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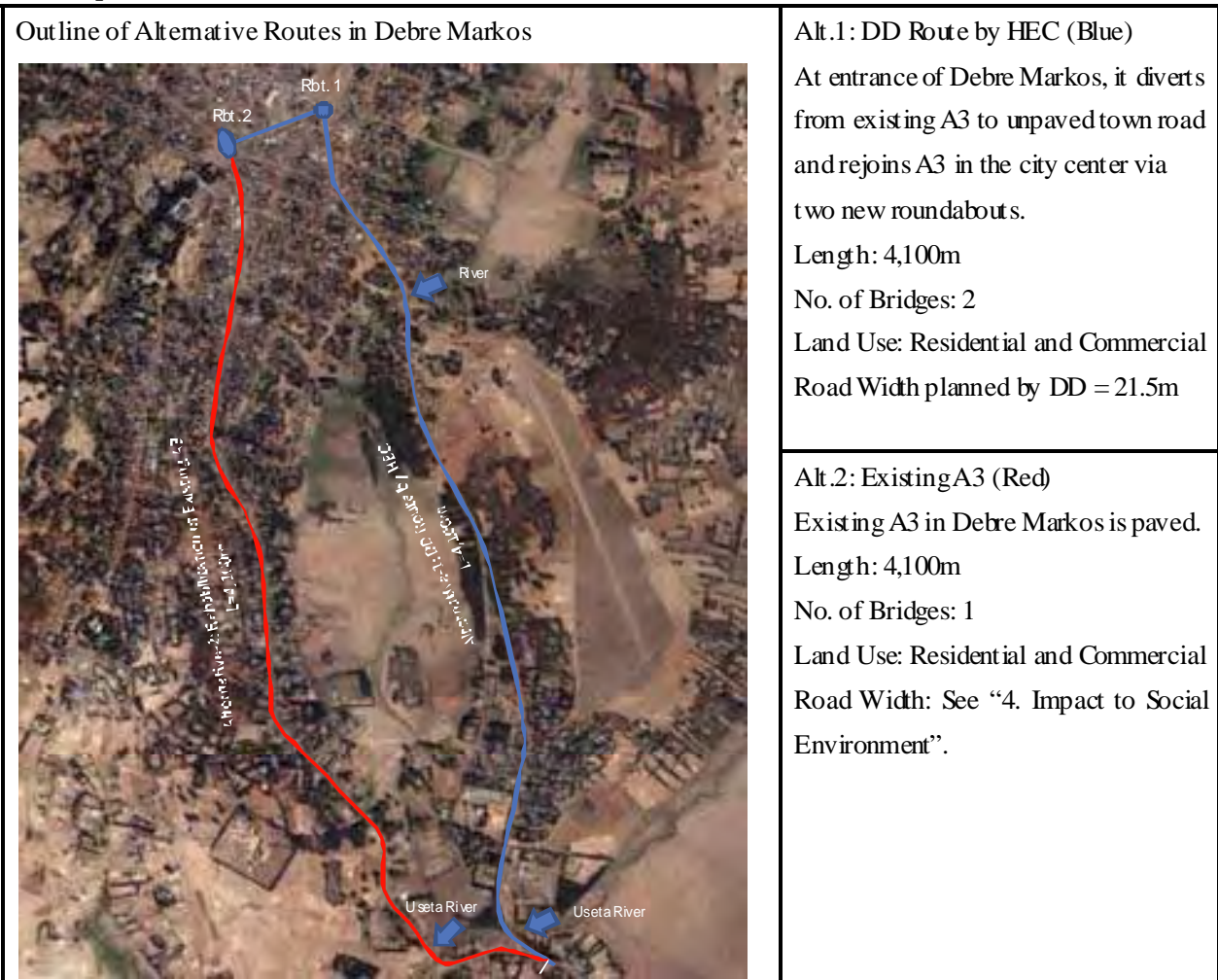
### **6.1 Technical Notes of Meeting with ERA**

## Study for Route Selection in Debre Markos under the Project for Rehabilitation of Trunk Road, Phase IV

### 1. Background

Detailed design for the study section (L=65km) between Dejen and Debre Markos had already been finished by HEC under ERA. According to the final detailed design report, the number of affected houses along the study section goes up to 159. This number is categorized in category A of the Environment Guideline of World Bank and JICA. In case of category A, it is necessary to consult and get approval of the JICA Advisory Committee on the Social and Environmental Issues. Consequently, this procedure may affect the implementation schedule for the Project causing delay and it is convenient to minimize the number of affected houses by selecting the best suitable route in Debre Markos to realize the planned implementation.

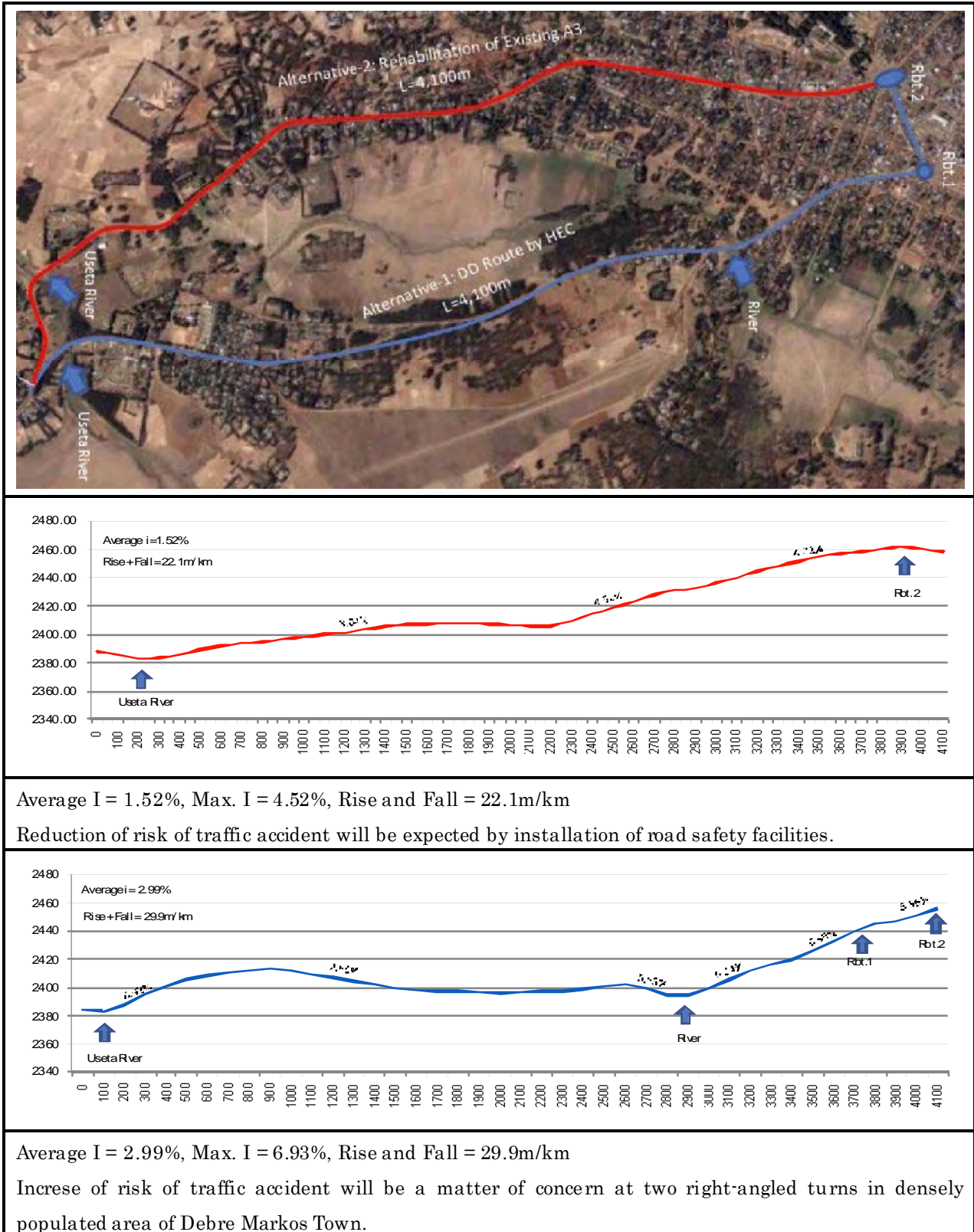
### 2. Comparison of two Routes



**Fig.-1 Outline of Each Alternative**

### 3. Evaluation from engineering point of view

#### (1) Vertical and Horizontal Alignment



**Fig.-2 Comparison of Characteristics of Each Alternative**

(2) Disadvantages of Horizontal and Vertical Alignment.

As mentioned earlier, the DD route by HEC passes two new roundabouts located within a congested town area before connecting to the existing A3. However, the elevation difference of A3 and DD route at connecting point at Rbt.2 is approximately 3m. This will result in a steep grade of more than 10% at Rbt.2 and more than 7% at Rbt.1. Consequently, these poor geometric features will constrain heavy trucks that commonly use this route. In addition, unexpected affected houses will likely be increased with the construction of roundabouts.

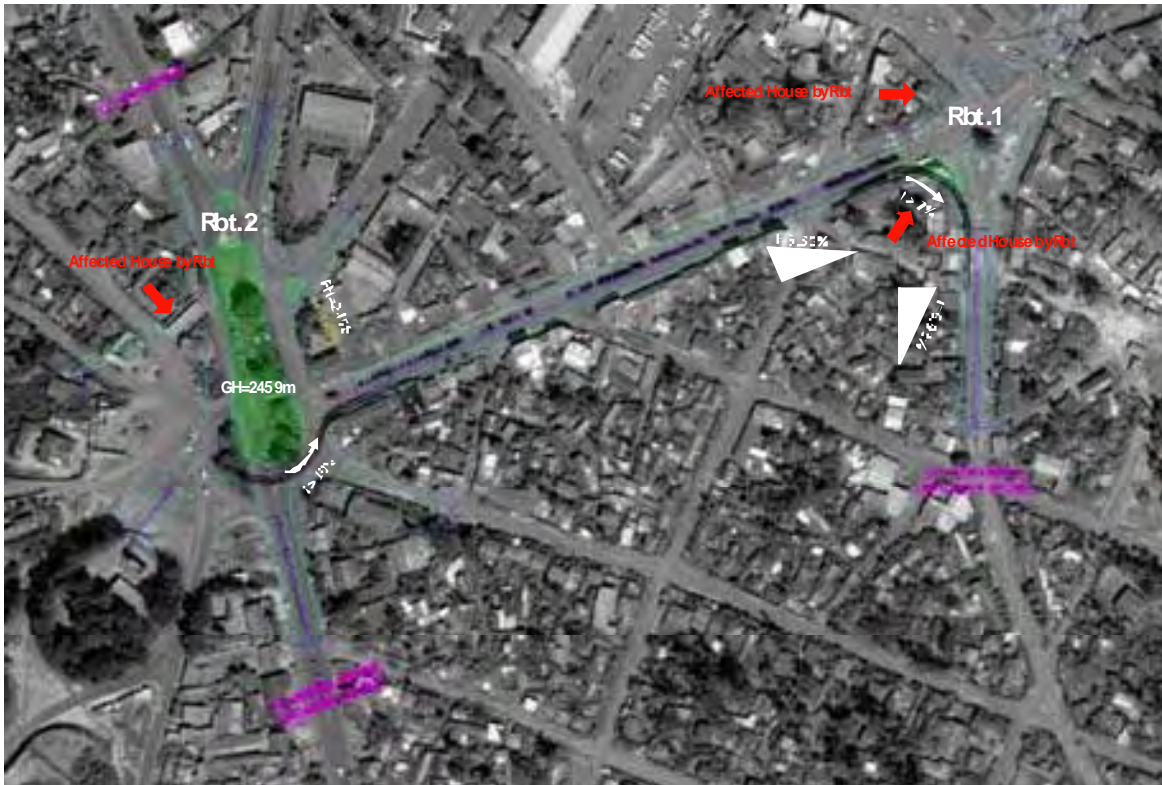


Fig.-3 Issues of Connecting Point to existing A3

(3) Summary of Comparison of the existing A3 (Alt.2) and DD Route by HEC (Alt.1) in Technical Aspect

Table-1 shows that rehabilitation of existing A3 (Alt.2) is more superior than HEC (Alt.1) in all items of technical aspect.

Table-1 Comparison of two alternatives in technical aspect

|  | Alt.2 Existing A3 | Alt.1 DD Route by HEC                                |
|--|-------------------|--|
| <b>Alignment</b>                                     |                   |  |
| (1)Length of route                                   | 4.1km             | 4.1km  |
| (2)Gradient (average)                                | 1.52%             | 2.99%  |
| (3)Gradient (max.)<br>Inclination                    | 4.52%             | 6.93%<br>Over 7% at Rbt.1<br>Over 10% at Rbt.2       |
| (4)Flatness (Rise and Fall)                          | 22.1m/km          | 29.9m/km   |
| (5)Number roundabout                                 | 0                 | 2  |
| (6)Turning   | 0                 | 2 intersections<br>at a right angle                  |
| (7)Radius of curve (min)                             | 200m              | 30m  |
| <b>Traffic condition &amp; traffic safety</b>        |                   |  |
| (8)Disturbance by transit<br>traffic & local traffic | Less              | Heavy  |
| (9)Traffic jam                                       | Less              | Heavy and frequent due to<br>(3), (5), (6), (7)& (8) |
| (10)Vehicle Speed                                    | Good              | Slow due to (9)                                      |
| (11)Traffic safety                                   | Good              | Poor due to (8)                                      |
| (12)Comfort  | Good              | Poor due to (4) & (9)                                |
| (13) Transportation cost                             | Low               | High   |

#### 4. Impact to Social Environment

##### 1. On-site Investigation of the alignment of ERA/DD

###### (1) Date

- 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010

###### (2) Members

- ERA; Mr.Gashaw and one highway engineer
- HEC; Survey engineer
- Debre Markos Municipal; One engineer
- JICA Study Team; Dr.Tatsumi, Mr.Takagi, Mr.Mizuno, Mr.Nemoto

##### 2. Number of Affected Houses

In case the existing route A3 alignment is used in Debre Markos, the number of affected houses shall be greatly reduced as shown in Table-2 below:

**Table-2 Comparison of the Number of Affected Houses**

| Section                                     |                   | Road Width<br>(m)              | Number of Affected Houses            |                     |         |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
|   |                   |                                | Rehabilitation of<br>Existing A3(*1) | DD Route            |         |
|   |                   |                                |                                      | The Study Team (*1) | ERA·RAP |
| Dejen to<br>entrance of<br>D/Markos<br>(*2) | Sta.00+185-60+857 | 10.0—19.0                      | 26                                   | 26                  | 75      |
| D/Markos<br>Town                            | 1                 | Section-1<br>Sta.60+857-61+900 | 10                                   | 86                  | 84      |
|   |                   | Section-2<br>Sta.61+900-64+300 |                                      |                     |         |
|   |                   | Section-3<br>Sta.64+300-65+000 |                                      |                     |         |
|   | 2                 | Section-1                      | 6                                    |                     |         |
|   |                   | Section-2                      |                                      |                     |         |
|   |                   | Section-3                      |                                      |                     |         |
| Total (Dejen—D/Markos)                      |                   |                                | 32 - 36 (*3)                         | 112                 | 159     |

Note) \*1: The number of affected houses is based on site survey by the Study Team and/or google map

Rental housings should be included in affected houses because of involuntary relocation.

\*2: Section between Dejen to entrance of Debre Markos

\*3: The number of affected houses will vary (from 32 to 36) depending on the road section plan.

## **5. Recommendation**

The JICA Study Team recommends that the existing A3 route in Debre Markos should be rehabilitated under the Project for Rehabilitation of Trunk Road, Phase IV taking into account the following;

### (1) Environmental aspect

- ① The number of affected houses of DD Route by HEC (Alt.1) is obviously classified in Category A of the JICA Environmental Guideline.
- ② The number of affected houses of rehabilitation of existing A3 is less than that of Category A.
- ③ Effect of heavy vehicles noise and exhaust emissions to residents is reduced in case of rehabilitation of existing A3.

### (2) Technical aspect

- ① The rehabilitation plan of existing A3 (Alt.2) is superior to DD Route by HEC (Alt.1) in all items of technical aspect.
- ② Transit traffic and local traffic should be separated as much as possible, so it is common practice that the international trunk road should be planned to avoid to passing through the center of populous city.

### (3) Recommendation

In the context of above two aspects, the rehabilitation of existing A3 in Debre Markos should be recommended.

(3) Number of Affected Houses in case of Rehabilitation of existing route A3

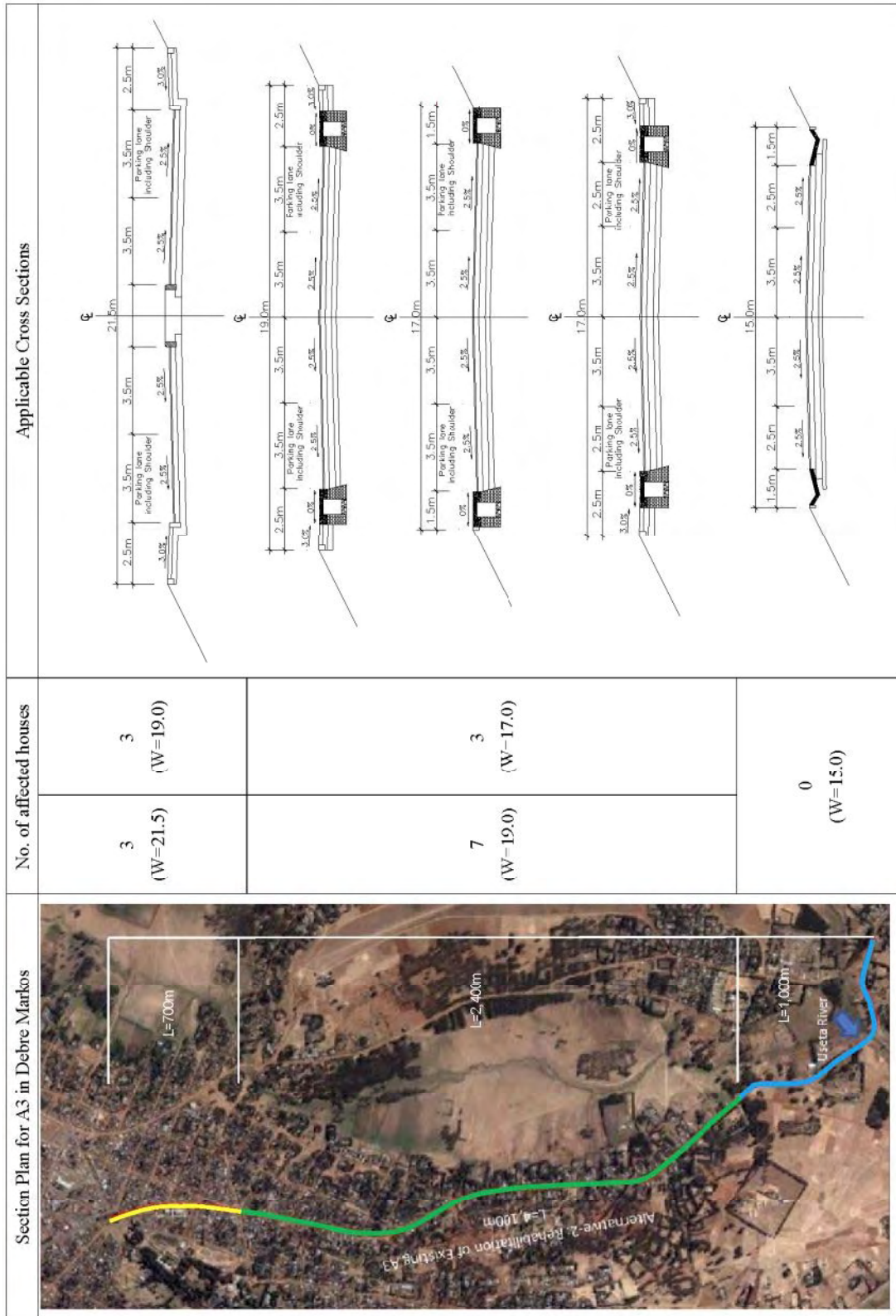


Fig.-4 Section and Cross Section Plan



**Annex-1: Detailed Number of Affected Houses (Whole Section)**

| Section   | Town                  | Affected houses (AH) by ERA·D/D·RAP |      |       |     |     |     |     | Distance between AH and road centerline (m) |      |     |     |     |     |     | Road width | Judge by JICA Team <sup>*4</sup> |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|----------------------------------|
|   |                       | Mud                                 | Thul | Block | G+1 | G+2 | G+3 | G+4 | Block                                       | Tkul | Mud | G+1 | G+2 | G+3 | G+4 |            |                                  |
| Sta.00+185-03+043   | Dejen                 | 8                                   |      |       |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     | 19.0       | 0                                |
| Sta.06+754-09+226   | Yitonora              | 9                                   |      |       |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     | 12.0       | 0                                |
| Sta.18+552-21+604   | Wejel                 | 24                                  |      |       |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     | 19.0       | 0                                |
| Sta.27+444-30+497   | Lumame                | 9                                   |      |       |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     | 19.0       | 5                                |
| Sta.30+497-33+198   | (Rural)               | 3                                   |      |       |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     | 10.0       | 0                                |
| Sta.38+764-41+216   | Godelma               | 1                                   |      |       |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     | 12.0       | 0                                |
| Sta.45+400-47+500   | Amber <sup>*1</sup>   | ND                                  |      |       |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     | 19.0       | 14                               |
| Sta.50+186-52+669   | (Rural) <sup>*2</sup> |                                     |      |       |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     | 10.0       | 4                                |
| Sta.57+700-57+900   | Chemoga               | 11                                  |      |       |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     | 12.0       | 0                                |
| Sta.58+090-60+857   | (Rural) <sup>*3</sup> | 9                                   |      |       |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     | 10.0       | 3                                |
| Subtotal (From Dejen to D/Markos entrance)                          |                       | 75                                  |      |       |     |     |     |     | Subtotal by JICA's proposal                 |      |     |     |     |     |     |            | 26                               |
| Sta.60+857-63+613   | D/Markos              | 31                                  |      | 6     | 2   | 2   | 3   |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     |            |                                  |
| Sta.63+613-64+889   | (DD Route)            | 28                                  |      | 2     | 2   |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     |            |                                  |
| Total by ERA's design   |                       | 159                                 |      |       |     |     |     |     | Total by JICA's proposal                    |      |     |     |     |     |     |            | 112                              |
| Sta.60+857-61+900   | D/Markos              |                                     |      |       |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     | 15.0       | 0                                |
| Sta.61+900-64+300 <sup>*5</sup>                                     | (Ex. A3)              | 2                                   |      | 5     |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     | 19.0       | 7                                |
| Sta.64+300-65+000   |                       | 3                                   |      |       |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     | 17.0       | 3                                |
| Total in case of using existing road in D/Markos (Dejen - D/Markos) |                       |                                     |      |       |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     |            | 32-36 <sup>*6</sup>              |

Note: \*1 No data on ERA·RAP

\*2 Realignment sections in Yeda

\*3 Short cut for realignment

\*4 Satellite photograph besides field survey is used.

\*5 4m-strips outside the road width are assumed affected during construction stage.

\*6 Depend on road width in the D/Markos city, the number of affected houses varies from 32 to 36.



# The Project for Rehabilitation of Trunk Road, Phase IV

(Dejen – Debre Markos Section)

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Ms Hiwot Mossisa  
Central Region Directorate, Acting Director  
Ethiopian Roads Authority (ERA)  
Addis Ababa

Dear Madam,

**RE: ROAD/STRUCTURE DESIGN CONDITION, ROAD ALIGNMENT, CROSS SECTIONS  
AND COUNTERMEASURE FOR BLACK COTTON SOILS  
ON  
THE PROJECT FOR REHABILITATION OF TRUNK ROAD, PHASE IV**

We would like to draw your attention to the aforementioned project and previous meetings we have held, the latest one being on 19<sup>th</sup> of October, 2010 in your office at Alemgena on the subject matter referenced above.

In a series of previous meetings which consisted of discussion on the matter of road realignment in Debre Markos town, we have explained to your institution the inappropriateness of the realignment proposed by the HEC in their detail design. To support our argument/proposal in favor of taking the existing route A3 alignment, we have submitted in the meeting a document titled “*Study for Route Selection in Debre Markos under the Project for Rehabilitation of Trunk Road, Phase IV*” dated 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010. It has since been agreed that we proceed with our study and design following the existing route A3 in Debre Markos town.

Regarding the latest meeting held with yourselves on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010 regarding applicable design standard, typical cross sections of road, countermeasure for expansive soil (black cotton soil) and bridge planning (bridges and culverts) including cross sections, we discussed matters based on the guiding document distributed in the meeting titled “*Discussion for the Design Conditions and Concepts*”. In the course of the meeting most matters in the above documents were agreed upon except few that were left pending for further reconsideration or after the conclusion of topographic survey. Of the pending matters, we would like to mention them one by one and state our envisaged action plan

| Pending Item  | Planned action  |
|---|---|
| 1. Min. gradient (from 0.5% to 0.3%)                | The team will prepare an explanation covering such matters as drainage, cross gradient, pavement design for skid resistance in wet conditions etc, and explain to ERA   |
| 2. Km 58-58.7 alignment to follow existing A3 route | The Team to complete topographic survey to assess and confirm elements such as number of PAPs and alignment geometry before settling for the proposed alignment.  |
| 3. Km 61.3-62.4 Road width                          | The Team to re-check the possibility of increasing the shoulder width from 2.5m to 3.5m depending on the availability of free space without increase in number of affected houses and PAPs  |
| 4. Km 64.2-65.4 Median width                        | Median size of 0.5m is acceptable in principle but the team will reconsider widening the median according to the results of topographic survey and if the number of affected houses and PAPs does not increase.   |
| 5. Black Cotton Soil treatment                      | The Team will revise the plan for countermeasure including but not limited to; benching into existing pavement for proper interlocking between exiting pavement layers and widened section and to minimize/eliminate differential settlement, increasing the replacement depth, installing sub-drains, etc. |

*13 pages*

Regarding plan for detour during bridge or road construction, the Team will consider case by case depending on season of construction and site condition, where to apply soil embankment detour, temporary culvert and embankment detour, Bailey bridge detour, graded and gravel-leveled detour road, etc, in the project construction plan. However, the final plan will be subject to modifications arising from e.g. the Contractor's proposal and so on.

This is for your kind information, update concerning pending design issues for your action and/or the Team's action where applicable.

Attached hereto please find documents with the following titles:

- 1) Study for Route Selection in Debre Markos under the Project for Rehabilitation of Trunk Road, Phase IV
- 2) Discussion for the Design Conditions and Concepts

Yours sincerely,



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JICA Study Team, Chief Consultant

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Ethiopian Roads Authority.

*for* 22/10/10

Agenda for the meeting  
for the Preparatory Survey on the Project for Rehabilitation of Trunk Road,  
Phase IV  
in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

**Venue:** ERA Central Regional Directorate Office, Alemgena

**Time:** 2010/10/19, 14:30 – 16:00

**Agenda:** The meeting will discuss matters related to the abovementioned project with particular attention to the following items;

1. Applicable Design Standard
2. Typical Cross Sections of Road
3. Countermeasure for the **Expansive** soil (Black Cotton soil)
4. **Bridge Planning** (Bridges and culverts) including cross sections

Meeting Material Content

- (1) Table of Geometric Design Conditions
- (2) Figure of Typical Cross Section of Road
- (3) Figure of Countermeasure for the BC soil
- (4) Table of **Subgrade** Condition in the Project Road
- (5) **Table of Concept** of Structures (Bridges and Culverts)

## Discussion for the Design Conditions and Concepts

### 1. Applicable Design Standard

#### (1) Design Standards

The application of proper design standards will ensure road safety, high standard service level and comfort for road users through the provision of adequate sight distance and roadway space.

The design and construction standards for new roads and bridges have been established by ERA in Ethiopia. The following is the composition of ERA's Road Design Manual:

- Geometric Design Manual
- Drainage Design Manual
- Pavement Design Manual Vol.1: Flexible Pavements and Gravel Roads
- Pavement Design Manual Vol.2: Rigid Pavements
- Pavement Rehabilitation and Asphalt Overlay Manual
- Bridge Design Manual
- Site Investigation Manual
- Standard Detail Drawings
- Standard Technical Specifications

The latest version of the manual was published in 2002.

The Road Design Manual is intended for use in the design of all federal roads in Ethiopia. The purpose of the manual is to give guidance and recommendations to the engineers responsible for the design of federal roads.

#### (2) Geometric Design Parameters

Geometric design standard was prepared as part of the Road Design Manual in Ethiopia. This design standard will be basically followed for this study as well as HEC's design. In case essential parameters are not expressly stipulated in design standard, the Study Team will refer to other design standards and manuals (such as SATCC and Japanese Road Geometric Standard).

Observations during the field survey indicate that the Road under Study traverses various topographical conditions. Thus, the Study Team finally recommends following geometric standard based on the design standard and HEC's design.

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| <i>Road Class (DS3: Paved)</i>            |      |   |  |             |           |                |   |
|---|------|---|--|-------------|-----------|----------------|---|
| Design Element                            | Unit | Flat  | Rolling  | Mountainous | Escapment | Urban/Peri-Urb | Remarks   |
| Design Speed                              | km/h | 100   | 85   | 70          | 60        | 50             |   |
| Min. Stopping Sight Distance              | m    | 205   | 155  | 111         | 85        | 55             |   |
| Min. Passing Sight Distance               | m    | 375   | 340  | 275         | 225       | 175            |   |
| % Passing Opportunity                     | %    | 50  | 33   | 25          | 0         | 20             |   |
| Min. Horizontal Curve Radius              | m    | 395   | 270  | 175         | 125       | 85             |   |
| Min. Length of Curve                      | m    | 300   | 300  | 300         | 300       | 300            | Tangent Angle of 5° or less (ERA Standard)  |
|   | m    | 350   | 260  | 193         | 150       | 100            | Japanese Standard: Design Speed x 6sec.   |
| Transition Curves Required                | -    | Yes   | Yes  | No          | No        | No             |   |
| Max. Radius for use of a Transition Curve | m    | 1450  | 1050   | -           | -         | -              | SATCC: $1.145 \times V^2$   |
| Spiral Length                             | m    | R=400:L=123,<br>R=500:L=98,<br>R=600:L=82,<br>R=700:L=70,<br>R=800:L=62,<br>R=900:L=55,<br>R=1,000:L=49,<br>R=1,100:L=45,<br>R=1,200:L=41,<br>R=1,300:L=38,<br>R=1,400:L=35 | R=300:L=100,<br>R=400:L=75,<br>R=500:L=60,<br>R=600:L=50,<br>R=700:L=43,<br>R=800:L=38,<br>R=900:L=34,<br>R=1,000:L=30 | -           | -         | -              | SATCC: $1.0732V^3 / (RC)$<br>C: Rate of increase in centripetal acceleration (m/s <sup>3</sup> ); $1 < C < 3$ (1.438 is recommended.) |
| Max. Gradient (desirable)                 | %    | 3.0   | 4.0  | 6.0         | 5.0       | 6.0            |   |
| Max. Gradient (absolute)                  | %    | 5.0   | 6.0  | 8.0         | 8.0       | 8.0            |   |
| Min. Gradient (desirable)                 | %    | 0.5   | 1.5  | 0.5         | 0.5       | 0.5            |   |
| Min. Gradient (absolute)                  | %    | 0.3   | 1.3  | 0.3         | 0.3       | 0.3            | Japanese Standard: Design Speed x 6sec.   |
| Crest Vertical Curve (k-value)            | k    | 105   | 60   | 31          | 18        | 12             |   |
| Sag Vertical Curve (k-value)              | k    | 51  | 36   | 25          | 18        | 12             |   |
| Max. Superelevation (e)                   | %    | 8.0   | 8.0  | 8.0         | 8.0       | 1.0            |   |
| Normal Crossfall                          | %    | 2.5   | 2.5  | 2.5         | 2.5       | 2.5            |   |
| Shoulder Crossfall                        | %    | 4.0   | 4.0  | 4.0         | 4.0       | 4.0            |   |
| Right of Way                              | m    | COI   | COI  | COI         | COI       | COI            | Corridor of Impact (Construction Limit)   |

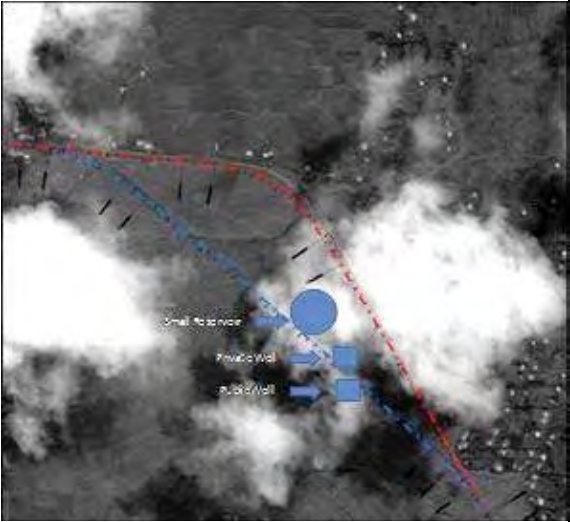
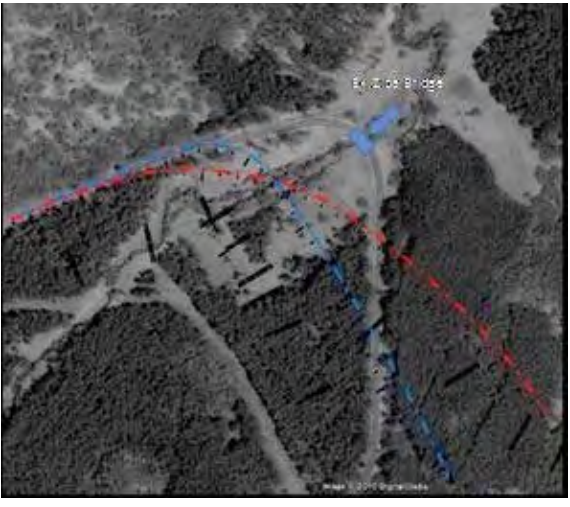

\*Normal Wereda towns and Kebele towns are included in Urban/Pre Urban.

Major changes and additions are as follows:

- Min. Length of Curve: Regardless of design speed, ERA's standard stipulates length of 300m. However, it is difficult to secure the curve length of 300m in hilly, mountainous and densely populated areas. It is for this reason that the Study Team will recommend the use of Japanese Standard that considers the curve length depending on the design speed.
- Max. Radius for use of a Transition Curve: not stipulated (Use of SATTC)
- Spiral Length: not stipulated (Use of SATTC)
- Min. Gradient: ERA's standard stipulates minimum gradient of 0.5%. However, securing of min. 0.5% in flat area such as Yeda would mean a substantial increase in construction cost with the commensurate increase in affected area. Thus min. gradient of 0.3% on Japanese standard will be used in absolute necessity.

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(3) Major Alignment Change

| Location Map  | Reasons & Interferences   |
|---|---|
|    | <p>7.4km – 8.7km: Yetnora</p> <p>Reason</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To avoid the following interferences</li> <li>- To reduce the number of affected houses</li> <li>- Possible to improve horizontal alignment by new CL</li> </ul> <p>Interference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two wells</li> <li>- Small reservoir</li> <li>- Some houses</li> </ul> <p>— : Original CL by HEC<br/>— : Proposed new CL</p> |
|   | <p>44.0km: Ziba Br.</p> <p>Reason</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To improve the alignment for traffic safety (response to high speed)</li> </ul> <p>Interference: -</p> <p>— : Original CL by HEC<br/>— : Proposed new CL</p>   |
|  | <p>46.2 – 46.7km: Amber</p> <p>Reason</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To avoid the following interferences</li> <li>- To reduce the number of affected houses</li> <li>- Possible to improve horizontal alignment by new CL</li> </ul> <p>Interference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public water supply facility</li> <li>- Some houses</li> </ul> <p>— : Original CL by HEC<br/>— : Proposed new CL</p>           |

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|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | <p>52.1 – 55.2km: Erosion prone Area<br/>Reason</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To avoid the serious erosion area and high embankment</li> <li>- Possible to improve horizontal alignment by new CL</li> </ul> <p>Interference: -</p> <p>— : Original CL by HEC<br/>— : Proposed new CL</p>  |
|  | <p>58.0 – 58.7km: Chemoga<br/>Reason</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To reduce the number of affected houses</li> <li>- Possible to improve horizontal alignment</li> </ul> <p>Interference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some houses</li> </ul> <p>— : Original CL by HEC<br/>— : Proposed new CL</p>  |
|  | <p>61.3km – End: Debre Markos<br/>Reason</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adequacy of international trunk road</li> <li>- Complicated connection to A3 (Original route)</li> <li>- To reduce the number of affected houses</li> </ul> <p>Interference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some houses and buildings</li> </ul> <p>— : Original CL by HEC<br/>— : Proposed new CL</p> |



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(4) Pavement Design

- ✓ Pavement Design Condition: It is based on the HEC's design
- ✓ Design Life: 15years
- ✓ Sub-grade Strength Class: S2 (0km – 53km), S3 (53km – 65km)
- ✓ Vehicle Equivalent Factor (VEF): see table below:

| Vehicle Category   | Base year Traffic | T <sub>c</sub> | EF    | CESA                       |
|--|-------------------|----------------|-------|----------------------------|
| Large Bus  | 72                | 675853.48      | 2.29  | 1547704.47                 |
| Medium Truck   | 45                | 403331.17      | 2.76  | 1113194.03                 |
| Heavy Truck  | 36                | 322664.93      | 7.25  | 2339320.78                 |
| Truck and Trailer  | 46                | 412294.08      | 12.26 | 5054725.42                 |
|  |                   |                | Total | 10,054,944.70              |
| Applying lane distribution factor of 90% for single lane<br>i.e. .9*10054944.7 |                   |                |       | 9,049,450.23<br>(Class T6) |

Based on ERA's manuals, for traffic classes of T6, the required pavement layers with asphalt concrete surfacing, crushed granular road base and granular sub-base for the design periods of 15 years are as shown in the table below.

| Station   | Sub-grade class | Pavement Layers (mm) for<br>15 years & traffic class T6 |             |           |     |
|-----------|-----------------|---|-------------|-----------|-----|
|           |                 | AC  | Base course | Sub- base | G.C |
| 0km-53km  | S2              | 100   | 200         | 225       | 200 |
| 53km-65km | S3              | 100   | 200         | 250       | -   |

Detail design report by HEC had finally recommended the following pavement layers because uncertainties such as the traffic volume and analysis as well as the sub grade soil testing and evaluation should be considered.

| Station   | Sub-grade class | Traffic class | Pavement Layers (mm) for<br>15 years & traffic class T6 |             |           |     |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---|-------------|-----------|-----|
|           |                 |               | AC  | Base course | Sub- base | G.C |
| 0km-53km  | S2              | T6            | 100   | 200         | 225       | 200 |
| 53km-65km | S3              | T6            | 100   | 250         | 300       | -   |

However, for Japanese ODA policy, minimum requirement based on technical theory is acceptable. Thus the Study Team will recommend the following pavement layers:

| Station   | Sub-grade class | Traffic class | Pavement Layers (mm) for<br>15 years & traffic class T6 |             |           |     |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---|-------------|-----------|-----|
|           |                 |               | AC  | Base course | Sub- base | G.C |
| 0km-53km  | S2              | T6            | 100   | 200         | 250*      | 200 |
| 53km-65km | S3              | T6            | 100   | 200         | 250       | -   |

\*225mm of sub-base required by the manual will be changed to 250mm in consideration of easy construction and supervision.

2. Typical Cross Sections

(1) Recommendable Typical Cross Sections

The Study Team will recommend the following typical cross sections based on the field survey and design review. Main changes are as follows:

- ✓ Reduction of median strip: 2.5m to 0.5m
- ✓ Installation of unpaved protection shoulder: 0.5m

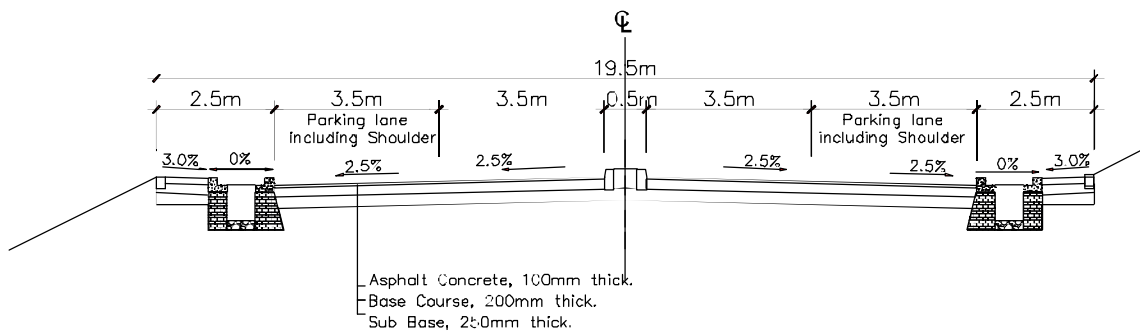


Figure-1 Proposed Typical Cross Section (D/Markos Town Center Section)

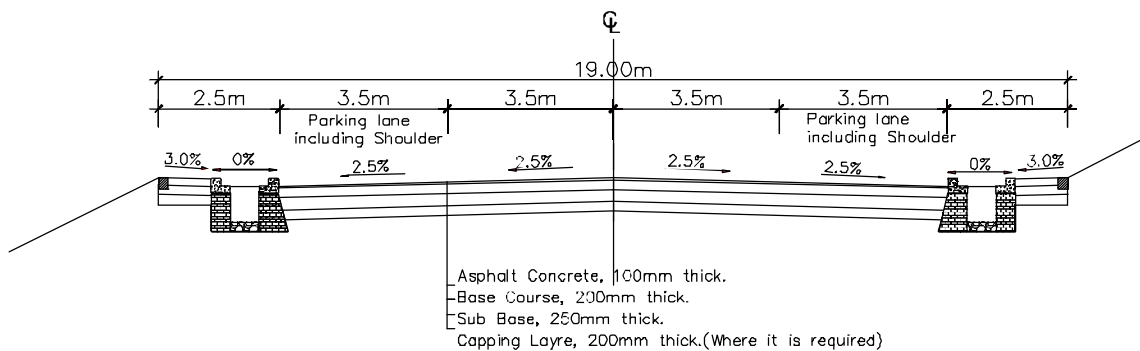


Figure-2 Proposed Typical Cross Section (Wereda Town and Populated Area in D/Markos)

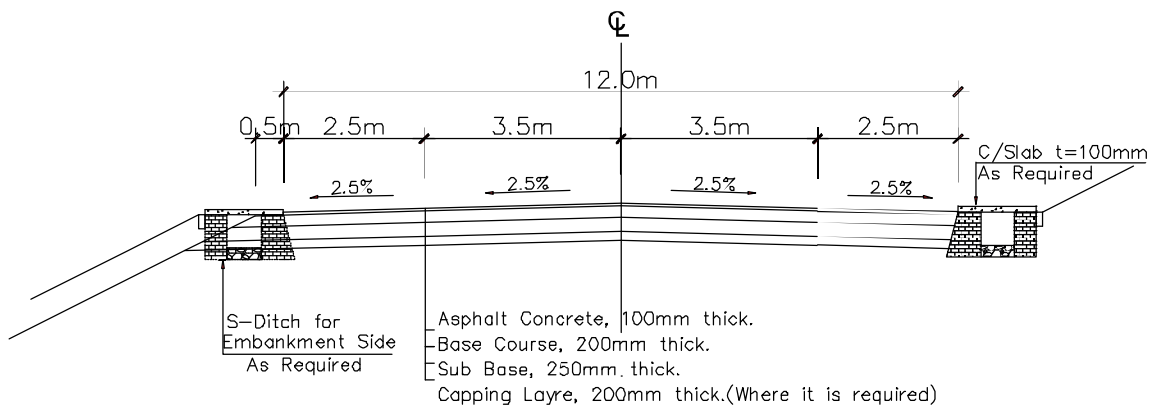


Figure-3 Proposed Typical Cross Section (Kebele Town & Entrance of D/M & End of Dejen)

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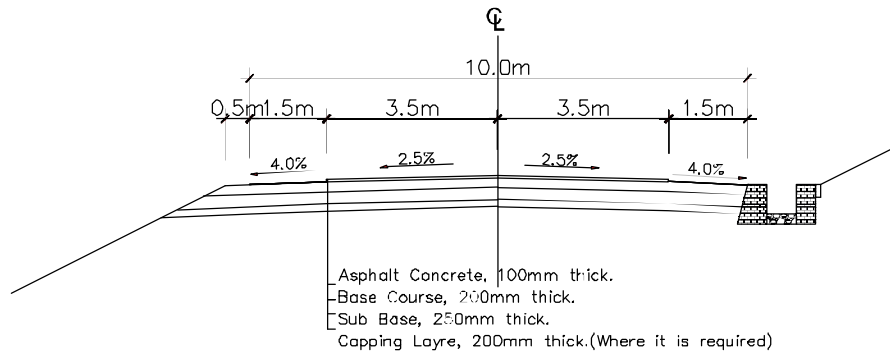
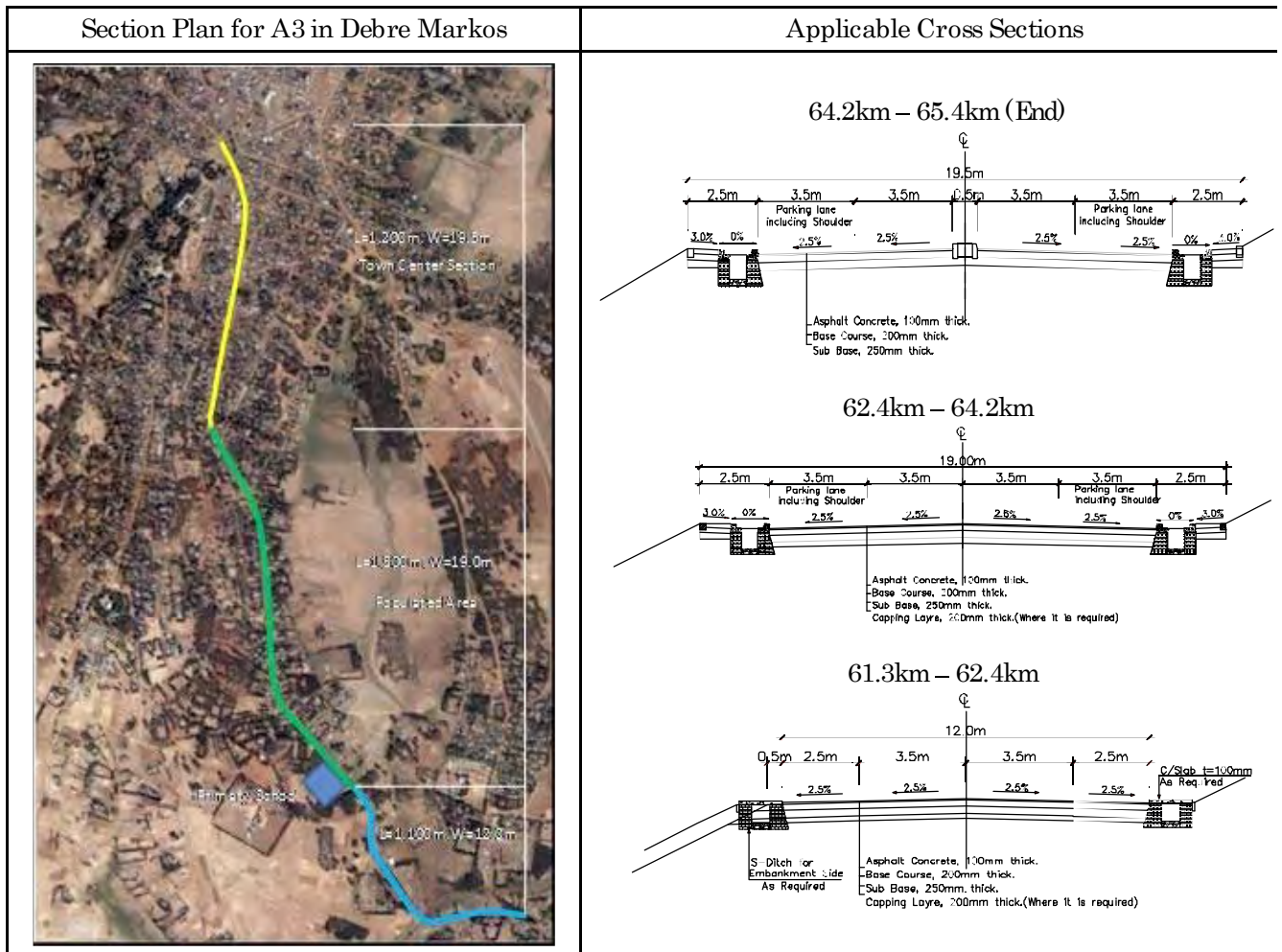


Figure-4 Proposed Typical Cross Section (Rural Section)

(2) Typical Cross Section in Debre Markos Town



3. Countermeasures for the BC Soil (Expansive Soil): e.g. Rural Area

Black cotton soils are problematic for Civil Engineers, because of their unconventional behavior. These soils show large volumetric changes with respect to seasonal variation of moisture content. These soils when subjected to vehicular traffic, road pavement heaves and cracks due to cycles of swelling and shrinkage. The Study Team will recommend the following measures based on the field survey, soil testing and visits made to similar projects.

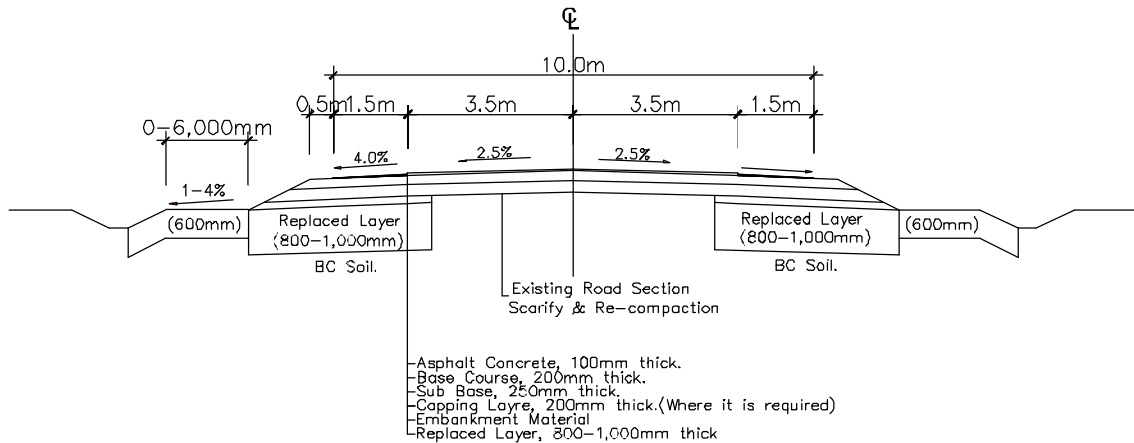


Figure-1 Existing Pavement Section in Rural Area

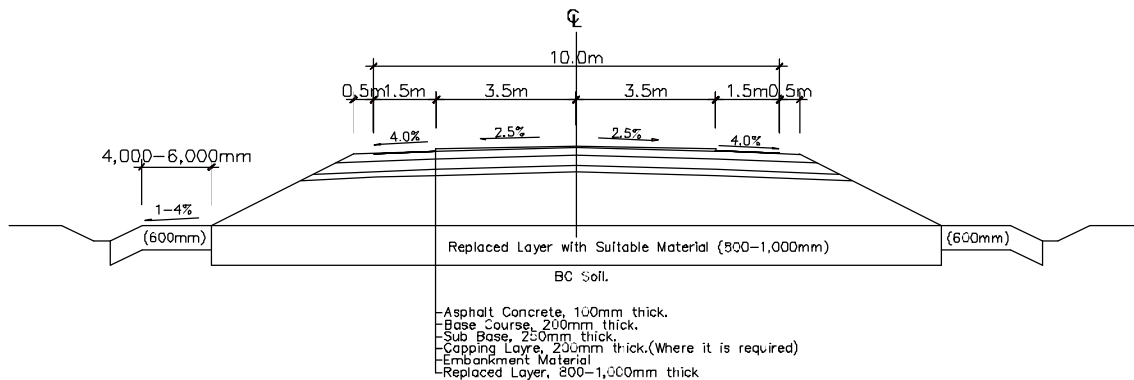


Figure-2 New Road Section (Bypass) in Rural Area

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Subgrade condition between Dejen and Lumame

| Boring or Pit | Chainage | Location | BCS      | Red. / Brn | N value | CBR | Swell % | PI | NMC | S.L. | Eex |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|---------|-----|---------|----|-----|------|-----|
| NTP 01        | 1+500    |          | 0.8-2.0  |            | < 10    |     |         | 38 |     |      |     |
| NTP 02        | 4+000    |          | 0.6-2.6  |            | < 10    | 2   | 10.0    | 51 |     |      | 112 |
| NBH 01        | 5+060    |          | 1.0-2.5  |            | 8-9     |     |         | 77 | 39  | 3.2  |     |
| NTP 03        | 5+500    |          | 0.5-1.9  |            | < 10    |     |         | 48 |     |      |     |
| BH 09         | 8+500    | Yetrora  | 0.95-2.7 |            | 2-6     |     |         | 47 |     |      |     |
| NTP 05        | 9+500    |          | 0.8-2.8  |            | < 10    |     |         | 46 |     |      |     |
| BH 10         | 10+500   |          | 0.0-2.0  |            | 3-10    |     |         | 36 | 31  |      |     |
| BH 11         | 11+400   |          | 0.0-4.0  |            | 4-9     |     |         | 25 | 40  |      |     |
| NTP 06        | 11+500   |          | 0.5-3.1  |            | < 10    |     |         | 73 |     |      |     |
| BH 12         | 12+500   | Bechet   | 0.5-2.5  |            | 1-6     |     |         | 52 | 46  |      |     |
| NTP 07        | 13+500   |          | 0.7-2.5  |            | < 10    | 2   | 8.0     | 42 |     |      | 97  |
| NBH 02        | 14+560   |          | 0.6-2.0  |            | 8       |     |         | 72 | 39  | 2.8  |     |
| NTP 08        | 15+500   |          | 0.8-2.5  |            | < 10    |     |         | 62 |     |      |     |
| NTP 09        | 16+500   |          | 0.9-2.6  |            | < 10    |     |         | 73 |     |      |     |
| NTP 10        | 17+500   |          | 0.6-2.4  |            | < 10    |     |         | 74 |     |      |     |
| BH 13         | 18+500   | Taba     | 0.0-3.0  |            | 1-4     |     |         | 78 | 51  |      |     |
| NTP 11        | 19+500   | Wejel    | 0.5-2.4  |            | < 10    |     |         | 47 |     |      |     |
| BH 14         | 20+000   | Aba Adem | 0.0-2.1  |            | 3-4     |     |         | 52 |     |      |     |
| NBH 03        | 20+090   | Aba Adem | 0.5-3.5  |            | 9-14    |     |         | 70 | 44  | 4.4  |     |
| NTP 12        | 21+500   |          | 1.1-2.4  |            | < 10    |     |         | 51 |     |      |     |
| NBH 04        | 22+040   | Abeya    | 1.0-13.0 |            | 2-9     |     |         | 51 | 46  | 7.3  |     |
| NBH 05        | 22+080   | Abeya    | 1.0-11.0 |            | 4-11    |     |         | 53 | 44  |      |     |
| NTP 13        | 23+000   |          | 0.6-3.0  |            | < 10    | 2   | 8.4     | 51 |     |      | 128 |
| NTP 14        | 24+000   |          | 1.6-2.5  |            | < 10    |     |         | 57 |     |      |     |
| NTP 15        | 26+500   |          | 0.8-3.0  |            | < 10    | 2   | 12.4    | 43 | 53  | 9    | 90  |
| NBH06         | 26+500   |          | 0.6-2.5  |            | 4-5     |     |         | 52 | 53  | 6.2  |     |
| NTP 16        | 27+500   |          | 0.7-2.7  |            | < 10    |     |         | 71 |     |      |     |
| NTP 17        | 29+000   |          | 0.5-3.0  |            | < 10    |     |         | 63 |     |      |     |
| NBH 07        | 29+300   | Bogena   | 0.6-3.9  |            | 10      |     |         | 43 | 31  |      |     |
| NBH 08        | 29+390   | Bogena   | 1.0-3.9  |            | 5-6     |     |         | 70 | 61  |      |     |
| NPT 18        | 30+000   |          | 1.1-3.0  |            | < 10    |     |         | 59 |     |      |     |

Note; BCS: Black cotton soil, Eex: Expansiveness

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Subgrade condition between Lumame and Debre Markos

| Boring or Pit | Chainage | Location | BCS     | Red. / Brn | N value | CBR | Swell % | PI | NMC | S.L. | Eex |
|---------------|----------|----------|---------|------------|---------|-----|---------|----|-----|------|-----|
| NTP 19        | 32+000   |          | -       | Red        |         | 9   | 1       | 43 | 35  | 14   | 81  |
| NTP 20        | 34+500   |          | -       | Brn        |         |     |         | 46 |     |      |     |
| NBH 09        | 35+670   | Getla    |         |            |         |     |         |    |     |      |     |
| NTP 21        | 36+000   |          | 0.0-1.3 |            | < 10    |     |         | 50 |     |      |     |
| NTP 22        | 37+500   |          | 0.0-1.4 |            | < 10    |     |         | 54 |     |      |     |
| NTP 23        | 38+500   |          | 0.5-2.7 |            | < 10    |     |         | 32 |     |      |     |
| NTP 24        | 40+500   |          | -       | Red        |         |     |         | 28 |     |      |     |
| NTP 25        | 42+500   |          | -       | Red        |         | 9   | 1.2     | 28 | 31  | 17   | 33  |
| NTP 26        | 43+500   |          | -       | Red        |         |     |         | 25 |     |      |     |
| NBH 10        | 44+060   |          | -       | Red        | > 12    |     |         | 21 | 35  | 15   |     |
| NTP 27        | 45+500   |          | -       | L/Brn      |         |     |         | 24 |     |      |     |
| NTP 28        | 46+500   |          | -       | D/Brn      |         |     |         | 40 |     |      |     |
| NBH 11        | 47+420   | Yeda     | 0.0-5.5 |            | 4-10    |     |         | 57 | 35  | 6.8  |     |
| NTP 29        | 48+000   | Yeda     | > 4.0   |            | < 10    |     |         | 58 |     |      |     |
| NBH 12        | 48+900   | Yeda     | 0.0-10  |            | 5-10    |     |         | 40 | 43  | 7.8  |     |
| NBH 13        | 49+200   | Yeda     | 0.0-10  |            | 1-9     |     |         | 32 | 49  | 10.7 |     |
| NTP 30        | 49+500   | Yeda     | > 4.0   |            | < 10    | 2   | 7.9     | 43 | 36  | 14   | 81  |
| NBH 13-2      | 50+200   | Yeda     | 0.0-2.4 |            | 4-10    |     |         | 54 | 37  | 2.5  |     |
| NTP 31        | 50+500   | Yeda     | 0.0-2.7 |            | < 10    |     |         | 44 | 46  | 13   | 85  |
| NTP 32        | 51+500   |          | -       | Red        |         |     |         | 37 |     |      |     |
| NTP 33        | 53+000   |          | -       | L/Brn      |         |     |         | 22 |     |      |     |
| NBH 15        | 53+500   | Ambesh   | -       | D/Brn      |         |     |         |    |     |      |     |
| NTP 34        | 55+000   |          | -       | Red        |         |     |         | 38 |     |      |     |
| NTP 35        | 56+500   |          | -       | D/Brn      |         | 4   | 3.8     | 31 | 41  | 14   | 49  |
| NTP 36        | 57+500   |          | -       | Red        |         |     |         | 39 |     |      |     |
| NBH 16        | 57+890   | Chemoga  | -       | L/Brn      | 2-8     |     |         | 31 | 45  |      |     |
| NBH 17        | 58+020   | Chemoga  | -       | L/Brn      | > 11    |     |         | 40 | 35  |      |     |
| NTP 37        | 59+000   |          | -       | Red        |         |     |         | 36 |     |      |     |
| NTP 38        | 60+500   |          | -       | Red        |         |     |         | 23 |     |      |     |
| BH 19         | 61+000   | Wiseta   | -       | Red        | 2       |     |         | 27 | 44  |      |     |

Note; Red: Reddish silty clay, L/Brn: Light brown silty clay, D/Brn: Dark brown silty clay

#### 4. BRIDGE PLANNING

##### (1) Use of Existing Bridges

Existing bridges will be used if they meet the criteria for compatibility to the new road alignment, structural soundness, and functional requirements. The Bridge Design manual of ERA requires the minimum carriageway of 7.0 m for 2-lane bridges. If necessary and if feasible, repair works will be conducted to improve the function and to satisfy the requirements.

##### (2) Bridge Length

Based on the necessary clearance under the superstructure such as waterway function and topography, the bridge length will be decided.

##### (3) Carriageway

Carriageway will be decided according to the Bridge Design Manual of ERA, in consideration of the continuity with approach roads and expected number of pedestrians. The carriageway width of bridges in rural area is 8.0m, (0.5m+3.5m+3.5m+0.5m). The Aba Adem Bridge which is located in Wejel and the Useta Bridge in Debre Markos are expected to be used by many pedestrians. The carriageway of the Aba Adem Bridge and the Useta Bridge is 10m, (1.5m+3.5m+3.5m+1.5m), and 12m, (2.5m+3.5m+3.5m+2.5m), respectively taking into account the traffic conditions.

##### (4) Bridge Type

###### ✓ Type by Material

The Reinforced Concrete Bridge (RC Bridge) is the most suitable bridge type for short spans. Table-1 shows the comparison of bridge types by materials.

| Type            |                             | Features  | Evaluation |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|------------|
| Concrete Bridge | Reinforced Concrete Bridge  | Suitable for short spans<br>No major technical difficulties<br>No difficulty in obtaining necessary materials<br>No difficulty in Quality Control<br>Cost effective<br>Suitable for Technology Transfer | ○          |
|                 | Prestressed Concrete Bridge | Suitable for longer spans than RC bridges<br>Light weight than RC bridges<br>Advance technology<br>Need of imported materials<br>Difficulty in Quality Control<br>Costly than RC bridges                | ×          |
| Steel Bridge    |                             | Imported materials<br>Difficulty in construction<br>Costly than concrete bridges<br>Difficulty at maintenance stage<br>Easy to repair than concrete bridges   | ×          |

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✓ Structural Type

Structural Type will be decided by the following criteria.

| Structural Type                   | Span Range |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Reinforced Concrete Slab Bridge   | 5~10m      |
| Reinforced Concrete Girder Bridge | 10~20m     |

✓ RC Box Culvert

When the bridge construction is judged to be difficult or not appropriate due to difficult site conditions, the RC Box Culvert will be planned. The following table compares the bridges and RC box culverts.

| Structure       | Features  |
|-----------------|---|
| Bridges         | Suitable for longer spans<br>Wider clearance under the superstructure<br>Concentration of forces at abutments and piers<br>Need of strong ground layer<br>Need of bearing supports and expansion joints           |
| RC Box Culverts | Smaller clearance than that of bridges<br>No bearing supports and expansion joints<br>No need of abutments and piers<br>Applicable to less strong ground condition<br>No difficulty in adjustment of road surface |

(5) Design Method

The bridge design shall meet the Bridge Design Manual of ERA. However, calculation is based on Japanese bridge design methods and check if the result meets the Bridge Design Manual of ERA.

✓ Bridge Planning

a) Existing Bridges

| Bridge    | Length  | Carriageway | Type         | Major Repair  |
|-----------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Asamatech | 5.0 m   | 7.0 m       | RC Girder    | Slab, Parapet |
| Taba      | 13+13 m | 7.3 m       | RC Girder    | None          |
| Bogena    | 13.1 m  | 7.0 m       | RC Girder    | Slab, Parapet |
| Chemoga   | 67.0 m  | 7.0 m       | Masonry Arch | Slab, Parapet |

b) New Bridges

| Bridge   | Length   | Carriageway | Type       | Substructure Type |
|----------|----------|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| Bechet   | 17+17 m  | 8.0 m       | RC Girder  | Direct Foundation |
| Abadem   | 15 m     | 10.0 m      | RC Girder  | Direct Foundation |
| Abeya    | 3@ 4.5 m | 8.0 m       | RC Culvert | —                 |
| A3-4-012 | 2@ 4.5 m | 8.0 m       | RC Culvert | —                 |
| Getla    | 15+15 m  | 8.0 m       | RC Girder  | Direct Foundation |



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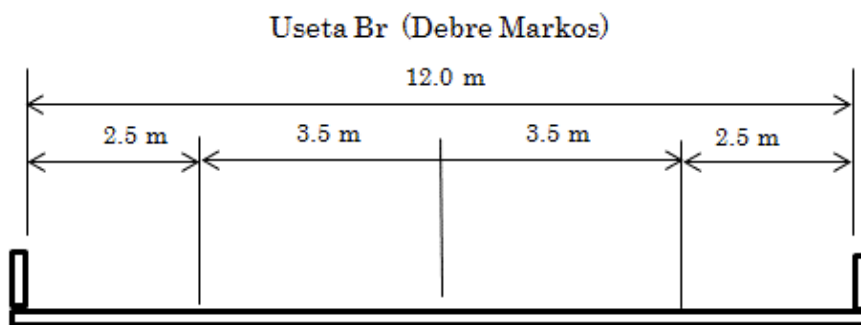
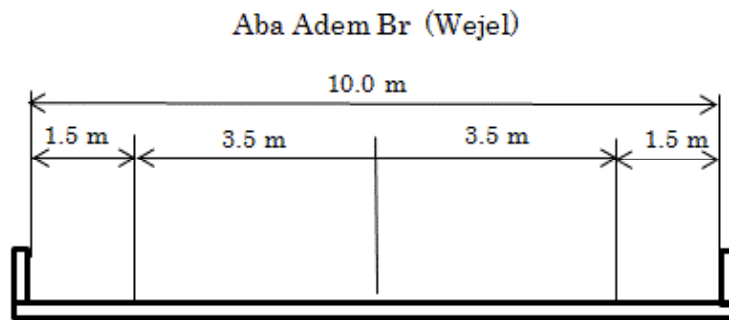
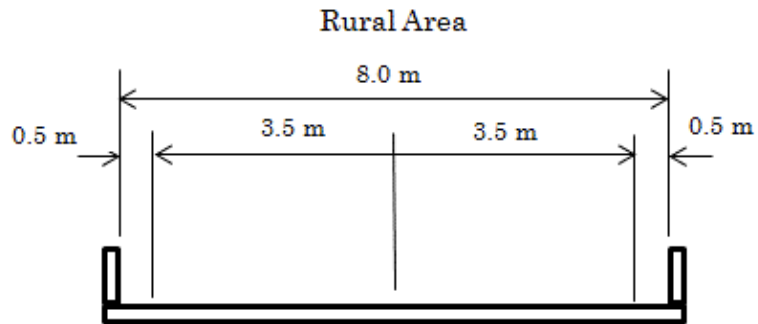
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|          |          |        |            |                   |
|----------|----------|--------|------------|-------------------|
| A3-4-017 | 15 m     | 8.0 m  | RC Girder  | Direct Foundation |
| Zeba     | 15 m     | 8.0 m  | RC Girder  | Direct Foundation |
| Yeda-A   | 2@ 4.5 m | 8.0 m  | RC Culvert | —                 |
| Yeda-B   | 2@ 4.5 m | 8.0 m  | RC Culvert | —                 |
| Yeda-C   | 5@ 4.5 m | 8.0 m  | RC Culvert | —                 |
| Ambesh   | 2@ 4.5 m | 8.0 m  | RC Culvert | —                 |
| Useta    | 10+10 m  | 12.0 m | RC Girder  | Direct Foundation |

c) Existing and New Bridges (reference)

| Bridge    | Existing Bridge |             |              | New Bridge |             |            |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|           | Length          | Carriageway | Type         | Length     | Carriageway | Type       |
| Asamatech | 5.0 m           | 7.0 m       | RC Girder    |            |             |            |
| Bechet    | 32.0 m          | 6.0 m       | Masonry Arch | 17+17 m    | 8.0 m       | RC Girder  |
| Taba      | 13+13 m         | 7.3 m       | RC Girder    |            |             |            |
| Abadem    | 12.0 m          | 6.0 m       | Masonry Arch | 15m        | 10.0 m      | RC Girder  |
| Abeya     | 7+7+7 m         | 6.0 m       | RC Girder    | 3@ 4.5 m   | 8.0 m       | RC Culvert |
| Bogena    | 13.1 m          | 7.0 m       | RC Girder    |            |             |            |
| A3-4-012  | 7.8 m           | 5.5 m       | Masonry Arch | 2@ 4.5 m   | 8.0 m       | RC Culvert |
| Getla     | 13.1 m          | 7.0 m       | RC Girder    | 15+15 m    | 8.0 m       | RC Girder  |
| A3-4-017  | 7.0 m           | 6.0 m       | Masonry Arch | 15 m       | 8.0 m       | RC Girder  |
| Zeba      | 11.0 m          | 5.5 m       | RC Girder    | 15 m       | 8.0 m       | RC Girder  |
| Yeda-1    | 4@ 5.0 m        | 7.0 m       | RC Girder    | 2@ 4.5 m   | 8.0 m       | RC Culvert |
| Yeda-2    | 4@ 5.0 m        | 7.0 m       | RC Girder    | 2@ 4.5 m   | 8.0 m       | RC Culvert |
| Yeda-3    | 6+6+6 m         | 7.0 m       | RC Girder    |            |             |            |
| Yeda-4    | 3.5+4 m         | 7.0 m       | RC Girder    | 5@ 4.5 m   | 8.0 m       | RC Culvert |
| Ambesh    | 8.0 m           | 6.0 m       | Masonry Arch | 2@ 4.5 m   | 8.0 m       | RC Culvert |
| Chemoga   | 67.0 m          | 7.0 m       | Masonry Arch |            |             |            |
| Useta     | 12.3 m          | 5.0 m       | RC Girder    | 10+10 m    | 12.0 m      | RC Girder  |

d) Carriageway Plan (reference)





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(Dejen – Debre Markos Section)

The Consortium of Oriental Consultants Co., Ltd.  
and Eight-Japan Engineering Consultants Inc.



Ref. No. ERA/ADM/101025/PO

Date: 25 October 2010

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Ethiopian Roads Authority (ERA)  
Addis Ababa

2025/10/2010

Dear Madam,

**RE: PROPOSED COUNTERMEASURE FOR EXPANSIVE (BLACK COTTON) SOILS AND  
PROPOSED MINIMUM VERTICAL GRADIENT  
ON  
THE PROJECT FOR REHABILITATION OF TRUNK ROAD, PHASE IV**

We would like to draw your attention to the aforementioned project and previous meetings we have held, the latest one being on 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, 2010 in your office at Alemgena on the subject matter referenced above. It was also agreed that bridge design will be based on ERA's Bridge Design Manual 2002 except that the design procedure will follow Japanese Standard, then the results will be rechecked whether or not they satisfy ERA Standards.

Regarding countermeasure for expansive (black cotton) soils, our proposal was agreed by your side but only in principle with some comments. Your comments were that the Consultant should incorporate a filter membrane (such as geo-textile sheet) and an impermeable membrane on the outer and inner face of the buried gabion, respectively. The inclusion of such membranes and protection method for gabion bed will be decided at a later stage after confirming matters such as highest ground water table, etc, and determining whether or not buried gabions will be applied. At the moment, the concept is to have the image of the probable features of road cross section in town areas. Moreover, your side recommended that a provision for side drains be indicated on the typical cross sections on the existing road section in high embankment and new road section in rural areas.

In response to your comments, we have duly modified our proposal for typical cross sections to be adopted in cases where black cotton soils are predominant. Please see the attached document titled "Countermeasure for expansive soil on the Trunk Road A3 between Dejen and Debre Markos"

Regarding the issue of minimum vertical gradient, we wish to clarify and reiterate our proposal to adopt the 0.3% min gradient as a deviation from the ERA Standard that states 0.5% min gradient as the usual norm. Your attention is drawn to *page 9.9, section 9.7 Minimum Gradients* of ERA Geometric Design Standard that states: "The minimum gradient for the usual case is 0.5 percent. However, flat and level gradients on uncurbed paved highways are acceptable when the cross slope and carriageway elevation above the surrounding ground is adequate to drain the surface laterally."

It is in the strength and spirit of the above extract from ERA manual that we would like to request for a departure from the ERA's usual-case standard in line with Chapter 2, Section 2.3 page 2-1 of ERA Manual 2002 that stipulates the information required to be submitted to ERA for approval of the requested departure from standard.

For details please refer to the attached document titled "Acceptable Minimum Gradient (Acceptable Geometric Parameter)" Moreover, please see our departure request as summarized in the table below;



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| Road Name   | Facet of Design                 | Usual Standard | Proposed departure | Reasons for Departure   |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---|
| Trunk Road A3, between Dejen and Debre Markos (Flat lowlands such as Yeda area) | Minimum (longitudinal) Gradient | Min 0.5%       | Min 0.3%           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- To reduce the volume of earthworks thereby reducing construction cost.</li><li>- To reduce affected area.</li></ul> |

Some of the mitigation measures we propose with the use of min 0.3% gradient are;

- i) Use of high-type AC pavement: 10cm (double layer)
- ii) Accurately set cross slope of 2.5% to ease lateral surface draining
- iii) Use of high standard quality control to achieve improved firm sub-grade

We therefore request for your evaluation and approval of our proposals made in this letter for the expeditious progress of the design work.

Yours sincerely,





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JICA Study Team, Chief Consultant

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1. Acceptable Minimum Gradient (Acceptable Geometric Parameter)

As discussed in the previous meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, 2010, the JICA Study Team recommended using 0.3% as min. gradient as follows:

- Min. Gradient: ERA's standard stipulates minimum gradient of 0.5%. However, securing of min. 0.5% in flat area such as Yeda would mean a substantial increase in construction cost with the commensurate increment of affected area. Thus min. gradient of 0.3% according to Japanese standard will be used in absolute necessity.

| Road Class (DS3: Paved)   |      |  |  |             |            |               |  |
|---|------|--|--|-------------|------------|---------------|--|
| Design Element  | Unit | Flat   | Rolling  | Mountainous | Escarpment | Urban/Pre-Urb | Remarks  |
| Design Speed  | km/h | 100  | 85   | 70          | 60         | 50            |  |
| Min. Stopping Sight Distance  | m    | 205  | 155  | 110         | 85         | 55            |  |
| Min. Passing Sight Distance   | m    | 375  | 340  | 275         | 225        | 175           |  |
| % Passing Opportunity   | %    | 50   | 33   | 25          | 10         | 20            |  |
| Min. Horizontal Curve Radius  | m    | 395  | 270  | 175         | 125        | 85            |  |
| Min. Length of Curve  | m    | 300  | 300  | 300         | 300        | 300           | Tangent Angle of 5° or less (ERA Standard)   |
|   | m    | 250  | 260  | 190         | 150        | 100           | Japanese Standard Design Speed: 6sec.  |
| Transition Curves Required  | -    | Yes  | Yes  | No          | No         | No            |  |
| Max. Radius for use of a Transition Curve                               | m    | 1450   | 1050   | -           | -          | -             | SATCC: $0.145 \times V^2$  |
| Spiral Length   | m    | R=400: L=123,<br>R=500: L=98,<br>R=600: L=87,<br>R=700: L=77,<br>R=800: L=69,<br>R=900: L=62,<br>R=1,000: L=56,<br>R=1,100: L=51,<br>R=1,200: L=46,<br>R=1,300: L=41,<br>R=1,400: L=37 | R=300: L=100,<br>R=400: L=75,<br>R=500: L=60,<br>R=600: L=48,<br>R=700: L=42,<br>R=800: L=38,<br>R=900: L=34,<br>R=1,000: L=30 | -           | -          | -             | SATCC: $0.0702V^3 / (RC)$<br>C: Rate of increase in centripetal acceleration (m/s <sup>3</sup> ); $1 < C < 3$ (1.438 is recommended) |
| Max. Gradient (desirable)   | %    | 3.0  | 4.0  | 6.0         | 6.0        | 6.0           |  |
| Max. Gradient (absolute)  | %    | 5.0  | 6.0  | 8.0         | 8.0        | 8.0           |  |
| Min. Gradient (desirable)   | %    | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.5         | 0.5        | 0.5           |  |
| Min. Gradient (absolute)  | %    | 0.3  | 0.3  | 0.3         | 0.3        | 0.3           | Japanese Standard Design Speed: 6sec.  |
| Greatest Vertical Curve (k-value)                                       | k    | 105  | 60   | 31          | 18         | 12            |  |
| Sag Vertical Curve (k-value)  | k    | 51   | 36   | 25          | 18         | 12            |  |
| Max. Superelevation (e)   | %    | 8.0  | 8.0  | 8.0         | 8.0        | 4.0           |  |
| Normal Crossfall  | %    | 2.5  | 2.5  | 2.5         | 2.5        | 2.5           |  |
| Shoulder Crossfall  | %    | 4.0  | 4.0  | 4.0         | 4.0        | 4.0           |  |
| Right of Way  | m    | COI  | COI  | COI         | COI        | COI           | Corridor of Impact (Construction Limit)  |
| - Normal Wereda towns and Kebele towns are included in Urban/Pre-Urban. |      |  |  |             |            |               |  |

For this recommendation, the Study Team fills in the gaps as follows.

2. Other Standards Recommendation

A. SATCC: not stipulated

B. AASHTO: Flat grades can typically be used without any problem on uncurbed highways where the cross slope is adequate to drain the surface water laterally. With curbed highways or streets, longitudinal grade should be provided to facilitate surface drainage. An appropriate minimum grade is typically 0.5 percent, but grades of 0.30 percent may be used where there is a high-type pavement accurately sloped and supported on firm sub-grade.

C. Japanese Standard: Flat grades are normally preferable, but long section with flat

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grade will create some problem. Surface water on road should be drained by cross fall, but surface water sometimes remains on road surface due to problems such as rainfall intensity, drainage size, etc. It is therefore usual to set vertical gradient at least between 0.3 and 0.5 percent.

3. Reasons of Recommendation of 0.3 %

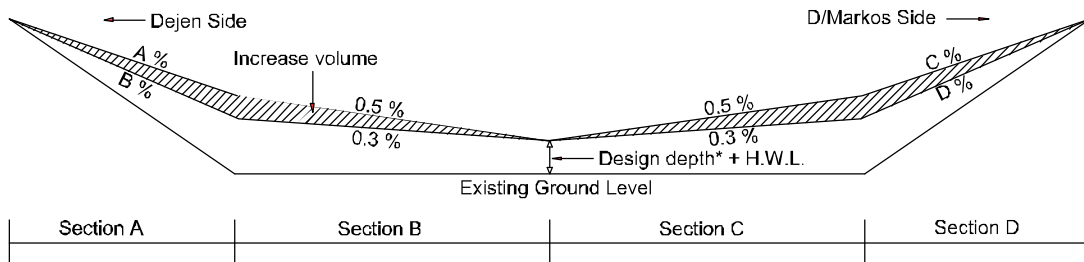
1) Livestock Corridor

Flat areas applied 0.3% min. gradient are currently being used as grazing land and/or livestock corridor. The study road may balkanize these areas and corridors by high embankment. For this reason, the embankments should be kept in low height as much as possible.

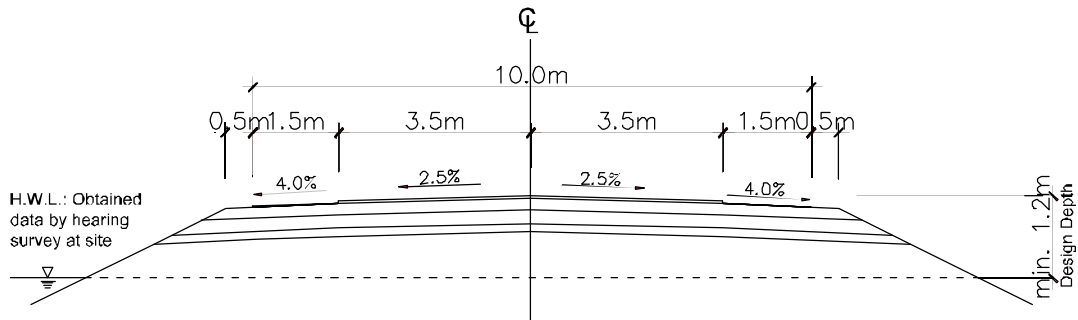
2) Reduction of Embankment Material

As mentioned previously, securing of min. 0.5% gradient in flat areas would mean a substantial increase in construction cost with the embankment material increase as follows:

| Station             |       |          |                     |       |       |           | Gradient & Length |         |           |                        | Total Increase Volume (m3) | Remark |
|---------------------|-------|----------|---------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------------------|---------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
|                     |       |          |                     |       |       |           | Sec. A            | Sec. B  | Sec. C    | Sec. D                 |                            |        |
| 0km+000             | -     | 30km+510 | 0 + 200 - 1 + 200   | 1,000 | 2.65% | 0.33%     | -                 | -       | 7,496.10  | Asametech              |                            |        |
|                     |       |          |                     |       | 300   | 700       | -                 | -       |           |                        |                            |        |
|                     |       |          | 11 + 0 - 12 + 420   | 1,420 | 1.60% | 0.30%     | -                 | -       | 28,841.20 | Beket                  |                            |        |
|                     |       |          |                     |       | 220   | 1,200     | -                 | -       |           |                        |                            |        |
|                     |       |          | 17 + 80 - 18 + 230  | 1,150 | -     | 0.30%     | 3.36%             | -       | 6,414.43  | Taba                   |                            |        |
|                     |       |          |                     | -     | 575   | 575       | -                 |         |           |                        |                            |        |
| 21 + 280 - 23 + 220 | 1,940 | -        | -                   | 3.30% | 2.03% | 40,321.18 | Abeya             |         |           |                        |                            |        |
|                     |       |          |                     | -     | 1,220 | 720       | -                 |         |           |                        |                            |        |
| 25 + 580 - 26 + 520 | 1,340 | 4.54%    | 0.40%               | 3.30% | 3.75% | 2,922.05  | Yegodena          |         |           |                        |                            |        |
|                     |       |          |                     | 310   | 405   | 390       | 235               |         |           |                        |                            |        |
| Sub Total           |       |          |                     | 6,850 |       |           |                   | 85,993  |           |                        |                            |        |
| 30km+540            | -     | 65km+430 | 30 + 870 - 31 + 810 | 340   | 3.45% | 0.36%     | -                 | -       | 5,449.02  | Rumame Behr.d of H. S. |                            |        |
|                     |       |          |                     |       | 222   | 718       | -                 | -       |           |                        |                            |        |
|                     |       |          | 38 + 820 - 40 + 270 | 1,450 | 4.87% | 0.35%     | -                 | -       | 2,797.41  | Godelma                |                            |        |
|                     |       |          |                     | 1,025 | 425   | -         | -                 |         |           |                        |                            |        |
| 47 + 400 - 49 + 260 | 1,360 | 2.95%    | 0.30%               | -     | -     | 42,240.60 | Yeda              |         |           |                        |                            |        |
|                     |       |          |                     | 560   | 1,300 | -         | -                 |         |           |                        |                            |        |
| Sub Total           |       |          |                     | 4,250 |       |           |                   | 51,487  |           |                        |                            |        |
| Total               |       |          |                     |       |       |           |                   | 137,480 |           |                        |                            |        |



\*Design depth: The design depth is defined as the depth from finished road level to the depth that load bearing strength of the soil no longer has an effect on the pavement's performance in relation to traffic loading. Following figure shows the design depth in relation to the main structural components of pavement and earthworks and it gives the design depth.



### Flood and/or Flat Areas

Table: Standard for the Design Depth (i.e. Tanzania, S.A., Japan)

| Road Type   | Tanzania Standard |            | S.A. Standard |              | Japanese Standard            |
|-------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|
|             | Design Depth (m)  |            | Road Class    | Design depth |                              |
|             | General           | Heavy Load |               |              |                              |
| Paved Trunk | 0.8               | 1.2        | A             | 1.0 – 1.2    | 1.0m from bottom of sub-base |
|             |                   |            | B             | 0.8 – 1.0    |                              |
| Others      | 0.6               | 1.0        | C             | 0.8          |                              |
|             |                   |            | D             | 0.7          |                              |

#### 4. Conclusion

From the results of study mentioned above, the Study Team recommend using gradient of 0.3% as minimum gradient under the following conditions based on AASHTO.

- To use asphalt concrete pavement: 10cm
- To set accurate slope (Cross slope)
- To support on firm sub-grade (well-compacted improved sub-grade)

## Countermeasure for expansive soil on the Trunk Road A3 between Dejen and Debre Markos

### 1. Principle (ERA Site Investigation Manual 2002)

Mitigation measures for expansive soils are mentioned as follows in the Manual

- (a) Realignment: this solution is possible only if the areas covered with expansive clays are of limited extent.
- (b) Excavation and replacement: this simple procedure effectively eliminates the problems and is therefore recommended as much as possible. The investigations should focus on minimizing haulage of the materials, and this method will be economically viable only if suitable backfill material is available in the vicinity of the project road.
- (c) Treatment with lime; treatment of expansive soils with hydrated lime can give good results. The addition of 4 to 6% of lime is usually required. This treatment is, however, costly, in particular because it is necessary to treat a substantial thickness of soil (minimum 30cm compacted thickness). Lime treatment would therefore be considered advantageous only where investigations failed to locate suitable backfill material.
- (d) Minimizing Moisture Changes and Consequent Movements; if the above methods cannot be utilized, because of excessive costs or the absence of suitable backfill or replacement material, expansive clays may be used for fill and sub-grade. Special Practices are then necessary to avoid ingress of moisture into the road pavement that results in detrimental volume changes in the swelling soils. (Confining expansive clays under protective blankets, etc)

As the manual states, in case suitable backfill material is available, replacement procedure is applied as countermeasure for expansive soils. Since suitable backfill material is available in the vicinity of the project road, replacement method is preferable.



2. Thickness of soil replacement

Table-1 shows required replacement thickness stipulated in some countries' manual, recommended in some studies and adopted in some projects. ERA manual, Kenyan and SATCC manual mention maximum 1m as replacement thickness. Some U.S. state department procedure recommends 1.5m replacement thickness, and also 0.5 – 1.5m thickness was applied in Addis Ababa – Jima road. In the context of these manuals and experience, maximum replacement thickness is considered to be 1.5m.

Table-1: The provisions of manuals, performances and recommendations for replacement thickness for expansive soils

| No | Name of manual                       | Description of the provision  |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1  | ERA manual                           | It is usually considered sufficient to excavate the expansive soil to a depth of about 1m (even if some expansive soil remains under the backfill material, it will be confined and protected from moisture changes.) Such backfill material should exhibit strength (CBR) characteristics similar to those of the overlying embankment materials (preferably at least CBR on the order of 5, i.e. sub-grade strength class S3) |
| 2  | Zimbabwean Practice                  | Remove 700mm  |
| 3  | Tanzanian practice                   | Remove 600mm  |
| 4  | Kenyan manual                        | Recommends 1000mm   |
| 5  | Indian case studies                  | Recommend removal of 1000mm   |
| 6  | SATCC                                | Recommends 1000mm removal   |
| 7  | Some U.S. state department procedure | Recommends removal up to 1500mm   |
| 8  | CPC study in Ethiopia                | Recommends 900 to 1200mm  |
| 9  | Addis Ababa-Tarmaber project         | Removed 800mm   |
| 10 | Addis Ababa – Jima                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Removed 500 – 1500mm</li> <li>•Vertical barrier of LDPE sheeting (depth 2000mm)</li> </ul>  |

3. Fluctuation area of water contents in expansive soil

The depth of moisture fluctuation is reported to be in the order of 2m to 3m, the Figure-1 shows the model of moisture fluctuation mechanism. Cracks develop from ground surface to maximum depth of about 1.5m according to some investigation. Moisture contents vary from ground surface to depth 3m as in Figure-1. Moisture content of ground surface increases with depth until about 3m during dry season, while it decreases during rainy season on the contrary. Moisture content below about a 3m depth is reported to be stable, and therefore does not fluctuate.

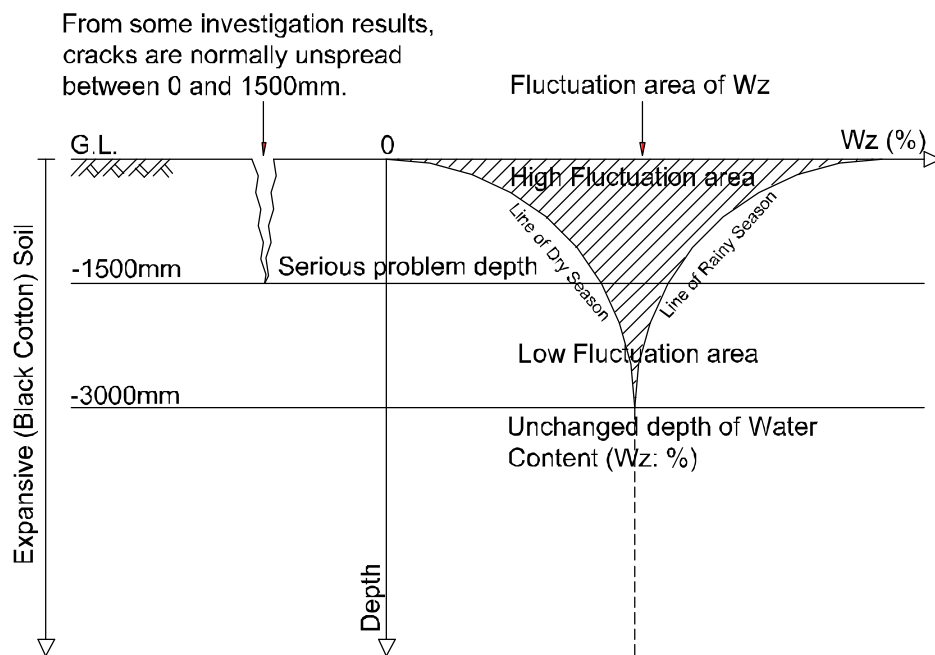


Figure-1: Extent of the Impact by BC Soil

4. Geological condition of project road

Geological conditions from Dejen to Lumame (30.5km) and from Lumame to Debre Markos (35km) are described in accordance with the results of test pits and borehole investigation in Tabel-2 and Table-3.

Expansive soil (BCS; Black cotton soil) is observed along the entire alignment between Dejen and Lumame. Most depths of BCS fall in the range 2 – 3m; however, some depths reach about 10m in Abeya river area where it is flooded sometimes during rainy season.

BCS is observed in some sections between Lumame and Debre Markos, and also depths of BCS in Yeda river area reach about 10m. Reddish and brown silty clay are observed over more than half of the section of 35km.

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Table-2: Sub-grade condition between Dejen and Lumame

| Boring or Pit | Chainage | Location | BCS      | Red. / Brn | N value | CBR | Swell % | PI | NMC | S.L. | Ex  |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|---------|-----|---------|----|-----|------|-----|
| NTP 01        | 1+500    |          | 0.8-2.0  |            | <10     |     |         | 38 |     |      |     |
| NTP 02        | 4+000    |          | 0.6-2.6  |            | <10     | 2   | 10.0    | 51 |     |      | 112 |
| NBH 01        | 5+060    |          | 1.0-2.5  |            | 8-9     |     |         | 77 | 39  | 3.2  |     |
| NTP 03        | 5+500    |          | 0.5-1.9  |            | <10     |     |         | 48 |     |      |     |
| BH 09         | 8+500    | Yitnora  | 0.95-2.7 |            | 2-6     |     |         | 47 |     |      |     |
| NTP 05        | 9+500    |          | 0.8-2.8  |            | <10     |     |         | 46 |     |      |     |
| BH 10         | 10+500   |          | 0.0-2.0  |            | 3-10    |     |         | 36 | 31  |      |     |
| BH 11         | 11+400   |          | 0.0-4.0  |            | 4-9     |     |         | 25 | 40  |      |     |
| NTP 06        | 11+500   |          | 0.5-3.1  |            | <10     |     |         | 73 |     |      |     |
| BH 12         | 12+500   | Bechet   | 0.5-2.5  |            | 1-6     |     |         | 52 | 46  |      |     |
| NTP 07        | 13+500   |          | 0.7-2.5  |            | <10     | 2   | 8.0     | 42 |     |      | 97  |
| NBH 02        | 14+560   |          | 0.6-2.0  |            | 8       |     |         | 72 | 39  | 2.8  |     |
| NTP 08        | 15+500   |          | 0.8-2.5  |            | <10     |     |         | 62 |     |      |     |
| NTP 09        | 16+500   |          | 0.9-2.6  |            | <10     |     |         | 73 |     |      |     |
| NTP 10        | 17+500   |          | 0.6-2.4  |            | <10     |     |         | 74 |     |      |     |
| BH 13         | 18+500   | Taba     | 0.0-3.0  |            | 1-4     |     |         | 78 | 51  |      |     |
| NTP 11        | 19+500   | Wejel    | 0.5-2.4  |            | <10     |     |         | 47 |     |      |     |
| BH 14         | 20+000   | Aba Adem | 0.0-2.1  |            | 3-4     |     |         | 52 |     |      |     |
| NBH 03        | 20+090   | Aba Adem | 0.5-3.5  |            | 9-14    |     |         | 70 | 44  | 4.4  |     |
| NTP 12        | 21+500   |          | 1.1-2.4  |            | <10     |     |         | 51 |     |      |     |
| NBH 04        | 22+040   | Abeya    | 1.0-13.0 |            | 2-9     |     |         | 51 | 46  | 7.3  |     |
| NBH 05        | 22+080   | Abeya    | 1.0-11.0 |            | 4-11    |     |         | 53 | 44  |      |     |
| NTP 13        | 23+000   |          | 0.6-3.0  |            | <10     | 2   | 8.4     | 51 |     |      | 128 |
| NTP 14        | 24+000   |          | 1.6-2.5  |            | <10     |     |         | 57 |     |      |     |
| NTP 15        | 26+500   |          | 0.8-3.0  |            | <10     | 2   | 12.4    | 43 | 53  | 9    | 90  |
| NBH06         | 26+500   |          | 0.6-2.5  |            | 4-5     |     |         | 52 | 53  | 6.2  |     |
| NTP 16        | 27+500   |          | 0.7-2.7  |            | <10     |     |         | 71 |     |      |     |
| NTP 17        | 29+000   |          | 0.5-3.0  |            | <10     |     |         | 63 |     |      |     |
| NBH 07        | 29+300   | Bogena   | 0.6-3.9  |            | 10      |     |         | 43 | 31  |      |     |
| NBH 08        | 29+390   | Bogena   | 1.0-3.9  |            | 5-6     |     |         | 70 | 61  |      |     |
| NPT 18        | 30+000   |          | 1.1-3.0  |            | <10     |     |         | 59 |     |      |     |

Note; BCS: Black cotton soil, Ex: Expansiveness

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Table-3: Sub-grade condition between Lumame and Debre Markos

| Boring or Pit | Chainage | Location | BCS     | Red. / Brn | N value | CBR | Swell % | PI | NMC | S.L. | Flex |
|---------------|----------|----------|---------|------------|---------|-----|---------|----|-----|------|------|
| NTP 19        | 32+000   |          | -       | Red        |         | 9   | 1       | 43 | 35  | 14   | 81   |
| NTP 20        | 34+500   |          | -       | Brn        |         |     |         | 46 |     |      |      |
| NBH 09        | 35+670   | Getla    |         |            |         |     |         |    |     |      |      |
| NTP 21        | 36+000   |          | 0.0-1.3 |            | < 10    |     |         | 50 |     |      |      |
| NTP 22        | 37+500   |          | 0.0-1.4 |            | < 10    |     |         | 54 |     |      |      |
| NTP 23        | 38+500   |          | 0.5-2.7 |            | < 10    |     |         | 32 |     |      |      |
| NTP 24        | 40+500   |          | -       | Red        |         |     |         | 28 |     |      |      |
| NTP 25        | 42+500   |          | -       | Red        |         | 9   | 1.2     | 28 | 31  | 17   | 33   |
| NTP 26        | 43+500   |          | -       | Red        |         |     |         | 25 |     |      |      |
| NBH 10        | 44+060   |          | -       | Red        | > 12    |     |         | 21 | 35  | 15   |      |
| NTP 27        | 45+500   |          | -       | L/Brn      |         |     |         | 24 |     |      |      |
| NTP 28        | 46+500   |          | -       | D/Brn      |         |     |         | 40 |     |      |      |
| NBH 11        | 47+420   | Yeda     | 0.0-5.5 |            | 4-10    |     |         | 57 | 35  | 6.8  |      |
| NTP 29        | 48+000   | Yeda     | > 4.0   |            | < 10    |     |         | 58 |     |      |      |
| NBH 12        | 48+900   | Yeda     | 0.0-10  |            | 5-10    |     |         | 40 | 43  | 7.8  |      |
| NBH 13        | 49+200   | Yeda     | 0.0-10  |            | 1-9     |     |         | 32 | 49  | 10.7 |      |
| NTP 30        | 49+500   | Yeda     | > 4.0   |            | < 10    | 2   | 7.9     | 43 | 36  | 14   | 81   |
| NBH 13-2      | 50+200   | Yeda     | 0.0-2.4 |            | 4-10    |     |         | 54 | 37  | 2.5  |      |
| NTP 31        | 50+500   | Yeda     | 0.0-2.7 |            | < 10    |     |         | 44 | 46  | 13   | 85   |
| NTP 32        | 51+500   |          | -       | Red        |         |     |         | 37 |     |      |      |
| NTP 33        | 53+000   |          | -       | L/Brn      |         |     |         | 22 |     |      |      |
| NBH 15        | 53+500   | Ambesh   | -       | D/Brn      |         |     |         |    |     |      |      |
| NTP 34        | 55+000   |          | -       | Red        |         |     |         | 38 |     |      |      |
| NTP 35        | 56+500   |          | -       | D/Brn      |         | 4   | 3.8     | 31 | 41  | 14   | 49   |
| NTP 36        | 57+500   |          | -       | Red        |         |     |         | 39 |     |      |      |
| NBH 16        | 57+890   | Chemoga  | -       | L/Brn      | 2-8     |     |         | 31 | 45  |      |      |
| NBH 17        | 58+020   | Chemoga  | -       | L/Brn      | > 11    |     |         | 40 | 35  |      |      |
| NTP 37        | 59+000   |          | -       | Red        |         |     |         | 36 |     |      |      |
| NTP 38        | 60+500   |          | -       | Red        |         |     |         | 23 |     |      |      |
| BH 19         | 61+000   | Wiseta   | -       | Red        | 2       |     |         | 27 | 44  |      |      |

Note; Red: Reddish silty clay, L/Brn: Light brown silty clay, D/Brn: Dark brown silty clay

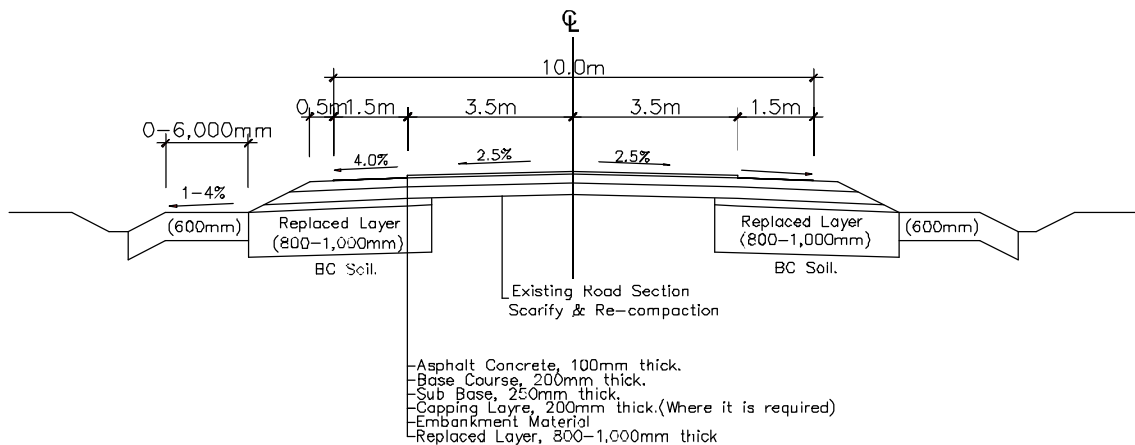
5. Alternative replacement procedures

Three alternative replacement procedures are presented.

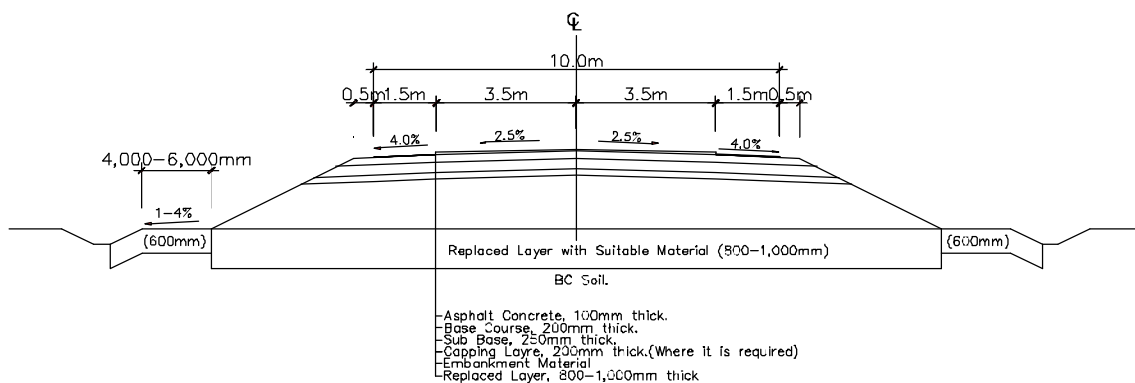
Alternative-1 (Figure-2) is proposed based on standard concept of some manual in which replacement thickness of 1.0m under road embankment and thickness of 0.6m horizontal blanket with width 0.0m-6.0m outside both embankment toes are designed. The replacement backfill with thickness of 0.6m on both sides functions to prevent the change of moisture content through the ground surface.

Alternative-2 (Figure-2\*) is the same concept of replacement but with a thickness of 1.5m under road embankment and thickness of 0.6m on both sides of embankment toes.

Alternative-3 (Figure-3) has replacement thickness 1.0m under road embankment and vertical barriers on both sides which function to prevent the change of moisture content and confine it instead of horizontal blanket employed in Alternative-1 and -2. Vertical barrier depth of 3.0m is planned by considering fluctuation area of water content (refer to Figure-1). This vertical barrier depth of 3.0m is planned to be adopted for Abeya and Yeda river area. Depth of vertical barrier will be varied depending on BCS thickness in other locations.



Existing Pavement Section in Rural Area



New Road Section (Bypass) in Rural Area

Figure-2: Countermeasure Concepts based on ERA Design Manual

\*Alternative 2, the replacement thickness is changed from 1.0 to 1.5 in Figure-2.

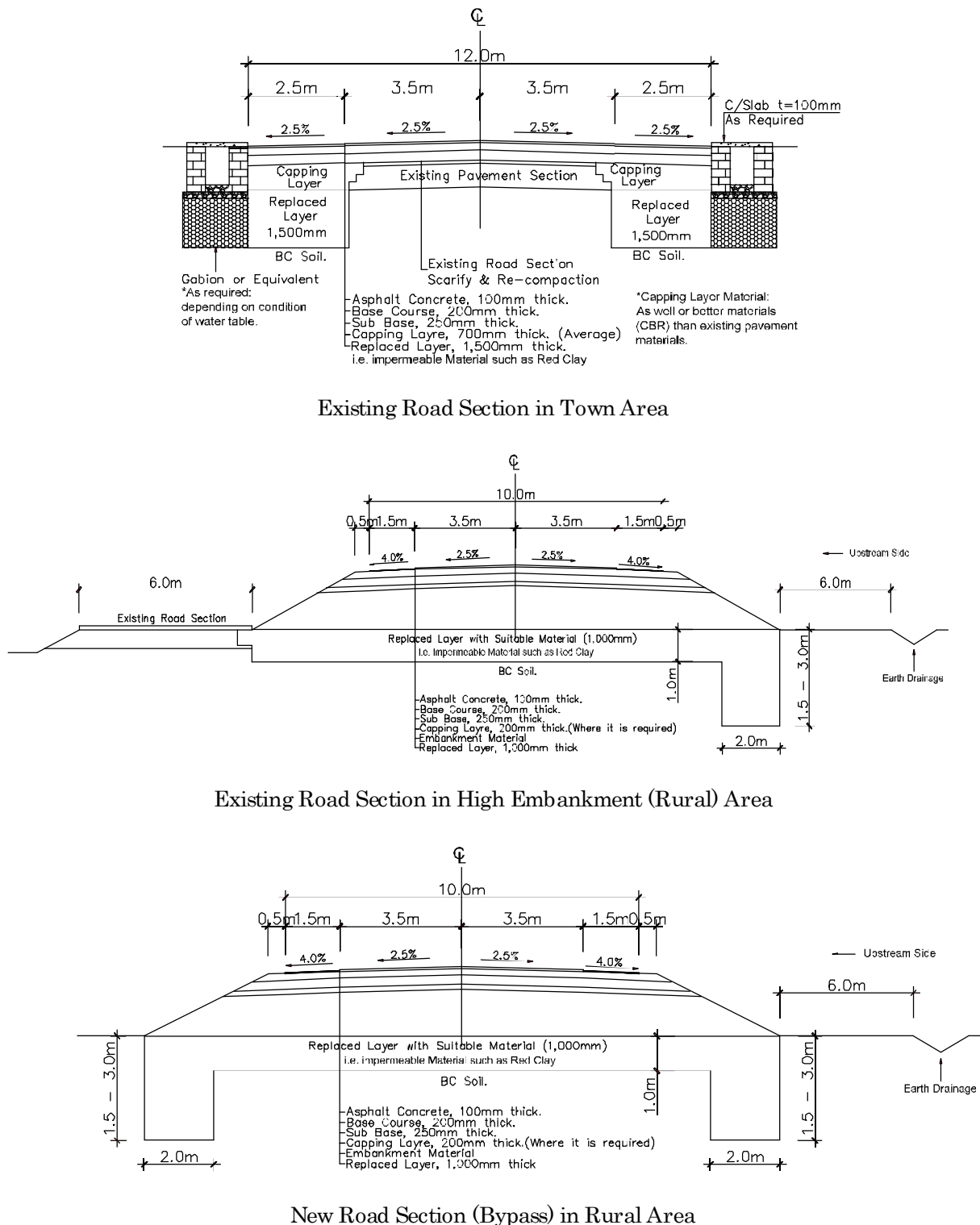


Figure-3 Countermeasure Concepts Proposed by the Study Team

6. Recommendation

Table-4 shows advantages and disadvantages of the three Alternatives. Only Alternative-3 can be applied for countermeasure to expansive soils in Abeya and Yeda river area, therefore Alternative-3 is recommended as the most appropriate procedure on the project road.

Table-4: Comparison of replacement methods and recommendation

| No | Section                         | Replacement thickness |       |                  | Application to Abeya & Yeda | Measures to gap between existing road and widened part | Side protection to moisture change | Recommendation |
|----|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------|
|    |                                 | Under embankment      |       | Slope protection |                             |  |                                    |                |
|    |                                 | Carriage way          | Toe   |                  |                             |  |                                    |                |
| 1  | Realignment                     | 1m                    |       | 0.6m (L: ~6m)    | Not suitable                | —  | Enough                             |                |
|    | Rehabilitation of existing road | —                     | 1.0m  | 0.6m (L: ~6m)    | —                           | Not enough   | Enough                             |                |
| 2  | Realignment                     | 1.5m                  |       | By thickness     | Not suitable                | —  | Enough                             |                |
|    | Rehabilitation of existing road | —                     | 1.5m  | By thickness     | —                           | Enough   | Enough                             |                |
| 3  | Realignment                     | 1.0m                  | ~3.0m | By thickness     | Suitable                    | —  | Enough                             | Recommendable  |
|    | Rehabilitation of existing road | —                     | 1.5m  | By thickness     | —                           | Enough   | Enough                             |                |

Note: The maximum thickness of soil replacement is 1.5m according to many Manuals and experiences.



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Dear Madam,

**RE: PROPOSED ROAD ALIGNMENT AT CHEMOGA AND CROSS SECTIONS WITHIN  
DEBRE MARKOS  
ON  
THE PROJECT FOR REHABILITATION OF TRUNK ROAD, PHASE IV**

We would like to draw your attention to the aforementioned project and previous meetings we have held in October, 2010 in your office at Alemgena on the subject matter referenced above. We also would like to refer to our previous letter with Ref. No. ERA/ADM/101022/PO dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2010. In the letter some pending issues were listed in a table form No. 1 to No.5. Issues No. 1 and No. 5 were tackled in our letter with Ref. No. ERA/ADM/101025/PO dated 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

But issues No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 were still pending as we were waiting for the conclusion of detail topographic survey. The detail topographic survey was completed on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 and now we present our study results and proposals based on the acquired topographical survey data.

Our explanation aims at resolving the issues of Road Alignment at Chemoga (Sta. 58+000 ~ 58+700) and Applicable cross sections in Debre Markos Town (Sta. 60+800 ~ 65+400), including road width and median width.

For details please refer to the attached document titled "*Discussion for the Design Conditions and Concepts*".

We therefore request for your evaluation and approval of our proposals made in this letter for the expeditious progress of the design work.

Yours sincerely,

Masaaki TATSUMI Dr. Eng  
Oriental Consultants Company Limited  
JICA Study Team, Chief Consultant

Cc: Mr. Abdo Mohammed,  
DDG Engineering & Regulatory Department,  
Ethiopian Roads Authority.



## Discussion for the Design Conditions and Concepts

In a series of previous meetings, following matters were left as pending issues.

- Road alignment at Chemoga
- Applicable cross sections in Debre Markos Town

We hereby report results of the study based on the data of the detail topographic survey completed on 5<sup>th</sup> of November.


### 1. Alignment Change at Chemoga

#### (1) Outline of Alignment Change

Design Condition: Urban/Peri-urban

- Design speed: 50km/h
- Min. Radius: 85m
- Transition curve: not required
- Max. Grade: 8.0%
- Min. Stopping Sight Distance: 55m

Table-1

| Location   | Reasons & Interferences   |
|--|---|
|  | <p>Chemoga Area<br/>58.0 – 59.4km (L=1.4km)</p> <p><b>Reason</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To reduce the number of affected houses</li> </ul> <p><b>Interference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some houses</li> </ul> |

#### (2) Recommendation

New road construction would mean a commensurate increment of affected area and houses. Although horizontal alignment is improved by new construction road, it makes vertical alignment worse. On the other hand, existing route provided gentler grade in comparison to new road alignment. In addition, stopping sight distance for design speed of 50km/h is also satisfied. Thus upgrading of existing route (proposed new alignment) is recommended as much as possible.

(3) Result of the Study based on Detail Topographic Data

Table-2

|                          |                                     | HEC Alignment   | New Alignment  |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Geometric                | Min. Radius                         | 270m  | 100m   |
|                          | Max. Grade                          | 8.0%  | 5.8%   |
|                          | Applicable design speed             | 50km/h  | 50km/h   |
|                          | Regulatory Speed                    | 30 – 50km   |  |
|                          | Calculated Sight Distance           | 111m > 55m  | 68m > 55m  |
| Applicable Cross Section |                                     |   |  |
| No. of affected houses   |                                     | 3   | 0  |
| Land required            | Road reserve                        | New land is required because of new road construction | Width of upgraded road will be within existing road reserve area.  |
|                          | Diversion during construction stage | It is not required because of new construction road.  | Diversion with 6m will be provided by use of a part of ERA's land. |

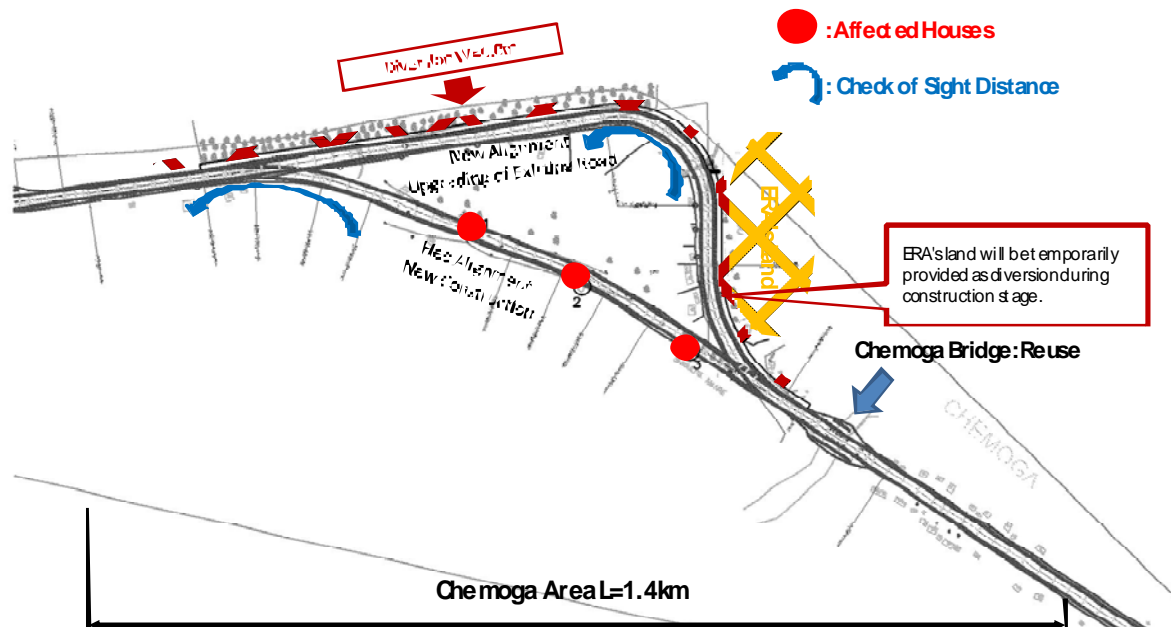
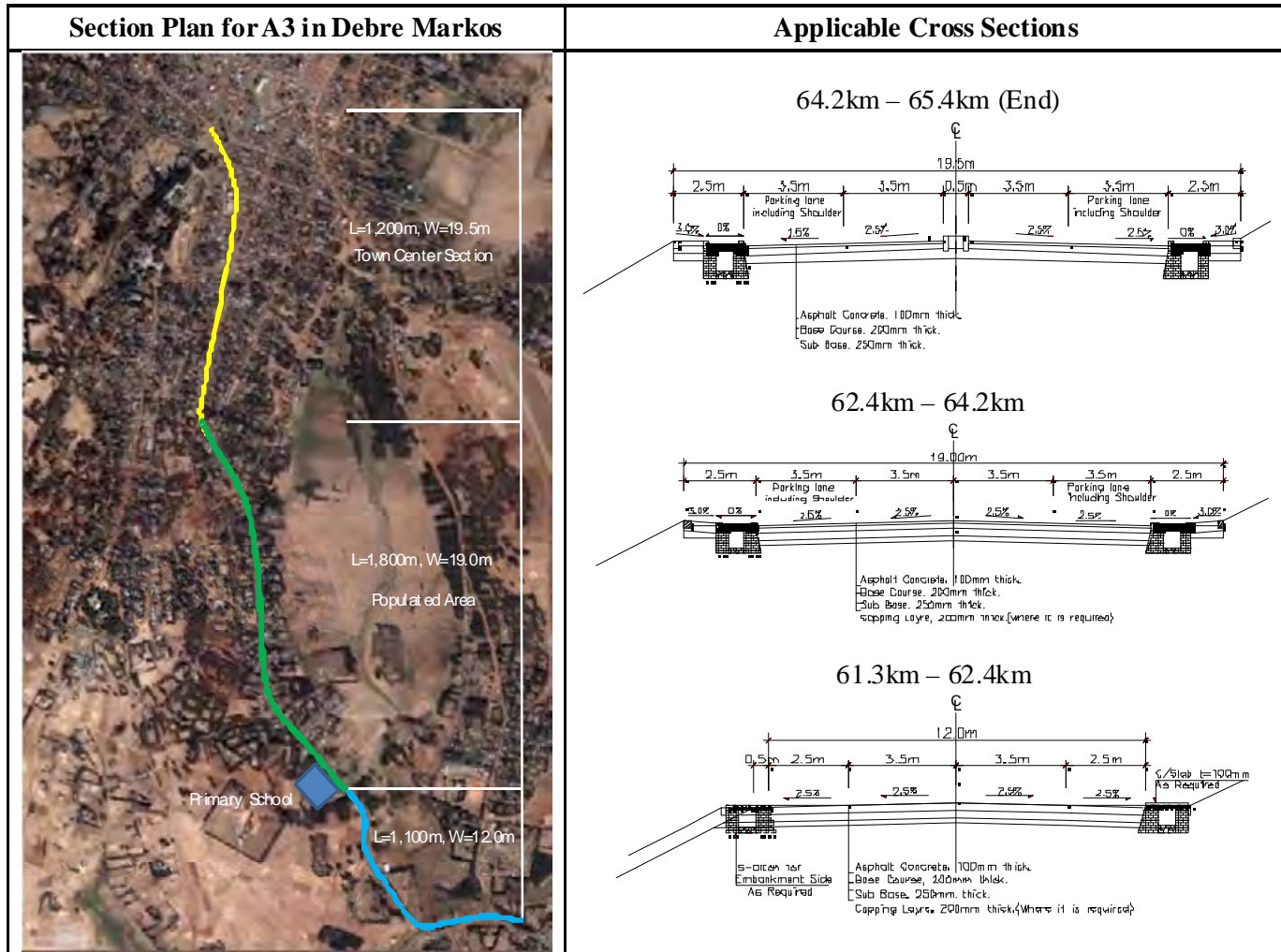


Figure-1 Comparative Illustration at Chemoga

## 2. Applicable Cross Sections in Debre Markos

### (1) Recommended Cross Section on Previous Meeting

Table-3



### (2) Result of the Study

In report of previous meeting, beginning point of D/Markos was set at diverging point of A3 and city road proposed by HEC. However beginning point of D/Markos was specified to be at the entrance of small village (see Table-4 in next page) in the meeting. Thus length of D/Markos section is extended from 4.1km (Sta.61.3-65.4) to 4.6km (Sta.60.8-65.4).

Table-4 Relation of Number of Affected Houses and Road Width

| Section Plan for A3 in Debre Markos | Number of Affected Houses: W=* |       |       |       |       |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                     | 12.0m                          | 19.0m | 19.5m | 20.0m | 21.5m |
|                                     | 2                              | 3     | 3     | 4     | 5     |
|                                     | 0                              | 4     | 4     | 4     | 9     |
|                                     | 0                              | 5     | 6     | 10    | 16    |
|                                     | 0                              | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
|                                     | 1                              | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     |

\*W: Total Width of Typical Cross Sections (see Appendix-1)

### (3) Recommendation of Applicable Cross Sections

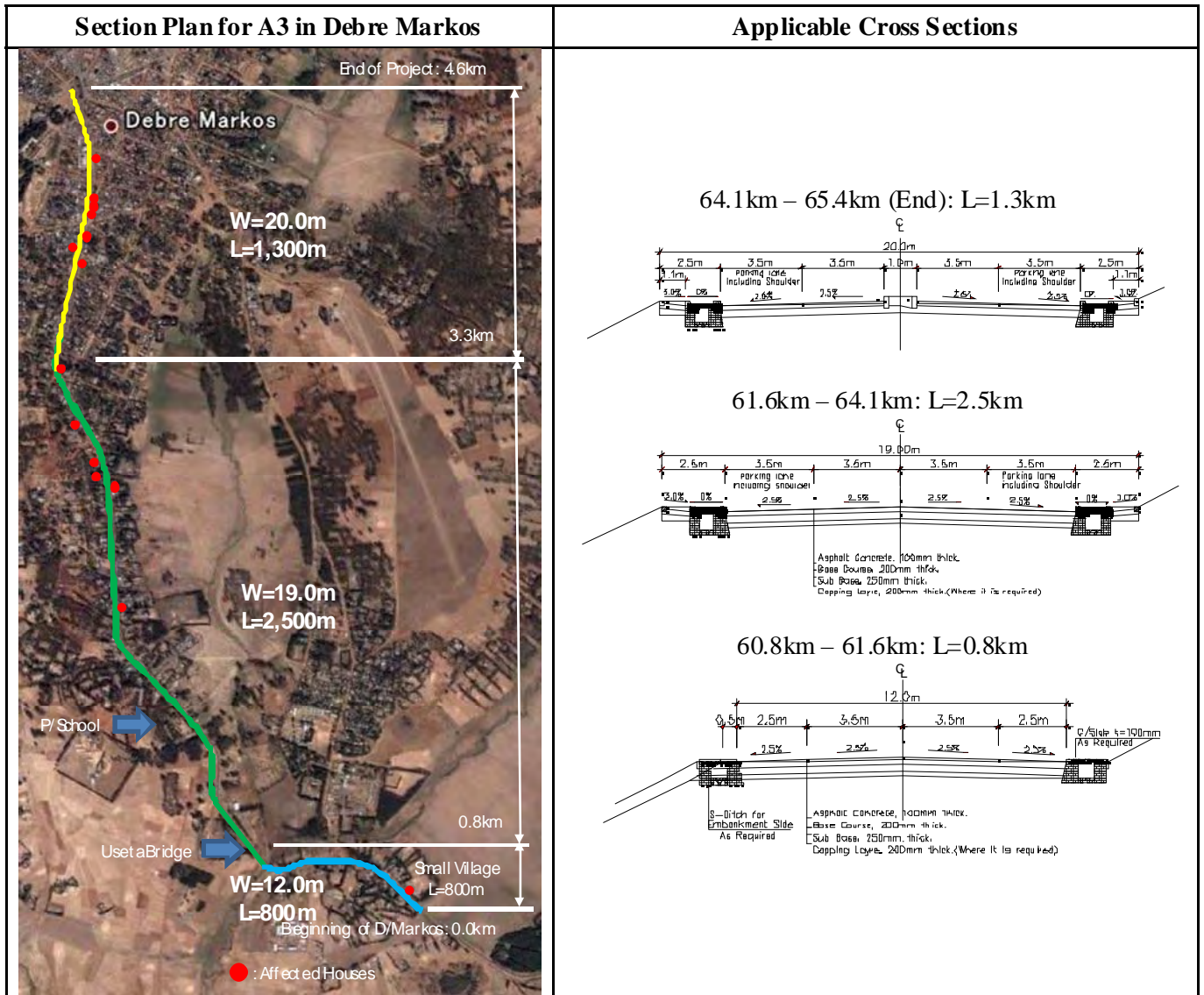
Cross sections in Debre Markos should be proposed in consideration of following three matters:

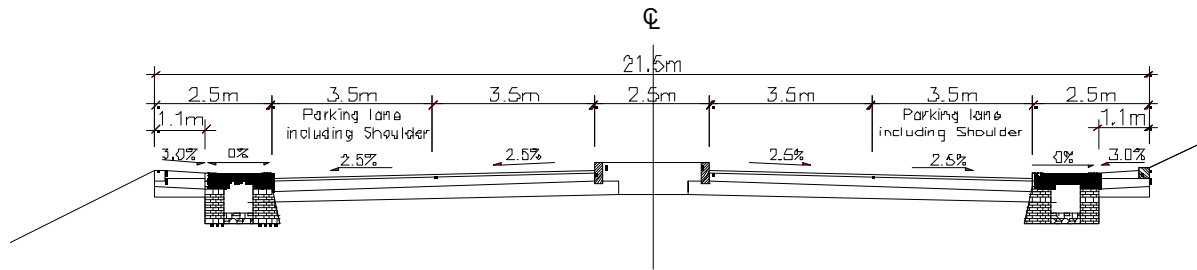
- To minimize the adverse social impacts (minimization of number of affected houses)
- To respond to expansion of the city area
- To respond to parking demand

Of issues listed above, considerable expansion area of the city in the immediate future will be up to Wiseta River. For these reasons, following cross sections are

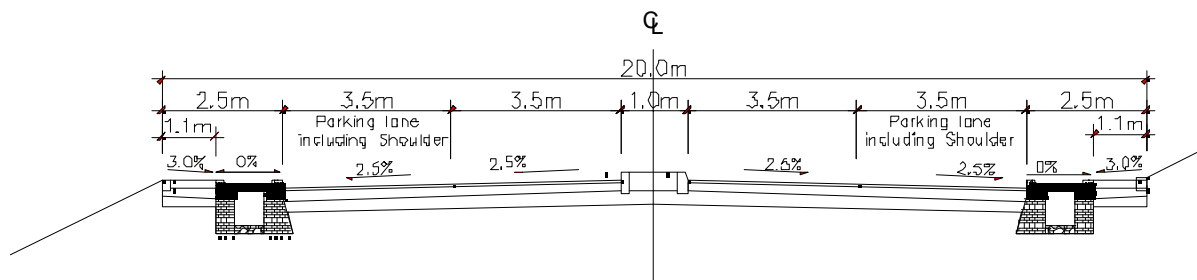
recommended to be applied in Debre Markos (refer Table-5)

Table-5 Recommendation of cross sections and in Debre Markos

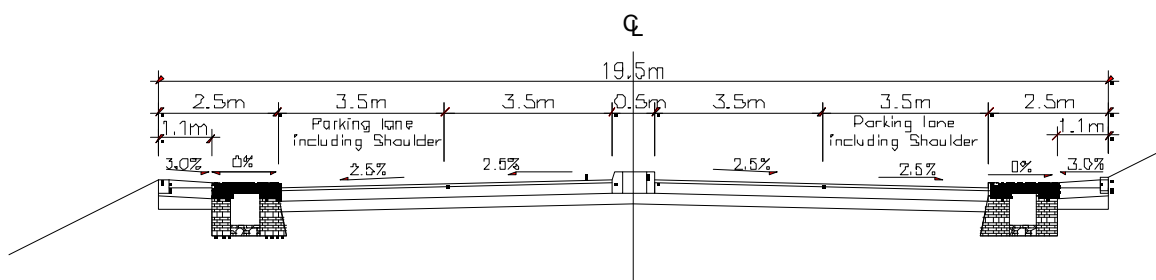




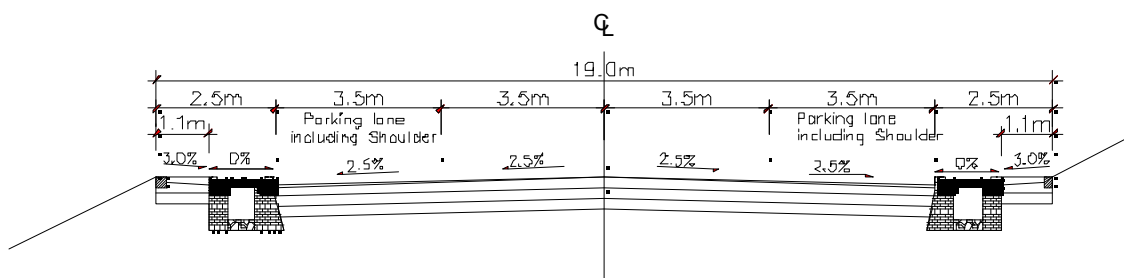
W=21.5m (Proposed by HEC DD)



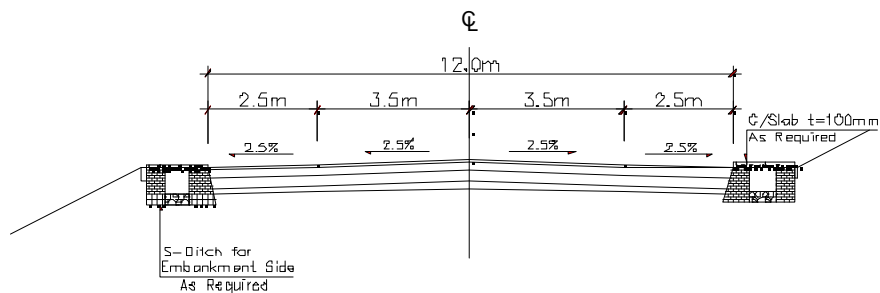
W=20.0m (Median Strip: 1.0m)



W=19.5m (Median Strip: 0.5m)



W=19.0m (No Median Strip)



W=12.0m

**Table: Number of Affected Houses (Whole Sections)**

| Sections          |                  | Width | DD Route by HEC | Proposed New Alignment |      |
|-------------------|------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------------|------|
|                   |                  |       | PAHs            | PAHs                   | PAPs |
| Sta.00+000-00+500 | Dejen            | 12.0m | 8               | 0                      | 0    |
| Sta.06+800-09+100 | Yetnora          | 12.0m | 9               | 0                      | 0    |
| Sta.18+600-20+200 | Wejel            | 19.0m | 24              | 1                      | 5    |
| Sta.28+700-30+400 | Lumame           | 19.0m | 9               | 5* <sup>1</sup>        | 0    |
| Sta.30+400-39+300 | Unpopulated Area | 10.0m | 3               | 2                      | 8    |
| Sta.39+300-39+900 | Gudalema         | 12.0m | 1               | 0                      | 0    |
| Sta.45+720-46+800 | Amber            | 19.0m | ND              | 16                     | 70   |
| Sta.46+800-52+000 | Unpopulated Area | 10.0m | 1               | 2                      | 10   |
| Sta.52+000-52+900 | Filiklik         | 12.0m | ND              | 0                      | 0    |
| Sta.58+000-59+400 | Chemoga          | 12.0m | 11              | 0                      | 0    |
| Sta.59+400-60+900 | Unpopulated Area | 10.0m | 9               | 0                      | 0    |
| Sta.60+900-61+700 | D/Markos         | 12.0m | 84              | 1                      | 5    |
| Sta.61+700-64+200 |                  | 19.0m |                 | 5                      | 24   |
| Sta.64+200-65+500 |                  | 20.0m |                 | 8                      | 37   |
| Total             |                  |       | 159             | 40                     | 159  |

**\*1: Kiosk**



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Addis Ababa 29/12/2010

**To:** The Consortium of Oriental Consultants Co., Ltd. and  
Eight-Japan Engineering Consultants inc.  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Re:** The Project for Rehabilitation of Trunk Road, Phase IV  
Dejen - Debre Markos

**Subject:** Proposed Road Alignment at Chemoga and Cross Sections within Debre -  
Markos Town

Dear Sir,

This is in reference to your letter Ref. No.. ERA/ADM/101126/PO dated November 26, 2010 through which you have forwarded your recommendation on the proposed road alignment at Chemoga and cross sections within Debre Markos town for our comment and subsequent endorsement.

Having reviewed your proposal, we have found that the proposed alignment at Chemoga is acceptable. However, we have noted the following comments to be incorporated in the proposal for the cross section in Debre Markos town.

- Provision of median strip is essential to minimize traffic accident by separating traffic movement in each direction and providing space at the mid of carriage way for pedestrian crossing the road. Considering the density of population for section 2 (0.8 km to 3.3 km) and the number of affected houses as per your proposal, we suggest to increase the typical section from 19.0m to 19.5m.
- In table 4, it is stated that the affected house with 19.5m width will be 3 and 4 for section 1 and section 2 respectively. Does it take into consideration the width of the side slope?
- For the beginning of Debre Markos town section, 800m, 2.5m parking lane have been recommended. However, if 0.7m clearance is provided for moving vehicles on both sides, total width which can accommodate two vehicles simultaneously will be 6.6m (taking on average 2.6m of vehicle width). Hence, providing 2.5m parking lane shall not be functional and thus we recommend the parking lane to be at least 3m from safety point of view.
- In most cases, there is a problem of proper design of junctions and vehicular crossings at town sections. Hence, please be advised to include detail junctions and vehicular crossings in the town sections.

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In connection with the above, we have learnt from other ERA's projects across the country that the above listed shortfalls had created complaints from the local residents during the construction period. For that reason, we are of the view that it is better to entertain the aforementioned problems at the design stage which would help us to meet the demands of the local residents. Therefore, we would like to advise you to consider the cited comments in your subsequent submission of revised proposal for our endorsement.

Sincerely Yours,

  
Hiwot Mosisa  
Central Region Directorate  
Director



Ms Hiwot Mossisa  
Central Region Directorate, Director  
Ethiopian Roads Authority (ERA)  
Addis Ababa

Dear Madam,

**RE: PROPOSED ROAD ALIGNMENT AT CHEMOGA AND CROSS SECTIONS WITHIN  
DEBRE MARKOS  
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THE PROJECT FOR REHABILITATION OF TRUNK ROAD, PHASE IV**

This is in reference to your letter with Ref. No. CR/MM3/1/3-3 dated 27th December, 2010 through which you have noted the comments for the cross section in Debre Markos town.

Having studied and discussed your requests and comments with JICA headquarter, we would like to reflect them to the project as follows:

1. Cross section

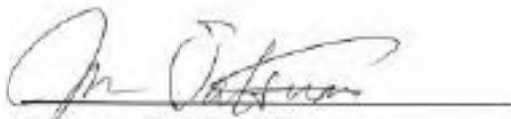
- ◆ Section 1 (3.3 – 4.6km, 64km+100 – 65km+400, L=1.3km) ; W=20m with median strip 1.0m
  - ◆ Section 2 (0.8 – 3.3km, 61km+600 – 64km+100, L=2.5km) ; W=19.5m with median strip 0.5m
  - ◆ Section 3 (0.0 – 0.8km, 60km+800 – 61km+600, L=0.8km) ; W=13.0m with parking lane 3.0m
- Please refer to the attached figure.

2. The width of the side slope was taken into consideration for cross section 20.0m of Section 1 and 19.5m of Section 2.

3. A left-turn lane will be incorporated at the intersection 61km+300 & 64km+750 for vehicular crossing at town sections, and the concept plan will be drawn in the report prepared in March.

We would like to request for your approval of our proposals for the project.

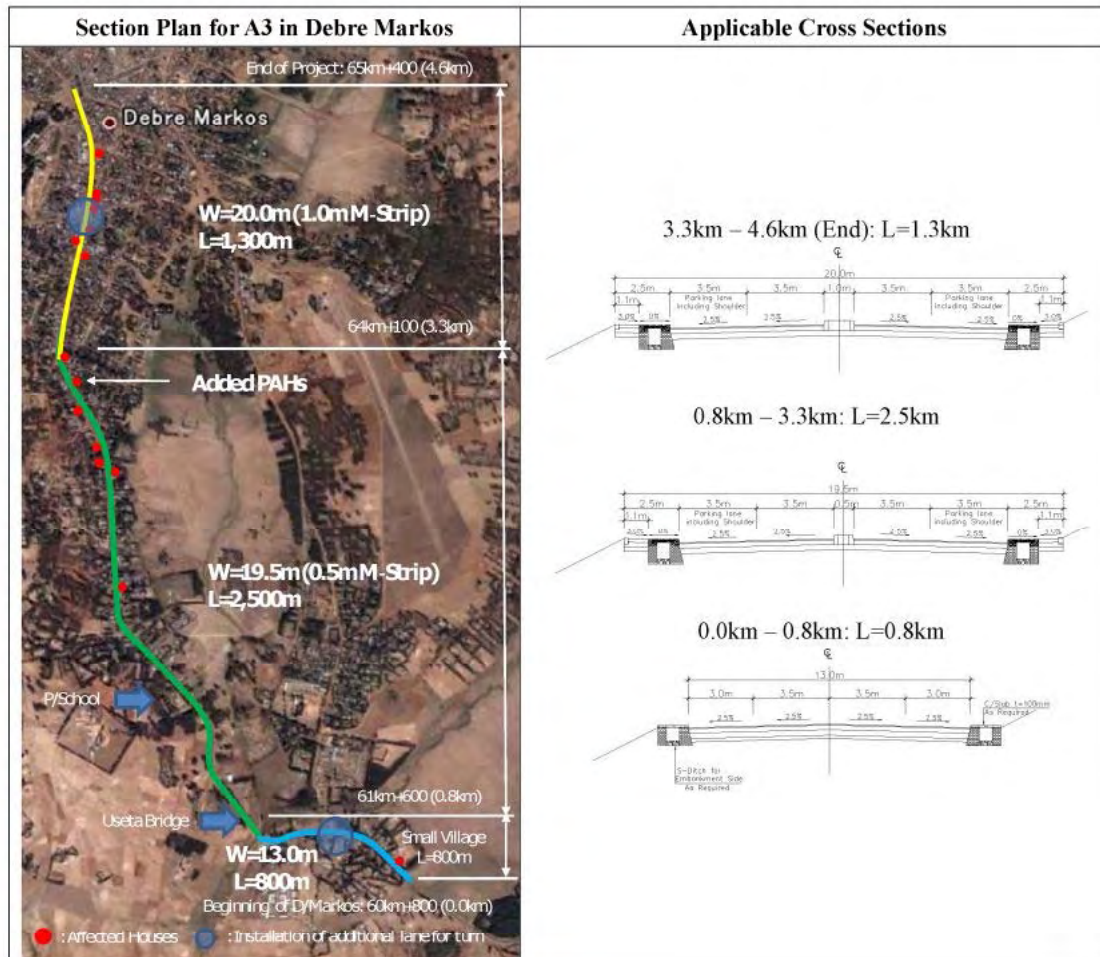
Yours sincerely,



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Oriental Consultants Company Limited  
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Cc: Mr. Abdo Mohammed,  
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## Appendix ;



**Cross section of Debre Markos Town**

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Addis Ababa 26/1/2011

**To:** The Consortium of Oriental Consultants Co., Ltd. and  
Eight-Japan Engineering Consultants inc.  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Re:** The Project for Rehabilitation of Trunk Road, Phase IV  
Dejen - Debre Markos

**Subject:** Approval for the Proposed Road Alignment at Chemoga and Cross Sections  
within Debre - Markos Town

Dear Sir,

We have made a reference to your letter Ref. No. ERA/ADM/110117/PO dated January 17, 2011 whereby you have sought our endorsement for the proposed road alignment at Chemoga and typical cross sections within Debre Markos town that incorporates our comments.

Accordingly, we have reviewed the revised proposal and found it acceptable. Hence, we have no objection for the proposed road alignment at Chemoga and typical cross sections within Debre Markos town.

Sincerely Yours,

*J. Z. M.*  
Hiwot Mosisa  
Central Region Directorate  
Director



## 6.2 Minutes of Meeting about RAP

Ref.No.n3-138/00-16

Date 4/11/2009

From: The Amhara National Regional State Debre Markos  
City Administration Mayer Office  
To : Highway Engineering Consultants  
Addis Ababa

Subject : Road Construction Works

We refer to our letter addressed to Ethiopia Road Authority of the engineering regulatory division 19/5/2009 with Ref.No.2526/n\00-18.In the letter we address ERA of the direction of the new road construction in Dejen town.

Currently, we understand that HEC is contracted for the consultancy service of the project by a letter sent to us with Ref.No. HEC/1991/09 and dated 02/11/2009.

Therefore, we request the route for the new road construction in the direction of Debre Markos district to Tekle-haimanot Square (old road).

Attached here with please find a minute signed by City Mayer Committee concerning the dication of the road al/ Route in the Debre Markos town.

Signature and Seal  
Abewaw Yaynwaga  
Debre Markos City Mayor

Date 3/11/2009

## Mayor's Committee Minutes of Meeting

### Attendants:

1. Mr. Migbaru Kebede Mayor's committee chairperson
2. Mr. Alemahehu Tekeste Committee Member
3. Mr. Abebaw Yaynwaga »
4. Mr. Asmamaw Atnafu »
5. Mr. Tekel Yitayew »
6. Mr. Menberu Mengistu »
7. Mr. Dereje Denekew »
8. Mr. Melesachew Demelash »
9. Mr. Kefale Adinew »
10. Mr. Yohannes Amno »
11. Mr. Belaynew Tsega »
12. Mr. Mesfin Gesesse »

### Agenda: Selection of road corridor/route in Debre Markos town

The Mayor's committee has discussed and agreed on the following points:

1. The road segment in Debre Markos town should be wide and median separated and should be in accordance with the master plan.
2. The road should pass along the corridor from the Debre Markos District of ERA and Kebele 07 office and along the Mosque to the Tekle haimanot round about.

The reason for the above decision is as follows:

1. If the existing road is to be rehabilitated, it is going to be costly as there will be big volume of slope cutting and filling works.
2. The existing road horizontal alignment has many curves; therefore, number of accident will be high.
3. There are big building structures along the existing road; therefore, the amount of compensation will be extremely high. In addition, resettlement action will create an immense pressure on the people to be resettled and the city administration.
4. The terrain along the proposed alignment is more suitable for the road construction. In addition the construction of the road will bring an economic growth to all the people living along the road.

Therefore, we recommend the alignment of the road to be as agreed above for the reasons mentioned above. The above decision by the committee should be informed to the Design Firm by the name Highway Engineering Consultants PLC. The committee has already informed of its decision to ERA.

Signature of the committee members  
Seal of the Debre Markos Town Administration

Date: 4/11/2009

Discussion to effectively carryout the Road construction Works from Dejen to Debre Markos

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Aneded Woreda Office

#### Attendants

1. Mr. Abdulahi Mohammed HEC
2. Mr. Badege Lake Representative of Agricultural Office
3. Mr. Abebaw Adane » »
4. Mr. Yalkibetal Admase Representative of Aneded Woreda Administration
5. Mr. Aderaw Abitew Land Administration Office

Agenda: Concerning families that will be affected by the Road Construction Works

Mr. Abdulahi Mohammed: He said that he will make discussion concerning the compensation of farm land and houses with the concerned bodies. If a farm land or house is affected by the road works, we have to pay compensation according to the regulations. The road will have a width of 22m in towns.

Mr. Abebaw Adane: How is the road construction work go along with the Reservoir?

Mr. Badege Lake: Compensation must be paid for those affected by the road work.

Mr. Abebaw Adane: We have to make ready of ourselves and/Deliver what is expected of us. Eventhough the people and the administration was expecting for long time, it is disappointing that the road is no going to pass through Aneded woreda village. Since the road is not going to pass through the village, the people are not going to benefit from the road construction. Therefore, the people will be disappointed and/Distance themselves from the government.

Mr. Abdulahi Mohammed: Concerning the above, a discussion has to be made with the Designers, the Zone and Regional Offices of ERA.

Mr. Badege Lake: We have to discuss with a tangible information and we have to understand that the economic development of the village will be hindered. That is because the road is not passing through the Aneded woreda village.

Signature of the attendants

Seal of the Eastern Gojam Administration Zone  
Aneded Woreda Trade & Industry Office

Date 4/11/2009



Preparation for necessary precautions to be taken for the Dejen Debre Markos Road Construction Project

Attendants:

1. Mr. Abdulahi Mohammed HEC (Chairperson)
2. Mr. Abebe Melese Awabel Woreda Administration
3. Mr. Kumilachew Damte Environmental Protection Agency
4. Mr. Edme alem Andualem Revenue Authority Office
5. Mr. Sima Kebede Awabel Woreda Municipality
6. Mr. Azeze Kasahun Women's Association representative

Agenda:

1. Compensation Matter
2. How to consider affected people in urban and rural area

Minutes of meeting are as follows:

Mr. Abdulahi Mohammed: The Government will pay compensation to properties like farm land and houses that are affected by the road construction. He requested if there is any question from the people and administration so that HEC can accommodate the matter in the study.

Mr. Kumilachew Damte: According to government regulation a compensation will be paid for farmers who are affected. However property evaluation and paying the compensation money will take a very long time. So what are you thinking in this regard?

Mr. Abdulahi Mohammed: compensation will be evaluated and will be paid by Ethiopian Roads Authority so it is difficult to answer this question by HEC.

Mr. Azeze Kasahun: Is the road construction going to affect seriously specially the farmlands?

Mr. Abdulahi Mohammed: The road alignment is almost following the existing centerline around this village. Therefore farmlands are not going to be affected seriously.

Sign by the participants

Seal of the Amhara Regional Government, Western Gojam Administration

Awabel Woreda Administration Office

Date: 4/11/2009

Meeting Venue: Dejen Woreda Water Resource Office

Time: 2:00 pm

Attendants:

1. Mr. Abdulahi Mohammad HEC
2. Mr. Birilew Mossa Environmental Protection Agency
3. Mr. Melisew Tamiru Agricultural Office
4. Mr. Abedje Asamirew General Manager Municipality
5. Mr. Tamir Adam Land Administration Office

Agenda: Concerning resettlement and compensation for the Dejen Debre Markos Road Project

Minutes of Discussion

Mr. Tamiru: He suggested each and every property that will be affected should be identified with a photo of the property.

Mr. Melisew: For a farm land the type of crop, number of trees and productivity should be considered/During the property evaluation stage and compensation.

Mr. Birilew: Farmers who have settled recently should be compensated according to the new regulation of the government.

Mr. Abeje: New construction near the road should be prohibited and the people should be informed about this.

Therefore, all participants have reached on agreement on the above issues unanimously.

Signature of the participants

Seal of the Amhara Regional Government, Eastern Gojam Administration

Dejen Town Municipality

### 6.3 Dam Plan of EEPCCO

#### (1) Dam Plan of EEPCCO

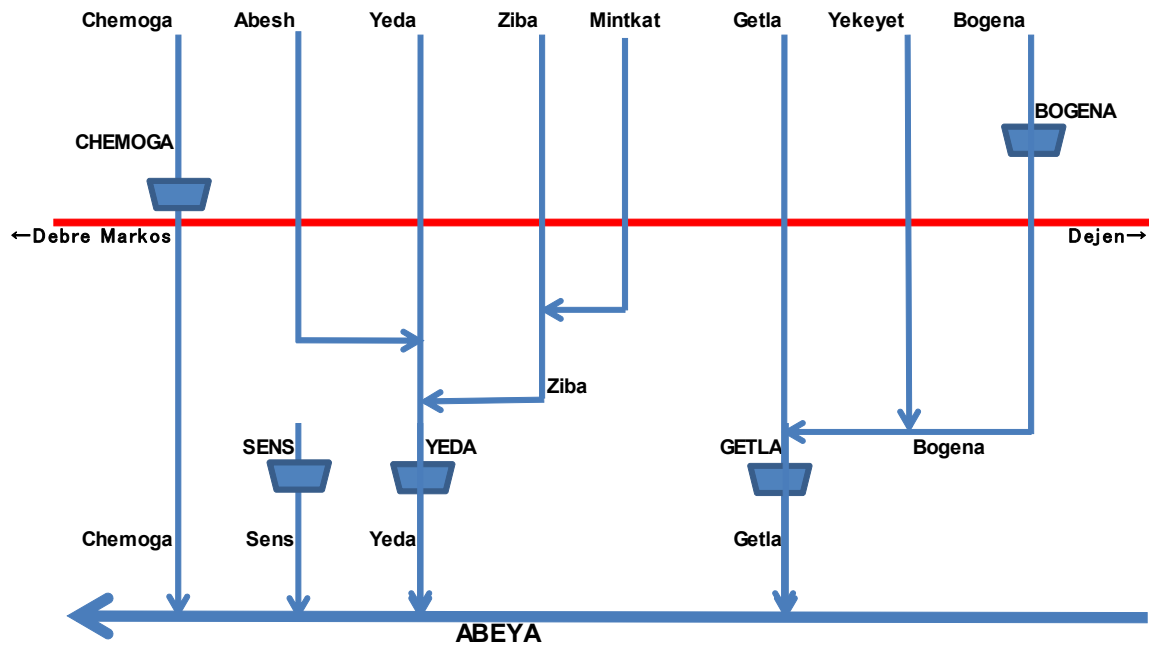
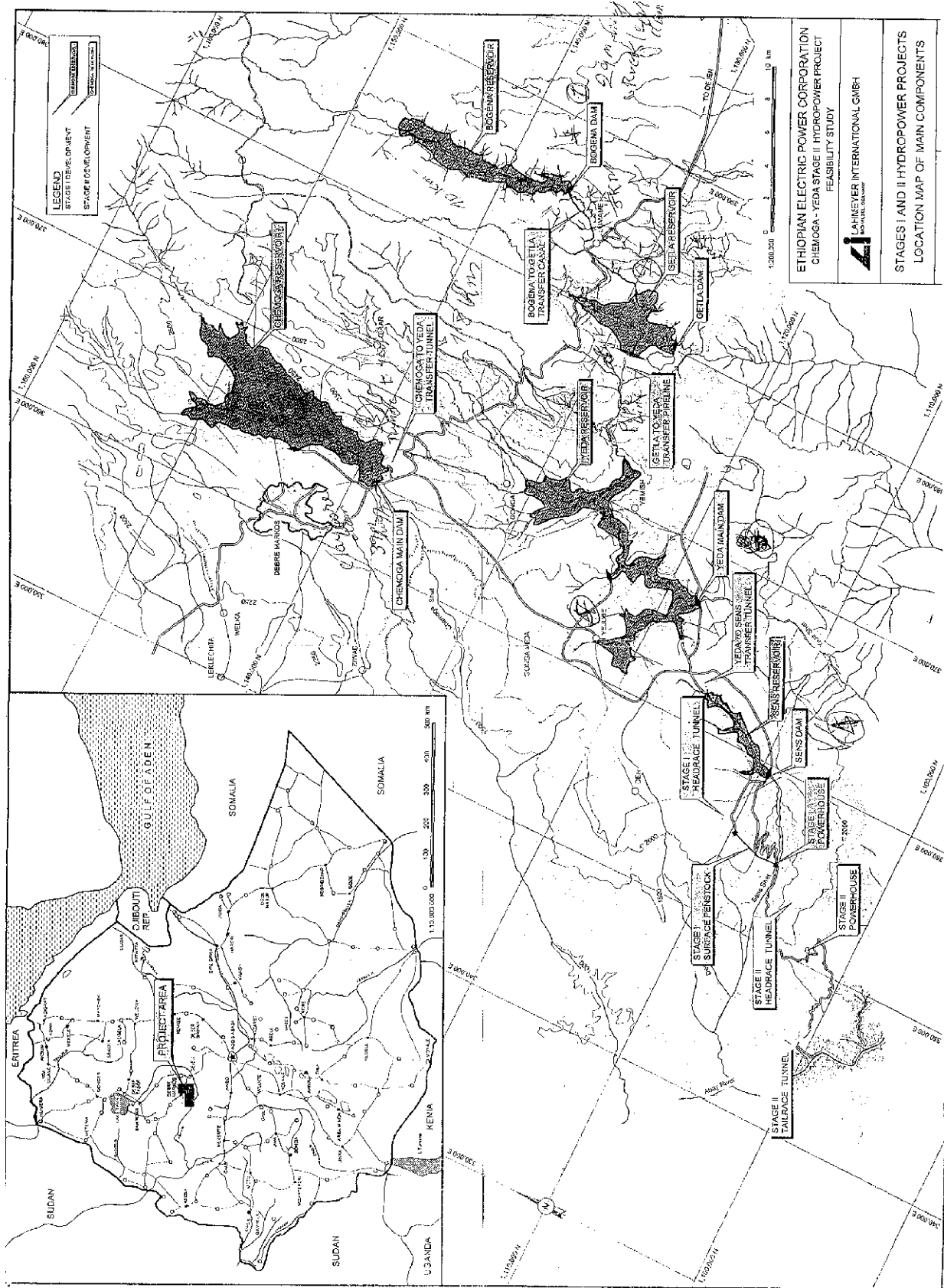
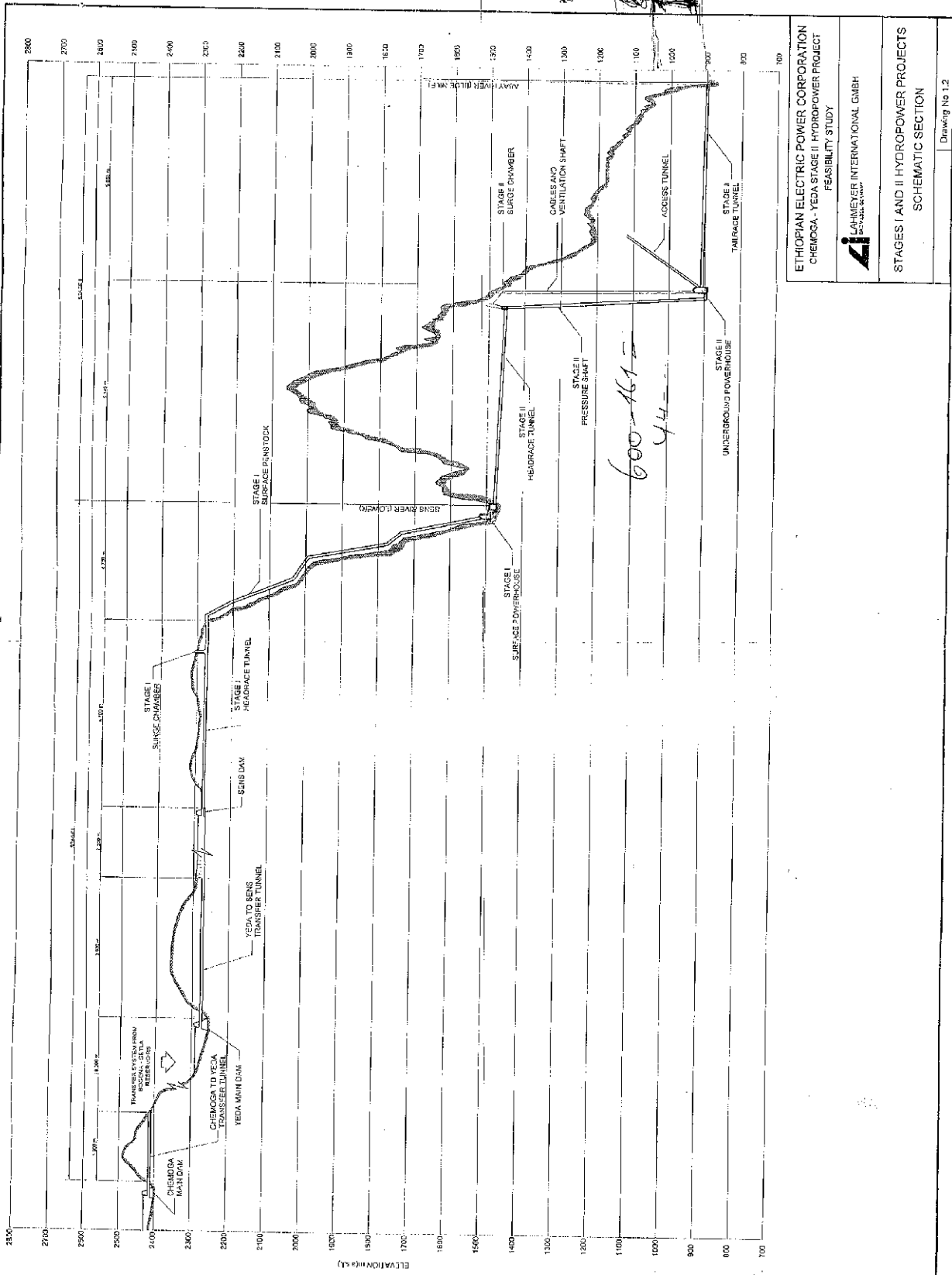


Figure 6.3.1 Overview Diagram dam project

(2) Plan of EEPCO Dam project



(3) Profile of EEPKO Dam project



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 SCHEMATIC SECTION

Drawing No 1.2

## 6.4 Traffic analysis and prediction results (From ERA - D/D Report)

*Consultancy Service of the Feasibility and EIA Studies, Preparation of RAP, Detail Engineering Design and Tender Document Preparation for Dejen - Debre Markos Road Project*

*Final Design Standard Report*

Table E1.1: Traffic Forecasted for Dejen - Debre Markos Road Project (2009-2032), Mixed Forecasted for Dejen - Debre Markos

| Year | Car | 4WD | S.B | L.B | S.T | M.T | H.T | T.T | TOTAL |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 2009 | 30  | 213 | 146 | 114 | 145 | 72  | 57  | 73  | 852   |
| 2010 | 33  | 226 | 159 | 124 | 157 | 78  | 62  | 79  | 918   |
| 2011 | 35  | 239 | 171 | 134 | 168 | 84  | 66  | 85  | 982   |
| 2012 | 37  | 253 | 185 | 144 | 181 | 90  | 71  | 91  | 1052  |
| 2013 | 39  | 268 | 200 | 156 | 194 | 97  | 77  | 98  | 1129  |
| 2014 | 53  | 363 | 276 | 215 | 266 | 133 | 105 | 134 | 1546  |
| 2015 | 55  | 384 | 298 | 232 | 286 | 142 | 113 | 145 | 1655  |
| 2016 | 59  | 407 | 321 | 251 | 307 | 153 | 121 | 155 | 1774  |
| 2017 | 62  | 430 | 346 | 271 | 330 | 165 | 131 | 166 | 1901  |
| 2018 | 65  | 455 | 374 | 293 | 354 | 177 | 140 | 179 | 2037  |
| 2019 | 69  | 481 | 404 | 316 | 380 | 189 | 150 | 192 | 2181  |
| 2020 | 73  | 510 | 437 | 340 | 408 | 203 | 161 | 206 | 2338  |
| 2021 | 77  | 535 | 468 | 364 | 435 | 217 | 172 | 219 | 2486  |
| 2022 | 81  | 561 | 498 | 387 | 461 | 230 | 182 | 232 | 2631  |
| 2023 | 85  | 587 | 530 | 413 | 488 | 244 | 194 | 246 | 2786  |
| 2024 | 89  | 615 | 564 | 440 | 517 | 258 | 205 | 262 | 2949  |
| 2025 | 93  | 643 | 601 | 468 | 548 | 273 | 217 | 277 | 3120  |
| 2026 | 98  | 673 | 641 | 499 | 581 | 290 | 230 | 294 | 3304  |
| 2027 | 102 | 705 | 682 | 531 | 616 | 308 | 244 | 312 | 3499  |
| 2028 | 107 | 738 | 727 | 565 | 653 | 326 | 258 | 330 | 3704  |
| 2029 | 112 | 773 | 773 | 601 | 692 | 345 | 273 | 350 | 3920  |
| 2030 | 117 | 809 | 823 | 641 | 734 | 366 | 290 | 371 | 4150  |
| 2031 | 122 | 847 | 877 | 682 | 778 | 388 | 308 | 393 | 4393  |
| 2032 | 128 | 886 | 934 | 727 | 824 | 411 | 326 | 416 | 4651  |

Source: Consultant's Traffic Survey and Forecast, 2009

## 6.5 Geological Survey

### (1) Geological Survey

#### 1) Purpose and Content of Survey

Geological Survey was carried out for the purpose of getting geological information to design and execution of the project road. Expansive soil named Black Cotton Soil is distributed along the route. One of the main objects of it is to clarify exact distribution, thickness and property of it. The survey includes next three items. It is as follows.

- Mechanical boring on the route.
- Test pitting on the route.
- Material survey for quarry and borrow pit.

#### 2) Location and content of Survey

The location map is shown in Figure 6.5.1. The coordinate and distance of sites are shown in Table 6.5.1 and Table 6.5.2.

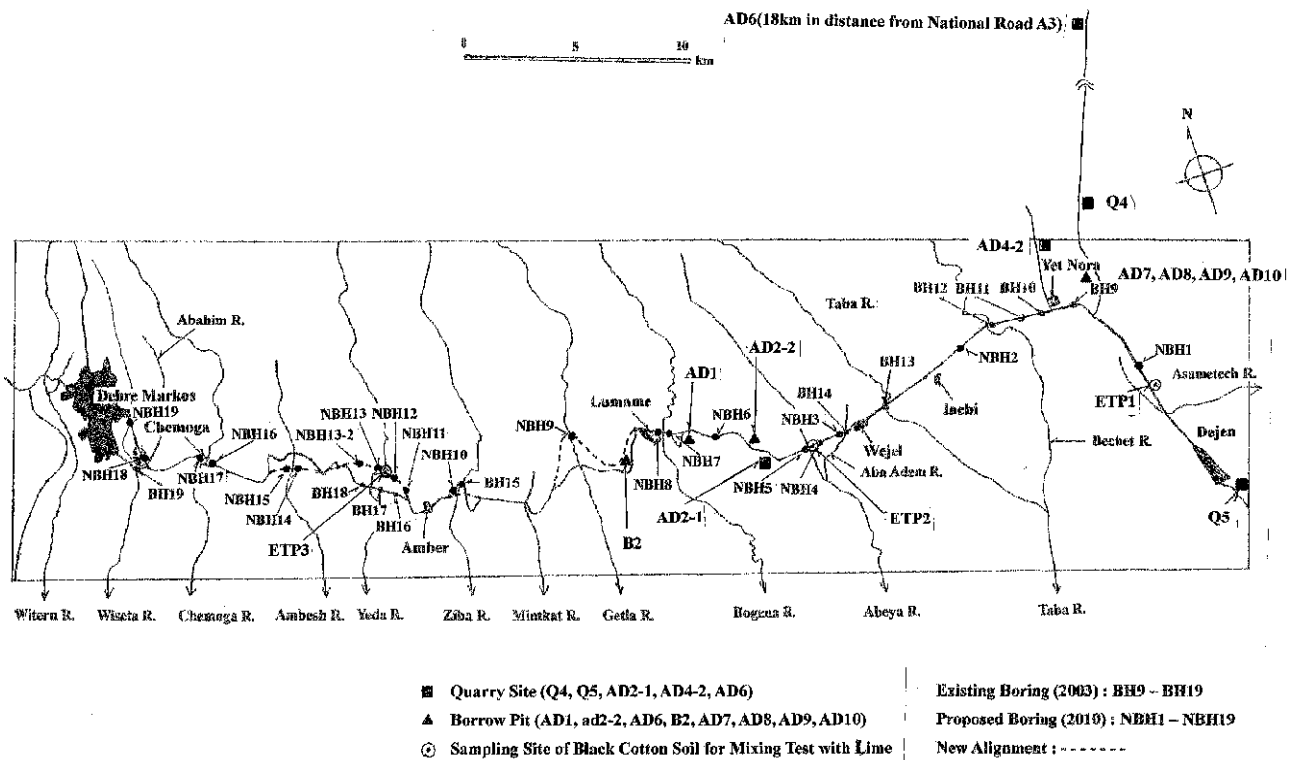


Figure 6.5.1 Location Map of Boring

**Table 6.5.1 List of Boring Site**

| Serial № | BH.№     | Station (Km) | Location    | Position         | Coordinate |          |
|----------|----------|--------------|-------------|------------------|------------|----------|
|          |          |              |             |                  | Easting    | Northing |
| 1        | NBH 1    | 5+060        | Plateau     | Shoulder of Road | 405126     | 1129603  |
| 2        | NBH 2    | 14+560       | Plateau     | Shoulder of Road | 397343     | 1131876  |
| 3        | NBH 3    | 20+090       | Aba Adem R. | Shoulder of Road | 392058     | 1130320  |
| 4        | NBH 4    | 22+080       | Abeya R.    | Shoulder of Road | 390283     | 1130122  |
| 5        | NBH 5    | 22+330       | Abeya R.    | Shoulder of Road | 390084     | 1130116  |
| 6        | NBH 6    | 26+500       | Plateau     | Shoulder of Road | 386666     | 1131970  |
| 7        | NBH 7    | 29+300       | Bogena R.   | Shoulder of Road | 384199     | 1133004  |
| 8        | NBH 8    | 29+390       | Bogena R.   | Shoulder of Road | 384111     | 1133033  |
| 9        | NBH 9    | 35+670       | Getla R.    | Canceled         | 380318     | 1134466  |
| 10       | NBH 10   | 44+060       | Ziba R.     | Shoulder of Road | 374738     | 1133686  |
| 11       | NBH 11   | 47+420       | Yeda R.     | Shoulder of Road | 372535     | 1134368  |
| 12       | NBH 12   | 48+900       | Yeda R.     | Natural Ground   | 371847     | 1135567  |
| 13       | NBH 13   | 49+200       | Yeda R.     | Natural Ground   | 371612     | 1135729  |
| 14       | NBH 13-2 | 50+200       | Yeda R.     | Natural Ground   | 370759     | 1136180  |
| 15       | NBH 14   | 53+480       | Ambesh R.   | Canceled         | -          | -        |
| 16       | NBH 15   | 53+500       | Ambesh R.   | Shoulder of Road | 36143      | 1137118  |
| 17       | NBH 16   | 57+890       | Chemoga R.  | Shoulder of Road | 364521     | 1138417  |
| 18       | NBH 17   | 58+020       | Chemoga R.  | Shoulder of Road | 364408     | 1138490  |
| 19       | NBH 18   | 60+860       | Abahim R.   | Shoulder of Road | 361845     | 1139222  |
| 20       | NBH 19   | 63+640       | Wiseta R.   | Shoulder of Road | 361404     | 1141871  |

**Table 6.5.2 List of Test Pit**

| Serial No. | Station (Km) | Location | Formation | Depth of TP (m) | Depth of DCP (m) | Coordinate |         |
|------------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|------------|---------|
|            |              |          |           |                 |                  | Easting    | Easting |
| NTP 1      | 1+500        | Plateau  | BCS       | 2.0             | 5.1              | 405794     | 1126106 |
| NTP 2      | 4+000        | Plateau  | BCS       | 2.4             | 6.5              | 405312     | 1128558 |
| NTP 3      | 5+000        | Plateau  | BCS       | 2.7             | 4.7              | 405049     | 1130034 |
| NTP 4      | 7+500        | Hill     | BCS       | 3.0             | 5.2              | 404001     | 1131710 |
| NTP 5      | 9+500        | Hill     | BCS       | 2.4             | 5.0              | 403248     | 1132382 |
| NTP 6      | 11+500       | Plateau  | BCS       | 2.5             | 3.7              | 400262     | 1132651 |
| NTP 7      | 13+500       | Plateau  | URC       | 2.0             | 3.3              | 398345     | 1132259 |
| NTP 8      | 15+500       | Plateau  | BCS       | 2.1             | 4.4              | 396479     | 1131540 |
| NTP 9      | 16+500       | Plateau  | BCS       | 2.4             | 5.3              | 395529     | 1131232 |
| NTP 10     | 17+500       | Plateau  | BCS       | 2.4             | 4.5              | 394568     | 1130955 |
| NTP 11     | 19+500       | Hill     | BCS       | 1.4             | 2.9              | 392647     | 1130399 |
| NTP 12     | 21+500       | Lowland  | BCS       | 2.1             | 5.3              | 390663     | 1130155 |
| NTP 13     | 23+500       | Hill     | BCS       | 3.0             | 4.5              | 389168     | 1130038 |
| NTP 14     | 24+000       | Hill     | URC       | 2.5             | 3.5              | 388434     | 1130527 |
| NTP 15     | 26+500       | Plateau  | BCS       | 3.0             | 5.1              | 386666     | 1131963 |
| NTP 16     | 27+500       | Plateau  | BCS       | 2.7             | 4.7              | 385807     | 1132387 |
| NTP 17     | 29+500       | Hill     | BCS       | 3.0             | 4.1              | 384468     | 1132868 |
| NTP 18     | 30+000       | Lowland  | BCS       | 3.0             | 3.7              | 383084     | 1133637 |
| NTP 19     | 32+000       | Hill     | URC       | 2.5             | 3.9              | 382309     | 1132663 |
| NTP 20     | 34+500       | Hill     | URC       | 3.0             | 3.0              | 381034     | 1133663 |
| NTP 41     | 35+670       | Lowland  | URC       | 3.2             | 3.5              | 380318     | 1134466 |
| NTP21      | 36+000       | Hill     | URC       | 2.5             | 2.7              | 380049     | 1134336 |
| NTP22      | 37+500       | Hill     | BCS       | 2.7             | 1.9              | 379460     | 1133045 |
| NTP23      | 38+500       | Hill     | BCS       | 2.7             | 2.9              | 405312     | 1128557 |
| NTP24      | 40+500       | Hill     | URC       | 2.2             | 2.4              | 377275     | 1131559 |
| NTP25      | 42+500       | Hill     | URC       | 3.0             | 4.8              | 375867     | 1132737 |
| NTP27      | 45+000       | Hill     | URC       | 2.5             | 1.5              | 373855     | 1133439 |
| NTP28      | 46+500       | Hill     | URC       | 2.5             | 3.8              | 372682     | 1133218 |
| NTP29      | 48+000       | Lowland  | BCS       | 3.0             | 4.2              | 372449     | 1134930 |



| Serial No. | Station (Km) | Location | Formation | Depth of TP (m) | Depth of DCP (m) | Coordinate |         |
|------------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|------------|---------|
|            |              |          |           |                 |                  | Easting    | Easting |
| NTP30      | 49+500       | Lowland  | UBC       | 2.4             | 4.1              | 371094     | 1135753 |
| NTP31      | 50+500       | Hill     | BCS       | 2.7             | 2.0              | 370494     | 1136336 |
| NTP32      | 51+500       | Hill     | URC       | 2.4             | 2.0              | 369608     | 1136339 |
| NTP33      | 53+000       | Hill     | URC       | 1.8             | 4.0              | 369607     | 1137014 |
| NTP34      | 55+000       | Hill     | URC       | 1.0             | 2.1              | 366762     | 1136787 |
| NTP35      | 56+500       | Hill     | URC       | 1.8             | 2.5              | 365900     | 1137161 |
| NTP36      | 57+500       | Hill     | URC       | 2.0             | 4.9              | 364841     | 1138197 |
| NTP37      | 59+000       | Hill     | URC       | 3.0             | 1.5              | 363493     | 1138706 |
| NTP38      | 60+500       | Plateau  | URC       | 2.5             | 4.7              | 362131     | 1139006 |
| NTP39      | 62+000       | Plateau  | URC       | 2.8             | 4.2              | 361868     | 1140312 |
| NTP40      | 63+000       | Plateau  | URC       | 2.6             | 3.8              | 381429     | 1141731 |

BCS = Black Cotton Soil, URC = Upper Red Clay, UBC = Upper Brown Clay(Alluvial Soil)

- Field geological investigation ( 63 Km )
- Boring and Sampling for black cotton soil ( 3holes )
- Boring and Sampling in the flood area of Abeya River and Yeda River ( 6 holes )
- Boring for the foundation of projected bridges ( 9 bridges, 11 holes )
- Test Pitting and dynamic cone-penetrometer test ( DCP ) for Black Cotton Soil ( 44sites )
- Sampling for CBR test ( 10 sites )
- Boring and sampling for quarry ( 5 sites, 2 holes )
- Boring and sampling for borrow pit ( 8 sites, 2 1samples )
- Laboratory test for samples

### 3) Quantity of Survey

Quantity of survey for boring, test pit and Laboratory test are shown in Table 6.5.3, Table 6.5.4, Table 6.5.5, Table 6.5.6 and Table 6.5.7. Among the mechanical borings, borehole No.NBH9 in Getla River was canceled because of difficult transportation of machine by bad access in rainy season. So dynamic cone penetrometer test (DCP) was carried out instead of boring. Also, boring No NBH 14 in Ambesh River was canceled because of exposing hard basalt as basement on the bank.

**Table 6.5.3 Quantity of Working and Laboratory Test ( Dejen - Debre Markos )**

| Bore Hole | Location             | Depth (m) | SPT | UDS | Specific Gravity | Moisture Content | Particle Size | Atterberg Limit | Unconfined Compression | Tri-axial Test | Consolidation | Shinkage | Rock Test |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----|-----|------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| NBH1      | Plateau Area         | 10.0      | 8   | 2   | 2                | 2                | 2             | 2               | 1                      | 0              | 1             | 1        | 0         |
| NBH2      | Plateau Area         | 10.0      | 8   | 2   | 2                | 2                | 2             | 2               | 1                      | 1              | 1             | 1        | 0         |
| NBH3      | Aba Adem R.          | 10.0      | 7   | 2   | 1                | 1                | 1             | 1               | 0                      | 1              | 1             | 2        | 0         |
| NBH4      | Abeya R.             | 27.2      | 23  | 2   | 13               | 13               | 13            | 12              | 0                      | 1              | 1             | 2        | 1         |
| NBH5      | Abeya R.             | 26.6      | 23  | 1   | 1                | 1                | 1             | 1               | 0                      | 0              | 0             | 0        | 0         |
| NBH6      | Plateau Area         | 8.0       | 5   | 1   | 1                | 1                | 1             | 1               | 1                      | 0              | 1             | 1        | 0         |
| NBH7      | Bonega R.            | 7.0       | 3   | 1   | 1                | 1                | 1             | 1               | 0                      | 0              | 0             | 0        | 1         |
| NBH8      | Bonega R.            | 7.2       | 2   | 1   | 1                | 1                | 1             | 1               | 0                      | 0              | 0             | 0        | 0         |
| NBH9      | Getla R.(Canceled)   | -         | -   | -   | -                | -                | -             | -               | -                      | -              | -             | -        | -         |
| NBH10     | Ziba R.              | 12.2      | 8   | 2   | 2                | 2                | 2             | 2               | 1                      | 1              | 1             | 1        | 0         |
| NBH11     | Yeda R.              | 27.0      | 25  | 2   | 2                | 2                | 2             | 2               | 1                      | 1              | 0             | 1        | 0         |
| NBH12     | Yeda R.              | 30.0      | 25  | 2   | 2                | 2                | 2             | 2               | 1                      | 1              | 1             | 1        | 1         |
| NBH13     | Yeda R.              | 31.2      | 30  | 2   | 17               | 17               | 17            | 16              | 1                      | 1              | 1             | 1        | 0         |
| NBH13-2   | Yeda R.              | 20.0      | 15  | 1   | 1                | 1                | 1             | 1               | 1                      | 1              | 0             | 1        | 0         |
| NBH14     | Ambesh R. (Canceled) | -         | -   | -   | -                | -                | -             | -               | -                      | -              | -             | -        | -         |
| NBH15     | Ambesh R.            | 6.5       | 1   | 0   | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0               | 0                      | 0              | 0             | 0        | 0         |
| NBH16     | Chemoga R.           | 6.9       | 2   | 1   | 1                | 1                | 1             | 1               | 0                      | 0              | 0             | 0        | 0         |
| NBH17     | Chemoga R.           | 6.6       | 2   | 1   | 1                | 1                | 1             | 1               | 0                      | 0              | 0             | 0        | 0         |
| NBH18     | Abahim R.            | 18.0      | 15  | 1   | 1                | 1                | 1             | 1               | 1                      | 0              | 0             | 0        | 0         |
| NBH19     | Wiseta R.            | 8.0       | 0   | 0   | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0               | 0                      | 0              | 0             | 0        | 1         |
| Total     |                      | 272.4     | 202 | 24  | 49               | 49               | 49            | 47              | 9                      | 8              | 8             | 12       | 4         |

**Table 6.5.4 Quantity of test pit and laboratory test**

| Quantity of sites | Specific Gravity | Moisture Content | Particle Size | Atterberg Limit | Shrinkage Test | CBR Test | Field Density | DCP |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|---------------|-----|
| 40                | 10               | 10               | 50            | 50              | 10             | 10       | 10            | 40  |

**Table 6.5.5 Boring and Laboratory Test for Quarry**

| Site No.     | Work on Site     | Density and Absorption | Soundness | Los Angeles Abrasion | Aggregate Crushing Value |
|--------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| AD 2-1       | Sampling of Rock | 1                      | 1         | 1                    | 1                        |
| AD 4-2       | Boring ( 10m )   | 1                      | 1         | 1                    | 1                        |
| Q 4          | Boring ( 10m )   | 1                      | 1         | 1                    | 1                        |
| Q 1          | Sampling of Rock | 1                      | 1         | 1                    | 1                        |
| AD 6         | Sampling of Rock | 1                      | 1         | 1                    | 1                        |
| <b>Total</b> |                  | 5                      | 5         | 5                    | 5                        |

**Table 6.5.6 Sampling Test Pit and Laboratory Test for Borrow Pit**

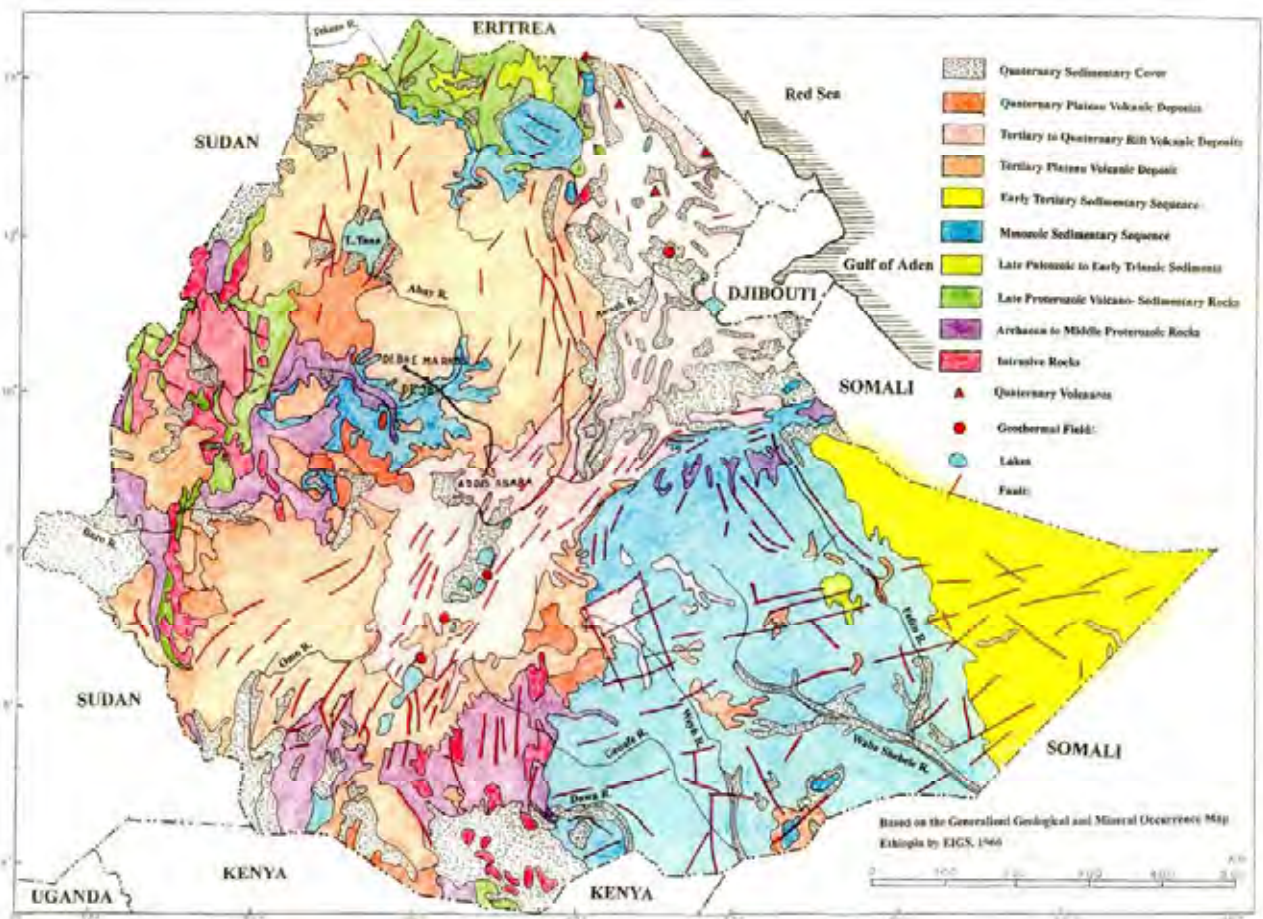
| Site No.     | Work on Site         | Particle Size ( with Hydro ) | Atterberg Limit | Linear Shrinkage | CBR ( 3 points ) | Permeability |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| B 2          | Sampling of Soil     | 2                            | 2               | 2                | 2                | 0            |
| AD 1         | Test Pit ( H : 5 m ) | 2                            | 2               | 2                | 2                | 1            |
| AD 2-2       | Test Pit ( H : 3 m ) | 1                            | 1               | 1                | 1                | 0            |
| AD 6         | Sampling of Soil     | 2                            | 2               | 2                | 2                | 1            |
| AD 7         | Sampling of Soil     | 3                            | 3               | 3                | 3                | 0            |
| AD 8         | Sampling of Soil     | 1                            | 1               | 1                | 1                | 0            |
| AD 9         | Sampling of Soil     | 1                            | 1               | 1                | 1                | 0            |
| AD 10        | Sampling of Soil     | 2                            | 2               | 2                | 2                | 0            |
| <b>Total</b> |                      | 14                           | 14              | 14               | 14               | 2            |

**Table 6.5.7 CBR Test for Mixing Sample with Lime**

| Former TP No. | New TP No. | Station (km) | Location | Easting | Northing | Lime 2% | Lime 4% | Lime 6% | Total |
|---------------|------------|--------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| NTP 2         | ETP 1      | 4+000        | Dejen    | 405312  | 1128558  | 2       | 2       | 2       | 6     |
| NTP 13        | ETP 2      | 23+000       | Abeya R. | 389168  | 1130038  | 2       | 2       | 2       | 6     |
| NTP 30        | ETP 3      | 49+000       | Yeda R.  | 371094  | 1135753  | 2       | 2       | 2       | 6     |
| <b>Total</b>  | -          | -            | -        | -       | -        | 6       | 6       | 6       | 18    |

**4) Outline of Geomorphological and Geological Condition**

The geological map of Ethiopia is shown in Figure 6.5.2. Ethiopia is divided into the east part and the west part by the African Great Rift Valley where is a great fault zone from Mozambique, passing through Tanzania and Kenya to Ethiopia being from 30 kilometers to 50 kilometers in width and about 6,000 kilometers in length. Uplift movement of this zone began mainly at Ethiopia and Kenya in Tertiary. And quantity of uplift movement is between 2,000-3,000 meters in height until today.



**Figure 6.5.2 Geological Map of Ethiopia**

As soon as lifting the central part of this lift zone subsided and after that the present fault zone was formed. At the same time, a plenty of basaltic lavas flowed by fissure eruption. And until present time, volcanic activity has continued. There are many active volcanoes in the Lift Valley

and small earthquakes sometimes happen. At the central part of the Rift Valley, there are many lakes from the south to the north as a result of subsidence. Flowing basaltic lava in Ethiopia shows the biggest scale at the Rift Valley. So, this activity formed Ethiopian Highland being about 500 kilometers in width and about more than 1,000 kilometers in length. And the height above sea level of Ethiopian Highland is the highest in the Rift valley being between 2,000 meters and 2,500 meters. On the other hand, seismic activity and volcanic activity in Ethiopia are inactive compared with Tanzania and Kenya. In the inner part of Ethiopian Highland, these activities do not happen. The north end of the Rift valley spread out like a fan near Addis Ababa. The eastern end contacts with the Gulf of Aden and the west end continues toward the Red Sea. This triangular zone is called as the Afar Depression. The Afar Depression, crossing three rift valleys, shows complicated geological structure. So, seismic activity and volcanic activity in Ethiopia concentrate on this area.

Basement of Ethiopian Highland consists of marine sedimentary rocks of the Mesozoic Era like a sandstone, mudstone, and limestone. These sedimentary formations deposit horizontally and are covered with basaltic lava being from 300 meters to 400 meters in thickness in the inside of the Highland. The topography of the Highland is composed by combination of gentle hills and flat plane. These hills being from 50 meters to 150 meters in height are divided into several hill columns by small valley plains being 2 or 3 kilometers in width. On the surface of hills basaltic lavas crop out and they are covered with tropical red soil. On the valley plains, black cotton soils formed by weathering of basalt are distributed as the alluvial soil. Black cotton soil is characterized by a low organic content and by zone of calcium carbonate concretions. In the dry season it forms a black soil which crumbles into dust, or bakes hard if it has not been ploughed. In the wet season it may be plastic or sticky. It is good soil for growing cotton, barley and wheat but is not good for earthworks. The biggest lake in Ethiopia, named Lake Tana (75 kilometers in length, 60 kilometers in width and 1,830 meters above sea level) in the Highland being 300 kilometers from Addis Ababa toward northwest. The Abay River named Blue Nile River flows from the Lake Tana and joins with the White Nile River in Sudan. After that, this river flows into Egypt as the Nile River. The erosion of the Abay River increased with uplift movement of the Ethiopian plateau. As a result, a big gorge being 1,500 meters in height was formed. The Ethiopian Highland gently inclines toward the west. For that reason, almost rivers on the highland gather to the drainage of the Nile River. The project route between Dejen and Debre Marcos being about 63 kilometers in length is located on the plateau of basalt in the west side of the Abay Gorge.

#### **5) Geological Condition along the Route**

The route is located in the central part of the Ethiopian volcanic plateau which is slightly tilting to southwest. The altitude of Dejen located on the west bank of the Abay Gorge is about 2,500 meters and Debre Marcos apart from 63 kilometers from Dejen is about 2,400 meters. The rivers on the plateau flow from north to south cutting valleys, crossing the project route and join the

Abay River. Number of main rivers crossing the route is 13. They are Asametch River, Bechet River, Taba River, Aba Adem River, Bogena River, Getla River, Ziba River, Yeda River, Ambesh River, Chemoga River, Abahim River and Wiseta River from east to west. On the plateau, five columns of hills being from 100 meters to 150 meters in relative height lie along north-south axis. Among the rivers, Abeya River, Getla River, Ziba River and Yeda River have valley plains being 1 ~3 kilometers in width between hills. Especially, Abeya River and Yeda River have wider plains among them. Hills consists of basalt and tuff covered with weathered red soil being 2 ~ 5 meters in thickness. The tops of plateau and surface of valley plains are covered with alluvial brown soil and black cotton soil is found below it. Black cotton soil is thick in the valley plains of Abeya River and Yeda River being about 10 meters and thin in the plateaus being about 2~3 meters . Geological formations distributed on the route are as follows.

- Upper Brown Clay ~ Silt (UBC)

This formation is mainly distributed on flood plains in valley, partially on the depressions in plateau. This is a soft alluvial deposit being 1 ~3 meters in thickness.

- Upper Red Clay ~ Silt (URC)

This formation is found on the top of hills and slopes, partially as mixing fragment of basalt. Originally, this is formed from weathering of basalt and secondly deposited by action of raining and gravity. This soil is stiff compared with upper brown clay. The thickness is about 2~3 meters on the top of hills and about 5~6 meters on the slopes.

- Black Cotton Soil (BCS)

This formation is found on the plateau and the flood plain in valley. This is a soft silty clay or clayey silt with black or grayish black color. The thickness is about 2 ~ 3 meters on the top of hills. But on the valley plains of Abeya River and Yeda River, it reaches more than 10 meters. This is not distributed on the top of hills but it is found on the slopes below upper red soil. This soil causes swelling in rainy season and shrinking in dry season.

- Lower Clay (LC)

This formation is mainly found below black cotton soil on the valley plains and partially on the depressions of plateau. This is a gray colored hard clay or silt. The thickness is about 12 ~17 meters in Abeya River and Yeda River but only 2 ~ 3 meters on plateaus.

- Residual Soil (RS)

This formation is found below upper red soil on hills. This is a gray or yellowish gray colored hard soil with sometimes gravel or fragment of basalt. And this soil is mainly hard sandy silt or silty sand. The thickness is about 2 ~ 8 meters and sometimes its thickness changes irregularly according to topography..

- Tuff (TF)

This formation is found below upper red soil or residual soil on Aba Adem River and the right bank of Yeda River. This is a yellowish gray or grayish green colored silty soft rock.. On the outcrop, this rock has clear bedding and high hardness. The thickness is estimated about 5 ~20 meters.

- Decomposed Basalt (DBa)

This formation is highly weathered basalt. It looks like a breccia with fragment of basalt and clay. It has enough strength as bearing layer but clay rich zone is unsuitable as bearing layer. The thickness is about 5 ~10 meters.

- Basalt (Ba)

This rock is a basement rock on the route. This is a black or grayish black colored very hard rock. On the outcrop, cracky basalt and porous basalt are found.. But both rocks are no problem bearing layer for foundation of bridge.

#### 6) Result of Standard Penetration Test (SPT)

The result of SPT is shown in Table 6.5.8.

**Table 6.5.8 Result of Standard Penetration Test (SPT)**

| Formation               | Number of Times | Max. Value ( times/30cm) | Min. Value ( times/30cm) | Av. Value ( times/30cm) |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Upper Brown Soil (UBC)  | 6               | 9                        | 1                        | 5                       |
| Upper Red Soil (URC)    | 6               | 19                       | 2                        | 13                      |
| Black Cotton Soil (BCS) | 43              | 11                       | 2                        | 7                       |
| Lower Clay (LC)         | 80              | 18                       | 5                        | 12                      |
| Residual Soil (RS)      | 30              | 50                       | 9                        | 28                      |
| Tuff (TF)               | 5               | 50                       | 50                       | 50                      |
| Decomposed Basalt (DBa) | 12              | 50                       | 25                       | 41                      |
| Basalt(Ba)              | 8               | Refuse                   | 50                       | 50                      |

By the table, the upper brown silt (UBC) shows the lowest N value. The upper red silt (URC) shows higher value than the upper brown silt. The upper red silt (URC) which shows N value 2 is an exceptional case by highly weathering. Almost N values of black cotton soil show under 10. The lower clay (LC) is hard clay. So that reason almost N values of it show more than 10 except highly weathered zone. The residual soil (RS) is sandy soil. So it shows very high value compared with other upper formations. The tuff (TF) is soft rock but the N value shows more than 50. The decomposed basalt (DBa) is mixed formation with gravel and clay. The N value of it shows more than 50 but clay rich zone of it shows sometimes under 50. The basalt (Ba) shows

rebouncing for blow of hummer at the test. This rock is no problem as bearing layer.

#### 7) Result of Measurement of Groundwater Level

Groundwater level in bore holes is shown in Table 6.5.9. At borings of NBH1, NBH2 and NBH6, located on the plateau, the groundwater levels are not confirmed. Here, depth of basement rock is shallow. So that reason groundwater levels are existing under the depth of bore holes as fissure water in rocks. Other borings were drilled on the projected bridge sites at the shoulder of existing road. There, groundwater levels keep balance with river water levels. The filling height of Abeya bridge site is about 1 meter and the groundwater level in bore hole shows same level. At Yeda River, the boring was carried out on natural ground near the bank and the groundwater level in bore hole is very close to river water level. The condition of groundwater level of Ambesh River is as same as Yeda River. On the top of hills, borings were not carried out. There, it seems that the groundwater levels are deep and existing in basalt as fissure water.

**Table 6.5.9 Groundwater Level in Bore Hole**

| B. № | Location    | Depth (m) | Date of Measurement |
|------|-------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1    | Plateau     | Nothing   | 29-Jul-10           |
| 2    | Plateau     | Nothing   | 30-Jul-10           |
| 3    | Aba Adem R. | -5.6      | 31-Jul-10           |
| 4    | Abeya R.    | -1.0      | 07-Aug-10           |
| 5    | Abeya R.    | -1.0      | 07-Aug-10           |
| 6    | Plateau     | Nothing   | 31-Jul-10           |
| 7    | Bogena R.   | -1.8      | 04-Aug-10           |
| 8    | Bogena R.   | -1.6      | 05-Aug-10           |
| 9    | Getla R.    | Canceled  | —                   |
| 10   | Ziba R.     | -6.0      | 05-Aug-10           |
| 11   | Yeda R.     | -0.9      | 20-Aug-10           |
| 12   | Yeda R.     | -1.7      | 14-Aug-10           |
| 13   | Yeda R.     | -1.2      | 12-Aug-10           |
| 13-2 | Yeda R.     | -1.4      | 25-Aug-10           |
| 14   | Ambesh R.   | Canceled  | —                   |
| 15   | Ambesh R.   | -0.1      | 25-Aug-10           |
| 16   | Chemoga R.  | -1.5      | 07-Aug-10           |
| 17   | Chemoga R.  | -2.4      | 08-Aug-10           |
| 18   | Abahim R.   | -3.4      | 11-Aug-10           |
| 19   | Wiseta R.   | -1.8      | 12-Aug-10           |

#### 8) Distribution and Thickness of Black Cotton Soil

The distribution and thickness of black cotton soil is decided by result of field survey, boring, test pit and dynamic cone penetrometer (DCP). The result of test pit and DCP including converted into N value are shown in Table 6.5.10. And the thickness of geological formations is shown in Table 6.5.11. These geological formations change the thickness accompanied with topography. The horizontal continuity of them is shown in geological profiles as Appendix. By the geological profiles, the distribution of black cotton soil is as follows.

- Dejen – Abeya River (plateau and gentle slope), Extension = 21km, Thickness = 2.0~3.0m
- Abeya River (valley plain), Extension = 3km, Thickness = 10.0 ~ 11.0m
- Abeya River – Lumame (valley plain ), Extension = 5km, Thickness = 2.0 ~ 3.0m
- Getla River (plateau and gentle slope), Extension = 1km, Thickness = 1.5 ~ 2.0m
- Yeda River (valley plain ), Extension = 3km, Thickness = 5.0 ~ 10.0m

The thickest area of black cotton soil is the valley plain of Abeya River and Yeda River. The thickness is about 10m. At the surface of plateau, small valley plain, and foot of slope, black cotton soil is partially found in thickness of about 1.5 ~ 3.0m. Between Yeda River and Debre Marcos, there is wide hilly area without black cotton soil. And at the plateau of Debre Marcos City, black cotton soil is no found.



**Table 6.5.10 Depth of Black Cotton Soil in Test Pit between Dejen and Debre Markos**

| TP No. | Formation | Depth of BCS by TP Logs(m) | Depth of DCP(m) N<10 | Depth of BCS by Boring, N<10 | Estimated Depth(m) |
|--------|-----------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1      | BCS       | 2.00                       | 3.31                 |                              | 2.5                |
| 2      | BCS       | 2.40                       | 2.12                 |                              | 2.5                |
| 3      | BCS       | 1.90                       | 1.79                 | 2.50(NBH1)                   | 2.5                |
| 4      | BCS       | 2.30                       | 2.55                 |                              | 2.5                |
| 5      | BCS       | 2.40                       | 2.84                 |                              | 2.5                |
| 6      | BCS,LC    | 3.00                       | 0.00                 | 6.00(NBH2)                   | 3.2                |
| 7      | URC       | 2.50                       | 1.13                 |                              | -                  |
| 8      | BCS       | 2.50                       | 0.85                 |                              | 2.5                |
| 9      | BCS       | 2.40                       | 2.11                 |                              | 2.5                |
| 10     | BCS       | 2.40                       | 2.81                 |                              | 2.5                |
| 11     | BCS       | 2.40                       | 0.71                 | 3.50(NBH3)                   | 2.5                |
| 12     | BCS       | 2.40                       | 2.17                 | 10.00(NBH4.5)                | 10.0-11.0          |
| 13     | BCS       | 3.00                       | 2.65                 |                              | 3.0                |
| 14     | BCS       | 2.50                       | 0.00                 |                              | 2.5                |
| 15     | BCS,LC    | 3.00                       | 2.32                 | 5.90(NBH6)                   | 3.0                |
| 16     | BCS       | 2.70                       | 2.27                 |                              | 2.8                |
| 17     | BCS       | 3.00                       | 1.40                 | 3.90(NBH7.8)                 | 3.2                |
| 18     | BCS       | 3.00                       | 1.89                 |                              | 3.0                |
| 19     | URC       | 3.00                       | 0.53                 |                              | -                  |
| 20     | URC       | 3.00                       | 1.50                 |                              | -                  |
| 21     | URC       | 2.40                       | 0.00                 |                              | -                  |
| 22     | BCS       | 1.40                       | 1.60                 |                              | 1.4                |
| 23     | BCS       | 2.70                       | 0.80                 |                              | 2.8                |
| 24     | URC       | 2.20                       | 0.00                 |                              | -                  |
| 25     | URC       | 3.00                       | 0.00                 |                              | -                  |
| 26     | URC       | 1.50                       | 0.57                 |                              | -                  |
| 27     | URC       | 2.40                       | 0.00                 |                              | -                  |
| 28     | URC       | 2.40                       | 0.00                 |                              | -                  |
| 29     | BCS       | 3.00                       | -                    | 5.50(NBH11)                  | 5.0                |
| 30     | BCS       | 2.40                       | 0.55                 | 10.00(NBH12.13)              | 10.0               |
| 31     | BCS       | 2.70                       | 0.72                 | 2.4(NBH13-2)                 | 2.5                |
| 32     | URC       | 2.40                       | 0.78                 |                              | -                  |
| 33     | URC       | 1.80                       | 1.56                 |                              | -                  |
| 34     | URC       | 1.00                       | 0.00                 |                              | -                  |
| 35     | URC       | 1.80                       | 1.49                 |                              | -                  |
| 36     | URC       | 2.00                       | 0.00                 |                              | -                  |
| 37     | URC       | 3.00                       | 0.00                 |                              | -                  |
| 38     | URC       | 2.50                       | 0.00                 |                              | -                  |
| 39     | URC       | 2.80                       | 1.59                 |                              | -                  |
| 40     | URC       | 2.60                       | 0.00                 |                              | -                  |

**Table 6.5.11 Thickness of Soil (Dejen-Debre Markos)**

| Location    | Sta. No.(km) | Thickness of Soil(m) |           |              |            | Total Depth(m) | Basement          |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|
|             |              | Fill                 | UpperClay | Black Cotton | Lower Clay |                |                   |
| Dejen       | 0+000        | 0.8                  | 0.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 0.8            | Basalt            |
|             | 0+450        | 0.8                  | 0.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 0.8            | Basalt            |
|             | 1+600        | 0.8                  | 0.0       | 1.5          | 0.0        | 2.3            | Basalt            |
|             | 2+200        | 0.8                  | 0.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 0.8            | Basalt            |
|             | 3+200        | 0.8                  | 0.0       | 2.0          | 0.0        | 2.8            | Basalt            |
|             | 6+200        | 0.8                  | 0.0       | 1.7          | 3.0        | 5.5            | Residual Soil     |
|             | 6+700        | 0.8                  | 0.0       | 1.5          | 3.0        | 5.3            | Basalt            |
|             | 8+500        | 0.0                  | 1.5       | 2.0          | 0.0        | 3.5            | Basalt            |
|             | 10+300       | 0.5                  | 0.0       | 2.5          | 0.0        | 3.0            | Basalt            |
|             | 10+800       | 0.5                  | 0.0       | 1.2          | 0.5        | 2.2            | Decomposed Basalt |
|             | 11+200       | 0.5                  | 1.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 1.5            | Decomposed Basalt |
| Bechet R.   | 12+400       | 0.5                  | 0.0       | 2.5          | 0.0        | 3.0            | Basalt            |
|             | 14+300       | 0.7                  | 0.7       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 1.4            | Decomposed Basalt |
|             | 18+000       | 0.8                  | 0.0       | 1.5          | 3.0        | 5.3            | Decomposed Basalt |
| Taba R.     | 18+300       | 2.0                  | 0.0       | 3.0          | 4.8        | 9.8            | Decomposed Basalt |
|             | 19+900       | 0.5                  | 0.0       | 2.0          | 0.0        | 2.5            | Decomposed Basalt |
| Aba Adem R. | 20+200       | 0.5                  | 0.0       | 3.0          | 3.0        | 6.5            | Tuff              |
|             | 21+300       | 0.5                  | 0.0       | 1.5          | 1.5        | 3.5            | Decomposed Basalt |
| Abeya R.    | 22+400       | 1.0                  | 0.0       | 10.0         | 13.0       | 24.0           | Decomposed Basalt |
|             | 23+200       | 0.5                  | 0.0       | 1.5          | 0.0        | 2.0            | Decomposed Basalt |
|             | 24+200       | 0.5                  | 1.0       | 1.0          | 0.0        | 2.5            | Decomposed Basalt |
|             | 25+800       | 0.5                  | 0.5       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 1.0            | Decomposed Basalt |
| (Marsh)     | 26+700       | 0.5                  | 0.0       | 2.0          | 3.5        | 6.0            | Basalt            |
|             | 27+300       | 0.5                  | 0.5       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 1.0            | Basalt            |
| (Marsh)     | 27+650       | 0.7                  | 0.0       | 2.0          | 0.0        | 2.7            | Basalt            |
|             | 29+200       | 0.5                  | 1.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 1.5            | Decomposed Basalt |
| Bogena R.   | 29+700       | 1.0                  | 0.0       | 3.0          | 0.0        | 4.0            | Basalt            |
| Lumame      | 30+700       | 0.5                  | 0.0       | 1.5          | 0.0        | 2.0            | Basalt            |
|             | 32+700       | 0.0                  | 3.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 3.0            | Basalt            |
| Getla R.    | 35+630       | 0.0                  | 3.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 3.0            | Basalt            |
|             | 36+900       | 0.0                  | 3.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 3.0            | Basalt            |
|             | 37+900       | 0.0                  | 0.0       | 1.5          | 0.0        | 1.5            | Decomposed Basalt |
|             | 38+640       | 0.0                  | 2.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 2.0            | Decomposed Basalt |
|             | 37+700       | 0.0                  | 1.0       | 2.2          | 0.0        | 3.2            | Decomposed Basalt |
|             | 40+260       | 0.5                  | 3.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 3.5            | Decomposed Basalt |
|             | 41+060       | 0.0                  | 2.2       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 2.2            | Basalt            |
|             | 42+640       | 0.5                  | 3.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 3.5            | Basalt            |
|             | 42+980       | 0.0                  | 4.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 4.0            | Basalt            |
|             | 43+500       | 0.0                  | 3.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 3.0            | Basalt            |
| Ziba R.     | 44+000       | 0.9                  | 5.1       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 6.0            | Residual Soil     |
|             | 46+260       | 0.5                  | 5.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 5.5            | Residual Soil     |
|             | 46+880       | 0.0                  | 3.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 3.0            | Basalt            |
| Yeda R.     | 48+420       | 0.0                  | 0.0       | 5.5          | 13.5       | 19.0           | Decomposed Basalt |
| Yeda R.     | 49+500       | 0.0                  | 2.0       | 8.0          | 18.0       | 28.0           | Basalt            |
| Yeda R.     | 49+800       | 0.0                  | 2.0       | 4.0          | 14.0       | 20.0           | Basalt            |
|             | 50+140       | 0.0                  | 2.0       | 1.0          | 1.0        | 4.0            | Residual Soil     |
|             | 50+340       | 0.0                  | 2.0       | 2.0          | 0.0        | 4.0            | Residual Soil     |
|             | 50+660       | 0.0                  | 1.5       | 1.0          | 0.0        | 2.5            | Residual Soil     |
|             | 51+420       | 0.0                  | 1.5       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 1.5            | Residual Soil     |
|             | 55+020       | 0.0                  | 2.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 2.0            | Basalt            |
|             | 57+100       | 0.0                  | 1.5       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 1.5            | Basalt            |
|             | 60+820       | 0.5                  | 3.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 3.5            | Basalt            |
| Abahim R.   | 60+920       | 4.0                  | 5.5       | 0.0          | 6.0        | 15.5           | Residual Soil     |
| Debre M.    | 64+880       | 0.0                  | 3.0       | 0.0          | 0.0        | 3.0            | Decomposed Basalt |

## 9) Geological Condition in the Projected Bridge Site

### • Aba Adem River Site (Boring NBH3)

Aba Adem River is a small river flowing on the plateau. On the both banks of it, black cotton soil (BCS) being 3.5m in thickness lower clay (LC) is found below BCS. At the bottom of boring, tuff (TF) as basement rock is found at 6.1m in depth. N value of tuff shows more than 50 and it is no problem for foundation of bridge.

### • Abeya River Site (Boring NBH4 and NBH5)

Abeya River has a valley plain being 2 ~ 3 km in width. The left bank consists of tuff, decomposed basalt (DBa) and fresh basalt (Ba). And the right bank and the bottom of plain consist of decomposed basalt (DBa). N values of these rocks show more than 50 and they have enough strength for foundation of bridge. The valley plain is filled with Quaternary deposits being 23m in thickness. They consist of black cotton soil (BCS) being 10 ~ 11m in thickness and lower hard clay (LC) being 12 ~ 13m in thickness. The N value of black cotton soil (BCS) shows 10 under. So this soil has a possibility of consolidation settlement by filling work.

### • Bogena River Site (Boring NBH7 and NBH8)

Bogena River has a valley plain being about 1 km in width. In the valley plain, black cotton soil (BCS) being 3.9m in thickness is found. And fresh hard basalt (Ba) is found below BCS. This rock is no problem for foundation of bridge.

### • Getra River Site (Boring NBH9 was cancelled. Test Pit. NTP41 and DCP were carried.)

This site is located in the upper stream separated from existing road with a distant of 1.7km. Boring NBH9 was cancelled because of bad accessibility to the site. So test pit and dynamic cone penetrometer(DCP) were carried out instead of boring. By the result, the both banks consist of upper red silt (URC) being 3m in thickness. And decomposed basalt (DBa) is found below it. N value of DBa shows more than 50 but it is highly weathered rock. So it is desirable to get more fresh rock for foundation of bridge. It seems that fresh rock shall be gotten to drill at least 2 ~ 3 m more.

### • Ziba River Site (Boring NBH10)

This site is located on the slope of hill. The surface of hill is covered with upper red silt (URC) being 6 m in thickness. N value of URC shows more than 10. Residual soil (RS) is found below URC. N value of RS shows 10 under. Fresh basalt (Ba) is found in depth of 9.2 m below RS in the bottom of bore hole. This rock has enough strength for foundation of bridge.

### • Yeda River Site (Boring NBH11, NBH12, NBH13 and NBH 13-2)

Yeda River has a valley plain being about 3 km in width. The left bank consist of decomposed basalt (DBa) and fresh basalt (Ba). And right bank consists of residual soil (RS) and hard tuff (TF).

They are covered with upper red soil (URC) being 2 ~ 4 m in thickness. And on the slope of hills, black cotton soil (BCS) being 2 ~ 5 m in thickness is found below URC. The valley plain is filled with thick Quaternary deposits. They are as follows from upper to lower.

- Upper brown silt (UBC), (thickness = 2 ~ 3 m, N value = 10 under)
- Black cotton soil (BCS), (thickness = 10 m, N value = 10 under)
- Lower clay (LC), (thickness = 16 ~ 18 m, N value = 10 ~ 15)

And decomposed basalt (DBa) is found as basement rock in depth of 27 ~ 28 m. Among those formation, UBC and BCS have a possibility of consolidation settlement by filling work.

- Ambesh River Site (Boring NBH15)

Ambesh River is a small river crossing hilly area and has no valley plain. The both banks consist of fresh basalt (Ba) covered with upper red silt (URC) being 2 m in thickness. The basalt is no problem for foundation of bridge.

- Chemoga River (Boring NBH16 and NBH17)

Chemoga River is running between erosional terrace being about 200 ~ 300 m in width. On the both banks, terrace surfaces are covered with upper red silt (URC) being 3.0 ~ 3.7 m in thickness. And fresh basalt (Ba) is found below URC as basement rock. This rock is no problem for foundation of bridge.

- Abahim River Site (Boring NBH18)

Abahim River is located in the east side of Debre Marcos City on the plateau. The existing road is crossing this river with filling and bridge being 4 m in height. Below the filling materials, upper red silt (URC) being 5 m in thickness and gravelly residual soil (RS) being 6 m in thickness are found. And decomposed basalt (DBa) is found in depth of 15.5 m. N value of DBa shows more than 50. This basalt is no problem for foundation of bridge.

- Wiseta River Site (Boring NBH18 in Bypass Road)

Wiseta River is running on east edge of Debre Marcos City. The both banks consist of decomposed basalt (DBa) and fresh basalt (Ba). And they are covered with upper red silt (URC) being 1.7 m in thickness. Although weathered rock, DBa is very hard showing N value more than 50. This rock is no problem for foundation of bridge.

- Wiseta River Site (Boring BH19-2003 in Main Road)

This site is located on the existing national highway No.3. The boring of this site was carried out at November, 2003 during the former project. The both banks consist of decomposed basalt (DBa) and fresh basalt (Ba). And they are covered with upper red silt (URC) being 4 m in thickness. The N value of DBa shows between 33 and 50. So it is desirable to select fresh basalt being 6 m in

depth as foundation of bridge.

#### 10) **Result of Laboratory Test**

Laboratory test was carried out for undisturbed and disturbed samples by borings and test pits. The result is shown in Table 6.5.12 for undisturbed samples, Table 6.5.13 for disturbed samples and Table 6.5.14, Table 6.5.15, Table 6.5.16 for test pit samples. Main symbols used in the Tables are as follows.

|                              |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| - LL (%)                     | Liquid Limit                       |
| - PL (%)                     | Plastic Limit                      |
| - PI                         | Plasticity Index                   |
| - SL (%)                     | Shrinkage Limit                    |
| - OMC (%)                    | Optimum Moisture Content           |
| - MDD (g / cm <sup>3</sup> ) | Maximum Dry Density                |
| - USCS                       | Unified Soil Classification System |

Table 6.5.12 Summary of Lab. Results for Undisturbed Samples

| Sr. No | Investigation Site                | BH No.  | Field Material Description                  | Depth Sampled (m) | % pass (mm) |       |       | LL % | PL % | PI % | AASHTO Soil Class | USCS | Hydrometer Analysis |                     |                  | Sp.Gra vity | S.L % | Unit Weight t | UCS KPa | Triaxial (UU) |                    | Consolidation Parameters |                |                |                |
|--------|-----------------------------------|---------|---|-------------------|-------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------------------|------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|-------|---------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|        |                                   |         |   |                   | 2.00        | 0.425 | 0.075 |      |      |      |                   |      | Sand% (2.0-0.06mm)  | Silt% (0.06-0.02mm) | Clay% (<0.002mm) |             |       |               |         | NMC, %        | C <sub>v</sub> KPa | ?                        | e <sub>o</sub> | ε <sub>r</sub> | C <sub>c</sub> |
| 1      | Black cotton soil area            | NBH1    | Dark, soft silty CLAY                       | 2.00-2.50         | 100         | 100   | 99    | 115  | 38   | 77   | A-7.5 (20)        | CH   | 23.10               | 59.51               | 17.39            | 41.5        | 2.733 | 3.23          | 1.855   | 69            | -                  | -                        | 1.0573         | 0.82           | 0.389          |
| 2      |                                   |         | Yellowish gray, stiff silty CLAY            | 5.40-5.75         | 100         | 99    | 97    | 102  | 40   | 62   | A-7.5 (20)        | CH   | 25.03               | 52.92               | 22.05            | 34.0        | 2.717 | -             | 1.397   | -             | -                  | -                        | -              | -              | -              |
| 3      | Black cotton soil area            | NBH2    | Gray, soft silty CLAY                       | 2.00-2.50         | 100         | 99    | 98    | 107  | 35   | 72   | A-7.5 (20)        | CH   | 13.73               | 67.85               | 18.42            | 40.0        | 2.675 | 2.83          | 1.664   | 231           | 37                 | 12°                      | -              | -              | -              |
| 4      |                                   |         | Gray, soft silty CLAY                       | 2.50-3.00         | 100         | 99    | 98    | 105  | 40   | 65   | A-7.5 (20)        | CH   | 9.80                | 67.78               | 22.42            | 38.0        | 2.630 | -             | 1.764   | -             | -                  | -                        | 0.8858         | 0.8487         | 0.11           |
| 5      | Abadern R.(Right Bank)            | NBH3    | Dark, soft silty CLAY                       | 2.00-2.50         | 98          | 95    | 94    | 102  | 32   | 70   | A-7.5 (20)        | CH   | 11.49               | 66.18               | 20.23            | 38.0        | 2.270 | 1.87          | 1.727   | -             | -                  | -                        | 1.193          | 1.1005         | 0.07           |
| 6      |                                   |         | Dark, soft silty CLAY                       | 2.50-3.00         | 100         | 100   | 98    | 116  | 47   | 69   | A-7.5 (20)        | CH   | 21.95               | 61.39               | 16.66            | 45.0        | 2.736 | 4.40          | 1.613   | -             | -                  | 42                       | 16°            | -              | -              |
| 7      | Abeyara R.(Left Bank)             | NBH4    | Dark, soft silty CLAY                       | 2.00-2.50         | 100         | 100   | 99    | 98   | 47   | 51   | A-7.5 (20)        | MH   | 12.08               | 65.34               | 22.57            | 37.8        | 2.625 | 3.84          | 1.785   | -             | -                  | -                        | 0.9764         | 0.7284         | 0.482          |
| 8      |                                   |         | Dark, soft silty CLAY                       | 2.50-3.00         | 100         | 100   | 99    | 99   | 37   | 62   | A-7.5 (20)        | CH   | 6.44                | 76.78               | 16.77            | 34.7        | 2.715 | 7.26          | 1.635   | -             | -                  | 38                       | 12°            | -              | -              |
| 9      | Abeyara R.(Right Bank)            | NBH5    | Dark, soft silty CLAY                       | 3.00-3.50         | 100         | 100   | 99    | 90   | 37   | 53   | A-7.5 (20)        | CH   | 29.14               | 48.31               | 22.55            | 44.0        | 2.698 | -             | 1.223   | -             | -                  | -                        | -              | -              | -              |
| 10     | Platenu                           | NBH6    | Gray, soft silty CLAY                       | 2.50-3.00         | 100         | 99    | 97    | 96   | 44   | 52   | A-7.5 (20)        | MH   | 12.44               | 64.46               | 23.11            | 40.1        | 2.652 | 6.17          | 1.725   | 13            | -                  | -                        | 1.0992         | 0.7495         | 0.575          |
| 11     | Bogena R.(Left Bank)              | NBH7    | Dark, very soft Grayly Silty CLAY           | 3.00-3.50         | 100         | 93    | 87    | 80   | 37   | 43   | A-7.5 (20)        | MH   | 18.67               | 57.91               | 22.94            | 31.0        | 2.865 | -             | 1.463   | -             | -                  | -                        | -              | -              | -              |
| 12     | Bogena R.(Right Bank)             | NBH8    | Dark, very soft silty CLAY                  | 2.50-3.00         | 100         | 99    | 98    | 116  | 46   | 70   | A-7.5 (20)        | CH   | 25.52               | 53.79               | 20.69            | 61.0        | 2.747 | -             | 1.124   | -             | -                  | -                        | -              | -              | -              |
| 13     | Ziba R.(Right Bank)Near the river | NBH10   | Reddish brown, firm silty CLAY              | 2.00-2.40         | 100         | 100   | 99    | 52   | 31   | 21   | A-7.5 (15)        | MH   | 10.45               | 63.63               | 25.92            | 35.3        | 2.660 | 15.06         | 1.671   | -             | -                  | -                        | 1.0654         | 0.958          | 0.216          |
| 14     |                                   |         | Reddish brown, firm silty CLAY              | 2.40-2.80         | 100         | 100   | 99    | 63   | 38   | 25   | A-7.5 (18)        | MH   | 24.45               | 59.42               | 16.13            | 31.0        | 2.760 | -             | 1.612   | 308           | 45                 | 17°                      | -              | -              | -              |
| 15     | Yeda R.(Left Bank)                | NBH11   | Dark gray, very soft silty CLAY             | 2.50-3.00         | 100         | 97    | 96    | 94   | 37   | 57   | A-7.5 (20)        | CH   | 18.10               | 56.16               | 25.74            | 42.3        | 2.627 | 6.79          | 1.782   | 44            | 28                 | 14°                      | -              | -              | -              |
| 16     | Yeda R.(Left Bank)                | NBH12   | Dark gray, soft silty CLAY                  | 2.00-2.50         | 100         | 100   | 100   | 80   | 40   | 40   | A-7.5 (20)        | MH   | 24.55               | 45.27               | 30.18            | 43.1        | 2.712 | 7.75          | 1.727   | 35            | -                  | -                        | 0.907          | 0.63           | 0.233          |
| 17     |                                   |         | Dark gray, soft silty CLAY                  | 2.50-3.00         | 100         | 100   | 99    | 82   | 41   | 41   | A-7.5 (20)        | MH   | 11.10               | 62.75               | 26.15            | 43.5        | 2.609 | -             | 1.694   | -             | -                  | 36                       | 15°            | -              | -              |
| 18     | Yeda R.(Left Bank) Near the river | NBH13   | Dark brown, very soft Silty CLAY            | 2.00-2.50         | 100         | 98    | 92    | 61   | 34   | 27   | A-7.5 (19)        | MH   | 18.55               | 52.84               | 28.61            | 30.5        | 2.804 | 10.73         | 1.685   | 104           | -                  | -                        | 0.907          | 0.56           | 0.258          |
| 19     |                                   |         | Dark brown, very soft silty CLAY            | 2.50-3.00         | 100         | 100   | 99    | 68   | 36   | 32   | A-7.5 (20)        | MH   | 31.55               | 51.99               | 16.46            | 49.3        | 2.728 | -             | 1.667   | -             | -                  | 12                       | 7°             | -              | -              |
| 20     | Yeda R.                           | NBH13-2 | Brownish to dark gray silty, firm CLAY/SAND | 2.00-2.50         | 100         | 97    | 95    | 94   | 40   | 54   | A-7.5 (20)        | MH   | 12.49               | 63.33               | 24.18            | 21.3        | 2.698 | 2.45          | 1.694   | 51            | 38                 | 10°                      | -              | -              | -              |
| 21     | Chemooga R.(Left Bank)            | NBH16   | Light brown, soft silty CLAY                | 2.00-2.50         | 100         | 97    | 96    | 70   | 39   | 31   | A-7.5 (20)        | MH   | 32.45               | 40.53               | 27.02            | 45.0        | 2.793 | -             | 1.143   | -             | -                  | -                        | -              | -              | -              |
| 22     | Chemooga R.(Right Bank)           | NBH17   | Gray, soft Silty CLAY                       | 2.50-3.00         | 95          | 84    | 83    | 77   | 37   | 40   | A-7.5 (20)        | MH   | 16.01               | 56.95               | 22.08            | 35.0        | 2.836 | -             | 1.410   | -             | -                  | -                        | -              | -              | -              |
| 23     | Abtainn R.(Left Bank)             | NBH18   | Dark brown, soft silty CLAY                 | 5.00-5.50         | 99          | 97    | 95    | 53   | 32   | 21   | A-7.5 (15)        | MH   | 14.73               | 60.80               | 23.51            | 45.0        | 2.652 | -             | 1.697   | 32            | -                  | -                        | -              | -              | -              |

**Table 6.5.13 Summary of Lab. Result for Disturbed (SPT) Samples**

| Sr. No | BH No.                  | Field Material Description                         | Depth (cm)  | % pass (mm) |       |       | LL % | PL % | PI % | AASHTO Soil Class | USCS | Hydrometer Analysis |                      |                   | NMC  | Sp.Gravity |
|--------|-------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------------------|------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------|------------|
|        |                         |  |             | 2.000       | 0.425 | 0.075 |      |      |      |                   |      | Sand % (2.0-0.06mm) | Silt % (0.06-0.02mm) | Clay % (<0.002mm) |      |            |
| 1      |                         | Dark, very soft, gravely silty CLAY                | 4.00-4.45   | 99          | 99    | 98    | 110  | 50   | 60   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 5.44                | 68.54                | 25.25             | 46.0 | 2.606      |
| 2      |                         | Dark, soft silty CLAY                              | 6.00-6.45   | 100         | 99    | 99    | 101  | 39   | 62   | A-7-5 (20)        | CH   | 13.48               | 58.16                | 27.82             | 50.0 | 2.660      |
| 3      |                         | Dark, soft silty CLAY                              | 8.10-8.55   | 100         | 99    | 98    | 99   | 39   | 60   | A-7-5 (20)        | CH   | 14.76               | 58.45                | 26.79             | 50.0 | 2.715      |
| 4      |                         | Dark gray, firm silty CLAY                         | 10.00-10.45 | 98          | 97    | 96    | 104  | 56   | 48   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 6.91                | 65.31                | 26.13             | 48.0 | 2.660      |
| 5      | NIBH-4<br>(Abeya River) | Dark gray, soft sandy gravely silty CLAY           | 12.10-12.55 | 100         | 88    | 87    | 103  | 43   | 60   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 6.71                | 58.83                | 25.58             | 53.0 | 2.701      |
| 6      |                         | Gray, firm silty CLAY                              | 14.10-14.55 | 100         | 99    | 98    | 102  | 41   | 61   | A-7-5 (20)        | CH   | 11.12               | 63.66                | 24.96             | 41.0 | 2.728      |
| 7      |                         | Gray, firm silty CLAY                              | 16.00-16.45 | 100         | 99    | 99    | 96   | 43   | 53   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 9.63                | 65.61                | 24.76             | 46.0 | 2.641      |
| 8      |                         | Brownish gray, firm silty CLAY                     | 18.00-18.45 | 100         | 100   | 94    | 82   | 36   | 46   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 11.71               | 64.74                | 23.54             | 49.0 | 2.665      |
| 9      |                         | Brownish gray, firm silty CLAY                     | 20.00-20.45 | 100         | 100   | 98    | 112  | 51   | 61   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 9.94                | 63.57                | 26.49             | 48.0 | 2.624      |
| 10     |                         | Brownish gray, firm silty CLAY                     | 22.00-22.45 | 100         | 99    | 98    | 110  | 41   | 69   | A-7-5 (20)        | CH   | 20.61               | 53.78                | 25.61             | 52.0 | 2.702      |
| 11     |                         | Gray to yellowish gray, sandy silty CLAY           | 24.00-24.45 | 100         | 100   | 93    | 94   | 54   | 40   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 17.68               | 52.92                | 29.40             | 57.0 | 2.702      |
| 12     |                         | Very soft, dark brown silty CLAY                   | 1.00-1.45   | 100         | 100   | 97    | 51   | 32   | 19   | A-7-5 (14)        | MH   | 26.99               | 50.20                | 22.82             | 30.0 | 2.741      |
| 13     |                         | Very soft, dark silty CLAY                         | 4.00-4.45   | 100         | 100   | 99    | 92   | 48   | 44   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 11.23               | 62.66                | 26.11             | 63.0 | 2.616      |
| 14     |                         | Very soft, dark silty CLAY                         | 6.00-6.45   | 100         | 99    | 99    | 101  | 47   | 54   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 15.07               | 58.91                | 25.61             | 54.0 | 2.682      |
| 15     |                         | Very soft, dark silty CLAY                         | 8.00-8.45   | 98          | 96    | 94    | 103  | 45   | 58   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 10.18               | 60.08                | 27.94             | 69.0 | 2.740      |
| 16     |                         | Firm, dark gray silty CLAY                         | 10.00-10.45 | 100         | 99    | 97    | 84   | 41   | 43   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 15.55               | 57.71                | 26.74             | 43.0 | 2.628      |
| 17     |                         | Firm, dark gray silty CLAY                         | 12.00-12.45 | 100         | 99    | 98    | 79   | 38   | 41   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 15.83               | 57.02                | 27.15             | 45.0 | 2.740      |
| 18     |                         | Stiff, dark gray silty CLAY                        | 14.00-14.45 | 100         | 99    | 97    | 62   | 40   | 22   | A-7-5 (17)        | MH   | 11.13               | 66.33                | 22.11             | 47.0 | 2.603      |
| 19     | NIBH13<br>(Yeda River)  | Firm, dark gray silty CLAY                         | 16.00-16.45 | 97          | 95    | 93    | 92   | 36   | 56   | A-7-5 (20)        | CH   | 7.56                | 68.40                | 20.63             | 45.0 | 2.719      |
| 20     |                         | Firm, dark gray silty CLAY                         | 18.00-18.45 | 100         | 100   | 99    | 106  | 46   | 60   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 14.82               | 57.70                | 27.48             | 51.0 | 2.610      |
| 21     |                         | Firm, dark gray silty CLAY                         | 20.00-20.45 | 100         | 100   | 99    | 96   | 44   | 52   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 12.90               | 57.16                | 29.94             | 51.0 | 2.728      |
| 22     |                         | Dark gray and yellowish brown, firm silty CLAY     | 22.00-22.45 | 100         | 100   | 99    | 90   | 36   | 54   | A-7-5 (20)        | CH   | 8.23                | 64.00                | 27.77             | 49.0 | 2.755      |
| 23     |                         | Dark gray and yellowish brown, firm silty CLAY     | 24.00-24.45 | 100         | 99    | 99    | 93   | 46   | 47   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 7.35                | 67.85                | 24.79             | 45.0 | 2.618      |
| 24     |                         | Dark gray, firm silty CLAY                         | 26.00-26.45 | 100         | 100   | 100   | 106  | 50   | 56   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 13.61               | 57.59                | 28.80             | 55.0 | 2.605      |
| 25     |                         | Dark gray, firm silty CLAY                         | 28.00-28.45 | 98          | 97    | 96    | 101  | 44   | 57   | A-7-5 (20)        | MH   | 18.56               | 56.65                | 22.66             | 30.0 | 2.601      |
| 26     |                         | Dark gray, decomposed basalt (Clayey sandy GRAVEL) | 30.00-30.45 | 63          | 54    | 38    | 54   | 45   | 9    | A-5 (1)           | MH   | 26.37               | 18.06                | 18.06             | 34.0 | 2.694      |





Table 6.5.15 Summary of Lab. Result for Test Pit Sample(2)

| Sr. No | Station (km) | Field Material Description                                     | Test Pit No. | Depth (cm) | % pass (mm) |      |       |        | PL % | PI % | AASHTO Soil Class | Hydrometer Analysis |                      |                    | Vol. Shrin kage | OMC % | MDD T-180 g/cm <sup>3</sup> | 3 - Point CBR %           |             |                                    |             |                                    |             |     |       |      |   |   |
|--------|--------------|--|--------------|------------|-------------|------|-------|--------|------|------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-----|-------|------|---|---|
|        |              |  |              |            | 75          | 4.75 | 0.075 | 0.0075 |      |      |                   | Sand% (20-0.06m m)  | Silt% (0.06-0.02m m) | Clay% (<0.002 m m) |                 |       |                             | Density g/cm <sup>3</sup> | CBR Swell % | 30 blows Density g/cm <sup>3</sup> | CBR Swell % | 65 blows Density g/cm <sup>3</sup> | CBR Swell % | NMC |       |      |   |   |
| 19     | 24 + 000     | Brown to dark brown silty CLAY                                 | NTP14        | 50-160     | 97          | 92   | 83    | 74     | 40   | 34   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - |   |
| 20     |              | Dark silty CLAY  |              | 160-250    | 96          | 83   | 80    | 95     | 38   | 57   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 21     | 26 + 500     | Dark gray silty CLAY   | NTP15        | 75-300     | 94          | 91   | 89    | 86     | 43   | 43   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | 17.72               | 58.08                | 18.50              | 20.0            | 1.530 | 1.238                       | 1                         | 13.34       | 1.423                              | 2           | 13.20                              | 1.522       | 2   | 12.37 | 53.0 | - |   |
| 22     | 27 + 500     | Dark silty CLAY  | NTP 16       | 70-270     | 97          | 92   | 87    | 112    | 41   | 71   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 23     | 29 + 000     | Dark silty CLAY  | NTP17        | 50-250     | 97          | 92   | 87    | 75     | 38   | 37   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 24     |              | Dark gray silty CLAY   |              | 250-300    | 100         | 97   | 95    | 102    | 39   | 63   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 25     | 30 + 000     | Dark silty CLAY  | NTP 18       | 110-300    | 100         | 100  | 99    | 102    | 43   | 59   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 26     | 32 + 000     | Reddish brown lateritic silty CLAY                             | NTP19        | 0-250      | 100         | 100  | 98    | 79     | 36   | 43   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | 23.65               | 48.35                | 28.00              | 26.3            | 1.450 | 1.106                       | 1                         | 4.04        | 1.347                              | 3           | 2.78                               | 1.429       | 9   | 0.99  | 35.0 | - |   |
| 27     | 34 + 500     | Dark to dark brown silty CLAY                                  | NTP 20       | 0-300      | 100         | 99   | 97    | 88     | 42   | 46   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 28     | 36 + 000     | Dark silty CLAY  | NTP 21       | 0-130      | 100         | 94   | 91    | 87     | 41   | 46   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 29     |              | Light brown silty CLAY with decomposed basaltic Gravel         |              | 130-250    | 92          | 83   | 77    | 89     | 39   | 50   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 30     | 37 + 500     | Dark silty CLAY  | NTP 22       | 0-140      | 98          | 94   | 91    | 93     | 41   | 52   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 31     |              | Light brown silty CLAY mixed with decomposed basaltic Gravel   |              | 140-270    | 88          | 82   | 79    | 90     | 36   | 54   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 32     | 38 + 500     | Dark silty CLAY  | NTP 23       | 50-270     | 97          | 93   | 92    | 78     | 46   | 32   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 33     | 40 + 500     | Reddish brown lateritic silty CLAY                             | NTP 24       | 0-220      | 100         | 99   | 97    | 63     | 37   | 26   | A-7.5 ( 18 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 34     | 42 + 500     | Reddish brown lateritic silty CLAY                             | NTP25        | 70-300     | 100         | 99   | 97    | 62     | 34   | 28   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | 11.00               | 62.38                | 26.17              | 21.7            | 1.483 | 1.114                       | 1                         | 3.24        | 1.373                              | 4           | 2.59                               | 1.473       | 9   | 1.15  | 31.0 | - |   |
| 35     | 43 + 500     | Basaltic GRAVEL mixed with light brown silty CLAY              | NTP 26       | 0-150      | 95          | 94   | 90    | 62     | 37   | 25   | A-7.5 ( 18 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 36     | 45 + 000     | Light brown silty CLAY   | NTP 27       | 50-250     | 100         | 100  | 97    | 63     | 39   | 24   | A-7.5 ( 18 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 37     | 46 + 500     | Dark brown silty CLAY with little Gravel                       | NTP 28       | 60-250     | 99          | 96   | 91    | 84     | 44   | 40   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 38     | 48 + 000     | Dark silty CLAY  | NTP 29       | 0-300      | 98          | 95   | 94    | 106    | 48   | 58   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | -                   | -                    | -                  | -               | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                                  | -           | -                                  | -           | -   | -     | -    | - | - |
| 39     | 49 + 500     | Alluvial dark silty CLAY with fine bands of reddish silty CLAY | NTP30        | 0-240      | 100         | 99   | 98    | 100    | 57   | 43   | A-7.5 ( 20 )      | 9.80                | 61.58                | 28.62              | 29.0            | 1.385 | 1.126                       | 2                         | 9.88        | 1.324                              | 2           | 8.39                               | 1.393       | 2   | 7.85  | 36.0 | - |   |

Table 6.5.16 Summary of Lab. Result for Test Pit Sample(3)

| Sr. No | Station (km) | Field Material Description         | Test Pit No. | Depth (cm) | % pass (mm) |     |      | LL % | PL % | PI % | AASHTO Soil Class | Hydrometer Analysis |                     |                  | Vol. Shrinkage % | OMC % | MDD T-180 g/cm <sup>3</sup> | 3 - Point CBR %           |             |                           |             |                           |             | NMC   |                           |             |      |
|--------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----|------|------|------|------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------|------|
|        |              |                                    |              |            | 75          | 425 | 2000 |      |      |      |                   | Sand% (2.0-0.06mm)  | Silt% (0.06-0.02mm) | Clay% (<0.002mm) |                  |       |                             | Density g/cm <sup>3</sup> | CBR Swell % | Density g/cm <sup>3</sup> | CBR Swell % | Density g/cm <sup>3</sup> | CBR Swell % |       | Density g/cm <sup>3</sup> | CBR Swell % |      |
| 40     | 50 + 500     | Dark silty CLAY                    | NTP31        | 0-270      | 99          | 94  | 90   | 86   | 42   | 44   | A-7-5 (20)        | 16.35               | 56.55               | 26.23            | 2.802            | 24.0  | 1.463                       | 1.159                     | 1           | 8.85                      | 1.370       | 2                         | 7.33        | 1.474 | 2                         | 6.39        | 46.0 |
| 41     | 51 + 500     | Light brown lateritic silty CLAY   | NTP 32       | 0-240      | 100         | 100 | 98   | 70   | 33   | 37   | A-7-5 (20)        | -                   | -                   | -                | -                | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -     | -                         | -           | -    |
| 42     | 53 + 000     | Light brown lateritic silty CLAY   | NTP 33       | 0-180      | 100         | 97  | 93   | 63   | 41   | 22   | A-7-5 (17)        | -                   | -                   | -                | -                | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -     | -                         | -           | -    |
| 43     | 55 + 000     | Reddish brown lateritic silty CLAY | NTP 34       | 60-100     | 97          | 96  | 94   | 81   | 43   | 38   | A-7-5 (20)        | -                   | -                   | -                | -                | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -     | -                         | -           | -    |
| 44     | 56 + 500     | Light brown silty CLAY             | NTP 35       | 80-180     | 97          | 87  | 85   | 76   | 45   | 31   | A-7-5 (20)        | 19.4                | 53.89               | 24.01            | 2.771            | 23.5  | 1.542                       | 1.234                     | 2           | 6.55                      | 1.453       | 3                         | 5.34        | 1.527 | 4                         | 3.79        | 41.0 |
| 45     | 57 + 500     | Reddish brown lateritic silty CLAY | NTP 36       | 45-200     | 100         | 99  | 98   | 71   | 39   | 32   | A-7-5 (20)        | -                   | -                   | -                | -                | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -     | -                         | -           | -    |
| 46     | 59 + 000     | Reddish lateritic silty CLAY       | NTP 37       | 50-300     | 92          | 90  | 89   | 80   | 44   | 36   | A-7-5 (20)        | -                   | -                   | -                | -                | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -     | -                         | -           | -    |
| 47     | 60 + 500     | Reddish lateritic silty CLAY       | NTP 38       | 40-250     | 100         | 100 | 95   | 59   | 36   | 23   | A-7-5 (17)        | -                   | -                   | -                | -                | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -     | -                         | -           | -    |
| 48     | 62 + 000     | Reddish brown lateritic silty CLAY | NTP 39       | 0-180      | 98          | 93  | 89   | 64   | 33   | 31   | A-7-5 (20)        | -                   | -                   | -                | -                | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -     | -                         | -           | -    |
| 49     |              | Reddish brown lateritic silty CLAY |              | 180-280    | 98          | 97  | 95   | 65   | 34   | 31   | A-7-5 (20)        | -                   | -                   | -                | -                | -     | -                           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -                         | -           | -     | -                         | -           | -    |
| 50     | 63 + 000     | Reddish brown lateritic silty CLAY | NTP40        | 0-260      | 100         | 100 | 98   | 74   | 44   | 30   | A-7-5 (20)        | 10.1                | 60.16               | 29.44            | 2.753            | 27.0  | 1.464                       | 1.154                     | 2           | 3.86                      | 1.342       | 6                         | 2.84        | 1.383 | 11                        | 2.07        | 43.0 |

• Shrinkage Test

Shrinkage limited is gotten by shrinkage test. Shrinkage limit shows moisture content when property of soil changes from plastic state to solid state. By the test result, shrinkage limit (SL) and shrinkage ratio(R) of black cotton soil and upper red soil are as follows.

**Table 6.5.17 Shrinkage limit (SL) and Shrinkage ratio(R)**

| Formation               | SL (%)    | R       | Average SL (%) | Average R |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|----------------|-----------|
| Black Cotton Soil (BCS) | 3.2~12.5  | 2.0~2.2 | 6.7            | 2.1       |
| Upper Red Soil(URC)     | 14.1~16.8 | 1.9~2.0 | 15.7           | 1.9       |

Between black cotton soil and upper red soil, average of shrinkage limit of upper red soil shows more than twice value compared with black cotton soil. This means that black cotton soil is clayey and its void ratio is large. On the other hand upper red soil is silty and its void ratio is small. Expansiveness of soil is calculated from shrinkage limit. It is very important factor for earthwork. By the Field Survey Manual of Ethiopia (ERA, 2002) and the Tanzanian Highway Design Manual(1999), the expansiveness of soil is calculated by next formula.

$$E_{ex} = 2.4W_{pm} - 3.9W_s + 32.5$$

$E_{ex}$  = Expansiveness

$$W_p(\%) = \text{PI}(\text{Passing through } 0.425\text{mm sieve}) / 100$$

$$W_s(\%) = \text{SL}(\text{Passing through } 0.425\text{mm sieve}) / 100$$

These values are divided into 3 types based on the manuals mentioned above. This classification is utilized for check of quality of soil.

**Table 6.5.18 Expansiveness**

| Expansiveness | Classification |
|---------------|----------------|
| < 20          | Low            |
| 20 - 50       | Medium         |
| >50           | High           |

The expansiveness of each formation is shown in the next table.

**Table 6.5.19 Result of Expansiveness Calculation**

| Km     | Layer | Passing<br>0.425mm | LL<br>(%) | PL<br>(%) | PI | SL<br>(%) | Wp<br>(%) | Ws<br>(%) | Eex |
|--------|-------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| 4+000  | BCS   | 99                 | 89        | 38        | 51 | 11        | 50.5      | 10.9      | 111 |
| 13+500 | BCS   | 92                 | 80        | 38        | 42 | 8         | 38.6      | 7.4       | 97  |
| 23+000 | BCS   | 96                 | 86        | 35        | 51 | 6         | 49.0      | 5.8       | 128 |
| 26+500 | BCS   | 85                 | 86        | 43        | 43 | 9         | 36.6      | 7.7       | 90  |
| 32+000 | URC   | 100                | 79        | 36        | 43 | 14        | 43.0      | 14.0      | 81  |
| 42+500 | URC   | 99                 | 62        | 34        | 28 | 17        | 27.7      | 16.8      | 33  |
| 49+500 | UBC   | 100                | 100       | 57        | 43 | 14        | 43.0      | 14.0      | 81  |
| 50+500 | BCS   | 95                 | 86        | 42        | 44 | 13        | 41.8      | 12.4      | 85  |
| 56+500 | UBC   | 86                 | 76        | 45        | 31 | 14        | 26.7      | 12.0      | 50  |
| 63+000 | URC   | 99                 | 74        | 44        | 30 | 17        | 29.7      | 16.8      | 38  |

By the test result, expansiveness of all black cotton soil shows more than 85. It is classified into [high]. On the other hand, expansiveness of red silt shows between 33 and 81. It is classified into between [high] and [medium].

- Unconfined Compression Test

Unconfined compression test was carried out for 9 samples. The result is as follows.

**Table 6.5.20 Compression Strength**

| BH No.  | Layer | Compression Strength, $q_u$ ( Kpa) |
|---------|-------|------------------------------------|
| NBH1    | BCS   | 69                                 |
| NBH2    | LC    | 231                                |
| NBH6    | BCS   | 13                                 |
| NBH10   | URC   | 308                                |
| NBH11   | BCS   | 44                                 |
| NBH12   | BCS   | 35                                 |
| NBH13   | UBC   | 104                                |
| NBH13-2 | UBC   | 51                                 |
| NBH18   | UBC   | 32                                 |

BCS = black cotton soil, LC = Lower Clay, URC = upper red silt, UBC = upper brown silt

By the test result,  $q_u$  value of lower clay (LC) and upper red silt (URC) show high values being 231(kpa) and 308 (kpa). These 2 samples are hard clay ~ silt with high N values being 10 ~ 15. On the other hand,  $q_u$  values of black cotton soil (BCS) show very low values between 13 (kpa) and 69 (kpa).

- Tri-axial Compression Test (UU)

Tri-axial compression test was carried out for 8 samples. The result is as follows.

**Table 6.5.21 Tri-axial Compression Test**

| BH No.  | Layer | Cohesion, C (kpa) | Angle of Internal Friction, $\phi$ ( ° ) |
|---------|-------|-------------------|--|
| NBH2    | BCS   | 37                | 12                                       |
| NBH3    | BCS   | 42                | 16                                       |
| NBH4    | BCS   | 38                | 12                                       |
| NBH10   | URC   | 45                | 17                                       |
| NBH11   | BCS   | 28                | 14                                       |
| NBH12   | BCS   | 36                | 15                                       |
| NBH13   | UBC   | 12                | 7  |
| NBH13-2 | UBC   | 38                | 10                                       |

BCS = black cotton soil, URC = upper red silt, UBC = upper brown silt

By the test result, upper red silt (URC) shows maximum value for cohesion and angle of internal friction among all samples. The cohesions of black cotton soil show between 36 (kpa) and 42 (kpa). And the angles of internal friction show between 12 and 16 ° .

• Consolidation Test

Analysis of consolidation settlement was carried out for 3 sites of black cotton soil sections on the plateau near Dejen , valley plains in Abeya River and in Yeda River. The calculation is based on the  $\Delta e$  method. And next 4 cases of calculation were carried out corresponding to projected height of fillings. The calculation is as follows.

**Table 6.5.22 Case 1, Dejen (NBH2)**

|                                     |  |                |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Height of fill, H = 1m              | Fill, $\gamma t = 19.0 \text{ KN/m}^3$             | $e_0 = 0.8858$ |
| Width of top, $W_t = 11\text{m}$    | Settlement layer, $\gamma t = 17.6 \text{ KN/m}^3$ | $e_f = 0.8487$ |
| Width of bottom, $W_b = 15\text{m}$ | Thickness of layer, $t = 5.0\text{m}$              | $C_c = 0.07$   |
| Slope of fill = 1:2                 | Ground water level = Nothing                       |                |

**Table 6.5.23 Case 2, Dejen (NBH2)**

|                                     |  |                |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Height of fill, H = 3m              | Fill, $\gamma t = 19.0 \text{ KN/m}^3$             | $e_0 = 0.8858$ |
| Width of top, $W_t = 11\text{m}$    | Settlement layer, $\gamma t = 17.6 \text{ KN/m}^3$ | $e_f = 0.7284$ |
| Width of bottom, $W_b = 23\text{m}$ | Thickness of layer, $t = 5.0 \text{ m}$            | $C_c = 0.07$   |
| Slope of fill = 1:2                 | Groundwater level = Nothing                        |                |

**Table 6.5.24 Case 3, Abeya River (NBH4)**

|                                     |  |                |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Height of fill, H = 5 m             | Fill, $\gamma t = 19.0 \text{ KN/m}^3$             | $e_0 = 0.9764$ |
| Width of top, $W_t = 11 \text{ m}$  | Settlement layer, $\gamma t = 17.9 \text{ KN/m}^3$ | $e_f = 0.7284$ |
| Width of bottom, $W_b = 31\text{m}$ | Thickness of layer, $T = 10.0\text{m}$             | $C_c = 0.482$  |
| Slope of fill = 1:2                 | Groundwater level = -1.0m                          |                |

**Table 6.5.25 Case 4, Yeda River (NBH13)**

|                                     |  |               |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Height of fill, H = 5m              | Fill, $\gamma t = 19.0 \text{ KN/m}^3$             | $e_0 = 0.907$ |
| Width of top, $W_t = 11\text{m}$    | Settlement layer, $\gamma t = 16.9 \text{ KN/m}^3$ | $e_f = 0.560$ |
| Width of bottom, $W_b = 31\text{m}$ | Thickness of layer, $t = 10.0\text{m}$             | $C_c = 0.258$ |
| Slope of fill = 1:2                 | Groundwater level = -1.2m                          |               |

The result of calculation for quantity of settlement and the time for settlement are as follows.

**Table 6.5.26 Result of calculation**

| Location       | Dejen (NBH2) | Dejen ((NBH2) | Abeya (NBH4) | Yeda (NBH13) |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Height of fill | H = 1m       | H = 3m        | H = 5m       | H = 5m       |
| Quantity       | 0.028 cm     | 0.067 cm      | 4.2 cm       | 25.1 cm      |
| Time (90%)     | 490 months   | 494 months    | 903 months   | 119 months   |

The quantity of settlement of Yeda River shows maximum value. .Because Yeda River often floods in rainy season and flooding time is longer compared with Abeya River. So that reason, the sediments of valley plain shows very low N value by weathering.

- CBR Test

CBR test was carried out for 10 samples selected among 44 test pits . The test result is as follow.

**Table 6.5.27 Result of CBR Test**

| TP No. | Layer | OMC (%) | MDD (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | CBR (65 blows) | Swell (%) |
|--------|-------|---------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| NTP2   | BCS   | 24.0    | 1.490                    | 2              | 9.96      |
| NTP7   | BCS   | 17.0    | 1.510                    | 2              | 7.95      |
| NTP13  | BCS   | 26.5    | 1.561                    | 2              | 8.38      |
| NTP15  | BCS   | 20.0    | 1.530                    | 2              | 12.37     |
| NTP19  | URC   | 26.3    | 1.450                    | 9              | 0.99      |
| NTP25  | URC   | 21.7    | 1.483                    | 9              | 1.15      |
| NTP30  | UBC   | 29.0    | 1.385                    | 2              | 7.85      |
| NTP31  | BCS   | 24.0    | 1.463                    | 2              | 6.39      |
| NTP35  | URC   | 23.5    | 1.542                    | 4              | 3.79      |
| NTP40  | URC   | 27.0    | 1.464                    | 11             | 2.07      |

BCS = black cotton soil, URC = upper red silt, UBC = upper brown silt

By the test result, CBR values of black cotton soil (BCS) show only 2. On the other hand, values of upper red silt (URC) show between 4 and 11. Swelling test is carried out to check the volume change of compacted sample after soaking. By the result of this test, swell value of black cotton soil (BCS) show between 6.39 and 12.37. On the other hand, values of upper red silt (URC) show between 0.99 and 3.79. By the standard of Japan Society of Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering, the swell is classified according to the values. It is as follows.

**Table 6.5.28 Swell**

| Condition of Subgrade | Swell (%)        |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Good Subgrade         | 1 under          |
| Normal Subgrade       | 3 under          |
| Bad Subgrade          | 3 over           |
| Humus Soil            | Between 7 and 20 |

By the table, black cotton soil (BCS) is classified into bad soil. And upper red silt (URC) is classified into normal soil.

- Rock Test

Rock test was carried out for next 3 samples.

**Table 6.5.29 Compression strength**

| BH No. | Rock   | Facies                         | Compression strength (MPa) |
|--------|--------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| NBH4   | Basalt | Highly weathered gravelly core | 7                          |
| NBH7   | Basalt | Fresh columnar core            | 25                         |
| NBH12  | Basalt | Decomposed core                | 12                         |

This result shows change of strength on the process of rock weathering. Generally, rock type is classified from A class to D class corresponding to degree of weathering. It is as follows.

**Table 6.5.30 Rock Grade**

| Rock Grade                 | A        | B        | C          | D       |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|------------|---------|
| Compression Strength (MPa) | 120 over | 25 ~ 120 | 18.5 under | 8 under |

By this classification, sample of NBH4 is classified into D class. Sample of NBH7 is classified into B class. And sample of NBH12 is classified into C class. But N values of these rocks show more than 50. So these rocks are no problem as bearing layers.

**11) The point of Black Cotton Soil for Execution**

The characteristic of black cotton soil has very high expansiveness compared with normal fine materials. The expansiveness or swell is caused by change of natural moisture content during repeat of rainy season and dry season in a year. In the rainy season,. Swell happens a companied with increase of water content in soil. On the other hand, shrinkage happens a companied with decrease of water content in the dry season. Deformation of ground surface is caused by this repetition. To compare the quantity of water content in soil for rainy season and dry season, it is necessary to get same sample coming from same geological and geomorphological condition site furthermore getting in same depth. So based on the same condition, the comparison of natural moisture content was carried out between samples getting at November, 2003 (dry season ) and at September , 2010 (rainy season). The result is as follows.

**Table 6.5.31 Rainy Season (September, 2010), Black Cotton Soil**

| Location | BH No. | Depth (m) | Natural Moisture Content (%) |
|----------|--------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Plateau  | NBH1   | 2.0 ~ 2.5 | 41.5                         |
| Plateau  | NBH2   | 2.0 ~ 2.5 | 38.0                         |

**Table 6.5.32 Dry Season (November, 2003), Black Cotton Soil**

| Location | BH No. | Depth (m) | Natural Moisture Content (%) |
|----------|--------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Plateau  | BH10   | 2.0 ~ 3.0 | 31.0                         |

By the result, moisture content in the rainy season increases about 9 ~ 10 % compared with the dry season. The relation between change of moisture content and the result of shrinkage test is shown in Table 2.2.2.15. In the table, linear shrinkage value is converted from volume change in shrinkage test into linear change. By the result, when moisture content increases 10 %, linear shrinkage also increases between 2 % and 6 %.( average value 3.6 %). In opposite sense, when moisture content decreases 10 %, linear shrinkage decrease in same ratio to square of side 1 m. Generally, influence of change of moisture content reaches only few meters from the ground surface except cold district. The repetition of swell caused deformation of ground surface. To resolve this problem, black cotton soil should be replaced with low expansive soil or required soil improvement with mixing lime. Furthermore, slope drainage on the road is needed for protect permeation of water to the shoulder of road and the filling slope.

**Table 6.5.33 Relation between Natural Moisture Content and Linear Shrinkage**

| No.     | Sta. (Km) | Depth(m) | Soil Type        | NMC(%) | SL(%) | R   | NMC  |       | NMC+10% |       |         | NMC+20% |       |         | NMC+30% |       |         |
|---------|-----------|----------|------------------|--------|-------|-----|------|-------|---------|-------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|-------|---------|
|         |           |          |                  |        |       |     | C(%) | Ls(%) | C(%)    | Ls(%) | Rise(%) | C(%)    | Ls(%) | Rise(%) | C(%)    | Ls(%) | Rise(%) |
| NTP2    | 4+000     | 0.6-2.4  | Black Cotton     | 38.0   | 11.2  | 2.1 | 56.3 | 14.0  | 77.3    | 18.0  | 4.0     | 98.3    | 21.0  | 7.0     | 119.3   | 23.0  | 9.0     |
| NBH1    | 5+060     | 2.0-2.5  | Black Cotton     | 41.5   | 3.2   | 2.1 | 80.7 | 18.0  | 101.9   | 21.0  | 3.0     | 123.0   | 23.0  | 5.0     | 144.0   | 26.0  | 8.0     |
| NTP7    | 13+500    | 0.7-1.4  | Upper Brown clay | 38.0   | 8.1   | 2.3 | 68.8 | 16.0  | 91.8    | 20.0  | 4.0     | 114.8   | 22.0  | 6.0     | 137.8   | 25.0  | 9.0     |
| NBH2    | 14+560    | 2.0-2.5  | Black Cotton     | 40.0   | 2.8   | 2.2 | 81.8 | 18.0  | 103.8   | 22.0  | 4.0     | 125.8   | 24.0  | 6.0     | 147.8   | 26.0  | 8.0     |
| NBH3    | 20+080    | 2.0-2.5  | Black Cotton     | 38.0   | 1.9   | 2.2 | 61.8 | 15.0  | 101.4   | 21.0  | 6.0     | 123.4   | 23.0  | 8.0     | 145.4   | 26.0  | 11.0    |
|         |           | 3.0-3.5  | Black Cotton     | 45.0   | 4.4   | 2.1 | 85.3 | 19.0  | 106.3   | 22.0  | 3.0     | 127.3   | 24.0  | 5.0     | 148.3   | 26.0  | 7.0     |
| NBH4    | 22+040    | 2.0-2.5  | Black Cotton     | 37.8   | 3.8   | 2.1 | 71.4 | 17.0  | 92.4    | 20.0  | 3.0     | 113.4   | 22.0  | 5.0     | 134.4   | 25.0  | 8.0     |
|         |           | 2.5-3.0  | Black Cotton     | 34.7   | 7.3   | 2.1 | 57.5 | 14.0  | 78.5    | 18.0  | 4.0     | 99.5    | 21.0  | 7.0     | 120.5   | 23.0  | 9.0     |
| NTP13   | 23+000    | 0.5-3.0  | Black Cotton     | 33.0   | 5.7   | 2.3 | 62.8 | 15.0  | 85.8    | 19.0  | 4.0     | 108.8   | 22.0  | 7.0     | 131.8   | 25.0  | 10.0    |
| NTP15   | 26+320    | 0.7-3.0  | Black Cotton     | 53.0   | 9.2   | 2.1 | 92.0 | 20.0  | 113.0   | 22.0  | 2.0     | 134.0   | 25.0  | 5.0     | 155.0   | 27.0  | 7.0     |
| NBH6    | 26+500    | 2.5-3.0  | Black Cotton     | 40.1   | 6.2   | 2.0 | 67.8 | 16.0  | 87.8    | 19.0  | 3.0     | 107.8   | 22.0  | 6.0     | 127.8   | 24.0  | 8.0     |
| NTP19   | 32+000    | 0.0-2.5  | Upper Red Clay   | 35.0   | 15.1  | 1.9 | 37.8 | 10.0  | 56.8    | 14.0  | 4.0     | 75.8    | 17.0  | 7.0     | 94.8    | 20.0  | 10.0    |
| NTP25   | 42+500    | 0.7-3.0  | Upper Red Clay   | 31.0   | 16.8  | 1.9 | 27.0 | 8.0   | 46.0    | 12.0  | 4.0     | 65.0    | 15.0  | 7.0     | 84.0    | 19.0  | 11.0    |
| NBH10   | 44+060    | 2.0-2.4  | Upper Red Clay   | 35.3   | 15.1  | 1.9 | 37.4 | 10.0  | 57.4    | 14.0  | 4.0     | 76.4    | 17.0  | 7.0     | 95.4    | 20.0  | 10.0    |
| NBH11   | 47+420    | 2.5-3.0  | Black Cotton     | 42.3   | 6.8   | 2.1 | 74.6 | 17.0  | 95.6    | 20.0  | 3.0     | 116.6   | 23.0  | 6.0     | 137.6   | 25.0  | 8.0     |
| NBH12   | 48+900    | 2.0-2.5  | Black Cotton     | 43.1   | 7.8   | 2.0 | 70.6 | 16.0  | 90.6    | 20.0  | 4.0     | 110.6   | 23.0  | 7.0     | 130.6   | 25.0  | 9.0     |
| NBH13   | 49+200    | 2.0-2.5  | Black Cotton     | 30.5   | 10.7  | 2.0 | 39.6 | 10.0  | 59.6    | 14.0  | 4.0     | 79.6    | 18.0  | 8.0     | 99.6    | 21.0  | 11.0    |
| NTP30   | 49+500    | 0.0-2.4  | Upper Brown clay | 36.0   | 14.1  | 1.9 | 41.6 | 11.0  | 60.6    | 15.0  | 4.0     | 79.6    | 18.0  | 7.0     | 98.6    | 21.0  | 10.0    |
| NBH13-2 | 50+200    | 2.0-2.5  | Upper Red Clay   | 21.3   | 2.5   | 2.1 | 41.6 | 11.0  | 60.6    | 15.0  | 4.0     | 79.6    | 18.0  | 7.0     | 98.6    | 21.0  | 10.0    |
| NTP31   | 50+500    | 0.0-2.7  | Black Cotton     | 46.0   | 12.5  | 2.1 | 30.4 | 16.0  | 91.4    | 20.0  | 4.0     | 112.4   | 22.0  | 6.0     | 133.4   | 25.0  | 9.0     |
| NTP35   | 56+500    | 0.8-2.3  | Upper Red Clay   | 41.0   | 14.4  | 2.0 | 53.2 | 13.0  | 73.2    | 17.0  | 4.0     | 93.2    | 20.0  | 7.0     | 113.2   | 22.0  | 9.0     |
| NTP40   | 63+000    | 0.0-2.6  | Upper Red Clay   | 43.0   | 18.3  | 1.9 | 46.9 | 12.0  | 65.9    | 16.0  | 4.0     | 84.9    | 19.0  | 7.0     | 103.9   | 21.0  | 9.0     |

## 12) Material Survey

Material survey is divided into quarry for concrete aggregate and borrow pit for filling material. These existing sites and candidate sites are shown in Table 6.5.34 and Table 6.5.35. New quarry and borrow pit were selected among accessible undeveloped site by car except cultivated land and grazing land. Almost hills and slopes are utilized as settlement and cultivated land along the route. So that reason, the candidate sites are very limited.



**Table 6.5.34 List of Quarry Site between Dejen and Debre Markos**

| Site No. | Location  | Offset from A-3 trunk Road      | Coordinate           | Rock Type                           | Length (m) | Width (m) | Height (m) | Volume m3 (approximate) | Type of work on site       |
|----------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Q-1      | Between Ambesh R. and Yeda R. (Crusher plant of ERA)          | 0.2Km to the South              | 0369476E<br>1136555N | Black, fine and jointed hard basalt | 200        | 200       | 15         | 600,000                 | Sampling of rock (pending) |
| Q-2      | Between Chemoga R. and Ambesh R.                              | 3.5Km to the North              | 0368376E<br>1141783N | Weathered basalt with red soil      | 400        | 100       | -          | -                       | Not good (cancelled)       |
| Q-3      | Between Chemoga R. and Ambesh R.                              | 4.0Km to the South              | 0364818E<br>1133488N | Black, fine and jointed hard basalt | 300        | 300       | 20         | 1,800,000               | Boring (10m) pending       |
| AD-2-1   | Between Bogena R. and Abeya R. (Old Quarry)                   | 0.7Km to the South              | 0387855E<br>1130293N | Black, very hard massive basalt     | 200        | 200       | 20         | 800,000                 | Sampling of rock           |
| AD-3     | Between Aba Adem R. and Taba R.                               | 1.0Km to the South              | 0392975E<br>1129553N | Weathered basalt with red soil      | 100        | 100       | 10         | 100,000                 | Not good (cancelled)       |
| AD-4-1   | Between Bechet R. and Asametech R. (North of Yetnora village) | 3.5Km to the North              | 0407230E<br>1134558N | Weathered basalt with red soil      | 300        | 300       | 20         | 1,800,000               | Not bad (pending)          |
| AD-4-2   | Ditto   | 3.0Km to the North              | ditto                | Black fine and jointed hard basalt  | 200        | 200       | 20         | 800,000                 | Boring (10m)               |
| Q-4      | Located beside Link Road 23                                   | 4.0Km to the North              | 0404942E<br>1135268N | Gray black porous Basalt            | 400        | 400       | 10         | 1,600,000               | Boring (10m)               |
| Q-5      | South of Dejen Town (ERA's Quarry)                            | 1.0Km from center of Dejen town | 0407675E<br>1122318N | Black fine and jointed hard basalt  | 400        | 100       | 20         | 800,000                 | Sampling of Rock           |

**Table 6.5.35 List of Borrow Pit Site between Dejen and Debre Markos**

| Site No. | Location   | Offset from A-3 trunk Road | Coordinate           | Rock Type  | Length (m) | Width (m) | Height (m) | Volume in m3 (approximate) | Type of work on site                |
|----------|--|----------------------------|----------------------|--|------------|-----------|------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| B-1      | Between Ambesh R. and Yeda R. (below Q-1)            | 0.0Km beside A-3           | 0369683E<br>1136453N | Red soil with gravel                             | 200        | 300       | 30         | 1,800,000                  | Test Pit (H=5m) PENDING             |
| AD-5     | Between Ambesh R. and Yeda R. (Borrow pit of ERA)    | 0.4Km to the west          | 0369336E<br>1135665N | Red soil with gravel and highly weathered Basalt | 300        | 100       | 20         | 600,000                    | Sampling of Soil at 2 sites PENDING |
| B-2      | Between Getla R. and Bogena R. (West of Lumame town) | 0.0Km beside A-3           | 0377378E<br>1131683N | Red soil with gravel and highly weathered Basalt | 200        | 200       | 20         | 800,000                    | Sampling of Soil at 4 sites         |
| AD-1     | Between Bogena R. and Abeya R. (East of Lumame)      | 0.5Km to Old A-3           | 0385950E<br>1132292N | Red Soil with rgavel                             | 200        | 100       | 20         | 400,000                    | Test Pit (H=5m)                     |
| AD-2-2   | Between Bogena R. and Abeya R.                       | 0.0Km Beside A-3           | 0387538E<br>1131597N | Red soil with gravel                             | 200        | 100       | 30         | 600,000                    | Test Pit (H=3m)                     |
| AD-6     | Noth of Yetmen Village                               | 18.0Km to the north        | 0408162E<br>1148817N | Highly weathead Basalt with clay                 | 200        | 200       | 20         | 800,000                    | Sampling of Soil                    |

• Result of Laboratory Test for Concrete Aggregate

The test result is shown in Table 6.5.36. The materials for test are gotten in operating or temporary quarry except Q4 site. Q4 site is wasteland outcropping basalt. On the site Q4 and AD4-2, borings were carried out to get samples of basalt. The content of laboratory test is as follows.

Density and Absorption Test (AASHTO T-85)

Los Angeles Abration Test (AASHTO T-96)

Crushing Strength Test (BS812)

Soundness Test (AASHTO T-104)

**Table 6.5.36 Result of Laboratory Test for Quarry Material**

| Sr No | Location (Km)        | Site No | type of Sample | Geological Formation        | Density and Absorption (AASHTO T-85) |               |                  |                | Los Angeles Abrasion (ASHTO T-96) |       | Crushing Strength (BS 812 : 1990) | Soundness (Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> ) (ASHTO T-104) |
|-------|----------------------|---------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|--|
|       |                      |         |                |                             | Density (Dry)                        | Density (SSD) | Apparent Density | Absorption (%) | Grading Class                     | LAA % | ACV %                             | Soundness Loss %   |
| 1     | South of Dejen 1.4km | Q5      | Block Core     | Jointed Basalt              | 2.892                                | 2.936         | 3.026            | 1.5            | B                                 | 14    | 11                                | 0.5  |
| 2     | 6+780, Rt. 4.4km     | Q4      | Block Core     | Jointed Fresh Basalt        | 2.741                                | 2.819         | 2.973            | 2.8            | B                                 | 14    | 13                                | 0.5  |
| 3     | 9+000, Rt. 2.3Km     | AD4-2   | Block Core     | Slightly Weathered Basalt   | 2.922                                | 2.966         | 3.057            | 1.5            | B                                 | 12    | 11                                | 1.1  |
| 4     | 24.6Km, Lt. 700m     | AD2-1   | Block Core     | Porous Basalt Forming Cliff | 2.834                                | 2.882         | 2.976            | 1.7            | B                                 | 15    | 15                                | 0.7  |
| 5     | 6.78Km, Rt. 18km     | AD6     | Block Core     | Yellowish Gray Meta-Basalt  | 2.889                                | 2.938         | 3.040            | 1.7            | B                                 | 12    | 11                                | 0.7  |

**- Density and Absorption Test**

Generally density of concrete aggregate is between 2.55 and 2.7 and absorption of it is between 0.5 % and 3.5 %. By the test result, the density is between 2.741 and 2.992 and absorption is between 1.5 % and 2.8 %. So this basalt is no problem as concrete aggregate.

**- Los Angeles Abrasion Test**

This test is utilized for check of stability as aggregate for pavement. By the Japanese Industrial Standard (JIS), limit of abrasion for pavement is 35 %. By the test result, the abrasion is between 12 % and 15 %. This basalt is no problem as concrete aggregate.

**- Crushing Strength Test**

This test is carried out to check the strength of aggregate. By the Japanese Industrial Standard (JIS), crushing value should be under 30 % for fine aggregate. By the test result, crushing value is between 11 % and 10 %. So this basalt is no problem as concrete aggregate.

**- Soundness Test**

This test is carried out to check the durability for weathering. By the specification of concrete based on the Japan Road Association, the loss of mass should be under 10 % for fine aggregate and under 12 % for coarse aggregate. By the test result, the loss of mass is between 0.5 % and 1.1 %. So this basalt is no problem as concrete aggregate.

**• Result of Laboratory test for Filling Material**

Filling materials are gotten on hills and hill slopes without land use. These materials contain upper red soil (URC) and highly weathered decomposed basalt (DBa). The laboratory tests were carried out for specific gravity, moisture content, Atterberg limit, CBR test and permeability test. The test result is shown in Table 6.5.37, and Table 6.5.38. Furthermore CBR test was carried out for lime mixing black cotton soil to check the change of strength. The test result of CBR is shown in

Table 6.5.39.

**Table 6.5.37 Result of Laboratory Test for Borrow Pit Material (1)**

| Sr. No | Site No | Location (km)    | Geological Formation                  | Depth (m)                     | % pass (mm) |       |       | LL % | PL % | PI % | Soil Classification (AASHTO) | Particle Size       |                      |                   | OMC % | MDD T-180 g/cm <sup>3</sup> | 3 - Point CBR %           |      |         |                           |      |         |                           |      |         | Specific Gravity | LS % |
|--------|---------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------|---------|---------------------------|------|---------|---------------------------|------|---------|------------------|------|
|        |         |                  |                                       |                               | 2.000       | 0.425 | 0.075 |      |      |      |                              | Sand% (2.0-0.06 mm) | Silt% (0.06-0.02 mm) | Clay% (<0.002 mm) |       |                             | Density g/cm <sup>3</sup> | CB R | Swell % | Density g/cm <sup>3</sup> | CB R | Swell % | Density g/cm <sup>3</sup> | CB R | Swell % |                  |      |
| 7      | AD2-2   | 25.46, Rt.       | Reddish brown clayey silt             | 0.0 - 3.0m                    | 97          | 96    | 95    | 74   | 41   | 33   | A-7-5 (20)                   | 4.17                | 61.07                | 31.76             | 35.0  | 1.525                       | 1.211                     | 1    | 6.76    | 1.347                     | 3    | 5.44    | 1.431                     | 4    | 3.61    | 2.833            | 19   |
| 5      | AD1     | 28.00, Lt. 700m  | Reddish brown sand, clayey silt       | 0.0 - 3.0m                    | 100         | 99    | 98    | 68   | 39   | 29   | A-7-5 (20)                   | 12.19               | 62.39                | 25.42             | 25.0  | 1.468                       | 1.230                     | 2    | 4.64    | 1.434                     | 6    | 4.20    | 1.517                     | 7    | 3.30    | 2.824            | 18   |
| 6      |         |                  |                                       |                               | 100         | 99    | 98    | 66   | 37   | 29   | A-7-5 (20)                   | 11.02               | 63.22                | 25.76             | 29.0  | 1.548                       | 1.257                     | 2    | 5.60    | 1.432                     | 6    | 4.11    | 1.503                     | 7    | 2.90    | 2.758            | 18   |
| 1      |         |                  | Yellowish brown silty gravel          | SI                            | 30          | 20    | 15    | 61   | 37   | 24   | A-2-7 (0)                    | 15.97               | 11.04                | 2.60              | 10.8  | 2.050                       | 1.861                     | 35   | 0.33    | 1.987                     | 78   | 0.21    | 2.063                     | 89   | 0.17    | 2.823            | 16   |
| 2      | B2      | 40.60, Rt.       | Yellowish, grayish sandy, clayey silt | S2                            | 100         | 100   | 95    | 80   | 48   | 32   | A-7-5 (20)                   | 7.70                | 62.33                | 29.81             | 28.0  | 1.350                       | 1.120                     | 2    | 10.29   | 1.271                     | 2    | 10.29   | 1.334                     | 2    | 10.29   | 2.739            | 19   |
| 3      |         |                  |                                       | S3                            | 36          | 22    | 16    | 54   | 36   | 18   | A-2-7 (0)                    | 21.87               | 12.84                | 1.43              | 15.5  | 1.970                       | 1.808                     | 36   | 0.58    | 1.916                     | 51   | 0.42    | 2.003                     | 85   | 0.10    | 2.869            | 14   |
| 4      |         |                  | Brown gravelly silt                   | S4                            | 89          | 79    | 73    | 75   | 47   | 28   | A-7-5 (19)                   | 17.00               | 54.35                | 14.63             | 28.5  | 1.430                       | 1.208                     | 2    | 10.29   | 1.347                     | 2    | 10.29   | 1.391                     | 2    | 10.29   | 2.852            | 20   |
| 8      | AD6     | 6.78km, Rt. 18km | Yellowish, grayish brown silty gravel | SI                            | 30          | 19    | 14    | 55   | 38   | 17   | A-2-7 (0)                    | 17.31               | 10.95                | 1.93              | 15.3  | 1.980                       | 1.747                     | 17   | 0.80    | 1.957                     | 62   | 0.38    | 1.969                     | 106  | 0.35    | 2.799            | 13   |
| 9      |         |                  |                                       | Blend of 40% AD6 with 60% AD1 | 47          | 40    | 38    | 64   | 37   | 27   | A-7-5 (5)                    | 11.54               | 26.41                | 8.99              | 22.0  | 1.770                       | 1.491                     | 3    | 2.57    | 1.677                     | 10   | 2.53    | 1.805                     | 15   | 1.92    | 2.799            | 18   |
| 10     |         |                  | Blend of 60% AD6 with 40% AD1         |                               | 68          | 64    | 62    | 62   | 36   | 26   | A-7-5 (15)                   | 12.00               | 40.03                | 16.18             | 20.0  | 1.972                       | 1.608                     | 7    | 1.34    | 1.779                     | 21   | 0.85    | 1.832                     | 23   | 0.81    | 2.864            | 18   |

LL=Liquid Limit, PL=Plastic Limit, OMC=Optimum Moisture Content, MDD=Maximum Dry Density, LS=Linear Shrinkage Limit



Table 6.5.39 Result of CBR test for Mixed Lime Sample

| Sr. No | Site点号        | Geological Formation                   | Lime content % | Atterberg Limit Test |      |      |      |           |      |                           |       | 3 - Point CBR % Mixed Lime Sample |          |                           |       |          |                           |       |          |      |  |  |  |
|--------|---------------|--|----------------|----------------------|------|------|------|-----------|------|---------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------------|-------|----------|------|--|--|--|
|        |               |  |                | Before CBR           |      |      |      | After CBR |      |                           |       | MDD T-180 g/cm <sup>3</sup>       | 10 blows |                           |       | 30 blows |                           |       | 65 blows |      |  |  |  |
|        |               |  |                | LL %                 | PL % | PI % | LL % | PL %      | PI % | Density g/cm <sup>3</sup> | CBR   |                                   | Swell %  | Density g/cm <sup>3</sup> | CBR   | Swell %  | Density g/cm <sup>3</sup> | CBR   | Swell %  |      |  |  |  |
| 1      |               |  | 2%             | 65                   | 46   | 19   | 79   | 51        | 28   | 25.0                      | 1.505 | 1.248                             | 2        | 0.12                      | 1.260 | 4        | 0.18                      | 1.308 | 9        | 0.39 |  |  |  |
| 2      | NTP 2 (ETP1)  | Darkgray silty clay                    | 4%             | 52                   | 42   | 10   | 65   | 48        | 17   | 25.0                      | 1.501 | 1.396                             | 2        | 0.27                      | 1.392 | 14       | 0.13                      | 1.415 | 11       | 0.25 |  |  |  |
| 3      |               |  | 6%             | 56                   | 42   | 14   | 64   | 50        | 14   | 24.0                      | 1.490 | 1.513                             | 3        | 0.72                      | 1.473 | 17       | 0.21                      | 1.495 | 17       | 0.12 |  |  |  |
| 4      |               |  | 2%             | 71                   | 46   | 25   | 67   | 47        | 20   | 18.0                      | 1.562 | 1.254                             | 4        | 1.08                      | 1.564 | 6        | 0.98                      | 1.636 | 11       | 0.94 |  |  |  |
| 5      | NTP 13 (ETP2) | Darkgray silty clay                    | 4%             | 53                   | 42   | 11   | 59   | 47        | 12   | 23.0                      | 1.560 | 1.327                             | 6        | 0.12                      | 1.454 | 12       | 0.25                      | 1.554 | 19       | 0.13 |  |  |  |
| 6      |               |  | 6%             | 51                   | 44   | 7    | 51   | 46        | 5    | 23.0                      | 1.540 | 1.304                             | 11       | 0.20                      | 1.432 | 20       | 0.21                      | 1.509 | 50       | 0.15 |  |  |  |
| 7      |               |  | 2%             | 68                   | 45   | 23   | 71   | 47        | 24   | 30.0                      | 1.448 | 1.206                             | 3        | 0.23                      | 1.346 | 6        | 0.21                      | 1.435 | 7        | 0.15 |  |  |  |
| 8      | NTP30 (ETP3)  | Darkgray silty clay with red silt band | 4%             | 54                   | 41   | 13   | 57   | 46        | 11   | 33.0                      | 1.395 | 1.195                             | 7        | 0.21                      | 1.329 | 16       | 0.18                      | 1.401 | 31       | 0.13 |  |  |  |
| 9      |               |  | 6%             | 50                   | 46   | 4    | 53   | 46        | 7    | 32.0                      | 1.369 | 1.177                             | 13       | 0.32                      | 1.330 | 42       | 0.12                      | 1.404 | 64       | 0.11 |  |  |  |

OMC=Optimum Moisture Content, MDD=Maximum Dry Density

#### - Filling Material

At the alluvial plain in Abeya River and Yeda River, embankment with about 3m height is planned. It is desirable that the material has enough strength, low compressibility and suitable natural moisture content. Furthermore trafficability is also important for earth work. Silty gravel in B2 site and sandy, silty red soil in AD1 and AD7 are suitable for filling material. Also gravelly soil in AD6 is suitable but the site is very far being 18 km from national road A3. Gravelly soil in AD9 is also good material but amount of reserves is very few. Upper red soil in AD7 has enough quantity and strength. So it is available for filling material.

#### - Replacement Material

Along the route, black cotton soil is extensively distributed on the lowland and the plateau. As previously stated, black cotton soil has high expansiveness and low strength. So upper part of black cotton soil should be replaced with good soil. For replacement material, the property is provided by Ethiopian Field Survey Manual (ERA, 2002). as follow:

CBR = over 5

By the test result, the materials of B2 (S3), AD6 and AD9 are silty gravels with CBR values over 5, and upper red silts in AD1, AD7 and AD10 show CBR value more than 5.

#### - Result of CBR Test for Mixed Sample with Lime

Special CBR test was carried out for black cotton soils of ETP1 ( Dejen on plateau), ETP2 ( Abeya River ) and ETP3 ( Yeda River ). These black cotton soils were mixed with lime at the rate of 2 %, 4 % and 6 %. By the test result, mixed samples at the rate of 4 % and 6 % changed their properties remarkably. The plasticity index shows under 20 and CBR value shows more than 5, and furthermore expansiveness declined notably. But it seems that use of this material causes big increase of construction cost.

#### - Result of Permeability Test

The permeability test results of AD1,AD6,AD7,AD9, and AD10 are shown in Table 2.2.2.21. More detailed investigation will be conducted in Detailed Design Stage.

**Table 6.5.40 Result of Permeability Test**

| Sr.№ | TP №     | Sample №    | Depth (m) | Dry Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Coefficient of Permeability K(cm/sec) | Formation                             |
|------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1    | AD7(TP1) | S-1         | 0.00-1.00 | 1375                             | $2.50 \times 10^{-5}$                 | Reddish brown clayey silt             |
| 2    | AD7(TP1) | S-2         | 1.00-2.00 | 1380                             | $2.53 \times 10^{-5}$                 | Reddish brown clayey silt             |
| 3    | AD7(TP1) | S-3         | 2.00-3.00 | 1364                             | $2.47 \times 10^{-5}$                 | Reddish brown clayey silt             |
| 4    | AD7(TP2) | S-1         | 0.00-2.00 | 1368                             | $2.49 \times 10^{-5}$                 | Reddish brown clayey silt             |
| 5    | AD7(TP2) | S-2         | 2.00-3.00 | 1362                             | $2.46 \times 10^{-5}$                 | Reddish brown clayey silt             |
| 6    | AD7(TP2) | S-3         | 3.00-4.00 | 1392                             | $2.50 \times 10^{-5}$                 | Reddish brown clayey silt             |
| 7    | AD7(TP3) | S-1         | 0.00-1.00 | 1360                             | $2.46 \times 10^{-5}$                 | Reddish brown clayey silt             |
| 8    | AD7(TP3) | S-2         | 1.00-2.00 | 1380                             | $2.23 \times 10^{-5}$                 | Reddish brown clayey silt             |
| 9    | AD7(TP3) | S-3         | 2.00-3.00 | 1390                             | $2.44 \times 10^{-5}$                 | Reddish brown clayey silt             |
| 10   | AD9      | S-2         | -         | 1498                             | $1.05 \times 10^{-5}$                 | Yellowish gray silty gravel           |
| 11   | AD10     | S-1         | -         | 1370                             | $2.49 \times 10^{-5}$                 | Reddish brown clayey silt             |
| 12   | AD10     | S-2         | -         | 1395                             | $2.48 \times 10^{-5}$                 | Reddish brown clayey silt             |
| 13   | AD1      | -           | -         | 1370                             | $2.49 \times 10^{-5}$                 | Reddish brown clayey silt             |
| 14   | AD1+AD6  | MixedSample | (40%+60%) | 1834                             | $4.69 \times 10^{-5}$                 | Reddish brown silty gravel            |
| 15   | AD1+AD6  | MixedSample | (60%+40%) | 1794                             | $4.19 \times 10^{-6}$                 | Reddish brown clayey silt with gravel |