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Attention: Mr G Bonus

Dear Sir

re: Proposed Alterations and Additions Freshwater Surf Club - Core Street, Freshwater Geotechnical Investigation

This report provides the results of a Geotechnical Investigation carried out at Freshwater Surf Club, Core Street, Freshwater, hereafter referred to as the site. This investigation was carried out in general accordance with Australian Standard AS1726 (Reference 1).

Following documents were provided by the client to understand the proposed development:

 'Architectural Drawings' prepared by Bonus + Associates, Ref No.: 1104, DWG No.: DA200 to DA218, Rev P1, dated 8/12/2022.

We understand that the proposed development at the above site includes partial/selective demolition of walls, windows, doors, and floor slabs, for proposed alterations and additions to the existing club house. Major upgrade is extension of building via western side with new footing, walls, and floor slabs at all levels. The western boundary of the site requires approximately of 3.5m to 4.0m of excavation. This report provides geotechnical recommendations on design of floor slabs, footings, groundwater monitoring and retention support for the proposed development.

Background Information

Based on the Geological Map of Sydney (1:100,000), the site geology consists of Quaternary (Holocene) well sorted medium to fine marine sand predominantly coarse quartz sands with varying amounts of shell fragments. Hawkesbury Sandstone, comprising medium to coarse grained quartz sandstone, very minor shale and laminite lenses is present underlying the marine sand.

Reference to the Soil Landscape Map (1:100,000) of Sydney indicates that the landscape at the site belongs to the Narrabeen Group, which is characterised by beaches and coastal foredunes on marine sands. Beach plains with relief to 6m slopes <3%; foredunes with relief <20m and slope gradients up to 45%. Spinifex grassland/herbland to closed-scrub on foredunes. The sub-surface soils are usually deep (>200cm) Calcareous Sands on beaches, Siliceous Sands, and occasional calcareous compressed sands on foredunes.

Field Work

Field work for the geotechnical investigation was carried out on 25th January 2023 and consisted of the following:

- A walkover survey to assess general site conditions.
- Review services plans obtained from "Dial Before You Dig" to ascertain that underground services were not present at the proposed borehole locations.
- Scanning the proposed borehole locations for underground services to ensure that investigation works would not damage existing underground services. We engaged a specialist services locator for this purpose.
- Drilling three boreholes (BH1 to BH3) using an all terrain track mounted drilling rig, Comacchio Geo 205 fully equipped for geotechnical investigation. Borehole locations were nominated considering minimal damage to existing structure and away from buried services. All the boreholes were terminated on target depth. Approximate borehole locations are indicated on the attached Drawing No 20307/1-AA1. Borehole logs, Monitoring Well logs and explanatory notes are also attached.
- Carry out Standard Penetration Tests (SPT) in the boreholes at regular depth intervals, to assess the strength characteristics of the sub-surface soils.
- Install piezometer at three (3) locations for ground water monitoring for the site.
- Collect soil samples from boreholes for visual classification and laboratory testing.
- Measure depths to groundwater level in boreholes, if encountered.

Field work was supervised by a Geotechnical Engineer from this company, responsible for nominating the borehole locations, installing monitoring well, sampling and preparation of field logs.

Site Conditions

The site is rectangular in shape, consisting of two separate blocks connected to form Freshwater Surf Club. Eastern block is the oldest structure with two storied club house, which was extended to northwest block with three storey brick masonry building including a semi basement. The site is bounded by Freshwater beach from East beyond which is Pacific Ocean. From all the other sides is open park area with pedestrian walkway, grass bed with few scattered trees and bushes.

Southwest side has bushes and trees with sand dunes. Walking track leading to the beach. Beyond is Moore Road, flexible pavement.

West, open park area with scattered trees with recreation spot. Beyond with is Gore Street, two asphalt road.

North, extension of the open park space, beyond which is Kooloora Avenue and public car park area.

Ground surface elevation along the western site boundary is relatively flat ranging from RL7.6m to RL 8.0m AHD approximate. The site is gently sloping towards the oceans west to east.

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Sub-surface profiles encountered in the boreholes are detailed in the attached borehole logs and summarised below in Table 1: Subsurface Profiles encountered in .

Borehole No	Ground RL (m) AHD	Termination Depth (m)	Topsoil/Fill (m)	Natural Soil (m)	Bedrock (m)
BH1	7.634	6.45	0.0 - 1.0	1.0 - >6.45	NE
BH2	7.265	6.50	0.0 – 1.1	1.1 - >6.50	NE
BH3	7.898	6.00	0.0 – 2.0	2.0 - >6.0	NE

Table 1	Subsurface	Profiles	encountered in	Boreholes
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Note: NE = Not Encountered

Table 1 indicates that the sub-surface profile across the site comprises a sequence of topsoil and fill underlain by sandy natural soils. Fill comprises silty sand with clay and organic material. Fill is about 1.0m thick in boreholes BH1 and BH2 and about 2.0m thick in BH3. Bedrock was not encountered up to boreholes termination depths.

Groundwater level was not encountered during auger drilling until termination depth for BH1 and BH3. Seepage was encountered at 5.20m from existing ground level in BH2 location. Three monitoring well up to 6.0m depth were installed to for monitoring of groundwater table and carry out permeability tests. Groundwater was not detected in monitoring wells during monitoring period of about two weeks. It should be noted that the site is within 100m of Freshwater Beach and groundwater levels might vary due to rainfall, temperature, and other factors not evident during fieldwork.

Laboratory Testing

Representative soil samples recovered from the borehole were tested in NATA accredited laboratory of SGS Environmental Services, in accordance with relevant Australian Standards, to determine chemical properties including Electrical Conductivity (EC), pH and Sulphate.

Detailed results of chemical properties determination are attached, and summary is presented below in Table 2.

Borehole No	Depth (m)	EC (μS/cm)	Resistivity (ohm cm)	рН	Sulphate (mg/kg)	Chloride (mg/kg)
BH1	3.0-3.45	110	8800	8.3	11	14
BH2	1.5-1.95	65	15000	8.4	1.5	1.1
BH2	4.5-4.95	65	15000	8.2	2.8	1.6
BH3	0.5-0.95	65	15000	8.3	2.1	1.2
BH3	3.0-3.45	38	26000	7.9	3.9	1.9
BH3	4.5-4.95	110	9400	7.2	20	9.3

Table 2:	Results (of Ch	emical	Pro	perties	Tests

Note: EC = Electrical Conductivity

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Discussion and Recommendations Soil Salinity

Soil salinity is generally assessed by measuring Electrical Conductivity (EC) of a soil sample made up of 1:5 soil water suspension. Thus, determined EC is multiplied by a factor varying from 6 to 23, based on the texture of the soil sample, to obtain Corrected Electrical Conductivity designated as ECe (Reference 3). Alternatively, ECe may be directly measured in soil saturation extracts. Soils are classified as saline if ECe of the saturated extracts exceed 4.0dS/m.

The criteria for assessment of soil salinity classes are shown in the following Table 3 (Reference 2).

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Classification	EC _e (dS/m)	Comments
Non-saline	<2	Salinity effects mostly negligible
Slightly saline	2 – 4	Yields of very sensitive crops may be affected
Moderately saline	4 – 8	Yields of many crops affected
Very saline	8 – 16	Only tolerant crops yield satisfactorily
Highly saline	>16	Only a few tolerant crops yield satisfactorily

Table 3: Criteria for Soil Salinity Classification

Electrical conductivity (EC) values for representative soil samples are summarised in **Error! Reference source not found.** For soils encountered across the site, appropriate multiplying factor is assumed to vary from 14 to 17. Even for a factor of 17, ECe for representative soil samples are estimated to be less than 2.0dS/m. Therefore, it is our assessment that the soils across the site are non-saline.

Australian Standard AS2870 (Reference 3) provides guidelines to assess for saline and sulphate soils. Table 4 below provides Salinity Classification based on ECe and Table 5 provides classification for sulphate soils.

Electrical Conductivity, EC _e (dS/m)	Exposure Classification	Salinity Classification
<2	A1	Non-saline
2-4	A1	Slightly saline
4 – 8	A2	Moderately saline
8 – 16	B1	Very saline
>16	B2	Highly saline

Table 4: Exposure Classifications for Saline Soils

Table 5: Exposure Classifications for Sulphate	Soils
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Sulphate	expressed as SO ₃	ъН	Salinity Cla	ssification*
In Soil (ppm)	In Groundwater (ppm)	рп	Soil Condition A	Soil Condition B
<5000	<1000	>5.5	A2	A1
5000-10000	1000-3000	4.5-5.5	B1	A2
10000-20000	3000-10000	4.0-4.5	B2	B1
>20000	>10000	<4.0	C2	B2

Approximately 100ppm of SO₄ = 80ppm of SO₃

*Soil Condition A = high permeability soils (e.g. sands and gravels) which are below groundwater

*Soil Condition B = low permeability soils (e.g. silts and clays) and all soils above groundwater

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Soils across the site are predominantly sandy and therefore appropriate Soil Condition is "Condition A". Therefore, based on laboratory test results presented in Table 2 and guidelines on Salinity Classifications presented in Table 4 and 5, the Salinity Classifications for the soils across the site generally belong to Class A1 or A2.

Therefore, we recommend that the proposed development works use construction materials (such as concrete, bricks) and construction methods appropriate for Class A2.

Aggressivity Classification

The Aggressivity Classification of soil and groundwater applicable to iron/steel and concrete piles, in accordance with Australian Standard AS2159 (Reference 3), are given below in Table 6 and Table 7.

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Chloride			Resistivity	Soil Condition	Soil Condition
In Soil (ppm)	In Water (ppm)	рН	(ohm cm)	A*	B#
<5000	<1000	>5.0	>5000	Non-aggressive	Non-aggressive
5000-20000	1000-10000	4.0-5.0	2000-5000	Mild	Non-aggressive
20000-50000	10000-20000	3.0-4.0	1000-2000	Moderate	Mild
>50000	>20000	<3.0	<1000	Severe	Moderate

Table 6: Aggressivity Classification for Steel/Iron

*Soil Condition A = high permeability soils (e.g. sands and gravels) which are below groundwater #

Soil Condition B = low permeability soils (e.g.	silts and clays) and all soils above groundwater
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Sulphate expressed as SO ₄		-	Chloride in	Soil Condition	Soil Condition
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<5000	<1000	>5.5	<6000	Mild	Non-aggressive
5000-10000	1000-3000	4.5-5.5	6000-12000	Moderate	Mild
10000-20000	3000-1000	4.0-4.5	12000-30000	Severe	Moderate
>20000	>10000	<4.0	>30000	Very Severe	Severe

Table 7: Aggressivity Classification for Concrete

As indicated above in this report, appropriate Soil Conditions is "Soil Conditions A". Therefore, based on laboratory test results presented in Error! Reference source not found. and guidelines on Aggressivity Classifications presented in Tables 6 and 7, the subsurface soil across the site is assessed to be Nonaggressive to steel piles and Mildly Aggressive to concrete piles.

Excavation Condition

It is anticipated that the proposed development will involve up to about 3.5m to 4.0m deep excavation on western boundary of the site as part of extension. Therefore, materials to be excavated are anticipated to comprise topsoil, fill and sandy marine soil. No rock excavation is anticipated. It is our assessment that excavation of topsoil, fill and marine soil can be achieved using conventional earthmoving equipment such as excavators and dozers.

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Groundwater seepage was encountered at 5.2m at BH2 location only during the fieldwork. However, monitoring well indicates that the depth to groundwater level is likely to be more than 5.0m from existing ground level, deeper than depth of proposed excavation. Fluctuations in the level of groundwater and/or seepage might occur due to variations in rainfall, high tide and/or other factors not observed during fieldwork day. Therefore, it is unlikely to encounter groundwater inflow within the excavation depth. Minor groundwater inflow could be managed by a conventional sump and pump method. However, we suggest that a specialist contractor is engaged to design an appropriate dewatering system if significant groundwater inflow is encountered.

It is our assessment that removal of concrete slabs and excavation of fill can be achieved using conventional earthmoving equipment, such as excavators and dozers. No rock excavation is anticipated. Therefore, impact from ground vibration during site preparation is anticipated to be tolerable for existing structures in the vicinity of the site.

Fill Placement

We anticipate site preparation for the proposed development works will involve removal of loose sandy soil and replaced with controlled fill. The following procedures are recommended for placement of controlled fill, where required:

- Strip topsoil and existing fill materials separately for possible future uses or dispose off the site. Topsoils may be used in landscaping and fill materials may be selectively used in controlled fill.
- Strip loose sandy soil, anticipated to be 1.0m to 4.0m thick and stockpile separately for possible future uses in controlled fill. Observations in boreholes indicated that the depth to groundwater level varies from 5.0m to 5.5m. This is lower than the proposed bulk excavation, hence it is our opinion that groundwater might not be encountered during excavation up to bulk excavation level.
- Controlled fill should be placed in horizontal layers of 200mm to 250mm maximum loose thickness and compacted to a Minimum Dry Density Ratio (MDDR) of 98% Standard at moisture content within 2% of Optimum Moisture Content (OMC) for cohesive soils or Minimum Density Index of 75% for Sandy Soils.
- Fill placement should be supervised to ensure that materials quality, layer thickness, testing frequency and compaction criteria conform to the specifications. We recommend "Level 2" supervision, in accordance with Australian Standard AS3798- (Reference 4).

Batter Slopes and Retaining Structures

It is anticipated that the proposed development works will involve up to about 4.0m deep excavations along northwest, northeast, and southwest boundary of the existing building. The ground level at the west of the site is about RL 7.760m and proposed bulk excavation level is RL 4.0m AHD.

Proposed development involves excavation near the western boundary of the existing building to expose the existing footing, demolition of external wall for extension or retrofitting. As mentioned on Table 1, the site consists of fill layer followed by marine sand. Excavation should be battered for stability or retained by engineered retaining structures. If battering is the preferred option, the recommended batter slopes are as follows:

- Batter slope for short term stability during construction stage = 1 vertical to 2.0 horizontal.
- Batter slope for long term (permanent) stability = 1 vertical to 2.5 horizontal.

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If batter slopes steeper than those recommended in the above are required, the excavation faces should be retained by engineered retaining structures. Appropriate retaining structures for the proposed development could comprise sheet pile or gravity wall.

Earth pressure distribution on such retaining walls is assumed to be triangular and estimated as follows:

 $p_h = \gamma k H$

If the retaining walls are strutted, the earth pressure distribution on such retaining structures is assumed to be rectangular and estimated as follows:

 $p_h = 0.65\gamma kH$

Where,

p_h = Horizontal active pressure (kN/m²)

 γ = Total density of materials to be retained (kN/m³)

k = Coefficient of earth pressure (ka or ko)

H = Retained height (m)

Distribution of passive pressure, if retaining walls are embedded below the base of excavation, may also be assumed triangular and estimated as follows:

 $p_p = \gamma_1 k_p h$

Where,

\mathbf{p}_{p}	= Horizontal passive pressure (kN/m ²)
γ_1	= Wet density of materials below base of excavation (kN/m ³)
k p	= Coefficient of passive earth pressure
h	= Wall embedment depth below base of excavation (m)

For design of flexible retaining structures, where some lateral movement is acceptable, an active earth pressure coefficient (k_a) 0.40 is recommended. If it is critical to limit the horizontal deformation of a retaining structure, use of an earth pressure coefficient at rest (k_0) 0.55 should be considered.

Above coefficients are based on the assumptions that ground level behind the retaining structure is horizontal and the retained material is effectively drained. If materials are subjected to groundwater pressure and other surcharge loads (structures and traffic in the vicinity of the site), additional earth pressures resulting from groundwater and surcharge loads should also be allowed for in the design of retaining structures.

Floor Slabs and Footings

We anticipate that the ground floor slabs for the proposed additions and alterations will be bearing on natural soils at the ground surface to match existing ground slabs or at base of about 4.0m deep basement excavations. Therefore, floor slabs for the proposed additions and alterations may be designed as ground bearing slabs or suspended slabs supported by footings. For design of floor slabs bearing on sandy natural soils at existing ground surface and at the base of excavation, we recommend a Modulus of Subgrade Reaction Value of 20kPa/mm and 30kPa/mm respectively.

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Loading conditions from the proposed alterations and additions are not known. However, we consider that appropriate footings for the proposed structure would include shallow footings (pad and strip) founded at the base of excavation and/or screw piers or bored piers socketed into marine sand below the base of proposed excavation. The recommended allowable bearing pressures for design of footings are presented in the following Table 8.

Founding Material	Founding Depth from Ground Surface* (m)	Allowable End Bearing Pressure (kPa)	Allowable Shaft Adhesion (kPa)
Possible Controlled Fill	0.3-2.0	100.0	Ignore
Natural Soil	2.0-4.0	125.0	Ignore
Natural Soil	4.0-6.0	150.0	Ignore
Natural Soils	>6.0	200.0	2.0

Design of footings should be based on allowable bearing pressures for the foundation materials and acceptable total and differential footing settlements. For footings founded in sandy soils, the total settlement is estimated to be about 2.0% of minimum footing dimension or pier diameter. The differential settlement is anticipated to be about half the total settlement.

As depths to sandy soils with recommended allowable bearing pressures could vary across the site and between boreholes, the founding depths of footing could also vary. Therefore, founding level at a specific location will have to be confirmed by an experienced Geotechnical Engineer, on the basis of assessment made during footing excavation or pier hole drilling. The engineer should ensure that the design strength of soil and rock are achieved.

Infiltration Assessment

Three (3) monitoring well were installed, one each in three boreholes, to observe the groundwater level. All the monitoring well were installed up to 6m depth, casing 3m and screen 3m sealed with cement grout and covered by Gatic Cover. No groundwater was measured in the monitoring well during the time of fieldwork on 25 January 2023. Site visit was conducted on 10 February 2023 to measure the monitoring well, but no groundwater encountered. Hence, it can be confirmed that the groundwater table is well below the bulk excavation level of proposed development. Thus, infiltration assessment could not be performed due to absence of water inside the monitoring well.

However, estimate of permeability of the sandy soils encountered at the site are soil presented below in Table 9.

Founding Material	Founding Depth from Existing Ground Surface* (m)	Approximate hydraulic conductivity, K (m/sec)
Fill and Natural Soils	0.0 to 4.0	1x10 ⁻⁴ to 1x10 ⁻⁵
Natural Soils	4.0 to >6.0	1x10 ⁻³ to 1x10 ⁻⁴

Table 9: Approximate Hydraulic Conductivity

*Varies as per borehole location, check borehole logs to obtain exact depth.

^{*}Approximate only from existing ground surface



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General

The site assessment and recommendations presented in this report are based on information from only three boreholes and site observation. Although we believe that the sub-surface profile presented in this report is indicative of the general profile across the site, it is possible that the sub-surface profile across the site could differ from that encountered in three boreholes. This is also the case with groundwater. Therefore, we recommend that this company is contacted for further advice if actual site conditions encountered during construction differ from those presented in this report.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully GEOTECHNIQUE PTY LTD

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For KUSHAL BAJRACHARYA Geotechnical Engineer

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INDRA JWORCHAN Principal Geotechnical Engineer

Attached

Drawing No 20307/1-AA1 – Borehole Location Plan Borehole Logs and Explanatory Notes

References

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	SPT	4,12,10	2			@2.0m, dark brown and brown							
			-						Sand				
	SPT	N=7 2,3,4	3				•		Screen				
			4				•						
	SPT	N=10 3,4,6	 			OF Arr dark harve	•		•				
						(@5.011, dark brown	•						
			6										
	SPT	N=10 2,3,7	_										
			7 —	-		Borehole BH2 terminated at 6.5m Target Depth reached							
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C P L d	Client : Project ocatio	:: on: :	Bonu Prop Fresl Gore	is + A osed hwate Stre	Associa Altera er Surf et, Fre G	ates	Job No. : 20307/1 Borehole No. : BH3 Date : 25/01/2023 Logged/Checked by: KB R.L. surface : 7.898 AHD					
groundwater	samples	PID Reading (ppm)	depth or R.L. in meters	graphic log	classification symbol	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION soil type, plasticity or particle characteristic, colour, secondary and minor components.	Graphic Log	Description Descri				
JB	SPT SPT SPT SPT	n n N=23 5,10,13 N=6 2,3,3 N=6 2,4,2 N=16 5,7,9				TOPSOIL: Silty Sand, fine grained, dark grey and brown, traces of clay and organic material FILL: Silty Sand, fine to medium grained sand, pale brown, traces of clay and organics FILL: Sandy Clay/Clay, medium plasticity, red-brow fine to medium grained sand SAND, fine to medium grained, pale brown (yellow @3.0m, pale grey to grey Clayey SAND, fine to medium grained, red brown mottled grey SAND, fine to medium grained, pale grey to pale brown		Sand				
			6 			Borehole BH3 terminated at 6.0m Target Depth reached		•••				

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Log Column	Symbol/Value		Description		
Drilling Method	V-bit		Hardened stee	L'\/' shaped bit attached to auger	
Drining Method	TC-bit		Tungsten Carb	ide bit attached to auger	
	RR		Tricone (Rock	Roller) bit	
	DB		Drag bit	,	
	BB		Blade bit		
Groundwater	Dry		Groundwater n	ot encountered to the drilled or auger	refusal depth
	_		Groundwater le	evel at depths shown on log	
			Groundwater s	eepage at depths shown on log	
Environment Sample	GP		Glass bottle an	d plastic bag sample over depths show	wn on log
	G		Glass bottle sa	mple over depths shown on log	
PID Reading	100		Plastic bag sar PID reading in	ppm	
Geotechnical Sample	DS		Disturbed Sma	Il bag sample over depths shown on lo	pq
	DB		Disturbed Bulk	sample over depths shown on log	0
	U ₅₀		Undisturbed 50	mm tube sample over depths shown o	on log
Field Test	N=10		Standard Pene	tration Test (SPT) 'N' value. Individua	I numbers indicate blows per
	3,5,5		150mm penetra	ation.	
	N=R		'R' represents	refusal to penetration in hard/very den	se soils or in cobbles or
	10,15/100		boulders.		
			The first number	er represents10 blows for 150mm pene	etration whereas the second
			number repres	ents 15 blows for 100mm penetration	where SPT met refusal
	DOD/DOD	-	<u> </u>		
	DCP/PSP	5	Dynamic Cone	Penetration (DCP) or Perth Sand Pen	etrometer (PSP). Each
		6	10mm penetrat	tion in hard/very dense soils or in grav	els or boulders
		R/10	ronni ponotici		
Classification	GP		Poorly Graded	GRAVEL	
	GW		Well graded GI	RAVEL	
	GM		Silty GRAVEL		
	GC		Clayey GRAVE		
	SP		Poorly graded	SAND	
	SM		Silty SAND		
	SC		Clayey SAND		
	ML		SILT / Sandy S	ILT / clayey SILT, low plasticity	
	MI		SILT / Sandy S	SILT / clayey SILT, medium plasticity	
	MH		SILT / Sandy S	GLT / clayey SILT, high plasticity	
			CLAY / Silty CL	AY / Sandy CLAY / Gravelly CLAY, IC	pedium plasticity
	СН		CLAY / Silty Cl	_AY / Sandy CLAY / Gravelly CLAY, h	igh plasticity
Moisture Condition			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
Cohesive soils	M <pl< td=""><td></td><td>Moisture conte</td><td>nt less than Plastic Limit</td><td></td></pl<>		Moisture conte	nt less than Plastic Limit	
	M=PL		Moisture conte	nt equal to Plastic Limit	
	M>PL		woisture conte	ni to be greater than Plastic Limit	
Cohesionless soils	D		Dry -	Runs freely through hand	
	Μ		Moist -	Tends to cohere	
	W		Wet -	Tends to cohere	
Consistency	Ve		Term	Undrained shear strength,	Hand Penetrometer
COLIESIVE SOILS	S		Very Soft	υ_u (κ۳α) <12	(QU) ~25
	F		Soft	>12 & ≤25	25 – 50
	St		Firm	>25 & ≤50	50 - 100
	VSt		Stiff	>50 & ≤100	100 – 200
	Н		Very Stiff	>100 & ≤200	200 - 400
Density Index				>200 Density Index In (%)	SPT (N' (blows/300mm)
Cohesionless soils	VL		Very Loose	≤15	≤5 ≤5
	L		Loose	>15 & ≤35	>5 & ≤10
	М		Medium Dense	e >35 & ≤65	>10 & ≤30
	D		Dense	>65 & ≤85	>30 & ≤50
Hand Penetromotor	100		Very Dense	>00 moressive strength (g) in kPa datarmi	>0U
	200		penetrometer	at depths shown on log	neu using pocket
Remarks			Geological orio	in of soils	
	Residual		Residual soils	above bedrock	
	Alluvium		River deposited	d Alluvial soils	
	Colluvial		Gravity deposit	ed Colluvial soils	
	Aeolian Marine		Wind deposited	a Aeoiian Soiis	

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AS1726 : 2017– Unified Soil Classification System

Major D	Divisions	Particle size (mm)	Group Symbol	Typical Names	Field Identi	fications Sand a	nd Gravels				Laboratory classificat	ion		
	BOULDERS	>200							% Fines (2)	Plasticity of Fine Fraction	$C_u = D_{60}/D_{10}$	$C_c = (D_{30})^2 / (D_{10}D_{60})$	Notes	
OVERSIZE	COBBLES	63						,st						
		Coorre 10	GW	Well-graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines	Wide range in g of all intermedia coarse grains, n	rain size and subs te sizes, not enou o dry strength	tantial amounts gh fines to bind	r Divisior	≤5	-	>4	between 1 and 3	1. Identify lines by the method given for fine	
	GRAVEL (more than half of	Coarse 19	GP	Poorly graded gravels, gravel- sand mixtures, little or no fines, uniform gravels	Predominantly of some intermedia fines to bind coa	one size or range o ate sizes missing, arse grains, no dry	ze or range of sizes with zes missing, not enough rains, no dry strength		≤5	-	Fails to com	ply with above	grained soils	
	larger than 2.36mm)	Modium 6 7	GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures	'Dirty' materials zero to medium	with excess of no dry strength	n-plastic fines,	iteria give	≥12	Below 'A' line or I _p <4			2. Borderline classifications occur when the	
COARSE GRAINED SOIL (more than 65% of		Fine 2.26	GC	Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures	'Dirty' materials medium to high	with excess of pla dry strength	stic fines,	g to the cr	≥12	Above 'A' line or I _p >7	-	-	fines (fraction smaller than 0.075mm size) is	
soil excluding oversize fraction is greater than 0.075mm)		Coarse 0.6	SW	Well-graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines	Wide range in g of all intermedia coarse grains, n	rain size and subs te sizes, not enou o dry strength	tantial amounts gh fines to bind	accordin	≤5	-	>6	between 1 and 3	greater than 5% and less than 12%. Borderline classifications	
0.0731111)	SAND (more than half of coarse fraction is	Medium 0.21	SP	Poorly graded sands and gravelly sands; little or no fines, uniform sands	Predominantly of some intermedia fines to bind coa	one size or range o ate sizes missing, arse grains, no dry	of sizes with not enough strength	of fractions	≤5	-	Fails to com	ply with above	require the use of dual symbols e.g. SP-SM, GW-	
	coarse fraction is smaller than 2.36mm)	initial and the left	SM	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures	'Dirty' materials zero to medium	with excess of no dry strength	n-plastic fines,	ification c	≥12	Below 'A' line or <i>I_p</i> <4	-	-		
		Fine 0.075	SC	Clayey sand, sand-clay mixtures	'Dirty' materials medium to high	with excess of pla dry strength	stic fines,	n for class	≥12	Above 'A' line of I _p >7	-	-		
			ML	Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands or clayey silts with slight	Dry Strength None to low	Dilatancy Slow to	Toughness Low	ng 63mn		Below 'A'		1		
	SILT (0.075mm to 0.0 CLAY (<0.002mm)	ILT (0.075mm to 0.002mm) & LAY (<0.002mm)		plasticity Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays	Medium to high	rapid None to very slow	Medium	aterial passi	um M	line Above 'A' line	60 <u>AIIIIIIIIIII</u>			
FINE GRAINED			OL	Organic silts and organic silty clays of low plasticity	Low to medium	Slow	Low	ation of me	sing 0.075	Below 'A' line	50 50 <u><u><u>*</u></u> 40</u>		1100 200	
SOIL (more than 35% of soil excluding oversize fraction is less than			MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils, elastic silts	Low to medium	None to slow	Low to medium	the grads	1 35% pas	Below 'A' line	DE LE LA INDEX	Cl or Ol	20	
0.075mm)	SILT (0.075mm to 0.0 CLAY (<0.002mm) Liquid Limit>50%	002mm) &	СН	Inorganic clays of medium to high plasticity, fat clays	High to very high	None	High	Use	More thar	Above 'A' line		DL MH or 0	H	
		∟iquid Limit>50%				Organic clays of medium to high plasticity, organic silts	Medium to None to very high slow		Low to medium			Below 'A' line		ML or DL 0 40 50 60 70 LIQUID LIMIT W _L , %
	HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS		HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS		Pt (1) Peat and highly organic soils Identified by colour, odour, spongy feel and generally by fibrous texture		y feel and		Effervesce	s with H ₂ O ₂	1			



Log Symbols & Abbreviations (Cored Borehole Log)

Log Column	Symbol / Abbreviation	Description				
Core Size		Nominal Core Size (mm)				
	NQ NMLC	47 52				
	HQ	63				
Water Loss		Complete water loss				
	\longrightarrow	Partial water loss				
Weathering (AS1726:2017)	RS	Residual Soil	Material is weathered to such	an extent that it has soil		
			properties. Mass structure and of original rock are no longer v been significantly transported	material texture and fabric isible, but the soil has not		
	XW	Extremely Weathered	Material is weathered to such properties. Mass structure and of original rock are still visible	an extent that it has soil material texture and fabric		
	HW	Highly Weathered	The whole of the rock material iron staining or bleaching to the the original rock is not recogr significantly changed by wea minerals have weathered to cla be increased by leaching, or r deposition of weathering product	is discoloured, usually by e extent that the colour of nizable. Rock strength is tthering. Some primary ay minerals. Porosity may nay be decreased due to ts in pores.		
	MW	Moderately Weathered	The whole of the rock material iron staining or bleaching to the the original rock is not recogniz change of strength from fresh ro	is discoloured, usually by e extent that the colour of able, but shows little or no ick		
	SW	Slightly Weathered	Rock is partially discoloured v along joints but shows little or r fresh rock	with staining or bleaching no change in strength from		
	FR	Fresh	Rock shows no sign of deminerals or colour changes	composition of individual		
		Note : Where it is not Distinctly Weathered (L changed by weatherit ironstaining. Porosity deposition of weatherin	possible to distinguish between H W) may be used. DW is defined ng. The rock may be highly may be increased by leaching, g products in pores'	HW and MW rock the term d as 'Rock strength usually discoloured, usually by or may be decreased by		
Strength (AS1726:2017)	M	Term	Point Load Strength Index (I _{s50} ,	MPa)		
	L	Low	>0.1 ≤0.3			
	M	Medium	>0.3 ≤1			
	H VH	High Very High	>1 ≤3 >3 ≤10			
	EH	Extremely High	>10	-		
Defect Spacing		Description Extremely closely space	he	spacing (mm) <20		
		Very closely spaced		20 to 60		
		Closely spaced		60 to 200 200 to 600		
		Widely spaced		600 to 2000		
		Very widely spaced	d	2000 to 6000		
Defect Description (AS1726:2017)			d	20000		
Туре	Dt	De atia a				
	Jo	Joint				
	Sh	Sheared Surface				
	Sz Ss	Sheared Zone Sheared Seam				
	Cs	Crushed Seam				
	ls Fws	Infilled Seam Extremely Weathered S	leam			
	Ews	Exitencity weathered e	oum			
Macro-surface geometry	St	Stepped				
	Un	Undulating				
	lr D	Irregular				
		ridildi				
Micro-surface geometry	Vro	Very Rough				
	Sm	Smooth				
	Po	Polished				
	SI	Slickensided				
Coating or infilling	cn	clean				
	sn	stained				
	cg	coating				



Grain Size mm			Bedded rocks (mostly sedimentary)								
More than 20	an Grain Size 20					At least 50% of grains are of carbonate				At least 50% of grains are of fine-grained volcanic rock	
	6	RUDACEOUS		CONGLOMERATE Rounded boulders, cobbles and gravel cemented in a finer matrix Breccia Irregular rock fragments in a finer matrix		ed)		Calcirudite		Fragments of volcanic ejecta in a finer matrix Rounded grains AGGLOMERATE Angular grains VOLCANIC BRECCIA	SALINE ROCKS Halite Anhydrite
	0.6	ARENACEOUS	Coarse Medium Fine	SANDSTONE Angular or rounded grai cemented by clay, calci Quartzite Quartz grains and silice Arkose Many feldspar grains Greywacke Many rock chins	NDSTONE jular or rounded grains, commonly nented by clay, calcite or iron minerals artzite artz grains and siliceous cement iose ny feldspar grains sywacke by rock chins		LIMESTONE and DC (undifferentiat	Calcarenite		Cemented volcanic ash	Gypsum
	0.002 Less than 0.002	ARGILLACEOUS		MUDSTONE SHALE Fissile	SILTSTONE Mostly silt CLAYSTONE Mostly clay	Calcareous Mudstone		Calcisiltite Calcilutite	CHALK	Fine-grained TUFF	
Amorpho crypto-cry	us or vstalline			Flint: occurs as hands of nodules in the chalk Chert: occurs as nodules and beds in limestone and calcareous sandstone							COAL LIGNITE
				Granular cemented – except amorphous rocks							
		SILICEOUS			CALCAREOUS			SILICEOUS	CARBONACEOUS		
SEDIMENTARY ROCKS Granular cemented rocks vary greatly in strength, some sandstones are stronger than many Igneous rocks. Bedding may not sho specimens and is best seen in outcrop. Only sedimentary rocks, and some metamorphic rocks derived from them, contain fossils Calcareous rocks contain calcite (calcium carbonate) which effervesces with dilute hydrochloric acid							may not show in hand ntain fossils				

AS1726 – Identification of Sedimentary Rocks for Engineering Purposes

AS1726 – Identification of Metamorphic and Igneous Rocks for Engineering Purposes

Obviously foliated rocks (mostly metamorphic)			Rocks with massive structure and crystalline texture (mostly igneous)					
Grain size description			Grain size description	Pe	Pegmatite		Pyrosenite	More than 20
	CNEISS	MARBLE			1	_	Poridorito	20
	Well developed but often widely	QUARTZITE		GRANITE	Diorite	GABBRO	Pendonite	
	schistose bands							6
COARSE		Granulite	COARSE	These rocks are phorphyritic and for example, as	e sometimes I are then described, porphyritic granite			
	Migmatite	HORNEELS						
	and gneisses				-			2
	SCHIST Well developed undulose foliation; generally much mica	Amphibolite		Micorgranite	Microdiorite			0.6
MEDIUM		Serpentine	MEDIUM	These rocks are sometimes phorphyritic and are then described as porphyries				
						Dolerite		0.2
								0.06
	PHYLLITE Slightly undulose foliation; sometimes 'spotted'		FINE	RHYOLITE	ANDESITE	DACALT		0.002
FINE	SLATE Well developed plane cleavage (foliation)		FINE	These rocks are sometimes phorphyritic and are then described as porphyries		BASALI		Less than 0.002
	Mylonite Found in fault zones, mainly in igneous and metamorphic areas			Obsidian	Volcanic glass			Amorphous or cryptocrystallin e
CRYSTALLINE			Pale<					
SILICEOUS		Mainly SILICEOUS		ACID Much quartz	INTERMEDIATE Some quartz	BASIC Little or no quartz	ULTRA BASIC	
METAMORPHIC ROCKS Most metamorphic rocks are distinguished by foliation which may impart fissility. Foliation in gneisses is best observed in outcrop. Non- foliated metamorphics are difficult to recognize except by association. Any rock baked by contact metamorphism is described as 'homfels' and is generally somewhat stronger than the parent rock Most fresh metamorphic rocks are strong although perhaps fissile		IGNEOUS ROCKS Composed of closely interlocking mineral grains. Strong when fresh; not porous Mode of occurrence : 1 Batholith; 2 Laccoliths; 3 Sills; 4 Dykes; 5 Lava Flows; 6 Veins						