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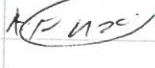
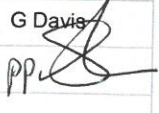
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Executive Summary

The Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) was appointed by the Environment and Infrastructure Services Department (EISD), the implementing agent for the Water and Biodiversity Project, for rehabilitation of a number of dams within the Braamfontein West Water Management Unit in the City of Johannesburg. As part of this appointment JRA appointed Aurecon for the design of the remedial works. Aurecon Ground Engineering conducted geotechnical investigations for these dams; the findings of the investigations into Albert's Farm Dam, are presented in this report.

The field investigation was conducted on the 29th of May 2019 and comprised excavation of four test pits across the site. Four other planned test pits were not excavated due to their location in a conservation area.

Representative samples were taken from selected horizons and submitted to SANAS accredited laboratory, Civilab, to determine the material's geotechnical properties. The results are summarised and discussed in the report and full laboratory test result sheets attached to Appendix D.

A visual assessment of the surface conditions across the site was also conducted prior to and during the test pitting noting features that might have an impact on the proposed design and rehabilitation.

The objectives of the geotechnical investigation were:

- To characterise the materials in the embankment and immediate environs, with a view to assessing their use in the embankment,
- To provide such inputs to the dam design team,
- To appraise geotechnical factors that might influence the dam condition, as well as re-design and construction, and
- To provide generic geotechnical related considerations and recommendations.

According to the geological map of the area (West Rand 2626, 1:250 000 geological map), the site is underlain by quartzite and shale of the Orange Grove Formation of the West Rand Group, Witwatersrand Supergroup which is intruded by younger diabase rocks. Outcrops of quartzite occur some 100m northwest of the dam. No major faults occur in the general area.

Assessment of the embankment showed that previously the dam wall had been breached and this breach is now plugged using sand bags, but flow was noted. This was noted at the vicinity of AFD TP7. Further visual assessment showed erosion of the dam wall on the upstream side. The wall has very narrow crest, 3m at most. The embankment's downstream face is grassed. It must be noted that no survey data of the dam was available at the time of the investigation.

The soils comprising the embankment typically consist of sandy / silty clay which are soft to firm, containing quartzite and ferricrete gravel. On the natural slopes defining the dam basin, the colluvium (occasionally ferruginised) consists of fine to coarse, angular quartzite gravel and ferricrete nodules. The finer component comprises silty clay / clayey silt and sandy clay. According to the Unified Soil Classification System the embankment fill material classifies as SM while the colluvial soils classify as CL.

Based on laboratory test results, the material encountered on site has high shear strength properties and is suitable for use in a homogenous embankment.

Seepages into test pits were only encountered at AFD TP2, at the proposed spillway position, at 1.2m from surface.

Although the embankment material on site is suitable for re-use in the raising of the embankment, quantities will depend on how much can be extracted from excavations. It is not anticipated that materials can be sourced at the park due to nature of the facility. Rip-rap material would certainly be sourced from commercial sources.

Failure to access the downstream side of dam meant assessment of these areas was only limited to a distant visual observation of the vicinity. This therefore limited assessments of the downstream side of the embankment, as well as the conditions at the toe and along the spillway canal.

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1 Introduction

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The following works are planned as part of the rehabilitation:

- Repair of the breach section on the embankment,
- Raising the embankment by a nominal 500 mm,
- Reinstatement of the upslope protection,
- Placing material on the downstream slope,
- Construction of the spillway channel with a concrete overflow sill, and
- Placing Reno mattresses for erosion immediately downstream of the sill for about 3m.

2 Available information

The available information comprised:

- The 1:250 000 scale geological map of the area (Sheet 2626 West Rand, Council for Geoscience, 1986).
- An electronic file (KMZ) showing the site.

It must be noted that no geotechnical reports of any previous investigations were able to be sourced and it is unlikely that earlier geotechnical investigations were ever conducted. The desk study comprised a review of geological maps.

3 Site location and description

Albert's Farm Dam is located in Northcliff suburb at the intersection of De La Rey Road and Zulu Street making for easy vehicular access. The site location is shown in Figure 1 below. The park, which includes the dam, is a recreational facility open to the public and is predominantly used as a dog park.

The dam comprises an earth embankment (Figure 2) and is approximately 200m in length. The results of the dam survey show the embankment crest to be 1085mm and the height of the embankment is 5.4m and slopes at 60 degrees.

The dam is eroded on the upstream side and a previous failure of the wall was observed (Figure 3) in the vicinity of AFD TP7. Sand bags have been used to plug the breach, but flow was noted. Natural slopes around the dam are moderately sloping. The area downstream of the dam is understood to be a conservation area (*pers. comm. City Parks officials*).

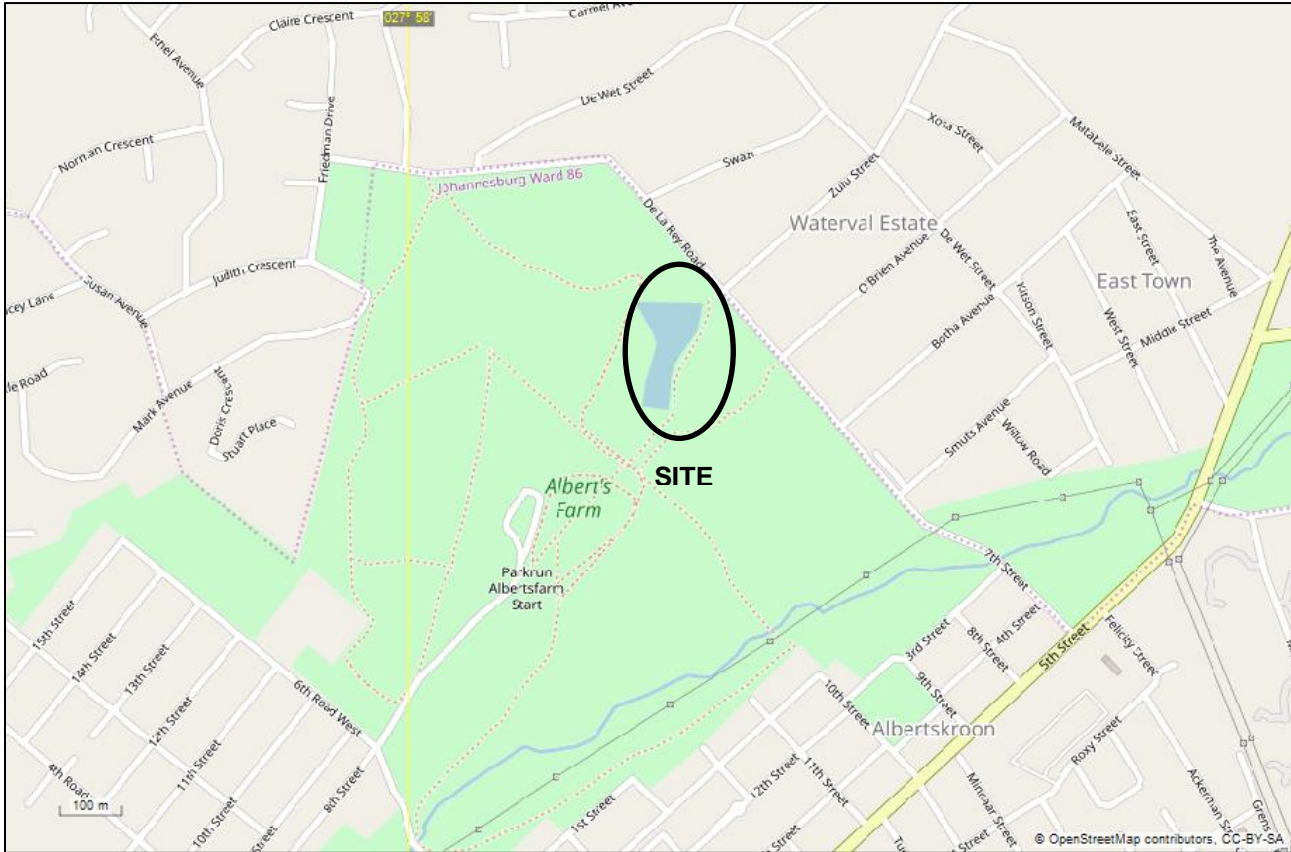


Figure 1: Location of the site



Figure 2: View of the dam from the north (approximate centre line and position of breach are shown by yellow line and arrow, respectively)



Figure 3: Close up view of the breach section – in the vicinity of AFD TP7. Arrows indicating approximately where water flow was noted – although clear view is obstructed by vegetation

4 Geology

According to the 1:250 000 scale geological map (Sheet 2626 West Rand, Council for Geoscience, 1986), the area is underlain by quartzite and shale of the Orange Grove Formation of the West Rand Group, Witwatersrand Supergroup. This sequence is underlain, regionally, by basement rocks, i.e. mafics and ultramafics and the intrusive Johannesburg Dome formerly Halfway House granite and intruded by younger diabase rocks. Quartzite outcrop is recorded about 100m to the northwest of the dam. The outcrop is just under 400 m in extent and is annotated in drawing 504630-0000-DRG-G3-0001 (Appendix C). The geological setting of the site is shown in Figure 4 below. There are no major faults in the general area of the Albert's Farm Dam.

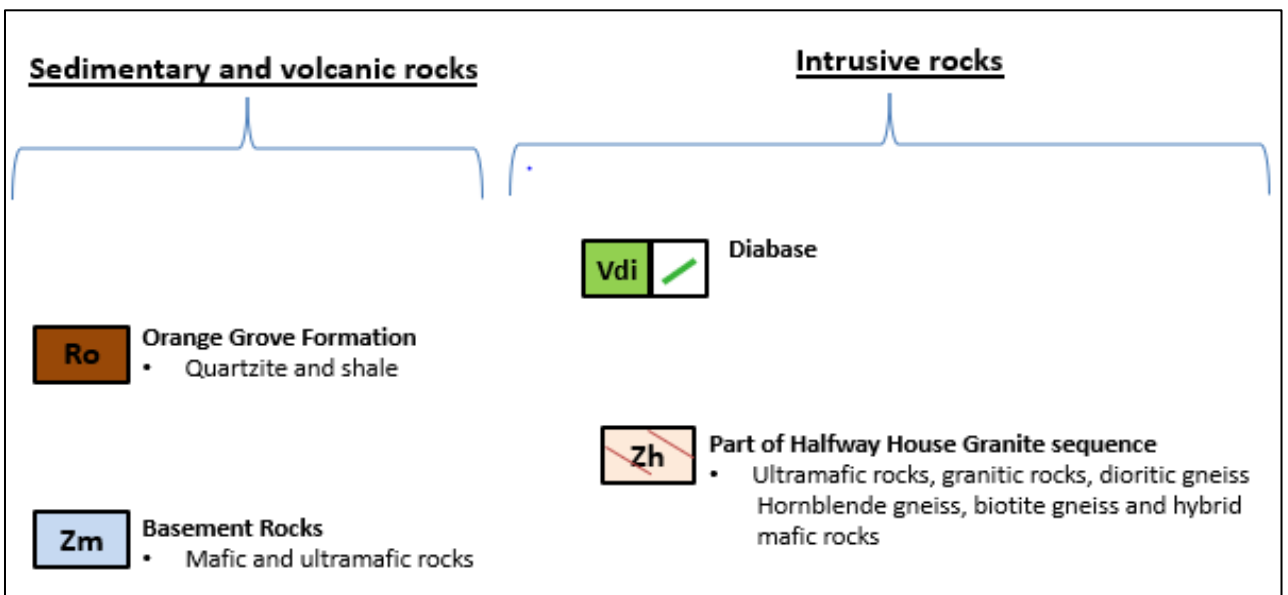
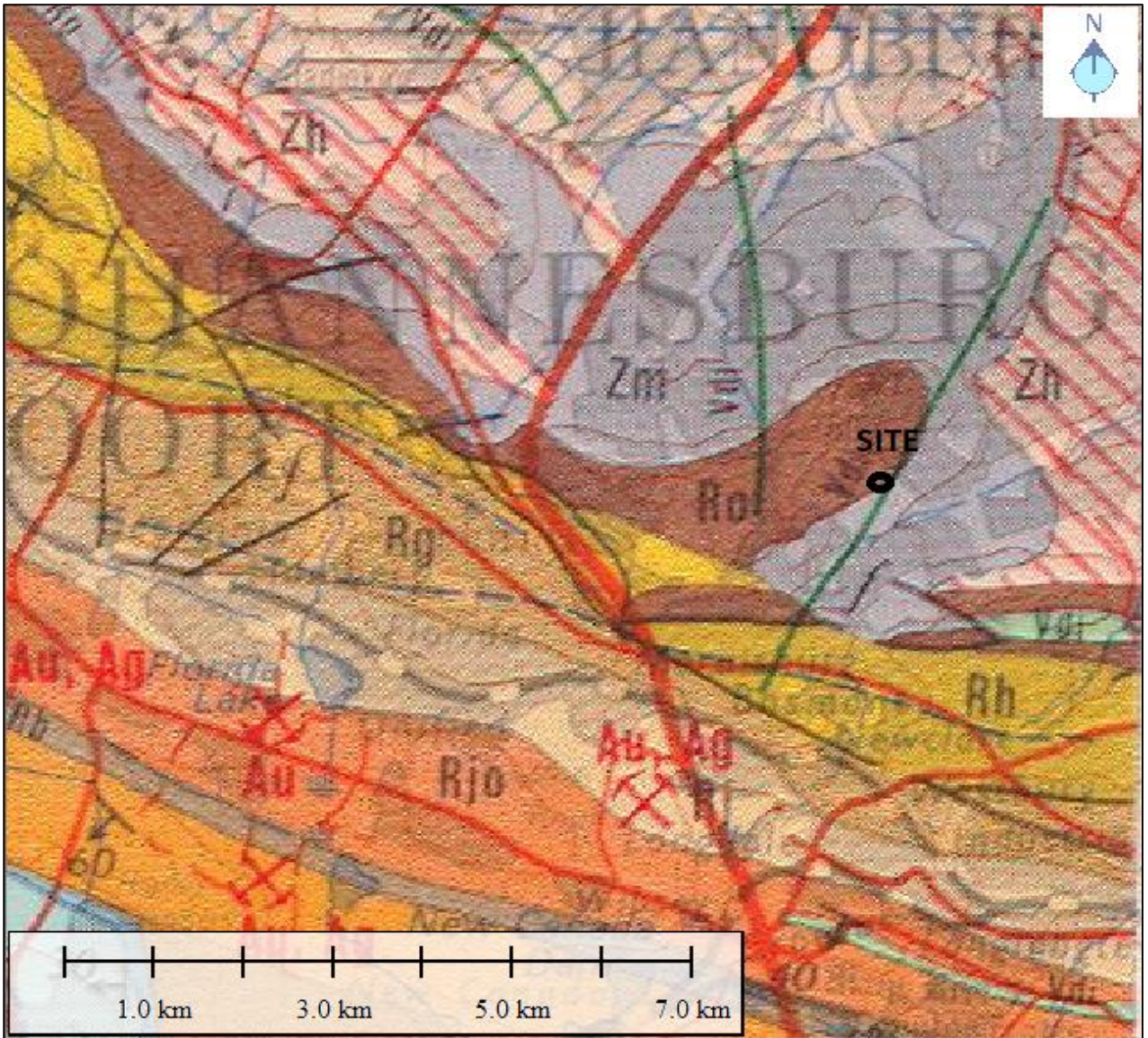


Figure 4: Regional geological setting of the site and stratigraphy (from published 1:250 000 geological map; Sheet 2626 West Rand, Council for Geoscience, 1986)

5 Climate

The site is in an area with a Weinert N-value (Weinert, 1980) less than 5 but not less than 2, which indicates chemical decomposition of the underlying bedrock is the main mode of weathering. The shallow soil profiles tended to comprise fill material and transported colluvial soils; however, no residual soils were observed. Ferricrete concretions were noted in test pits excavated on the natural slopes indicating moist soil conditions associated with the climate of the area, and a seasonally-fluctuating water table.

6 Seismicity

The greater Johannesburg area is affected by natural, and induced seismic activities related to mining in the Witwatersrand. Albert's Farm Dam is therefore associated with a seismic hazard considered moderate to high. A Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA) of about 0.2g (SANS 10160-4:2011) can be associated with the area, with a 10% probability of being exceeded in a 50-year period. The seismic map below (Figure 5), from SANS 10160-4:2011, shows the relative position of the site to the defined seismic zones.

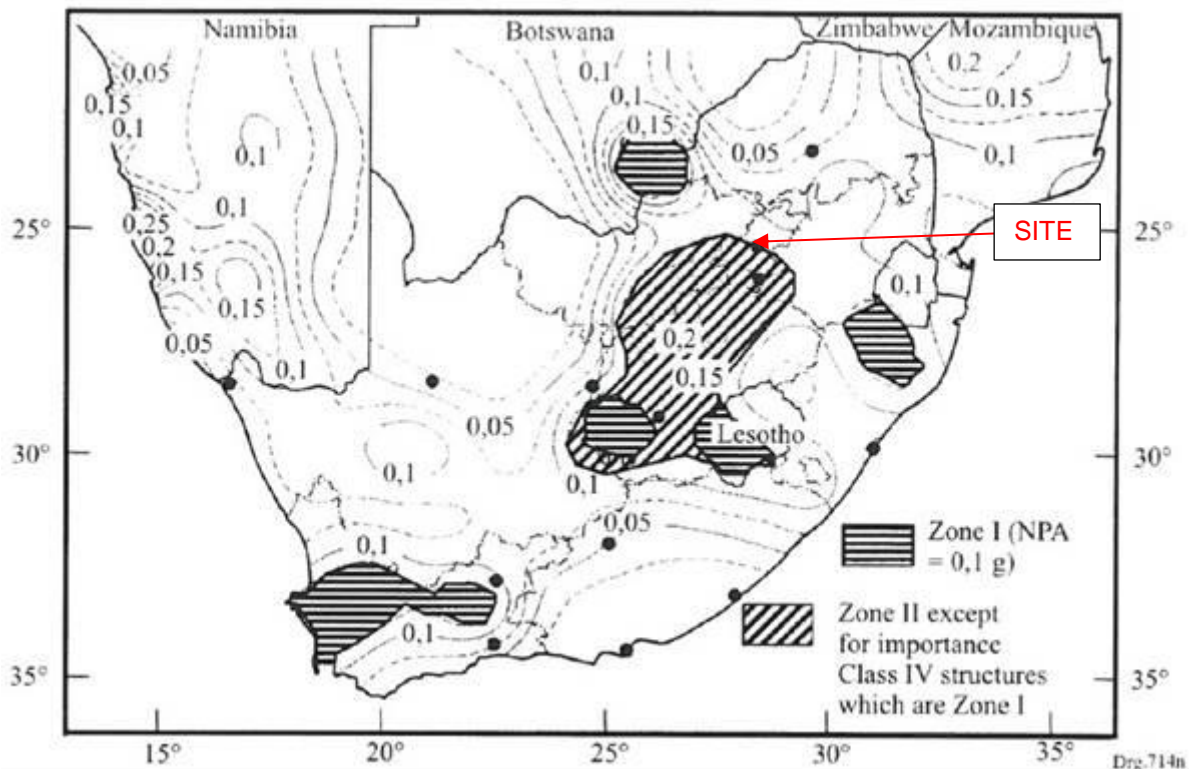


Figure 5: Seismic hazard map showing peak ground acceleration (g) with 10% probability of being exceeded in a 50 year period (after SANS 10160-4:2011).

7 Site investigation rationale and methodology

These investigations are considered high level investigations aimed at providing geotechnical information for the design of the remedial works. Shallow test pitting and sampling was therefore undertaken, and no deep investigations (drilling) or other investigations were included. The investigation methodology is expanded below.

The site investigation commenced with a review of all available information of the area such as geological maps. The desktop study was followed by a site walk-over survey, test pitting and sampling.

A health and safety file was compiled as part of compliance to the South African Occupational Health and Safety Act, OHS (Act 85 of 1993) to ensure a safe working environment for Aurecon staff on site and the sub-contractors. Part of the documents contained in the file is the safe working procedures document which covers the assessment of test pits by an appointed excavation competent person prior to entry into the test pit. An inspection checklist cited in this document was used to assess the safety of the test pit excavations.

A site walk-over and the test pitting were conducted on the 29th of May 2019. Civilab was appointed for the test pitting (both machine and hand-dug) as well as the laboratory testing. Test pits AFD TP1 and AFD TP2 were excavated to depths of 2.5m and 1.6m respectively using a New Holland B90B Tractor Loaded Backhoe (TLB). Test pit AFD TP2 was terminated due to seepage occurring at 1.2m. Test pits AFD TP3 and AFD TP5 were hand excavated to a maximum depth of 1.5m. The locations of the test pits are indicated on Drawing 504630-0000-DRG-G3-0001 in Appendix C. Four planned test pits (AFD TP4, AFD TP6, AFD TP7 and AFD TP8) were not excavated during the investigation as these are falling within a conservation area. The test pit positions were recorded on site using a hand-held GPS.

The test pits were profiled by engineering geologists in accordance with the guidelines proposed by Jennings, Brink and Williams (1973). A summary of the test pit data is given in Table 1 and detailed ground profile descriptions are attached in Appendix B of this report.

Representative samples were taken from the test pits and submitted to SANAS-accredited laboratory, Civilab (Pty) Ltd, for classification and geotechnical testing. Tests conducted included:

- Foundation indicator tests (comprising of grading and hydrometer analyses, Atterberg limits and Linear Shrinkage);
- Proctor compaction including Maximum Dry Density (MDD) and Optimum Moisture Content (OMC);
- Quick direct shear tests; and
- Falling head permeability tests.

Laboratory test results are summarised in Section 9 and detailed test results sheets attached to Appendix D.

Table 1: Summary of test pit positions

Test Pit No.	SA Lo 29 WGS84		Depth (m)	Remarks
	X	Y		
AFD TP1	2894431	102846	2.5	Target depth reached, test pit located at proposed spillway
AFD TP2	2894444	102848	1.6	Terminated due to seepage – excavation unsafe; test pit located at proposed spillway
AFD TP3	2894465	102845	1.5	Target depth reached, test pit located at the crest
AFD TP4	2894484	102878	-	Test pit not excavated

Test Pit No.	SA Lo 29 WGS84		Depth (m)	Remarks
	X	Y		
AFD TP5	2894527	102875	1.5	Target depth reached, test pit located at slope of embankment
AFD TP6	2894511	102862	-	Test pit not excavated
AFD TP7	2894579	102889	-	Test pit not excavated
AFD TP8	2894508	102817	-	Test pit not excavated

8 Investigation results

8.1 Site walk-over

During the site walk-over outcrop of Orange Grove Formation quartzite was noted approximately 100m northwest of the dam. The outcrop was not assessed further but was noted as a probable indication of the underlying geology. Quartzite gravel is scattered on the surface in the vicinity of AFD TP1 and AFD TP2. The previous dam wall breach was also noted (Figure 3). Erosion of the upstream slope is also noted as a result of wave action against the embankment. It is understood that protection of this upstream face of the embankment is proposed as part of the remedial works.

8.2 Soil profile

Embankment fill material and colluvium (occasionally ferruginised) were encountered in the test pits. The colluvium was encountered on the natural slopes to the north of the dam (at AFD TP1 and AFD TP2). The fill material is predominantly clayey containing quartzite gravel and scattered ferricrete nodules. The quartzite and ferricrete gravel are also encountered in the natural slopes. The details of the horizons in each test pit are summarised in the table below.

Table 2: Summary of the ground profiles present in the test pits

Test Pit No.	Embankment fill (m)	Colluvium (m)	Ferruginised colluvium (m)
AFD TP1		0.0 - 0.5	0.5 - 2.5+
AFD TP2		0.0 - 1.6+	
AFD TP3	0.0 - 1.5+		
AFD TP5	0.0 - 1.5+		

8.2.1 Embankment fill material

The embankment fill material comprises slightly moist to moist, soft and firm, sandy and / silty clay containing occasional to abundant fine and medium to coarse, angular, quartzite gravel and scattered ferricrete concretions. A 0.65m thick layer of slightly moist, medium dense, clayey sand was encountered at a depth of 0.95m below the sandy / silty clay at AFD TP3.

The different fill layers are of various thicknesses, ranging between 0.15 to 0.65m with a maximum thickness of 1.25m recorded at Test Pit AFD TP5, the slightly moist to moist, soft sandy clay with occasional medium to coarse angular and scattered ferricrete nodules.

8.2.2 Colluvium

Colluvium was encountered at Test Pit AFD TP1 from surface to 0.5m and at Test Pit AFD TP2 from surface to 1.6m. The coarser fraction comprises gravel described as fine to coarse, angular, closely packed, hard quartzite gravel in a matrix of slightly moist, silty clay with abundant rootlets. The overall consistency is medium dense. While fine colluvium comprises silty clay / clayey silt and sandy clay.

8.2.3 Ferruginised colluvium

The ferruginised colluvium was encountered at Test Pit AFD TP1 from 0.5 to 2.5m. comprising moist, soft, silty clay with significant medium to coarse, angular, quartzite gravel and ferricrete nodules. A pinholed structure was noted in this layer.

8.3 Groundwater / seepage

Seepage was encountered at AFD TP2, the test pit located at the proposed spillway position. The seepage occurred at a depth of 1.2m below surface. The test pit was actually moved from the proposed position due to wet conditions being noted. Thus, the general area is defined by such conditions which possibly results from overflow.

9 Laboratory test results

The laboratory test results are summarised and discussed below, and the detailed test results are attached in Appendix D.

9.1 Foundation indicator test results

Disturbed soil samples of representative horizons were taken for laboratory testing to confirm the compositions of the materials. The results are summarised in the table below.

Table 3: Summary of foundation indicator tests

TP No	Depth (m)	Material type	Particle Size %				Atterberg Limits %			GM	AASHTO/USCS classification; expansion potential
			Clay	Silt	Sand	Gravel	LL	PI	LS		
AFD TP1	1.50-2.50	Ferruginised colluvium	25	34	29	12	41	17	9.0	0.69	A-7-6 (9) / CL; Medium
AFD TP5	0.25-1.50	Fill material	19	17	26	38	51	20	7.5	1.56	A-7-5 (2) / SM; Low

AASHTO – American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

USCS – Unified Soil Classifications System

LL – Liquid Limit

PI – Plasticity Index

LS – Linear Shrinkage

GM – Grading Modulus

SM – Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures

CL– Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity

gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays

Based on the table above, the results show the following:

- The results show that the **ferruginised colluvial soils** contain 25% clay and 34% silt. The coarse fractions consist of 29% sand and 12% gravel. According to the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) the material classifies as CL. In accordance to the method proposed by Van der Merwe (1973) this material has a medium potential for expansion.
- The **embankment fill material** is classified as SM according to the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). The material consists of 19% clay and 17% silt. The gravel component constitutes 38% of the coarse fraction while sand makes up 26%. In accordance to the method proposed by Van der Merwe (1973) this material has a low potential for expansion. The USCS grouping of soils is useful in providing estimations of friction angles of the materials as well as other parameters, i.e. unit weight. These parameters are presented below for the materials encountered on site.

Table 4: Parameters related to USCS groups

Test Pit No.	Material origin	USCS group	Classification	Unit weight (kN/m ³)	Friction angle (°)	Cohesion (kPa)
AFD TP1	Ferruginised colluvium	CL	Clayey sand, many fines	20 (± 1.5)	27 (± 4)	20 (± 10)
AFD TP5	Embankment fill material	SM	Silty sand; many fines	20 (± 2.0)	34 (± 3)	0

Note: The soil classes and estimated properties have been adapted from Krahenbuhl and Wagner (1983).

9.2 Compaction test results

Compaction tests were also conducted on selected samples to determine the compaction properties of the materials and the results are summarised in the table below.

Table 5: Summary of compaction test results

TP No.	Material type	Depth (m)	Standard Proctor	
			MDD (kgm ³)	OMC %
AFD TP05	Embankment fill material	0.25-1.50	1572	22.9

MDD – Maximum Dry Density
OMC – Optimum Moisture Content

According to the table above, embankment fill material has a Maximum Dry Density (MDD) of 1572 kg/m³ with an Optimum Moisture Content (OMC) of 22.9%. These values reflect typically near-minimum MDD values for a homogeneous embankment, while the corresponding OMC is naturally near the maximum desirable. Note it is assumed that the existing structure is a homogeneous embankment. This is not confirmed.

9.3 Shearbox test results

Quick undrained shear testing was conducted on a disturbed sample of embankment fill material to determine the strength parameters of these materials. The test was conducted on a sample remoulded to 90% standard Proctor compaction. The results are summarised as follows:

Table 6: Summary of shearbox test results

TP No.	Material type	Depth (m)	Shear strength parameters	
			Cu (kPa)	N _u (deg)
AFD TP05	Fill material	0.25-1.50	60.5	45.3

Cu = Cohesion intercept

N_u = Angle of shearing resistance

Based on the table above, the results show that the embankment fill material exhibit high shear strengths. It must be noted that the material contains a high gravel content.

9.4 Falling head permeability test results

Falling permeability testing was conducted on a disturbed soil sample of embankment fill material remoulded to 90% standard Proctor compaction. The sample was saturated and tested under a load of 100kPa. Densities are reported under this load.

Table 7: Summary of falling head permeability test results

TP No.	Material type	Depth (m)	Dry density (kg/m ³)	Coefficient of Permeability (m/s)		
				Minimum	Maximum	Average
AFD TP05	Fill material	0.25 - 1.50	1326	1.0E-08	1.6E-08	1.2E-08

An average coefficient of permeability value of 1.2 E-08m/s was recorded which would be suitable for a homogeneous embankment.

10 Geotechnical considerations

10.1 Foundation permeability

The embankment fill material recorded an average coefficient of permeability value of 1.2 E-08 indicative of practically impervious material. No seepage occurred at test pits located on fill material. Seepage was noted on the test pit located at the proposed spillway (AFD TP2).

10.2 Erodibility of downstream areas

The area downstream of the dam was not accessed during the investigation because it is regarded as a conservation area, and possible evidence of erosion could not be observed. The area downstream is however well vegetated. Any embankment that is overtopped for a sufficient duration, by a significant flow, must be considered erodible.

10.3 Construction materials

The laboratory test results indicate the materials encountered on site have a well distributed mix of fines and coarse fractions. Further test results, i.e. shearbox and permeability show that the embankment fill material has high shear strength properties and practically impervious. These materials of the existing embankment would therefore be suitable for re-use within the rehabilitated homogeneous embankment.

Investigation for rip-rap material did not form part of the scope of these investigations. Environmental constraints will surely not entertain sourcing rip-rap from the local outcrop, and commercial sources would be the only logical option.

10.4 Stability of slopes

The natural slope to the north of the dam is characterised by a moderate gradient with scattered gravel on surface in some places. It is well grassed, though the grass was cut at the time of the investigation. No evidence of instability was observed, and none is expected.

10.5 Excavatability

The excavation conditions across the site can be described as “Soft Excavation” according to SABS 1200 DA-1998 specification; at least in terms of the depths attained by the shallow test pits. With outcrop in the vicinity it might be expected that deeper excavations might encounter rock that would require blasting.

10.6 Stability of excavations

Sidewall collapse was encountered in one of the test pits, AFD TP2, during the investigation, and this was linked to seepage.

It must be noted that this assessment is based on shallow excavation which was backfilled immediately. As part of safe practice during construction, assessment of the stability of excavations would be required by an appointed competent geotechnical person.

11 Closing remarks

It must be noted that these investigations have been quite limited as a result of the access restrictions. As a consequence, the information gathered, and the information gathered is also sparse.

Although obvious, it is worth stating that during the re-construction programme, a comprehensive laboratory testing schedule is implemented to confirm the materials used comply with specifications.

It is worth emphasizing that with the shallow water table in places, particularly if the dam level is not lowered, that the stability of excavations might be compromised. Great caution must be exercised in this regard, and slope stability must be assessed regularly by a geotechnical-competent person.

12 Limitations of report

1. Aurecon Ground Engineering has prepared this report for the use of our Client, Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) and our Aurecon dam design colleagues. The report has not been prepared for use by parties other than the Client, and the Client's respective consulting advisors.
2. This report has been written with the express intent of providing enough information for the design of the remedial works. The investigation has been conducted in accordance with generally accepted engineering practice, and the opinions and conclusions expressed in the report are made in good faith based on the information available to Aurecon Ground Engineering at the time of preparing this report.
3. There are always some variations in subsurface conditions across a site due to geological conditions that cannot be defined fully even by exhaustive investigation. Hence, it is possible that the measurements and values obtained from sampling and testing during the investigation may not represent the extremes of conditions which exist within the site. The precision with which subsurface conditions are identified depends on the method of excavation, the frequency and recovery of samples, the method of sampling, and the uniformity of the subsurface conditions. Subsurface conditions at other than the test pit positions may vary from the conditions encountered in the test pit locations.
4. Further, subsurface conditions, including groundwater levels can change over time. The groundwater conditions described in this report refer only to those observed at the place and time of observation noted in the report. These conditions may vary seasonally or as a consequence of construction activities in the area. This should be borne in mind, particularly if the report is used after a protracted delay or a period of protracted climatic conditions.
5. Should conditions exposed at the site during subsequent investigation or construction works vary significantly from those provided in this report, we request that Aurecon Ground Engineering be informed and have the opportunity to review any of the findings or conclusions of this report. It is highly recommended that during construction the site conditions be inspected by a representative of Aurecon Ground Engineering to confirm the geotechnical interpretations in this report.
6. Unless otherwise stated, this report does not address potential environmental hazards, or groundwater contamination that may be present. In addition to soil variability, fill material of variable physical and chemical composition can be present over portions of the site or on adjacent properties
7. The test pit logs represent the subsurface conditions at the specific test location only. Boundaries between zones on the logs are not often distinct, but rather are transitional and have been interpreted. The soil descriptions in this report are based on commonly accepted methods of classification and identification employed in geotechnical practice, as stated in this report. Classification and identification of soil involves judgement, and Aurecon Ground Engineering infers accuracy in the classification and identification methods to the extent that is common in current geotechnical practice, and within the limitations of the ground investigation that was performed.
8. It is recommended that further geotechnical input from Aurecon Ground Engineering should be sought as the project moves into the next phase to confirm that the geotechnical assumptions made in this report are compatible with the structural performance requirements and are being applied appropriately.

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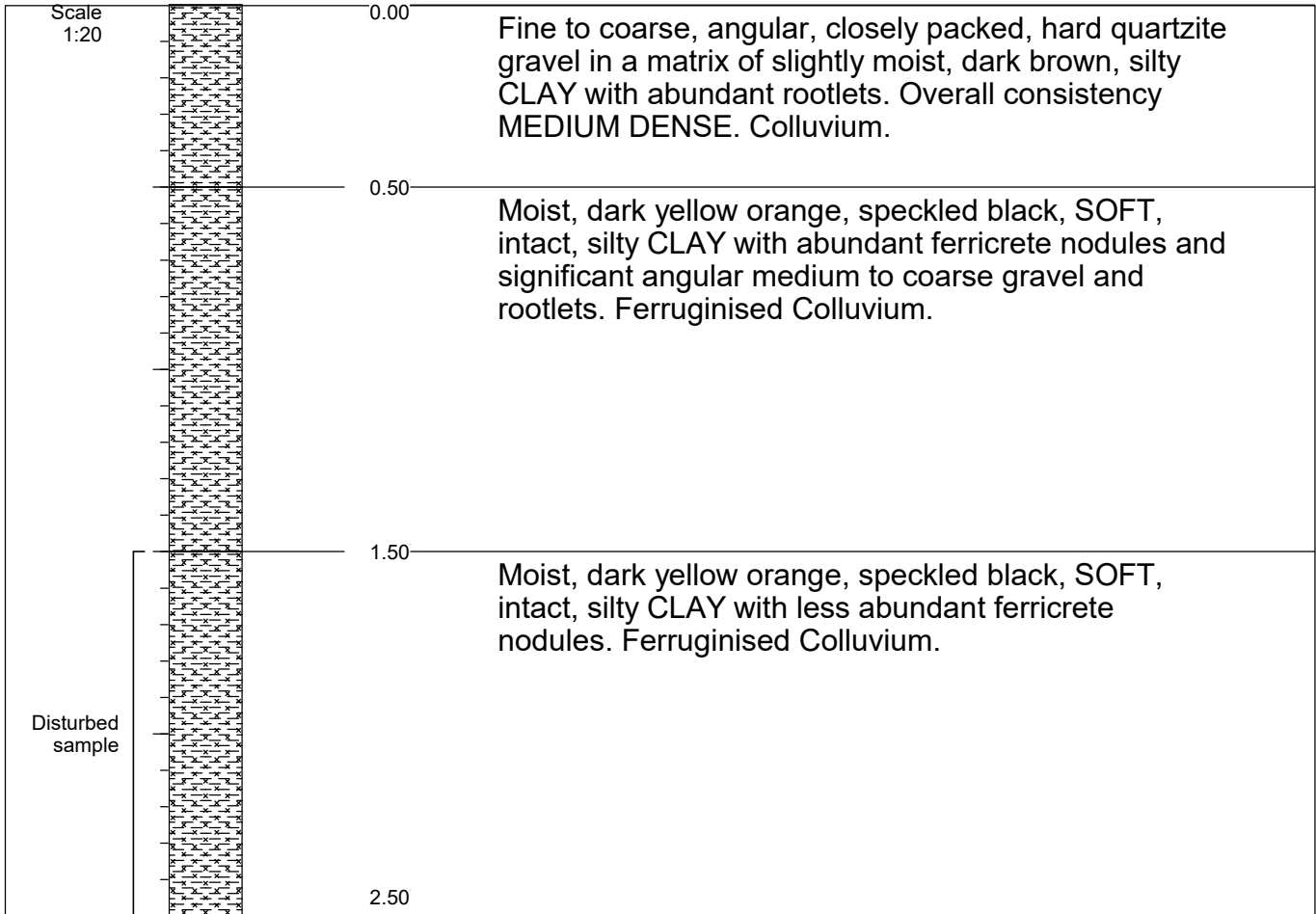
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Appendix A:
Soil and rock profile description terminology

SUMMARY OF DESCRIPTIONS USED IN ROCK CORE LOGGING

1. WEATHERING				
Term	Symbol	Diagnostic Features		
Residual Soil	W5	Rock is discoloured and completely changed to a soil in which original rock fabric is completely destroyed. There is a large change in volume.		
Completely Weathered	W5	Rock is discoloured and changed to a soil but original fabric is mainly preserved. There may be occasional small corestones.		
Highly Weathered	W4	Rock is discoloured, discontinuities may be open and have discoloured surfaces, and the original fabric of the rock near the discontinuities may be altered; alteration penetrates deeply inwards, but corestones are still present.		
Moderately Weathered	W3	Rock is discoloured, discontinuities may be open and will have discoloured surfaces with alteration starting to penetrate inwards, intact rock is noticeably weaker than the fresh rock.		
Slightly Weathered	W2	Rock may be slightly discoloured, particularly adjacent to discontinuities, which may be open and will have slightly discoloured surfaces, the intact rock is not noticeably weaker than the fresh rock.		
Unweathered	W1	Parent rock showing no discolouration, loss of strength or any other weathering effects.		
2. HARDNESS			3. COLOUR	
Classification	Field Test	Compressive Strength Range MPa	The predominant colours or colour combination are described including secondary colouration described as banded, streaked, blotched, mottled, speckled or stained.	
Very Soft Rock	Can be peeled with a knife. Material crumbles under firm blows with the sharp end of a geological pick.	1 to 3		
Soft Rock	Can be scraped with a knife, indentation of 2 to 4 mm with firm blows of the pick point.	3 to 10		
Medium Hard Rock	Cannot be scraped or peeled with a knife. Hand held specimen breaks with firm blows of the pick.	10 to 25		
Hard Rock	Point load tests must be carried out in order to distinguish between these classifications	25 - 70		
Very Hard Rock	These results may be verified by uniaxial compressive strength tests on selected samples.	70 - 200		
Extremely Hard Rock		>200		
4. FABRIC				
4.1 Grain Size		4.2 Discontinuity Spacing		
Term	Size (mm)	Description for: Bedding, foliation, laminations	Spacing (mm)	Descriptions for joints, faults, etc.
Very Coarse	>2,0	Very Thickly Bedded	> 2000	Very Widely
Coarse	0,6 – 2,0	Thickly Bedded	600 – 2000	Widely
Medium	0,2 – 0,6	Medium Bedded	200 – 600	Medium
Fine	0,06 – 0,2	Thinly Bedded	20 – 200	Closely
Very Fine	< 0,06	Laminated	6 – 20	Very closely
		Thinly Laminated	<6	
5. ROCK NAME			6. STRATIGRAPHIC HORIZON	
Classified in terms of origin:				
IGNEOUS	Granite, Diorite, Gabbro, Syenite, Diabase, Dolerite, Trachyte, Andesite, Basalt.		Identification of rock type in terms of stratigraphic horizons.	
METAMORPHIC	Slate, Quartzite, Gneiss, Schist,			
SEDIMENTARY	Shale, Mudstone, Siltstone, Sandstone, Dolomite, Conglomerate, Tillite, Quartzite, Limestone.			

Appendix B: Test pit profiles



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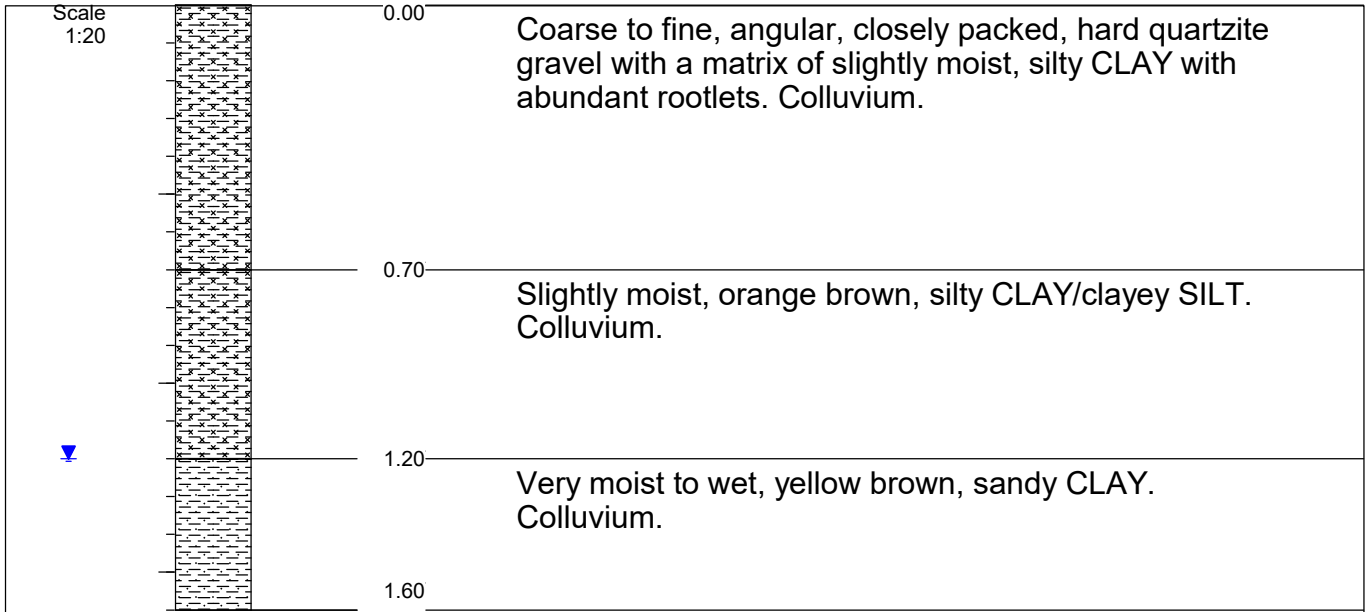
Final depth at 2.5m on ferruginised colluvium
 Dislodgement of coarse gravel into test pit
 No groundwater or seepage encountered
 FI sample taken at 1.5-2.5m
 Coarse gravel in vicinity of hole

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CONTRACTOR:
 MACHINE: New Holland B90B TLB
 PROFILED BY: A. Nxumalo & P. van Helsdingen
 TYPE SET BY:
 ALBERTS FARM DAM.GPJ

INCLINATION:
 DIAM:
 DATE DRILLED: 5/29/2019
 DATE PROFILED: 5/29/2019

ELEVATION:
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 Y COORD: 102846



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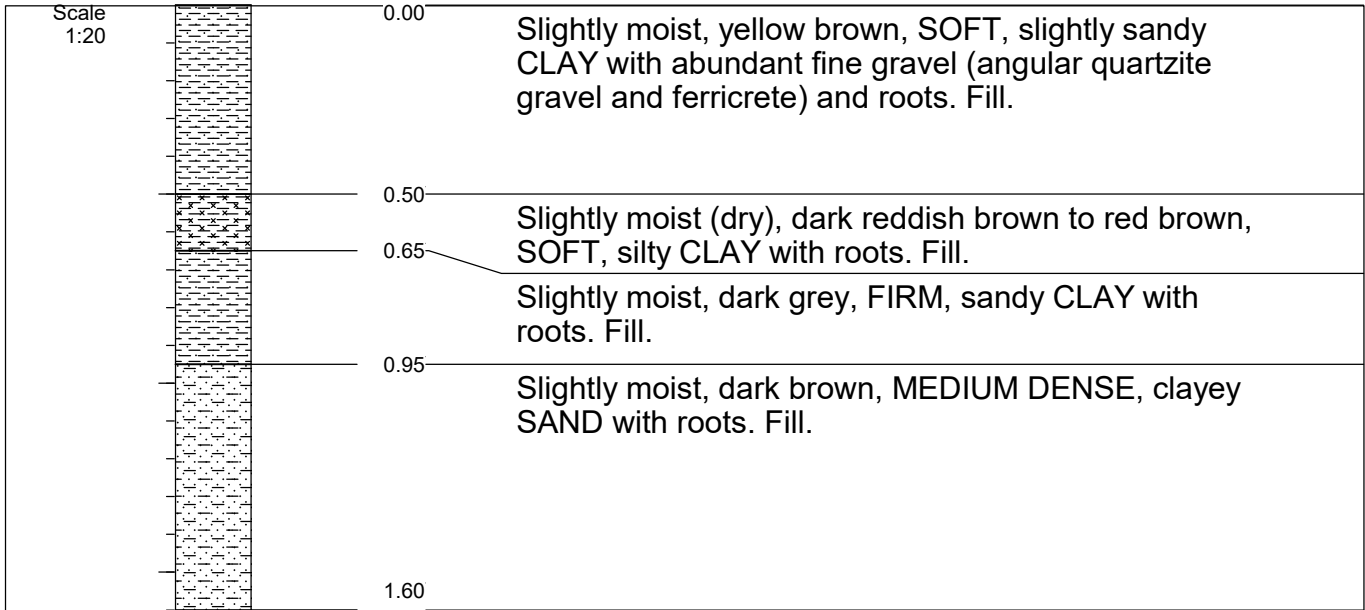
Test pit terminated at 1.6m on colluvium
 Seepage encountered at 1.2m
 Sidewalls unstable (collapsing)
 Test pit not entered due to unsafe conditions -
 material profiled from stockpile
 Test pit moved 8m from the original position

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CONTRACTOR:
 MACHINE: New Holland B90B TLB
 PROFILED BY: A. Nxumalo & P. van Helsdingen
 TYPE SET BY:
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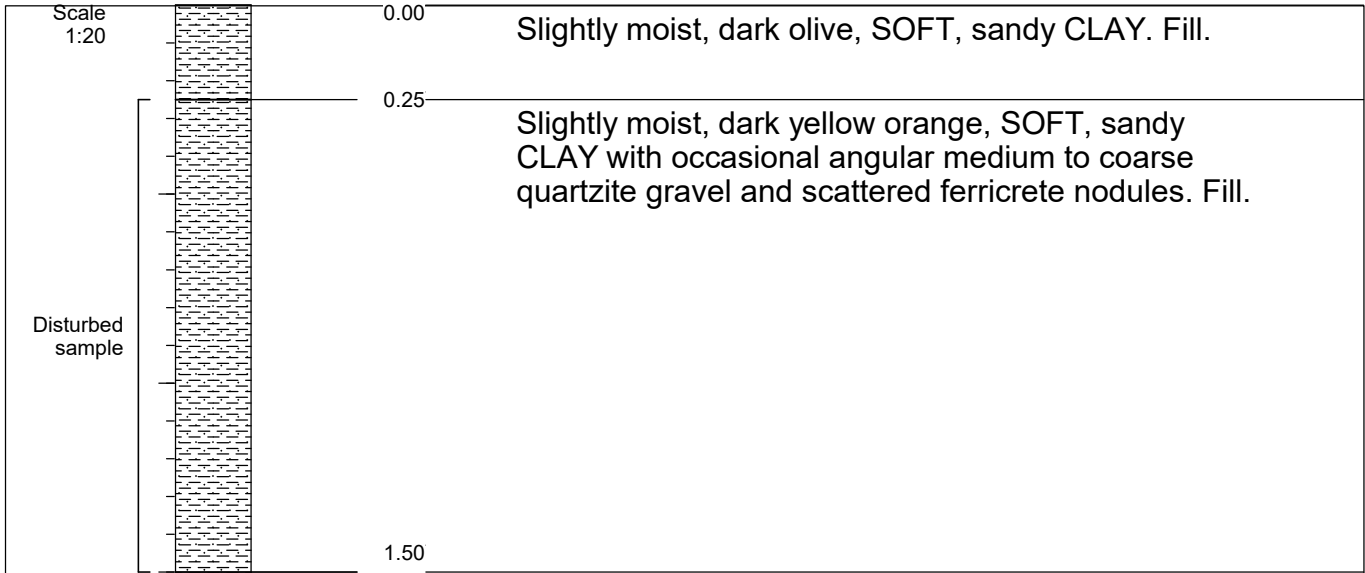
Final depth at 1.6m on fill
 Sidewall stable
 No groundwater or seepage encountered

Report ID: _ZA TRAIL PIT LOG || Project: ALBERTS FARM DAM.GPJ || Library: GINT STD AGS 4_0_0_SA_GLB || Date: July 25, 2019

CONTRACTOR:
 MACHINE: Hand dug
 PROFILED BY: A. Nxumalo & P. van Helsdingen
 TYPE SET BY:
 ALBERTS FARM DAM.GPJ

INCLINATION:
 DIAM:
 DATE DRILLED: 5/29/2019
 DATE PROFILED: 5/29/2019

ELEVATION:
 X COORD: 2894465
 Y COORD: 102845



NOTES:

Final depth at 1.5m on fill
 Sidewall stable
 No groundwater or seepage encountered
 FI, proctor, shearbox and permeability sample taken at 0.25-1.5m
 Test pit on embankment slope

Report ID: _ZA TRAIL PIT LOG || Project: ALBERTS FARM DAM.GPJ || Library: GINT STD AGS 4_0_0_SA_GLB || Date: July 25, 2019

CONTRACTOR:	INCLINATION:	ELEVATION:
MACHINE: Hand dug	DIAM:	X COORD: 2894527
PROFILED BY: A. Nxumalo & P. van Helsdingen	DATE DRILLED: 5/29/2019	Y COORD: 102875
TYPE SET BY:	DATE PROFILED: 5/29/2019	
ALBERTS FARM DAM.GPJ		

**Appendix C: Drawing (504630-0000-DRG-G3-0001 - Plan of
Albert's Farm Dam with test pit positions)**

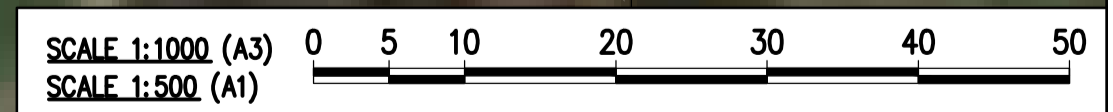
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TEST PIT ID	Y	X
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AFDTP4	102847.968	2894483.687
AFDTP5	102875.417	2894526.652
AFDTP6	102861.648	2894511.497
AFDTP7	102888.910	2894579.417
AFDTP8	102817.274	2894508.044



LEGEND:

- TEST PITS WITHOUT SEEPAGE
- TEST PITS WITH SEEPAGE
- TEST PITS WITHIN CONSERVATION AREA
- QUARTZITE OUTCROP

LAYOUT
SCALE 1:500



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PROJECT	TITLE	DRAWING No.	PROJECT No.	WBS	TYPE	DISC	NUMBER	REV
REHABILITATION OF ALBERT'S FARM DAM BRAAMFONTEIN WEST WATER MANAGEMENT UNIT	GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION LAYOUT OF TEST PITS		504630	0000	DRG	G3	0001	A

Appendix D: Laboratory test results

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Project No. : 2019-H-397
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Sieve Analysis 0.075mm	1.000	SANS 3001 GR1	G Meyer	2
Hydrometer Analysis	1.000	SANS 3001 GR3	G Meyer	2

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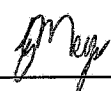
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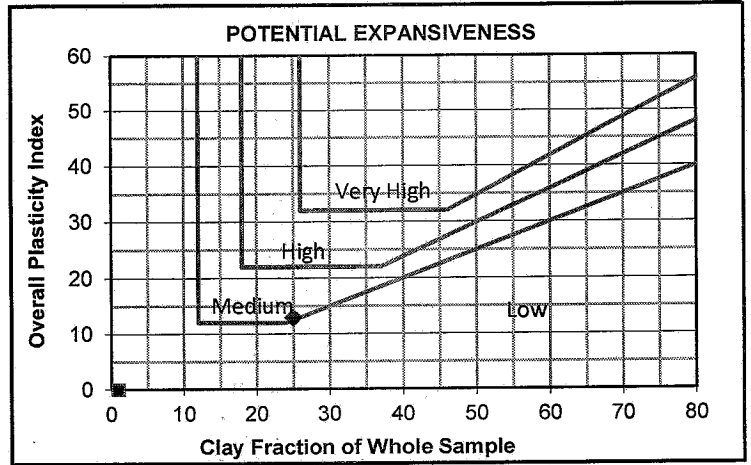
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FOUNDATION INDICATOR

Laboratory Number	1	
Field Number	AFD TP1	
Client Reference		
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Position		
Coordinates	X	
	Y	
Description	Alberts Farm	
Additional Information		
Calcrete / Crushed		
Stabilizing Agent		

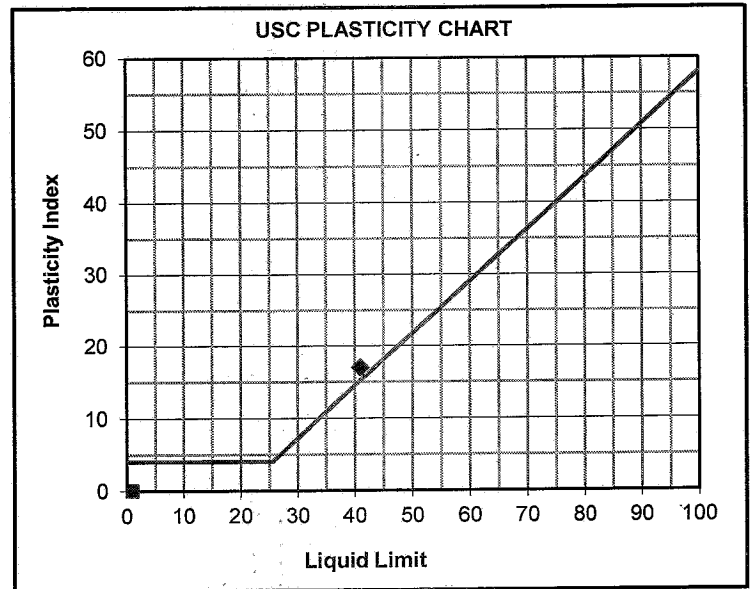


Moisture Content & Relative Density

Moisture Content (%)	
Relative Density (S.G.)	

Sieve Analysis (Wet Prep) SANS 3001 GR1

Percentage Passing	100 mm	100
	75 mm	100
	63 mm	100
	50 mm	100
	37.5 mm	100
	28 mm	100
	20 mm	100
	14 mm	100
	5 mm	96
	2 mm	88
	1 mm	84
	0.425 mm	79
	0.250 mm	72
	0.150 mm	69
0.075 mm	64	
Grading Modulus	0.69	



Hydrometer Analysis SANS 3001 GR3

Percentage Passing	0.060 mm	59
	0.040 mm	52
	0.020 mm	45
	0.006 mm	34
	0.002 mm	25
Gravel	%	12
Sand	%	29
Silt	%	34
Clay	%	25

Laboratory Number 1

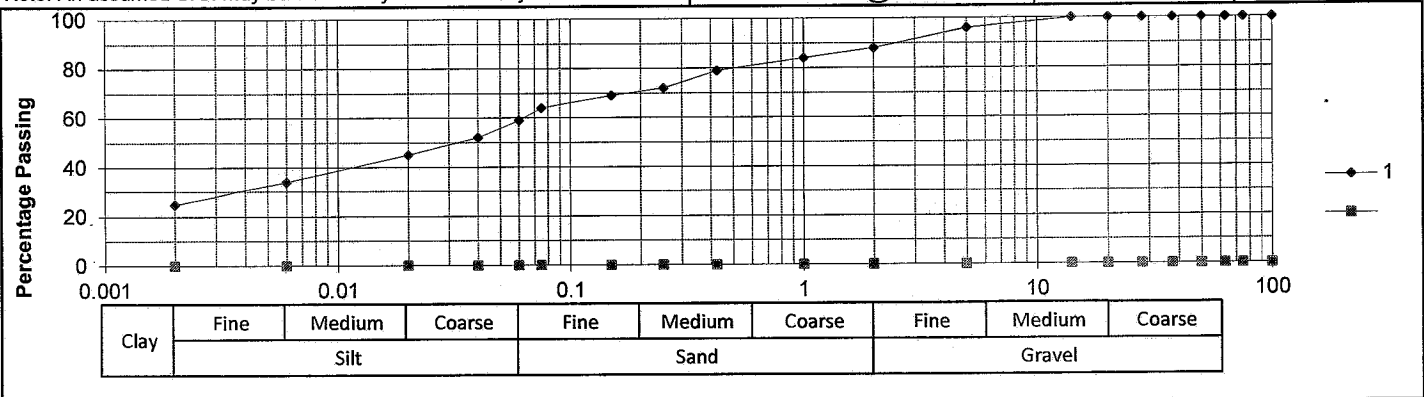
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Liquid Limit	%	41
Plasticity Index	%	17
Linear Shrinkage	%	9.0
Overall PI	%	13

Classifications

HRB (AASHTO)	A-7-6(9)
Unified (ASTM D2487)	CL
Weston Swell @ 1 kPa	

Note: An assumed S.G. may be used in Hydrometer Analysis calculations



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Project No	: 2019-H-397		

SAMPLING PLAN and METHODS

Lab. No.	Field No.	Sample Type/ Delivery	Client Ref. No.	Position	Description	Additional Information	Sampling			Remarks, Deviations etc.	Image
	Depth (m)						Method	Date	Time		
1	AFD TP1				Alberts Farm			?			
	1.5 - 2.5										

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Date Tested : 06/06/2019 - Current
Date Reported : 05/07/2019

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Relative density of soil (SG)	1.000	SANS 3001 AG23	B Mvubu	2-2
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Sieve Analysis 0.075mm	1.000	SANS 3001 GR1	S Pullen/B Mvubu	2-2
Hydrometer Analysis	1.000	SANS 3001 GR3	S Pullen/B Mvubu	2-2
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Direct Shearbox	1.000	BS 1377 Part 5	J Marques	1 File; 1Page

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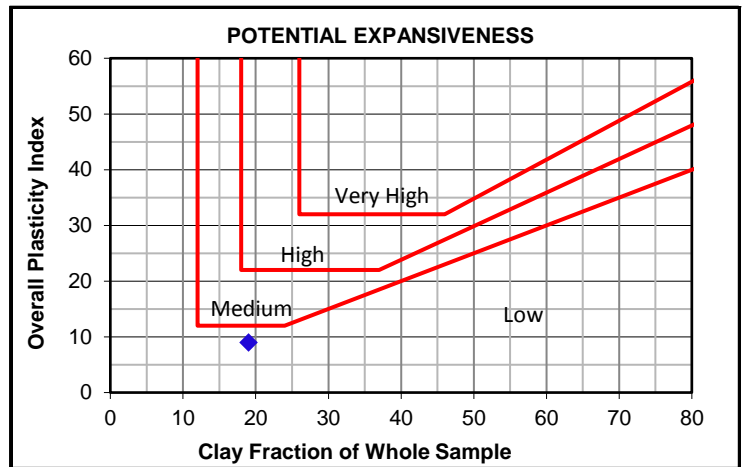
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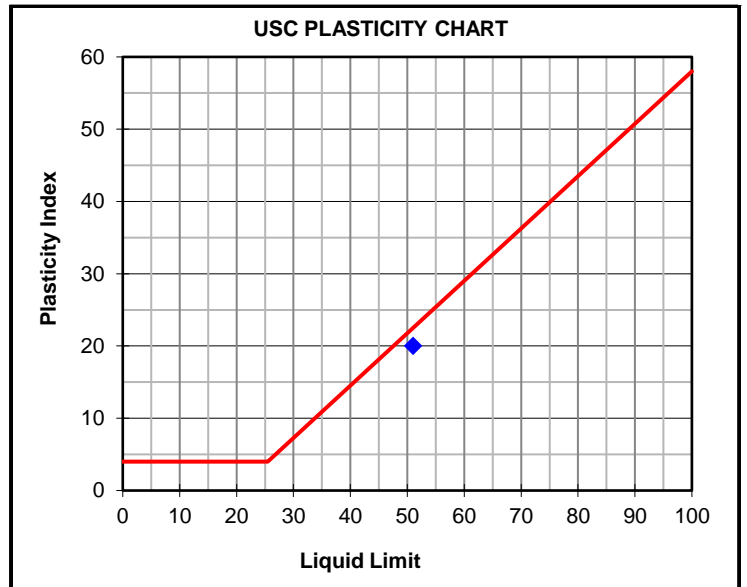
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FOUNDATION INDICATOR

Laboratory Number	1	◆	■
Field Number	TP5		
Client Reference	AFD		
Depth (m)	0.25-1.50		
Position			
Coordinates	X Y		
Description			
Additional Information	Alberts Farm		
Calcrete / Crushed Stabilizing Agent			



Moisture Content & Relative Density	
Moisture Content (%)	
Relative Density (S.G.)	2.932



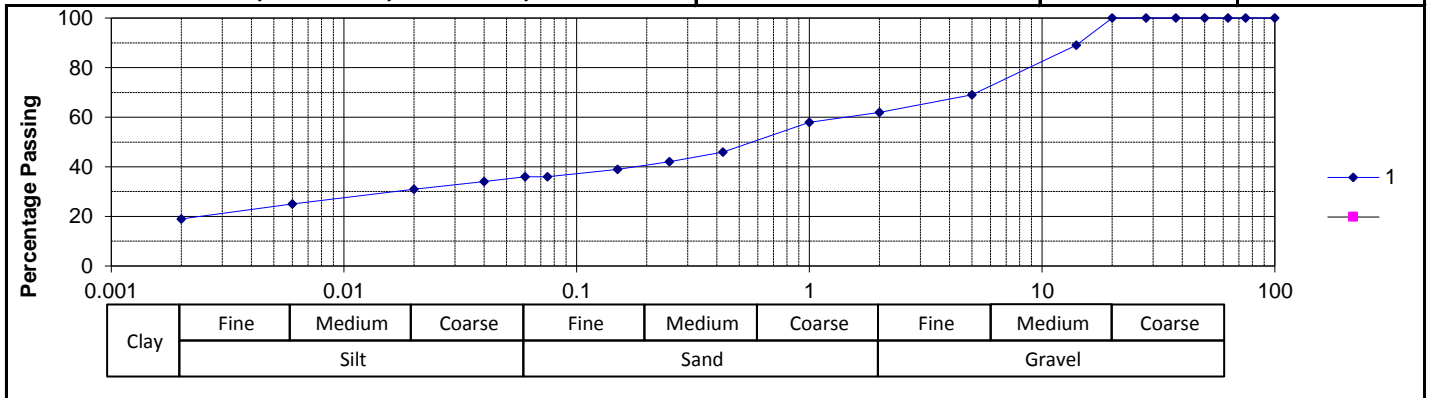
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	20 mm	100	
	14 mm	89	
	5 mm	69	
	2 mm	62	
	1 mm	58	
	0.425 mm	46	
	0.250 mm	42	
0.150 mm	39		
0.075 mm	36		
Grading Modulus	1.56		

Laboratory Number	1	◆	2	■
Atterberg Limits -425µ		SANS 3001 GR10		
Liquid Limit	%	51		
Plasticity Index	%	20		
Linear Shrinkage	%	7.5		
Overall PI	%	9		

Hydrometer Analysis		SANS 3001 GR3	
Percentage Passing	0.060 mm	36	
	0.040 mm	34	
	0.020 mm	31	
	0.006 mm	25	
	0.002 mm	19	
Gravel	%	38	
Sand	%	26	
Silt	%	17	
Clay	%	19	

Classifications	
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Weston Swell @ 1 kPa	

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MOISTURE DENSITY RELATIONSHIP

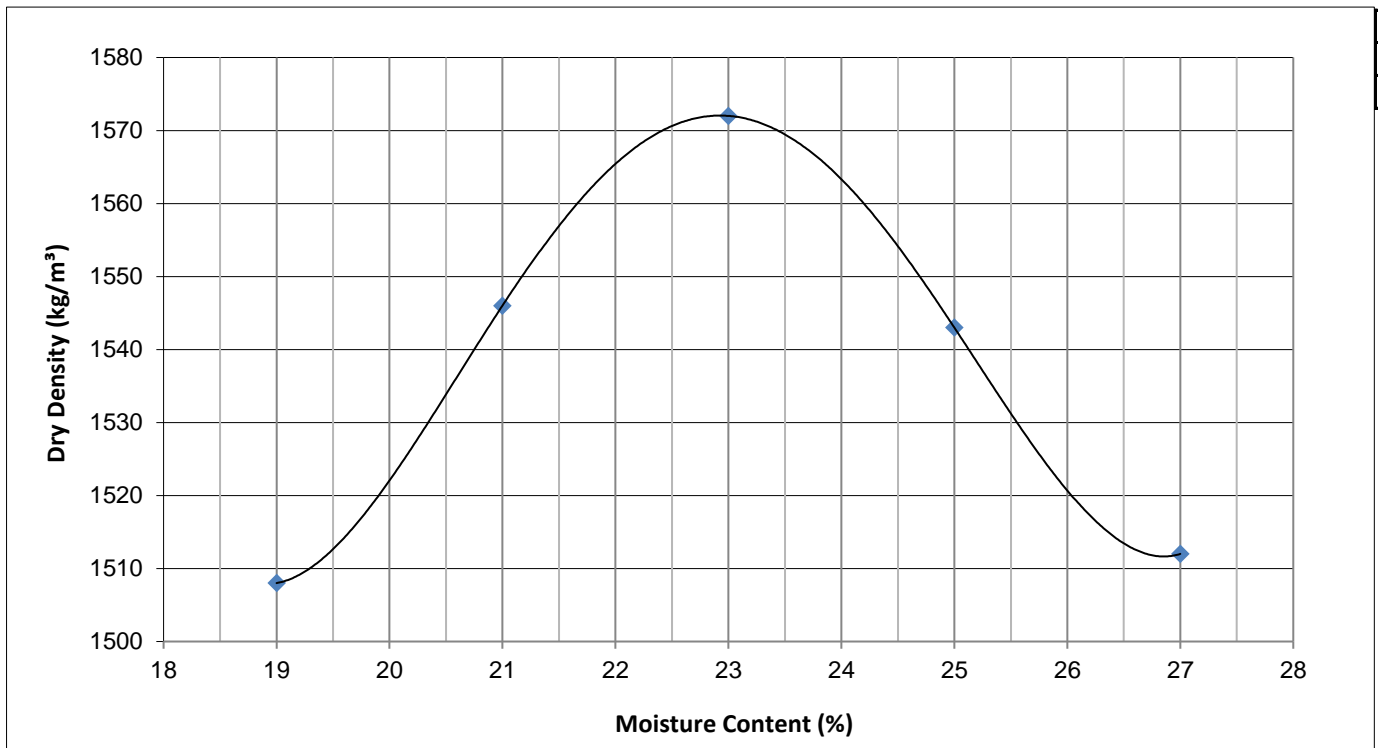
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Depth (m)	0.25-1.50	
Position		
Coordinates	X	
	Y	
Description		
Additional Information	Alberts Farm	
Calcrete / Crushed		
Stabilizing Agent		

Maximum Dry Density & Optimum Moisture Content - ASTM D698

Compactive Effort:	Standard Proctor
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Dry Density	kg/m ³	1508	1546	1572	1543	1512	
Moisture Content	%	19	21	23	25	27	

Max. Dry Density	kg/m ³	1572
Optimum Moisture	%	22.9

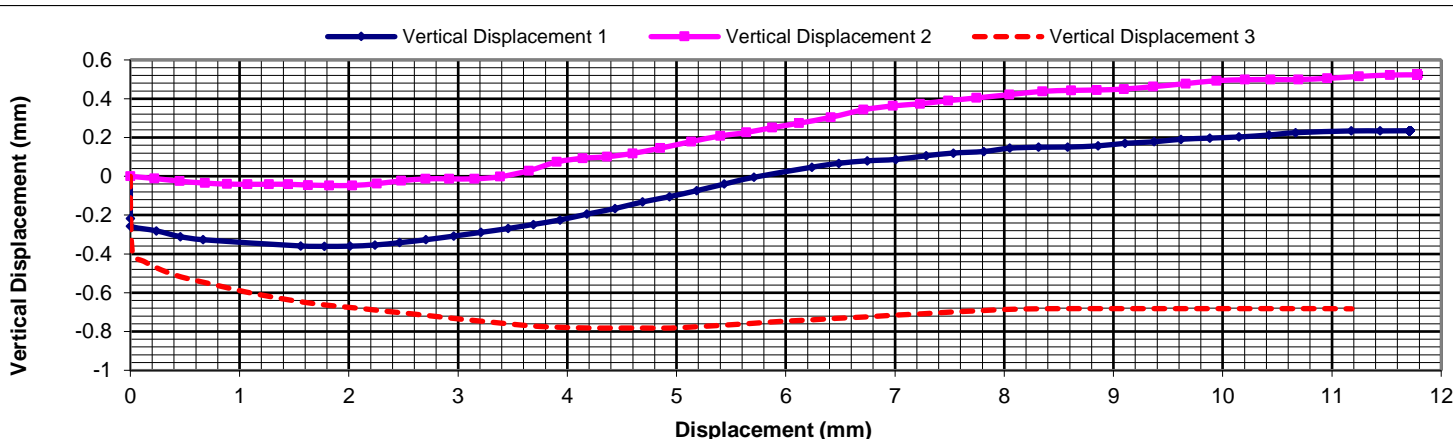
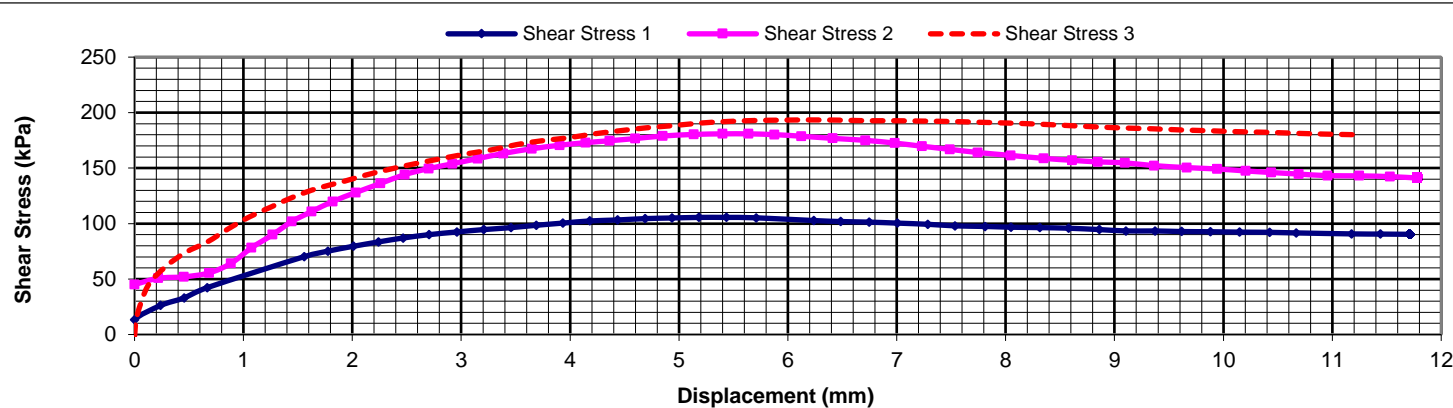
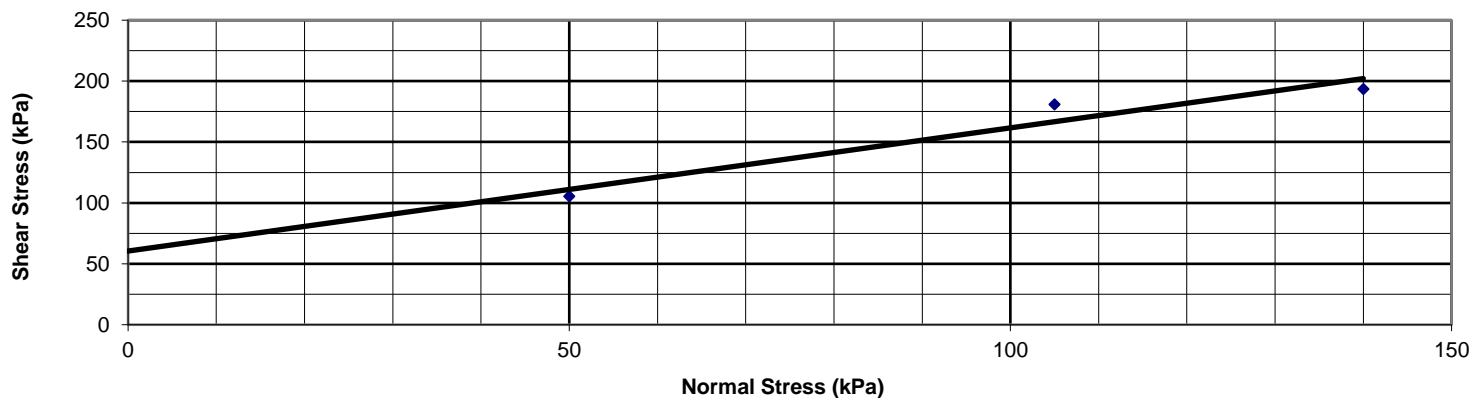


Direct Shear Test Results

Project: REHABILITATION OF BRAAMFONTEIN WEST WATER MANAGEMENT UNIT		Date Tested: 25/6/2019
Batch No.: 2019-B-840		Laboratory Number: 1
Field Sample Number: TP 5 (Alberts Farm)		Depth (m): 0.25 - 1.50

Remark: **A quick undrained test on a sample remoulded to approximately 90% Proctor.**

		Height mm	Area mm ²	Moisture Content %	Dry Unit Weight	Void Ratio e	Saturation %	Normal Stress kPa	Peak Shear	
									Stress kPa	Displacement mm
Test 1	Initial	18.20	2851.04	22.4	1.39	1.102	59.6	50.0	105.5	5.44
	Final			22.2						
Test 2	Initial	18.20	2851.04	22.8	1.39	1.109	60.4	105.0	180.8	5.64
	Final			21.2						
Test 3	Initial	18.20	2851.04	23.1	1.39	1.114	60.9	140.0	193.4	6.21
	Final			21.0						
	Box Type	Rate of shear (mm/min)			Specific Gravity			Internal Friction (deg)	Cohesion (kPa)	
	ROUND	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	2.932					
			1.1732	1.2291	1.1373			45.3	60.5	



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