
SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION REPORT

73, 79 AND 83 STE CECILE ST., OTTAWA, ON, K4A 3N6

Abstract

The subsurface conditions at 73, 79 and 83 Ste Cecile St., in the City of Ottawa, ON was investigated via sampling and field testing in 3 boreholes for the development of an apartment building. The boreholes were located along the outside perimeter of the residential dwellings existing at this site as shown in figure 1 in page 7. The site was found to be underlain by fill to a 6.1 to 6.75 m depth in turn underlain by dense silty sand to sampler refusal depths up to 8.84 to 12.95 m. on boulders and/or bedrock.

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1 Introduction

This document reports the findings of a subsurface investigation completed at 73, 79 and 83 Ste Cecile St., in the City of Ottawa, ON. having extents and geometry shown in figure 1 in page 7.

The investigation was carried out by advancing 3 boreholes through overburden soils using available exploration techniques for engineering purposes. The information reviewed also includes readily available geologic information from the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC).

Part I Investigation

2 Sampling and Testing

The field and laboratory program set out in our proposal is guided by the following standards:

- ASTM D 420-98 Standard Guide to Site Characterization for Engineering Design and Construction Purposes,
- ASTM D5434 - 12 Standard Guide for Field Logging of Subsurface Explorations of Soil and Rock,
- ASTM D1586 - 11 Standard Test Method for Standard Penetration Test (SPT) and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils,
- ASTM D1586 - 11 based Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (DCPT),
- ASTM D2573 - 08 Standard Test Method for Field Vane Shear Test in Cohesive Soil.

The ASTM D1586 tests were completed using an “auto safety” hammer rated at 60% energy.

In view of the absence of soft to firm clays encountered during the field operations the ASTM D2573 - 08 “Standard Test Method for Field Vane Shear Test in Cohesive Soil” tests were removed from the original field program.

The field program consisted in sampling the subsurface profile using boreholes located as shown in fig. 1 in page 7 along with field review, assessments and classification of samples.

The borehole elevations were estimated based on their location using elevation data in a plan of survey issued for this site. The program included in addition a laboratory review of samples recovered from the field and one sample submitted to a local laboratory to investigate soluble ions concentration, PH and resistivity.

The soil sampling and field testing at each location are shown in the soil profile testing and sampling logs (BH) in the appendices.

Part II

Findings

3 Physical Settings, Strata and Topography

The site consists on three residential lots within a city block. The general topography is flat. It consists on the 73, 79 and 83 Ste Cecile St. parcels in the City of Ottawa, ON. Figure 1 in page 7 shows a plan view of the site displaying the approximate test hole locations and depth.

It can be seen in the testhole logs in appendix A that the site is covered by roughly 6 m of fill including very soft peat underlain by dense silty sand. The materials underlying the dense sand consist of either inferred dense sand and/or dense soils extending to depths of practical refusal to DCPT. DCPT refusals can occur on bedrock and or/boulders.

The geology data base by Belanger J. R. 1998 suggests 3 to 5 m of overburden soils underlain by interbedded limestone and shale bedrock at this site.

4 Surface and Subsurface Materials

The arrangement of strata found in our investigation is shown in the borehole logs in appendix A. Generally, the native geotechnical materials at this site were found to consist of dense silty sand at roughly 6 m overlain by peat and fill. The dense silty sand is underlain by dense soils to DCPT refusals on either bedrock or boulders.

4.1 Fill

Non engineered fill are not adequate materials to bear foundations for development.

4.2 Dense Silty Sand

Dense silty sand can provide bearing for relatively light structures. These materials can be subject to caving where excavations exceed the depth of the water table.

4.3 DCPT Tested Strata

The mechanical properties of materials to the 12.95 m depth of the DCPT tests completed in all 3 boreholes can be estimated based on its results shown in the

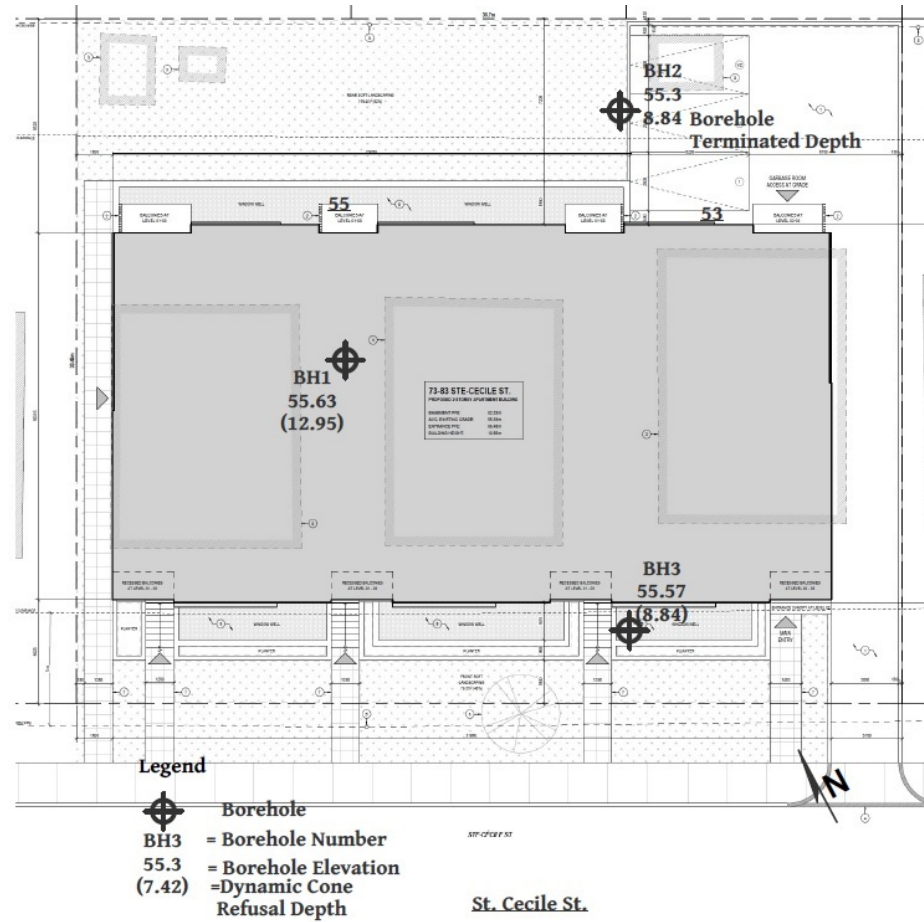


Figure 1: Test hole Locations Plan

borehole logs in appendix A. The DCPT test results are indicative of dense soils.

4.4 Groundwater and Moisture

The water level was measured on December 05, 2022 in environmental wells installed in BH1, BH2 and BH3 at 2.77, 2.26 and 2.6 m depth respectively and shown in the boreholes logs. Ground water measurements in stand pipe installations often require numerous assessments in combination with boreholes data.

The water level measurements obtained on December 05, 2022 represent the best available information at this time. The water table is thus approximately at a 52.96 m elevation (± 2.5 m depth). Moisture contents vary above the ground water table.

4.5 Freezing Index, Frost Depth and Frost Susceptibility

The soil materials encountered at this site are frost susceptible and thus will heave upon exposure to freezing temperatures. Heaving destroys the mechanical properties of soils so that any soil which has been frozen is considered disturbed.

Part III

Geotechnical Assessments

The following set of assessments result from sampling and testing outlined in section 2 and from geotechnical engineering evaluation and assessments.

In view of the fill materials to a depth exceeding 6 m encountered at this site and the proposed founding depth at approximately 3 m beneath finished grade it is expected that the fill will be excavated and removed.

Engineered fill can be used to buildup the subgrade under the proposed structure.

5 Foundations General

Generally speaking, OBC building code compliant Part 9 and Part 4 residential buildings can be founded on shallow spread footings placed on undisturbed dense silty sand and/or engineered granular fill placed on undisturbed dense silty sand.

5.1 Bearing Capacity of Strip and/or Pad Footings

The following bearing capacity can be used for any repair and/or new foundations placed on undisturbed dense silty sand:

- 200 kPa at service limit (SLS).
- 300 kPa for factored loads (ULS).

The above bearing capacity can also be used for new footings placed on newly placed granular fill compacted to 100% of its Proctor Standard Density.

5.2 Restrictions for Grading/Terracing/Grade Raises

Grade raises are not restricted at this site.

5.3 Settlements

For new footings loaded as provided in section 5.1 building settlements for foundations on undisturbed dense silty sand are not to exceed service limit values (SLS) of 25 mm and 20 mm total and differential settlements respectively at this site.

5.4 Frost Protection for Foundations

Shallow foundations in section 5.1 on frost susceptible soils are considered to be frost protected when placed at sufficient depth to prevent supporting soils from freezing. Foundations in the perimeter of heated buildings where snow is not cleared are considered frost protected at 1.5 m depth (as having a soil cover of 1.5 m). Foundations away from heated buildings or in areas where snow is cleared, need to be at about 1.8 m depth to be frost protected. On the alternative frost protection can be provided by using foundation insulation for shallower foundations.

5.5 Foundation Insulation

To meet the required frost protection in section 5.4 for foundations for canopies or other structures in the perimeter of the building and in unheated areas in otherwise heated buildings 50 mm of extruded polystyrene insulation (XPS) type V, VI or VII meet foundation insulation requirements for the freezing index in the Ottawa area.

5.6 Foundation Wall Dampproofing and Drainage

Appendix C.1 presents page 2 of NRC Construction Evaluation Reports CCMC 12658-R showing dampproofing and foundation wall drainage system details satisfying the provisions under OBC 2012 and suitable for the conditions found at this site. Other available similar systems having the components shown in CCMC 12658-R may be used. Foundation drainage must be provided to daylight or a positive outlet, or sump.

6 Site Class for Seismic Design

At this site, the geotechnical testing completed are indicative of a $V_s(30)$ exceeding 360 m/s. As such, site class C is assigned under the provisions in section 4.1.8.4 of the Ontario Building Code 2012 (OBC 2012) for seismic design.

7 Roadbed Soils and Pavement Structure

Generally, for low volume roads, the pavement structure to be placed on native soils or engineered roadbed at this site may consist of 400 mm of OPSS granular B, 150 mm of OPSS Granular A and up to 75 mm of asphalt.

For parking lots, pavement structure to be placed on native soils or engineered roadbed at this site may consist of 300 mm of OPSS granular B, 150 mm of OPSS Granular A and 50 mm of asphalt. This thicknesses will vary depending on expected traffic at different locations.

8 Excavations, Open Cuts, Trenches and Safety

Typically, the main concern when excavating soils or rock is the stability of the sides of excavations. The stability of the sides is achieved by either cutting the sides to safe slopes or by providing shoring. It is also an issue of safety because of imminent hazards to the safety of workers and to property. As such, excavations are governed by the provisions in the Occupational Health and Safety Act of Ontario (O. Reg. 213/91). The application of O. Reg. 213/91 requires a classification of soils in one or several of four types (type I to type IV).

At this site for all excavations to a 2 m depth, soils can be considered type III under O. Reg. 213/91 and type IV for deeper excavations. As such, the following key aspects of O. Reg. 213/91 are applicable to this site:

1. For excavations up to 2 m (soil types III):
 - Safe open cut is 1 vertical to 1 horizontal.
2. For excavations deeper than 2 m (soil types IV):
 - Engineered shoring is required.
3. Where the safe open cut in item 1 is not provided, either the shoring systems described in O. Reg. 213/91 or engineered shoring systems need be used.

Information regarding physical and mechanical properties of subsurface materials which will be required for shoring design are provided in this report.

Note also that since excavation and safety are usually in control of the contractor, *shoring design and construction is done by the contractor.*

8.1 Dewatering of Excavations

In view of the discussion in section 4.4 water and the sand materials susceptible to caving inflow within excavations will not be controllable from open sumps. A well point system along the perimeter of the site may be required.

9 Underground Corrosion

For the resistivity, PH and soluble ions concentrations found at this site and shown in the Paracel Laboratories certificate of analysis in appendix B.1, the soils are mildly corrosive. Resistivity, PH and soluble ions testing was completed in a representative sample at 6.75 m depth in BH1. After Romanoff (1957)², the following corrosion rates can be used:

1. For carbon steel:
 - 16 $\mu\text{m}/\text{year}$ for the first 2 years,
 - 12 $\mu\text{m}/\text{year}$, thereafter.
2. For galvanized metal:
 - 4.6 $\mu\text{m}/\text{year}$ for the first 2 years,
 - 3.2 $\mu\text{m}/\text{year}$ until depletion of zinc,
 - 12 $\mu\text{m}/\text{year}$ for carbon steel.

10 Potential of Sulphate Attack to Concrete

For the sulphate content less than 0.1% in soil encountered at this site, there are no restrictions to the cement type which can be used for underground structures. This refers to restrictions associated with sulphate attack only.

11 Special Issues or Concerns

This investigation revealed difficult excavation challenges due to very soft fill materials and high ground water table with respect to the expected depth of excavations to reach native soils.

²Romanoff's work for the U. S. National Bureau of Standards is authoritative in underground corrosion

11.1 Impacts to Other Buildings During and After Construction

Water table draw-down will increase the effective stress under neighboring houses and will cause additional settlements due to the very weak founding materials encountered at this site. In addition the caving susceptibility of the fine sand encountered at this site creates a susceptible bottom of the excavation due to the pressure head difference between the perimeter of the excavation and the interior of the excavation.

The issues below arise from the conditions encountered:

1. water table draw-down is to be minimized to avoid excessive settlement of neighboring properties;
2. in view of the issue in 1, the shoring system needs to be relatively impervious *and* be of sufficient depth with respect to the bottom of the excavation to sufficiently increase the head loss between the interior of the excavation and its perimeter. Sheet piles driven into the bedrock are believed to be the best alternative at this time.

User Agreement

Acknowledgment of Duties

In this 59-HII-R0 report, Yuri Mendez Engineering (YME) has pursued to fulfill every aspect of the obligations of professional engineers. As a part of those duties, from field work, operations, testing, analyses, application of knowledge and report, YME has ensured that it meets a high standard of Geotechnical engineering practice and care in the province of Ontario. Obligations under R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 941: Professional Engineers Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.28, further referred to as Reg. 941 which are of immediate interest to this service are:

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- ii. not accept an engagement to review the work of another practitioner for the same employer except with the knowledge of the other practitioner or except where the connection of the other practitioner with the work has been terminated,
- iii. not maliciously injure the reputation or business of another practitioner,

8. A practitioner shall maintain the honour and integrity of the practitioners profession and without fear or favour expose before the proper tribunals unprofessional, dishonest or unethical conduct by any other practitioner.”

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OP and Henry Investments Inc. acknowledge understanding that said care and said standard has been applied equality to the reasonable completeness of this report relative to the information available from the field program and acknowledge understanding that is neither feasible nor possible to convey geotechnical information in this report that would cover for every possible consideration by OP and/or HII and that upon issuance it will be subject to reviews which may trigger the need to add information which at the discretion of YME will be added when considered within the practice obligations under Reg. 941. The geotechnical information here provided is thus envisioned as to cover for the scope and breadth of design figures and assessments generally foreseeable as needed by other designers at the time of issuance and which could be amended as needed within the context of services provided by other designers. YME agrees to issue revised versions of this 59-HII-R0 report by adding R# to each revision where # is the number of the revision. OP covenant to conduct all communications in connection with these reviews following great care to preclude the suggestion of a breach to the reasonable completeness acknowledged herein. Written communications which may trigger reviews under this agreement will be acknowledged as requests for "review under the 59-HII-R0 report user agreement". This reasonable completeness is also relative to the scope of services generally accepted in geotechnical engineering work in Ontario

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Disclaimer

HII and OP understand that soils and groundwater information in this report has been collected in boreholes guided by standards and practice guidelines generally accepted for engineering characterization of ground conditions in Ontario and in no case boreholes data and their interpretation warrant understanding of conditions away from the boreholes locations. HII accepts that as development will have spread away from the boreholes other designers will need the best opinion from the geotechnical consultant based on the findings of the investigation so that any statements which could be implicitly or explicitly depart from the conditions at boreholes may be given to fulfill this need in good faith as best available opinion with the information available at the time without any warranties.

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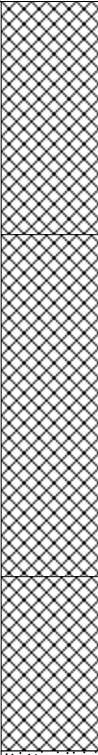
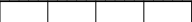
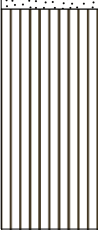
Appendices

A Borehole Logs

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Job No.: 59-HI			Test Hole Type: 7" OD Auger.			Date: November 24, 2022					
"7" OD Auger."			SPT Hammer Type: Safety auto hammer			Logged By: Yuri Mendez					
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									Moisture Content (%)	Rock Quality RQD %	Other Lab Tests
0	0		Fill: Granular A	11		0	0.25				
0.25	-0.5		Fill			-0.5	0.5				
0.5	-1					-1	0.75				
0.75	-1.5		Fill: very dark brown plastic peat. Sampler down by weight.			-1.5	1				
1	-2					-2	1.25				
1.25	-2.5					-2.5	1.5				
1.5	-3					-3	1.75				
1.75	-3.5					-3.5	2				
2	-4					-4	2.25				
2.25	-4.5					-4.5	2.5				
2.5	-5					-5	2.75				
2.75	-5.5		Fill: Dark gray silty sand with gravel	12		-5.5	3				
3	-6		Fill: Dark gray sandy gravel			-6	3.25				
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3.5	-7		Dense gray silty sand. Coming up the augers.			-7	3.75				
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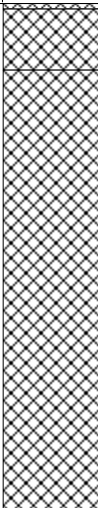
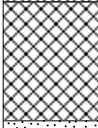
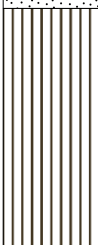
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"7" OD Auger."	SPT Hammer Type: Safety auto hammer	Logged By: Yuri Mendez	

Depth (m)	Elevation (m)	Lithology and color	 Yuri Mendez Engineering Material Description	Samples or Blows/Ft	Water	Elevation (m)	Depth (m)	Shear Strength (kPa)	Laboratory Tests		
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S = Sample for lab review and moisture content

▼ Interpreted water level

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Job No.: 59-HI	Test Hole Type: 7" OD Auger.	Date: November 24, 2022	
"7" OD Auger."	SPT Hammer Type: Safety auto hammer	Logged By: Yuri Mendez	

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									Moisture Content (%)	Rock Quality RQD %	Other Lab Tests	
0.25	0		Asphalt	6		0	0.25					
0.5	-0.5		Fill: Brown gravelly and silty sand			-0.5	0.5					
0.75	-1		Fill: augered through			-1	0.75					
1	-1.5					-1.5	1					
1.25	-2					-2	1.25					
1.5	-2.5					-2.5	1.5					
1.75	-3					-3	1.75					
2	-3.5					-3.5	2					
2.25	-4					-4	2.25					
2.5	-4.5					-4.5	2.5					
2.75	-5		Fill: gray sand			-5	2.75					
3	-5.5		Fill: Dark gray sandy gravel			-5.5	3					
3.25	-6					-6	3.25					
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Appendix

B Resistivity, PH and Soluble Salts Test

Certificate of Analysis

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Client: Geoseismic

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Client PO:

Project Description: 79 Ste Cecile

Client ID:	BH1 SS9	-	-	-	-
Sample Date:	24-Nov-22 09:00	-	-	-	-
Sample ID:	2249155-01	-	-	-	-
Matrix:	Soil	-	-	-	-
MDL/Units					

Physical Characteristics

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	81.5	-	-	-	-
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General Inorganics

pH	0.05 pH Units	7.45	-	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.1 Ohm.m	51.3	-	-	-	-

Anions

Chloride	5 ug/g	58	-	-	-	-
Sulphate	5 ug/g	59	-	-	-	-

Appendix

C Foundation Drainage

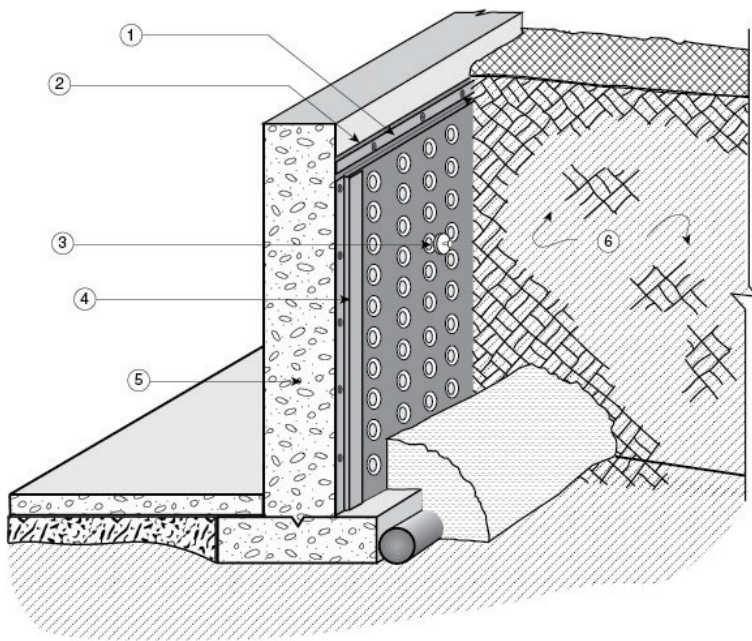


Figure 1. “Cosella-Dörken DELTA®-MS and DELTA®-MS CLEAR Dampproofing Membranes” – face in contact with the soil

1. termination bar
2. caulking (behind membrane)
3. fastener
4. mould strip
5. concrete foundation
6. backfill

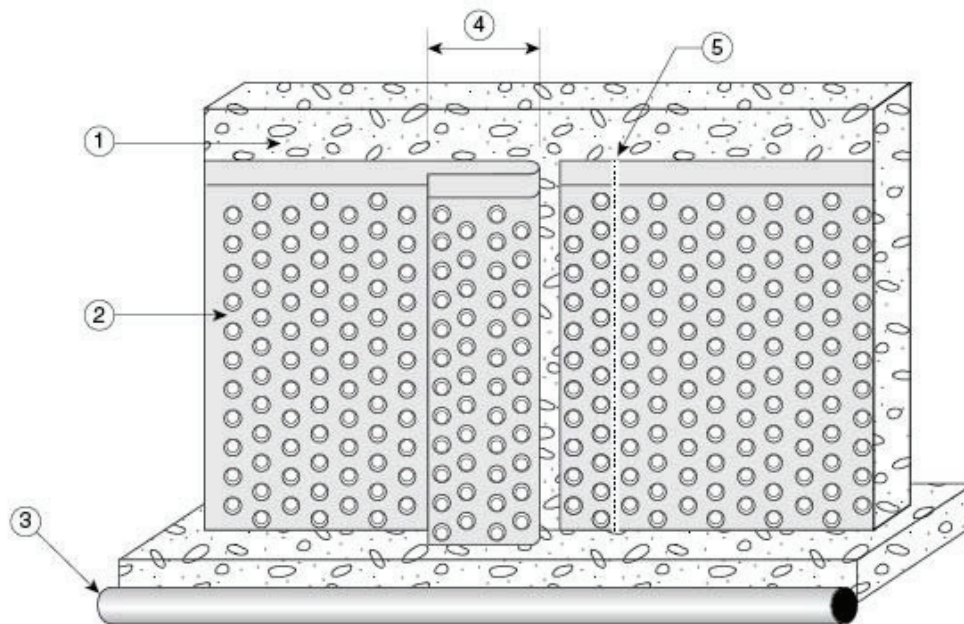


Figure 2. “Cosella-Dörken DELTA®-MS and DELTA®-MS CLEAR Dampproofing Membranes” – face in contact with the wall

1. concrete foundation
2. membrane
3. drainage tile
4. minimum 6" overlap
5. caulking

