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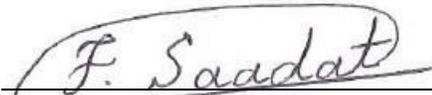
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# 1

## 1 Introduction

Englobe Corp. (Englobe) has been retained by Gannett Fleming (Client), on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO, Owner), to carry out a foundation investigation and prepare Foundation Investigation (FIR) and Foundation Investigation and Design (FIDR) Reports for the proposed replacement of an existing culvert at approximate Station 14+588 on Highway No. 61 in the Township of Blake, Ontario (Site) shown on Drawing No. 1, Appendix A. This assignment was performed at the request of the Client as per the project Terms of Reference outlined in MTO Request for Quotation (RFQ) Version 3.2 under Assignment Number 6020-E-0021 (GEOCREs No. 52A00-262).

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## 2 Site Description

The existing 36.85 m long culvert structure is a Creosote Timber Culvert (CTC) culvert crossing Highway 61 at approximate Station 14+588, approximately 400 m south of the Cooper Cliff Road and Highway 61 intersection, in the Township of Blake. Highway 61 at this culvert crossing is a two-lane undivided highway with asphalt surface and partially paved shoulders on both sides running in an approximate north-south direction, as shown on Drawing No. 1 in Appendix A. Highway 61 is constructed on an embankment about 12.5 m wide (including shoulders) and up to approximately 4.6 m in height above the crown of the culvert, with the centreline of the roadway at an approximate elevation 265 m at the culvert location. The pavement surface is generally in good to fair condition with some longitudinal and transvers cracks across the asphalt surface. The sides of the roadway at the culvert crossing were observed to be heavily vegetated with bushes, shrubs, and mature trees. An access to a private property at the east side of Highway 61 is located about 110 m to the north of the culvert crossing. On the west side of the Highway 61, a shallow marsh with low hanging hydro lines were observed. Presence of beaver dam on the east (Rt) side of the culvert was reported in the Culvert Review Report dated August 2020 by others.

The existing culvert structure is crossing Highway 61 at skew alignment (approximately 95 degree) from east (upstream) to west (downstream). The existing culvert structure is a 1.34 m wide and 1.04 m high at the upstream and 1.34 m wide and 1.04 m high at the downstream, as shown on Drawing No. 2 in Appendix A and described in detail and shown on the sketches and Figures in GF Culvert Inspection Report in Appendix D. The existing CTC culvert is old and was observed to be deteriorated and missing timber pieces from the soffit. According to GF, the water bond upstream (US) with no observable channel (wide open); at the downstream (DS), the channel was 2 m wide with banks at ~3H:1V and dry. The top of the culvert elevations at the inlet and outlet are 260.3 and 260.4 m (culvert slope is flat), respectively with clearance of 370 mm and 1040 mm, respectively. Water was observed standing in the culvert as shown on field inspection photos in GF Culvert Inspection Report in Appendix D.

## 2.1 Site Physiography and Surficial Geology

Based on published Northern Ontario Geology Terrain Study (NOEGTS) of the general area by J. F. Gartner, J.D. Mollard, and M.A. Road (1981), the Site is located within the Glaciolacustrine Plain with native overburden/sediments within the immediate project area consisting mainly of sandy soil deposits with minor portions of gravel.

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## 3 Investigation Procedures

### 3.1 Site Investigation

The purpose of the geotechnical investigation was to explore and record the subsurface conditions at both ends of the existing culvert and in the roadway embankment at the culvert crossing. The fieldwork was carried out between October 25 and November 10, 2021 and consisted of two boreholes on the roadway extending down to a maximum depth of 19.2 m below existing ground/road surface (bgs) and two boreholes off the roadway at the culvert inlet and outlet to a maximum depth of 6.7 mbgs.

The fieldwork included locating the boreholes, clearing the borehole locations of underground services, in-situ sampling and testing operations, logging of the boreholes, labeling and preparation of samples for transportation to the Englobe North Bay laboratory, plus overall drill supervision.

Englobe's staff visited the Site before the planned site investigation to mark out the proposed borehole locations. Utility clearance was obtained from Ontario-1-Call. Public utility authorities were informed, and all utility clearance documents were obtained before the commencement of drilling work. A traffic control plan was prepared and implemented by Workforce Inc. of Sudbury, Ontario, according to Ontario Traffic Manual Book 7 during the fieldwork. The drilling rigs used for drilling were owned and operated by Maple Leaf Drilling Ltd. of Sunnyside, Manitoba. Boreholes were advanced using a CME 750 track mounted drill and a B20 portable drilling rig.

The fieldwork for this investigation included four (4) sampled boreholes (BH) were advanced. BH Nos. 1 and 2 were advanced in the roadway shoulders through the embankment. BH Nos. 3 and 4 were advanced at the inlet (Rt) and outlet (Lt) ends of the culvert, respectively. The locations of the boreholes are shown on Drawing No. 2 in Appendix C and are provided in the Table below.

**Table 1 Borehole Locations**

| Borehole No. | Borehole Location (MTM Nad 83) |            | Borehole Location (Geographic) |                   |
|--------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1            | N 5340081.8                    | E 344584.4 | Lat: 48.19830°                 | Long: - 89.46477° |
| 2            | N 5340078.7                    | E 344576.4 | Lat: 48.19827°                 | Long: - 89.46488° |
| 3            | N 5340089.6                    | E 344602.0 | Lat: 48.19837°                 | Long: - 89.46453° |
| 4            | N 5340102.9                    | E 344555.9 | Lat: 48.19849°                 | Long: - 89.46515° |

BH Nos. 1 and 2 were advanced using a hollow stem auger aided by track-mounted CME 750 drilling rig equipped with wash boring equipment, N-size casing, rock coring equipment (NQ size core) and routine geotechnical sampling equipment. BH Nos. 3 and 4, which were drilled off the roadway near the inlet and outlet, were advanced using a B20 portable drilling rig equipped with a solid stem auger.

Soil samples were obtained at regular intervals of depth at the borehole locations using a standard 51 mm split spoon sampler advanced in accordance with the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) procedures ASTM D1586. Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (DCPT) was carried out in BH No. 1 from elevation 247.8 m to 245.8 m. The DCPT was carried out after drilling was not possible to proceed with hollow stem auger (below elevation 247.8 m) through the flowing sand. All soil samples taken during this investigation were stored in labeled airtight containers for transport to the Englobe North Bay laboratory for visual examination and select laboratory testing.

Groundwater conditions in the open boreholes were observed during the advancement of the individual boreholes. Two 19 mm diameter standpipes were installed in Borehole Nos. 3 and 4 prior to backfilling to allow for follow-up monitoring of the stabilized groundwater levels. The remaining boreholes were backfilled upon completion of drilling in accordance with requirements of Ontario Regulation 903.

The location of the individual boreholes was determined in the field using highway chainage established by the Ministry of Transportation and offsets relative to highway centreline. The MTO coordinates, northing and easting, were then established for the boring locations using coordinates from MTM Zone 15, NAD 83 CSRS. Elevations contained in this report are referenced to an on-site geodetic datum. The borehole elevations are based on the GPS RTK survey carried out by Englobe.

## 4

### 4 Laboratory Investigation

All soil and rock samples obtained during the investigation were transported to Englobe Laboratory in North Bay, Ontario. This laboratory is certified by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) under RAQS program at Medium Complexity level for Soil and Rock Testing including Testing for Foundation Engineering. All retrieved samples were subject to visual identification and tactile categorization to describe the soils. The laboratory tests to determine index properties were performed in accordance with the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) test procedures, which follow the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) test procedures. Laboratory testing consisted of grain size distribution; sieve and hydrometer analysis according to ASTM D422 and LS-702, Atterberg's Limits ASTM D4318 and LS-703/704, water content ASTM D2216 and LS-701. The results of the laboratory testing are presented on the individual Record of Borehole Sheets (Appendix B), with a summary of results presented on the laboratory sheets in Appendix C (Figures Nos. L-1 to L-9).

Chemical tests on one representative soil sample to determine the soil corrosivity characteristics (pH, chloride, resistivity, sulphate) were carried out by an accredited independent laboratory (Bureau Veritas in Mississauga) to assess soil condition for buried structural steel and concrete elements. Laboratory tests are included in Appendix C.

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## 5 Subsurface Conditions

The subsurface conditions revealed by the investigation program are summarized in Table 2 below and on the stratigraphic profile presented on Drawing No. 2 (Appendix A) and on the detailed Records of Borehole Logs (Appendix B). It should be noted that the stratigraphic delineation presented on the borehole logs and soil strata plot is interpreted from the results of non-continuous sampling, response to drilling progress, recorded SPT 'N'-values, plus field observations. Typically, such boundaries represent transitions from one zone to another and are not an exact demarcation of specific geological units. Additional consideration should be given to the fact that subsurface conditions may vary markedly between adjacent boreholes and beyond any specific boring location and are shown on the drawings for illustration purposes only.

**Table 2 Summary of Generalized Stratigraphy in Boreholes with Depth and Elevation (m)**

| Deposit/Layer Description   | Depths/Elevations (m)              |                                     |                                  |                                  |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|   | Borehole No. 1                     | Borehole No. 2                      | Borehole No. 3                   | Borehole No. 4                   |
| Asphalt/Topsoil   | 0 - 0.04<br>(El. 265)              | 0 - 0.04<br>(El. 265)               | 0 - 0.1<br>(El. 259.8 - 259.7)   | 0 - 0.1<br>(El. 260.4 - 260.3)   |
| Pavement Granular Base:<br>Loose to Compact Sand and Gravel               | 0.04 - 0.3<br>(El. 265 - 264.7)    | 0.04 - 0.8<br>(El. 265 - 264.3)     | --                               | --                               |
| Embankment Fill: Compact to Dense Gravelly Sand/Sand with some Silt       | 0.3 - 3.8<br>(El. 264.7 - 261.2)   | 0.8 - 3.8<br>(El. 264.3 - 261.2)    | --                               | --                               |
| Embankment Fill: Loose to Compact Silt/Silt and Clay, with trace of Sand. | 3.8 - 6.1<br>(El. 261.2 - 258.9)   | 3.8 - 6.4<br>(El. 261.2 - 258.6)    | --                               | --                               |
| Buried Organics   | -                                  | 6.4-6.65<br>(El. 258.6-258.35)      | -                                | -                                |
| Native: Loose to Dense Silt/Stiff to Very Stiff Silt and Clay.            | 6.1 - 12.2<br>(El. 258.9 - 252.8)  | 6.65 - 12.2<br>(El. 258.35 - 252.8) | 0.1 - 4.1<br>(El. 259.7 - 255.7) | 0.1 - 3.8<br>(El. 260.3 - 256.6) |
| Native: Dense Sandy Gravel /Gravelly Sand.                                | --                                 | 12.2 - 13.7<br>(El. 252.8 - 251.3)  | --                               | 5.3 - 6.7<br>(El. 255.1 - 253.7) |
| Native: Dense Sandy Silt/Silty Sand                                       | 12.2 - 17.2<br>(El. 252.8 - 247.8) | 13.7 - 18.9<br>(El. 251.3 - 246.1)  | --                               | 3.8 - 5.3<br>(El. 256.6 - 255.1) |
| Native: Inferred Sandy Silt.  | 17.2 - 19.2<br>(El. 247.8- 245.8)  | --                                  | --                               | --                               |

### 5.1 Asphalt and Pavement Structure

A thin layer of approximate 40 mm asphalt was observed in both BH Nos. 1 and 2 which were drilled on the shoulders through the embankment. The asphalt cover is underlain by a granular fill layer consisting mainly of brown sand and gravel, trace silt. The pavement structure/granular fill extended to approximate depth of 0.3 m (El. 264.7 m) in BH No. 1 and 0.8 m (El. 264.3m) in BH No. 2.

## 5.2 Topsoil

A thin topsoil layer (organic silt) of approximately 0.1 m thickness was observed in BH Nos. 3 and 4, located beyond the paved shoulders.

## 5.3 Embankment Fill

The encountered embankment fill materials underlying the pavement structure extended down to 6.1 mbgs (El. 258.9 m) in BH No.1 and 6.4 mbgs (El. 258.6 m) in BH No 2. The embankment fill materials varied in composition with depth. A layer of sand fill (3.0 to 3.5 m thick) was encountered below pavement structure extending down to EL. 261.2 m in both boreholes. The sand fill is followed by silt/silt and clay fill which was observed to be 2.3 m thick and extended between El. 261.2 m and 258.9 m in BH No. 1, and 2.6 m thick and extended between El. 261.2 m to 258.6 m in BH No. 2.

The embankment fill, immediately below the pavement structure, is mainly composed of brown gravelly sand/sand with different portions of silt and clay. The gravelly sand/sand fill layer extended to approximately 3.8 m depth (El. 261.2m). This gravelly sand/sand fill layer was almost dry with approximate moisture content of 4% measured in the geotechnical laboratory. The results for grain size analyses of representative samples comprising the embankment fill are summarized in Table 3 and presented on Figure No. L-1, Appendix C.

**Table 3 Particle Size Distribution Results of the Gravelly Sand/Sand Fill**

| Sample Tested   | Sample Depth / Elev. (m) | Grain Size Analysis (%) |      |      |      | Soil Classification |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|---------------------|
|                 |                          | Gravel                  | Sand | Silt | Clay |                     |
| BH No. 1 / SS-3 | 1.75 (263.3)             | 21                      | 58   | 21   |      | SM                  |
| BH No. 1 / SS-6 | 2.5 (262.5)              | 23                      | 52   | 25   |      | SM                  |

The gravelly sand/sand fill layer was generally compact to dense, based on recorded SPT 'N' values ranging from 19 to 47 blows/300 mm.

The upper gravelly sand/sand layer was underlain by silt/silt and clay fill deposit approximately 2.3 to 2.6 m thick and extending to a maximum depth of 6.4 m (EL. 258.6 m). The silt/silt and clay deposit included minor portions of sand and gravel and was observed to be brown to grey and damp with an approximate moisture content of 32% measured in the geotechnical laboratory.

A representative soil sample from this silt/silt and clay fill layer was subjected to grain size analysis and the results are summarized in Table 4 and provided in Figure No. L-2, Appendix C.

**Table 4 Particle Size Distribution Results of the Silt/Silt and Clay Fill**

| Sample Tested   | Sample Depth / Elev. (m) | Grain Size Analysis (%) |      |      |      | Soil Classification |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|---------------------|
|                 |                          | Gravel                  | Sand | Silt | Clay |                     |
| BH No. 1 / SS-6 | 4.1 (260.9)              | 0                       | 3    | 83   | 13   | ML                  |

The silt fill layer was generally loose based on recorded SPT 'N' values ranging from 8 to 9 blows/300 mm, and the silt and clay fill layer was generally stiff to very stiff with measured undrained shear strength ranging from 85 kPa to 115 kPa. The silt and clay layer has low sensitivity ranged between 2 and 3.

## 5.4 Buried Organics

A thin buried black organic material of approximately 0.25 m thick was observed in BH No. 2 below the embankment fill and above the native silt/silt and clay between elevation 258.6 m to 258.35 m.

## 5.5 Native Silt/Silt & Clay (ML to CH)

Underlying the embankment fill in BH Nos. 1 and 2 and at shallow depth in BH Nos. 3 and 4, a native deposit of silt/silt and clay was encountered. The native silt/silt and clay in BH Nos. 1 and 2 was observed between elevations 258.35 m to 258.9 m and it extended to an approximate elevation of 252.8 m.

The silt/silt and clay layer was observed below the top soil in BH Nos. 3 and 4 and extended to El. 256.6 m in BH No. 4 and to EL. 255.7 m in BH No. 3 (auger and SPT spoon sampler refusal). The refusal was encountered in BH No. 3 probably on boulders.

This deposit mainly consisted of silt and clay with different portions of sand and gravel. Occasional boulders/cobbles were encountered in BH No. 2 and BH No. 3. The layer was observed to be brown to grey in general. The compactness/consistency of this deposit generally varied from loose to dense/firm to hard based on recorded SPT 'N' values ranging from 5 to 43 blows/300 mm. Higher SPT 'N' values (i.e. 50 to 109 blows/300 mm) were recorded due to presence of boulders and cobbles in this till-like deposit near bottom.

The natural moisture contents measured on samples recovered from the deposit ranged from 12 to 47% and was on average 29%. Six gradation analyses and three Atterberg limits (Liquid Limit (LL), Plastic Limit (PL) and Plasticity Index (PI)) were carried out on samples from this deposit, and the results are summarized in Table 5 and provided in Figures. L-3, L-4 and L-9, Appendix C.

**Table 5 Particle Size Distribution and Atterberg Limits Results of the Native Silt/Silt and Clay**

| Sample Tested  | Sample Depth / Elev. (m) | Grain Size Analysis (%) |      |      |      | Atterberg Limits (%) |    |    | Water Content (%) | Soil Classification |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|----------------------|----|----|-------------------|---------------------|
|                |                          | Gravel                  | Sand | Silt | Clay | LL                   | PL | PI |                   |                     |
| BH No. 1/SS-15 | 11.0 (254.0)             | 0                       | 3    | 42   | 55   | 51                   | 23 | 28 | 47                | CH                  |
| BH No. 2/SS-11 | 7.9 (257.1)              | 3                       | 5    | 51   | 41   | 53                   | 29 | 24 | 35                | CH                  |
| BH No. 3/SS-2  | 1.0 (258.8)              | 1                       | 4    | 39   | 55   | 38                   | 25 | 13 | 33                | MI                  |
| BH No. 3/SS-5  | 3.2 (256.6)              | 1                       | 5    | 74   | 21   | --                   | -- | -- | 24                | ML                  |
| BH No. 4/AS-1  | 0.4 (260.0)              | 1                       | 9    | 72   | 17   | --                   | -- | -- | 24                | ML                  |
| BH No. 4/SS4   | 2.6 (257.8)              | 4                       | 17   | 67   | 12   | --                   | -- | -- | 32                | ML                  |

## 5.6 Native Sandy Gravel/Gravelly Sand (GP to SM)

Below the native silt/silt and clay in BH No. 2 and below the native silty sand in BH No. 4, a native deposit of brown sandy gravel/gravelly sand was encountered. The sandy gravel/gravelly sand observed between El. 252.8 m to El. 251.3 m in BH No. 2. In BH No. 4, the sandy gravel/gravelly sand encountered at El. 256.1 m and extended to the maximum depth of drilling (El. 253.7 m). The sandy gravel/gravelly sand layer was observed to be compact to dense based on SPT 'N' values ranging from 17 to 50 blows/300 mm.

The natural moisture content of the sandy gravel/gravelly sand was approximately 12%. Gradation analyses were carried out on three (3) samples from this deposit, and the results are summarized in Table 6 and provided in Figure Nos. L-5, and L-6, Appendix C.

**Table 6 Particle Size Distribution Results of the Native Sandy Gravel /Gravelly Sand**

| Sample Tested  | Sample Depth / Elev. (m) | Grain Size Analysis (%) |      |      |      | Soil Classification |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|---------------------|
|                |                          | Gravel                  | Sand | Silt | Clay |                     |
| BH No. 2/SS-16 | 12.3 (252.7)             | 78                      | 22   | 0    |      | GP                  |
| BH No. 4/SS-9  | 6.2 (254.2)              | 30                      | 46   | 18   | 6    | SM                  |

## 5.6.1 Native Sandy Silt/Silty Sand (ML to SM)

Below the native silt/silt and clay layer in BH Nos. 1 and 4, and below the native sandy gravel/gravelly sand in BH No. 2, a sandy silt/silty sand deposit was encountered. The sandy silt/silty sand was encountered between EL. 251.3 m to 256.6 m and it extended to the maximum depth of EL. 246.1 m. In BH No. 1, due to difficulty with auger drilling through the running/flowing sand, auger drilling was terminated within the sandy silt/silty sand at EL. 247.8 m and Dynamic Cone Penetration test (DCPT) was advanced beyond EL. 247.8 m to EL. 245.8 m (through the inferred sandy silt/ silty sand deposit).

The layer consisted mainly of silt and sand with different portions of clay and gravel. Occasional boulders and cobbles were encountered through the sandy silt/silty sand deposit resulting in recording high SPT 'N' values or SPT spoon sampler refusal. This sandy silt/silty sand layer was observed to be dense based on SPT 'N' values ranging from 24 to 49 blows/300 mm. Higher SPT 'N' values (i.e. 50 to 73 blows/300 mm) were recorded due to presence of cobbles in the deposit.

The natural moisture contents measured on samples recovered from the deposit ranged from 12 to 17%. Gradation analyses were carried out on three samples of this deposit, and the results are summarized in Table 7 and provided in Figure Nos. L-7 and L-8, Appendix C.

**Table 7 Particle Size Distribution Results of the Native Sandy Silt/Silty Sand**

| Sample Tested    | Sample Depth / Elev. (m) | Grain Size Analysis (%) |      |      |      | Soil Classification |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|---------------------|
|                  |                          | Gravel                  | Sand | Silt | Clay |                     |
| BH No. 1 / SS-17 | 14 (251.0)               | 5                       | 32   | 52   | 11   | ML                  |
| BH No. 2 / SS-20 | 18.6 (246.4)             | 8                       | 28   | 55   | 9    | ML                  |
| BH No. 4/SS-6    | 4.1 (256.3)              | 19                      | 40   | 34   | 6    | SM                  |

## 5.7 Groundwater Conditions

Groundwater and cave-in levels were measured in the open boreholes during the course of the fieldwork as summarized in Table 8. The wells and the boreholes were dry on completion as shown on the individual Record of Borehole Log Sheets (Appendix B).

**Table 8 Groundwater Levels**

| BH No.   | Drilling Date | Ground Surface Elev. (m) | Borehole Bottom |           | Monitoring Date | GW in Well |           | Monitoring Date | GW in Well |           |
|----------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
|          |               |                          | Depth (m)       | Elev. (m) |                 | Depth (m)  | Elev. (m) |                 | Depth (m)  | Elev. (m) |
| BH No. 1 | Oct 25, 2021  | 265.0                    | 19.2            | 245.8     | --              | --         | --        | --              | --         | --        |
| BH No. 2 | Oct 26, 2021  | 265.0                    | 18.9            | 246.1     | --              | --         | --        | --              | --         | --        |
| BH No. 3 | Nov 9, 2021   | 259.8                    | 4.1             | 255.7     | Nov 9, 2021     | Dry        | --        | Dec 21, 2021    | Dry        | --        |
| BH No. 4 | Nov 10, 2021  | 260.4                    | 6.7             | 253.7     | Nov 10, 2021    | Dry        | --        | Dec 21, 2021    | Dry        | --        |

The groundwater and surface water levels should be expected to fluctuate seasonally/yearly. The stabilized groundwater level is anticipated to correspond with the creek water level. The lowest creek level is anticipated to be above the average invert elevation of the culvert at elevation 259.15 m. The water level in the creek was measured in January 2022 and was at EL. 259.0 m adjacent to BH No. 3 and EL. 260.2 m adjacent to BH No. 4.

## 5.8 Soil Corrosivity Testing

A representative soil sample collected from BH No. 1 was subjected to corrosivity chemical tests by Bureau Veritas Laboratories in Thunder Bay to determine its potential corrosivity by measuring resistivity, pH, sulphate and chloride content of the sample within the estimated infrastructure depths. The results are presented in Table 9.

**Table 9 Soil Corrosivity Chemical Analysis Results**

| BH No.   | Sample | Depth (Elev.) (m) | pH   | Sulphate (%) | Chloride (%) | Resistivity (Ohm-cm) |
|----------|--------|-------------------|------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| BH No. 1 | SS-15  | 11.2 (254.0)      | 5.13 | <0.0020      | 0.0260       | 2300                 |

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## 6 General Comments

The field investigation was carried out using track mounted CME 750 drilling rigs and a portable B20 drilling rig owned and operated by Maple Leaf Drilling Ltd. Laboratory testing of select soil samples was undertaken at the Englobe Laboratory in North Bay. The fieldwork for this site investigation was under the full-time supervision of Englobe technical staff. The report was written by Mr. Farbod Sadaat, Ph.D., P.Eng., and peer reviewed by Mr. Ala Abu Obeid, M.Sc., P.Eng., PMP. The report was also reviewed by the MTO Designated Contact Mike Tanos, P.Eng., with independent review by Jake Berghamer, P.Eng.

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## 7 Foundation Design Recommendations

### 7.1 General

This part of the FIDR report presents recommendations for the design and installation of the new culvert at Station 14+588 as per MTO Guideline for Foundation Engineering Services (V2, October 2020). It is solely intended for the use of Gannett Fleming (GF) for the detail design of this specific project on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation and shall not be used for any other purposes or by any other parties including the construction Contractor.

Where comments are made on construction, they are provided solely to identify aspects that could affect the design of the project. Construction contractors should make their own assessment of the

factual information provided in the FIR for their decisions related to construction including, but not limited to, equipment selection, proposed construction methods and scheduling.

## 7.2 Proposed Structure and Construction Methodology

Based on the subsurface conditions described in Section 5, the existing paved roadway embankment is about 12.5 m wide (including shoulders) and approximately 4.6 m high above the crown of the existing culvert. The stratigraphy comprises asphalt pavement underlain by variable fine-grained cohesionless and cohesive fill over a discontinuous buried layer of organics (in Borehole No. 2), and underlain by native silt to silt and clay deposit over native sandy gravel/gravelly sand and sandy silt/silty sand deposit extending to the termination depths of boreholes, as shown on Drawing No. 2 (Appendix A).

Based on the results of hydraulic analysis and sizing assessment carried out by Gannett Fleming, the proposed replacement culvert will be a new 1.5 m diameter CSP, to be installed at the same invert elevation as the existing culvert. As per the project Terms of Reference (TOR), it is assumed that the culvert will be replaced with either open-cut techniques along the same alignment or trenchless techniques adjacent to the existing culvert alignment on either side of the existing culvert.

## 7.3 Evaluation of Alternatives

Based on the anticipated geotechnical conditions along the proposed replacement culvert at Highway 61 Station 14+588, the following potential construction methods can be considered.

**Table 10 Construction Methodology Alternatives - Advantages and Disadvantages**

| Options | Description  | Advantages   | Disadvantages   | Risks/Consequences  | Relative Costs   |
|---------|--|--|---|---|--|
| #1      | Trenchless Techniques                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum disruption to traffic</li> <li>• Avoids a large excavation through the existing highway embankment</li> <li>• Staged construction will not be required</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires entry and exit pits involving potential dewatering</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If cobbles/boulders are encountered, they can stop penetration</li> <li>• Integrity of existing embankment may be affected due to induced settlement and vibrations from the trenchless operations</li> <li>• Loss of strength or liquefaction of the underlying silt with high water table that is susceptible to disturbance under dynamic loading during vibration induced by trenchless operations</li> <li>• Deviations in specified alignment</li> <li>• Possible ground loss/heave in the soils above the crown and/or below finished pavement</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High</li> </ul> |
| #2      | Open Cut with Full Road Closure and Temporary Detour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows for an expedited</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Necessary detour route may not be</li> </ul>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Destabilization of the highway embankment due to excavation</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low</li> </ul>  |

| Options | Description  | Advantages  | Disadvantages  | Risks/Consequences  | Relative Costs   |
|---------|--|---|--|---|--|
|         |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>construction schedule</li> <li>• Reduces costs associated with roadway protection and groundwater control compared to option #3 and #4 but not compared to option #1</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>available/practical</li> <li>• Requirements for property acquisition and access</li> <li>• Disruption to traffic</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>through saturated cohesionless soil</li> <li>• May require water flow realignment</li> <li>• Detour construction- may need property acquisition</li> </ul>   |  |
| #3      | Open Cut with Staged Temporary Widening                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be less expensive than trenchless methods, (subject to site physical constraints)</li> <li>• Suitable for relatively shallow excavation</li> <li>• Reduces costs associated with roadway protection and groundwater control compared to option #4 but not compared to option #1</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longer schedule to build the widening</li> <li>• Requirements for property acquisition and access</li> <li>• Settlement under the footprint of the embankment widening as well as the existing embankment</li> <li>• Disruption to traffic</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Destabilization of the highway embankment due to excavation through saturated cohesionless soil</li> <li>• May require roadway protection</li> <li>• May require water flow realignment</li> <li>• Widening construction- may need property acquisition</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medium</li> </ul> |
| #4      | Open Cut with Staged Replacement and Temporary Protection System | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be less expensive than trenchless methods</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longer schedule due to staged construction</li> <li>• Will require extra cost for roadway protection</li> <li>• Single lane of traffic flow</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Destabilization of the highway embankment due to excavation through saturated cohesionless soil</li> <li>• May require water flow realignment</li> <li>• longer construction time</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medium</li> </ul> |

Based on the existing subsurface conditions and the list of advantages and disadvantages of all options considered for this culvert replacement as indicated in the above table, the open cut methods will involve extensive construction activities for excavation, shoring, and dewatering. The major advantages of the open cut methods are possibility to assess the foundation soil below the new culvert location and to remove the existing culvert. The major disadvantages of the open cut methods are disruption of traffic, large excavation (>7 m high), extensive dewatering, requirements for property acquisition and access, longer schedule due to staged construction, and construction risk associated with saturated cohesionless soil encountered at this site. On the other hand, the option of trenchless techniques will allow the installation of culvert in a less disruptive manner for this site. However, the major disadvantages for trenchless techniques at this site are the potential for induced settlement and vibrations from the trenchless operation which may cause instability for the existing embankment.

In general, construction methodology that minimizes dewatering and excavation would be preferable from a foundation engineering perspective. Option selection would also depend on the construction staging and traffic interruption constraints, the hydraulic capacity and size of the existing and proposed culvert and other considerations.

It is understood that the design team is currently evaluating the feasibility of different culvert replacement methods. However, considering the significant height of the existing embankment (in excess of 7 m relative to culvert invert elevation), the trenchless installation method (Alternative #1) is preferred, subject to budget restriction. This method has the advantage of minimum disruption to traffic, would minimize potential dewatering and would avoid a large excavation through the existing highway embankment. However, the potential presence of a discontinuous buried organic layer near the bottom of the embankment fill and near the proposed tunnel alignment, raises the possibility of presence of occasional buried obstructions and/or potential presence of saturated cohesionless soils at this site near the invert elevation of the culvert that may impose some potential challenges for the installation of culvert via trenchless techniques without dewatering. Trenchless techniques would generally be favored provided that the integrity of existing embankment will be maintained during trenchless operation considering the presence of buried organic layer in and around Borehole No. 2 and provided that no other potentially buried debris/obstructions is discovered in the vicinity of the existing culvert bedding and cover along the proposed tunnel alignment during construction.

The alternative to use open cut techniques with staged construction (Alternative #4) to replace the existing culvert with a precast segmental closed box culvert (for example) can also be considered as a feasible culvert replacement option from a foundation engineering perspective. The closed box culvert will be less susceptible to differential settlements and will be most appropriate for the relatively weak foundation soil at this site. However, this option will require roadway protection installed along the embankment centerline to maintain a single lane of traffic flow along the current highway alignment.

### 7.3.1 Trenchless Techniques Option

#### 7.3.1.1 Tunnelman’s Ground Classification System

A framework for describing soil behaviour in a tunnel heading (face) has been developed over the years. Initially developed by Terzaghi in 1950, the system was modified by Heuer in 1974. Known as the Tunnelman’s Ground Classification System, it provides an understanding of how different soils may behave in an unsupported tunnel face under atmospheric conditions. This system is also a powerful tool for evaluation of the soft ground conditions applicable to this project. Table 11 below provides a general description of various ground performances.

**Table 11 Tunnelman’s Ground Classification for Soils**

| Classification |               | Performance  | Typical Soil Types   |
|----------------|---------------|--|--|
| Firm           |               | Heading can be advanced without initial support, and final lining can be constructed before ground starts to move.   | Loess above the water table; hard clay, marl, cemented sand, and gravel when not highly overstressed.  |
| Raveling       | Slow Raveling | Chunks or flakes of material begin to drop out of the arch or walls sometime after the ground has been exposed. This is caused by loosening or overstress and "brittle" fracture (ground separates or breaks along distinct surfaces, as opposed to squeezing ground). In fast raveling ground, the process starts within a few minutes; otherwise, the ground is slow raveling. | Residual soils or sand with small amounts of binder may be fast raveling below the water table, slow raveling above. Stiff fissured clays may be slow or fast raveling depending upon the degree of overstress.                                  |
|                | Fast Raveling |  |  |
| Squeezing      |               | Ground squeezes or extrudes plastically into tunnel, without visible fracturing or loss of continuity, and without perceptible increase in water content. Ductile, plastic yield and flow are caused by overstress.  | Ground with low frictional strength. Rate of squeeze depends on degree of overstress. Occurs at shallow to medium depth in clay of very soft to medium consistency. Stiff to hard clay under high cover may move in combination with raveling at |

| Classification |                  | Performance   | Typical Soil Types  |
|----------------|------------------|---|---|
|                |                  |   | excavation surface and squeezing at depth behind surface.   |
| Running        | Cohesive-Running | Granular materials without cohesion are unstable at a slope greater than their angle of repose /from $\pm 30$ to 35 degrees). When exposed at steeper slopes they run like granulated sugar or dune sand until the slope flattens to the angle of repose. | Clean, dry granular materials. Apparent cohesion in moist sand or weak cementation in any granular soil may allow the material to stand for a brief period of raveling before it breaks down and runs, such behavior is cohesive-running. |
|                | Running          |   |   |
| Flowing        |                  | A mixture of soil and water flows into the tunnel like a viscous fluid. The material can enter the tunnel from the invert as well as from the face, crown, and walls and can flow for great distances, completely filling the tunnel in some cases.       | Below the water table in silt, sand, or gravel without enough clay content to give significant cohesion and plasticity. May also occur in highly sensitive clay when such material is disturbed.  |
| Swelling       |                  | Ground absorbs water, increases in volume, and expands slowly into the tunnel.  | Highly preconsolidated clay with a plasticity index in excess of about 30, generally containing significant percentages of montmorillonite clay.  |

Considering the proposed longitudinal cross section of the new culvert, the tunneling horizon will be between elevation 260.2 m and elevation 258.7 m. Therefore, it is expected that the proposed tunneling excavation will be performed through loose to compact silt/silt and clay fill, with trace of sand, which is expected to be underlain by a discontinuous layer of buried organics and/or native loose to dense/stiff to very stiff silt/silt & clay deposit. Therefore, the tunnel horizon is generally expected to be located within moist cohesionless to slightly cohesive fine-grained soils.

Based on Tunnelman’s Ground Classification System, loose to compact silt/silt and clay fill expected near the crown of the tunnel horizon above the water table will have a tendency to behave as “slow-ravelling” material, whereas this fill layer below/near water table below the tunnel springline will likely behave as “fast ravelling” material in combination with potential for “squeezing”. Therefore, tunnel face instability caused by these weak soils would be generally expected. Any excavation within unsupported tunnel face shall be done in a manner to control potential groundwater seepage and to prevent possible ground loss.

### 7.3.1.2 Alternative Trenchless/Tunnelling Techniques

The boreholes through the embankment indicates that the embankment fills consisted variable fine-grained cohesionless and cohesive fill over a discontinuous buried layer of organics (in Borehole No. 2). The embankment fills are underlain by native silt to silt and clay deposit over native sandy gravel/gravelly sand and sandy silt/silty sand deposit. The major impediment to trenchless techniques at this site is presence of buried organics and moist weak soils within the fill and potential presence of other buried inclusions/obstructions that may cause issues during installation by trenchless operation. Therefore, the possibility of other obstructions and potential presence of water bearing silt/silty sand deposit at the culvert location must be taken into consideration for contemplated installation via trenchless methods. Should any significant obstructions be present around the proposed culvert alignment, it may be difficult/challenging to maintain the tunnel vertical alignment when advancing the tunnel. As such, it would be prudent to investigate the potential presence and frequency of such potential obstructions along the full length of the culvert using geophysical techniques or closely spaced obstruction probes to ensure that the culvert can be installed at the correct elevation and not diverted by the obstructions. Depending on the culvert elevation and alignment, the installation technique shall consider the potential difference in soil conditions at the interfaces along the proposed alignment and the Contractor should be prepared to advance culverts through the variable fill and native subsoil types with potential buried debris and other possible obstructions.

A trenchless construction approach for the proposed approximately 36.9 m long and 1.5 m diameter culvert replacement, if selected, would eliminate the need for open cuts and/or roadway protection systems, and associated traffic delays on the existing road during construction.

The following table summarizes the general advantages and disadvantages of the different trenchless techniques for potential consideration at this site.

**Table 12 Trenchless/Tunnelling Techniques- Advantages and Disadvantages**

| Method  | Advantages   | Disadvantages  |
|---|--|--|
| Jack and Bore involving Hydraulic Jacking of Casing Controlled by Laser Beam and Navigation System at Surface Directing Machine Cutter Head | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good contractor availability</li> <li>• Good for shorter tunnel lengths (less than 100 m)</li> <li>• Good gradient control</li> <li>• Although new pipe size of 1.5 m is in the upper range of the commonly used sizes by local contractors, the proposed larger boring diameter could potentially allow removal of existing culvert and occasional obstructions such as cobbles/boulders/concrete debris if they could be swallowed</li> <li>• Would permit personal entry (if needed) for &gt;1.2 m pipe size</li> </ul>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires construction entry and exit pits with groundwater control/dewatering</li> <li>• Elevated potential for ground subsidence</li> <li>• Not well suited for use in rock fills or if there is potential for high concentration of large obstructions</li> <li>• Not generally recommended where subsurface conditions indicate that saturated gravel, sand and silt soils may be encountered at pipe level or within one pipe diameter above or below outside pipe dimensions</li> </ul>                                |
| Pipe Ramming using Compressed Air Pneumatic Rammers Attached to the Rear of Steel Casing  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimal groundwater control required along the installation route (unless required to remove obstruction/old pipe)</li> <li>• Casing advancing with repeated percussive blows swallowing face cutting into the casing facilitated by cutting shoe to minimize ground displacements</li> <li>• Can penetrate soils containing cobbles/boulders if obstruction less than casing diameter</li> <li>• Can accommodate pipe diameter up to 3.6 m</li> <li>• Would permit personal entry (if needed) for &gt;1.2 m pipe size</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation problems may occur in soils with cobble/boulders or other potential obstructions without an active navigation system</li> <li>• Requires staging construction pits</li> <li>• Groundwater control may be required at construction entry and exit pits</li> <li>• Possible ground displacement/heaving in the soils above the crown, so this method may not be recommended for shallow cover</li> <li>• A non-steerable system and it may be difficult to control line and grade of the installation</li> </ul> |
| Down-the-Hole (DTH) percussive hammer   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can drill through soil and rock at the same time.</li> <li>• Requires a small amount of water to facilitate the drilling.</li> <li>• Cause less ground disturbance.</li> <li>• More cost-effective comparing with other trenchless methods, particularly when rock or rock fill is anticipated.</li> <li>• Low torque is needed which in turn means less time steering to keep the hammer on course (i.e. the hammer tends to stay on course and drill a straight hole).</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Contractor availability could be an issue</li> <li>• Maximum pipe diameter for this method is only 48" (1.2 m) which is smaller than the required size of replacement culvert of 1.5 m</li> </ul>   |

| Method  | Advantages   | Disadvantages  |
|---|--|--|
| Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) or Pipe reaming (modified back reaming) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be used in most ground conditions</li> <li>• Does not generally require deep staging pits therefore minimal ground water control required</li> <li>• Alignment may be adjusted to avoid minor obstructions</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed 1.5 m pipe diameter exceeds or in the upper range of the commonly used sizes for HDD by local Contractors</li> <li>• Larger drilling equipment is expected to be required</li> <li>• Requires drilling fluid to maintain the bore, which could result in heave and may warrant potential environmental impact assessment</li> <li>• The required laydown area for pullback may extend beyond the highway right-of-way</li> </ul> |
| Microtunneling and Conventional Tunneling                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Precise, guided remote-controlled method of jacking pipe behind a Microtunnel boring machine (MTBM)</li> <li>• Earth is continuously supported at the face (earth pressure balance)</li> <li>• Pipes of all sizes, typically in long runs</li> <li>• The existing culvert can be used to maintain the surface water flow during the construction</li> <li>• Minimum surface disruption</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excavation required for Launching and Receiving Pits.</li> <li>• Elevated cost for small jobs.</li> <li>• No access during tunneling</li> </ul>   |

It is important to note that “the selection of trenchless installation method is the responsibility of the Contractor”, as per Section 6.3.1 of MTO 2020 Guideline for Foundation Engineering Services. In general, compared to the other trenchless methods, pipe ramming is deemed to be the most feasible trenchless installation method at this site from a foundation engineering perspective. Other trenchless methods such as Jack and Bore with or without Motorized Small Boring Units (SBU-M) have higher risk levels due to the high potential for ground loss and the difficulties and challenges associated with potential obstructions. Micro-tunnelling and tunnelling would also face potential difficulties and challenges associated with potential obstructions and the presence of organic soils which can lead to ‘balling’ problems and may adhere to metal surfaces causing clogging. The proposed 1.5 m pipe diameter exceeds the commonly used upper size limit for Down-the-Hole (DTH) percussive hammer and HDD methods.

Pipe ramming is feasible in a wider variety of soils including cobbles and boulders, stable (nonflowing) and unstable (flowing) ground conditions. Large boulders and obstacles of considerable size can be traversed, as long as their diameter is smaller than that of the pipe culvert or they are broken up by the ramming action of the pipe. When using open faced ramming, the spoil moves steadily into the cavity of the pipe, reducing damage, deviations in alignment, creation of void, and surface disruptions. In addition, Pipe ramming restricts the pipe material to steel due to the installation forces. However, the advantages of using steel tend to outweigh the disadvantage of limited material alternatives. The use of steel minimizes the damage to the leading edge of the culvert. A reduction in the damage to joints is also achieved through the use of steel. If boulders or cobbles are encountered, directional changes are less likely than with other materials. Steel joints are more rigid and allow even distributions of thrust forces from one section to another. The service life of steel is greater than other materials such as reinforced concrete. Furthermore, pipe ramming can accommodate up to 3.6 mm pipe diameter and length up to 122 m which are considered very favorable for this site.

With pipe ramming, a rigid high strength steel casing is expected to be used to replace the existing culvert along a new alignment that is adjacent to the existing culvert. The pipe ramming potential adverse impacts on the stability of the existing embankment is a risk that should be considered, but it can be properly addressed/mitigated by careful selection of appropriate ramming energy. In addition, it is highly recommended that a contingency mitigation plan should be prepared for the trenchless approach at this site which identifies and implements actions to deal with any potential trenchless installation stoppage and/or potential construction obstruction issues. In addition, the water at the inlet

and outlet and around the proposed entry and exit pits for trenchless installation would require cofferdams, as discussed in Section 7.9 below. Geotechnical considerations for diversion of the upstream and downstream channels will be discussed later during development of 60% design.

### 7.3.1.3 Trenchless Installation and Typical Costs

Considering the site conditions and the anticipated challenges associated with various trenchless installation methods in general from the foundation engineering perspective (discussed above), selection of experienced Tunnelling Contractor with proven trenchless installation track record during tender is of paramount importance. Table 13 below presents rough estimates of anticipated tunnelling costs based on similar MTO trenchless installation projects in the past in North-Western Ontario to assist the project management team (MTO and their prime consultant), in tendering process and evaluation of the bids from pre-qualified Tunnelling Contractors.

**Table 13 Estimated Costs of Trenchless/Tunnelling Installation Methods**

| INSTALLATION METHOD  | RELATIVE COST   |
|--|---|
| Pipe Ramming with a percussive hammer head to break through potential obstructions | Estimated Cost for conventional pipe ramming with diameters less than 2.5 m can ranged between \$10,000/m to \$20,000/m |
| Microtunneling with Cutting head which can cut through potential obstructions      | High cost- linear unit cost varies and can ranged between \$ 25,000/m to \$40,000/m                                     |

Pipe ramming will include driving an open-ended steel casing with a percussive hammer. After the new pipe has been driven by pipe ramming, the soil inside will be removed by using water pressure, air pressure, or scrapers, depending on accessibility and/or wash boring, as appropriate. A heavier wall steel casing should be utilized for the pipe ramming (more robust with increased wall thickness), making potential obstructions more tolerable.

The pipe ramming hammer shall be capable of driving the pipe casing from the entry pit to the exit pit through the existing subsurface conditions at the site without removal of soil from within the casing until the lead end of the pipe is outside the zone of influence for any overlying infrastructure. A slurry of water and bentonite may be applied to the leading edge to help reduce friction.

As potential obstructions may be encountered during pipe ramming near the bottom of the embankment fill, the new steel pipe could potentially be driven through some abrasive soils. One means of minimizing the resistance of abrasive soils along the tunnel drive is to attach a driving shoe to the pipe before driving. In addition, it would be prudent to use a high-grade steel and increased the wall thickness/section for the pipe to ensure that the casing is not deformed during driving. The casing shoe will reduce frictional drag around the pipe, reinforce the leading edge to assist in the breakup of debris, resist the hoop stress created from uneven stress distribution due to any boulders, direct spoil into the pipe and promote better directional control for pipe ramming. Casing shoes can be also designed to incorporate the release of the lubrication/slurry. If partial removal of soil within the casing is required to break bigger cobbles or boulders or other obstacles, then it must be completed without creating an open tunnelling face condition. From a geotechnical perspective, the new culvert pipe should be at least 1.2 m diameter to provide adequate access for obstruction removal and to facilitate personal entry (if needed) during installation.

It should be noted that pipe ramming is a non-steerable system, and it may be difficult to control line and grade of the installation, however the existing old culvert pipe can be used as a pilot hole to direct the ramming operation. In addition, pipe ramming may produce high vibrations considering the percussive hammer head which may cause deformation at the ground surface and/or may cause flow liquefaction for the embankment slopes. The potential vibrations effects should be assessed by the Contractor depending on the used hammer type and energy prior to driving the pipe. Vibration level that causes damage/liquefaction depend upon the Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) and the frequency at which it occurs. Damage is likely to occur where PPV is high when its frequency is low. To prevent any damage levels of PPV must be kept below 10 mm/s. Good tunnelling practices should be implemented

to mitigate risk of ground loss and vibrations effects. It is also generally preferred to tunnel up-gradient for drainage control.

Using casing shoe would create an overcut around the pipe liner slightly larger than the pipe diameter, therefore it is highly recommended to complete post tunnelling grouting around the pipe liner to minimize ground surface settlement. The amount of spoil removed during tunneling should be monitored during tunnelling to confirm whether over-excavation has occurred or not and the gaps/voids should be filled with grout in a timely manner.

Details of the pipe ramming equipment and measures to protect the tunneling interface to prevent soil loss into the pipe shall be determined and submitted by contractor for approval prior to proceeding with the work.

A Non-Standard Special Provision (NSSP) regarding the installation of pipe through potential obstructions by a selected trenchless method has been provided in Appendix F.

#### **7.3.1.4 Excavations of Launching and Receiving Shafts/Pits**

Excavations for the launching and receiving shafts/pits must be carried out in compliance with O.Reg. 213/91 under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The predominant soils encountered within the embankment fill will be classified as Type 3 soils (O.Reg. 213/91, s. 226(4)) and temporary side must be cut at an inclination of 1 Horizontal (H) to 1 Vertical (V) or less from the base of the excavation. If saturated deposits are exposed, the cut slopes will have to be sloped back to 3H to 1V. Steeper cut slopes can be employed if shoring is used to protect workers. The protection system can be designed using the lateral earth pressure parameters as outlined in Section 7.8 and recommendations provided in Section 7.6. The design of temporary support must include control of hydrostatic forces and maintenance of basal stability.

In order to provide the required excavation geometry for the drilling (e.g. vertical front face for tunnel entry and a vertical rear face with a ballast system to act as a reaction force), the sides of the excavation will have to be shored. Shoring recommendations are provided in Section 7.6

Groundwater infiltration is expected within and near the bottom of the entry and exist pits. This groundwater may be handled using recommendations provided in Section 7.9. Pumping of groundwater seepage should be anticipated.

All fill, buried organic material and loose/disturbed native subsoils shall be removed down to a minimum 0.5 m depth or the native subgrade at the launching and receiving shafts/pits locations. A 0.5 m thick on-grade granular pad may be used to support the trenchless equipment. Fill required to build the pad should comprise approved imported sand and gravel materials similar to OPSS.PROV 1010 Granular B Type 1 placed in 150 mm thick lifts with each lift compacted to 100% Standard Proctor Maximum Dry Density (SPMDD).

To achieve a reasonable level of performance from a granular pad, it is essential to have a relatively uniform subgrade. Uniformity in subgrade material, moisture content, and density would be desired. This level of uniformity would require the same type of fill at a similar moisture content and density placed on the entire subgrade.

After completing the trenchless work, all pit excavations should be backfilled with OPSS.PROV 1010 Granular B Type 1 placed in maximum 150 mm thick lifts and compacted to at least 98% of the Standard Proctor Maximum Dry Density (SPMDD). Where subgrade is found to consist of fine-grained potentially erodible subsoils near static groundwater level, the subgrade shall also be protected with a rip-rap (R-50 size as per OPSS.PROV 1004).

#### **7.3.1.5 Geotechnical Instrumentation and Monitoring Program**

The potential impact of trenchless construction and/or their temporary protection system should be monitored following installation of the necessary geotechnical instrumentation, as described below and/or outlined in the associated NSSP in Appendix F. The settlement monitoring program should

include a pre-condition survey of the existing highway, installing Surface Monitoring Points (SMP) and In-Ground Monitoring Points (IGMP) within the zone of influence of the trenchless alignment, collection of settlement monitoring data, and assessment of the settlement monitoring data with comparison to prescribed trigger levels. The primary purpose for monitoring ground movements is to detect them while they are still small and to modify construction procedures before the movements grow large enough to constitute a real problem.

The settlement monitoring program should comply with “Settlement Monitoring Guidelines - Tunneling” included in the MTO Guidelines for Foundation Engineering - Tunneling Specialty for Corridor Encroachment Permit Application. Details of instrumentation design, and Section 7.07 of the Non-Standard Special Provision (NSSP) “Pipe Installation by Trenchless Method” provided in Appendix F, Review Level and Alert Level and amount of displacement/distortion that necessitate response for each level should be provided/included in the Contract Documents. All monitoring points located in the unpaved portion of the right-of-way are to be founded below the frost penetration depth, which is typically 2.2 m in this area.

A suggested settlement monitoring program plan is presented below providing measures to monitor the settlement associated with the proposed trenchless activities:

- Fixed stationary reference points (i.e. Surface Monitoring Points (SMP) and In-Ground Monitoring Points (IGMP)) should be established along the pipe alignment at a maximum spacing of 5 m to evaluate potential soil settlement effects during trenchless works.
- The fixed points should be established on permanent structures and should be located at various distances within the trenchless zone of influence.
- The fixed points should be surveyed and recorded at least three times prior to the commencement of tunneling (at least one week prior to construction) to establish baseline elevations and should be identified and marked to serve as control (reference) points for all subsequent monitoring.
- The fixed points should be surveyed once per shift or once daily during tunnelling operations period whichever results in the more frequent reading intervals.
- The fixed points should be surveyed weekly after completion of the work for one month, or until such time at which all parties agree that further movement has stopped.
- Monitoring points should be surveyed to an accuracy of +/-2 mm.
- Review Level of 10 mm of surface ground settlement will be considered as the value of settlement reading at which it would provide necessity of altering method, rate or sequence of construction.
- Alert Level of 15 mm of surface ground settlement will be considered as the value of settlement readings at which the trenchless operations should be ceased, to allow for taking the necessary measures to mitigate unacceptable movements, lower groundwater levels or pressures, and assure safety of work and public.

The proposed settlement monitoring program plan described above are intended to monitor the construction area during trenchless operation assuming “good workmanship” and proper control of groundwater. The program of instrumentation in the tunnel could include surveying targets/prisms.

In addition, vibration monitoring points should be established along at least three cross sections (i.e. each cross section with seven monitoring points) transverse to the centerline axis of the advancing pipe. At each cross section, one monitoring point will be located directly above the pipe, with three monitoring points on right hand and left hand side of the centerline at offsets of D, 3D and 5D, where D equals the diameter of the pipe. The ground vibration should be measured using a seismograph and the Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) must be kept below 10 mm/s. Furthermore, installation of pneumatic vibrating wire piezometers along the culvert alignment (at the silt layer below the embankment) should be considered to alert contractor about development of excess porewater pressure during the ramming operation.

Ultimately the Contractor is responsible for settlement monitoring and shall provide the collected data for the project records. The Contractor's Instrumentation personnel shall include a specialist geo-engineering consulting firm specialized in installation, monitoring and maintenance of tunnelling instruments with at least 5 years experience of similar projects.

### 7.3.1.6 Scour Protection

Scour protection must be provided for this culvert after the trenchless installation. Based on the information provided by GF, the creek base is at approximately elevations 259.2 and 259.3 m at the inlet and outlet, respectively. Auger refusal was encountered at about 3.2 m depth below the existing culvert invert elevation (El. 256.0 m in BH No. 2). Therefore, scour protection with installation of sheet piling, or cut off wall may be attainable. Alternatively, the scour protection can be provided with equivalent horizontal cut-off walls that can reduce the hydraulic gradient and provide protection against scour. The inlet and outlet stream bed shall be also protected with a rip-rap (R-50 size as per OPSS.PROV 1004) apron. The rip-rap apron should be at least 5 m in length, a minimum 500 mm thick and extend across the stream bed to 5 m beyond the outside edges of the culvert. The use of geotextile placed underneath the rip rap is recommended. The rip rap placement should be in accordance with OPSD 810.010.

### 7.3.2 Staged Open Cut Option

Considering the subsurface conditions described in Section 5, the use of open cut techniques with Temporary Protection System (TPS) in conjunction with staged culvert replacement is also a feasible construction option from a geotechnical perspective. The general arrangement and construction staging for staged open culvert installation option is shown on Sheet 10 of 30% Design Package by GF.

The following Table 14 summarizes evaluations of the culvert types that can be considered for open cut option, their advantages and disadvantages as well as their risks/consequences and relative costs.

**Table 14 Evaluation of Culvert Type Alternatives for Open Cut Option- Advantages and Disadvantages**

| Options | Type                                     | Advantages  | Disadvantages  | Risks/Consequences  | Relative Costs  |
|---------|--|---|--|---|---|
| 1       | Precast Concrete Box Culvert             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ease of installation.</li> <li>Less time required for construction.</li> <li>Less complex dewatering and potential to utilize partial dewatering with installation in the wet.</li> <li>More tolerant to settlement than CIP options.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transportation of culvert segments.</li> <li>Limitation of width and height of culvert sections in comparison to other options.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction in-the-wet, if adopted, carries some risk along with advantages.</li> </ul>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less costly construction due to shorter construction time, but cost of transportation of segments has to be considered.</li> </ul>   |
| 2       | Cast-in-Place (CIP) Concrete Box Culvert | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More flexibility in sizing than precast option.</li> <li>Less transportation cost for materials than precast option.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More dewatering required than precast concrete box culvert.</li> <li>Longer culvert construction schedule than precast option.</li> <li>Less tolerant to settlement than precast option.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Differential settlement could cause cracking of concrete in the culvert base and walls.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More costly than precast concrete box culvert due to longer construction time.</li> <li>May require excavation below water level with risk of flooding into excavation.</li> <li>Higher cost for dewatering than for concrete precast box culverts due to</li> </ul> |

| Options | Type  | Advantages   | Disadvantages   | Risks/Consequences   | Relative Costs   |
|---------|---|--|---|--|--|
|         |   |  |   |  | requirements for construction in the dry.  |
| 3       | Cast-in-Place (CIP) Open Footing Concrete Culvert | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More flexibility in sizing.</li> <li>• Less transportation cost for materials than precast option.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longer culvert construction schedule than precast option.</li> <li>• Requires footing depth to provide frost protection</li> <li>• More complex dewatering required than precast concrete box culvert for footing construction below water table.</li> <li>• Less tolerant to settlement than CIP concrete box culvert.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to deeper footings, increased risk of flooding of excavation and undermining existing culvert that remains in place during construction.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher cost for dewatering than for concrete precast box culverts due to requirements for construction in the dry.</li> </ul> |
| 4       | Closed Pipes (Concrete, HDPE, Steel)              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smaller magnitude of settlement than open footing culvert due to lower bearing stress on subgrade</li> <li>• Relatively expedient installation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation of culvert segments.</li> <li>• Multiple pipes may be required to provide the same hydraulic properties as the existing culvert.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires water flow realignment or installation of a temporary bypass culvert to maintain existing water flow alignment</li> </ul>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Least costly than other alternatives</li> </ul>   |

Based on the evaluation of various alternative in Table 14, Option 1 or 4 are considered the most feasible option for this site. Given the size of the culvert, a precast concrete box culvert option is the preferred option from a foundation engineering perspective.

The Design Team has indicated that there are no head walls or wing walls, or alternative geometry currently contemplated in their detailed design.

Culvert should be designed with built-in camber in the longitudinal direction in order to prevent ponding in the culvert in low water conditions. That is, construct the upstream half of the culvert level at the invert inlet elevation, then from that mid-point, slope the downstream half to the outlet invert elevation. In addition, the stability of the existing and proposed upstream and downstream channels during and following culvert replacement shall be addressed once additional details such topographic maps and cross-sections of the upstream and downstream channels and surrounding areas are made available to Englobe during detailed design (if the staged open cut installation method are pursued by the Design Team). Additional information such as any potential changes to the existing channel geometry and anticipated changes to the replacement culvert gradient are also expected to be provided by Design Team before Englobe can proceed with further recommendation and comments for detailed design of the staged open cut culvert replacement option.

Review of the geometry of existing embankment has raised some concerns with regards to long-term stability of the existing embankment. Therefore, a slope stability evaluation of existing embankment was conducted as part of this report and the results are presented in Section 7.10.1 below.

Finally, high level construction cost estimate for this option, provided as part of 30% Design Package to MTO, suggested estimated cost of \$2,070 per meter for culvert replacement. This estimate appears

be too low and is expected to be upgraded and revised once the preliminary design is completed during 60% design stage.

### **7.3.2.1 Precast Concrete Box Culvert -Foundation Recommendation**

Based on the results of the boreholes advanced through the embankment, the native undisturbed compact to dense silt /stiff to very stiff silt and clay below Elevation 258.5 is considered capable of supporting a new culvert and a conventional highway embankment of the height anticipated at this site without excessive settlements.

Any organic soil encountered at the founding elevation should be sub-excavated and replaced with OPSS.PROV 1010 Granular B Type 2. Availability of adequate bearing resistance should not be a major issue provided the natural bearing surface is not disturbed during construction and groundwater is controlled throughout construction, as discussed in Section 7.9.

Based on the characteristics of the native subgrade present below the culvert and the response of the existing embankment, a factored bearing resistance at Ultimate Limit State (ULS) of 225 kPa may be used for the design of the precast concrete box culvert at or below a founding elevation of approximately 258.5 m. In consideration of the width of the new culvert, depth of overburden/height of the existing embankment, a Serviceability Limit State (SLS) geotechnical resistance of 150 kPa can be used for the design of the precast concrete box culvert founded on the granular bedding over native silt/stiff to very stiff silt and clay (free of organic matters).

A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was used for obtaining bearing resistances assuming vertical loading as per Table 6.2 of CHBDC.

The total and differential settlements of the proposed closed bottom culvert subjected to the above maximum Serviceability Limit State (SLS) pressure, are estimated to not exceed 25 and 19 mm, respectively.

Sliding resistance of culvert foundation can be calculated using a coefficient of sliding resistance of 0.30 for concrete against the native soils and 0.45 for concrete against well graded granular engineered fills.

The footing areas must be inspected by a qualified geotechnical engineer/technician at the time of construction to confirm soil conditions encountered.

### **7.3.2.2 Culvert Design, Bedding, and Embedment**

In general, culvert installation shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable OPSS Standards, i.e., OPSS.PROV 902 (Construction Specification for Excavating and Backfilling - Structures), OPSS 421 (for flexible pipe culvert installation in open cut) and OPSS 422 (for Precast Reinforced Concrete Box Culverts and Box Sewers in Open Cut).

If a precast concrete box culvert is considered, bedding material shall consist of Granular A with a thickness of 300 mm. The bedding under the middle third of the box unit base should be loosely placed and uncompacted. The upper 75 mm portion of the Granular A bedding should be uncompacted throughout the length/width of the box and incorporated as the top levelling course in conformance with OPSS 422. Alternatively, specifically if construction is carried out under wet conditions, a bedding and levelling course consisting of 19 mm clear stone as per OPSS.PROV 1004 should be used, which would aid in dewatering applications (wrapped with geotextiles). During backfilling the embankment fill should be placed in a balanced manner on the outer sides of the box unit. The elevation difference of the backfill on either side of the box unit must be limited to a maximum of 300 mm. Backfilling and construction of precast concrete box culverts shall be in accordance with OPSS 422. Cover material for concrete box culverts can consist of compacted OPSS Granular B Type 1, placed to minimum 300 mm around the box culvert.

The joints between precast box units should be covered with a strip of Non-Woven Class II Geotextile (per OPSS 1860) 600 mm in width, centred over the joint, covering the top of the culvert and extending down the sides of the culvert to prevent the infiltration of fines.

Vertical cut-off walls, 1.2 m deep, shall be added to the ends of the box culvert in accordance with the MTO Concrete Culvert Design Manual. Alternatively, horizontal cut-offs wall (apron) may be also used; the advantage of horizontal cut-offs is that they minimize dewatering requirements, which are a critical issue at this site.

Scour protection must be provided at the ends of the culvert and should consist of a layer of rip-rap. The inlet and outlet stream bed shall be protected with a rip-rap (R-50 size as per OPSS.PROV 1004) apron. The rip-rap should server as a rock protection layer and can be machine placed. The rip-rap apron should be at least 5 m in length, a minimum 400 mm thick and extend across the stream bed to 5 m beyond the outside edges of the culvert. The rip rap placement should be in accordance with OPSD 810.010.

Scour recommendations provided above are a minimum requirement from a foundations engineering perspective. CHBDC requires the hydrologist to do the detailing of the scour protection and then for the foundation engineer to check if that design meets these minimum requirements. Clay seals will be required at this culvert location; the clay seal should be at least 500 mm thick and should be extended 300 mm above the high-water level covering the width of the granular material. The clay seal seepage barrier should extend the full width of the trench to contact the existing soils on either side (surrounding the culvert bedding). The minimum length of the clay seal should be twice the culvert rise/diameter (2D). The clay seal barriers should consist of relatively dry and compactable inorganic clay meeting OPSS.PROV 1205 placed in maximum 200 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to at least 95% of Standard Proctor Maximum Dry Density (SPMDD). The clay seal should be protected by a layer of rip-rap The clay seal material requirements should be in accordance with OPSS.PROV 1205. Alternatively, a geosynthetic clay liner can be utilized as a clay seal.

Woven geotextiles Class II are recommended below Granular A bedding for separation (separating the native subgrade from the aggregate layer). However, the geotextiles should not be placed at the clay seal sections (i.e. the geotextile is not continuous).

The Contractor should provide silt fences and erosion control blankets as per OPSS 805 throughout the duration of construction to prevent transport of silt/sediment.

### 7.3.2.3 Staged Construction Using Shoring

Installing of temporary shoring down the centre of the highway would be needed to allow staged construction with one lane of traffic during construction. The currently proposed staging plan for a continuous open cut excavation while maintaining one lane of traffic is as follows:

- Install Temporary Protection System (TPS) down the centre of the highway;
- Divert the traffic to the right side of the embankment;
- Excavate to the left of centreline, and install half of new culvert;
- Reconstruct the embankment on the left;
- Divert the traffic to the left side of the embankment;
- Excavate to the right of centreline and install the other half of new culvert;
- Reconstruct the embankment on the right;
- As the removal of the shoring walls may create big voids in the soil behind the walls, it is recommended that the TPS should be left in place and cut it off to the required depth; and
- Once traffic can be returned to the existing alignment, remove the culvert extensions.

#### 7.3.2.4 Settlement of Reinstated Embankment

According to MTO Guideline for Foundation Engineering Services, Version 2.0 (October 2020), Appendix C - Embankment Settlement Criteria for Design, Figure 1, New Embankment, 100 mm of post-construction settlement is considered to be acceptable for embankments constructed on non-compressible soils. Considering the response of the existing embankment and given that the culvert replacement will not involve a grade raise, settlement of the final embankment is not considered to be a significant concern using the recommendations and placement techniques presented in this report.

A total settlement equal to 1.0% of the embankment height is expected for mostly granular embankments constructed over a mostly non-compressible subgrade. Given that the height of the embankment will be approximately 4.6 m above the culvert, a total of primary and post-construction (secondary) settlement would be 46 mm which does not exceed the 100 mm threshold.

### 7.4 Design Code Consideration

The foundation recommendations presented in this report have been prepared in accordance with CSA S6:19 Canadian Highway Design Bridge Code (CHBDC), Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS) and MTO's policies.

The Site Consequence and Understanding classifications at this site are "Typical" in accordance with Section 6.5 of the CHBDC. The geotechnical resistance factors presented in Table 6.2 of CHBDC were used to calculate the factored foundation resistances. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied for the ultimate geotechnical resistance of shallow foundation to resist loads in bearing.

### 7.5 Frost Penetration

Generally, culverts within the depth of frost penetration below the pavement structure are included in the pavement structure frost treatment (see OPSD 803.010 and OPSD 803.030). In general, closed culverts under road embankments are not designed in consideration of frost penetration below the culvert, whereas culverts with footings, (i.e., open culverts, culvert retaining walls, etc.) require the footings to be designed for frost penetration.

The estimated frost penetration depth below exposed asphalt at the culvert site is about 2.2 m, as per OPSD 3090.100 (Frost Penetration Depths for Northern Ontario). It should be noted that the closed culvert option currently being contemplated at this location will not require frost treatments.

### 7.6 Temporary Shoring Support

Consideration should be given by the Contractor to the provision of a Temporary Protection System (TPS) along the approximate location of launching and receiving shafts/pits, and where necessary considering the stability of the existing embankment during construction. The TPS should be designed and constructed by an experienced Contractor and must comply with OPSS.PROV 539 and SP 105S09. The design and installation of the shoring and protection system is the responsibility of the Contractor and must comply with O.Reg. 213/91, and must be endorsed by a professional engineer with at least 5 years experience with similar work and installations.

In addition, the Contractor must also be prepared during construction to handle wet weak subgrade conditions with high moisture content and low strength and potential presence of some buried obstructions such as buried organic inclusions within embankment fill material; address potential of

auger refusal (encountered El. 256.0 m in BH No. 2 and El. 255.7 m in BH No. 3); and control the groundwater as the excavation progresses without compromising the stability of the existing embankment. A NSSP regarding potential obstructions in the subsurface soils has been included in Appendix E.

The following aspects regarding shoring systems are provided for general guidance only. The temporary shoring design must include factors of safety as per Table 6.2 of the CHBDC for Retaining systems, and should address any possible surcharge loading (such as traffic loading and any stockpiles placed within a distance from the supporting face of the TPS equal to its effective height).

Special attention should be paid to the presence of organic inclusions near the bottom of the embankment fill (buried organics identified for example in Borehole No. 2), and the fine-grained nature of underlying native subsoils. The Contractor should be made aware of site-specific site conditions and potential presence of similar or other potential inclusions/obstructions within the embankment fill between the exploratory boreholes.

For temporary shoring support a wall consisting of soldier piles and lagging is typically considered along with the required dewatering system. The soldier piles would be H-piles advanced through the embankment fill and extending to sufficient depth, followed by sequential excavation and installation of lagging. To advance the H-piles through the organic inclusions, possibly buried wood debris or other obstructions near the bottom of the embankment fills, removal of the obstructions using a core barrel and other effective means of overcoming obstructions are expected to be required. Alternative support system such as reinforced shotcrete, or rigid shoring support such as caisson wall may also be considered where appropriate. However, these systems are generally expected to be more costly.

The shoring protection system can be designed using the lateral earth pressure parameters as outlined in Section 6.8 below. If tiebacks are required, the resistance ( $P_{ar}$ ) for grouted anchors located outside the active failure wedge in cohesionless soils can be estimated from the following equation as supplied in Section 26.12.4.1 of the Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual (CFEM) (4th Edition):

$$P_{ar} = \sigma'_z A_s L_s \alpha_g$$

where:

$\sigma'_z$  = effective vertical stress at the mid-point of the load carrying length (Figure 26.15 of CFEM)

$A_s$  = effective unit surface area of the anchor bond zone

$L_s$  = effective length of the anchor bond zone (limited to about 8 m)

$\alpha_g$  = anchor coefficient dependent on the soil type and conditions as per Table 26.5 of CFEM

Unless the pull-out resistance (capacity) of the anchor is proven with a load test program, the factored ULS anchor load (as suggested by the CHBDC), is commonly obtained by multiplying the computed capacity of the anchor by 0.4 resistance factor.

Considering the composition of the embankment fills and the soil below the embankment fills, a rectangular apparent pressure distribution over the height of the cut would be appropriate for design of the TPS. The width of the apparent rectangular pressure distribution should be calculated based on Section 26.10 of the CFEM, assuming layered strata (loose to compact upper embankment sandy fill over soft to stiff silt and clay lower embankment fill that underlain by native silt and clay deposit over native silt/silty sand).

## 7.7 Earthquake Considerations

### 7.7.1 Site Classification for Seismic Site Response

The CSA S6.1:19 Commentary on CHBDC describes the site classification depending on the seismic site response. Site classification is determined by the type of soil encountered during fieldwork.

A Site Classification D should be used for earthquake load and effects in accordance with Table 4.1.8.4.A. of the National Building Code of Canada (NBC 2015) and Table 4.1 of the CSA S6:19 CHBDC.

## 7.7.2 Uniform Hazard Spectrum

The CHBDC refers to the NBC 2015 to define the Uniform Hazard Spectrum, UHS. The NBC 2015 gives the spectral acceleration values for different periods, the peak ground acceleration (PGA), as well as the peak ground velocity (PGV) values for different cities or municipalities in Canada. In the study area, the spectral acceleration and peak ground acceleration data for a return period of 2% for 50 years are shown in Table 15.

Table 15 Uniform Hazard Spectrum

| Site Localisation                           | Seismic Values |          |          |          |         |           |
|---|----------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|
|   | Sa (0.2)       | Sa (0.5) | Sa (1.0) | Sa (2.0) | PGA (g) | PGV (m/s) |
| Latitude: 48.198329<br>Longitude: -89.46484 | 0.059          | 0.034    | 0.018    | 0.007    | 0.035   | 0.024     |

Reference : Tool of the National Building Code of Canada seismic hazard values - NBC 2015 : [http://www.seismescanada.rncan.gc.ca/hazard/interpolator/index\\_2015-fra.php](http://www.seismescanada.rncan.gc.ca/hazard/interpolator/index_2015-fra.php)

## 7.7.3 Seismic Liquefaction

Based on the PGA value of 0.035 g, and an earthquake magnitude,  $M_w$ , of 6.86, the subsurface conditions encountered at the drilled locations at this site and using the Simplified Boulanger and Idriss (2014) Method for liquefaction assessment, the foundation soils are considered to be not susceptible to liquefaction during a seismic event.

## 7.8 Lateral Earth Pressures

Lateral earth pressures in entry and exist pits can be computed using the recommended soil parameters in Table 16 below.

Table 16 Recommended Soil Parameters for Geotechnical Design

| Material   | Unit Weight (kN/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Effective Angle of Friction ( $\phi$ ) | Coefficient of Active Earth Pressure ( $K_a$ ) | Coefficient of Passive Earth Pressure ( $K_p$ ) | Coefficient of Earth Pressure at Rest ( $K_0$ ) |
|--|----------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Granular A   | 22.8                             | 35                                     | 0.27   | 3.69  | 0.43  |
| Granular B Type I  | 21.2                             | 33                                     | 0.29   | 3.39  | 0.46  |
| Upper Embankment Fill (loose to compact sand and gravel/gravelly sand/sand with some silt) | 19.0                             | 28                                     | 0.36   | 2.77  | 0.53  |
| Lower Embankment Fill (loose to compact silt/stiff silt and clay with organic inclusions)  | 18.0                             | 28                                     | 0.36   | 2.77  | 0.53  |

| Material   | Unit Weight (kN/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Effective Angle of Friction ( $\phi$ ) | Coefficient of Active Earth Pressure ( $K_a$ ) | Coefficient of Passive Earth Pressure ( $K_p$ ) | Coefficient of Earth Pressure at Rest ( $K_o$ ) |
|--|----------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Native loose to dense silt/stiff to very stiff silt and Clay | 18.0                             | 28                                     | 0.36   | 2.77  | 0.53  |
| Native dense sandy gravel/gravelly sand                      | 19.0                             | 32                                     | 0.31   | 3.25  | 0.47  |

For shoring systems where limited lateral deflection up to a maximum 25 mm and/or rotation up to 0.004 of the wall height is permitted, the “active” condition ( $K_a$ ) applies. For rigid shoring systems with tight deflection limits, where no significant movement is permitted “at-rest” condition ( $K_o$ ) applies. The “passive” condition ( $K_p$ ) applies when movement is allowed and when the wall is in compression (in a direction opposite to the wall loading) such as development of embedment passive resistance.

**Table 17 Typical Wall Movements to Activate  $K_a$  and  $K_p$**

| Type of Backfill    | Value of $\Delta/H$ |         |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------|
|                     | Active              | Passive |
| Level of Compaction |                     |         |
| Loose Sand/Silt     | 0.004               | 0.04    |
| Compact Sand/Silt   | 0.002               | 0.02    |
| Soft to Stiff Clay  | 0.01                | 0.05    |

where:

$\Delta$  = the movement of top of wall required to reach minimum active or maximum passive pressure, by tilting or lateral translation, and

H = height of wall.

## 7.9 Excavation, Dewatering, Channel Diversion and Cofferdams

All temporary excavations greater than 1.2 m in depth must, at a minimum, be sloped or shored in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act Regulations for Construction Projects. The embankment material, above the water table, is considered a Type 3 soil as defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Construction Projects. Temporary open excavations above the groundwater table, could be cut back at an angle of 1H:1V, provided they are monitored continuously. However, below the groundwater table, the side slopes in fill and/or native materials may need to be sloped to angles as flat as 3H:1V or possibly flatter, dependent upon the Contractors’ chosen method of controlling the groundwater. No bedrock is expected along the culvert alignment.

At the time of investigation, no groundwater was encountered in the boreholes; however, the stabilized groundwater level is anticipated to correspond with the creek water level. The lowest creek level is anticipated to be above the average invert elevation of the culvert at elevation 259.15 m. The water level in the creek was measured in January 2022 and was at EL. 259.0 m adjacent to BH No. 3 and EL. 260.2 m adjacent to BH No. 4. Seasonal fluctuation in the groundwater level, typically up to 1 m, should also be expected and considered for the purpose of detailed design and construction. Based on short-term observations made during the borehole drilling, no major groundwater seepage is expected within the embankment, but groundwater may be encountered in the native subsoils. As such, dewatering is expected to be required during excavation and culvert installation. In general, the groundwater level should be kept at least 0.5 m below the bottom of the proposed excavations, or more as required by the Contractor (considering their choice of their equipment). The proposed

dewatering should be effective considering the stability of the sides and bases of the excavation and allow the construction activities to proceed in dry conditions.

In general, The Contractor shall be responsible for employing appropriate excavation and dewatering methods to maintain the stability of the sides and base of excavation. Nevertheless, at a minimum Installation of filtered sumps and pumping from the base of the excavation is expected to be required during construction to maintain the excavation in a dewatered condition during culvert installation. The effectiveness of this method of groundwater control would be limited to conditions where excavations of less than 1 m below the prevailing groundwater table are anticipated, and the soil is such that the groundwater can be drawn down a minimum of 500 mm below the working surface. If the excavation must penetrate to a greater depth below the prevailing groundwater table, a more effective groundwater control method, should be considered by the Contractor to maintain a stable excavation base. The Contractor’s dewatering method must be designed to prevent piping.

Registering with the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) for the construction activity may be required. Consideration must be given to the anticipated water levels at the culvert site throughout the construction and the potential need for a Permit to take Water (PTTW), which will also depend upon the Contractor’s proposed methodology and schedule. An EASR or PTTW is generally required by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change in the event that the daily taking of groundwater exceeds 50,000 L or 400,000 L per day, respectively.

A cofferdam constructed of earth fill, sandbags, or water-filled bag (i.e., aqua dam) can be considered at this site to temporarily divert the creek water during the construction period. Steel sheet piles may also be considered for controlling stream flow. Sheet piles should extend to adequate depth below base of the proposed excavation. By-pass pumping can be carried out to divert the stream flow at the time of construction.

Ultimately, the method of excavation, shoring, dewatering, and stream flow diversion shall be selected by the Contractor responsible for effectiveness of the works. However, the importance of maintaining the excavations in a dewatered stable condition cannot be over-stressed enough.

## 7.10 Slope Stability Evaluation

### 7.10.1 Slope Stability for Open Cut option (Embankment Reconstruction)

It is noted that part of the embankment slopes at the existing culvert are with inclinations of between 2.17H:1.0V to 2.2H:1.0V. A two-dimensional (2-D) limit equilibrium stability analysis, using the GEO-SLOPE computer program, Slope/W (GeoStudio 2020, version 10.02, Geo-Slope International Ltd.), was carried out using the Morgenstern-Price method for a roadway cross section located at the middle of the existing culvert with slopes established at an angle of 2.17H:1.0V. For the purpose of these analyses, the materials were modeled using the soil parameters for embankment fill and foundation subsoils, as noted in Table 18 below.

**Table 18 Recommended Soil Parameters for Slope Stability**

| Material                         | Unit Weight (kN/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Effective Angle of Friction (ø) | Effective Cohesion (kPa) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Embankment Fill: Sand and Gravel | 20.0                             | 35                              | 0                        |
| Embankment Fill: Silt and Clay   | 18.0                             | 28                              | 2.5                      |
| Embankment Fill: Sand            | 19.0                             | 28                              | 0                        |
| Native Silty Sand                | 19.0                             | 30                              | 0                        |
| Native Gravelly Sand             | 20.0                             | 32                              | 0                        |
| Buried Organic Layer             | 14.0                             | 14                              | 0                        |
| Native Sandy Silt to Silty Sand  | 19.0                             | 28                              | 0                        |

| Material             | Unit Weight (kN/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Effective Angle of Friction ( $\phi$ ) | Effective Cohesion (kPa) |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Native Silt and Clay | 18.0                             | 28                                     | 5                        |
| Native Silt          | 18.0                             | 28                                     | 1                        |

The analysis indicated that the factor of safety was estimated at 1.58 for the existing embankment slopes, which is above the acceptable factor of safety of 1.3 for embankment slopes, see Figure No. S1 (Slope Stability for Existing Condition-Static), Appendix G.

In addition, the stability of embankment slopes has been analyzed by Englobe for seismic loading condition (using Pseudo-Static method of seismic response) to determine the seismic factor of safety. For this site, the following design parameters were considered to develop the seismic condition:

- Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA)= 0.035 g (as per National Building Code of Canada seismic hazard values and based on site Latitude and Longitude).
- Seismic Horizontal Acceleration Coefficient,  $k_h = 0.5(\text{PGA}/g) = 0.0175$  as indicated in Section 6.14.9.1 of CSA S6:19 Canadian Highway Design Bridge Code (CHBDC).
- Seismic Vertical Acceleration Coefficient,  $k_v = 2/3 k_h = 0.0117$ .

The seismic evaluation indicated that the factor of safety was in the order of 1.5 which is above the acceptable factor of safety of 1.1, see Figure No. S2 (Slope Stability for Existing Condition- Seismic), Appendix G.

If the embankment slopes are constructed with OPSS.PROV 1010 Granular B Type 2 (placed in maximum 150 mm thick lifts and compacted to at least 100% of SPMD) and established at an angle of 2H:1V to provide additional rotational resistance, a higher factor of safety is expected.

It should be noted that as the final slopes will be an inclination of 2H:1V, localized shallow sloughing (near-surface) may develop. Preventing surface erosion and accelerating the establishment of a vegetation cover play a significant role in preventing shallow slip surfaces.

Lower factors of safety will occur in the short-term during excavation and backfilling. However, short-term stability should not be an issue if the construction is carried out following appropriate geotechnical practices, as described in Section 7.9.

### 7.10.2 Potential Impacts of Pipe Ramming on Stability of Existing Embankment

Under each dynamic application of the force by the pipe ramming equipment, the pipe vibrates and the generated vibrations are transferred from the pipe to the surrounding soil particles. The degree of vibration depends on the hammer type and hammer energy, the dynamic properties of the soil, and the distance between the source of energy and location of interest.

Considering the fine-grained nature of the existing embankment subsoils at and near the location of the existing culvert crossing and the condition of existing embankment slopes at about 2.17H:1V, potential impacts of the proposed pipe ramming with high energy rammer on the stability of the embankment slopes should be considered by the Contractor.

As a general guidance, Englobe has completed a Pseudo-Static analysis of seismic response using Slope/W to mimic the pipe ramming vibrations effect on the embankment slopes assuming the following parameters:

- Maximum Horizontal Acceleration Coefficient,  $k_h$  that will be generated by pipe ramming impact hammer is 0.0075.
- Maximum Vertical Acceleration Coefficient,  $k_v$  that will be generated by pipe ramming impact hammer is 0.0050.

If the pipe ramming operation is planned and carried out in such a way not to exceed the acceleration coefficients specified above, a factor of safety of 1.55 for the existing embankment slopes would be maintained, see Figure No. S3 (Slope Stability for Assumed Acceleration for Pipe Ramming- Seismic), Appendix G. Successful completion of pipe ramming largely depends on appropriate selection of equipment and methods and the skills and experience of the Contractor. The Contractor proposed procedure should ensure that no flow liquefaction (significant strength loss in soils) will occur to the slope during the pipe ramming operation. A pipe ramming driveability analysis and report needs to be provided by the selected Contractor for review and approval in advance of the construction.

In addition, the PPV level of the pipe ramming must be kept below 10 mm/s. Furthermore, installation of pneumatic vibrating wire piezometers along the culvert alignment (at the base of the embankment) should be considered to alert contractor about development of excess porewater pressure during the ramming operation.

## 7.11 Potential Corrosivity of Subsoil and Groundwater

Representative soil and water corrosivity test results are presented in Section 5.8 and compared with the applicable Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Standards in Table 19 below.

**Table 19 Sulphate content and exposure classes\***

| Class of Exposer | Degree of Exposure | Water-Soluble SO <sub>4</sub> in Soil Sample (%) | Cementing Material to be Used |
|------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| S-1              | Very Severe        | > 2.0  | HS or HSb                     |
| S-2              | Severe             | 0.20 - 2.0                                       | HS or HSb                     |
| S-3              | Moderate           | 0.10 - 0.20                                      | MS, MSb, LH, HS, or HSb       |

\* Information from Table 3 of CSA Standards A23.1-04

The sulphate content analyses for the tested soil sample resulted in a sulphate percentage of <0.002%. The result was compared with the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Standards A23.1 for sulphate attack potential on concrete structures, which indicates the Site soils possess a “negligible” risk for sulphate attack on concrete material. Nevertheless, it is recommended that a “moderate” (Class S-3) classification be adopted. Accordingly, Type MSb (Moderate Sulphate Resistant) or Type HS or HSb (Highly Sulphate Resistant) cement may be used in the construction of any proposed concrete elements.

Based on the test results and using the guidelines and 10-point scoring method provided by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) publication ANSI/AWWA C105/A21.5-10, the tested soil sample from BH No.1 received a corrosivity score below 10. A score of 10 or greater indicates that soil is corrosive to ductile-iron pipe and protection is needed. Nevertheless, it is recommended that buried ductile iron components of the subsurface structures should have corrosion protection measures.

## 8 STATEMENT OF LIMITATIONS

The design recommendations given in this geotechnical report are applicable only to the project described in the text and only if constructed substantially in accordance with details of alignment and elevations stated in the report. Since all details of the design may not be known, in our analysis certain assumptions had to be made. The actual conditions, however, may vary from those assumed, in which case changes and modifications may be required to our geotechnical recommendations.

The comments in this report are intended solely for the guidance of the design engineer and address the geotechnical conditions only. The number of boreholes required to determine the localized conditions between boreholes directly affecting construction costs, equipment, scheduling, etc. would in fact be greater than what has been carried out for design purposes. Therefore, contractors bidding on this project or undertaking this work should make their own interpretations of the factual borehole results and carry out further work as they deem necessary to assess the scope of the project.

Foundation Design of this report is intended solely for the use of the client and the design team for the detail design of this specific project on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation and is not intended to be included in the tender documents; and shall not be used for any other purposes or by any other parties including the construction Contractor.

# Appendix A

## Drawings

Drawing No. 1 - Site Location Plan & Key Map

Drawing No. 2 - Borehole Location Plan & Embankment Profile

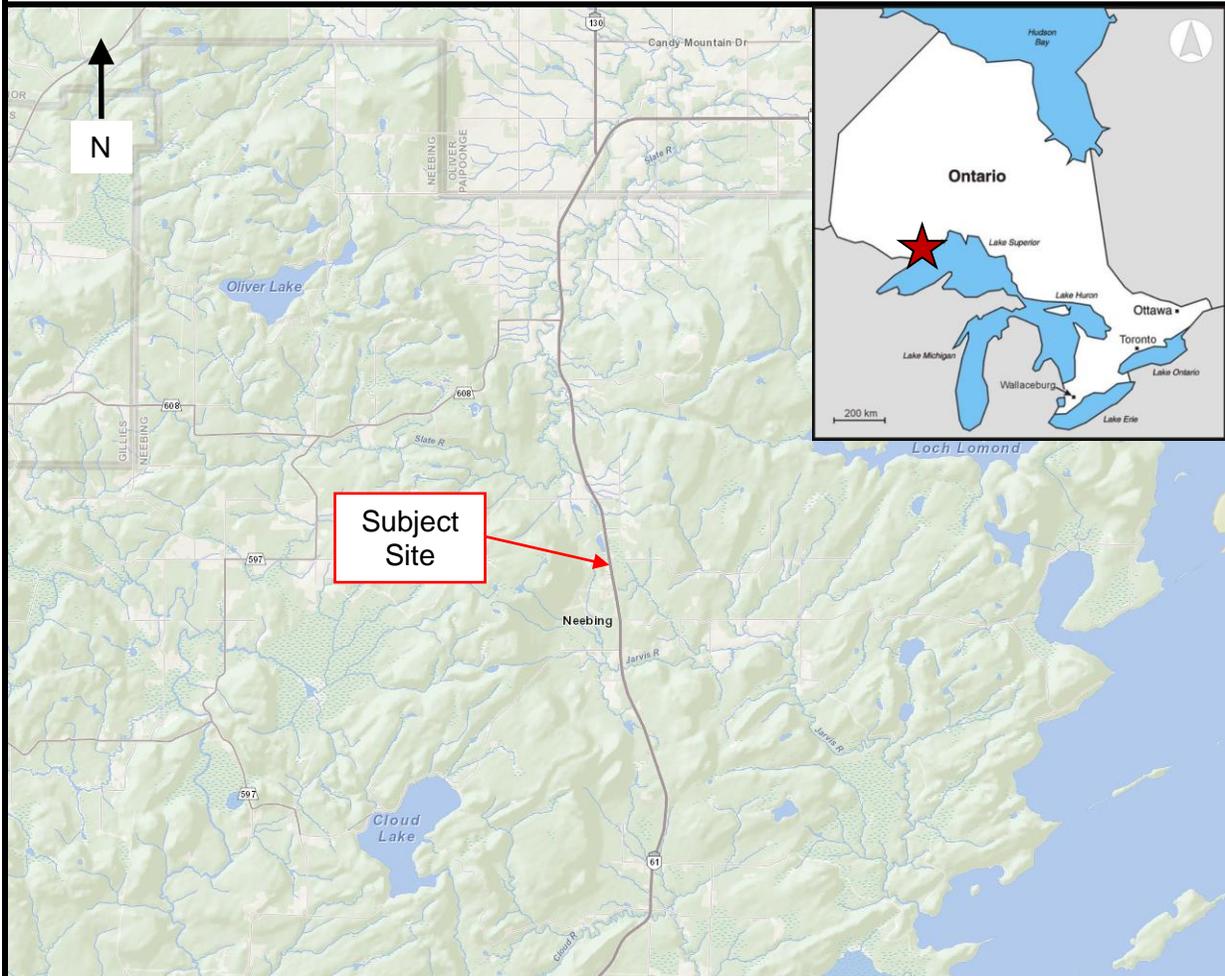


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# KEY PLAN

# Drawing No. 1

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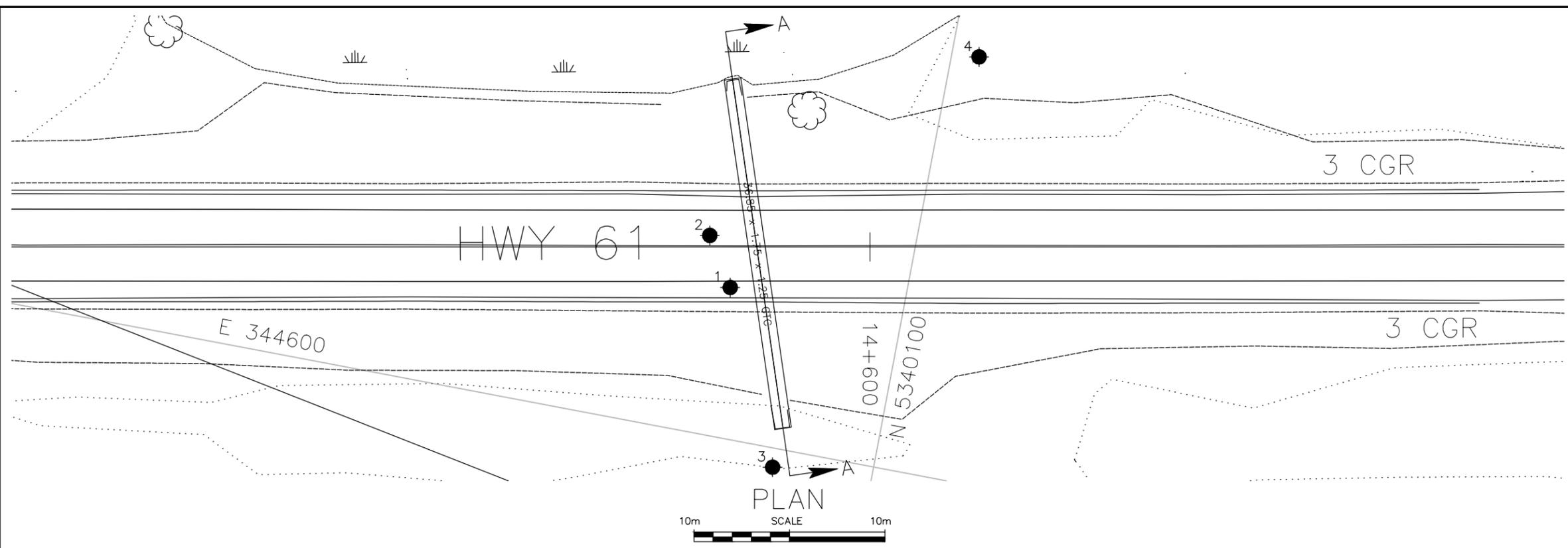
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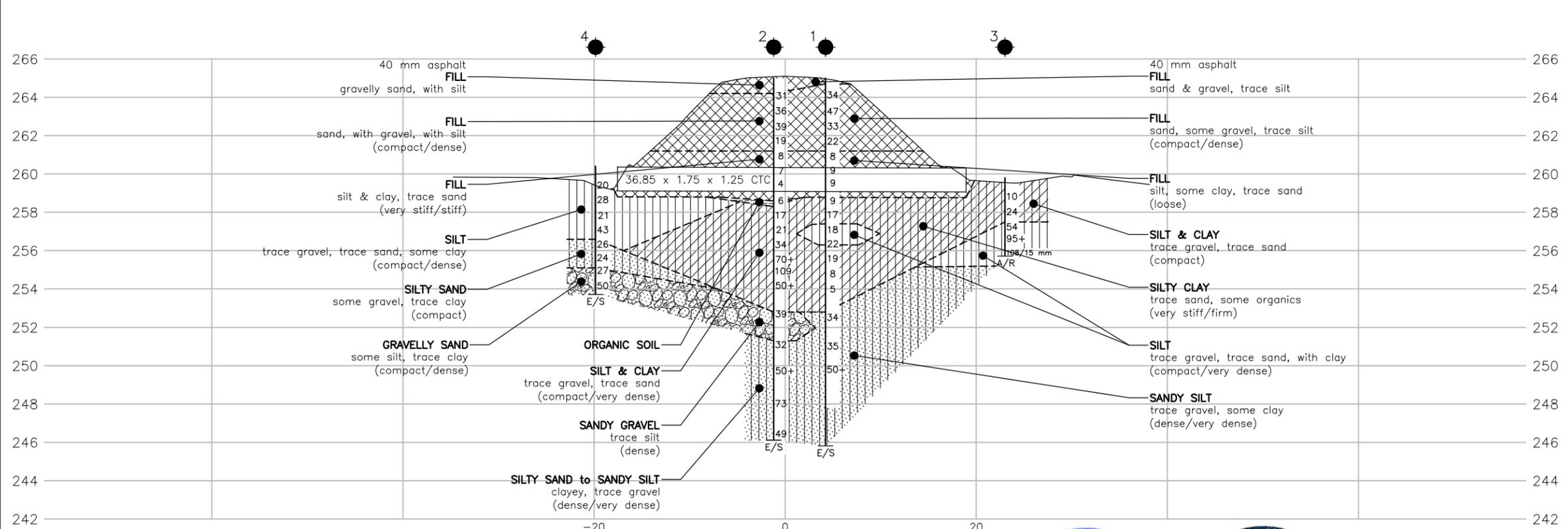


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BOREHOLE LOCATIONS  
AND SOIL STRATIGRAPHY

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|      |  |
|------|--|
|      | Borehole                               |
| N    | Blows/0.3 m (Std Pen Test, 475 J/blow) |
| DCPT | Blows/0.3 m (60° Cone, 475 J/blow)     |
|      | Water Level at Time of Investigation   |
| A/R  | Auger Refusal at Elevation             |
| E/S  | End of Sampling                        |
|      | Piezometer                             |

| BOREHOLE No. | ELEVATION | O/S       | NORTHING  | EASTING  |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 1            | 269.9     | 4.2 m Rt  | 5340081.8 | 344584.4 |
| 2            | 269.9     | 1.2 m Lt  | 5340078.7 | 344576.4 |
| 3            | 332.2     | 23.0 m Rt | 5340089.6 | 344602.0 |
| 4            | 332.6     | 19.8 m Lt | 5340102.9 | 344555.9 |

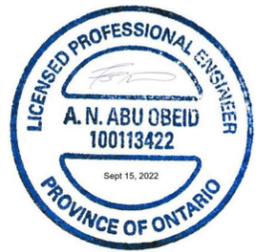
**NOTES:**

The boundaries between soil strata have been established at the borehole locations only. The boundaries illustrated and stratigraphy between boreholes on this drawing are assumed based on borehole data and may vary. They are intended for design only.

Base plan and alignment provided in digital format by Aecom on July 27, 2021

Coordinates based on MTM Zone 15 NAD83 CSRS

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# Appendix B

## Subsurface Data

Enclosure No. 1 List of Abbreviations and Symbols  
Enclosure Nos. 2 to 7 Record of Borehole Sheets



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## LIST OF SYMBOLS AND DEFINITIONS FOR GEOTECHNICAL SAMPLING AND COMMON LITHOLOGIES

The following is a reference sheet for commonly used symbols and definitions within this report and in any figures or appendices, including borehole logs and test results. Symbols and definitions conform to the standard proposed by the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) wherever possible. Discrepancies may exist when comparing to third-party results using the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS).

### PART A – SOILS

#### Standard Penetration Test (SPT) 'N'

The number of blows required to drive a 50-mm (2 in) split barrel sampler 300 mm (12 in). The standard hammer has a mass of 63.5 kg (140 lbs) and is dropped vertically from a height of 760 mm (30 in). Additional information can be found in ASTM D1586-11 and in §4.5.2 of the CFEM 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.

For penetration less than 300 mm, 'N' is recorded with the penetration that was achieved.

#### Non-Cohesive Soils

The relative density of non-cohesive soils relates empirically to SPT 'N' as follows:

| Relative Density | 'N'     |
|------------------|---------|
| Very Loose       | 0 – 4   |
| Loose            | 4 – 10  |
| Compact          | 10 – 30 |
| Dense            | 30 – 50 |
| Very Dense       | > 50    |

#### Cohesive Soils

The consistency and undrained shear strength of cohesive soils relates empirically to SPT 'N' as follows:

| Consistency | Undrained Shear Strength (kPa) | 'N'     |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Very Soft   | < 12                           | 0 – 2   |
| Soft        | 12 – 25                        | 2 – 4   |
| Firm        | 25 – 50                        | 4 – 8   |
| Stiff       | 50 – 100                       | 8 – 15  |
| Very Stiff  | 100 – 200                      | 15 – 30 |
| Hard        | > 200                          | > 30    |

### PART B – ROCK

The following parameters are used to describe core recovery and to infer the quality of a rockmass.

#### Total Core Recovery, TCR (%)

The total length of solid drill core recovered, regardless of the quality or length of the pieces, taken as a percentage of the length of the core run.

#### Solid Core Recovery, SCR (%)

The total length of solid, full-diameter drill core recovered, taken as a percentage of the length of the core run.

#### Rock Quality Designation, RQD (%)

The sum of the lengths of solid drill core greater than 100 mm long, taken as a percentage of the length of the core run. RQD is commonly used to infer the quality of the rockmass, as follows:

| Rockmass Quality | RQD (%) |
|------------------|---------|
| Very Poor        | < 25    |
| Poor             | 25 – 50 |
| Fair             | 50 – 75 |
| Good             | 75 – 90 |
| Excellent        | > 90    |

#### Weathering

The terminology used to describe the degree of weathering for recovered rock core is defined as follows, as suggested by the *Geological Society of London*:

**Completely weathered:** All rock material is decomposed and/or disintegrated to soil. The original mass structure is largely intact.

**Highly weathered:** More than half the rock material is decomposed and/or disintegrated to soil. Fresh or discolored rock is present either as a discontinuous framework or as core stone.

**Moderately weathered:** Less than half the rock material is decomposed and/or disintegrates to soil. Fresh or discolored rock is present either as a continuous framework or as core stone.

**Slightly weathered:** Discoloration indicates weathering of rock material and discontinuity of surfaces. All the rock material may be discolored by weathering and may be somewhat weaker than its fresh condition.

**Fresh:** No visible signs of weathering.

### PART C – SAMPLING SYMBOLS

| Symbol | Description                            |
|--------|--|
| SS     | Split spoon sample                     |
| TW     | Thin-walled (Shelby Tube) sample       |
| PH     | Sampler advanced by hydraulic pressure |
| WH     | Sampler advanced by static weight      |
| SC     | Soil core                              |

### PART D – IN-SITU AND LAB TESTING

#### SOIL NAMING CONVENTIONS

Particle sizes are described as follows:

| Particle Size Descriptor | Size (mm)     |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Boulder                  | > 300         |               |
| Cobble                   | 75 – 300      |               |
| Gravel                   | Coarse        | 19 – 75       |
|                          | Fine          | 4.75 – 19     |
| Sand                     | Coarse        | 2.0 – 4.75    |
|                          | Medium        | 0.425 – 2.0   |
|                          | Fine          | 0.075 – 0.425 |
| Silt                     | 0.002 – 0.075 |               |
| Clay                     | < 0.002       |               |

The principle constituent of a soil is written in uppercase. The minor constituents of a soil are written according to the following convention:

| Descriptive Term | Proportion of Soil (%) |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Trace            | 1 – 10                 |
| Some             | 10 – 20                |
| (ey) or (y)      | 20 – 35                |
| And              | 35 – 50                |

**Ex.:** A soil comprising 65% Silt, 21% Sand and 14% Clay would be described as a: Sandy SILT, Some Clay

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**METRIC**

W.P. GWP 6176-15-00 LOCATION 14+585, 4.3 m Rt, Blake Twp. ORIGINATED BY RT  
 DIST Thunder Bay HWY 61 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger COMPILED BY DM  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2021.10.25 - 2021.10.25 MTM Zone 15 344584.368 E 5340081.761 N  
 LATITUDE 48.198302 LONGITUDE -89.46477 CHECKED BY FS

| SOIL PROFILE  |   | SAMPLES                  |        |      | GROUND WATER<br>CONDITIONS | ELEVATION SCALE | DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION<br>RESISTANCE PLOT |    |    |    |    | PLASTIC<br>LIMIT<br>W <sub>p</sub> | NATURAL<br>MOISTURE<br>CONTENT<br>W | LIQUID<br>LIMIT<br>W <sub>L</sub> | UNIT<br>WEIGHT<br>$\gamma$<br>kN/m <sup>3</sup> | REMARKS<br>&<br>GRAIN SIZE<br>DISTRIBUTION<br>(%)<br>GR SA SI CL |           |
|---------------|---|--------------------------|--------|------|----------------------------|-----------------|---|----|----|----|----|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|-----------|
| ELEV<br>DEPTH | DESCRIPTION   | STRAT PLOT               | NUMBER | TYPE |                            |                 | "N" VALUES                                  | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  | 100       |
| 265.0<br>0.0  | FILL - SAND & GRAVEL - trace silt,<br>brown, compact<br><br>- trace clay  | [Cross-hatched pattern]  | 1      | AS   |                            |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |           |
|               |   |                          | 2      | SS   | 34                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |           |
| 263.5<br>1.5  | SAND - with gravel, silt, brown,<br>compact to dense  | [Cross-hatched pattern]  | 3      | SS   | 47                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    | ○                                  |                                     |                                   |   | 21 58 (21)   |           |
|               |   |                          | 4      | SS   | 33                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |           |
|               |   |                          | 5      | SS   | 22                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |           |
| 261.2<br>3.8  | SILT - some clay, trace sand, brown,<br>loose<br><br>- grey<br>- cobbles<br>- trace sand  | [Cross-hatched pattern]  | 6      | SS   | 8                          |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    | ○                                   |                                   |   | 0 3 83 13  |           |
|               |   |                          | 7      | SS   | 9                          |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |           |
|               |   |                          | 8      | SS   | 9                          |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |           |
| 258.9<br>6.1  | SILTY CLAY - some organics, very<br>stiff<br><br>- some sand, trace gravel  | [Diagonal lines pattern] | 9      | SS   | 9                          |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |           |
|               |   |                          | 10     | SS   | 17                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |           |
| 257.4<br>7.6  | SILT - with clay, trace sand, grey,<br>compact<br><br>- and sand, brown/black   | [Diagonal lines pattern] | 11     | SS   | 18                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |           |
|               |   |                          | 12     | SS   | 22                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |           |
| 256.3<br>8.7  | CLAY - brown/grey, stiff to firm<br><br>- with sand, grey/red<br>- trace sand, red<br><br>- some silt, trace gravel, red/black<br><br>- and silt, trace silt, gravel, black, high<br>plasticity | [Diagonal lines pattern] | 13     | SS   | 19                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |           |
|               |   |                          | 14     | SS   | 8                          |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |           |
|               |   |                          | 15     | SS   | 5                          |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  | 0 3 42 55 |
| 252.8<br>12.2 | SILT - some clay, trace gravel, dense<br>to very dense  | [Diagonal lines pattern] | 16     | SS   | 34                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |           |
|               |   |                          | 17     | SS   | 35                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    | ○                                   |                                   |   |  |           |

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|---------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------------------------|-----------------|---|----|----|----|----|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| ELEV<br>DEPTH | DESCRIPTION                   | STRAT PLOT | NUMBER | TYPE |                            |                 | "N" VALUES                                  | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |
|               | - flowing sands encountered   |            | 18     | NR   | 50+                        |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   | Spoon Refusal  |
| 247.8         |                               |            |        |      |                            | 249             |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |
| 17.2          | Start DCPT                    |            |        |      |                            | 248             |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |
|               |                               |            |        |      |                            | 247             |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |
| 245.8         |                               |            |        |      |                            | 246             |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |
| 19.2          | End of Borehole at 19.2 m bgs |            |        |      |                            |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |

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**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No. 2**

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**METRIC**

W.P. GWP 6176-15-00 LOCATION 14+583, 4.0 m Lt, Blake Twp. ORIGINATED BY RT  
 DIST Thunder Bay HWY 61 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Auger / Wash Bore COMPILED BY DM  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2021.10.26 - 2021.10.26 MTM Zone 15 344576.43 E 5340078.651 N  
 LATITUDE 48.198274 LONGITUDE -89.464877 CHECKED BY FS

| SOIL PROFILE  |  | SAMPLES    |        |      | GROUND WATER<br>CONDITIONS | ELEVATION SCALE | DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION<br>RESISTANCE PLOT |    |    |    |    | PLASTIC<br>LIMIT<br>W <sub>p</sub> | NATURAL<br>MOISTURE<br>CONTENT<br>W | LIQUID<br>LIMIT<br>W <sub>L</sub> | UNIT<br>WEIGHT<br><b>γ</b><br>kN/m <sup>3</sup> | REMARKS<br>&<br>GRAIN SIZE<br>DISTRIBUTION<br>(%)<br>GR SA SI CL |               |
|---------------|--|------------|--------|------|----------------------------|-----------------|---|----|----|----|----|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|---------------|
| ELEV<br>DEPTH | DESCRIPTION  | STRAT PLOT | NUMBER | TYPE |                            |                 | "N" VALUES                                  | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  | 100           |
| 249.8         |  |            | 18     | SS   | 50+                        |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |               |
| 15.2          | SILT - clayey, trace gravel, brown, wet, very dense to dense |            |        |      |                            |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  | Spoon Refusal |
|               | - trace sand, gravel, gey, wet                               |            | 19     | SS   | 73                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |               |
|               |  |            |        |      |                            |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |               |
|               |  |            | 20     | SS   | 49                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |               |
| 246.1         |  |            |        |      |                            |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |               |
| 18.9          | End of Borehole at 18.9 m bgs                                |            |        |      |                            |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |               |

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**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No. 3**

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**METRIC**

W.P. GWP 6176-15-00 LOCATION 14+591, 21.0 Rt, Blake Twp. ORIGINATED BY MQ  
 DIST Thunder Bay HWY 61 BOREHOLE TYPE Solid Stem Auger COMPILED BY DM  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2021.11.09 - 2021.11.09 MTM Zone 15 344601.984 E 5340089.616 N  
 LATITUDE 48.198371 LONGITUDE -89.464532 CHECKED BY FS

| SOIL PROFILE  |  | SAMPLES    |        |      | GROUND WATER<br>CONDITIONS | ELEVATION SCALE | DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION<br>RESISTANCE PLOT |    |    |    |    | PLASTIC NATURAL LIQUID<br>LIMIT MOISTURE LIMIT<br>CONTENT |                |   | UNIT<br>WEIGHT<br>$\gamma$<br>kN/m <sup>3</sup>                 | REMARKS<br>&<br>GRAIN SIZE<br>DISTRIBUTION<br>(%)<br>GR SA SI CL |
|---------------|--|------------|--------|------|----------------------------|-----------------|---|----|----|----|----|---|----------------|---|---|--|
| ELEV<br>DEPTH | DESCRIPTION  | STRAT PLOT | NUMBER | TYPE |                            |                 | "N" VALUES                                  | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 | 100   | W <sub>p</sub> | W |   |  |
| 259.8<br>0.0  | 100 mm organic soil<br><br>SILT - some sand, trace clay, brown, dry<br><br>- some clay, brown, dry, compact to very dense, medium plasticity |            | 1      | AS   |                            |                 |   |    |    |    |    |   |                |   | Dry on Completion (November 9, 2021)<br>Dry (December 21, 2021) |  |
|               |  |            | 2      | SS   | 10                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |   |                |   |   |  |
|               |  |            | 3      | SS   | 24                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |   |                |   |   |  |
|               |  |            | 4      | SS   | 54                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |   |                |   |   |  |
|               |  |            | 5      | SS   | 95+                        |                 |   |    |    |    |    |   |                |   |   |  |
|               |  |            | 6      | SS   | 108/<br>15 cm              |                 |   |    |    |    |    |   |                |   |   |  |
| 255.7<br>4.1  | Refusal at 4.1 m bgs   |            |        |      |                            |                 |   |    |    |    |    |   |                |   |   |  |

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**RECORD OF BOREHOLE No. 4**

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**METRIC**

W.P. GWP 6176-15-00 LOCATION 14+608, 22.0 Lt, Blake Twp. ORIGINATED BY MQ  
 DIST Thunder Bay HWY 61 BOREHOLE TYPE Solid Stem Auger COMPILED BY DM  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2021.11.10 - 2021.11.10 MTM Zone 15 344555.871 E 5340102.865 N  
 LATITUDE 48.198493 LONGITUDE -89.465151 CHECKED BY FS

| SOIL PROFILE  |  | SAMPLES    |        |      | GROUND WATER<br>CONDITIONS | ELEVATION SCALE | DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION<br>RESISTANCE PLOT |    |    |    |    | PLASTIC<br>LIMIT<br>W <sub>p</sub> | NATURAL<br>MOISTURE<br>CONTENT<br>W | LIQUID<br>LIMIT<br>W <sub>L</sub> | UNIT<br>WEIGHT<br><b>γ</b><br>kN/m <sup>3</sup> | REMARKS<br>&<br>GRAIN SIZE<br>DISTRIBUTION<br>(%)<br>GR SA SI CL |  |
|---------------|--|------------|--------|------|----------------------------|-----------------|---|----|----|----|----|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| ELEV<br>DEPTH | DESCRIPTION  | STRAT PLOT | NUMBER | TYPE |                            |                 | "N" VALUES                                  | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  | 100  |
| 260.4<br>0.0  | 100 mm organic soil<br><br>SILT - some clay, trace sand, gravel,<br>brown, dry, compact to dense<br>- trace gravel |            | 1      | AS   |                            |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  | 1 9 72 17  |
|               |  |            | 2      | SS   | 20                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  | Dry on<br>Completion<br>(November 10,<br>2021)<br>Dry (December<br>21, 2021) |
|               |  |            | 3      | SS   | 28                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |  |
|               | - some sand, clay, trace gravel  |            | 4      | SS   | 21                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   | 4 17 67 12   |  |
|               | - some sand  |            | 5      | SS   | 43                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |  |
| 256.6<br>3.8  | SILTY SAND - some gravel, trace silt,<br>brown, damp   |            | 6      | SS   | 26                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  | 19 40 34 6   |
|               |  |            | 7      | SS   | 24                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |  |
| 255.1<br>5.3  | SAND - some silt, gravel, trace clay,<br>brown, damp, compact to dense   |            | 8      | SS   | 17                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |  |
|               |  |            | 9      | SS   | 50                         |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |  |
| 253.7<br>6.7  | End of Borehole at 6.7 m bgs   |            |        |      |                            |                 |   |    |    |    |    |                                    |                                     |                                   |   |  |  |

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# Appendix C

## Borehole Plan and Laboratory Data

Figure No. L-1: Fill: Silt and Sand Grain Size Distribution Curve

Figure No. L-2: Fill: Silty Sand Grain Size Distribution Curve

Figure No. L-3: Fill: Silt and Clay Grain Size Distribution Curve

Figure No. L-4: Fill: Sand Grain Size Distribution Curve

Figure No. L-5: Silt Grain Size Distribution Curve

Figure No. L-6: Silt Grain Size Distribution Curve

Figure No. L-7: Sandy Silt Grain Size Distribution Curve

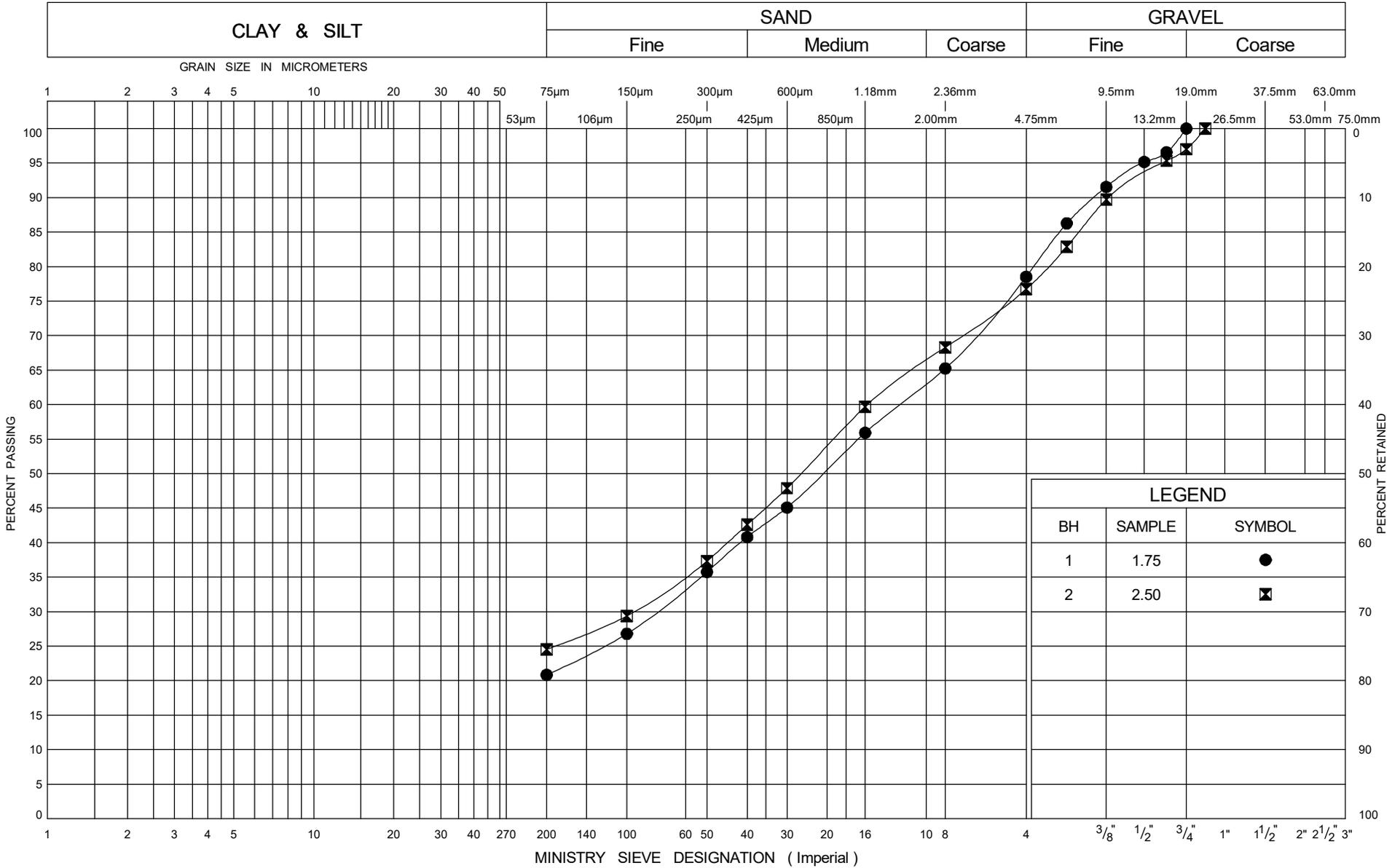
Figure No. L-8: Atterberg Limits Summary

Chemical Test Results



**eNGLOBE**

### UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



| LEGEND |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|
| BH     | SAMPLE | SYMBOL |
| 1      | 1.75   | ●      |
| 2      | 2.50   | ⊠      |

### GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FILL - SAND

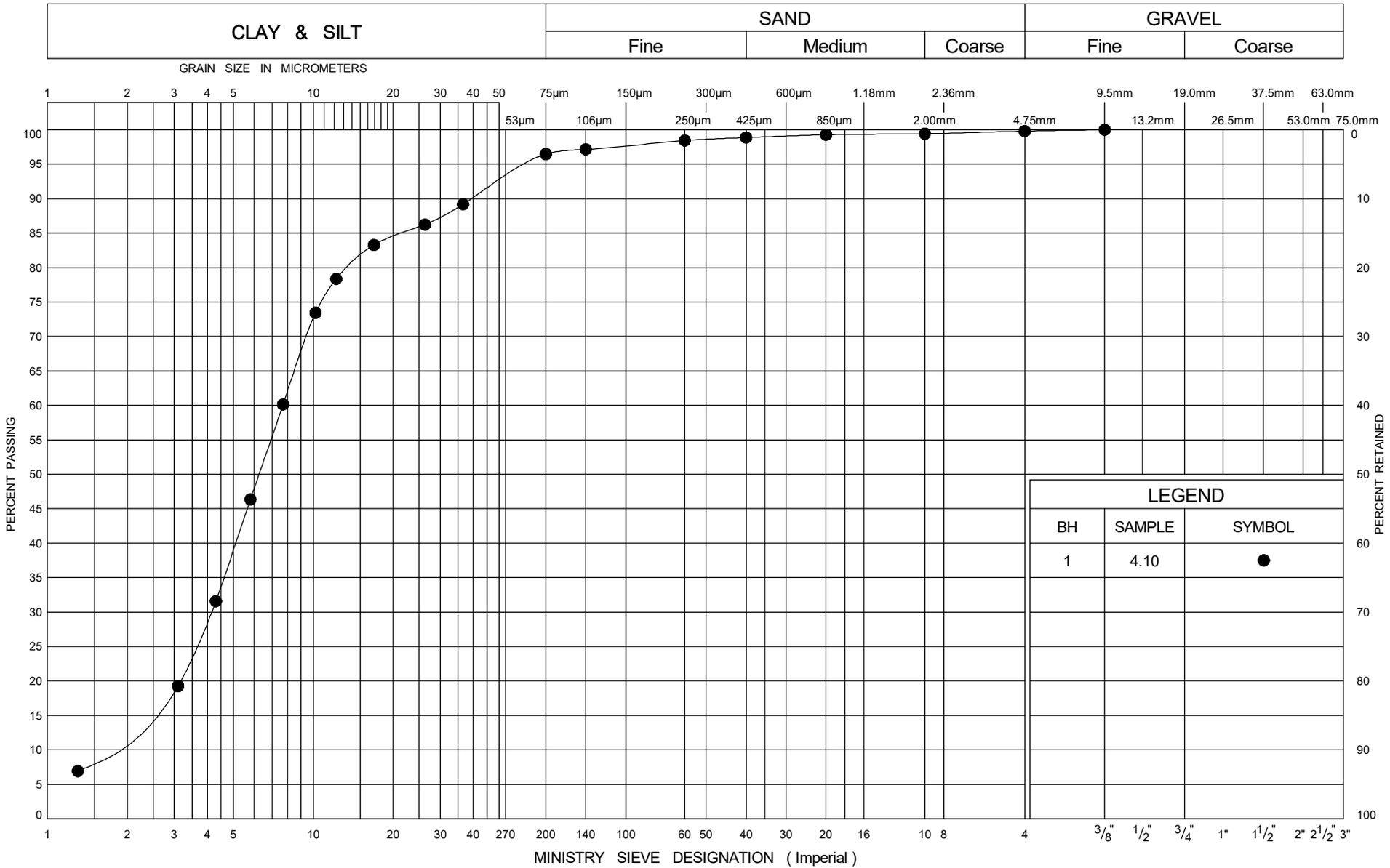
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### UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



| LEGEND |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|
| BH     | SAMPLE | SYMBOL |
| 1      | 4.10   | ●      |

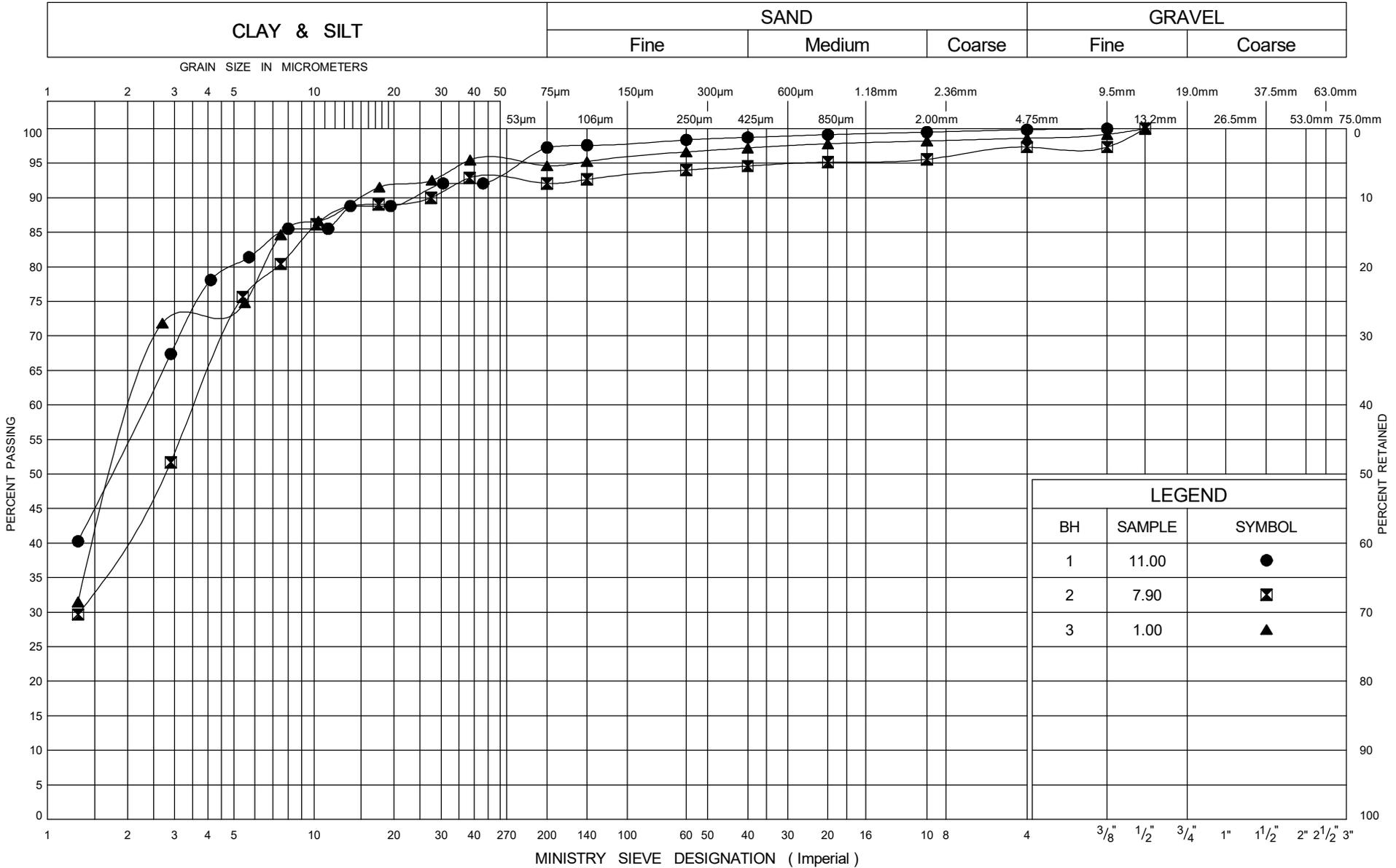
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**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**  
**FILL - SILT**

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UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



| LEGEND |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|
| BH     | SAMPLE | SYMBOL |
| 1      | 11.00  | ●      |
| 2      | 7.90   | ⊠      |
| 3      | 1.00   | ▲      |

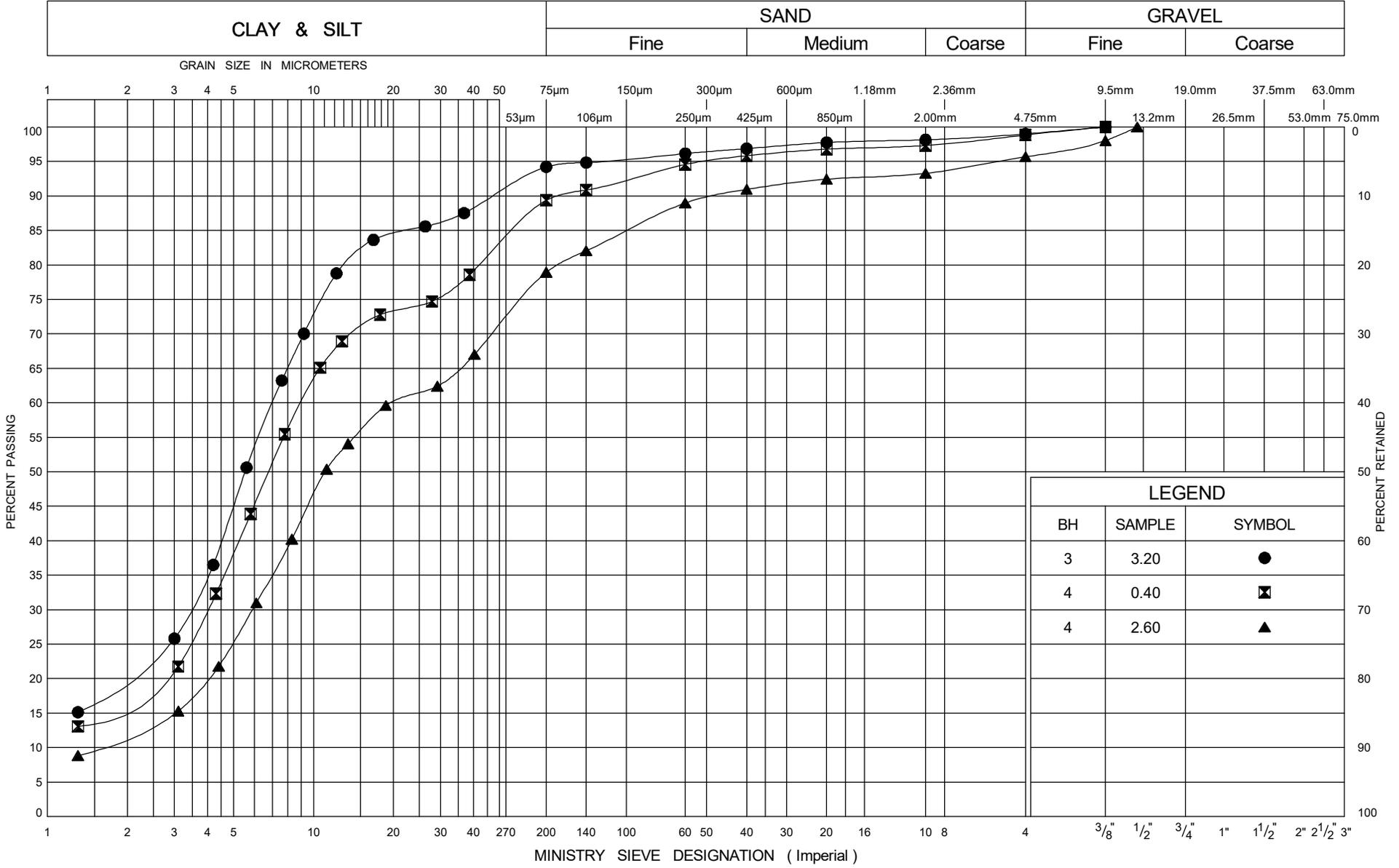
ONTARIO MOT GRAIN SIZE GWP 6176-15-00 - HIGHWAY 61 - CULVERT 14+588.GPJ ONTARIO MOT.GDT 12/21/21



GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION  
SILT & CLAY

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UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



| LEGEND |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|
| BH     | SAMPLE | SYMBOL |
| 3      | 3.20   | ●      |
| 4      | 0.40   | ⊠      |
| 4      | 2.60   | ▲      |

ONTARIO MOT GRAIN SIZE GWP 6176-15-00 - HIGHWAY 61 - CULVERT 14+588.GPJ ONTARIO MOT.GDT 12/21/21

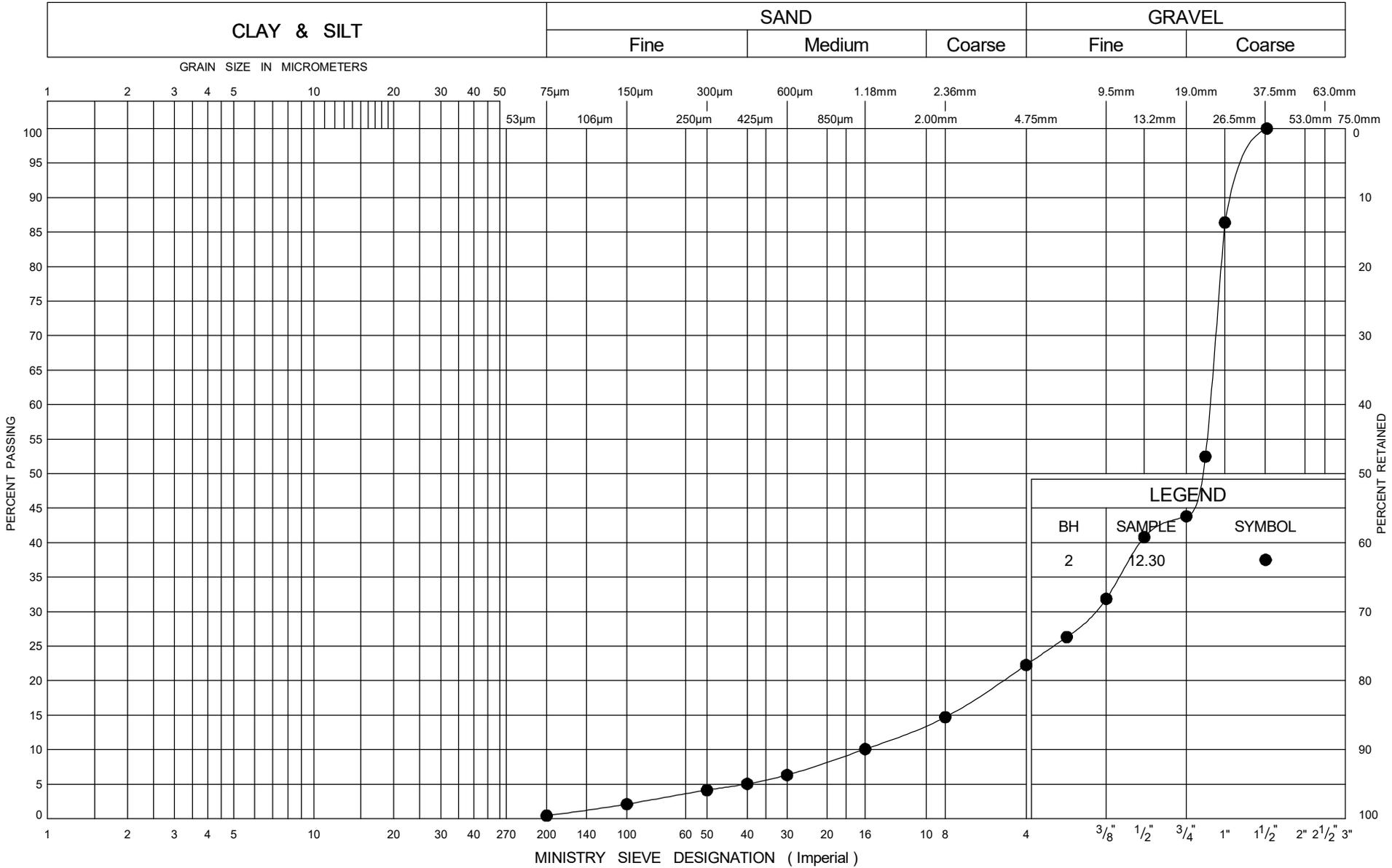


GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

SILT

Figure: L-4  
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### UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

SANDY GRAVEL

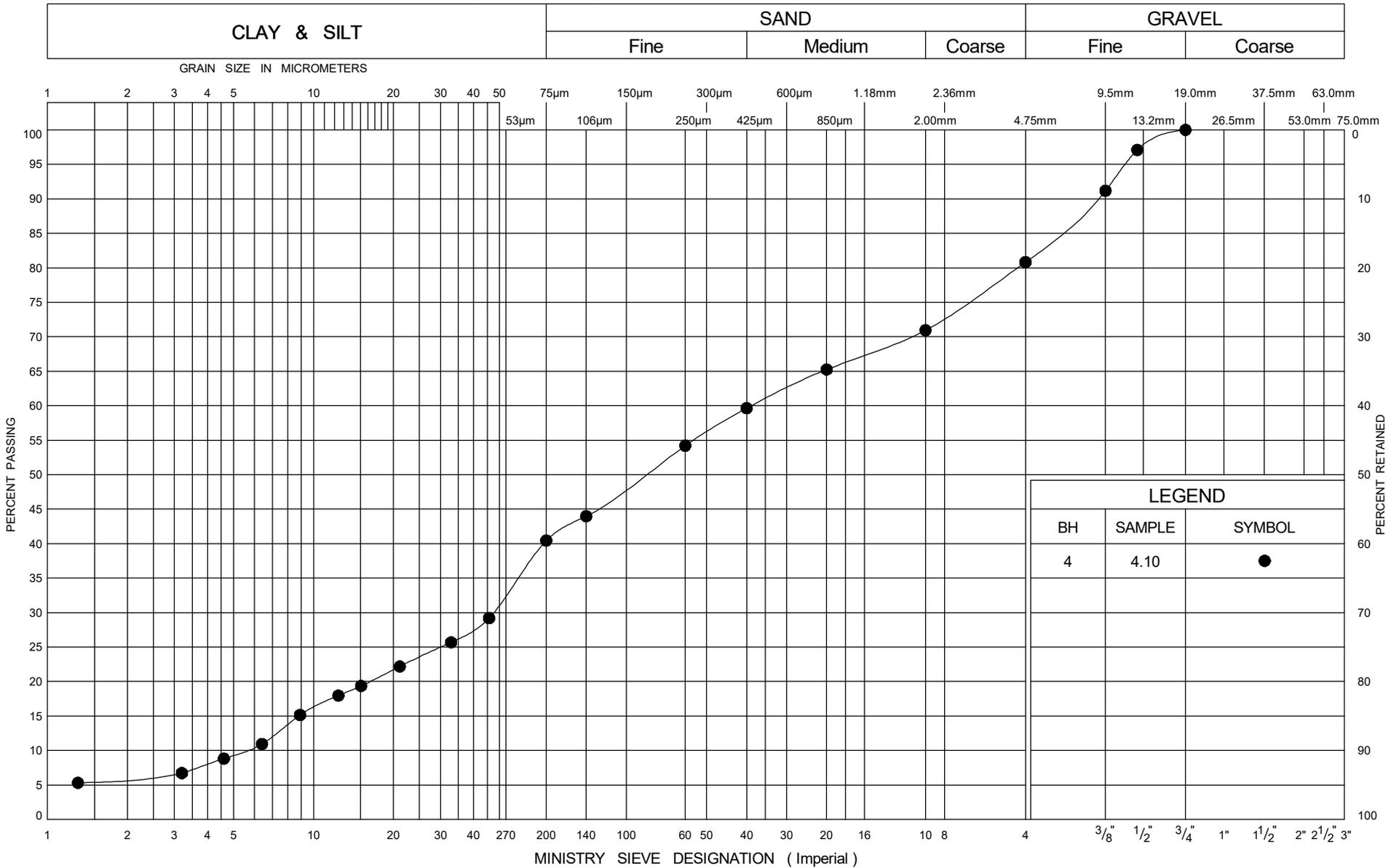
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### UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



ONTARIO MOT GRAIN SIZE GWP 6176-15-00 - HIGHWAY 61 - CULVERT 14+588.GPJ ONTARIO MOT.GDT 12/21/21



### GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

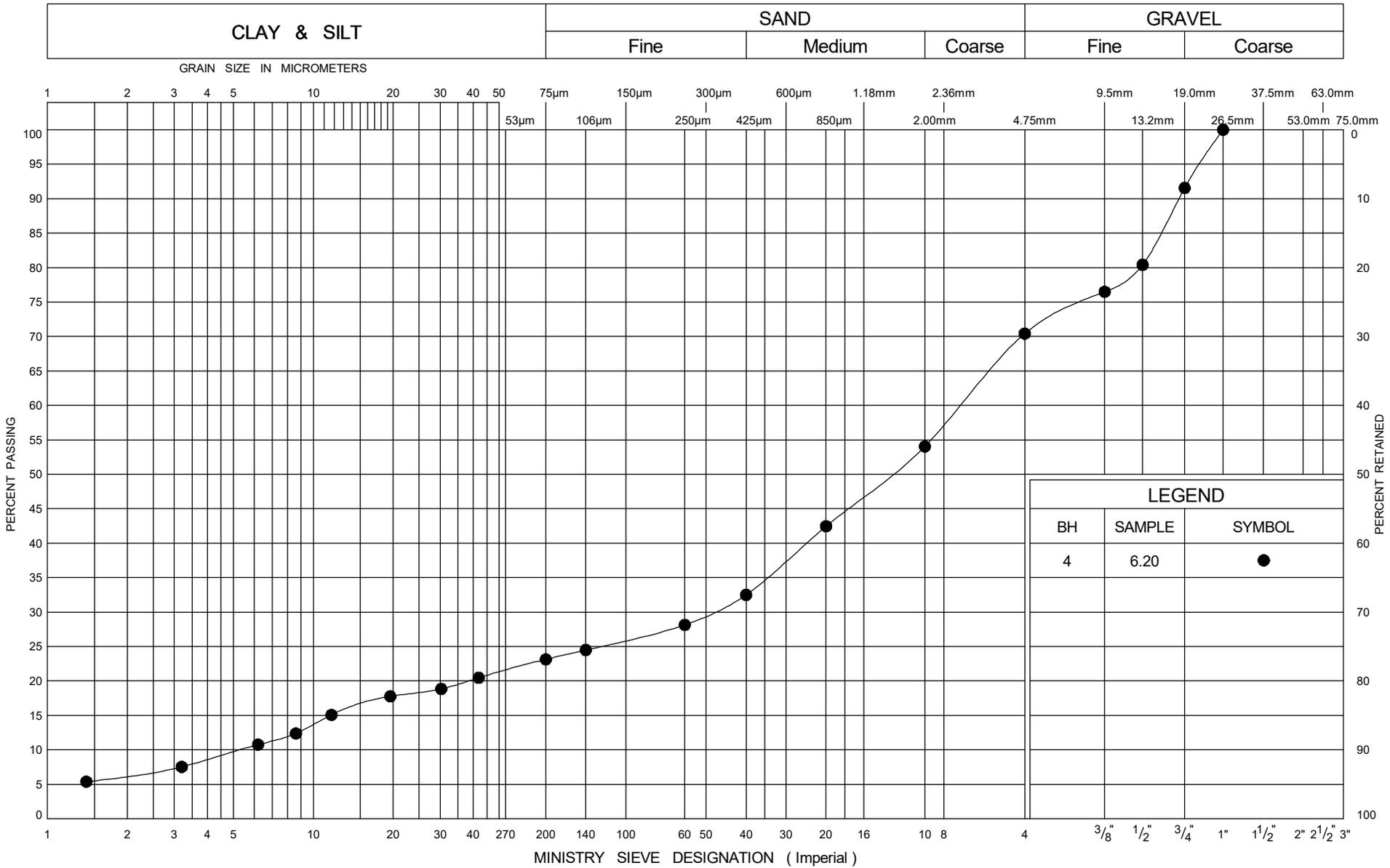
SILTY SAND

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### UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



### GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

GRAVELLY SAND

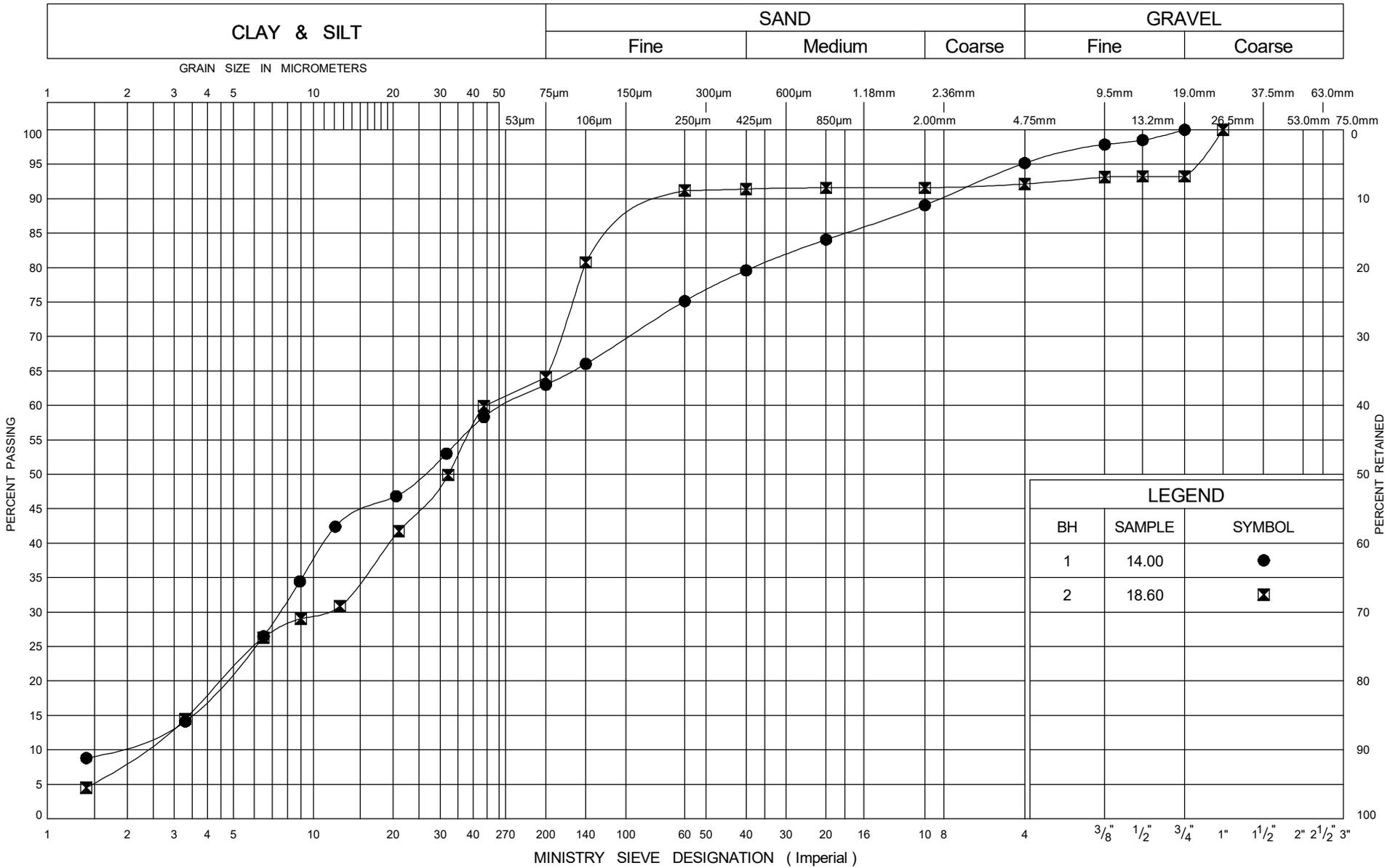
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### UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



### GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

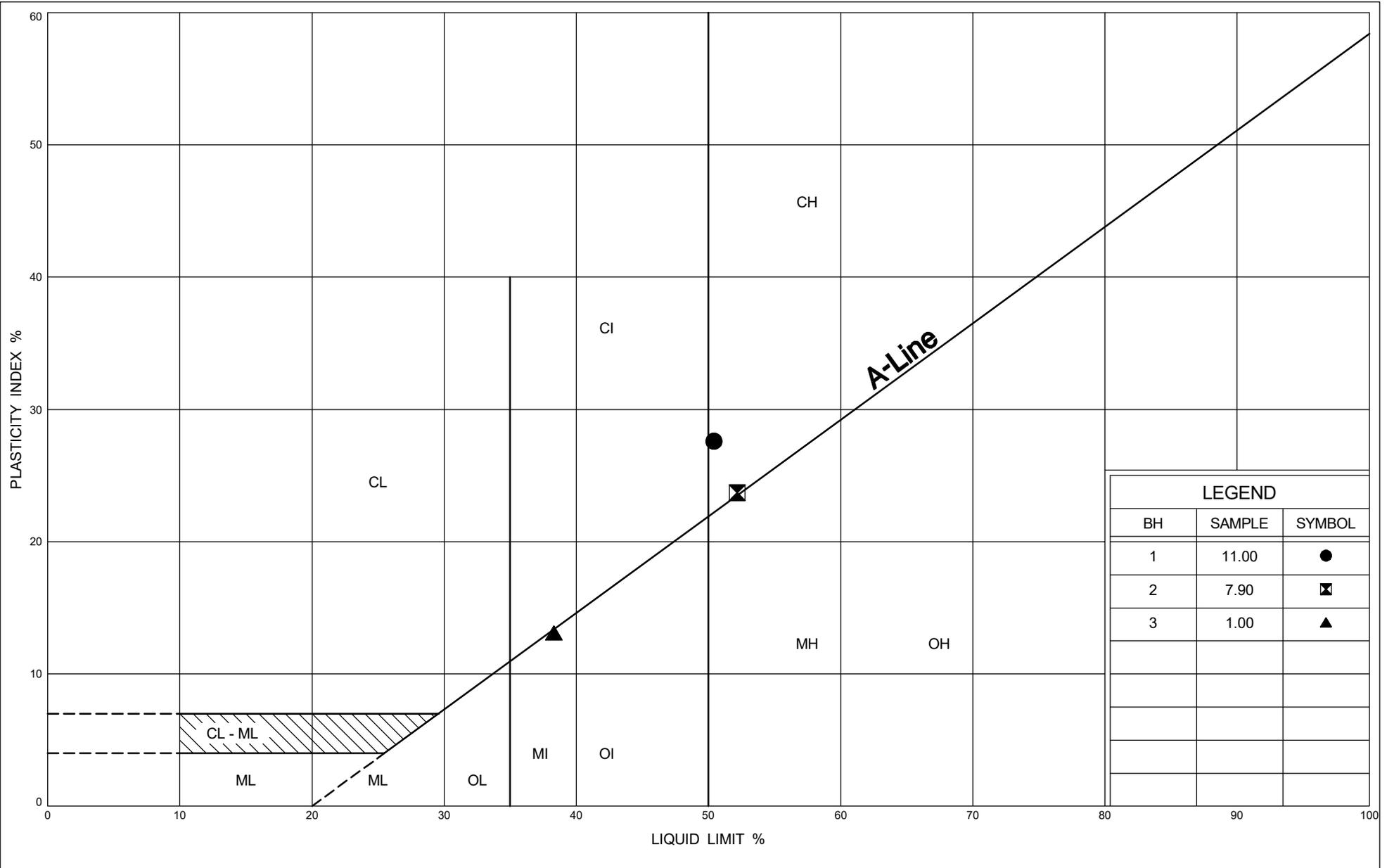
SANDY SILT

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| LEGEND |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|
| BH     | SAMPLE | SYMBOL |
| 1      | 11.00  | ●      |
| 2      | 7.90   | ◩      |
| 3      | 1.00   | ▲      |
|        |        |        |
|        |        |        |
|        |        |        |
|        |        |        |
|        |        |        |
|        |        |        |



PLASTICITY CHART

Figure: L-9  
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Sample Matrix: Soil  
 # Samples Received: 4

| Analyses                | Quantity | Date       |            | Laboratory Method | Analytical Method |
|-------------------------|----------|------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                         |          | Extracted  | Analyzed   |                   |                   |
| Chloride (20:1 extract) | 4        | 2021/12/06 | 2021/12/06 | CAM SOP-00463     | SM 23 4500-Cl E m |
| Conductivity            | 4        | 2021/12/03 | 2021/12/03 | CAM SOP-00414     | OMOE E3530 v1 m   |
| pH CaCl2 EXTRACT        | 4        | 2022/01/07 | 2021/12/02 | CAM SOP-00413     | EPA 9045 D m      |
| Resistivity of Soil     | 4        | 2021/12/21 | 2022/01/07 | CAM SOP-00414     | SM 23 2510 m      |
| Sulphate (20:1 Extract) | 4        | 2021/12/03 | 2022/01/06 | CAM SOP-00464     | EPA 375.4 m       |

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**RESULTS OF ANALYSES OF SOIL**

|                   |              |                             |            |                 |   |            |                 |                             |            |                 |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|---|------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Bureau Veritas ID |              | RK0370                      |            |                 | RK0370                                  |            |                 | RK0371                      |            |                 |
| Sampling Date     |              | 2021/10/15<br>14:00         |            |                 | 2021/10/15<br>14:00                     |            |                 | 2021/10/23<br>09:30         |            |                 |
| COC Number        |              | na                          |            |                 | na                                      |            |                 | na                          |            |                 |
|                   | <b>UNITS</b> | <b>20+375 BH2,<br/>S#15</b> | <b>RDL</b> | <b>QC Batch</b> | <b>20+375 BH2,<br/>S#15<br/>Lab-Dup</b> | <b>RDL</b> | <b>QC Batch</b> | <b>20+040 BH1,<br/>S#10</b> | <b>RDL</b> | <b>QC Batch</b> |

|                              |        |      |  |         |  |  |  |     |  |         |
|------------------------------|--------|------|--|---------|--|--|--|-----|--|---------|
| <b>Calculated Parameters</b> |        |      |  |         |  |  |  |     |  |         |
| Resistivity                  | ohm-cm | 1500 |  | 7746098 |  |  |  | 780 |  | 7746098 |

|                               |       |       |       |         |     |    |         |      |       |         |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-----|----|---------|------|-------|---------|
| <b>Inorganics</b>             |       |       |       |         |     |    |         |      |       |         |
| Soluble (20:1) Chloride (Cl-) | ug/g  | 180   | 20    | 7764954 | 170 | 20 | 7764954 | 490  | 20    | 7764954 |
| Conductivity                  | mS/cm | 0.661 | 0.002 | 7770495 |     |    |         | 1.28 | 0.002 | 7770495 |
| Available (CaCl2) pH          | pH    | 7.17  |       | 7770243 |     |    |         | 7.63 |       | 7770243 |
| Soluble (20:1) Sulphate (SO4) | ug/g  | 300   | 20    | 7760268 | 310 | 20 | 7760268 | 670  | 20    | 7760268 |

RDL = Reportable Detection Limit  
QC Batch = Quality Control Batch  
Lab-Dup = Laboratory Initiated Duplicate

|  |              |                             |                             |            |                 |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Bureau Veritas ID  |              | RK0372                      | RK0373                      |            |                 |
| Sampling Date  |              | 2021/10/25<br>11:50         | 2021/10/28<br>13:30         |            |                 |
| COC Number   |              | na                          | na                          |            |                 |
|  | <b>UNITS</b> | <b>14+588 BH1,<br/>S#15</b> | <b>26+418 BH2,<br/>S#10</b> | <b>RDL</b> | <b>QC Batch</b> |
| <b>Calculated Parameters</b>   |              |                             |                             |            |                 |
| Resistivity  | ohm-cm       | 2300                        | 2100                        |            | 7746098         |
| <b>Inorganics</b>  |              |                             |                             |            |                 |
| Soluble (20:1) Chloride (Cl-)  | ug/g         | 260                         | 270                         | 20         | 7764954         |
| Conductivity   | mS/cm        | 0.439                       | 0.469                       | 0.002      | 7770495         |
| Available (CaCl2) pH   | pH           | 5.13                        | 7.21                        |            | 7770243         |
| Soluble (20:1) Sulphate (SO4)  | ug/g         | <20                         | <20                         | 20         | 7760268         |
| RDL = Reportable Detection Limit<br>QC Batch = Quality Control Batch |              |                             |                             |            |                 |



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### TEST SUMMARY

**Bureau Veritas ID:** RKO370  
**Sample ID:** 20+375 BH2, S#15  
**Matrix:** Soil

**Collected:** 2021/10/15  
**Shipped:**  
**Received:** 2021/11/29

| Test Description        | Instrumentation | Batch   | Extracted  | Date Analyzed | Analyst           |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Chloride (20:1 extract) | KONE/EC         | 7764954 | 2021/12/06 | 2021/12/06    | Alina Dobreanu    |
| Conductivity            | AT              | 7770495 | 2021/12/03 | 2021/12/03    | Kien Tran         |
| pH CaCl2 EXTRACT        | AT              | 7770243 | 2021/12/02 | 2021/12/02    | Taslina Aktar     |
| Resistivity of Soil     |                 | 7746098 | 2022/01/07 | 2022/01/07    | Automated Statchk |
| Sulphate (20:1 Extract) | KONE/EC         | 7760268 | 2021/12/03 | 2022/01/06    | Avneet Kour Sudan |

**Bureau Veritas ID:** RKO370 Dup  
**Sample ID:** 20+375 BH2, S#15  
**Matrix:** Soil

**Collected:** 2021/10/15  
**Shipped:**  
**Received:** 2021/11/29

| Test Description        | Instrumentation | Batch   | Extracted  | Date Analyzed | Analyst           |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Chloride (20:1 extract) | KONE/EC         | 7764954 | 2021/12/06 | 2021/12/06    | Alina Dobreanu    |
| Sulphate (20:1 Extract) | KONE/EC         | 7760268 | 2021/12/30 | 2022/01/06    | Avneet Kour Sudan |

**Bureau Veritas ID:** RKO371  
**Sample ID:** 20+040 BH1, S#10  
**Matrix:** Soil

**Collected:** 2021/10/23  
**Shipped:**  
**Received:** 2021/11/29

| Test Description        | Instrumentation | Batch   | Extracted  | Date Analyzed | Analyst           |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Chloride (20:1 extract) | KONE/EC         | 7764954 | 2021/12/06 | 2021/12/06    | Alina Dobreanu    |
| Conductivity            | AT              | 7770495 | 2021/12/03 | 2021/12/03    | Kien Tran         |
| pH CaCl2 EXTRACT        | AT              | 7770243 | 2021/12/02 | 2021/12/02    | Taslina Aktar     |
| Resistivity of Soil     |                 | 7746098 | 2022/01/07 | 2022/01/07    | Automated Statchk |
| Sulphate (20:1 Extract) | KONE/EC         | 7760268 | 2021/12/03 | 2022/01/06    | Avneet Kour Sudan |

**Bureau Veritas ID:** RKO372  
**Sample ID:** 14+588 BH1, S#15  
**Matrix:** Soil

**Collected:** 2021/10/25  
**Shipped:**  
**Received:** 2021/11/29

| Test Description        | Instrumentation | Batch   | Extracted  | Date Analyzed | Analyst           |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Chloride (20:1 extract) | KONE/EC         | 7764954 | 2021/12/06 | 2021/12/06    | Alina Dobreanu    |
| Conductivity            | AT              | 7770495 | 2021/12/03 | 2021/12/03    | Kien Tran         |
| pH CaCl2 EXTRACT        | AT              | 7770243 | 2021/12/02 | 2021/12/02    | Taslina Aktar     |
| Resistivity of Soil     |                 | 7746098 | 2022/01/07 | 2022/01/07    | Automated Statchk |
| Sulphate (20:1 Extract) | KONE/EC         | 7760268 | 2021/12/03 | 2022/01/06    | Avneet Kour Sudan |

**Bureau Veritas ID:** RKO373  
**Sample ID:** 26+418 BH2, S#10  
**Matrix:** Soil

**Collected:** 2021/10/28  
**Shipped:**  
**Received:** 2021/11/29

| Test Description        | Instrumentation | Batch   | Extracted  | Date Analyzed | Analyst           |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Chloride (20:1 extract) | KONE/EC         | 7764954 | 2021/12/06 | 2021/12/06    | Alina Dobreanu    |
| Conductivity            | AT              | 7770495 | 2021/12/03 | 2021/12/03    | Kien Tran         |
| pH CaCl2 EXTRACT        | AT              | 7770243 | 2021/12/02 | 2021/12/02    | Taslina Aktar     |
| Resistivity of Soil     |                 | 7746098 | 2022/01/07 | 2022/01/07    | Automated Statchk |



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Bureau Veritas Job #: C1Z7709  
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DST Consulting Engineers Inc  
Client Project #: 2109931  
Site Location: HIGHWAY 61, NEEBING , ON  
Sampler Initials: RT

### TEST SUMMARY

**Bureau Veritas ID:** RKO373  
**Sample ID:** 26+418 BH2, S#10  
**Matrix:** Soil

**Collected:** 2021/10/28  
**Shipped:**  
**Received:** 2021/11/29

| Test Description        | Instrumentation | Batch   | Extracted  | Date Analyzed | Analyst           |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Sulphate (20:1 Extract) | KONE/EC         | 7760268 | 2021/12/03 | 2022/01/06    | Avneet Kour Sudan |



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### GENERAL COMMENTS

Each temperature is the average of up to three cooler temperatures taken at receipt

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Package 1 | 16.7°C |
|-----------|--------|

**Results relate only to the items tested.**



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### QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT

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| QC Batch | Parameter                     | Date       | Matrix Spike |           | SPIKED BLANK |           | Method Blank |       | RPD       |           |
|----------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
|          |                               |            | % Recovery   | QC Limits | % Recovery   | QC Limits | Value        | UNITS | Value (%) | QC Limits |
| 7760268  | Soluble (20:1) Sulphate (SO4) | 2022/01/06 | 112          | 70 - 130  | 99           | 70 - 130  | <20          | ug/g  | 1.9       | 35        |
| 7764954  | Soluble (20:1) Chloride (Cl-) | 2021/12/06 | 93           | 80 - 120  | 107          | 80 - 120  | <20          | ug/g  | 6.0       | 35        |
| 7770243  | Available (CaCl2) pH          | 2021/12/02 |              |           | 100          | N/A       |              |       |           |           |
| 7770495  | Conductivity                  | 2021/12/03 |              |           | 99           | 90 - 110  | <0.002       | mS/cm |           |           |

Duplicate: Paired analysis of a separate portion of the same sample. Used to evaluate the variance in the measurement.

Matrix Spike: A sample to which a known amount of the analyte of interest has been added. Used to evaluate sample matrix interference.

Spiked Blank: A blank matrix sample to which a known amount of the analyte, usually from a second source, has been added. Used to evaluate method accuracy.

Method Blank: A blank matrix containing all reagents used in the analytical procedure. Used to identify laboratory contamination.



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### VALIDATION SIGNATURE PAGE

The analytical data and all QC contained in this report were reviewed and validated by:

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### CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

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| Invoice Information  |                  | Report Information (if differs from invoice)   |                      |                                |                           | Project Information (where applicable)  |               |              |      | Turnaround Time (TAT) Required   |                      |   |                  |              |                     |                         |                         |                       |          |
|--|------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------|--------------|------|--|----------------------|---|------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Company Name: <b>DST Consulting Engineers</b>  |                  | Company Name: <b>DST Consulting Engineers</b>  |                      |                                |                           | Quotation #:  |               |              |      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular TAT (5-7 days) Most analyses                                 |                      |   |                  |              |                     |                         |                         |                       |          |
| Contact Name: <b>Accounts Payable</b>  |                  | Contact Name: <b>Diana McKay</b>   |                      |                                |                           | P.O. #/ AFE#:   |               |              |      | PLEASE PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTICE FOR RUSH PROJECTS  |                      |   |                  |              |                     |                         |                         |                       |          |
| Address: <b>605 Hewitson St.</b>   |                  | Address: <b>same</b>   |                      |                                |                           | Project #: <b>2109931</b>   |               |              |      | Rush TAT (Surcharges will be applied)  |                      |   |                  |              |                     |                         |                         |                       |          |
| Thunder Bay  |                  |  |                      |                                |                           | Site Location: <b>Highway 61, Neebing Ontario</b>   |               |              |      | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Day <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Days <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 Days         |                      |   |                  |              |                     |                         |                         |                       |          |
| Phone: Fax:  |                  | Phone: Fax:  |                      |                                |                           | Site #:   |               |              |      | Date Required:   |                      |   |                  |              |                     |                         |                         |                       |          |
| Email: <b>ap@dstgroup.com</b>  |                  | Email: <b>dmckay@dstgroup.com</b>  |                      |                                |                           | Site Location Province: <b>Ontario</b>  |               |              |      | Rush Confirmation #:   |                      |   |                  |              |                     |                         |                         |                       |          |
| MOE REGULATED DRINKING WATER OR WATER INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE BUREAU VERITAS LABORATORIES' DRINKING WATER CHAIN OF CUSTODY   |                  |  |                      |                                |                           |   |               |              |      |  |                      |   |                  |              |                     |                         |                         |                       |          |
| Regulation 153   |                  | Other Regulations  |                      |                                |                           | Analysis Requested  |               |              |      | LABORATORY USE ONLY  |                      |   |                  |              |                     |                         |                         |                       |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Table 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Res/Park <input type="checkbox"/> Med/ Fine<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Table 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ind/Comm <input type="checkbox"/> Coarse<br><input type="checkbox"/> Table 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Agri/ Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> Table _____<br><b>FOR RSC (PLEASE CIRCLE) Y / N</b> |                  | <input type="checkbox"/> CCME <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Sewer Bylaw<br><input type="checkbox"/> MISA <input type="checkbox"/> Storm Sewer Bylaw<br><input type="checkbox"/> PWQO <input type="checkbox"/> Region _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> REG 558 (MIN. 3 DAY TAT REQUIRED)<br><input type="checkbox"/> REG 406 Table _____ |                      |                                |                           | # OF CONTAINERS SUBMITTED<br>FIELD FILTERED (CIRCLE) Metals / Hg / CrVI<br>BTEX / PHC F1<br>PHCs F2 - F4<br>VOCs<br>REG 153 METALS & INORGANICS<br>REG 153 ICPMS METALS<br>REG 153 METALS (Hg, Cr VI, ICPMS Metals, HWS - B)<br>pH CaCl2 Extract<br>Conductivity<br>Resistivity of Soil<br>Sulphate (20:1 extract)<br>Chloride (20:1 extract) |               |              |      | CUSTODY SEAL Y / N<br>Present Intact<br>COOLING MEDIA PRESENT: Y / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N |                      |   |                  |              |                     |                         |                         |                       |          |
| Include Criteria on Certificate of Analysis: <b>Y / N</b>  |                  |  |                      |                                |                           |   |               |              |      |  |                      |   |                  |              |                     |                         |                         |                       |          |
| SAMPLES MUST BE KEPT COOL (< 10 °C) FROM TIME OF SAMPLING UNTIL DELIVERY TO BUREAU VERITAS   |                  |  |                      |                                |                           |   |               |              |      |  |                      |   |                  |              |                     |                         |                         |                       |          |
| SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION  |                  | DATE SAMPLED (YYYY/MM/DD)  | TIME SAMPLED (HH:MM) | MATRIX                         | # OF CONTAINERS SUBMITTED | FIELD FILTERED (CIRCLE) Metals / Hg / CrVI  | BTEX / PHC F1 | PHCs F2 - F4 | VOCs | REG 153 METALS & INORGANICS  | REG 153 ICPMS METALS | REG 153 METALS (Hg, Cr VI, ICPMS Metals, HWS - B) | pH CaCl2 Extract | Conductivity | Resistivity of Soil | Sulphate (20:1 extract) | Chloride (20:1 extract) | HOLD - DO NOT ANALYZE | COMMENTS |
| 1  | 20+375 BH2, S#15 | 2021/10/15   | 14:00                | Soil                           | 1                         |   |               |              |      |  |                      |   | X                | X            | X                   | X                       | X                       |                       |          |
| 2  | 20+040 BH1, S#10 | 2021/10/23   | 9:30                 | Soil                           | 1                         |   |               |              |      |  |                      |   | X                | X            | X                   | X                       | X                       |                       |          |
| 3  | 14+588 BH1, S#15 | 2021/10/25   | 11:50                | Soil                           | 1                         |   |               |              |      |  |                      |   | X                | X            | X                   | X                       | X                       |                       |          |
| 4  | 26+418 BH2, S#10 | 2021/10/28   | 13:30                | Soil                           | 1                         |   |               |              |      |  |                      |   | X                | X            | X                   | X                       | X                       |                       |          |
| 5  |                  |  |                      |                                |                           |   |               |              |      |  |                      |   |                  |              |                     |                         |                         |                       |          |
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| Ron Morrison Ron M   |                  | Nov. 29/21   | 10:17am              | James Klapperich               |                           | 2021/11/29  | 12:17         |              |      |  |                      | SPJ   |                  | ENU-1560     |                     | C12 7709                |                         |                       |          |
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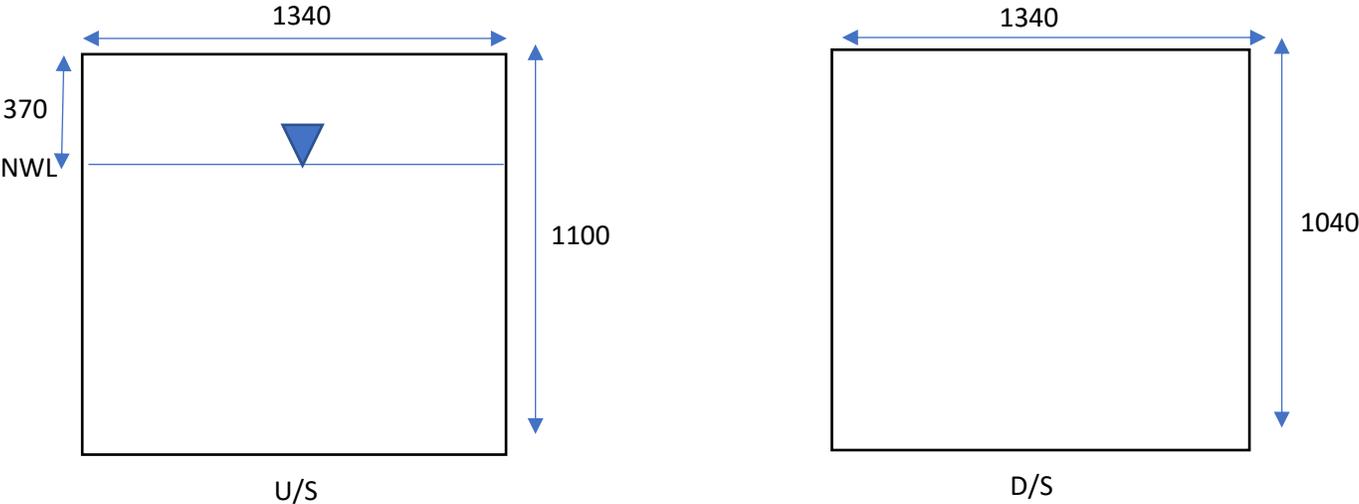
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**Appendix D**  
**Culvert Inspection Report**  
**(as provided by Gannett Fleming)**



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### FIELD INSPECTION FORM

| A. GENERAL INFORMATION  |  |                              |   |
|---|--|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Project #</b>  | 6176-15-00 - Highway 61                                  | <b>Project Description</b>   | From 0.5km north of Jarvis Bay Road to 0.4km South of Hwy 130 |
| <b>Date</b>   | October 5, 2021  | <b>Weather Conditions</b>    | Sunny   |
| <b>Inspector 1</b>  | David Jackson  | <b>Inspector 2 /Reviewer</b> | -   |
| B. CULVERT ID / LOCATION  |  |                              |   |
| <b>Culvert ID</b>   | C26  | <b>Chainage</b>              | 14+588  |
| <b>UTM Easting</b>  | 344581.0742  | <b>UTM Northing</b>          | 5340082.0008  |
| <b>Description</b>  | South of the Copper Cliff Road & Highway 61 intersection |                              |   |
| C. STRUCTURE DETAILS  |  |                              |   |
| <b>Material – CTC</b>   |  |                              |   |
| <b>Dimensions – 1340 X 1100 US / 1340 x 1040 DS</b>                                       |  |                              |   |
| <b>Clearance (soffit to normal water level) – 370mm / N/A</b>                             |  |                              |   |
| <b>High Water Mark (on structure) – N/A</b>   |  |                              |   |
| <b>Structures (U/S / D/S of Crossing) – N/A</b>   |  |                              |   |
| <b>Debris – US filled</b>   |  |                              |   |
| D. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS   |  |                              |   |
| <b>Watercourse Type and Creek Material – Dry on US, Pond DS</b>                           |  |                              |   |
| <b>Bank Conditions (stability) – Stable</b>   |  |                              |   |
| <b>Channel Dimensions (width and depth) – No channel (wide open) US / 2m, 3:1, dry DS</b> |  |                              |   |
| <b>Observed Flow Conditions (ephemeral/permanent) – Permanent</b>                         |  |                              |   |
| E. SITE CONDITIONS  |  |                              |   |
| <b>Road Condition (sag, settlement, etc.) – OK</b>  |  |                              |   |
| <b>Physical Culvert Condition (rust, damage, etc.) – Filled in and failing structure</b>  |  |                              |   |
| <b>Culvert Appearance (general comments) – Replace</b>                                    |  |                              |   |
| <b>Site Sketch –</b>  |  |                              |   |
|       |  |                              |   |

**Creosote Timber Box Culvert (Culvert #26) @ 14+588**

**C26 - #1 – Upstream Channel Conditions**



**C26 - #2 – Upstream Face of the Culvert**



**C26 - #3 – Downstream Channel Conditions**



**C26 - #4 – Downstream Face of the Culvert**



**Appendix E**  
**Non-Standard Special Provisions (NSSP) -**  
**Potential Obstructions in Subsurface Soils**



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## **NSSP – Potential Obstructions in Subsurface Soils**

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### **Special Provision**

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The Contractor is notified that, during foundation field investigations for the culvert located at STA 14+588 located on Highway 61 in Township of Blake, organic inclusions have been encountered buried near the bottom of the embankment fill. In addition, auger refusal was encountered at El. 256.0 m in BH No. 2 and El. 255.7 m in BH No. 3. The Contractor shall take into account these obstructions in soils for designing and constructing of trenchless techniques and the temporary protection system.

**Appendix F**  
**Non-Standard Special Provisions (NSSP) -**  
**Pipe Installation by Trenchless Method**



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## **PIPE INSTALLATION BY TRENCHLESS METHOD – Item No.**

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Draft Special Provision for Highway 61 culvert (14+588) GEOCRETS No. 52A00-262

May 2022

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### **CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PIPES BY TRENCHLESS METHOD**

#### **1.0 SCOPE**

This Special Provision covers the requirements for the installation of pipes by a selected trenchless method.

#### **2.0 REFERENCES**

This Special Provision refers to the following standards, specifications, or publications:

##### **Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications, General**

OPSS 180 General Specification for the Management of Excess Materials

##### **Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications, Construction**

OPSS 182 Environmental Protection for Construction in Waterbodies and On Waterbody Banks  
OPSS 401 Trenching, Backfilling, and Compacting  
OPSS 402 Excavating, Backfilling, and Compacting for Maintenance Holes, Catch Basins, Ditch Inlets and Valve Chambers  
OPSS 403 Rock Excavation for Pipelines, Utilities, and Associated Structures in Open Cut  
OPSS 404 Construction Specification for Support Systems  
OPSS 409 Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Inspection of Pipelines  
OPSS 490 Site Preparation for Pipelines, Utilities, and Associated Structures  
OPSS 491 Preservation, Protection, and Reconstruction of Existing Facilities  
OPSS 492 Site Restoration Following Installation of Pipelines, Utilities and Associated Structures  
OPSS 510 Construction Specification for Removal  
OPSS 517 Construction Specification for Dewatering  
OPSS 539 Construction Specification for Temporary Protection Systems

##### **Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications, Material**

OPSS 1004 Material Specification for Aggregates - Miscellaneous  
OPSS 1350 Material Specification for Concrete - Materials and Production  
OPSS 1440 Steel Reinforcement for Concrete  
OPSS 1802 Material Specification for Smooth Walled Steel Pipe  
OPSS 1820 Material Specification for Circular and Elliptical Concrete Pipe  
OPSS 1840 Material Specification for Non-Pressure Polyethylene (PE) Plastic Pipe Products  
OPSS 1841 Material Specification for Non-Pressure Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Plastic Pipe Products

##### **CSA Standards**

A3000 Cementitious Materials Compendium  
B182.6 Profile polyethylene (PE) sewer pipe and fittings for leak-proof sewer applications

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| B182.8  | Profile Polyethylene (PE) Storm Sewer and Drainage Pipe and Fittings                 |
| B182.13 | Profile Polypropylene (PP) Sewer Pipe and Fittings for Leak-proof Sewer Applications |
| C22.1   | Canadian Electrical Code   |
| W59     | Welded Steel Construction  |

### **American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International Standards**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| A 252M-19 | Standard Specification for Welded and Seamless Steel Pipe Piles                          |
| C-33      | Standard Specification for Concrete Aggregates.  |
| C-39      | Standard Test method for Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete                    |
| D 2657    | Standard Practice for Heat Fusion Joining of Polyolefin Pipe and Fittings                |
| D 3350    | Standard Specification for Polyethylene Plastics Pipe and Fittings Materials             |
| D6910     | Standard Specification for Marsh Funnel Viscosity of Clay Construction Slurries          |
| F 894     | Standard Specification for Polyethylene Large Diameter Profile Wall Sewer and Drain Pipe |

### **International Organization for Standardization/International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC)**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| 17025 | General Requirements for the Competence of the Testing and Calibration Laboratories |
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## **3.0 DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Special Provision, the following definitions apply:

**Annular Space** means the space between the inside edge of the opening and the outside edge of the penetrating item or inserted pipe.

**Auger Jack & Bore** means a method of forming a horizontal bore in the subsurface by simultaneously or alternately jacking into the ground a casing pipe and rotating a cutter head at the lead end of an auger flight with removal of material from inside the casing by using continuous-flight augers.

**Backreamer or Reamer** means a cutting head suitably designed for the subsurface conditions that is attached to drilling equipment and used to enlarge the bore

**Bore Path** means a drilled path according to the grade and alignment tolerances specified in the Contract Documents.

**Boulder Number Ratio (BNR)** means the number of individual boulders per m<sup>3</sup> of cumulative boulder volume.

**Boulder Volume Ratio (BVR)** means the ratio between the cumulative volume of boulders and the volume of the material excavated.

**Design Engineer** means the Engineer retained by the Contractor who produces the design and Working Drawings and other engineering documents required of the Contractor. The Design Engineer shall be licensed to practice in the Province of Ontario.

**Design Checking Engineer** means the Engineer retained by the Contractor who checks the original design and Working Drawings.

**Digger Shield/Hand Mining** means a method of forming a horizontal bore in the subsurface by essentially simultaneously jacking a casing pipe, with or without a protective shield at the lead end, into the ground while

tunnelling and removal of earth and rock is completed using manually-operated tools (e.g., pneumatic spades, rams, shovels, breaker bars, etc.) or a “digger” type shield with a hydraulic excavator arm or “road-header” rock cutting machine to remove materials from inside the shield and liner pipe.

**Drilling Fluids** means a mixture of water and additives, such as bentonite, polymers, surfactants, and soda ash, designed to block the pore space on a bore wall, reduce friction in the bore, and to suspend and carry cuttings to the surface.

**Drilling Fluid Hydraulic Fracture or “Frac Out”** means a condition where the drilling fluid’s pressure in the bore is sufficient to fracture the soil and/or rock materials and allow the drilling fluids to migrate to the surface at an unplanned location.

**Earth Pressure Balance (EPB)** means a tunnelling system that provides support to the excavated face of the ground and resistance to groundwater inflow through the pressure of mixed earth, rock and any drilling fluids or additives (spoil) as maintained by and in a chamber behind the cutting face of a tunnel boring machine through which spoil can pass only by manner of controlled-load relieving gates or an internal screw-conveyor that is separate from subsequent spoil conveyance systems (e.g., flight augers, belt conveyor, spoil bucket rail cars, etc.). Trenchless systems that apply pressure to the excavated face of the ground only through mechanical and jacking forces on metal parts of the machinery (e.g., steel parts of cutting tools, adjustable gates or doors at cutting face, etc.) will not be considered equivalent to EPB systems.

**Excavation** means all materials encountered regardless of type and extent and shall include removal of natural soil, boulders, cobbles, wood and fill regardless of means necessary to break consolidated materials for removal.

**Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA)** means areas specified in the Contract Documents that are prohibited from entry or use.

**Fill** means man-made mixture of previously placed or handled materials such as sand, clay, silt, gravel, broken rock, sometimes containing organic and/or deleterious materials, placed in an excavation or other area to raise the surface elevation.

**Guidance System** means an electronic system capable of indicating the position, depth and orientation of the drill head during the directional drilling process.

**Hand Mining** means a method of forming a horizontal bore in the subsurface by simultaneously jacking ahead while tunnelling advances using hand-mining (man-entry operation or “Jack and Mine”) or a “digger” type shield with a hydraulic excavator arm to remove materials from inside the liner pipe.

**Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD)** means a surface-launched trenchless technology for the installation of pipes, conduits, and cables. HDD creates a pilot bore along the design pathway and reams the pilot bore in one or more passes to a diameter suitable for the product, which is pulled into the prepared bore in the final steps of the process.

**Inadvertent Returns** means the unexpected flow of fluids, saturated materials (or flowing soil) towards the drilling rig that typically originated from an artesian aquifer encountered during the drilling process.

**Loss of Circulation** means the discontinuation of the flow of drilling fluid in the bore back to the entry or exit point or other planned recovery points.

**Microtunnelling** means an underground method of constructing a passage by using a microtunnelling boring machine (MTBM) or hand mining using a shield to support the opening.

**MTBM** means a microtunnelling boring machine.

**Pilot Bore** means the initial bore to set directional controlled horizontal and vertical alignment between the connecting points.

**Pipe** means pipe culverts, pipe storm and sanitary sewers, watermain pipe, conduits, and ducts.

**Pipe Jacking** means a method for installing steel casing, concrete pipe or other acceptable material in the subsurface utilizing hydraulically operated jacks of adequate number and capacity for the smooth and uniform advancement of the casing or pipe.

**Pipe Ramming** means a method for installing steel casings utilizing the energy from a percussion hammer to advance a steel casing with a cutting shoe attached at the front end of the casing.

**Project Superintendent** means an individual representing the Contractor that oversees the trenchless or tunnelling operation qualified to provide the services specified in the Contract Documents.

**Pullback** means that part of the HDD method in which the drilling equipment is pulled back through the bore path to the entry point.

**Reaming** means a process for enlarging the bore path.

**Rock** means natural beds or massive fragments, or the hard, stable, cemented part of the earth's crust, igneous, metamorphic, or sedimentary in origin, which may or may not be weathered and includes boulders having a volume of 0.5 m<sup>3</sup> or greater.

**Shaft** means an excavation used as entry and/or exit points, alternatively called entry/exit pits, from which the trenchless method is initiated for the installation of the pipe product.

**Slurry Pressure Balance (SPB)** means a tunnelling system that provides support to the excavated face of the ground and resistance to groundwater inflow through the pressure of slurry as maintained by and in a chamber behind the cutting face of a tunnel boring machine (TBM) or microtunnelling boring machine (MTBM), through which spoil can pass only by manner of controlled-pressure and controlled flow slurry pumping systems.

**Slurry** means a mixture of soil and/or rock cuttings, and drilling fluid.

**Soil** means all soils except those defined as rock, and excludes stone masonry, concrete, and other manufactured materials.

**Spoil** means mix of earth cuttings, rock cuttings, water (groundwater or added water), bentonite, polymers and/or other additives that is discharged from the trenchless construction systems.

**Strike Alert** means a system that is intended to alert and protect the operator in the case of inadvertent drilling into an electrical utility cable. The strike alert system consists of a sensor and an alarm connected to the drill rig and a grounding stake. The alarm may be audio or visual or both.

**TBM** means a tunnel boring machine.

**Trenchless Contractor** means the subcontractor retained by the Prime Contractor qualified to provide the services specified in the Contract Documents.

**Trenchless Installation** means an underground method of constructing a passage open at both ends that involves installing a pipe product by auger jack & boring, pipe ramming, horizontal directional drilling, or tunnelling.

**Tunnelling** means an underground method of constructing a passage using a tunnel boring machine (TBM) operated by personnel within the tunnel, a microtunnelling boring machine (MTBM) operated by personnel at a remote control station or excavation using a shield to support the opening and protect workers.

**Zone of Influence** means a zone defined by lines projected outward and upward at 45 degrees from horizontal to the ground surface from the vertical and horizontal alignment of the pipe constructed using trenchless/tunnel methods.

#### **4.0 DESIGN AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

##### **4.01 Design**

##### **4.01.01 General**

The Contractor shall determine the most appropriate method of trenchless installation for each pipe crossing for each location within the terms of this specification.

The trenchless installation method selected for each pipe crossing shall be designed for the subsurface conditions in accordance with the Contract Documents.

The detailed design of the installation method selected to carry out the Work as specified in the Contract Documents shall be completed.

Based on the ground conditions at the culvert site crossing Highway 61, Station 14+588, Township of Blake for installing culvert at a new alignment: Jack and bore, micro-tunnelling and tunnelling, pilot tube tunnelling, and manual tunnelling have higher levels of risk associated with installation.

##### **4.02 Submission Requirements**

##### **4.02.01 Qualifications**

At least two weeks prior to construction, the names of the Project Superintendent, and Trenchless Contractor shall be submitted to the Contract Administrator.

##### **4.02.01.01 Project Superintendent**

The Project Superintendent shall have a minimum of five (5) years experience on projects with similar geology, scope and complexity, using the similar type of equipment required for this project.

During construction, the Project Superintendent shall not be changed without written permission from the Contract Administrator. A proposal to change the Project Superintendent shall be submitted at least one week prior to the actual change in Project Superintendent.

#### **4.02.01.02 Trenchless Contractor**

The Trenchless Contractor shall have a minimum of five (5) years experience on projects with similar geology, scope and complexity, using the similar type of equipment and materials of the type that meet the minimum requirements for this project.

#### **4.02.02 Working Drawings**

Three (3) sets of Working Drawings for the selected trenchless installation method, and a Request to Proceed shall be submitted to the Contract Administrator two weeks (2) prior to the commencement of the Work or as per the Contract Documents.

The trenchless installation operation shall not proceed until a Notice to Proceed has been received from the Contract Administrator.

All Working Drawings shall bear the seal and signature of the Design Engineer and Design Checking Engineer.

Information and details shown on the Working Drawings shall include, but not limited to the following:

a) Plans and Details:

- i. Plans and profiles defining all horizontal and vertical alignment positions and positions of all utilities and other infrastructure within the zone of influence of the work.
- ii. A work plan outlining the materials, procedures, methods and schedule to be used to execute the Work.
- iii. A list of personnel, including backup personnel, and their qualifications and experience.
- iv. A traffic control plan.
- v. A safety plan including the company safety manual and emergency procedures.
- vi. The Working Area layout.
- vii. An erosion and sediment control plan that includes a contingency plan in the event the erosion and sediment control measures fail.
- viii. A contingency plan with specific details of the manner in which rock or boulders will be broken and removed from the face and the face will be protected to prevent soil loss into the liner.
- ix. A drilling fluid management plan, if applicable, that addresses control of frac-out pressures, any potential environmental impacts and includes a contingency plan, detailing emergency procedures in the event that the fluid management plan fails.
- x. Lighting, ventilation and fire safety details as may be required by applicable occupational health and safety regulations.
- xi. Excavated materials disposal plan.
- xii. Locations of protection systems.
- xiii. Contingency plans for the following potential conditions:
  - Unforeseen obstructions causing stoppage.
  - Deviation from required alignment and grade.
  - Extended service disruption.

- Damage to the existing Utilities and methods of repair.
- Soil heaving or settlement.
- Contaminated soil or water.
- Alignment passing through buried structures.

b) Designs:

- i. Primary Liner/Secondary Liner design (e.g. steel liner plates, steel ribs and wood lagging, and steel casing etc.).
- ii. Design assumption and material data when materials other than those specified are proposed for use.
- iii. Drill path design, details of alignment and alignment control, maximum curvature and reaming stages.
- iv. Minimum depth of cover for trenchless installation appropriate for the highway type and pipe diameter, maximum excavation diameter, maximum annulus, alignment and grade tolerance etc.
- v. Detailed subsurface conditions along the proposed path or within the footprint of the trenchless technology equipment or pits/shafts.

c) Materials:

- i. Certification from the manufacturer that the product furnished on the contract meets the specifications cited in the manufacturer's product specification and that the materials supplied are suitable for the application.
- ii. Manufacturer data sheets for all drilling fluids and additives for use in Earth Pressure Balance (EPB), Slurry Pressure Balance (SPB).
- iii. Manufacturer data sheets for drilling systems.
- iv. Mix designs, target rheology criteria (e.g., viscosity, density, shear strength, gel time, pressure-filtration – fluid losses under pressure, etc.) and additive dosage rates for all slurries and Earth Pressure Balance (EPB) tunnel boring machine (TBM) and microtunnelling boring machine (MTBM) operations.
- v. The proposed grout mix design for grouts to be used for lubricating jacking pipe and for filling of voids and annular spaces.
- vi. Compressive strength of concrete pipe products.
- vii. Pipe class for all steel pipe products.
- viii. Steel for Permanent Casings:
  - One copy of a mill test certificate certifying that the steel meets the requirements for the appropriate standards for permanent casings shall be submitted to the Contract Administrator at the time of delivery.
  - Where mill test certificates originate from a mill outside Canada or the United States of America, the information on the mill certificates shall be verified by testing by a Canadian laboratory. The laboratory shall be certified by an organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada to comply with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 for the specific tests or type of tests required by the material standard specified on the mill test certificate.

- The mill test certificates shall be stamped with the name of the Canadian testing laboratory and appropriate wording stating that the material conforms to the specified material requirements. The stamp shall include the appropriate material specification number, the date (i.e., yyyy-mm-dd), and the signature of an authorized officer of the Canadian testing laboratory.
- ix. Slurry, drilling fluids, and tunnelling fluids:
- Type, source, and physical and chemical properties of bentonite, polymer or other additives;
  - Source of water;
  - Method of mixing;
  - Water to solids ratio and the mass and volumes of the constituent parts, including any chemical admixtures or physical treatment employed to achieve required physical properties;
  - Details of procedure to be used for monitoring physical properties of slurry, drilling fluids and tunneling fluids or EPB spoils; and
  - Method of disposal of the slurry, drilling fluids and associated spoil.
- d) Upstream/Downstream Portal Installation Procedure:
- i. Access shaft or entry/exit pit details, as applicable.
  - ii. Face support and other temporary support details, if applicable.
- e) Primary Liner/Secondary Liner Installation and Grouting Procedure:
- i. Excavation and pipe installation procedures, including methods to handle obstructions and prevent soil cave-in.
  - ii. Details of tunnelling equipment/methods to be used for the works.
- f) Excavation and Dewatering:
- i. Equipment and methods for control, handling, treatment, and disposal of groundwater and water or fluids introduced by the Contractor;
  - ii. Equipment and methods for maintaining control of ground inflow at the excavation face during excavation;
  - iii. Equipment and methods for removal of cobbles and boulders;
  - iv. Manufacturer data sheets for each TBM, shield, tunnelling system or drilling system noting all intermediate and final cut dimensions, and methods and equipment for controlling and measuring drilling fluid, Slurry Pressure Balance (SPB) and Earth Pressure Balance (EPB) pressures;
  - v. Methods for measuring excavated volumes or weights of earth and rock materials cut from ground on a per meter or per pipe basis up to a maximum of 3 m long intervals per measurement;
  - vi. Target operating pressures (minimum and maximum) and range of expected pressure variation for slurry or EPB spoil at excavated face or drilling fluids at lead end of drilling equipment and in annular gap between maximum excavated dimensions and outside dimensions of tunnelling equipment, drilling equipment and primary liner systems;
  - vii. Basis for setting target operating conditions (pressures, flow rates, advance rates) and the relationship of target operating conditions to ground conditions;
  - viii. Basis for selection of excavation tools (e.g., bits, TBM face tools, MTBM face tools, excavator fittings, etc.) as related to expected ground conditions;

- ix. Jacking forces for installation of pipe, for driving of trenchless equipment forward and, in the case of Auger Jack & Bore, for advancing the lead end of the casing ahead of the lead end of the auger cutting tools.

g) Monitoring Method:

Methods, equipment, frequency and repeatability (accuracy and precision) of data collection to be employed for measuring and monitoring shall be submitted for:

- i. Maintaining the alignment of the installation;
- ii. EPB, SPB and drilling fluid pressures at the leading edge of excavation (face), flow rates and volume or weights of spoil;
- iii. Jacking forces on pipes, linings and cutting tools;
- iv. Torque, total revolutions and revolution rates on rotating equipment such as TBM or MTBM heads, auger flights, drill bits, etc.
- v. Grout injection pressures and volumes;
- vi. Longitudinal position of all casings and excavation cutting tools (auger flight heads, TBM face, drill bit position, etc.); and
- vii. Ground displacements (heave and settlement); and noise and ground vibrations induced by trenchless construction.

#### **4.02.03 As-Built Drawings**

As-built drawings shall be submitted to the Contract Administrator in a reproducible format prior to the Contract completion.

The as-built drawings shall be dated and bear the seal and signature of the Design Engineer and Design Checking Engineer.

### **5.0 MATERIALS**

#### **5.01 Pipe**

##### **5.01.01 General**

The product shall be concrete pipe, steel pipe or high density polyethylene pipe as specified.

All joints shall be suitable for jacking operations as specified in the Working Drawings.

Fittings shall be suitable and compatible with the class and type of pipe with which they will be used.

All fittings shall be designed to be watertight.

##### **5.01.02 Steel Pipe**

Steel pipe shall be according to ASTM A252.

All steel casing pipe shall be square cut.

Steel casing pipe shall meet a straightness tolerance of 1.5 mm/m. When placed anywhere on the pipe parallel to the pipe axis, there shall not be a gap more than 1.5 mm between a 1 m long straightedge and the pipe.

#### **5.01.03 High Density Polyethylene Pipe**

High density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe according to OPSS 1840 shall be used in accordance with ASTM D3350.

Fittings shall be according to CAN/CSA-B182.6 or ASTM F894 and suitable for the class and type of pipe with which they will be used.

Jointing of HDPE piping shall be completed according to the manufacturer's recommended procedures and ASTM D2657. Where conflicts exist between the manufacturer's instructions and ASTM D2657, the manufacturer's instructions are to be followed.

Jointing of HDPE piping to other piping materials or appurtenances shall be completed using flanged connections.

#### **5.01.04 Concrete Pipe**

Concrete pipe shall be according to OPSS 1820.

#### **5.02 Concrete**

Concrete shall be according to OPSS 1350. The concrete strength shall be as specified on the Working Drawings.

#### **5.03 Steel Reinforcement**

Steel reinforcement for concrete work shall be according to OPSS 1440.

#### **5.04 Wood**

Wood shall be according to OPSS 1601.

#### **5.05 Drilling Fluids**

Drilling fluid shall be mixed according to the Working Drawings.

Selection of drilling fluid type shall be based on the soils encountered in the subsurface investigation.

The drilling fluids shall be mixed according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Slurry shall be mixed according to the submitted slurry design and be appropriate for the anticipated subsurface conditions. The viscosity of slurry used for SPB tunnelling shall be no less than 40 seconds Marsh Funnel viscosity, as defined by ASTM D6910, measured prior to introduction of groundwater and spoil and as required to ensure:

- a) development of appropriate filter cake at excavation face to provide slurry support pressures exceeding ground and groundwater pressures at excavation face;

- b) lubricate installation of primary liners as required;
- c) transport spoil through pipe systems.

## **5.06 Grout**

Purging grout shall conform to the requirements of OPSS 1004 and be wetted with only sufficient water to make the mixture plastic.

## **6.0 EQUIPMENT**

### **6.01 Auger Jack & Bore**

Except in the case of dewatering to at least 1 m below the tunnel/bore invert for the full length of the pipe alignment, Auger Jack & Bore shall not be used and will not be permitted where subsurface conditions indicate that saturated gravel, sand and silt soils may be encountered at pipe level or within one pipe diameter above or below outside pipe dimensions.

Pipe Auger Jack & Bore equipment shall be determined by the Contractor and shall be identified in the submission requirements specified herein.

Specific details of the equipment with which rock or boulders will be broken and removed from the face and the face will be protected to prevent soil loss into the liner shall be submitted to the Contract Administrator for information purposes prior to proceeding with the Works.

The lead end of the auger shall be maintained at least one pipe diameter inside the lead end of the casing. The auger cutting tools shall not extend to or beyond the lead end of the casing at any time unless specific exception is provided by the Ministry prior to construction. Submittals shall identify anticipated jacking forces for advancing casing ahead of leading edge of auger cutting tools in addition to friction forces that are to be overcome by jacking systems.

### **6.02 Pipe Ramming**

Pipe Ramming equipment shall be determined by the Contractor and shall be identified in the submission requirements specified herein.

The Pipe Ramming hammer(s) shall be capable of driving the pipe casing from the entry pit to the exit pit through the existing subsurface conditions at the site without removal of soil from within the casing until the lead end of the pipe is outside the zone of influence for any overlying infrastructure.

Specific details of the equipment with which rock or boulders will be broken and removed from the face and the face will be protected to prevent soil loss into the pipe shall be submitted to the Contract Administrator for information purposes prior to proceeding with the Works.

### **6.03 Horizontal Directional Drilling**

#### **6.03.01 General**

The Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) equipment shall consist of a directional drilling rig and a drilling fluid mixing and delivery system to successfully complete the product installation without exceeding the

maximum tensile strength of the product being installed.

#### **6.03.02                   Drilling Rig**

The horizontal directional drilling rig shall:

- a) Consist of a leak free hydraulically powered boring system to rotate, push, and pull hollow drill pipe into the ground at a variable angle while delivering a pressurized fluid mixture to a guidable drill head.
- b) Have drill rod that is suitable for both the drill and the product pipe installation.
- c) Contain a drill head that is steerable, equipped with the necessary cutting surfaces and fluid jets, and be suitable for the anticipated ground conditions.
- d) Have adequate reamers and down-bore tooling equipped with the necessary cutting surfaces and fluid jets to facilitate the product installation and be suitable for the anticipated ground conditions.
- e) Contain a guidance system to accurately guide boring operations.
- f) Be anchored to the ground to withstand the rotating, pushing, and pulling forces required to complete the product installation.
- g) Be grounded during all operations unless otherwise specified by the drilling rig manufacturer.

#### **6.03.03                   Drill Head**

The drill head shall be steerable by changing its rotation, be equipped with the necessary cutting surfaces and drilling fluid jets, and be of the type for the anticipated subsurface conditions,

#### **6.03.04                   Guidance System**

The guidance system shall be setup, installed, and operated by trained and experienced personnel. The operator shall be aware of any magnetic or electromagnetic anomalies and shall consider such influences in the operation of the guidance system when a magnetic or electromagnetic system is used.

#### **6.03.05                   Drilling Fluid Mixing System**

The drilling fluid mixing system shall be of sufficient size to thoroughly and uniformly mix the required drilling fluid.

#### **6.03.06                   Drilling Fluid Delivery System**

The delivery system shall have a means of measuring and controlling fluid pressures and be of sufficient flow capacity to ensure that all slurry volumes are adequate for the length and diameter of the final bore and the anticipated subsurface conditions. Connections between the delivery pump and drill pipe shall be leak-free.

#### **6.04                       Tunnelling**

Tunnelling equipment shall be determined by the Contractor and shall be identified in the submission requirements specified herein. Specific details of the Tunnelling equipment included in the submission shall be provided for:

- a) rock or boulder breaking and removal;
- b) equipment used within shields for spilling, fore-poling, face drainage, breasting boards/plates and for

- otherwise maintaining support of the tunnel crown and face under all anticipated conditions;
- c) jacking systems;
  - d) alignment control systems;

Use of rock fracturing chemicals shall only be considered subject to a field demonstration satisfactory to the Ministry prior to its use. Use of explosives is prohibited without specific application and acceptance by the Ministry prior to construction.

## **6.05 Microtunnelling Equipment**

The Contractor shall be responsible for selecting Microtunnelling equipment which, based on past experience, has proven to be satisfactory for excavation of the soils that will be encountered.

The Contractor shall employ Microtunnelling equipment that will be capable of handling the various anticipated ground conditions.

The MTBM shall also be capable of controlling loss of soil ahead of and around the machine and shall provide continuous pressurized support of the excavated face.

- a) Remote Control System – The Contractor shall provide a MTBM that includes a remote control system with the following features:
  - i. Allows for operation of the system without the need for personnel to enter the microtunnel.
  - ii. Has a display available to the operator, at a remote operation console, showing the position of the shield in relation to a design reference together with other information such as face pressure, roll, pitch, steering attitude, valve positions, thrust force cutter head torque, rate of advance and installed length.
  - iii. Integrates the system of excavation and removal of spoil and its simultaneous replacement by product pipe. As each pipe section is jacked forward, the control system shall synchronize all of the operational functions of the system.
  - iv. The system shall be capable of adjusting the face pressure to maintain face stability for the particular soil condition encountered.
  - v. The system shall monitor and continuously balance the soil and ground water pressure to prevent loss of soil or uncontrolled ground water inflow.
  - vi. The pressure at the excavation face shall be managed by controlling the volume of spoil removal with respect to the advance rate.
  - vii. The system shall include a separation process designed to provide adequate separation of the spoil from the slurry so that slurry with a sediment content within the limits required for successful microtunnelling, can be returned to the cutting face for reuse. Appropriately contain spoil at the site prior to disposal.
  - viii. The type of separation process shall be suited to the size of microtunnel being constructed, the soil type being excavated, and the work space available at each work area.
  - ix. The system shall allow the composition of the slurry to be monitored to maintain the slurry weight and viscosity limits required.

- b) Active Direction Control – The Contractor shall provide a MTBM that includes an active direction control system with the following features:
  - i. Controls line and grade by a guidance system that relates the actual position of the MTBM to a design reference.
  - ii. Provides active steering information that shall be monitored and transmitted to the operating console and recorded.
  - iii. Provides positioning and operation information to the operator on the control console.

#### **6.05.01 Pipe Jacking Equipment**

Provide a pipe jacking system with the following features:

- a) Has the main jacks mounted in a jacking frame located in the launch shaft.
- b) Has a jacking frame that successively pushes towards a receiving shaft, a string of product pipe that follows the microtunnelling excavation equipment.
- c) Has sufficient jacking capacity to push the microtunnelling excavation equipment and the string of pipe through the ground.
- d) The main jack station may be complemented with the use of intermediate jacking stations as required.
- e) Has a capacity at least 20 % greater than the calculated maximum jacking load.
- f) Develops a uniform distribution of jacking forces on the end of the casing pipe.
- g) Provides and maintains a pipe lubrication system at all times to lower the friction developed on the surface of the pipe during jacking.
- h) Jack Thrust Blocking shall adequately support the jacking pressure developed by the main jacking system.
- i) Special care shall be taken when setting the pipe guide rails in the jacking shaft to ensure correctness of the alignment, grade, and stability.

#### **6.05.02 Spoil Separation System**

The Contractor shall determine the type of spoil separation equipment needed for each drive based on the geotechnical information available and other project constraints.

#### **6.05.03 Electrical Equipment, Fixtures and Systems**

Electrical equipment shall be suitably insulated for noise reduction. Noise produced by electrical equipment must comply with local municipal noise by-laws.

Electrical systems shall conform to requirements of the Canadian Electrical Code – CSA C22.1.

### **7.0 CONSTRUCTION**

#### **7.01 General**

The Contractor shall notify the Contract Administrator at least 48 hours in advance of starting the work. The proposed method of pipe installation to be used by the Contractor shall be subject to the limitations presented in the following subsections.

The Contractor's Engineer shall supervise the work at all times.

A Request to Proceed shall be submitted to the Contract Administrator upon completion of each of the following

operations and prior to commencement of each subsequent operation and no less than 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the trenchless installation.

- a) Site Surveying (see Clause 4.02)
- b) Excavation for pits including dewatering of excavations
- c) Jacking / Ramming / Directional Drilling of Casing / Liner
- d) Installation of the Product
- e) Grouting Operations

Operations a) to e) shall not proceed until the Contract Administrator has issued a Notice to Proceed for each proceeding operation.

#### **7.01.01                      Layout, Alignment and Depth Control**

The location of the installation shall be established from the lines, elevations and tolerances specified in the Contract Documents. The pipe installation shall be to the horizontal and vertical alignments specified in the Contract Drawings. Deviations from location, alignment, grades and/or invert levels shall be corrected by the Contractor at no cost to the Ministry.

All reference points necessary to construct the pipe installation and appurtenances shall be laid out.

The Contractor shall calibrate tracking and locating equipment at the beginning of each Working Day, and shall monitor and record the alignment and depth readings provided by the tracking system every 2 m.

The Contract Administrator shall be provided with the assistance and access necessary to check the layout of the pipe installation and associated appurtenances.

The Contractor shall submit records of the alignment and depth of the installation to the Contract Administrator at the completion of the installation.

#### **7.01.02                      Construction Shafts**

Construction shafts shall be specified in the Contractor's submission. The boundaries and protection of these shall be as required to contain all disturbances to areas outside of the ESA limits.

Shafts shall be maintained in a drained condition.

A minimum 2.4 m high secure fence shall be installed around the perimeter of the construction shaft area with gates and truck entrances. The fence shall be removed on completion of the work.

#### **7.01.03                      Protection Systems**

The construction of all protection systems shall be according to OPSS 539.

Where the stability, safety, or function of an existing roadway, railway, watercourse, other works, ESA's, or proposed works may be impaired due to the method of operation, protection shall be provided. Protection may include sheathing, shoring, and piles where necessary to prevent damage to such works or proposed works.

#### **7.01.04                      Settlement or Heave**

Any disturbance to the ground surface (settlement or heave) as a result of the pipe installation shall be

immediately corrected by the Contractor, at no additional cost to the Ministry.

#### **7.01.05 Stability of Excavation**

The construction methods, plant, procedures, and precautions employed shall ensure that excavations are stable, free from disturbance, and maintained in a drained condition.

The construction methods, plant, procedures, and materials employed shall prevent the migration of soil and/or rock material into the excavation from adjacent ground.

#### **7.01.06 Preservation and Protection of Existing Facilities**

Preservation and protection of existing facilities shall be according to OPSS 491.

Minimum horizontal and vertical clearances to existing facilities as specified in the Contract Documents shall be maintained. Clearances shall be measured from the nearest edge of the largest cut diameter required to the nearest edge of the facility being paralleled or crossed.

Existing underground facilities shall be exposed to verify its horizontal and vertical locations when the outlet pipe path comes within 1.0 m horizontally or vertically of the existing facility. Existing facilities shall be exposed by non-destructive methods. The number of exposures required to monitor work progress shall be as specified in the Contract Documents.

#### **7.01.07 Transporting, Unloading, Storing and Handling Materials**

Manufacturer's recommendations for transporting, unloading, storing, and handling of materials shall be followed.

#### **7.01.08 Trenching, Backfilling and Compacting**

Trenching, backfilling, and compacting for entry and exit points or other locations along the pipe path shall be according to OPSS 401.

#### **7.01.09 Support Systems**

Support systems shall be according to OPSS 404.

If any open excavation will encroach into the highway embankment, the protection system shall satisfy the requirements for Performance Level 2 as specified in OPSS 539.

#### **7.01.10 Dewatering**

The work of this section includes control, handling, treatment, and disposal of groundwater. The Contractor shall review the foundation investigation report for reference to soil and groundwater conditions on the project site and plan a dewatering scheme accordingly.

The Contractor shall control groundwater inflows to excavations to maintain stability of surrounding ground, to prevent erosion of soil, to prevent softening of ground exposed in the excavation, and to avoid interfering with execution of the work.

The Contractor shall maintain excavations free of standing water at all times during excavation, including while

concrete is curing.

Should water enter the excavation in amounts that could adversely affect the performance of the work or could cause loss of ground, the Contractor shall take immediate steps to control the inflow.

The Contractor is alerted that seepage zones of perched water within the fill materials should be expected, particularly where granular materials are excavated.

Dewatering shall be according to OPSS 517.

#### **7.01.11 Removal of Cobbles and Boulders**

The Contractor is alerted that cobbles and boulders are expected within the soil deposits at the site. Accordingly, the Contractor shall address the removal of cobbles and boulders in the proposed method of construction. Removal of cobbles and boulders shall be expected to be routine and will not be considered obstruction. The Contractor shall immediately inform the Contract Administrator of any obstruction encountered.

#### **7.01.12 Removal of Obstructions**

The Contractor is alerted that obstructions such as, but not limited to wood debris, roots, and construction debris consisting of (broken asphalt, concrete etc.) are expected within the trenchless alignment as identified in the Contract Documents. Accordingly, the Contractor shall address methods for the removal of obstructions in the proposed method of construction. The Contractor shall immediately inform the Contract Administrator of any obstruction encountered and the Contractor's expected method of and schedule for removal.

The contractor is alerted that there are organic inclusions are being buried near the bottom of the embankment fill and should be considered in the Contractor's selection of tunnelling technique and equipment. Refer to the Foundation Investigation Report for a description of subsurface conditions. Given the significant thickness of fill materials, the presence of other obstructions cannot be ruled out.

#### **7.01.13 Management of Excess Material**

Management of excess material shall be according to OPSS 180.

Satisfactory re-usable excavated material required for backfill shall be separated from unsuitable excavated material.

#### **7.01.14 Site Restoration**

Site restoration shall be according to OPSS 492.

### **7.02 Auger Jack & Bore Installation**

#### **7.02.01 Method of Installation Procedure**

The installation procedure to be used shall be subject to the following limitations:

- a) Hydraulically operated jacks of adequate number and capacity shall be provided to ensure smooth and uniform advancement without over-stressing of the pipe.
- b) A suitably padded jacking head or collar shall be provided to transfer and distribute jacking pressure uniformly over the entire end bearing area of the pipe.
- c) The jacking pipe shall be fully supported in the jacking pit at the specified line and grade.
- d) Selection of the excavation method and jacking equipment shall take into consideration the conditions at each pipe crossing.

### **7.02.02 Pipe Installation**

Concrete pipe joints shall be watertight and according to OPSS 1820, and must withstand jacking forces, determined by the Contractor.

During the jacking of the liner, the space between the liner and the wall of the excavated volume (e.g., maximum cut diameter) shall be kept filled with bentonite slurry. Upon completion of jacking, the space between the liner and the wall of the excavated volume shall be filled with grout or slurry with gel strength properties demonstrated to be sufficient to form a semi-solid or solid gap filling material, prevent ground convergence around the pipe and subsequent ground surface subsidence and prevent long-term water flow at the outside boundary of any pipe and ground.

The annular space between the liner and the product shall be fully grouted with a watertight, expandable, and stable grout.

### **7.03 Pipe Ramming Installation**

For Pipe Ramming installation the following requirements apply:

- Only smooth walled steel pipe shall be used. Butt welding of pipe joints shall conform to CSA W59.
- Ramming equipment of adequate capacity shall be provided to ensure smooth and uniform advancement between the shafts/pits without overstressing of the pipe. Delays shall be avoided between ramming operations.
- A Ramming head shall be provided to transfer and distribute jacking pressure uniformly over the entire end bearing area of the pipe.
- Two or more lubricated guide rails or sills shall be provided of sufficient length to fully support the pipe at the specified line and grade in the ramming pit. Pipe shall be installed to the line and grade specified.
- Removal of materials from within the pipe shall not be undertaken until the lead end of the pipe has passed fully through and beyond the zone of influence of any overlying infrastructure.
- Following installation of the liner pipe, all material shall be removed from the pipe to the satisfaction of the Contract Administrator.
- Any voids remaining between the pipe and the excavation wall shall be grouted as soon as the pipe is rammed.
- The annular space between the liner pipe and the product shall be fully grouted with a watertight, expandable, and stable grout.

### **7.04 Horizontal Directional Drilling Installation**

#### **7.04.01 General**

When strike alerts are provided on a drilling rig, they shall be activated during drilling and maintained at all times.

For Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD), the Contractor shall ensure that during pilot hole drilling the maximum degree of deviation or “dog-leg” shall be 2.5 degrees per 9 m drill pipe length. Any deviation exceeding 2.5 degrees will necessitate a pull-back and straightening of the alignment at the Contractor’s sole expense. The pilot hole exit location shall be within 0.5m of the target location.

#### **7.04.02 Site Preparation**

Site preparation shall be according to OPSS 490 and as specified herein.

The work site shall be graded or filled to provide a level working area for the drilling rig. No alterations beyond what is required for HDD operations are to be made. All activities shall be confined to designated Working Areas.

#### **7.04.03 Pilot Bore**

The pilot bore shall be drilled along the bore path in accordance with the grade, alignment, and tolerances as indicated on the Contractor’s submitted drilling plan to ensure that the product is installed to the line and grade shown on the Contract Drawings. The Contractor’s methods shall take into consideration the conditions at each crossing within the pipe alignment and shall be suitable to advance through such obstructions such as cobbles and boulders and address the potential for deflection off these obstruction and/or soil conditions.

In the event the pilot bore deviates from the submitted path, the Contract Administrator shall be notified. The Contract Administrator may require the Contractor to pullback, fill and abandon the hole and re-drill from the location along the bore path before the deviation.

If a drill hole beneath highways, roads, watercourses or other infrastructure must be abandoned, the hole shall be backfilled with grout or bentonite to prevent future subsidence and subsurface water conveyance.

The Contractor shall maintain drilling fluid pressure and circulation throughout the HDD process, including during the initial pilot bore and during the reaming process.

The Contractor shall, at all times and for the entire length of the installation alignment, be able to demonstrate the horizontal and vertical position of the alignment, the fluid volume used, return rates, and pressures.

#### **7.04.04 Drilling Fluid Losses to Surface (“Frac-Out”)**

To reduce the potential for hydraulic fracturing of the hole during horizontal directional drilling, a minimum depth of cover of 5 m shall be maintained between the top of pipe and the surface of any pavements or beds of water courses. Sections of the pipe close to the entry and exit pit with less than 5 m cover shall be cased. The Contractor shall ensure that drilling fluid pressures are properly set and controlled for the full length of the bore to prevent frac-out for the depth of cover available between the bottom of the pavement structure (bottom of the subbase material) and the top of the bore.

Once a fluid loss or frac-out event is detected, the Contractor shall halt operations immediately and conduct a detailed examination of the drill path and implement measures to collect all fluids discharged to surface, mitigate and prevent additional fluid loss.

#### **7.04.05 Reaming**

The bore shall be reamed using the appropriate tools to a diameter at least 50% greater than the outside diameter of the product.

#### **7.04.06 Product Installation**

##### **7.04.06.01 General**

The product shall be jointed according to manufacturer's recommendations. The length of the product to be pulled shall be jointed as one length before commencement of the continuous pulling operation.

The product shall be protected from damage during the pullback operation.

The minimum allowable bending radius for the product shall not be contravened.

Product shall be allowed to recover to static conditions from thermal and installation stresses before connections to new or existing facility are made. Product recovery time shall be according to manufacturers recommendations.

##### **7.04.06.02 Pullback and Grouting**

After successfully Reaming the bore to the required diameter, the product pipe shall be pulled through the bore path. Once the pullback operation has commenced, it shall continue without interruption until the product pipe is completely pulled into bore unless otherwise approved by the Contract Administrator.

A swivel shall be used between the reamer and the product being installed to prevent rotational forces from being transferred to the product. A weak link or breakaway connector shall be used to prevent excess pulling force from damaging the product.

The product pipe shall be inspected for damage where visible at excavation pits and where it exits the bore. Any damage noted shall be rectified to the satisfaction of the Contract Administrator.

The pull back and Reaming operations shall not exceed the fluid circulation rate capabilities. Reaming and back pulling operations shall be planned to ensure that, once started, all reaming and back pulling operations are completed without stopping and within the permitted work hours.

The space between the pipe and the walls of the excavated volume shall be filled with grout or slurry with gel strength properties demonstrated to be sufficient to form a semi-solid or solid gap filling material, prevent ground convergence around the pipe and subsequent ground surface subsidence and prevent long-term water flow at the outside boundary of any pipe and ground.

#### **7.05 Tunnelling Installation**

##### **7.05.01 General**

Excavation of native soil and fill shall be done in a manner to control groundwater inflow to the excavation and to prevent loss of ground into the excavation.

Methods of excavating the tunnel shall be capable of fully supporting the face and shall accommodate the

removal of boulders and other oversize objects from the face. Continuous ground support shall be maintained during excavation.

As the excavation progresses, the Contractor shall continuously monitor (every 2 m) indications of support distress, such as cracking, deflection or failure of support system and subsidence of ground near the excavation.

The Contractor shall provide ventilation and lighting in accordance with OSHA requirements for the entire length of the tunnel installed as tunneling progresses.

The tunnel is to be kept sufficiently dry at all times to permit work to be performed in a safe and satisfactory manner.

The Contractor shall maintain clean working conditions at all times in tunnels.

If excavation threatens to endanger personnel, the Work, or adjacent property, the Contractor shall cease excavation and make the excavation face secure. The Contractor shall then evaluate methods of construction and revise as necessary to ensure the safe continuation of the Work.

The Contractor shall maintain tunnel excavation line and grade to provide for construction of final lining within specified tolerances.

#### **7.05.02                      Tunnelling Method**

The Tunnelling method shall be suitable to provide face support in changing ground conditions that may be encountered during the progress of the work. The selection of the Tunnelling method should consider the soil conditions at each pipe crossing and the presence of obstructions, such as cobbles and boulders, with respect to the tunnel alignment.

#### **7.05.03                      Primary Liner (Support System)**

Primary support systems shall prevent deterioration, loosening, or unravelling of ground surfaces exposed by excavation.

The primary liner support system shall be designed and installed to achieve the intended performance requirements.

Primary liner support system shall maintain the safety of personnel, minimize ground movement into the excavation, ensure stability and maintain strength of ground surrounding the excavation.

The primary liner shall be designed to support all subsurface conditions and hydrostatic pressures and to withstand any additional loads caused by installation and grouting and shall ensure that no ground loading or other loading will be placed on the new work until after design strength has been reached.

The primary liner shall be installed so that the exterior is as tight as possible to the excavated surface of the tunnel and allows the placement of the full design thickness of the secondary lining.

Primary support systems shall be compatible with the encountered ground conditions, with the method of excavation, with methods for control of water, and with placement of the permanent lining.

All voids between the primary lining and the wall of the excavated volume shall be filled with cement grout or

slurry with gel strength properties demonstrated to be sufficient to form a semi-solid or solid gap filling material, prevent ground convergence around the pipe and subsequent ground surface subsidence and prevent long-term water flow at the outside boundary of any pipe and ground. If an unexpanded liner is used, the space outside the liner plates shall be filled at least daily.

#### **7.05.04 Secondary Liner**

##### **7.05.04.01 Placing of Grout**

The void outside the finished secondary liner shall be filled with cement grout according to the Contractor's submission.

Grout shall not be placed until the lining has achieved 85% of its specified strength or 30 MPa. Grouting shall be limited to such sequences and programs as are necessary to avoid damaging any part of the works or any other structure or property. Grout mix design shall be chemically and thermally compatible with all pipe systems.

#### **7.06 Microtunnelling**

##### **7.06.01 General**

Excavation of soil, rock and fill shall be done in a manner to control and prevent groundwater inflow to the tunnel.

The MTBM shall be capable of fully supporting the face and shall accommodate the removal of boulders and other obstructions from the face. Continuous ground support shall be maintained during excavation.

The tunnel is to be kept well drained at all times to permit work to be performed in a safe and satisfactory manner.

The Contractor shall maintain clean working conditions at all times.

In the event that excavation threatens to endanger personnel, the Work, adjacent property, roadways, railways, waterways, or the public in any way, the Contractor shall cease excavation. The Contractor shall then evaluate the methods of construction and revise as necessary to ensure the safe continuation of the Work.

The Contractor shall maintain the tunnel excavation line and grade to provide for construction of the product within the specified tolerances.

##### **7.06.02 Method of Installation**

The installation procedure to be used shall be subject to the following limitations:

- The jacking pipe shall be fully supported in the jacking pit at the specified line and grade.
- Selection of the excavation method and jacking equipment shall take into consideration the subsurface conditions within the tunnel alignment.
- Perform microtunnelling operations in a manner that will minimize the movement of the ground in front of and surrounding the tunnel in conformance with the limits listed in the Contract Documents.

- Prevent damage to structures and utilities above and in the vicinity of the microtunnelling operations.
- Excavated diameter should be the minimum size required to permit pipe installation by jacking.
- Whenever there is a condition encountered which could endanger the microtunnel excavation or adjacent structures if tunnelling operations cease, continue to operate without intermission including 24-hour Working Days, weekends and holidays, until the condition no longer exists.
- Maintain an envelope of lubricant around the exterior of the pipe during the jacking and excavation operation to reduce the exterior soil/pipe friction and possibility of the pipe seizing in place.
- In the event a section of pipe is damaged during the jacking operation or a joint failure occurs, as evidenced by inspection, visible ground water inflow or other observations, the Contractor shall submit for approval his methods for repair or replacement of the pipe.

### **7.06.03 Casing Installation**

Casing must withstand the jacking forces determined by the Contractor.

The space between the casing and the wall of the excavation shall be kept filled with lubricant during the pipe jacking operation. Upon completion of pipe jacking, the space between the casing and the wall of the excavation shall be filled with grout that is compatible with the casing.

The casing shall act as a support system to maintain the safety of personnel, minimize ground movement into the excavation, ensure stability and maintain strength of ground surrounding the casing.

The casing shall be designed to support all subsurface conditions and hydrostatic pressures and to withstand any additional loads caused by installation and grouting.

### **7.07 Instrumentation and Monitoring**

The Instrumentation and Monitoring program shall be project specific.

The work specified in this section includes furnishing and installing instruments for monitoring of settlement (and heave) and ground stability. The Contractor's Instrumentation personnel shall include a specialist geo-engineering consulting firm specialized in installation, monitoring and maintenance of tunnelling instruments with at least 5 years experience of similar projects.

#### **7.07.01 General**

The Contractor shall furnish, install and monitor Surface Monitoring Points (SMP) and In-Ground Monitoring Points at the locations shown on the Contract Drawings.

The equipment and procedures used for settlement monitoring during construction must be capable of surveying the settlement point elevations to within a repeatability (combined accuracy and precision of equipment and methods)  $\pm 2$  mm of the actual elevation.

#### **7.07.02 Surface Settlement Monitoring Points**

Surface settlement monitoring points shall be installed on the traffic lanes and shoulders to monitor settlement and stability. The surface settlement monitoring points shall be installed centred on the tunnel alignment as arrays of three points at intervals of 5 m or less and off-set a lateral distance of 1.5 m on either side of the tunnel centerline.

Surface settlement monitoring points shall be hardened steel markers treated or coated to resist corrosion, with an exposed convex head having a minimum diameter of 12 mm and similar to surveyor's PK nails. Markers shall be rigidly affixed so as not to move relative to the surface to which it is attached. Traffic shall be managed by the Contractor using short-term lane closures in accordance with the Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM). Surface markers shall be recessed or otherwise designed for safe passage of vehicles at highway speeds and protected from snow removal equipment in the event that work occurs during snow removal seasons.

#### **7.07.03 In-Ground Settlement Monitoring Points**

In-ground settlement monitoring points shall be installed beyond the traffic lanes and shoulders to monitor settlement and stability of the ground surface between the surface settlement monitoring points and the entry and exit portals. In-ground settlement monitoring points shall be located at intervals of 5 m or less along the tunnel alignment.

In-ground settlement monitoring points shall be 12-18 mm rebar encased in a 50-70 mm, SCH40 PVC pipe, set to a depth of 1.5 m below ground surface or below frost penetration depth, whichever is greater. The assembly shall be placed in a drill hole, backfilled with uniform sand and provided with protective covers suitable for high vehicular traffic areas.

#### **7.07.04 Installation, Replacement and Abandonment**

The Contractor shall install all settlement monitoring points a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the start of works to permit baseline surveying to be completed. The settlement monitoring points shall be clearly labelled for easy field identification. The Contractor shall submit to the Contract Administrator a site plan showing the locations of the monitoring points, a geodetic survey of the settlement monitoring points including station, offset and elevation. Instruments damaged by the Contractor's operations or other causes shall be replaced and surveyed at the time of installation within 24 hours at no additional cost. At the completion of the job, the Contractor shall abandon all instrumentations installed during the course of the Work and restore the surface at instrument locations.

#### **7.07.05 Monitoring and Reporting Frequency**

The Contractor shall survey and otherwise obtain elevations of all settlement monitoring points at the following time intervals:

- a) Three consecutive readings at least one week prior to commencement of the work (Baseline Reading);
- b) Once per shift or once daily during tunnelling operations period whichever results in the more frequent reading intervals; and
- c) Weekly after completion of the work for one month, or until such time at which all parties agree that further movement has stopped.

All readings shall be submitted to the Contract Administrator for information purposes on a weekly basis.

Each report shall include all survey data collected in tabular and graphical format as plots of time versus settlement in comparison to survey data collected prior to commencement of the work.

#### **7.07.06 Benchmarks**

Two independent benchmarks shall be used for all settlement monitoring surveying and shall be located

sufficiently outside the zone of influence such that the benchmarks are not influenced by any trenchless or other construction activity or weather conditions (e.g., frost heave). All surveying shall be reported using the geodetic datum and coordinate system as defined in the Contract Documents.

#### **7.07.06 Vibration Monitoring**

Vibration monitoring points should be established along at least three cross sections (i.e. each cross section with seven monitoring points) transverse to the centerline axis of the advancing pipe. At each cross section, one monitoring point will be located directly above the pipe, with three monitoring points on right hand and left hand side of the centerline at offsets of D, 3D and 5D, where D equals the diameter of the pipe. The ground vibration should be measured using a seismograph and the Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) must be kept below 10 mm/s. Furthermore, installation of pneumatic vibrating wire piezometers along the culvert alignment (at the base of the embankment) should be considered to alert contractor about development of excess porewater pressure during the ramming operation.

#### **7.08 Criteria for Assessment of Roadway Subsidence/Heave**

##### Review and Alert Levels

Based on the monitoring of the ground movement as specified in Subsections 4.02 and 7.07, the following represents trigger levels that define magnitude of movement and corresponding action:

- a) **Review Level:** If a maximum value of 10 mm relative to the baseline readings is reached, the Contractor shall review or modify the method, rate or sequence of construction or ground stabilization measures to mitigate further ground displacement. If this Review Level is exceeded, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contract Administrator and review and discuss response actions. The Contractor shall submit a plan of action to prevent Alert Levels from being reached. All construction work shall be continued such that the Alert Level is not reached.
- b) **Alert Level:** If a maximum value of 15 mm relative to the baseline readings is reached, the Contractor shall cease construction operations, inform the Contract Administrator and execute pre-planned measures to secure the site, to mitigate further movements and to assure safety of public and maintain traffic. No construction shall take place until all of the following conditions are satisfied:
  - i. The cause of the settlement has been identified.
  - ii. The Contractor submits a corrective/preventive plan complete with a Request to Proceed.
  - iii. Any approved corrective and/or preventive measure deemed necessary by the Contractor is implemented.
  - iv. Operations shall not proceed until the Contract Administrator has issued a Notice to Proceed for each corrective/preventive plan.

#### **7.09 Certificate of Conformance**

A Certificate of Conformance shall be submitted to the Contract Administrator upon completion of the installation of the pipe at each location. In addition, upon completion of the installation of the pipe at each location, the Contractor shall submit to the Contract Administrator a final Quality Control Certificate sealed and signed by the Design Engineer and the Design Checking Engineer. The Certificate shall state that the pipe has been installed in general conformance with the Contractor's Submission and Design Requirements, sealed Working Drawings and Contract Documents.

**8.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE – Not Used**

**9.0 MEASUREMENT FOR PAYMENT**

Measurement shall be by Plan Quantity Payment as may be revised by Adjusted Plan Quantity Payment in metres, following along the centreline of the pipes from centre to centre of maintenance holes or chambers (catch basins) or from/to the end of the pipe where no maintenance hole or chamber is installed, of the actual length of pipe installed by trenchless methods.

**10.0 BASIS OF PAYMENT**

Payment at the Contract price shall be full compensation for all labour, Equipment, and Material required for excavation (regardless of material encountered), dewatering, sheathing and shoring, settlement instrumentation and monitoring, site restoration, and all other work necessary to complete the installation as specified.

If a pipe is installed inside the pipe liner, payment for the pipe shall be paid separately under the appropriate tender items.

Where a protection system is made necessary because of the Contractor's operations (e.g., choice of trenchless installation method), the cost shall be included in this item and shall be full compensation for all labour, Equipment, and Materials required to carry out the work including subsequently removing the temporary protection system and performing any necessary restoration work.

Payment for connecting intercepted drains and service connections shall be made on the following basis:

- (a) Where such drains and service connections are shown on the contract drawings the cost of connections shall be included in the contract price for pipe installation.
- (b) Where such drains and service connections are not shown on the contract drawings, the cost of connections will be considered an allowable extra to the contract.

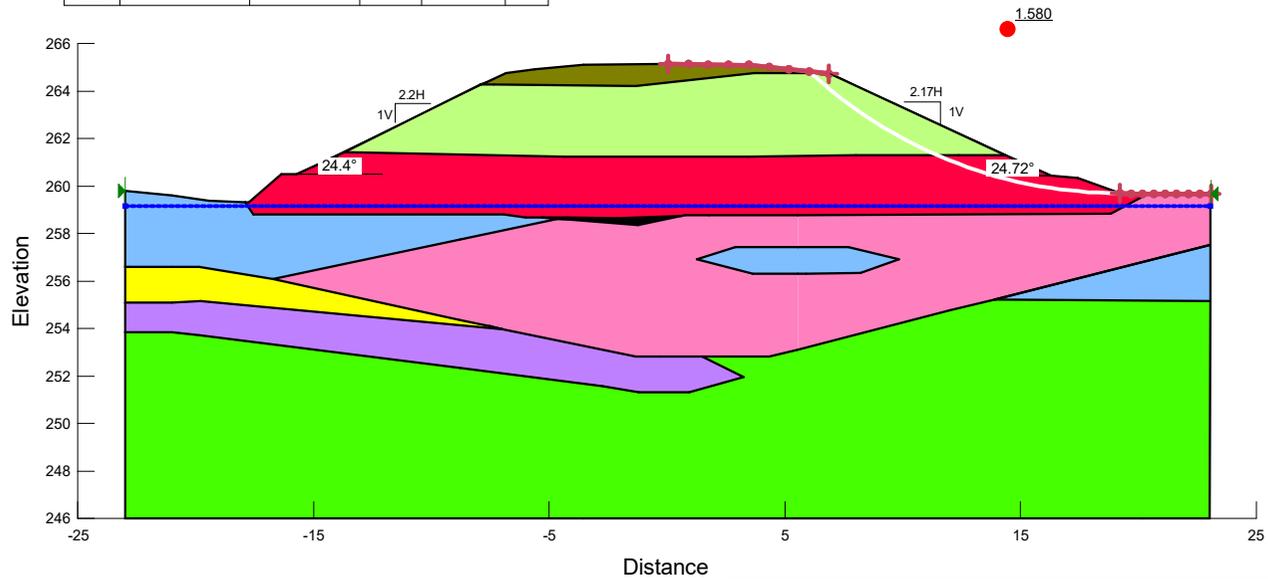
# Appendix G

## Slope Stability Assessment



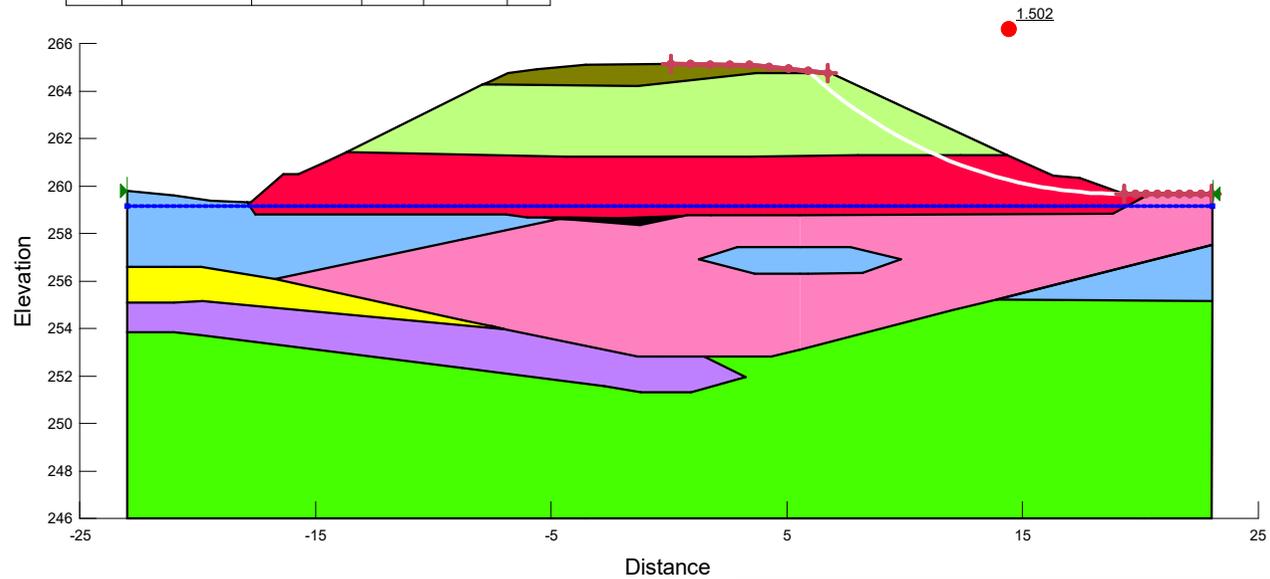
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| Black        | Buried Organics                    | Mohr-Coulomb | 14                               | 0               | 14       |
| Red          | Embankment Fill-Silt/Silt and Clay | Mohr-Coulomb | 18                               | 2.5             | 28       |
| Light Green  | Embankment Fill-Sand               | Mohr-Coulomb | 19                               | 0               | 28       |
| Olive Green  | Embankment Fill-Sand and Gravel    | Mohr-Coulomb | 20                               | 0               | 35       |
| Purple       | Gravelly Sand                      | Mohr-Coulomb | 20                               | 0               | 32       |
| Bright Green | Sandy Silt to Silty Sand           | Mohr-Coulomb | 19                               | 0               | 28       |
| Blue         | Silt                               | Mohr-Coulomb | 18                               | 1               | 28       |
| Pink         | Silt and Clay                      | Mohr-Coulomb | 18                               | 5               | 28       |
| Yellow       | Silty Sand                         | Mohr-Coulomb | 19                               | 0               | 30       |



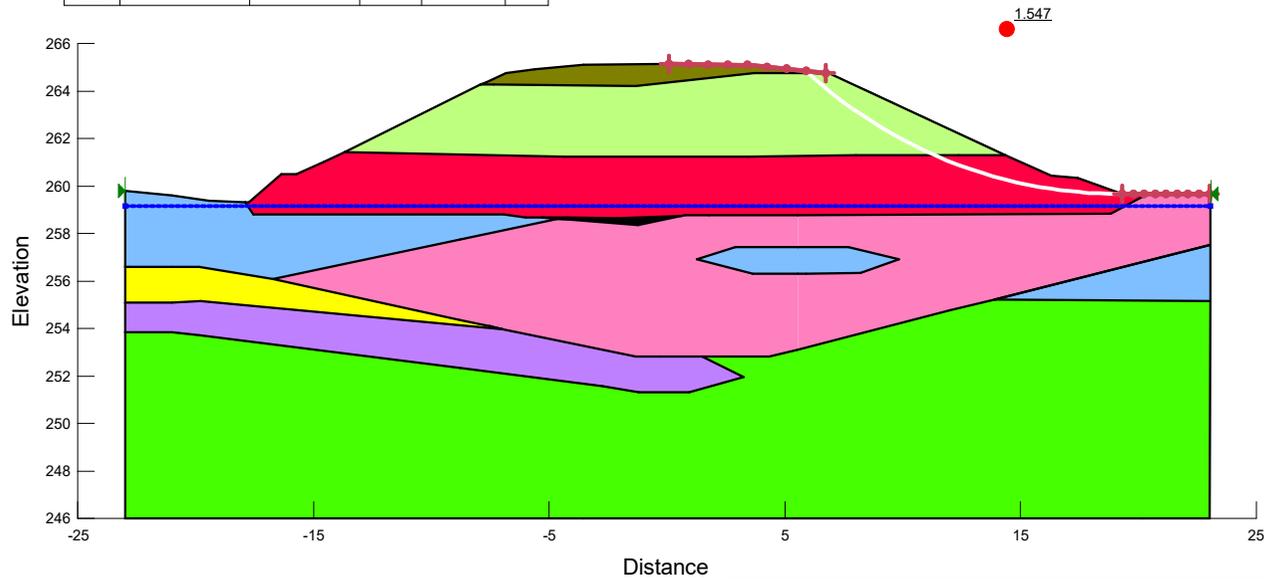
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| Color        | Name                               | Model        | Unit Weight (kN/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Cohesion' (kPa) | Phi' (°) |
|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Black        | Buried Organics                    | Mohr-Coulomb | 14                               | 0               | 14       |
| Red          | Embankment Fill-Silt/Silt and Clay | Mohr-Coulomb | 18                               | 2.5             | 28       |
| Light Green  | Embankment Fill-Sand               | Mohr-Coulomb | 19                               | 0               | 28       |
| Brown        | Embankment Fill-Sand and Gravel    | Mohr-Coulomb | 20                               | 0               | 35       |
| Purple       | Gravelly Sand                      | Mohr-Coulomb | 20                               | 0               | 32       |
| Bright Green | Sandy Silt to Silty Sand           | Mohr-Coulomb | 19                               | 0               | 28       |
| Blue         | Silt                               | Mohr-Coulomb | 18                               | 1               | 28       |
| Pink         | Silt and Clay                      | Mohr-Coulomb | 18                               | 5               | 28       |
| Yellow       | Silty Sand                         | Mohr-Coulomb | 19                               | 0               | 30       |



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| Black        | Buried Organics                    | Mohr-Coulomb | 14                               | 0               | 14       |
| Red          | Embankment Fill-Silt/Silt and Clay | Mohr-Coulomb | 18                               | 2.5             | 28       |
| Light Green  | Embankment Fill-Sand               | Mohr-Coulomb | 19                               | 0               | 28       |
| Olive Green  | Embankment Fill-Sand and Gravel    | Mohr-Coulomb | 20                               | 0               | 35       |
| Purple       | Gravelly Sand                      | Mohr-Coulomb | 20                               | 0               | 32       |
| Bright Green | Sandy Silt to Silty Sand           | Mohr-Coulomb | 19                               | 0               | 28       |
| Blue         | Silt                               | Mohr-Coulomb | 18                               | 1               | 28       |
| Pink         | Silt and Clay                      | Mohr-Coulomb | 18                               | 5               | 28       |
| Yellow       | Silty Sand                         | Mohr-Coulomb | 19                               | 0               | 30       |



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