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1. INTRODUCTION

WSM Leshika Consulting (Pty) Ltd. was appointed to conduct a basic shallow soil geotechnical assessment for the proposed housing units to be erected in the village known as Mphangana, Umtata Region, Eastern Cape Province.

The area of interest is depicted in Figure 1 and Figure 2, Appendix A.

This report discusses the method of investigation, geotechnical conditions encountered with on-site material characteristics, recommendations and general considerations.

The level of information provided in this report is deemed suitable for planning purposes.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE INVESTIGATION

The main objectives of the investigation were to:

- Identify and discuss the main on-site geotechnical constraints;
- Obtain the basic data concerning the use of in situ material;
- Comment on the excavation characteristics of the site soils;
- Comment on the potential for shallow seepage water conditions;
- Define the general ground conditions and provide site classifications including detailed soil profile and groundwater occurrences within the zone of influence of foundation work;
- Comment on the founding conditions;
- Provide the geotechnical basis for **planning** and **preliminary design** purposes.

3. INFORMATION USED DURING THE STUDY

The following information was available at the time of writing this report:

- Locality map;
- Approximate site boundaries;
- 1:50 000-scale 3129AC Topographical map;
- 1:250 000-scale 3128 UMTATA Geological Sheet;
- Existing GoogleEarth images.

Laboratory test results conducted on selectively retrieved soil horizons were also available at the time of writing this report. The laboratory tests consist of basic index tests and compaction tests conducted on a limited number of samples.

Localities for proposed units were not available and no tests for heave and/or collapse or consolidation quantification were conducted for the purposes of this basic investigation.

4. METHOD OF INVESTIGATION

The method of investigation can be summarized as:

- Desk study of available databases such as, aerial images and geological sheets;
- Field walkover survey;
- Excavation of a limited number of test pits with a TLB;
- Detailed soil profile descriptions;
- Soil profile photograph recordings;
- Selective soil sampling;
- Basic soil testing;
- Laboratory test results interpretation;
- Compilation of report with findings and recommendations.

Eight test pits were excavated by means of a JCB 3CX TLB in the area of interest down to refusal or to near refusal conditions. The test pit positions are depicted in Figure 3, Appendix A.

A suitably qualified engineering geologist positioned and inspected the test pits. The soil profiles were recorded using the standard procedures as per the SANS633:2012 standards. The individual soil profile descriptions are attached as Appendix B with photographs attached as Appendix C.

Disturbed samples were selectively retrieved in order to determine the soil grading, compaction characteristics and general material properties. The samples were submitted to an SANAS accredited laboratory, ControLab South Africa (Pty) Ltd. for testing. The test results are attached as Appendix D.

5. GEOLOGY

5.1 Regional Geology

According to the 1:250 000-scale geological sheet 3128 Umtata, the area of interest is underlain by:

- “Jd” – Dolerite.
- “Pa” – Grey and brownish-red mudstone, sandstone.

The onsite rock/geology was interpreted as shale/siltstone.

The site is not underlain by potentially soluble dolomitic formations and a specialized dolomite stability investigation **is not required**.

The geology is depicted in Figure 4, Appendix A.

5.2 Site Specific Geology

Eight test pits were excavated by means of a TLB and terminated at between 0.85 to 3.00 m bngl (meters below natural ground level) in completely to highly weathered shale and residual dolerite. Soft excavation conditions were encountered down to termination depth.

Test pits Mp01, Mp05 to Mp08 were positioned and excavated on shale and where seemingly covered with a moderately thick fine sandy silty clayey open structured stiff to very stiff colluvium down to between 0.25 m to 0.55 m bngl.

The colluvial layer is underlain by a stiff to very stiff open structured silty clayey gravel pebble marker down to 0.45 m to 1.00 m bngl. Some of the pebble marker horizons contain moderately abundant to abundant iron and manganese nodules and weathered rock.

The pebble marker is underlain by a medium dense to stiff open structured silty clayey to clayey sand residual shale only in test pit Mh01 and Mh08 down to 2.80 m and 3.00 m bngl respectively; these test pits terminate in this horizon. The pebble marker in test pits Mp05 to Mp07 is underlain by layered and jointed very dense completely weathered to highly weathered shale down to 0.85 m to 1.25 m which excavates to silt with rock fragments.

Test pits Mp02 to Mp04 were positioned and excavated on the dolerites and consist of a very stiff open structured silty clayey colluvium down to 0.35 m to 1.00 m bngl. This colluvial layer is underlain by a very stiff open structured clayey gravelly pebble marker containing iron and manganese nodules down to 0.50 m and 0.75 m bngl in test pits Mp02 and Mp04. The pebble marker is underlain and was terminated in medium dense to soft pinholed clayey silty residual dolerite down to 2.70 m to 2.90 m.

A summary of the soil profiles are provided in Table 1a and Table 1b. The detailed soil profiles are attached as Appendix B with the relevant profile photographs as Appendix C.

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Table 1a: Soil profiles summary (co-ordinates and soil textures)

TP	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation	Clay	Silt	Sand	Gravel
Mp01	-31.491543°	29.048526°	955	0.00-0.80	0.00-2.80	0.80-2.80	0.35-0.45
Mp02	-31.494954°	29.052943°	933	0.00-2.75	0.00-2.75	-	0.35-0.70
Mp03	-31.499019°	29.054519°	919	0.00-2.90	0.00-2.90	-	-
Mp04	-31.499078°	29.051032°	891	0.00-0.50	0.00-2.70	0.50-2.70	0.40-0.50
Mp05	-31.498398°	29.046041°	850	0.00-0.55	0.00-0.85	-	0.30-0.55
Mp06	-31.497338°	29.043333°	855	0.00-0.55	0.00-0.55	-	0.25-0.55
Mp07	-31.493504°	29.043015°	885	0.00-0.55	0.00-0.85	0.55-0.85	0.35-0.55
Mp08	-31.494230°	29.047220°	913	0.00-3.00	0.00-3.00	-	0.35-1.00

Table 1b: Soil profiles summary (soil horizons and excavation)

TP	Colluvium	Pebble marker	Residuum	Pedogenic Formations	Completely Weathered Rock	Highly weathered rock	Termination depth	Excavatability up to termination depth	Excavatability at termination depth	Seepage
Mp01	0.00-0.30	0.35-0.45	0.45-2.80	0.35-0.45	-	-	2.8	Soft	Soft	No
Mp02	0.00-0.35	0.35-0.75	0.70-2.75	0.35-0.70	-	-	2.75	Soft	Hard	No
Mp03	0.00-1.00	-	1.00-2.90	-	-	-	2.9	Soft	Soft	No
Mp04	0.00-0.40	0.40-0.50	0.50-2.70	0.40-0.50	-	-	2.7	Soft	Soft	No
Mp05	0.00-0.30	0.30-0.55	-	-	0.55-0.85	0.85-1.25	1.25	Soft	Hard	No
Mp06	0.00-0.25	0.25-0.55	-	-	-	0.55-0.85	0.85	Soft	Hard	No
Mp07	0.35-0.55	0.35-55	-	-	0.55-0.85	0.85-1.00	1	Soft	Hard	No
Mp08	0.00-0.35	0.35-1.00	1.00-3.00	0.35-1.00	-	-	3	Soft	Hard	No

6. SITE DESCRIPTION

6.1 Locality and Size

The site is situated 26 km north-east of the town of Umtata and 5 km from Libode in the village of Mphangana. The approximate size of the investigated area is 165 ha.

The approximate centre coordinates of the investigated area is as follows (Decimal Degrees, Datum: WGS84):

Latitude: -31.495814°

Longitude: 29.047620°

The locality is depicted in Figure 1 and Figure 2, Appendix A.

6.2 Vegetation, Topography, Drainage and Existing Structures

The site is mainly covered with natural grass, small to medium sized trees and informal mud houses. The remainder of the site is fairly open with steep slopes surrounding the village. No detailed contour map was provided/available at the time of writing this report. The regional topography as per the 1:50 000-scale topographical sheet is attached as Figure 5, Appendix A. The village is located on and down slope of a large hill or interpreted as a low lying area with steep slopes from the edges of the village decreasing to the center of the site, the general slope direction is towards the river to the south-west side of the village. Two large valleys are located in the middle of the village containing drainage features that drains south-west to the river. See the elevation profile of the site from north-west to south-east in Figure 1 portraying the valleys in the center of the village and from south-west to north-east in Figure 2 below portraying the general slope across the village. Drainage channels are located in the valleys at the bases of these slopes.



Figure R1: Elevation profile from north-west to south-east portraying the valleys in the center of the village.

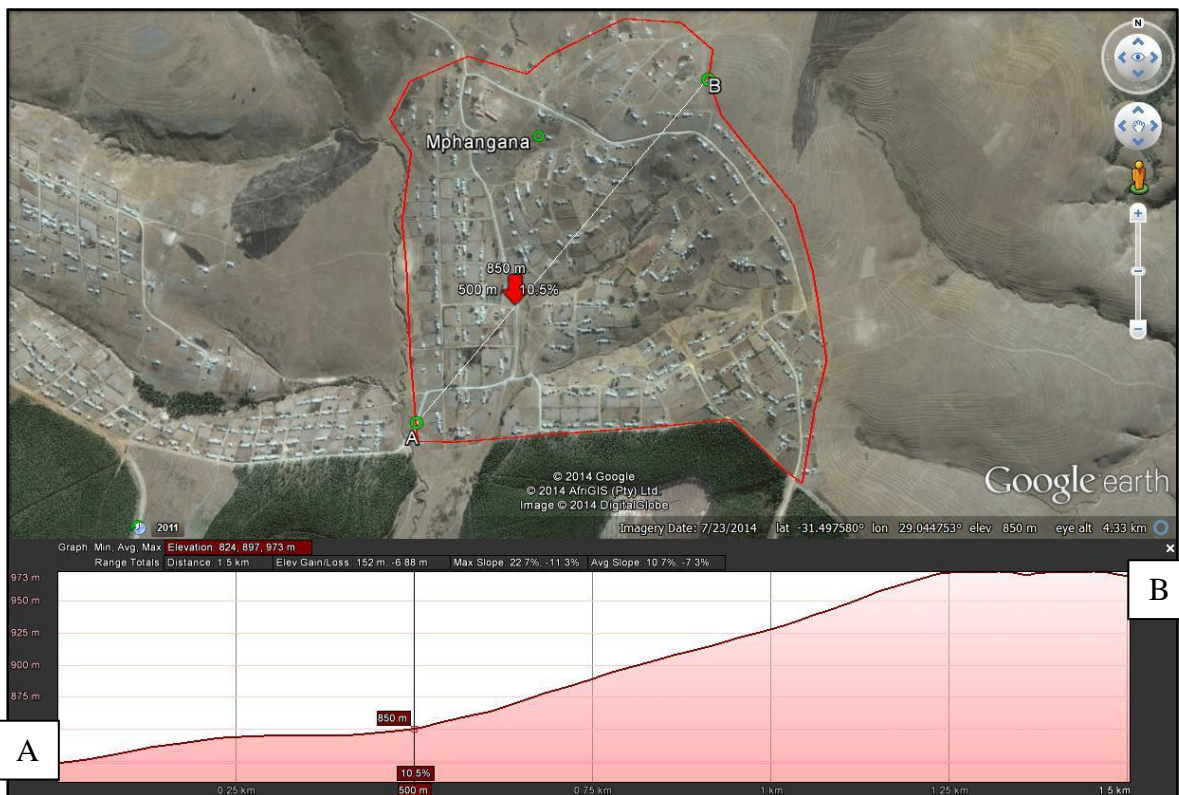


Figure R2: Elevation profile from south-west to north-east depicting the general slope across the village.

7. SHALLOW GROUNDWATER OR SEEPAGE WATER

Signs of seasonal shallow seepage water conditions are evident in the soil profiles excavated. Severe shallow seasonal seepage water are expected, water is expected to occur on the shallow completely to highly weathered shale. Concentration of flow will be from the north-east of the village down the general slope south-west along the drainage channels of the valleys in the center of the village towards the main river on the south-west side of the village.

Seasonal seepage water of less than 1.00 m bngl will be a reality throughout the majority of the site as confirmed by the presence of iron and manganese nodules in the pebble marker horizon. Localised areas of surface ponding conditions can also be expected and should be identified from the detailed ground contour survey data.

Typical seepage areas are generally more prominent in lower-lying areas. The site is situated on a watershed. Seepage is expected to mainly occur for short periods after heavy and/or prolonged rainfall events.

8. EXCAVATION CONDITIONS

Excavatability of materials can be classified in five different categories according to the SABS 1200 D-1988 standards. Table 2 below is a summary of the SABS standards (refer to SABS 1200D-1988 document for detailed classification):

Table 2: Excavation classes (Modified SABS 1200D)

Sample Position	Simplified description of typical material properties
Soft excavation	Material that can be efficiently removed or loaded, without prior ripping, by means of a bulldozer, tractor-scraper, track type front-end loader or back-acting excavator without the use of pneumatic tools such as paving breakers

Sample Position	Simplified description of typical material properties
Intermediate excavation	Material that can be efficiently ripped by a bulldozer fitted with a single-tine ripper or with a back-acting excavator of flywheel power exceeding 0,10 kW per mm of tined-bucket width or the use of pneumatic tools before removal by equipment equivalent to that specified above.
Hard rock excavation	Excavation in material that cannot, before removal, be efficiently ripped by a bulldozer. This is material that cannot be efficiently removed without blasting or without wedging and splitting.
Boulder excavation (Class A)	Excavation in material containing more than 40 % by volume boulders of size in the range of 0,03-20m ³ , in a matrix of soft material or smaller boulders.
Boulder excavation (Class B)	Excavation in material containing 40 % or less by volume boulders of size in the range of 0,03-20m ³ , in a matrix of soft material or smaller boulders and which require individual drilling and blasting in order to be loaded by a track type front-end loader or back-acting excavator .

The trial pits were excavated by means of a JCB 3CX TLB and the TLB excavatability in the upper excavated material and at termination depths with SABS excavatability correlations are summarized in Table 1b.

The test pits were excavated down to between 1.00 to 3.00 m bngl with an average excavation depth of approximately 2.15 m bngl with a standard deviation of 0.94 m.

TLB confined refusal were experienced in five of the eight test pits within highly weathered shale in test pit Mp05, Mp06, MP07 and Mp08 at 1.25 m, 0.85 m, 1.00 m and 3.00 m bngl respectively and possibly on a dolerite boulder in Mp02at 2.75 m bngl. Hard excavation conditions were encountered at these termination depths, on jointed and layered soft rock shale and a dolerite boulder.

Excavation took place with a TLB in a confined trench; deeper excavation could be possible with a TLB in unconfined trenches and there is a possibility that the material

may be rippable due to bedding and jointing. The materials are however expected to be excavatable with a larger excavator down to at least 2 m bngl in confined trenches in the highly weathered shale.

Soft excavation was encountered down to termination depths for all the test pits.

The bedrock conditions are expected to be undulating with depths varying of 1.00 m to 3.00 m bngl over short distances due to the change in slope and location on the slope.

9. LABORATORY RESULTS AND GENERAL MATERIAL PROPERTIES

A number of disturbed soil samples were selectively retrieved and submitted to Controlab South Africa (Pty) Ltd. Umtata for testing.

Grading analysis, compaction testing, Atterberg Limit tests were conducted in order to determine the basic material properties for evaluation purposes. The laboratory test results are attached as Appendix D. The USCS (unified soil classification system) was not provided by the laboratory; the classifications used below were interpreted from the results received and should be used with caution as the classification may differ slightly. USCS (unified soil classification system) chart used to determine the classifications are attached in Appendix F as Chart C1 and C2.

9.1 Material Classifications and General Material Properties and Ratings

The material encountered and tested generally classifies as “GM”/“GC”, “SM”, “SC”, “ML”, “CL” and “MH” according to the Unified Soil Classification System. The Foundation Indicator test results conducted on selectively retrieved samples are summarized in Table 3.

TABLE 3: Foundation Indicator Test Results

Test pit no	Sample depth (m)	Material description	Soil composition				Atterberg Limits		LS (%)	GM	Class (USCS)	Class (USCS) ₂
			Clay (%)	Silt (%)	Sand (%)	Gravel (%)	LL (%)	PI (%)				
Mp01	1.00-1.50	Residual shale	2	29.4	68.6	0	28	10	4	0	SM	SC
Mp02	1.50-1.80	Residual dolerite	7	43.5	49.5	0	45	15	7.5	0	ML	0
Mp03	1.20-1.50	Residual dolerite	5	38.1	56.9	0	40	13	6	0	ML	CL
Mp03	2.00-2.30	Residual dolerite	13	44	43	0	53	19	8.5	0	MH	0
Mp04	1.00-2.00	Residual dolerite	3	14.7	79.3	3	35	15	6.5	1.71	SM	SC
Mp06	0.45-0.85	Highly weathered shale	3	10	23	64	23	8	3	2.4	GC	GM
Mp07	0.10-0.30	Colluvium	15	44.4	40.6	0	22	9	3.5	0	CL	0
Mp07	0.70-1.00	Completely to highly weathered shale	6	15.1	14.9	64	30	12	6	0	GC	0
Mp08	1.00-1.50	Residual shale	15	44.5	39.5	1	41	26	10.5	0	CL	0
Mp08	2.00-3.00	Residual shale	11	47.1	41.9	0	43	15	7.5	0.51	CL	ML

The following general descriptions can be assigned to the soil classes:

GM → Silty gravelly and poorly graded gravel and sand-silt mixtures.

GC → Clayey gravels, poorly graded gravel-sand-clay mixtures.

SM → Silty sands, poorly graded silt-sand mixtures.

SC → Clayey sands, poorly graded sand-clay mixtures.

ML → Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands with slight plasticity.

CL → Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays.

MH → Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils, elastic soils.

Typical material properties for the above classifications are summarized in Table E1 and Table E2, Appendix F for guideline purposes.

10. GEOTECHNICAL EVALUATION

10.1 Soil Heave

The potential expansiveness of the material was evaluated based on the indicative laboratory test results and field observations. This included using the Plasticity Index and Linear Shrinkage of the material, Van der Merwe’s Method and the material structure to evaluate the potential heave of the material. The potential expansiveness of the materials is visually depicted in Chart 1.

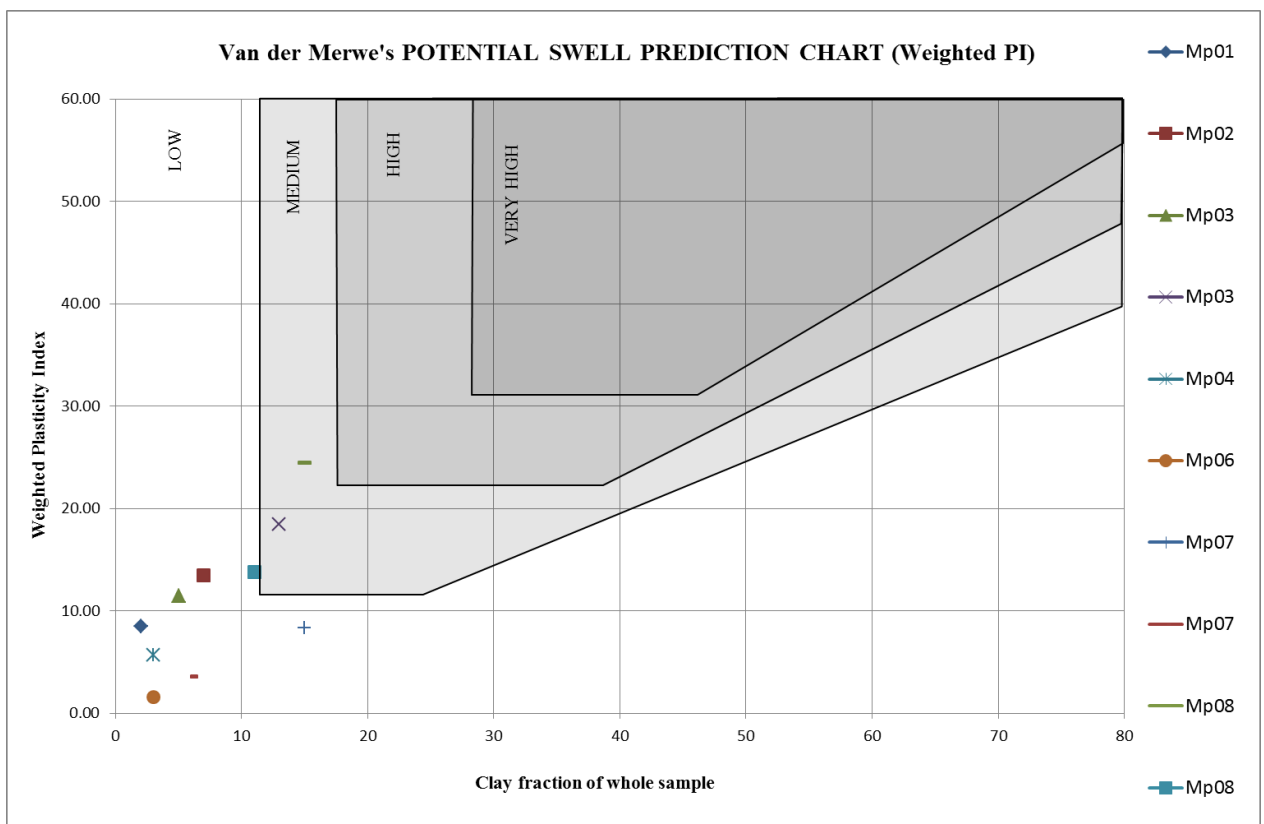


CHART 1: Swell Prediction Chart (Weighted PI and Clay Fraction of whole sample)

The indicator test results conducted on all the materials sampled indicate that the residual dolerite soil tested from Mp03 at 2.00-2.30 m and the residual shale from Mp08 1.00-1.50 has a “Medium” heave potential which confirms the visual interpretations taking into consideration the clay content and soil structure. The test results indicate that the colluvium and completely to highly weathered shale has a “Low” heave potential with very little amount of clay present.

The residual shale in test pits Mp04 and Mp08 at 1.00-2.00 and 2.00-3.00 had a free swell percentage under 100 % MOD. AASHTO compaction effort of 1.26 % and 2.60 % respectively. The compacted swell percentage for the highly weathered shale in test pits Mp06 at 0.45-0.85 is 0.96 %. The residual shale of test pits MP08 has the highest swell percentage of 2.6 %.

Medium soil heave corresponding to the SAICE (1995) site class designation “**H1**” (7.5 mm to 15 mm total range of expected soil movement, assumed 50% differential movement) is expected in the residual shale and dolerite layer.

Medium soil heave is only present in the overlying residual shale and dolerite layer; the underlying weathered rock has a low soil heave potential.

The grading analysis, Atterberg Limits and compaction test results for the materials are attached in Appendix D.

10.2 Collapsible and/or Compressible Material

The colluvium layer and pebble marker consists of medium amounts of fines present that can experience a degree of consolidation. These horizons have an open structure that will result in a degree of consolidation corresponding to the SAICE class “C1”.

The layered and jointed completely to highly weathered shale has a slight collapse potential as for SAICE class “C” and “S” consolidation potential.

The lower lying completely to highly weathered shale has a layered and jointed structure which may result in some settlement when loaded.

10.3 Erodability

The soils are considered to have a high susceptibility to erosion. Basic erosion protection measures will be recommended such as proper surface drainage in order to

avoid concentrated water flow and potential erosion and undercutting of structures/floors and/or unwanted erosion of excavation/foundation/service trenches.

11. MAJOR GEOTECHNICAL CONSTRAINTS

Based on the conditions encountered during this investigation the major geotechnical constraints can be summarized as:

- Medium heave potential in residual shale and dolerite;
- Severe shallow seasonal seepage water conditions and/or saturated soil profiles;
- Most favorable to intermediate steep slopes surrounding entire village 4 to 13 degrees;
- Excavation difficulty due to shallow bedrock, depending on location on slope.

12. SITE CLASSIFICATION

The site is classified based on the different geotechnical and founding conditions as per the SAICE 1995 classification (NHBRC classification as for single story residential/small type structures) and the SANS 634:2012 document of which the applicable tables are attached in Appendix F for reference purposes.

One broad geotechnical zone has been assigned for the site for the purposes of this basic investigation:

Zone I: C1-H1 (R) / 2ABCDE (2FI)

Zone II: P (Drainage features, seepage areas and steep slopes) / 2BI (Drainage features)

Where C, S and P before the / refer to:

C - Collapse settlement;

H - Expansive soils;

(R) - Localised shallow rock.

The A-B-C-D-E-F-H-I after the / refer to:

- A - Collapsible soils;
- B - Seasonal shallow seepage water or saturated soil conditions;
- C - Active soils;
- D - Consolidation settlement;
- E - Erodability of the soil horizons;
- F - Excavation difficulty;
- I - Steep slopes.

The classification in brackets (2FI) indicates localised occurrences for excavation difficulty and moderately steep slopes which has a highly likelihood.

Refer to Table 1, Table 2, Table 3, Table 4 and Table 5, Appendix F.

13. FOUNDATION AND GERNAL RECOMMENDATIONS

For planning purposes the following foundation types/options can be considered for potential small size residential type structures (as for class “H1” and “C1” SAICE 1995 foundation options of which the appropriate tables are attached in Appendix F):

- Modified normal construction (As for class H1).
- Soil raft construction (As for class C1 or H1).

More conservative foundation options may be:

- Stiffened or cellular raft foundations (As for class H2).
- Split construction (As for class H2).

It is recommended that stiffened or cellular raft foundations are considered for planning purposes till more detailed investigations are conducted as required by the SANS634:2012 standards and accommodated with the necessary heave and consolidation quantification tests.

Modified normal construction to even normal construction may be suitable in areas. These foundation options however can only be considered if conditions are proven with more detailed investigations.

14. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

14.1 Soil Mattress and General Backfill

The basic requirements for material to be used for soil mattress construction can be summarized as:

- The material needs to be workable;
- The material needs to have good compaction characteristics;
- The material needs to have a low compressibility once properly compacted;
- The material needs to exhibit a low heave once properly compacted;
- The material needs to have suitable bearing capacity once properly compacted.

The on-site material is generally silty clays in the upper residual shale, residual dolerite and colluvium. The completely to highly weathered shale crumbles to silt and rock fragments when excavated and compacted. The residual shale and dolerite and completely to highly weathered shale material tested according to the USCS has the following workability rating:

- CL – Good to fair;
- ML – Fair workability rating
- SC – Good;
- SM – Fair;
- GC – Fair.

The residual dolerite material retrieved from test pit Mp04 at 1.00-2.00 m has a maximum dry density of 1 837 kg/m³ with an optimum moisture content of 16.7 % and a measured swell of 1.26 % Mod. AASHTO compaction effort. The CBR of the material increases from 15 to 18 to 21 at 90%, 95% and 100% Mod. AASHTO

compaction efforts. The samples tested classifies as “G7” according to the TRH/COLTO classification.

The highly weathered shale material retrieved from test pit Mp06 at 0.45-0.85m has a maximum dry density of 1 965 kg/m³ with an optimum moisture content of 10.4 % and a measured swell of 0.96 % Mod. AASHTO compaction effort. The CBR of the material increases from 5 to 11 to 24 at 90%, 95% and 100% Mod. AASHTO compaction efforts. The samples tested classifies as “G10” according to the TRH/COLTO classification.

The residual shale material retrieved from test pit Mp08 at 2.00-3.00 m has a maximum dry density of 1 450 kg/m³ with an optimum moisture content of 26.7 % and a measured swell of 2.60 % Mod. AASHTO compaction effort. The CBR of the material increases from 1 to 2 to 3 at 90%, 95% and 100% Mod. AASHTO compaction efforts. The samples tested classifies as “G10” according to the TRH/COLTO classification.

The residual dolerite from Mp04 and highly weathered shale from Mp06 has a fair to good compaction characteristics based on the increase in CBR values, achieved maximum dry densities and relatively low percentage swell measured. The residual shale from Mp08 has a poor compaction characteristic.

The weathered shale is expected to have a low compressibility once properly compacted. The residual shale, residual dolerite and upper fines are expected to have a medium to high compressibility even when properly compacted due to the abundance of fines.

The unweathered to moderately/highly weathered shale is expected to have a low heave potential according to the test results received. The totally/residual shale and dolerite is expected to have a medium heave potential.

The typical fill rating of the material is represented in Table 5 below.

TABLE 5: Fill and Foundation Material

Test pit	Sample depth (m)	Material description	Unified Soil Class	Typical rating for use as general fill material	Typical rating for use as fill for foundation purposes	Expected Dry Density (kg/m ³) (PROCTOR)
Mp01	1.00-1.50	Residual shale	SM	Average	Good (density important)	1 830 +/- 20
Mp02	1.50-1.80	Residual dolerite	ML	Average	Good (Liquefaction problem)	1 650 +/- 20
Mp03	1.20-1.50	Residual dolerite	ML	Average	Good (Liquefaction problem)	1 650 +/- 20
Mp03	2.00-2.30	Residual dolerite	MH	Poor	Unsuitable (Swell?)	1 310 +/- 60
Mp04	1.00-2.00	Residual dolerite	SM	Average	Good (density important)	1 830 +/- 20
Mp06	0.45-0.85	Highly weathered shale	GC	Good	Excellent	> 1 840
Mp07	0.10-0.30	Colluvium	CL	Average	Average (Swell?)	1 730 +/- 20
Mp07	0.70-1.00	Completely to highly weathered shale	GC	Good	Excellent	> 1 840
Mp08	1.00-1.50	Residual shale	CL	Average	Average (Swell?)	1 730 +/- 20
Mp08	2.00-3.00	Residual shale	CL	Average	Average (Swell?)	1 730 +/- 20

The weathered shale material in general (materials classifying as “GC”) are considered to have an excellent rating for typical fill for foundation purposes, whereas the residual material classifying as “SM” and “SC” has a good rating for typical fill. The materials with an abundance of fines (soils classifying as “CL” and “ML”) are considered to have an average rating for typical fill and “MH” a poor rating.

14.2 Road Construction

A more detailed investigation should be conducted in order to comment the suitability of the on-site materials for pavement design. The colluvium and residual fines are expected to have a fair rating for subgrade construction and poor for sub-base and not suitable base construction. The lower weathered shale is expected to have a good rating for subgrade construction with possibly a good to fair rating for subbase construction. None of the on-site materials encountered are considered suitable for base construction.

It is recommended that borrowpits is identified and that suitable materials are sourced for subbase and base construction.

15. CONCLUSIONS

The site is underlain by grey and brownish-red mudstone, sandstone; identified on site to be shale/siltstone.

No potentially soluble dolomitic or limestone formations are present and a dolomite stability investigation is not required.

The area is not undermined and no significant economic mineral deposits are indicated on the relevant geological sheet in the proposed development area that may affect the developability of the site.

One broad geotechnical zone has been assigned for the site for the purposes of this basic investigation:

Zone I: C1-H1 (R) / 2ABCDE (2FI)

Zone II: P (Drainage features, seepage areas and steep slopes) / 2BI (Drainage features)

For planning purposes one or a combination of the following foundation types/options can be considered:

- Modified normal construction (As for class H1).
- Soil raft construction (As for class C1 or H1).
- Stiffened or cellular raft foundations (As for class H2).
- Split construction (As for class H2).

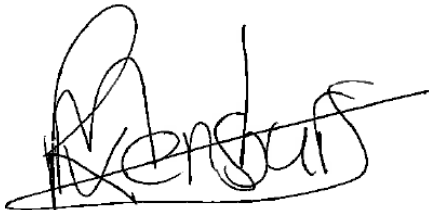
The stiffened or cellular raft foundations and split construction are considered the more conservative design approach. Proper surface, subsurface drainage and damp proofing will be essential in order to prevent or limit moisture damage to the floors and walls.

Corrosion protection is recommended for any ferrous metals or services in contact with the soils. Termite and pesticide control will be recommended below all structures. Basic erosion protection will be highly recommended in order to prevent excessive erosion and potential undercutting of structures.

The report is deemed suitable for basic planning purposes. The standard engineering geological investigations associated with residential development with reference to the minimum requirements as outlined in the SANS634:2012 standards should be conducted for detailed planning, design and enrolment purposes.

16. REPORT PROVISIONS

The report is considered a basic investigation with level of detail considered suitable for basic planning purposes only. The report should be distributed in its full context in order to avoid miss-interpretation that may result from selective data distribution. The engineering geologist assumes no responsibilities for any damages or unforeseen circumstances resulting from any geotechnical hazard if detailed planning and/or design are based on this basic evaluation.

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Engineering Geologist

APPENDIX A

(Figures)

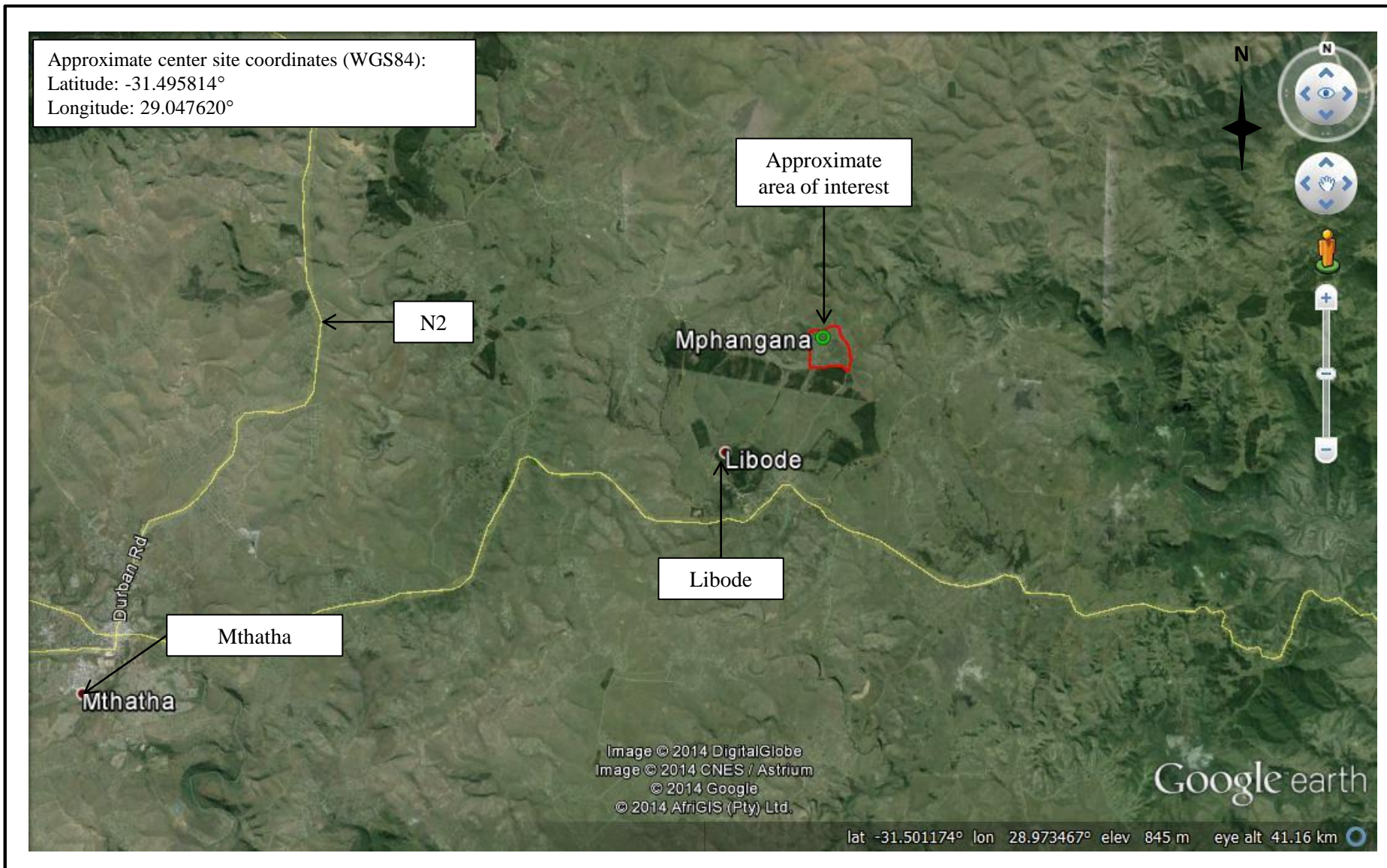


Figure 1: Locality map 1: Eastern Cape Housing (Mphangana)

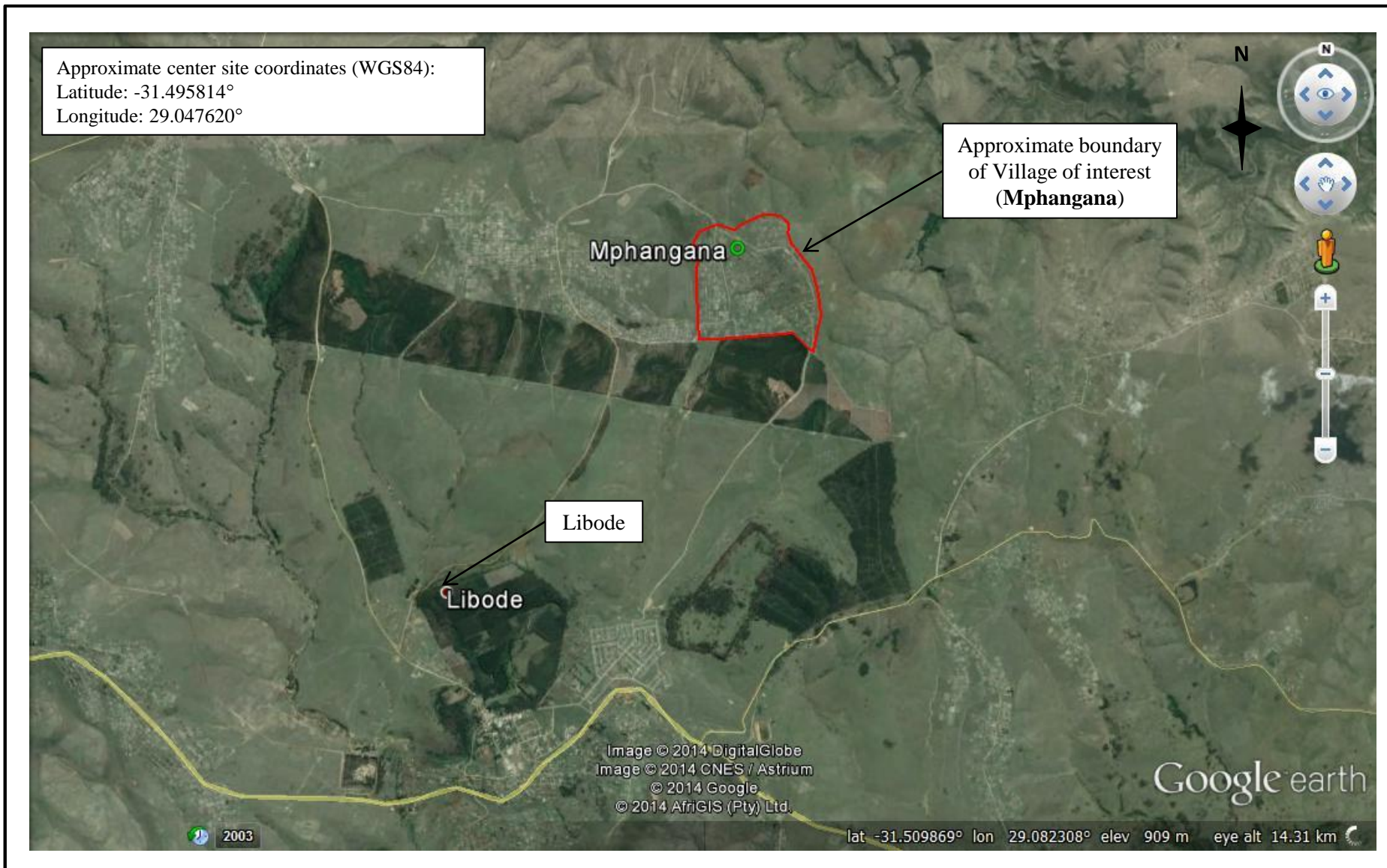


Figure 2: Locality map 2: Eastern Cape Housing (Mphangana)

Approximate center site coordinates (WGS84):
Latitude: -31.495814°
Longitude: 29.047620°

Approximate Area of Interest

Soft rock shale fragments excavated



Completely weathered dolerite excavated



Iron and Manganese staining in profile



Jd	Dolerite (———) Doleriet (- - - -)
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Pa	Grys en bruinrooi moddersteen, sandsteen Grey and brownish-red mudstone, sandstone
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Figure 3: Geology map: Eastern Cape Housing (Mphangana)

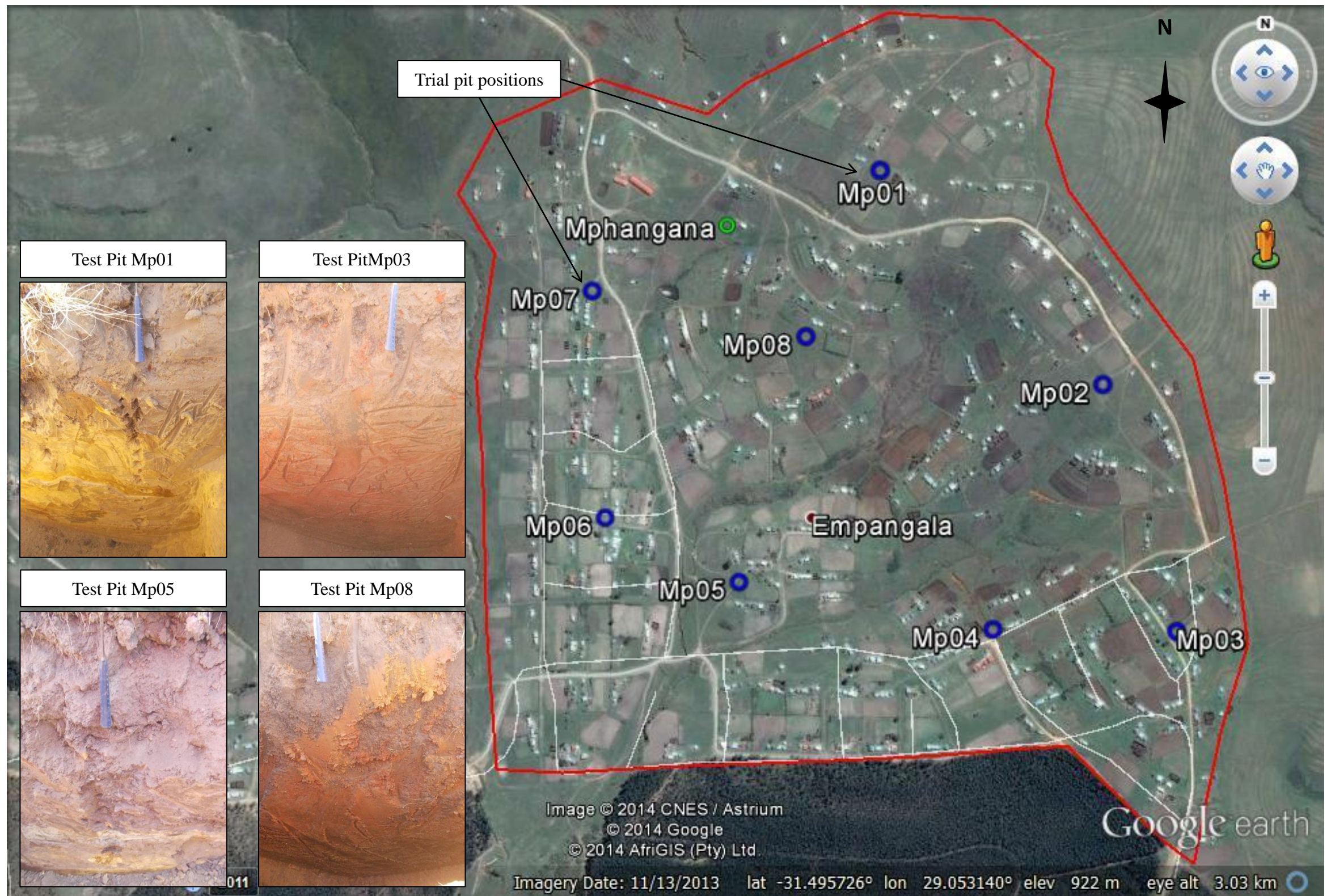


Figure 4: Test Pit Positions: Eastern Cape Housing (Mphangana)

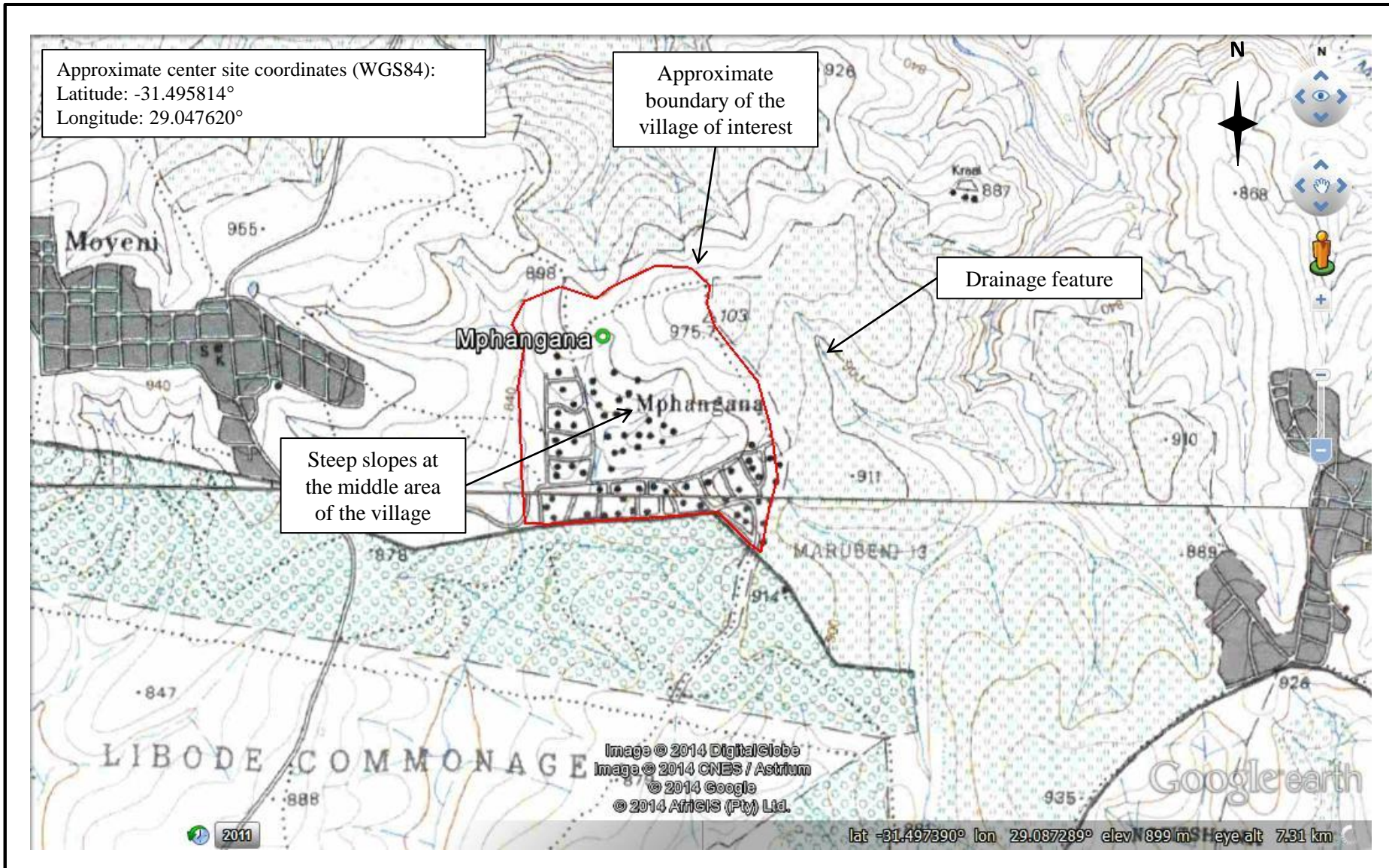
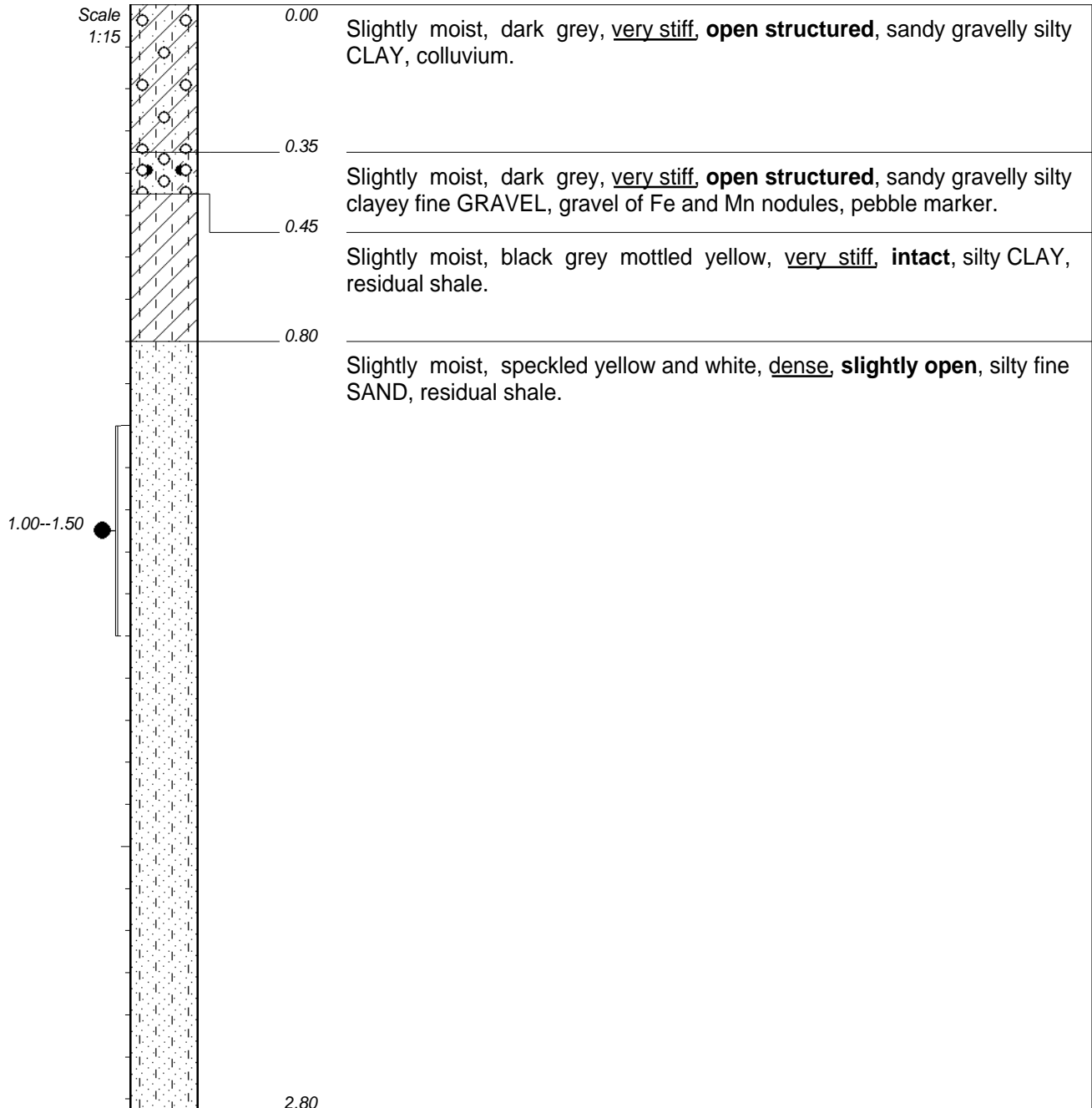


Figure 5: Topographical map: Eastern Cape Housing (Mphangana)



Figure 6: Geotechnical Zonation: Eastern Cape Housing (Mphangana)

APPENDIX B
(Soil Profile Descriptions)



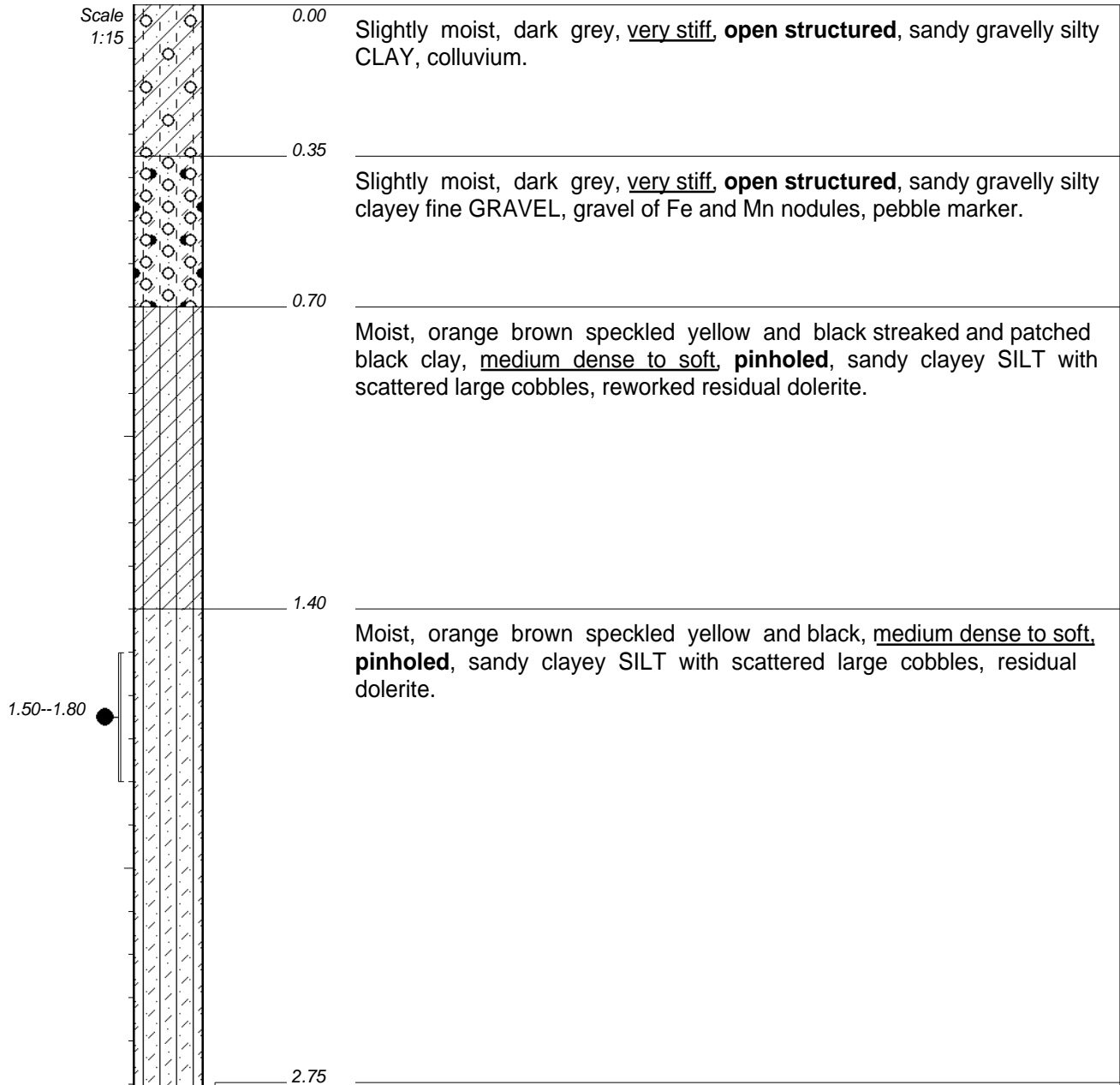
NOTES

- 1) Hole stopped.
- 2) Sample: 1.00--1.50 m.
- 3) No seepage.
- 4) Hole stable during investigation.

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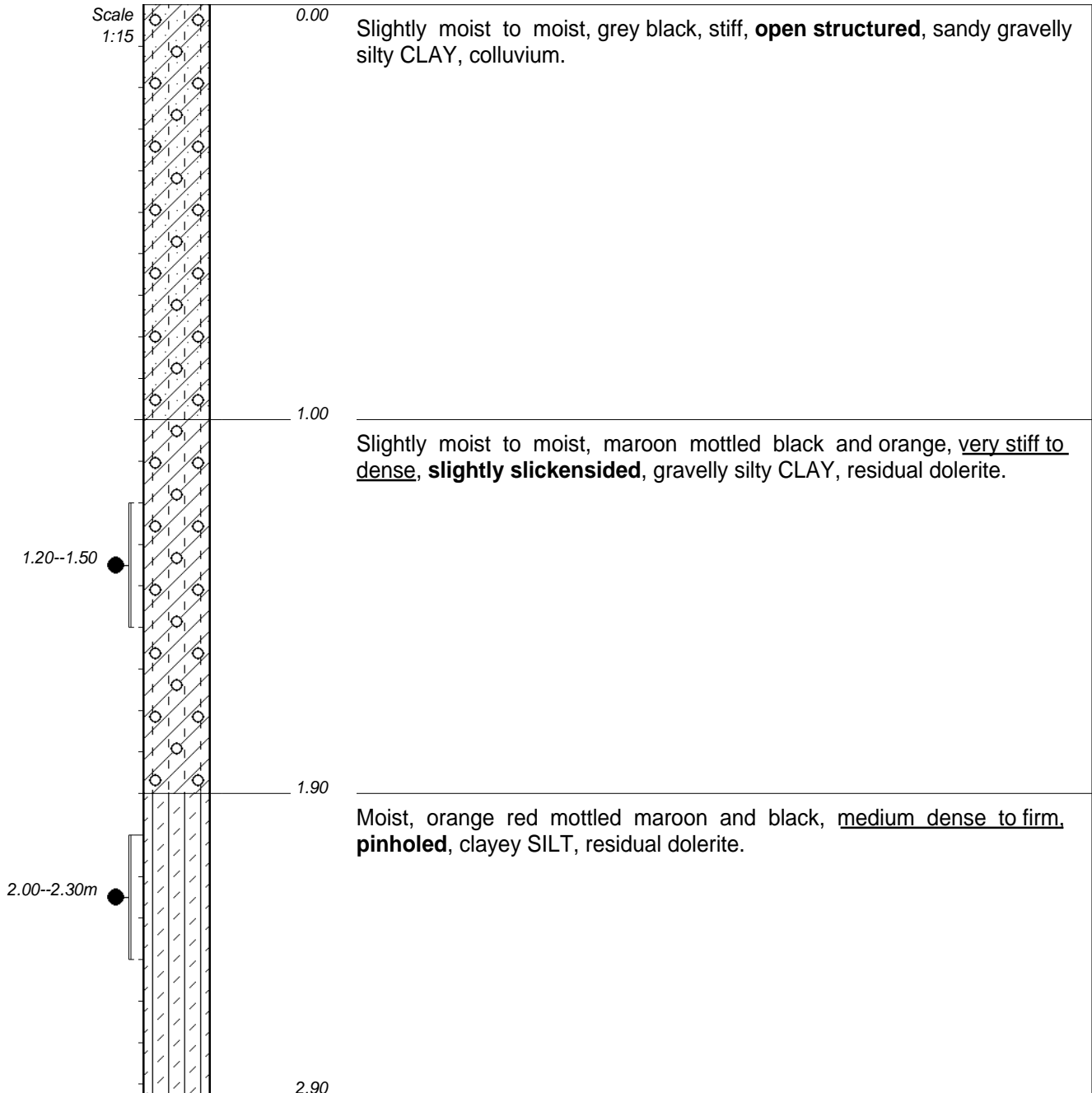
NOTES

- 1) Refusal, TLB confined excavation on bedrock or large boulder.
- 2) Sample: 1.50--1.80 m.
- 3) No seepage.
- 4) Hole stable during investigation.
- 5) Boulders on surface around test pit.

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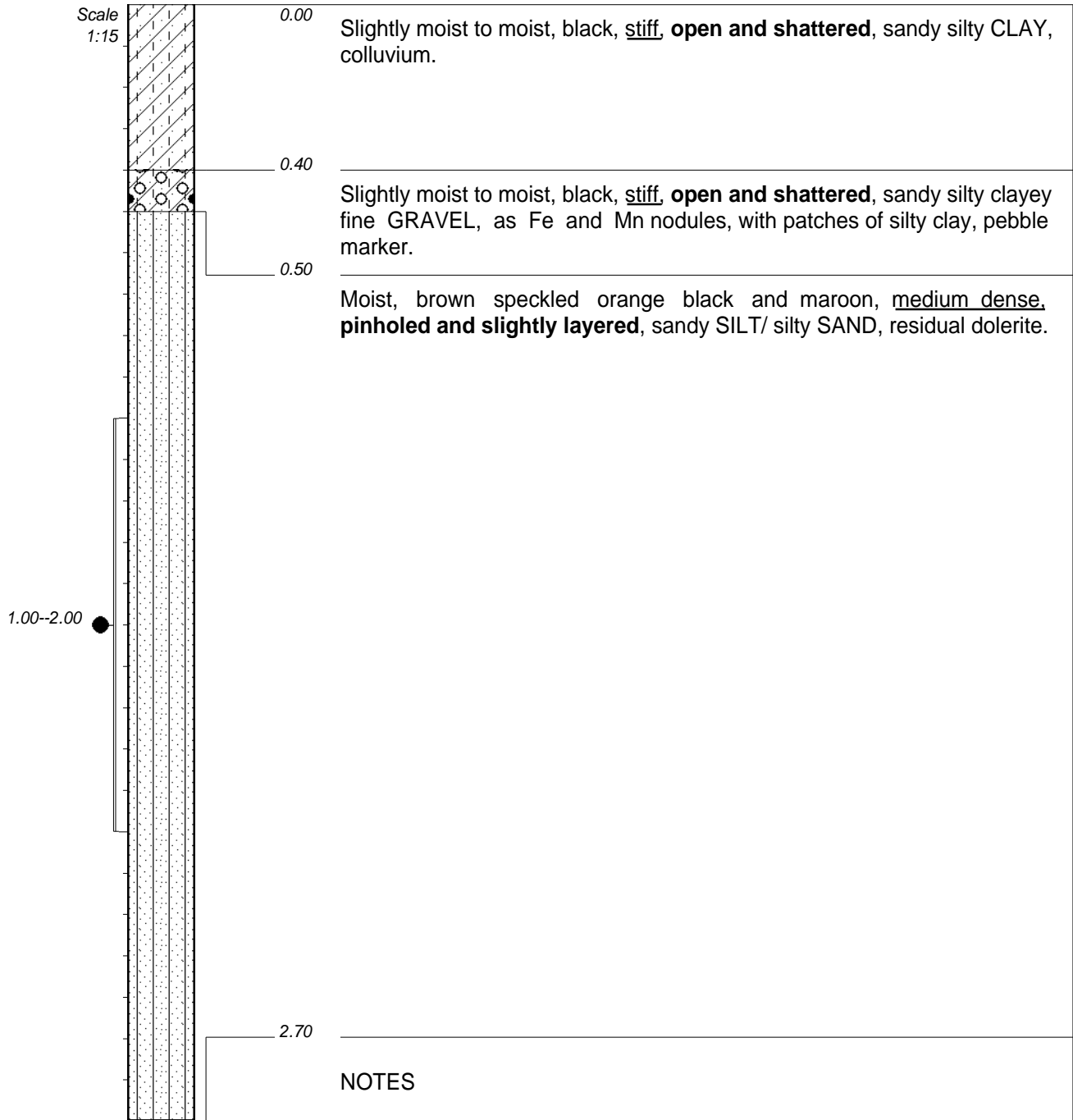
NOTES

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- 2) Sample: 1.20--1.50 m and 2.00--2.30m.
- 3) No seepage.
- 4) Hole stable during investigation.

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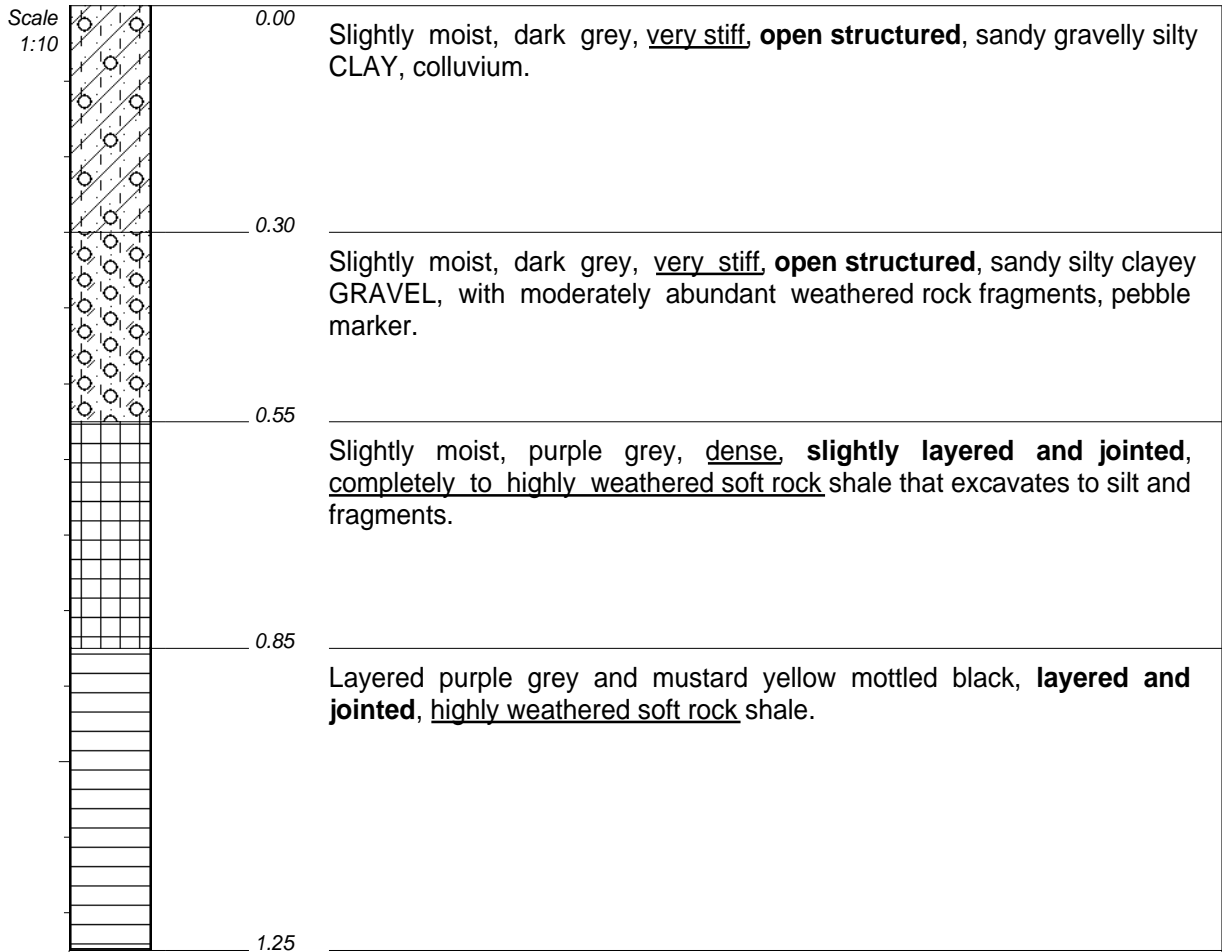
NOTES

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- 2) Sample: 1.00--2.00 m.
- 3) No seepage.
- 4) Hole stable during investigation.
- 5) Scattered boulders on surface.

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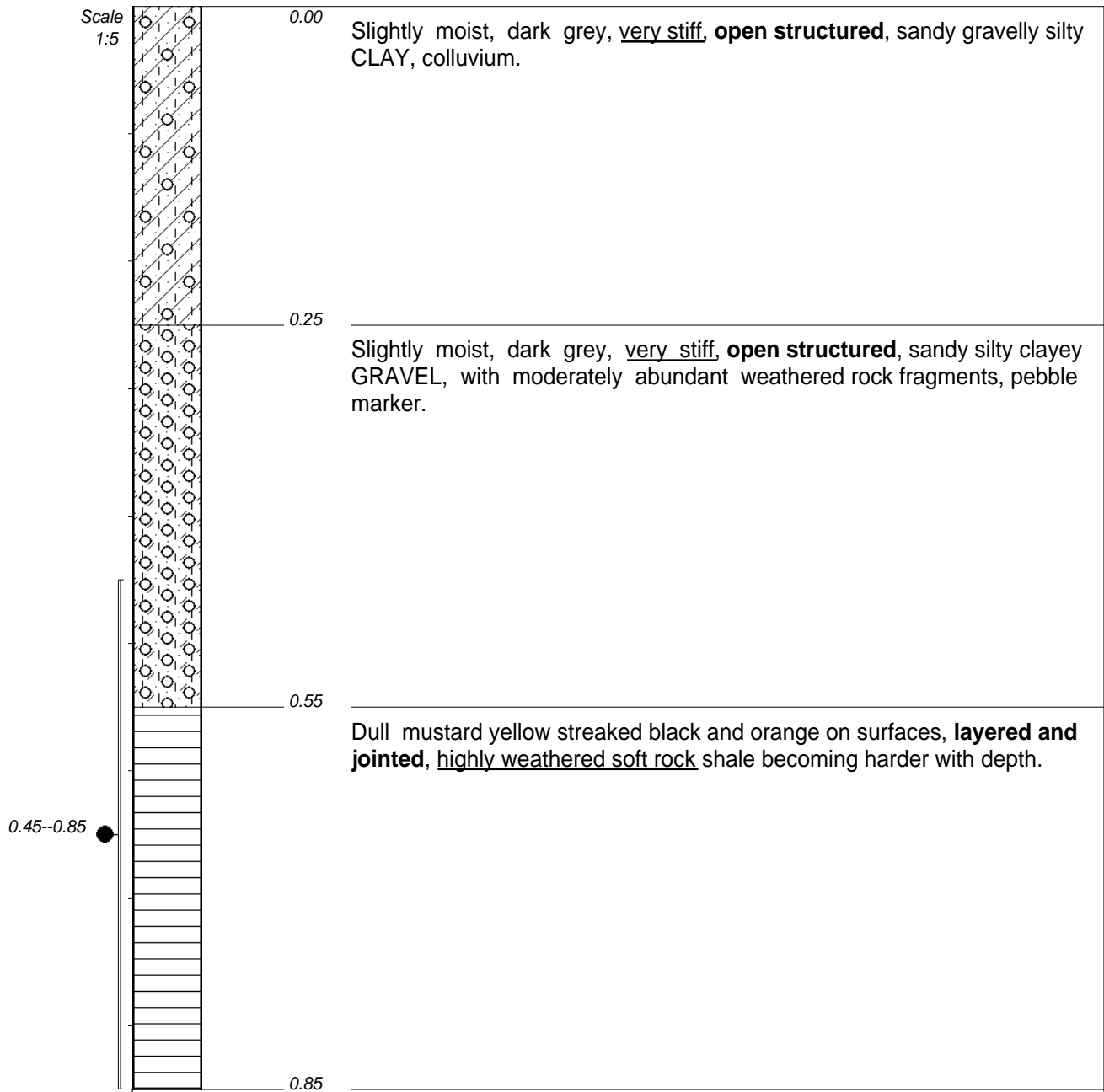
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- 3) No seepage.
- 4) Hole stable during investigation.

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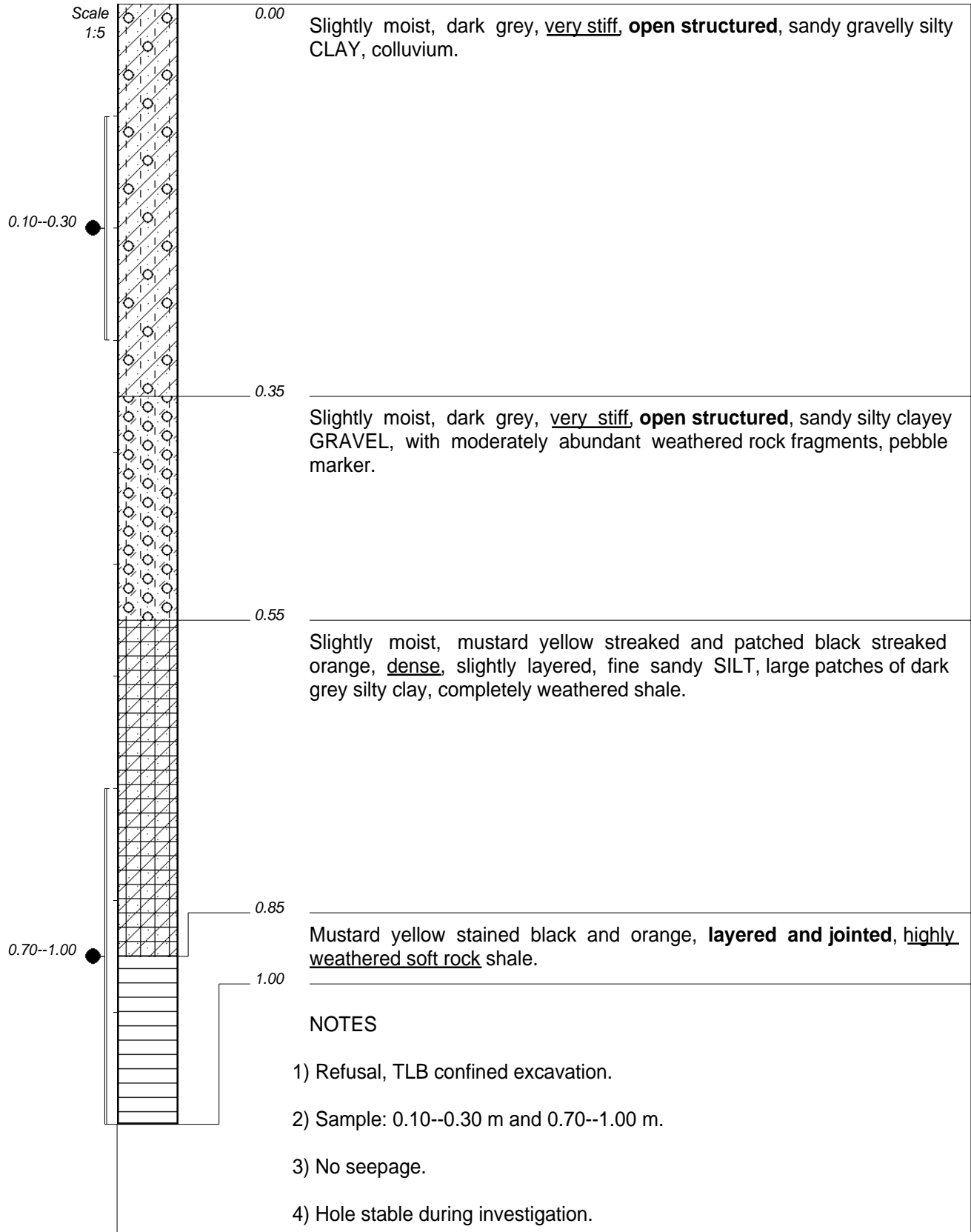
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- 2) Sample: 0.45--0.85 m.
- 3) No seepage.
- 4) Hole stable during investigation.

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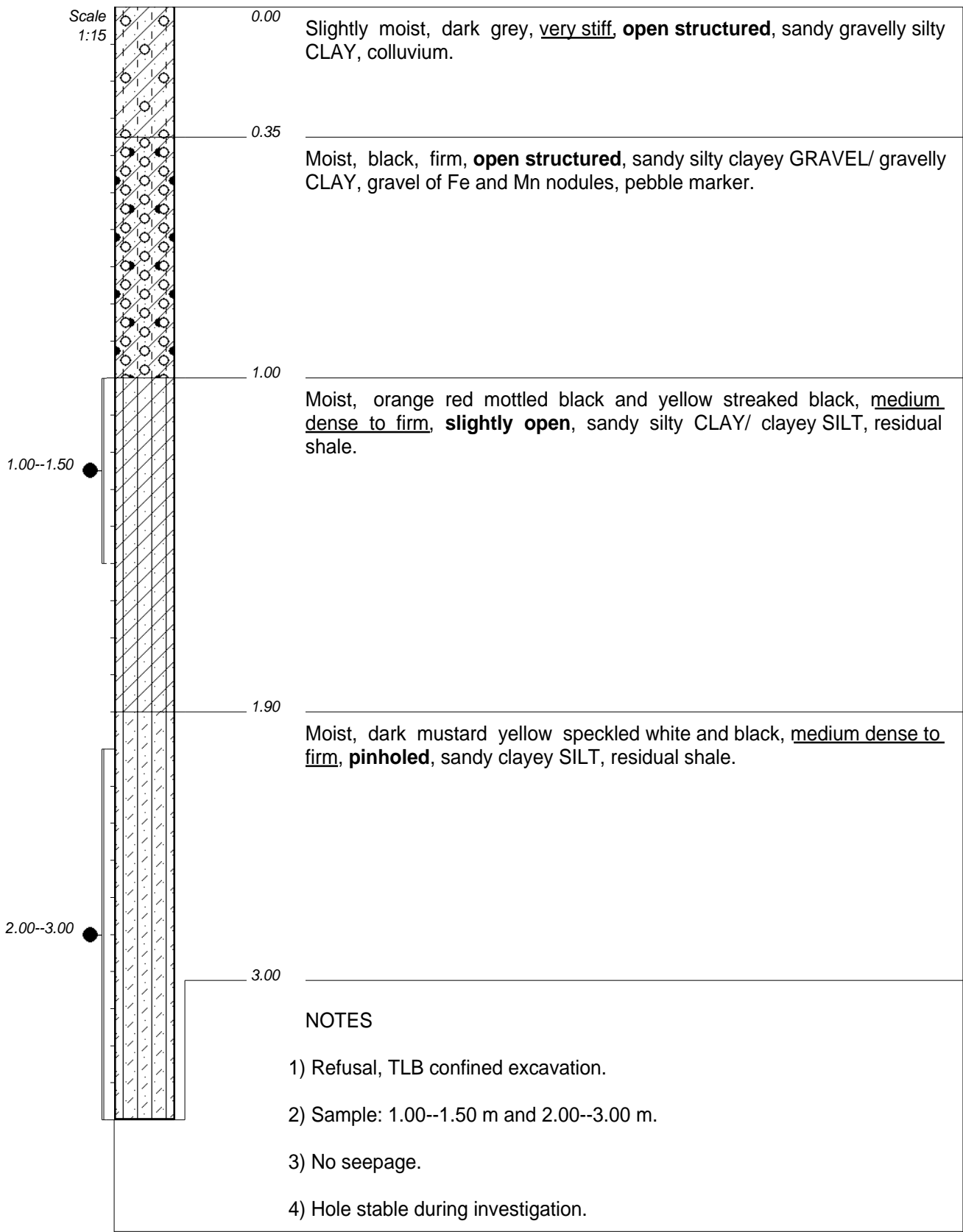
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









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APPENDIX C

(Soil Profile Photographs)

Test Pit number: TP01



Note: Hole stopped TLB soft excavation.

Test Pit number: TP01



Note: Silty sandy material excavated.

Test Pit number: TP01



Note: Display of slope on site.

Test Pit number: TP02



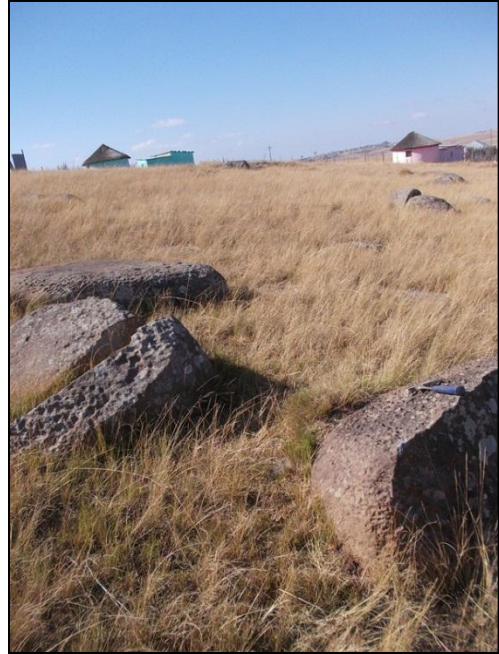
Note: Refusal of TLB on large boulder or bedrock.

Test Pit number: TP02



Note: Open structure in residual dolerite.

Test Pit number: TP02



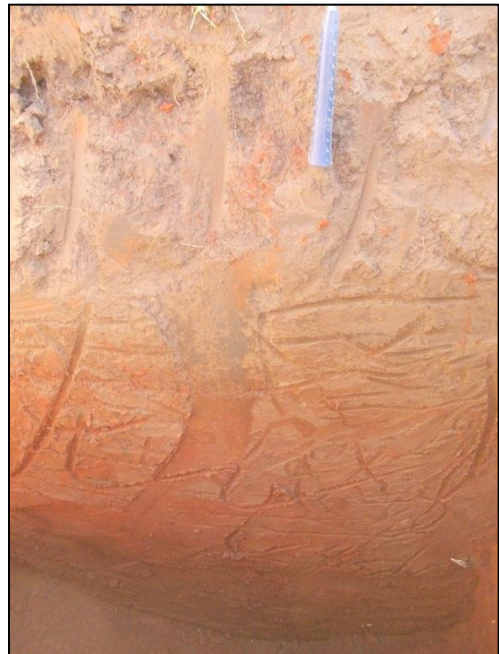
Note: Dolerite boulders near test pit.

Test Pit number: TP02



Note: View of site and slope on site.

Test Pit number: TP03



Note: Hole stopped TLB soft excavation.

Test Pit number: TP03



Note: Pinholed structure in residual dolerite.

Test Pit number: TP04



Note: Hole stopped TLB soft excavation.

Test Pit number: TP04



Note: Iron and manganese nodules as gravel.

Test Pit number: TP04



Note: View of steep slope on site.

Test Pit number: TP05



Note: TLB refusal.

Test Pit number: TP05



Note: Soft rock shale at base of test pit.

Test Pit number: TP05



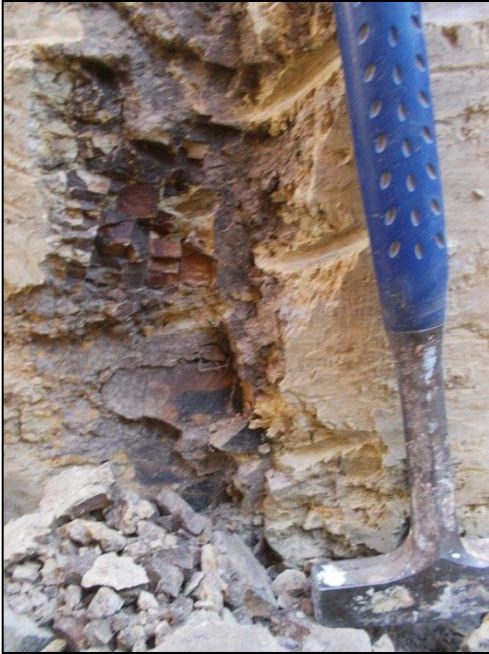
Note: Soft rock shale excavated.

Test Pit number: TP06



Note: Shallow refusal of TLB.

Test Pit number: TP06



Note: Jointed and layered soft rock shale at base of test pit.

Test Pit number: TP07



Note: Shallow refusal of TLB.

Test Pit number: TP07



Note: Layered structure in highly weathered shale.

Test Pit number: TP07



Note: Clay patch in profile.

Test Pit number: TP08



Note: Deep refusal of TLB.

Test Pit number: TP08



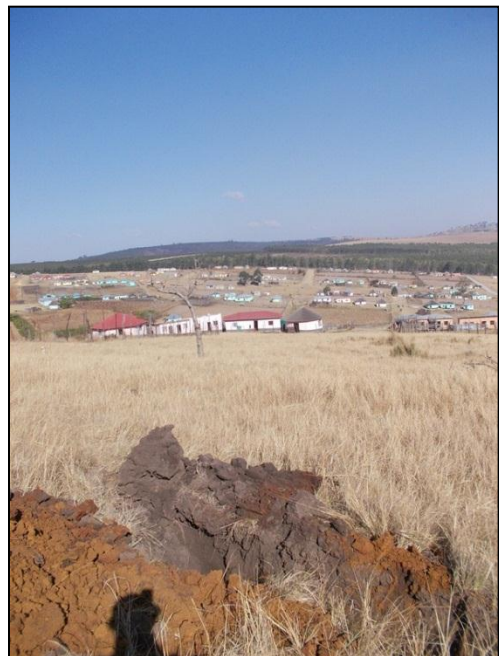
Note: Iron and manganese nodules in profile.

Test Pit number: TP08



Note: Residual layer in profile.

Test Pit number: TP08



Note: View of slope on site.

APPENDIX D
(Laboratory Test Results)



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REF: MT 24751

O.N. WF 14066

FOUNDATION INDICATOR PREDICTION OF HEAVE

SAMPLE NO	3181	3182	3183	3184	3185	3186
POSITION	Mp 01	Mp 02	Mp 03	Mp 03	Mp 04	Mp 06
	MPANGANA	MPANGANA	MPANGANA	MPANGANA	MPANGANA	MPANGANA
DEPTH	1.00 - 1.50	1.50 - 1.80	1.20 - 1.50	2.00 - 2.30	1.00 - 2.00	0.45 - 0.85
DESCRIPTION	P Ms	dk R Br Sty	dk Br cly dec	dk Br cly dec	dk Br cly dec	dk OI Ms
		s	Dol	Dol	Dol	

SIEVE ANALYSIS

% PASSING	75 mm					
						80
	37.5 mm					67
	19 mm					62
	9.5 mm				100	49
	4.75 mm	100	100	100	100	36
	2.36 mm	99	99	97	99	26
	1.18 mm	98	95	91	99	22
	0.600 mm	90	91	88	98	20
	0.425 mm	85	90	88	97	20
	0.300 mm	79	86	87	95	20
	0.150 mm	62	77	82	85	19
	0.075 mm	31.4	50.5	43.1	57.0	13.0

MECHANICAL ANALYSIS

0.06 mm	27	44	36	51	16	11
0.02 mm	12	25	15	31	10	7
0.006 mm	5	12	8	19	5	4
0.002 mm	2	7	5	13	3	3

SOIL CONSTANTS

LIQUID LIMIT	28	45	40	53	35	23
PLASTICITY INDEX	10	15	13	19	15	8
LINEAR SHRINKAGE	4.0	7.5	6.0	8.5	6.5	3.0

PREDICTION OF HEAVE (VAN DER MERWE METHOD)

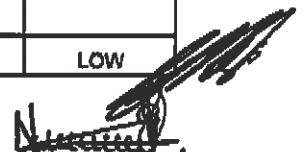
MOISTURE CONTENT %						
PI WHOLE SAMPLE	8.5	13.5	11.4	18.4	5.7	1.6
ACTIVITY						
POTENTIAL EXPANSIVENESS	LOW	LOW	LOW	HIGH	LOW	LOW

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FOUNDATION INDICATOR PREDICTION OF HEAVE

SAMPLE NO	3187	3188	3189	3190		
POSITION	Mp 07	Mp 07	Mp 08	Mp 08		
	MPHANGANA	MPHANGANA	MPHANGANA	MPHANGANA		
DEPTH	0.10 - 0.30	0.70 - 1.00	1.00 - 1.50	2.00 - 3.00		
DESCRIPTION	lt Br Wth Sdy soil	dk Y Br Ms	dk R Sty s + cl	dk R Sty s + cl		

SIEVE ANALYSIS

% PASSING	75 mm		75			
	37.5 mm		67			
	19 mm		61			
	9.5 mm		42	100		
	4.75 mm	100	36	99		
	2.36 mm	98	33	98	100	
	1.18 mm	96	31	96	98	
	0.600 mm	94	30	95	94	
	0.425 mm	93	30	94	92	
	0.300 mm	93	30	93	90	
	0.150 mm	91	29	86	84	
	0.075 mm	59.4	21.1	59.5	58.1	

MECHANICAL ANALYSIS

	0.06 mm	52	19	53	51	
	0.02 mm	29	12	32	29	
	0.006 mm	19	7	20	16	
	0.002 mm	15	6	15	11	

SOIL CONSTANTS

LIQUID LIMIT	22	30	41	43		
PLASTICITY INDEX	9	12	26	15		
LINEAR SHRINKAGE	3.5	6.0	10.5	7.5		

PREDICTION OF HEAVE (VAN DER MERWE METHOD)

MOISTURE CONTENT %						
PI WHOLE SAMPLE	8.5	3.6	24.9	13.8		
ACTIVITY						
POTENTIAL EXPANSIVENESS	LOW	LOW	MED	LOW		

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TEST REPORT NO.: MT 24751

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MATERIALS TEST REPORT

SAMPLE NO:	3185	3186	3190		
POSITION	Mp 04	Mp 06	Mp 08		
VILLAGE NAME	MPHANGANA VILLAGE				
DEPTH mm	1.00 - 2.00	0.45 - 0.85	2.00 - 3.00		
DESCRIPTION	dk Br cly dec	dk Ol Ms	dk R sty s +		
	Dol		cl		
CLASSIFICATION (TRH 14)	G 7	G 10	G 10		

Sieve Analysis (Wet Preparation) TMH1 - Method A1 (a)

% PASSING	75 mm	80		
	63 mm	77		
	53 mm	74		
	37.5 mm	67		
	26.5 mm	65		
	19 mm	62		
	13.2 mm	100	55	
	4.75 mm	97	36	100
	2.00 mm	73	27	99
	0.425 mm	38	20	92
	0.075 mm	17.7	13.0	58.1

Soil Mortar Analysis - TMH1 - Method A5

COURSE SAND (%)	48	26	7	
FINE SAND (%)	28	26	34	
SILT / CLAY (%)	24	48	59	
GRADING MODULUS	1.71	2.40	0.51	

Atterberg Limits - TMH1 - Methods A2, A3, A4

LIQUID LIMIT (%)	35	23	43	
PLASTICITY INDEX (%)	15	8	15	
LINEAR SHRINKAGE (%)	6.5	3	7.5	

Maximum Dry Density & Optimum Moisture Content - TMH1 - Method A7 / California Bearing Ratio - TMH1 - Method A8

Maximum Dry Density (kg/m³)	1837	1965	1450	
Optimum Moisture Content (%)	16.7	10.4	26.7	
C.B.R. @ 100% COMPACTION	21	24	3	
C.B.R. @ 98% COMPACTION	19	17	2	
C.B.R. @ 95% COMPACTION	18	11	2	
C.B.R. @ 93% COMPACTION	17	8	1	
C.B.R. @ 90% COMPACTION	15	5	1	
SWELL @ 100% COMP. (%)	1.26	0.96	2.60	

The above test results are pertinent to the samples tested only. While the tests are carried out according to recognized standards, Controlab shall not be liable for erroneous testing or reporting thereof. This report may not be reproduced except in full without prior consent of Controlab.

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APPENDIX E

(Typical Material Properties)

TABLE E1: Typical material properties (Unified Soil Classification System)

Class:	Material description	Subgrade	Subbase	Base	Drainage when compacted	Compaction characteristics	Embankment material	Compressibility when compacted
GW	Well-graded gravel	Good to Excellent	Good	Fair to good	Excellent	Good	Reasonably stable	Low
GP	Poorly grade gravel (<5% fines)	Good to Excellent	Good	Fair to good	Excellent	Good	Reasonably stable	Low
GC	Clayey gravel (>12% fines)	Good	Fair	Poor to not suitable	Poor to practically impervious	Good to fair	Reasonably stable	Low
SP	Poorly graded sand (<5% fines)	Fair to good	Fair	Poor to not suitable	Excellent	Good	Reasonably stable	Low
SM	Silty sand (sand with fines PI<4)	Fair to good	Fair to good	Poor to not suitable	Fair to practically impervious to impervious	Good	Reasonably stable	Low
SC	Clayey sand (>12% fines PI>7)	Fair	Poor	Not suitable	Poor, impervious when compacted	Good to fair	Reasonably stable	Low
CL	Silts and clays (LL<50 & PI>7)	Fair to poor	Not suitable	Not suitable	Practically impervious	Good to fair	Good stability	Medium
ML	Silts and clays (LL<50 & PI<4)	Fair to poor	Not suitable	Not suitable	Semi-pervious to impervious	Good to poor	Poor stability	Medium
CH	Silts and clays (LL>50)	Poor to fair	Not suitable	Not suitable	Practically impervious	Fair to poor	Fair stability	Medium to high
MH	Silts and clays (LL>50)	Poor	Not suitable	Not suitable	Fair to poor, semi-pervious to pervious	Fair to poor	Poor stability	Medium to high

TABLE E2: Material properties after NAVFAC DM7 (1971)

Group symbol	Soil type	Max yd	Optimum moisture (%)	Typical strength characteristics			
				Cu (kPa)	C` (kPa)	φ` (deg.)	tan φ`
GW	Well-graded clean gravels, gravel-sand mixtures	19.7-21.2	11-8	0	0	>38	>0.78
GC	Clayey gravels, poorly graded gravel-sand-clay	18.1-20.5	14-9	0	0	>31	>0.60
SM	Silty sands, poorly graded sand-silt mixtures	17.3-19.7	16-11	50	5	34	0.67
SC	Clayey sands poorly graded sand-clays	16.5-19.7	19-11	75	10	31	0.60
CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity	15.0-18.9	24-12	85	12	28	0.54
ML	Inorganic silts and clayey silts	15.0-18.9	24-12	65	10	32	0.62
CH	Inorganic clays of high plasticity	11.8-16.5	36-19	100	12	19	0.35

yd – Dry density; Cu – Undrained cohesion; C` - Drained cohesion; φ`(deg.) – Shearing resistance

APPENDIX F
(Classification Tables)

TABLE C1. GEOTECHNICAL CLASSIFICATION FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (after Partridge, Wood and Brink 1993)

CONSTRAINT		Most favourable (1)	Intermediate (2)	Least favourable (3)
A	Collapsible Soil	Any collapsible horizon or consecutive horizons totalling a depth of less than 750 mm in thickness.*	Any collapsible horizon or consecutive horizons with a depth of more than 750 mm in thickness.	A least favourable situation for this constraint does not occur.
B	Seepage	Permanent or perched water table more than 1,5 m below ground surface.	Permanent or perched water table less than 1,5 m below ground surface	Swamps and marshes.
C	Active soil	Low soil-heave potential predicted. *	Moderate soil heave potential predicted.	High soil-heave potential predicted.
D	Highly compressible soil	Low soil compressibility expected.*	Moderate soil compressibility expected.	High soil compressibility expected.
E	Erodability of soil	Low.	Intermediate.	High.
F	Difficulty of excavation to 1,5 m depth	Scattered or occasional boulders less than 10% of the total volume.	Rock or hardpan pedocretes between 10 and 40 % of the total volume.	Rock or hardpan pedocretes more than 40 % of the total volume.
G	Undermined ground	Undermining at a depth greater than 100 m below surface (except where total extraction mining has not occurred.)	Old undermined areas to a depth of 100m below surface where stope closure has ceased.	Mining within less than 100 m of surface or where total extraction mining has taken place.
H	Instability in areas of soluble rock	Possibly unstable.	Probably unstable.	Known sinkholes and dolines
I	Steep slopes	Between 2 and 6 degrees (all regions).	Slopes between 6 and 18 degrees and less than 2 degrees (Natal and Western Cape). Slopes between 6 and 12 degrees and less than 12 degrees (all other regions).	More than 18 degrees (Natal and Western Cape). More than 12 degrees (all other regions).
J	Areas of unstable natural slopes	Low risk.	Intermediate risk.	High risk (especially in areas subject to seismic activity).
K	Areas subject to seismic activity	10% probability of an event less than 100 cm/s ² within 50 years	Mining-induced seismic activity more 100 cm/s ² .	Natural seismic activity more than 100 cm/s ² .
L	Areas subject to flooding	A "most favourable" situation for this constraint does not occur.	Areas adjacent to a known drainage channel or floodplain with slope less than 1%.	Areas within a known drainage channel or floodplain.

* These areas are designated as 1A, 1C, 1D, or 1F where localised occurrences of the constraint may arise.

TABLE C2: RESIDENTIAL SITE CLASS DESIGNATIONS (SAICE, 1995)

TYPICAL FOUNDATION MATERIAL	CHARACTER OF FOUNDING MATERIAL	EXPECTED RANGE OF TOTAL SOIL MOVEMENTS (mm)	ASSUMED DIFFERENTIAL MOVEMENT (% OF TOTAL)	SITE CLASS
Rock (excluding mud rocks which exhibit swelling to some depth)	STABLE	NEGLIGIBLE	-	R
Fine-grained soils with moderate to very high plasticity (clays, silty clays, clayey silts and sandy clays)	EXPANSIVE SOILS	< 7,5	50%	H
		7,5 – 15	50%	H1
		15 – 30	50%	H2
		> 30	50%	H3
Silty sands, sands, sandy and gravelly soils	COMPRESSIBLE AND POTENTIALLY COLLAPSIBLE SOILS	< 5,0	75%	C
		5,0 – 10	75%	C1
		> 10	75%	C2
Fine-grained soils (clayey silts and clayey sands of low plasticity), sands, sandy and gravelly soils	COMPRESSIBLE SOIL	< 10	50%	S
		10 – 20	50%	S1
		> 20	50%	S2
Contaminated soils Controlled fill Dolomitic areas Land fill Marshy areas Mine waste fill Mining subsidence Reclaimed areas Very soft silt/silty clays Uncontrolled fill	VARIABLE	VARIABLE		P

NOTES:

1. The classifications C, H, R and S are not intended for dolomitic area sites unless specific investigations are carried out to assess the stability (risk of sinkholes and doline formation) of the dolomites. Where this risk is found to be acceptable, the site shall be designated as Class P (dolomitic areas).
2. Site classes are based on the assumption that differential movements, experienced by single-storey residential buildings, expressed as a percentage of the total movements are equal to about 50% for soils that exhibit expansive or compressive characteristics and 75% for soils that exhibit both compressible and collapse characteristics. Where this assumption is incorrect or inappropriate, the total soil movements must be adjusted so that the resultant differential movements implied by the table are equal to that which is expected in the field.
3. In some instances, it may be more appropriate to use a composite description to describe a site more fully e.g. C1/H2 or S1 and/or H2. Composite Site Classes may lead to higher differential movements and result in design solutions appropriate to a higher range of differential movement e.g. a Class R/C1 site. Alternatively, a further site investigation may be necessary since the final design solution may depend on the location of the building on a particular site.
4. Where it is not possible to provide a single site designation and a composite description is inappropriate, sites may be given multiple descriptions to indicate the range of possible conditions e.g. H-H1-H2 or C1-C2.
5. Soft silts and clays usually exhibit high consolidation and low bearing characteristics. Structures founded on these horizons may experience high settlements and such sites should be designated as being Class S1 or S2 as relevant and appropriate.
6. Sites containing contaminated soils include those associated with reclaimed mine land, land down-slope of mine tailings and old land fills.
7. Where a site is designated as Class P, full particulars relating to the founding conditions on the site must be provided.
8. Where sites are designated as being Class P, the reason for such classification shall be placed in brackets immediately after the suffix – i.e. P(contaminated soils). Under certain circumstances, composite description may be more appropriate – e.g. P(dolomite areas)-C1.
9. Certain fills may contain contaminants which present a health risk. The nature of such fill should be evaluated and should be clearly demarcated as such.

TABLE C3: FOUNDATION DESIGN, BUILDING PROCEDURES AND PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR SINGLE-STOREY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS FOUNDED ON HORIZONS SUBJECT TO CONSOLIDATION SETTLEMENT (SAICE, 1995)

SITE CLASS	ESTIMATED TOTAL SETTLEMENT (mm)	CONSTRUCTION TYPE	FOUNDATION DESIGN AND BUILDING PROCEDURES
S	<10	Normal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Normal construction (strip footing or slab-on-the-ground foundations) - Good site drainage
S1	10-20	<p>Modified normal</p> <p>Compaction of in situ soils below individual footings</p> <p>Deep strip foundations</p> <p>Soil raft</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reinforced strip footings - Articulation joints at some internal and all external doors - Light reinforcement in masonry - Site drainage and service/plumbing precautions - Foundation pressure not to exceed 50 kPa - Remove in situ material below foundations to a depth and width of 1,5 times the foundation width or to a competent horizon and replace with material compacted to 93% MOD AASHTO density at -1% to +2% of optimum moisture content. - Normal construction with lightly reinforced strip foundations and light reinforcement in masonry. - Normal construction with drainage requirements. - Founding on a competent horizon below the problem horizon - Remove in situ material to 1,0m beyond perimeter of building to a depth and width of 1,5 times the widest foundation or to a competent horizon and replace with material compacted to 93% MOD AASHTO density at -1% to +2% of optimum moisture content. - Normal construction with lightly reinforced strip footings and light reinforcement in masonry.
S2	>20	<p>Stiffened strip footings, stiffened or cellular raft</p> <p>Deep strip foundations</p> <p>Compaction of in-situ soils below individual footings</p> <p>Piled or pier foundations</p> <p>Soil raft</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stiffened strip footing or stiffened or cellular raft with articulation joints or solid lightly reinforced masonry. - Bearing pressure not to exceed 50kPa. - Fabric reinforcement in floor slabs. - Site drainage and service/plumbing precautions. - As for S1 but with fabric reinforcement in floor slabs - As for S1. - Reinforced concrete ground beams or solid slabs on piled or pier foundations. - Ground slabs with fabric reinforcement. - Good site drainage. - As for S1.

NOTES:

1. Differential settlement assumed to equal 50% of total settlement.
2. The relaxation of some of these requirements, e.g. the reduction or omission of steel or articulation joints, may result in a Category 2 level of expected damage.
3. Account must be taken on sloping site since differential fill heights may lead to greater differential settlements.
4. Settlements induced by loads imposed by deep filling beneath surface beds may necessitate the adoption of a construction type appropriate to a more severe site class.

TABLE C4: FOUNDATION DESIGN, BUILDING PROCEDURES AND PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR SINGLE-STOREY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS FOUNDED ON HORIZONS SUBJECT TO BOTH CONSOLIDATION AND COLLAPSE SETTLEMENT (SAICE, 1995)

SITE CLASS	ESTIMATED TOTAL SETTLEMENT (mm)	CONSTRUCTION TYPE	FOUNDATION DESIGN AND BUILDING PROCEDURES
C	<5	Normal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Normal construction (strip footing or slab-on-the-ground foundations) - Good site drainage
C1	5 – 10	Modified normal Compaction of in situ soils below individual footings Deep strip foundations Soil raft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reinforced strip footings - Articulation joints at some internal and all external doors - Light reinforcement in masonry - Site drainage and service/plumbing precautions - Foundation pressure not to exceed 50 kPa - Remove in situ material below foundations to a depth and width of 1,5 times the foundation width or to a competent horizon and replace with material compacted to 93% MOD AASHTO density at –1% to +2% of optimum moisture content. - Normal construction with lightly reinforced strip foundations and light reinforcement in masonry. - Normal construction with drainage requirements. - Founding on a competent horizon below the problem horizon - Remove in situ material to 1,0m beyond perimeter of building to a depth and width of 1,5 times the widest foundation or to a competent horizon and replace with material compacted to 93% MOD AASHTO density at –1% to +2% of optimum moisture content. - Normal construction with lightly reinforced strip footings and light reinforcement in masonry.
C2	>10	Stiffened strip footings, stiffened or cellular raft Deep strip foundations Compaction of in situ soils below individual footings Piled or pier foundations Soil raft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stiffened strip footing or stiffened or cellular raft with articulation joints or solid lightly reinforced masonry. - Bearing pressure not to exceed 50kPa. - Fabric reinforcement in floor slabs. - Site drainage and service/plumbing precautions. - As for C1 but with fabric reinforcement in floor slabs - As for C1. - Reinforced concrete ground beams or solid slabs on piled or pier foundations. - Ground slabs with fabric reinforcement. - Good site drainage. - As for C1.

NOTES:

1. Differential settlement assumed to equal 75% of total settlement
2. The relaxation of some of these requirements, e.g. the reduction or omission of steel or articulation joints, may result in a Category 2 level of expected damage.

TABLE C5: FOUNDATION DESIGN, BUILDING PROCEDURES AND PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR SINGLE-STOREY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS FOUNDED ON HORIZONS SUBJECT TO HEAVE (SAICE, 1995)

SITE CLASS	ESTIMATED TOTAL EXPANSION (mm)	CONSTRUCTION TYPE	FOUNDATION DESIGN AND BUILDING PROCEDURES
H	<7,5	Normal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Normal construction (strip footing or slab-on-the-ground foundations) - Good site drainage and service/plumbing precautions recommended.
H1	7,5 – 15	Modified normal Soil raft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lightly reinforced strip footings - Articulation joints at all internal/external doors - Light reinforcement in masonry - Site drainage and service/plumbing precautions - Remove in situ material to 1,0m beyond perimeter of the structure and replace with inert backfill, compacted to 93% MOD AASHTO density at -1% to +2% of optimum moisture content. - Normal construction with lightly reinforced strip footings and light reinforcement in masonry if residual movements are <7,5mm, or construction type appropriate to residual movements. - Site drainage and plumbing/service precautions.
H2	15-30	Stiffened or cellular raft Piled construction Split construction Soil raft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stiffened or cellular raft with articulation joints or lightly reinforced masonry. - Site drainage and plumbing/service precautions. - Piled foundations with suspended floor slabs with or without ground beams. - Site drainage and plumbing/service precautions. - Combination of reinforced brickwork/block work and full movement joints. - Suspended floors of fabric-reinforced ground slabs acting independently from the structure. - Site drainage and plumbing/service precautions. - As for H1.
H3	>30	Stiffened or cellular raft Piled construction Soil raft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As for H2. - As for H2. - As for H1.

NOTES:

1. Differential settlement assumed to equal 50% of total settlement
2. The relaxation of some of these requirements, e.g. the reduction or omission of steel or articulation joints, may result in a Category 2 level of expected damage.

CHART C1: USCS MATERIAL DESIGNATION CHART

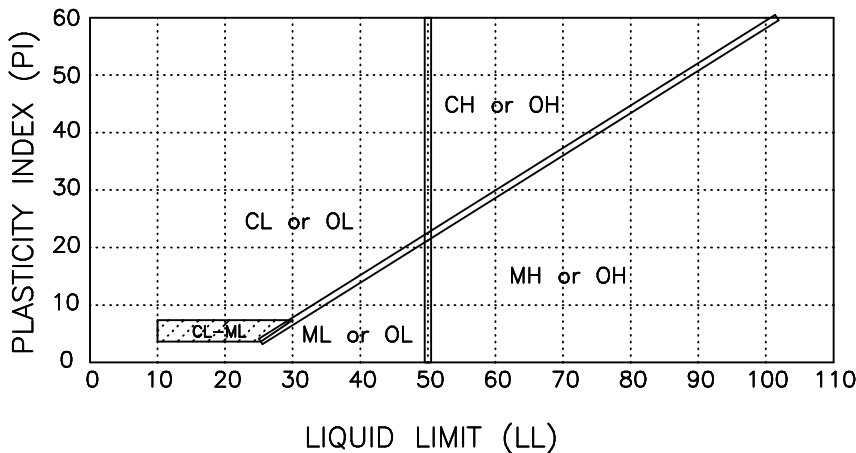
UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Soils are visually classified by the United Soil Classification System (USCS) on the boring logs presented in this report. Grain size analysis and Atterberg limits tests are often performed on selected samples to aid in classification. The classification system is briefly outlined on this chart. For a more detailed description of the system, see "The Unified Soil Classification System" Corps of Engineers, US Army Technical Memorandum No. 3-357 (Revised April 1960) or ASTM Designation: D2487-66T.

MAJOR DIVISIONS		GROUP SYMBOL	TYPICAL NAMES		
COARSE - GRAINED SOILS (Less than 50% passes No. 200 sieve)	GRAVELS (50% or less of coarse fraction passes No. 4 sieve)	CLEAN GRAVELS (Less than 5% passes No. 200 sieve)		GW	Well graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, or sand-gravel-cobble mixtures.
		GRAVELS WITH FINES (More than 12% passes No. 200 sieve)	Limits plot below the "A" line & hatched zone on plasticity chart	GP	Poorly graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, or sand-gravel-cobble mixtures.
			Limits plot above the "A" line & hatched zone on plasticity chart	GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures.
		SANDS (More than 50% of coarse fraction passes No. 4 sieve)	CLEAN SANDS (Less than 5% passes No. 200 sieve)		SW
	SANDS WITH FINES (More than 12% passes No. 200 sieve)		Limits plot below the "A" line & hatched zone on plasticity chart	SP	Poorly graded sands, gravelly sands.
			Limits plot above the "A" line & hatched zone on plasticity chart	SM	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures.
	SANDS WITH FINES (More than 12% passes No. 200 sieve)		Limits plot below the "A" line & hatched zone on plasticity chart	SC	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixtures.
		Limits plot above the "A" line & hatched zone on plasticity chart	SC	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixtures.	
FINE - GRAINED SOILS (50% or more passes No. 200 sieve)	SILTS (Limits Plot Below "A" Line & hatched Zone on Plasticity Chart)	SILTS OF LOW PLASTICITY (Liquid Limit Less Than 50)		ML	Inorganic silts, non-plastic or slightly plastic.
		SILTS OF HIGH PLASTICITY (Liquid Limit More Than 50)		MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous silty soils, elastic silts.
	CLAYS (Limits Plot Above "A" Line & hatched Zone on Plasticity Chart)	CLAYS OF LOW PLASTICITY (Liquid Limit Less Than 50)		CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays.
		CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY (Liquid Limit More Than 50)		CH	Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays, sandy clays of high plasticity.

NOTE:
Coarse grained soils with between 5% & 12% passing the No. 200 sieve and fine grained soils with Atterberg limits plotting in the hatched zone on the plasticity chart shall have dual symbol. In Arizona, local streams contain sand, gravel & cobble type material, which are locally known as SGC or riverrun material. The USCS is not used to divide and symbolize this material.

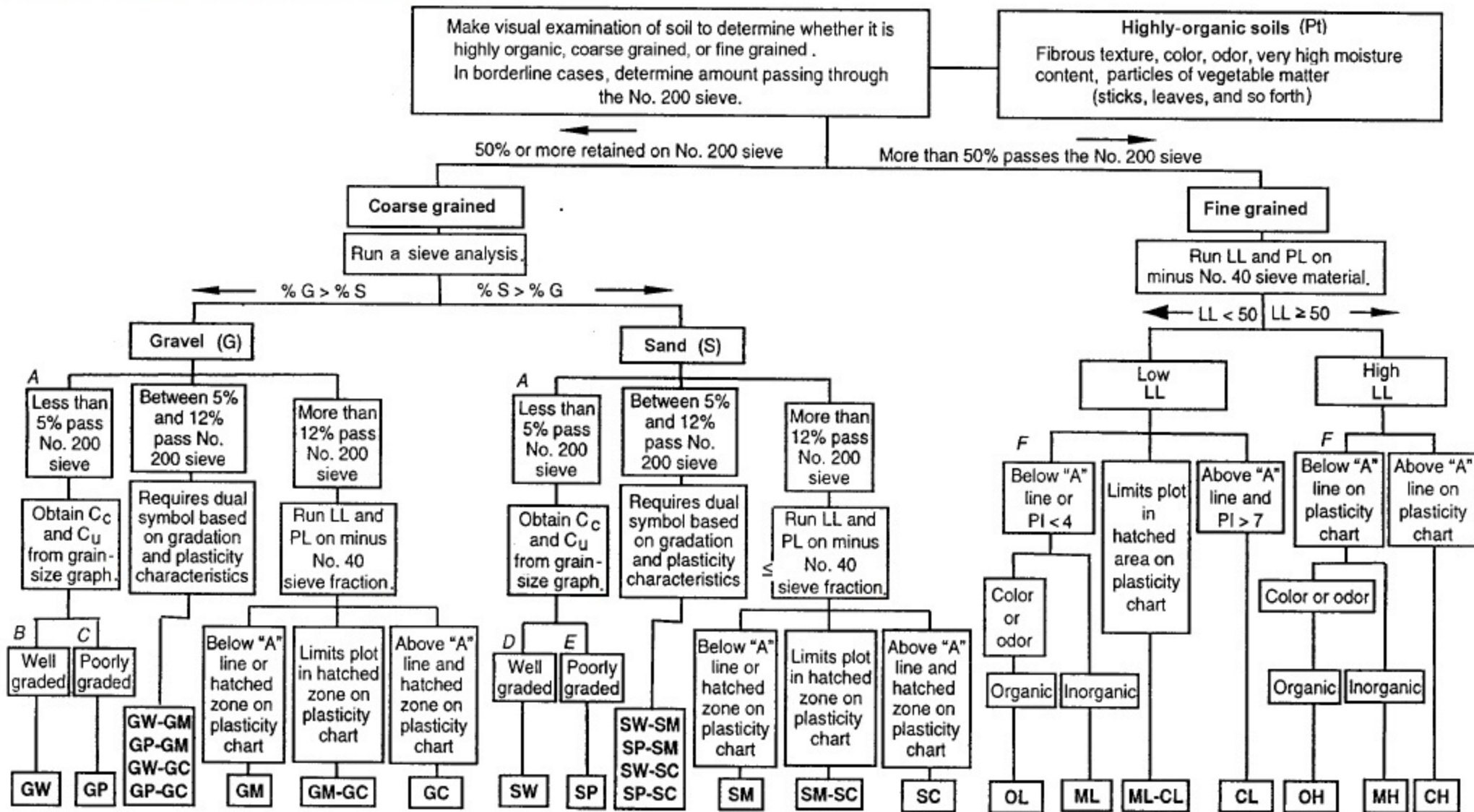
PLASTICITY CHART



DEFINITIONS OF SOIL FRACTIONS

SOIL COMPONENT	PARTICLE SIZE RANGE
Cobbles	Above 3 in.
Gravel	3 in. to No. 4 sieve
Coarse gravel	3 in. to 3/4 in.
Fine gravel	3/4 in. to No. 4 sieve
Sand	No. 4 to No. 200
Coarse	No. 4 to No. 10
Medium	No. 10 to No. 40
Fine	No. 40 to No. 200
Fines (silt & clay)	Below No. 200 sieve
Clay	Smaller than 2 microns
Colloid	Smaller than 5 microns

CHART C2: USCS DESIGNATION FLOW CHART



A If fines interfere with free-draining properties, use a double symbol such as GW-GM.

B For well-graded gravel, the C_u must be > 4 and the C_c must be ≥ 1 and ≤ 3 .

C For poorly graded gravel, the C_u must be ≤ 4 and/or the C_c is < 1 or > 3 .

D For well graded sand, the C_u must be > 6 and the C_c must be ≥ 1 and ≤ 3 .

E For poorly graded sand, the C_u must be ≤ 6 and/or the C_c is < 1 or > 3 .

F In cases where organic material can't be determined by color or odor, a LL and PL test must be conducted on a sample of natural moisture content and a sample that has been oven-dried. Organic soils will show a radical drop in plasticity for the oven-dried sample compared to the retained-moisture sample. Inorganic soils generally fall within ± 1 or 2 percent of each other.