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Attention: Mr J Millard

Dear Sir

re: **Proposed Development
88 Idaline Street, Collaroy Plateau
Limited Geotechnical Investigation**

This letter report provides the results of a limited geotechnical investigation at the above site. The work was commissioned by Mr J Millard in a signed confirmation of engagement dated 22 January 2020, and was carried out as per our email dated 23 January 2020.

Proposed Development

We understand that the development will include the demolition of the existing house and the construction of a new dwelling, including a basement and a swimming pool. Basement excavation is understood to be up to about 3.0m deep.

A limited geotechnical investigation was required to assess sub-surface conditions across the site in order to provide geotechnical recommendations with respect to the proposed development, and recommendations on excavation conditions and vibrations limits.

Based on our experience in the Northern Sydney region, the subsurface profile at the proposed development site is anticipated to comprise a sequence of silty sand / sandy silt and bedrock. The depth to bedrock was likely to vary from about 1.0m to 3.0m from the existing ground surface. This limited investigation included hand drilling of two shallow boreholes. This report provides assessments and recommendations based on results of the investigation.

Field Work

Field work for the geotechnical investigation was carried out on 24 January 2020, and consisted of the following:

- A walk over survey to assess existing site conditions and site stability with regard to the proposed development.
- Reviewing services plans obtained from "Dial Before You Dig" to determine approximate locations of any services across the proposed development site.

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- Scanning proposed borehole locations for underground services to ensure that services would not be damaged during field work. We engaged a specialist services locator for this purpose.
- Hand drilling of two boreholes at the locations shown on the attached Drawing No 14602/1-AA1. All boreholes were terminated at shallow depths of 0.8m to 0.9m due to refusal to hand drilling on sandstone bedrock or boulders. Engineering logs and explanatory notes are also attached.
- Dynamic Cone Penetration (DCP) tests were conducted adjacent to the boreholes to assess strength characteristics of sub-surface soils.
- Recover representative soil samples for visual classification.
- Measure depths to groundwater level in boreholes, if encountered.

Regional Geology

Reference to the Geological Map of Sydney (Scale 1:100,000) indicates the residual soils within the site to be underlain by Hawkesbury Sandstone comprising medium to coarse grained quartz sandstone, very minor shale and laminite lenses.

Reference to the Soil Landscape Map of Sydney (Scale 1:100,000) indicates that the site is located within the Gymea soil landscape area and typically consists of shallow, highly permeable sands associated with rock outcrop.

Site Conditions

The proposed development site is rectangular and measures approximately 43.0m by 13.5m. The site is bound by Acacia Street to the north, Idaline Street to the east, and existing residential developments to the south and west. Topography of the site is generally flat, with a gentle slope to the east. Currently, there is a single dwelling in the centre portion of the site. There are several matured trees and bushes scattered across the site.

Sub-surface Conditions

Sub-surface materials encountered in the boreholes are detailed in the attached engineering logs and summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1 – Subsurface Profiles Encountered in Boreholes

| Borehole No | Termination Depth | Depth of Topsoil | Natural | Bedrock |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| BH1 | 0.9 | 0.0-0.1 | 0.1-0.9 | 0.9* |
| BH2 | 0.8 | 0.0-0.1 | 0.1-0.8 | 0.8* |

* Assessed from DCP refusal

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Natural | Silty Sand, fine grained, brown, with grass roots |
| Bedrock | Sandstone, fine to medium grained, grey/yellow, medium strength, slightly weathered (interpreted) |

Groundwater or seepage was not encountered to the terminated depths of the boreholes. However, it should be noted that groundwater/seepage level might vary due to rainfall, temperature, and other factors not evident during field work.

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DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Slope Stability Assessment

Site factors such as slope angles, thickness of insitu soils, and strength of sub-surface materials and concentrations of water generally govern the stability of a site. "Practice Note Guidelines for Landslide Risk Management" prepared by Australian Geomechanics Society (Reference 1) recommend that the landslide risk of a site is assessed on the basis of the likelihood of a landslide event and the consequences of that event.

Applying the guidelines and based on the site inspection and sub-surface conditions encountered in the boreholes, the site for the proposed alterations and additions is assessed as follows:

- **Qualitative Measures of Likelihood** - For the existing site conditions, it is our assessment that an event of a slope failure (including soil, floaters and debris slide or flow) is "Unlikely", which means a slope failure might occur under very adverse circumstances, with indicative annual probability of $\approx 10^{-4}$. The likelihood of slope failure might increase if construction of the residence results in unstable cut and fill slopes. Therefore, design and construction of the proposed residence should ensure that the likelihood of slope failure is not increased.
- **Qualitative Measures of Consequences to Property** - It is our assessment that the consequences of slope failure in the site to the property would be "Medium", resulting in moderate damage to some structures, or a significant part of the site requiring large reinstatement/stabilisation works.

Based on the above Qualitative Measures, the site for the proposed residence is assessed to have a "Low Risk" to the property, before and after completion of the residence, provided excavations are appropriately battered or retained. The definitions of the risk levels are provided in Reference 1 and an extract is presented below.

| Risk Level | | Implication |
|------------|----------------|---|
| VH | Very High Risk | Extensive detailed investigation and research, planning and implementation of treatment options, essential to reduce risk to acceptable levels; might be too expensive and not practical. |
| H | High Risk | Detailed investigation, planning and implementation of treatment options required to reduce risk to acceptable levels. |
| M | Moderate Risk | Tolerable, provided treatment plan is implemented to maintain or reduce risks. Might be accepted. Might require investigation and planning of treatment options. |
| L | Low Risk | Usually accepted. Treatment requirements and responsibility to be defined to maintain or reduce risk. |
| VL | Very Low Risk | Acceptable. Manage by normal slope maintenance procedures. |

Based on the above, the development at the site is considered suitable, providing:

- Construction works are carried out in accordance with Northern Beaches Council's general guidelines.
- Cut and fill slopes are minimised, and all cut and fill slopes are battered appropriately or retained by engineered retaining walls.
- All footings are founded on bedrock (not floaters) encountered at the site.

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Excavation Conditions

We understand that the excavation for the construction of the pool and garage will reach to depths of 3m. The sandstone bedrock and boulders exposed at the site are generally of medium to high strength, therefore excavation would be difficult and might require larger equipment such as a rock saw, rock hammer, rippers, etc.

Selection of excavation equipment should be based on site access, strength of sub-surface materials and the likely impact of vibration to structures (building, houses, roads, etc.) in the vicinity of the excavation. Contractors should be able to make their own judgement when tendering for excavation works based on existing site conditions and experience in such circumstances.

Acceptable vibration is based on the nature and state of neighbouring structures, which will have to be established by a dilapidation survey. As a general guide, the acceptable maximum peak particle velocity in a residential area would range from about 5mm/s to 10mm/s.

In order to keep the vibration limit within 5mm/s, the following can be considered in selection of a hammer and carrier (excavator).

| Equipment | Carrier Weight | Safe Working Distance* |
|--|----------------|------------------------|
| Hand operated jack hammer | - | 2m nominal |
| 250kg hammer operated at 100% capacity | 5 to 12 tonnes | 10m |
| 250kg hammer operated at 50% capacity | 5 to 12 tonnes | 5m |
| 550kg hammer operated at 50% capacity | 8 to 15 tonnes | 10m |

* From neighbouring structures

However, we recommend that a saw cutter is used to cut on the boundaries (garage), and a hammer to break the rock into small pieces for removal.

It is recommended that a contiguous retaining wall is used if the excavation is less than 3m from an adjacent property or public asset.

Batter Slopes and Retaining Structures

Cut slopes during and after proposed development works should be battered for stability or retained by engineered retaining structures. Recommended batter slopes for stability of cut and fill slopes in fill, residual soils and sandstone bedrock are presented below in Table 2.

TABLE 2

| Material | Temporary (Horizontal : Vertical) | | Permanent (Horizontal : Vertical) | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| | Exposed | Protected | Exposed | Protected |
| Sands (≈1m) | 1.5:1.0 | 1.0:1.0 | 2.5:1.0 | 2.0:1.0 |
| Bedrock – Very low to low strength | 1.0:1.0 | 0.75:1.0 | 1.5:1.0 | 1.0:1.0 |
| Bedrock – Medium to high strength | Vertical | Vertical | Vertical | Vertical |

Vertical excavations in medium to high strength sandstone, where required, will have a very low risk of instability. However, some local rock bolting and shotcreting might be required depending on the relative orientation of rock discontinuities (bedding partings, fractures, and joint systems) and excavation faces.

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Therefore, we recommend that the excavation is progressively inspected (at 1m depth intervals) by a Geotechnical Engineer to identify any instability and recommend suitable remedial measures.

Slopes steeper than those listed in Table 2 would need to be retained by engineered retaining structures.

Footings

All footings for the proposed alterations and additions should be founded on stable sandstone bedrock (not floaters). Footings founded on sandstone bedrock can be designed for an allowable bearing pressure of 1,000kPa. Bored piers might be required in areas where depth to bedrock is deep. Bored piers should be socketed at least 0.3m in sandstone bedrock to mobilise the above recommended bearing pressure.

Total settlement of footings founded on sandstone bedrock is estimated to be about 1% for minimum footing dimension. Differential settlement is expected to be about 50% for total settlement. It is important that footings are founded on similar material to minimise differential movement.

Floor Slabs

Floor slabs can be founded on bedrock or suspended on footings. It is important that slabs are founded on similar material to minimise differential movement.

Limitations

As the recommendations presented in this report are based on information from two hand drilled boreholes and site observations, actual sub-surface conditions across the site might differ from those expected (interpreted). If such differences are encountered during construction, we recommend that this office is contacted for further advice. This can also occur with groundwater conditions, especially after climatic changes.

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

Yours faithfully
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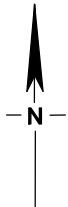


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Attached Drawing 14602/1-AA1 – Borehole Locations
 Excavation Logs & Explanatory Notes

Reference

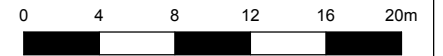
- 1) Australian Geomechanics - "Practice Note Guidelines for Landslide Risk Management (2007)"



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LEGEND

● Borehole



Scale 1:400



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NOTES

1. Site features are indicative and are not to scale.
2. This drawing has been produced using a base plan provided by others to which additional information e.g test pits, borehole locations or notes have been added. Some or all of the plan may not be relevant at the time of producing this drawing

Mr James Millard
 Proposed Basement
 88 Idaline Street
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Borehole Locations

Drawing No: 14602/1-AA1
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 Date: 31 January 2020
 Checked By: NK

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 Layers: 0, AA1

engineering log - borehole

| Client : MR JAMES MILLARD | | Job No. : 14602/1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|---|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|--|--|-----------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Project : PROPOSED BASEMENT | | Borehole No. : BH1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Location : 88 IDALINE STREET, COLLAROY PLATEAU | | Date : 24/01/2020 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Logged/Checked by: NK/RR | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| drill model and mounting : HAND AUGER | | slope : deg. R.L. surface : | | | | | | | | | | | |
| hole diameter : 100 mm | | bearing : deg. datum : AHD | | | | | | | | | | | |
| method | groundwater | env samples | PID reading (ppm) | geo samples | field test | depth or R.L. in meters | graphic log | classification symbol | MATERIAL DESCRIPTION soil type, plasticity or particle characteristic, colour, secondary and minor components. | moisture condition | consistency density index | hand penetrometer kPa | Remarks and additional observations |
| DRY | | | | | CO NO Z E | 0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 | 1 1 1 1 1 2 5 8 18 | SM | TOPSOIL: Silty Sand, fine grained, brown, with grass roots Silty SAND, fine grained, brown | D | L | | |
| | | | | | Refusal | | | | Borehole No 1 terminated at 0.9m due to refusal on possible sandstone | | | | |

engineering log - borehole

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|---|-------------|---|-------------------|-------------|--|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Project : PROPOSED BASEMENT | | Borehole No. : BH2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Location : 88 IDALINE STREET, COLLAROY PLATEAU | | Date : 24/01/2020 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Logged/Checked by: NK/RR | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| drill model and mounting : HAND AUGER | | slope : deg. R.L. surface : | | | | | | | | | | | |
| hole diameter : 100 mm | | bearing : deg. datum : AHD | | | | | | | | | | | |
| method | groundwater | env samples | PID reading (ppm) | geo samples | field test | depth or R.L. in meters | graphic log | classification symbol | MATERIAL DESCRIPTION soil type, plasticity or particle characteristic, colour, secondary and minor components. | moisture condition | consistency density index | hand penetrometer kPa | Remarks and additional observations |
| DRY | | | | | CO O Z O N E 1 1 2 2 2 5 5 19 | 0 | | SM | TOPSOIL: Silty Sand, fine grained, brown, with grass roots | D | L | | |
| | | | | | | 0.5 | | | Silty SAND, fine grained, brown | | | | |
| | | | | | Refusal | 1 | | | Borehole No 2 terminated at 0.8m due to refusal on possible sandstone | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1.5 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2.5 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 3.5 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 4.5 | | | | | | | |

Log Symbols & Abbreviations (Non-cored Borehole Log)



| Log Column | Symbol/Value | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Drilling Method | V-bit TC-bit RR DB BB | Hardened steel 'V' shaped bit attached to auger Tungsten Carbide bit attached to auger Tricone (Rock Roller) bit Drag bit Blade bit |
| Groundwater | Dry | Groundwater not encountered to the drilled or auger refusal depth |
| | ▼ | Groundwater level at depths shown on log |
| | ▶ | Groundwater seepage at depths shown on log |
| Environment Sample | GP G P | Glass bottle and plastic bag sample over depths shown on log Glass bottle sample over depths shown on log Plastic bag sample over depths shown on log |
| PID Reading | 100 | PID reading in ppm |
| Geotechnical Sample | DS DB U ₅₀ | Disturbed Small bag sample over depths shown on log Disturbed Bulk sample over depths shown on log Undisturbed 50mm tube sample over depths shown on log |
| Field Test | N=10 3,5,5 | Standard Penetration Test (SPT) 'N' value. Individual numbers indicate blows per 150mm penetration. |
| | N=R 10,15/100 | 'R' represents refusal to penetration in hard/very dense soils or in cobbles or boulders. The first number represents 10 blows for 150mm penetration whereas the second number represents 15 blows for 100mm penetration where SPT met refusal |
| | DCP/PSP | 5 6 R/10 |
| Classification | GP GW GM GC SP SW SM SC ML MI MH CL CI CH | Poorly Graded GRAVEL Well graded GRAVEL Silty GRAVEL Clayey GRAVEL Poorly graded SAND Well graded SAND Silty SAND Clayey SAND SILT / Sandy SILT / clayey SILT, low plasticity SILT / Sandy SILT / clayey SILT, medium plasticity SILT / Sandy SILT / clayey SILT, high plasticity CLAY / Silty CLAY / Sandy CLAY / Gravelly CLAY, low plasticity CLAY / Silty CLAY / Sandy CLAY / Gravelly CLAY, medium plasticity CLAY / Silty CLAY / Sandy CLAY / Gravelly CLAY, high plasticity |
| Moisture Condition Cohesive soils | M<PL M=PL M>PL | Moisture content less than Plastic Limit Moisture content equal to Plastic Limit Moisture content to be greater than Plastic Limit |
| Cohesionless soils | D M W | Dry - Runs freely through hand Moist - Tends to cohere Wet - Tends to cohere |
| Consistency Cohesive soils | VS S F St VSt H | Term Undrained shear strength, C _u (kPa) Hand Penetrometer (Qu) Very Soft ≤12 <25 Soft >12 ≤25 25 – 50 Firm >25 ≤50 50 – 100 Stiff >50 ≤100 100 – 200 Very Stiff >100 ≤200 200 – 400 Hard >200 >400 |
| Density Index Cohesionless soils | VL L M D VD | Term Density Index, I _D (%) SPT 'N' (blows/300mm) Very Loose ≤15 ≤5 Loose >15 ≤35 >5 ≤10 Medium Dense >35 ≤65 >10 ≤30 Dense >65 ≤85 >30 ≤50 Very Dense >85 >50 |
| Hand Penetrometer | 100 200 | Unconfined compressive strength (q _u) in kPa determined using pocket penetrometer, at depths shown on log |
| Remarks | Residual Alluvium Colluvial Aeolian Marine | Geological origin of soils Residual soils above bedrock River deposited Alluvial soils Gravity deposited Colluvial soils Wind deposited Aeolian soils Marine Soils |

AS1726 – Unified Soil Classification System

| Major Divisions | | Particle size (mm) | Group Symbol | Typical Names | Field Identifications Sand and Gravels | | Laboratory classification | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| COARSE GRAINED SOILS (more than half of material less than 63mm is larger than 0.075mm) | BOULDERS | 200 | | | | | % (2) < 0.075mm | Plasticity of Fine Fraction | $C_u = D_{60}/D_{10}$ | $C_c = (D_{30})^2/(D_{10}D_{60})$ | Notes | | | | | | | |
| | COBBLES | 63 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | GRAVELS (more than half of coarse fraction is larger than 2.36mm) | Coarse 20 | | GW | Well-graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines | Wide range in grain size and substantial amounts of all intermediate sizes, not enough fines to bind coarse grains, no dry strength | | 0-5 | - | >4 | between 1 and 3 | 1. Identify lines by the method given for fine grained soils 2. Borderline classifications occur when the percentage of fines (fraction smaller than 0.075mm size) is greater than 5% and less than 12%. Borderline classifications require the use of dual symbols e.g. SP-SM, GW-GC | | | | | | |
| | | Medium 6 Fine 2.36 | GP | Poorly graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines, uniform gravels | Predominantly one size or range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing, not enough fines to bind coarse grains, no dry strength | | 0-5 | - | Fails to comply with above | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | GM | Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures | 'Dirty' materials with excess of non-plastic fines, zero to medium dry strength | | 12-50 | Below 'A' line or $I_p < 4$ | - | - | | | | | | | | |
| | | | GC | Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures | 'Dirty' materials with excess of plastic fines, medium to high dry strength | | 12-50 | Above 'A' line or $I_p > 7$ | - | - | | | | | | | | |
| | SANDS (more than half of coarse fraction is smaller than 2.36mm) | Coarse 0.6 | | SW | Well-graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines | Wide range in grain size and substantial amounts of all intermediate sizes, not enough fines to bind coarse grains, no dry strength | | 0-5 | - | >6 | between 1 and 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | Medium 0.2 Fine 0.075 | SP | Poorly graded sands and gravelly sands; little or no fines, uniform sands | Predominantly one size or range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing, not enough fines to bind coarse grains, no dry strength | | 0-5 | - | Fails to comply with above | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | SM | Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures | 'Dirty' materials with excess of non-plastic fines, zero to medium dry strength | | 12-50 | Below 'A' line or $I_p < 4$ | - | - | | | | | | | | |
| | | | SC | Clayey sand, sand-clay mixtures | 'Dirty' materials with excess of plastic fines, medium to high dry strength | | 12-50 | Above 'A' line or $I_p > 7$ | - | - | | | | | | | | |
| FINE GRAINED SOILS (more than half of material less than 63mm is smaller than 0.075mm) | SILTS & CLAYS (liquid limit < 50%) | ML | Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands or clayey silts with slight plasticity | Dry Strength | Dilatancy | Toughness | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-size: small; margin-right: 10px;">More than 50% passing 0.075mm</div> <table border="1" style="font-size: x-small; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">Below 'A' line</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">Above 'A' line</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">Below 'A' line</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">Below 'A' line</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">Above 'A' line</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">Below 'A' line</td></tr> </table> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> </div> </div> | | | | | | Below 'A' line | Above 'A' line | Below 'A' line | Below 'A' line | Above 'A' line | Below 'A' line |
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| CL, CI | Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays | None to low | Quick to slow | None | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OL | Organic silts and organic silty clays of low plasticity | Medium to high | None to very slow | Medium | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SILTS & CLAYS (liquid limit > 50%) | MH | Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils, elastic silts | Low to medium | Slow | Low | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | CH | Inorganic clays of medium to high plasticity, fat clays | Low to medium | Slow to none | Low to medium | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | OH | Organic clays of medium to high plasticity, organic silts | High to very high | None | High | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pt | Peat and highly organic soils | Medium to high | None to very slow | Low to medium | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS | | Pt | Peat and highly organic soils | Identified by colour, odour, spongy feel and generally by fibrous texture | | Effervesces with H ₂ O ₂ | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Use the gradation of material passing 63mm for classification of fractions according to the criteria given in 'Major Divisions'

Log Symbols & Abbreviations (Cored Borehole Log)

| Log Column | Symbol | Description |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Core Size | NQ NMLC HQ | Nominal Core Size (mm) 47 52 63 |
| Water Loss |   | Complete water loss Partial water loss |
| Weathering | FR SW DW EW RS | <p>Fresh Rock shows no sign of decomposition or staining</p> <p>Slightly Weathered Rock is slightly discoloured but shows little or no change of strength from fresh rock</p> <p>Distinctly Weathered Rock strength usually changed by weathering. The rock may be highly discoloured, usually by ironstaining. Porosity may be increased by leaching, or may be decreased by deposition of weathering products in pores</p> <p>Extremely Weathered Rock is weathered to such an extent that it has 'soil' properties, i.e. it either disintegrate or can be remoulded, in water</p> <p>Residual Soil Soil developed on extremely weathered rock; the mass structure and substance fabric are no longer evident; there is a large change in volume but soil has not been significantly transported</p> |
| Strength | EL VL L M H VH EH | <p>Term Point Load Strength Index (I_{s50}, MPa)</p> <p>Extremely Low ≤ 0.03</p> <p>Very Low >0.03 ≤ 0.1</p> <p>Low >0.1 ≤ 0.3</p> <p>Medium >0.3 ≤ 1</p> <p>High >1 ≤ 3</p> <p>Very High >3 ≤ 10</p> <p>Extremely High >10</p> |
| Defect Spacing | | <p>Description Spacing (mm)</p> <p>Extremely closely spaced <20</p> <p>Very closely spaced 20 to 60</p> <p>Closely spaced 60 to 200</p> <p>Medium spaced 200 to 600</p> <p>Widely spaced 600 to 2000</p> <p>Very widely spaced 2000 to 6000</p> <p>Extremely widely spaced >6000</p> |
| Defect Description Type | Bp Fp Jo Sh Cs Ds Is | <p>Bedding parting</p> <p>Foliation parting</p> <p>Joint</p> <p>Sheared zone</p> <p>Crushed seam</p> <p>Decomposed seam</p> <p>Infilled seam</p> |
| Macro-surface geometry | St Cu Un Ir Pl | <p>Stepped</p> <p>Curved</p> <p>Undulating</p> <p>Irregular</p> <p>Planar</p> |
| Micro-surface geometry | Ro Sm Sl | <p>Rough</p> <p>Smooth</p> <p>Slickensided</p> |
| Coating or infilling | cn sn vn cg | <p>clean</p> <p>stained</p> <p>vener</p> <p>coating</p> |

AS1726 – Identification of Sedimentary Rocks for Engineering Purposes

| Grain Size mm | | Bedded rocks (mostly sedimentary) | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------|--|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| More than 20 | 20 | Grain Size Description | | 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 | | | | LIMESTONE and DOLOMITE (undifferentiated) | Calcirudite | Fragments of volcanic ejecta in a finer matrix | SALINE ROCKS | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Rounded grains AGGLOMERATE Angular grains VOLCANIC BRECCIA | Halite | |
| 2 | ARENACEOUS | | Coarse | SANDSTONE Angular or rounded grains, commonly cemented by clay, calcite or iron minerals | | | | LIMESTONE and DOLOMITE (undifferentiated) | Calcareous Mudstone | CHALK | TUFF Cemented volcanic ash | Anhydrite Gypsum |
| 0.6 | ARENACEOUS | | Medium | Quartzite Quartz grains and siliceous cement | | | | | | | | |
| 0.2 | ARENACEOUS | | Fine | Arkose Many feldspar grains Greywacke Many rock chips | | | | | | | | |
| 0.06 | ARENACEOUS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 0.002 | 0.002 | ARGILLACEOUS | | MUDSTONE | SILTSTONE Mostly silt | Calcareous Mudstone | Calcsiltite | CHALK | Fine-grained TUFF | | | |
| | Less than 0.002 | | | SHALE Fissile | CLAYSTONE Mostly clay | | | | Calclutite | Very fine-grained TUFF | | |
| Amorphous or crypto-crystalline | | | | 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 show in hand 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 | | | | | | | | |

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| Obviously foliated rocks (mostly metamorphic) | | | Rocks with massive structure and crystalline texture (mostly igneous) | | | | | | Grain size (mm) | | |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|----|
| Grain size description | | | MARBLE | Grain size description | Pegmatite | | GABBRO | Pyrosenite | More than 20 | | |
| COARSE | GNEISS Well developed but often widely spaced foliation sometimes with schistose bands | | | QUARTZITE | COARSE | GRANITE | | Diorite | Dolerite | Peridorite | 20 |
| | Migmatite Irregularly foliated: mixed schists and gneisses | | Granulite | These rocks are sometimes porphyritic and are then described, for example, as porphyritic granite | | | | | | 6 | |
| MEDIUM | SCHIST Well developed undulose foliation; generally much mica | | HORNFELS | MEDIUM | Microrgranite | Microdiorite | BASALT | | 2 | | |
| | | | Amphibolite | | These rocks are sometimes porphyritic and are then described as porphyries | | | | | 0.6 | |
| | | | Serpentine | | | | | | | 0.2 | |
| FINE | PHYLLITE Slightly undulose foliation; sometimes 'spotted' | | FINE | FINE | RHYOLITE | ANDESITE | | | 0.06 | | |
| | SLATE Well developed plane cleavage (foliation) | | | | These rocks are sometimes porphyritic and are then described as porphyries | | | | | 0.002 | |
| | Mylonite Found in fault zones, mainly in igneous and metamorphic areas | | | | Obsidian | Volcanic glass | | | Amorphous or cryptocrystalline | | |
| CRYSTALLINE | | | Pale<----->Dark | | | | | | | | |
| 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 'hornfels' 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 | | | | | | | | |