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1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by ARK Construction Ltd. to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed residential building to be located at 1185 Beaverwood Road in the City of Ottawa (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2 of this report).

The objectives of the geotechnical investigation were to:

- Determine the subsoil and groundwater conditions at this site by means of test holes.
- Provide geotechnical recommendations pertaining to design of the proposed development 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. It contains our findings and includes geotechnical recommendations pertaining to the design and construction of the subject development as they are understood at the time of writing this report.

Investigating for the presence or potential presence of contamination on the subject property was not part of the scope of work of the present investigation. Therefore, the present report does not address environmental issues.

2.0 Proposed Development

Based on the available drawings, it is understood that the proposed development will consist of a multi-storey residential building with a partial below-grade level which will daylight to the east. At finished grades, the proposed building will be surrounded by landscaped areas and asphalt-paved access lanes and parking areas. It is also understood that the proposed building will be municipally serviced.

3.0 Method of Investigation

3.1 Field Investigation

Field Program

The field program for the geotechnical investigation was carried out on March 1, 2022 and consisted of advancing a total of 4 boreholes to a maximum depth of 4.5 m below existing ground surface. The test hole locations were distributed in a manner to provide general coverage of the subject site and taking into consideration underground utilities and site features. The borehole locations are shown on Drawing PG6160-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were completed using a low clearance drill rig operated by a two-person crew. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of Paterson personnel under the direction of a senior engineer. The testing procedure consisted of augering and excavating to the required depth at the selected location and sampling 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.

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

Groundwater

Borehole BH 4-22 was fitted with a 51 mm diameter PVC groundwater monitoring well. The other boreholes were fitted with flexible piezometers to allow for groundwater level monitoring. The groundwater observations are discussed in Section 4.3 and are presented on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1.

Sample Storage

All samples will be stored in the laboratory for a period of one (1) month after issuance of this report. They will then be discarded unless we are otherwise directed.

3.2 Field Survey

The test hole locations and ground surface elevation at each test hole location were surveyed by Paterson using a handheld GPS and referenced to a geodetic datum. The locations of the boreholes, and the ground surface elevation at each borehole location, are presented on Drawing PG6160 - 1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

3.3 Laboratory Testing

Soil samples were recovered from the subject site and visually examined in our laboratory to review the results of the field logging. A total of 2 grain size distribution analyses and 1 Atterberg limit test were completed on selected soil samples. The results of the testing are presented in Section 4.2 and on the Grain Size Distribution and Hydrometer Testing Results, and Atterberg Limits Testing Results sheets presented in Appendix 1.

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 samples were submitted to determine the concentration of sulphate and chloride, the resistivity, and the pH of the samples. The results are presented in Appendix 1 and are discussed further in Section 6.7.

4.0 Observations

4.1 Surface Conditions

The subject site is currently occupied by a residential dwelling and detached shed, which are located on the western portion of the site. The remainder of the site generally consists of landscaped areas. The site is bordered by Beaverwood Road to the south, Scharfield Road to the east, and residential properties to the north and west. The existing ground surface across the site slopes downward moderately from west to east, from approximate geodetic elevation 94 m at the west property line, down to approximate geodetic elevation 90 m at the east property line.

4.2 Subsurface Profile

Generally, the subsurface profile at the test hole locations consists of a thin layer of topsoil or asphalt overlying a layer of fill extending to depths ranging from 0.2 to 1.2 m below the existing ground surface. The fill was generally observed to consist of a silty sand to silty clay with trace gravel.

With the exception of borehole BH 2-22, a hard to very stiff, brown silty clay was encountered underlying the fill, extending to approximate depths of 1.5 to 3.4 m below the existing ground surface.

A glacial till deposit was generally encountered underlying the silty clay, consisting of a compact, brown silty sand to sandy silt with gravel, cobbles, and boulders.

Practical refusal to augering was encountered at approximate depths ranging from 0.2 m at the west end of the site, to 4.5 m at the east end of the site. Where auger refusal was encountered at depths of less than 3 m, a second borehole was drilled (BH 1A-22, BH 2A-22 and BH 3A-22) in the vicinity of the initial borehole, in order to confirm the refusal depth.

Reference should be made to the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 for the details of the soil profile encountered at each test hole location.

Bedrock

Based on available geological mapping, the bedrock in the subject area consists of Paleozoic Dolomite of the Oxford formation, with an overburden drift thickness of 5 to 10 m depth.

Atterberg Limits Testing

Atterberg limits testing was completed on a recovered silty clay sample from borehole BH 4-22. The result of the Atterberg limits test is presented in Table 1 and on the Atterberg Limits Testing Results sheet in Appendix 1.

Table 1 - Atterberg Limits Results						
Sample	Depth (m)	LL (%)	PL (%)	PI (%)	w (%)	Classification
BH 4-22 SS4	2.2-2.9	40	23	17	45.2	CL
Notes: LL: Liquid Limit; PL: Plastic Limit; PI: Plasticity Index; w: water content; CL: Inorganic Clays of Low Plasticity						

Grain Size Distribution and Hydrometer Testing

Grain size distribution (sieve and hydrometer analysis) was also completed on 2 selected soil samples. The results of the grain size analysis are summarized in Table 2 and are presented on the Grain-Size Distribution and Hydrometer Testing Results sheet in Appendix 1.

Table 2 - Summary of Grain Size Distribution Analysis					
Test Hole	Sample	Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Silt (%)	Clay (%)
BH 3-22	SS3	0.4	17.1	82.5	
BH 4-22	SS3	0.0	12.8	87.2	

4.3 Groundwater

Groundwater levels were measured in the monitoring wells and piezometers installed at the borehole locations on March 9, 2022. The measured groundwater levels noted at that time are presented in Table 3 below.

Table 3 – Summary of Groundwater Levels				
Test Hole Number	Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Measured Groundwater Level		Dated Recorded
		Depth (m)	Elevation (m)	
BH 1-22	94.24	1.23	93.01	March 9, 2022
BH 3-22	91.65	Dry	-	
BH 4-22	90.67	3.14	87.53	
Note: The ground surface elevation at each borehole location was surveyed using a handheld GPS and are referenced to a geodetic datum.				

It should be noted that surface water can become trapped within a backfilled borehole that can lead to higher than typical groundwater level observations. Long-term groundwater levels can also be estimated based on the observed colour and consistency of the recovered soil samples. Based on these observations, the long-term groundwater table can be expected at approximate geodetic elevation 87 to 88 m.

The recorded groundwater levels are noted on the applicable Soil Profile and Test Data sheet presented in Appendix 1.

It should be noted that groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations. Therefore, the groundwater levels could vary at the time of construction.

5.0 Discussion

5.1 Geotechnical Assessment

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is considered suitable for the proposed residential building. It is recommended that the proposed building be supported on conventional spread footings bearing on the undisturbed silty clay, glacial till, or clean surface sounded bedrock.

Depending on the founding depth of the proposed residential building, boulder and/or bedrock removal may be required to complete the basement levels and/or site servicing works. All contractors should be prepared for oversized boulder and/or bedrock removal.

Due to the presence of the silty clay layer, the subject site will have a permissible grade raise restriction where the silty clay was observed. The permissible grade raise recommendations are discussed in Subsection 5.3.

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

5.2 Site Grading and Preparation

Stripping Depth

Topsoil and deleterious fill, such as those containing organic materials, should be stripped from under any buildings, paved areas, pipe bedding and other settlement sensitive structures. Care should be taken not to disturb adequate bearing soils below the founding level during site preparation activities. Disturbance of the subgrade may result in having to sub-excavate the disturbed material and the placement of additional suitable fill material.

Existing foundation walls and other construction debris should be entirely removed from within the building perimeter. Under paved areas, existing construction remnants, such as foundation walls, should be excavated to a minimum of 1 m below final grade.

Bedrock/Boulder Removal

Bedrock and/or boulder removal may be required at the subject site and can be accomplished by hoe ramming where the bedrock and/or boulders are weathered, and/or where only small quantities of the bedrock need to be removed. Sound bedrock and/or boulders may be removed by line drilling in conjunction with controlled blasting and/or hoe ramming.

Prior to considering blasting operations, the blasting effects on the existing services, buildings, and other structures should be addressed. A pre-blast or pre-construction survey of the existing structures located in the proximity of the blasting operations should be carried out prior to commencing site activities.

The extent of the survey should be determined by the blasting consultant and should be sufficient to respond to any inquiries or claims related to the blasting operations.

Vibration Considerations

Construction operations are also the cause of vibrations, and possibly, sources of nuisance to the community. Therefore, means to reduce the vibration levels should be incorporated in the construction operations to maintain, as much as possible, a cooperative environment with the residents.

The following construction equipment could be a source of vibrations: piling rig, hoe ram, compactor, dozer, crane, truck traffic, etc. Vibrations, whether caused by blasting operations or by others construction operations, could be the source of detrimental vibrations on the nearby buildings and structures. Therefore, it is recommended that all vibrations be limited.

Two parameters are used to determine the permissible vibrations, namely, the maximum peak particle velocity and the frequency. For low frequency vibrations, the maximum allowable peak particle velocity is less than that for high frequency vibrations. As a guideline, the peak particle velocity should be less than 15 mm/s between frequencies of 4 to 12 Hz, and 50 mm/s above a frequency of 40 Hz (interpolate between 12 and 40 Hz).

It should be noted that these guidelines are for today's construction standards. Considering that these guidelines are above perceptible human level and, in some cases, could be very disturbing to some people, it is recommended that a pre-construction survey be completed to minimize the risks of claims during or following the construction of the proposed buildings.

Fill Placement

Fill placed for grading beneath the building areas should consist, unless otherwise specified, of clean imported granular fill, such as Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS) Granular A or Granular B Type II. The imported fill material should be tested and approved prior to delivery. The fill, where required, should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted by suitable compaction equipment. Fill placed beneath the buildings should be compacted to a minimum of 98% of the standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).

Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil could be placed as general landscaping fill where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. These materials should be spread in lifts with a maximum thickness of 300 mm and compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids.

Non-specified existing fill and site-excavated soils are not suitable for placement as backfill against foundation walls, unless used in conjunction with a geocomposite drainage membrane, such as Miradrain G100N or Delta Drain 6000.

5.3 Foundation Design

Conventional spread footings, placed on an undisturbed, stiff silty clay, compact glacial till, or clean surface sounded bedrock subgrade can be designed using a bearing resistance value at serviceability limit states (SLS) of **170 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **255 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the above noted bearing resistance value at ULS.

The bearing resistance value at SLS will be subjected to potential post-construction total and differential settlements of 25 and 20 mm, respectively.

An undisturbed soil bearing surface consists of a surface from which all topsoil and deleterious materials, such as loose, frozen, or disturbed soil, whether in situ or not, have been removed, in the dry, prior to the placement of concrete for footings.

Lateral Support

The bearing medium under footing-supported structures is required to be provided with adequate lateral support with respect to excavations and different foundation levels.

Adequate lateral support is provided to the in-situ bearing medium soils above the groundwater table when a plane extending down and out from the bottom edges of the footing, at a minimum of 1.5H:1V, passes only through in situ soil or engineered fill of the same or higher capacity as that of the bearing medium.

Permissible Grade Raise Recommendations

Due to the presence of a silty clay deposit at the subject site, permissible grade raise restriction of **2.5 m** is recommended for development.

If higher than permissible grade raises are required, preloading with or without a surcharge, lightweight fill, and/or other measures should be investigated to reduce the risks of unacceptable long-term post construction total and differential settlements.

5.4 Design for Earthquakes

The site class for seismic site response can be taken as **Class D**. If a higher seismic site class is required (Class C), a site specific shear wave velocity test may be completed to accurately determine the applicable seismic site classification for foundation design of the proposed building, as presented in Table 4.1.8.4.A of the Ontario Building Code 2012.

Soils underlying the subject site are not susceptible to liquefaction. Reference should be made to the latest revision of the Ontario Building Code 2012 for a full discussion of the earthquake design requirements.

5.5 Basement Slab / Slab-on-Grade Construction

With the removal of all topsoil and deleterious fill within the footprints of the proposed buildings, the native soil subgrade will be considered an acceptable subgrade upon which to commence backfilling for floor slab construction.

As the proposed below-grade level will mostly consist of vehicle parking, the recommended pavement structure noted in Table 5 in Section 5.7 below will be applicable for the founding level of the proposed parking garage.

However, when storage or other uses of the lower level will involve the construction of a concrete floor slab, it is recommended that the upper 200 mm of subfloor fill consists of 19 mm clear crushed stone. It is also recommended to install an underslab drainage system, consisting of lines of perforated drainage pipe subdrains connected to a positive outlet, below lowest level floor. This is discussed further in Section 6.1.

5.6 Pavement Design

For design purposes, it is recommended that the rigid pavement structure for the underground parking level should consist of Category C2, 32 MPa concrete at 28 days with air entrainment of 5 to 8%. The recommended rigid pavement structure is further presented in Table 4 below.

Table 4 - Recommended Rigid Pavement Structure – Underground Parking Areas	
Thickness (mm)	Material Description
150	Exposure Class C2 – 32 MPa Concrete (5 to 8 % Air Entrainment)
300	BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
SUBGRADE Top of Raft Foundation	

To control cracking due to shrinking of the concrete floor slab, it is recommended that strategically located saw cuts be used to create control joints within the concrete floor slab of the underground parking level. The control joints are generally recommended to be located at the center of the column lines and spaced at approximately 24 to 36 times the slab thickness (for example, a 0.15 m thick slab should have control joints spaced between 3.6 and 5.4 m). The joints should be cut between 25 and 30% of the thickness of the concrete floor slab and completed as early as 4 hours after the concrete has been poured during warm temperatures and up to 12 hours during cooler temperatures.

The following flexible pavement structures presented in Tables 5 and 6 should be used for exterior, at-grade parking areas and access lanes, respectively.

Table 5 – Recommended Pavement Structure – Driveways and at-grade car 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 6 – Recommended Pavement Structure – Local Residential Roadways and Access Lanes	
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
450	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.	

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. Weak subgrade conditions may be experienced over service trench fill materials. This may require the use of geotextile, thicker subbase or other measures that can be recommended at the time of construction as part of the field observation program.

Minimum Performance Graded (PG) 58-34 asphalt cement should be used for this project. For residential driveways and car only parking areas, an Ontario Traffic Category A will be used. For local roadways, an Ontario traffic Category B should be used for design purposes. The pavement granular base and subbase should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 99% of the material's SPMDD using suitable compaction equipment.

6.0 Design and Construction Precautions

6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill

Foundation Drainage

A perimeter foundation drainage system is recommended for the proposed structure. The system should consist of a 100 to 150 mm diameter, geotextile-wrapped, perforated and corrugated plastic pipe which is surrounded by 150 mm of 19 mm clear crushed stone and placed at the footing level around the exterior perimeter of the structure. The perimeter drainage pipe should have a positive outlet, such as gravity connection to the storm sewer.

Underslab Drainage

Underslab drainage will be required to control water infiltration below the lowest level floor slab. For preliminary design purposes, we recommend that 150 or 100 mm diameter perforated pipes be placed at approximate 6 m centres. The spacing of the underslab drainage system should be confirmed at the time of completing the excavation when water infiltration can be better assessed.

Foundation Backfill

Backfill against the exterior sides of the foundation walls should consist of free draining, non-frost susceptible granular materials. The site excavated materials will be frost susceptible and, as such, are not recommended for re-use as backfill unless a composite drainage system (such as system Miradrain G100N or Delta Drain 6000) connected to a drainage system is provided. Imported granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type I granular material should otherwise be used for this purpose.

6.2 Protection of Footings Against Frost Action

Perimeter footings of heated structures are required to be insulated against the deleterious effects of frost action. A minimum 1.5 m thick soil cover, or an equivalent combination of soil cover and foundation insulation, should be provided in this regard.

Exterior unheated footings, such as for isolated piers, are more prone to deleterious movement associated with frost action. These should be provided with a minimum 2.1 m thick soil cover, or an equivalent combination of soil cover and foundation insulation.

6.3 Excavation Side Slopes

The side slopes of shallow excavations anticipated at this site should either be cut back at acceptable slopes or retained by shoring systems from the start of the excavation until the structure is backfilled.

Unsupported Excavations

The excavation side slopes above the groundwater level extending to a maximum depth of approximately 3 m should be stable cut back at 1H:1V. Flatter slopes could be required for deeper excavations or for excavations below the groundwater level. Where such side slopes are not permissible or practical, temporary shoring systems should be used.

The subsoil at this site is considered to be mainly a Type 2 or 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 be kept away 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.

Excavation side slopes around the building excavation should be protected from erosion by surface water and rainfall events by the use of secured tarpaulins spanning the length of the side slopes, or other means of erosion protection along their footprint. Efforts should also be made to maintain dry surfaces at the bottom of the excavation footprints and along the bottom of side slopes. Additional measures may be recommended at the time of construction by the geotechnical consultant.

It is recommended that a trench box be used at all times to protect personnel working in trenches with steep or vertical sides. It is expected that services will be installed by "cut and cover" methods and excavations will not be left open for extended periods of time.

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, such as potentially for the proposed building. The shoring requirements will depend on the depth of the excavation and the proximity of the adjacent structures.

If a temporary shoring system is considered, the design and approval of the shoring system will be the responsibility of the shoring contractor and the shoring designer who is a licensed professional engineer and is hired by the shoring contractor. It is the responsibility of the shoring contractor to ensure that the temporary shoring is in compliance with safety requirements, designed to avoid any damage to adjacent structures, and include dewatering control measures.

Geotechnical information provided below is to assist the designer in completing a suitable and safe shoring system. In the event that subsurface conditions differ from the approved design during the actual installation, it is the responsibility of the shoring contractor to commission the required experts to re-assess the design and implement the required changes.

The designer should also 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 representative prior to implementation.

The temporary shoring system, where required, may generally consist of a soldier pile and lagging system which could be cantilevered, anchored or braced.

The shoring system is recommended to be adequately supported to resist toe failure. Any additional loading due to street traffic, construction equipment, adjacent structures and facilities, etc., should be added to the earth pressures described below. The earth pressures acting on the temporary shoring system may be calculated using the following parameters.

Table 7 – Soil Parameters for Shoring System Design	
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
Total Unit Weight (γ), kN/m ³	20
Submerged 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 used above the groundwater level while the effective unit weight should be used below the groundwater level.

The hydrostatic groundwater pressure should be added to the earth pressure distribution wherever the effective unit weights are used for earth pressure calculations. If the groundwater level is lowered, the dry unit weight for the soil should be used 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.

The pipe bedding for sewer and water pipes placed on a relatively dry, undisturbed subgrade surface should consist of at least 150 mm of OPSS Granular A material. Where the bedding is located within the silty clay, the thickness of the bedding material should be increased to a minimum of 300 mm. 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 or Granular B Type II with a maximum size of 25 mm. The bedding and cover materials should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick lifts compacted to 99% of the material's standard Proctor maximum dry density.

It should generally be possible to re-use the upper portion of the dry to moist (not wet) silty clay above the cover material if the excavation and filling operations are carried out in dry weather conditions. Wet silty clay should be given a sufficient drying period to decrease its moisture content to an acceptable level to make compaction possible prior to being reused. Any stones greater than 200 mm in their longest dimension should be removed from these materials prior to placement.

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 potential differential frost heaving. The backfill should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the material's SPMDD.

6.5 Groundwater Control

Groundwater Control for Building Construction

Based on our observations, it is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavations should be low to moderate and controllable using open sumps. 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.

Permit to Take Water

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, typically 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.

6.6 Winter Construction

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

The subsoil conditions at this site 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 using 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.

Trench excavations and pavement construction are also difficult activities to complete during freezing conditions without introducing frost in the subgrade or in the excavation walls and bottoms. Precautions should be taken if such activities are to be carried out during freezing conditions. Additional information could be provided, if required.

Impacts on Neighbouring Structures

The proposed structure is not anticipated to extend below the groundwater level. Therefore, no adverse effects from short term and/or long term dewatering are expected for the surrounding structures.

6.7 Corrosion Potential and Sulphate

The results of analytical testing show that the sulphate content is less than 0.1%. This result is indicative that Type 10 Portland cement (normal cement) would be appropriate for this site.

The chloride content and the pH of the sample indicate that they are not significant factors in creating a corrosive environment for exposed ferrous metals at this site, whereas the resistivity is indicative of a low to slightly aggressive corrosive environment.

6.8 Landscaping Considerations

Tree Planting Restrictions

Paterson completed a soils review of the site to determine the applicable tree planting setbacks, in accordance with the City of Ottawa Tree Planting in Sensitive Marine Clay Soils (2017 Guidelines). Atterberg limits testing was completed for a recovered silty clay sample. Sieve analysis testing was also completed on selected soil samples. The above-noted test results were completed on samples taken at depths between the anticipated underside of footing elevation and a 3 m depth below finished grade. The results of our testing are presented in Tables 1 and 2 in Section 4.2 and in Appendix 1.

Based on the results of our review, the plasticity index was found to be less than 40%. In addition, based on the clay content found in the clay samples from the grain size distribution test results, the silty clay across the subject site is considered low to medium sensitivity clay and is not considered a sensitive marine clay.

The following tree planting setbacks are recommended for the low to medium sensitivity silty clay deposit. Large trees (mature height over 14 m) can be planted within the silty clay areas provided a tree to foundation setback equal to the full mature height of the tree can be provided (e.g., in a park or other green space). Tree planting setback limits may be reduced to **4.5 m** for small (mature height up to 7.5 m) and medium size trees (mature tree height 7.5 to 14 m), provided that the conditions noted below are met.

- The underside of footing (USF) is 2.1 m or greater below the lowest finished grade must be satisfied for footings within 10 m from the tree, as measured from the centre of the tree trunk and verified by means of the Grading Plan as indicated procedural changes below.
- A small tree must be provided with a minimum 25 m³ of available soil volume while a medium tree must be provided with a minimum of 30 m³ of available soil volume, as determined by the Landscape Architect. The developer is to

ensure that the soil is generally un-compacted when backfilling in street tree planting locations.

- The tree species must be small (mature tree height up to 7.5 m) to medium size (mature tree height 7.5 m to 14 m) as confirmed by the Landscape Architect.
- The foundation walls are to be reinforced at least nominally (minimum of two upper and two lower 15M bars in the foundation wall).
- Grading surrounding the tree must promote drainage to the tree root zone (in such a manner as not to be detrimental to the tree).

It is well documented in the literature, and is our experience, that fast-growing trees located near buildings founded on cohesive soils that shrink on drying can result in long-term differential settlements of the structures. Tree varieties that have the most pronounced effect on foundations are seen to consist of poplars, willows, and some maples (i.e., Manitoba Maples) and, as such, they should not be considered in the landscaping design.

6.9 Slope Stability Assessment

Due to the slope across the site, it is understood that a slope stability assessment is required in accordance with the City of Ottawa guidelines. Accordingly, a slope stability assessment of the proposed site conditions was conducted using SLIDE, a computer program which permits a two-dimensional stability analysis using several methods including the Bishop's method, which is a widely used and accepted analysis method. A horizontal acceleration of 0.16 g (50% of PGA = 0.32g) was utilized for the seismic analysis.

The program calculates a factor of safety, which represents the ratio of the forces resisting failure to those favouring failure. Theoretically, a factor of safety (F.o.S.) of 1.0 represents a condition where the slope is stable. However, due to intrinsic limitations of the calculation methods and the variability of the subsoil and groundwater conditions, a F.o.S. greater than one is usually required to ascertain that the risks of failure are acceptable. A minimum F.o.S. of 1.5 is generally recommended for static analysis conditions and a minimum F.o.S. of 1.1 is generally recommended for seismic analysis conditions, where the failure of the slope would endanger permanent structures.

The cross-section A-A (location indicated on Drawing PG6160-1 in Appendix 2) was analyzed based on the proposed site conditions and a review of the available topographic mapping.

The effective strength soil parameters used for static analysis were chosen based on the subsoil information recovered during the geotechnical investigation. The effective strength soil parameters used for static analysis are presented in Table 8 below.

Table 8 - Effective Strength Soil and Material Parameters (Static Analysis)			
Soil Layer	Unit Weight (kN/m³)	Friction Angle (degrees)	Cohesion (kPa)
Fill	18	33	0
Brown Silty Clay	17	33	7
Glacial Till	20	36	0

The total strength soil parameters used for seismic analysis were also chosen based on the subsoil information recovered during the geotechnical investigation. The strength parameters used for seismic analysis at the slope cross-sections are presented in Table 9 below:

Table 9 - Total Strength Soil and Material Parameters (Seismic Analysis)			
Soil Layer	Unit Weight (kN/m³)	Friction Angle (degrees)	Cohesion (kPa)
Fill	18	33	0
Brown Silty Clay	17	0	100
Glacial Till	20	36	0

The results for the slope stability analyses under static and seismic conditions at cross-section A-A are shown on Figures 2 and 3, which are provided in Appendix 2. The results of the slope stability analyses indicate that the factor of safety exceeds 1.5 and 1.1 under static and seismic analysis conditions, respectively.

Therefore, the slope stability for the proposed site conditions is considered acceptable, from a geotechnical perspective.

Global Stability Analysis

Retaining walls with heights greater than 1 m were noted on the available grading plan at the northwest corner of the site (cross-section B-B), along the north side of the parking lot (cross-section C-C), and on the south side of the building (cross-section D-D). In accordance with City of Ottawa guidelines, global stability analyses are required for all retaining walls greater than 1 m in height.

The global stability analyses of the retaining walls were conducted using SLIDE. A horizontal acceleration of 0.16 g (50% of PGA = 0.32g) was utilized for the seismic analysis.

The results for the global stability analyses under static conditions for cross-sections B-B, C-C, and D-D are shown in Figures 4, 6 and 8, which are attached in Appendix 2. The results of the global stability analyses indicate that the factor of safety exceeds 1.5 under static conditions.

The results for the global stability analyses under seismic conditions at cross-sections B-B, C-C, and D-D are shown on Figure 5, 7 and 9, which are also attached in Appendix 2. The results of this analyses indicate that the factor of safety exceeds 1.1 under seismic conditions.

Therefore, the proposed retaining walls at the subject site are considered stable, from a global stability perspective.

7.0 Recommendations

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

- Review detailed grading plan(s) from a geotechnical perspective.
- Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
- Periodic observation of the condition of unsupported excavation side slopes in excess of 3 m in height, if applicable.
- Observation of all subgrades prior to placing backfilling material.
- Sampling and testing of the concrete and fill materials.
- Observation of clay seal placement at specified locations.
- Field density tests to determine the level of compaction achieved.
- Sampling and testing of the bituminous concrete including mix design reviews.

All excess soils must be handled as per *Ontario Regulation 406/19: On-Site and Excess Soil Management*.

A report confirming that these works have been conducted in general accordance with our recommendations could be issued upon the completion of a satisfactory inspection program by the geotechnical consultant.

8.0 Statement of Limitations

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

A soils investigation is a limited sampling of a site. Should any conditions at the site be encountered which differ from those at the test locations, Paterson requests immediate notification to permit reassessment of our recommendations.

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

The present report applies only to the project described in this document. Use of this report for purposes other than those described herein or by person(s) other than ARK Construction Ltd. or their agents is not authorized without review by Paterson for the applicability of our recommendations to the alternative use of the report.

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APPENDIX 1

SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA SHEETS

SYMBOLS AND TERMS

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION AND HYDROMETER TESTING RESULTS

ATTERBERG LIMIT TESTING RESULTS

ANALYTICAL TESTING RESULTS

DATUM Geodetic

REMARKS

BORINGS BY CME-55 Low Clearance Drill

DATE 2022 March 1

FILE NO. **PG6160**

HOLE NO. **BH 1-22**

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			20	40	60	80		
GROUND SURFACE						0	94.24						
Asphalt FILL: Brown silty sand trace gravel and topsoil	0.05	AU	1										
Very stiff brown SILTY CLAY trace sand and gravel	0.69	SS	2	50	6	1	93.24						
GLACIAL TILL: Compact brown silty sand to sandy silt with gravel, cobbles trace clay and boulders	1.52	SS	3	56	50								
End of Borehole Practical refusal to augering at 1.98m depth (GWL at 1.34 m depth - Mar 9, 2022)	1.98												

20 40 60 80 100
Shear Strength (kPa)
▲ Undisturbed △ Remoulded

SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

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REMARKS Moved east approx 1 m from BH 1-22 location

HOLE NO. **BH 1A-22**

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SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %					
GROUND SURFACE								20	40	60	80		
Asphalt	0.05				0	94.24							
OVERBURDEN					1	93.24							
					2	92.24							
End of Borehole	2.13												
Practical refusal to augering at 2.13m depth													

20 40 60 80 100
Shear Strength (kPa)
▲ Undisturbed △ Remoulded

DATUM Geodetic

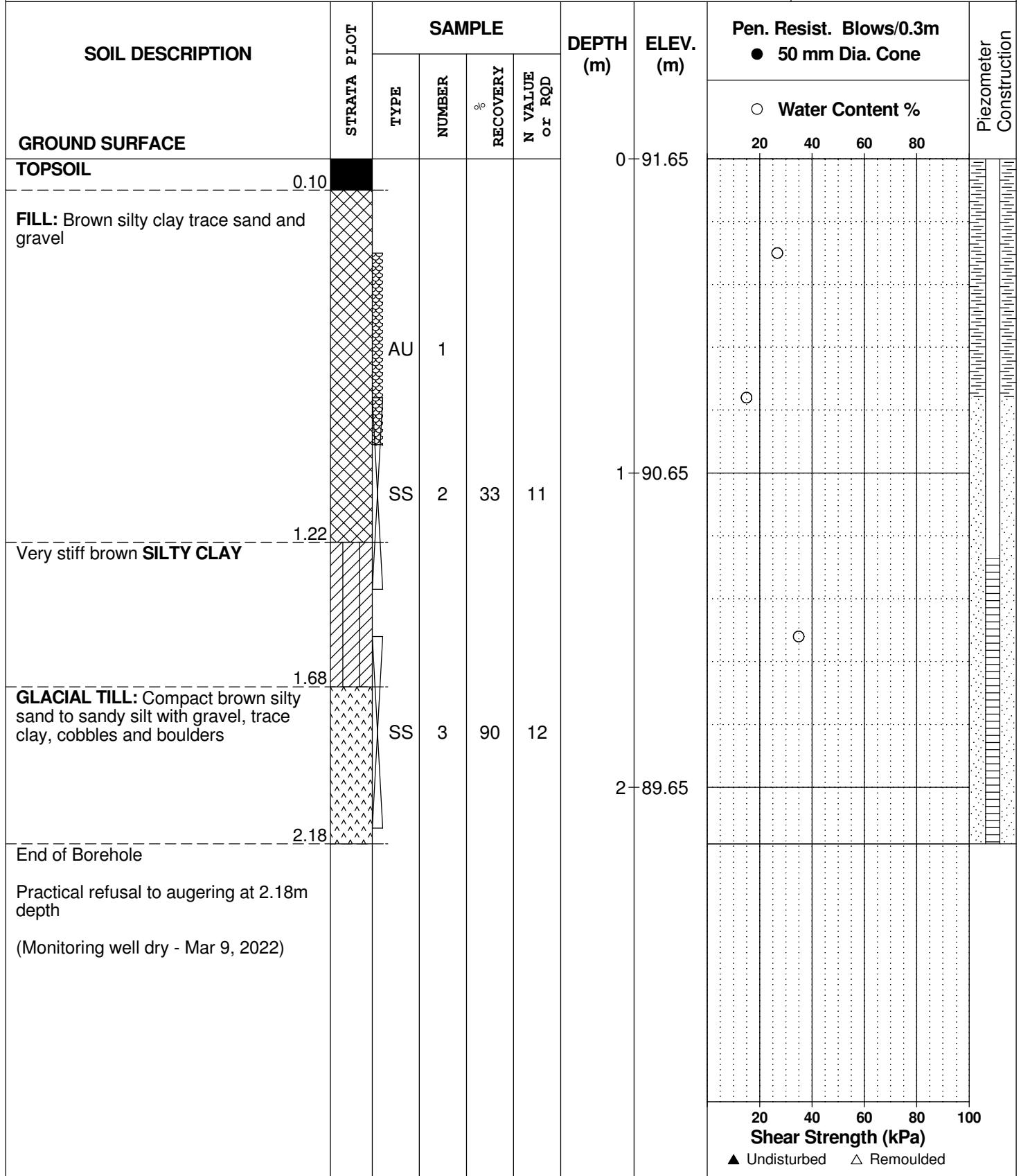
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HOLE NO. **BH 3-22**



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DATUM Geodetic

REMARKS Moved north approx 1 m from BH 3-22 location

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HOLE NO. **BH 3A-22**

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %				
GROUND SURFACE								20	40	60	80	
TOPSOIL	0.10				0	91.65						
OVERBURDEN					1	90.65						
					2	89.65						
End of Borehole	2.18											
Practical refusal to augering at 2.18m depth												
								20	40	60	80	100
								Shear Strength (kPa)				
								▲ Undisturbed △ Remoulded				

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.
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SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

STRATA PLOT



Topsoil



Asphalt



Fill



Peat



Sand



Silty Sand



Silt



Sandy Silt



Clay



Silty Clay



Clayey Silty Sand



Glacial Till



Shale



Bedrock

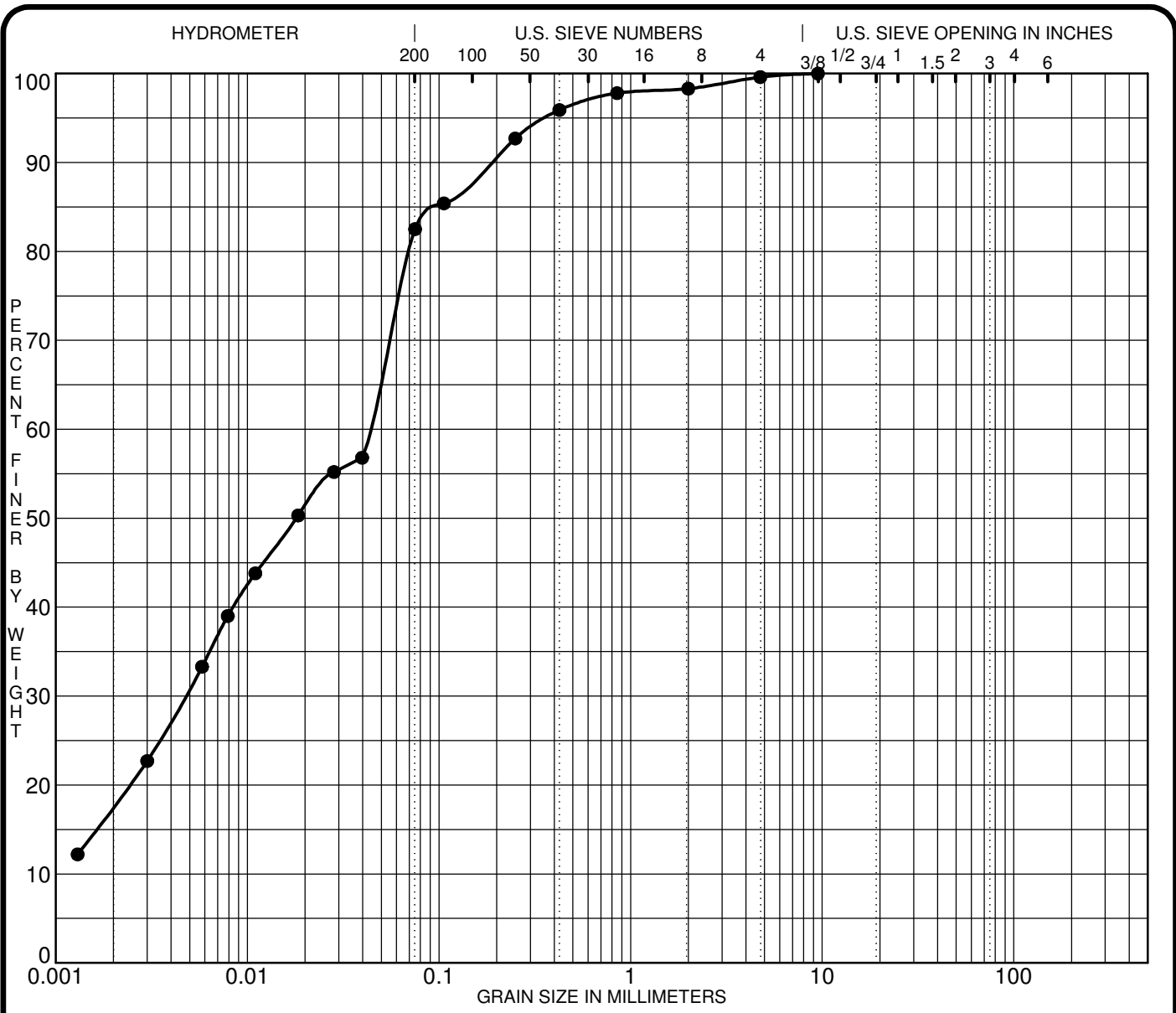
MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION





CLAY	SILT	SAND			GRAVEL		COBBLES
		fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	

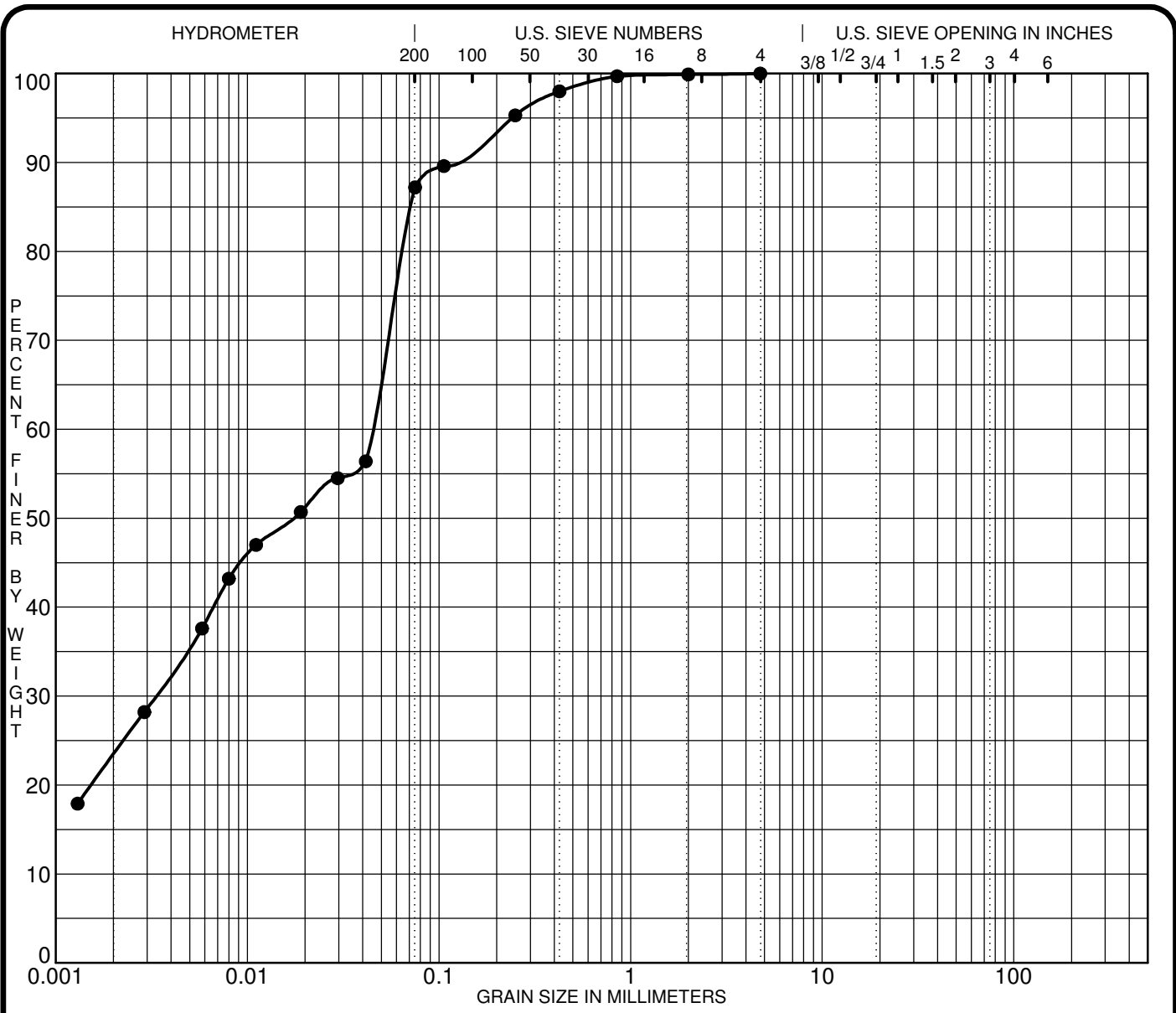
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● BH 3-22 SS3						30.1					
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Specimen Identification	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay			
● BH 3-22 SS3	9.50	0.04	0.005		0.4	17.1	64.0	18.5			
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION



CLAY	SILT	SAND			GRAVEL		COBBLES
		fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	

Specimen Identification	Classification					MC%	LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● BH 4-22 SS3						33.6					
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Specimen Identification	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Clay			
● BH 4-22 SS3	4.75	0.04	0.003		0.0	12.8	64.2	23.0			
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Certificate of Analysis

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Client ID:	BH4-22 (SS2)	-	-	-
Sample Date:	01-Mar-22 09:00	-	-	-
Sample ID:	2210363-01	-	-	-
MDL/Units	Soil	-	-	-

Physical Characteristics

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	69.7	-	-	-
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General Inorganics

pH	0.05 pH Units	7.43	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	83.4	-	-	-

Anions

Chloride	5 ug/g dry	11	-	-	-
Sulphate	5 ug/g dry	<5	-	-	-

APPENDIX 2

FIGURE 1 – KEY PLAN

FIGURES 2 & 3 – SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS CROSS-SECTIONS

FIGURES 4 TO 9 – GLOBAL STABILITY ANALYSIS CROSS-SECTIONS

DRAWING PG6160-1 – TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN

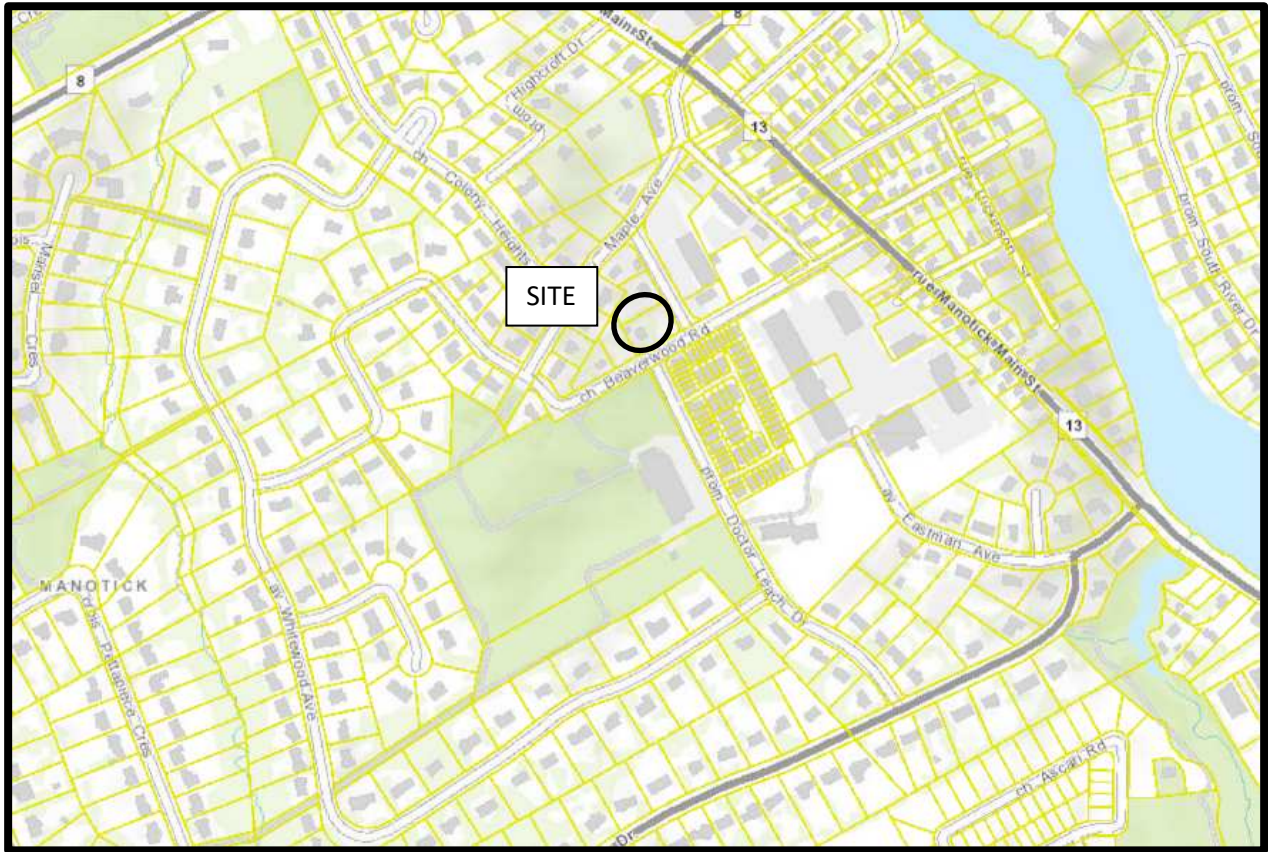
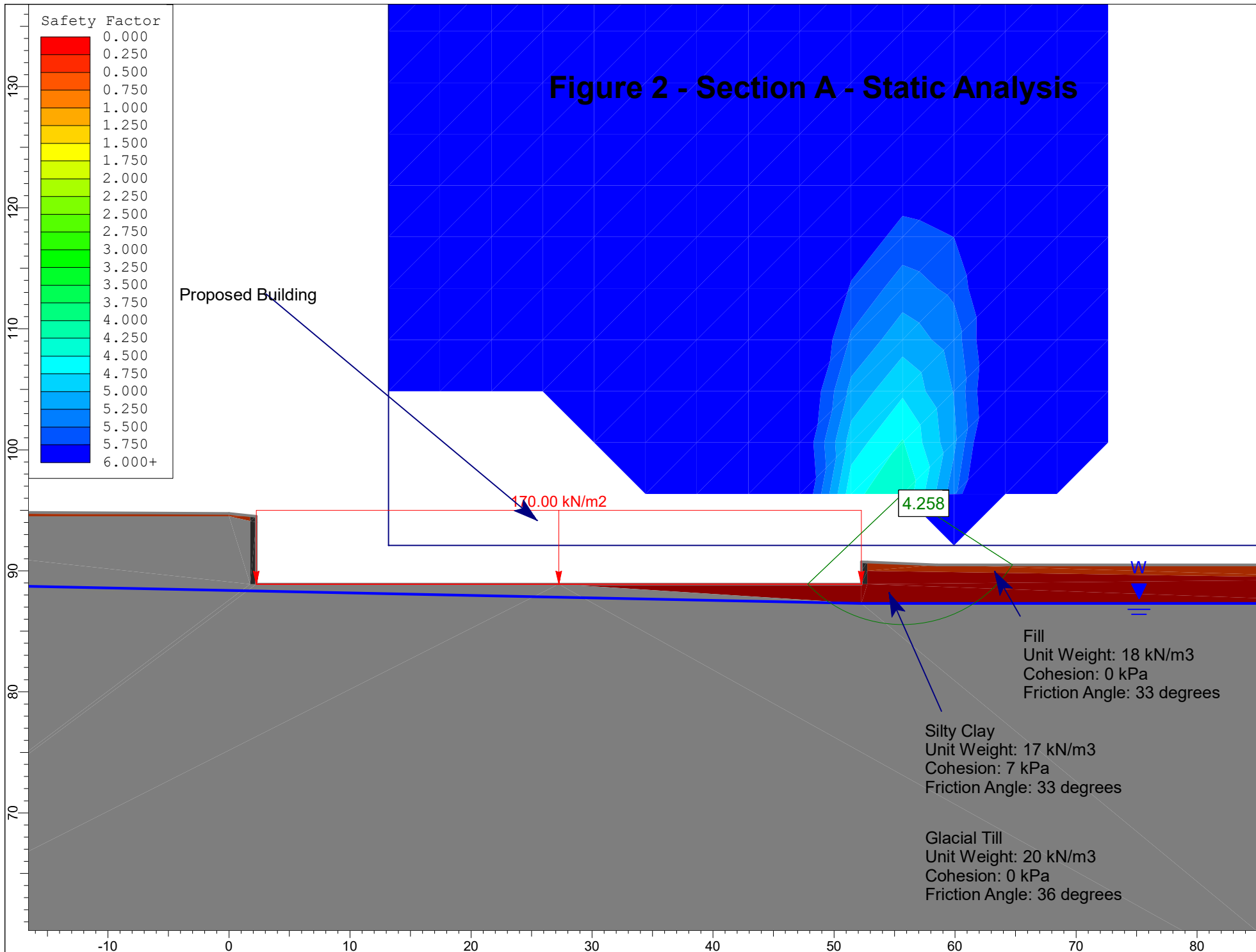


FIGURE 1

KEY PLAN

Figure 2 - Section A - Static Analysis



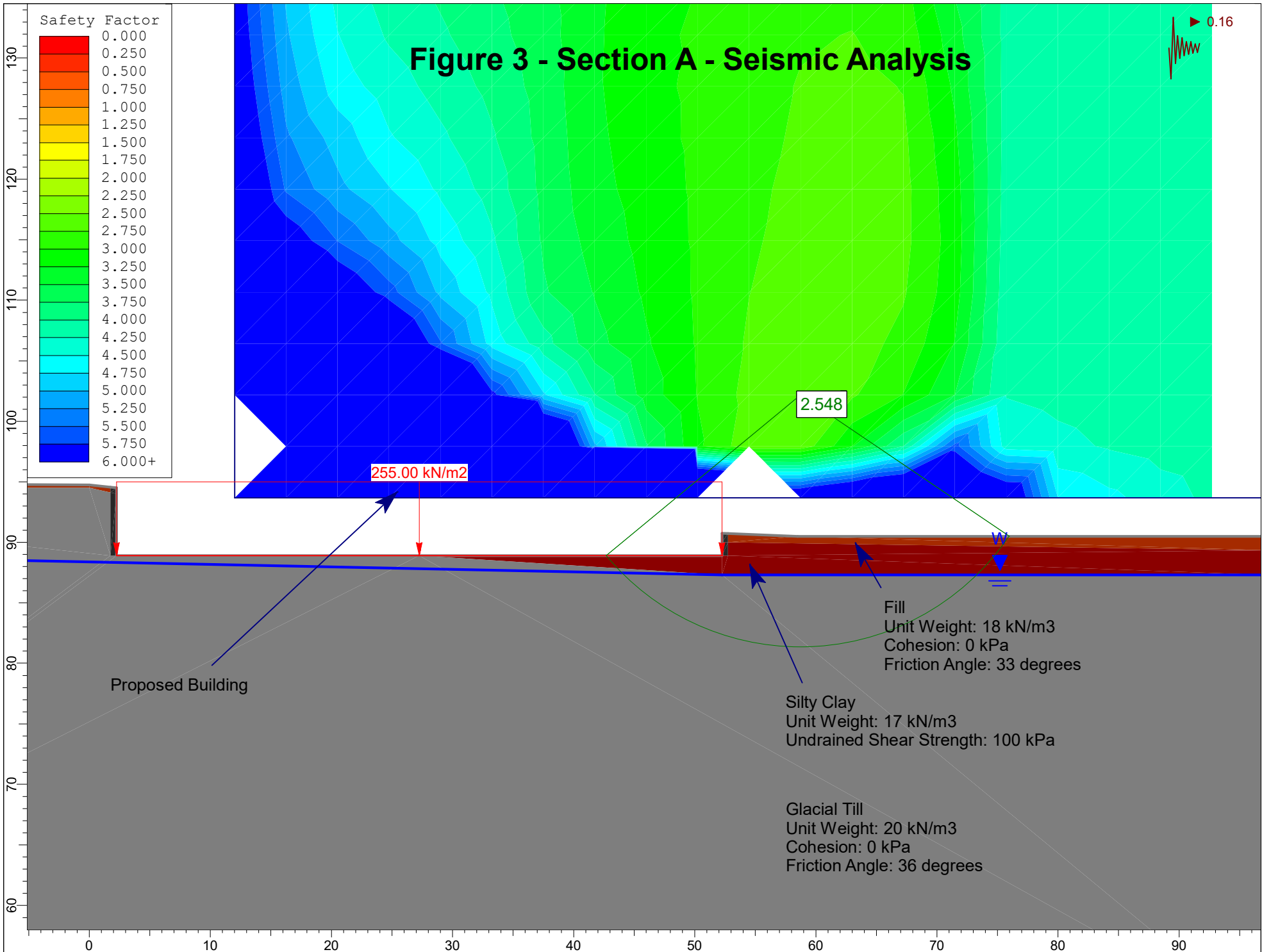


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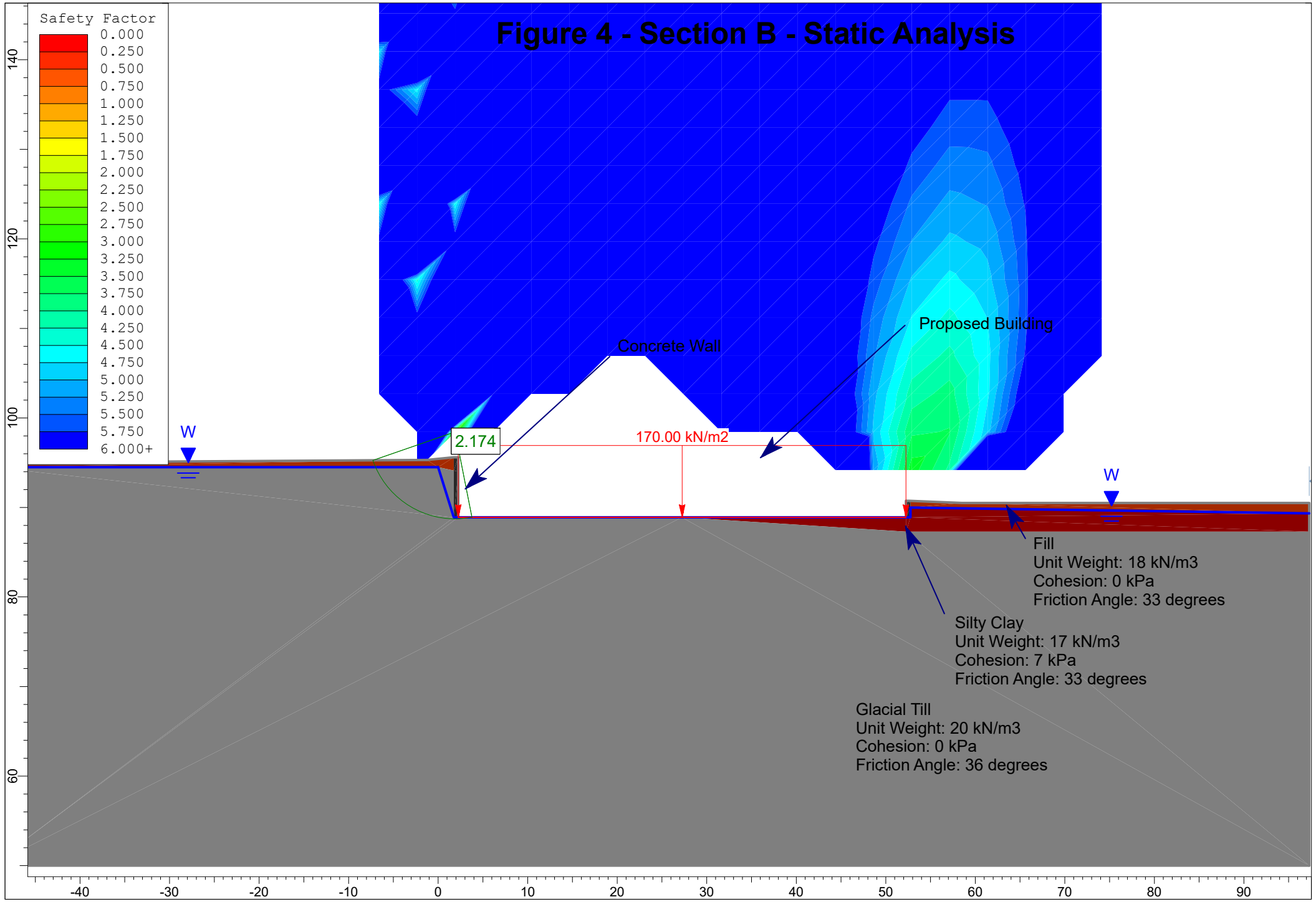


Figure 5 - Section B - Seismic Analysis

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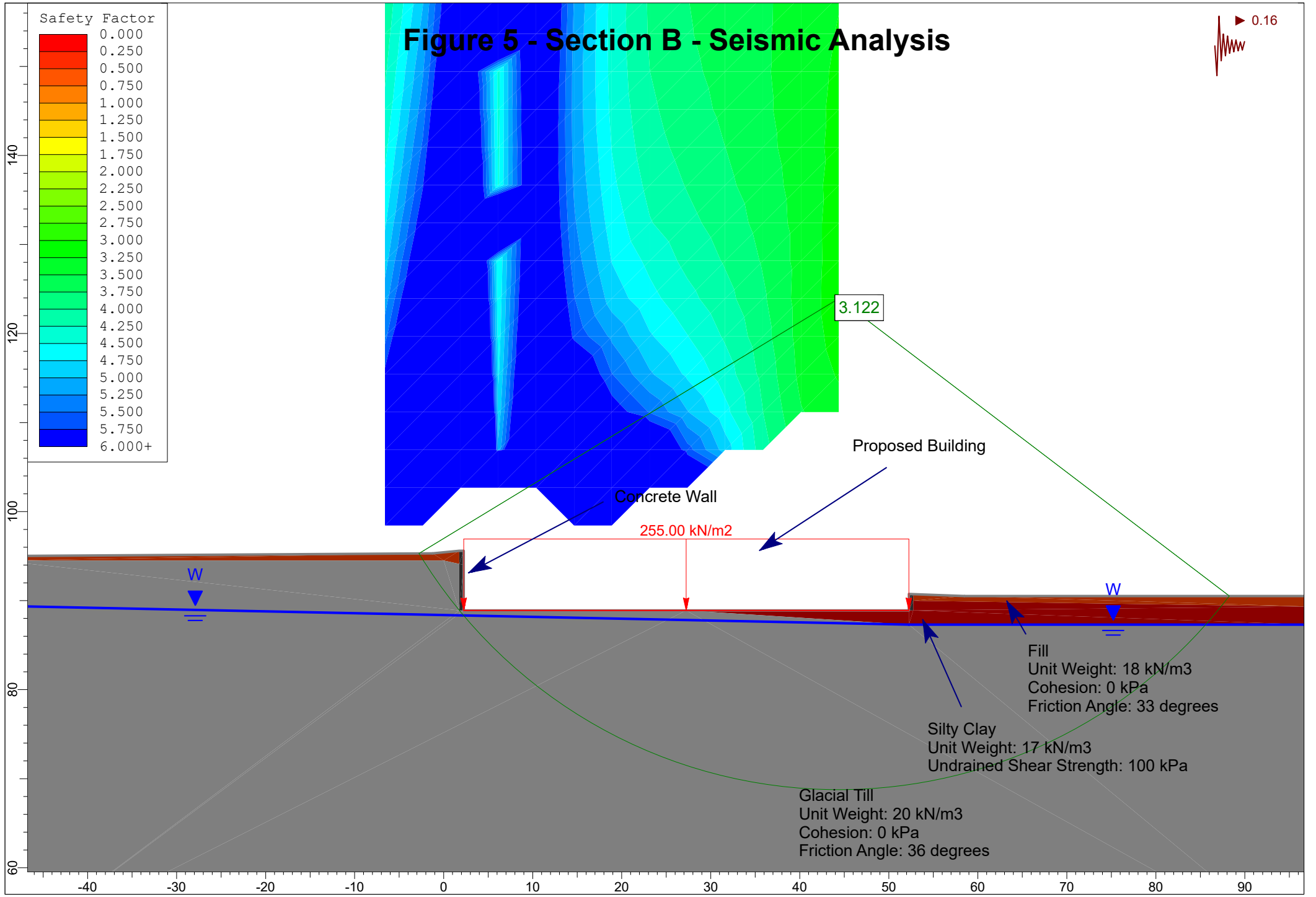


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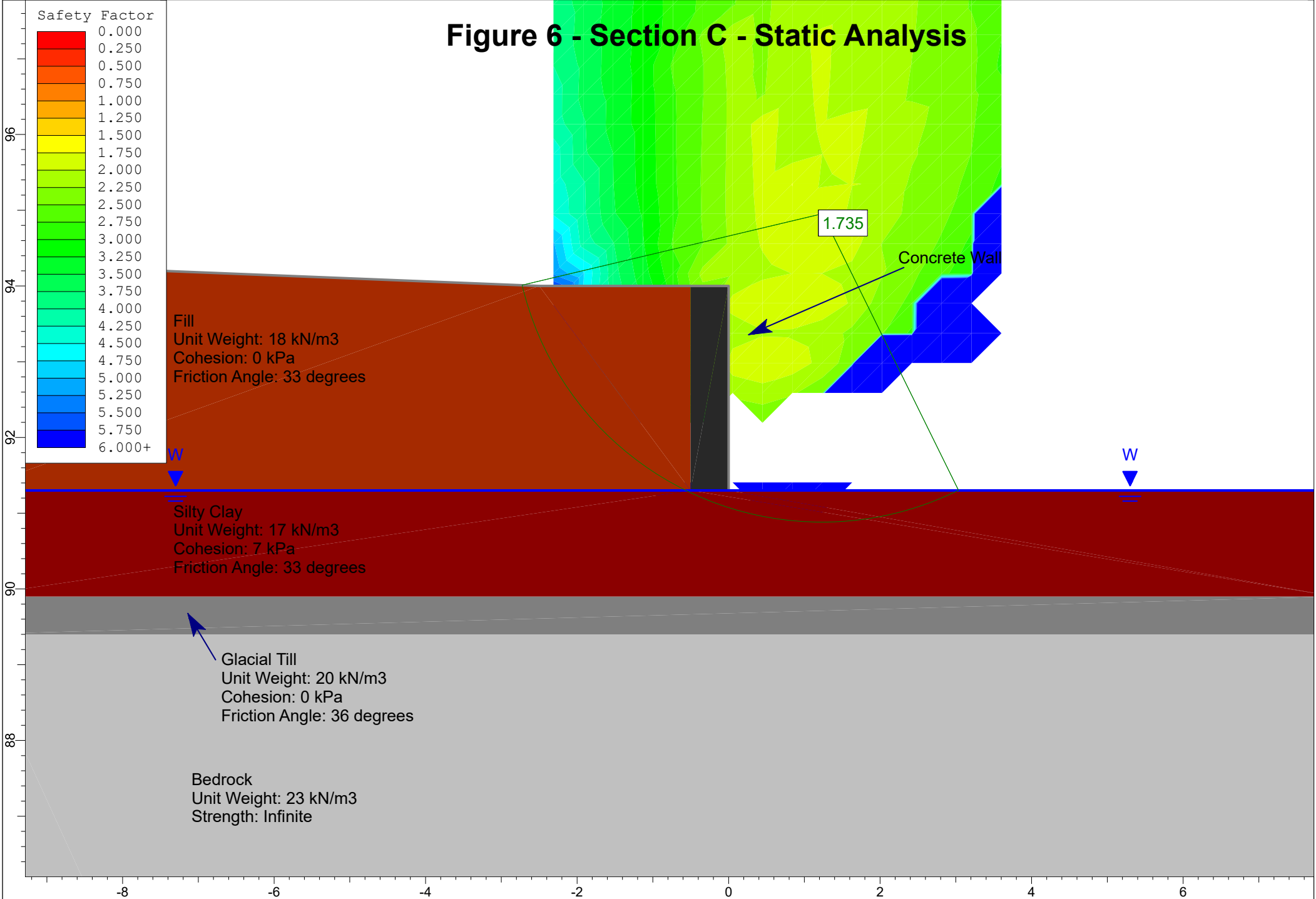


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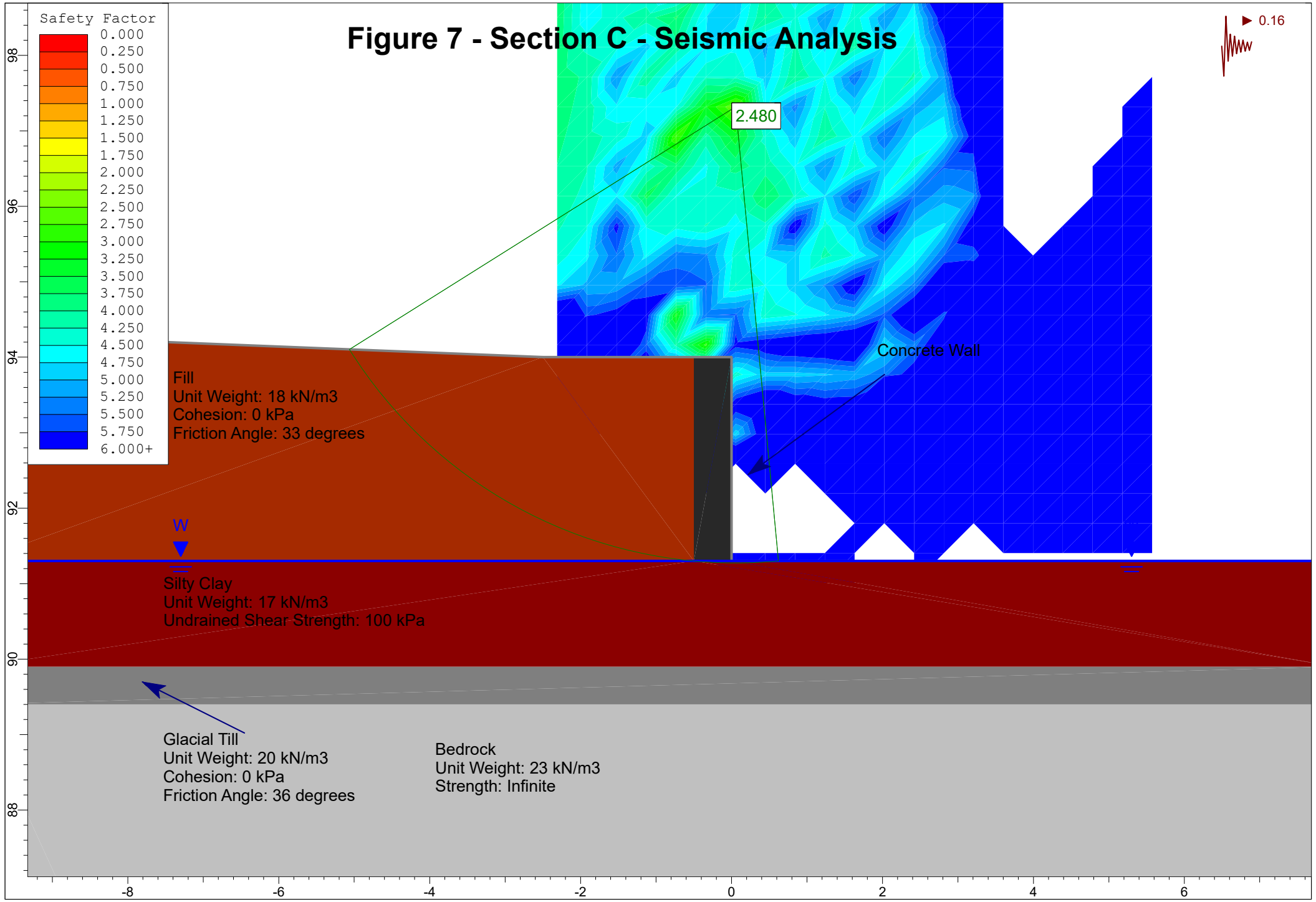


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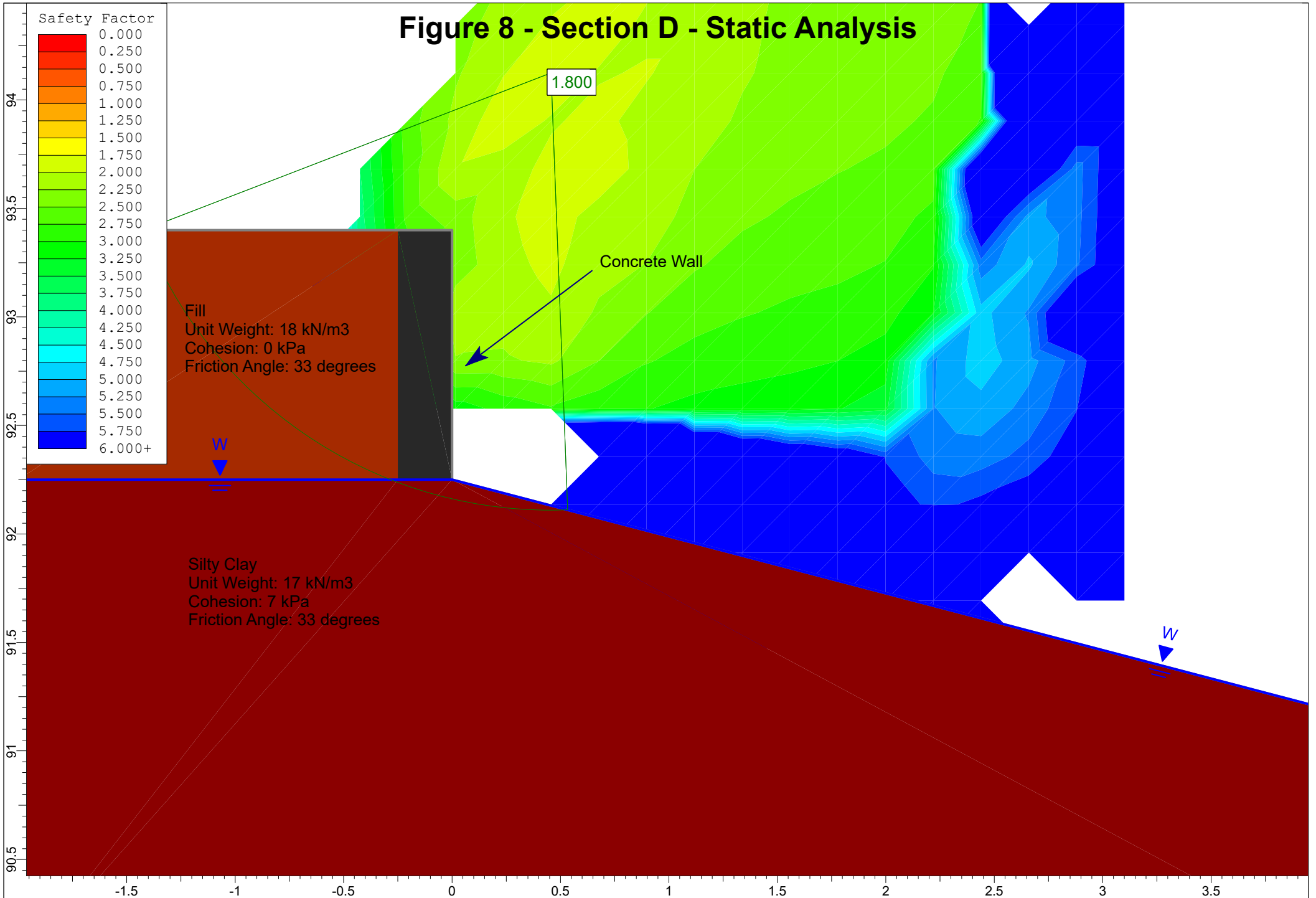
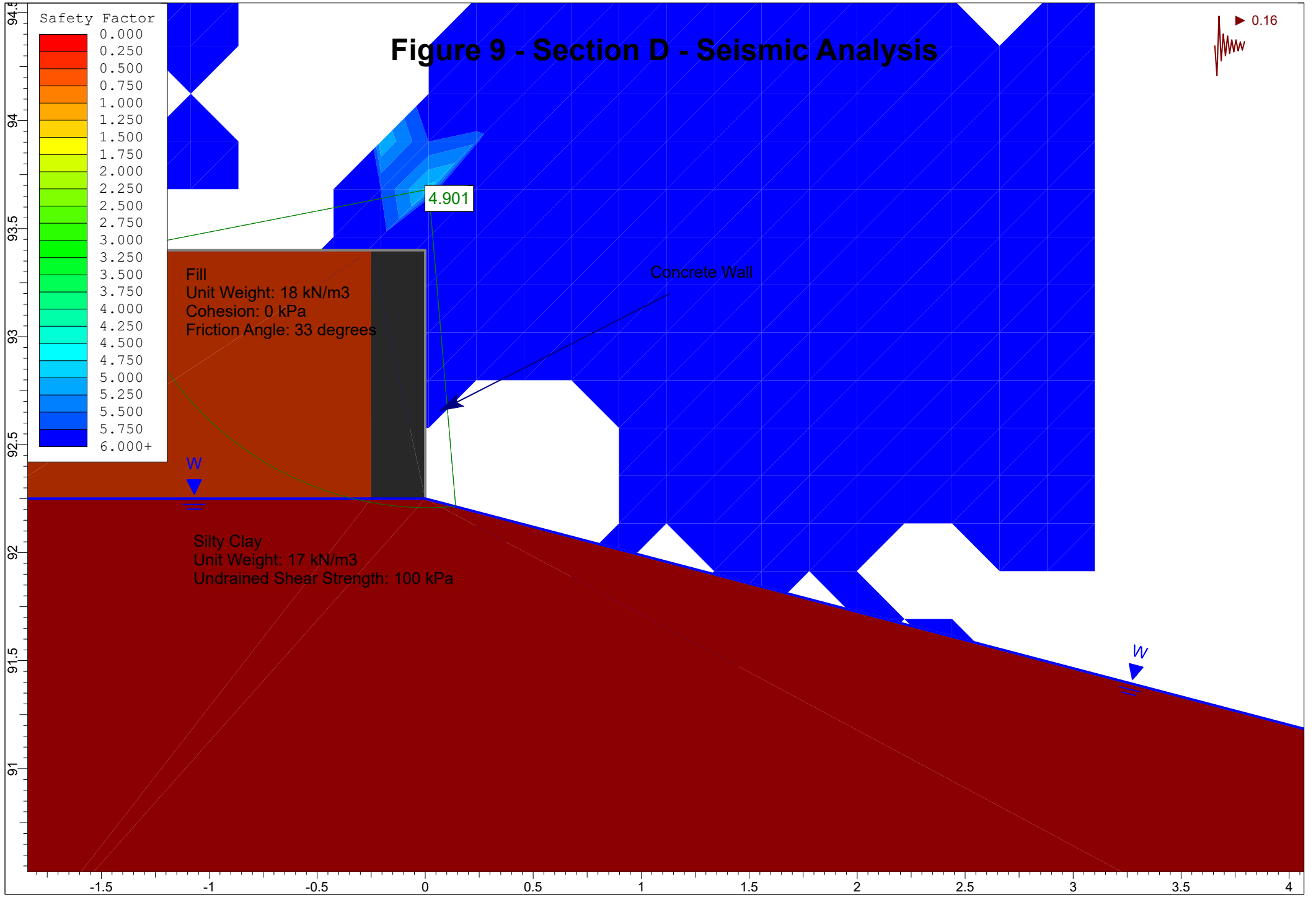
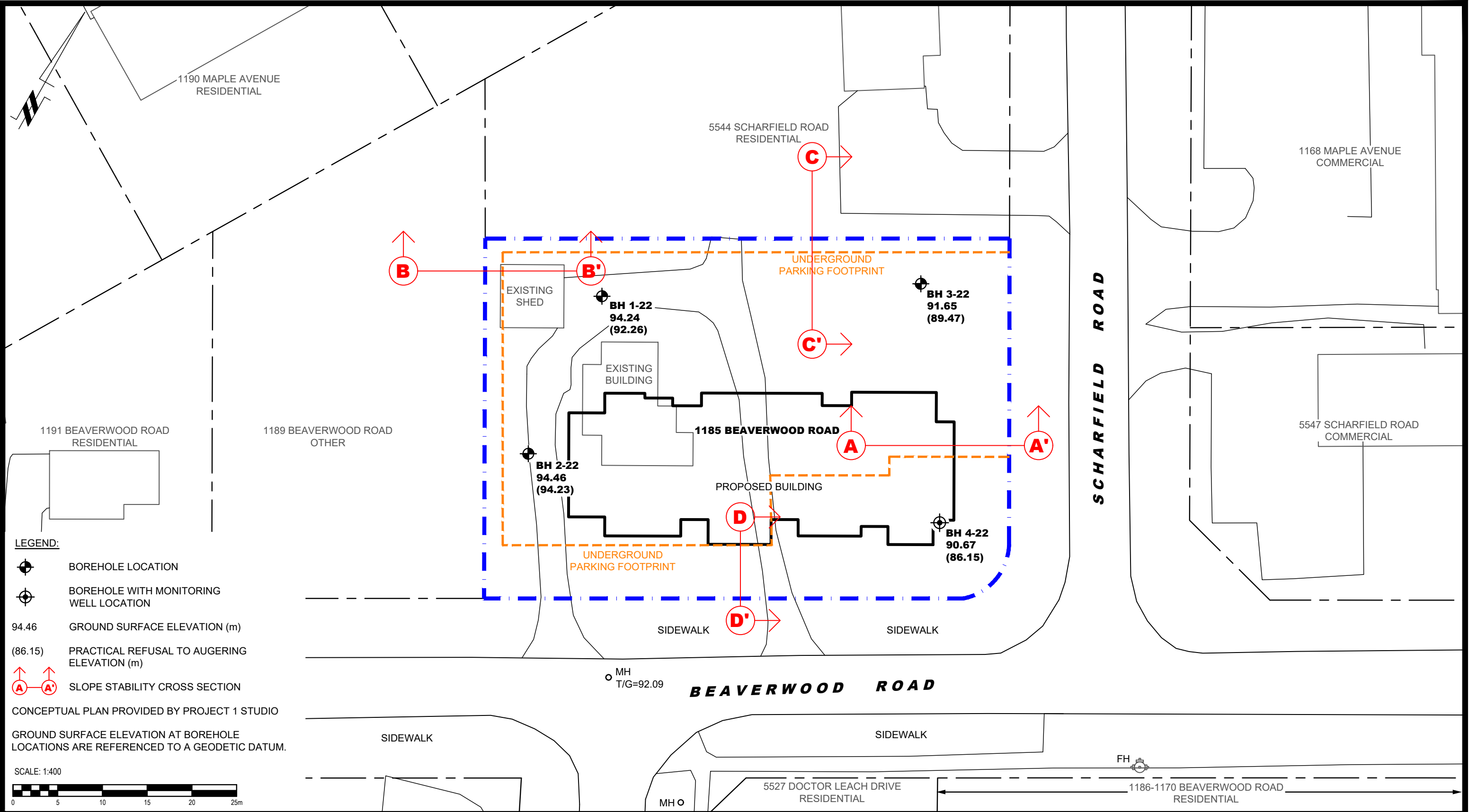





Figure 9 - Section D - Seismic Analysis

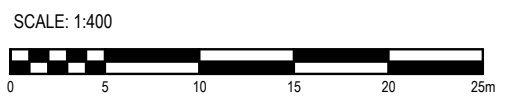




LEGEND:

-  BOREHOLE LOCATION
-  BOREHOLE WITH MONITORING WELL LOCATION
- 94.46 GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION (m)
- (86.15) PRACTICAL REFUSAL TO AUGERING ELEVATION (m)
-  SLOPE STABILITY CROSS SECTION

CONCEPTUAL PLAN PROVIDED BY PROJECT 1 STUDIO
 GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION AT BOREHOLE LOCATIONS ARE REFERENCED TO A GEODETIC DATUM.



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