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1 INTRODUCTION

The Panel B Consultants Joint Venture has been appointed by ESKOM Enterprises under PO 45 0020 9487 (TO # 19) to carry out the civil design of various aspects of the Kusile coal-fired power station located near Witbank in the Mpumalanga province.

This report details the design of the emergency ash dump foundation layer works.

1.1 Background

Eskom is the principal supplier of electricity in South Africa. In order to meet the growing need for electricity, and in support of the growth and development strategy of national government, Eskom has embarked on an expansion programme to develop new power stations. Part of this expansion program includes the building of a number of coal-fired power stations. A proposed new 4,800 MW coal-fired power station (Kusile Power Station) near Kendal Power Station is one of the coal-fired power stations to be built. An extremely tight design and construction program is in place to achieve a commissioning date of 2013. The project has been given National priority status. This necessitates the drafting and early issue of design reports in preliminary form for the Integrated Water Licence Application (IWULA) to the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF). This design report will be amplified and finalised as the detail designs proceed towards finalisation..

1.2 General

The emergency ash dump facility is provided in the event that coarse ash cannot be disposed for short periods to the main station ash dump.

The facility will be located within the main power station terrace area, on the Western side as indicated on Black and Veatch drawing 146838-OUXB-S1001 Rev 4 (area 76), in Appendix 1.

The emergency stockpile will be served by stacker conveyors supplied off the main station conditioned ash conveyor. Recovery from the facility will be by mechanical reclaimer and by mobile mechanical plant under Eskom design management (not part of this design report).

The emergency ash dump facility is 215m by 65m in plan extent and will comprise a concrete slab surrounded by a perimeter kerb to prevent ingress of external clean stormwater or discharge of internal dirty stormwater. An internal dirty water drain discharging to a settling sump for subsequent transfer by gravity to the coal stock yard settling tanks and hence to the station dirty water dams), is provided.

The following preliminary Eskom concept drawings in Appendix 1 show the overall emergency ash dump concept: 0.90/526: Plan View 0.90/527: Conveyor profiles

A preliminary General Arrangement drawing for the facility concrete layer works is presented on drawing K5452-40-XXX in Appendix 1.

1.3 Scope

The emergency ash dump facility, approximately 215m by 65m in extent, is designed to store 30 hours of coarse ash generation from 30 hours of operation. The facility is formed onto terrace fill formed under the main terracing contract, not part of this design report.

The emergency ash dump facility design is to address all relevant South African regulatory requirements, in particular:

- The National Water Act, No 36 of 1998.
- Government Notice No.704, Regulations on use of water for mining and related activities aimed at the protection of water resources, in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998)
- SANS 1200: Standardised Specifications for Civil Engineering Construction

1.4 Client User Requirement Specification

The design criteria for the emergency ash dump facility will satisfy the requirements of the ESKOM User Requirement Specification (URS) as detailed in Sections 8.5.2.3 to 8.5.2.7.

Selected extracts from the URS state the following:

- "An on site emergency ash disposal facility must be provided for the short term in the event that ash cannot be disposed to the mine" (or main ash dump)
- All conveyor/ transfer house wash water shall be collected and clarified through desilting prior to re-use in the ash conditioning system or cascading to the appropriate drain. Silt and wash water shall be separated at source and the design of the system shall allow for effective desilting of the facility
- Stormwater runoff shall be retained in an impoundment conforming to the requirements of GN 704 and approved by DWAF. Migration of pollutants shall be prevented/minimised by the incorporation of a suitable capillary breaker"

2 DESIGN

2.1 Hydrology

Stormwater run-off arising from the catchment outside the emergency ash dam facility will be intercepted by a series of trapezoidal canals at natural ground level around the perimeter.

The design storm rainfall event is presented in the project hydrology report^(Ref. 1). The report gives the one-day rainfall for various recurrence intervals. The 1:50 year storm is selected as the design storm event. The one-day rainfall with a recurrence interval of 1:50 years was given as 122 mm. This value was then adjusted by a factor of 1.3 to represent the 24hr storm event, resulting in a rainfall depth of 159 mm.

2.2 Geotechnical

The emergency ash dump terrace is formed by compacted fills. The terrace formation falls under the scope of Black and Veatch (appointed designers for the power station terracing and the power station design. Therefore this aspect is not covered fully in this report.

The terrace fill is formed using selected granular fills with a low Plasticity Index The Black and Veatch/Eskom specification for forming the compacted terrace fills requires compaction to 95% Modified Proctor standard.

2.3 Emergency Ash Dump Terrace Layer Works Description

The emergency ash dump layer works will comprise a reinforced concrete slab for accommodation of heavy mobile machinery on the slab. The slab will be underlain by a LDPE geomembrane and protective geofabric layer, to prevent any seepage to the groundwater table and any loss of concrete water/cement slurry during construction.

3 CONSTRUCTION

3.1 Method

The prepared bulk terrace will be graded to fall for drainage and prepared to receive the geomembrane under-liner.

A protective geofabric will be placed over the membrane to protect this before placing the reinforced concrete slab.

The concrete slab will be constructed in accordance with the Kusile project construction specifications.

The construction of the emergency ash dump layer works will be presented in more detail in "Emergency Ash Dump Layer Works, Work Method Statement report WMS 5452-40-005".

To follow when the layer designs are completed

3.2 Layer Construction Specifications

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4 **REFERENCES**

- 1. Government Notice No.704, Regulations on use of water for mining and related activities aimed at the protection of water resources, in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998)
- 2. The National Water Act, No 36 of 1998
- 3. SANS 1200: Standardised Specifications for Civil Engineering Construction
- 4. Eskom User Requirement Specification (URS): April 2007

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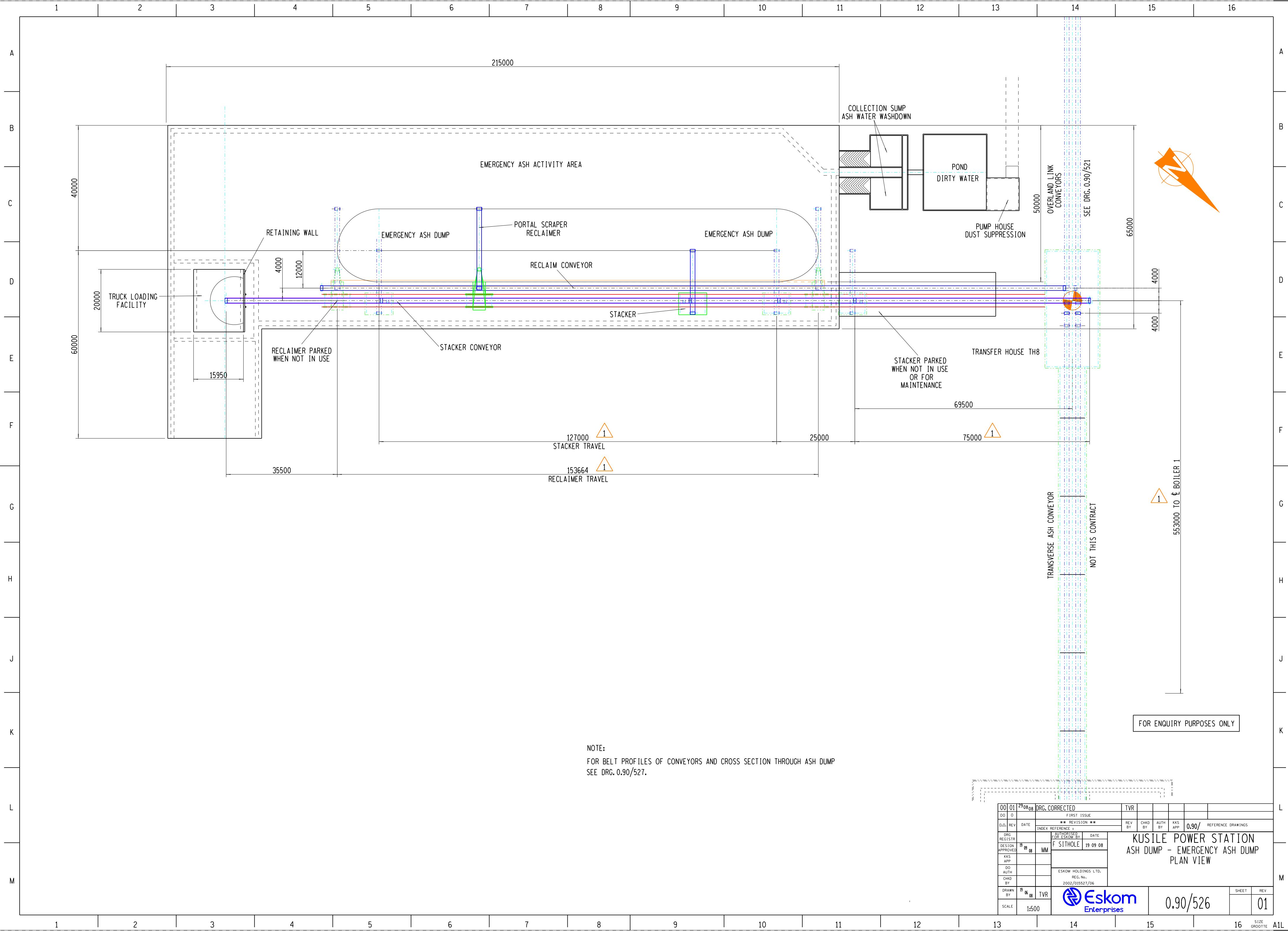
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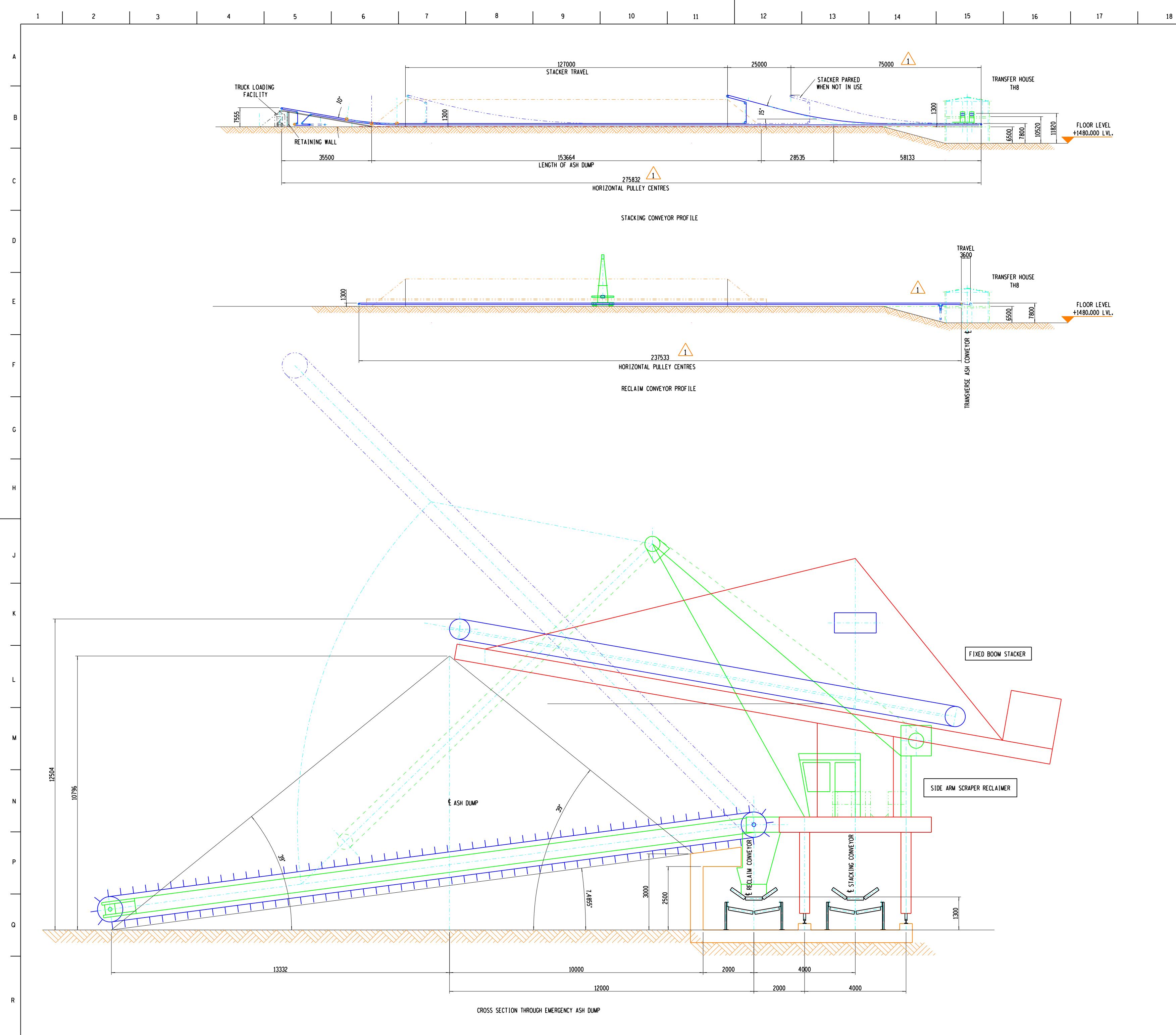
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