# **Geotechnical Engineering Report**

**Fitness Center – Phase 1, Aledo Retail Aledo, Texas**

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Mr. Johnson:

This report presents the findings of our boring and laboratory testing programs and provides geotechnical recommendations for the design and construction of building foundations, floor slabs, and pavements for the proposed project. This study was performed in general accordance with our proposal number P95175113 dated July 5, 2017 and revised on October 19, 2017.

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We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you on this project. If you have any questions concerning this report, or if we may be of further service, please contact us.



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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A new Fitness Center is planned in Aledo, Texas. The facility will include a single story building, access drives and associated parking areas. Four borings were drilled to depths of 20 feet in the building area and four borings were drilled to depths of 5 feet in the drive and parking areas.

The following geotechnical considerations were identified:

- Subsurface conditions generally consisted of fat clays and lean clays underlain by tan limestone with clay layers and gray limestone. There is a large variation to top of tan limestone at this site. The depth to top of tan limestone increased quickly west of Boring B-4; increasing in depth from about 4 feet in Boring B-4 to about 18 feet in Boring B-3. Groundwater was not encountered in any of the borings.
- **Number 10** We recommend supporting foundation loads on straight-sided drilled shafts bearing in the tan or gray limestone.
- **EXECT** Grade beams should be supported by the drilled shaft foundations and a minimum void space of 10 inches should be provided between the grade beam and the underlying soil. If limestone is present directly below the grade beams, no void space is required.
- If floor slab movements must be limited to less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, a floor system structurally supported above the subgrade is recommended. If potential slab movements of about one inch are acceptable, the floor slab can be supported on a modified subgrade.
- **The 2015 International Building Code, Table 1613.5.2 IBC seismic site classification for** this site is C.
- **Asphaltic concrete pavement or portland cement concrete pavement can be used at this** site. These pavements are not equal in performance. The portland cement concrete pavement is expected to require less maintenance.

This summary should be used in conjunction with the entire report for design purposes. It should be recognized that details were not included or fully developed in this section, and the report must be read in its entirety for a comprehensive understanding of the items contained herein. The section titled **GENERAL COMMENTS** should be read for an understanding of the report limitations.

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# <span id="page-4-0"></span>**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

A new Fitness Center is planned for construction in Aledo, Texas. Our scope of services for the project included drilling and sampling eight borings, laboratory testing, and engineering analyses. The purpose of these services is to provide information and geotechnical engineering recommendations relative to:

- **s** subsurface soil conditions
- **groundwater conditions**
- **E** earthwork
- **foundation design and construction**
- **seismic considerations**
- **floor slabs and building pad preparation**
- **Pavement sections and subgrade** preparation

# <span id="page-4-1"></span>**2.0 PROJECT INFORMATION**

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# <span id="page-5-1"></span>**3.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

### <span id="page-5-2"></span>**3.1 Soil Borings and Laboratory Tests**

Subsurface conditions were explored by drilling eight borings located approximately as shown on Exhibits A-2 and A-3 in Appendix A. A description of the field work is presented in Exhibit A-4. Soil, rock, and groundwater conditions encountered at the boring locations are described on the boring logs included as Exhibits A-5 to A-12. Stratification boundaries on the boring logs represent the approximate location of changes in soil types; in situ, the transition between materials may be gradual.

Laboratory tests were performed to assist with soil classification and to measure soil strength and soil swell potential. Testing procedures are presented in Appendix B. Results of the laboratory tests are listed on the boring log.

#### <span id="page-5-3"></span>**3.2 Typical Profile**

Based on the results of the borings, subsurface conditions on the project site can be generalized as follows:



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The following table summarizes the rock profile in the building borings:



#### <span id="page-6-0"></span>**3.3 Groundwater**

The borings were advanced using dry auger drilling techniques that allow short-term groundwater observations to be made while drilling. Groundwater was not encountered in all the borings during and at the completion of drilling.

Groundwater level fluctuations occur due to seasonal variations in the amount of rainfall, runoff and other factors not evident at the time the borings were performed. Therefore, groundwater levels during construction or at other times in the life of the structure may be higher. The possibility of groundwater level fluctuations should be considered when developing the design and construction plans for the project.

# <span id="page-6-1"></span>**4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**

## <span id="page-6-2"></span>**4.1 Geotechnical Considerations**

Highly expansive soils are present on this site. This report provides recommendations to help mitigate the effects of soil shrinkage and expansion associated with these soils. However, even if these procedures are followed, some movement and (at least minor) cracking in the structure



should be anticipated. The severity of cracking and other damage such as uneven floor slabs will probably increase if modification of the site results in excessive wetting or drying of the expansive soils. Eliminating the risk of movement and distress may not be feasible, but it may be possible to further reduce the risk of movement if significantly more expensive measures are used during construction. Some of these options such as moisture conditioning of expansive soils or a structural slab are discussed in this report.

At the time of our field operations in December 2017, the overburden soils were at a relatively dry state. Our laboratory absorption swell tests indicated the soil swell potential was as high as 4.1% for samples tested. The resulting moisture induced potential vertical movements are estimated to be greater than 5 inches for in-situ moisture levels.

The depth to limestone from existing ground surface fluctuated significantly across the site in the boring locations. Limestone was encountered at a depth of about 2 to 4 feet in Borings B-4, B-5, and B-6, which are located on the east side of the project (see Exhibit A-3). However, the depth to limestone dropped to about 12 to 18 feet in Borings B-1, B-2, and B-3, which are located west of boring B-4.

Geotechnical recommendations are presented in the following report sections for earthwork, building foundations, floor slab preparation, and pavements.

#### <span id="page-7-0"></span>**4.2 Earthwork**

Earthwork will include clearing and grubbing, excavations, and fill placement. The following sections provide recommendations for use in the preparation of specifications for the work. Recommendations include critical quality criteria as necessary to render the site in the state considered in our geotechnical engineering evaluation for foundations, floor slabs, and pavements.

#### <span id="page-7-1"></span>**4.2.1 Site Preparation**

Site preparation for the proposed project should include removing vegetation, topsoil, and any other unsuitable surface materials from the areas of new construction. Existing utility lines that are to be abandoned should be removed or fully grouted to prevent moisture intrusion into the site soils.

The exposed subgrade should be proof rolled prior to placing any fill and prior to pavement placement. The proof rolling should be performed with a fully loaded, tandem-axle dump truck or other equipment providing an equivalent subgrade loading. A minimum gross weight of 20 tons is recommended for the proof-rolling equipment.

The proof rolling should consist of several overlapping passes in mutually perpendicular directions over a given area. Any soft or pumping areas should be modified by excavating,



drying the soil and placing the processed soil back into the excavated area in a controlled manner.

### <span id="page-8-0"></span>**4.2.2 Suitable Fill**

The following soil materials are discussed in the coming sections of this report. The following table summarizes their nomenclature, detailed descriptions, and appropriate usage in the context of this project.



#### <span id="page-8-1"></span>**4.2.3 Compaction Requirements**

Recommendations for compaction are presented in the following table. We recommend engineered fill be tested for moisture content and compaction during placement. Should the results of the in-place density tests indicate the specified moisture or compaction limits have not been met, the area represented by the test should be reworked and retested as required until the specified moisture and compaction requirements are achieved.



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2. The compaction criteria in fire lanes and roadways must meet the requirements, if any, as prescribed by the local governing authority.

Note that any material removed and replaced to install utilities, grade beams or other subsurface elements must be placed and compacted to the appropriate criteria above using the required materials.

#### <span id="page-9-0"></span>**4.2.4 Drainage and Utilities**

The flatwork abutting the structure should be sloped down to provide effective drainage away from the buildings. Where paving or flatwork abuts the structure, the joints should be properly sealed and maintained to prevent the infiltration of surface water. Open ground should be sloped on 5 percent or steeper grades for 10 or more feet away from the building. Roof drains should discharge on paved surfaces or be extended away from the structure. The on-site soils are susceptible to erosion and will require protection.

Care should be taken that utility trenches are properly backfilled. Utility trenches penetrating beneath the building should be effectively sealed to restrict water intrusion and flow through the trenches, which could migrate below the building. The trench should provide an effective trench plug that extends at least 5 feet from the face of the building exterior. The plug material should consist of cementitious flowable fill or low permeability clay. The trench plug material should be placed to surround the utility line. The clay trench plug material should be placed and compacted to comply with the water content and compaction recommendations of section **4.2.3 Compaction Requirements**.

#### <span id="page-9-1"></span>**4.2.5 Earthwork Construction Considerations**

It is anticipated that excavations in the upper soils for the proposed construction may encounter clay soil, as well as tan limestone with clay seams. Deeper excavation will encounter tan and gray limestone. The limestone is hard and may be difficult to excavate. Excavations extending into the limestone may require breaker hoes, trenchers and milling machines equipped with rock teeth. Line drilling can be used to control over break at the limits of the excavation. The limestone may be very difficult to break down for use as suitable fill in the building and paving areas and may have to be placed in landscape areas (i.e. outside building and pavement areas) or wasted.

Based upon the subsurface conditions determined from the geotechnical exploration, subgrade soils exposed during construction are anticipated to be relatively stable to construction traffic.



However, the stability of the subgrade may be affected by precipitation, repetitive construction traffic, closeness to the groundwater seepage or other factors. If unstable conditions develop, workability may be improved by scarifying and drying. Lightweight excavation equipment may be required to reduce subgrade pumping. The use of remotely operated equipment, such as a backhoe, would be beneficial to perform cuts and reduce subgrade disturbance.

Upon completion of filling and grading, care should be taken to maintain the subgrade moisture content prior to construction of floor slabs and pavements. Construction traffic over the completed subgrade should be avoided to the extent practical. The site should also be graded to prevent ponding of surface water on the prepared subgrades or in excavations. If the subgrade should become frozen, desiccated, saturated, or disturbed, the affected material should be removed or these materials should be scarified, moisture conditioned, and recompacted prior to floor slab and pavement construction.

As a minimum, excavations should be performed in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR, Part 1926, Subpart P, "Excavations" and its appendices, and in accordance with any applicable local, and/or state regulations. The grading contractor, by his contract, is usually responsible for designing and constructing stable, temporary excavations and should shore, slope or bench the sides of the excavations as required, to maintain stability of both the excavation sides and bottom. All excavations should comply with applicable local, state and federal safety regulations, including the current OSHA Excavation and Trench Safety Standards.

The geotechnical engineer, or their representative, should be retained during the construction phase of the project to observe earthwork and to perform necessary tests and observations during subgrade preparation; proof-rolling; placement and compaction of controlled compacted fills; backfilling of excavations into the completed subgrade, and just prior to construction of building floor slabs.

# <span id="page-10-0"></span>**4.3 Foundations**

# <span id="page-10-1"></span>**4.3.1 Straight Drilled Shafts**

A low risk method of supporting the structure and reducing the risk of foundation movements is to support the loads on drilled shaft foundations. Design recommendations are provided in the following sections for straight drilled shafts bearing in the tan or gray limestone stratum.



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## <span id="page-11-0"></span>**4.3.2 Lateral Capacity**

The drilled shafts may be subject to lateral loads. Parameters for lateral load analysis are provided in the follow tables for use in Ensoft's L-PILE (version 6.0) computer program. Overburden soils should be neglected for lateral analysis.





### <span id="page-12-0"></span>**4.3.3 Uplift with Drilled Shafts**

The drilled shafts will be subject to uplift as a result of heave in the overlying clay soils. The magnitude of these loads varies with the shaft diameter, soil parameters, and particularly the insitu moisture levels at the time of construction. The shafts must contain sufficient continuous vertical reinforcing and embedment depth into the limestone stratum to resist the net tensile load.

For the conditions encountered at this site, the uplift load can be approximated by assuming a uniform uplift of 1,800 psf over the shaft perimeter for a depth of 10 feet. If the subgrade is moisture conditioned as discussed in section **4.4.2 Floor Slabs/Flatwork on Modified Subgrade**, a uniform uplift of 1,000 psf can be used for a depth of 10 feet.

#### <span id="page-12-1"></span>**4.3.4 Drilled Shaft Construction Considerations**

The construction of all drilled shafts should be observed by experienced geotechnical personnel during construction to confirm: 1) the bearing stratum; 2) the minimum bearing depth; 3) that groundwater seepage is correctly handled; and 4) that the shafts are within acceptable vertical tolerance.



Recommendations for drilled shaft construction are presented in the following table.

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## <span id="page-13-0"></span>**4.3.5 Grade Beams, Wall Panels and Pier Caps with Drilled Shafts**

In conjunction with drilled shafts, all grade beams or wall panels should be supported by the drilled shafts. A minimum void space of 10 inches is required between the bottom of grade beams, pier cap extensions, or wall panels and the subgrade where clay soils are present. This void will serve to reduce distress resulting from swell pressures generated by the clay soils. Structural cardboard forms are one acceptable means of providing this void beneath cast-inplace elements. Soil retainers should be used to prevent infilling of the void. Where clay soils are present, the grade beams should be formed rather than cast against earth trenches.

Backfill against the exterior face of grade beams, wall panels and pier caps should be placed and compacted as described in section **4.2.3 Compaction Requirements**.

#### <span id="page-13-1"></span>**4.4 Floor System and Flatwork**

The potential magnitude of the moisture induced movement is rather indeterminate. It is influenced by the soil properties, overburden pressures, and by soil moisture levels at the time of construction. Based on the soil types encountered in the borings, movements in slabs placed on grade are estimated to be greater than 5 inches for dry soil conditions that could exist prior to construction.

A structural slab is recommended if foundation movements are to be limited to less than one inch. The building slabs can be supported on a modified subgrade that has been prepared to reduce soil movements to about one inch. It should be noted that there is a low risk that even ½ inch of movement can result in unsatisfactory performance. Some of the risks that can affect performance include uneven floors, floor and wall cracking, and sticking doors.

#### <span id="page-13-2"></span>**4.4.1 Structural Floor System**

The floor systems should be structurally supported above the subgrade if movements of about one inch or more cannot be tolerated. This method does not require modification of the existing subgrade other than grading the surface to drain water away from the building. A minimum void space of 18 inches is recommended beneath the slab. The minimum void space can be provided by the use of cardboard carton forms or a deeper crawl space.

#### <span id="page-13-3"></span>**4.4.2 Floor Slabs/Flatwork on Modified Subgrade**

Slab on grade construction on modified subgrade should only be considered if slab movements of about one inch are considered acceptable. Reductions in anticipated movements can be achieved by using methods developed in this area to reduce on-grade slab movements. A suitable method for this site consists of moisture conditioning the on-site clays and capping them with select fill or flexible base material. Moisture conditioning can be accomplished using excavation and replacement as described below.



The areas beneath building pads and sensitive flatwork (i.e. adjacent sidewalks and pavement) should be excavated to permit the installation of 12 feet moisture conditioned soils and a 1-foot layer of select fill or flexible base material (section **4.2.2 Suitable Fill**).

The moisture conditioned soils should extend at least 10 feet beyond the buildings perimeters and include entrances, abutting sidewalks, and other flatwork areas sensitive to movement. The excavated soils, except for deleterious materials or rock greater than 4 inches, can then be placed in accordance with section **4.2.3 Compaction Requirements** for moisture conditioned clays. The select fill or flexible base material must be placed above the moisture conditioned soils in a reasonable period of time (i.e. within 48 hours) following completion of the moisture conditioning process to prevent the loss of soil moisture. If the surface of the moisture conditioned soils is allowed to desiccate prior to placement of the cap, the desiccated soils should be reworked and placed in a moisture conditioned state. The select fill cap should not extend beyond the building perimeter.

The use of a vapor retarder should be considered beneath concrete slabs on grade that will be covered with wood, tile, or carpet with a water soluble adhesive. A vapor retarder should be used for other moisture sensitive coverings, impervious coverings, or when the slab will support equipment sensitive to moisture. When conditions warrant the use of a vapor retarder, the slab designer and slab contractor should refer to ACI 302 and/or ACI 360 for procedures and cautions regarding the use and placement of a vapor retarder.

It should be noted that excessive water from any source could result in movements greater than the estimated amounts. For example, should leaks develop in underground water or sewer lines or the grades around the structure allow ponding of water, unacceptable slab movements could develop. The area around the structure must be well drained, landscape beds must not be over watered or allow ponding of water, and utility leaks are promptly repaired. Trees should be planted at least one-mature tree height from the building. Root barriers should be installed if trees are planted closer.

# <span id="page-14-0"></span>**4.5 Seismic Considerations**



1. In general accordance with the *2015 International Building Code,* Table 1613.5.2.

2. The 2015 International Building Code (IBC) uses a site soil profile determination extending a depth of 100 feet for seismic site classification. The current scope requested does not include a 100 foot soil profile determination. Borings extended to a maximum depth of approximately 20 feet and this seismic site class definition considers rock extends below the maximum depth of the subsurface exploration. Additional exploration to deeper depths would be required to confirm the conditions below the current depth of exploration. Alternatively, a geophysical exploration could be utilized in order to attempt to justify a higher seismic site class.



#### <span id="page-15-0"></span>**4.6 Pavements**

#### <span id="page-15-1"></span>**4.6.1 Pavement Subgrades**

Subgrade materials at this site will consist of clay soils and tan limestone. The clay soils are subject to loss of support with the moisture increases that can occur beneath paving. The clay soils react with hydrated lime, which serves to improve and maintain their support value. Lime treatment is recommended beneath asphaltic concrete pavement sections where clay subgrades are exposed.

For budgeting purposes, a minimum of 8 percent hydrated lime (TxDOT Item 260), by dry weight, is estimated. The lime application rate should be determined by laboratory testing once the pavement subgrade is rough graded. The lime should be thoroughly mixed and blended with the top 6 inches of the subgrade (TxDOT Item 260). Lime treatment should extend a minimum of one foot beyond the edge of the pavement.

The subgrade soils should also be tested for the presence of water soluble sulfates during construction. Sulfates can react with lime to form ettringite crystals that can lead to heave of pavements and premature pavement failure. If lime treatment of the pavement subgrade is performed, additional sulfate tests should be performed on the surface soils after final grading is complete. When the sulfate concentrations are less than 3,000 ppm, the subgrade soils are considered to be suitable for lime treatment in the conventional manner using a single lime application. When sulfate concentrations are higher than about 3,000 ppm, there is risk of lime/sulfate induced heave occurring.

Portland cement concrete pavements may be placed on compacted subgrade without lime treatment or on tan limestone. In some areas excavations to achieve the planned pavement grades might encounter tan limestone and can result in rock breakout. The concrete pavement can crack in irregular patterns due to the constraints to pavement movement caused by the rock breakouts. A bond breaker should be placed between the concrete and the rock subgrade to prevent irregular pavement cracking. This bond breaker is recommended to consist of a six-inch flexible base.

The lime modified or natural subgrade should then be uniformly compacted to the criteria described in section **4.2.3 Compaction Requirements**. It should then be protected and maintained in a moist condition until the pavement is placed. Pavement subgrades should be graded to prevent ponding and infiltration of excessive moisture on or adjacent to the pavement subgrade surface.

Site grading is generally accomplished early in the construction phase. However, as construction proceeds, the subgrade may be disturbed due to utility excavations, construction traffic, desiccation, or rainfall. As a result, the pavement subgrade may not be suitable for pavement construction and corrective action will be required. The subgrade should be carefully



evaluated and proof rolled at the time of pavement construction for signs of disturbance or excessive rutting. If disturbance has occurred, pavement subgrade areas should be reworked, moisture conditioned, and properly compacted to the recommendations in this report immediately prior to paving.

#### <span id="page-16-0"></span>**4.6.2 Pavement Traffic**

Traffic patterns and anticipated loading conditions were not available; however, typical pavement sections with subgrade modification alternatives for 20 year design life are provided. These represent a total of 45,000 18-Kip Equivalent Single Axle Loads (ESALs) for Light Duty pavement and 100,000 18-Kip ESALs for the Medium Duty pavement. The Light Duty pavement is intended for passenger car and pickup trucks and occasional delivery trucks. The Medium Duty pavement is intended for passenger car, pickup trucks, small delivery trucks, and occasional fire trucks.

If the pavements are subject to heavier loading and higher traffic counts than the assumed values, this office should be notified and provided with the information so that we may review these pavement sections and make revisions if necessary.

#### <span id="page-16-1"></span>**4.6.3 Pavement Sections**

Both asphalt and concrete pavement sections are presented in the following table. They are not considered equal. Over the life of the pavement, concrete sections would be expected to require less maintenance.

The concrete should have a minimum 28-day compressive strength of 3,000 psi in Light Duty areas and 3,500 psi in Medium Duty and dumpster areas. It should contain a minimum of 4.5±1.5 percent entrained air. As a minimum, the section should be reinforced with No. 3 bars on 18-inch centers in both directions. Refer to ACI 330 "Guide for Design and Construction of Concrete Parking Lots" for additional information concerning joint spacing, joint depth, joint location, etc.

Pavements will be subject to differential movement due to heave in the site soils. Flat grades should be avoided with positive drainage provided away from the pavement edges. Backfilling of curbs should be accomplished as soon as practical to prevent ponding of water.

Openings in pavement, such as landscape islands, are sources for water infiltration into surrounding pavements. Water collects in the islands and migrates into the surrounding subgrade soils thereby degrading support of the pavement. This is especially applicable for islands with raised concrete curbs, irrigated foliage, and low permeability near-surface soils. The civil design for the pavements with these conditions should include features to restrict or to collect and discharge excess water from the islands. Examples of features are edge drains connected to the storm water collection system or other suitable outlet and impermeable December 22, 2017 **■** Terracon Project No. 95175113



barriers preventing lateral migration of water such as a cutoff wall installed to a depth below the pavement structure.



1. The dumpster pad should be large enough to support the container and the tipping axle of the collection truck.

2. All materials should meet the TXDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Construction

#### <span id="page-17-0"></span>**4.6.4 Pavement Maintenance**

The pavement sections provided in this report represent minimum recommended thicknesses and, as such, periodic maintenance should be anticipated. Therefore, preventive maintenance should be planned and provided for through an on-going pavement management program.

Preventive maintenance activities are intended to slow the rate of pavement deterioration, and to preserve the pavement investment. Preventive maintenance consists of both localized maintenance (e.g., crack and joint sealing and patching) and global maintenance (e.g., surface sealing). Preventive maintenance is usually the first priority when implementing a planned pavement maintenance program and provides the highest return on investment for pavements.

Prior to implementing any maintenance, additional engineering observation is recommended to determine the type and extent of preventive maintenance. Even with periodic maintenance, some movements and related cracking may still occur and repairs may be required.



# <span id="page-18-0"></span>**5.0 GENERAL COMMENTS**

Terracon should be retained to review the final design plans and specifications so comments can be made regarding interpretation and implementation of our geotechnical recommendations in the design and specifications. Terracon also should be retained to provide observation and testing services during grading, excavation, foundation construction and other earth-related construction phases of the project.

The analysis and recommendations presented in this report are based upon the data obtained from the borings performed at the indicated locations and from other information discussed in this report. This report does not reflect variations that may occur between borings, across the site, or due to the modifying effects of weather. The nature and extent of such variations may not become evident until during or after construction. If variations appear, we should be immediately notified so that further evaluation and supplemental recommendations can be provided.

The scope of services for this project does not include either specifically or by implication any environmental or biological (e.g., mold, fungi, bacteria) assessment of the site or identification or prevention of pollutants, hazardous materials or conditions. If the owner is concerned about the potential for such contamination or pollution, other studies should be undertaken.

This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of our client for specific application to the project discussed and has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical engineering practices. No warranties, either express or implied, are intended or made. Site safety, excavation support, and dewatering requirements are the responsibility of others. In the event that changes in the nature, design, or location of the project as outlined in this report are planned, the conclusions and recommendations contained in this report shall not be considered valid unless Terracon reviews the changes and either verifies or modifies the conclusions of this report in writing.

**APPENDIX A FIELD EXPLORATION**







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#### **Field Exploration Description**

Subsurface conditions were explored by drilling eight borings to depths of about 5 to 20 feet at the approximate locations indicated on the Exploration Plan (Exhibit A-2) and Boring Location Plan (Exhibit A-3) in Appendix A. The field exploration was performed on December 05, 2017. The test locations were established in the field utilizing a hand held GPS unit. The boring locations should be considered accurate only to the degree implied by the methods employed to determine them.

The borings were performed using a truck-mounted drill rig. Samples of the soil encountered in the borings were obtained using thin-walled tube and split-barrel sampling procedures. The samples were tagged for identification, sealed to reduce moisture loss, and taken to the laboratory for further examination, testing, and classification. The load-carrying capacity of the bedrock was evaluated in place by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) cone penetration test.

Field logs of the borings were prepared by the drill crew. These logs include visual classifications of the materials encountered as well as interpretation of the subsurface conditions between samples. The boring logs included with this report represent the engineer's interpretation of the field logs and include modifications based on visual evaluation of the samples and laboratory test results. The boring logs are presented on Exhibit A-5 through A-12 in Appendix A. General notes to log terms and symbols are presented on Exhibit C-1 in Appendix C.



















# **APPENDIX B LABORATORY TESTING**

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#### **Laboratory Testing**

The boring logs and samples were reviewed by a geotechnical engineer who selected soil samples for testing. Tests were performed by technicians working under the direction of the engineer. A brief description of the tests performed follows.

Liquid and plastic limit tests (ASTM D4318) and moisture content measurements (ASTM D2216) were made to aid in classifying the soils in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). The USCS is summarized on Exhibit C-2 in Appendix C. Absorption swell tests (ASTM D4546) were performed on selected samples of the cohesive materials. These tests were used to quantitatively evaluate volume change potential at in-situ moisture levels. Consistency of cohesive soils was measured by hand penetrometer test.

The results of the swell tests are presented in the following table. The results of the other laboratory tests are presented on the boring logs in Appendix A.



**APPENDIX C SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

# **GENERAL NOTES**

#### **DESCRIPTION OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

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#### DESCRIPTIVE SOIL CLASSIFICATION

Soil classification is based on the Unified Soil Classification System. Coarse Grained Soils have more than 50% of their dry weight retained on a #200 sieve; their principal descriptors are: boulders, cobbles, gravel or sand. Fine Grained Soils have less than 50% of their dry weight retained on a #200 sieve; they are principally described as clays if they are plastic, and silts if they are slightly plastic or non-plastic. Major constituents may be added as modifiers and minor constituents may be added according to the relative proportions based on grain size. In addition to gradation, coarse-grained soils are defined on the basis of their in-place relative density and fine-grained soils on the basis of their consistency.

#### **LOCATION AND ELEVATION NOTES**

Unless otherwise noted. Latitude and Longitude are approximately determined using a hand-held GPS device. The accuracy of such devices is variable. Surface elevation data annotated with +/- indicates that no actual topographical survey was conducted to confirm the surface elevation. Instead, the surface elevation was approximately determined from topographic maps of the area.

![](_page_35_Picture_191.jpeg)

#### **RELATIVE PROPORTIONS OF SAND AND GRAVEL**

![](_page_35_Picture_192.jpeg)

**Dry Weight**  $< 15$  $15 - 29$  $> 30$ 

Percent of

#### **RELATIVE PROPORTIONS OF FINES**

Descriptive Term(s) of other constituents Trace With

Modifier

Percent of **Dry Weight**  $< 5$  $5 - 12$  $>12$ 

#### **GRAIN SIZE TERMINOLOGY**

of Sample **Boulders** Cobbles Gravel Sand Silt or Clay

**Major Component** 

**Term** Non-plastic Low Medium

High

**Particle Size** 

Over 12 in. (300 mm) 12 in. to 3 in. (300mm to 75mm) 3 in. to #4 sieve (75mm to 4.75 mm) #4 to #200 sieve (4.75mm to 0.075mm Passing #200 sieve (0.075mm)

#### **PLASTICITY DESCRIPTION**

**Plasticity Index** 

 $\Omega$  $1 - 10$  $11 - 30$  $>30$ 

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# **UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**

![](_page_36_Picture_580.jpeg)

- <sup>A</sup> Based on the material passing the 3-in. (75-mm) sieve
- <sup>B</sup> If field sample contained cobbles or boulders, or both, add "with cobbles or boulders, or both" to group name.
- $\textdegree$  Gravels with 5 to 12% fines require dual symbols: GW-GM well-graded gravel with silt, GW-GC well-graded gravel with clay, GP-GM poorly graded gravel with silt, GP-GC poorly graded gravel with clay.
- $D$  Sands with 5 to 12% fines require dual symbols: SW-SM well-graded sand with silt, SW-SC well-graded sand with clay, SP-SM poorly graded sand with silt, SP-SC poorly graded sand with clay

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E \text{ Cu} = D_{60}/D_{10} \quad \text{Cc} = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D \times D}
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D_{10} \times D_{60}
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- $F$  If soil contains  $\geq 15\%$  sand, add "with sand" to group name.
- $^{\rm G}$  If fines classify as CL-ML, use dual symbol GC-GM, or SC-SM.
- <sup>H</sup> If fines are organic, add "with organic fines" to group name.
- I If soil contains  $\geq 15\%$  gravel, add "with gravel" to group name.
- J If Atterberg limits plot in shaded area, soil is a CL-ML, silty clay.
- $<sup>K</sup>$  If soil contains 15 to 29% plus No. 200, add "with sand" or "with</sup> gravel," whichever is predominant.
- $L$  If soil contains  $\geq$  30% plus No. 200 predominantly sand, add "sandy" to group name.
- $^{\text{M}}$  If soil contains  $\geq 30\%$  plus No. 200, predominantly gravel, add "gravelly" to group name.
- $N$  PI  $\geq$  4 and plots on or above "A" line.
- $\circ$  PI < 4 or plots below "A" line.
- P PI plots on or above "A" line.
- <sup>Q</sup> PI plots below "A" line.

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