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1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Minto Communities to complete a desktop review of existing soils information for the proposed multi-storey buildings, which are to be located at 178-200 Isabella Street and 205 Pretoria Avenue in the City of Ottawa, Ontario (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2 of this report).

The objectives of the desktop review were to:

- Provide geotechnical recommendations based on existing soils information for the design of the proposed buildings, including construction considerations which may affect the design.

The following report has been prepared specifically and solely for the aforementioned project which is described herein. This report contains the geotechnical findings and includes recommendations pertaining to the design and construction of the proposed buildings as understood at the time of writing this report.

Investigating the presence or potential presence of contamination on the subject site was not part of the scope of work of this present investigation. A report addressing environmental issues has been prepared under a separate cover.

2.0 Proposed Development

Details of the proposed development were not provided at the time of writing this report. However, based on discussions with Minto personnel, the proposed development is expected to consist of two, 20-storey residential buildings with a 5-storey podium. The buildings will also incorporate 1 or 2 levels of underground parking depending on the parking requirements for the number of units available. The excavation footprint for the proposed multi-storey buildings is anticipated to encompass the majority of the site. The site is also anticipated to be municipally serviced.

3.0 Method of Investigation

3.1 Field Investigation

The field program for the previous geotechnical investigation was carried out by Paterson on October 7, 2016. At that time, three (3) boreholes were advanced to a maximum depth of 9.75 m below existing grade. The borehole locations were distributed in a manner to provide general coverage of the site. The approximate locations of the boreholes are shown on Drawing PG5043-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were put down using a truck-mounted auger drill rig operated by a two-person crew. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of our personnel under the direction of a senior engineer. The drilling procedure consisted of augering to the required depths at the selected locations, and sampling and testing the overburden.

Sampling and In Situ Testing

Soil samples were recovered using a 50 mm diameter split-spoon sampler or from the auger flights. The split-spoon and auger samples were classified on site and placed in sealed plastic bags. All samples were transported to our laboratory. The depths at which the split-spoon and auger samples were recovered from the boreholes are shown as SS and AU, respectively, on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1.

The Standard Penetration Test (SPT) was conducted in conjunction with the recovery of the split-spoon samples. The SPT results are recorded as “N” values on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets. The “N” value is the number of blows required to drive the split-spoon sampler 300 mm into the soil after a 150 mm initial penetration using a 63.5 kg hammer falling from a height of 760 mm.

Undrained shear strength testing, using a vane apparatus, was carried out at regular intervals of depth in cohesive soils.

The overburden thickness was evaluated by a dynamic cone penetration test (DCPT) at two borehole locations. The DCPT consists of driving a steel drill rod, equipped with a 50 mm diameter cone at the tip, using a 63.5 kg hammer falling from a height of 760 mm. The number of blows required to drive the cone into the soil is recorded for each 300 mm increment.

The subsurface conditions observed in the boreholes were recorded in detail in the field. The soil profiles are presented on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 of this report.

Groundwater

A 51 mm diameter PVC groundwater monitoring well was installed in all borehole locations to permit monitoring of the groundwater levels subsequent to the completion of the sampling program.

Monitoring Well Installation

Typical monitoring well construction details are described below:

- 3.0 m of slotted 51 mm diameter PVC screen at base the base of the boreholes
- 51 mm diameter PVC riser pipe from the top of the screen to the ground surface.
- No.3 silica sand backfill within annular space around screen.
- 300 mm thick bentonite hole plug directly above PVC slotted screen.
- Clean backfill from top of bentonite plug to the ground surface.

Refer to the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 for specific well construction details.

Sample Storage

All samples will be stored in the laboratory for a period of one month after issuance of this report. They will then be discarded unless we are otherwise directed.

3.2 Field Survey

The borehole locations and ground surface elevations were surveyed by Paterson field personnel. Ground surface elevations at the borehole locations were referenced to a temporary benchmark (TBM), consisting of the top of spindle of the fire hydrant located in front of 210 Isabella Street. An arbitrary elevation of 100 m was assigned to the TBM. The location of the boreholes, TBM, and the ground surface elevation at the boreholes are presented on Drawing PG5043-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

3.3 Laboratory Testing

The soil samples recovered from the subject site were visually examined in our laboratory to review the results of the field logging.

3.4 Analytical Testing

One (1) soil sample was submitted for analytical testing to assess the corrosion potential for exposed ferrous metals and the potential of sulphate attacks against subsurface concrete structures. The sample is analyzed to determine the concentrations of sulphate and chloride, the resistivity and the pH of the sample. The results are included in Appendix 1 and are further discussed in Subsection 6.7.

4.0 Observations

4.1 Surface Conditions

The subject site consists of five (5) individual properties (178, 180, 182 and 200 Isabella Street and 205 Pretoria Avenue). The properties from 178 to 200 Isabella Street were formerly occupied by several low rise buildings. The east and west portions of this section of the site are currently paved and used for parking, while the middle portion of this section is covered with low vegetation and visible demolition debris throughout. The property at 205 Pretoria Avenue is currently occupied by an existing residential building.

The subject site is has a moderate slope down towards Isabella Street and is approximately at grade with Isabella Street. It should be noted that a retaining wall is present along the west property boundary of the Isabella properties, which provides an elevation difference of a minimum of 1.5 m above the adjacent property, including 205 Pretoria Avenue.

4.2 Subsurface Profile

Overburden

Generally, the subsurface profile at the borehole locations consists of asphalt and/or fill consisting of brown silty sand to silty clay, some gravel, cobbles, boulders and construction debris extending to depths ranging from 1.4 to 2.3 m below the existing grade. A stiff brown to grey silty clay deposit was encountered below the above noted fill layers. Practical refusal to DCPT was encountered at 17.9 and 19.2 m in BH 1 and BH 2, respectively. Specific details of the subsurface profile at each borehole location are presented in the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1.

Bedrock

Based on available geological mapping, the subject site is located in an area where the bedrock consists of shale of the Billings Formation with an approximate drift thickness of 15 to 25 m.

4.3 Groundwater

Groundwater levels (GWLs) were measured at BH 1, BH 2 and BH 3 on October 14, 2016 in the monitoring wells installed during the field investigation. The measured GWL readings are presented in Table 1. Based on field observations, such as colouring, moisture levels and consistency of the recovered soil samples, the long-term groundwater table is expected at a 4.5 to 5.5 m depth. It should be noted that groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations. Therefore, the groundwater levels could vary at the time of construction.

| Table 1 - Summary of Groundwater Level Readings | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Borehole Number | Ground Elevation (m) | Groundwater Levels (m) | | Recording Date |
| | | Depth | Elevation | |
| BH 1 | 100.88 | 2.52 | 98.36 | October 14, 2016 |
| BH 2 | 101.33 | 4.74 | 96.59 | October 14, 2016 |
| BH 3 | 101.37 | 6.79 | 94.58 | October 14, 2016 |

Note: The ground surface elevation at each borehole was referenced to a temporary benchmark (TBM), consisting of the top spindle of a fire hydrant located in front of 210 Isabella Street. An arbitrary elevation of 100 m was assigned to the TBM.

5.0 Discussion

5.1 Geotechnical Assessment

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is considered acceptable for the proposed multi-storey buildings. Bearing resistance values have been provided for conventional shallow foundations, however, based on the proposed development, it is anticipated that these bearing resistance values will not be sufficient to support the expected building loads. Therefore, alternative options such as end bearing piled foundations, or a raft foundation would provide a suitable foundations for the proposed building.

Due to the presence of a silty clay deposit underlying the subject site, it is recommended that the site be subjected to permissible grade raise restrictions to prevents issues related to differential settlement in the underlying soils.

The above and other considerations are further discussed in the following sections.

5.2 Site Grading and Preparation

Stripping Depth

Asphalt, topsoil, construction debris and any deleterious fill, such as those containing organic materials, should be removed from within the perimeter of the proposed buildings and other settlement sensitive structures.

Fill Placement

Fill used for grading beneath the proposed buildings, should consist of clean imported granular fill, such as Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS) Granular A or Granular B Type II. This material should be tested and approved prior to delivery to the site. The fill should be placed in lifts no greater than 225 mm thick and compacted using suitable compaction equipment for the lift thickness. Fill placed beneath the building and paved areas should be compacted to at least 98% of its standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).

Site-excavated soil can be used as general landscaping fill where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. These materials should be spread in thin lifts and at least compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids. If these materials are to be used to build up the subgrade level for areas to be paved, they should be compacted in thin lifts to a minimum density of 95% of their respective SPMDD. Non-specified fill and/or Site-excavated soils are not suitable for use as backfill against foundation walls unless a composite drainage blanket connected to a perimeter drainage system is provided.

5.3 Foundation Design

Conventional Shallow Footings

Strip footings, up to 3 m wide, and pad footings, up to 6 m wide, placed over an undisturbed, stiff silty clay bearing surface can be designed using bearing resistance value at serviceability limit states (SLS) of **150 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **250 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the reported bearing resistance values at ULS.

An undisturbed soil bearing surface consists of one from which all topsoil and deleterious materials, such as loose, frozen or disturbed soil, have been removed prior to the placement of concrete for footings. The bearing resistance value given for footings at SLS will be subjected to potential post construction total and differential settlements of 25 and 20 mm, respectively.

The bearing medium under footing-supported structures is required to be provided with adequate lateral support with respect to excavations and different foundation levels. Above the groundwater level, adequate lateral support is provided to a stiff silty clay when a plane extending down and out from the bottom edge of the footing at a minimum of 1.5H:1V passes only through in situ soil or engineered fill.

Piled Foundation

Consideration may be given to using concrete filled steel pipe piles driven to refusal on the bedrock surface where building loads exceed the bearing resistance values given above. For deep foundations, concrete-filled steel pipe piles are generally utilized in the Ottawa area. Applicable pile resistance at SLS values and factored pile resistance at ULS values are given in Table 2. A resistance factor of 0.4 has been incorporated into the factored ULS values. Note that these are all geotechnical axial resistance values.

The geotechnical pile resistance values were estimated using the Hiley dynamic formula, to be confirmed during pile installation with a program of dynamic monitoring. For this project, the dynamic monitoring of two to four piles would be recommended. This is considered to be the minimum monitoring program, as the piles under shear walls may be required to be driven using the maximum recommended driving energy to achieve the greatest factored resistance at ULS values. Re-striking of all piles at least once will also be required after at least 48 hours have elapsed since initial driving.

| Table 2 - Pile Foundation Design Data | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Pile Outside Diameter (mm) | Pile Wall Thickness (mm) | Geotechnical Axial Resistance | | Final Set (blows/ 12 mm) | Transferred Hammer Energy (kJ) |
| | | SLS (kN) | Factored at ULS (kN) | | |
| 245 | 9 | 925 | 1110 | 6 | 27 |
| 245 | 11 | 1050 | 1260 | 6 | 31 |
| 245 | 13 | 1200 | 1440 | 6 | 35 |

Raft Foundation

For our design calculations, two (2), 20-storey buildings with two levels of underground parking were assumed. It is expected that the excavation will extend to a 8 m depth below existing ground surface. The maximum SLS contact pressure (includes the raft embedment compensation) can be taken to be **250 kPa**. It should be noted that the weight of the raft slab and everything above has to be included when designing with this value. The loading conditions for the contact pressure are based on sustained loads, that are generally taken to be 100% Dead Load and 50% Live Load.

The modulus of subgrade reaction was calculated to be **5 MPa/m** for a contact pressure of **250 kPa**. The design of the raft foundation is required to consider the relative stiffness of the reinforced concrete slab and the supporting bearing medium. A common method of modeling the soil structure interaction is to consider the bearing medium to be elastic and to assign a subgrade modulus. However, sensitive silty clay is not elastic and limits have to be placed on the stress ranges of a particular modulus. The proposed building can be designed using the above parameters and a total and differential settlement of 25 and 20 mm, respectively.

Permissible Grade Raise

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site should be subjected to a permissible grade raise of **2 m** above existing ground surface.

5.4 Design for Earthquakes

The site class for seismic site response can be taken as **Class D** for the foundation anticipated for the proposed building. The soils underlying the subject site are not susceptible to liquefaction. Refer to the latest revision of the 2012 Ontario Building Code for a full discussion of the earthquake design requirements.

5.5 Basement Slab

It is recommended that the upper 200 mm of sub-slab fill consists of 19 mm clear crushed stone. All backfill material within the footprint of the proposed building should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose layers and compacted to at least 95% of its SPMDD. It is also expected that a series of sub-floor drainage pipes connected to the building's sump pit will be incorporated to drain any water which enters the granular layer. A concrete mud slab should be poured to protect the native soil from construction activities.

5.6 Basement Wall

The conditions can be well-represented by assuming the retained soil consists of a material with an angle of internal friction of 30 degrees and a dry unit weight of 20 kN/m³. Undrained conditions are anticipated (i.e. below the groundwater level). Therefore, the applicable effective unit weight of the retained soil can be taken as 13 kN/m³, where applicable. A hydrostatic pressure should be added to the total static earth pressure when using the effective unit weight.

Two distinct conditions, static and seismic, should be reviewed for design calculations. The parameters for design calculations for the two conditions are presented below.

Lateral Earth Pressures

The static horizontal earth pressure (p_o) can be calculated using a triangular earth pressure distribution equal to $K_o \cdot \gamma \cdot H$ where:

K_o = at-rest earth pressure coefficient of the applicable retained soil, 0.5

γ = unit weight of the applicable retained soil (kN/m³)

H = height of the wall (m)

An additional pressure having a magnitude equal to $K_o \cdot q$ and acting on the entire height of the wall should be added to the above diagram for any surcharge loading, q (kPa), that may be placed at ground surface adjacent to the wall. The surcharge pressure will only be applicable for static analyses and should not be used in conjunction with the seismic loading case.

Actual earth pressures could be higher than the “at-rest” case if care is not exercised during the compaction of the backfill materials to maintain a minimum separation of 0.3 m from the walls with the compaction equipment.

Seismic Earth Pressures

The total seismic force (P_{AE}) includes both the earth force component (P_o) and the seismic component (ΔP_{AE}). The seismic earth force (ΔP_{AE}) can be calculated using $0.375 \cdot a_c \cdot \gamma \cdot H^2/g$ where:

$$a_c = (1.45 - a_{max}/g)a_{max}$$

$$\gamma = \text{unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil (kN/m}^3\text{)}$$

$$H = \text{height of the wall (m)}$$

$$g = \text{gravity, 9.81 m/s}^2$$

The peak ground acceleration, (a_{max}), for the Ottawa area is 0.32g according to OBC 2012. Note that the vertical seismic coefficient is assumed to be zero.

The earth force component (P_o) under seismic conditions can be calculated using $P_o = 0.5 K_o \gamma H^2$, where $K_o = 0.5$ for the soil conditions noted above.

The total earth force (P_{AE}) is considered to act at a height, h (m), from the base of the wall, where:

$$h = \{P_o \cdot (H/3) + \Delta P_{AE} \cdot (0.6 \cdot H)\} / P_{AE}$$

The earth forces calculated are unfactored. For the ULS case, the earth loads should be factored as live loads, as per OBC 2012.

5.7 Pavement Structure

Asphalt pavement is not anticipated to be required at the subject site. However, should a flexible pavement be required for the project, the recommended flexible pavement structures shown in Tables 3 and 4 would be applicable.

| Table 3 - Recommended Flexible Pavement Structure - Car Only Parking Areas | |
|---|---|
| Thickness (mm) | Material Description |
| 50 | Wear Course - HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete |
| 150 | BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone |
| 300 | SUBBASE - OPSS Granular B Type II |
| | SUBGRADE - Either fill, in situ soil or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil or fill |

| Table 4 - Recommended Flexible Pavement Structure - Access Lanes and Heavy Truck Loading/Parking Areas | |
|---|---|
| Thickness (mm) | Material Description |
| 40 | Wear Course - HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete |
| 50 | Binder Course - HL-8 or Superpave 19.0 Asphaltic Concrete |
| 150 | BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone |
| 400 | SUBBASE - OPSS Granular B Type II |
| | SUBGRADE - Either fill, in situ soil or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil or fill |

Minimum Performance Graded (PG) 58-34 asphalt cement should be used for this project.

If soft spots develop in the subgrade during compaction or due to construction traffic, the affected areas should be excavated and replaced with OPSS Granular B Type II material. The pavement granular base and subbase should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 98% of the SPMDD using suitable vibratory equipment.

6.0 Design and Construction Precautions

6.1 Foundation Drainage

Foundation Drainage and Waterproofing

It is expected that the building foundation walls will be placed in close proximity to all the boundaries. It is expected that the foundation wall will be blind poured against a drainage system and waterproofing system placed against the shoring face.

A waterproofing membrane will be required to lessen the effect of water infiltration for the basement levels starting at 4 m depth. The waterproofing membrane can be placed and fastened to the shoring system and should extend to the bottom of the excavation at the founding level of the raft foundation.

It is recommended that the composite drainage system (such as Miradrain G100N or equivalent) extend down to the footing level. The purpose of the composite drainage system is to relieve any water infiltration resulting from a breach of the waterproofing membrane. It is recommended that 150 mm diameter sleeves at 3 m centres be cast in the foundation wall at the raft slab interface to allow the infiltration of water to flow to an interior perimeter drainage pipe. The perimeter drainage pipe should direct water to sump pit(s) within the lower basement area.

Underfloor Drainage

Underfloor drainage is recommended to control water infiltration due to groundwater infiltration at the proposed founding elevation. The spacing of the underfloor drainage system should be confirmed at the time of completing the excavation when water infiltration can be better assessed.

Foundation Backfill

Where space is available for conventional wall construction (double sided pour), backfill against the exterior sides of the foundation walls should consist of free-draining non frost susceptible granular materials. Imported granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type I granular material, should be used for this purpose.

6.2 Protection of Footings Against Frost Action

Perimeter footings and pile caps of heated structures are required to be insulated against the deleterious effects of frost action. A minimum of 1.5 m of soil cover alone, or a minimum of 0.6 m of soil cover, in conjunction with foundation insulation, should be provided in this regard. Exterior unheated footings, such as those for isolated exterior piers, are more prone to deleterious movement associated with frost action than the exterior walls of the structure proper and require additional protection, such as soil cover of 2.1 m or a combination of soil cover and foundation insulation.

The parking garage should not require protection against frost action due to the founding depth. Unheated structures, such as the access ramp, may be required to insulate against the deleterious effect of frost action. A minimum of 2.1 m of soil cover alone, or a minimum of 0.6 m of soil cover, in conjunction with foundation insulation, should be provided. Paterson should conduct a review of the ramp, footings located at the garage entrance and any footings not meeting the minimum frost cover requirements prior to construction to provide site specific frost protection/insulation recommendations.

6.3 Excavation Side Slopes

Temporary Side Slopes

The temporary excavation side slopes anticipated should either be excavated to acceptable slopes or retained by shoring systems from the beginning of the excavation until the structure is backfilled.

The excavation side slopes above the groundwater level extending to a maximum depth of 3 m should be cut back at 1H:1V or flatter. The flatter slope is required for excavation below groundwater level. The subsurface soil is considered to be mainly a Type 2 and 3 soil according to the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Construction Projects. Excavated soil should not be stockpiled directly at the top of excavations and heavy equipment should maintain safe working distance from the excavation sides.

Slopes in excess of 3 m in height should be periodically inspected by the geotechnical consultant in order to detect if the slopes are exhibiting signs of distress.

Temporary Shoring

Temporary shoring may be required for the overburden soil to complete the required excavations where insufficient room is available for open cut methods. The shoring requirements designed by a structural engineer specializing in those works will depend on the depth of the excavation, the proximity of the adjacent structures and the elevation of the adjacent building foundations and underground services. The design and implementation of these temporary systems will be the responsibility of the excavation contractor and their design team. Inspections and approval of the temporary system will also be the responsibility of the designer. Geotechnical information provided below is to assist the designer in completing a suitable and safe shoring system. The designer should take into account the impact of a significant precipitation event and designate design measures to ensure that a precipitation will not negatively impact the shoring system or soils supported by the system. Any changes to the approved shoring design system should be reported immediately to the owner's structural design prior to implementation.

The temporary system could consist of soldier pile and lagging system or interlocking steel sheet piling. Any additional loading due to street traffic, construction equipment, adjacent structures and facilities, etc., should be included to the earth pressures described below. These systems could be cantilevered, anchored or braced. Generally, it is expected that the shoring systems will be provided with tie-back rock anchors to ensure their stability. The shoring system is recommended to be adequately supported to resist toe failure and inspected to ensure that the sheet piles extend well below the excavation base. It should be noted if consideration is being given to utilizing a raker style support for the shoring system that lateral movements can occur and the structural engineer should ensure that the design selected minimizes these movements to tolerable levels.

The earth pressures acting on the shoring system may be calculated with the following parameters.

| Table 5 - Soil Parameters | |
|---|---------------|
| Parameters | Values |
| Active Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_a) | 0.33 |
| Passive Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_p) | 3 |
| At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_o) | 0.5 |
| Dry Unit Weight (γ), kN/m ³ | 20 |
| Effective Unit Weight (γ), kN/m ³ | 13 |

The active earth pressure should be calculated where wall movements are permissible while the at-rest pressure should be calculated if no movement is permissible. The dry unit weight should be calculated above the groundwater level while the effective unit weight should be calculated below the groundwater level.

The hydrostatic groundwater pressure should be included to the earth pressure distribution wherever the effective unit weight are calculated for earth pressures. If the groundwater level is lowered, the dry unit weight for the soil/bedrock should be calculated full weight, with no hydrostatic groundwater pressure component.

For design purposes, the minimum factor of safety of 1.5 should be calculated.

6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill

Bedding and backfill materials should be in accordance with the most recent Material Specifications and Standard Detail Drawings from the Department of Public Works and Services, Infrastructure Services Branch of the City of Ottawa.

At least 150 mm of OPSS Granular A should be used for bedding for sewer and water pipes when placed on soil subgrade. The bedding should extend to the spring line of the pipe. Cover material, from the spring line to at least 300 mm above the obvert of the pipe should consist of OPSS Granular A (concrete or PSM PVC pipes) or sand (concrete pipe). The bedding and cover materials should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick lifts compacted to a minimum of 95% of the material's SPMDD.

It should generally be possible to re-use the site materials above the cover material if the operations are carried out in dry weather conditions.

Where hard surface areas are considered above the trench backfill, the trench backfill material within the frost zone (about 1.8 m below finished grade) should match the soils exposed at the trench walls to reduce the potential differential frost heaving. The trench backfill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the material's SPMDD.

6.5 Groundwater Control

Groundwater Infiltration

It is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavations should be low and controllable using open sumps. Pumping from open sumps should be sufficient to control the groundwater influx through the sides of shallow excavations. The contractor should be prepared to direct water away from all bearing surfaces and subgrades, regardless of the source, to prevent disturbance to the founding medium.

A temporary Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) permit to take water (PTTW) may be required for this project if more than 400,000 L/day of ground and/or surface water is to be pumped during the construction phase. A minimum 4 to 5 months should be allowed for completion of the PTTW application package and issuance of the permit by the MECP.

For typical ground or surface water volumes, being pumped during the construction phase, between 50,000 to 400,000 L/day, it is required to register on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR). A minimum of two to four weeks should be allotted for completion of the EASR registration and the Water Taking and Discharge Plan to be prepared by a Qualified Person as stipulated under O.Reg. 63/16. If a project qualifies for a PTTW based upon anticipated conditions, an EASR will not be allowed as a temporary dewatering measure while awaiting the MECP review of the PTTW application.

Long-term Groundwater Control

Our recommendations for the proposed building's long-term groundwater control are presented in Subsection 6.1. Any groundwater breaching the waterproofing system will be directed to the proposed building's cistern/sump pit. Provided the proposed groundwater infiltration control system is properly implemented and approved by the geotechnical consultant at the time of construction, it is expected that groundwater flow will be low to moderate at the bottom of excavation with higher volumes during peak periods noted after rain events. A more accurate estimate can be provided at the time of construction, once groundwater infiltration levels are observed. It is anticipated that the groundwater flow will be controllable using conventional open sumps.

Adverse Effects of Dewatering on Adjacent Properties

Since the proposed development will be founded below the long term groundwater level if a second level of underground parking is considered, a waterproofing membrane system has been recommended to lessen the effects of water infiltration. Any long term dewatering of the site will be minimal and should have no adverse effect to the surrounding buildings or structures. The short term dewatering during the excavation program will be managed by the excavation contractor.

6.6 Winter Construction

Precautions must be taken if winter construction is considered for this project.

The subsoil conditions at this site mostly consist of frost susceptible materials. In the presence of water and freezing conditions ice could form within the soil mass. Heaving and settlement upon thawing could occur.

In the event of construction during below zero temperatures, the founding stratum should be protected from freezing temperatures by the use of straw, propane heaters and tarpaulins or other suitable means. In this regard, the base of the excavations should be insulated from sub-zero temperatures immediately upon exposure and until such time as heat is adequately supplied to the building and the footings are protected with sufficient soil cover to prevent freezing at founding level.

The trench excavations should be carried out in a manner to avoid the introduction of frozen materials, snow or ice into the trenches.

Precaution must be taken where excavations are carried in proximity of existing structures which may be adversely affected due to the freezing conditions. In particular, it should be recognized that where a shoring system is used, the soil behind the shoring system will be subjected to freezing conditions and could result in heaving of the structure(s) placed within or above frozen soil. Provisions should be made in the contract document to protect the walls of the excavations from freezing, if applicable.

6.7 Corrosion Potential and Sulphate

One (1) sample was submitted for testing. The analytical test results of the soil sample indicate that the sulphate content is less than 0.01%. These results along with the chloride and pH value are indicative that Type 10 Portland cement (normal cement) would be appropriate for this site. The results of the resistivity indicate the presence of a moderate environment for exposed ferrous metals at this site, which is typical of silty clay samples submitted for the subject area. It is anticipated that standard measures for corrosion protection are sufficient for services placed within the silty clay deposit.

7.0 Recommendations

It is a requirement for the foundation design data provided herein to be applicable that a materials testing and observation services program including the following aspects be performed by the geotechnical consultant.

- Complete a supplemental field investigation specific to the proposed project.
- Review of the proposed structure(s) and adjacent structures from a geotechnical perspective.
- Review structures/footing expected to have minimal frost cover such as footings at to be located at the garage entrance and/or garage ramp walls.
- Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
- Sampling and testing of the concrete and fill materials used.
- Periodic observation of the condition of unsupported excavation side slopes in excess of 3 m in height, if applicable.
- Periodic inspections of composite drainage/waterproofing installed along the perimeter of the building prior to pouring the foundation walls.
- Observation of all subgrades prior to backfilling.
- Field density tests to determine the level of compaction achieved.
- Sampling and testing of the bituminous concrete including mix design reviews.

A report confirming that these works have been conducted in general accordance with our recommendations could be issued, upon request, following the completion of a satisfactory materials testing and observation program by the geotechnical consultant.

8.0 Statement of Limitations

The recommendations provided in the report are in accordance with Paterson's present understanding of the project. Paterson request permission to review the recommendations when the drawings and specifications are completed.

A geotechnical investigation is a limited sampling of a site. Should any conditions encountered during construction differ from the borehole locations, Paterson requests immediate notification to permit reassessment of the recommendations.

The recommendations provided should only be used by the design professionals associated with this project. The recommendations are not intended for contractors bidding on or constructing the project. The latter should evaluate the factual information provided in the report. The contractor should also determine the suitability and completeness for the intended construction schedule and methods. Additional testing may be required for the contractors purpose.

The present report applies only to the project described in the report. The use of the report for purposes other than those described above or by person(s) other than Minto Communities or their agents is not authorized without review by Paterson.

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APPENDIX 1

SOIL PROFILE & TEST DATA SHEETS

SYMBOLS AND TERMS

ANALYTICAL TESTING RESULTS

DATUM TBM - Top spindle of fire hydrant located in front of 210 Isabella Street, south side. An arbitrary elevation of 100.00m was assigned to the TBM.

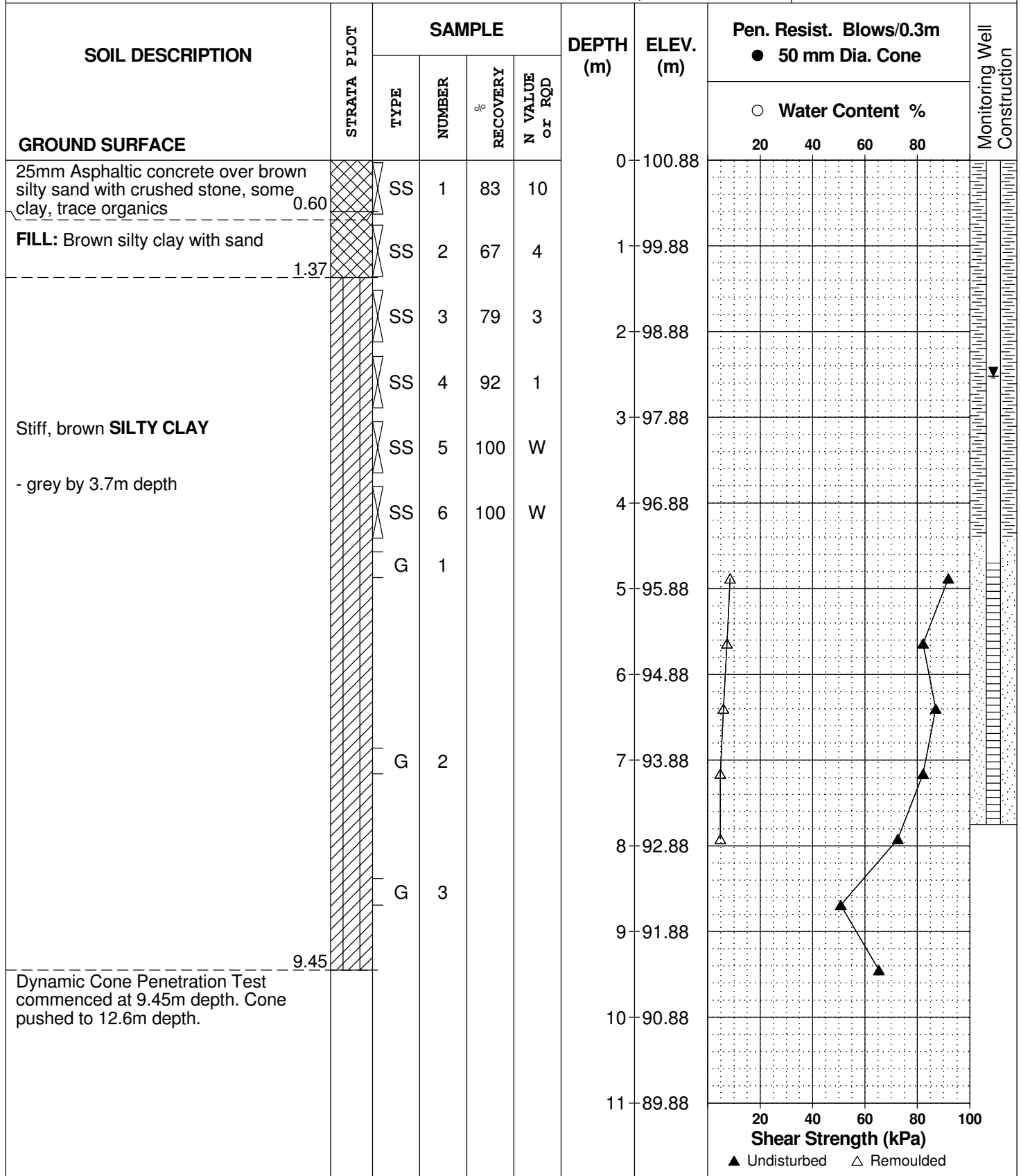
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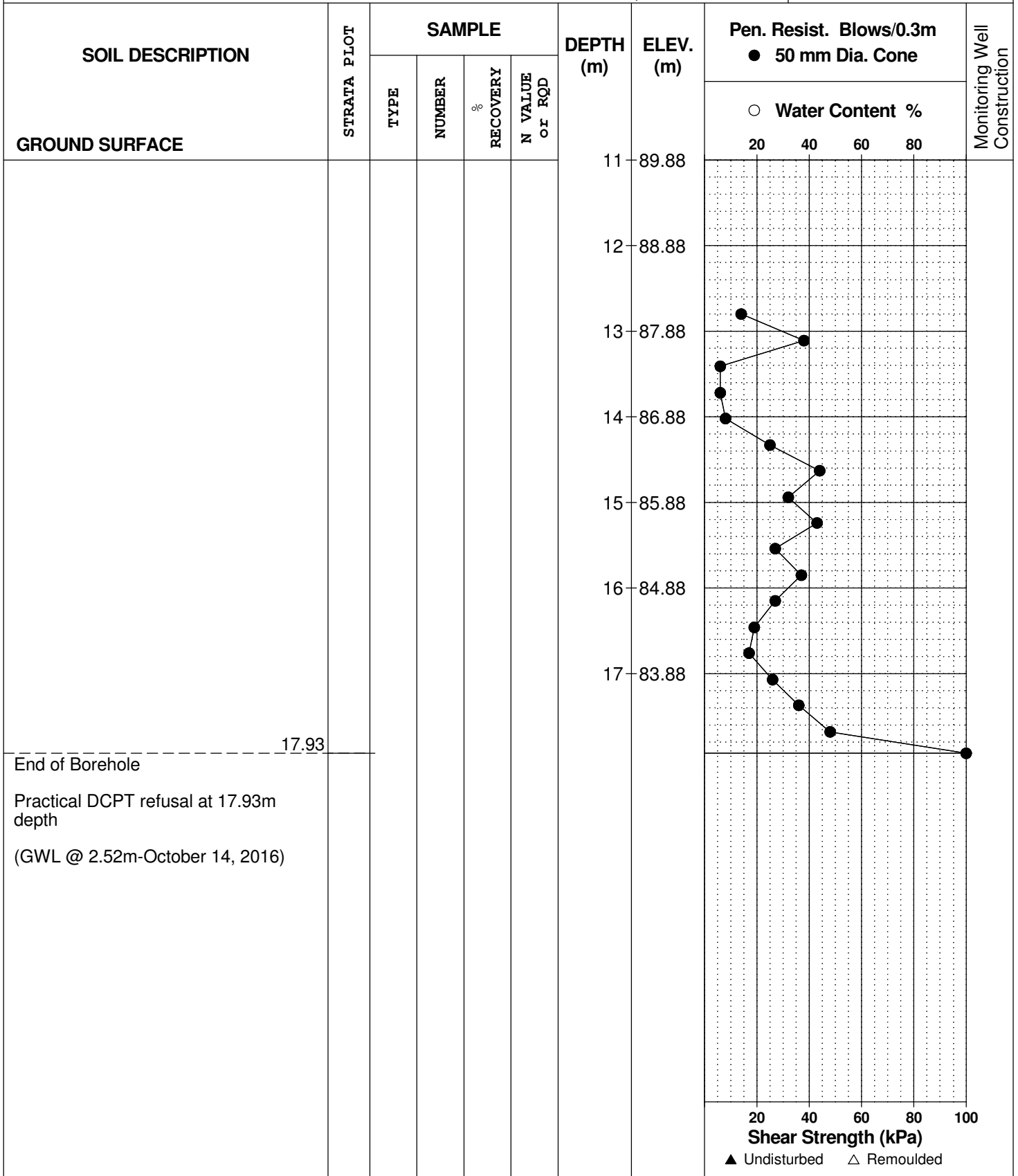
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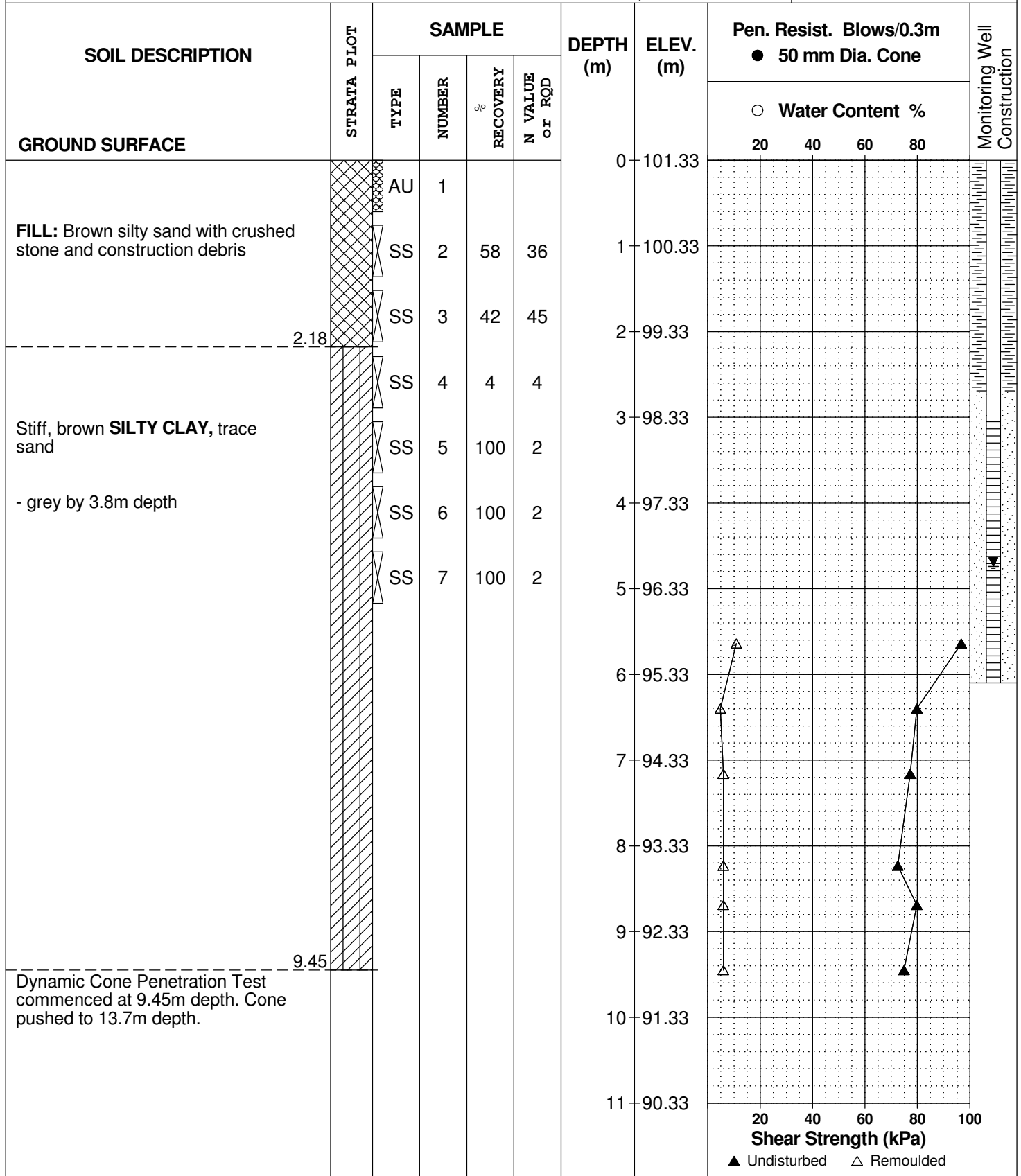
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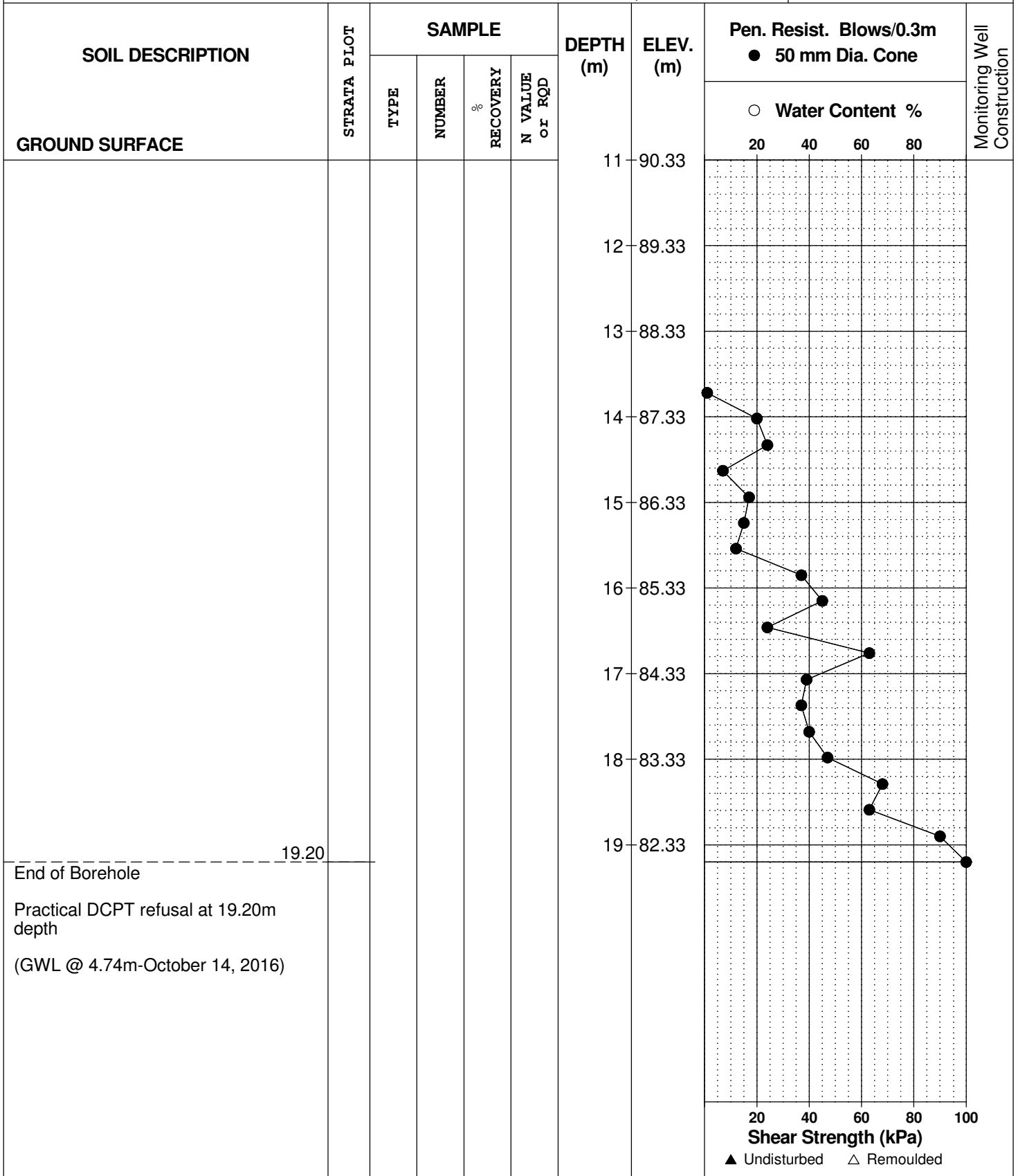
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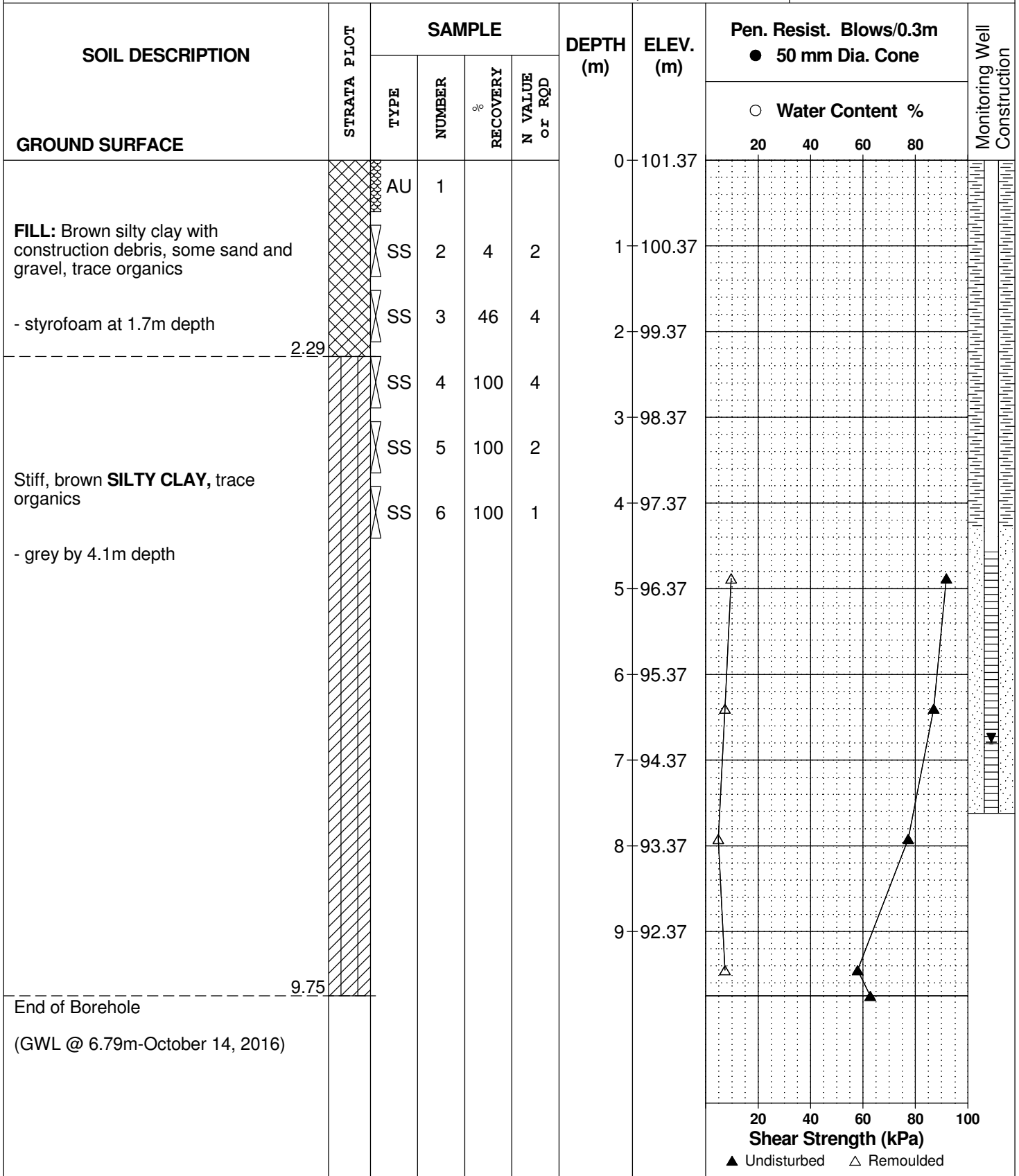
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SYMBOLS AND TERMS

SOIL DESCRIPTION

Behavioural properties, such as structure and strength, take precedence over particle gradation in describing soils. Terminology describing soil structure are as follows:

| | | |
|------------------|---|--|
| Desiccated | - | having visible signs of weathering by oxidation of clay minerals, shrinkage cracks, etc. |
| Fissured | - | having cracks, and hence a blocky structure. |
| Varved | - | composed of regular alternating layers of silt and clay. |
| Stratified | - | composed of alternating layers of different soil types, e.g. silt and sand or silt and clay. |
| Well-Graded | - | Having wide range in grain sizes and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes (see Grain Size Distribution). |
| Uniformly-Graded | - | Predominantly of one grain size (see Grain Size Distribution). |

The standard terminology to describe the strength of cohesionless soils is the relative density, usually inferred from the results of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) 'N' value. The SPT N value is the number of blows of a 63.5 kg hammer, falling 760 mm, required to drive a 51 mm O.D. split spoon sampler 300 mm into the soil after an initial penetration of 150 mm.

| Relative Density | 'N' Value | Relative Density % |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Very Loose | <4 | <15 |
| Loose | 4-10 | 15-35 |
| Compact | 10-30 | 35-65 |
| Dense | 30-50 | 65-85 |
| Very Dense | >50 | >85 |

The standard terminology to describe the strength of cohesive soils is the consistency, which is based on the undisturbed undrained shear strength as measured by the in situ or laboratory vane tests, penetrometer tests, unconfined compression tests, or occasionally by Standard Penetration Tests.

| Consistency | Undrained Shear Strength (kPa) | 'N' Value |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Very Soft | <12 | <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 |

SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

SOIL DESCRIPTION (continued)

Cohesive soils can also be classified according to their "sensitivity". The sensitivity is the ratio between the undisturbed undrained shear strength and the remoulded undrained shear strength of the soil.

Terminology used for describing soil strata based upon texture, or the proportion of individual particle sizes present is provided on the Textural Soil Classification Chart at the end of this information package.

ROCK DESCRIPTION

The structural description of the bedrock mass is based on the Rock Quality Designation (RQD).

The RQD classification is based on a modified core recovery percentage in which all pieces of sound core over 100 mm long are counted as recovery. The smaller pieces are considered to be a result of closely-spaced discontinuities (resulting from shearing, jointing, faulting, or weathering) in the rock mass and are not counted. RQD is ideally determined from NXL size core. However, it can be used on smaller core sizes, such as BX, if the bulk of the fractures caused by drilling stresses (called "mechanical breaks") are easily distinguishable from the normal in situ fractures.

| RQD % | ROCK QUALITY |
|--------|--|
| 90-100 | Excellent, intact, very sound |
| 75-90 | Good, massive, moderately jointed or sound |
| 50-75 | Fair, blocky and seamy, fractured |
| 25-50 | Poor, shattered and very seamy or blocky, severely fractured |
| 0-25 | Very poor, crushed, very severely fractured |

SAMPLE TYPES

| | | |
|----|---|---|
| SS | - | Split spoon sample (obtained in conjunction with the performing of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT)) |
| TW | - | Thin wall tube or Shelby tube |
| PS | - | Piston sample |
| AU | - | Auger sample or bulk sample |
| WS | - | Wash sample |
| RC | - | Rock core sample (Core bit size AXT, BXL, etc.). Rock core samples are obtained with the use of standard diamond drilling bits. |

SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

| | | |
|-----|---|--|
| MC% | - | Natural moisture content or water content of sample, % |
| LL | - | Liquid Limit, % (water content above which soil behaves as a liquid) |
| PL | - | Plastic limit, % (water content above which soil behaves plastically) |
| PI | - | Plasticity index, % (difference between LL and PL) |
| Dxx | - | Grain size which xx% of the soil, by weight, is of finer grain sizes These grain size descriptions are not used below 0.075 mm grain size |
| D10 | - | Grain size at which 10% of the soil is finer (effective grain size) |
| D60 | - | Grain size at which 60% of the soil is finer |
| Cc | - | Concavity coefficient = $(D_{30})^2 / (D_{10} \times D_{60})$ |
| Cu | - | Uniformity coefficient = D_{60} / D_{10} |

Cc and Cu are used to assess the grading of sands and gravels:

Well-graded gravels have: $1 < Cc < 3$ and $Cu > 4$

Well-graded sands have: $1 < Cc < 3$ and $Cu > 6$

Sands and gravels not meeting the above requirements are poorly-graded or uniformly-graded.

Cc and Cu are not applicable for the description of soils with more than 10% silt and clay (more than 10% finer than 0.075 mm or the #200 sieve)

CONSOLIDATION TEST

| | | |
|------------|---|--|
| p'_o | - | Present effective overburden pressure at sample depth |
| p'_c | - | Preconsolidation pressure of (maximum past pressure on) sample |
| Ccr | - | Recompression index (in effect at pressures below p'_c) |
| Cc | - | Compression index (in effect at pressures above p'_c) |
| OC Ratio | | Overconsolidation ratio = p'_c / p'_o |
| Void Ratio | | Initial sample void ratio = volume of voids / volume of solids |
| Wo | - | Initial water content (at start of consolidation test) |

PERMEABILITY TEST

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| k | - | Coefficient of permeability or hydraulic conductivity is a measure of the ability of water to flow through the sample. The value of k is measured at a specified unit weight for (remoulded) cohesionless soil samples, because its value will vary with the unit weight or density of the sample during the test. |
|---|---|--|

SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

STRATA PLOT



Topsoil



Asphalt



Fill



Peat



Sand



Silty Sand



Silt



Sandy Silt



Clay



Silty Clay



Clayey Silty Sand



Glacial Till



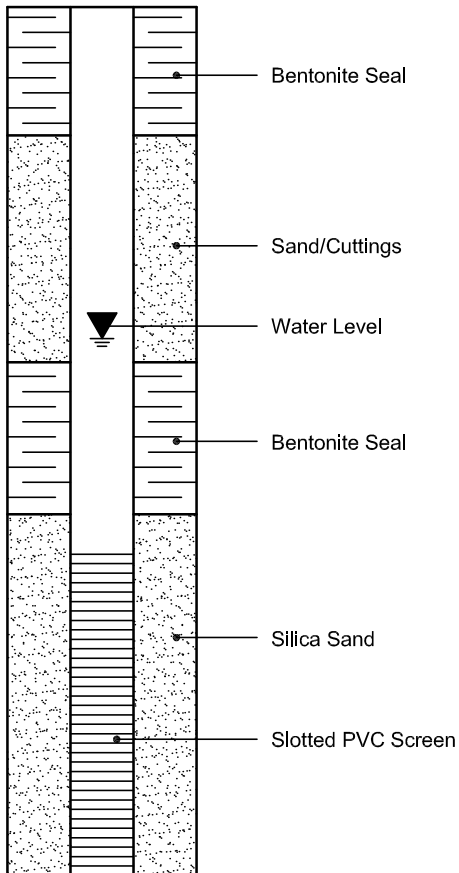
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Bedrock

MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



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 Client: Paterson Group Consulting Engineers
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| | | | | |
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| Client ID: | BH2-SS5 | - | - | - |
| Sample Date: | 07-Oct-16 | - | - | - |
| Sample ID: | 1642177-01 | - | - | - |
| MDL/Units | Soil | - | - | - |

Physical Characteristics

| | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|------|---|---|---|
| % Solids | 0.1 % by Wt. | 59.2 | - | - | - |
|----------|--------------|------|---|---|---|

General Inorganics

| | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------|------|---|---|---|
| pH | 0.05 pH Units | 8.43 | - | - | - |
| Resistivity | 0.10 Ohm.m | 23.1 | - | - | - |

Anions

| | | | | | |
|----------|------------|-----|---|---|---|
| Chloride | 5 ug/g dry | 41 | - | - | - |
| Sulphate | 5 ug/g dry | 112 | - | - | - |

APPENDIX 2

FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN

DRAWING PG5043-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN

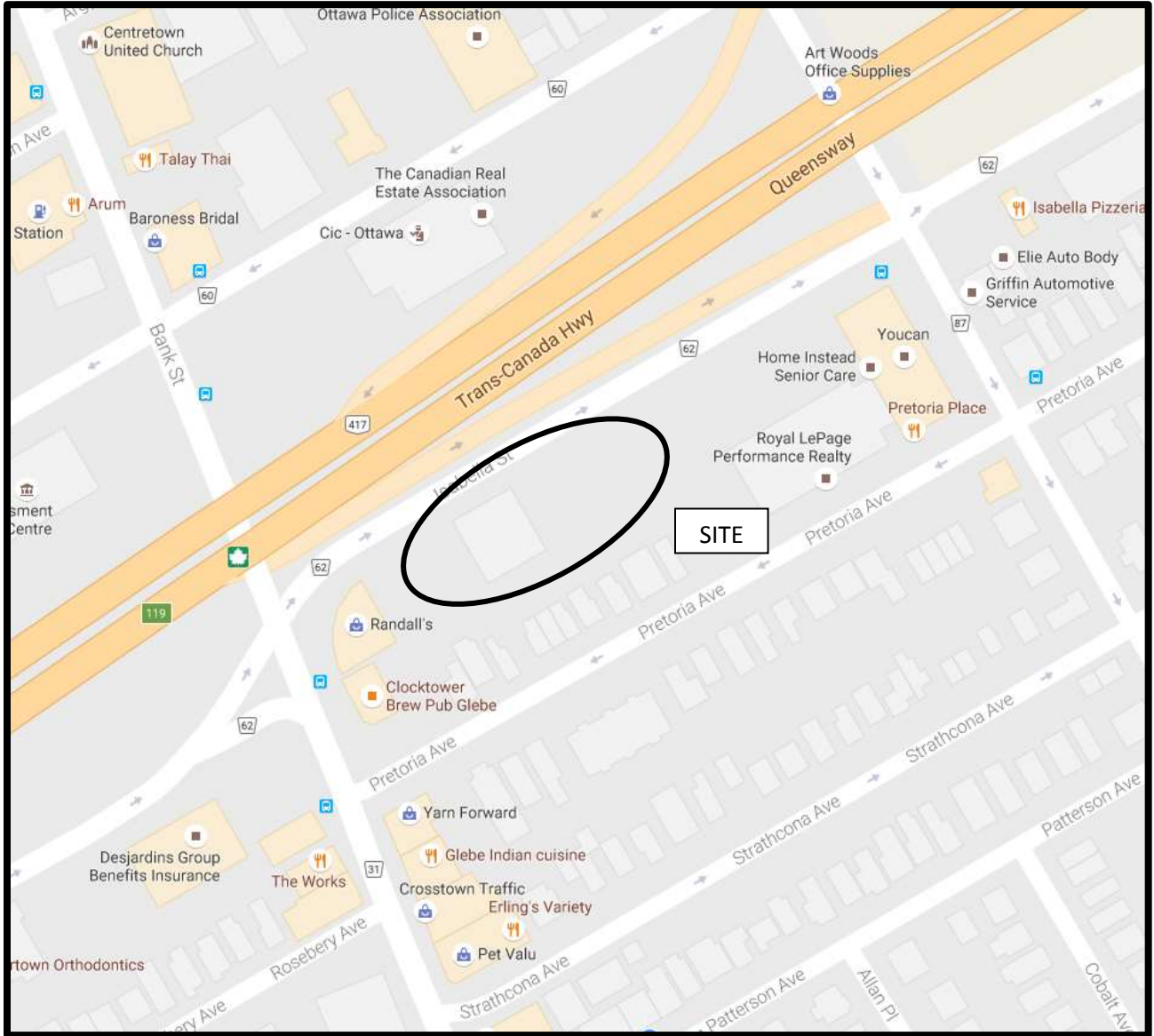
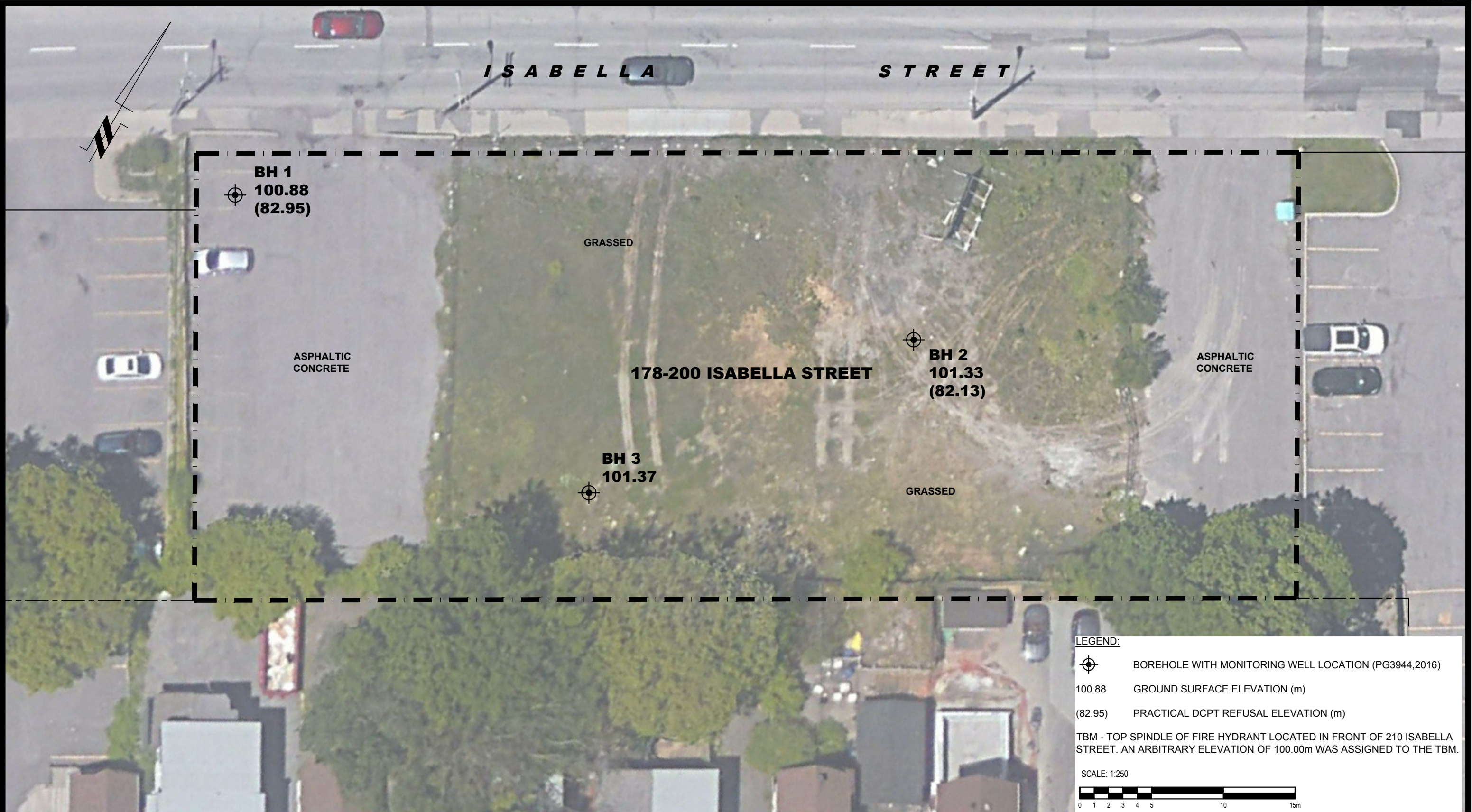


FIGURE 1
KEY PLAN



LEGEND:

BOREHOLE WITH MONITORING WELL LOCATION (PG3944,2016)

100.88 GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION (m)

(82.95) PRACTICAL DCPT REFUSAL ELEVATION (m)

TBM - TOP SPINDLE OF FIRE HYDRANT LOCATED IN FRONT OF 210 ISABELLA STREET. AN ARBITRARY ELEVATION OF 100.00m WAS ASSIGNED TO THE TBM.

SCALE: 1:250

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