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> January 15, 2021 Project No. 30060/1359 Report No. 21/0061 SS/js

SUMMARY SHEET

Client: MOJO Homes Address: Lot 33, 41 Brown Street, Penrith Reference: 651838/016/01



SITE CLASSIFICATION	H2	AS2870-2011
WIND CLASSIFICATION	N1	AS4055-2012
EXPOSURE CLASSIFICATION	A2	AS2870-2011

This summary sheet must be read in conjunction with the full report.



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SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Client: MOJO Homes

Address: Lot 33, 41 Brown Street, Penrith Proposed Development: Residential dwelling

Site Description

Approx. area (m²): 685

Approx. fall: 0.5 metres to the north northwest, poor site drainage

Vegetation: Tall grass and a tree in the footpath

Improvements: Vacant

Geology, Fieldwork Details and Subsurface Conditions

The Penrith geological series sheet at a scale of 1:100,000 shows the site is underlain by Triassic Age Ashfield Shale of the Wianamatta Group. Rocks within this formation comprise mainly shale and laminite.

Two boreholes were drilled and two Dynamic Cone penetrometer (DCP) tests were carried out on January 11, 2021 at the locations shown on Drawing No. 21/0061. The subsurface conditions encountered are shown on the attached borehole logs. Explanation sheets and notes relating to geotechnical reports are also attached.

When assessing the subsurface conditions across a site from a limited number of boreholes, there is the possibility that variations may occur between test locations. The data derived from the site investigation programme are extrapolated across the site to form a geological model and an engineering opinion is rendered about overall subsurface conditions and their likely behaviour regarding the proposed development. The actual condition at the site may differ from those inferred, since no subsurface exploration programme, no matter how comprehensive, can reveal all subsurface details and anomalies.



The subsurface conditions consist of topsoil overlying silty clays. The topsoils were encountered to a depth of 0.1 metres. Stiff, becoming very stiff with depth, natural silty clays underlie the topsoils to the depth of drilling 2.5 metres.

No groundwater was observed in the boreholes during the fieldwork.

Wind Classification

The classification given below has been carried out in accordance with the guidelines set out in AS4055-2012 "Wind loads for housing".

Region	А
Terrain Category	TC3
Topographic Classification	TO
Shielding	FS
Rating	N1

Laboratory Testing

To assist with determining the site classification, a shrink/swell test was carried out on a representative sample retrieved from the site. The detailed test report is attached and summarised below:

Location	Depth (m)	Material Description	Shrink/Swell Index (% per ∆pF)
BH2	0.8-1.0	Brown with grey silty clay	4.8

Site Classification

The classification has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines set out in the "Residential Slabs and Footings" Code, AS2870 - 2011.

Based on the subsurface conditions observed, the site is classified *Highly Reactive (H2)*, provided the recommendations given below are adopted. After cutting and filling, the classification remains unaltered.

Foundation design and construction consistent with this classification shall be adopted as specified in the above referenced standard and in accordance with the following design details.



Foundation Design and Construction

Pad and/or strip footings founded in stiff, natural silty clays may be proportioned using an allowable bearing pressure of 100 kPa. The minimum depth of founding must comply with the requirements of AS2870. The growth of the tree on the footpath needs to be considered in the foundation design.

Piers founded in very stiff natural materials may be proportioned using an allowable end bearing pressure of 300 kPa, provided their depth to diameter ratio exceeds a value of 4. An allowable adhesion value of 20 kPa may be adopted for the portion of the shaft below a depth of 0.5 metres.

In order to ensure the bearing values given can be achieved, care should be taken to ensure the base of the excavations is free of all loose material prior to concreting. To this end, it is recommended that all excavations be concreted as soon as possible, preferably immediately after excavating, cleaning, inspecting and approval. Pier excavations should not be left open overnight. The possibility of groundwater inflow needs to be considered when drilling the piers and pouring concrete.

The site is considered suitable for slab on ground construction provided due regard is given to the ground surface slope and the fill is certified as being placed as controlled engineered fill, otherwise piles will be required to suspend the slab.

During foundation construction, should the subsurface conditions vary to those inferred in this report, a suitably experienced geotechnical engineer should review the design and recommendations given above to determine if any alterations are required.

Soil Aggressiveness

The exposure classification for the concrete has been determined for the onsite soils. The exposure classification is obtained from Tables 5.1 and 5.2 of AS2870-2011. In regards to the electrical conductivity, the laboratory test results have been multiplied by the appropriate factor to convert the results to EC_e.

Detailed test reports are attached and summarised below, together with the exposure classification.

Sample	Elect	trical	рН	Sulfate	Exposure
No.	Condu (dS	ctivity /m)		(ppm)	Classification
•	EC _{1:5}	EC _e			
S1/1359	131	1.1	4.9	60	A2



The minimum concrete strength and reinforcement cover required for the various exposure classifications are given in Tables 5.3 and 5.4 of AS2870-2011 (see attached).

Additional Comments

Attention is drawn to Appendix B of AS2870 - 2011 regarding the need to properly maintain the foundations. Surface drainage should be provided to avoid the possibility of water ponding near the building and the finished ground surface should fall at least 50 mm over a distance of one metre away from the building.

The above classification has been made assuming that all footings will bear in either natural ground or in controlled filling. Prior to the placement of any filling the existing surface should be stripped of all vegetation and topsoil.

If excavations for rainwater or detention tanks are to be made within 6 metres of the building foundations, advice should be sought regarding their effect on the foundations.

Placing absorption trenches on the high side of the property may create abnormal moisture conditions for the foundations (Refer to Section 1.3.3 of AS2870). This could have a negative effect on the foundation performance and more than likely alter the site classification provided above.

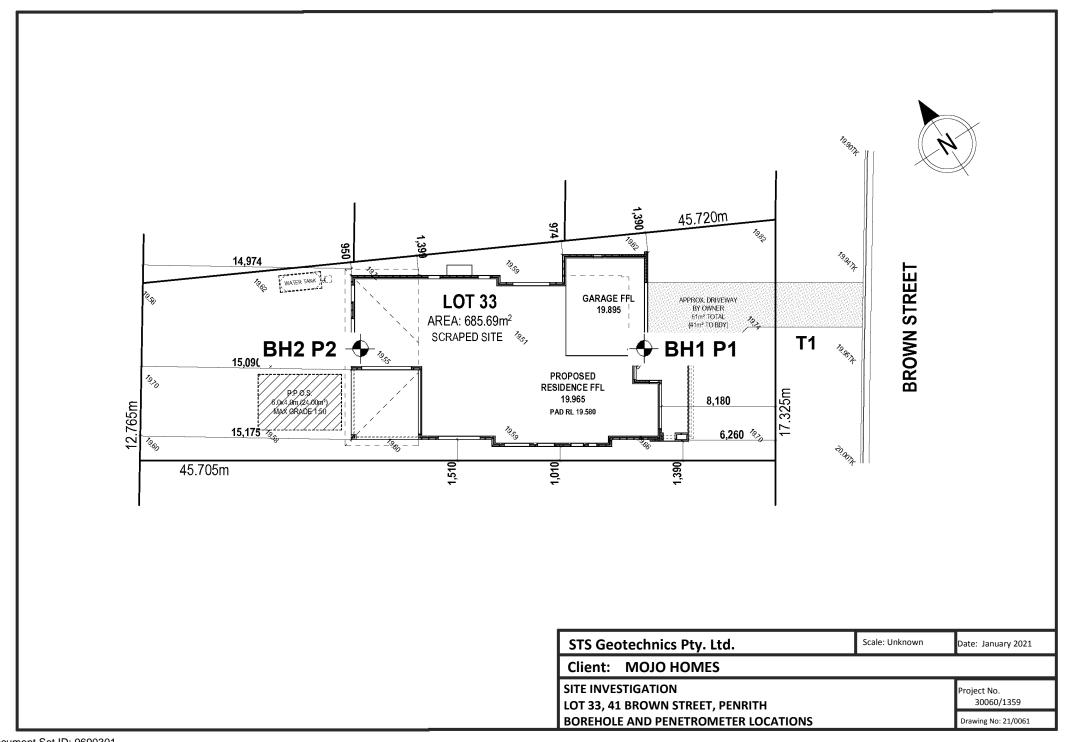
This report has been prepared assuming that no trees other than those noted will be present on the site. If future tree planting is planned, eg. there is a landscaping plan, their effect on the foundation performance must be considered.

This report has been prepared assuming the site development will be limited to one or two storey residential buildings. The information and interpretation may not be relevant if the design proposal changes (e.g. to a five-storey building involving major cuts during the site preparation). If changes occur, we would be pleased to review the report and advise on the adequacy of the investigation.

Yours faithfully,



Geotechnical Engineer STS Geotechnics Pty Limited



NOTES RELATING TO GEOTECHNICAL REPORTS

Introduction

These notes have been provided to outline the methodology and limitations inherent in geotechnical reporting. The issues discussed are not relevant to all reports and further advice should be sought if there are any queries regarding any advice or report.

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Geotechnical Reports

Geotechnical reports are prepared by qualified personnel on the information supplied or obtained and are based on current engineering standards of interpretation and analysis.

Information may be gained from limited subsurface testing, surface observations, previous work and is supplemented by knowledge of the local geology and experience of the range of properties that may be exhibited by the materials present. For this reason, geotechnical reports should be regarded as interpretative rather than factual documents, limited to some extent by the scope of information on which they rely.

Where the report has been prepared for a specific purpose (eg. design of a three-storey building), the information and interpretation may not be appropriate if the design is changed (eg. a twenty storey building). In such cases, the report and the sufficiency of the existing work should be reviewed by STS Geotechnics Pty Limited in the light of the new proposal.

Every care is taken with the report content, however, it is not always possible to anticipate or assume responsibility for the following conditions:

- Unexpected variations in ground conditions.
 The potential for this depends on the amount of investigative work undertaken.
- Changes in policy or interpretation by statutory authorities.
- The actions of contractors responding to commercial pressures.

If these occur, STS Geotechnics Pty Limited would be pleased to resolve the matter through further investigation, analysis or advice.

Unforeseen Conditions

Should conditions encountered on site differ markedly from those anticipated from the information contained in the report, STS Geotechnics Pty Limited should be notified immediately. Early identification of site anomalies generally results in any problems being more readily resolved and allows reinterpretation and assessment of the implications for future work.

Subsurface Information

Logs of a borehole, recovered core, test pit, excavated face or cone penetration test are an engineering and/or geological interpretation of the subsurface conditions. The reliability of the logged information depends on drilling/testing method, sampling and/or observation spacings and the ground conditions. It is not always possible or economic to obtain continuous high quality data. It should also be recognised that the volume or material observed or tested is only a fraction of the total subsurface profile.

Interpretation of subsurface information and application to design and construction must take into consideration the spacing of the test locations, the frequency of observations and testing, and the possibility that geological boundaries may vary between observation points.

Groundwater observations and measurements outside of specially designed and constructed piezometers should be treated with care for the following reasons:

- In low permeability soils groundwater may not seep into an excavation or bore in the short time it is left open.
- A localised perched water table may not represent the true water table.
- Groundwater levels vary according to rainfall events or season.
- Some drilling and testing procedures mask or prevent groundwater inflow.

The installation of piezometers and long term monitoring of groundwater levels may be required to adequately identify groundwater conditions.

Supply of Geotechnical Information or Tendering Purposes

It is recommended tenderers are provided with as much geological and geotechnical information that is available and that where there are uncertainties regarding the ground conditions, prospective tenders should be provided with comments discussing the range of likely conditions in addition to the investigation data.

TABLE 5.1 FROM AS2870-2011

EXPOSURE CLASSIFICATION FOR CONCRETE IN SALINE SOILS

Saturated Extract Electrical Conductivity	Exposure Classification
(EC_c) , dS/m	
<4	A1
4-8	A2
8-16	B1
>16	B2

NOTES:

- 1. Guidance on concrete in saline environments can be found in CCAA T56.
- 2. Exposure classifications are from AS3600.
- 3. The currently accepted method of determining the salinity level of the soil is by measuring the extract electrical conductivity (EC) of a soil and water mixture in deciSiemens per metre (dS/m) and using conversion factors that allow for the soil texture to determine the saturated extract electrical conductivity (EC_e).
- 4. The division between a non-saline and saline soil is generally regarded as an EC_e value of 4 dS/m, therefore no increase in the minimum concrete strength is required below this value.

TABLE 5.2 FROM AS2870-2011

EXPOSURE CLASSIFICATION FOR CONCRETE IN SULFATE SOILS

Exp	osure Conditions	Exposure Classification		
Sulfates (expr	ressed as SO ₄)*			
In Soil	In Groundwater	pН	Soil Conditions	Soil Conditions
ppm	ppm		Α†	B‡
< 5000	<1000	>5.5	A2	A1
5000-10 000	1000-3000	4.5-5.5	B1	A2
10 000-20 000	3000-10 000	4-4.5	B2	B1
>20 000	>10 000	<4	C2	B2

- * Approximately 100 ppm $SO_4 = 80$ ppm SO_3 .
- † Soil conditions A high permeability soils (eg. Sands and gravels) that are in groundwater.
- ‡ Soil conditions B low permeability soils (eg. Silts and clays) or all soils have groundwater.

TABLE 5.3 FROM AS2870-2011

MINIMUM DESIGN CHARACTERISTIC STRENGTH (f_c) AND CURING REQUIREMENTS FOR CONCRETE

Exposure	$Minimum f'_c$	Minimum Initial Curing
Classification	MPa	Requirement
A1	20	Cure continuously for at
A2	25	least 3 days
B1	32	
B2	40	Cure continuously for at
C1	≥50	least 7 days
C2	≥ <u>50</u>	

TABLE 5.4 – FROM AS2870-2011

MINIMUM REINFORCEMENT COVER FOR CONCRETE

Exposure	Minimum Cover in	Minimum Cover in
Classification	Saline Soils*	Sulfate Soils†
	(mm)	(mm)
A1	See Clause 5.3.2	40
A2	45	50
B1	50	60
B2	55	65
C1	‡	70
C2	‡	85

^{*} Where a damp-proofing membrane is installed, the minimum reinforcement cover in saline soils may be reduced to 30 mm.

‡ Saline soils have a maximum exposure classification of B2 as per Table 5.1.

[†] Where a damp-proofing membrane is installed, the minimum reinforcement cover in sulfate soils may be reduced by 10 mm.

GEOTECHNICAL LOG - NON CORE BOREHOLE

Client: MOJO Homes Project: Lot 33, 41 Brown Street, Penrith			Project / STS No. 30060/1359 h Date: January 11, 2021		BOREHOLE NO.: BH 1		
		wing No. 21/006		s	Sheet 1 of 1		
W A T T A E B R L E	S A M P L E	DEPTH (m)	DESCRIPTION OF DRILLED PRODUCT (Soil type, colour, grain size, plasticity, minor components, observations)		S Y M B O L	CONSISTENCY (cohesive soils) or RELATIVE DENSITY (sands and gravels)	M O I S T U R E
			TOPSOIL: SILTY GRAVELLY CLAY: brown, low plasticity, trace of organics		CL		D-M
		1.0	BOREHOLE DISCONTINUED AT 2.5 M		CL	STIFF VERY STIFF	D-M
	D - disturbe WT - level o S - jar samp	of water table or	U - undisturbed tube sample B - bulk sample free water N - Standard Penetration Test (SPT)	E		: STS :: Christie eter (mm): 100	
NOTES:			See explanation sheets for meaning of all descriptive terms and symbols		ngle from rill Bit: S _l	Vertical (°): 0 piral	

GEOTECHNICAL LOG - NON CORE BOREHOLE

	MOJO Homes			Project / STS No. 30060/1359		В	OREHOLE NO.:	BH 2
-	Project: Lot 33, 41 Brown Street, Penrith ocation: Refer to Drawing No. 21/0061						Sheet 1 of 1	
W A T T A E B R L E	S A M P L E	DEP '		DESCRIPTION OF DRILLED PRODUCT (Soil type, colour, grain size, plasticity, minor components, observations)		S Y M B O L	CONSISTENCY (cohesive soils) or RELATIVE DENSITY (sands and gravels)	M O I S T U R E
	_			TOPSOIL: SILTY GRAVELLY CLAY: brown, low plasticity, trace of organics		CL		D-M
	S1 @ 0.3 m	0.5	_	SILTY CLAY: grey/brown, low to medium plasticity		CL	STIFF	D-M
	U50	- -		SILTY CLAY: brown with grey, medium plasticity		CL	STIFF	D-M
		1.0 _					VERY STIFF	
		2.0 _		SILTY CLAY: grey, medium plasticity		CL	VERY STIFF	D-M
		2.5 _		BOREHOLE DISCONTINUED AT 2.5 M				
NOTES:	D - disturber WT - level o	f water t		U - undisturbed tube sample free water N - Standard Penetration Test (SPT) See explanation sheets for meaning of all descriptive terms and symbols	Equip Hole Angle	Diame	: Christie eter (mm): 100 Vertical (°): 0	l

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Dynamic Cone Penetrometer Test Report

Project: LOT 33, 41 BROWN STREET, PENRITH Project No.: 30060/1359

Client: MOJO HOMES Report No.: 21/0061 Report Date: 11/01/2021

Address: 62 Norwest Boulevarde, Baulkham Hills

Test Method: AS 1289.6.3.2

Accredited for compliance with ISO/IEC

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The results of the tests, calibrations and/or measurements included in this document are traceable to Australian/national standards NATA Accreditation Number 2750

	NATA Accreditation Number 2750					
Site No.	P1	P2				
Location	Refer to Drawing No. 21/0061	Refer to Drawing No. 21/0061				
Date Tested	11/1/2021	11/1/2021				
Starting Level	Surface Level	Surface Level				
Depth (m)		Pe	enetration Resistan	nce (blows / 150m	ım)	
0.00 - 0.15	4	5				
0.15 - 0.30	5	5				
0.30 - 0.45	5	5				
0.45 - 0.60	6	7				
0.60 - 0.75	6	7				
0.75 - 0.90	7	7				
0.90 - 1.05	8	7				
1.05 - 1.20	8	9				
1.20 - 1.35	8	9				
1.35 - 1.50	9	10				
1.50 - 1.65	13	11				
1.65 - 1.80	13	16				
1.80 - 1.95	16	17				
1.95 - 2.10	16	23+				
2.10 - 2.25	23+	Refusal				
2.25 - 2.40	Refusal					
2.40 - 2.55						
2.55 - 2.70						
2.70 - 2.85						
2.85 - 3.00						
3.00 - 3.15						
3.15 - 3.30						
3.30 - 3.45						
3.45 - 3.60						
3.60 - 3.75						
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Remarks: * Pre drilled prior to testing

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Approved Signatory.....

Orlando Mendoza - Laboratory Manager

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Shrink Swell Index Report

Project No.: 30060 Project: Lot 33, 41 Brown Street, Penrith Client: MOJO Homes Report No.: 21/0092 Address: 62 Norwest Boulevarde, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153 Report Date: 14/01/2021

Test Method: AS1289.7.1.1 Page: 1 of 1

Sampling Procedure: AS 1289.1.3.1 Clause 3.1.3.2 - Thin Walled Sampler

STS	/ Sample No.	1359/1			
Sam	nple Location	Borehole 2			
Mater	rial Description	Silty Clay, brown with grey trace of gravel			
[Depth (m)	0.8-1.0			
Sa	ample Date	11/01/2021			
	Moisture Content (%)	21.3			
Shrink	Soil Crumbling	N/A			
Shr	Extent of Cracking	No Cracks			
	Strain (%)	5.5			
	Moisture Content Initial (%)	23.5			
Swell	Moisture Content Final (%)	28.3			
	Strain (%)	6.2			
Inert	Inclusions (%)	<5			
Shrink	Swell Index (%)	4.8			

Remarks:



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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Work Order : ES2100869

: STS Geotechnics Contact : ENQUIRES STS

Address : Unit 14/1 Cowpasture Place

Wetherill Park 2164

Telephone

Client

Project 30055/30060/30923

Order number : E-2021-0006

C-O-C number Sampler Site Quote number : EN/222

No. of samples received : 10 No. of samples analysed : 10

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Laboratory : Environmental Division Sydney

Contact : Customer Services ES

Address : 277-289 Woodpark Road Smithfield NSW Australia 2164

Telephone : +61-2-8784 8555

Date Samples Received : 12-Jan-2021 15:00 **Date Analysis Commenced**

: 13-Jan-2021 Issue Date

· 15-Jan-2021 12:59 Accreditation No. 825

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This Certificate of Analysis contains the following information:

- General Comments
- Analytical Results

Additional information pertinent to this report will be found in the following separate attachments: Quality Control Report, QA/QC Compliance Assessment to assist with **Quality Review and Sample Receipt Notification.**

Signatories

This document has been electronically signed by the authorized signatories below. Electronic signing is carried out in compliance with procedures specified in 21 CFR Part 11.

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General Comments

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Where moisture determination has been performed, results are reported on a dry weight basis.

Where a reported less than (<) result is higher than the LOR, this may be due to primary sample extract/digestate dilution and/or insufficient sample for analysis.

Where the LOR of a reported result differs from standard LOR, this may be due to high moisture content, insufficient sample (reduced weight employed) or matrix interference.

When sampling time information is not provided by the client, sampling dates are shown without a time component. In these instances, the time component has been assumed by the laboratory for processing purposes.

Where a result is required to meet compliance limits the associated uncertainty must be considered. Refer to the ALS Contact for details.

Key: CAS Number = CAS registry number from database maintained by Chemical Abstracts Services. The Chemical Abstracts Service is a division of the American Chemical Society.

LOR = Limit of reporting

- ^ = This result is computed from individual analyte detections at or above the level of reporting
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- ~ = Indicates an estimated value.

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Analytical Results

Sub-Matrix: SOIL (Matrix: SOIL)			Sample ID	30055/7223	30055/7225	30060/1350	30060/1359	30060/1360
		Sampli	ng date / time	12-Jan-2021 00:00	12-Jan-2021 00:00	11-Jan-2021 00:00	11-Jan-2021 00:00	11-Jan-2021 00:00
Compound	CAS Number	LOR	Unit	ES2100869-001	ES2100869-002	ES2100869-003	ES2100869-004	ES2100869-005
				Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
EA002: pH 1:5 (Soils)								
pH Value		0.1	pH Unit	6.7	6.7	5.0	4.9	8.4
EA010: Conductivity (1:5)								
Electrical Conductivity @ 25°C		1	μS/cm	23	39	659	131	367
EA055: Moisture Content (Dried @ 10	05-110°C)							
Moisture Content		0.1	%	10.7	8.4	14.2	16.8	5.6
ED040S : Soluble Sulfate by ICPAES								
Sulfate as SO4 2-	14808-79-8	10	mg/kg	<10	<10	130	60	260

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Analytical Results

Sub-Matrix: SOIL (Matrix: SOIL)			Sample ID	30923/S1	30923/S2	30923/\$3	30923/\$4	30923/S5
Sampling date / time			11-Jan-2021 00:00					
Compound	CAS Number	LOR	Unit	ES2100869-006	ES2100869-007	ES2100869-008	ES2100869-009	ES2100869-010
				Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
EA002: pH 1:5 (Soils)								
pH Value		0.1	pH Unit	5.4	5.9	7.4	6.5	6.0
EA010: Conductivity (1:5)								
Electrical Conductivity @ 25°C		1	μS/cm	26	19	29	12	13
EA055: Moisture Content (Dried @ 105-	EA055: Moisture Content (Dried @ 105-110°C)							
Moisture Content		0.1	%	1.4	6.1	4.4	2.6	4.4
ED040S : Soluble Sulfate by ICPAES								
Sulfate as SO4 2-	14808-79-8	10	mg/kg	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
ED045G: Chloride by Discrete Analyser								
Chloride	16887-00-6	10	mg/kg	10	<10	20	<10	<10

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E1. CLASSIFICATION OF SOILS

E1.1 Soil Classification and the Unified System

An assessment of the site conditions usually includes an appraisal of the data available by combining values of engineering properties obtained by the site investigation with descriptions, from visual observation of the materials present on site.

The system used by STS Geotechnics Pty Ltd (STS) in the identification of soil is the Unified Soil Classification system (USC) which was developed by the US Army Corps of Engineers during World War II and has since gained international acceptance and has been adopted in its metricated form by the Standards Association of Australia.

The Australian Site Investigation Code (AS1726-1981, Appendix D) recommends that the description of a soil includes the USC group symbols which are an integral component of the system.

The soil description should contain the following information in order:

Soil composition

- SOIL NAME and USC classification symbol (IN BLOCK LETTERS)
- plasticity or particle characteristics
- colour
- secondary and minor constituents (name estimated proportion, plasticity or particle characteristics, colour

Soil condition

- moisture condition
- consistency or density index

Soil structure

• structure (zoning, defects, cementing)

Soil origin

interpretation based on observation eg FILL, TOPSOIL, RESIDUAL, ALLUVIUM.

E1.2 Soil Composition

(a) Soil Name and Classification Symbol

The USC system is summarised in Figure E1.2.1. The primary division separates soil types on the basis of particle size into:

- Coarse grained soils more than 50% of the material less than 60 mm is larger than 0.06 mm (60 μm).
- Fine grained soils more than 50% of the material less than 60 mm is smaller than 0.06 mm (60 μ m).

Initial classification is by particle size as shown in Table E1.2.1. Further classification of fine grained soils is based on plasticity.

TABLE E1.2.1 - CLASSIFICATION BY PARTICLE SIZE

NAME	SUB-DIVISION	SIZE
Clay (1)		< 2 μm
Silt (2)		2 μm to 60 μm
Sand	Fine Medium Coarse	60 μm to 200 μm 200 μm to 600 μm 600 μm to 2 mm
Gravel (3)	Fine Medium Coarse	2 mm to 6 mm 6 mm to 20 mm 20 mm to 60 mm
Cobbles (3)		60 mm to 200 mm
Boulders (3)		> 200 mm

Where a soil contains an appropriate amount of secondary material, the name includes each of the secondary components (greater than 12%) in increasing order of significance, eg sandy silty clay.

Minor components of a soil are included in the description by means of the terms "some" and "trace" as defined in Table E1.2.2.

TABLE E1.2.2 - MINOR SOIL COMPONENTS

TERM	DESCRIPTION	APPROXIMATE PROPORTION (%)
Trace	presence just detectable, little or no influence on soil properties	0-5
Some	presence easily detectable, little influence on soil properties	5-12

The USC group symbols should be included with each soil description as shown in Table E1.2.3

TABLE E1.2.3 - SOIL GROUP SYMBOLS

SOIL TYPE	PREFIX
Gravel	G
Sand	S
Silt	M
Clay	C
Organic	О
Peat	Pt

The group symbols are combined with qualifiers which indicate grading, plasticity or secondary components as shown on Table E1.2.4

TABLE E1.2.4 - SOIL GROUP QUALIFIERS

SUBGROUP	SUFFIX
Well graded	W
Poorly Graded	P
Silty	M
Clayey	C
Liquid Limit <50% - low to medium plasticity	L
Liquid Limit >50% - medium to high plasticity	Н

(b) Grading

"Well graded" Good representation of all

particle sizes from the largest to the smallest.

"Poorly graded" One or more intermediate

sizes poorly represented

"Gap graded" One or more intermediate

sizes absent

"Uniformly graded" Essentially single size

material.

(c) Particle shape and texture

The shape and surface texture of the coarse grained particles should be described.

Angularity may be expressed as "rounded", "subrounded", "sub-angular" or "angular".

Particle **form** can be "equidimensional", "flat" or elongate".

Surface texture can be "glassy", "smooth", "rough", pitted" or striated".

(d) Colour

The colour of the soil should be described in the moist condition using simple terms such as:

Black White Grey Red Brown Orange Yellow Green Blue

These may be modified as necessary by "light" or "dark". Borderline colours may be described as a combination of two colours, eg red-brown.

For soils that contain more than one colour terms such as:

• Speckled Very small (<10 mm dia) patches

Mottled Irregular

• Blotched Large irregular (>75 mm dia)

Streaked Randomly oriented streaks

(e) Minor Components

Secondary and minor components should be individually described in a similar manner to the dominant component.

E1.3 Soil Condition

(a) Moisture

Soil moisture condition is described as "dry", "moist" or "wet".

The moisture categories are defined as:

Dry (D) - Little or no moisture evident. Soils are running. Moist (M) - Darkened in colour with cool feel. Granular soil particles tend to adhere. No free water evident upon remoulding of cohesive soils.

In addition the moisture content of cohesive soils can be estimated in relation to their liquid or plastic limit.

(b) Consistency

Estimates of the consistency of a clay or silt soil may be made from manual examination, hand penetrometer test, SPT results or from laboratory tests to determine undrained shear or unconfined compressive strengths. The classification of consistency is defined in Table E1.3.1.

TABLE E1.3.1 - CONSISTENCY OF FINE-GRAINED SOILS

TERM	UNCONFINED STRENGTH (kPa)	FIELD IDENTIFICATION	
Very Soft	<25	Easily penetrated by fist. Sample exudes between fingers when squeezed in the fist.	
Soft	25 - 50	Easily moulded in fingers. Easily penetrated 50 mm by thumb.	
Firm	50 - 100	Can be moulded by strong pressure in the fingers. Penetrated only with great effort.	
Stiff	100 - 200	Cannot be moulded in fingers. Indented by thumb but penetrated only with great effort.	
Very Stiff	200 - 400	Very tough. Difficult to cut with knife. Readily indented with thumb nail.	
Hard	>400	Brittle, can just be scratched with thumb nail. Tends to break into fragments.	

Unconfined compressive strength as derived by a hand penetrometer can be taken as approximately double the undrained shear strength $(q_u=2\ c_u)$.

(c) Density Index

The insitu density index of granular soils can be assessed from the results of SPT or cone penetrometer tests. Density index should not be estimated visually.

TABLE E1.3.2 - DENSITY OF GRANULAR SOILS

TERM	SPT N	STATIC	DENSITY
	VALUE	CONE	INDEX
		VALUE	(%)
		q _c (MPa)	
Very Loose	0 - 3	0 - 2	0 - 15
Loose	3 - 8	2 - 5	15 - 35
Medium Dense	8 - 25	5 - 15	35 - 65
Dense	25 - 42	15 - 20	65 - 85
Very Dense	>42	>20	>85

E1.4 Soil Structure

(a) Zoning

A sample may consist of several zones differing in colour, grain size or other properties. Terms to classify these

Layer - continuous across exposure or sample

Lens - discontinuous with lenticular shape

Pocket - irregular inclusion

Each zone should be described, their distinguishing features, and the nature of the interzone boundaries.

(b) Defects

Defects which are present in the sample can include:

- fissures
- roots (containing organic matter)
- tubes (hollow)
- · casts (infilled)

Defects should be described giving details of dimensions and frequency. Fissure orientation, planarity, surface condition and infilling should be noted. If there is a tendency to break into blocks, block dimensions should be recorded

E1.5 Soil Origin

Information which may be interpretative but which may contribute to the usefulness of the material description should be included. The most common interpreted feature is the origin of the soil. The assessment of the probable origin is based on the soil material description, soil structure and its relationship to other soil and rock materials.

Common terms used are:

"Residual Soil" - Material which appears to have been derived by weathering from the underlying rock. There is no evidence of transport.

"Colluvium" - Material which appears to have been transported from its original location. The method of movement is usually the combination of gravity and erosion

"Landslide Debris" - An extreme form of colluvium where the soil has been transported by mass movement. The material is obviously distributed and contains distinct defects related to the slope failure.

"Alluvium" - Material which has been transported essentially by water. usually associated with former stream activity.

"Fill" - Material which has been transported and placed by man. This can range from natural soils which have been placed in a controlled manner in engineering construction to dumped waste material. A description of the constituents should include an assessment of the method of placement.

E1.6 Fine Grained Soils

The physical properties of fine grained soils are dominated by silts and clays.

The definition of clay and silt soils is governed by their Atterberg Limits. Clay soils are characterised by the properties of cohesion and plasticity with cohesion defines as the ability to deform without rupture. Silts exhibit cohesion but have low plasticity or are non-plastic.

The field characteristics of clay soils include:

- dry lumps have appreciable dry strength and cannot be powdered
- volume changes occur with moisture content variation
- feels smooth when moist with a greasy appearance when cut.

The field characteristics of silt soils include:

- dry lumps have negligible dry strength and can be powdered easily
- dilatancy an increase in volume due to shearing is indicted by the presence of a shiny film of water after a hand sample is shaken. The water disappears upon remoulding. Very fine grained sands may also exhibit dilatancy.
- low plasticity index
- · feels gritty to the teeth

E1.7 Organic Soils

Organic soils are distinguished from other soils by their appreciable content of vegetable matter, usually derived from plant remains.

The soil usually has a distinctive smell and low bulk density.

The USC system uses the symbol Pt for partly decomposed organic material. The O symbol is combined with suffixes "O" or "H" depending on plasticity.

Where roots or root fibres are present their frequency and the depth to which they are encountered should be recorded. The presence of roots or root fibres does not necessarily mean the material is an "organic material" by classification.

Coal and lignite should be described as such and not simply as organic matter.