967



GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE 7. . . .

OUR REFERENCE NO. 7-3-L11

CLIENT Nisbet Letham Limited
PROJECT Vidal Street Bridge
LOCATION Sarnia, Ontario.
DATUM ELEVATION

METHOD OF BORING Auger
DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE 4-inch
DATE April 10, 1967

ENCLOSURE NO. 8

ELEVATION ft.	DEPTH ft.	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	STRATIFICATION SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE					CONSISTENCY water content % PI W LI	REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	NO. OF SUBSAMPLING OR SPLIT	20	40	60	80	100		
601.8	0.0	Ground Surface											
		4" Asphalt											
		Sand & gravel											
600	2.0	Stiff grey brown		1	SS	11							<div>  W. L. E1.597.3 21/4/1967 </div>
		weathered											
	5.0	silty clay		2	SS	20							
595		Silty		3	SS	33							
		clay		4	SS	19							
590		containing		5	SS	13							
		traces		6	SS	16							
585		Very stiff brown											
		Stiff grey		7	SS	5							
580		sand											
		and		8	SS	8							
575		gravel											<div>  W. L. E1.597.3 21/4/1967 </div>
		(Glacial Till)		9	TW								
570													
				10	SS	12							
565													
				11	SS	11							
560	42.5	End of Borehole											

VERTICAL SCALE: 1 IN. TO

5 FT

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GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE 8

OUR REFERENCE NO. 7-3-L11

CLIENT Nisbet Letham Limited
PROJECT Vidal Street Bridge
LOCATION Sarnia, Ontario.
DATUM ELEVATION

METHOD OF BORING Auger
DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE 4-inch
DATE April 13, 1967

ENCLOSURE NO 9

ELEVATION ft	DEPTH ft	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	STRATIFICATION SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE blows per foot					CONSISTENCY water content %				REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	% of Sample	20	40	60	80	100	PL	W	LI		
							10	20	30	40	50	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	
603.5	0.0	Ground Surface														
		6" Cinder Fill	SS													
		Stiff brown	T													
		weathered														
		silty clay														
		trace of														
		organics														
600	5.5			1	SS	9										
				2	SS	20										
		Very		3	SS	40										
595		stiff		4	SS	29										
		silty brown		5	SS	14										
590		clay, grey		6	SS	11										
		containing														
585		traces		7	SS	7										
		of														
580		sand		8	SS	8										
		and														
575		gravel		9	TW											
		(Glacial Till)														
570				10	SS	9										
565		stiff		11	SS	8										
560	42.6	End of Borehole														

W. L.
El. 600.0
21/4/67.

W. L.
E1.600.0
21/4/67.

GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE 9.

OUR REFERENCE NO 7-3-L11

CLIENT Nisbet Letham Limited
PROJECT Vidal Street Bridge
LOCATION Sarnia, Ontario.
DATUM ELEVATION

METHOD OF BORING Auger
DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE 4-inch
DATE April 7, 1967

ENCLOSURE NO 10

ELEVATION ft	DEPTH ft	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	STRATIFICATION SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE blows per foot					CONSISTENCY water content %		REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	N ₆₀ or Advancement of Sampler	20	40	60	80	100	P _s	W	
							SHEAR STRENGTH 100 lbs sq ft							
							10	20	30	40	50			
603.4 0.0 Ground Surface														
600	3.0	Sand, gravel and cinder (fill)												
		Stiff brown weathered silty clay		1	SS	8								
595	7.0	Silty brown grey clay very stiff stiff containing traces of sand and gravel very stiff		2	SS	26								
				3	SS	24								
590				4	SS	15								
				5	SS	8								
585														
				6	SS	10								
580														
				7	TW									
575														
				8	SS	7								
570														
				9	SS	5								
565														
				10	TW									
560														
				11	SS	2								
555														
				12	SS	12								
52.5		End of Borehole												

W. L.
E1.598.4
21/4/67

W. I.
L1.598.4
21/4/67

GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE 10

OUR REFERENCE NO 7-3-L11

CLIENT Nisbet Letham Limited
PROJECT Vidal Street Bridge
LOCATION Sarnia, Ontario.
DATUM ELEVATION

METHOD OF BORING Auger
DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE 4-inch
DATE April 11, 1967

ENCLOSURE NO 11

ELEVATION ft	DEPTH ft	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	STRATIFICATION SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE blows per foot					CONSISTENCY water content %		REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	ANALYST'S CLASSIFICATION	20	40	60	80	100	PI	W	
602.1	0.0	Ground Surface												
		4" Topsoil												
600		Stiff brown weathered silty clay, trace of organics		1	SS	14								
	4.5			2	SS	26								
595		Very stiff		3	SS	37								
				4	SS	19								
590		silty clay, brown grey		5	SS	13								
				6	SS	11								
585		containing traces of sand and gravel		7	SS	11								
580		(Glacial Till)		8	SS	11								
575				9	SS	6								
570	32.5	End of Borehole												

C=7400 p.s.f.

W. L.
E1.582.1
21/4/67

GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE 11. . . .

OUR REFERENCE NO 7-3-L11

CLIENT Nisbet Letham Limited
PROJECT Vidal Street Bridge
LOCATION Sarnia, Ontario.
DATUM ELEVATION

METHOD OF BORING Auger
DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE 4-inch
DATE April 11 & 12, 1967

ENCLOSURE NO 12

ELEVATION ft	DEPTH ft	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	STRATIFICATION SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE blows per foot					CONSISTENCY water content % PL W LL	REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	ft or Advance of Sample	20	40	60	80	100		
							SHEAR STRENGTH 100 lbs sq ft						
							10	20	30	40	50		
602.4	0.0	Ground Surface											
		5" Topsoil											
600	4.5	Stiff brown weathered silty clay		1	SS	13	○						
				2	SS	20	○						
595		Silty clay		3	SS	42		○					
				4	SS	30		○					
590		very stiff brown stiff grey containing traces of sand and gravel (Clacial Till)		5	SS	14	○						
				6	SS	10	○						
585													
				7	SS	5	○						
580													
				8	SS	5	○						
575													
				9	SS	6	○						
570													
				10	TW								
565													
				11	TW								
560	42.5	End of Borehole											

N. L.
El. 601.9
21/4/67

C=5200 p.s.f.

+ St=5.8

+ St=1.2

+ St=1.0

+ St=2.0

+ St=1.4

GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE 12

OUR REFERENCE NO 7-3-L11

CLIENT: Nisbet Letham Limited
PROJECT: Vidal Street Bridge
LOCATION: Sarnia, Ontario.
DATUM ELEVATION

METHOD OF BORING Auger
DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE 4-inch
DATE April 8, 1967

ENCLOSURE NO 13

ELEVATION ft.	DEPTH ft.	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	STRATIFICATION SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE blows per foot					CONSISTENCY water content %			REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	N ₆₀ or Advance of Sampler	20	40	60	80	100	PL	W	LI	
602.5	0.0	Ground Surface													
		4" Asphalt													
	2.0	Sand & Gravel													
600		Stiff brown weathered silty clay, trace of organics		1	SS	11									W. L. El. 600.0 21/4/67
	5.5			2	SS	25									
595		Silty		3	SS	30									
				4	SS	27									
590		clay, brown		5	SS	21									
		grey		6	SS	11									
585		containing													St=1.4
		Very stiff		7	SS	7									
580		traces stiff		8	SS	7									St=1.3
				9	SS	11									St=1.5
575		of sand													
		and gravel													
570	32.5	End of Borehole													St=1.3

VERTICAL SCALE: 1 IN. TO 5 FT

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GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE 13....

OUR REFERENCE NO 7-3-L11

CLIENT Nisbet Latham Limited
PROJECT Vidal Street Bridge
LOCATION Sarnia, Ontario.
DATUM ELEVATION

METHOD OF BORING AUGUR
DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE 4-inch
DATE April 12, 1967

ENCLOSURE NO 14

ELEVATION ft	DEPTH ft	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	STRATIFICATION SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE blows per foot				CONSISTENCY water content %				REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	Advance- ment of Sampler	20	40	60	80	100	PL	W	LI	
							SHEAR STRENGTH 100 lbs sq ft								
							10	20	30	40	50	10	20	30	40
602.0	0.0	Ground Surface													
	2.0	4" Asphalt													
600		Sand & gravel													
	5.0	Stiff brown weathered silty clay		1	SS	8									
595		Silty clay		2	SS	18									
				3	SS	43									
590		brown		4	SS	21									
		grey		5	SS	15									
585		containing traces of		6	SS	8									
		very stiff		7	SS	7									
580		stiff		8	TW										
575		sand and gravel		9	SS	74									
570		Very dense grey silt		10	SS	7									
565		Stiff to very stiff		11	SS	9									
560		grey silty clay		12	SS	17									
555		traces of sand & gravel		13	SS	15									
550		End of Borehole													

W. L.
11.598.0
11/4/67

C=6830 p.s.f.

+ St=2.0

+ St=1.4

+ St=1.1

+ St=2.2

+ St=1.4

+ St=2.5

GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE 14

OUR REFERENCE NO. 7-3-L11

CLIENT Nisbet Latham Limited
PROJECT Vidal Street Bridge
LOCATION Sarnia, Ontario
DATUM ELEVATION

METHOD OF BORING Auger
DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE 4-inch
DATE April 13, 1967

ENCLOSURE NO 15

ELEVATION ft.	DEPTH ft.	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	STRATIFICATION SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE blows per foot					CONSISTENCY water content %		REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	Distance of Sample	20	40	60	80	100	PL	W	
602.0	0.0	Ground Surface					10	20	30	40	50			
		4" Topsoil												
600		Stiff brown weathered silty clay		1	SS	8								<div> </div> <div>W. L.</div> <div>El. 599.2</div> <div>21/4/67</div>
	5.0			2	SS	29								
595		Silty clay,		3	SS	42								
				4	SS	30								
590		brown		5	SS	15								
		grey		6	SS	11								
585		containing												
		traces												
		very stiff		7	SS	7								
580		stiff												
		of												
		sand		8	TW									
575		and												
		gravel		9	SS	8								
570	32.5	End of Borehole												

VERTICAL SCALE: 1 IN TO

5 FT

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OWNER Nisbet Litham Limited
PROJECT Alden Street Bridge
LOCATION Sarnia, Ontario.
DATUM ELEVATION

WEIGHT 3.6 POUNDS AUGER
DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE 4-inch
DATE April 10 6

ENCLOSURE NO 16

April 10 & 13, 1967

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OUR REFERENCE NO

7-3-L11

GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLE S 19 & 20

CLIENT Nishet Latham Limited
PROJECT Vidal Street Bridge
LOCATION Sarnia, Ontario.
DATUM ELEVATION

METHOD OF BORING Auger
DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE 4-inch
DATE April 20, 1967

ENCLOSURE NO 13

ELEVATION ft	DEPTH ft	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	STRATIFICATION SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE blows per foot					CONSISTENCY water content % PL W LI	REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	No. of Advancement of Sample	20	40	60	80	100		
							SHEAR STRENGTH 100 lbs/sq ft						
							10	20	30	40	50		
601.1	0.0	Ground Surface					Borehole 19						
600	2.0	4" Asphalt Sand & gravel											
		Firm prev-brown weathered silty clay trace of organics		1	SS	3							
595	7.0			2	SS	3							
		Silty		3	SS	43							
590		clay, brown		4	SS	30							
		contain- grey		5	SS	18							
585		Very stiff		6	SS	10							
		ing stiff											
580		traces		7	SS	7							
		of											
575		sand & gravel		8	SS	5							
570	31.0	Sandy silt		9	SS	26							
		End of Borehole											
600.3	0.0	Ground Surface					Borehole 20						
		4" Topsoil											
	2.0	Cinder Fill											
		Firm brown weathered silty clay		1	SS	5							
595	4.5			2	SS	17							
		Very stiff silty		3	SS	35							
590		clay, containing											
		traces brown		4	SS	20							
585		of grey											
		sand & gravel		5	SS	7							
17.8		End of Borehole											

W. L.
El. 595.6

Hole Dry

VERTICAL SCALE: 1 IN. TO 5 FT

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GEOTECHNICAL DATA SHEET FOR BOREHOLEs 21.8.22

OUR REFERENCE NO 7-3-111

CLIENT Nisbet Letham Limited
PROJECT Vidal Street Bridge
LOCATION Sarnia, Ontario.
DATUM ELEVATION

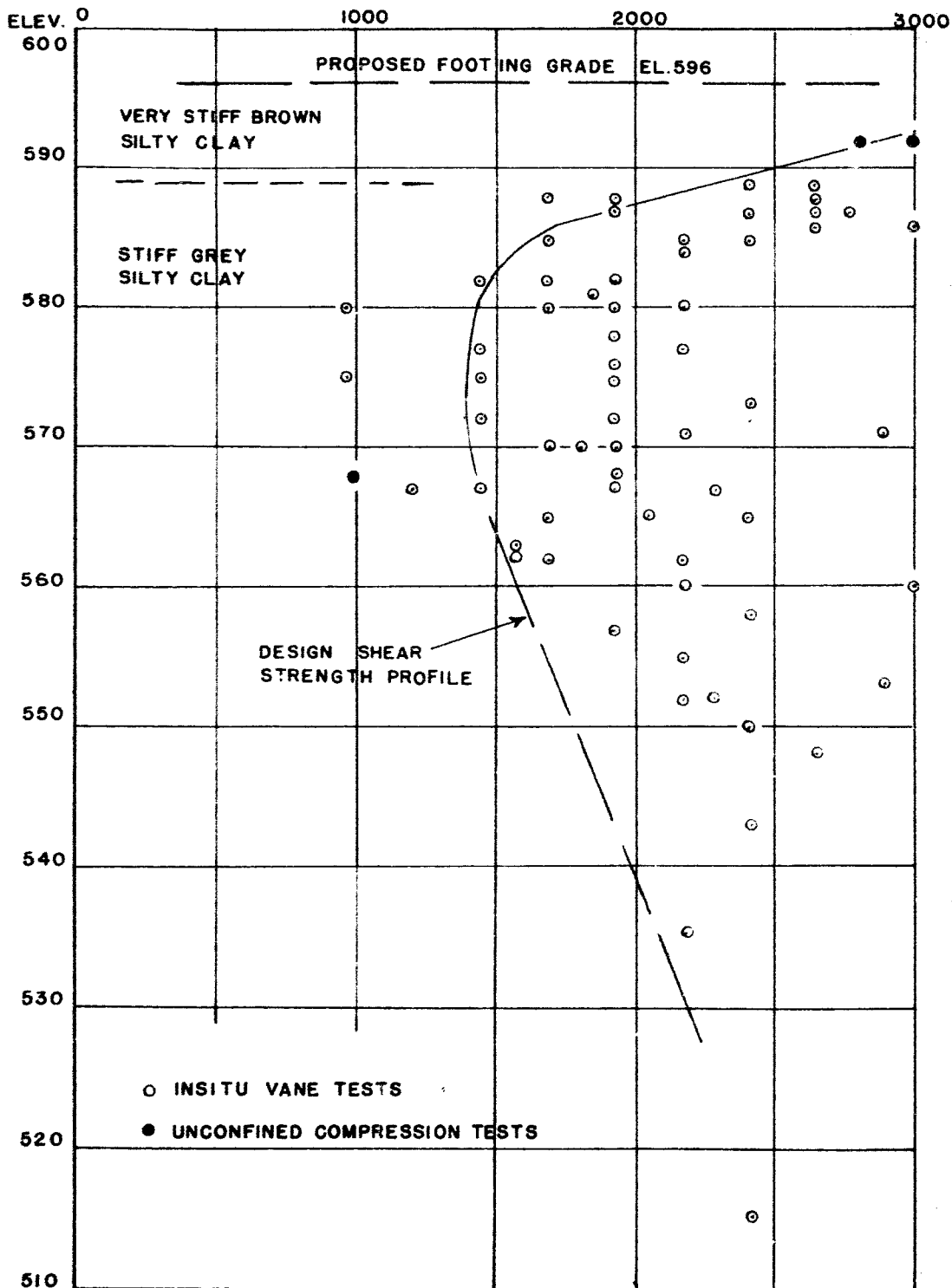
METHOD OF BORING Auger
DIAMETER OF BOREHOLE 4-inch
DATE April 13, 1967

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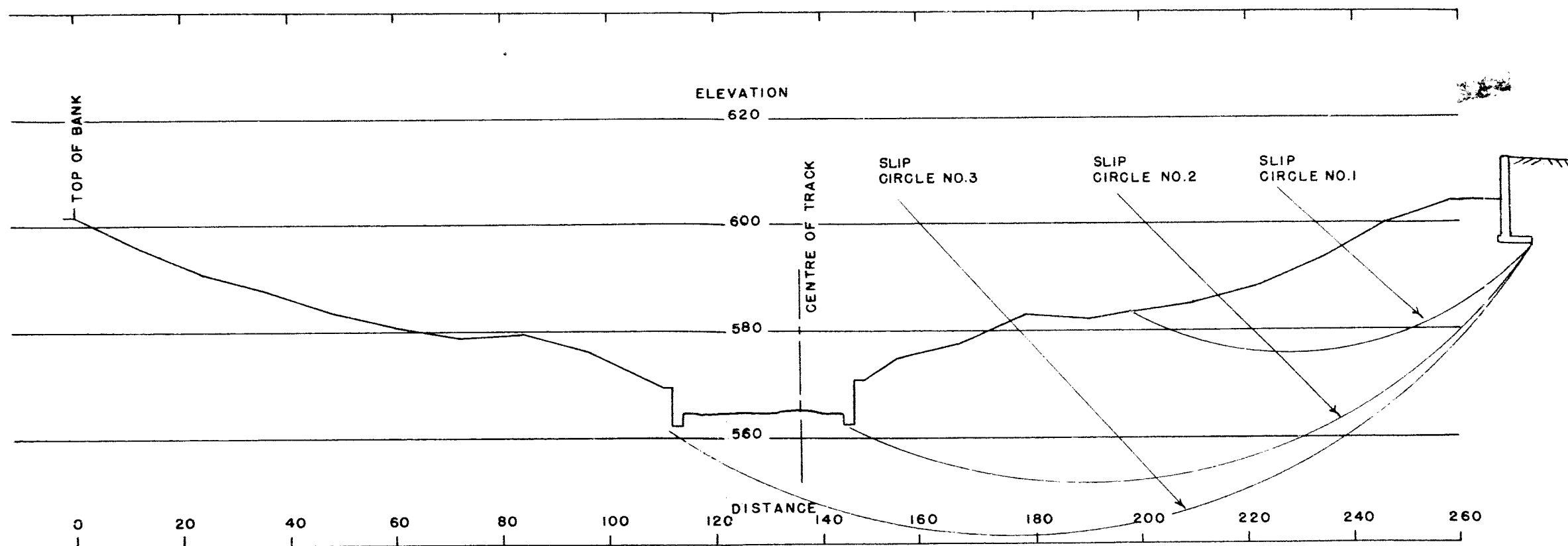
ELEVATION ft	DEPTH ft	STRATIFICATION DESCRIPTION	STRATIFICATION SYMBOL	SAMPLES			PENETRATION RESISTANCE blows per foot					CONSISTENCY water content % _w		REMARKS
				NUMBER	TYPE	N- 6 Adjustment of Sampler	20	40	60	80	100	P	L	
							SHEAR STRENGTH 100 lbs sq ft							
							10	20	30	40	50			
601.5	0.0	Ground Surface		Borehole 21										
		4" Topsoil	[Symbol]											
600		Stiff brown weathered silty clay	[Symbol]	1	SS	10	O							
	4.0		[Symbol]	2	SSS	25		O						
595		Very stiff silty clay, traces of brown sand and gravel.	[Symbol]	3	SS	30		O						
			[Symbol]	4	SS	29		O						
590			[Symbol]											
585			[Symbol]	5	SS	12	O							
	17.5	End of Borehole												
														W. L. El. 595.0 21/4/67
601.0	0.0	Ground Surface		Borehole 22										
		4" Topsoil	[Symbol]											
600		Cinder Fill	[Symbol]	1	SS	4	O							
	3.0	Firm brown weathered silty clay. (Fill)	[Symbol]	2	SS	4		O						
595		Silty clay containing traces very stiff brown of sand stiff grey and gravel.	[Symbol]	3	SS	9		O						
	6.5		[Symbol]	4	SS	13		O						
590			[Symbol]											
585			[Symbol]	5	SS	10	O							
	17.5	End of Borehole												
														W. L. El. 594.5 21/4/67

Prep. By

UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH P.S.F.



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SECTION A-A ST. CLAIR TUNNEL
 HOR. SCALE 1" - 20'
 VERT. SCALE 1" - 20'