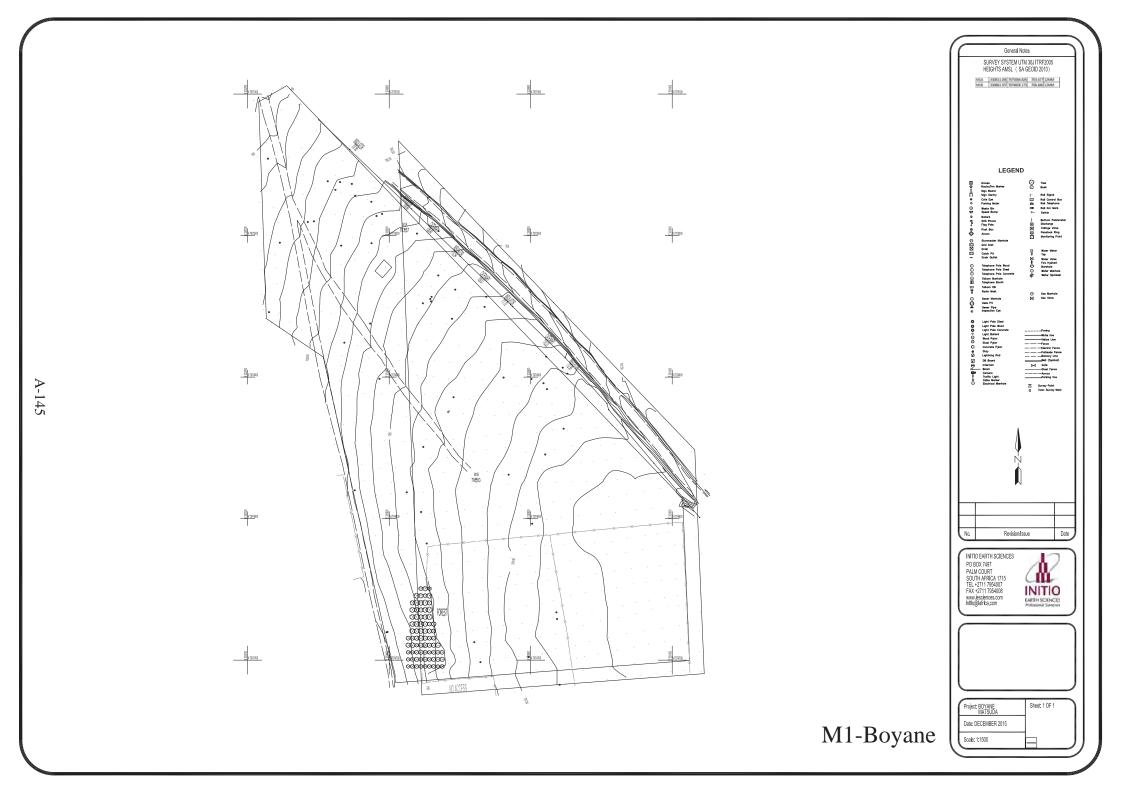
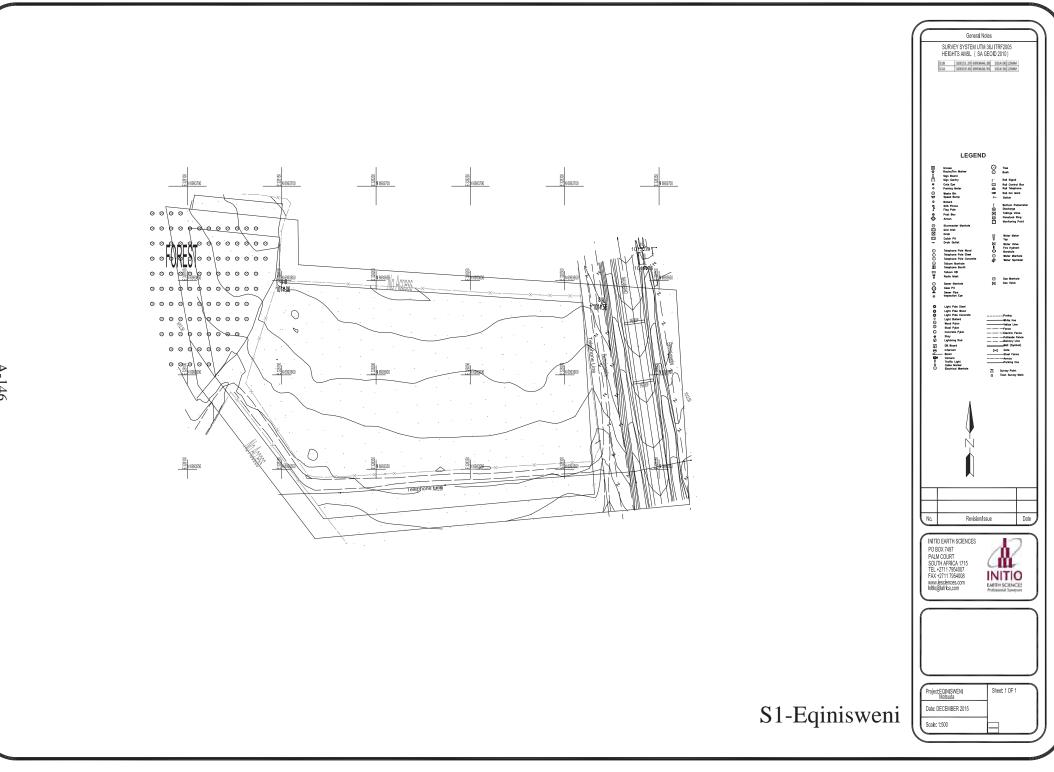
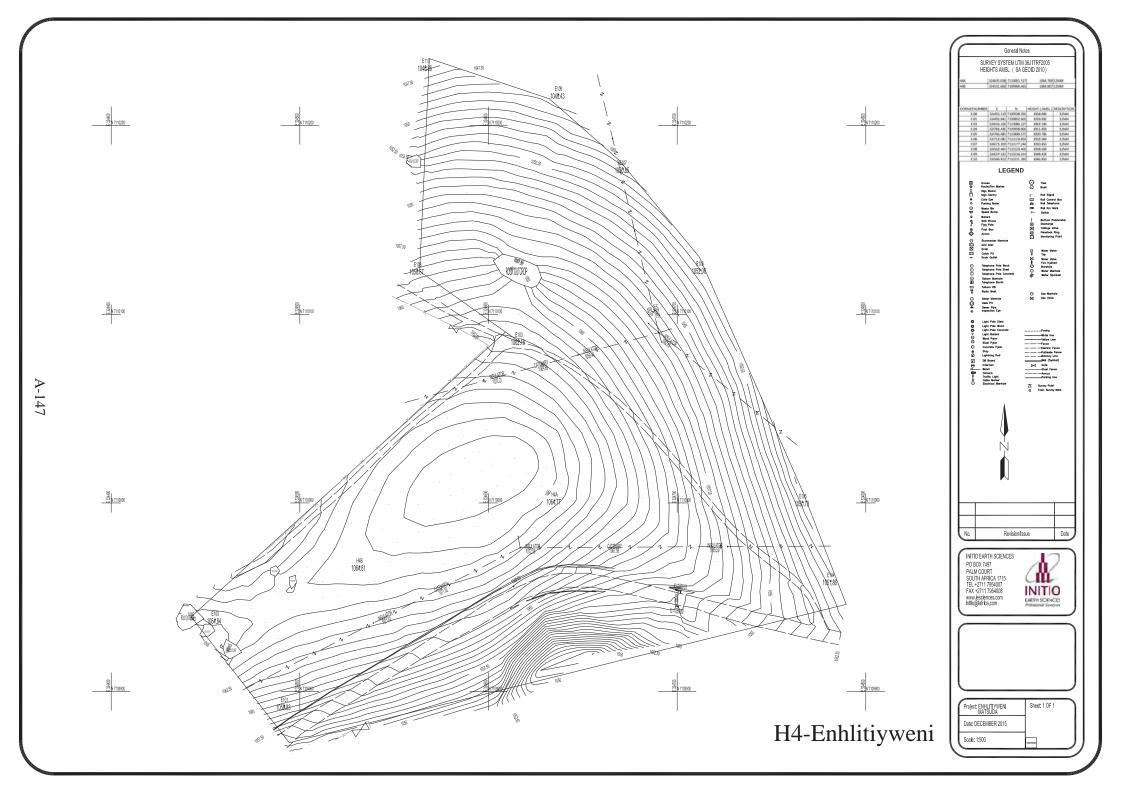
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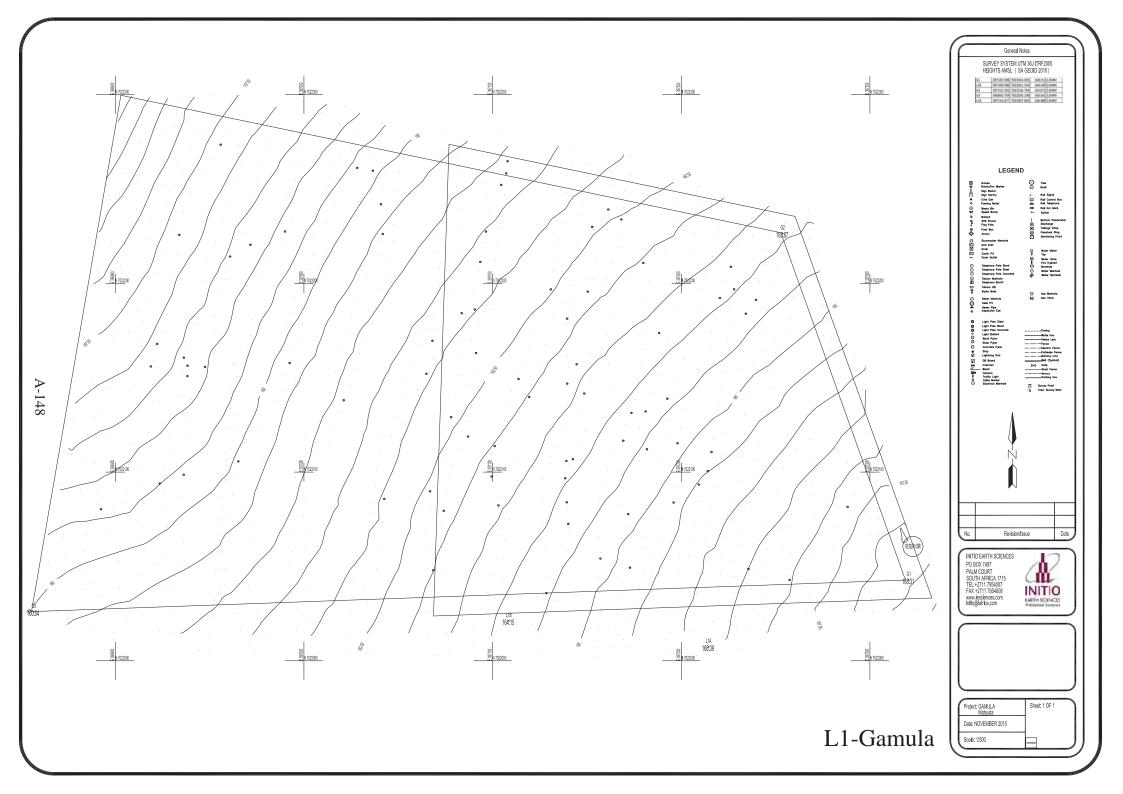
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5	National Education and Training Improvement Programme	Digital Copy	2011	MoET
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8	SEN Statistics 2015	Digital Copy	2015	MoET
9	School guide regulation procedure	Paper	1978	MoET
10	International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Consultative document 2005	Paper	2005	MoET
11	SGCSE Design and Technology Syllabus 6902 November 2015 and November 2016 Examinations	Digital Copy	2015	MoET
12	Swaziland's curriculum for the 21th century Curriculum framework discussion document	Paper	2014	MoET
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14	Tender Documents 192 of 2015/16 Invitation to tender for the supply and delivery of school furniture for selected primary and secondary schools throughout the country	Paper	2015	MoET
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23	List of registered company	Digital Copy	2015	CIC
24	Swaziland Protected Area Map	Digital Copy	_	Swaziland National Trust Commission

- 6. Other Relevant Data
- 6-1 Topographic Survey Map of the Project Site









6-2 Report of the Geotechnical investigation on the Site

# **SOIL TESTING SERVICES**

## **GEOTECHNICAL REPORT – BOYANE**

## CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND UP-GRADING OF FACILITIES IN EXISTING SECONDARY SCHOOLS AIMED AT PROMOTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND

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## **GEOTECHNICAL REPORT - BOYANE**

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report is based on the Preparatory Survey on "the Project for the Construction of New Secondary Schools and Upgrading of Facilities in Existing Secondary Schools aimed at Promoting Inclusive Education" based upon request from the Government of Swaziland to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The survey is to obtain geotechnical data and information at Boyane, central Swaziland, where the proposed Boyane High School will be constructed, for the design of earthworks, foundation and structures of the buildings.

#### 2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

The following activities were expected to be executed in the cause of the study.

- (1) Field works on each site
  - Dynamic Cone Penetration test (DCP)
     Nine (09) points, depth up to Two (02) m from the ground level
  - Soil Sampling
  - Percolation Test Two (02) points
- (2) Laboratory testing (for each sample)
  - Triaxial Compression Test
  - Moisture Density Test
  - Particle Size Analysis
  - Atterberg limit test

#### 3.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

#### Location and Topography

The new Boyane High School is to be built in a gentle sloping site facing north. The site is located at Boyane, an area past Ludzeludze, next to Boyane Primary School. Part of the area is the garden and football pitch of the primary school. The rest of the area lies outside the Boyane Primary School in an area currently used a grazing land. It is vegetated by indigenous grass cover and iron wood trees and some wattle trees.

#### Rainfall and Drainage

Boyane is an area located in the Middleveld climatic zone of the country. It has a 720m elevation with summer rainfall received between October and March. The average annual rainfall is 600mm with a temperate climate. Winters are generally harsh and known to experience frost.

The Boyane area has no watercourse way running through it. Off site there is a small stream that drains the area. Water supply in the area is through an established rural water scheme. Alternative water can be sourced through drilling for underground water.

#### Access

Boyane is easily accessible along the way from Manzini to Mbekelweni. The area is about 2km from the tar road after a turnoff at Soweto area. It is accessed through a dusty distributor road with no wearing course.

#### 4.0 GENERAL GEOLOGY OF SITE

The proposed school site is underlain by granodiorite, a medium to coarse grained crystalline rock. Its composition varies from quartz diorite to hornblende granodiorite to biotite granodiorite. The granodiorite suite has been intruded by small fairly localized diabase dykes. They trend approximately north to south or east to west, which corresponds to the general tectonic trends of the region. The granodiorite suite can also be associated with the intrusion of quartz veins which often indicate the presence of tectonic faulting.

Depth to granodiorite bedrock can be highly variable and can be expected to be overlain by a weathered rock to soil derived from complete weathering of the bedrock. This soil profile can in itself be overlain by soils of colluvial origin, typically, gravity transported in the site.

A scanned and cropped geological map of the area is presented in Appendix A. It is taken from a 1:50 000 geological map sheet 12 (2631 AD) published by the Swaziland Geological Survey Department

#### 5.0 GEOTECHNICAL FIELD INVESTIGATIONS AND LABORATORY TESTING

#### Methods of Investigation and Testing

Field investigations, sampling and laboratory testing has been designed to provide information as follows:

#### Trial Pits

Two Trial Pits (TP) were excavated at positions determined by the client with pits attaining some depth of 2.4m using a Tractor Loader Backhoe (TLB), 4x4 capability with 600mm bucket width and flywheel power rating of at least 70kW. The aim of the excavation of the trial pits was to determine the soil stratigraphy, and extraction of soil samples.

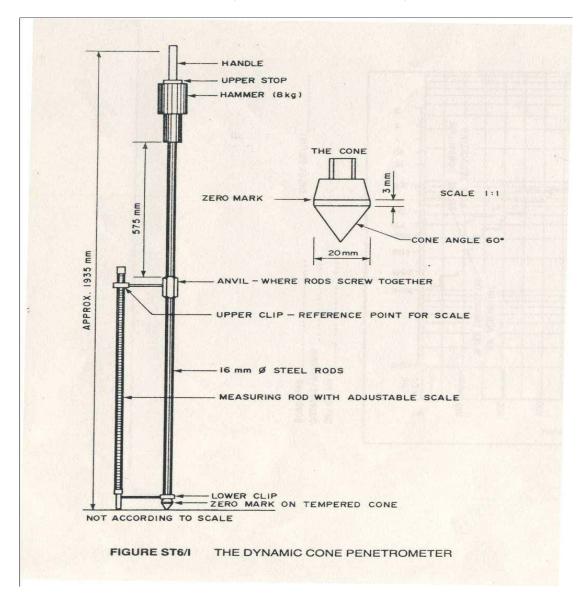
All test pits had stable walls and were profiled using profiling standard procedure outlined in the Association of Engineering Geologists (South African Section), 'Guidelines for soil and rock logging in SA" (1990). Representative soil samples were taken from the soil profile for laboratory testing. Bulk samples of the residual soil material were taken; topsoil and sub-soil layers were recorded

and are shown in detail in Trial Pit profiles. The stratigraphy revealed by each pit was carefully logged with special notes taken of the thickness and conditions of the various layers.

#### Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (DCP)

Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests were conducted at 9 positions around the site. The exact locations of all DCP tests carried out were performed at positions determined by Matsuda Consultants International Co., Ltd.

Prior to the performance of a series of tests, the zero reading of the penetrometer was determined. The dynamic penetrometer tests were then performed by taking readings of cone penetration after a number of blows depending on the consistency of the layer being penetrated. The tests were terminated at maximum depths of 2000mm wherever possible.



#### Percolation Test

The percolation test consist of digging a 300 mm diameter hole to the stratum for which information is required, cleaning and backfilling the bottom with coarse sand or gravel, filling the hole with water and providing a soaking period of sufficient length to achieve saturation. During the soaking period, water is added as necessary to prevent loss of all water. The percolation rate is then obtained by filling the hole to a prescribed water level and measuring the drop in water level over a set time. The times required for soaking and for measuring the percolation rate vary with the soil type.

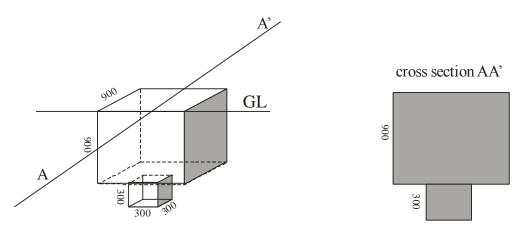


Figure 2. Cross section of percolation test pit

#### Laboratory Testing

Laboratory tests were performed by Soil Testing Services (Pty) Ltd in Mbabane. As specified by Matsuda Consultants International Co., Ltd this testing comprised of foundation indicator testing only.

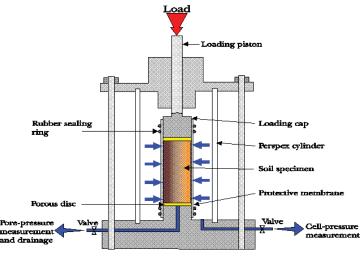
The following laboratory tests were executed for the preliminary design:

- determination of grain size distribution
- determination of natural moisture content
- determination of Atterberg limits
- execution of Proctor tests (moisture density relation, MDD/OMC)

#### Stress Triaxial Stress Tests: Unconsolidated - Undrained (BS 1377-7:1990 Clause 7)

Stress Triaxial Stress Tests were conducted at Metrolab Group, Republic of South Africa according to the standard **BS 1377-7:1990 Clause 7**. This involved subjecting a cylindrical soil sample to radial stresses (confining pressure) and controlled increases in axial stresses or axial displacements. The cylindrical soil specimen was of ~50mm diameter and ~100mm height dimension. As this is cohesive soil samples were prepared directly from saturated compacted samples, either undisturbed

or remolded. The specimen was vertically enclosed with a thin rubber membrane and placed between two rigid ends inside a pressure chamber. The upper plate can move vertically and apply vertical stresses to the specimen. The axial strain/stress of the sample is controlled through the movement of this vertical axis. Also, the confining pressure is controlled by the water pressure surrounding the sample in the pressure chamber. The volume change of the sample is also controlled by measuring the exact volume of moving water.



Triaxial apparatus

#### 6.0 INTERPRETIVE INFORMATION

#### Site Stratigraphy

The stratigraphy of the Boyane High School site can be summarized as colluvial and residual soils.

Colluvial soils on the site generally consist of some 300mm thick layer of slightly moist slightly moist, dark brown soft to dense topsoil. In Trial Pit 453 some 1280mm colluvial layer was intercepted below the top soil and consists of moist, dark red, slightly dense, sandy clay. This layer lies directly above residual layer from the weathering of the granodiorite suite.

The residual soils are derived from complete in-situ weathering of the granodiorite suite expected underneath. In this site the granodiorite was not encountered. The soils are moist, soft and intact silt-clay. The dark red soil in profile shows colour variation from light yellowish orange/ dark red/ light reddish orange to light red/ light reddish brown/ dark yellow.

#### Materials

The table below summarizes some of the laboratory test results and the complete test results are presented in Appendix B

Test Pit No.	Sample no & depth(m)	Horizon	O.M.C%	LL	ΡI	Shrinkage	Soil Class AASHTO
452	0.5-2.0	Residual granodiorite	16.3	46	10	4	A-7-5(7)
453	1.6-2.4	Residual granodiorite	14.0	48	16	7.5	A-7-5(10)

#### Engineering Geological Evaluation

#### Groundwater

Groundwater inflow was not encountered in any of the excavated test pits. It is expected that the groundwater table will occur at depth at the fresh rock soil interface.

#### Expansive soils

No soils susceptible to swelling or heaving were encountered on site, and problematic movements associated with expansion are not expected.

From the Foundation Indicator tests carried out all the horizons tested displayed a "low" potential for expansiveness classification.

#### Potentially Collapsible Soils

The soil horizons encountered are not considered to be collapsing in nature. It is, therefore, not anticipated that any special precautions will need to be taken with regard to collapsible soils.

#### Percolation Rate

The soils in this area are suitable for a normal French drain. Both percolation tests positions displays good seepage and as such are suitable for normal French drain development.

#### **Bearing Capacity**

The laboratory triaxial compression tests the Boyane High School site with unconsolidated undrained (UU) shear strength (c<sub>u</sub>) of between 424kPa and 1100kPa display allowable bearing capacity of between an estimated 727kPa and 1886kPa. Based on the correlation chart (Appendix C) of maximum bearing stress that can be applied to the foundation such that it is safe against instability due to shear failure the site's allowable bearing capacity is highly safe for building development. From the field Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests, for most of the tests positions, it reveals safe bearing capacities above 79kPa for single story buildings. For most of the test positions, at depths >1.2m, the bearing capacities of the soil drops below this threshold to some 52kPa and below. However, for test positions DCP 8 and 9 the low bearing capacities of 52kPa are reached at shallow depths (600mm). This has to be taken into consideration during designing the foundation.

Based on the above field test, the residual soil is relatively homogenous, save for the last three tests site and buildings can be founded at depths of 800 to 1000mm as it is below the colluvial soil.

#### Excavatibility

There were no recorded excavation refusals during pitting to the depths of 2.4m. It is anticipated that excavation to bedrock level will be of soft excavation class at the site. No major instabilities were recorded during the excavation of the test pits which further suggests that excavation may safely extend vertically to depths of about 3.00m without the need for lateral support, if of a temporary nature (during construction) and in the dry season.

#### Seismicity

One type of seismic activities occurs in Swaziland, and that is natural seismic activity. There is no mining-induced seismic activity. In accordance with the Seismic Hazard Zone map contained in the draft SANS 10160-4, southern Swaziland is classified as Zone 1 and is subject to natural seismic activity only. Boyane is in central part of Swaziland and falls outside this area. The South African "loading" code, SABS 0160-4:2011, shows that Boyane is situated in an area where the peak ground acceleration with a 10% probability of being exceeded in a 50 year period is some 100 cm/sec<sup>2</sup>.

The soil profile of the site can be described as slightly soft, intact, silt-clay with shear strength between 424 and 1100kPa  $c_u$ . The contrasting identified ground types in accordance with the consolidated undrained shear strength and soil profile, type 2 and 3 respectively, indicates that the lacking  $v_s$  profile at the site is taken as "the most reliable predictor of the site dependent characteristics of the seismic action at stable sites".

#### 7.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- The absence of rock outcrop on the site suggests that bedrock will only be present at depth. The bedrock surface is likely to be undulatory and, therefore, highly variable in depth.
- No special precaution has to be taken as no water seepage was experienced in any of the Trial Pits and no problem of dampness is thus expected.
- The soils are of intermediate plasticity and it is expected that they will be prone to erosion. Precaution is expected to be taken during site clearing to avoid excessive soil erosion.

#### **Building Foundations**

The allowable bearing capacity of the sand clays is estimated at 727kPa and silt clays at 1886kPa. This is safe to establish a foundation on the site for any building structure.

Field and laboratory test recommend that foundations be placed on the residual soil, at depths of 800 to 100mm, on the weathered granodiorite.

From the other Foundation Indicator tests carried out all the horizons tested displayed a "low" potential for expansiveness classification. As the soils are not susceptible to swelling or heaving it is not expected that significant swell-shrink movement of the footing will occur.

Despite the low expansive potential of the soils it is worth taking the following precautions:

- Attention to proper site drainage and storm water runoff management is essential to prevent ponding of water near structures.
- Water supply pipes and sewers must be maintained and leaks or blockages timeously detected and repaired.
- No water loving vegetation or large trees may be allowed to grow within 15m of any structure and it is not recommended to allow gardening directly around the structures. Instead concrete aprons should be installed to prevent wetting of foundations.

#### Parking Areas and Roadways

The material quality at surface display a good bearing capacity from DCP analyses and for the construction of parking can easily be stabilized and paved. But for roadways it cannot be used as fill. It is recommended that material for pavements layers required for road works be imported from outside the site.

#### NOTE:

• Additional investigations or at least an assessment of the ground conditions exposed during construction can often result in significant construction cost and time savings.

#### GENERAL NOTES ON THE REPORT

The information and recommendations contained within this report relate to data supplied by Soil Testing Services, comprising test pit profiles, DCP penetration data, soil percolation test results and soil grading tests.

The report has been compiled on the assumption that all the data supplied by Soil Testing Services (and the assumptions made in this report where this supplied data is inadequate) is correct and is generally representative of the site area.

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**APPENDIX A** 

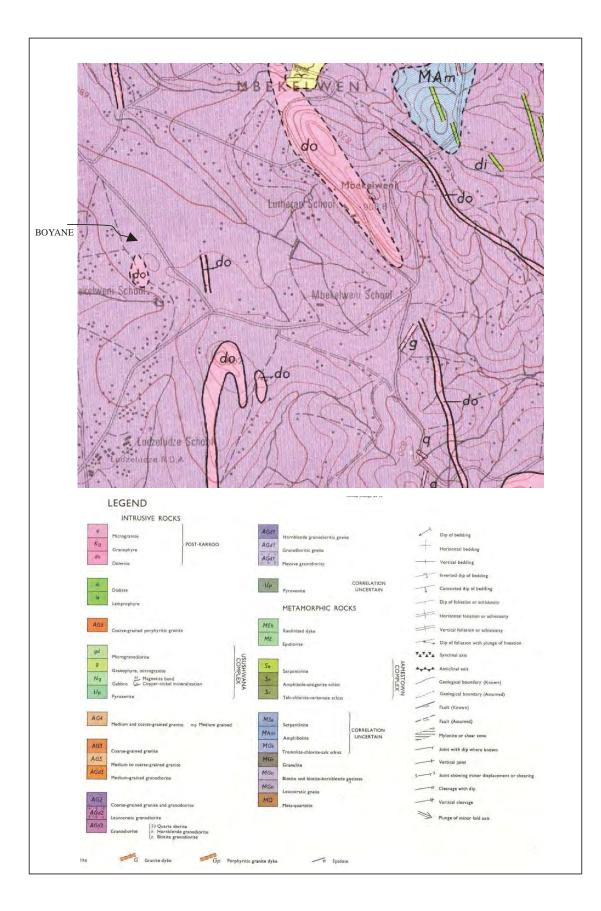


A) Tractor Loader Backhoe (TLB)

B) Typical Trial Pit



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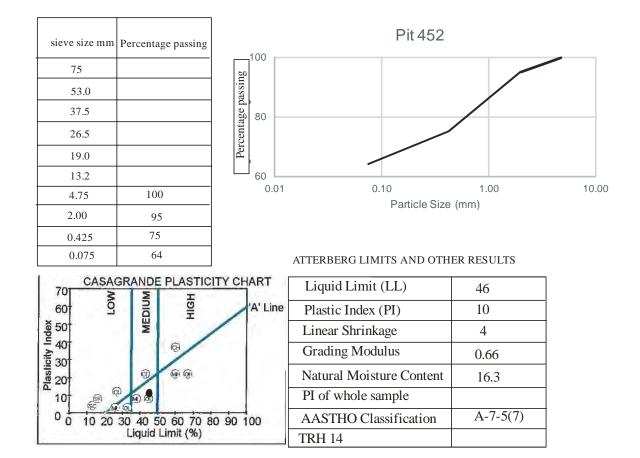


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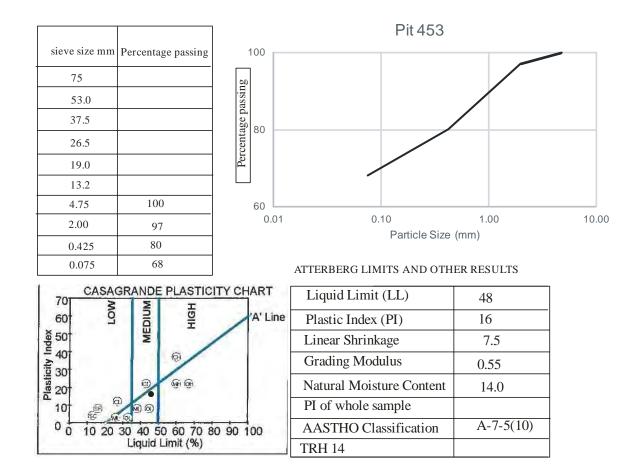
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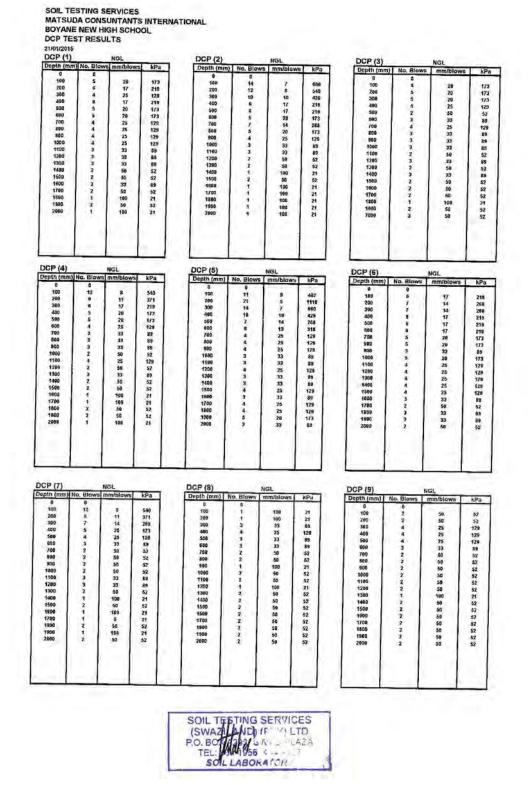
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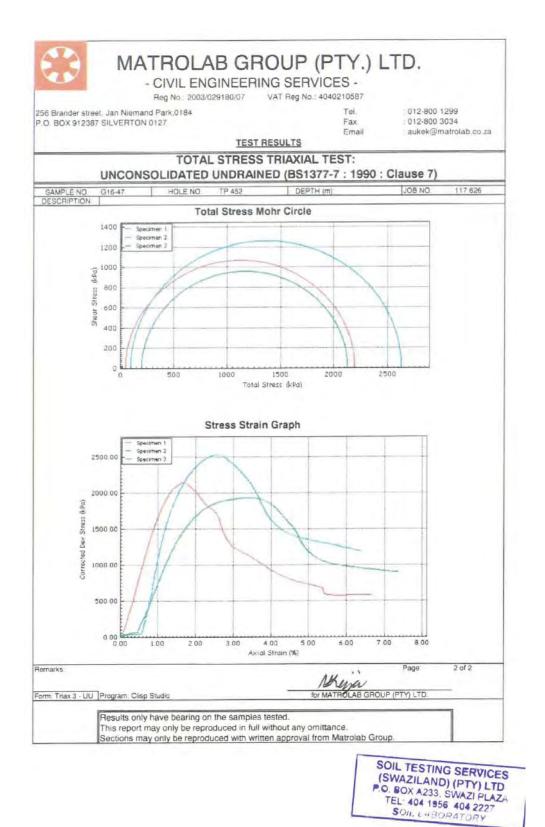


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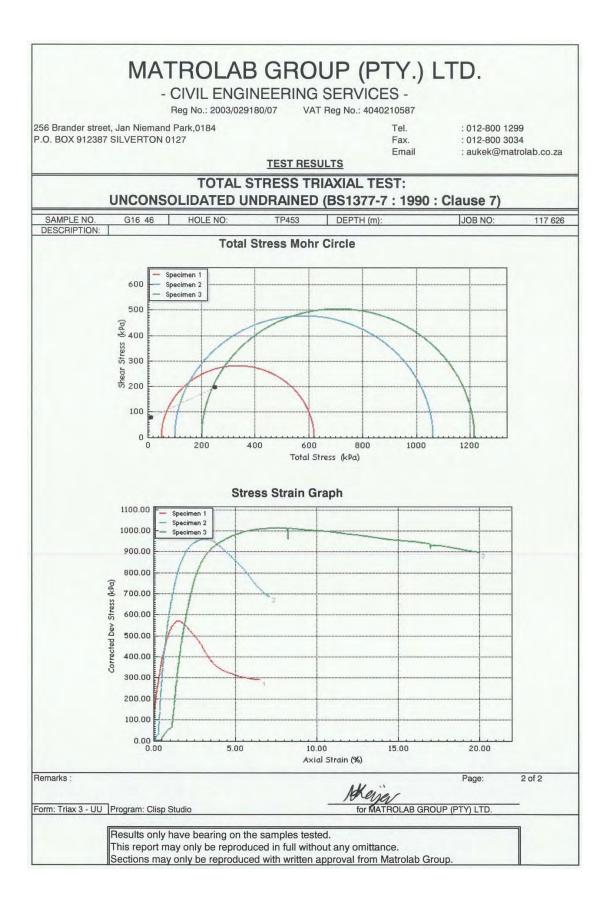
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SAMPLE NO	G16-47		HOLE NO	TP 452	DEPTH (m)		JOB NO	117 626
DESCRIPTION								
Specimen Details						1	2	3
Initial Sample Ler	igth			La	(mm)	103.2	102.3	102.1
Initial Sample Dis	meter			Do	(mm)	51.1	51.2	\$0,2
Initial Sample We				W ð	(gr)	397.9	397.8	397.8
Initial Bulk Densit Particle Density	у			PO	(Mg/m3) (Mg/m3)	1.88	1 89	1.97
Initial Conditions						1	2	3
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Initial Cell Pressu		_		a 3	(kPa)	50	100	200
Initial Cell Pressu Strain Rate	rē				(mm/min)	50 0 10	100	200
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SAMPLE NO.	G16_46	HOLE NO:	TP453	DEPTH (m):		JOB NO:	117 626
DESCRIPTION	1:						
Specimen Details	s				1	2	3
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nitial Sample Ler	ngth		Lo	(mm)	101.8	101.4	100.9
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nitial Sample We			Wo	(gr)	393.0	393.1	393.5
nitial Bulk Densit	y		ρq	(Mg/m3)	1.94	1.95	1.97
Particle Density			ρs	(Mg/m3)	2.58	2.58	2.58
Initial Conditions	i i				1	2	3
nitial Cell Pressu	ire		α3	(kPa)	50	100	200
Strain Rate			m s	(mm/min)	0.10000	0.10000	0.1000
Membrane Thickr	ness		mь	(mm)	0.30	0.30	0.30
nitial Moisture			co i %	(%)	14	14	14
nitial Dry Density	,		Ob 9	(Mg/m3)	1.70	1.71	1.73
nitial Voids Ratio	,		e 0	-	0.51	0.51	0.49
nitial Degree of S	Saturation		S o	(%)	70	71	73
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inal Conditions	ess		(01-03)f	(kPa)	570.41	960.27	1014.5
			mc	(kPa)	0.970	1.040	2.258
Max Deviator Stre	ction		51%	(%)	1.56	3.14	8.33
Max Deviator Stre Membrane Correc			сU	(kPa)	285.21	480.13	507.29
Max Deviator Stre Membrane Correc Strain At Max Stre				(%)	14	14	14
Max Deviator Stre Membrane Correc Strain At Max Stro Shear Strength			₩ f%		1.70	1.71	1.73
Max Deviator Stre Membrane Correc Strain At Max Stre Shear Strength Final Moisture	ess		© f% ₽ df	(Mg/m3)			
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APPENDIX C

Table 1: Correlation chart of maximum bearing stress (allowable bearing capacity) of rocks and soil materials

Category	Types of rocks and soils	Bearing value (kPa)
Non-cohesive soils	Dense gravel or dense sand and gravel	>600
	Medium dense gravel, or medium dense sand and gravel	<200 to 600
	Loose gravel, or loose sand and gravel	<200
	Compact sand	>300
	Medium dense sand	100 to 300
	Loose sand	<100 depends on degree of looseness
Cohesive soils	Very stiff bolder clays & hard clays	300 to 600
	Stiff clays	150 to 300
	Firm clay	75 to 150
	Soft clays and silts	< 75
	Very soft clay	Not applicable
Peat		Not applicable
Made ground		Not applicable

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## **GEOTECHNICAL REPORT – QINISWENI**

## CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND UPGRADING OF FACILITIES IN EXISTING SECONDARY SCHOOLS AIMED AT PROMOTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND

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# **GEOTECHNICAL REPORT - QINISWENI**

# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report is based on the Preparatory Survey on "the Project for the Construction of New Secondary Schools and Upgrading of Facilities in Existing Secondary Schools aimed at Promoting Inclusive Education" based upon request from the Government of Swaziland to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The survey is to obtain geotechnical data and information at Qinisweni, southern Swaziland, where the proposed Qinisweni High School will be constructed, for the design of earthworks, foundation and structures of the buildings.

### 2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

The following activities were expected to be executed in the cause of the study.

- (1) Field works on each site
  - Dynamic Cone Penetration test (DCP)
     Nine (09) points, depth up to Two (02) m from the ground level
  - Soil Sampling
  - Percolation Test Two (02) points
- (2) Laboratory testing (for each sample)
  - Triaxial Compression Test
  - Moisture Density Test
  - Particle Size Analysis
  - Atterberg limit test

# 3.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

#### Location and Topography

The new Eqinisweni High School site lies in a topographically flat area, with a very gentle slope to the south.

Most of the site consists of an area currently used as a soccer field for the existing Qinisweni Primary School, about 10km from Nhlangano town. It is possibly also used for field and track events during school's athletic competitions. There is indigenous grass cover on the pitch. The remainder portion to the west is currently used for commercial tree farming with grown up eucalyptus forest.

#### Rainfall and Drainage

The area lies in the Highveld climatic condition of Swaziland. It has an elevation of 1020m above sea level, and like the rest of the country experiences summer rainfall. The area has warm summers and cold winters and receives an annual rainfall of 870mm. In winter the area experiences frost.

There is no stream draining this area besides a water spring to the west of the area. Water is sourced from a community water scheme, and can also be sourced by drilling a borehole.

#### Access

The site and the nearby primary school are situated along the Nhlangano-Lavumisa tarred road, in 20m proximity. Access to the site will be through opening a short road from the nearby paved road.

#### 4.0 GENERAL GEOLOGY OF SITE

The Qinisweni site is underlain by the quartzo-feldspathic Nhlangano gneiss that is distinguishable by its distinctive pinkish-red weathered color. The rocks are cut by veins of quartz and feld-spar which produce a very obvious banding that is commonly folded. The Nhlangano gneiss has a granitoid appearance, but no unambiguous evidence of cross-cutting relationships with other formations is known. The formation is of metamorphic origin than igneous genesis. The outcrop pattern and the distribution of the fold plunge depressions indicate that the gneiss has been folded into a number of domes.

A scanned and cropped geological map of the area is presented in Appendix A. It is taken from a 1:50 000 geological map sheet 12 (2631 AD) published by the Swaziland Geological Survey Department

# 5.0 GEOTECHNICAL FIELD INVESTIGATIONS AND LABORATORY TESTING

#### Methods of investigation and testing

Field investigations, sampling and laboratory testing have been designed to provide information as follows:

#### Trial Pits

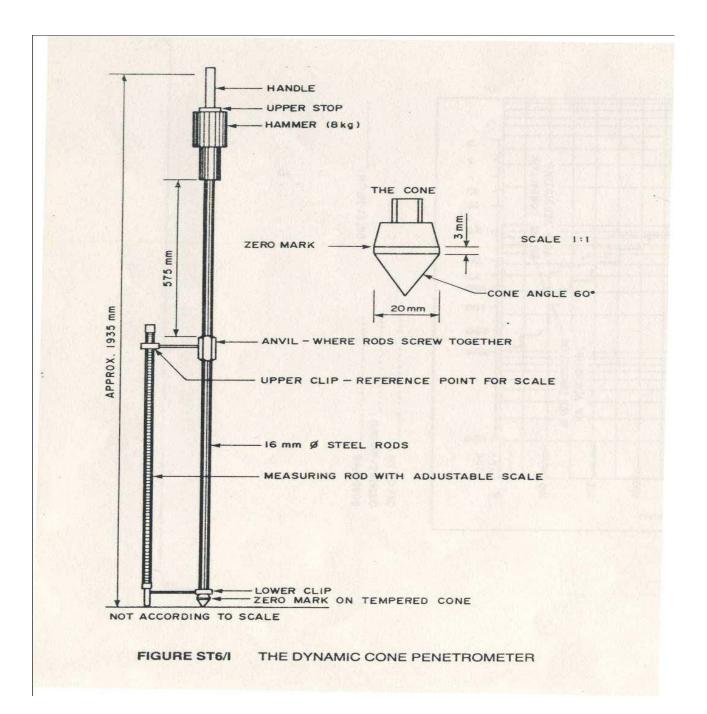
Three Trial Pits (TP) were excavated at positions determined by the client with pits attaining some depth of 2.4m using a Tractor Loader Backhoe (TLB), 4x4 capability with 600mm bucket width and flywheel power rating of at least 70kW. The aim of the excavation of the trial pits was to determine the soil stratigraphy, and extraction of soil samples.

All test pits had stable walls and were profiled using profiling standard procedure outlined in the Association of Engineering Geologists (South African Section), 'Guidelines for soil and rock logging in SA" (1990). Representative soil samples were taken from the soil profile for laboratory testing. Bulk samples of the residual soil material were taken; topsoil and sub-soil layers were recorded and are shown in detail in Trial Pit profiles. The stratigraphy revealed by each pit was carefully logged with special notes taken of the thickness and conditions of the various layers.

#### Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (DCP)

Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests were conducted at 9 positions around the site. The exact locations of all DCP tests carried out were performed at positions determined by Matsuda Consultants International Co., Ltd.

Prior to the performance of a series of tests, the zero reading of the penetrometer was determined. The dynamic penetrometer tests were then performed by taking readings of cone penetration after a number of blows depending on the consistency of the layer being penetrated. The tests were terminated at maximum depths of 2000mm wherever possible.



#### Percolation Test

The percolation test consist of digging a 300 mm diameter hole to the stratum for which information is required, cleaning and backfilling the bottom with coarse sand or gravel, filling the hole with water and providing a soaking period of sufficient length to achieve saturation. During the soaking period, water is added as necessary to prevent loss of all water. The percolation rate is then obtained by filling the hole to a prescribed water level and measuring the drop in water level over a set time. The times required for soaking and for measuring the percolation rate vary with the soil type.

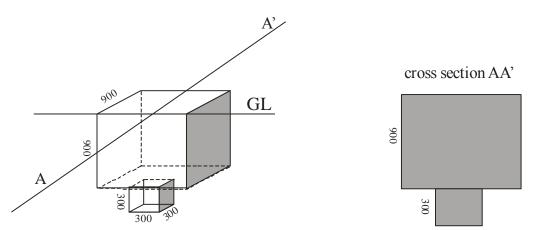


Figure 2. Cross section of percolation test pit

#### Laboratory Testing

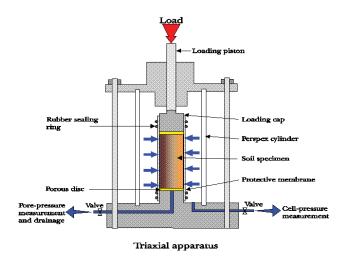
Laboratory tests were performed by Soil Testing Services (Pty) Ltd in Mbabane. As specified by Matsuda Consultants International Co., Ltd this testing comprised of foundation indicator testing only.

The following laboratory tests were executed for the preliminary design:

- determination of grain size distribution
- determination of natural moisture content
- determination of Atterberg limits
- execution of Proctor tests (moisture density relation, MDD/OMC)
- ·specific gravity tests

Stress Triaxial Stress Tests: Unconsolidated - Undrained (BS 1377-7:1990 Clause 7)

Stress Triaxial Stress Tests were conducted at Metrolab Group, Republic of South Africa according to the standard **BS 1377-7:1990 Clause 7**. This involved subjecting a cylindrical soil sample to radial stresses (confining pressure) and controlled increases in axial stresses or axial displacements. The cylindrical soil specimen was of ~50mm diameter and ~100mm height dimension. As this is cohesive soil samples were prepared directly from saturated compacted samples, either undisturbed or remolded. The specimen was vertically enclosed with a thin rubber membrane and placed between two rigid ends inside a pressure chamber. The upper plate can move vertically and apply vertical stresses to the specimen. The axial strain/stress of the sample is controlled through the movement of this vertical axis. Also, the confining pressure is controlled by the water pressure surrounding the sample in the pressure chamber. The volume change of the sample is also controlled by measuring the exact volume of moving water.



#### 6.0 INTERPRETIVE INFORMATION

#### Site Stratigraphy

Stratigraphy of the Qinisweni High School site is defined by dark brown topsoil invariably underlain by a thin pebble marker. These soil horizons overly residual soils derived from the in place weathering of the Nhlangano gneiss rock that lies at depth below the existing ground level. In all the Trial Pits this rock unit was not encountered except for the occasional float on site.

The residual soil in this site lies at 600mm depth and consists of various materials mainly distinguishable by colour variation. They comprise of fine grained soils typically dark red, dark yellowish orange or dark reddish orange in color. These soils are mainly moist, slightly soft to slightly dense, silt clay materials.

#### Materials

The table below summarizes some of the laboratory test results and the complete test results are presented in Appendix B.

Test Pit No.	Sample no & depth(m)	Horizon	O.M.C%	LL	ΡI	Shrinkage	Soil Class AASHTO
329	0.6-2.2	Residual	9	34	14	3.5	A-7-6(12)
330	0.6-2.3	Residual	14.6	38	18	4.5	A-7-6(12)
331	0.6-2.4	residual	13	35	7	3.5	A-7-6(12)

#### Engineering Geological Evaluation

#### Groundwater

Groundwater inflow was not encountered in any of the excavated test pits. It is expected that the groundwater table will occur at depth.

#### Expansive soils

No soils susceptible to swelling or heaving were encountered on site, and problematic movements associated with expansion are not expected.

From the Foundation Indicator tests carried out all the horizons tested displayed a "low" potential for expansiveness classification.

#### Potentially Collapsible Soils

The soil horizons encountered are not considered to be collapsing in nature. It is, therefore, not anticipated that any special precautions will need to be taken with regard to collapsible soils.

#### Percolation Rate

The soils in this area are suitable for a normal French drain. Both percolation tests positions display good seepage and as such are suitable for normal French drain development.

#### **Bearing Capacity**

The laboratory triaxial compression tests the Qinisweni High School site with unconsolidated undrained (UU) shear strength ( $c_u$ ) of between 665kPa and 1109 kPa display allowable bearing ca-

pacity of between an estimated 1138kPa and 1900kPa. Based on the correlation chart (Appendix C) of maximum bearing stress that can be applied to the foundation such that it is safe against instability due to shear failure the site's allowable bearing capacity is highly safe for building development.

The Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests confirm the observations made during soil profiling. It displays dense soil material of colluvial nature and relatively soft (slightly soft) for the residual material. The apparent refusal recorded at DCP position 6 can be explained by the possibility of a pebble blocking the cone penetration along the pebble marker horizon. The tests reveal safe bearing capacities notwithstanding the generally low values displayed for the residual soil.

Field tests of both DCP and soil profiling suggest that foundations can be of some 800 to 1000mm depths. This is generally beyond the colluvial and pebble marker layers situated at some 600mm depth.

#### Excavatibility

There were no recorded excavation refusals during pitting to the depths of 2.4m. It is anticipated that excavation to bedrock level will be of soft excavation class at the site. No major instabilities were recorded during the excavation of the test pits which further suggests that excavation may safely extend vertically to depths of about 3.00m without the need for lateral support, if of a temporary nature (during construction) and in the dry season.

#### Seismicity

One type of seismic activities occurs in Swaziland, and that is natural seismic activity. There is no mining-induced seismic activity. In accordance with the Seismic Hazard Zone map contained in the draft SANS 10160-4, southern Swaziland is classified as Zone 1 and is subject to natural seismic activity only. Qinisweni area is located in southern Swaziland found in Zone 1 area.. The South African "loading" code, SABS 0160-4:2011, shows that Qinisweni is situated in an area where the peak ground acceleration with a 10% probability of being exceeded in a 50 year period is some 130 cm/sec<sup>2</sup>

The soil profile of the site can be described as slightly dense, silt-clay to slightly soft, silt-clay with an average between 665kPa and 1109 kPa  $c_u$  shear strength. Considering the undrained shear strength and soil profile this area can be tentatively classified as Ground Type 2. However, the lacking  $v_s$  profile at the site is taken as "the most reliable predictor of the site dependent characteristics of the seismic action at stable sites".

#### 7.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- The absence of rock outcrop on the site suggests that bedrock will only be present at depth. The bedrock surface is likely to be undulatory and, therefore, highly variable in depth.
- No special precaution has to be paid as no water seepage was experienced in any of the Trial Pits and no problem of dampness is thus expected.

#### **Building Foundations**

Allowable bearing capacities of between 1138kPa and 1900kPa are safe to base the foundations of building structures in the sand clay soil.

Foundations are recommended to be placed on the residual soil, at depths of 800 to 100mm, to avoid the marked variability of the colluvial soil.

It is recommended that all foundations be placed on the residual soil below the Pebble Marker, but care should be taken to ensure foundations are located at less than 1m depths to avoid the low bearing capacities. This is to avoid the marked variability of the soil material's bearing capacity and ensure no differential settling of the structures/buildings.

From the Foundation Indicator tests carried out all the horizons tested displayed a "low" potential for expansiveness classification. As the soils are not susceptible to swelling or heaving it is not expected that significant swell-shrink movement of the footing will occur.

Despite the low expansive potential of the soils it is worth taking the following precautions:

- Attention to proper site drainage and storm water runoff management is essential to prevent ponding of water near structures.
- Water supply pipes and sewers must be maintained and leaks or blockages timeously detected and repaired.
- No water loving vegetation or large trees may be allowed to grow within 15m of any structure and it is not recommended to allow gardening directly around the structures. Instead concrete aprons should be installed to prevent wetting of foundations.

#### Parking Areas and Roadways

The material quality at surface display a good bearing capacity from DCP analyses and for the construction of parking can easily be stabilized and paved. But for roadways it cannot be used as fill. It is recommended that material for pavements layers required for road works be imported from outside the site

NOTE:

• Additional investigations or at least an assessment of the ground conditions exposed during construction can often result in significant construction cost and time savings.

#### GENERAL NOTES ON THE REPORT

The information and recommendations contained within this report relate to data supplied by Soil Testing Services, comprising test pit profiles, DCP penetration data, soil percolation test results and soil grading tests.

The report has been compiled on the assumption that all the data supplied by Soil Testing Services (and the assumptions made in this report where this supplied data is inadequate) is correct and is generally representative of the site area.

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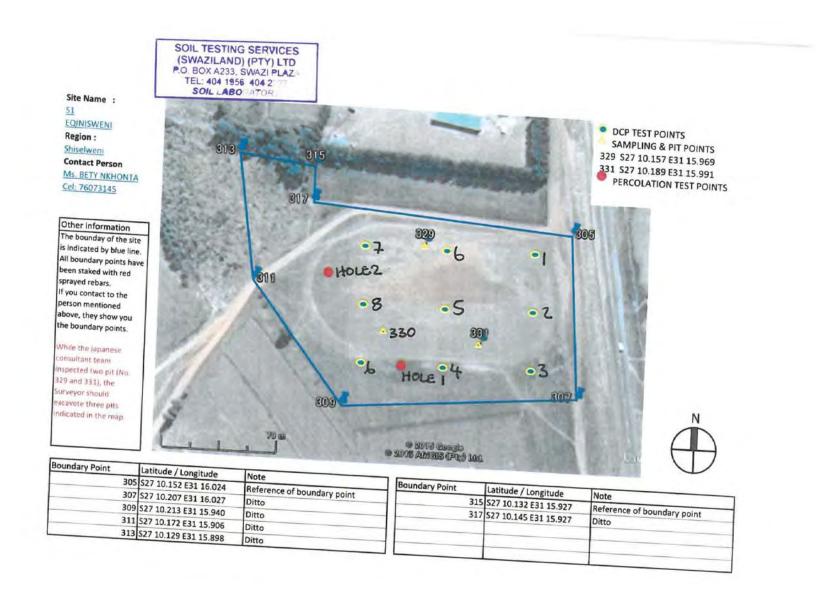
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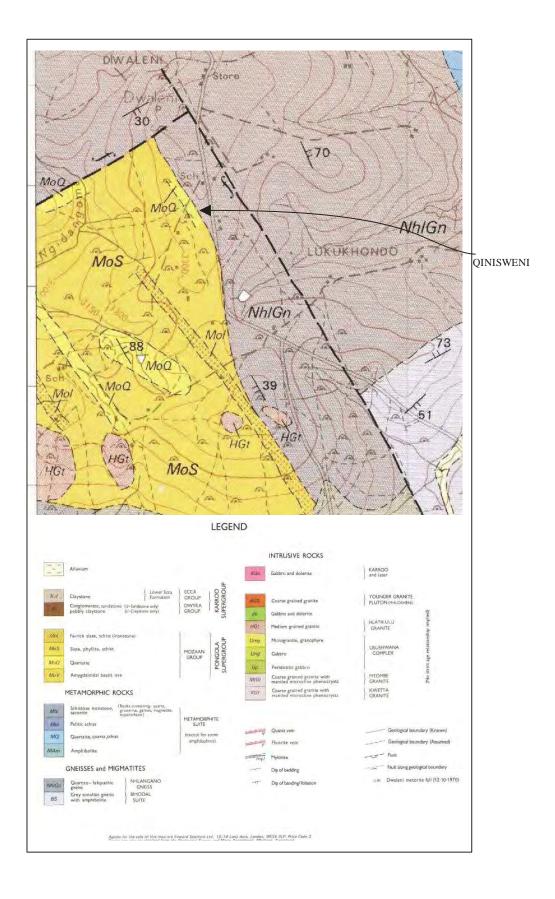
**APPENDIX A** 



A) Tractor Loader Backhoe (TLB)

B) Typical Trial Pit





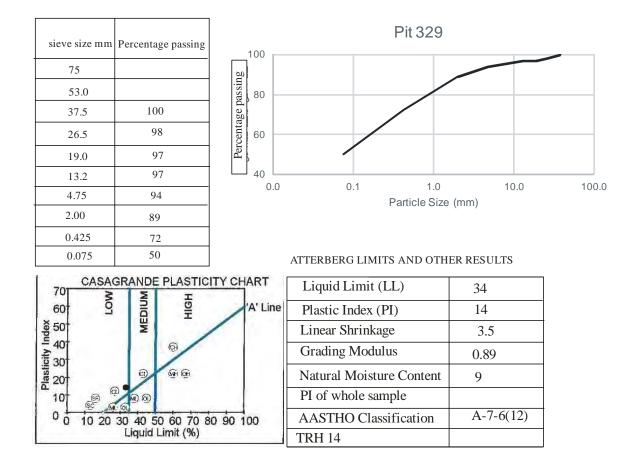
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Layer	Strati	graphy	Thickness mm	Depth mm	Layer scheme	Color	Co	nsistency	Moisture
	Topsoil		380	0-380		dark reddisl brown	1		slightly dry
	sandy clay (	Pebble marker)	220	380-600		dark red	den	se	Moist
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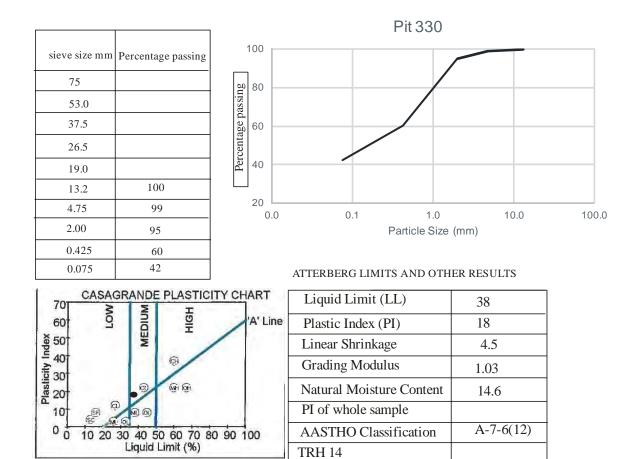
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-	sandy clay ( F	ebble marker)	260	400-660		dark red	dei	nse	Moist		
Soil Horizon	silt-clay	residual soil	1570	660-2230		dark reddish orange	sligh	tly dense	Moist		

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	sandy clay ( F	ebble marker)	230	400-630		dark reddis red	n dei	150	slightly moist
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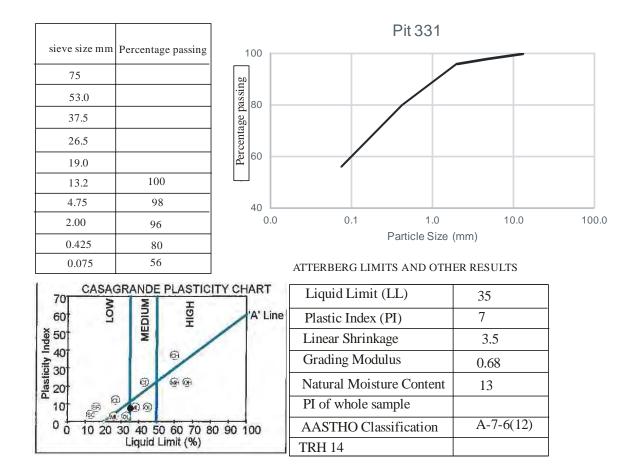
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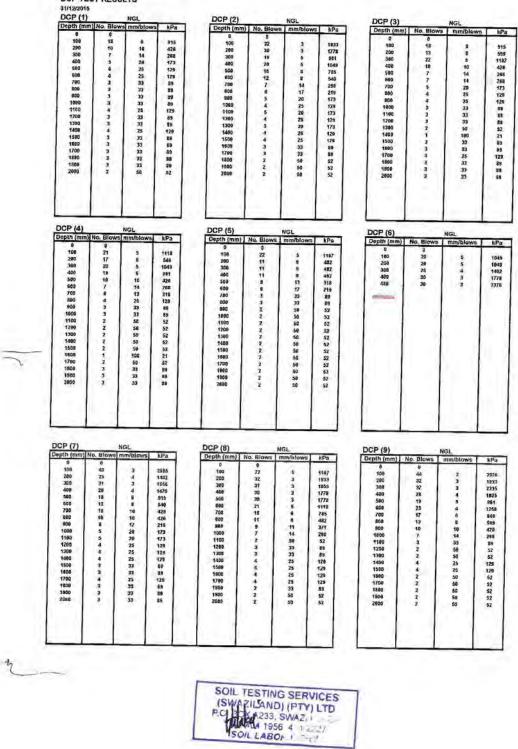


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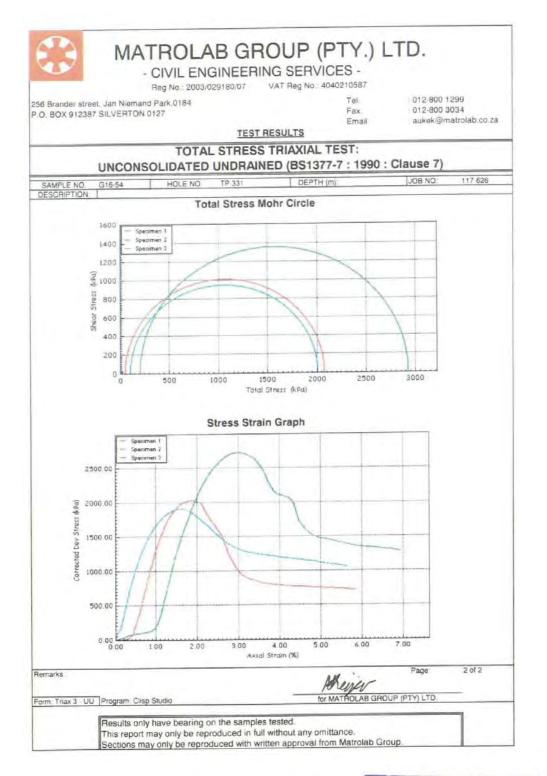


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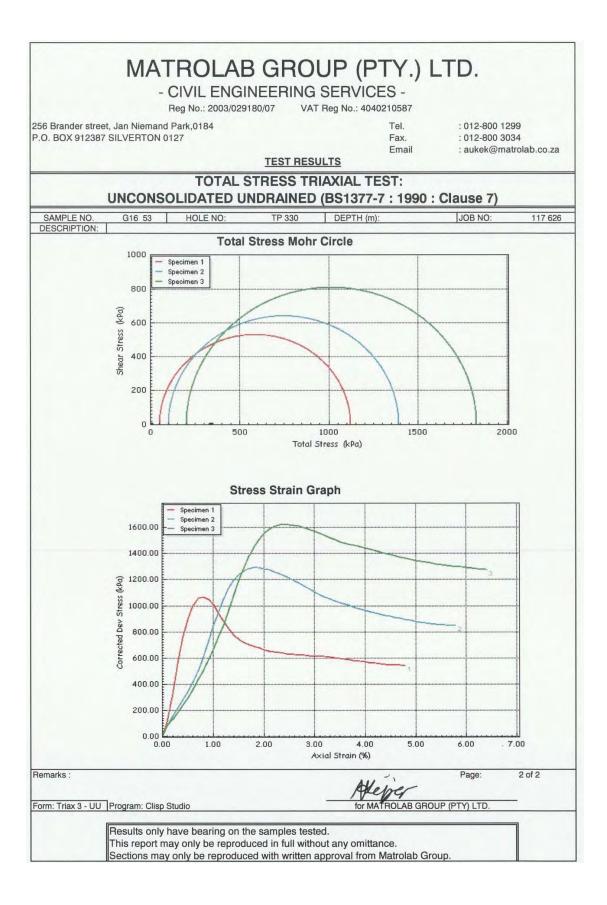
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Particle Density	<i>.</i> ,	ρs	(Mg/m3)	2.59	2.59	2.59
Initial Condition	5			1	2	3
Initial Cell Pressu	Jre	σ3	(kPa)	50	100	200
Strain Rate		ms	(mm/min)	0.10000	0.10000	0.1000
Membrane Thick	ness	m b w 1%	(mm)	0.30	0.30	0.30
Initial Moisture			(%)	15	15	15
Initial Dry Density		0 d0 0 e 0	(Mg/m3)	1.46	1.46	1.46
Initial Voids Ratio		So	. (%)	0.78	0.77	0.77
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**APPENDIX C** 

Table 1: Correlation chart of maximum bearing stress (allowable bearing capacity) of
rocks and soil materials

Category	Types of rocks and soils	Bearing value (kPa)
Non-cohesive soils	Dense gravel or dense sand and gravel	>600
	Medium dense gravel, or medium dense sand and gravel	<200 to 600
	Loose gravel, or loose sand and gravel	<200
	Compact sand	>300
	Medium dense sand	100 to 300
	Loose sand	<100 depends on degree of looseness
Cohesive soils	Very stiff bolder clays & hard clays	300 to 600
	Stiff clays	150 to 300
	Firm clay	75 to 150
	Soft clays and silts	< 75
	Very soft clay	Not applicable
Peat		Not applicable
Made ground		Not applicable

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# **GEOTECHNICAL REPORT – ENHLITIYWENI**

# CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND UP-GRADING OF FACILITIES IN EXISTING SECONDARY SCHOOLS AIMED AT PROMOTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND

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# **GEOTECHNICAL REPORT - ENHLITIYWENI**

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report is based on the Preparatory Survey on "the Project for the Construction of New Secondary Schools and Upgrading of Facilities in Existing Secondary Schools aimed at Promoting Inclusive Education" based upon request from the Government of Swaziland to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The survey is to obtain geotechnical data and information at KaNcesi, northern Swaziland, where the proposed Enhlitiyweni High School will be constructed, for the design of earthworks, foundation and structures of the buildings.

#### 2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

The following activities were expected to be executed in the cause of the study.

(1) Field works on each site

- Dynamic Cone Penetration test (DCP)
   Nine (09) points, depth up to Two (02) m from the ground level
- Soil Sampling
- Percolation Test Two (02) points
- (2) Laboratory testing (for each sample)
  - Triaxial Compression Test
  - Moisture Density Test
  - Particle Size Analysis
  - Atterberg limit test

#### 3.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

#### Location and Topography

The new Enhlitiyweni High School site is located at KaNcesi in the Hhohho Region. This area is partially flat and sloping on the northern boundary.

The site is grass covered and part of it is a sport field. Although the land is not arable it is not necessarily used as a pasture as it is within homesteads, and cattle can only graze freely in winter.

#### Rainfall and Drainage

This area has a 1060m elevation and is designated as the Highveld climatic region of the country. The area has warm summers and cold winters. In winter the area experiences frost.

There area is drained by a number of small streams downslope. There are no scour surfaces on the site itself.

#### Access

The school site can be accessed through a distributor gravel road to Eluvinjelweni. The road leads from the tarred road to Maguga Dam to the north of this area. It is well maintained and has a wearing course.

#### 4.0 GENERAL GEOLOGY OF SITE

The KaNcesi area has a young granite pluton, Mswati granite, as its bedrock. The granite is typically coarse grained and contains megacrysts of microcline and orthoclase. The granite is unfoliated and contains a few aplites and pegmatites. They are sharply cross-cutting and contain apparent xenoliths of earlier granite and mafic bodies. Veins of this granite lie to the south of the area and are disposed roughly concentrically around the Mbabane pluton to the south. The granite is well jointed in rectilinear patterns.

A scanned and cropped geological map of the area is presented in Appendix A. It is taken from a 1:50 000 geological map sheet 5 (2630 BB) published by the Swaziland Geological Survey Department

#### 5.0 GEOTECHNICAL FIELD INVESTIGATIONS AND LABORATORY TESTING

#### Methods of Investigation and Testing

Field investigations, sampling and laboratory testing has been designed to provide information as follows:

#### Trial Pits

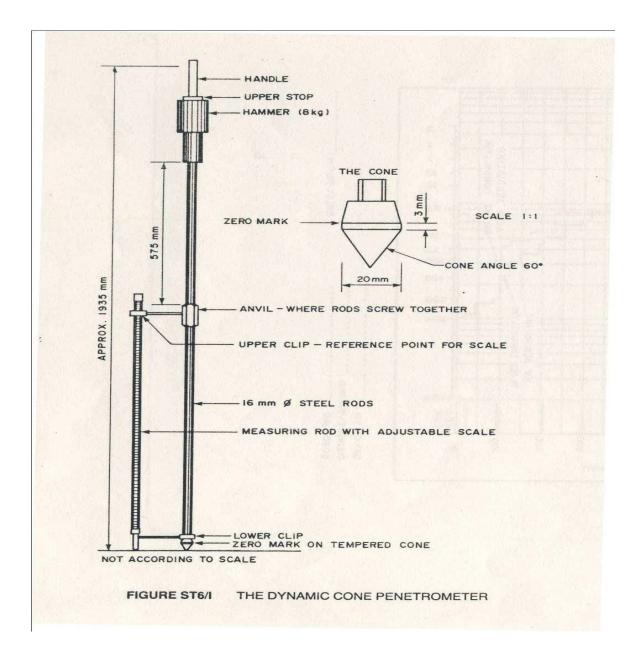
Three Trial Pits (TP) were excavated at positions determined by the client with pits attaining some depth of 2.1m using a Tractor Loader Backhoe (TLB), 4x4 capability with 600mm bucket width and flywheel power rating of at least 70kW. The aim of the excavation of the trial pits was to determine the soil stratigraphy, and extraction of soil samples.

All test pits had stable walls and were profiled using profiling standard procedure outlined in the Association of Engineering Geologists (South African Section), 'Guidelines for soil and rock logging in SA" (1990). Representative soil samples were taken from the soil profile for laboratory testing. Bulk samples of the residual soil material were taken; topsoil and sub-soil layers were recorded and are shown in detail in Trial Pit profiles. The stratigraphy revealed by each pit was carefully logged with special notes taken of the thickness and conditions of the various layers.

#### Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (DCP)

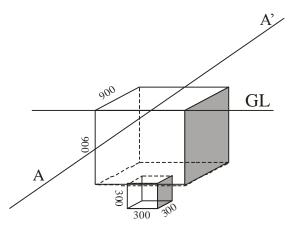
Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests were conducted at 9 positions around the site. The exact locations of all DCP tests carried out were performed at positions determined by Matsuda Consultants International Co., Ltd.

Prior to the performance of a series of tests, the zero reading of the penetrometer was determined. The dynamic penetrometer tests were then performed by taking readings of cone penetration after a number of blows depending on the consistency of the layer being penetrated. The tests were terminated at maximum depths of 2000mm wherever possible.



#### Percolation Test

The percolation test consist of digging a 900x900x900mm deep at the centre 300x300x300mm deep see figure 2 hole to the stratum for which information is required, cleaning and backfilling the bottom with coarse sand or gravel, filling the hole with water and providing a soaking period of sufficient length to achieve saturation. During the soaking period, water is added as necessary to prevent loss of all water. The percolation rate is then obtained by filling the hole to a prescribed water level and measuring the drop in water level over a set time. The times required for soaking and for measuring the percolation rate vary with the soil type.



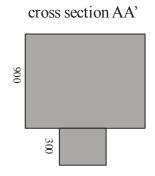


Figure 2. Cross section of percolation test pit

#### Laboratory Testing

Laboratory tests were performed by Soil Testing Services (Pty) Ltd in Mbabane. As specified by Matsuda Consultants International Co., Ltd this testing comprised of foundation indicator testing only.

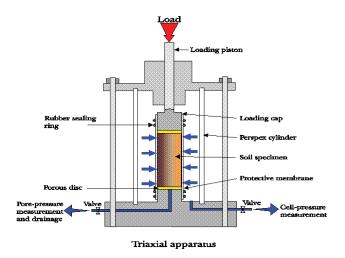
The following laboratory tests were executed for the preliminary design:

- determination of grain size distribution
- determination of natural moisture content
- determination of Atterberg limits
- execution of Proctor tests (moisture density relation, MDD/OMC)

#### Stress Triaxial Stress Tests: Unconsolidated - Undrained (BS 1377-7:1990 Clause 7)

Stress Triaxial Stress Tests were conducted at Metrolab Group, Republic of South Africa according to the standard **BS 1377-7:1990 Clause 7**. This involved subjecting a cylindrical soil sample to radial stresses (confining pressure) and controlled increases in axial stresses or axial displacements. The

cylindrical soil specimen was of ~50mm diameter and ~100mm height dimension. As this is cohesive soil samples were prepared directly from saturated compacted samples, either undisturbed or remolded. The specimen was vertically enclosed with a thin rubber membrane and placed between two rigid ends inside a pressure chamber. The upper plate can move vertically and apply vertical stresses to the specimen. The axial strain/stress of the sample is controlled through the movement of this vertical axis. Also, the confining pressure is controlled by the water pressure surrounding the sample in the pressure chamber. The volume change of the sample is also controlled by measuring the exact volume of moving water.



# 6.0 INTERPRETIVE INFORMATION

# Site Stratigraphy

The stratigraphy of the Enhlitiyweni High School site can be summarized as colluvial and residual soils.

Colluvial soils on the site generally consists some 300mm thick layer of dry dark brown to dark reddish brown topsoil. This is gravity transported soil.

The lower layer of colluvial soils averages about 900mm, except for TP20 where it was not encountered, and consists of moist, slightly dense, sandy clay. It is gravity transported and dark red in colour and represents the lower limit of colluvial soils and directly lies above residual soils.

Residual soils derived from the complete in-situ weathering of the underlying Mswati granite, the underlying rock. This soil lies at depth ranging from 1100mm to 1200mm, and is moist to slightly moist, slightly soft, fissured or intact, silt-clay. At TP20, however, it lies at 230mm depth and very shallow. The residual soil display lateral material variation discernible by their colour variation. They consist of pale red to light red material.

#### Materials

The table below summarizes some of the laboratory test results and the complete test results are presented in Appendix

Test Pit No.	Sample no & depth(m)	Horizon	O.M.C%	LL	PI	Shrinkage	Soil Class AASHTO
18	1.1-2.1	Residual granite	14.4	50	21	6.5	A-7-6(5)
19	1.2-2120	Residual granite	8.8	47	30	5.5	A-7-6(4)
20	0.23-1.5	Residual granite	11.6	45	16	6.0	A-7-6(4)

# Engineering Geological Evaluation

#### Groundwater

No groundwater inflow was encountered in any of the excavated test pits. It is, however, expected that the groundwater table will occur at depth.

# Expansive soils

No soils susceptible to swelling or heaving were encountered on site, and problematic movements associated with expansion are not expected.

From the Foundation Indicator tests carried out all the horizons tested displayed a "medium" to "low" potential for expansiveness classification.

# Potentially Collapsible Soils

The soil horizons encountered are not considered to be collapsing in nature. It is, therefore, not anticipated that any special precautions will need to be taken with regard to collapsible soils.

# Percolation Rate

The soils in this area are suitable for a normal French drain. Both percolation tests positions displays good seepage and as such are suitable for normal French drain development.

#### **Bearing Capacity**

The laboratory triaxial compression tests the site with unconsolidated undrained (UU) shear strength ( $c_u$ ) of between 952kPa and 1290kPa display allowable bearing capacity of between an estimated 1631kPa and 2210kPa. The correlation chart in Appendix C of maximum bearing stress that can be applied to the foundation such that it is safe against instability due to shear failure the site's allowable bearing capacity is highly safe for any building development.

Field Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests display higher bearing capacities for the upper 1m soils and relatively low bearing capacities at greater depths (>1m). This is in effect result in softer material at depth and slightly dense material near surface. Test positions DCP 8 and 9 display low bearing capacities of 52kPa at shallow depths (300mm). DCP Test no. 5 displays a layered nature of the residual soil.

the field and laboratory tests above indicates that residual soil from the weathered granite is relatively homogenous, and buildings can be founded at depths of 800 to 1000mm on the site.

#### Excavatibility

There were no recorded excavation refusals during pitting to the depths of 2.1m. It is anticipated that excavation to bedrock level will be of soft excavation class at the site. No major instabilities were recorded during the excavation of the test pits that further suggests that excavation may safely extend vertically to depths of about 3.00m without the need for lateral support, if of a temporary nature (during construction) and in the dry season.

# Seismicity

One type of seismic activities occurs in Swaziland, and that is natural seismic activity. There is no mining-induced seismic activity. In accordance with the Seismic Hazard Zone map contained in the draft SANS 10160-4, southern Swaziland is classified as Zone 1 and is subject to natural seismic activity only. KaNcesi area is on the northern part of the country outside the Zone 1 area. The South African "loading" code, SABS 0160-4:2011, shows that Ka Ncesi area is situated in an area where the peak ground acceleration with a 10% probability of being exceeded in a 50 year period is just less than 100 cm/sec<sup>2</sup>

The soil profile of the site can be described as slightly soft, intact, silt-clay with an average shear strength between 952kPa and 1290kPa  $c_u$ . The contrasting identified ground types in accordance with the consolidated undrained shear strength and soil profile, type 2 and 3 respectively, indicates that the lacking  $v_s$  profile at the site is taken as "the most reliable predictor of the site dependent characteristics of the seismic action at stable sites".

# 7.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- The absence of rock outcrop on the site suggests that bedrock will only be present at depth. The bedrock surface is likely to be undulatory and of boulder nature as can be seen in the outcrops nearby.
- No special precaution with regards to water seepage and dampness has to be paid as no water seepage was experienced in any of the Trial Pits.
- The soils are of intermediate plasticity and it is expected that they will be prone to erosion. Precaution is expected to be taken during site clearing to avoid excessive soil erosion.

# **Building Foundations**

The allowable bearing capacity of the sandy clays in the site reveals values between 1631kPa and 2210kPa in the new school site. This indicates that the site is relatively homogenous in strength and no major differential settling is expected.

It is recommended that foundations be placed on the residual soil, at depths of 800 to 100mm, to avoid the colluvial soil material.

From the other Foundation Indicator tests carried out all the horizons tested displayed a "low" potential for expansiveness classification. As the soils are not susceptible to swelling or heaving it is not expected that significant swell-shrink movement of the footing will occur.

Despite the low expansive potential of the soils it is worth taking the following precautions:

- Attention to proper site drainage and storm water runoff management is essential to prevent ponding of water near structures.
- Water supply pipes and sewers must be maintained and leaks or blockages timeously detected and repaired.
- No water loving vegetation or large trees may be allowed to grow within 15m of any structure and it is not recommended to allow gardening directly around the structures. Instead concrete aprons should be installed to prevent wetting of foundations.

#### Parking Areas and Roadways

The material quality at surface display a good bearing capacity from DCP analyses and for the construction of parking can easily be stabilized and paved. But for roadways it cannot be used as fill. It is recommended that material for pavements layers required for road works be imported from outside the site.

#### NOTE:

- Fluctuations in the level of groundwater can occur due to variations in the rainfall, landsaping, and other factors that may not been evident prior to the start of construction, so the depth of groundwater should be verified to allow for modification of the design, if required.
- Additional investigations or at least an assessment of the ground conditions exposed during construction can often result in significant construction cost and time savings.

# GENERAL NOTES ON THE REPORT

The information and recommendations contained within this report relate to data supplied by Soil Testing Services, comprising test pit profiles, DCP penetration data, soil percolation test results and soil grading tests.

The report has been compiled on the assumption that all the data supplied by Soil Testing Services (and the assumptions made in this report where this supplied data is inadequate) is correct and is generally representative of the site area.

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**APPENDIX A** 



A) Tractor Loader Backhoe (TLB)

B) Typical Trial Pit

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Site Name : H4 ENHLITIYWENI Region : Hhohho Contact Person Mr. SAKHI DLAMINI Cel: 7617 7079

Other information The bounday of the site is indicated by blue line. All boundary points have been staked with red sprayed rebars. If you contact to the person mentioned above, they show you the boundary points.

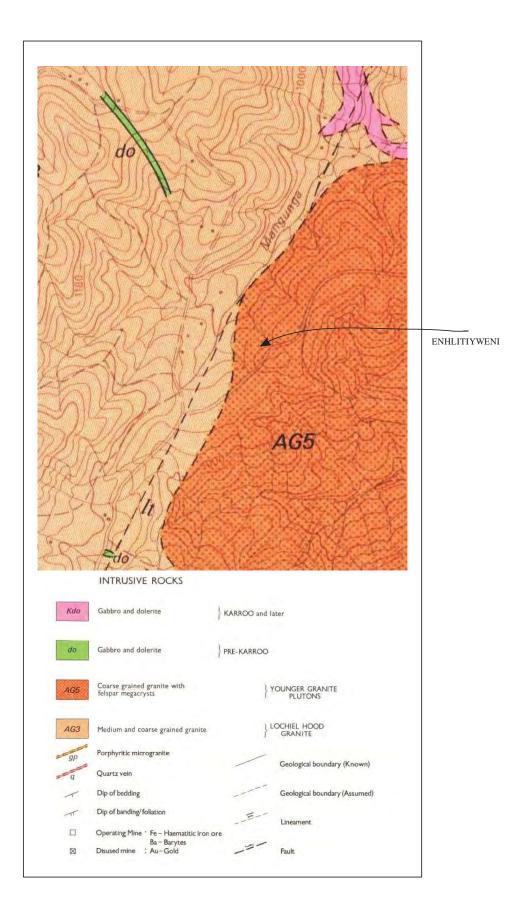
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DCP TEST POINTS
 SAMPLING & PIT POINTS
 PERCOLATION TEST POINTS



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007	S26 07.114 E31 14.846	Ditto	013	S26 07.049 E31 14.725	Ditto
008	S26 07.046 E31 14.814	Ditto	014	S26 07.070 E31 14.757	Ditto
009	S26 07.018 E31 14.789	Ditto	015	S26 07.148 E31 14.659	Ditto
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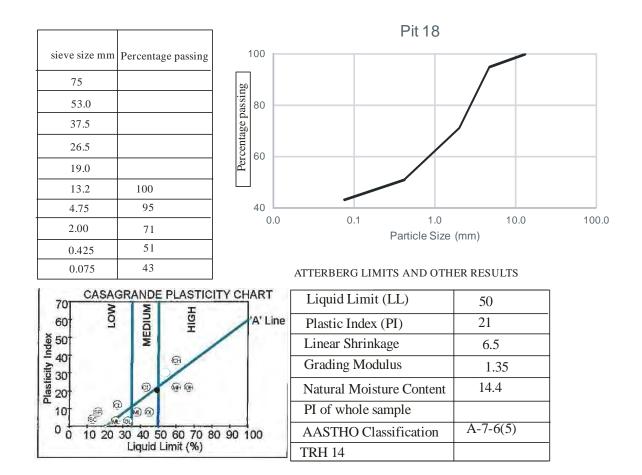
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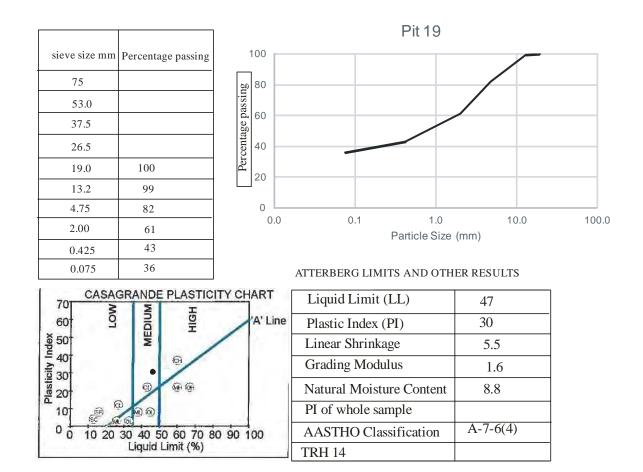
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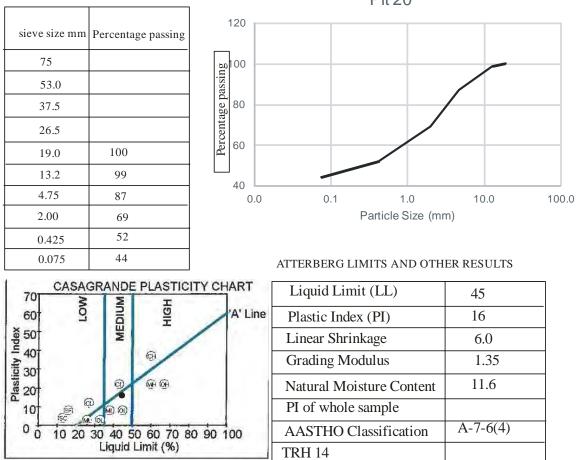
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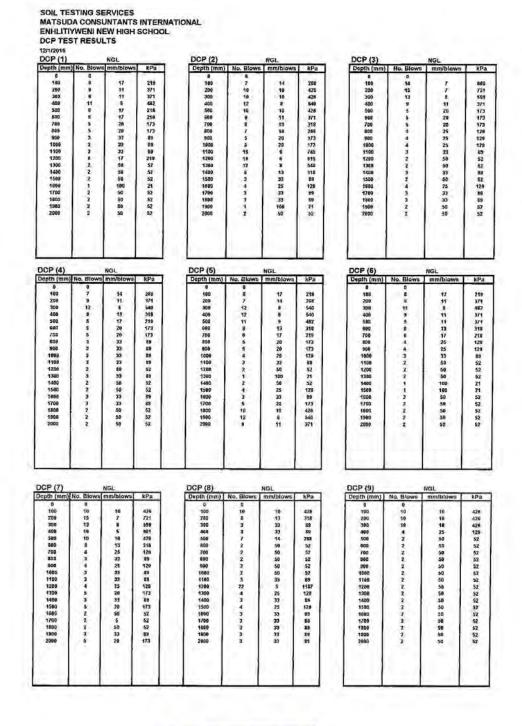
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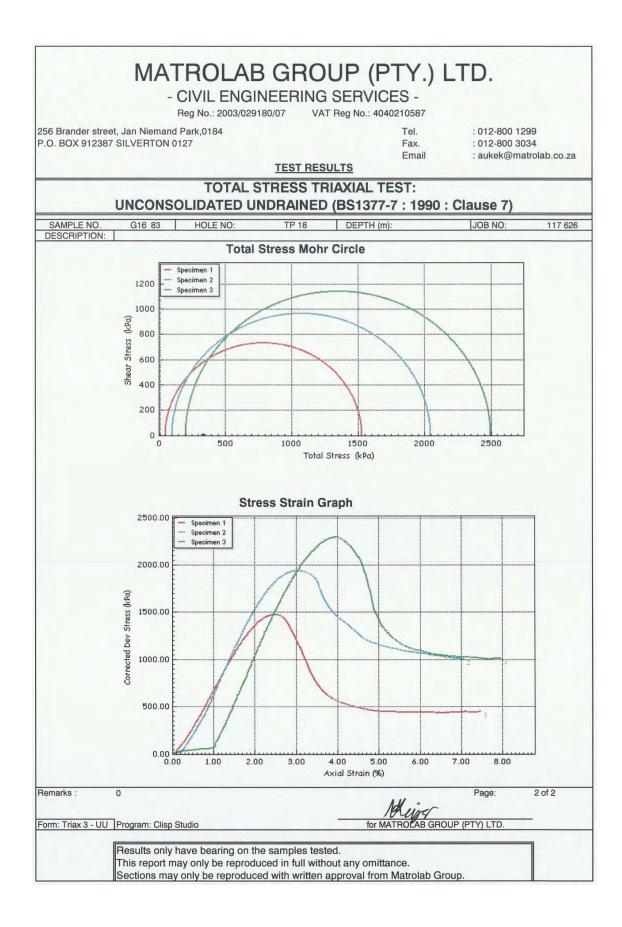
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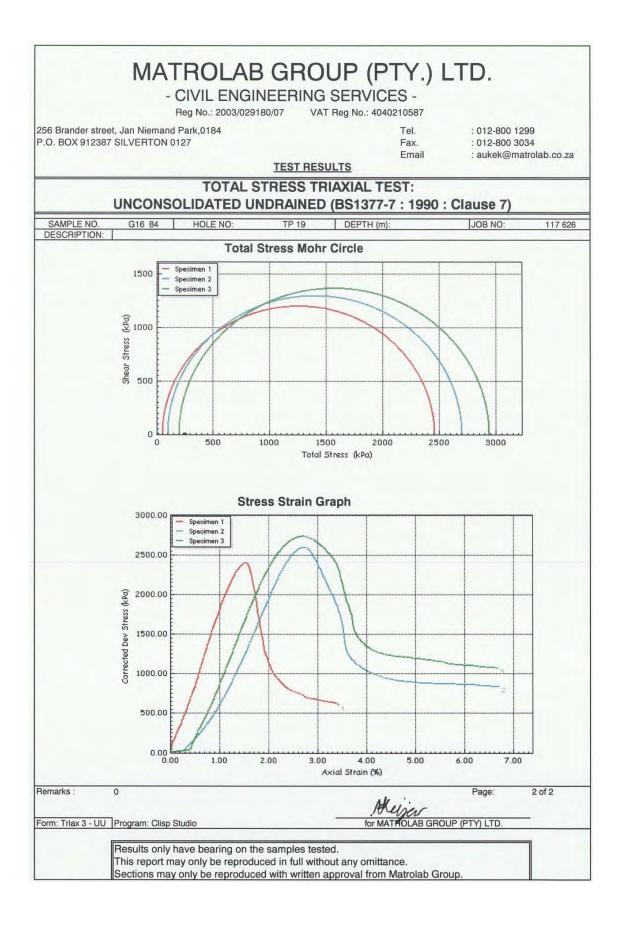
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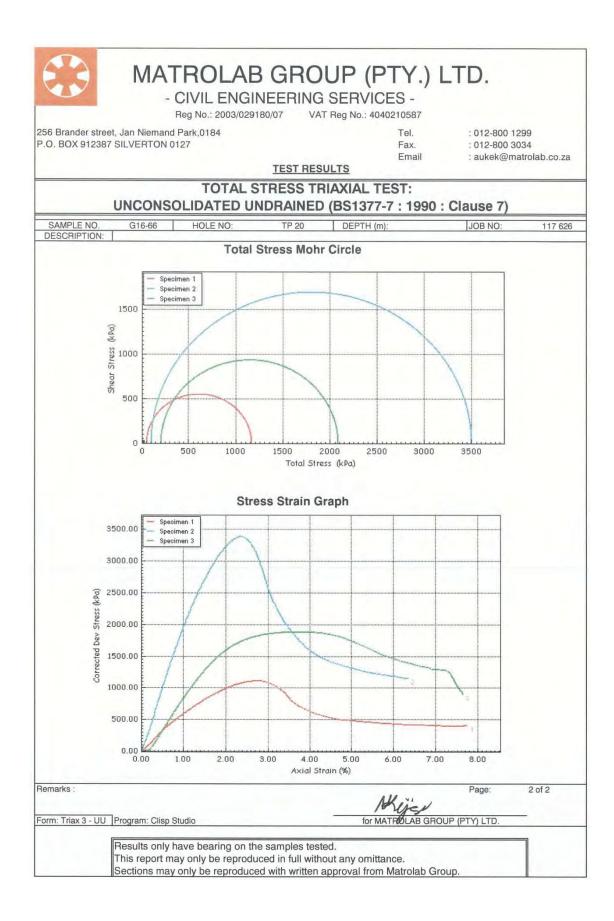
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APPENDIX C

# Table 1: Correlation chart of maximum bearing stress (allowable bearing capacity) of rocks and soil materials

Category	Types of rocks and soils	Presumed bearing value kPa		
Non-cohesive soils	Dense gravel or dense sand and gravel	>600		
	Medium dense gravel, or medium dense sand and gravel	<200 to 600		
	Loose gravel, or loose sand and gravel	<200		
	Compact sand	>300		
	Medium dense sand	100 to 300		
	Loose sand	<100 depends on degree of looseness		
Cohesive soils	Very stiff bolder clays & hard clays	300 to 600		
	Stiff clays	150 to 300		
	Firm clay	75 to 150		
	Soft clays and silts	< 75		
	Very soft clay	Not applicable		
Peat		Not applicable		
Made ground		Not applicable		

# **SOIL TESTING SERVICES**

# **GEOTECHNICAL REPORT – GAMULA**

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# GEOTECHNICAL REPORT – GAMULA

# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report is based on the Preparatory Survey on "the Project for the Construction of New Secondary Schools and Upgrading of Facilities in Existing Secondary Schools aimed at Promoting Inclusive Education" based upon request from the Government of Swaziland to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The survey is to obtain geotechnical data and information at Gamula, southeastern Swaziland, where the proposed Gamula High School will be constructed, for the design of earthworks, foundation and structures of the buildings.

# 2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

The following activities were expected to be executed in the cause of the study.

(1) Field works on each site

- Dynamic Cone Penetration test (DCP)
   Nine (09) points, depth up to Two (02) m from the ground level
- Soil Sampling
- Percolation Test Two (02) points
- (2) Laboratory testing (for each sample)
  - Triaxial Compression Test
  - Moisture Density Test
  - Particle Size Analysis
  - Atterberg limit test

# 3.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

# Location and Topography

The new school site is located in an area a bit remote of the residential areas of Gamula a few kilometers from Big Bend. The area is currently used as grazing land for the community. During the site investigation there was no grass cover and the main vegetation is thorny shrubs and dry land vegetation.

The topography of the school site is generally defined by a gentle hill slope facing to the west.

# Rainfall and Drainage

Gamula receives lies in the Lowveld climatic zone of the country on the leeward side of the Lubombo escarpment. It lies about 170m above sea level and it is a summer rainfall area with rainfall falling between October and March. It experiences least rainfall in Swaziland with an annual average of 400 mm. It is thus semi-arid with dry climate conditions and temperatures range between 15 to more than 40 degrees Celsius in summer.

The hill slope has no scour surface or stream bed. The only water course is to the west beyond the western boundary. This is expected to carry flood water and serves as an ephemeral stream. Source of water is a community water scheme.

# Access

The main road running close to the area is the MR8 running between Lavumisa and Big Bend, about 6km from Matata junction. A community road leads from MR8 through the residential areas into a motorable track with no wearing course that serves the community water reservoir. It is expected to offer some challenges during the rainy season with the clayey soil found along the track.

# 4.0 GENERAL GEOLOGY OF SITE

The site at Gamula is underlain by rhyolitic/rhyodacitic rocks that are interlayered with basalts. No clear *in situ* rocks could be found but the boulders common in the area are pale maroon-brown in colour, but on fresh surfaces are pale reddish or drab green. Randomly oriented insets, usually composed of oligoclase-andesine and orthoclase, are a common feature in the rock. Further, there is augite, titaniferous magnetite and quartz present as coarse-grains set in fine-grained matrix.

The basalt is composed of laths of feldspar and ragged grains of amphibole in which the cores of pyroxene are sometimes present. They may be defined by drab, olive green basalt with small, pealike amygdales of the Karoo Supergroup. Magnetite is usually abundant and areas of pale green, devitrified basaltic glass are common.

The general structural dip of the Karoo Supergoup is eastwards, and the rocks commonly dip between 25<sup>o</sup> and 35<sup>o</sup>. The area within the boundary is unaffected by faulting. However, the western limit of the area suggests a zone of weakness as manifest by the valley.

A scanned and cropped geological map of the area is presented in Appendix A. It is taken from a 1:50 000 geological map sheet 26 (2531 DD) published by the Swaziland Geological Survey Department

# 5.0 GEOTECHNICAL FIELD INVESTIGATIONS AND LABORATORY TESTING

# Methods of Investigation and Testing

Field investigations, sampling and laboratory testing has been designed to provide information as follows:

# Trial Pits

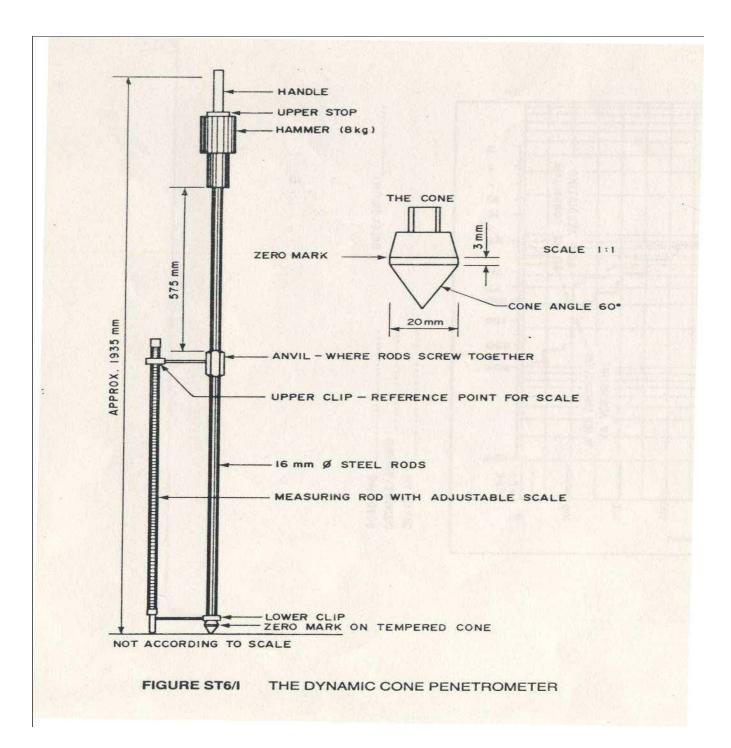
Three Trial Pits (TP) were excavated at positions determined by the client with pits attaining some depth of 1.7m using a Tractor Loader Backhoe (TLB), 4x4 capability with 600mm bucket width and flywheel power rating of at least 70kW. The aim of the excavation of the trial pits was to determine the soil stratigraphy, and extraction of soil samples.

All test pits had stable walls and were profiled using profiling standard procedure outlined in the Association of Engineering Geologists (South African Section), 'Guidelines for soil and rock logging in SA" (1990). Representative soil samples were taken from the soil profile for laboratory testing. Bulk samples of the residual soil material were taken; topsoil and sub-soil layers were recorded and are shown in detail in Trial Pit profiles. The stratigraphy revealed by each pit was carefully logged with special notes taken of the thickness and conditions of the various layers.

# Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (DCP)

Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests were conducted at 9 positions around the site. The exact locations of all DCP tests carried out were performed at positions determined by Matsuda Consultants International Co., Ltd.

Prior to the performance of a series of tests, the zero reading of the penetrometer was determined. The dynamic penetrometer tests were then performed by taking readings of cone penetration after a number of blows depending on the consistency of the layer being penetrated. The tests were terminated at maximum depths of 2000mm wherever possible.



#### Percolation Test

The percolation test consist of digging a 300 mm diameter hole to the stratum for which information is required, cleaning and backfilling the bottom with coarse sand or gravel, filling the hole with water and providing a soaking period of sufficient length to achieve saturation. During the soaking period, water is added as necessary to prevent loss of all water. The percolation rate is then obtained by filling the hole to a prescribed water level and measuring the drop in water level over a set time. The times required for soaking and for measuring the percolation rate vary with the soil type.

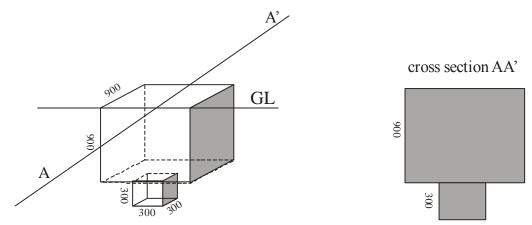


Figure 2. Cross section of percolation test pit

# Laboratory Testing

Laboratory tests were performed by Soil Testing Services (Pty) Ltd in Mbabane. As specified by Matsuda Consultants International Co., Ltd this testing comprised of foundation indicator testing only.

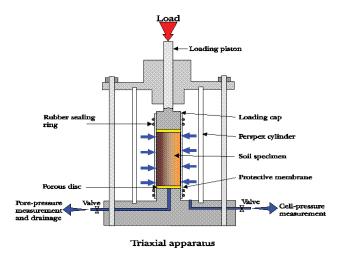
The following laboratory tests were executed for the preliminary design:

- determination of grain size distribution
- determination of natural moisture content
- determination of Atterberg limits
- execution of Proctor tests (moisture density relation, MDD/OMC)

# Stress Triaxial Stress Tests: Unconsolidated - Undrained (BS 1377-7:1990 Clause 7)

Stress Triaxial Stress Tests were conducted at Metrolab Group, Republic of South Africa according to the standard **BS 1377-7:1990 Clause 7**. This involved subjecting a cylindrical soil sample to radial stresses (confining pressure) and controlled increases in axial stresses or axial displacements. The

cylindrical soil specimen was of ~50mm diameter and ~100mm height dimension. As this is cohesive soil samples were prepared directly from saturated compacted samples, either undisturbed or remolded. The specimen was vertically enclosed with a thin rubber membrane and placed between two rigid ends inside a pressure chamber. The upper plate can move vertically and apply vertical stresses to the specimen. The axial strain/stress of the sample is controlled through the movement of this vertical axis. Also, the confining pressure is controlled by the water pressure surrounding the sample in the pressure chamber. The volume change of the sample is also controlled by measuring the exact volume of moving water.



# 6.0 INTERPRETIVE INFORMATION

# Site stratigraphy

The stratigraphy of the Gamula High School site can be summarized as colluvial and residual soils. Colluvial soils on the site generally consist of about 500mm thick layer of very dry dark brown topsoil. This is gravity transported soil. At TP 162 another layer of about 600mm defines the lower limit of colluvial soils, and consists of very dry, very dense, sandy clay. It is pale red in colour.

Colluvial soils directly overly residual soils that are derived from moderately weathered rhyolitic/rhyodacitic rock. This soil is dry, very dense, course gravel and the material displays lateral variation in colour from dark reddish brown to light brown.

# Materials

The table below summarizes some of the laboratory test results and the complete test results are presented in Appendix B

Test Pit No.	Sample no & depth(m)	Horizon	O.M.C%	LL	ΡI	Shrinkage	Soil Class AASHTO
162	1.2-1.7	Residual rhyolite	12.6	42	17	4.5	A-2-7(0)
163	1.0-1.5	Residual rhyolite	8.1	21	10	0.0	A-2-7(0)
164	0.5-1.6	Residual rhyolite	9.8	45	20	6.0	A-2-7(0)

#### Engineering Geological Evaluation

#### Groundwater

Groundwater inflow was not encountered in any of the excavated test pits. It is, generally, not expected to find groundwater at shallow levels on rhyolites as they are not good aquifers. Water strikes are known at great depth.

#### Expansive soils

No soils susceptible to swelling or heaving were encountered on site, and problematic movements associated with expansion are not expected.

From the Foundation Indicator tests carried out all the horizons tested displayed a "low" to "medium" potential for expansiveness classification.

#### Potentially Collapsible Soils

The soil horizons encountered are not considered to be collapsing in nature. It is, therefore, not anticipated that any special precautions will need to be taken with regard to collapsible soils.

#### Percolation Rate

The soils in this area are suitable for a normal French drain. Both percolation tests positions displays good seepage and as such are suitable for normal French drain development.

#### **Bearing Capacity**

The laboratory triaxial compression tests the Boyane High School site with unconsolidated undrained (UU) shear strength ( $c_u$ ) of between 987kPa and 1389kPa display allowable bearing capacity of between an estimated 1691kPa and 2380kPa. Based on the correlation chart (Appendix C) of maximum bearing stress that can be applied to the foundation such that it is safe against instability due to shear failure the site's allowable bearing capacity is highly safe for building development.

From the field Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests, for most of the tests it, also, reveals safe bearing capacities by the very course gravel, well above the 79kPa for single story buildings. No certain precautions need to be taken during designing the foundation.

The residual soil is relatively homogenous, and is marked by coarse gravel at variable depths. There buildings will have to be founded at depths of 800 to 1000mm and the common shallow refusals at this area suggest that excavations have to be performed mechanically.

# Excavatibility

Trial Pit 163 experienced excavation refusal whereas the other two did not. DCP on the other hand experienced refusals at ca.400mm. This indicates that during excavations for foundations it could be difficult to achieve depths beyond 500mm by hand digging. No instabilities were recorded during the excavation of the test pits which further suggests that excavations may safely be conducted without the need for lateral support, if of a temporary nature (during construction) and in the dry season.

# Seismicity

One type of seismic activities occurs in Swaziland, and that is natural seismic activity. There is no mining-induced seismic activity. In accordance with the Seismic Hazard Zone map contained in the draft SANS 10160-4, southern Swaziland is classified as Zone 1 and is subject to natural seismic activity only. Gamula area is to the east-central part of Swaziland and as such falls outside this area. The South African "loading" code, SABS 0160-4:2011, shows that Gamula is situated in an area where the peak ground acceleration with a 10% probability of being exceeded in a 50 year period is just less than 100 cm/sec<sup>2</sup>.

The soil profile of the site can be described as very dense, course to very course gravel with average shear strength between 987kPa and 1389kPa  $c_u$ . The area can be identified as Ground Type2. A  $v_s$  profile at the site is, however, "the most reliable predictor of the site dependent characteristics of the seismic action at stable sites", and is lacking to conclusively predicts the ground seismicity.

# 7.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- The absence of rock outcrop on the site suggests that bedrock will only be present at depth. The bedrock surface is likely to be undulatory and, therefore, highly variable in depth.
- No special precaution has to be taken with regards to dampness as no water seepage was experienced in any of the Trial Pits.

• The soils are of intermediate plasticity and it is expected that they will be prone to erosion. Precaution is expected to be taken during site clearing to avoid excessive soil erosion.

## **Building Foundations**

The sandy clay in the site has a far more safe allowable bearing capacity and can support any building development of 2380kPa whereas the gravels are at 1691kPa.

It is recommended that foundations be placed on the residual soil, at depths of 800 to 100mm, to avoid the colluvial soil material.

From the Foundation Indicator tests carried out all the horizons tested displayed a "low" to "medium" potential for expansiveness classification. As the soils are not susceptible to swelling or heaving it is not expected that significant swell-shrink movement of the footing will occur, and it is recommended that foundations be placed on the residual soil at any desirable depth.

Despite the low expansive potential of the soils it is worth taking the following precautions:

- Attention to proper site drainage and storm water runoff management is essential to prevent ponding of water near structures.
- Water supply pipes and sewers must be maintained and leaks or blockages timeously detected and repaired.
- No water loving vegetation or large trees may be allowed to grow within 15m of any structure and it is not recommended to allow gardening directly around the structures. Instead concrete aprons should be installed to prevent wetting of foundations.

### Parking Areas and Roadways

The material quality at surface display a good bearing capacity from DCP analyses and for the construction of parking and roadways can easily be stabilized and paved. It can be used for subgrade material as well as in the formation (fill) required for roads. It is recommended that material for pavements layers required for road works be imported from outside the site.

### NOTE:

• Additional investigations or at least an assessment of the ground conditions exposed during construction can often result in significant construction cost and time savings.

### GENERAL NOTES ON THE REPORT

The information and recommendations contained within this report relate to data supplied by Soil Testing Services, comprising test pit profiles, DCP penetration data, soil percolation test results and soil grading tests.

The report has been compiled on the assumption that all the data supplied by Soil Testing Services (and the assumptions made in this report where this supplied data is inadequate) is correct and is generally representative of the site area.

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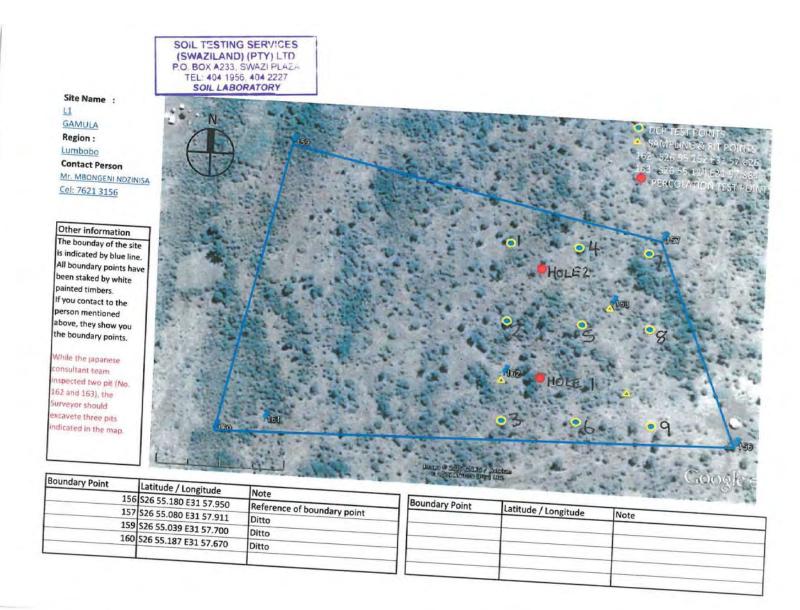
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**APPENDIX A** 

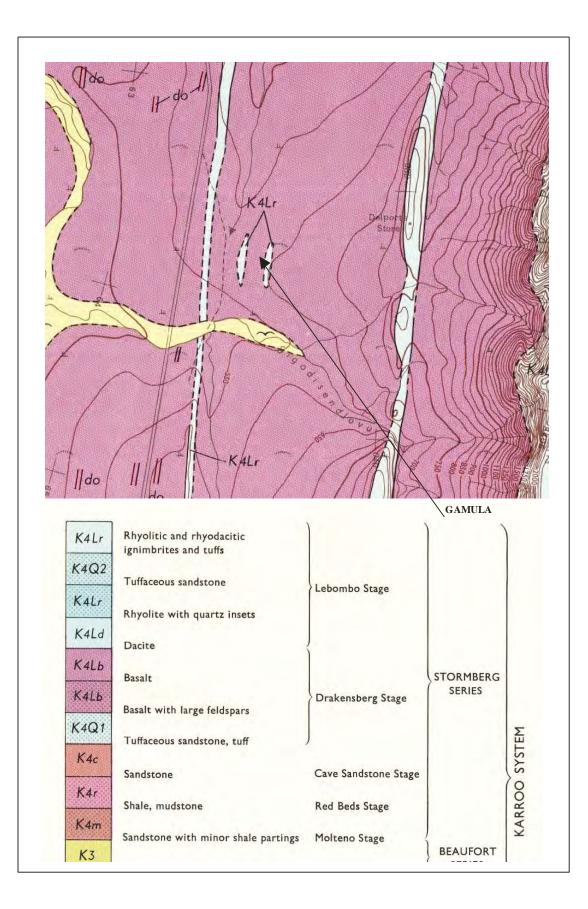


A) Tractor Loader Backhoe (TLB)

B) Typical Trial Pit



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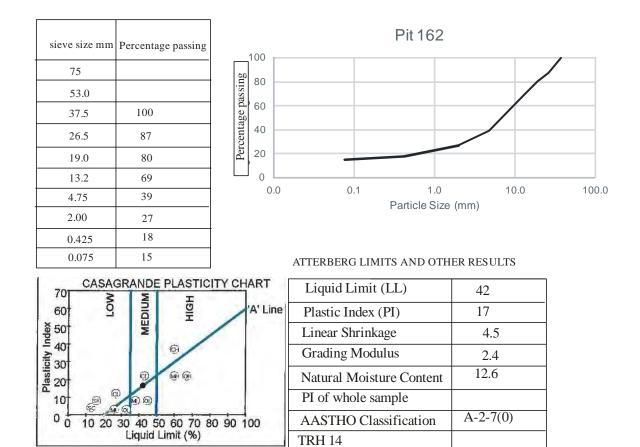
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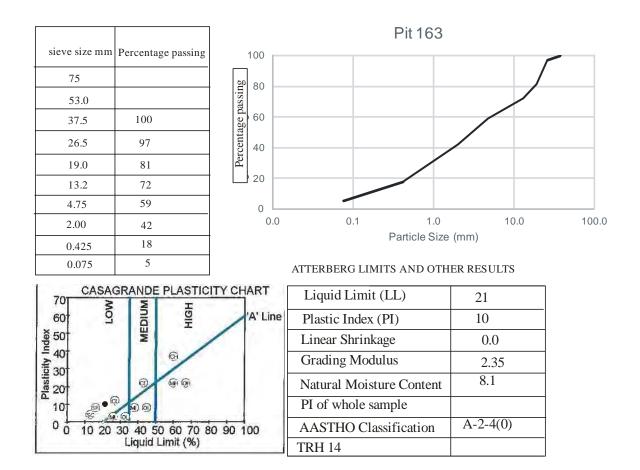
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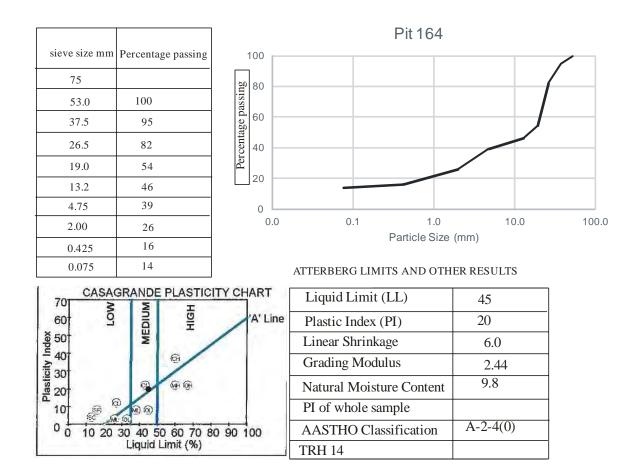
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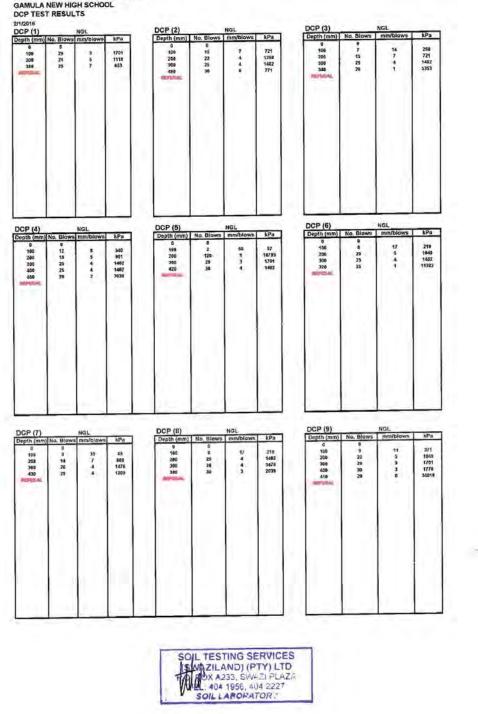


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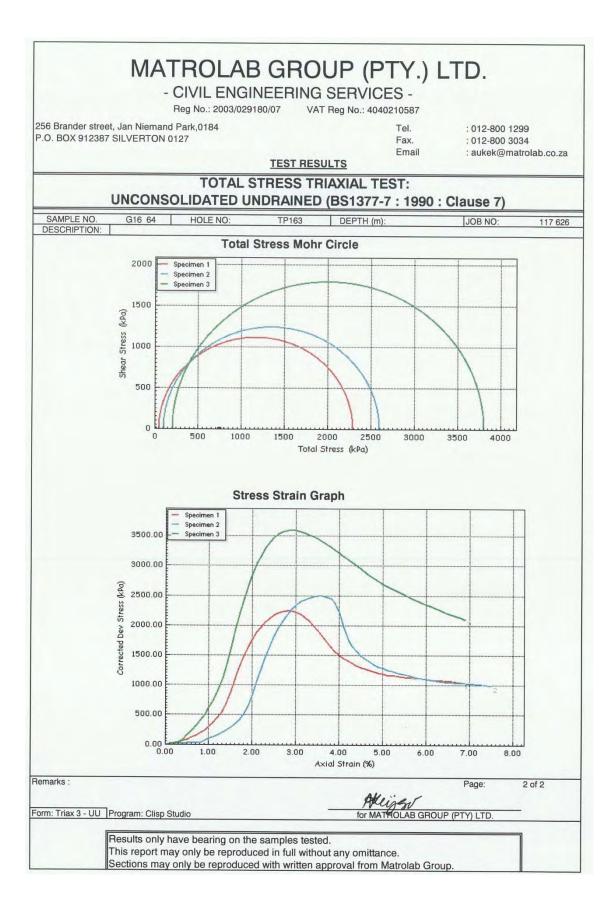




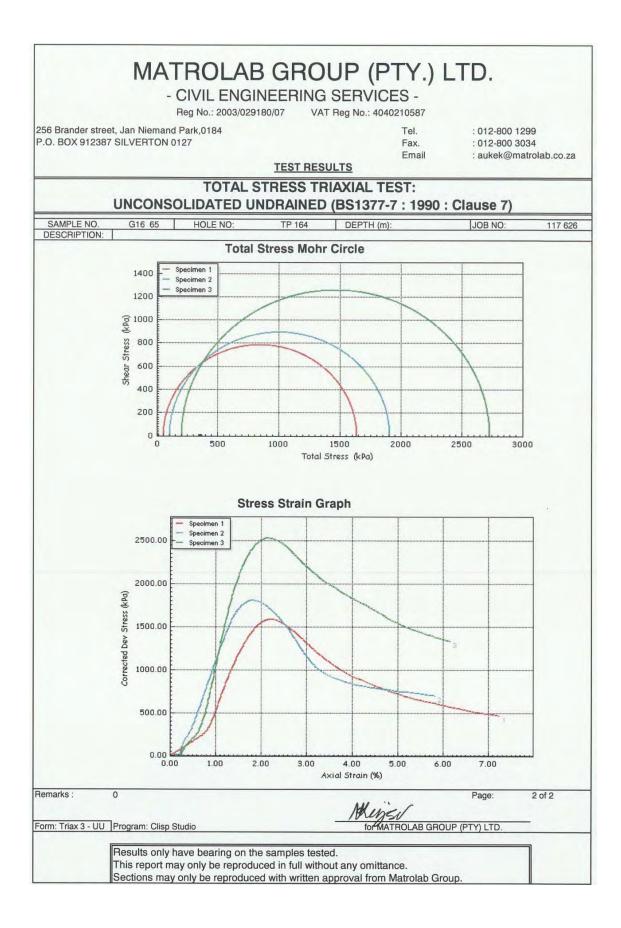
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# APPENDIX C

Table 1: Correlation chart of maximum bearing stress (allowable bearing capacity) of rocks and soil materials

Category	Types of rocks and soils	Bearing value (kPa)
Non-cohesive soils	Dense gravel or dense sand and gravel	>600
	Medium dense gravel, or medium dense sand and gravel	<200 to 600
	Loose gravel, or loose sand and gravel	<200
	Compact sand	>300
	Medium dense sand	100 to 300
	Loose sand	<100 depends on degree of looseness
Cohesive soils	Very stiff bolder clays & hard clays	300 to 600
	Stiff clays	150 to 300
	Firm clay	75 to 150
	Soft clays and silts	< 75
	Very soft clay	Not applicable
Peat		Not applicable
Made ground		Not applicable