

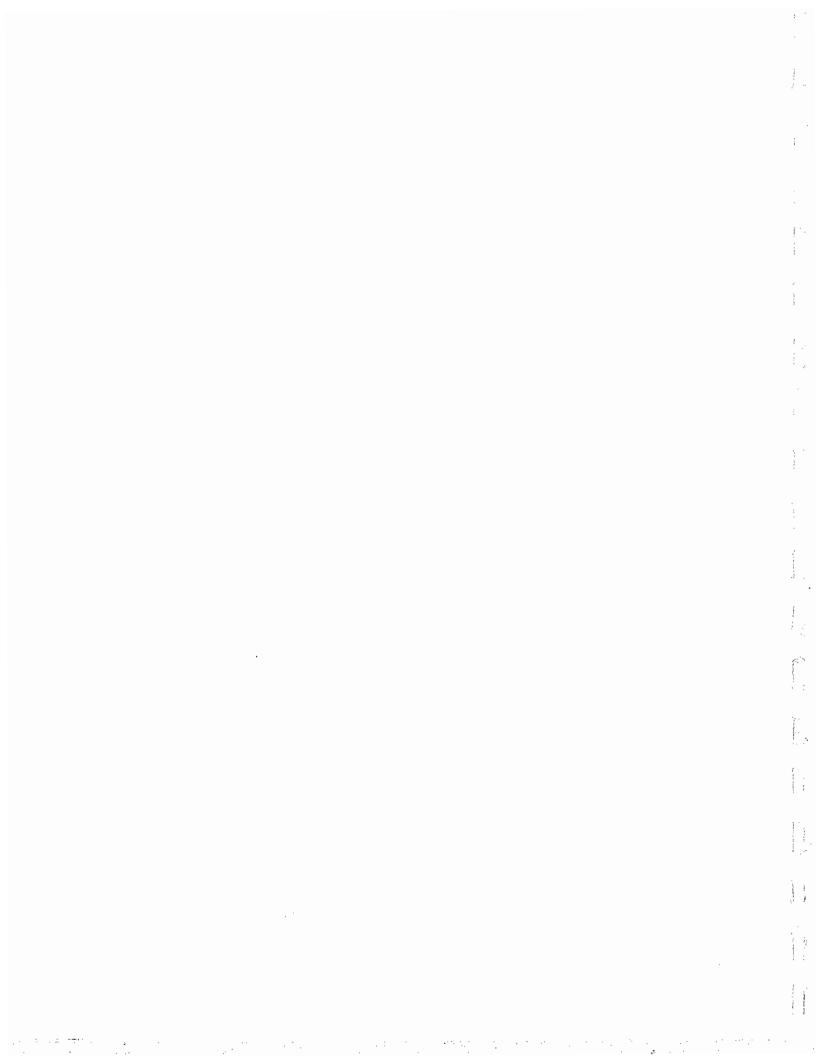
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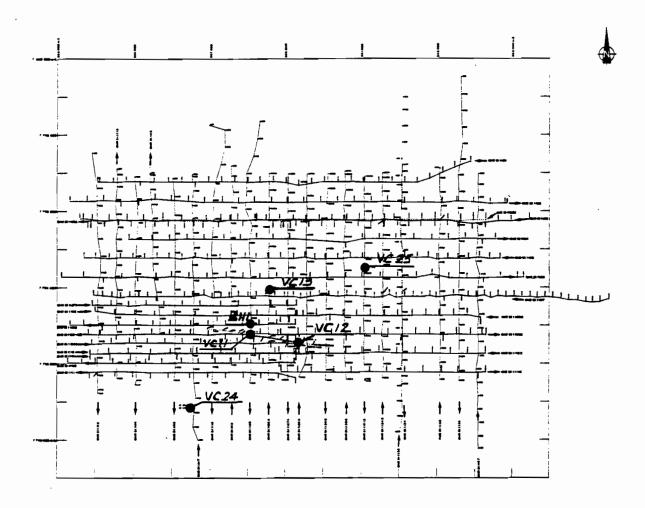


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Locations and Depths for West Tingmiark VC Boreholes
(Locations in UTM Zone 8, WAD 72)

Borehole	VC11	VC12	VC24	VC25
Location N	7 792 747	7 792 548	7 790 927	7 794 509
E	558 087	559 348	566 489	561 094
Depth(m)	12.2	15.2	8.2	10.4

SUMMARIZED STROTIGEDPLY AND ENGINEERING

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"All material passing \$200 Slave

TABLE 3 - WEST TINGMIARK TRIAXIAL TESTS

No. (m) of Test Pressure Pre					Vert.			Effective			_	Fallure		
CU* 360 655 255 400 3,2 383 7,7 nconfined* 360 0 - - 3,6 84 2,8 UU* 375 760 - - 3,5 97 4,2 CU 420 368 52 316 1,0 304 6,4	rehole No.	Sample No.			Nerbur. Pressure F		Back Pressure (kPa)	Consolld. Pressure (kPa)	u.	Deviator Stress (× itroin	Change In Pore Press. (KPa)	*	Comments
37.6-38,3 unconfined* 360 0 3.6 84 2.8 39.0-39,6 UU* 375 760 3.5 97 4.2 43.6-44,2 CU 420 368 52 316 1.0 304 6.4		25	37.6-38.3		360	655	255	400	3.2	383	7.1	275	0.70	Some Ice 0,70 lensing in sample
39.0-39.6 UU* 375 760 3.5 97 4.2 43.6-44.2 CU 420 368 52 316 1.0 304 6.4		25		unconflued#		0	ı	ı	3.6	2	2.8	ı	1	
43.6-44.2 CU 420 368 52 316 1.0 304 6.4		92			375	760	ı	•	3.5	97	4.2	ı	1	Some Ice lensing
		53			420	368	22	316	1.0	304		165	0.54	

Denotes tests performed on Frank Broderick

APPENDIX 1
BOREHOLE, VIBRACORE LOGS and
GRAIN SIZE CURVES

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

The abbreviations commonly employed on each "Record of Borehole," on the figures and in the text of the report, are as follows:

I. SAMPLE TYPES

AS	auger sample
CS	chunk sample
DO	drive open
DC	D

DS Denison type sample

FS foil sample RC rock core ST slotted tube

TO thin-walled, open

TP thin-walled, piston

WS wash sample

II. PENETRATION RESISTANCES

Dynamic Penetration Resistance: The number of blows by a 63.5 kg hammer dropped 760mm required to drive a 50mm diameter, 60 degree cone 0.3 m , where the cone is attached to 'A' size drill rods and casing is not used.

Standard Penetration Resistance, N: The number of blows by a 63.5 kg hammer dropped 760 mm required to drive a 50 mm drive open sampler

WH sampler advanced by static weight—weight, hammer

PH sampler advanced by pressure—pressure, hydraulic

PM sampler advanced by pressure—pressure, manual

III. SOIL DESCRIPTION

(a) Cohesionless Soils

Relative Density	N, blows/0.3 m
Very loose	0 to 4
Loose	4 to 10
Compact	10 to 30
Dense	30 to 50
Very dense	over 50

(b) Cohesive Soils

Consistency	c _e , kPa	
Very soft	Less than i	2
Soft	12 to 2	5
Firm	25 to 5	0
Stiff	50 to 10	0
Very stiff	100 to 20	00
Hard	over 20	0

IV. SOIL TESTS

C consolidation test

H hydrometer analysis

M sieve analysis

MH combined analysis, sieve and hydrometer?

Q undrained triaxial?

R consolidated undrained triaxial²

S drained triaxial

U unconfined compression

V field vane test

F fall cone

L lab vane

P pocket penetrometer

NOTES:

¹Combined analyses when 5 to 95 per cent of the material passes the No. 200 sieve. ²Undrained triaxial tests in which pore pressures are measured are shown as \vec{Q} or \vec{R} . •

LIST OF SYMBOLS

I. GENERAL

- x = 3.1416
- e = base of natural logarithms 2.7183
- log, a or in a, natural logarithm of a

log₁₀ a or log a, logarithm of a to base 10

- time
- g acceleration due to gravity
- V volume
- W weight
- **M** moment
- F factor of safety

II. STRESS AND STRAIN

- # pore pressure
- normal stress
- o' normal effective stress (à is also used)
- 7 shear stress
- e linear strain
- shear strain
- Poisson's ratio (μ is also used)
- E modulus of linear deformation (Young's modulus)
- G modulus of shear deformation
- K modulus of compressibility
- coefficient of viscosity

III. SOIL PROPERTIES

(a) Unit weight

- y unit weight of soil (bulk density)
- y, unit weight of solid particles
- y unit weight of water
- 74 unit dry weight of soil (dry density)
- γ' unit weight of submerged soil
- G, specific gravity of solid particles $G_i = \gamma_i/\gamma_i$
- e void ratio
- # porosity
- water content
- S. degree of saturation

(b) Consistency

- wz liquid limit
- w, plastic limit
- I plasticity index
- wa shrinkage limit
- I_L liquidity index = $(w w_P)/I_P$
- I_c consistency index = $(w_L w)/I_P$
- enas void ratio in loosest state
- emin void ratio in densest state
- D_r relative density = $(e_{max} e)/(e_{max} e_{min})$

(c) Permeability

- h hydraulic head or potential
- q rate of discharge
- velocity of flow
- hydraulic gradient
- k coefficient of permeability
- j seepage force per unit volume

(d) Consolidation (one-dimensional)

- m_r coefficient of volume change = $-\Delta e/(1+c)\Delta \sigma'$
- C_{ϵ} compression index = $-\Delta c/\Delta \log_{10} \sigma'$
- c, coefficient of consolidation
- T_e time factor = $c J/d^2$ (d. drainage puth)
- U degree of consolidation

(e) Shear strength

- 7, shear strength
- c' effective cohesion intercept

in terms of effective f stress

- effective angle of shearing resistance, or friction $\sigma' = \sigma' + \sigma' \tan \phi'$
- c. apparent cohesion*
- ϕ_u apparent angle of shearing resistance, or friction in terms of total stress $\tau_f = c_u + \sigma \tan \phi_u$
- μ coefficient of friction
- S, sensitivity

^{*}For the case of a saturated cohesive soil, $\phi_{\pi} = 0$ and the undrained shear strength $\tau_f = c_{\pi}$ is taken as half the undrained compressive strength.

GRAIN SIZE SCALE: M.I.T. STANDARD

BOULDERS Large than 200 mm

COBBLES 60 mm to 200 mm

GRAVEL 2 mm to 60 mm

SAND 0.06 mm to 2 mm

SILT 0.002 to 0.06 mm

CLAY Smaller than 0.002 mm

COMPOSITION:

"and" 36 to 50%

"y" or "ey" 21 to 35%

"some" 11 to 20%

"trace" 0 to 10%

EXAMPLE:

Gravel 70% Sand 22%

Pass #200 Sieve 8%

Sandy Gravel, Trace of Silt

EXCEPTION:

Silt 70% Clay 30%

And plots above 'A' line

Silty clay not clayey silt

Summary of Ground Ice Descriptive System (After Pihlainen and Johnston 1963, Linell and Kaplar 1966)

A. ICE NOT VISIBLE(a)

Group	Subgroup	P	_
Symbol	Description	Symbol	Field Identification
	Poorly bonded or friable	Nſ	To determine presence of excess ice, use procedure under note(b) and hand magnifying
N	No excess ice	Nba	lens as necessary. For soils not fully saturated, estimate degree of ice saturation:
	Well-bonded Excess ice	Nb Nbe	medium, low. Note presence of crystals or of ice coatings around larger particles.

B. VISIBLE ICE-LESS THAN I INCH THICK(a)

Group	Serogroup	•	
Symbol	Description	Symbol	Field Identification
	Individual ice crystals or inclusions	Vx	For ice phase, record the following when applicable:
	lce coatings on particles	Vc	Location Size Orientation Shape Thickness Pattern of
V	Random or irregularly oriented ice formations	Vr	Length argangement Spacing Hardness Structure per Group C
	Stratified or distinctly oriented ice formations	Vs	Colour) Estimate volume of visible segregated ice present as percentage of total sample volume.

C. VISIBLE ICE—GREATER THAN I INCH THICK

Group	Subgrou	P		
Symbol	Description	Symbol	Fiek	d Identification
ICE	Ice with soil inclusions	ICE + soil type		as ICE(c) and use descriptive
	Ice without	ICE	group, when applie	cable:
	soil inclusions		Hardness HARD SOFT (of mass, not individual crystals)	Sincture(4) CLEAR CLOUDY POROUS CANDLED GRANULAR STRATIFIED
			Colour (Examples): COLOURLESS GRAY BLUE	Admixtures (Examples): CONTAINS FEW THIN SILT INCLUSIONS

- (a) Frozen soils in the N group may, on close examination, indicate presence of ice within the voids of the material by crystalline reflections or by a sheen on fractured or trimmed surfaces. The impression received by the unaided eye, however, is that none of the frozen water occupies space in excess of the original voids in the soil. The opposite is true of frozen soils in the V group.
- (b) When visual methods are inadequate, a simple field test to aid evaluation of volume of excess ice can be made by placing some frozen soil in a small jar, allowing it to melt, and observing the quantity of supernatant water as a percentage of total volume.
- (c) Where special forms of ice such as hoarfrost can be distinguished, more explicit description should be given.
- (d) Observer should be careful to avoid being misled by surface scratches or frost coating on the ice.

LOCATION (See Figure 1.2 IN. 7.198 048 E. 358 064 BORING DATE SEPTEMBER 13-15/1982

WEST TINGMIARK

SAMPLE HAMMER WEIGHT 63.8 Kg

DROP 0.76 METERS

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UTM GRID

ZONE 8

SITE NAME: West Tingmiark | LOCATION CO-ORDS: N 7 792 747 | E 558 087 DATUM: Sea floor

BOREHOLE TYPE: Sonic. DIAMETER: 10-16cm

BORING DATE: September 3, 1981WATER DEPTH: 39.9 m.

DEPTH . 1:50(m)	SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	SAMPLE NUMBER	/ ,	NTEN	· ·		ADDITIONAL LAB. TESTING
	Sea Floor							
0.0 -	Very soft, dark grey clayey SILT			<u> </u>			,	W=128%
-0.3 -	Dark grey laminated clayey							
1.1			2					М
-2.0	Dense brown, medium grained SAND oecasional organics		3			,		м
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9.7	no recovery							

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BORE HOLE No. .

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ZONE 8

WAD 72

LOCATION CO-ORDS: N 7 792 747 E 558 087 DATUM: Sea Floor SITE NAME: West Tingmiark DIAMETER: 10-16cm BOREHOLE TYPE: Sonic. BORING DATE: September 3, 1981 WATER DEPTH: 39.9 m. WATER CONTENT PERCENT DEPTH. SAMPLE STRAT ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION SOIL LAB. TESTING NUMBER PLOT 1:50(m) 20 -10.0 no recovery 12.0 12.2 End of Borehole

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BORE HOLE No. 10 12 SHEET 2 OF 2

UTM GRID

ZONE 8

WAD 72

E 599 348

DATUM: Sea floor

SHEET ______

_ OF _

SITE NAME: West Tingmiark LOCATION CO-ORDS: N 7 792 548 BOREHOLE TYPE: Sonic. DIAMETER: 10-16cm BORING DATE: September 3, 1981 WATER DEPTH: 37.5 m. WATER CONTENT PERCENT DEPTH. SAMPLE ADDITIONAL STRAT SOIL DESCRIPTION LAB. TESTING NUMBER PLOT 1:50 (m) 20 40 80 60 Sea Floor 0.0 Very soft dark grey laminated clayey SILT as above with numerous layers of laminated, fine to medium grained sand 3.3 Compact grey fine to Μ 3 medium grained SAND, very 4.0 wet & highly saturated 5.2 М Compact brownish grey fine to medium grained -6.0 SAND, very wet 7.6 Dense greyish brown fine 8.0 to medium grained SAND М 5 Dense brownish grey, fine Μ б grained SAND, and SILT (silt layers) 10.0 BORE HOLE No. Golder Associates PROJECT No 812-2102

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ZONE 8

WAD 72

SITE NAME: West Tingmiark LOCATION CO-ORDS: N 7 792 548 E 599 348 DATUM: See Floor

BOREHOLE TYPE: Sonic. DIAMETER: 10-16cm BORING DATE: September 3, 1981 WATER DEPTH: 37.5 m.

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DEPTH.	SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	SAMPLE NUMBER	W ,	w	ADDITIONAL LAB. TESTING		
1:50 (m)				20	40	60 8	0	
10.0	as above		;					
10.8	Dense,brown medium grained SAND		7					м
12.1	no recovery	_						
-								
14.0								
15.2	End of Borehole					<u> </u>		

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BORE HOLE No. <u>90.12</u> SHEET <u>-2</u> OF <u>2</u>

WAD 72 UTM GRID ZONE 8 LOCATION CO-ORDS: N 7 790 927 E 566 489 SITE NAME: West Tingmiark DATUM: Sea floor BORING DATE: October 8, 1981 WATER DEPTH: 29.6 m. BOREHOLE TYPE: Sonic. DIAMETER: 10-16cm WATER CONTENT PERCENT DEPTH. SAMPLE ADDITIONAL STRAT SOIL DESCRIPTION LAB. TESTING PLOT NUMBER 1:50(m) Sea Floor 0.0 Grey medium to fine grained SAND, some silt 1 and clay, some coarse sand -0.9 2.0 M Brownish grey, medium to 2 fine grained SAND, occasional shell fragments. some silt 4.0 3 M

3.0 End of Borehole

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core lost

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BORE HOLE No. . VC 24 SHEET ___ OF __

UTM GRID

ZONE 8

WAD 72

SITE NAME: West Tingmiark LOCATION CO-ORDS: N 7 794 509 E 561 094 DATUM: Sea floor BORING DATE: October 8, 1981 WATER DEPTH: 36.9 m. BOREHOLE TYPE: Sonic. DIAMETER: 10-16cm WATER CONTENT PERCENT DEPTH. SAMPLE ADDITIONAL STRAT DESCRIPTION SOIL LAB. TESTING NUMBER PLOT 1:50 (m) 80 20 40 60 Sea Floor 0.0 Very soft, grey silty CLAY, some sandy organics 0.6 1 Brown to greyish brown medium to fine grained SAND, some -2.0 silt 2 3 6.0 4 Greyish brown silty SAND, some 7.9 Brown to greenish brown, medium to fine grained SAND, some silt 5 core lost End of Borehole 10.4 m— 10.0

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TABLE 2

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

BOREHOLE VC - 11,12,24,25 BOREHOLE TYPE: Sonic SITE NAME: West Tingmiark

	Depth		Sample No.	Gravel	Sand		Fines	Silt		Clay		
	From	To			С	М	F		С	М	F	
VC 11	1.1	1.5	2	0	2	72	24	2	ĺ			
	1.5	2.3	3	0	4	73	21	2				
	3.1	3.8	4	0	4	73	20	3				
	4.6	5.3	5	0	5	76	17	2				
	6.1	6.9	6	0	4	83	9	4				
	7.6	8.4	7	0	5	81	12	2				
	9.1	9.8	8	0.	1	52	46	1				
VC 12	3.3	4.3	3	0	2	51	43	4				
	5.2	6.1	4	0	2	35	53	10	l I			
	8.1	8.7	5	0	2	75	21	2	ļ		1	,
	9.3	9.9	6	0	0	8	57	35				
	10.8	11.4	7	0	2	74	22	2				
VC 24	0.3	0.9	1	0	3	64	15	18				
	2.4	3.1	2	0	4	79	15	2	 			
	4.6	5.2	3	0	0	55	43	2				
	6.7	7.3	4	0	1	60	37	2				<u> </u>
VC 25	0.6	1.2	1	0	3	71	24	2				•
	2.7	3.4	2	0	1	47	42	10				! !
	4.9	5.5	3	0	2	40	48	10				
	7.0	7.6	4	0	1	56	30	13				
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APPENDIX 2

SHEAR STRENGTH and CONSOLIDATION TEST RESULTS





UNCONFINED COMPRESSION TEST

Figure. 5

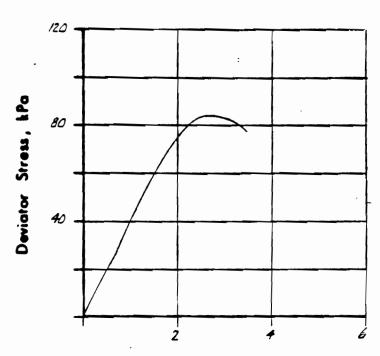
Site. WEST TINGMIARK

Borehole No. 1

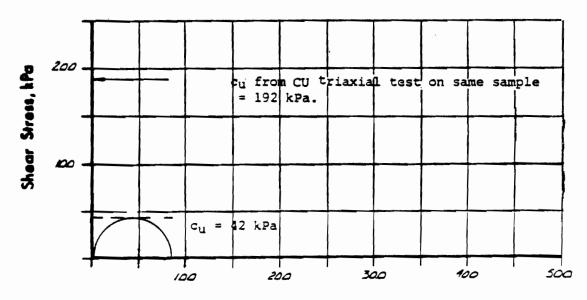
Sample No. 25

Depth 37.6 - 38.3 m

SUMMARY						
Cell Pressure Mrs	unconfined					
Rate of Strain % per layer	3.6					
Deviator strass at failure: tiffs	84					
% Strain or full-on	2.8					



Axial Strain %



Normal Stress, kPa MOHR CIRCLE AT FAILURE



UNCONSOLIDATED UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL TEST

Figure. 6

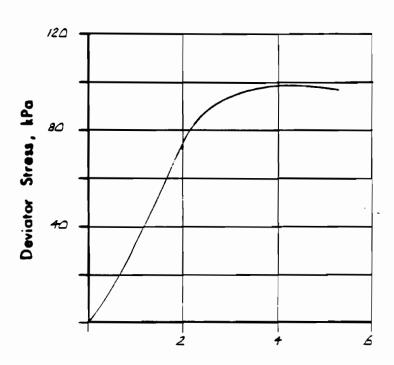
Site. VEST TINGMIARK

Borehole No. 1

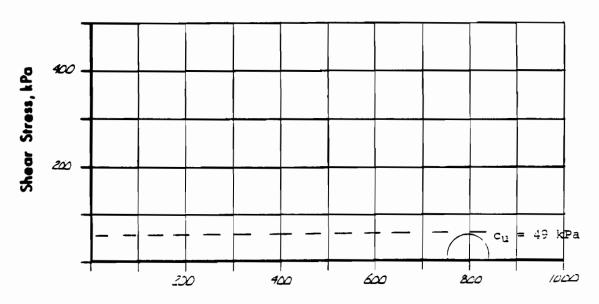
Sample No. 26

Depth 39.0 - 39.6m

SUMM A RY					
Cell Pressure	760				
Rate of Strain % per hour	3.5				
Deviator stress at failure: kPa	97				
% Strain at failure	4.2				



Axial Strain %



Normal Stress, kPa MOHR CIRCLE AT FAILURE



CONSOLIDATION TEST

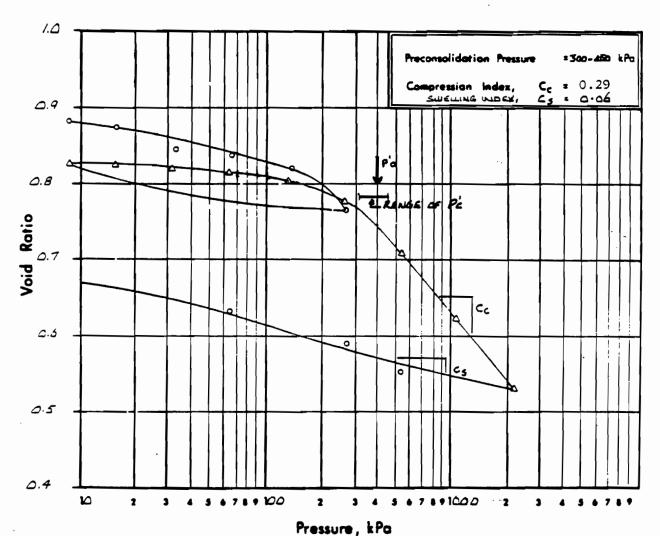
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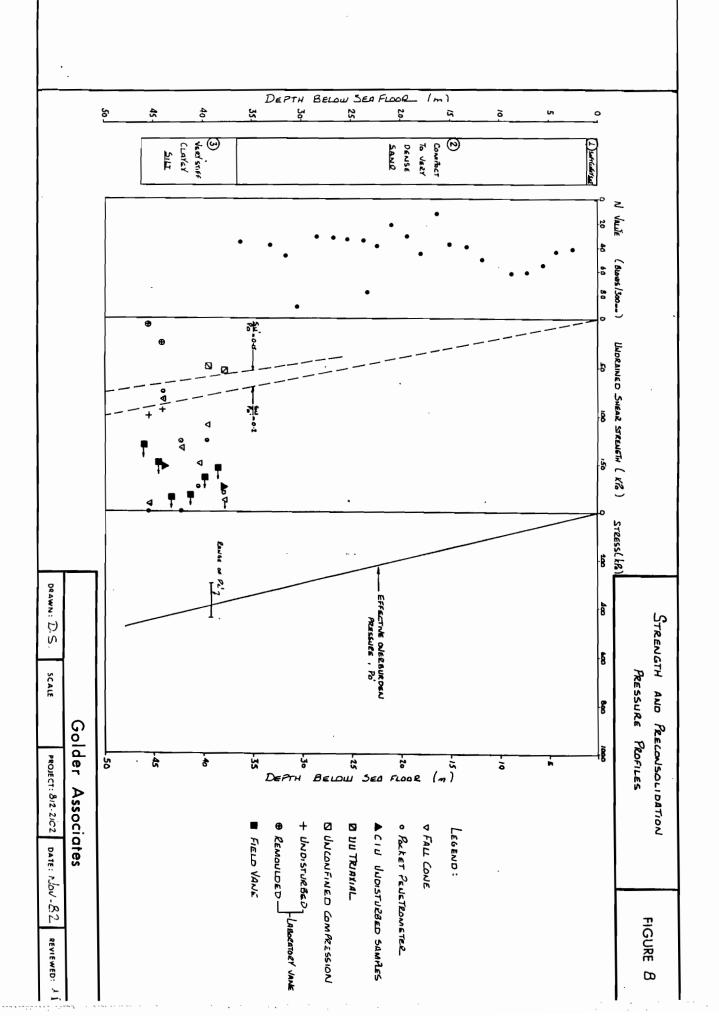
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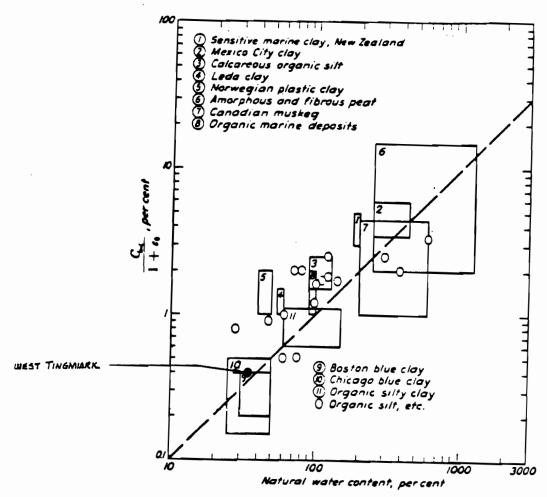
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Depth. 39.0 - 39.6 m (Pa & 400 kPa)

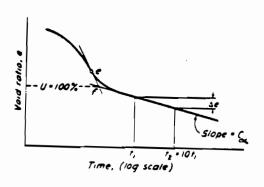


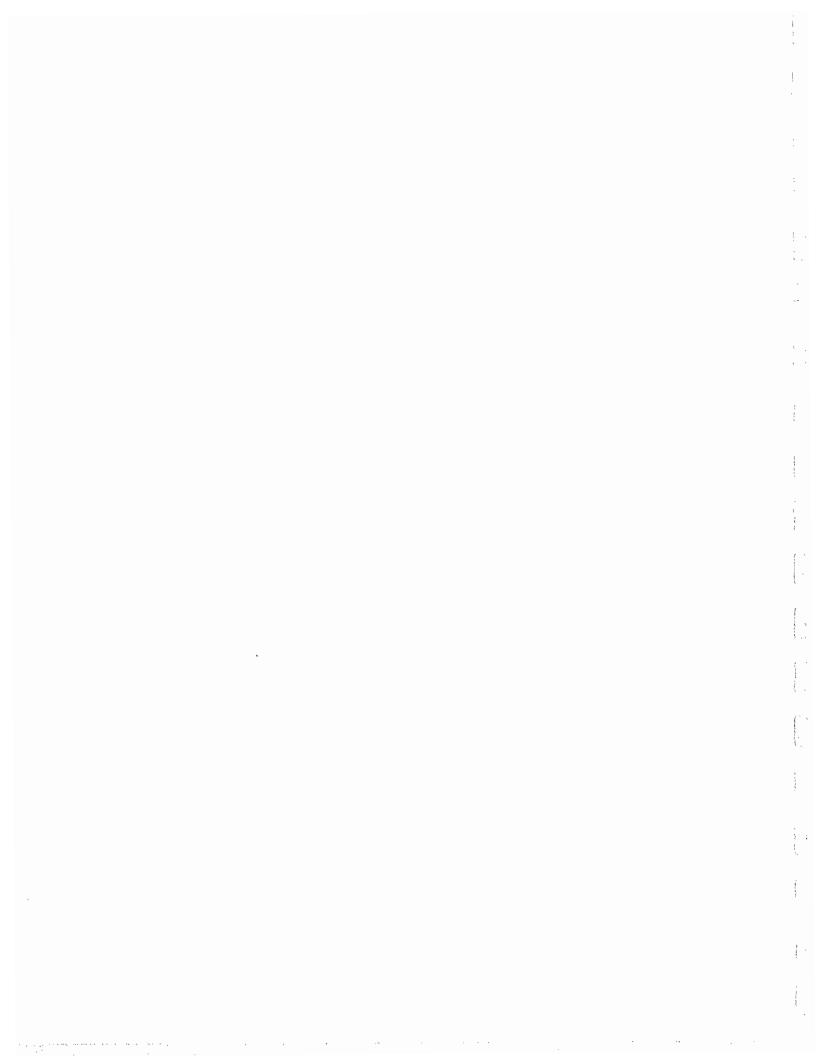
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Relation between coefficient of secondary consolidation and natural water content of normally loaded deposits of clays and various compressible organic soils (after Mesri, 1972).





APPENDIX 3

FIELD INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES

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The initial phase of the 1981 Field Program was to undertake geophysical traverses (by the Arctic Sounder) at the proposed site areas to determine, on a preliminary basis, the general stratigraphy at the sites. For calibration of the geophysical results and for the preliminary borrow search, a number of vibro-cored boreholes (VC series) were carred out from the same vessel. The vibra-coring carried out from the Arctic Sounder was not performed under the direction of Golder Associates, and details of these operations are therefore not included in this report. The geophysical and vibracore data was reviewed on site for selection of a potential MAC (Mobile Arctic Caisson) site within each site area. Potential MAC sites were selected based on water depth, thickness and consistency of surficial deposits, uniformity of stratigraphy and absence of permafrost.

Each selected MAC site was investigated by means of sampling and in situ testing from the Frank Broderick to verify the suitability of the chosen location from a geotechnical standpoint. Detailed sampled borings were put down from the Frank Broderick. This vessel was equipped with a diesel powered all hydraulic combined sonic/rotary top drive drillrig (modified Simco 5000 WS). The rig was mounted on rails to allow moving the rig and thereby to facilitate easier handling of casings and conductor pipes.

The casing system consisted of a conductor pipe and two different size casings. The conductor pipe, 203 mm (8") in diameter, was suspended from the moonpool cover to a maximum depth of approximately 27 m, to give additional lateral support to, and allow free vertical movement of, a 152 mm (6") casing, supported on the seafloor by means of a casing footing. The casing footing was equipped with longitudinal slots to allow discharge of the drilling mud onto the sea floor.

Inside the 152 mm (6") casing, 102 mm (4") casing was used for drilling and advanced by means of a wireline casing advancer. Sampling was carried out below the 102 mm (4") casing using split spoon sampling equipment and/or 76 mm (3") Shelby tubes attached to BQ drillrods.

In addition to conventional split spoon and Shelby tube sampling, the rig was also equipped for wireline Shelby tube sampling and down hole standard penetration testing. However, these options were not used due to time and weather constraints.

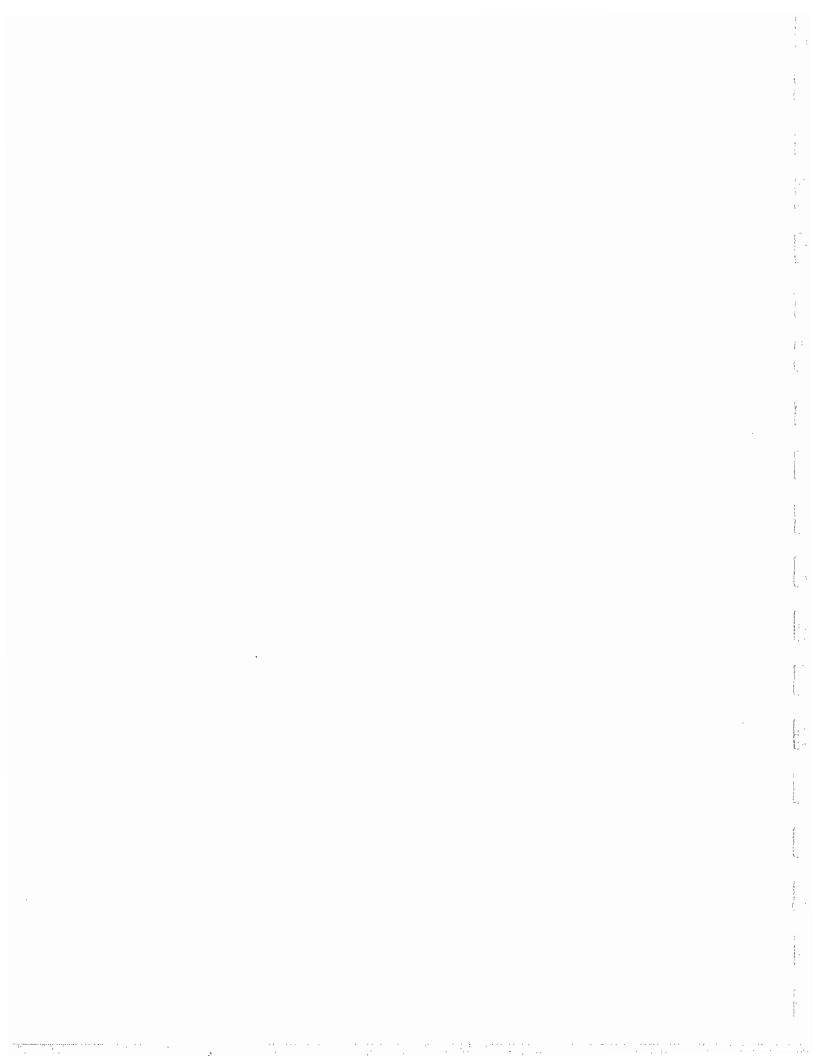
For the foundation investigation boreholes, the sampling intervals were generally $1.5 \, \mathrm{m}$ down to approximately $30 \, \mathrm{m}$ below sea floor, $3.0 \, \mathrm{m}$ between $30 \, \mathrm{m}$ and $60 \, \mathrm{m}$ and $4.6 \, \mathrm{m}$ below $60 \, \mathrm{m}$. These sampling intervals applied to both split spoon and Shelby tube sampling.

Despite occasional difficulties in performing the standard penetration test in rough weather conditions, the 'N' values obtained are considered to be reliable. This is supported by the comparison between SPT 'N' value profiles where profiles were drilled within 300 m of one another. All tests were performed using a rope and cathead system for raising the drop-hammer, with BQ drill rod used for sampling. Correction of 'N' values for overburden pressure, method of testing, length and type of drill rod was not carried out.

In situ vane tests were performed with a Nilcon vane borer at selected depths in cohesive soils. This instrument has a limited twist slip coupling between the vane and rods, which allows the vane shear resistance to be distinguished from rod friction. In addition a continuous mechanical trace of torque against rotation is obtained. All tests were carried out using a 100 mm vane, with a rated capacity of 220 kPa. Remoulded tests were generally performed after measurement of peak (undisturbed) strengths. To ensure that the vane remained stationary in

the soil, the vane and vane rods were suspended from the 152 mm casing resting on the sea bed. Field vane strengths measured during this investigation have not been modified to account for effects such as strain rate or anisotropy.

In addition to the above techniques Static Cone Penetration Testing was attempted, but no results were obtained due to difficulties in handling the equipment on the ship. The equipment was however tried and calibrated by testing in shallow water and under ideal weather conditions.



APPENDIX 4

LABORATORY TESTING PROCEDURES



The geotechnical laboratory on the Frank Broderick was equipped for routine testing of all samples and for preliminary shear strength determination on cohesive soils. The laboratory equipment included the following.

- Hydraulic sample extruder for extrusion of Shelby tube samples.
- Sieves, hydrometers and balances for determination of grain size distribution.
- Oven for water content determination
- Casagrande liquid limit device for determination of liquid limit.
- Pilcon shear vane, pocket penetrometer and Geonor fall cone for determination of undrained shear strength.
- Triaxial apparatus for determination of shear strength by unconfined compression tests, UU (unconsolidated undrained) or CU (consolidated undrained) triaxial tests.
- Thermometers for temperature measurement of samples.
- Microscope for classification of ice bonded soils.

Split spoon samples were classified and a portion of each sample was placed in a sealed container for shipment to Calgary. For most samples, a sieve analysis was carried out on the ship. Hydrometer tests were attempted but were found to give incorrect results due to vibrations and the movements of the ship.

Following extrusion and classification of Shelby tube samples, one portion of each sample was sealed and prepared for shipment to Calgary and another was used for on board testing. On board, laboratory shear strength measurements were made using the fall cone, Pilcon vane and pocket penetrometer. The portions of samples retained onboard were used for determination of moisture content, Atterberg limits and for triaxial testing.

Where temperature measurements indicated the possibility of ice bonding, without visual evidence of ice, the samples were examined under the microscope.

Sample temperatures were taken as soon as the samples arrived in the laboratory by inserting a 1.5 mm diameter probe into the sample. Initially a mechanical dial gauge type reading to the nearest degree Fahrenheit was used. Towards the end of the investigation, an electronic thermometer, accurate to 0.1°C. was used.

Temperatures measured on Shelby tube samples are probably close to the in situ temperature, as ambient temperatures during most of the operation were close to 0°C. Temperatures of split spoon samples should be considered as approximate only as the temperature could be significantly altered when the sampler is driven, particularly as the blowcounts were frequently high.

In general, it appeared that ice or ice bonding was present in samples where the measured temperature was lower than approximately -1.6°C. However, some thawing during the sampling process occurs and this figure may not be representative for the material in situ.

All consolidation tests were performed using a conventional oedometer cell and gravity loading frame. The loading procedure was, however, modified slightly to improve the assessment and interpretation of test results. The vertical stress on the sample was applied in increments up to an effective stress level slightly less than the in situ effective overburden pressure. This load was then removed, allowing the sample to swell back under a nominal load. The purpose of this loading and unloading is to reduce the effects of sample disturbance on the

consolidation curve obtained from the subsequent load increments. After the initial loading and rebound, the consolidation tests were performed in the usual manner. Samples were unloaded in increments after the final load increment. Each load was allowed to remain on the sample until primary consolidation was completed, based on Taylors "square root of time" interpretation. Therefore the void ratio — log stress curves have not been corrected for secondary compression effects.

The undrained shear strength of samples was measured using a number of methods. It should be appreciated that rapid methods (i.e. laboratory vane, fall cone and pocket penetrometer tests) provide only approximate values of undrained shear strength since considerable scatter in test results is frequently evident from these various tests on the same sample. This variation is caused by a combination of varying boundary conditions and effective stress paths associated with the various tests. Other factors are also important, such as varying strain rate, and effect of intrinsic anisotropy of the soils being tested together with the small volume of test sample in relation to natural heterogeneity of the soil.

Effective stress strength parameters (c' and \emptyset ') were determined in consolidated undrained triaxial tests with porewater pressure measurement (R tests). The triaxial test specimens were about 72 mm in diameter and 156 mm high. To ensure saturation of the test specimens (B>99%), back pressures were applied. Following saturation, the specimens were consolidated. When consolidation was completed, drainage from the test specimen was shut off and undrained shearing carried out at a constant rate of strain. The strain rate of 1 to 3.2%/hr. adopted in these tests allows for equalization of porewater pressure throughout the samples. Water contents, unit weights and Atterberg limits were determined for the majority of triaxial test specimens.

Unconsolidated undrained (UU) tests and unconfined compression tests were also carried out on "undisturbed" samples to determine undrained shear strength. However, it should be noted that since the effective test paths followed in the various tests are quite different, measured undrained strengths may also vary.

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