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NOTE: For the purposes of this contract, these Foundation Investigation Reports supersede all other reports prepared by or for the Ministry in connection with the above-noted projects.

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 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
σ	kPa	TOTAL NORMAL STRESS
σ'	kPa	EFFECTIVE NORMAL STRESS
τ	kPa	SHEAR STRESS
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	kPa	PRINCIPAL STRESSES
ϵ	%	LINEAR STRAIN
$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$	%	PRINCIPAL STRAINS
E	kPa	MODULUS OF LINEAR DEFORMATION
G	kPa	MODULUS OF SHEAR DEFORMATION
μ	1	COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

m_v	kPa ⁻¹	COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME CHANGE
C_c	1	COMPRESSION INDEX
C_s	1	SWELLING INDEX
C_α	1	RATE OF SECONDARY CONSOLIDATION
c_v	m ² /s	COEFFICIENT OF CONSOLIDATION
H	m	DRAINAGE PATH
T_v	1	TIME FACTOR
U	%	DEGREE OF CONSOLIDATION
σ'_{vo}	kPa	EFFECTIVE OVERBURDEN PRESSURE
σ'_p	kPa	PRECONSOLIDATION PRESSURE
τ_f	kPa	SHEAR STRENGTH
c'	kPa	EFFECTIVE COHESION INTERCEPT
ϕ'	-°	EFFECTIVE ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
c_u	kPa	APPARENT COHESION INTERCEPT
ϕ_u	-°	APPARENT ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
τ_R	kPa	RESIDUAL SHEAR STRENGTH
τ_r	kPa	REMOULDED SHEAR STRENGTH
S_t	1	SENSITIVITY = $\frac{c_u}{\tau_r}$

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

ρ_s	kg/m ³	DENSITY OF SOLID PARTICLES	e	1, %	VOID RATIO	e_{min}	1, %	VOID RATIO IN DENSEST STATE
γ_s	kN/m ³	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOLID PARTICLES	n	1, %	POROSITY	I_D	1	DENSITY INDEX = $\frac{e_{max} - e}{e_{max} - e_{min}}$
ρ_w	kg/m ³	DENSITY OF WATER	w	1, %	WATER CONTENT	D	mm	GRAIN DIAMETER
γ_w	kN/m ³	UNIT WEIGHT OF WATER	S_r	%	DEGREE OF SATURATION	D_n	mm	n PERCENT - DIAMETER
ρ	kg/m ³	DENSITY OF SOIL	w_L	%	LIQUID LIMIT	C_u	1	UNIFORMITY COEFFICIENT
γ	kN/m ³	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOIL	w_p	%	PLASTIC LIMIT	h	m	HYDRAULIC HEAD OR POTENTIAL
ρ_d	kg/m ³	DENSITY OF DRY SOIL	w_s	%	SHRINKAGE LIMIT	q	m ³ /s	RATE OF DISCHARGE
γ_d	kN/m ³	UNIT WEIGHT OF DRY SOIL	I_p	%	PLASTICITY INDEX = $w_L - w_p$	v	m/s	DISCHARGE VELOCITY
ρ_{sat}	kg/m ³	DENSITY OF SATURATED SOIL	I_L	1	LIQUIDITY INDEX = $\frac{w - w_p}{I_p}$	i	1	HYDRAULIC GRADIENT
γ_{sat}	kN/m ³	UNIT WEIGHT OF SATURATED SOIL	I_C	1	CONSISTENCY INDEX = $\frac{w_L - w}{I_p}$	k	m/s	HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY
ρ'	kg/m ³	DENSITY OF SUBMERGED SOIL	e_{max}	1, %	VOID RATIO IN LOOSEST STATE	j	kn/m ³	SEEPAGE FORCE
γ'	kN/m ³	UNIT WEIGHT OF SUBMERGED SOIL						

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FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT
For
Little Garden River Crossing No. 1
W.P. 277-85-01, Site No: 38S-20
District 18, Sault Ste. Marie

INTRODUCTION

Terraprobe Limited was authorized by the Hon. E. Fulton, Minister, on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MTC), to undertake a foundation investigation for a proposed bridge structure on Hwy. 556, near Sault St. Marie, Ontario.

The purpose of the investigation was to determine subsurface conditions at the site and provide engineering recommendations for the geotechnical aspects of design for foundations and approach embankments, including comments on the anticipated construction conditions.

The field investigation for the project was conducted between January 25 to February 2, 1986, when four borings (BH 1 to BH 4) were drilled to depths of 6.1 to 8.8 m below ground surface at the locations shown on Dwg. 2. The borings were put down at the proposed bridge abutment locations. The details of the field work procedures are fully presented in Appendix A of this report.

Subsequent to the investigation carried out by Terraprobe Ltd., the Foundation Design Section advanced an additional boring (BH 5) at this site. The findings from this additional borehole are discussed in an addendum on Page 7 of this report.

SITE AND GEOLOGY

The site is located on Hwy. 556, approximately 50 km northwest of Sault St. Marie (Ref. Dwg. 2 in the Contract Drawings - Borehole Location and Soil Strata) at the Little Garden River. Hwy. 556 is a gravel surfaced two lane road. A timber bridge structure currently crosses the Little Garden River.

In the vicinity of the site the Garden River is situated in a broad meandering channel of about 4 m depth and 30 m width. At the time of our investigation (January-February 1985) the river was not frozen, and the depth of water was about 0.3 m. The areas surrounding the site are generally undeveloped rural Crown Land which is covered by dense bush.

Based on a review of selected geologic references, the site is located in an area underlain by overburden materials consisting of coarse grained glacial outwash. The bedrock in the vicinity of the site is described as early Precambrian granitic material.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Details of the subsurface conditions encountered at the site are summarized below, and are also presented on the accompanying Borehole Logs and stratigraphical sections on Dwg. 2 of the Contract Drawings.

In summary, the borings indicate that the site is underlain by dense gravel, sand and boulders. This stratum was fully penetrated by one of the borings at a depth of 5.8 m, where granitic bedrock was encountered. The remaining borings were terminated in the overburden at depths of 6.1 to 7.6 m.

It should be noted that the subsurface conditions are confirmed at the borehole locations only, and may vary at other locations. The boundaries between the various strata as shown on the logs and sections are based on non-continuous sampling. These boundaries represent an inferred transition between the various strata, rather than a precise plane of change.

The following describes the soils encountered at this site.

Topsoil

Topsoil was encountered at the ground surface in BH 2 and 3, to depths of 0.3 to 0.6 m. The topsoil was generally black in colour, and contained numerous roots and forest litter such as leaves and wood pieces.

Fill Materials

Fill materials were encountered in BH 1 and 4, from the ground surface to depths of 0.5 to 0.9 m respectively. The fill materials consisted of loose native gravel, sand and boulders which were placed for construction of the drill access road. The fill contained traces of topsoil, roots and other organic matter as a result of the site clearing operations.

Gravel, Sand and Boulders

This stratum was encountered in all of the borings from immediately beneath the topsoil or fill materials. It was encountered to the bottom of BH 1, 2 and 4, at depths of up to 7.6 m. It was fully penetrated in BH 3 only at a depth of about 5.8 m, where the bedrock surface was encountered.

This stratum appears to consist of coarse cobbles and gravel with a matrix of sand with a trace to some silt. Due to the coarse grained nature of the soil, it was not possible to obtain fully representative samples using a 50 mm diameter split spoon. Therefore, the soil descriptions are based on the observed resistance to penetration during drilling, as well as the appearance of the spoon samples. The results of grain size distribution of the split spoon samples are presented on Figure 1, and indicate that the samples generally consisted of sand gravel, with trace to some silt. The range of gravel, sand and silt and clay fraction in the samples analysed as noted below:

Gravel	Sand	Silty and Clay
19 to 62%	30 to 62%	4 to 22%

However, based on the rate of advance of the drilling, it appears that cobbles and boulders of 150 to 800 mm diameter are present throughout the deposit, and the split spoon samples are more representative of the matrix between the cobbles and boulders.

It is also noted that the drilling technique (rotary bicone and casing) would tend to wash some of the fines from the soil matrix, hence the spoon samples may contain less silt and fine sand fraction than is actually present in the soil.

At the base of BH 1 and 4, the material appeared to consist of cobbles with very little sand or gravel matrix. The samples obtained from the base of the borings were wash samples of the drill cuttings. It is possible that these 'boulders' may be the top of the bedrock surface, however the drill casing could not be lowered to permit coring of the material to verify this.

The penetration resistance of the stratum ranged from 46 to over 100 blows per 0.3 m. The extremely high penetration resistance of the soil is attributed to the large percentage of particles in excess of 50 mm diameter. Based on the resistance to penetration during drilling, the material is considered to be dense.

Granitic Bedrock

The bedrock surface was encountered beneath the gravel and boulder stratum in BH 3 only, at a depth of about 5.8 m. It was penetrated to the base of the boring at about 8.8 m depth. As noted previously, it is possible that the bedrock surface was encountered near the base of BH 1 and 4 at depths of 5.6 and 5.9 m, respectively, although the borings could not be advanced to permit further sampling.

The bedrock consisted of medium grained pink to brown granite-gneiss. While the total core recoveries were generally good, the rock was broken to highly fractured, and the Rock Quality Designation (RQD) determined for the core was zero throughout. Total core recoveries ranged from 0 to 100%, but most runs obtained recoveries in excess of 70 percent.

The degree of fracturing did not decrease with depth. The material was slightly weathered on fracture surfaces.

GROUNDWATER

The borings caved at depths of 1.2 to 2 m after withdrawal of the casing, as noted on the Borehole logs. The water levels measured in the standpipes on February 2, 1985, some 1 to 6 days following their installation, are noted below:

Borehole No.	Groundwater Depth/Elevation
	(m)
2	2.7 / 343.3
3	2.7 / 343.2
4	4.4 / 343.5

The elevation of the water in the river was approximately 345 m on February 2, 1986.

The difference in the groundwater level compared to the river water level suggests that the soil does not have a high permeability.

ADDENDUM (BH 7)

As mentioned in the Introduction of this report, one additional borehole (BH 5) was advanced at this site. The borehole was advanced using hollow stem augers and washboring techniques between 87 01 18 and 87 01 20. The borehole was advanced to bedrock (Elev. 339.9), approximately 5.9 m below the ground surface. 2.1 m of rock core was also obtained. A core penetration test accompanied the borehole. Dwg. 2 of the Contract Drawings indicates, in plan, the location of the borehole.

The following is a description of the subsurface conditions encountered in BH 5. The Record of Borehole sheet for this borehole is included in the Appendix.

Extending from the ground surface (Elev. 345.8) down to a depth of 0.7 m is a surficial deposit of peat. The peat is generally black in colour and contains numerous roots, with decaying wood and leaves.

Underlying the peat and extending to a depth of 5.9 m below the ground surface is a cohesionless deposit consisting of sand with/and gravel, trace silt. From the drilling, frequent cobbles and boulders may be inferred to be present within this deposit.

Grain size distribution tests were carried out on 4 samples of this cohesionless material. The following is a summary of the results.

	<u>Range</u>
Gravel	28 - 57 %
Sand	39 - 63 %
Silt and Clay	4 - 7 %

Fig. 2 in the Appendix illustrates the results in envelope form.

Based on the interpretation of Standard Penetration Test 'N' values, this deposit can be considered to generally be in a dense to very dense state. It should be noted that the upper surface of this deposit consists of a fine silty sand. It should also be noted that this non-cohesive stratum may 'boil' or be 'disturbed' when subjected to an unbalanced hydrostatic pressure.

Bedrock was proven in BH 5 by obtaining 2.1 m of BX rock core. Bedrock at this specific location is described as a Granitic Fault Breccia slightly weathered. The surface of the bedrock was found at a depth of 5.9 m below the ground surface, corresponding to Elev. 339.9.


A description of the recovered core was prepared by E. Magni, MTC Geologist, and is included in the table attached.


The groundwater level across the site is governed by the prevailing creek level. At the time of the investigation the creek level was at Elev. 345.4. The stabilized groundwater level may be expected to be at the same elevation.

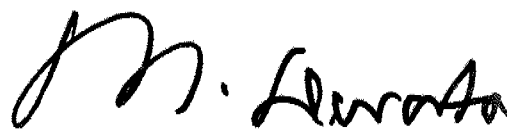
MISCELLANEOUS

As previously noted, BH 1 to 4 were carried out by Terraprobe Ltd. The soil descriptions pertaining to these 4 boreholes were also prepared by Terraprobe Ltd.

BH 5 was carried out by the MTC Foundation Design Section subsequent to the investigation carried out by the consultant. The summary of the findings of BH 5 was prepared by L. Politano, Project Foundations Engineer.


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APPENDIX



RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

METRIC

W P 277-85-01 LOCATION Sta. 10 + 606 offset 5m LT ORIGINATED BY R.M.
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, NX, BX Casing & Cone Test COMPILED BY P.B.
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1986 01 25 and 26 CHECKED BY M.T.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100	SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W LIQUID LIMIT W _L	WATER CONTENT (%) 20 40 60	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA (SI CL)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES								
347.1	Ground Surface												
0.0	Fill, sand, gravel and cobbles, loose												
346.6													
0.5													
	Gravel, sand and boulders		1	SS	50/13	cm							
			2	SS	50/10	cm							
	Dense to very Dense		3	SS	76/25	cm							
			4	SS	52								
			5	SS	65/20	cm							
341.5			6	SS	50/8	cm							
5.6	Boulders, some sand matrix		7	WS	-								
340.1			8	WS	-								
7.0	End of Borehole												
	Borehole caving at 1.4 m depth as casing withdrawn												
	Water level in hole at 1.1 m depth on completion												

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 2

METRIC

W P 277-85-01 LOCATION Sta 10 + 579 offset 5m RT ORIGINATED BY R.M.
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, NX, BX Casing & Cone Test COMPILED BY P.B.
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1986 01 26 to 29 CHECKED BY M.T.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40					
346.0	Ground Surface													
0.0	Topsoil, silty, numerous roots, black		1	SS	4		346							
345.7			2	SS	56		345							
0.3	Gravel, sand and boulders		3	SS	54/15cm		344							59 33 (8)
			4	SS	50/5cm		343							
	Dense to very Dense		5	SS	48		342							
			6	SS	50/8cm		341							43 51 (6)
			7	SS	60		340							
339.9	End of Borehole													
6.1	Borehole caving at 2.0 m depth as casing with drawn Water level in stand-pipe at 2.7 m depth on Feb. 2, 1986													

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3										METRIC			
W P 277-85-01		LOCATION Sta 10 + 585 offset 4m LT				ORIGINATED BY R.M.							
DIST 18 HWY 556		BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, NX, BX Casing & Cone Test				COMPILED BY P.B.							
DATUM Geodetic		DATE 1986 01 29 to 31				CHECKED BY M.T.							
SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	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					
345.9	Ground Surface												
0.0	Topsoil, numerous roots		1	SS	17								
345.3	leaves, black												
0.6	Gravel, sand and		2	SS	50/8cm								
	Dense to Very		3	SS	60/15cm								
	Dense		4	SS	98								
			5	SS	87								
			6	SS	46								
			7	SS	72								
			8	SS	50/5cm								
340.1													
5.8	Granite bedrock,		9	B	rec								
	highly fractured to		10	RC	83%								
	broken.		11	B	rec								
	Slight weatherin		12	RC	100%								
	on fracture surfaces		13	B	rec								
			14	RC	100%								
337.1			15	B/RC	71%								
8.8	End of Borehole												
	Borehole caving at												
	1.2 m depth as casing												
	withdrawn												
	Water level in stand-												
	pipe at 2.7 m depth on												
	Feb. 2, 1986												

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 4										METRIC			
W P 277-85-01		LOCATION Sta 10 + 597 offset 4m RT				ORIGINATED BY R.M.							
DIST 18 HWY 556		BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, NX, BX, Casing & Cone Test				COMPILED BY P.B.							
DATUM Geodetic		DATE 1986 01 31 and 86 02 02				CHECKED BY M.T.							
SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	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					
347.9	Ground Surface		1	SS	9								
347.0	Fill, sand, gravel, cobbles, loose		2	SS	46								
0.9	Gravel, sand and boulders, Dense to very dense		3	SS	50/13								
			4	SS	92								
			5	SS	93/28								
			6	SS	80/13								
343.2	Sand and gravel, some silt (Till Like)		7	SS	46								
342.0	Dense Brown												
5.9	Gravel and Boulders, some sand matrix		8	SS	90/22								
340.3			9	WS	-	Piezometer							
7.6	End of Borehole												
	Borehole caving at 1.7 m depth as casing withdrawn												
	Water level in stand-pipe at 4.4 m depth on Feb. 2, 1986												

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 5

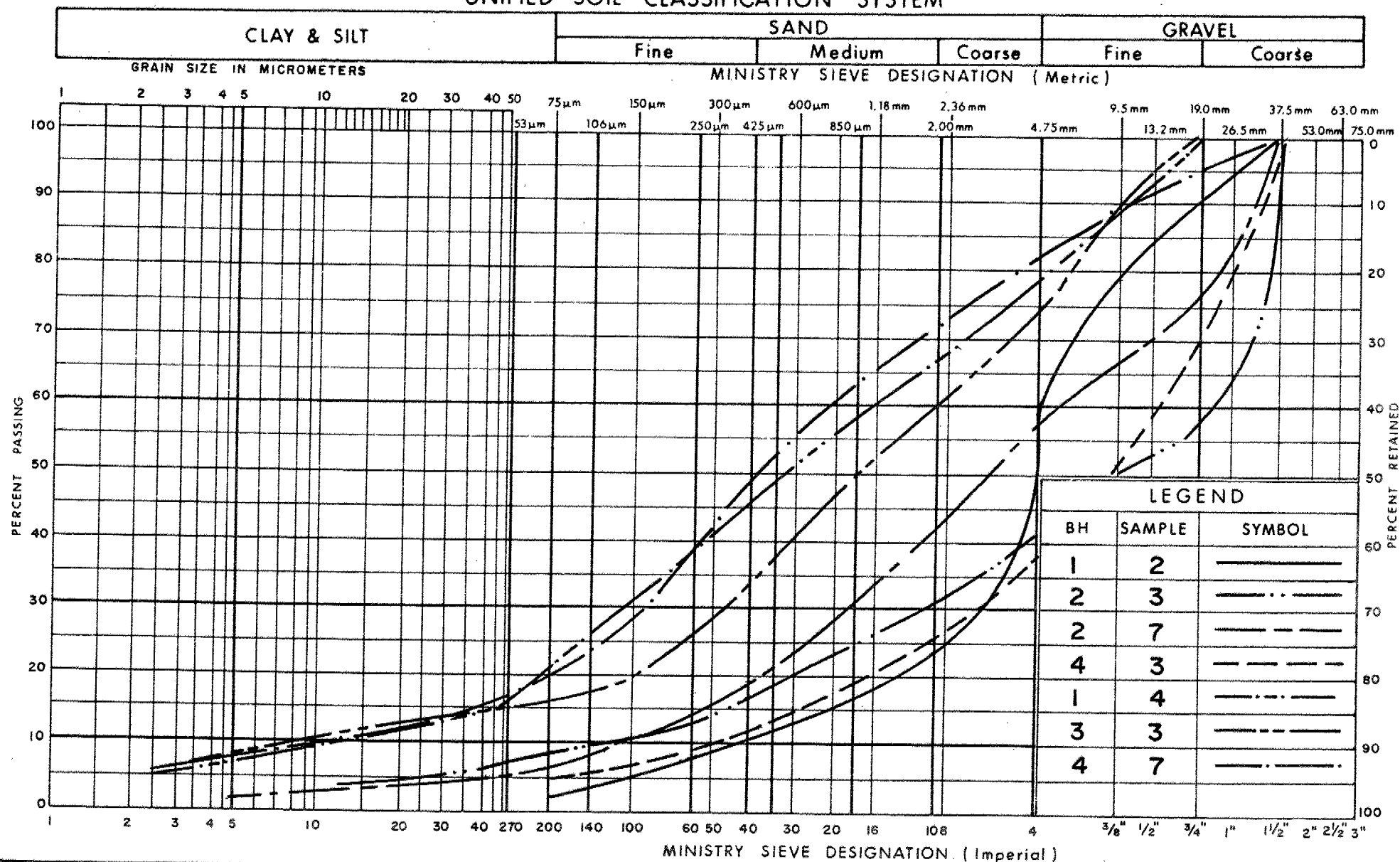
METRIC

W P 277-85-01 LOCATION Sta. 10 + 567.5 @ HWY 556 ORIGINATED BY M.J.
DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE H.S. Auger, BW Casing, Cone Pen. Test COMPILED BY L.P.
DATUM Geodetic DATE 1987 01 18/20 CHECKED BY

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20 40 60 80 100	10 20 30					
345.8	Ground Surface													GR SA SI CL
0.0	Peat	2222	1	SS	7									
345.1														
0.7	Fine silty sand	...	2	SS	20		345							
	Sand with/and gravel trace silt	...	3	SS	30		344							28 63 (9)
	(Sand well-graded)	...	4	SS	125		343							57 39 (4)
	Occ. cobbles and boulders	...	5	SS	82		342							42 51 7 0
		...	6	SS	38		341							34 61 (5)
	Dense to Very Dense	...	7	SS	26		340							
		...	8	SS	70/8	cm	339							
339.9	Boulders	...												
5.9	Bedrock	...	9	RC	REC 63 %									RQD=47%
		...	10	RC	REC 75 %									RQD=0
	Granitic Fault Breccia Slightly weathered	...	11	RC	REC 90 %		339							RQD=13%
337.8		...	12	RC	REC 71 %		338							RQD=0 %
8.0	End of Borehole													
	* Groundwater level measured at end of day within open borehole. May not be stabilized													

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UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



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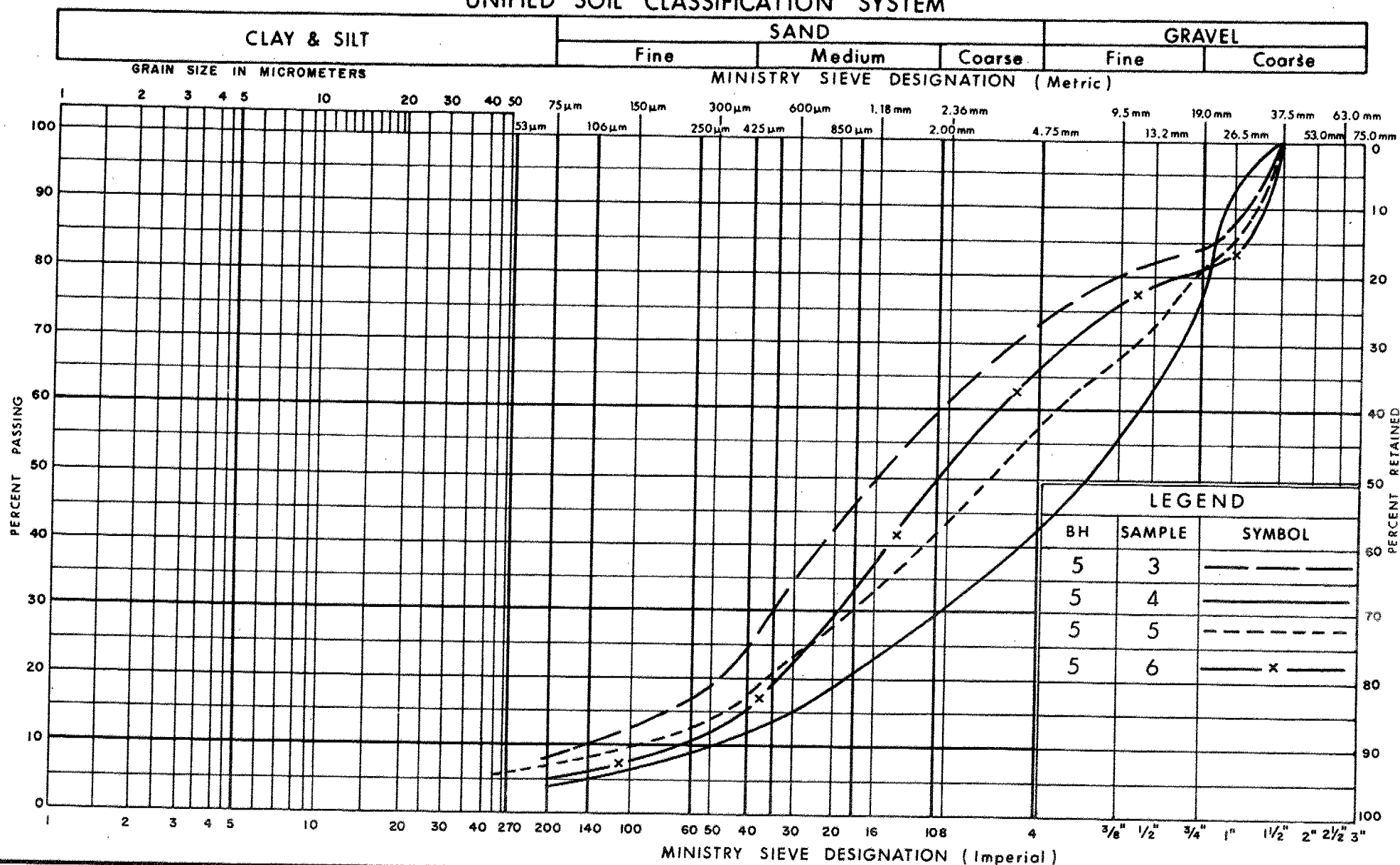
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION
GRAVEL AND BOULDERS IN A MATRIX
OF SAND, TRACE TO SOME SILT

FIG No 1

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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION
SAND WITH/AND GRAVEL, TRACE SILT

FIG No 2

W P 277-85-01

BOREHOLE 5

DEPTH (m)	% CR*	% RQD*	DEPTH (m)	DESCRIPTION
5.49-6.25	63	47	5.49-5.92	BOULDERS
6.25-6.76	75	0	5.92-7.95	GRANITIC FAULT BRECCIA * , slightly weathered with a moderately weathered zone at 6.50 to 6.76 m and a highly weathered zone from 7.80 to 7.95 m, closely spaced joints.
6.76-7.77	90	13		Rock intersected by very closely spaced microfractures due to brecciated (faulted) nature of rock.
7.77-7.95	71	0		
				* FAULT BRECCIA - rock distrubed and microfractured by faulting then recemented.

* CR = CORE RECOVERY; RQD = ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION

FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT
For
Little Garden River Bridge #2 - Hwy. 556
Site No: 38S-21 W.P. 277-85-02
District 18, Sault Ste. Marie

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INTRODUCTION

The Foundation Design Section of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications retained the services of C. Mirza Engineering Inc. to carry out a subsoil investigation at the above-noted site. The investigation involved four boreholes identified as BH1 to BH4. This report summarizes the findings of the investigation. The fieldwork for this project was carried out between 86 02 05 and 86 02 07.

Subsequent to the investigation carried out by C. Mirza Engineering Inc., the Foundation Design Section advanced an additional 3 sampled borings at this site. The borings are identified as BH 11, 12, and 13. The findings from the additional boreholes are included as an addendum on Page 22 of this report.

SITE AND GEOLOGY

The site is located on the extension of Secondary Highway 556 to Ranger Lake in Hughes Township, District of Algoma, approximately 100 km northeast of Sault Ste. Marie. A key map of the site is shown on Dwg. No. 2778502-A (Dwg. 2) in the Contract Drawings.

The geology of this area has been mapped by the Ontario Geological Survey (Mineral Potential Map Series P.1513). Near the bridge site the terrain is shown as an ice-contact deposit area, comprising chiefly of glacio-fluvial deposits, with very low mineral potential. There are no major bedrock outcrops mapped for this area. The bedrocks of the area belong to the Abitibi Belt of the Superior Province of the Precambrian Shield and consist primarily of granite and granitic types of rock.

The terrain at the site and immediate vicinity is relatively flat. Till-ice contact drift "hills" are visible some 500 m to the northwest and to the southeast about 1 km away. Vegetation is mostly cedar with some pine and fir. Many trees along the river bank at the site are leaning into the river, indicating active erosion of the banks.

The existing structure is a timber bridge. The river is about 10 m wide and flows sluggishly towards the west. At the time of investigation, the water in the river was 250 to 400 mm deep. The central portion of the stream was unfrozen.

The timber structure rests on sawn "railway tie size" lumber and is entirely constructed of sawn lumber. The clearance between the road surface at deck and the water at the time of investigation was just over one metre.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

General

The soil conditions across the site are fairly uniform. Beneath a surficial cover of peat there is a compact to very dense deposit of sand and gravel extending to the final depth of the investigation which was a maximum of just over 11 metres in a borehole and just over 20 metres in a cone hole. No cohesive soils were encountered in either the bore or cone holes. The water table was found to correspond to the river level.

The boundaries between the various soil types, in-situ and laboratory test results, as well as groundwater levels are shown on the Record of Borehole Sheets in the Appendix. The location of each borehole is shown in plan on Dwg. 2 of the Contract Drawings.

Peat

Under a cover of snow at the time of the investigation, the soil along the river banks at the proposed crossing location consists of a surficial cover of dark brown peat, mixed with some sand. The peat grades into the underlying sand and gravel deposit at a depth of 700 mm. Therefore the thickness of the peat deposit is about 700 mm. At the time of the investigation, this organic layer was completely frozen. In the unfrozen state, the consistency of the peat is likely to be very soft, since it is quite fibrous and shows no root mat.

Sand and Gravel

The surficial peat deposit is directly underlain by a 3 to 4 metre thick deposit of sand and gravel. From the drilling, cobbles are inferred to be present within this upper non-cohesive stratum. The sand is of reddish brown colour and the gravel is subangular to sub-rounded, indicating the origin of the sand to be glacial-fluvial, and of granitic parent materials.

The moisture content of this stratum was found to range between 12 and 22 percent, the lower values being obtained in samples containing a larger percentage of gravel. Typical grain size distribution curves are given in Figure 1. The gravel content is just under 50 percent.

The 'N' values in this stratum ranged from lows of 13 to an isolated high of 72 blows/0.3 m, indicating the density of the stratum to be generally compact to dense, being occasionally very dense. The 'N' values below 20 blows/0.3 m were measured just below the peat stratum, and it is suspected that both the peat and perhaps unbalanced hydrostatic heads in the hollow stem augering may have caused a boiling of the sand, leading to the lower 'N' values. Below the first sample taken in this deposit, the auger stem was kept filled with water to prevent unbalanced hydrostatic uplift, and the 'N' values were generally in the dense range (over 30 blows/0.3 m). The field experience shows that even such a dense deposit can boil under unbalanced hydrostatic heads.

Sand with Some Gravel

Below the upper sand and gravel deposit, at about Elev. 348, a deep deposit of sand with some gravel was encountered, and was found to extend to the maximum depth of the borehole. The sand is of reddish brown colour generally, becoming greyish below about Elev. 343. The sand particle sizes range from medium to coarse, and are generally subangular. The material is typical of glacial outwash deposits. From the augering, boulders and cobbles are inferred to be present in this deposit at random throughout its depth. At the location of BH 4, the augers began to tilt, indicating a boulder had been encountered at that depth (8.1 m). Hence the borehole was terminated at that depth.

This sand deposit is inferred to extend below the sampled depth of 12 metres in BH 1 on the basis of the dynamic cone penetration tests carried out both within BH 1 and at the location of Cone holes 2 and 3. Upon completion of the tests, no clay was found on any of the A rods used to drive the cone tip. However, in BH 4, a lens of fine gray silty sand was encountered between Elev. 346 and 347. Such lenses are also inferred to be present throughout the deposit in a random fashion. The moisture content of the sand is about 15 percent on average.

Grain size distribution curves for the sand deposit are given in Figure 2 and for the silty sand lens in Figure 3. In Figure 3, the presence of occasional gravel has distorted the curve. However, the lens consists of essentially a

fine sand matrix, which is non-cohesive.

The 'N' values in the sand deposit ranged between 11 and 68 blow/0.3 m, indicating the deposit to be of compact to very dense relative density. However, some of the higher 'N' values may represent cobbles and boulders which have been pushed aside in the sampling process. Thus, the overall denseness of the deposit is more likely to be compact. However, care is required in excavations to ensure the sand does not boil under unbalanced hydrostatic heads.

GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

The groundwater conditions were observed in the open boreholes and were found to correspond to the river level prevailing at the time of the investigation, being generally within 500 mm of the ground level or Elev. 351.0 at BH 4 and 351.1 at BH 1.

Since the sandy deposits at the site are totally cohesionless, the sand was found to be entering the hollow stem augers when a depth of 1.5 to 2 m below grade was reached, due to unbalanced hydrostatic heads. Since the boreholes were located only 2 to 4 m from the edge of the river, the hydraulic gradient through the deposit is in the order of unity.

ADDENDUM (BH 11, 12, 13)

As mentioned in the Introduction of this report, three additional boreholes (BH 11, 12, 13) were advanced at this site. The borings were advanced using hollow-stem augers and washboring techniques between 87 01 13 and 87 01 17 and were extended to depths ranging between 6.1 and 20.1 m below the ground surface. A dynamic cone penetration test accompanied one of the boreholes.

The locations of the borings are shown on Dwg. 2778502-A (Dwg. 2) of the Contract Drawings. The Record of Borehole Sheets are included in the Appendix.

The following is a brief description of the subsurface conditions encountered in these 3 borings.

Peat

A surficial deposit of dark brown peat was encountered in each of the 3 boreholes. The thickness of this organic deposit was found to vary between 0.7 and 0.9 m in the 3 boreholes sampled. The peat is fibrous in texture and shows no root mat.

Sand some/and Gravel, trace silt

Underlying the organic deposit is a non-cohesive stratum of sand, some/and gravel, trace silt. The thickness of this deposit was found to range between 3.8 and 12.5 m. From the drilling, occasional cobbles are inferred to be present within this deposit.

Grain size distribution tests were carried out on 8 samples of this cohesionless material. The results are shown in envelope form on Figure 4 in the Appendix and can be summarized as follows:

	<u>Range</u>
Gravel	31 - 55 %
Sand	40 - 66 %
Silt and Clay	3 - 8 %

Based on the interpretation of Standard Penetration Test 'N' values ranging between 9 and 37 blows/0.3 m, this deposit is considered to be in loose to dense state. Generally, the deposit is in a compact to dense state, with the loose zone encountered below Elev. 348.7 in BH 12.

In BH 12, the sand and gravel deposit just described was interrupted at Elev. 345.9 by a 2.2 m thick seam of fine to medium sand. Underlying the fine to medium sand is a deposit of sand with gravel trace of silt. This lower deposit of sand with gravel was found to extend to a minimum Elev. of 333.3, and was found to be in a dense state throughout. Occasional cobbles can be anticipated.

It should be noted that when this cohesionless material is subjected to a unbalanced hydrostatic pressure, 'boiling' or basal disturbance will result.

Fine to Medium Sand

A deposit of fine to medium sand was encountered in each borehole at depths ranging between 3.8 and 12.5 m below the ground surface. In BH 11, the minimum thickness of this deposit was found to be 2.3 m. However, the full thickness was not established since the boring was terminated at a depth of 6.1 m below the ground surface. In BH 12, the thickness of this deposit was found to be a minimum of 5.2 m.

A grain size distribution test was carried out on a sample (BH 11, #8) of this cohesionless material. The test indicates that this typical sample consists of 2% gravel, 95% sand, and 3% silt and clay. The results are graphically shown on Figure 5 in the Appendix.

Based on the interpretation of Standard Penetration Test 'N' values, this deposit is considered to be in a compact to dense state.

From the drilling, it is inferred that occasional cobbles are present within this deposit.

It should be noted that this material will experience 'boiling' when subjected to an unbalanced hydrostatic pressure.

GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

The groundwater conditions were observed in the open boreholes and the levels were found to correspond to the creek level prevailing at the time. At the time of the investigation (Jan. 1987), the groundwater level was measured at Elev. 351.3±.

MISCELLANEOUS

As previously noted, BH 1 to 4 were carried out by C. Mirza Engineering. The soil descriptions pertaining to these 4 boreholes were also prepared by C. Mirza Engineering.

BH 11, 12, 13 were carried out by the MTC Foundation Design Section subsequent to the investigation carried out by the Consultant. The summary of these 3 borings was prepared by L. Politano, Project Foundations Engineer.



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APPENDIX

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15 ϕ 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE
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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1 Contd.

METRIC

W P 277-85-02 LOCATION Station 12+163 o/s 4.6 Rt. @ Hwy 556, Line 'C' ORIGINATED BY BP
DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger and Dynamic Cone Penetration COMPILED BY BP
DATUM Geodetic DATE 1986 02 13 CHECKED BY CM

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT				PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40	60	80					
336.6 15.0																
333.3																
18.3	End of Dynamic Cone Penetration Test															

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METRIC

ORIGINATED BY BP

COMPILED BY SQA

CHECKED BY _____ CM

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3

METRIC

W P 277-85-02 LOCATION Station 12+139 o/s 6.8 Rt. & Hwy 556, Line 'C' ORIGINATED BY BP
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Dynamic Cone Penetration Resistance Test COMPILED BY BP
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1986 02 14 CHECKED BY CM

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100 SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES								
351.6	Ground Surface												
0.0	Probable PEAT												
350.9													
0.7													
	Probable SAND & GRAVEL												
348.2													
3.4													
	Probable SAND with some Gravel												
336.6													
15.0													

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End of
Cone Penetration Test

+3, x5: Numbers refer to
Sensitivity

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15 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE
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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 4

METRIC

W P 277-85-02 LOCATION Station 12+141 o/s 4.4 Lt. @ Hwy 556, Line 'C' ORIGINATED BY BP
DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger COMPILED BY BP
DATUM Geodetic DATE 1986 02 14 CHECKED BY CM

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40	60	80	100		
351.3	Ground Surface													
0.0	PEAT		1	ss	2		351							W.L. on 1986 02 16
350.6	Dk. Brown Trace of Sand													
0.7	SAND & GRAVEL		2	ss	17		350							
	Brown Compact to Dense		3	ss	45									
	occ. Cobbles		4	ss	42		349							
348.3														
3.0			5	ss	19		348							18 81 (1)
	SAND with some Gravel		6	ss	15		347							
	Fine Sand lens		7	ss	68									18 65 07 10
	Brown Medium to Coarse						346							
	Compact to V. Dense		8	ss	33		345							
	occ. Cobbles & Boulders						344							
343.2			9	ss	63									
8.1	End of Borehole													

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 11

METRIC

W P 277-85-02 LOCATION Sta. 12 + 143 O/S 4.5 RT Q Hwy 556 Line 'C' ORIGINATED BY LP/MJ
DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow stem Auger COMPILED BY LP
DATUM Geodetic DATE 1987 01 13 CHECKED BY *LB*

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	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									WATER CONTENT (%)
							SHEAR STRENGTH										
							○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE										
							● QUICK TRIAXIAL × LAB VANE										
351.4	Ground Surface																
0.0	Peat		1	SS	0		351										
350.6	Trace, sand, gravel																
0.8	Sand, some gravel, trace silt		2	SS	11		350										
	Occasional cobbles.		3	SS	35											38 59 (3)	
			4	SS	22		349									44 52 (4)	
	Compact to Dense		5	SS	37	*1										31 66 (3)	
347.6			6	SS	16	*2	348										
3.8	Fine to medium Sand, trace silt		7	SS	17	*3	347										
			8	SS	12											2 95 (3)	
	Compact						346										
345.3						*4											
6.1	End of Borehole						345										
<u>Notes</u>																	
*1 After augering to Elev. 348.4, sand came up augers to Elev. 349.2 ⁺ . Hole washed back down to Elev. 348.4. 'N' value may not be representative.																	
*2 After augering to Elev. 347.6, sand came up augers to Elev. 248.2 ⁺ . Hole washed back down to Elev. 347.6. 'N' value may not be representative.																	
*3 After augering to Elev. 346.8 ⁺ , sand came up augers to Elev. 347.8 ⁺ . Hole washed back down to Elev. 346.8. 'N' value may not be representative.																	
*4 After augering to Elev. 345.3, sand came up augers to Elev. 346.8 ⁺ . Borehole was terminated.																	

+3, x5: Numbers refer to 20
15 ϕ 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE
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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 12

METRIC

W P 277-85-02 LOCATION Sta. 12 + 143 4.5 LT Q Hwy. 556 Line 'C' ORIGINATED BY LP/MJ
DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE N-Casing, Washboring, Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY LP
DATUM Geodetic DATE 1987 01 13 to 16 CHECKED BY So

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100 SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES								
351.4 0.0	Ground Surface												
350.5 0.9	Peat (probable)												
	Sand and Gravel trace silt												
	Occ. cobbles		1	SS	31								
	Dense		2	SS	37								
	Loose		3	SS	9								
			4	SS	9								
			5	SS	28								
345.9 5.5	Fine to Med. Sand trace silt		6	SS	34								
344.1 7.3	Compact to Dense		7	WS	-								
	Sand with gravel, trace silt		8	SS	35								
			9	SS	39								
	Occ. cobbles		9A	SS	33								
			10	SS	31								
336.8 14.6	Dense												
	CONTINUED ON SHEET	2											

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Sensitivity

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15 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE
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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 12 Cont

METRIC

W P 277-85-02 LOCATION Sta. 12 - 143 O/S 4.5 Lt Q Hwy. 556 Line 'C' ORIGINATED BY LP/MJ
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE N-Casing, Washboring, Cone Penetration Test COMPILED BY LP
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1987 01 13/16 CHECKED BY LP

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE						
336.8	Continued													
14.6	Sand with gravel Trace silt Occ. cobbles		11	SS	*									
			12	SS	30									
333.3	Dense													
18.1	End of Borehole Refusal to casing advancement and tricone * Spoon bouncing, probable cobble or boulder						333	Refusal						

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 13

METRIC

W P 277-85-02 LOCATION Sta. 12 + 159 at Q Hwy. 556 ORIGINATED BY MJ
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow stem Augers, N & B Casing, Washboring, cone COMPILED BY LP
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1987 01 16 and 17 Test CHECKED BY LP

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	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								SHEAR STRENGTH			WATER CONTENT (%)		
								○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL × LAB VANE								10 20 30					
351.3	Ground Surface																				
0.0	Peat with sand		1	SS	4		351														
350.6																					
0.7	Sand and gravel, trace silt		2	SS	19		350								50 45 (5)						
			3	SS	35										53 43 (4)						
	Occ. cobbles		4	SS	36		349								55 40 (5)						
							348														
			5	SS	10		347														
							346														
							345														
							344														
			7	SS	23		343														
							342														
							341														
	Compact to Dense		8	SS	77 *		340														
							399														
338.8							338														
12.5	Fine to Med. sand Some silt, trace gravel																				
	Occ. cobbles		9	SS	5 **		337														
336.2																					

+³, x⁵: Numbers refer to
Sensitivity

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15-5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE
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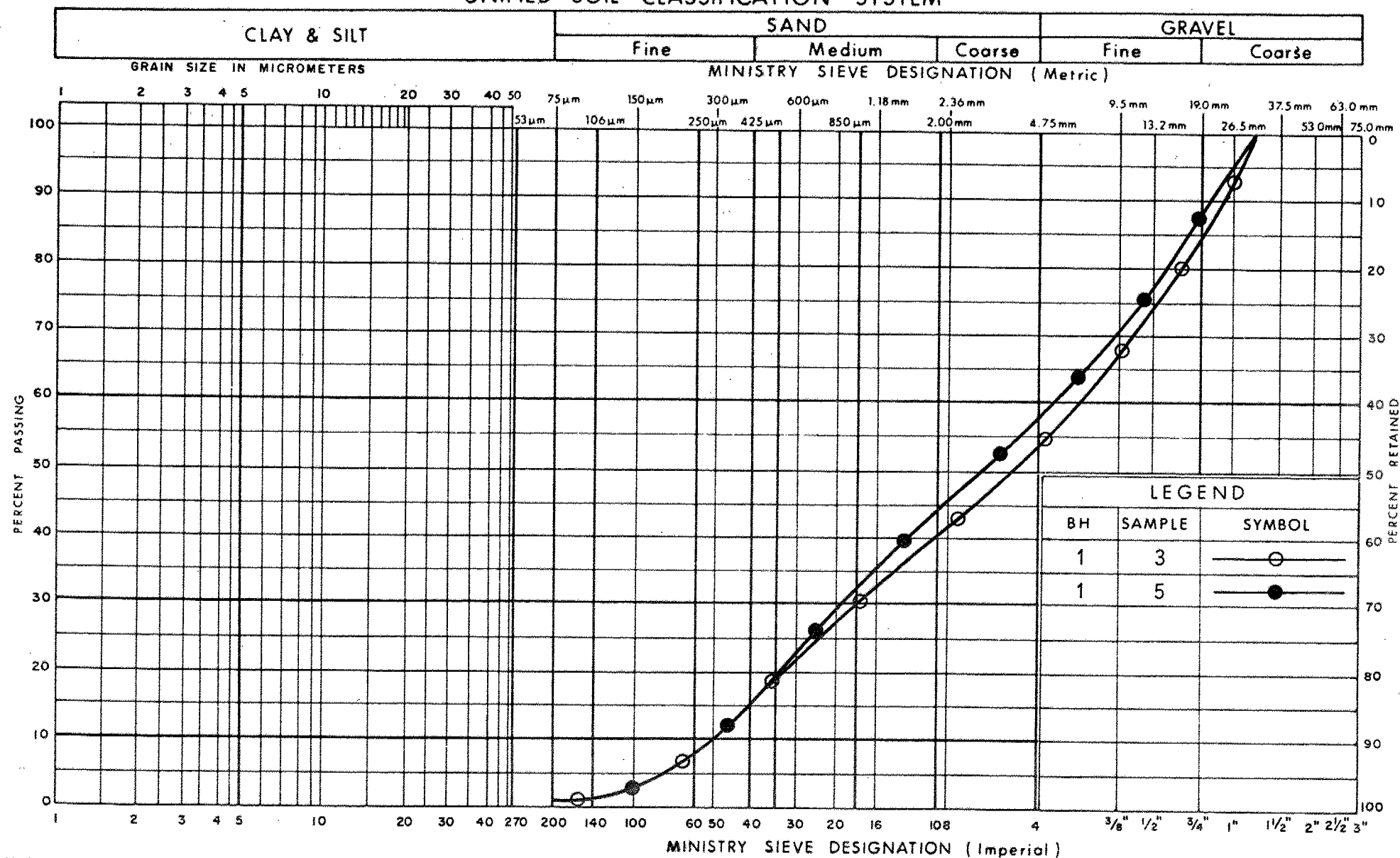
RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 13 Cont

METRIC

W P 277-85-02 LOCATION Sta. 12 + 159 at G Hwy. 556 Line 'C' ORIGINATED BY MJ
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers, N & B Casing, Washboring, Cone COMPILED BY LP
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1987 01 16 and 17 Test CHECKED BY 5

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	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					
336.2	CONTINUED																
15.1	Fine to Med. Sand Some silt, trace gravel						336										
	Occ. cobbles						335										
	Dense		10	SS	38		334										
336.6	End of Borehole						333										
17.7							332										
331.2																	
20.1	End of Cone Test Refusal to Cone																
	* Spoon bouncing probable cobble																
	** Sample probably disturbed due to unbalanced hydro- static pressure.																

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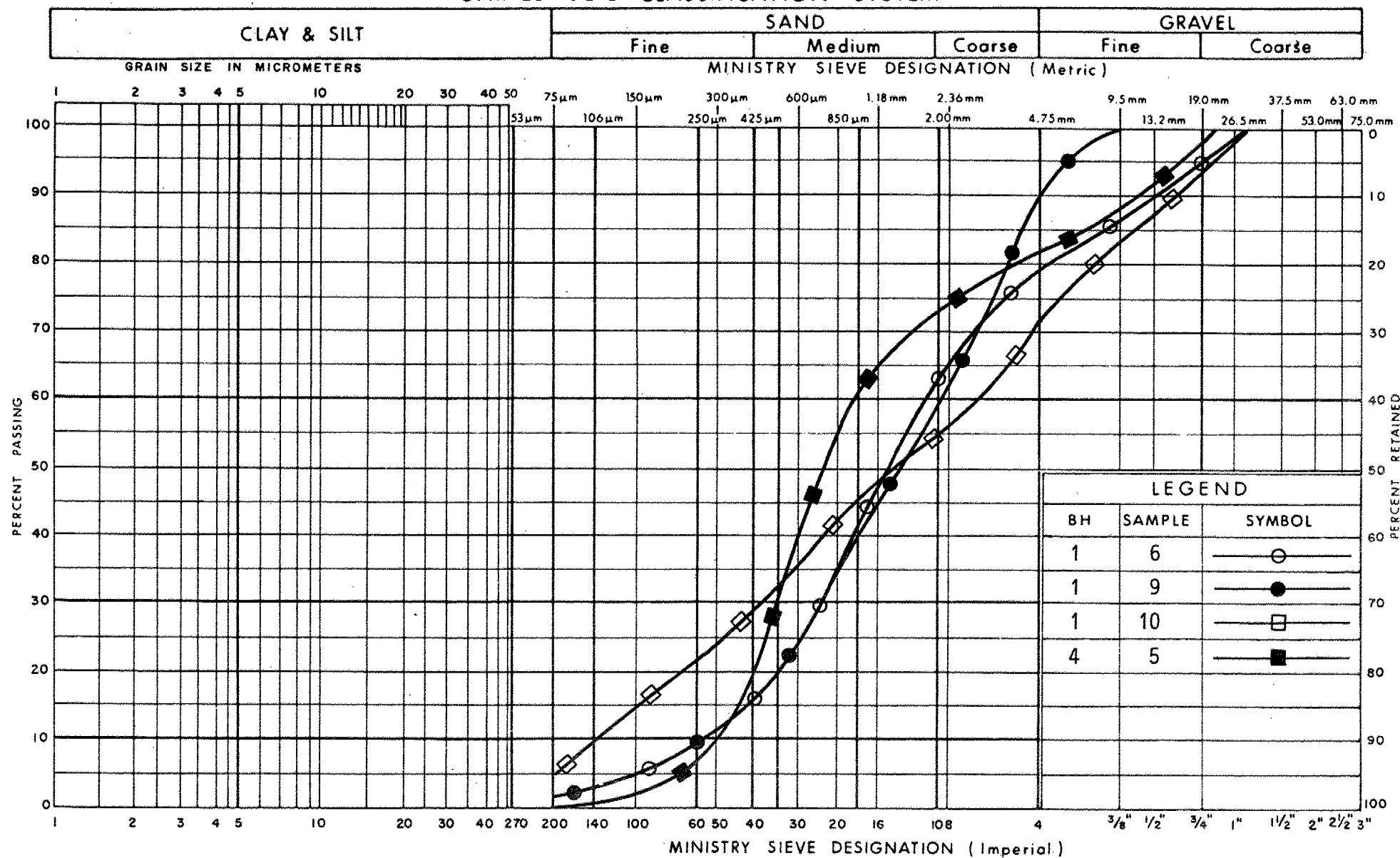
GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

SAND & GRAVEL

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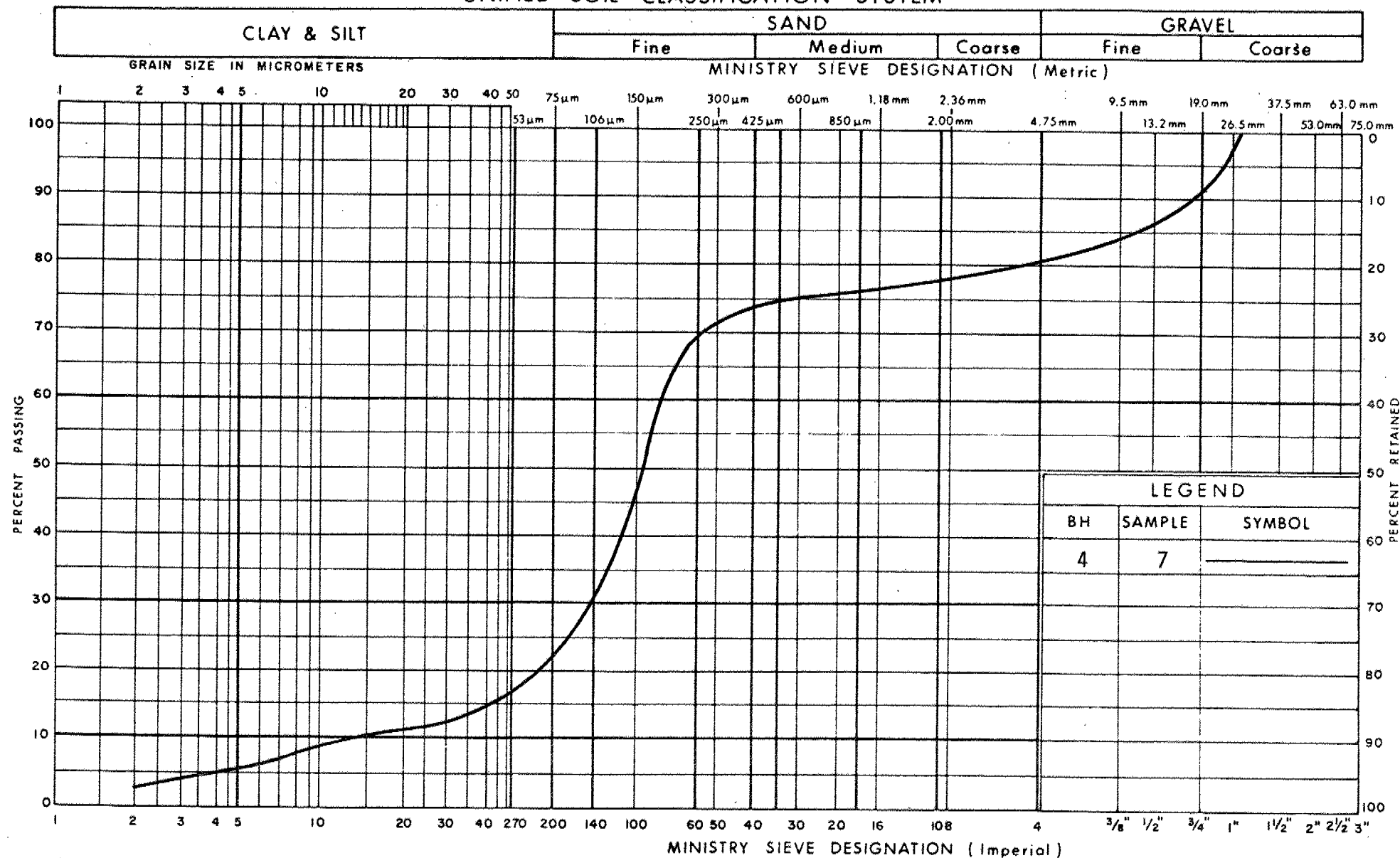
GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Medium SAND
with Gravel

FIG No 2

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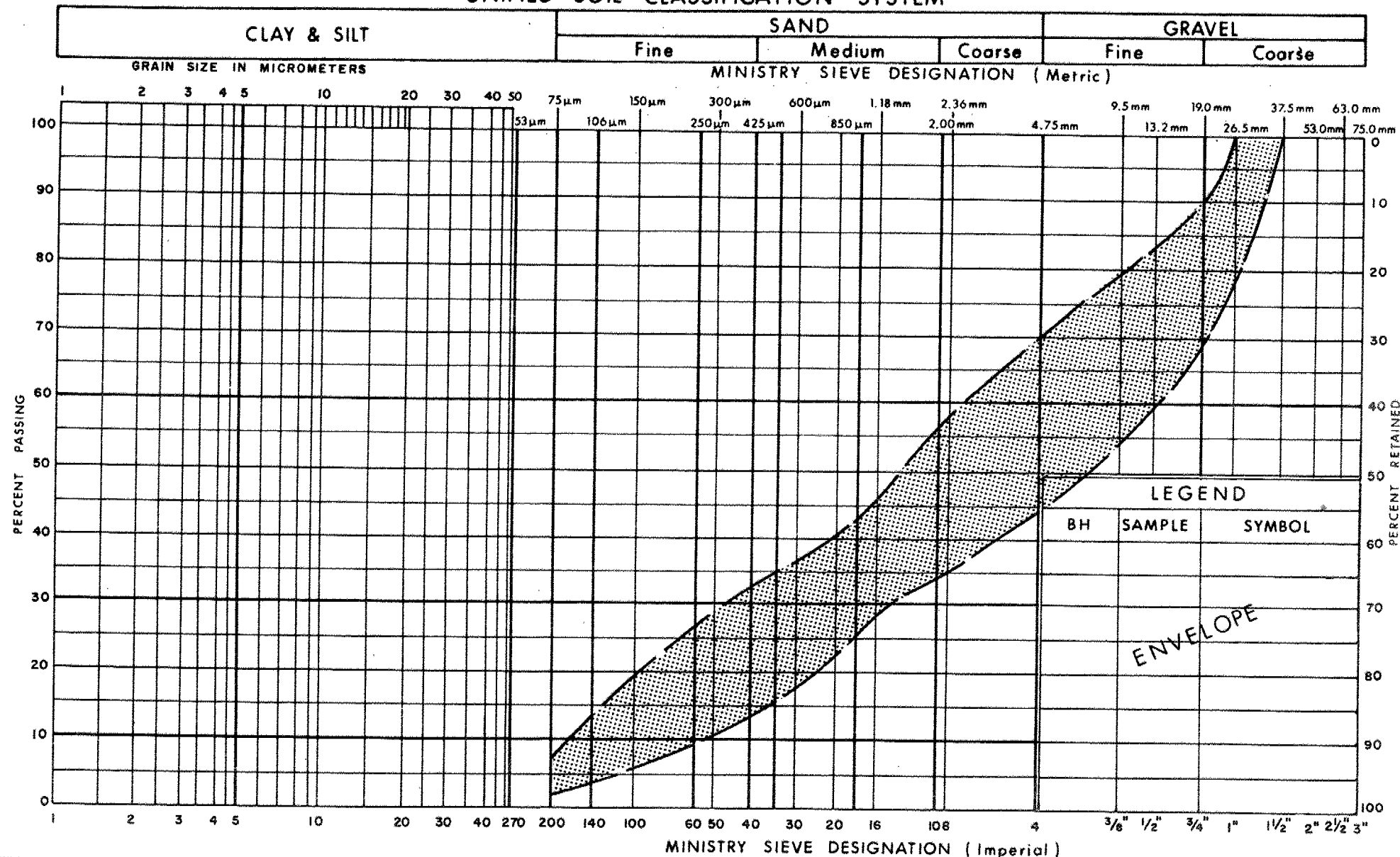
GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Fine SAND
with Gravel, and a trace of Silt & Clay

FIG No 3

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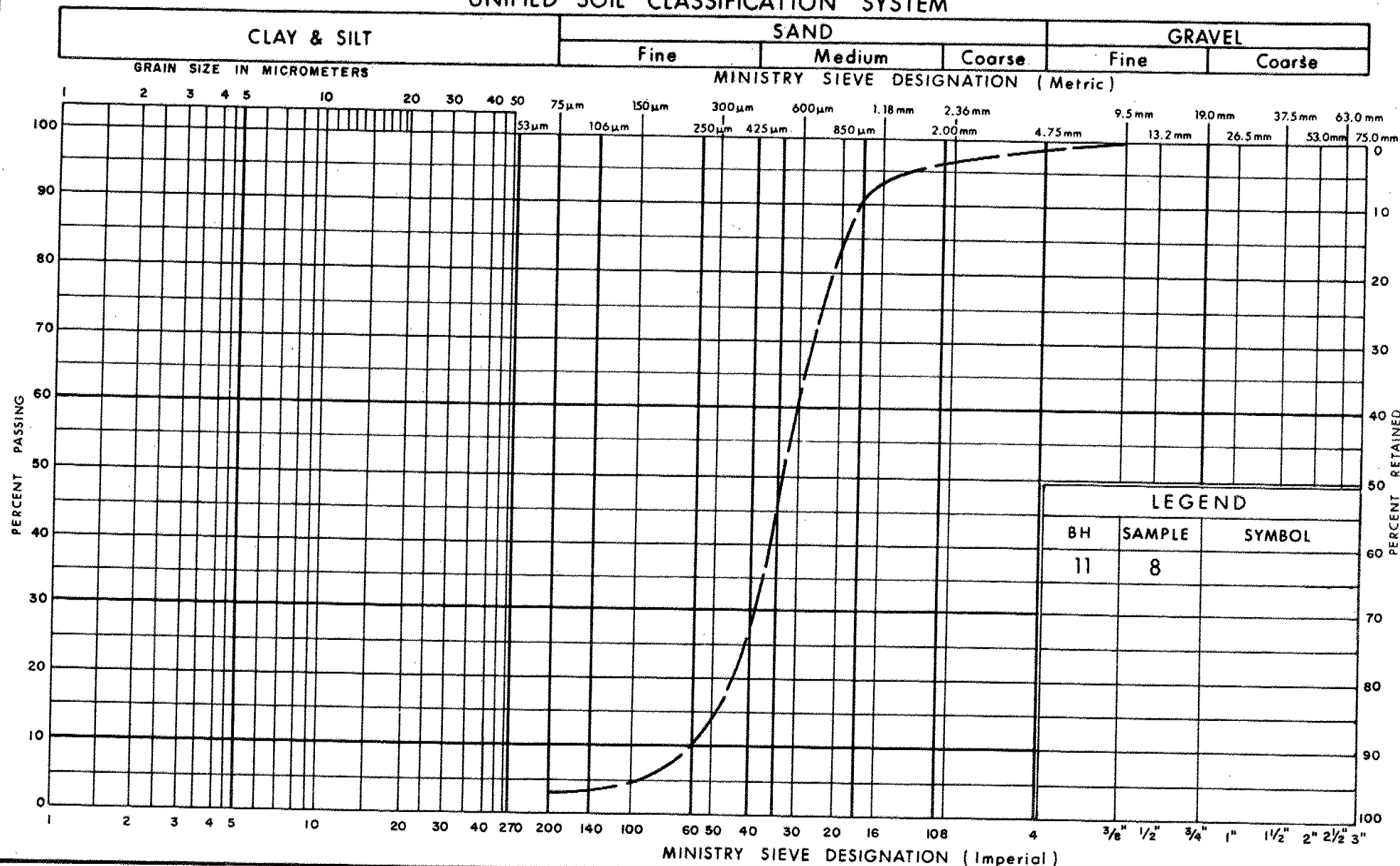
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION
SAND SOME/AND GRAVEL, TRACE SILT

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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION
Fine - Med SAND

FIG No 5

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For

W.P. 278-85-01, Kinnihan Creek

Hwy. 556, Site 38S-22

District 18, Sault Ste. Marie

INTRODUCTION

Peto MacCallum Ltd. was retained by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MTC), to carry out a foundation investigation for the proposed Kinnihan Creek Structure on Hwy. 556 in the District of Sault St. Marie, Ontario.

The purpose of the investigation was to determine detailed subsurface soil and groundwater conditions at the site.

The fieldwork involved 9 boreholes (BH 1 to BH 9) ranging in depths from 0.6 to 8 m below the ground surface. Three of the boreholes were accompanied by dynamic cone penetration tests.

Dwg. 2 in the Contract Drawings indicates in plan the location of each borehole, together with 2 stratigraphical sections.

The fieldwork for this project was carried out between 86 02 03 and 86 02 05 utilizing a CME-55 Bombadier-mounted drill rig equipped with continuous flight hollow stem augers.

Subsequent to the investigation carried out by Peto MacCallum Ltd., the Foundation Design Section advanced an additional 3 sampled boreholes (BH 10, 11, 12) and 2 independent cone penetration tests (BH 13, 14) at this site. The findings from this additional fieldwork are discussed in an addendum on Page 43 of this report.

SITE DESCRIPTION

The Kinnihan Creek is approximately 5 m wide in the vicinity of the proposed structure and the water was flowing at about 0.5 m depth at the time of the fieldwork.

The creek channel is about 1.0 m deep and flows through a flood plain which is approximately 50 to 60 m wide. The flood plain is vegetated with small bushes whereas the ground to the east and west of the flood plain is vegetated with mature deciduous and coniferous trees.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

We refer to the appended Record of Borehole sheets in the Appendix, for details of the fieldwork including soil classifications inferred stratigraphy, standard penetration 'N' values, dynamic cone penetration tests, groundwater observations in the open boreholes during and upon completion of drilling and laboratory moisture content determination test results.

The summarized subsurface conditions are presented on sections and profiles included on the appended plan.

The stratigraphy at the creek crossing generally comprises either topsoil or peat overlying major fluvial deposits of gravelly sand and sandy gravel.

Topsoil/Peat

Boreholes 2, 4 and 8 put down on the east and west sides of the flood plain encountered 150 to 300 mm of dark brown sandy silt topsoil.

Elsewhere boreholes 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 9 drilled within the flood plain environment encountered shallow peat deposits extending to depths between 1.0 and 2.1 m. The peat deposits were thickest to the north of the proposed road centreline.

Gravelly Sand/Sandy Gravel

Underlying the surficial peat and topsoil, the boreholes encountered major deposits of gravelly sand and sandy gravel to the termination depths. Grain size distribution analyses carried out on split spoon samples are illustrated on Figures 1, 2 and 3. It should be noted that the sampling procedures exclude particles larger than about 40 mm and consequently the gravel contents in the field are higher than indicated by the laboratory tests. The deposits typically contain numerous cobbles and boulders.

The granular soils are generally loose to very dense with depth based on standard penetration 'N' values and dynamic cone penetration tests ranging from 3 to in excess of 100 blows per 0.3 m. The native soils are generally saturated below depths of about 1.0 m and may boil when subjected to an unbalanced hydrostatic head.

GROUNDWATER

The groundwater observations carried out in the open boreholes during and upon completion of drilling indicate that the stabilized groundwater level at the site presently matches the water level in the creek which is at about elevation 351.9. The groundwater levels would be expected to fluctuate seasonally with the creek level.

Two (2) chemical analysis conducted on samples of the groundwater are summarized on Table 1 and indicate pH values of 7.4 and 7.5 with sulphate contents as SO_4 of 58 and 96 ppm.

ADDENDUM (BH 10, 11, 12, 13, 14)

As mentioned in the Introduction of this report 3 additional sampled boreholes and 2 independent dynamic cone penetration tests were carried out at this site. The location of the additional borings are shown on Dwg. 2 of the Contract Drawings. The Record of Borehole Sheets for these borings are included in the Appendix.

The fieldwork for this additional work was carried out on 87 01 20. The sampled boreholes (BH 10, 11, 12) were advanced to a depth of 4.4 m below the ground surface.

The following is a brief description of the subsurface conditions encountered in BH 10, 11 and 12.

BH 10

Extending from the ground surface down to a depth of 2.1 m is a deposit of peat. The peat is generally black in colour and contains numerous roots, with decaying wood and leaves.

Underlying the surficial organic deposit is a deposit of fine sand with silt. A grain size distribution test carried out on a sample of this material (BH 10, #5) indicates that the sample consisted of 1% gravel, 60% sand and 39% silt and clay. The results are shown on Fig. 4 in the Appendix. Based on the interpretation of Standard Penetration Test 'N' values of 6 blows/0.3 m, this deposit is considered to be in a loose state within the zone investigated. The full depth of this cohesionless deposit was not established as the borehole was terminated at 4.4 m below the ground surface.

It should be noted that 'boiling' will result when this deposit is subjected to an unbalanced hydrostatic pressure.

BH 11

A surficial cover of peat was found for a depth of 0.8 m below the ground surface. The peat is generally black in colour and contains numerous roots, with decaying wood and leaves.

Underlying the organic deposit is a cohesionless deposit consisting of medium to coarse sand, trace/some gravel, trace silt. This deposit has a thickness of 2.2 m. Two grain size distribution tests were carried out on samples of this material. The following are the results:

	<u>#3</u>	<u>#4</u>
Gravel	6	26
Sand	90	71
Silt and Clay	4	3

The results of these two tests are shown on Fig. 4 in the Appendix.

Based on the interpretation of Standard Penetration Test 'N' values of 5 blow/0.3 m, this deposit is considered to be in a loose state.

It should be noted that when subjected to an unbalanced hydrostatic pressure, the base of an excavation will be disturbed and the fines may experience 'boiling'.

Underlying the medium to coarse sand deposit, is a non-cohesive stratum of fine sand with silt. The full extent of this loose deposit was not established as the borehole was terminated at a depth of 4.4 m below the ground surface.

BH 13, 14

These two boreholes consisted only of dynamic cone penetration tests. The results of these tests are shown on the Record of Borehole Sheets for these two holes.

GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS (BH 10 to 14)


At the time of the investigation, (Jan. 1987) the groundwater level was found to be at Elev. 351.8±.

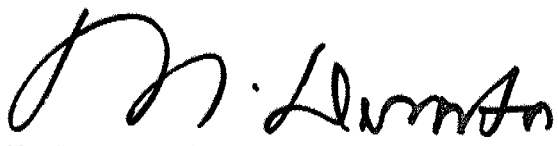
MISCELLANEOUS

As previously noted, BH 1 to 9 were carried out by Peto McCallum Ltd. The soil descriptions pertaining to the boreholes were also prepared by Peto McCallum Ltd.

BH 10 to 14 were carried out by the MTC Foundation Design Section subsequent to the investigation carried out by the consultant. The summary of the soil conditions in these boreholes were prepared by L. Politano, Project Foundation Engineer.




L. Politano, P. Eng.
Project Foundations Engineer


M. Devata, P. Eng.
Chief Foundations Engineer (East)

APPENDIX

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

METRIC

W P 278-85-01 LOCATION Sta. 12 + 420 o/s 13m Rt. g Line 'C' ORIGINATED BY PC
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, Wash Boring & Cone Test COMPILED BY GM
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1986 02 04 CHECKED BY *gln*

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100 SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W LIQUID LIMIT W _L	WATER CONTENT (%) 20 40 60	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES							
352.39	Ground Level											
0.00	Peat		1	SS	14*		352				172	*Frozen
351.19	Very Soft Dark Brown		2	SS	2							
1.20	Gravelly fine to medium sand, trace silt, numerous cobbles		3	SS	10		350					8 88 (4)
	Loose to Compact Brown		4	SS	8							
348.39			5	SS	10							
4.00	Sandy gravel, trace silt, numerous cobbles and boulders		6	SS	25		348					
	Compact to Very Dense Brown		7	SS	56		346					
344.34			8	SS	50							
8.05	End of Borehole											

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 2

METRIC

W P 278-85-01 LOCATION Sta. 12 + 417 & Line 'C' ORIGINATED BY PC
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, Cone Test COMPILED BY GM
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1986 02 04 CHECKED BY gla

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES								
352.54	Ground Level												
352.24	Topsoil dark brown		1	SS	19		352						
0.30	Sandy gravel, trace silt, numerous cobbles and boulders		2	SS	33								
			3	SS	55								
	Compact to Very Dense		4	SS	15		350						
			5	SS	68								
	Brown		6	SS	28		348						
			7	SS	21								
345.19			8	SS	13		346						
7.35	End of Borehole												

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3

METRIC

W P 278-85-01 LOCATION Sta. 12 + 434 o/s 7m Lt. of Line 'C' ORIGINATED BY PC
DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, Wash Boring & Cone Test COMPILED BY GM
DATUM Geodetic DATE 1986 02 04 CHECKED BY JH

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100 SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES								
352.52	Ground Level												
0.00	Peat		1	SS	4							111	
	Very Soft Dark Brown		2	SS	2/45	0mm						83	
350.37			3	SS	2/45	0mm						93	
2.15	Gravelly fine to coarse sand, trace silt, numerous cobbles and boulders		4	SS	7								
348.87			5	SS	13								
3.65	Loose to Compact Brown												
	Sandy gravel, trace silt, numerous cobbles and boulders		6	WS									
346.42	Compact Brown												
6.10			7	SS	17								
	Gravelly fine to coarse sand, trace silt, numerous cobbles												
344.47	Compact Brown		8	SS	23								
8.05	End of Borehole												

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 5

METRIC

W P 278-85-01 LOCATION Sta. 12 + 448 o/s 1m Lt. & Line 'C' ORIGINATED BY PC
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger COMPILED BY GM
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1986 02 03 CHECKED BY *gjm*

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			20	40	60	80	100					
352.68	Ground Level		1	SS	2/450mm	352										
351.48	Peat Sand layers below 0.60m Very Soft Dark Brown		2	SS												
1.20	Sandy gravel, trace silt, numerous cobbles and boulders		3	SS												
349.63	Compact to Loose Grey		4	SS		350										
3.05	End of Borehole															

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 6

METRIC

W P 278-85-01 LOCATION Sta. 12 + 432.5 @ Line 'C' ORIGINATED BY PC
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger COMPILED BY GM
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1986 02 05 CHECKED BY gk

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	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					
352.51	Ground Level																
0.00	Peat																
351.01	Very Soft Dark Brown		1	SS	2/60mm												
1.50	Sandy gravel, trace																
350.36	silt, numerous cobbles		2	SS	3												
2.15	and boulders																
	Very Loose Brown																
	End of Borehole																

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 7										METRIC			
W P 278-85-01		LOCATION Sta. 12 + 455 @ Line 'C'				ORIGINATED BY PC							
DIST 18 HWY 556		BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger				COMPILED BY GM							
DATUM Geodetic		DATE 1986 02 06				CHECKED BY Jh							
SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES								
352.69	Ground Level												
0.00	Peat												
351.64	Very Soft Dark Brown												
351.25	Sandy gravel, trace		1	SS	4/45mm								
1.40	silt, numerous cobbles and boulders												
	Very Loose Brown												
	End of Borehole												

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 8

METRIC

W P 278-85-01 LOCATION Sta. 12 + 456 & Line 'C' ORIGINATED BY PC
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger COMPILED BY GM
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1986 02 05 CHECKED BY gh

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC NATURAL LIQUID LIMIT MOISTURE CONTENT LIMIT			UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	20	40	60	80	100	W _p	W		
352.62	Ground Level															
351.93	Topsoil Dark Brown		1	AS												
351.93	Sandy gravel, trace silt, numerous cobbles and boulders															
351.65	Dark Brown to Brown															
	End of Borehole (Refusal to auger on boulder)															
	Note: No water encountered during drilling.															

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 9										METRIC			
W P 278-85-01		LOCATION Sta. 12 + 445 o/s 8m Lt. of Line 'C'				ORIGINATED BY PC							
DIST 18 HWY 556		BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger				COMPILED BY GM							
DATUM Geodetic		DATE 1986 02 05				CHECKED BY <i>gjm</i>							
SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	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					
352.51	Ground Level												
0.00	Peat												
351.01	Very Soft Dark Brown		1	SS	2/60mm								
1.50	Sandy gravel, trace												
350.36	silt, numerous cobbles		2	SS	5								
2.15	and boulders												
	Loose Brown												
	End of Borehole												

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 10

METRIC

W P 278-85-01 LOCATION Sta. 12 + 446 O/S 12.5 Lt Q Hwy 556 ORIGINATED BY MJ
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, Cone Test COMPILED BY LP
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1987 01 20 CHECKED BY

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40					
352.3	Ground Surface													
0.0	Peat		1	SS	1									
			2	SS	0									
350.2			3	SS	0									
2.1	some gravel Fine sand with silt sand becoming finer with depth Loose		4	SS	2									1 60 (39)
			5	SS	6									
347.9			6	SS	6									
4.4	End of Borehole													
345.9														
6.4	End of Cone Test													

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+³, x⁵: Numbers refer to
Sensitivity

20
15 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE
10

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 11

METRIC

W P 278-85-01 LOCATION Sta. 12 + 445 at Q Hwy. 556 ORIGINATED BY MJ
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, Cone Test COMPILED BY LP
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1987 01 20 CHECKED BY lp

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100	SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES									
352.5	Ground Surface													
0.0	Peat		1	SS	0		352							
351.7			2	SS	6									
0.8	Med. Coarse Sand, trace/some gravel, trace silt		3	SS	5									6 90 (4)
349.5	Loose		4	SS	5		350							26 71 (3)
3.0	Fine sand with silt		5	SS	4									
348.1	Loose		6	SS	6		348							0 61 (39)
4.4	End of Borehole													
346.1														
6.4	End of Cone Test						346							

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 12

METRIC

W P 278-85-01 LOCATION Sta. 12 + 444 O/S 11.5 RT Q Hwy. 556 ORIGINATED BY MJ
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger and Cone Test COMPILED BY LP
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1987 01 20 CHECKED BY 10

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40					
352.5	Ground Surface													
0.0	Peat	22	1	SS	1									
351.6			2	SS	11									
0.9	Sand, trace/some silt gravel (well-graded)		3	SS	17									
			4	SS	2									
	Loose to Compact		5	SS	9									
348.1	fine sand		6	SS	11									
4.4	End of Borehole													
346.4														
6.1	End of Cone Test													

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+³, x⁵: Numbers refer to
Sensitivity

20
15 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE
10

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 13

METRIC

W P 278-85-01 LOCATION Sta. 12 + 445 0/S 6 RT Q Hwy. 556 ORIGINATED BY MJ
 DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Cone Test COMPILED BY LP
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 1987 01 20 CHECKED BY 10

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40					
352.5 0.0	Ground Surface													
							352							
							350							
							348							
346.1														
6.4	End of Cone Test													

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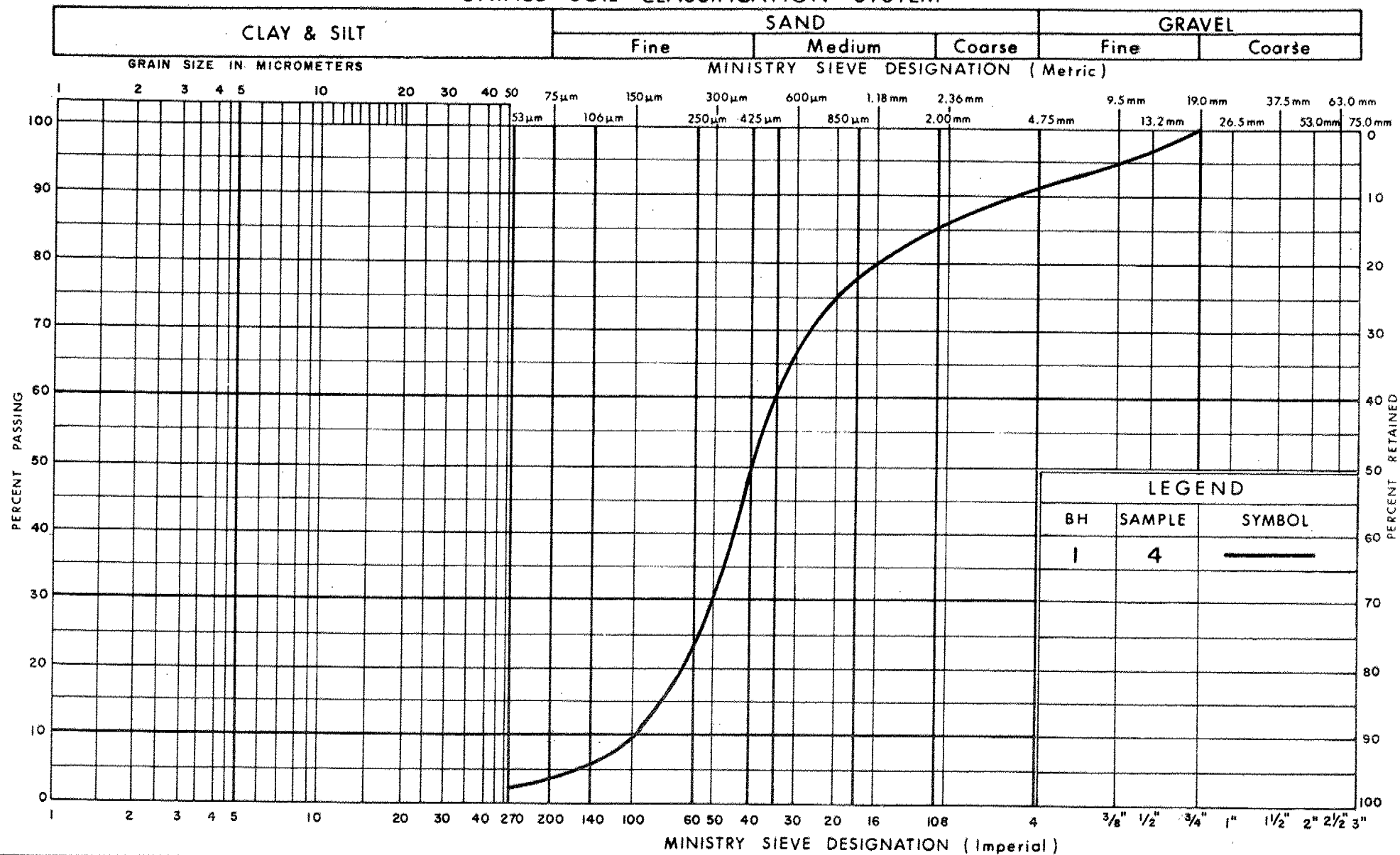
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DATUM Geodetic DATE 1987 01 20 CHECKED BY _____

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES								
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							350						
							348						
346.1													
6.4	End of Cone Test												

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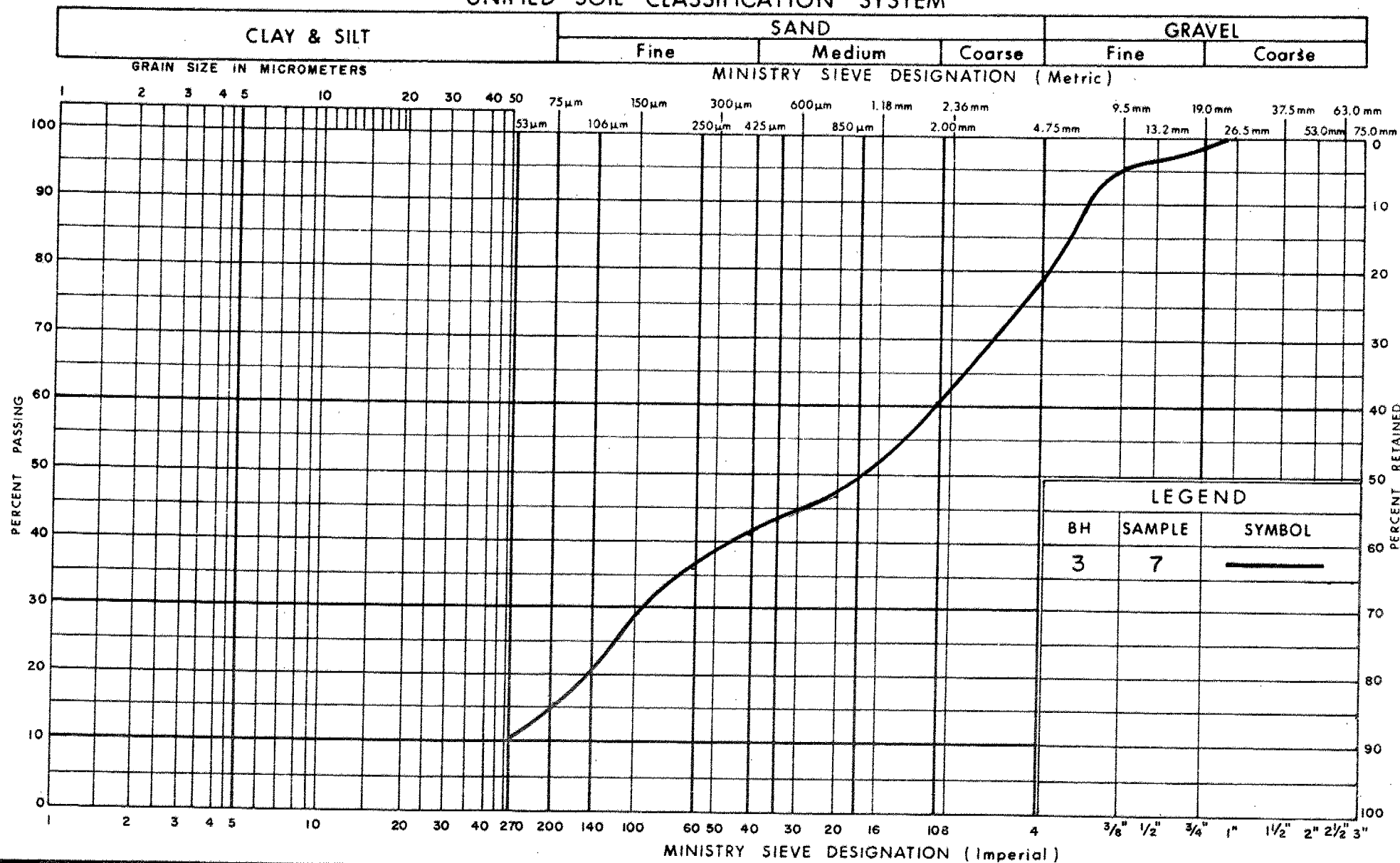
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION
GRAVELLY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND
TRACE SILT, NUMEROUS COBBLES

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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION
GRAVELLY FINE TO COARSE SAND
 TRACE SILT, NUMEROUS COBBLES

FIG No 2

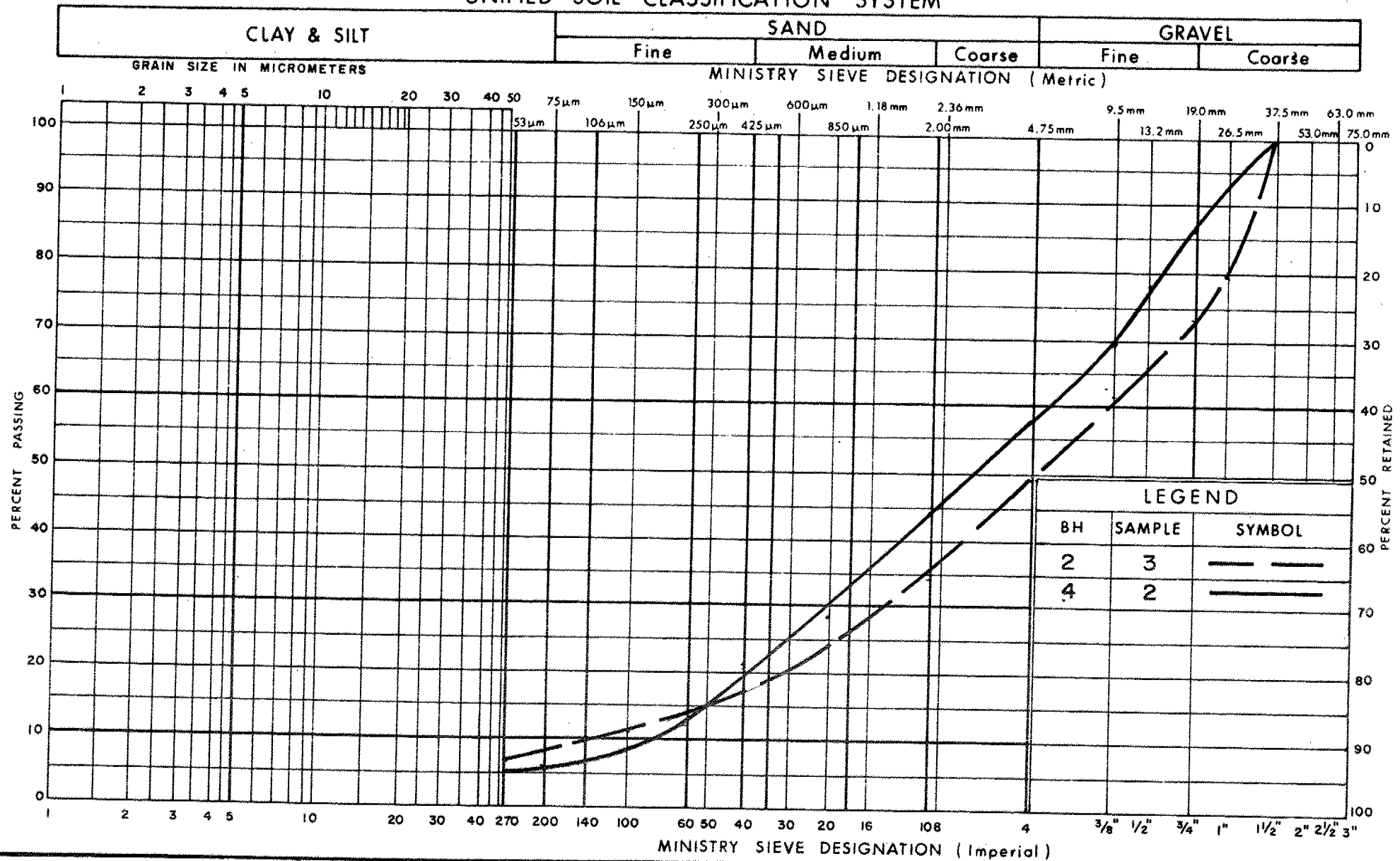
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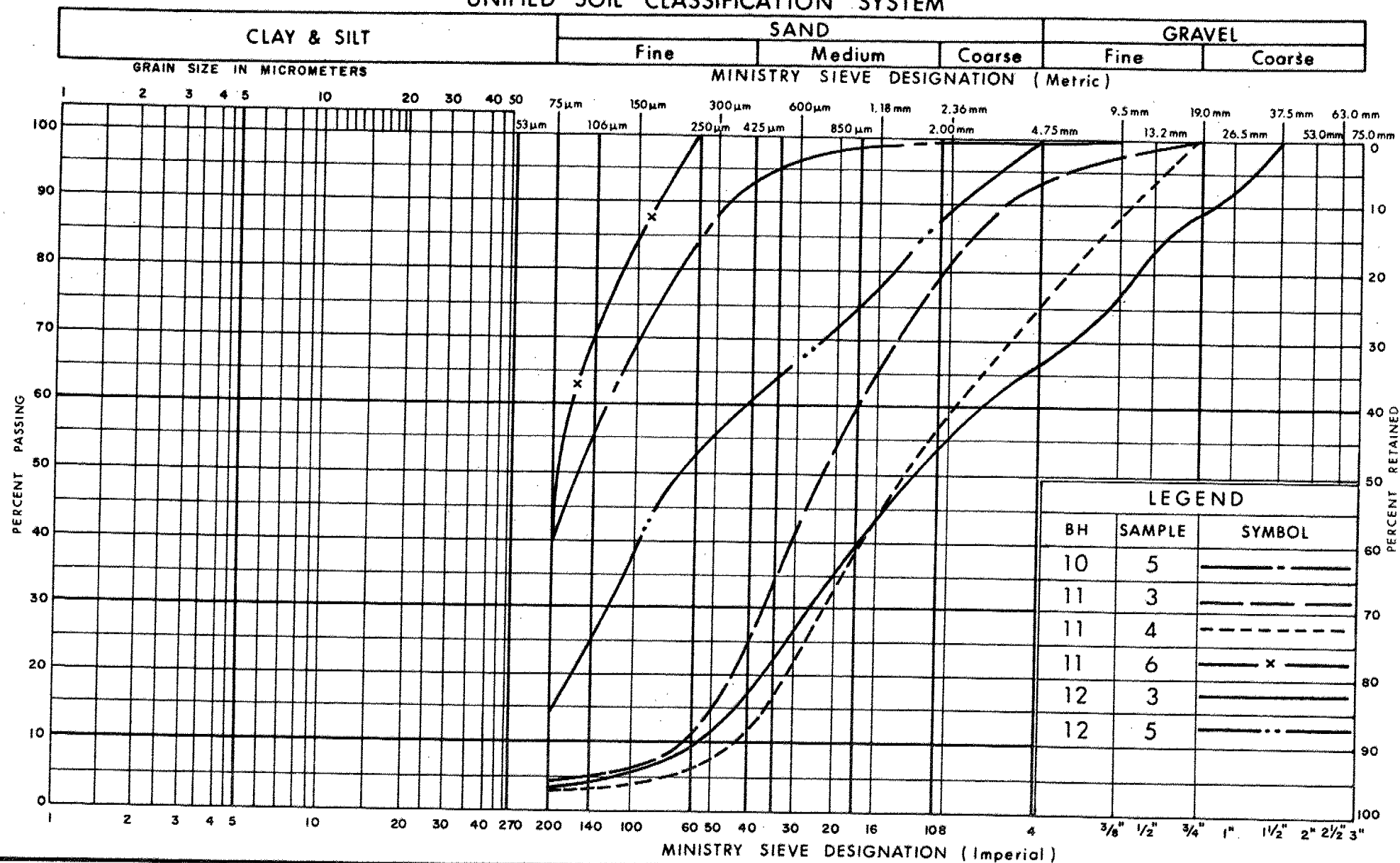
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION
SANDY GRAVEL
 TRACE SILT, NUMEROUS COBBLES & BOULDERS

FIG No 3

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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIG No 4

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Feb. 26, 1986

TABLE I

pH VALUE AND SULPHATE CONTENT OF WATER SAMPLES

KINNIHAN CREEK STRUCTURE
HIGHWAY 556
DISTRICT OF SAULT STE. MARIE

<u>BOREHOLE NO.</u>	<u>DEPTH (m)</u>	<u>pH VALUE</u>	<u>SULPHATE CONTENT ppm as SO₄</u>	<u>RELATIVE DEGREE SULPHATE ATTACK ON CONCRETE</u>
4	1.0	7.5	96	Negligible
2	1.0	7.4	58	Negligible

PETO MacCALLUM LTD.

memorandum



To: Mr. O. E. Ramakko
Head, Structural Section
Northwestern Region-Thunder Bay

Date: 1986 03 21

From: Engineering Materials Office
Foundation Design Section
Central Building, Room 315

Re: Foundation Investigation Report
W.P. 277-85-01, Site No. 38S-20
Hwy 556, Little Garden River Crossing No. 1

Terraprobe Limited was retained by this section to carry out a foundation investigation at the above-noted site and provide recommendations for the design and construction of the proposed structure and the associated fills.

During the progress of the project, this section reviewed a draft of the report for technical content. Attached, please find a copy of the final report.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Politano", followed by a horizontal line.

L. Politano
Project Foundations Engineer

for M. Devata
Chief foundations Engineer
(East)

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memorandum



Tel: 7101

To: O. Ramakko
Head, Structural Section
Northwestern Region

Date: 1987 02 20

From: Foundation Design Section
Room 315, Central Building

RE: Additional Boring at
Little Garden River Crossing #1
W.P. 277-85-01, Site 38S-20, Hwy. 55
District 18 - Sault Ste. Marie

As discussed in our memorandum dated 86 11 07, this Section has advanced an additional borehole at the above-noted site. The additional boring was necessary because the proposed single span structure was relocated some 15 m west subsequent to the original foundation investigation.

The additional borehole (B.H. 5) was advanced using hollow stem augers and washboring techniques between 87 01 18 and 87 01 20. The borehole was advanced to bedrock (Elev. 339.9), approximately 5.9 m below the ground surface. 2.1 m of rock core was also obtained. A cone penetration test also accompanied the borehole. The attached plan indicates the location of all the borings carried out at this site including the four boreholes (B.H. 1 to B.H. 4) advanced for the original investigation in February, 1986.

The following is a brief description of the subsurface conditions encountered in B.H. 5. A draft version of the Record of Borehole Sheets is attached for your information.

South Abutment (B.H. 5)

Extending from the ground surface (Elev. 345.8) down to a depth of 0.7 m is a deposit of peat. The peat was generally black in colour and contained numerous roots and decaying wood and leaves.

Underlying the peat and extending to a depth of 5.2 m below the ground surface is cohesionless deposit consisting of sand, some silt, some gravel. From the drilling, frequent cobbles and boulders may be inferred to be present within this deposit. Based on the interpretation of Standard Penetration Test 'N' values, this deposit can be considered to generally be in a dense to very dense state. It should be noted that the upper surface of this deposit consists of a fine silty sand. It should be noted that this non-cohesive stratum may 'boil' or be 'disturbed' when subjected to an unbalanced hydrostatic pressure. No laboratory test results of samples of this material are available at this time.

Underlying the sand previously described is a mixture of very dense sand and gravel. The thickness of this stratum was found to 0.7m. It is anticipated that cobbles and boulders may be encountered within this cohesionless deposit.

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Bedrock was proven in B.H. 5 by obtaining 2.1 m of BX rock core. Bedrock at this specific location is described as a Granitic Fault Breccia, slightly weathered. The surface of the bedrock was found at a depth of 5.9 m below the ground surface, corresponding to Elev. 339.9.

The groundwater level across the site is governed by the prevailing creek level. At the time of the investigation the creek level was at Elev. 345.4. The stabilized groundwater level may be expected to be at the same elevation.

Recommendations

Recommendations pertaining to the design and construction of the foundations for this project were presented in the 1986 report prepared for this Section by Terraprobe Limited. Generally, the recommendations in this report are still valid. However, in view of the findings of B.H. 5, the south abutment, if founded at Elev. 342.9 can be designed for 1000 kPa U.L.S., and 400 kPa, S.L.S. Type II.

I would request that you append this memorandum to your copy of the foundation report for future reference. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



L. Politano
Project Foundations Engineer

for

M. Devata
Chief Foundations Engineer
(East)

LP/MD/mmj

Attachs.

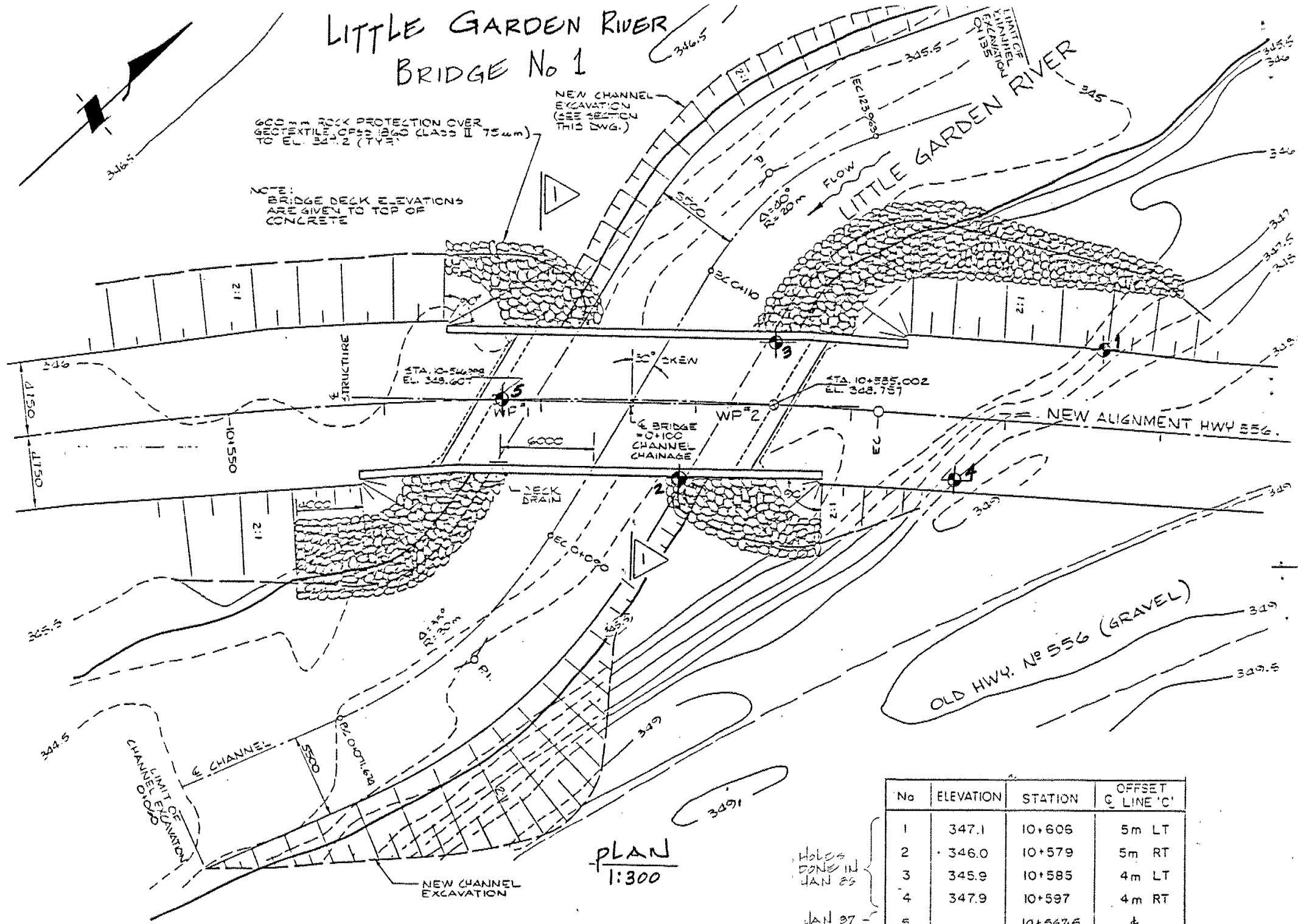
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LITTLE GARDEN RIVER BRIDGE No 1

600 # 3 ROCK PROTECTION OVER
GEOTEXTILE OF 50-1860 (CLASS II 75mm)
TO EL. 345.2 (TYPE)

NOTE:
BRIDGE DECK ELEVATIONS
ARE GIVEN TO TOP OF
CONCRETE

NEW CHANNEL
EXCAVATION
(SEE SECTION
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No	ELEVATION	STATION	OFFSET G. LINE 'C'
1	347.1	10+606	5m LT
2	346.0	10+579	5m RT
3	345.9	10+585	4m LT
4	347.9	10+597	4m RT
5		10+567.5	±

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STATION 10+567.5 P.C.

ORIGINATED BY M.J.

INSTR 18 HWY 556

BOREHOLE TYPE H.S. Auger, BW Casing, Conc Pen Test

COMPILED BY L.P.

DATUM GEODETIC

DATE 87-01-15/20

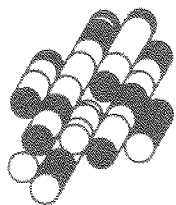
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SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES		GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT HGT	NUMBER	TYPE			20 40 60 80 100	W _p					
3458	Ground Surface												
0.0													
345.1	Peat		1	SS	7								
5.7	Fine silt sand		2	SS	20								
	Sand, some silt, gravel		3	SS	30								
	(sand well-graded)		4	SS	125								
	Dec. cobbles and boulders		5	SS	82								
			6	SS	38								
	Dense to Very dense		7	SS	76								
340.0													
5.0	Sand and gravel, some silt, Dec. boulders		8	SS	70/80								
339.8													
5.0	Bedrock		9	RC									
	Granitic Fault Breccia		10	RC									
	single bedrock												
			11	RC									
337.8													
2.0	End of Borehole		12	RC									

Numbers refer to
Sensitivity

15-20 (1%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

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ABSTRACT

Terraprobe Limited was authorized by the Hon. E. Fulton, Minister, on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MTC), to undertake a foundation investigation for a proposed bridge structure on Highway 556, near Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

The field investigation for the project was conducted between January 25 and February 2, 1986 when 4 boreholes were advanced to depths of about 6.1 to 8.8 m below ground surface at the proposed bridge abutment locations.

The borings indicate that the site is underlain by dense GRAVEL, SAND AND BOULDERS. This stratum was fully penetrated by one of the borings at a depth of 5.8 m, where GRANITE BEDROCK was encountered. The remaining borings were terminated in the overburden at depths of 6.1 to 7.6 m.

In summary, it is considered that the bridge could be founded on spread footings placed on the dense gravel and boulder stratum. Deep foundations carried to the bedrock are not considered feasible due to the difficulty in penetrating the gravel and boulder materials. It is expected that foundation excavations will require the use of heavy equipment. Groundwater control will be required for excavations below the water table.

1 INTRODUCTION

Terraprobe Limited was authorized by the Hon. E. Fulton, Minister, on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MTC), to undertake a foundation investigation for a proposed bridge structure on Highway 556, near Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

The details of the project were provided in our proposal letter of December 13, 1986, addressed to Mr. L. Politano, P.Eng. of MTC, and in Consultant's Agreement No. 4238-9085-135.

The purpose of the investigation was to determine subsurface conditions at the site and provide engineering recommendations for the geotechnical aspects of design for foundations and approach embankments, including comments on the anticipated construction conditions.

The field investigation for the project was conducted between January 25 to February 2, 1986, when four borings were drilled to depths of 6.1 to 8.8 m below ground surface at the locations shown on Sheet 1. The borings were put down at the proposed bridge abutment locations. The details of the field work procedures are fully presented in Appendix A of this report.

2 SITE AND GEOLOGY

The site is located on Highway 556, approximately 50 km north west of Sault Ste. Marie (ref. Sheet 1 - Borehole Location and Soil Strata) at the Little Garden River. Highway 556 is a gravel surfaced two lane road. A timber bridge structure currently crosses the Little Garden River.

In the vicinity of the site, the Garden River is situated in a broad meandering channel of about 4 m depth and 30 m width. At the time of our investigation (January-February) the river was not frozen, and the depth of water was about 0.3 m. The areas surrounding the site are generally undeveloped rural Crown Land which is covered by dense bush.

Based on a review of selected geologic references, the site is located in an area underlain by overburden materials consisting of coarse grained glacial outwash. The bedrock in the vicinity of the site is described as early Precambrian granitic material.

3 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Details of the subsurface conditions encountered at the site are summarized below, and are also presented on the accompanying Borehole Logs and cross sections on Sheet 1.

In summary, the borings indicate that the site is underlain by dense GRAVEL, SAND AND BOULDERS. This stratum was fully penetrated by one of the borings at a depth of 5.8 m, where GRANITIC BEDROCK was encountered. The remaining borings were terminated in the overburden at depths of 6.1 to 7.6 m.

It should be noted that the subsurface conditions are confirmed at the the borehole locations only, and may vary at other locations. The boundaries between the various strata as shown on the logs and sections are based on non-continuous sampling. These boundaries represent an inferred transition between the various strata, rather than a precise plane of change.

The following describes the soils encountered at this site:

Topsoil

Topsoil was encountered at the ground surface in Boreholes 2 and 3, to depths of 0.3 to 0.6 m. The topsoil was generally black in colour, and contained numerous roots and forest litter such as leaves and wood pieces.

Fill Materials

Fill materials were encountered in Boreholes 1 and 4, from the ground surface to depths of 0.5 to 0.9 m respectively. The fill materials consisted of loose native gravel, sand and boulders which were placed for construction of the drill access road. The fill contained traces of topsoil, roots, and other organic matter as a result of the site clearing operations.

Gravel, Sand and Boulders

This stratum was encountered in all of the borings from immediately beneath the topsoil or fill materials. It was encountered to the bottom of Boreholes 1, 2, and 4, at depths of up to 7.6 m. It was fully penetrated in Borehole 3 only at a depth of about 5.8 m, where the bedrock surface was encountered.

This stratum appears to consist of coarse cobbles and gravel with a matrix of sand with a trace to some silt. Due to the coarse grained nature of the soil, it was not possible to obtain fully representative samples using a 50 mm diameter split spoon. Therefore, the soil descriptions are based on the observed resistance to penetration during drilling, as well as the appearance of the spoon samples. The results of grain size distribution of the split spoon samples are presented on Figure 1, and indicate that the samples generally consisted of sandy gravel, with trace to

some silt. The range of gravel, sand, and silt and clay fraction in the samples analysed is noted below :

Gravel	Sand	Silt and Clay
19 to 62 %	30 to 62 %	4 to 22 %

However, based on the rate of advance of the drilling, it appears that cobbles and boulders of 150 to 800 mm diameter are present throughout the deposit, and the split spoon samples are more representative of the matrix between the cobbles and boulders.

It is also noted that the drilling technique (rotary bicone and casing) would tend to wash some of the fines from the soil matrix, hence the spoon samples may contain less silt and fine sand fraction than is actually present in the soil.

At the base of Boreholes 1 and 4, the material appeared to consist of cobbles with very little sand or gravel matrix. The samples obtained from the base of the borings were wash samples of the drill cuttings. It is possible that these 'boulders' may be the top of the bedrock surface, however the drill casing could not be lowered to permit coring of the material to verify this.

The penetration resistance of the stratum ranged from 46 to over 100 blows per 0.3 m. The extremely high penetration resistance of the soil is attributed to the large percentage of particles in excess of 50 mm diameter. Based on the resistance to penetration during drilling, the material is considered to be dense.

Granitic Bedrock

The bedrock surface was encountered beneath the gravel and boulder stratum in Borehole 3 only, at a depth of about 5.8 m. It was penetrated to the base of the boring at about 8.8 m depth. As noted previously, it is possible that the bedrock surface was encountered near the base of Boreholes 1 and 4 at depths of 5.6 and 5.9 m, respectively although the borings could not be advanced to permit further sampling.

The bedrock consisted of medium grained pink to brown granite-gneiss. While the total core recoveries were generally good, the rock was broken to highly fractured, and the Rock Quality Designation (RQD) determined for the core was zero throughout. Total core recoveries ranged from 0 to 100 %, but most runs obtained recoveries in excess of 70 per cent.

The degree of fracturing did not decrease with depth. The material was slightly weathered on fracture surfaces.

Groundwater

The borings caved at depths of 1.2 to 2 m after withdrawal of the casing, as noted on the Borehole logs. The water levels measured

in the standpipes on February 2, some 1 to 6 days following their installation, are noted below:

Borehole No.	Groundwater Depth/Elevation (m)
2	2.7 / 343.3
3	2.7 / 343.2
4	4.4 / 343.5

The elevation of the water in the river was approximately 345 m on February 2, 1986.

The difference in the groundwater level compared to the river water level suggests that the soil does not have a high permeability.

4 DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The following discussions and recommendations are based on the factual data obtained from the boreholes, and are presented for the guidance of the design engineer only. Contractors bidding on or conducting work associated with this project should review the factual information to assess their effect on proposed construction methods and scheduling.

It is our understanding that it is proposed to replace the existing timber bridge with a 22 m single span concrete structure. The proposed structure would be located about 15 m west of the existing bridge, and the roadway would be realigned as required. The approach fills for the roadway would be up to 4 m in height at the bridge location. The channel of the Garden River would be realigned about 10 m to the east of its present location, to flow beneath the proposed bridge.

4.1 Bridge Foundations

Based on the ground conditions encountered in the borings, it is considered that the proposed bridge could be founded on spread footings placed on the dense gravel and boulder stratum; or on end bearing piles carried down to the bedrock surface. However due to the large boulder content of the overburden materials, it would be necessary to install the piles in pre-augered holes in order to reach the bedrock surface. This would be a difficult and costly procedure, hence the use of spread footings is recommended.

It is recommended that spread footings for the bridge be placed on the dense to very dense gravel and boulder stratum, at 0.5 m or more below the top of the stratum. This corresponds to the following maximum founding elevations at the borehole locations:

Borehole	Maximum Founding Elevation (m)
1	346.1
2	345.8
3	344.8
4	346.5

All foundations should be provided with a minimum soil cover of 1.8 m or equivalent insulation for frost protection purposes.

Since the bearing capacity of coarse gravel and boulder soils cannot be predicted by classical bearing capacity methods, the design foundation bearing pressures were estimated by assuming that the soil behaves as a dense sand. The following assumptions were made in the calculations:

- average penetration resistance of soil - 40 blows/0.3 m
- minimum footing width - 2 m
- minimum footing depth below final grade - 1.8 m
- water table at base of footing

Using these assumptions, the recommended bearing capacities at the Serviceability Limit States (SLS) and Ultimate Limit States (ULS) based on the Ontario Highway Bridge Code (OHBC) are as noted below:

Factored bearing capacity at ULS (q_f) = 700 kPa

Bearing capacity at SLS Type II (q_s) = 400 kPa

The estimated maximum total and differential settlements at the SLS Type II are 25 mm and 10 mm respectively.

In all cases, foundations should be placed on undisturbed native soil, which has been cleaned of topsoil, loosened material, and debris. The base of all footings should be inspected by a qualified geotechnical engineer prior to pouring concrete, to ensure that the exposed soil conditions are in accordance with the design assumptions.

4.2 Excavations

Foundation excavations at the site are expected to encounter a thin layer of fill or topsoil, followed by dense native gravel and boulder soils. Temporary unbraced excavations through these soils are expected to remain stable at inclinations of about 1 to 1. Excavations carried below the groundwater table may slough to slightly flatter angles if seepage results in loss of fines or matrix material.

Temporary shoring or a trench box could be used in lieu of the above side slopes, if required to minimize the extent of the excavation.

Where workmen must enter excavations carried deeper than 1.2 m, the trench excavations should be suitably sloped and/or braced.

It is expected that the base of the foundation excavations will generally be carried to about elevation 342 to 343 m, in order to provide sufficient frost cover to the footings and scour protection in the river channel. At this elevation, the base of the excavations will be less than about 1 m below the measured groundwater table. In this case, it is likely that groundwater control can be accomplished by pumping from an open sump in the base of the excavation, without creating excessive heave or loosening of the soil.

In the event that excavations are carried more than about 1 m below the groundwater level (ie, below elevation 342 m), it may be necessary to permit flooding of the base of the excavation. This would prevent an unbalanced head and minimize loosening of the soil by upward seepage. Concrete could then be placed below the water by tremie methods. The use of well points, sheet piling or similar groundwater control methods are not considered feasible due to the difficulty in advancing through the cobbles and boulders.

It is expected that the base of the excavations will be somewhat uneven as the result of protruding boulders and cobbles. In order to provide a level working base, and more uniform contact pressure with the footings, it is recommended that a thin pad of Granular 'A' material be placed in the base of the excavation. The granular material should be compacted in thin lifts to a minimum 100 per cent of the Standard Proctor Maximum Dry Density (SPMDD). If water in the base of the excavation precludes the placement and compaction of fill, then a level base may be provided with mass concrete.

Heavy machinery will be required to excavate the dense gravel and boulder soils. The presence of large boulders may necessitate splitting or blasting to permit their excavation.

It will be necessary to divert the creek flow away from the foundation excavations so that construction operations may proceed in the dry. This may be accomplished by means of a cofferdam or other temporary diversion scheme.

4.3 Backfill

The native gravel and boulder soils encountered in the borings will be suitable for use as general fill for the approach embankments. Care should be exercised to minimize segregation of the materials during placement, and 'nesting' of cobbles and boulders. It is recommended that select fill materials be used adjacent to the bridge abutments, since the native soils contain large boulders and cobbles.

Select, free-draining granular fill, such as MTC Granular 'A' or 'B', should be used as backfill behind the bridge abutments. The select fill should be placed in a wedge shaped zone extending from 1.2 m behind the base of the wall and up at a 45 degree angle, as per the OHBC. Heavy compaction equipment should not be used behind the wall within a lateral distance equal to the current height of fill above the wall footing, in order to minimize deflection or possible damage of the wall.

Provided the above backfill criteria are satisfied, the following parameters may be used in calculation lateral earth pressures, in accordance with the OHBC:

	Unfactored Angle of Friction	Unit weight (kN/cu.m.)
Granular 'A'	35	22.0
Granular 'B'	30	21.2

It should be noted that the mobilization of the active earth pressure behind the wall will require an outward deflection of up to 0.5 per cent of the wall height, as measured at the top of the wall. If the bridge is a rigid frame structure, and the abutments are constrained so that this deflection cannot occur, then the at-rest earth pressure should be used in design.

The angle of friction between the foundation of the abutment and the native gravel and boulder soil may be assumed as 30 degrees, hence the coefficients of friction at the ultimate and serviceability limits may be taken as 0.46 and 0.57 respectively.

The effect of possible loss of soil at the toe of the abutment as the result of scour or erosion should be considered when calculating the passive earth resistance in this area.

A series of weep holes or other drainage system should be provided at the base of the abutments, to permit drainage of water from the backfill.

All new or additional fill materials placed beneath the roadway area, and in the footing trenches should be compacted to a minimum 95 per cent of the SPMDD in lifts not exceeding 200 mm. It is important to achieve adequate compaction to minimize future settlement behind the abutments, and to prevent erosion or scour of the backfill in the river channel.

4.4 Embankment Stability

The dense gravel and boulder soils are considered suitable for support of the proposed approach embankment fills. No embankment foundation stability problems are foreseen.

The area beneath the embankments should be prepared by stripping all topsoil or loose surficial materials. The embankment fill should consist of a clean, non-organic earth fill which can be readily compacted to 95 per cent of the SPMDD.

Respectfully Submitted,

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APPENDIX **A**

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APPENDIX A

FIELD WORK

The field investigation for the project was conducted between January 25 to February 2, 1986 when 4 boreholes were advanced to depths of about 6.1 to 8.8 m below existing grades, at the locations shown on Sheet 1.

The drilling was conducted with machinery operated by Master Soil Investigation Limited of Weston, Ontario. The drilling operations were directed and supervised by Mr. R. Moore, CET, from Terraprobe Limited.

The boreholes were put down in the vicinity of the abutments for the proposed bridge.

In order to permit access to the borehole locations, a local contractor was retained to clear brush and provide an access road for the drilling equipment.

The borings were put down using a bombardier mounted CME 55 power auger. Difficult drilling conditions were encountered due to the presence of cobble and boulder size materials. The borings were advanced to practical refusal with hollow stem augers, and were then continued by coring and /or rotary triconing through the boulders with 'N' and 'B' casing and equipment. Boreholes 1, 2, and 4 were advanced in this fashion until wear or damage of the casing shoe prevented further penetration.

Split spoon samples of the overburden materials were obtained at regular intervals using a conventional 50 mm diameter split barrel sampler. All samples obtained in the investigation were sealed into glass jars, and transported to our laboratory for detailed inspection and testing.

In Borehole 3, the boring was advanced to the bedrock surface. The bedrock was cored for approximately 3 m in 'B' size with a diamond core barrel.

Standpipe type piezometers were sealed into 3 selected borings, in order to permit observation of groundwater levels. The standpipes comprised 12 mm I.D. CPVC tubing, which was saw-slotted near the base, and fitted with a sand filter and bentonite seal as shown on the accompanying borehole logs.

The field was supervised throughout by Mr. R. Moore, CET from Terraprobe Limited, who directed the drilling and sampling operations, and transported the samples to our laboratory.

The locations of the borings were determined by relative to a survey baseline which had been established in the field by MTC personnel.

The elevations of the borings were determined relative to a local geodetic benchmark by MTC personnel.

LABORATORY WORK

All of the soil and bedrock samples obtained in the investigation were examined in detail by the project engineer, and classified by visual and tactile methods.

Since all of the samples were non-cohesive, the laboratory testing was limited to determination of water content and grain size distribution of selected samples. The results of the testing are presented on Figure 1 and the Borehole logs.



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ABBREVIATIONS, TERMINOLOGY, AND GENERAL INFORMATION

SAMPLING METHOD

SS - split spoon
ST - Shelby tube
AS - auger sample
RC - rock core

PENETRATION RESISTANCE

Standard Penetration Resistance ('N' values) is defined as the number of blows by a hammer of 63.5 kg. mass (140 lbs.) falling freely for a distance of 0.76 m (30 inches) required to advance a standard 50 mm (2 inch) diameter split spoon sampler for a distance of 0.3 m (12 inches).

Dynamic Cone Penetration Resistance is defined as the number of blows by a hammer of 63.5 kg. mass (140 lbs.) falling freely for a distance of 0.76 m (30 inches) required to advance a conical steel point of 50 mm diameter and with 60 degree sides on 'A' size drill rods for a distance of 0.3 m (12 inches).

SOIL DESCRIPTION

Cohesionless Soils

Relative Density	'N' value
very loose	< 4
loose	4 - 10
compact	10 - 30
dense	30 - 50
very dense	> 50

Cohesive Soils

Consistency	Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	'N'
very soft	< 12	< 2
soft	12 - 25	2 - 4
firm	25 - 50	4 - 8
stiff	50 - 100	8 - 16
very stiff	100 - 200	16 - 32
hard	> 200	> 32

SOIL COMPOSITION

% by weight

'trace' (eg. trace silt)	< 10
'some' (eg. some gravel)	10 - 20
adjective (eg. sandy)	20 - 35
'and' (eg. sand and gravel)	35 - 50

GENERAL INFORMATION

The recommendations provided in this report are based on the factual information obtained from the boreholes and on the general information provided for the proposed project.

Site investigation by means of boreholes and/or test pits identifies subsurface conditions at the location and time of sampling only. Ground conditions at locations away from the boreholes and test pits may vary.

Recommendations are made by interpretation of this factual data for specific conditions such as size, configuration and location of the proposed project. Changes in project conditions should be reviewed by the geotechnical consultant as they may affect the recommendations provided.

In order to identify possible changes in ground conditions between the sample locations and their effect on the project, it is recommended that site inspections be carried out during construction by qualified geotechnical personnel.



RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

METRIC

W P 277-85-01

LOCATION Sta. 10 + 606 offset 5m LT

ORIGINATED BY R.M.

DIST 18 HWY 556

BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, NX, BX Casing & Cone Test

COMPILED BY P.B.

DATUM Geodetic

DATE 1986 01 25 and 26

CHECKED BY M.T.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100 SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA (SI CL)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	N' VALUES								
347.1	Ground Surface												
0.0	Fill, sand, gravel and cobbles, loose												
346.6													
0.5													
	Gravel, sand and boulders		1	SS	50/13	cm							
			2	SS	50/10	cm							
	Dense to very Dense		3	SS	76/26	cm							
			4	SS	52								
			5	SS	65/20	cm							
341.5			6	SS	50/8	cm							
5.6	Boulders, some sand matrix		7	WS	-								
			8	WS	-								
340.1													
7.0	End of Borehole												
	Borehole caving at 1.4 m depth as casing withdrawn												
	Water level in hole at 1.1 m depth on completion												

+3, x5: Numbers refer to
Sensitivity

20
15 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE
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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 2

METRIC

W P 277-85-01 LOCATION Sta 10 + 579 offset 5m RT
DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, NX, BX Casing & Cone Test
DATUM Geodetic DATE 1986 01 26 to 29
ORIGINATED BY R.M.
COMPILED BY P.B.
CHECKED BY M.T.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20 40 60 80 100	WATER CONTENT (%)					
346.0	Ground Surface												
0.0	Topsoil, silty, numerous roots, black	1	SS	4		346							GR SA (SI CL)
0.3		2	SS	56		345							
	Gravel, sand and boulders	3	SS	54/15cm		344							59 33 (8)
		4	SS	50/5cm		343							
	Dense to very Dense	5	SS	48		342							
		6	SS	50/8cm		341							43 51 (6)
		7	SS	60		340							
339.9		8	SS										
6.1	End of Borehole												
	Borehole caving at 2.0 m depth as casing withdrawn												
	Water level in stand-pipe at 2.7 m depth on Feb. 2, 1986												

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15 \pm 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE
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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3

METRIC

W P 277-85-01 LOCATION Sta 10 + 585 offset 4m LT
DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, NX, BX Casing & Cone Test
DATUM Geodetic DATE 1986 01 29 to 31
ORIGINATED BY R.M.
COMPILED BY P.B.
CHECKED BY M.T.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100	SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES									
345.9	Ground Surface													
0.0	Topsoil, numerous roots leaves, black		1	SS	17		346							
345.3			2	SS	50/8cm		345							
0.6	Gravel, sand and Boulders		3	SS	60/15cm		344							
	Dense to Very Dense		4	SS	98		343							
			5	SS	87		342							
			6	SS	46		341							
			7	SS	72		340							
			8	SS	20/5cm		339							
340.1			9	B RC	rec 83%		338							
5.8	Granite bedrock, highly fractured to broken.		10	B RC	rec 100%									
	Slight weatherin on fracture surfaces		11	B RC	rec 100%									
			12	B RC	rec 100%									
			13	B RC	rec 71%									
337.1			14	B RC	rec 53%									
			15	B/RC	0%									
8.8	End of Borehole													
	Borehole caving at 1.2 m depth as casing withdrawn													
	Water level in stand- pipe at 2.7 m depth on Feb. 2, 1986													

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 4

METRIC

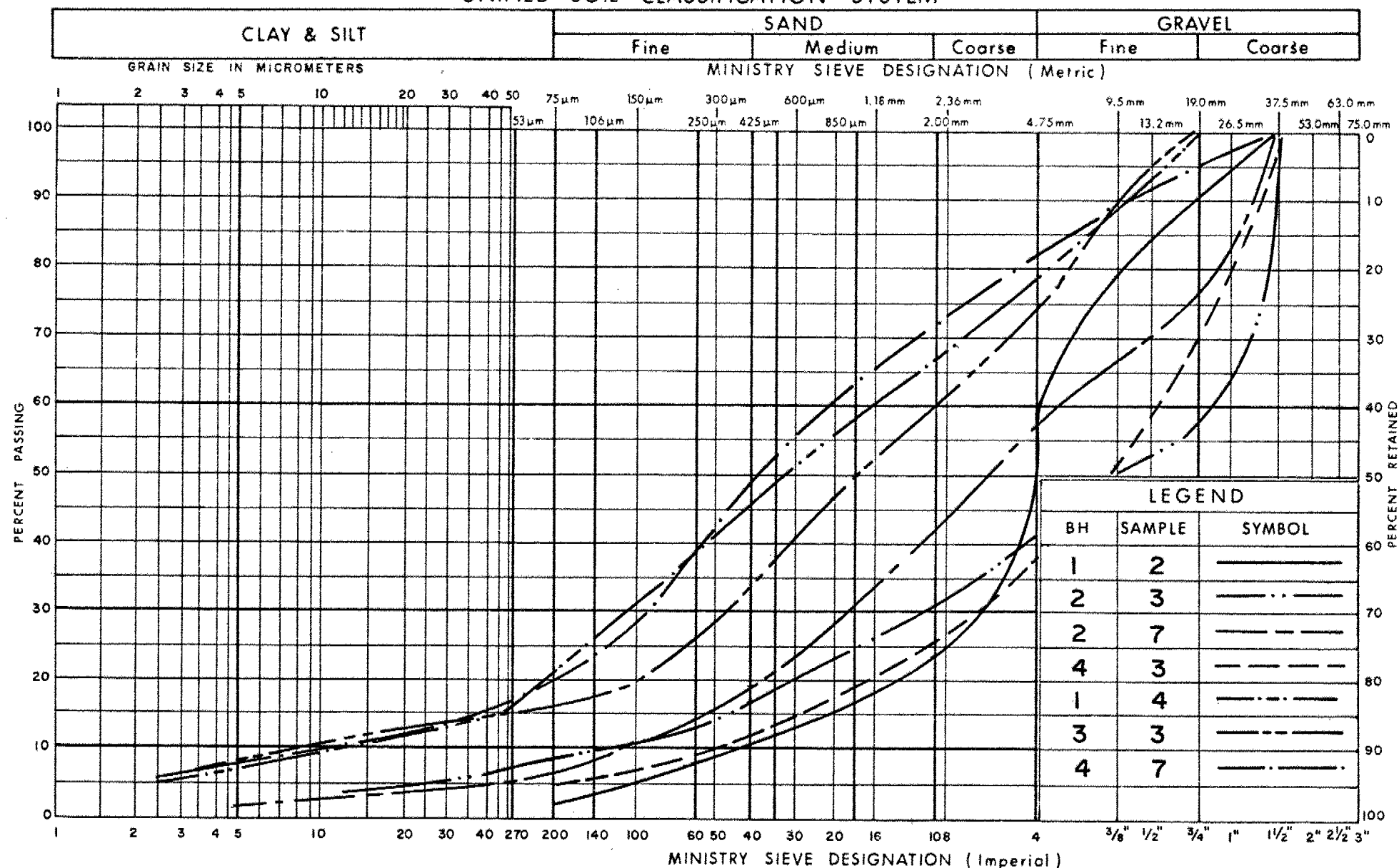
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DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger, NX, BX, Casing & Cone Test COMPILED BY P.B.
DATUM Geodetic DATE 1986 01 31 and 86 02 02 CHECKED BY M.T.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100 SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA (SI CL)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES								
347.9	Ground Surface												
0.0	Fill, sand, gravel, cobbles, loose		1	SS	9								
347.0			2	SS	46								
0.9	Gravel, sand and boulders, Dense to very dense		3	SS	50/13								
			4	SS	92								
			5	SS	93/28								
			6	SS	80/73								
343.2													
4.7	Sand and gravel, some silt (Till like)		7	SS	46								
342.0	Dense Brown												
5.9	Gravel and Boulders, some sand matrix		8	SS	90/42								
340.3			9	WS	-	Piezometer							
7.6	End of Borehole												
	Borehole caving at 1.7 m depth as casing withdrawn												
	Water level in stand-pipe at 4.4 m depth on Feb. 2, 1986												

+3, x5: Numbers refer to
Sensitivity

20
15 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION
GRAVEL AND BOULDERS IN A MATRIX
OF SAND, TRACE TO SOME SILT

FIG No 1

W P 277-85-01

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 5

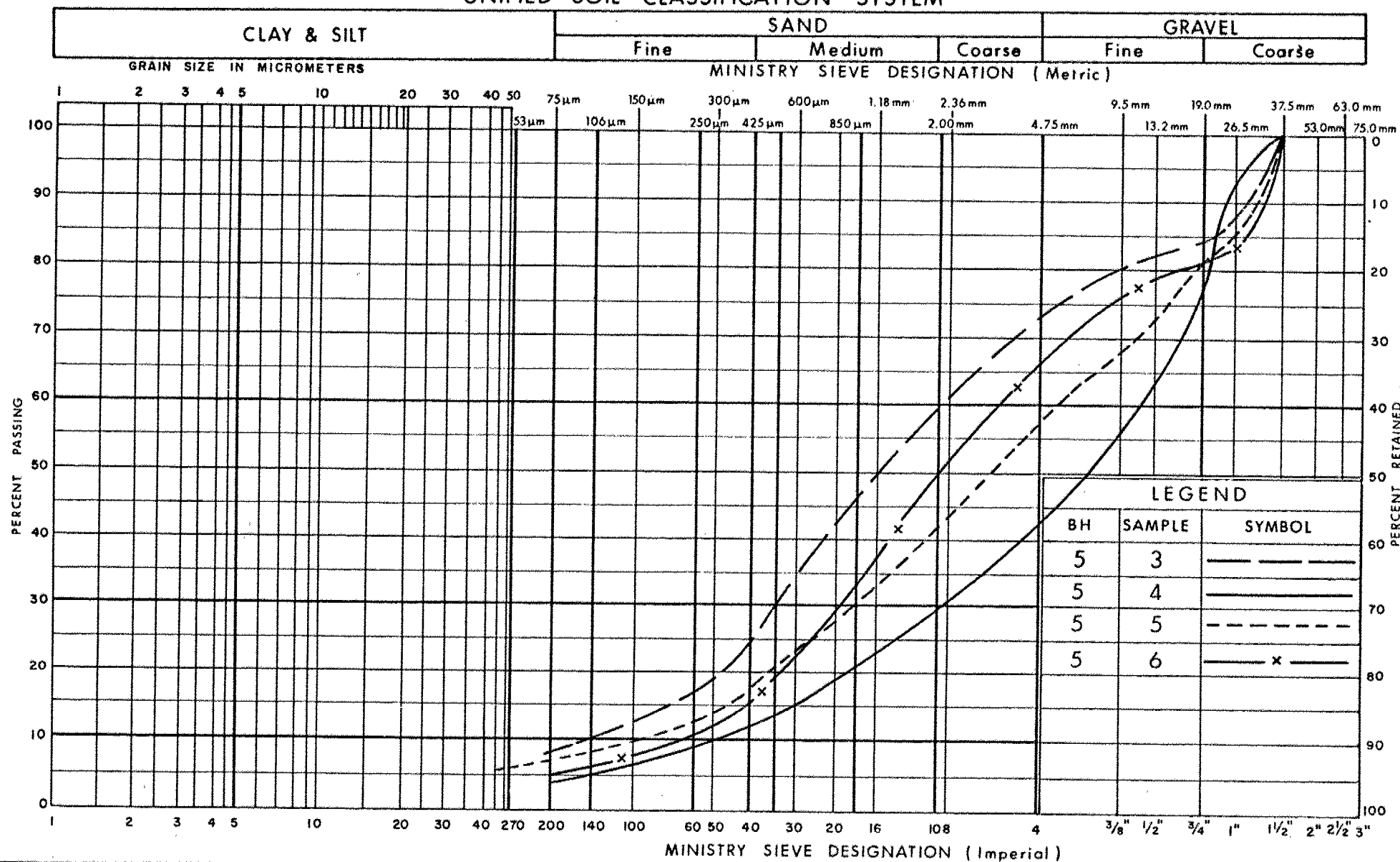
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DIST 18 HWY 556 BOREHOLE TYPE H.S. Auger, BW Casing, Cone Pen. Test COMPILED BY L.P.
DATUM Geodetic DATE 1987 01 18/20 CHECKED BY

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)		
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20 40 60 80 100									
								SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE									
							WATER CONTENT (%) 10 20 30										
345.8	Ground Surface														GR SA SI CL		
0.0	Peat		1	SS	7												
345.1																	
0.7	Fine silty sand		2	SS	20		345										
	Sand with/and gravel trace silt		3	SS	30		344								28 63 (9)		
	(Sand well-graded)		4	SS	125		343								57 39 (4)		
	Occ. cobbles and boulders		5	SS	82		342								42 51 7 0		
			6	SS	38		341								34 61 (5)		
	Dense to Very Dense		7	SS	26		340										
			8	SS	70/8	cm	339										
339.9	Boulders				REC		340								RQD=47%		
5.9	Bedrock		9	RC	63%										RQD=0		
	Granitic Fault Breccia		10	RC	75%		339								RQD=13%		
	Slightly weathered		11	RC	90%										RQD=0%		
337.8			12	RC	REC	71%	338										
8.0	End of Borehole																
	* Groundwater level measured at end of day within open borehole. May not be stabilized																

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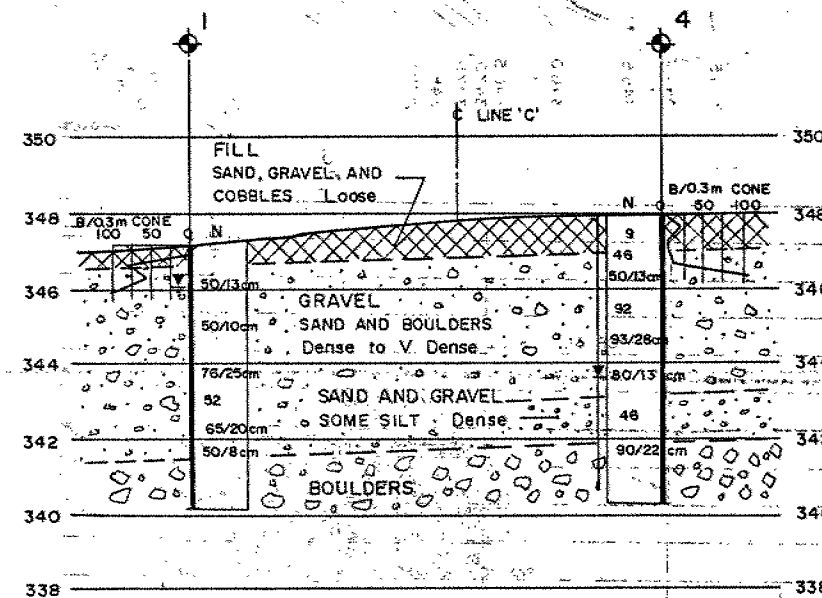
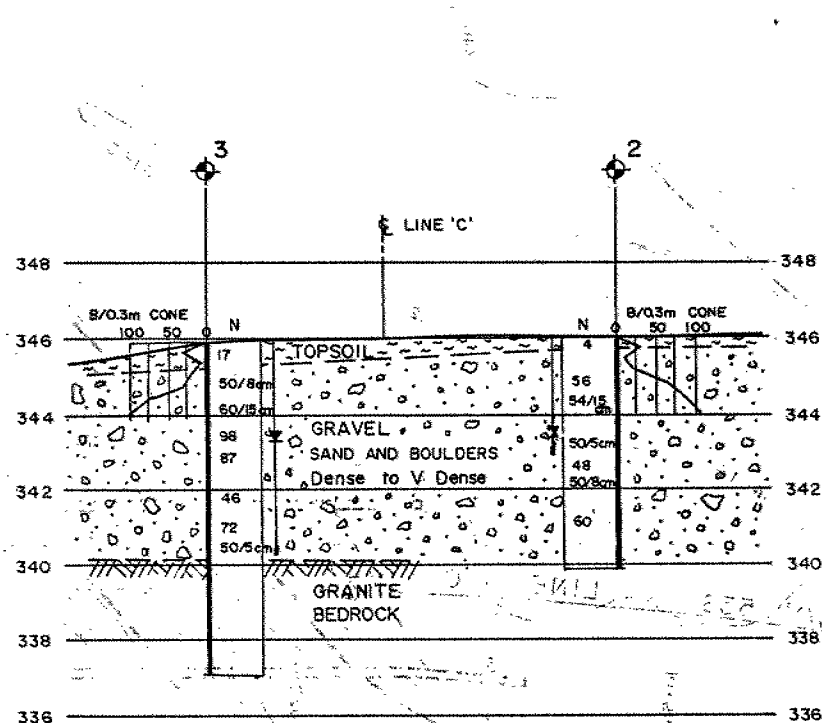


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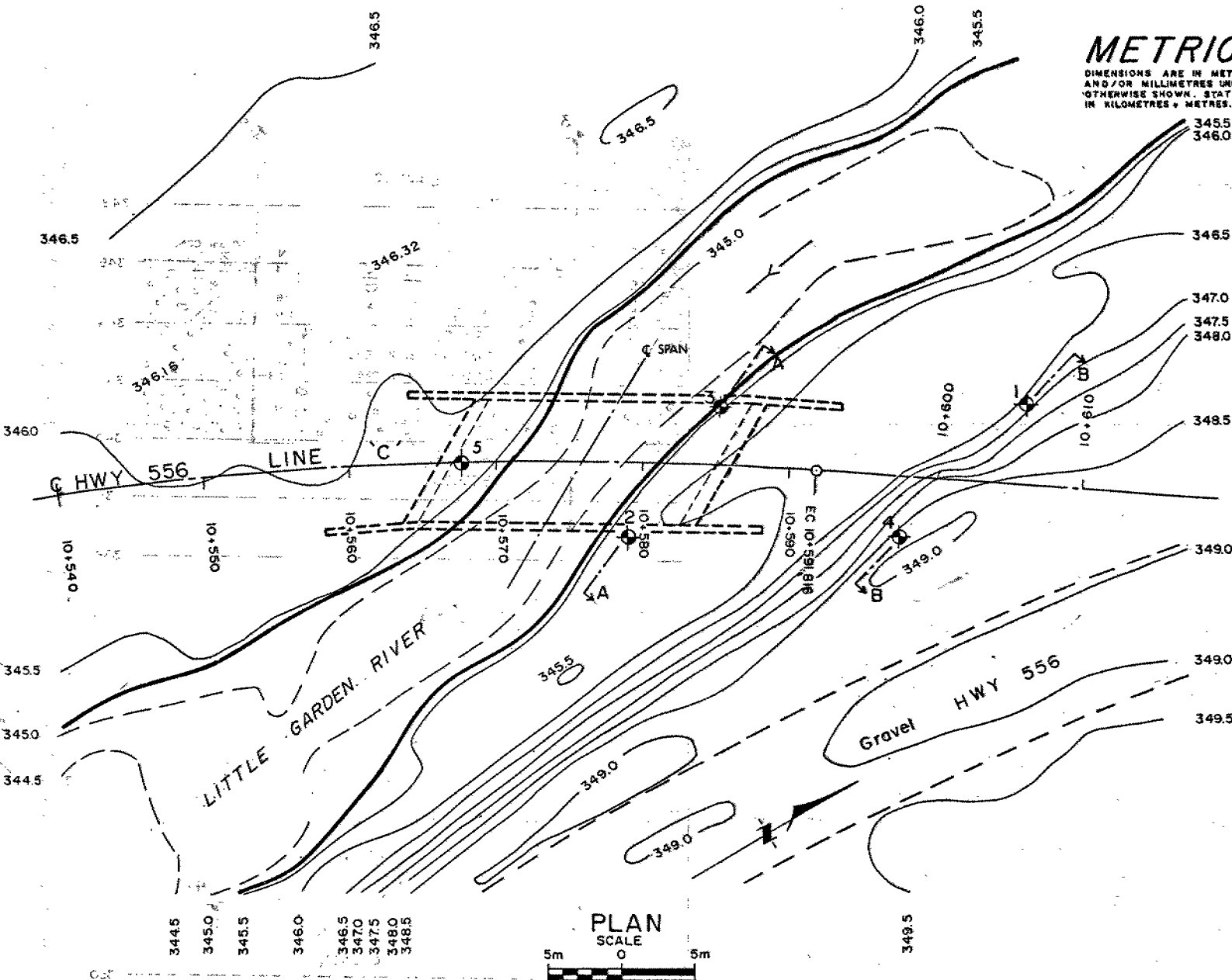
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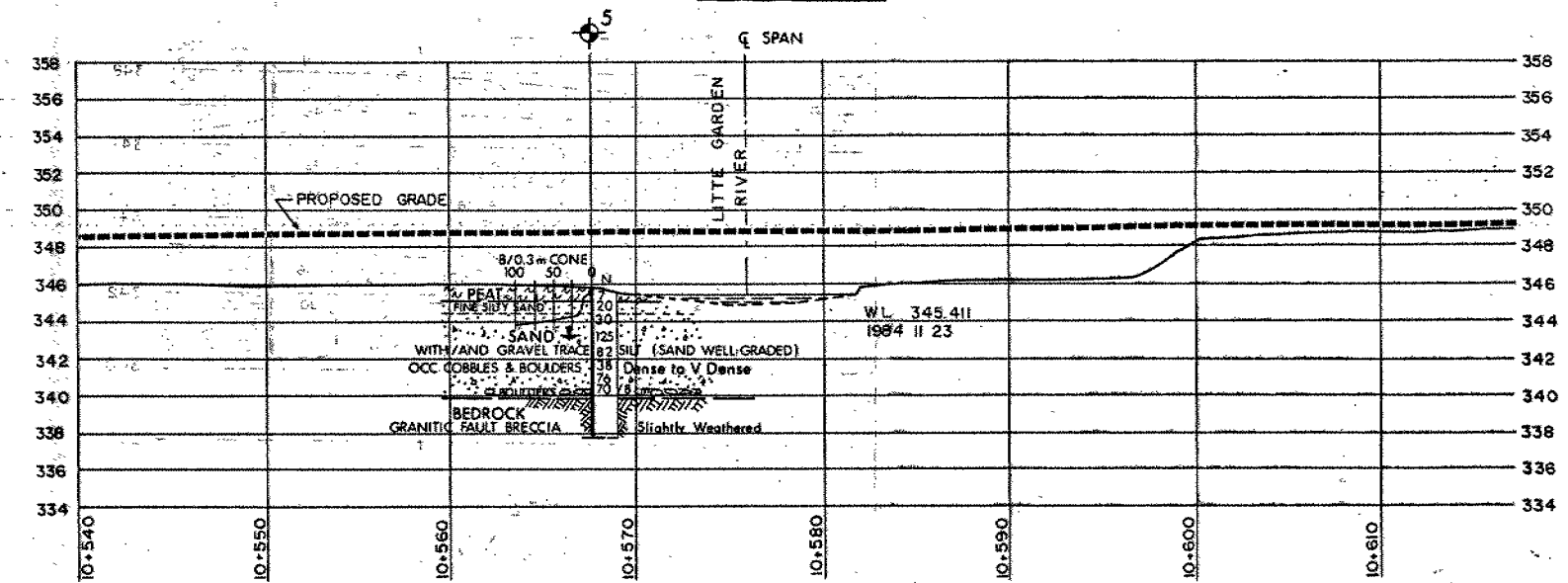
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B-B
SECTIONS
SCALE
5m 0 5m



PLAN
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PROFILE OF LINE 'C'
SCALE
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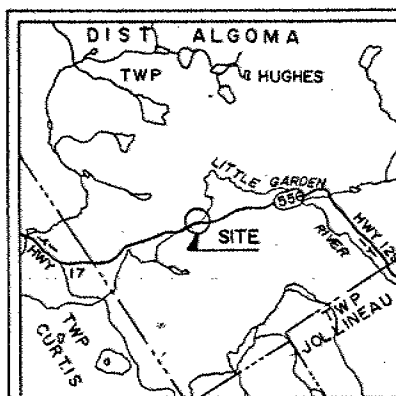
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LITTLE GARDEN RIVER
(CROSSING No 1)
BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA



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KEY PLAN
SCALE
0.5 1.0 km

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
1986 01 and 1986 02 & 1987 01
- ⊖ Piezometer

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5	345.8	10+567.5	CL

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

REVISIONS	DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION
870226 50			BORE HOLE 5 ADDED

Geocres No 41J-43	HWY No 556	DIST 18
SUBWD P6	CHECKED	DATE 1986 02 13
DRAWN 88	CHECKED	APPROVED
		SITE 38S-20
		DWG 2

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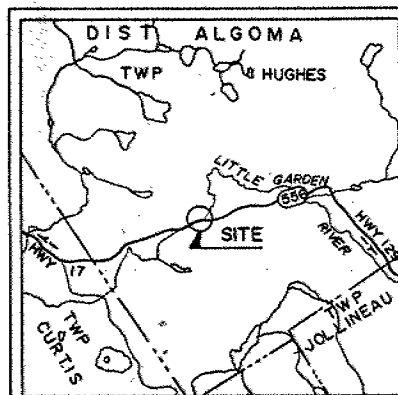
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LITTLE GARDEN RIVER
(CROSSING No 1)
BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA



SHEET

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KEY PLAN
SCALE 0.5 10 km

LEGEND

- ◆ Bore Hole
- ⊕ Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (Cone)
- ⊕ Bore Hole & Cone
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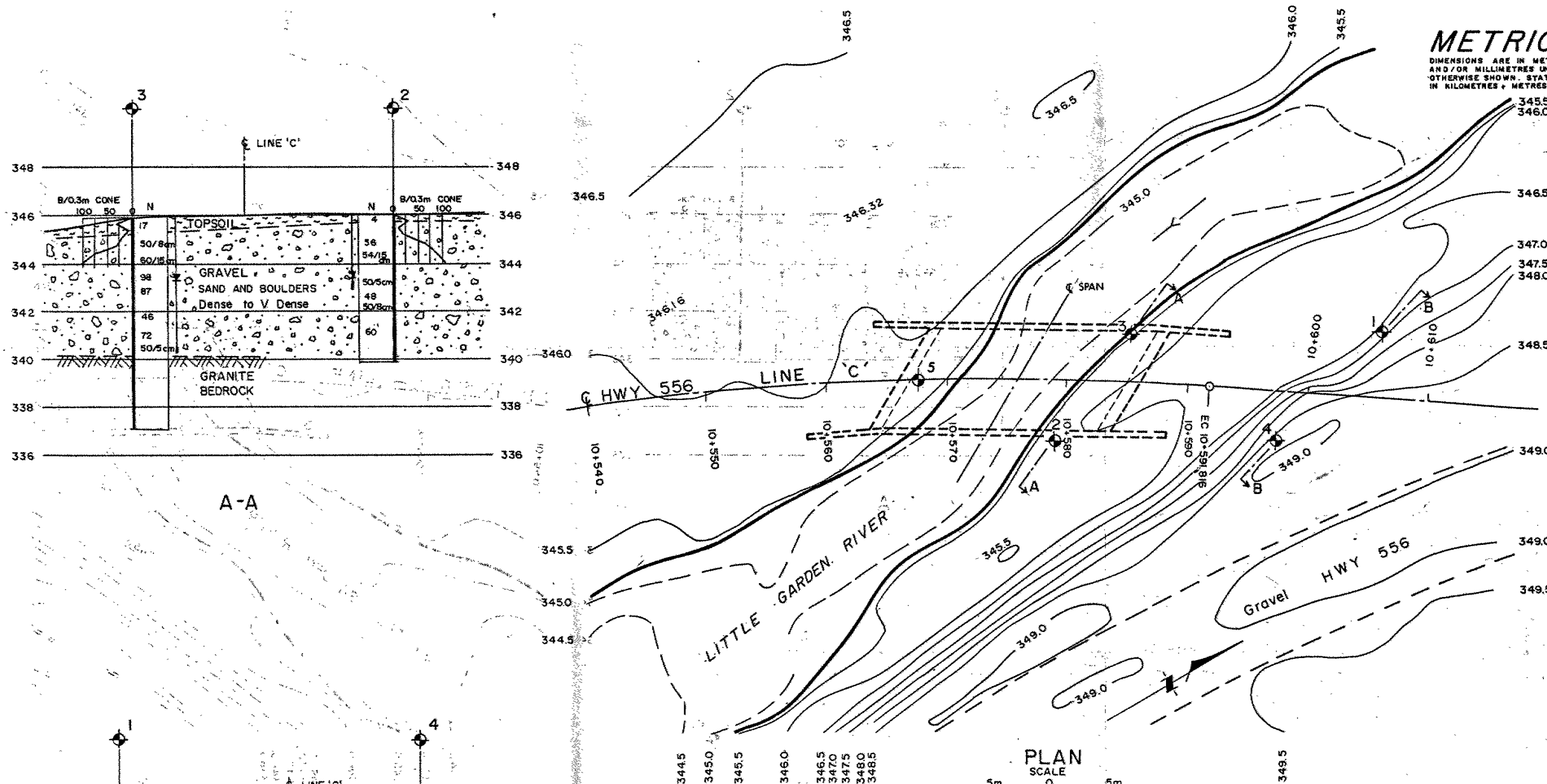
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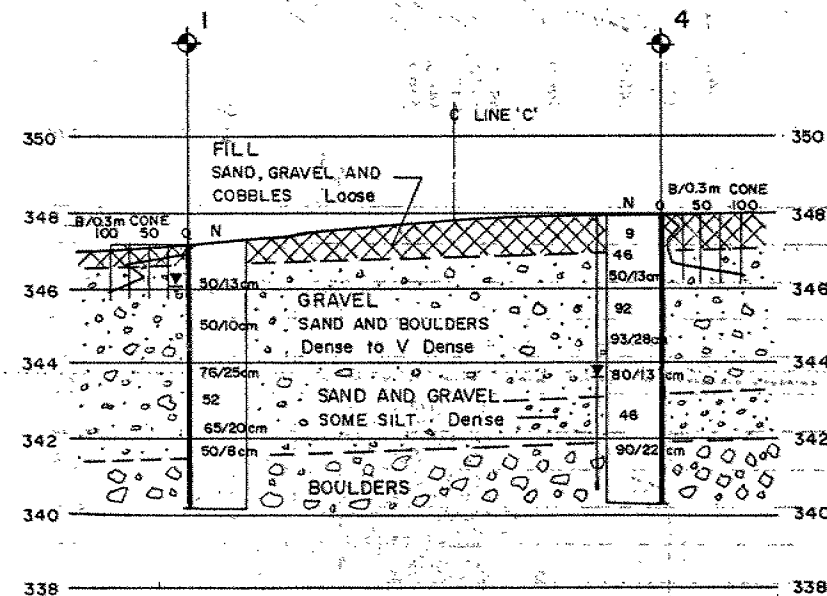
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Geocres No 41J-43
HWY No 556
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DRAWN 28 CHECKED APPROVED DWG 2

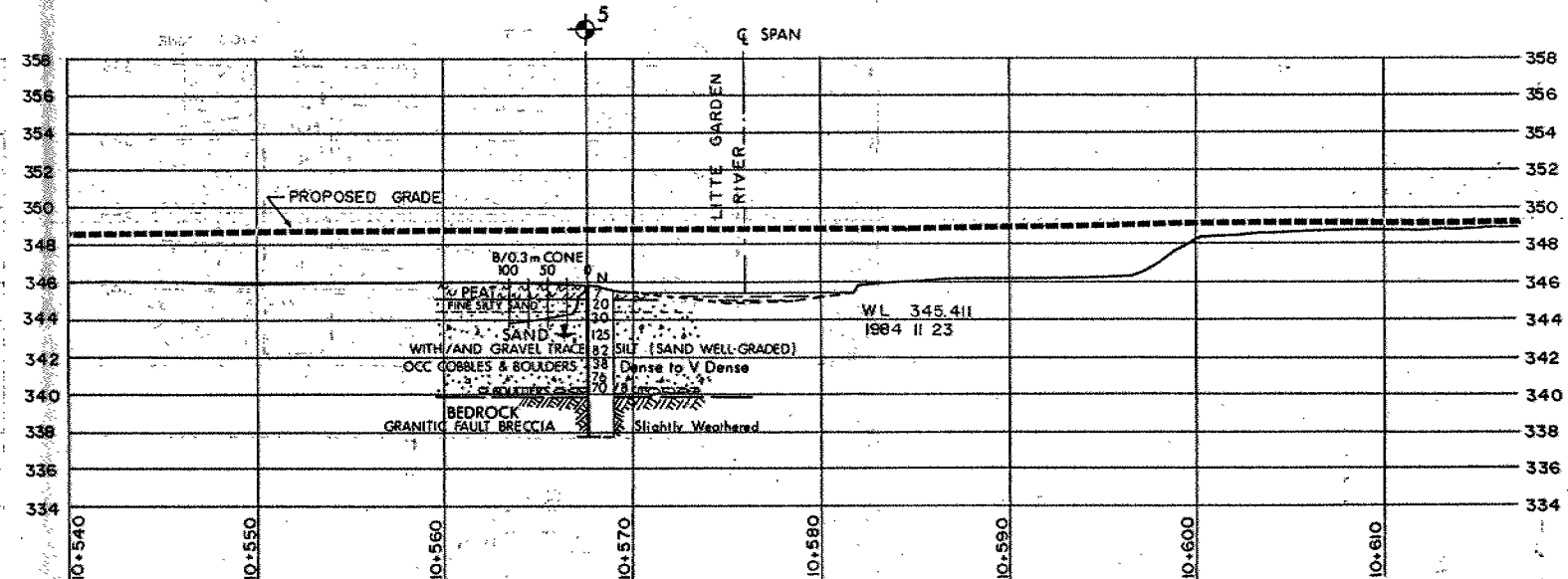
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PROFILE OF LINE 'C'

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OVERSIZE DRAWING

OVERSIZE DRAWING

memorandum



Tel: 3731

To: O. Ramakko
Head, Structural Section
Northwestern Region

Date: 1987 02 25

Atten: R. Krisciunas

RE: W.P. 277-85-01, Hwy. 556
Little Garden River Crossing No. 2/1
District 18 - Sault Ste. Marie

We have reviewed the final Drawing 1 and Drawing 3 (dated September/86) for the above-noted structure. We have the following comments:

1. In areas where fill is required, peat and other surficial organic material should be completely subexcavated to at least 1 m beyond the plan limits of the embankment. All fill placed below 0.3 m above the prevailing groundwater level should consist of granular material.
2. In view of the generally well graded natural granular material across the site, geotextile is not required under the rock protection.
3. The contractor should be informed through a Special Provision of the occasional to frequent cobbles and boulders which exist across the site and that a dewatering scheme will be necessary for the construction of the structure footings. The contractor should be required to submit a dewatering scheme for M.T.C. approval. In addition, the S.P. should include a provision indicating that if sheet piles are to be used, they are to be left permanently in place.

If you have any questions or require additional details, please do not hesitate to contact this Section.

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L. Politano
Project Foundations Engineer

for

M. Devata
Chief Foundations Engineer
(East)

LP/MD/mmj

c.c. - K. Bassi

memorandum

Tel: 7101



To: O. Ramakko
Head, Structural Section
Northwestern Region

Date: 1987 02 20

From: Foundation Design Section
Room 315, Central Building

RE: Additional Boring at
Little Garden River Crossing #1
W.P. 277-85-01, Site 38S-20, Hwy. 55
District 18 - Sault Ste. Marie

As discussed in our memorandum dated 86 11 07, this Section has advanced an additional borehole at the above-noted site. The additional boring was necessary because the proposed single span structure was relocated some 15 m west subsequent to the original foundation investigation.

The additional borehole (B.H. 5) was advanced using hollow stem augers and washboring techniques between 87 01 18 and 87 01 20. The borehole was advanced to bedrock (Elev. 339.9), approximately 5.9 m below the ground surface. 2.1 m of rock core was also obtained. A cone penetration test also accompanied the borehole. The attached plan indicates the location of all the borings carried out at this site including the four boreholes (B.H. 1 to B.H. 4) advanced for the original investigation in February, 1986.

The following is a brief description of the subsurface conditions encountered in B.H. 5. A draft version of the Record of Borehole *Sheets* is attached for your information.

South Abutment (B.H. 5)

Extending from the ground surface (Elev. 345.8) down to a depth of 0.7 m is a deposit of peat. The peat was generally black in colour and contained numerous roots and decaying wood and leaves.

Underlying the peat and extending to a depth of 5.2 m below the ground surface is cohesionless deposit consisting of sand, some silt, some gravel. From the drilling, frequent cobbles and boulders may be inferred to be present within this deposit. Based on the interpretation of Standard Penetration Test 'N' values, this deposit can be considered to generally be in a dense to very dense state. It should be noted that the upper surface of this deposit consists of a fine silty sand. It should be noted that this non-cohesive stratum may 'boil' or be 'disturbed' when subjected to an unbalanced hydrostatic pressure. No laboratory test results of samples of this material are available at this time.

Underlying the sand previously described is a mixture of very dense sand and gravel. The thickness of this stratum was found to 0.7 m. It is anticipated that cobbles and boulders may be encountered within this cohesionless deposit.

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Bedrock was proven in B.H. 5 by obtaining 2.1 m of BX rock core. Bedrock at this specific location is described as a Granitic Fault Breccia, slightly weathered. The surface of the bedrock was found at a depth of 5.9 m below the ground surface, corresponding to Elev. 339.9.

The groundwater level across the site is governed by the prevailing creek level. At the time of the investigation the creek level was at Elev. 345.4. The stabilized groundwater level may be expected to be at the same elevation.

Recommendations

Recommendations pertaining to the design and construction of the foundations for this project were presented in the 1986 report prepared for this Section by Terraprobe Limited. Generally, the recommendations in this report are still valid. However, in view of the findings of B.H. 5, the south abutment, if founded at Elev. 342.9 can be designed for 1000 kPa U.L.S., and 400 kPa, S.L.S. Type II.

I would request that you append this memorandum to your copy of the foundation report for future reference. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



L. Politano
Project Foundations Engineer

for

M. Devata
Chief Foundations Engineer
(East)

LP/MD/mmj

Attachs.

c.c. - J.B. MacMaster
G.D. Newell
C.E. Pritchard
K. Bassi
J.H. Peer

LITTLE GARDEN RIVER
BRIDGE No 1

600 mm ROCK PROTECTION OVER
GEOTEXTILE, CP22 (B60 (CLASS II 75mm)
TO EL. 347.2 (TYPE)

NOTE:
BRIDGE DECK ELEVATIONS
ARE GIVEN TO TOP OF
CONCRETE

NEW CHANNEL
EXCAVATION
(SEE SECTION
THIS DWG.)

LIMIT OF
MINIMUM
EXTENSION
OF 135

NEW ALIGNMENT HWY 336

OLD HWY. NO 556 (GRAVEL)

PLAN
1:300

HOLES
DONE IN
JAN 86

JAN 97

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4	347.9	10+597	4m RT
5		10+567.5	±

REMOVING EXISTING TIMBER BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM.

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FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

5

PROJECT: 277-85-01 LOCATION: STA. 10+567.5 P.C.
DIST: 18 HWY: 556 BOREHOLE TYPE: H.S. Auger, BW casing, Cone Pen Test. ORIGINATED BY: M.J.
DATUM: GEODETIC DATE: 87-01-15/20 COMPILED BY: L.P.
CHECKED BY:

OFFICE REPORT ON SOIL EXPLORATION

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLED		GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYWIDAG CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE (POUND)	SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS 8 GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	SPAT. PLT	NUMBER TYPE VALUES									
345.8	Ground Surface											
0.0	Feet		1 SS 7									
0.7	0.7		2 SS 20		345							
5	5		3 SS 30		344							
10	10		4 SS 125	*	343							
20	20		5 SS 82		342							
15	15		6 SS 38		341							
340.0	340.0		7 SS 76		340							
340.0	340.0		8 SS 70/8		340							
20.0	20.0		9 RC		339							
25.0	25.0		10 RC		339							
25.0	25.0		11 RC		338							
337.5	337.5		12 RC		338							
55	55											
60	60											
65	65											
70	70											
75	75											
80	80											
85	85											
90	90											
95	95											
95	95											

REC = 63%
ROL = 47%
REC = 75%
ROL = 0%
REC = 90%
ROL = 13%
REC = 71%
ROL = 0%

+2, +5. Numbers refer to
Sensitivity

20
15 1/2 15.5 STRAIN AT FAILURE
10

memorandum

Tel: 248-3282



To: O.E. Ramakko
Head, Structural Section
Northwestern Region

Date: 1986 11 07

ATTEN: R.J. Krisciunas
Senior Structural Engineer

From: Foundation Design Section
Room 315, Central Building
Downsview

RE: W.P. 277-85-01
Little Garden River Crossing No. 1
Hwy 556, Site 38,5-20
Dist. 18, Sault Ste Marie

Further to your memorandum of 86-10-16, we have reviewed the Preliminary General Arrangement drawing (dated September '86) for the above-noted project.

We note that subsequent to the issue of the Foundation Investigation and Design Report, the location of the structure has been changed. When we were requested to carry out a foundation investigation for this project, we were informed that the structure would be located along the new alignment of Hwy. 556 at the crossing of the existing Little Garden River. However, as shown on the preliminary drawing, the structure has been shifted approximately 15 m to the west. Consequently, we have no subsurface information available for the west abutment on the west river bank.

In view of the relocation of the structure, we feel that additional borings will be required at this site in order to obtain the required subsurface information.

Upon completion of the fieldwork, we will once again review the preliminary dwg., and provide you with our comments.

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L. Politano
Project Foundations Engineer

for

M. Devata
Chief Foundations Engineer (East)

W.P. 277-85-01

memorandum



To: O.E. Ramakko
Head, Structural Section
Thunder Bay

Date: 1986 09 17

From: Foundation Design Section
Room 315, Central Building

RE: Little Garden River Bridges No. 1 & No. 2
Sites 38S-20 and 386-21
Highway 556
District 18 - Sault Ste. Marie

Further to your memo of 86 09 12 and recent telephone conversations, we understand that consideration is being given to the construction of twin cell (2 - 6 x 3 m) concrete box culverts with retaining walls at the above-noted sites. The proposed elevation of the underside of the culvert at crossing No. 1 is Elev. 344. At crossing No. 2, the proposed founding elevation is Elev. 350.

Your concern with this alternative is the potential dewatering problems. The following are our comments with regards to dewatering.

Little Garden River Crossing No. 1

If the excavation is to be advanced to Elev. 344, a dewatering scheme will be required since the predominant deposit consists of gravel, sand and boulders. Since the material is dense to very dense and includes boulders and cobbles, the use of well points or sheet piling is not considered feasible.

An alternative which could be utilized at this site after the creek has been diverted involves advancing the excavation down to Elev. 344 and providing perimeter ditches 0.3 to 0.4 m below the base of the excavation. Water seeping into the excavation would have to be sumped from a number of pumps. The denseness of the material may permit such a scheme to function.

It should be noted, however, that considering the nature of the soil and the water elevation, it is difficult to predict the amount of water which will seep into the excavation. Since a very large excavation is required for the construction of the twin-box culverts, it may be difficult to control the volumes of water seeping into the excavation particularly if there are localized 'less dense' zones or seams in the immediate area.

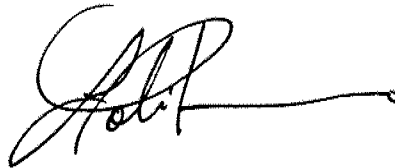
Little Garden River Crossing No. 2

It is proposed to found the twin-box culverts at Elev. 350. The material across the site is non-cohesive in nature and subsequently is very permeable.

In order to dewater the excavation, a sheet pile coffer dam could be installed around the perimeter of the excavation. The sheet piling would have to penetrate the minimum of 2-3 m below the base of the excavation in order to adequately depress the groundwater level in the area of the proposed excavation.

Pumping from sumps would also be required in order to control the expected nominal amounts of seepage into the excavation.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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L. Politano
Project Foundations Engineer
for

M. Devata
Chief Foundations Engineer
(East)

MD/LP/mmj

MEMORANDUM

TO: M. S. Devata
Chief Foundations Engineer
Engineering Materials Office
Foundation Design Section
Central Building
Downsview, Ontario

DATE: 1986 09 12

FROM: Structural Section
Northwestern Region
807/577-6541 Ext. 247

ATTENTION: L. Politano
Project Foundations Engineer

Re: Little Garden River Bridge No. 1 and No. 2
Sites 38S-20 and 38S-21
Hwy. 556, Sault Ste. Marie

This serves to confirm our recent telephone conversation and my request for additional information about these two sites.

Northland Engineering of Sudbury have recently begun the structural design for these bridges. Part of their assignment requires the assessment of various structure alternatives, and one type in particular shows advantages which have caused me to consider it more closely. That alternative is a twin cell (6 m. x 3 m.) concrete box culvert with retaining walls.

The major concern I have for this type of structure relates to dewatering for the foundations. The Foundation Report notes that the underlying material is dense granular which is quite porous. Mention is also made of the need for a well point system for dewatering. Considering the large area beneath a twin cell culvert to be unwatered, and the need for a stream diversion as well, this alternative may become very expensive.

Please review the Foundation Reports for these two structures and advise as to the method of dewatering required, bedding requirements, etc. for the twin cell culvert option. The proposed elevation at the underside of each culvert is as follows:

Little Garden No. 1: Elev. 344.0
Little Garden No. 2: Elev. 350.0

O. E. Ramakko

O. E. Ramakko
Head, Structural Section

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Site located on right side of photo, in heavily treed area.

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Survey line looking north-east, up to gravel Highway 556.

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FIGURE 1

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Felled trees looking north-east along survey line.

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Survey line looking south-west across Little Garden River.

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FIGURE 2

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Heavily forested area looking north from C_L of proposed bridge.

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Benchmark (B.M. 349.542). N & W in the rest of 0.40 spruce.

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FIGURE 3

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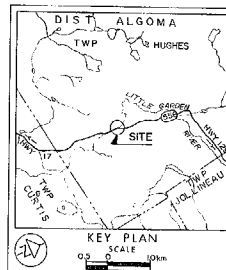
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LITTLE GARDEN RIVER
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BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA



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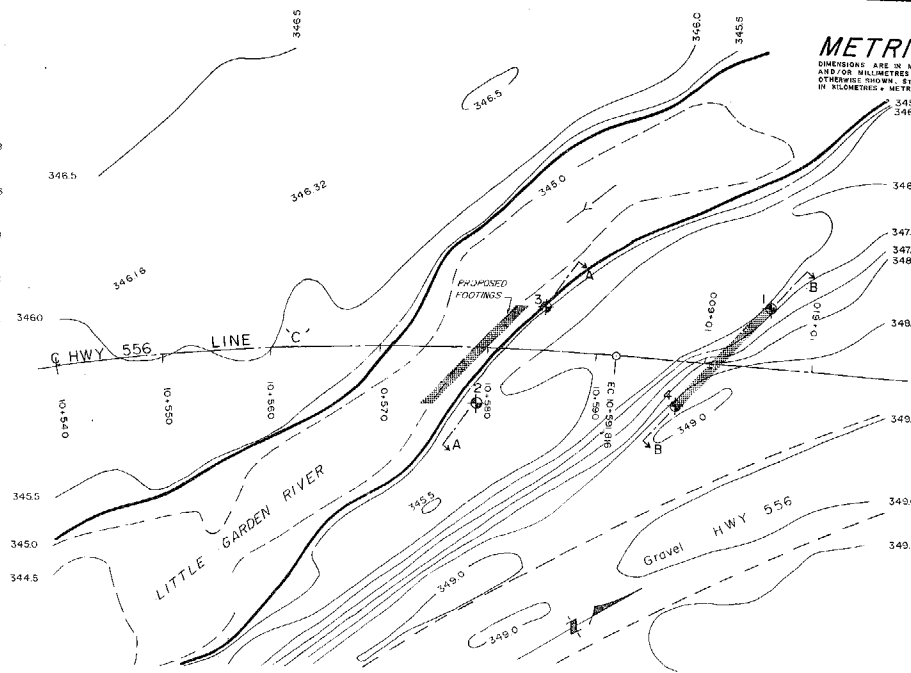
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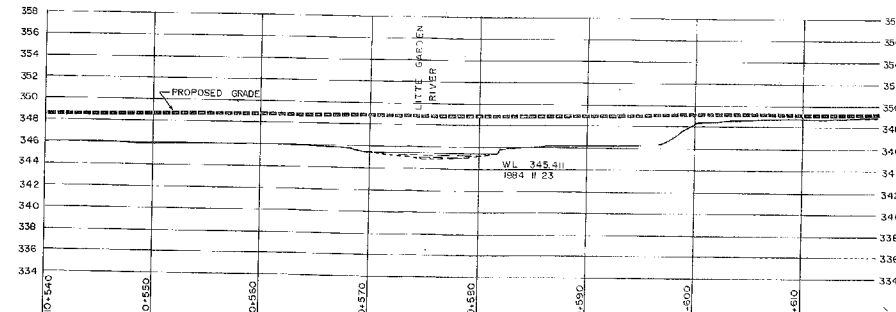
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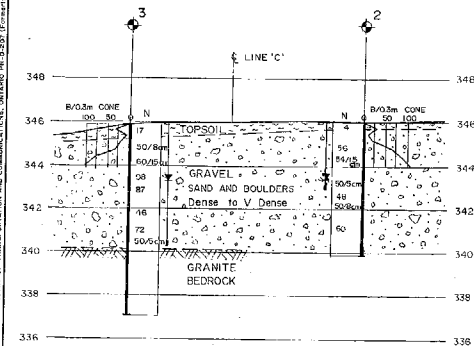


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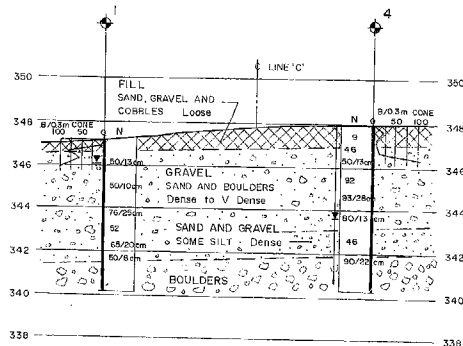


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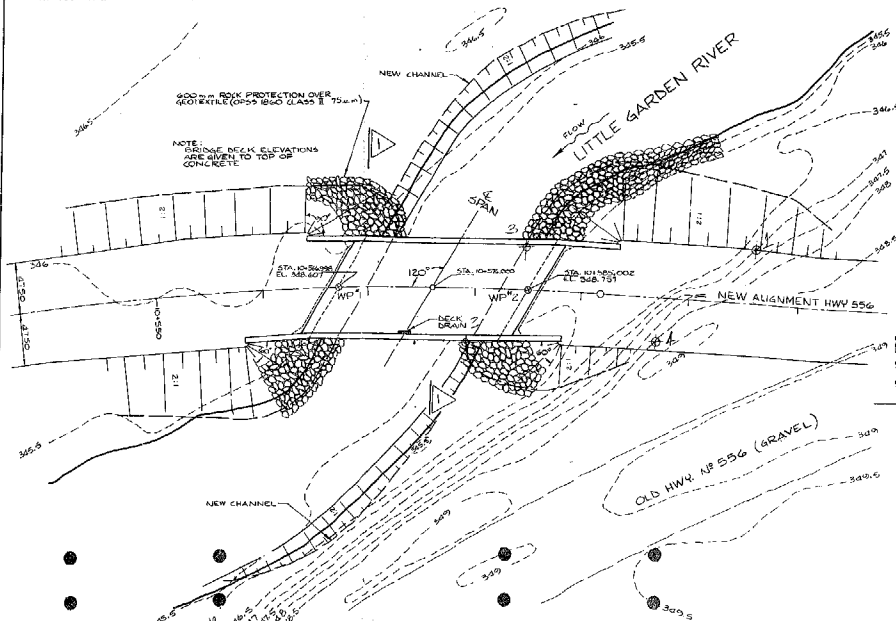
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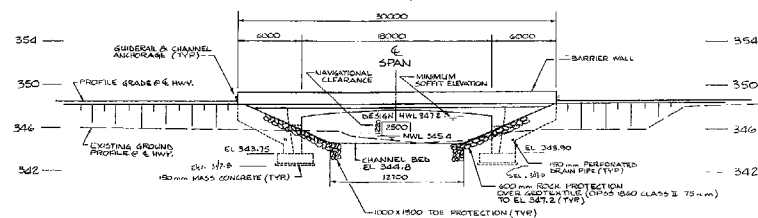
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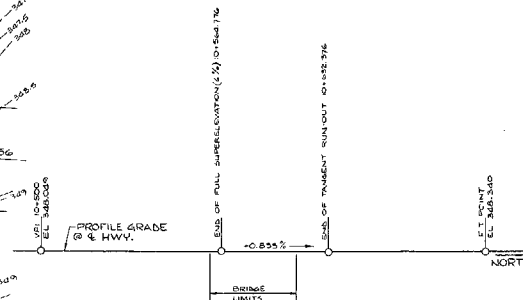


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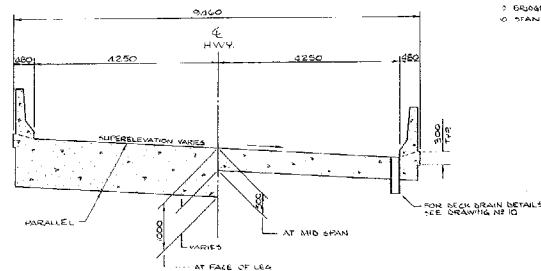



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PROFILE @ 4 HWY. N° 556



 SECTION
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METRIC

DIMENSIONS ARE IN METRES
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GENERAL NOTES:

CLASS OF CONCRETE

- * FOOTING AND MASS CONCRETE ----- 20 MPa
 - * REMAINDER ----- 30 MPa
- REINFORCING STEEL**
- * REINFORCING STEEL TO BE GRADE 60 UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. BARS MARKED WITH "SUEFIC" SHALL BE EPOXY COATED.
- CLEAR COVER TO REINFORCING STEEL**
- * FOOTINGS --- 100 mm ± 25 mm
 - * FRAME SLABS AND WINGWALLS --- 70 mm ± 20 mm
 - * DECK SLAB --- 70 mm ± 20 mm
 - * BUTTRESS --- 80 mm ± 30 mm
 - * BARRIER WALLS --- 10 mm ± 20 mm
- EXCEPT AS NOTED OTHERWISE

CONSTRUCTION NOTES

- NO CONCRETE SHALL BE PLACED FOR FOOTINGS UNTIL THE DEPTH OF EXCAVATION AND CHARACTER OF THE FOUNDATION MATERIAL HAS BEEN DETERMINED.
- BACKFILL SHALL BE PLACED IMMEDIATELY AFTER REMOVING BOTH FRAME LEGS KEEPING THE HEIGHT OF BACKFILL APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS THE FINAL FLOOR FINISH ELEVATION. ELEVATION BE GREATER THAN 500 mm.
- FALSEWORK SUPPORTING WINDWALLS SHALL NOT BE REMOVED UNTIL CONCRETE IN DECK HAS ATTAINED A MINIMUM STRENGTH OF 30 MPa.
- FALSEWORK SUPPORTING THE DECK SHALL NOT BE REMOVED UNTIL AFTER THE BACKFILL HAS BEEN PLACED TO THE FINISH ELEVATION.

CONCRETE QUANTITIES

- CONCRETE IN BRIDGE - - - - -
- CONCRETE IN BARRIER WALLS - - -

LIST OF DRAWINGS

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	DESIGN	N.W.C.	CHECK	LOADING	OWB-6 'B3-B			DATE	SEPT-8
	DRAWING	N.W.C.	CHECK	SITE No	3B3-20			DWG	P1

DRAWING NOT TO BE SCALED
100 mm ON ORIGINAL DRAWING