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OVERSIZE DRAWINGS TO BE INCLUDED WITH THIS REPORT.

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MUNROE ISLAND BRIDGE
HIGHWAY 548
GENERAL ARRANGEMENT

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CONSTRUCTION NOTES :

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ESTABLISH THE BEARING SEAT ELEVATIONS BY DEDUCTING THE ACTUAL BEARING THICKNESS FROM THE TOP OF BEARING ELEVATIONS. IF THE ACTUAL BEARING THICKNESSES ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE GIVEN WITH THE BEARING DESIGN DATA, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ADJUST THE REINFORCING STEEL TO SUIT.

GENERAL NOTES

CLASS OF CONCRETE

• ALL CONCRETE 30 MPa

REINFORCING STEEL

- REINFORCING STEEL SHALL BE GRADE 400 UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
- BAR MARKS WITH SUFFIX "C" DENOTE COATED BARS.
- WHERE SPLICES ARE NOT SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS, SPLICES SHALL BE AT LEAST
15M - 650mm
20M - 800mm
25M - 1200mm
30M - 1650mm
35M - 2350mm

CLEAR COVER TO REINFORCING STEEL

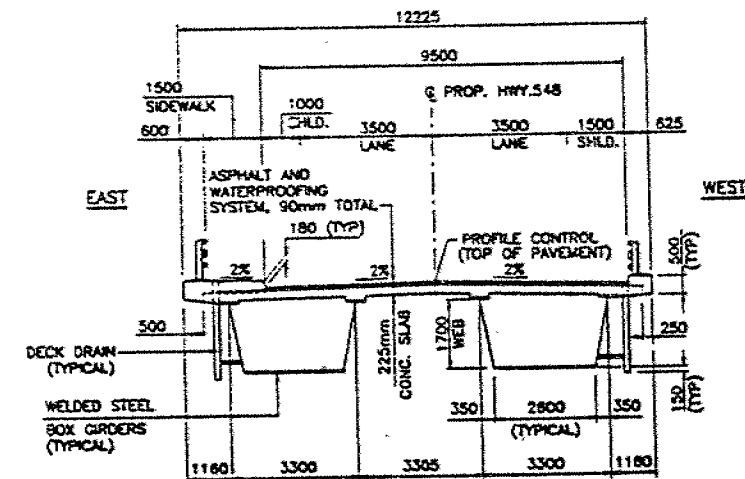
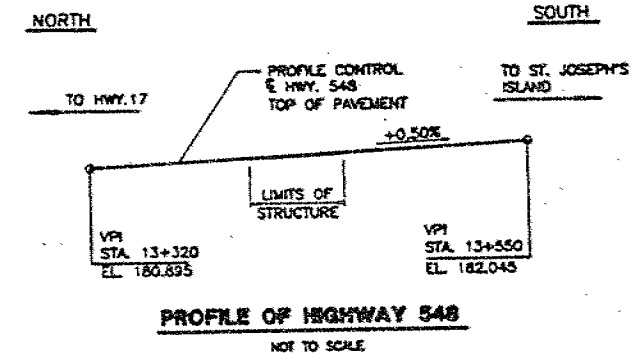
- CAISSONS 80 ± 20mm
- ABUTMENTS AND WINGWALLS FRONT FACE 80 ± 20mm
BACK FACE 70 ± 20mm
- DECK TOP 70 ± 20mm
BOTTOM 40 ± 10mm
- REMAINDER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED 70 ± 20mm

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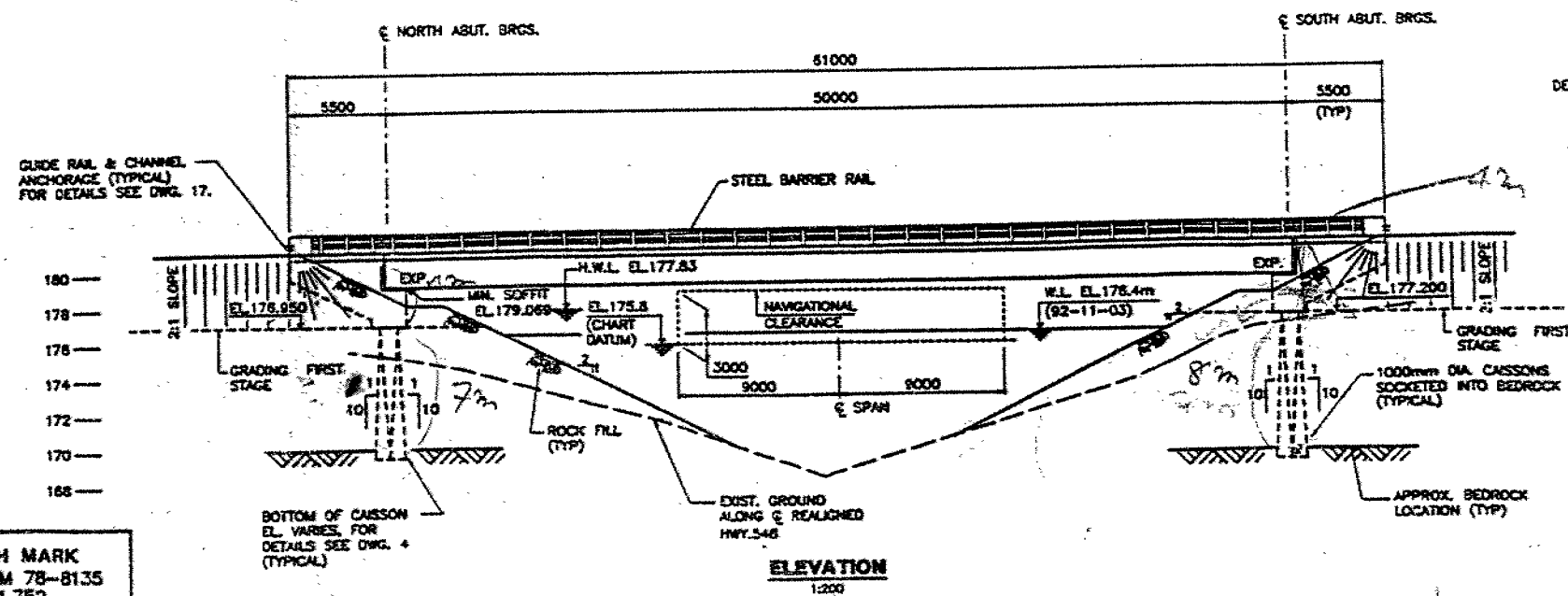
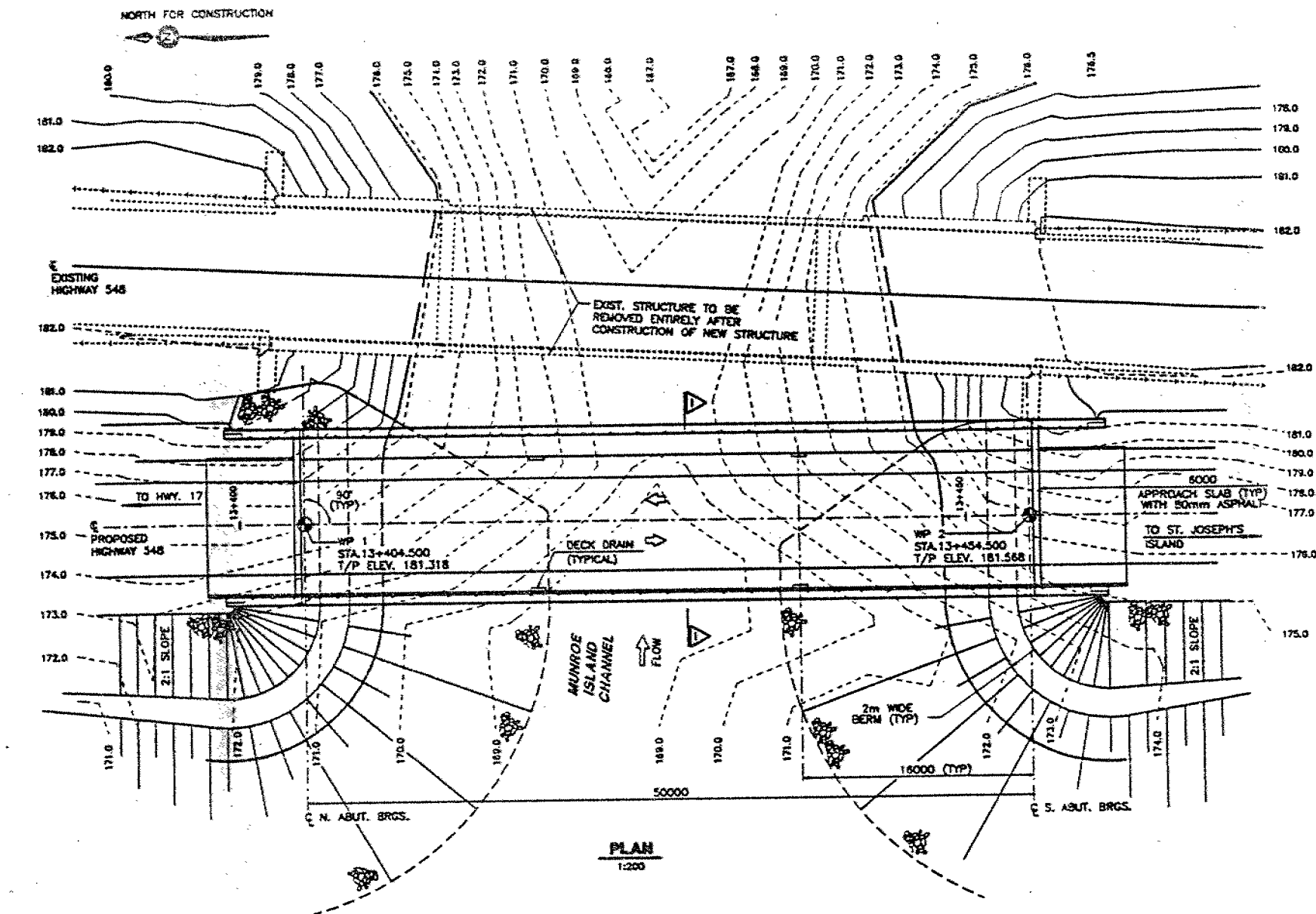
- WP DENOTES WORKING POINT
- T/P DENOTES TOP OF PAVEMENT
- W.L. DENOTES WATER LEVEL
- H.W.L. DENOTES HIGH WATER LEVEL



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BENCH MARK
MTO BM 78-8135
EL. 181.752
BEARING THICKNESS TO BE DETERMINED
SEE LY 12-407-2-3
FIGURE 107

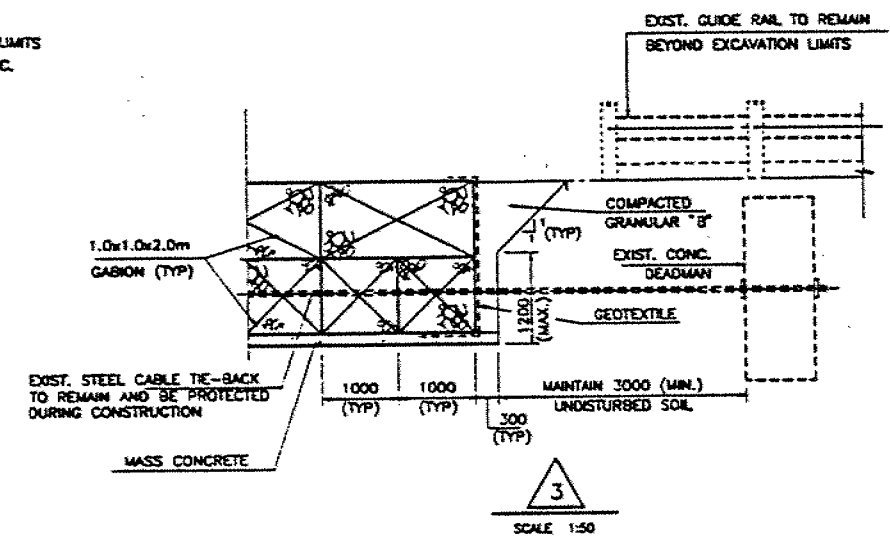
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ROADWAY PROTECTION

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- FOR PAVEMENT DETAILS SEE GRADING DWGS.
- CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY EXISTING GRADE ELEVATIONS AND LOCATION OF STEEL CABLE TIE-BACK AND REPORT ANY DISCREPANCIES TO THE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE WORK.
- ROADWAY PROTECTION TO BE REMOVED TO 1000mm BELOW FINISHED GRADE AT COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION.
- MIN. CLEARANCE BETWEEN EXIST. STEEL CABLE TIE-BACK AND GABION STRUCTURE TO BE 50mm. DEFORM GABION BASKET LOCALLY IF NECESSARY.



STEEL BEAM GUIDE RAIL
TO BE REMOVED (TYP)

E EXIST. HWY 548

8150

REMOVE EXIST CURBS

SAWCUT EXIST ASPHALT
FULL DEPTH (TYP)

FOR LAYOUT OF
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC BARRIER
SEE GRADING DWGS.

EXISTING
PAVEMENT

FOR LIMITS AND DETAILS
OF ROADWAY RESTORATION,
SEE GRADING DWGS.

1.0x1.0x2.0m
GABION

1000

LIMITS OF INITIAL
STAGED REMOVAL
OF EXIST. BRIDGE

EXISTING
GROUND

TOP OF EXIST
ABUTMENT FOOTING

COMPACTED
GRANULAR 18"

BOTTOM OF GABION
EL. 181.00

1150

300

1000

GEOTEXTILE
CLASS II NON-WOVEN
F.O.S. 80 kN

MASS CONCRETE

1 (TYP.)

EXCAVATION
LINE (TYP)

BOTTOM OF EXIST. ABUTMENT FOOTING
(EL. 179.80 ±)

1

AT NORTH ABUTMENT

SCALE 1:50

300

BOTT. OF PROP.
ABUTMENT
(EL. 178.950)

SOUTH ABUTMENT

FOR LIMITS AND DETAILS OF ROADWAY RESTORATION, SEE GRADING DWGS.

SAWTOOTH EXIST. ASPHALT FULL DEPTH (TYP)

E. EXST. HWY 548

FOR LAYOUT OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC BARRIER SEE GRADING DWGS.

LIMITS OF INITIAL STAGED REMOVAL OF EXIST. BRIDGE

EXISTING GROUND

EXIST. STEEL CABLE TIE-BACK

(TYP.)

BOTT. OF PROP. ABUTMENT (EL. 177.200)

MASS CONCRETE

1.0x1.0x2.0m GABION (TYP)

COMPACTED GRANULAR

TOP OF EXIST. ABUTMENT FOOTING

GEOTEXTILE CLASS II NON-WOVEN F.O.S. 80 µm

BOTTOM OF GABION EL. 180.00

BOTTOM OF EXIST. ABUTMENT FOOTING (EL. 179.80 ±)

EXCAVATION LINE (TYP)

AT SOUTH ABUTMENT

SCALE 1:50

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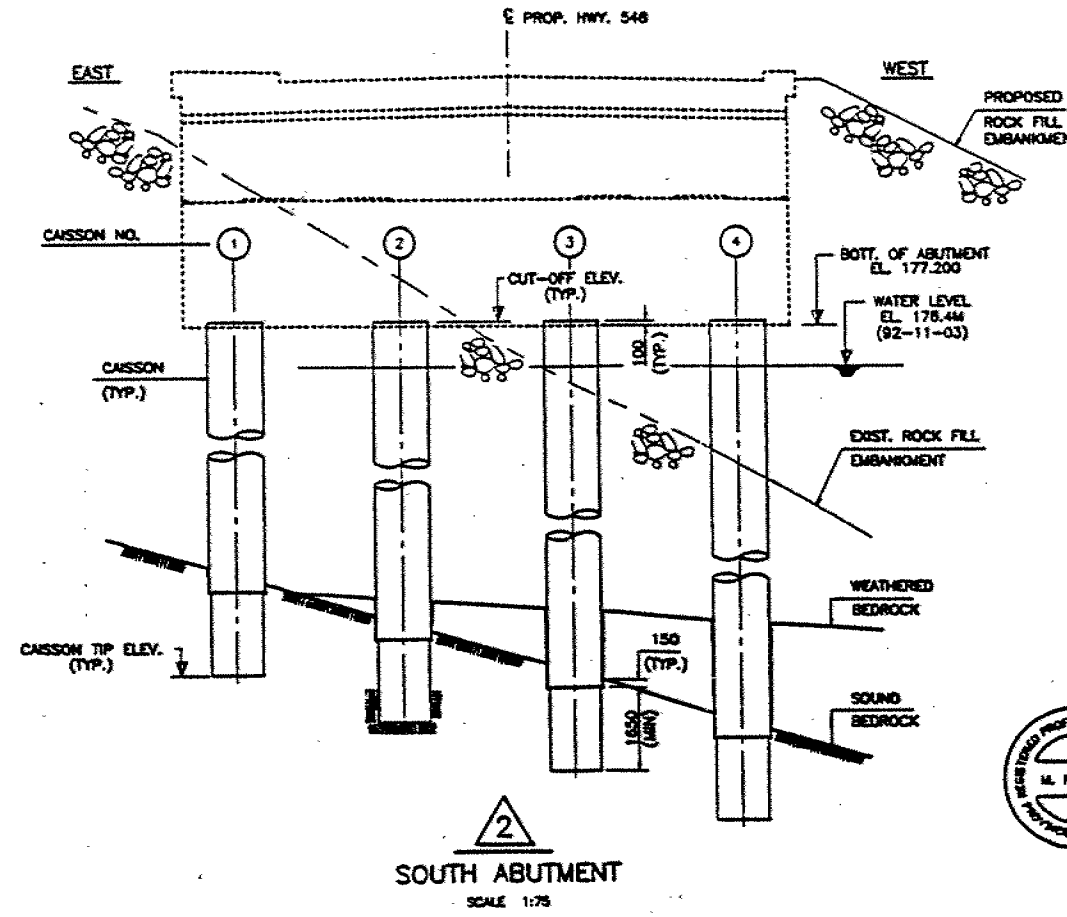
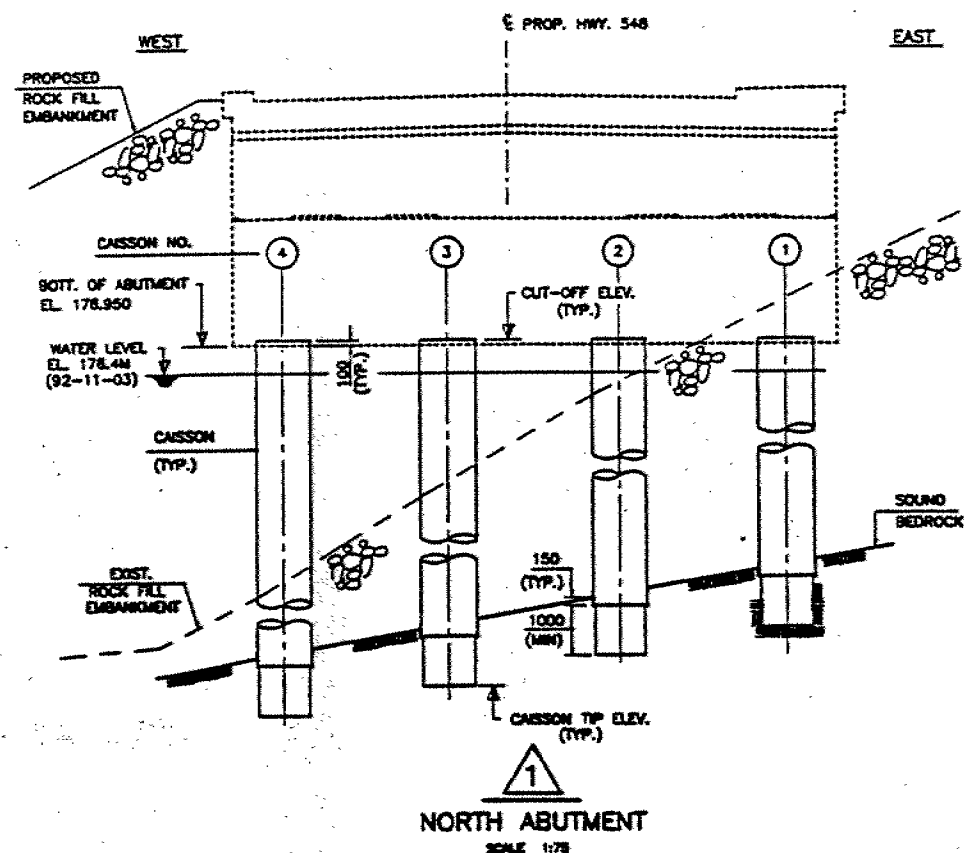
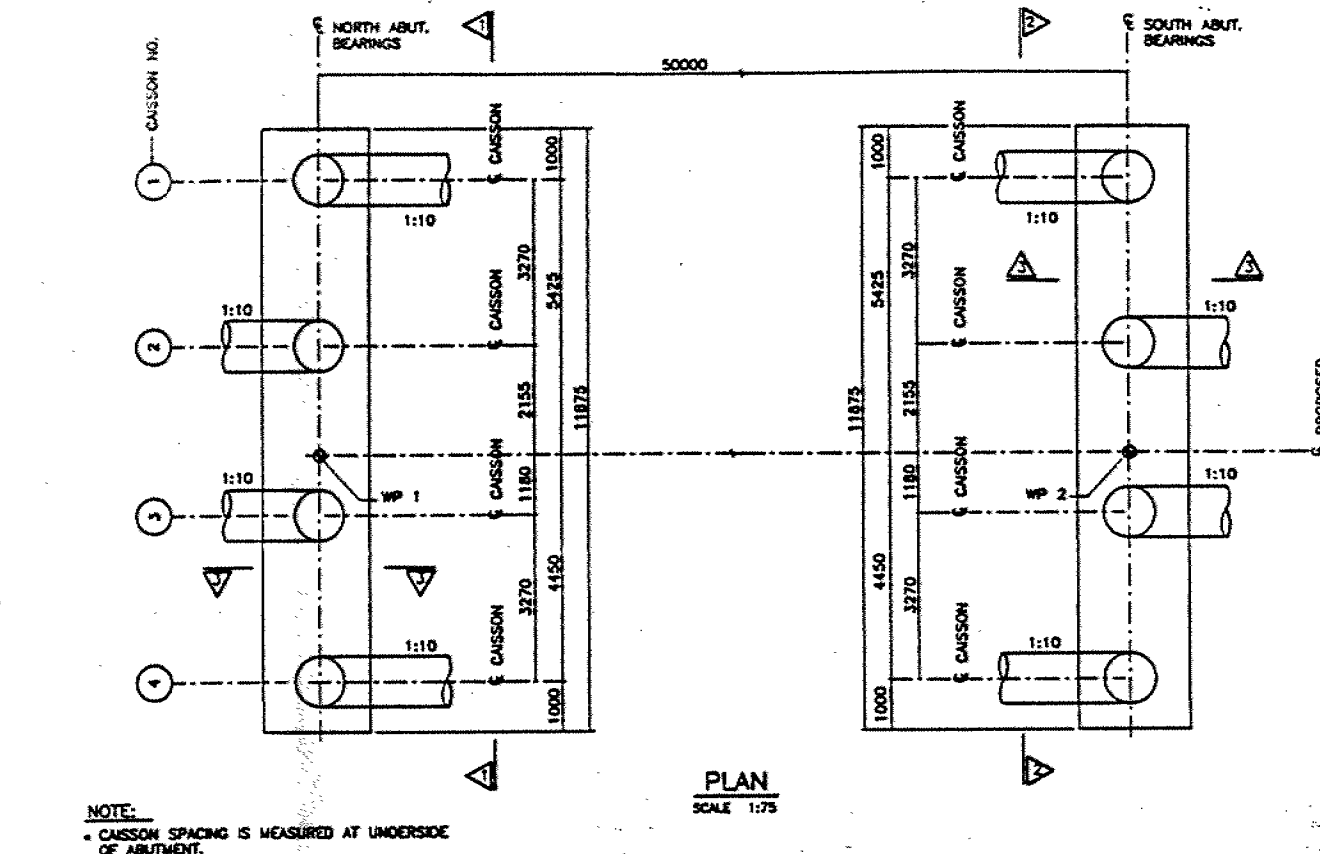
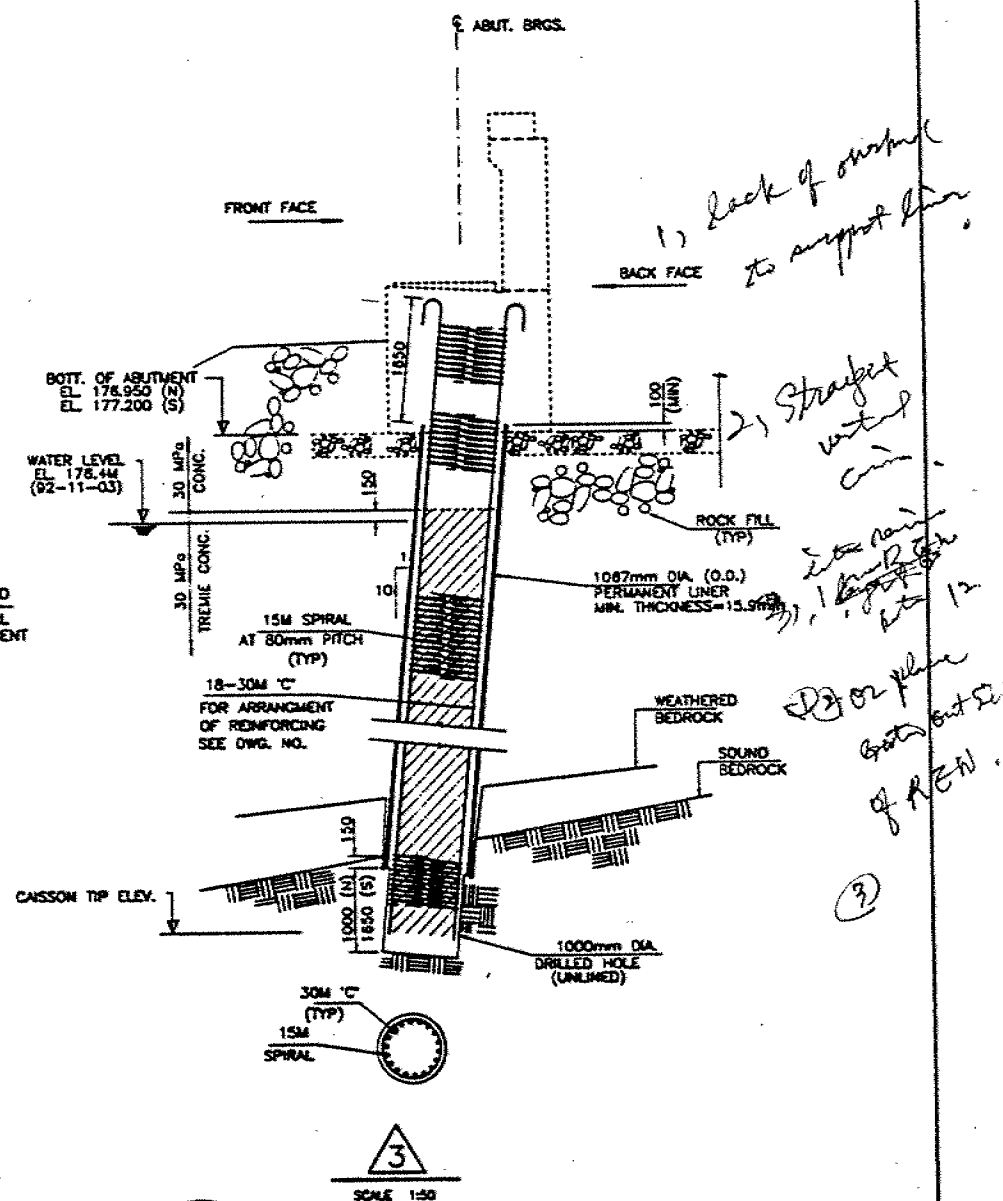
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The diagram illustrates the 'LINER SHOE DETAIL' of a caisson. It shows a cross-section of a rectangular structure labeled 'CAISSON LINER (TYP)'. At the bottom of the caisson, there is a 'LINER SHOE' which is a horizontal plate. The liner shoe is shown with a dashed line indicating its position relative to the caisson. The diagram is labeled 'LINER SHOE DETAIL' and 'SCALE 1:25'.



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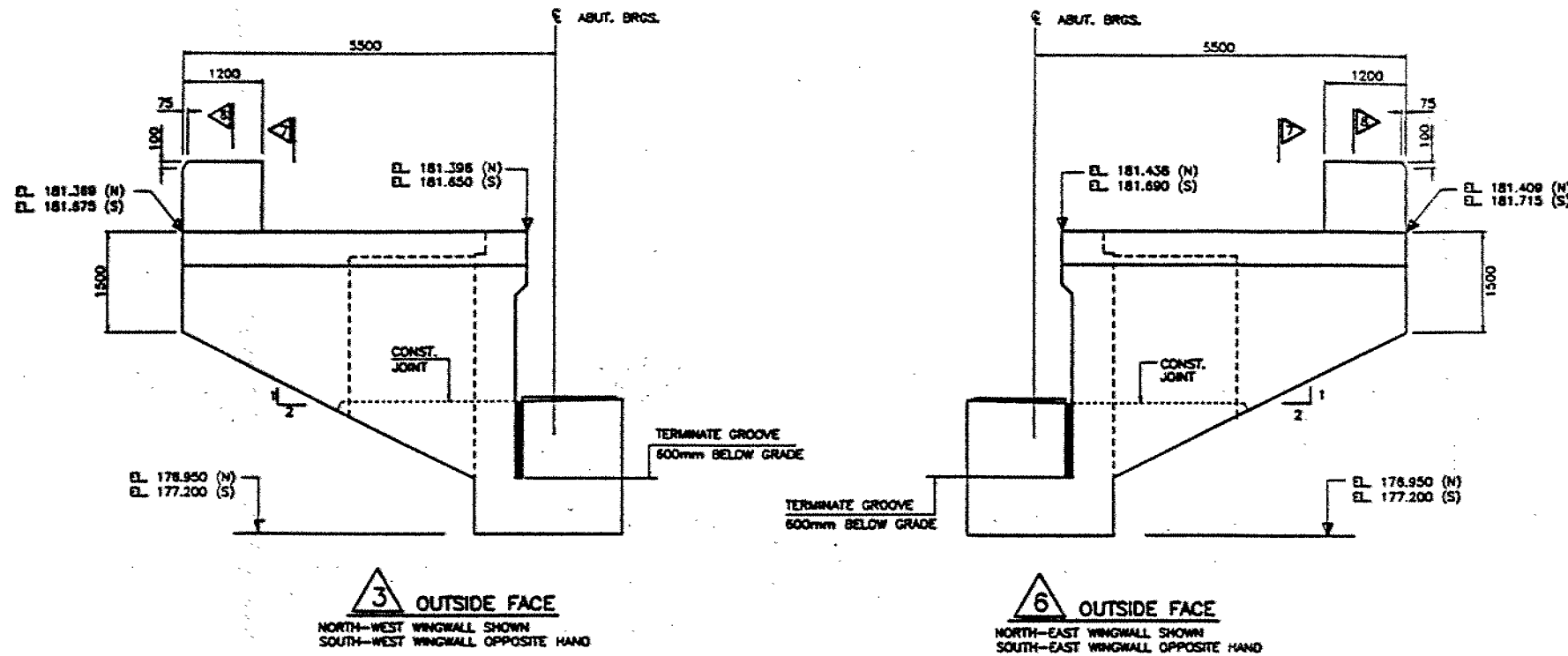
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 HIGHWAY 548
 WINGWALLS

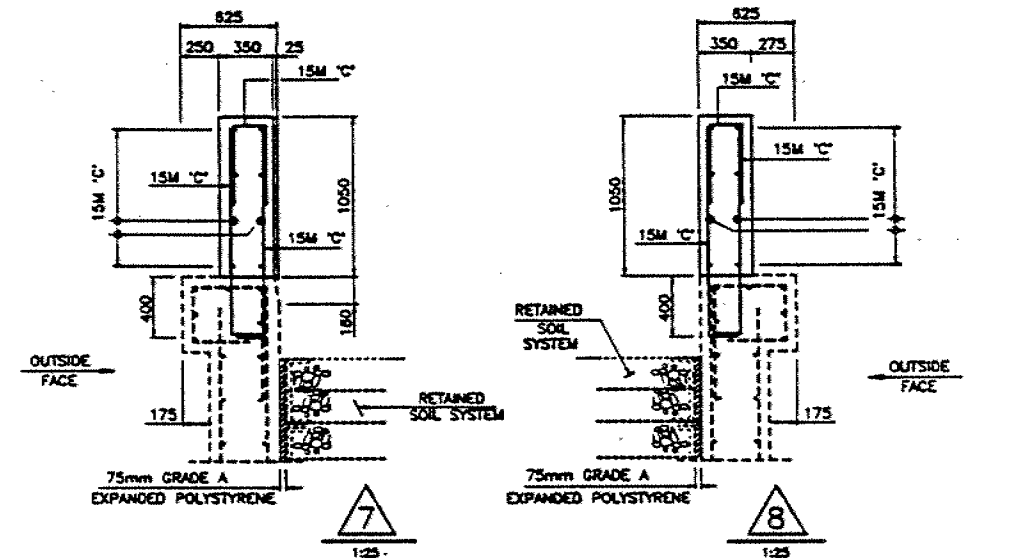
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NOTES:
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 WITH DRAWING 3 & 8

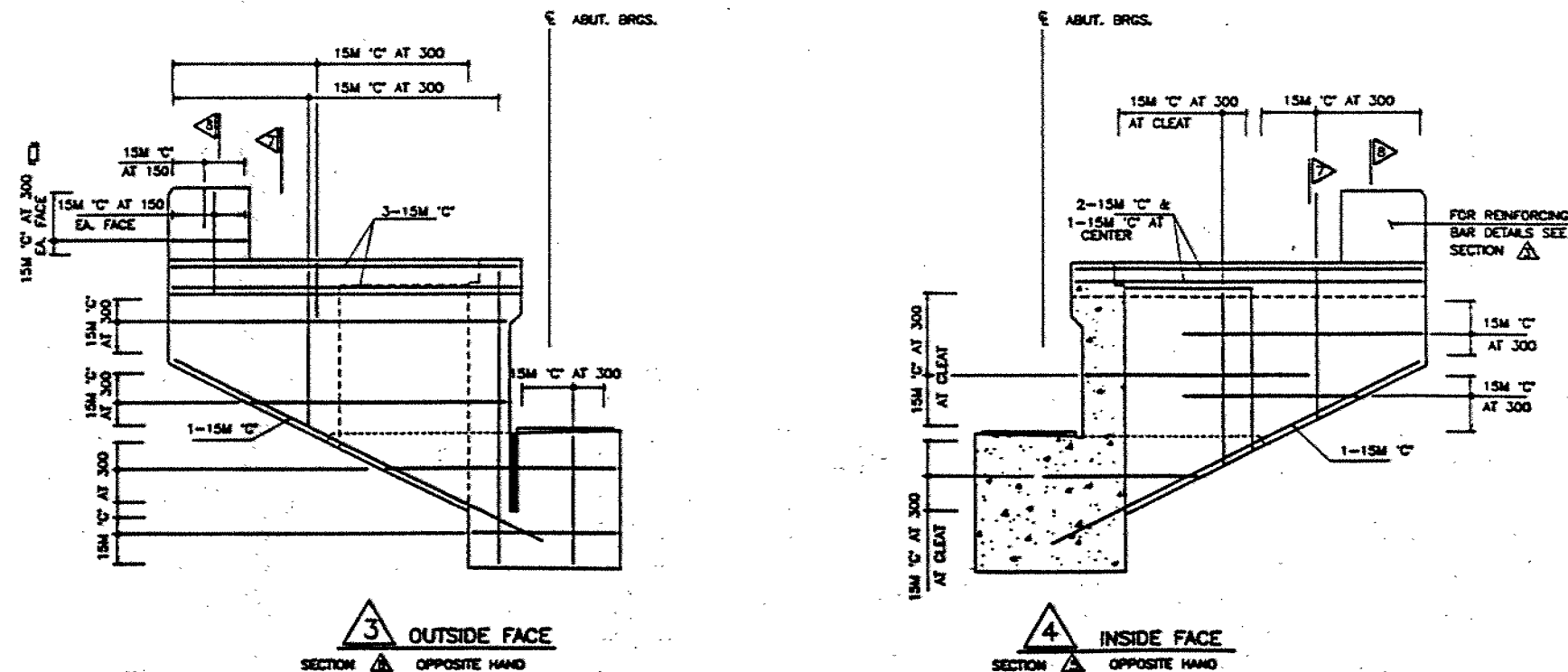


TYPICAL WINGWALL LAYOUT
 RETAINED SOIL SYSTEM NOT SHOWN FOR CLARITY
 1:50



WEST WINGWALL

EAST WINGWALL



TYPICAL WINGWALL REINFORCING
 1:50



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FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

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

EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN REPORT

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

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

SOILS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JOINTING AND BEDDING:

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

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

FIELD SAMPLING

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

STRESS AND STRAIN

u_w	kPa	PORE WATER PRESSURE
r_u	1	PORE PRESSURE RATIO
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'_{v0}	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						

Foundation Investigation Report
For
Munroe Island Bridge at Highway 548
W.P. 29-88-01, Site 38 S-177
District 18, Sault Ste. Marie

INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes the results of the foundation investigation conducted at Munroe Island Bridge of Highway 548. The investigation was carried out upon the request of the Northwestern Region Structural Section for the proposed replacement bridge over Munroe Island channel of St. Mary's River. The field work for the investigation was carried out between 92 11 03 and 92 11 09 and consisted of six (6) sampled boreholes.

This report is applicable to the bridge structure and its immediate approaches (sta 13 + 380 to 13 + 470 approximately)

SITE DESCRIPTION

The site is located on Highway 548 at the southmost crossing from St. Joseph Island to the mainland, in the Township of St. Joseph, District of Algoma. It is about 3.4 km. south of the intersection of Highway 17 and Highway 548. According to Northern Ontario Engineering Geology Terrain Study 97 carried out by Ministry of Natural Resources, the landform of the site is a ground moraine with bedrock below a drift veneer.

The existing Munroe Island Bridge on Highway 548 is part of a causeway link joining St. Joseph Island and the mainland. The bridge was constructed in 1950 as a single span bridge founded on a pad of rockfill which formed part of the original causeway. Since construction, the bridge has undergone a history of distress and various remedial measures have been implemented. The present bridge has a three span configuration with short girder type spans added to each end. The piers are found to be tilting forward and sideways. Tie back cables have been installed between the pier and the south abutment. The existing pavement

is in poor conditions with cracks and patches. The steel members of the bridge truss is rusty and some concrete spalling is noted in the structure.

The existing highway embankment at the approaches are up to about 10 m high with about half of it under water. The embankments are granular in nature with large rock armouring blocks on the slope face especially at the approaches. Approach slope gradients are up to 1.4H:1V to 1.5H:1V steep. The slopes appear to be marginally stable in local steep areas. The Munroe Island Channel is about 35 m wide at the bridge location. The sub-aqueous slopes are fairly steep around the bridge and to the east. Some whirlpools can be seen on the east side of the bridge. During the time of the investigation, the water level was at about El.176.4 m.

INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES

Soil data and inherent properties were obtained by in situ and laboratory testing. The procedures employed are discussed below.

Field

The field work for the investigation was carried out between 92 11 03 and 92 11 09 and consisted of six (6) sampled boreholes, which were advanced to depths of 3.1 to 16.3 m.

For the boreholes on land (BH1 and BH2) a track mounted continuous flight auger machine was used to advance the boreholes with conventional hollow stem augering techniques. For the boreholes over water (BH3 to BH6), a diamond drill rig resting on a raft and equipped with N/B size casings was used to advance them.

The sampling program consisted of split spoon samples collected in the overburden. Disturbed subsoil samples were retrieved by a split spoon sampler in accordance with the Standard Penetration Test (ASTM D1586). They provided Standard Penetration (N) values for assessment of the denseness of the non-cohesive material. All the samples collected were used for identification and laboratory testing purposes. Dynamic core Penetration Test was carried out in BH3, BH4 and BH6. Conventional rock coring methods were applied in retrieving

rock core samples using BXL core barrels.

All subsoil samples were identified in the field and returned to the laboratory for further examination and appropriate testing.

Groundwater levels were monitored throughout the duration of the investigation in open boreholes on land. All the land holes were backfilled upon completion of the field work.

Survey information related to the location and elevation of boreholes was provided by the Northwestern Region, Surveys and Plans Section.

Laboratory

The laboratory testing program for select soil samples consisted of:

- grain size distribution
- natural moisture content determinations

Laboratory test results are given in the following section of this report and Record of Borehole sheets included in the Appendix.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

General

The Record of Borehole sheets in the Appendix illustrate the subsurface conditions at the borehole locations. The locations and elevations of the boreholes are shown in DWG. No. 2 (Sheet 22) of the Contract Drawings.

BH1 and BH4 are on or close to the existing embankment. In BH1 to 3, the subsurface material encountered comprised of fill over bedrock. A thin layer (1.3m) of native material consisting of silty sand, some gravel, with boulders was found in BH4 overlying bedrock. In BH5 and BH6 which are further away from

at the top 1.3 m, ranging from 30 to 58%. The rock at this location is considered to be medium strong.

Groundwater

During the course of the investigation, the water level in the river was at about El.176.4 m. For the boreholes on land, observations of the groundwater level were carried out by measuring the water levels in open boreholes during the investigation. Groundwater levels measured were typically close to the water level in the river.

Water levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations and hence may vary from values given in this report.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fieldwork for this investigation was carried out under the supervision of D. Kwok, Project Foundation Engineer. The equipment was owned and operated by Master Soil Investigation Ltd. Bedrock was examined and classified by MTO petrographer, D. Williams.

The project was carried out by D. Kwok under the supervision of Dr. B. Iyer, Senior Foundation Engineer. The report was prepared D. Kwok, reviewed by B. Iyer, and approved by Mr. M. Devata, Chief Foundation Engineer.



Taecheul Kim

T. Kim, P. Eng.
Sr. Foundation Engineer

APPENDIX

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

1 OF 1 METRIC

W.P. 29-88-01 LOCATION Sta 13+401.2 12.3 m Lt ORIGINATED BY DK
DIST 18 HWY 548 BOREHOLE TYPE H.S. Auger, BW Casing COMPILED BY DK
DATUM Geodetic DATE 92 11 04 - 92 11 05 CHECKED BY BI

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 7 kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES		20	40	60	80	100					
182.2	Ground Surface															
0.0	Silty Sand and Gravel Trace Clay Occasional Shale Fragments Brown and Grey (Fill)		1	SS	11											52 24 16 8
			2	SS	6											
			3	SS	21											
			4	SS	12											
			5	SS	46											
			6	SS	100											
173.2	Cobbles Bedrock		7	RC	REC	94%										RQD 26%
9.0			8	RC	REC	100%										RQD 67%
			9	RC	REC	100%										RQD 41%
			10	RC	REC	100%										RQD 67%
167.9	End of Borehole															
14.3	= 92 11 05															

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 2

1 OF 1

METRIC

W.P. 29-88-01 LOCATION Sta 13+457.4 8.3 m Lt ORIGINATED BY DK
DIST 18 HWY 548 BOREHOLE TYPE H.S. Auger, BW Casing COMPILED BY DK
DATUM Geodetic DATE 92 11 03 - 92 11 04 CHECKED BY BI

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 7 kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES		20	40	60	80	100					
182.3	Ground Surface															
0.0																
			1	SS	5											
			2	SS	22											
			3	SS	11											
			4	SS	20											
			5	SS	11											
			6	SS	11											
			7	SS	4											
			8	SS	7											
			9	SS	8											
171.8																
10.5			10	RC	REC	60%										
			11	RC	REC	75%										
			12	RC	REC	50%										
			13	RC	REC	96%										
			14	RC	REC	77%										
			15	RC	REC	88%										
166.0			16	RC	REC	96%										
16.3	End of Borehole															
	- 92 11 03															

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3

1 OF 1

METRIC

W.P. 29-88-01 LOCATION Sta 13+402.6 3.6 m Rt ORIGINATED BY DK
DIST 18 HWY 548 BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring, BW Casing, Cone COMPILED BY DK
DATUM Geodetic DATE 92 11 06 - 92 11 08 CHECKED BY BI

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
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176.4	Water Surface													
0.0	Water													
173.0														
3.4	Sand and Gravel Trace Silt, Trace Organics Occasional Cobbles and Boulders (Possible Fill)		1	SS	12									
			2	SS	21									
170.6			3	SS	28									
5.8			4	RC	REC	100%								
			5	RC	REC	100%								
			6	RC	REC	80%								
			7	RC	REC	100%								
			8	RC	REC	95%								
166.9														
9.5	End of Borehole													

+3, x5: Numbers refer to
Sensitivity

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

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METRIC

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DATUM Geodetic DATE 92 11 03 - 92 11 05 CHECKED BY BI

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 kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100					
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0.0	Water													
173.2														
3.2	Sand and Gravel (Granular Fill)		1	SS	15									
171.3			2	SS	100									
5.1	Silty Sand and Gravel		3	SS	80									
170.0	Boulders		4	RC	REC	50%								
6.4	Highly Fractured		5	RC	REC	26%								
			6	RC	REC	28%								
	Quartz Kaolinitic Sandstone Bedrock		7	RC	REC	58%								
			8	RC	REC	30%								
			9	RC	REC	92%								
			10	RC	REC	83%								
164.1			11	RC	REC	100%								
			12	RC	REC	70%								
12.3	End of Borehole													

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 5

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DATUM Geodetic DATE 92 11 08 CHECKED BY BI

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 kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	20 40 60 80 100					
176.4	Water Surface												
0.0	Water												
170.9													
5.5 170.1	Sand and Gravel, Some Boulder		1	SS	**								48 45 4 3
			2	RC	REC	67%							ROD 0%
6.3	End of Borehole												
	▲ Quartz Sandstone, Gabbro Bedrock												
	** Bouncing on rock												

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 6

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METRIC

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DIST 18 HWY 548 BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring, Cone COMPILED BY DK

DATUM Geodetic DATE 92 11 08 - 92 11 09 CHECKED BY BI

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CORE RECOVERY					CORE DESCRIPTION	
BH#	RC#	DEPTH (m)	% CR*	% RQD*	DEPTH (m)	DESCRIPTION
1	7	9.02-9.65	94	26	9.02-14.30	GABBRO (chloritic), dark greenish grey to greenish black (stained dark reddish brown, 10.84-12.37 m); coarse to fine grained; strong; unweathered to slightly weathered; fractures moderate to extremely close spaced, dipping to near vertical, undulating to planar, smooth.
	8	9.65-11.10	100	67		
	9	11.10-12.70	100	41		
	10	12.70-14.30	100	67		
2	10	10.49-11.51	60	0	10.49-16.31	QUARTZ SANDSTONE , medium grey; fine to medium grained; strong; unweathered to slightly weathered; fractures close to extremely close spaced, near vertical to flat, undulating to planar, smooth to rough.
	11	11.51-12.22	75	0		
	12	12.22-12.93	50	0		
	13	12.93-14.35	96	43		
	14	14.35-15.01	77	0		
	15	15.01-15.62	88	0		
	16	15.62-16.31	96	30		
3	4	5.82-6.27	100	28	5.82-9.47	GABBRO (chloritic), dark greenish grey to greenish black; coarse to fine grained; strong; unweathered to slightly weathered; fractures close to extremely close spaced, flat to near vertical, undulating, smooth.
	5	6.27-6.73	100	33		
	6	6.73-6.86	80	0		
	7	6.86-7.80	100	11		
	8	7.80-9.47	95	44		

*CR = CORE RECOVERY

*RQD = ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION

(NOTE: Depths are approximated where core recovery is less than 100%)

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CORE RECOVERY					CORE DESCRIPTION	
BH#	RC#	DEPTH (m)	% CR*	% RQD*	DEPTH (m)	DESCRIPTION
4	4	5.61-6.22	50	0	5.61-6.43	OVERBURDEN (till: boulder of QUARTZ SANDSTONE , 5.92-6.22 m, light brownish grey; fine to medium grained; strong; unweathered to slightly weathered). QUARTZ SANDSTONE (kaolinitic), pale red; fine to coarse grained; medium strong; unweathered to slightly weathered; fractures moderate to extremely close spaced, flat to near vertical, undulating to planar, smooth to rough.
	5	6.43-7.29	26	0	6.43-12.32	
	6	7.29-8.56	28	0		
	7	8.69-9.30	58	0		
	8	9.30-10.06	30	0		
	9	10.06-10.72	92	50		
	10	10.72-11.46	83	38		
	11	11.46-12.07	100	35		
12	12.07-12.32	70	45			
5	2	5.97-6.27	67	0	5.97-6.10	OVERBURDEN (till: pebble of QUARTZ SANDSTONE (feldspathic), 5.97-5.99 m, greyish orange; fine to medium grained; strong; unweathered to slightly weathered). GABBRO (chloritic), dark greenish grey to greenish black; coarse to fine grained; strong; unweathered to slightly weathered; fractures very close to extremely close spaced, dipping to near vertical, undulating to planar, smooth.
					6.10-6.27	

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**HIGHWAY 548, MUNROE ISLAND BRIDGE
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SITE NO. 38S-177, DISTRICT 18**

UNDERWATER INSPECTION REPORT

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Dear Sir

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 Kenora District, Ontario
 Underwater Inspection Report

In accordance with the authorization given by the Ministry of Transportation on October 9, 1991, we are pleased to submit four (4) copies of the final report of our underwater inspection of the above noted bridge.

The report details the visual examination of the underwater components of the structure and an evaluation of lakebed scouring.

The findings of the inspection revealed no evidence of significant deterioration of the underwater portions of the bridge structure.

Thank you for the opportunity afforded our firm in completing this inspection for the Ministry of Transportation. If you require further information or discussion, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours truly

Proctor & Redfern Limited

Greg J. Prichard
Chief Engineering Diver

Paul Schroeder, P.Eng.
Project Engineer

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1. INTRODUCTION

For bridges built across waterways, one of the common potential problems is foundation substructure damage caused by stream currents and ice movements. Erodable riverbed material can be progressively washed away by the river flow, causing local scouring around and under the bridge foundation. Ice and debris impact and freeze-thaw action can damage structural components at or near the water level. If the extent of scouring and damage is severe or deep enough, it can reduce the safety of the bridge structure.

Bridge foundations are generally designed and constructed below estimated depth of scour, or otherwise protected to prevent undermining. Measures to prevent structural damage at water level include shaping, steel nosings, sheet pile and soldier piles. After construction, periodic maintenance inspections should be performed to monitor the extent of scouring and the structure condition.

In the current maintenance program of the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO), the Northwestern Region has initiated underwater inspections of a group of bridges identified as susceptible to scouring and flood damage.

Proctor & Redfern was retained by the MTO Structural Section, Northwestern Region in October 1991 to carry out and report on the underwater inspection of six bridges in the region.

This report covers the underwater inspection of the **Highway 548, Munroe Island Bridge, MTO Site 38S-177**, including visual examination of the underwater components of the foundation, underwater videotape recordings of the foundations, determination of scouring conditions, and recommendations for remedial work. The Munroe Island Bridge was inspected previously by our Chief Engineering Diver in 1984.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE

The Munroe Island Bridge, MTO Site No. 38S-177, is located on Highway 548 over the St. Marys River near the Hamlet of Richards Landing, Ontario. The location of the bridge is shown on the key map included on each of the figures following the text of the report.

Based on the construction drawings provided by the MTO, it is apparent that the original bridge, constructed in 1949, was a 2-lane, single-span structure with a span of 28 metres (92 feet). Subsequent alterations have led to the existing 2-lane configuration which consists of 3 spans.

The centre span superstructure is comprised of a cast-in-place concrete deck on longitudinal 375 mm (15 inch) deep stringers spanning between 900 mm (36 inch) deep transverse girders which are in turn supported by riveted steel Warren trusses at the outside edges of the structure. The two end spans consists of cast-in-place concrete deck cast directly on longitudinal steel girders.

The total structure length is approximately 45.7 metres (150 feet), with two end spans of 8.8 metres (29 feet), and one interior span of 28 metres (92 feet). The overall deck width is approximately 10.7 metres (35 feet) including two 4.6 metres (15 foot) traffic lanes and steel railings on each side. The bridge is comprised of two riveted steel trusses with cast-in-place concrete deck supported by concrete abutments and piers.

At the bridge location, the St. Marys River flows from west to east. At the time of inspection, the footings of both Piers 1 and 2 were in the water. The abutments were surrounded by dry ground, well above water level. Photographs 1 & 2 show the general view of the bridge and piers. Photographs 5 to 9 show the general layout of the piers, and Photograph 12 shows the general layout of the abutments.

The concrete piers extend below the steel trusses to the approximate water surface and are supported on cast-in-place spread footings.

The concrete footings are finished square at both the upstream and downstream ends. The north and south abutments were on dry ground, well above water level at the time of the inspection. The general arrangement of the bridge, as taken from the original drawings and the November 1991 photographs, is shown on Figure 1 and in Photographs 1 and 2.

3. UNDERWATER INSPECTION

3.1. General

Inspection Team:	Don Bazely Greg Prichard Greg Potter Ken Ross	Specialist Engineer Chief Engineering Diver Engineering Diver Engineering Diver
Structure Site No.:	38S-177	
Inspection Date:	November 14 and 15, 1991	
Weather:	Cloudy, 3°C	
Water Flow:	Moderate current, 0.8 metres per second	
Water Clarity:	Poor underwater visibility (less than 300 mm)	
Water Level:	El. 175.96 metres (577.15 ft)	
Reference Elevation:	Top of concrete deck, centreline of highway span, El. 182.93 metres (600 ft)	

3.2. Inspection

Underwater inspection of the Highway 548, Munroe Island Bridge, was carried out by a team of four members of our engineering staff on November 14 and 15, 1991. The purpose of the investigation was to examine the general condition of the foundations to determine the extent of any river bottom scouring in the vicinity of the piers and abutments and to record deterioration of structural components of the bridge foundations.

All the underwater inspections were carried out in accordance with the Ministry of Labour, Ontario Regulation 634/86 which governs and regulates diving operations in the Province of Ontario.

The underwater inspection was performed by one of our engineering divers, in a surface supplied air diving helmet, who was in constant voice communication with a structural engineer during the inspection. On the Munroe Island Bridge a video camera was used by the engineering diver to record the underwater inspection. The video image was monitored on the surface by an engineering diver and a structural engineer. The video recordings served as a detailed record of portions of the underwater inspection.

The surface backup for our engineering diver was provided by two trained and experienced divers. A fully equipped engineering diver conducting the inspection is shown in Photograph 4.

The condition of concrete components was evaluated by visual inspection and hammering of the concrete surface. The surficial soil type and relative density in the vicinity of the foundations was evaluated by visual examination and probing of the river bottom with a hand-held 15 mm diameter by 800 mm long steel rod. Water depth soundings were obtained with a sounding rod and an electronic depth sounder around the bridge piers in order to accurately record riverbed depths. Photograph 3 shows the inspection team obtaining water depth soundings around a bridge pier.

For the purpose of this report, the elevation on top of the concrete deck at the centre line of the span of Highway 548, elevation 182.93 metres (600 feet) as shown on the original drawings, was used as the reference elevation. The water level on November 14, 1991 was measured at elevation 175.96 metres (577.15 feet), close to the preconstruction water elevation 176.91 metres (580.27 feet) as shown on the original drawings.

3.3. Observation and Inspection Results

3.3.1 General

The results of the underwater soundings are presented in Figure 2 which shows a plan of the riverbed elevations. Cross sections of the riverbed are given in Figure 3 and profiles of the riverbed along Piers 1 and 2 and the river centreline are given in Figure 4. In general, the stream bed was found to consist of loose rock material, concrete sacks and concrete rubble material with occasional sandy areas as shown in Photographs 13 through 17. The river bottom could not be probed due to the coarse nature of the material.

3.3.2 Pier 1

The general layout of Pier 1 is shown in Photographs 5 & 6. At the time of the inspection, most of the concrete pier was above the water level. The concrete footing was mostly below water level. The original construction drawings show that the pier is founded on spread footings, with no indication of pile support.

Above the water level, the concrete pier is in poor to fair condition. Cracking of the concrete surface and deterioration at cold joints in the concrete is evident at several locations. Efflorescence and rust stains were observed at many of the cracks and cold joints found in the abutment concrete.

At the water level, the joint between the footing and the concrete pier is tight and shows no evidence of significant deterioration. The remaining portion of the pier and the concrete footing are generally in good condition. The exposed portions of the footing show minor loss of concrete surface due to erosion. The concrete aggregate in the footing is exposed, however, the footing concrete does not exhibit evidence of major cracks or spalls in the exposed concrete surfaces. Portions of the original footing form work are still in place near the base of the footing (see Photograph 18). Exposed reinforcing steel was not observed at any location on the footing concrete.

From the inspection, overall and differential settlement of the pier has occurred. This is evidenced by the apparent tilt of the pier toward the channel, settlement of the pier at the west end and the numerous shims that have been installed between the pier concrete and the bridge girders. Field measurements of the inclination of the pier faces off of vertical indicate that the top of the pier is inclined toward the channel and toward the west by the following amounts.

- Toward Channel 1 1/4 inch in 48 inches = 1.49° from vertical
- Toward West 3/4 inch in 48 inches = 0.90° from vertical

The soil around the pier consisted of loose rock (Photograph 13) and concrete sacks (Photograph 14). A steel rod was used to probe into the river bottom. However, very little penetration was possible due to the coarse nature of the material. Very little debris was noted on the river bottom around the pier.

3.3.3 Pier 2

The general layout of Pier 2 is shown in Photographs 7 & 8. At the time of the inspection, most of the concrete pier was above the water level. The concrete footing was entirely below the water level. The original construction drawings show that the pier is founded on spread footings, with no indication of pile support.

Above the water level, the concrete pier is in poor to fair condition. Photographs 7 and 9 show the general condition of the pier. Cracking of the concrete surface and deterioration at cold joints in the pier concrete is evident at several locations. Efflorescence and rust staining was observed at many of the cracks and cold joints.

Below the water level, the remaining portion of the pier and the concrete footing are generally in good condition. The joint between the footing and the concrete pier is tight and shows no evidence of significant deterioration (see Photograph 19). The footing concrete surface is eroded and the concrete aggregate in the footing is exposed as shown in Photograph 20 & 21, however, the footing concrete does not exhibit evidence of major cracks or spalls in the exposed concrete surfaces. Exposed reinforcing steel was not observed at any location on the footing concrete.

From the inspection, overall and differential settlement of the pier has occurred. This is evidenced by the apparent tilt of the pier toward the channel, settlement of the pier at the west end and the numerous shims that have been installed between the pier concrete and the bridge girders. Field measurements of the inclination of the pier faces off of vertical indicate that the top of the pier is inclined toward the channel and toward the west by the following amounts.

- Toward Channel 2 1/2 inch in 48 inches = 2.98° from vertical
- Toward West 1/4 inch in 48 inches = 0.30° from vertical

In one area toward the upstream end of Pier 2, a small gap about .75 metres in length, 5 cm high and 15 cm deep, was found between what appeared to be the bottom of the footing and the riverbed. The gap, shown in Photographs 22 and 23, is the result of either localized undermining erosion, or localized slope failure in the riverbed.

3.3.4 Abutments

Both the north and south abutments were on dry ground at the time of the inspection. The abutment slope on the south side is protected by random sized rip rap and armour stone material. The protection is concentrated at the toe of the slope leaving some of the upper, less vegetated portions of the slope vulnerable to soil erosion.

The abutment slope on the north side of the crossing is protected with rip rap and armour stone on the west side and is virtually unprotected on the east side as shown in Photograph 2. The unprotected portion of the slope is steep and bare and unable to sustain any vegetative cover. Lack of topsoil, minor slope failures and surface erosion appear ongoing, thus preventing the development of a protective vegetative cover.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

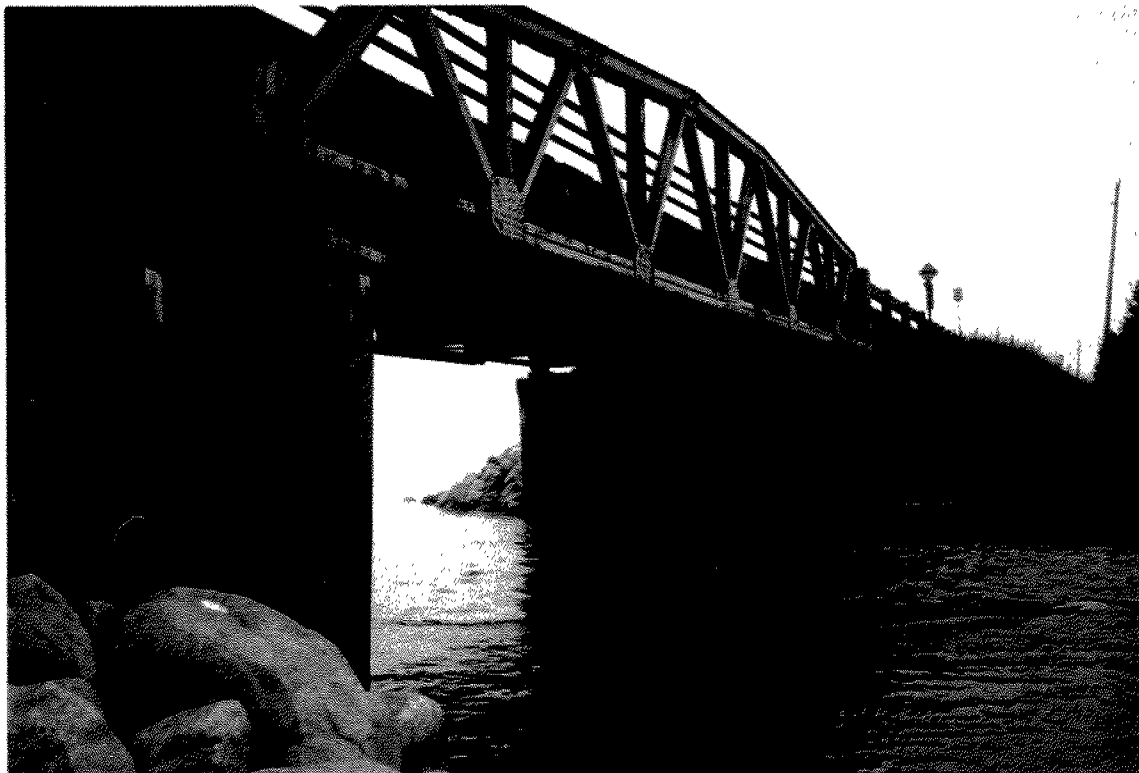
This investigation has confirmed the results of previous site inspections carried out at the Munroe Island Bridge. Settlement and tilting of the bridge foundations has occurred, reducing the stability of the structure. There visually appears to be little change in the underwater condition of the structure since the 1984 inspection.

Due to the piers being founded on spread footings which have settled and remain susceptible to riverbed erosion, we recommend that the extent of undermining be monitored on a regular basis until such time as an effective repair is undertaken or the bridge replaced.

Appendix A
PHOTOGRAPHS



PHOTOGRAPH 1 General arrangement of bridge structure. Photograph taken looking west.



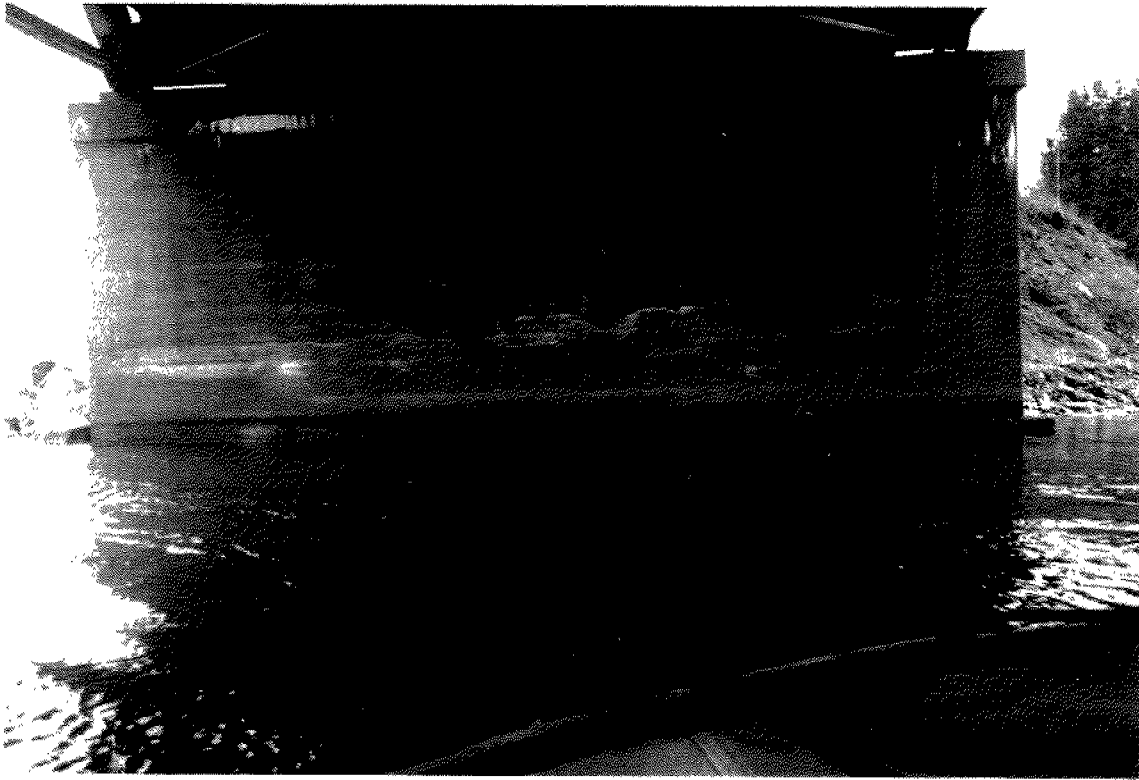
PHOTOGRAPH 2 General arrangement of bridge structure. Photograph taken looking north.



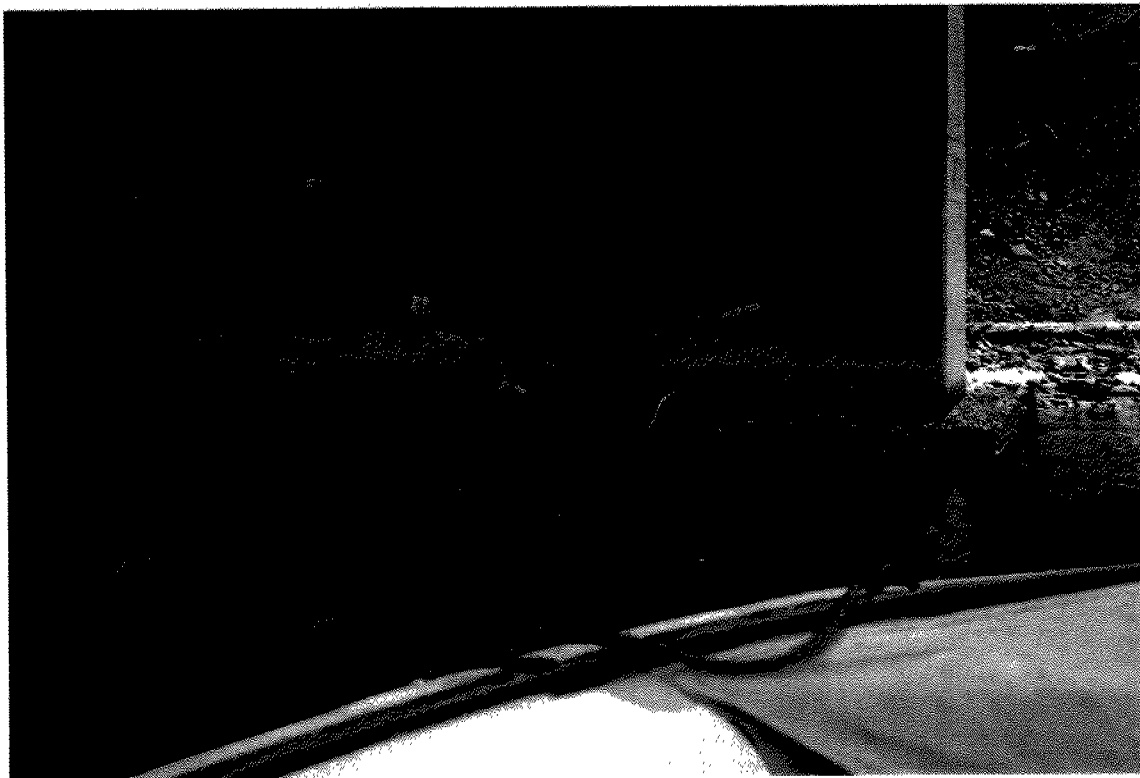
PHOTOGRAPH 3 Obtaining water depth soundings around bridge pier.



PHOTOGRAPH 4 Engineering diver conducting the inspection.



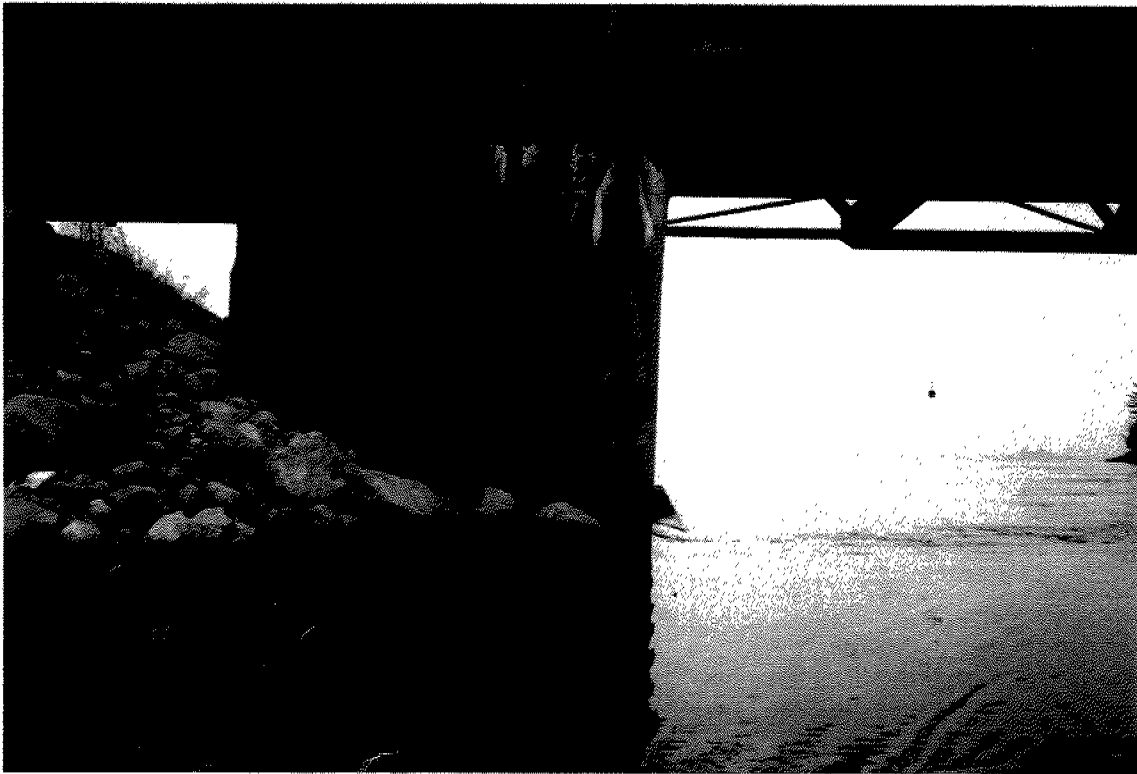
PHOTOGRAPH 5 South face of Pier 1.



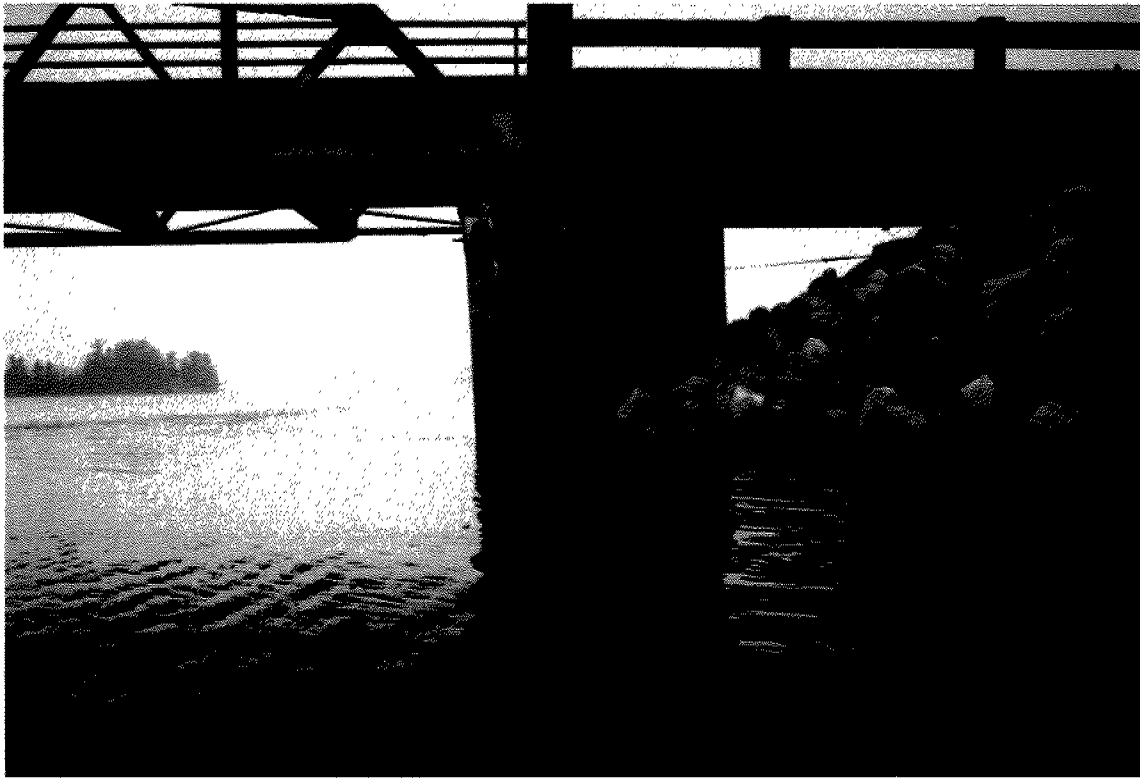
PHOTOGRAPH 6 South face of Pier 1. Note differential settlement of pier evidenced by varied exposure of the concrete footing.



PHOTOGRAPH 7 North face of Pier 2.



PHOTOGRAPH 8 Upstream face of Pier 1. Note lean of pier toward the channel.



PHOTOGRAPH 9 Upstream face of Pier 2. Note lean of pier toward the channel.



PHOTOGRAPH 10 Note deck settlement on east side of bridge above Pier 2.



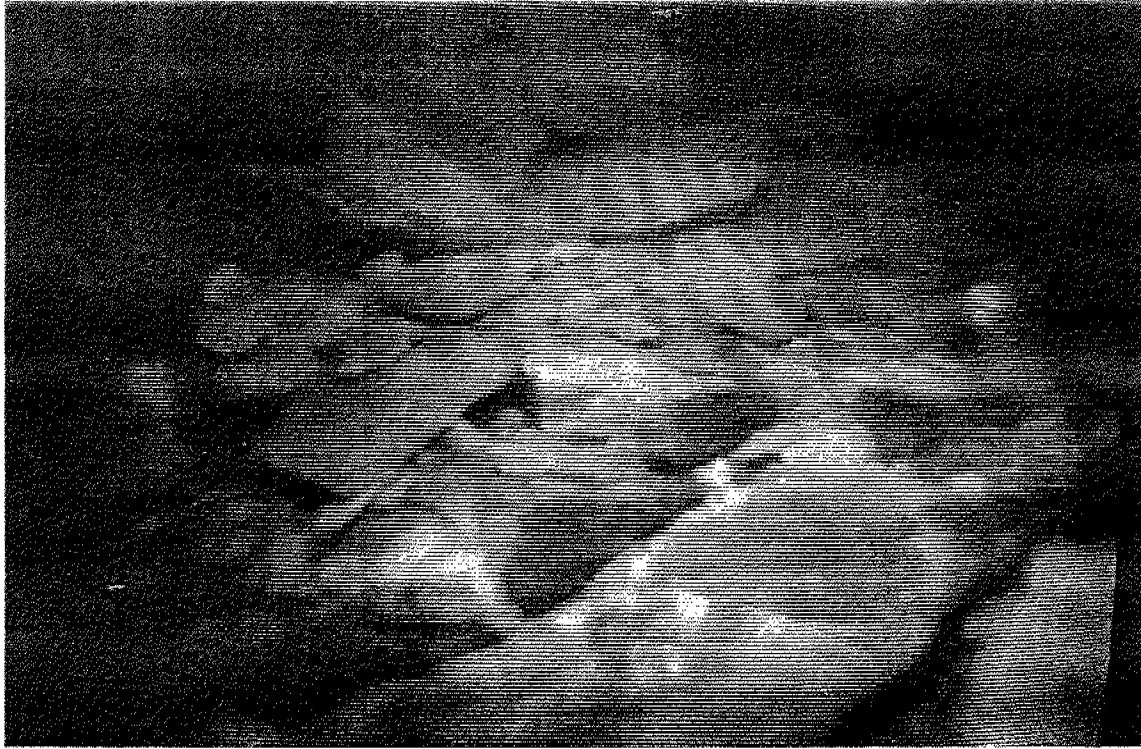
PHOTOGRAPH 11 Note deck settlement on west side of bridge above Pier 2.



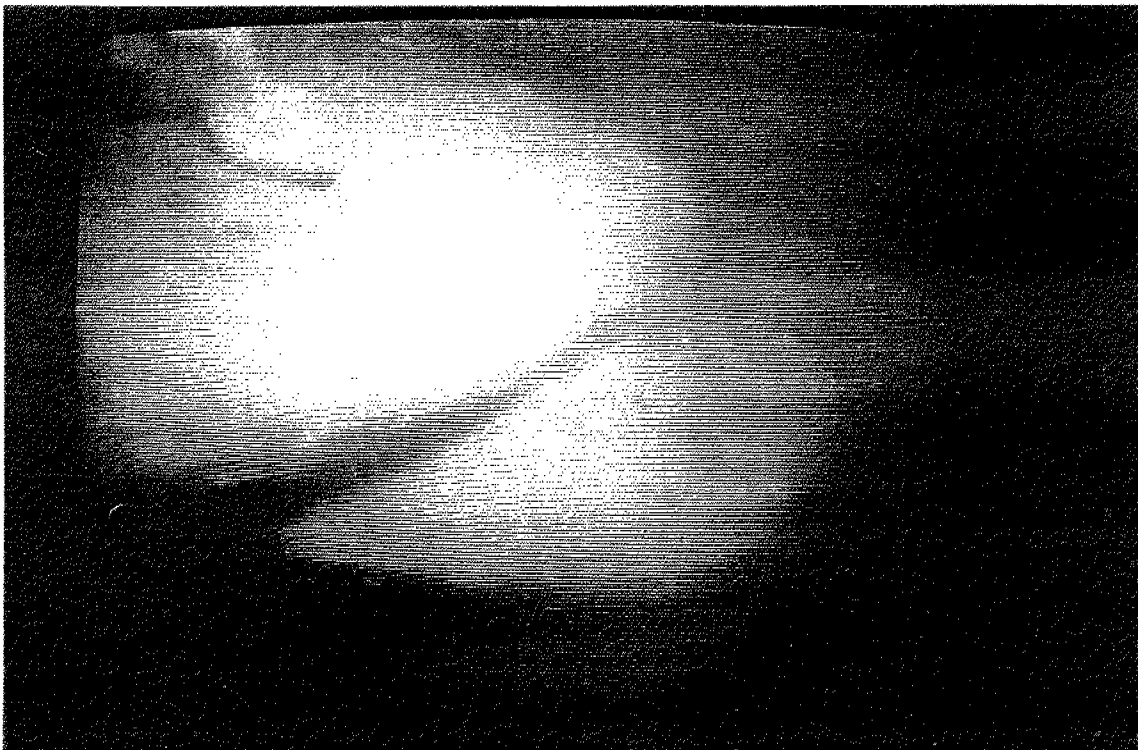
PHOTOGRAPH 12 General arrangement of bridge abutment.

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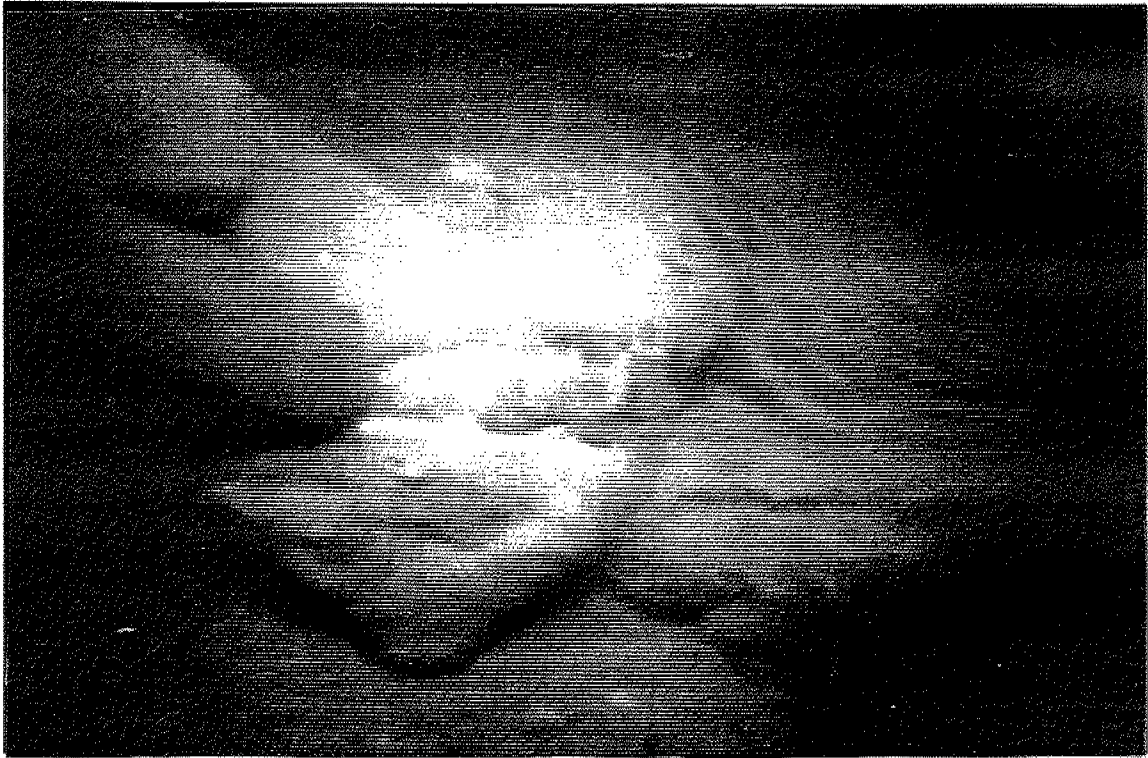
Photographs 13 to 23 are compiled from an underwater video recording of the site as still photography during the inspection was unsuccessful.



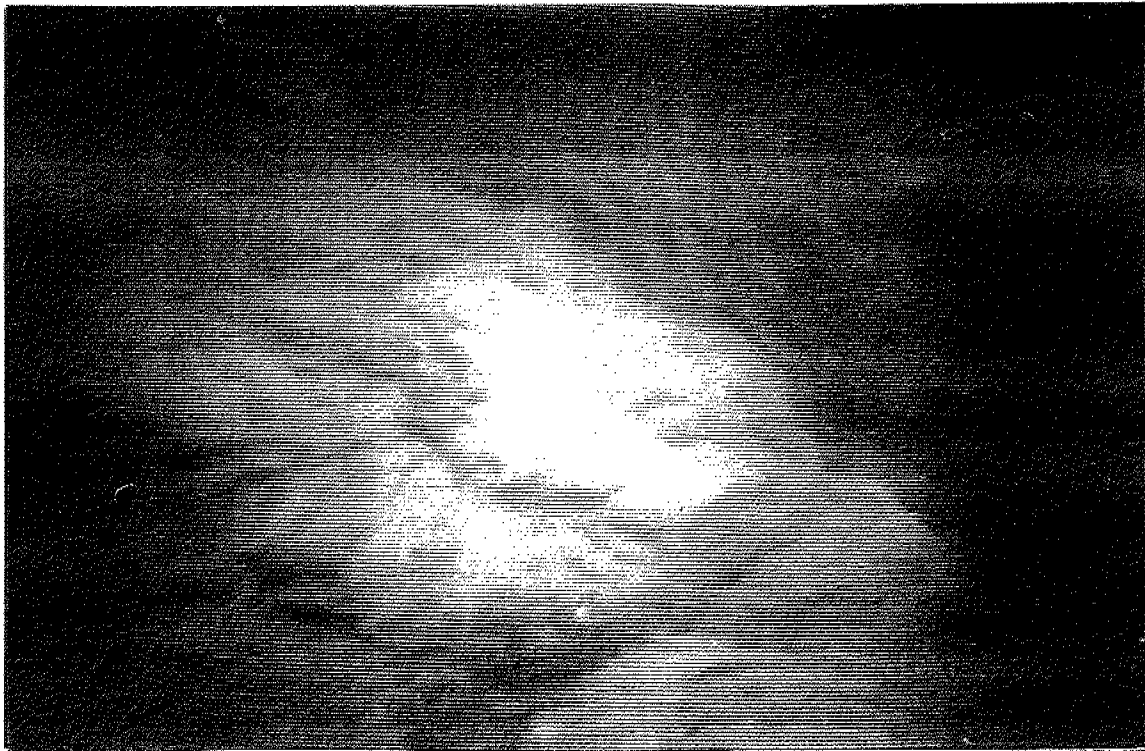
PHOTOGRAPH 13 Loose rock and concrete rubble located around Pier 1.



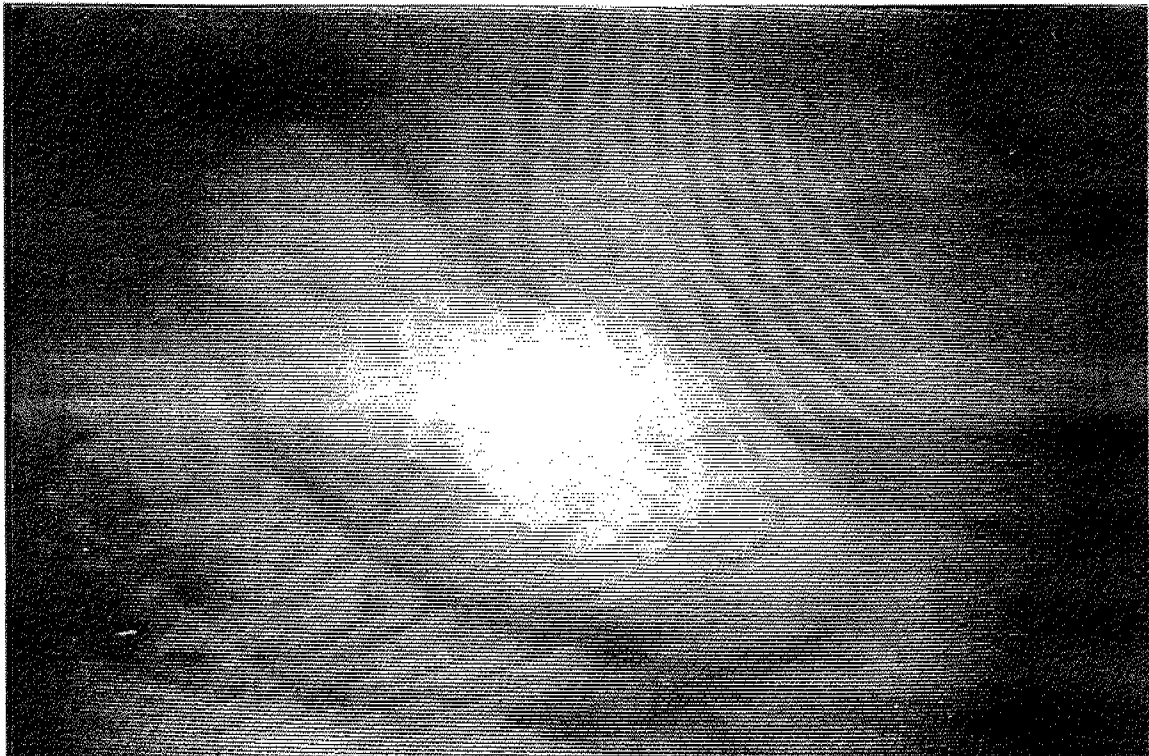
PHOTOGRAPH 14 Concrete sacks as found around Pier 1 and on the river bed slope below Pier 1.



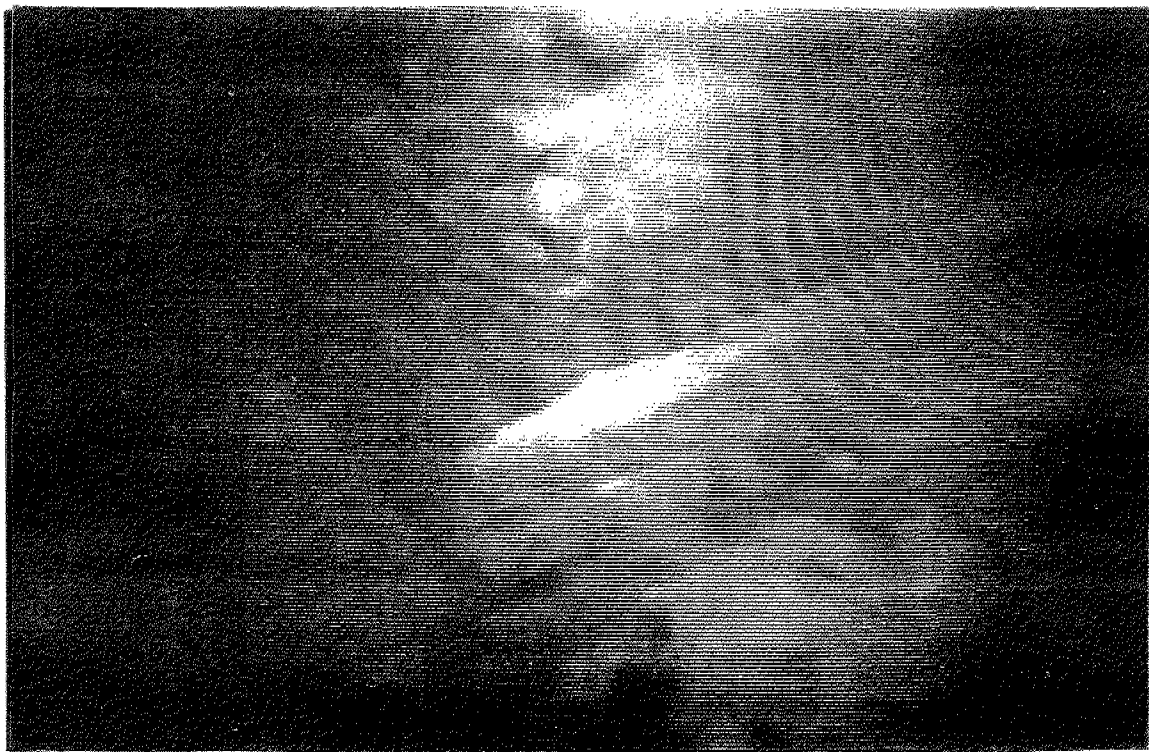
PHOTOGRAPH 15 Concrete sacks located below the footing of Pier 1.



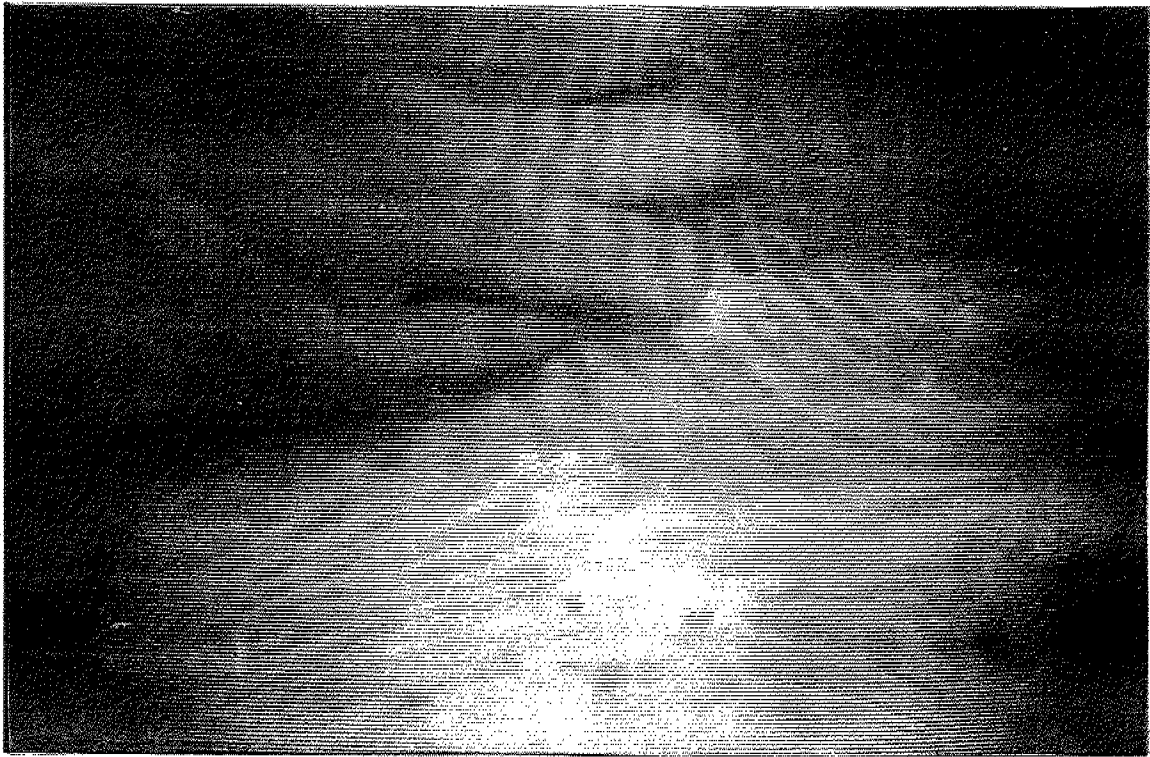
PHOTOGRAPH 16 Concrete sacks located beside the footing of Pier 2.



PHOTOGRAPH 17 Concrete sacks located on the riverbed slope below Pier 2.



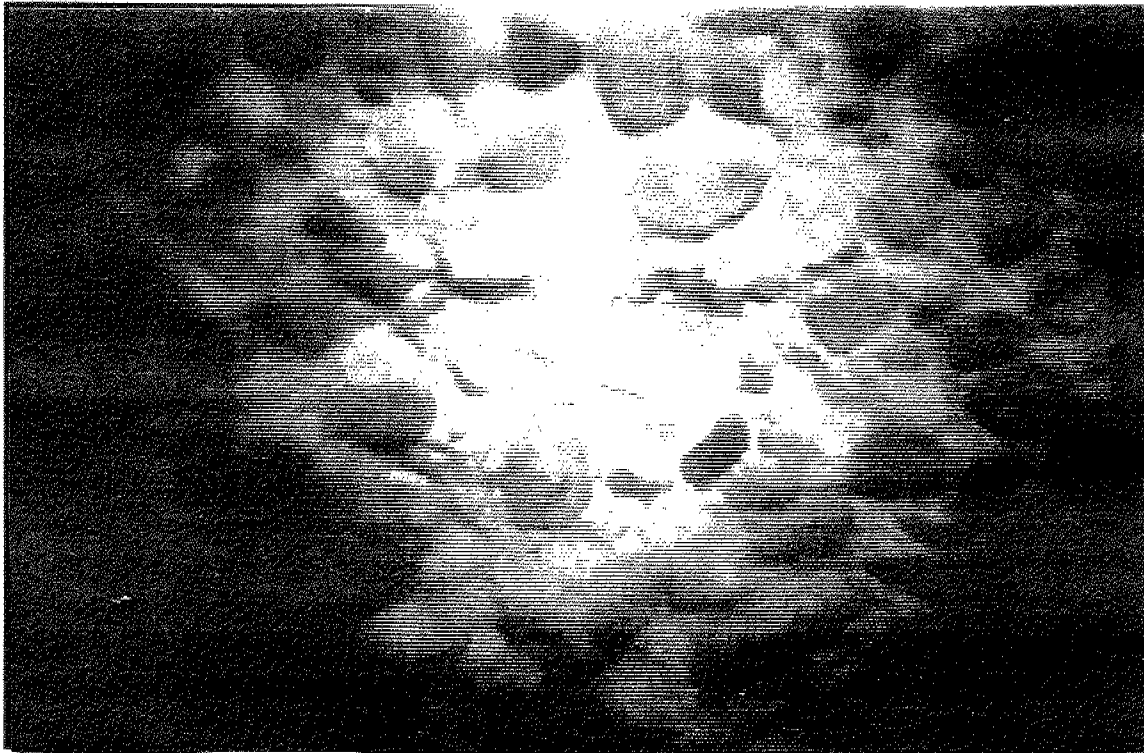
PHOTOGRAPH 18 Remnant 2 x 4 planks from original footing form work near the base of the Pier 1 footing.



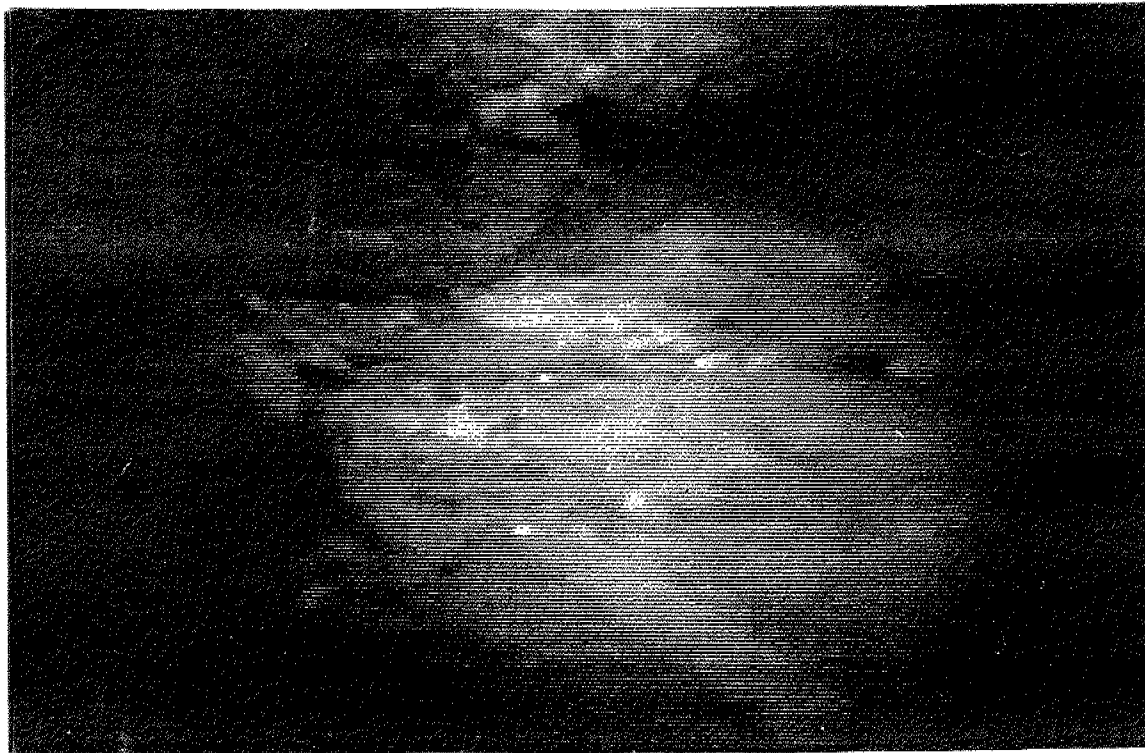
PHOTOGRAPH 19 Joint between the footing and the concrete of Pier 2.



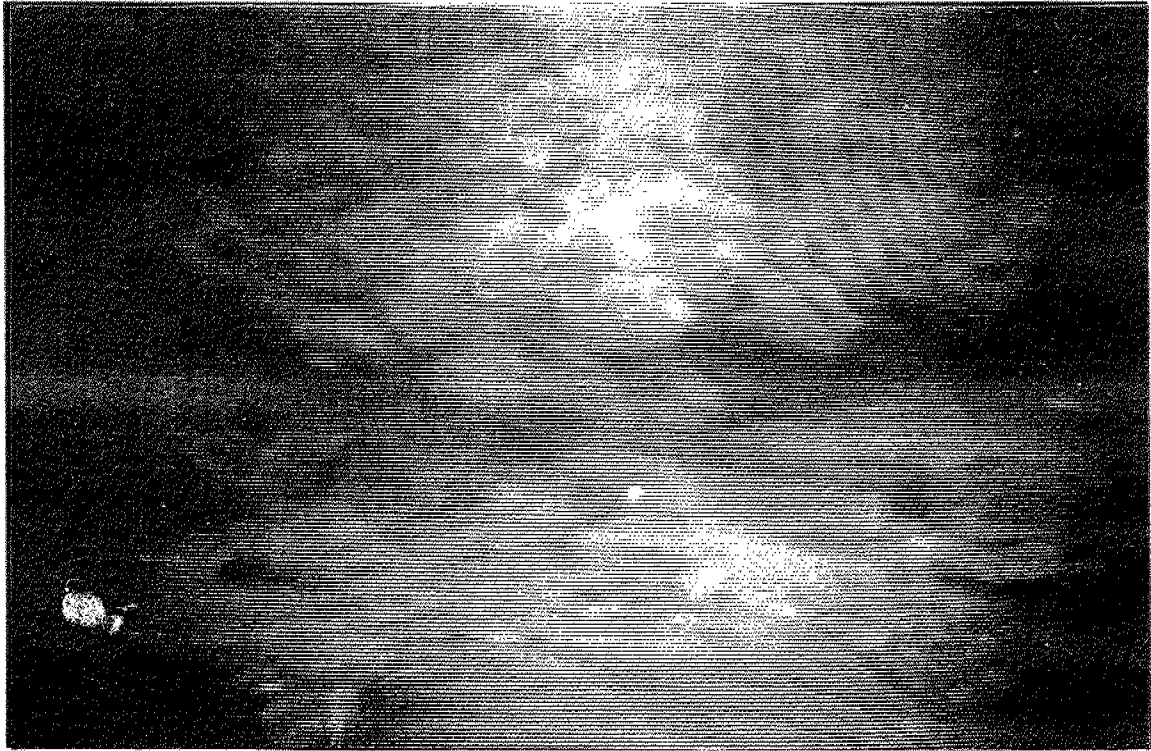
PHOTOGRAPH 20 Concrete surface of footing (Pier 2). Note exposed aggregate. For scale note divers hand on right.



PHOTOGRAPH 21 Concrete surface of footing (Pier 2). Note exposed aggregate 20 to 30 mm in diameter.



PHOTOGRAPH 22 Gap below footing of Pier 2. Gap evident at right of photograph.



PHOTOGRAPH 23 Gap below footing of Pier 2.

Appendix B

FIGURES

OVERSIZE DRAWING

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Foundation Investigation Report
For
Munroe Island Bridge at Highway 548
W.P. 29-88-01, Site 38 S-177
District 18, Sault Ste. Marie

INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes the results of the foundation investigation conducted at Munroe Island Bridge of Highway 548. The investigation was carried out upon the request of the Northwestern Region Structural Section for the proposed replacement bridge over Munroe Island channel of St. Mary's River. The field work for the investigation was carried out between 92 11 03 and 92 11 09 and consisted of six (6) sampled boreholes.

This report is applicable to the bridge structure and its immediate approaches (sta 13 + 380 to 13 + 470 approximately)

SITE DESCRIPTION

The site is located on Highway 548 at the southmost crossing from St. Joseph Island to the mainland, in the Township of St. Joseph, District of Algoma. It is about 3.4 km. south of the intersection of Highway 17 and Highway 548. According to Northern Ontario Engineering Geology Terrain Study 97 carried out by Ministry of Natural Resources, the landform of the site is a ground moraine with bedrock below a drift veneer.

The existing Munroe Island Bridge on Highway 548 is part of a causeway link joining St. Joseph Island and the mainland. The bridge was constructed in 1950 as a single span bridge founded on a pad of rockfill which formed part of the original causeway. Since construction, the bridge has undergone a history of distress and various remedial measures have been implemented. The present bridge has a three span configuration with short girder type spans added to each end. The piers are found to be tilting forward and sideways. Tie back cables have been installed between the pier and the south abutment. The existing pavement

is in poor conditions with cracks and patches. The steel members of the bridge truss is rusty and some concrete spalling is noted in the structure.

The existing highway embankment at the approaches are up to about 10 m high with about half of it under water. The embankments are granular in nature with large rock armouring blocks on the slope face especially at the approaches. Approach slope gradients are up to 1.4H:1V to 1.5H:1V steep. The slopes appear to be marginally stable in local steep areas. The Munroe Island Channel is about 35 m wide at the bridge location. The sub-aqueous slopes are fairly steep around the bridge and to the east. Some whirlpools can be seen on the east side of the bridge. During the time of the investigation, the water level was at about El.176.4 m.

INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES

Soil data and inherent properties were obtained by in situ and laboratory testing. The procedures employed are discussed below.

Field

The field work for the investigation was carried out between 92 11 03 and 92 11 09 and consisted of six (6) sampled boreholes, which were advanced to depths of 3.1 to 16.3 m.

For the boreholes on land (BH1 and BH2) a track mounted continuous flight auger machine was used to advance the boreholes with conventional hollow stem augering techniques. For the boreholes over water (BH3 to BH6), a diamond drill rig resting on a raft and equipped with N/B size casings was used to advance them.

The sampling program consisted of split spoon samples collected in the overburden. Disturbed subsoil samples were retrieved by a split spoon sampler in accordance with the Standard Penetration Test (ASTM D1586). They provided Standard Penetration (N) values for assessment of the denseness of the non-cohesive material. All the samples collected were used for identification and laboratory testing purposes. Dynamic core Penetration Test was carried out in BH3, BH4 and BH6. Conventional rock coring methods were applied in retrieving

rock core samples using BXL core barrels.

All subsoil samples were identified in the field and returned to the laboratory for further examination and appropriate testing.

Groundwater levels were monitored throughout the duration of the investigation in open boreholes on land. All the land holes were backfilled upon completion of the field work.

Survey information related to the location and elevation of boreholes was provided by the Northwestern Region, Surveys and Plans Section.

Laboratory

The laboratory testing program for select soil samples consisted of:

- grain size distribution
- natural moisture content determinations

Laboratory test results are given in the following section of this report and Record of Borehole sheets included in the Appendix.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

General

The Record of Borehole sheets in the Appendix illustrate the subsurface conditions at the borehole locations. The locations and elevations of the boreholes are shown in DWG. No. 298800-A.

BH1 and BH4 are on or close to the existing embankment. In BH1 to 3, the subsurface material encountered comprised of fill over bedrock. A thin layer (1.3m) of native material consisting of silty sand, some gravel, with boulders was found in BH4 overlying bedrock. In BH5 and BH6 which are further away from

the shore, the bedrock is overlain by a thin layer of river bed material. The material is a silty sand and gravel, some boulders in BH5 and a silty sand with organics, trace gravel, occasional cobble and boulder in BH6.

Following are the specific descriptions of the material encountered in the investigation.

Silty Sand with Gravel, Occasional Shale Fragments (Granular Fill)

This is the embankment fill material and is contacted to a depth of 9.0 to 10.5m in BH1 and BH2, and 5.1 to 5.8m below water surface in BH3 and BH4. It is described as silty sand with gravel, occasional shale fragments. The material typically becomes sand and gravel below water. The Standard Penetration Resistance "N" value ranged from 4 to more than 100 blows/0.3m. They may not be indicative of the denseness of the stratum due to the erratic nature of fill.

Typical properties of the material, as determined by laboratory tests on representative samples are summarized as follows:

<u>Property</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>No. of Test</u>
Natural Moisture Content (W)	9.5 - 19.0	4
Grain Size Distribution (%)		4
Gravel	32 - 57	
Sand	24 - 49	
Silt and Clay	7 - 25	

Silty Sand and Gravel, Some Boulders

This native material is encountered in BH4 and BH5 to a depth of about 6 m below water surface. The thickness of this layer is about 0.4 to 1.3 m, it is described as silty sand and gravel, some boulders. The Standard Penetration Resistance "N" values are typically greater than 100 blows/0.3m due to the gravel content and boulders.

Typical properties of the material, as determined by laboratory tests on representative samples are summarized as follows:

<u>Property</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>No. of Test</u>
Natural Moisture Content (W)	12.0 - 16.0	4
Grain Size Distribution (%)		4
Gravel	48 - 50	
Sand	36 - 45	
Silt and Clay	7 - 14	

Silty Sand with Organics, Trace Gravel, Occasional Cobble and Boulder

This 0.8 m thick organic layer is contacted in BH6. The material is described as silty sand with organics, trace gravel, occasional cobble and boulder. Standard Penetration Resistance "N" value obtained does not represent the denseness of the material as the sampler encountered boulders during driving. Laboratory test on the sample indicates a high moisture content of 50.5% due to the presence of organics. Grain size distribution determined in the laboratory is 9% gravel, 56% sand and 45% silt and clay.

Bedrock

Bedrock is encountered at elevations of 170.0 to 173.3m. Length of rock drilled ranges from 0.3m in BH5 to 6.71 m in BH4. They are used for rock quality determination and classification.

Detailed descriptions of the rock are attached in the Appendix entitled "Rock Core Description". Two types of bedrock are found at the site. At the north abutment location, the bedrock is a Gabbro of igneous origin. The rock is considered strong with core recoveries ranging from 80 to 100%. At the south abutment location, the bedrock is a Quartz Sandstone of sedimentary origin. Rock cores from BH2 have core recoveries of 65 to 96%, and the rock is generally strong. At BH4, the rock is kaolinitic and shattered with poor core recoveries

at the top 1.3 m, ranging from 30 to 58% The rock at this location is considered to be medium strong.

Groundwater

During the course of the investigation, the water level in the river was at about El.176.4 m. For the boreholes on land, observations of the groundwater level were carried out by measuring the water levels in open boreholes during the investigation. Groundwater levels measured were typically close to the water level in the river.

Water levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations and hence may vary from values given in this report.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION

General

The existing structure on Highway 548 at the Munroe Island River crossing was constructed in 1950. It was originally constructed as a single span structure with abutments resting on rock fill which formed part of the original causeway. Since construction, serious settlement problems and foundation movement have occurred throughout the life of the bridge. In 1953, the material behind the abutments was cut back and short spans were added to each end of the main span, resulting in a three span configuration. In 1960s, various attempts including grouting the rockfill and rejackng the girders have been made to remedy the distressed situation. In 1974, tie-back cables were installed between the pier and the south abutment. Further monitoring and inspections indicate continual foundation movements.

The project comprises construction of a replacement bridge to the west of the existing one. The proposed centerline is $17.5 \pm \text{m}$ offset from the existing at the north and $15.0 \pm \text{m}$ at the south. The clear distance between the two bridges is about 3 m at the south end and 7 m at the north. The proposed structure is a 50 m long single span bridge. The proposed grades are similar to the existing structure, at EL. $182 \pm \text{m}$. The proposed width of the structure is 11 m with one lane and a shoulder each way and a 1.5 m wide sidewalk on one side. The existing bridge will serve as detour during construction, and will be removed after construction of the new bridge.

Foundation

According to the investigation results, the subsurface stratigraphy at abutment locations typically comprises fill over bedrock. Since the existing bridge will remain in service during construction, excavation of existing fill has to be kept a minimum to avoid undermining the existing embankment.

The structure can be supported by caissons socketed into bedrock. Liners should

be used during excavation to stabilize the hole and surrounding ground. Boulder obstructions are expected when the excavation advances through the existing rock armouring layer.

Caissons should be socketed at least 300 mm into bedrock. Lateral loads and uplift on caissons may be taken by caisson sockets. Alternatively, dowels may be provided at the base of the caissons to provide the resistance. The recommended minimum diameter for the caissons is 910 mm to allow for downhole inspection and hand-cleaning. Before concrete is poured, the loose material at the bottom of the caisson hole should be hand-cleaned or air-lifted. Tremie concrete is recommended for under water concreting. The following factored end bearing values are recommended for the purpose of O.H.B.D.C. Depending upon the final design caisson sizes and socket lengths, we are pleased to recommend upon contributions from shaft friction.

Factored Capacity at U.L.S.

North Abutment (Gabbro)	7500 kPa
South Abutment (Kaolinitic Quartz Sandstone)	3000 kPa
S.L.S. type II does not govern for unyielding founding material.	

The caissons should be founded into sound bedrock. For preliminary design purpose, the estimated caisson bottom elevations are as follows:

Estimated Caisson Bottom Elevation (M)

North Abutment (West Side)	170.0
North Abutment (East Side)	171.5
South Abutment (West Side)	167.5
South Abutment (East Side)	171.0

Alternatively, driven piles may also be considered. For steel H-piles driven to bedrock, the following design capacities in accordance with the O.H.B.D.C. are recommended.

	<u>HP310 X 79</u>	<u>HP310 X 110</u>
Factored Axial Capacity at U.L.S.	1150 kN	1600 kN
Axial Capacity at S.L.S. Type II	890 kN	1150 kN

Again, it is anticipated that the piles would encounter boulder obstructions from the existing rock armouring layer. The obstructions at pile locations will have to be removed by pre-augering or other means and replaced with granular materials.

The new fill material at pile locations should have a maximum grain size limited to 75 mm. Piles should be equipped with driving shoes to minimize tip damage. Lateral loads may be taken by the horizontal component of batter piles.

For preliminary design purpose, the estimated pile tip elevations are as follows:

	<u>Estimated Pile Tip Elevation (M)</u>
North Abutment (West Side)	170.5
North Abutment (East Side)	172.5
South Abutment (West Side)	170.0
South Abutment (East Side)	171.5

Due to the anticipated obstructions, pile driving should be closely monitored to ensure that the piles are founded on bedrock. If this alternative is chosen, please contact our office for further recommendations on pile driving.

Alternatively, consideration may also be given to shallow foundation. However, since the new alignment is close to the existing, there are limitations regarding excavation on existing embankment in order not to undermine it. Accordingly, the footings will have to be supported on a granular pad perched over existing fill. The existing fill is poorly graded with a rock armouring layer along the shore. It is imperative that all voids be chinked with well graded granular material or mass concrete. There are concerns on the integrity of the existing fill and

river erosion, in view of the history of distress of the existing bridge. If this alternative is adopted, please contact our office for details.

Earth Pressure

Backfill to abutments should consist of granular material in accordance with MTO Standard Special Provision No. 121 (83 10).

Computation of earth pressures should be in accordance with Section 6.6.1.2.1. of the O.H.B.D.C. The active condition will govern earth pressure design for the yielding case while the at-rest condition will govern for the unyielding case. The follow properties for backfill are recommended.

<u>Material</u>	<u>ϕ</u>	<u>γ</u>	<u>K_a</u>	<u>K_o</u>
Granular "A"	35°	22.8 kN/m ³	0.27	0.43
Granular "B"	30°	21.2 kN/m ³	0.33	0.50
Rockfill	35°	18.0 kN/m ³	0.27	0.43

Slope Stability

The Munroe Island Channel has a V shaped river bed with fairly steep sub-aqueous slopes. For design purpose, the following slope geometries may be used. Rockfill slopes may be formed at 1.5H:1V up to 6 m and with a 2 m wide berm every 6 m up to a maximum height of 14 m so that no uninterrupted slope is greater than 6 m. If earth fill is used, the slopes should be formed at 2H:1V gradient with a 2 m wide berm incorporated at 8 m for embankment heights above 8 m to a maximum height of 14 m.

Only relatively free draining granular material or rockfill should be used underwater. Substantial underwater construction and filling will be required for the abutment forward slopes due to the relatively steep existing river bank gradient. This will affect the navigation channel and may also create hydrological and environmental concerns.

Alternatively, a closed abutment may be used. Consideration should be given to reinforced earth abutment construction. This support system enables the vertical loads be taken by the caissons/piles and the lateral loads by the reinforced earth wall. It has higher flexibility and does not require extensive shoring requirements.

Construction Considerations

Based on the investigation results, some organic material is found at the river bed. It is recommended that the organic material, if encountered within the area of construction, should be removed prior to filling. All embankment slopes should be protected from erosion by means of rock armouring as per hydrological requirements.

Provisions should be made in the contract document to take into account possible obstructions during pile driving or caisson construction.

CLOSING REMARKS

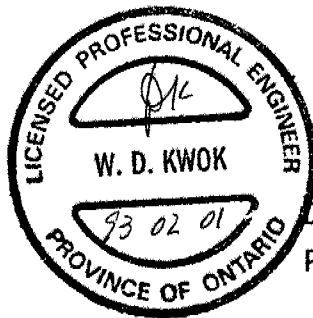
In the recommendations given above, we have provided a number of foundation alternatives as well as options on the approach abutment construction. In our opinion, pile driving concept is not the most viable alternative and caisson foundation appears to be a more feasible solution for this particular site.

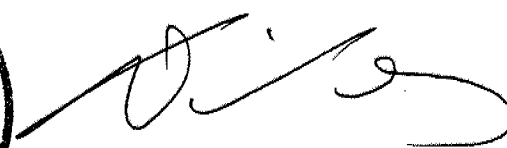
Prior to the development of general arrangement drawing and during the design stage, technical discussion between this office and the structure office and Northwestern Region Structural Section is warranted to achieve the most cost-effective solution.


MISCELLANEOUS

The field work for this investigation was carried out under the supervision of D. Kwok, Project Foundation Engineer. The equipment was owned and operated by Master Soil Investigation Ltd. Bedrock was examined and classified by MTO petrographer, D. Williams.

The project was carried out by D. Kwok under the supervision of B. Iyer, Senior Foundation Engineer. This report was prepared by D. Kwok, reviewed by B. Iyer, and approved by M. Devata, Chief Foundation Engineer.




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APPENDIX

EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN REPORT

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

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

SOILS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JOINTING AND BEDDING:

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

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

FIELD SAMPLING

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

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

m_v	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_f	1	SENSITIVITY = $\frac{c_u}{\tau_r}$

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

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						

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

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METRIC

W.P. 29-88-01 LOCATION Sta 13+401.2 12.3 m Lt ORIGINATED BY DK
 DIST 18 HWY 548 BOREHOLE TYPE H.S. Auger, BW Casing COMPILED BY DK
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 92 11 04 - 92 11 05 CHECKED BY BI

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 7 kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40	60	80	100					
182.2	Ground Surface																
0.0	Silty Sand and Gravel Trace Clay Occasional Shale Fragments Brown and Grey (Fill)		1	SS	11		182										52 24 16 8
			2	SS	6		180										
			3	SS	21		178										
			4	SS	12		176										
			5	SS	46		174										
			6	SS	100	/28cm	172										
173.2	Gabbro Bedrock		7	RC	REC	94%	172										RQD 26%
9.0			8	RC	REC	100%	170										RQD 67%
			9	RC	REC	100%											RQD 41%
			10	RC	REC	100%											RQD 67%
167.9																	
14.3	End of Borehole																
	• 92 11 05																

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 2

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METRIC

W.P. 29-88-01 LOCATION Sta 13+457.4 8.3 m Lt ORIGINATED BY DK
 DIST 18 HWY 548 BOREHOLE TYPE H.S. Auger, BW Casing COMPILED BY DK
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 92 11 03 - 92 11 04 CHECKED BY BI

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					
182.3	Ground Surface																
0.0							182										
			1	SS	5		180										32 43 18 7
			2	SS	22												
			3	SS	11		178										
			4	SS	20												
			5	SS	11		176										44 49 5 2
			6	SS	11												
			7	SS	4		174										
			8	SS	7												
			9	SS	8		172										
171.8																	
10.5			10	RC	REC	60%											RQD 0%
			11	RC	REC	75%											RQD 0%
			12	RC	REC	50%	170										RQD 0%
			13	RC	REC	96%											RQD 43%
			14	RC	REC	77%	168										RQD 0%
			15	RC	REC	88%											RQD 0%
166.0			16	RC	REC	96%											RQD 30%
16.3	End of Borehole = 92 11 03																

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3

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METRIC

W.P. 29-88-01 LOCATION Sta 13+402.6 3.6 m Rt ORIGINATED BY DK
DIST 18 HWY 548 BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring, BW Casing, Cone COMPILED BY DK
DATUM Geodetic DATE 92 11 06 - 92 11 08 CHECKED BY BI

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT			UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	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	W _L		
176.4	Water Surface																
0.0	Water																
173.0																	
3.4	Sand and Gravel Trace Silt, Trace Organics Occasional Cobbles and Boulders (Possible Fill)		1	SS	12												
			2	SS	21												
			3	SS	28												
170.6			4	RC	REC	100%											
5.8			5	RC	REC	100%											
			6	RC	REC	80%											
	Gabbro Bedrock		7	RC	REC	100%											
			8	RC	REC	95%											
166.9																	
9.5	End of Borehole																

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 4

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METRIC

W.P. 29-88-01 LOCATION Sta 13+453.9 5.3 m Rt ORIGINATED BY DK
 DIST 18 HWY 548 BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring, BW Casing, Cone COMPILED BY DK
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 92 11 03 - 92 11 06 CHECKED BY BI

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 7 kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa						
176.4	Water Surface							20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100					GR SA SI CL
0.0	Water						176							
173.2							174							
3.2	Sand and Gravel (Granular Fill)		1	SS	15		172							51 35 10 4
171.3			2	SS	100									RQD 0%
5.1	Silty Sand and Gravel		3	SS	60	50%								RQD 0%
170.0	Boulders		4	RC	REC									RQD 0%
6.4	Highly Fractured		5	RC	REC	26%								RQD 0%
			6	RC	REC	28%								RQD 0%
			7	RC	REC	58%								RQD 0%
	Quartz Kaolinitic Sandstone Bedrock		8	RC	REC	30%								RQD 0%
			9	RC	REC	92%								RQD 50%
			10	RC	REC	83%								RQD 38%
164.1			11	RC	REC	100%								RQD 35%
			12	RC	REC	70%								RQD 45%
12.3	End of Borehole													

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 DIST 18 HWY 548 BOREHOLE TYPE Washboring, BW Casing COMPILED BY DK
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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 γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
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	• Quartz Sandstone, Gabbro Bedrock																
	** Bouncing on rock																

ROCK CORE DESCRIPTION **WP 29-88-01**

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CORE RECOVERY					CORE DESCRIPTION	
BH#	RC#	DEPTH (m)	% CR*	% RQD*	DEPTH (m)	DESCRIPTION
1	7	9.02-9.65	94	26	9.02-14.30	GABBRO (chloritic), dark greenish grey to greenish black (stained dark reddish brown, 10.84-12.37 m); coarse to fine grained; strong; unweathered to slightly weathered; fractures moderate to extremely close spaced, dipping to near vertical, undulating to planar, smooth.
	8	9.65-11.10	100	67		
	9	11.10-12.70	100	41		
	10	12.70-14.30	100	67		
2	10	10.49-11.51	60	0	10.49-16.31	QUARTZ SANDSTONE, medium grey; fine to medium grained; strong; unweathered to slightly weathered; fractures close to extremely close spaced, near vertical to flat, undulating to planar, smooth to rough.
	11	11.51-12.22	75	0		
	12	12.22-12.93	50	0		
	13	12.93-14.35	96	43		
	14	14.35-15.01	77	0		
	15	15.01-15.62	88	0		
3	16	15.62-16.31	96	30		
	4	5.82-6.27	100	28	5.82-9.47	GABBRO (chloritic), dark greenish grey to greenish black; coarse to fine grained; strong; unweathered to slightly weathered; fractures close to extremely close spaced, flat to near vertical, undulating, smooth.
	5	6.27-6.73	100	33		
	6	6.73-6.86	80	0		
	7	6.86-7.80	100	11		
	8	7.80-9.47	95	44		

*CR = CORE RECOVERY

*RQD = ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION

(NOTE: Depths are approximated where core recovery is less than 100%)

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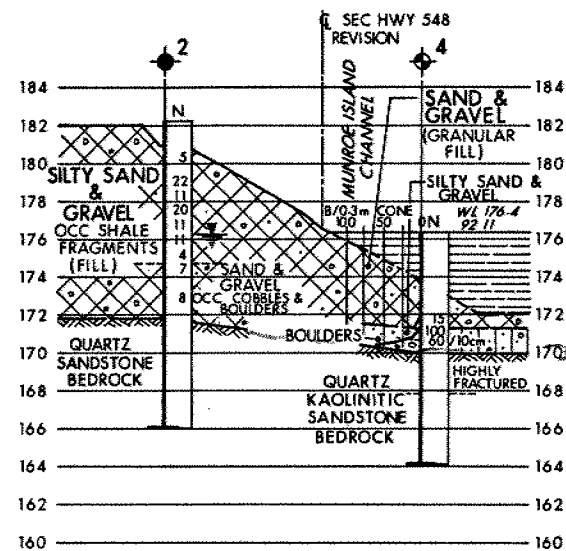
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4	4	5.61-6.22	50	0	5.61-6.43	OVERBURDEN (till: boulder of QUARTZ SANDSTONE , 5.92-6.22 m, light brownish grey; fine to medium grained; strong; unweathered to slightly weathered).
	5	6.43-7.29	26	0		
	6	7.29-8.56	28	0		
	7	8.69-9.30	58	0	6.43-12.32	QUARTZ SANDSTONE (kaolinitic), pale red; fine to coarse grained; medium strong; unweathered to slightly weathered; fractures moderate to extremely close spaced, flat to near vertical, undulating to planar, smooth to rough.
	8	9.30-10.06	30	0		
	9	10.06-10.72	92	50		
	10	10.72-11.46	83	38		
	11	11.46-12.07	100	35		
	12	12.07-12.32	70	45		
5	2	5.97-6.27	67	0	5.97-6.10	OVERBURDEN (till: pebble of QUARTZ SANDSTONE (feldspathic), 5.97-5.99 m, greyish orange; fine to medium grained; strong; unweathered to slightly weathered).
					6.10-6.27	GABBRO (chloritic), dark greenish grey to greenish black; coarse to fine grained; strong; unweathered to slightly weathered; fractures very close to extremely close spaced, dipping to near vertical, undulating to planar, smooth.

*CR = CORE RECOVERY

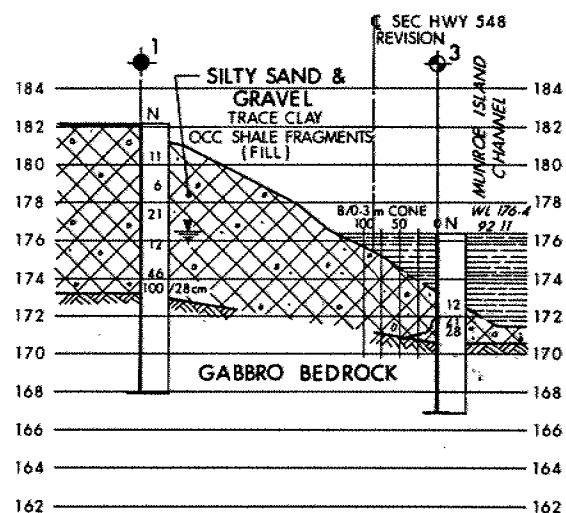
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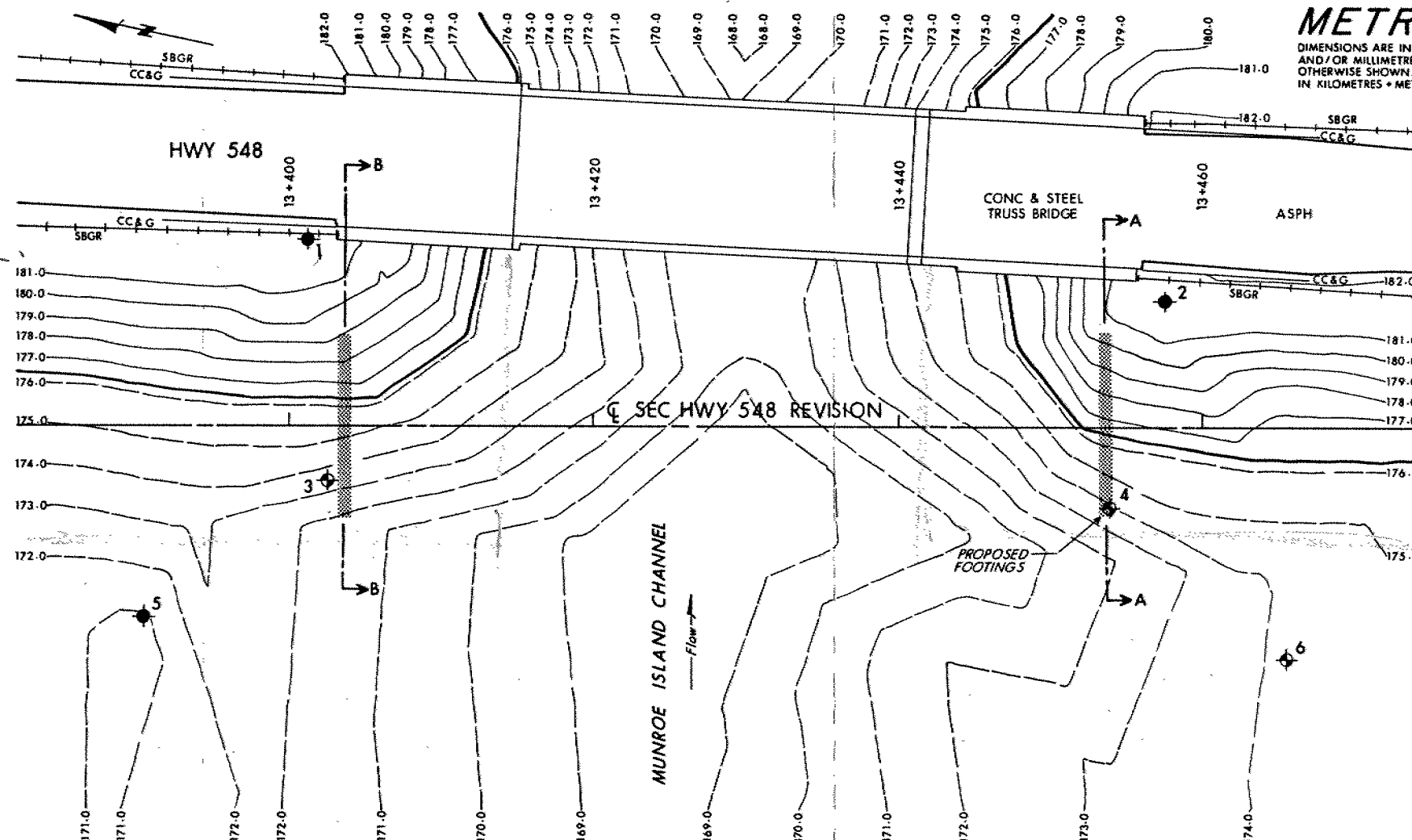


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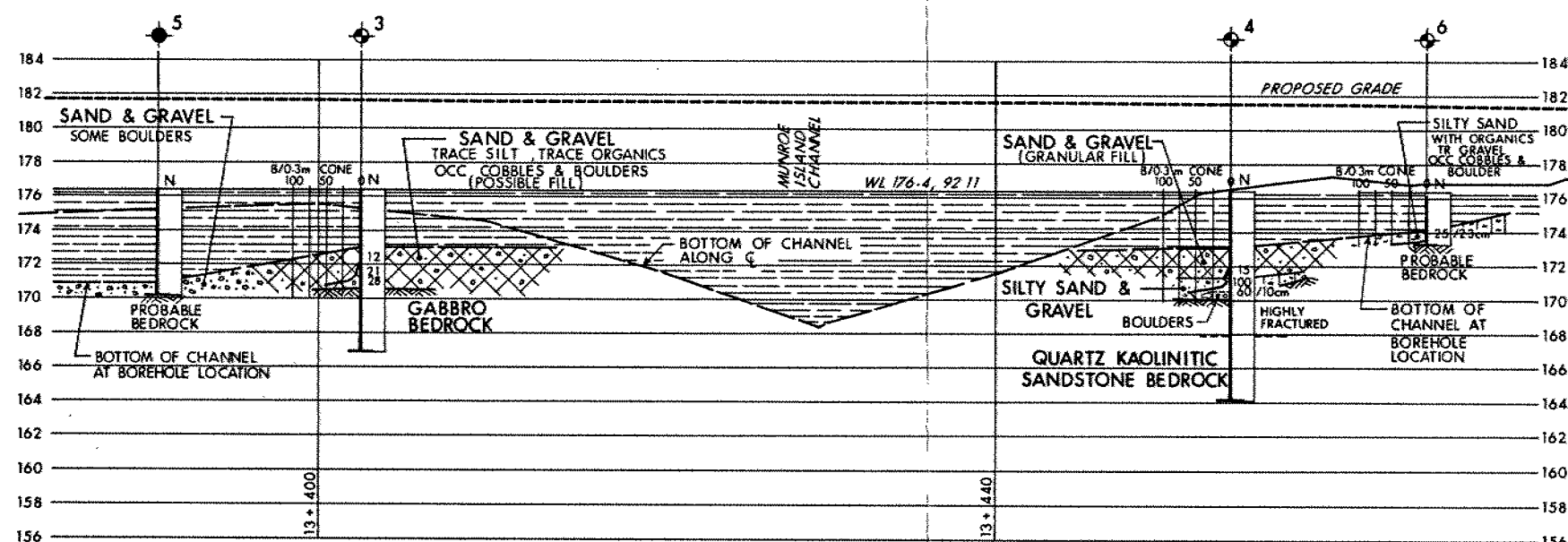
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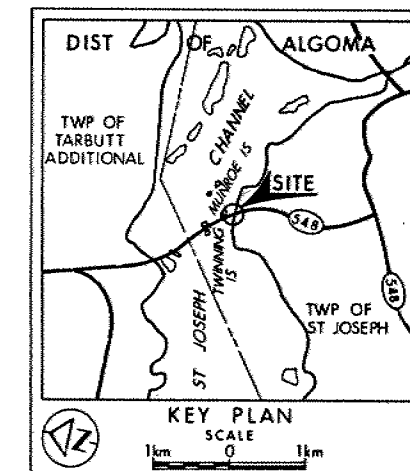
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MUNROE ISLAND CHANNEL

BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA



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LEGEND

- ◆ Bore Hole
- ⊕ Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (Cone)
- ⊕ Bore Hole & Cone
- N Blows/0.3m (Std Pen Test, 475 J/blow)
- CONE Blows/0.3m (60° Cone, 475 J/blow)
- WL at time of investigation 92 11

No	ELEVATION	STATION	OFFSET
1	182.2	13 + 401.2	12.3m Lt
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3	176.4	13 + 402.6	3.6m Rt
4	176.4	13 + 453.9	5.3m Rt
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6	176.4	13 + 465.5	15.1m Rt

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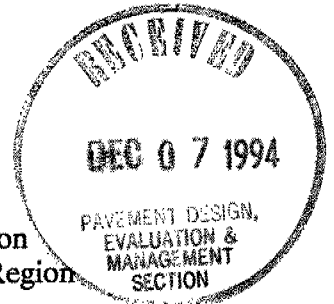
The boundaries between soil strata have been established only at Bore Hole locations. Between Bore Holes the boundaries are assumed from geological evidence.

NOTE: The complete foundation investigation and design report for this project and other related documents may be examined at the Engineering Materials Office, Downsview. Information contained in this report and related documents is specifically excluded in accordance with the conditions of Section GC 2.01 of OPS Gen Cond.

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MEMORANDUM



TO: Tae Kim
Sr. Foundation Engineer
Pavements and Foundations Section
Downsview

FROM: Structural Section
Northwestern Region
807/473-2064
807/473-2167 (fax)

DATE: December 2, 1994

RE: Review of Foundation Designs

This is in reply to your November 8, 1994, memorandum concerning Munroe Island Bridge.

For the most part, that memo dealt with technical foundation related issues which can be easily resolved. You saw fit in that memo, however, expressed additional concerns you have which relate to our working relationship. It is in reply to these concerns that I am writing this memo.

Specifically, you identified three projects where you indicate that we did not submit plans to your office for review, but where you had to resolve construction problems. Some clarification is in order.

1) **Contract 93-227 - Lamont Creek Culvert**

Our office designed this culvert in a matter of weeks after the project tenders had already been called. This was necessary in order to not delay the project. We were under extreme pressure to complete the work in time and could not have submitted plans to your office for review. Criticism of this office for not doing so is unwarranted.

2) **Contract 93-210 - White fish River Bridge**

Preliminary plans were submitted to your office in 1990. The fact that final plans were not submitted was an oversight and may have been related to the fact that this project was deferred by a number of years. Notwithstanding, to our knowledge, there were no foundation related problems during construction.

3) **Contract 94-228 - Munroe Island Bridge**

Your suggestion of no drawing review on this project is surprising. Our files are full of correspondence between your office, M.M. Dillon, and ourselves that occurred throughout the design process. We even met on-site with the Project Foundation Engineer to develop the foundation design concept. Upon design completion, plans were submitted to your office and the project is not yet out to tender. It's difficult to imagine a process whereby more consultation could have occurred. I do suggest that the confusion may have stemmed from the staff turn-overs and reorganization that occurred in your office.

I indicated to you on the phone that any recent occurrences where we did not provide plans to your office for review were not intentional, but rather, simple oversights. I have further asked my engineers to ensure that foundation plans are submitted for review. In turn, however, it would be appreciated if you could exercise tolerance and recognize that management of projects is frequently complicated beyond our control. It may simply not be possible for us to always comply with normal procedures.



R.J. Krisciunas
Head, Structural Section

RJK/af

cc - T. Kazierowski - Manager, Pavements and Foundations
- G. Cautillo - Sr. Manager, EMO
- G.E. Norman - Manager, Engineering
- F.M. Adams - Manager, Construction
- G. Al-Bazi - RSS Committee

memorandum



To: R.J. Krisciunas
Head, Structural Section
Thunder Bay

Att: D. Dykstra

From: Foundation Design Section
Rm. 315, Central Building
Downsview, Ontario

Re: Munroe Island Bridge
Hwy. 548, WP 29-88-01, Site 38S-177
District 18, Sault Ste. Marie

Date: 95 05 08

In response to your request for a review of the retained soil system submitted by the Reinforced Earth Company this office has the following comments.

1. The foundations are suitable to carry the applied bearing pressures required for the retained soil system. In addition, no global stability problems are anticipated for this system placed on rockfill.
2. The bottom of the reinforced earth retaining wall should be placed above the highest water level.
3. Clear stone (maximum size less than 19 mm) with a thickness of 1 m should be placed on top of the 300 mm thick crushed rock (Max. 50 mm particle size) base. As per plan a Geotextile would than be placed on the Clear Stone below the Granular 'A' material.
4. A geotextile should be placed vertically between the reinforced earth walls and the Granular 'A' backfill material.
5. Since some differential settlement is expected to occur within the rockfill embankment, the reinforced earth wall should be designed to tolerate any long term settlement.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Michalek".

M. Michalek
Jr. Foundation Engineer
For:
T. Kim
Sr. Foundation Engineer

memorandum



To: T. Mills
Construction Supervisor
Northwestern Region

Att: Glen Carlson
Project Supervisor

Frm: Pavements and Foundations Section
Rm 315, Central Building, Downsview

Re: WP 29-88-02, Contract No. 94-228
Monroe Island Bridge Approach Fills
Sta. 13+160 to 13+220
Hwy. 548, Dist. No. 62, Sault. Ste. Marie

Date: 95 06 20

This memorandum is in response to a request for recommendations at the above site where failure of a rock fill slope has occurred. Observation at the site and subsequent monitoring by surveys indicate this to be of a rotational nature. This type of failure is common in constructed embankments and fills due to their homogeneous composition. Movement seems to be taking place at the toe of the slope as the slope tends to restore equilibrium by decreasing the driving moment and flattening the slope.

Sounding of the surface at the toe of the embankment indicate that the fill height is greater than 6 m, requiring a 2 m berm. It is our understanding that the fill height was underestimated, as the area of failure approaches the limits of the rock fill with any slope treatment being tapered off. Therefore it is the recommendation of this office to extend the 2 m berm and incorporate it in the zone of failure.

Construction of this berm could be accomplished by dumping armour stone just north of the failure area, creating a working platform from which the remedial work can be placed moving southward parallel to the embankment. A sketch of this slope treatment has already been faxed to Mr. Carlson.

We hope this meets with your requirements. If there are further questions please contact this office.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Michalek".

M. Michalek
Jr. Foundation Engineer
For:
T. Kim
Sr. Foundation Engineer

cc W. Prystanski, Head Geotechnical Section

memorandum



To: Glen Carson
Construction Supervisor
Construction Office
160 McDougall Street
Sault Ste. Marie

June 2, 1995

From: Pavements and Foundations
Room 315, Central Building

Re: Site Meeting
Contract 94-228: Munroe Island Bridge
Contract 94-205: Two Three River Bridge

Further to the site meeting on May 18 and 19, 1995, this memo summarizes the results of our meeting.

Contract 94-22: Munroe Island Bridge

1. Caisson Inspection - Pavements and Foundations Section will provide a training of caisson installation to construction staff and caisson inspection services.
2. Rockfill Slope Failure- Glen Carson will provide the following information to foundation group as soon as possible to evaluate the rockfill slope stability.
 - a) Cross Sections
 - b) Sounding

Contract 94-205: Two Three River Bridge

- Required capacity of 4000 kN for piles could not be obtained to terminate pile driving during the construction.
- Actual capacity was calculated to be approximately from 2,000 kN to 3,000 kN using $e = 0.32$
- Since separate cushion was not used during the pile driving operation, e value can be increased to 0.4.
- New capacity is calculated to be about from 3.000 to 3.500 kN.

- Since the pile hammer appears to be small for driving HP 310 x 132 and the site is located on a secondary highway, the above capacity is acceptable.

If you have any questions concerning this memo, please contact this office.

TCK/mmj

Taecheul Kim

T.C. Kim, P. Eng.
Senior Foundation Engineer

c.c. - Tom Mills - Construction, Sault Ste. Marie
Ray Krisciunas - Structural Section
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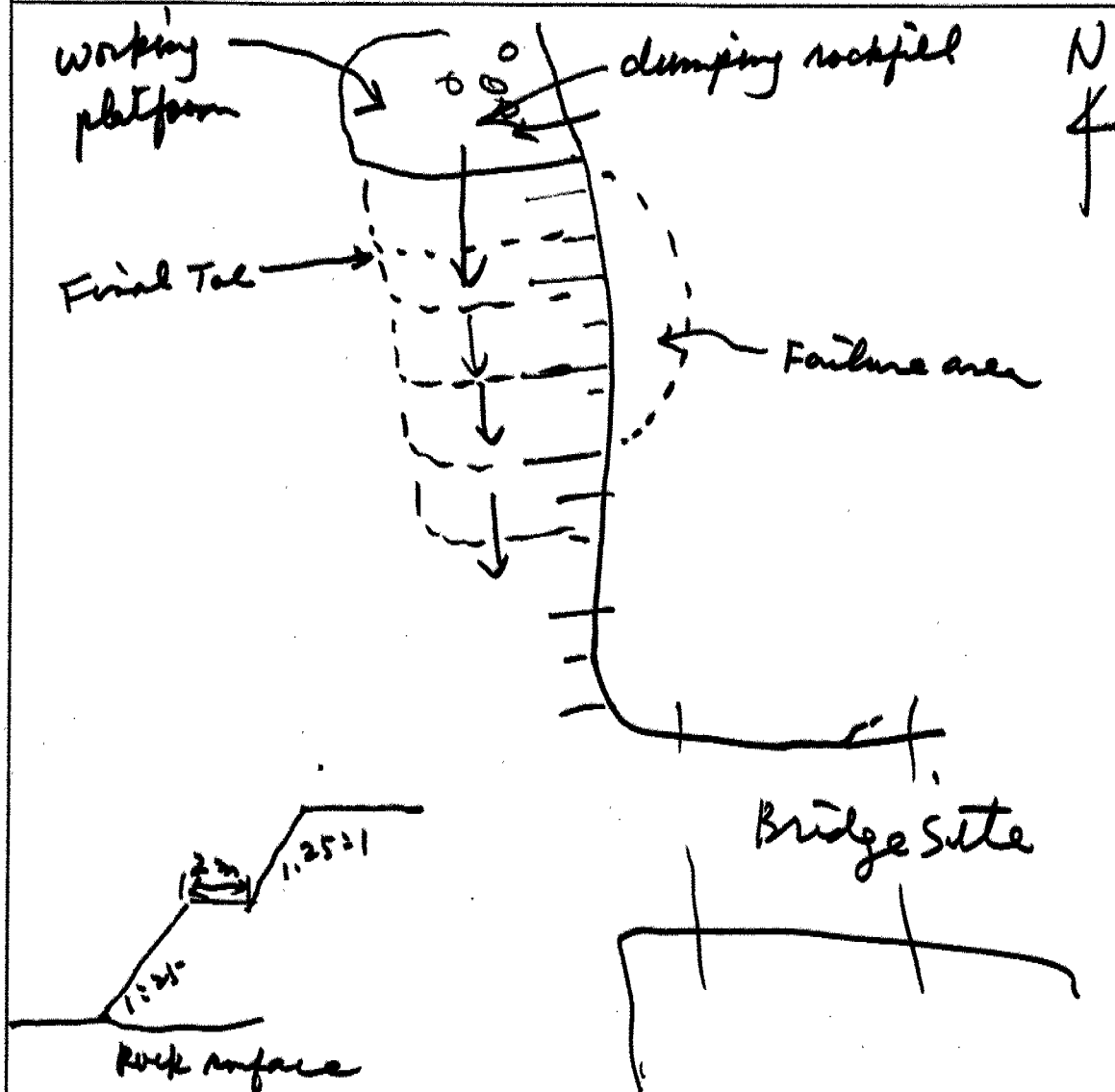
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TO: *Martin Michalek*
Foundation Engineer

FROM: *Tae. C. Kim*
Sr. Foundation Engineer
Pavements & Foundations Section
Tel: (416) 235-3731, Fax: (416) 235-5240

SUBJECT: *SLOPE TREATMENT*



MEMORANDUM



To: R.J. Krisciunas, P. Eng.
Head, Structural Section
Northwestern Region

Date: 1994 11 08

From: Pavements & Foundations Section
Room 315, Central Bldg.
Downsview

Tel: 235-3731
Fax: 235-5240

Re: Review of Contract Drawings
Munroe Island Bridge, Hwy 548
W.P. 29-88-01 (Cont. 94-228), Site 38S-177
District 18, Thunder Bay (West)

Further to the telephone conversation between you and the writer on October 24, 1994, we have reviewed the Contract Drawings and Special Provisions which you provided to us.

It is understood that the original design adopted battered caissons for the bridge foundation in order to resist the high moment and lateral loads due to the earth pressure from the bridge abutment walls. It is also understood that the forward slope was proposed to form at 2H:1V gradient with a 2 m wide rockfill mid-height berm.

Based on our initial review, this office suggested the following revisions on drawings (see our memo dated August 11, 1993).

- 1) Since the battered caissons would be very difficult to install and be quite expensive to construct especially through old as well as new rockfill, proposed battered caissons should be revised to vertical caissons.
- 2) Accordingly, reinforced earth wall concept could be utilized to minimize the lateral load on the caissons. Caissons would mainly be required to take vertical loads and this would reduce socketing considerably.
- 3) Alternatively, lightweight fill could also be considered to reduce the lateral load significantly.

We have reviewed the drawings and contract documents you provided on November 1, 1994. Based on our review, the following comments should be made.

- 1) As discussed in our previous memo (item 1, above) the construction of battered caissons would be extremely difficult and quite expensive. We therefore, strongly recommended that the battered caisson be revised to vertical caissons.
- 2) During the construction, caisson inspection should be carried out by an experienced person.

We recommend that the construction office retain such an experienced person with consultation from this section. We also enclose a Non-Standard Special Provision for caisson piles for your reference.

- 3) Proposed Reinforced Earth Retaining Walls is a viable option at this location, since the bottom of reinforced walls is higher than the seasonal river water level. However, it is recommended to raise the bottom elevation of RERW above high water level, if possible, in order to eliminate some flooding related failures. If the raising is not possible, other protection measure can be considered:

② a) use clear stone (maximum size less than 19 mm) as a backfill for bottom 1m and place Geotextile between clear stone and Granular "A" material

or

② b) place Geotextile vertically between Reinforced Earth Walls and Granular "A" backfill material.

- 4) Since some differential settlement is expected to occur within the rockfill embankment, reinforced earth wall should be designed to tolerate such a long term settlement.


In addition to the above comments, we should express our concerns about the review process of Preliminary and Final Drawings and Contract documents. In your memorandum to Mr. George Al-Bazi, Chairman of Retained Soil System (RSS) Committee on October 5, 1994, you clearly emphasized that you agreed and followed our recommendations with your full confidence. However, this section did not have an opportunity to review the actual design drawings for Reinforced Earth Retaining Wall until the project was finalized and is on tendering process.

Recently, it was found that many projects from your Region have been finalized without our preliminary and/or final reviews of foundation drawings. During 1994 construction season, we have been requested to attend site meeting to resolve the construction problems, such as pile driving, slope instability, dewatering problems etc. for the following projects, even though this section was not requested to review any contract drawings.

- 1) Contract 93-227, Lamont Creek - Dewatering Problem.
- 2) Contract 93-210, Hwy 588 and Whitefish River - No Final Review.
- 3) Contract 94-228, Munroe Island - Reinforced Retaining Walls - No Drawing Review.

We strongly recommend that in order to reduce construction problems and their related claims, Preliminary and Final Drawings should be submitted for review by this section as indicated in our mandate. Your cooperation for these concerns would be appreciated.

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


Tae C. Kim, P. Eng.
Sr. Foundation Engineer

TCK/jb

cc: T. Kazmierowski - Manager, Pavements & Foundations
G. Cautillo - Sr. Manager, EMO
G. Norman - Manager, Engineering & Right-of-Way Office
F. Adams - Manager, Construction Office
G. Al-Bazi - RSS Committee

MEMORANDUM



TO: G. Al-Bazi 5857
Chair, RSS Committee 5858
Structural Office
Downsview

FROM: Structural Section
Northwestern Region
807/473-2064
807/473-2167 (fax)

DATE: October 5, 1994

RE: Munroe Island Bridge, Site 38S-177 WP 29-88-01

This concerns your faxgram to Dick Dykstra on behalf of the RSS Committee regarding the Munroe Island Bridge. In it, you indicate that the committee recommends against the use of a reinforced soil wall at this site. There are a couple of issues that you should be made aware of which may change your opinion.

First of all, the Foundation Report for this structure very clearly indicated that a reinforced soil wall should be considered as a means of resisting lateral earth pressure behind the abutments. While, at first, we were not in favour of this system, we ultimately complied with the recommendation after various discussions with the Foundation Office and cost analyses by our consultant.

Secondly, from what I can deduce, the committee's reluctance stems from concerns about the effects that the water will have on the wall. While partial submergence of the wall is a possibility, it would not be a frequent occurrence since this is only associated with extreme events in the channel. Under these circumstances, the flow velocity would be minimal, precluding degradation of backfill material. Suggestions about forces upon the wall due to river dynamics are incorrect. The channel hydraulics and details of the wall are such that it simply cannot encounter any forces other than what it is designed for.

In closing, this reinforced soil wall was incorporated into the foundation design at the recommendation of the Foundation Office and based upon their first hand knowledge of the site. We relied upon their expertise, and we are fully confident that their recommendations are sound, and that the system will function as they intended.

Original Signed By:
R. J. Krisciunas

R.J. Krisciunas
Head, Structural Section

cc Tae Kim ✓

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memorandum



To: R.J. Krisciunas
Head, Structural Section
Thunder Bay

Attn: D. Dystra

From: Foundation Design Section
Room 315, Central Building
Downsview, Ontario

Subject: Munroe Island Bridge
Highway 548
W.P. 29-88-01, Site 38S-177
District 18, Sault Ste. Marie

Date: 93 08 11

Further to our meeting with R. Radolli and P. Tam of M.M. Dillon Limited on 93 07 30, we provide herewith additional design parameters for preliminary estimating purpose:

-The caisson bottom elevations given in the foundation report are interpolated from available borehole information and have taken into account the recommended 300 mm min. socket. For preliminary design purpose, the founding elevations for intermediate caissons can be interpolated from the end caissons. Caisson bottom elevations have to be verified in the field during construction.

-Skin friction values, socket lengths required for fixity and allowable lateral bearing capacities for the two types of bedrock are provided as follows:

	<u>Gabbro</u>	<u>Kaolinitic Quartz Sandstone</u>
Skin Friction (Compression)	3000kPa	750kPa
Skin Friction (Uplift)	2000kPa	500kPa
Socket length required for fixity	1.0 m	1.5 m
Allowable lateral bearing capacity	2500kPa	1000kPa

Our initial review based on the structural loadings provided by Dillon via a fax transmittal dated 93 08 05 has revealed that extensive length of dowels up to 10 m is required from the bottom of the caisson sockets to resist the moment and lateral load from the structure. In our opinion, this design is too expensive and hence not

feasible. We understand that a majority of the lateral load and moment is due to the soil load from the abutment walls. In view of this, we suggest alternative methods as follows:

1. Light weight fill can be employed behind the abutments in lieu of regular earth fill. This will reduce the lateral load significantly and thereby reduce the socket requirements.
2. Reinforced Earth concept can be utilized to minimize the lateral load on the caissons. Caissons will mainly be required to take vertical loads and this will reduce socketing considerably.

Our past experience suggests that batter caissons may be quite expensive to construct especially when they have to advance through old as well as new rock fill.

Should there be any questions, please contact our office.



David Kwok, P. Eng.
Project Foundation Engineer
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Senior Foundation Engineer

c.c. M.M. Dillon Limited
(Attn. R. Radolli)



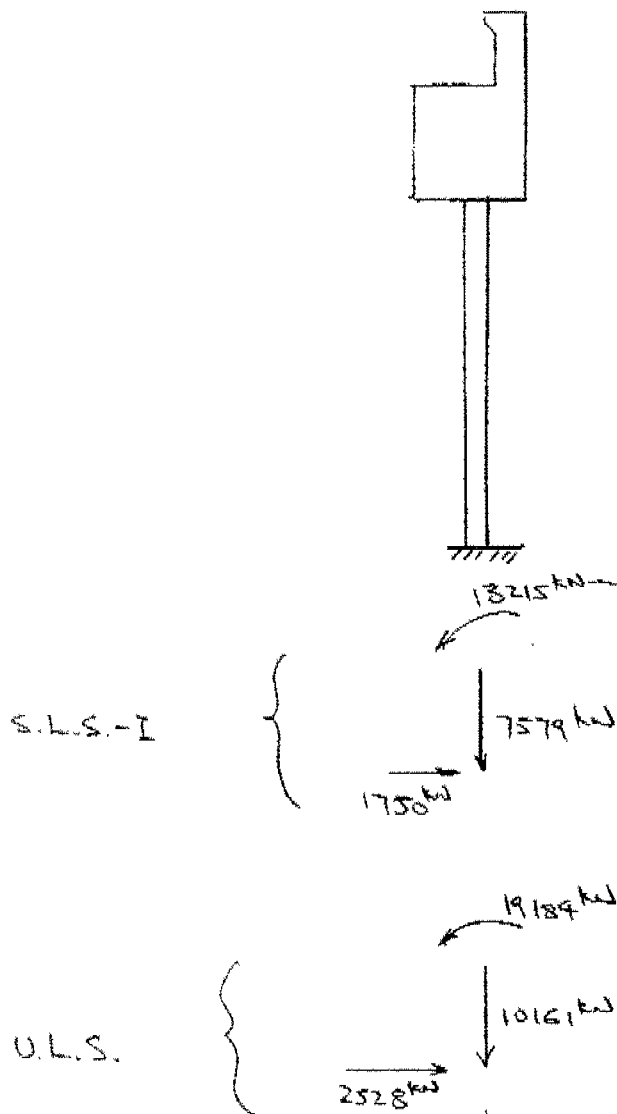
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As we discussed in our meeting on last Friday, two alternatives are being considered for the Munroe Island Bridge. The attached shows the total reactions at South Abutment and North Abutment respectively for two alternatives. Tentatively, we anticipate 5 - 1267 mm ϕ caissons for Alternative #1 and 5 - 1067 mm ϕ caissons — 3 at 1:8 batter in the front and 2 at 1:10 batter at the back for Alternative #2.

For Alternative #1, we need (1) the required embedment length of the caisson to develop the fixity to resist the applied moment, (2) allowable shaft friction for vertical compression load and (3) allowable bearing pressure for horizontal load.

Option 1 : Straight Caisson w/ Fixed End at Bottom



Total Reactions at North Abutment

By P. Tan Aug 5, 1993

Munroe Island Bridge

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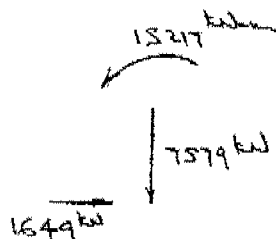
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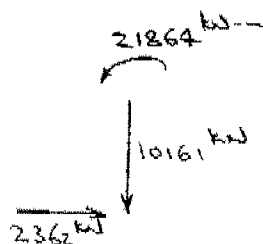
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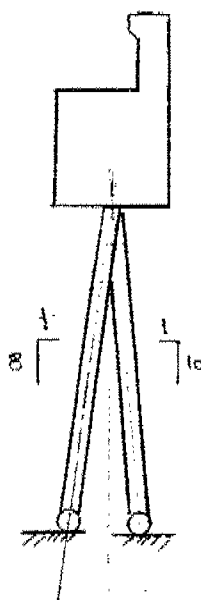
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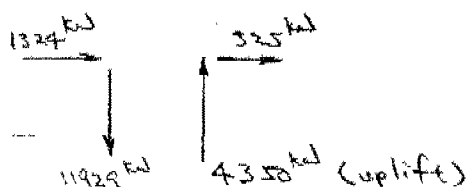
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Should you have any questions, please call.

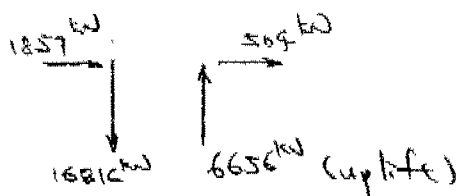
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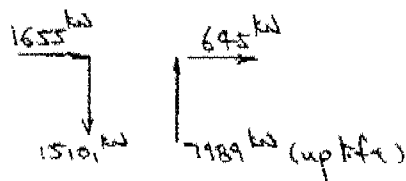
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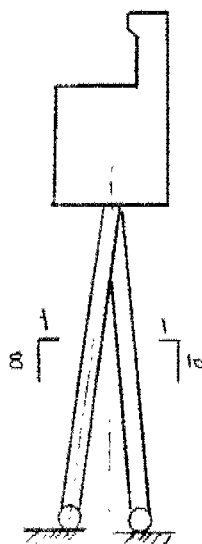
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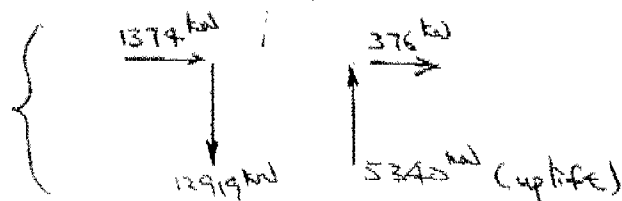
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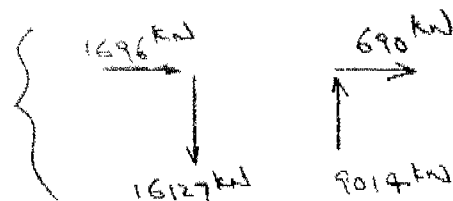
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Munroe Island Bridge

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TOHead, Structural Section
Northwestern Region
Attn: D. Dysta

FROM

David Kwok

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Foundation Design Section

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93 06 22

SUBJECT

W.P. 29-88-01, Munroe Island Bridge

Re. your discussion with Balu Iyer on 93 06 21. Our major concern is on the construction of abutment slopes. We consider it very difficult in practice to construct the slopes under water to the specified geometry. Our report has indicated an alternative of closed abutments supported by reinforced earth walls ~~the~~ has this alternative been seriously looked at? There are also concerns on the feasibility of constructing batter caissons through existing rock fill.

REPLY

As suggested in the foundation report and again in our memo dated 93 06 18, a meeting with your office and consultant is warranted to clarify the above items and any other items the consultant may have.



REPLY FROM

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memorandum



To: R.J. Krisciunas
Head, Structural Section
Thunder Bay

Date: 93 06 18

Attn: D. Dystra

From: Foundation Design Section
Room 315, Central Building
Downsview, Ontario

Subject: Preliminary Drawing Review
Munroe Island Bridge
Highway 548
W.P. 29-88-01, Site 38S-177
District 18, Sault Ste. Marie

We refer to your memorandum dated 93 06 03 and the preliminary General Arrangement drawing P1 attached therein.

In general, the drawing is found to be in conformance with the previous foundation recommendations. However, there are concerns in the following specific areas :

- construction of abutment slopes.
- construction of batter caissons.

As discussed with you, we suggest that a meeting be held to review the above items with representatives from your section, the design consultant and our office. Would you please arrange for it and let us know.

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David Kwok, P. Eng.
Project Foundation Engineer
for
Balu Iyer, P. Eng.
Senior Foundation Engineer

MEMORANDUM



Ontario

To: R.J. Krisciunas
Head, Structural Section
Thunder Bay

Attn: D. Dykstra

From: Foundation Design Section
Room 315, Central Building
Downsview, Ontario

Subject: Munroe Island Bridge
Highway 548
W.P. 29-88-01, Site 38S-177
District 18, Sault Ste. Marie

Date: December 30, 1992

The field investigation for the above-noted project has been completed. This memorandum provides a summary of the subsurface conditions encountered at the site and engineering recommendations intended for design to proceed. The final foundation report will follow.

The site is located on Highway 548 at the southmost crossing from St. Joseph Island to the mainland, in the Township of St. Joseph, District of Algoma. It is about 3.4 km south of the intersection of Highway 17 and Highway 548. The existing structure is in poor condition with a history of distress. It is proposed to replace it with a new single span bridge.

The field work was conducted between 92 11 03 and 92 11 09 and consisted of six (6) sampled boreholes taken down to 3.1 to 16.3 m depth. One copy each of the borehole location plan and preliminary record of borehole sheets is attached. BH 1 and BH 2 were drilled by a track mounted continuous flight auger machine. BH 3 to BH 6 were advanced from a raft over water using a diamond drill.

In BH 1 to BH 4, which are on or close to the existing embankment, the subsurface material encountered typically comprised of fill over bedrock. A thin layer (1.3 m) of native material consisting of silty sand, some gravel, with boulders was found in BH 4 overlying bedrock. In BH 5 and BH 6 which are further from the shore, the bedrock is overlain by a thin layer of river bed material. The material is a 0.5 m layer of sand and gravel, some boulders in BH 5 and a 0.8 m layer of organic silt in BH 6. The groundwater level measured in the land holes ties in well with the water surface in the river. During the time of the investigation, the water level was at EL. 176.4 m. Laboratory tests are being carried out on the soil samples and the results will be included in the final report.

Two types of bedrock were encountered at this site. At the north abutment location, the bedrock is a Gabbro of igneous origin. The rock is considered strong with core recoveries range from 80 to 100 percent. At the south abutment location, the bedrock is a Quartz Sandstone of sedimentary origin. Rock cores

from BH 2 have core recoveries of 65 to 96 percent, and the rock is generally strong. At BH 4 the rock is kaolinitic and shattered with poor core recoveries near the top $1.3 \pm$ m, ranging from 30 to 58 percent. The rock at this location is considered to be medium strong.

The project comprises construction of a replacement bridge to the west of the existing one. The clear distance between the two bridges is about 3 m at the south end and 7 m at the north. The elevation of the new bridge is similar to the existing one, at $E1. 182 \pm$ m. The existing bridge will serve as detour during construction, and will be removed after construction of the new bridge.

The following are the engineering recommendations pertaining to the design and construction of the structure.

Foundation

According to the investigation results, the subsurface stratigraphy at abutment locations typically comprises fill over bedrock. Since the existing bridge will remain in service during construction, excavation of existing fill has to be kept a minimum to avoid undermining the existing embankment.

The structure can be supported by caissons socketed into bedrock. Liners should be used during excavation to stabilize the hole and surrounding ground. Boulder obstructions are expected when the excavation advances through the existing rock armouring layer.

Caissons should be socketed at least 300 mm into bedrock. The recommended minimum diameter for the caissons is 910 mm to allow for downhole inspection and hand-cleaning. Before concrete is poured, the loose material at the bottom of the caisson hole should be hand-cleaned or air-lifted. Tremie concrete is recommended for under water concreting. The following factored end bearing values are recommended for the purpose of O.H.B.D.C. Depending upon the final design caisson sizes and socket lengths, we are pleased to recommend upon contributions from shaft friction.

Factored Capacity at U.L.S.

North Abutment (Gabbro)	7500 kPa
South Abutment (Kaolinitic Quartz Sandstone)	3000 kPa

S.L.S. type II does not govern for unyielding founding material.

The caissons should be founded into sound bedrock. For preliminary design purpose, the estimated caisson bottom elevations are as follows:

Estimated Caisson Bottom Elevation (M)

North Abutment (West Side)	170.0
North Abutment (East Side)	171.5
South Abutment (West Side)	167.5
South Abutment (East Side)	171.0

Alternatively, driven piles may also be considered. For steel H-piles driven into bedrock, the following design capacities in accordance with the O.H.B.D. are recommended.

	<u>HP310 X 79</u>	<u>HP310</u>
Factored Axial Capacity at U.L.S.	1150 kN	160
Axial Capacity at S.L.S. Type II	890 kN	115

Again, it is anticipated that the piles would encounter boulder obstructions at the existing rock armouring layer. The obstructions at pile locations will have to be removed by pre-augering or other means and replaced with granular materials.

The new fill material at pile locations should have a maximum grain size limited to 75 mm. Piles should be equipped with driving shoes to minimize tip damage. Lateral loads may be taken by the horizontal component of batter piles.

For preliminary design purpose, the estimated pile tip elevations are as follows:

Estimated Pile Tip Elevation (M)

North Abutment (West Side)	170.5
North Abutment (East Side)	172.5
South Abutment (West Side)	170.0
South Abutment (East Side)	171.5

Due to the anticipated obstructions, pile driving should be closely monitored to ensure that the piles are founded on bedrock. If this alternative is chosen, please contact our office for further recommendations on pile driving.

Alternatively, consideration may also be given to shallow foundation. However, since the new alignment is close to the existing, there are limitations regarding

excavation on existing embankment in order not to undermine it. Accordingly, the footings will have to be supported on a granular pad perched over existing fill. The existing fill is poorly graded with a rock armouring layer along the shore. It is imperative that all voids be chinked with well graded granular material or mass concrete. There are concerns on the integrity of the existing fill and river erosion, in view of the history of distress of the existing bridge. If this alternative is adopted, please contact our office for details.

Earth Pressure

Backfill to abutments should consist of granular material in accordance with MTO Standard Special Provision No. 121 (83 10).

Computation of earth pressures should be in accordance with Section 6.6.1.2.1. of the O.H.B.D.C. The active condition will govern earth pressure design for the yielding case while the at-rest condition will govern for the unyielding case. The follow properties for backfill are recommended.

<u>Material</u>	<u>ϕ</u>	<u>γ</u>	<u>K_a</u>	<u>K_o</u>
Granular "A"	35°	22.8 kN/m ³	0.27	0.43
Granular "B"	30°	21.2 kN/m ³	0.33	0.50
Rockfill	35°	18.0 kN/m ³	0.27	0.43

Slope Stability

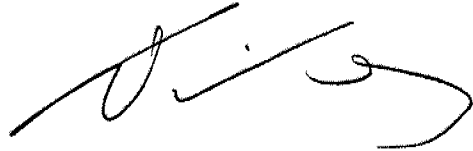
The Munroe Island Channel has a V shaped river bed with fairly steep sub-aqueous slopes. For preliminary design purpose, the following slope geometries may be used. Analyses are being carried out and these recommendations will be confirmed in the final report. Rockfill slopes may be formed at 1.25H:1V up to 6 m and with a 2 m wide berm every 6 m up to a maximum height of 14 m so that no uninterrupted slope is greater than 6 m. Alternatively, rockfill slopes may be formed to 1.5H:1V gradients up to 10 m and with a 2 m wide berm above 10 m up to a maximum height of 14 m. If earth fill is used, the slopes should be formed at 2H:1V gradient with a 2 m wide berm incorporated at 9 m for embankment heights above 9 m to a maximum height of 14 m.

Only relatively free draining granular material should be used underwater. Substantial filling will be required for the abutment forward slopes due to the relatively steep existing river bank gradient. If a closed abutment is used, consideration should be given to reinforced earth abutment construction. This support system enables the vertical loads be taken by the caissons/piles and the lateral loads by the reinforced earth wall. If this type of construction is adopted, please contact our office for further details.

Based on the investigation results, some organic material is found at the river bed. It is recommended that the organic material be removed prior to filling.

Provisions should be made in the contract document to take into account possible obstructions during pile driving or caisson construction.

We believe that the above is sufficient for the present purpose, should you have any questions or require further information, please call us.

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D. Kwok, P. Eng.
Project Foundation Engineer

For

B. Iyer, P. Eng.
Senior Foundation Engineer

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memorandum



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Head, Structural Section
Northwestern Region

Attn: D. Dykstra

From: Foundation Design Section
Room 315, Central Bldg.
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Re: Munroe Island Bridge
Hwy. 548
W.P. 29-88-00
District 18, Sault Ste. Marie

Date: 1992 07 03

We have now completed our review of the data provided to us on the above project.

1. From consideration of the steep sub-aqueous slope to the east of the existing bridge alignment, it is considered that a single span bridge, temporary detour or a permanent replacement, together with rockfill approaches at the south end and north end along the east will not be possible.

If a detour or permanent bridge is to be constructed along the eastern alignment, consideration should be given to a three span bridge, with the piers supported on caissons socketed into the sloping bedrock. This would be somewhat difficult to construct and would be expensive compared to other options discussed below.

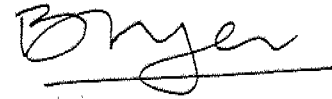
2. From consideration of the relatively gentle subaqueous slope to the west of the existing bridge alignment, it is considered that the western alignment would be suitable for the construction of a single span detour bridge or a single span permanent replacement bridge, together with approach fills at both ends.

From consideration of existing trees at the southern limits of the western alignment, it may be preferable to leave the permanent alignment where the present bridge is located and construct a detour bridge along a slightly modified alignment along the west, which will have minimal environmental impact.

The above comments are provided from a geotechnical standpoint. We understand that the final choice of detour and permanent alignment would be based also on other considerations. Once the alignments are finalized, please forward detailed E-plans to our office and we would then review the need for a foundation investigation at this site.

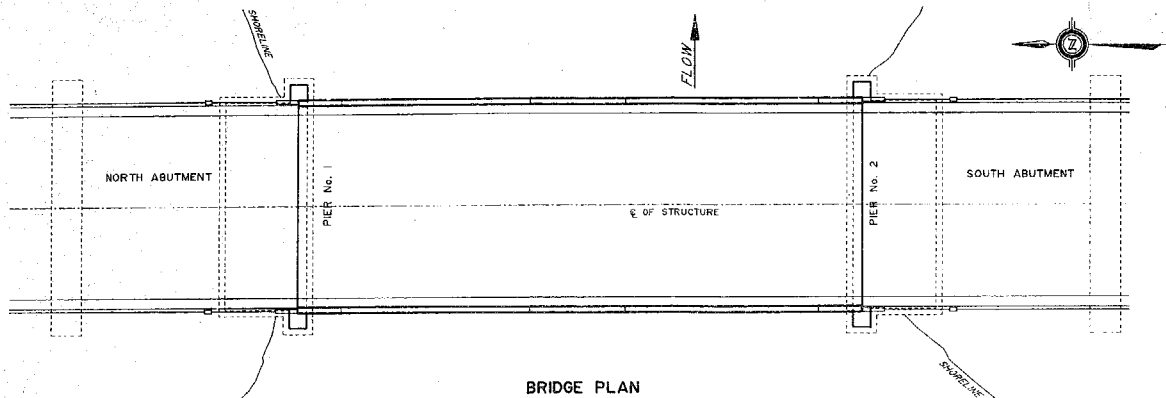
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We trust that the information given above is sufficient for your present needs.

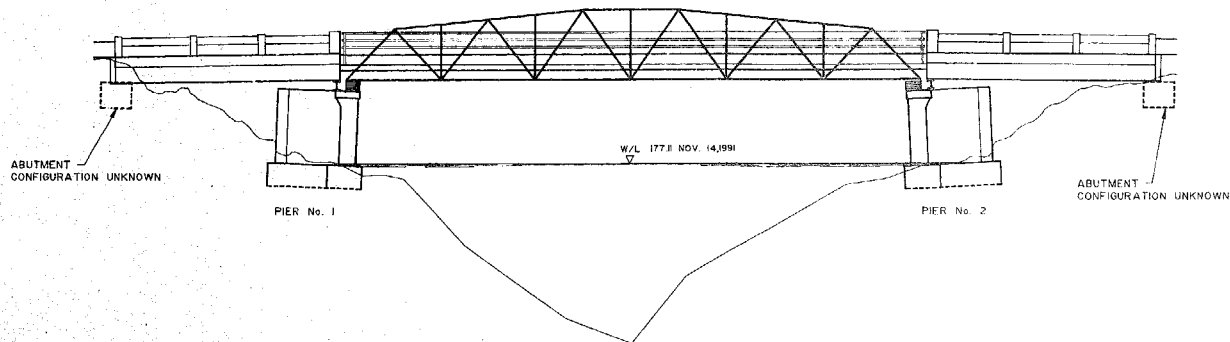
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Dr. B. Iyer, P. Eng.
Sr. Foundation Engineer

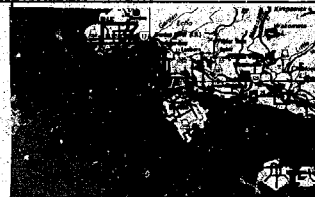
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BRIDGE ELEVATION



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HIGHWAY 548, 9km EAST OF RICHARDS LANDING

GENERAL ARRANGEMENT

NOTES:

1. REPRODUCED FROM NOV. 1991 PHOTOGRAPHS AND DWG. No. 03087-1
2. WATER LEVEL ELEVATION 175.96m (NOVEMBER 14, 1991)
3. REFERENCE ELEVATION - TOP OF CONCRETE DECK, CENTER LINE OF HIGHWAY - EL. 182.93m

Figure 1

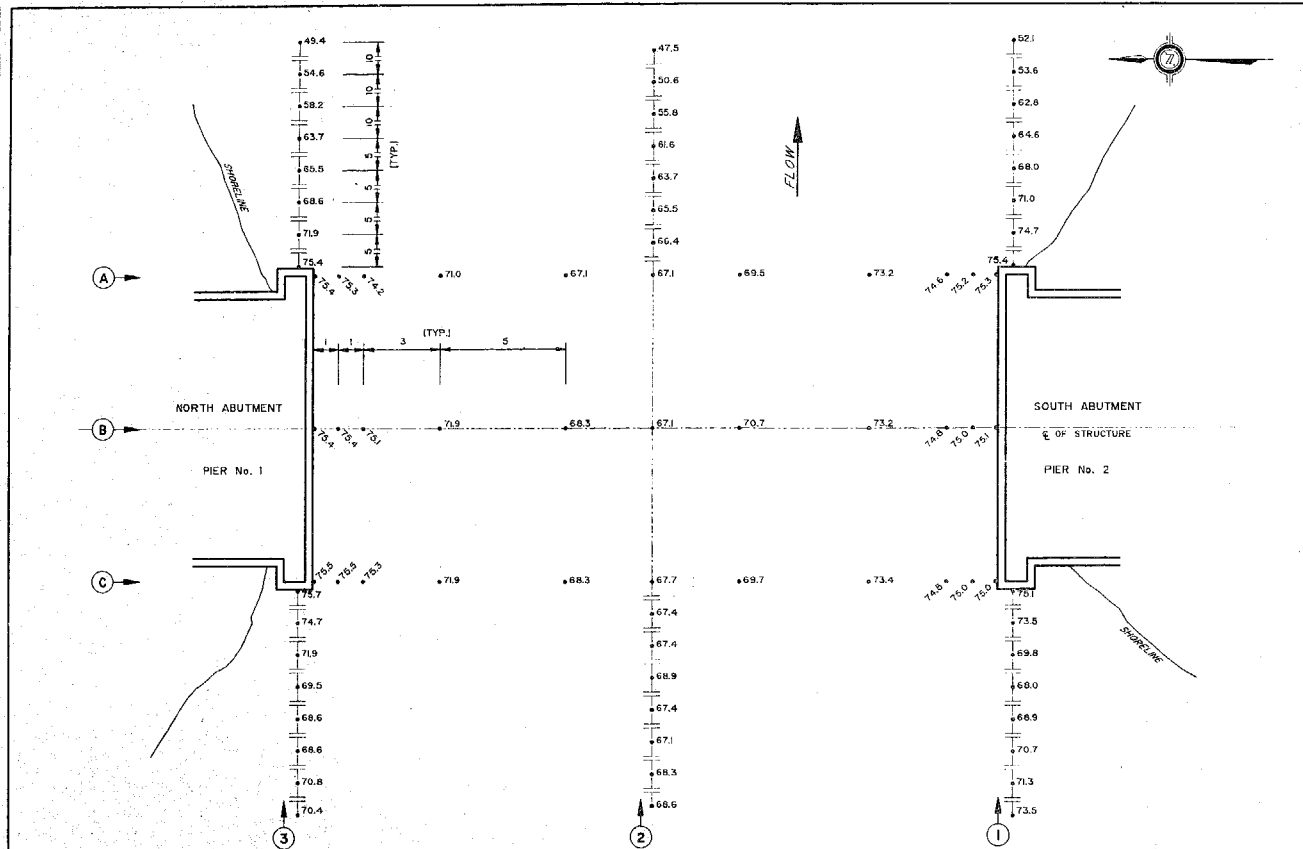
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WATER DEPTH SOUNDINGS

NOTES:

1. ADD 100m TO ALL ELEVATIONS SHOWN
2. WATER LEVEL ELEVATION 175.96m (NOVEMBER 14, 1991)

Figure 2

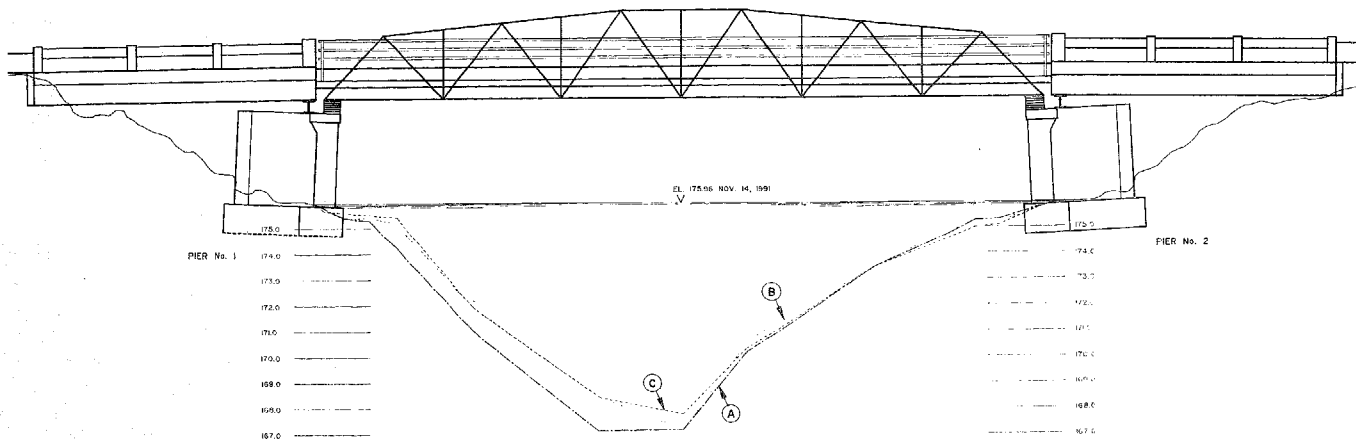
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RIVER BED CROSS SECTIONS

NOTES:

1. FOR GRID LINE LOCATION SEE FIG. 2
2. WATER LEVEL ELEVATION 175.98m
(NOVEMBER 14, 1991)

LEGEND:

- GRID LINE (A) DOWNSTREAM SIDE OF BRIDGE
- GRID LINE (B) CENTRELINE OF BRIDGE
- GRID LINE (C) UPSTREAM SIDE OF BRIDGE

Figure 3

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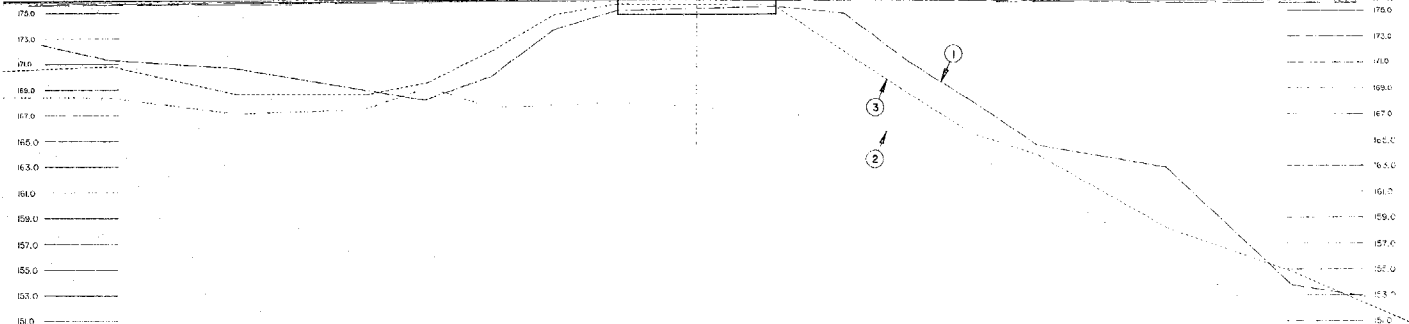


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RIVER BED PROFILES

NOTES:

1. FOR GRID LINE LOCATION SEE FIG. 2
2. WATER LEVEL ELEVATION 175.96m (NOVEMBER 14, 1991)

LEGEND:

- GRID LINE ① SOUTH ABUTMENT
GRID LINE ② CENTRELINE OF BRIDGE
GRID LINE ③ NORTH ABUTMENT

Figure 4

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