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#100, 820 Dock Road, Annacis Island  
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Attention: Brent Moore

**WALLENIUS WIELHMSEN SOLUTIONS ANNACIS TERMINAL  
SIDE ONE RAIL EXTENSION  
GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION**

Dear Brent:

Thurber has completed a geotechnical investigation for the above project. This report summarizes the results of the investigation and provides preliminary geotechnical recommendations. It is a condition of this letter that Thurber's performance of its professional services is subject to the attached Statement of Limitations and Conditions.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The existing Side One rail is located along west side of the asphalt paved yard within the Wallenius Wilhelmsen Solutions (WWS) Annacis terminal, parallel to Annacis Parkway. Available historical aerial photos suggest that the rail was originally constructed in late 1970s or early 1980s. Various extensions occurred over the years. Currently, it has four sets of tracks, Track 1 (west) to Track 4 (east), running approximately in the north-south direction. The existing Track 4 has extended to Dock Road to the north since 1990 whereas the existing Tracks 1 to 3 are terminated approximately 500 m south of Dock Road. In this project, we understand that WWS plans to extend Tracks 1 to 3 to north to the same extent as Track 4.

Our scope of work in this phase of the project was to conduct a geotechnical investigation and provide preliminary geotechnical recommendations for design and construction of the rail extension in accordance to the latest standards by SRY Rail Link (SRY). Assessment of soil and groundwater contaminations is not within our scope of work. We can provide such assessment, if required.

**2. PROGRAM OF WORK**

Four test holes (TH20-1 to TH20-4) were drilled on September 25, 2020 using a truck-mounted drill rig operated by Southland Drilling Co. Ltd at locations selected by WWS. The approximate test hole locations are shown on the attached Dwg. 30175-1.

The test holes were advanced using solid-stem augers to depths of 6.1 m to 7.6 m. A dynamic cone penetration test (DCPT) profile was conducted at all test holes to depths of 6.3 to 8.7 m before they were drilled. The DCPT tip is similar in size and shape to the standard penetration



test (SPT) split-spoon sampler and is driven using the same hammer energy. The DCPT provides a qualitative estimate of in-situ density of granular soil and is useful for identifying stiffness and strength contrasts within and between soil strata.

The soil and groundwater conditions were logged in the field by a Thurber geotechnical engineer. Representative disturbed soil samples were collected from the continuous auger flights at regular intervals for moisture content testing and routine visual classification in our Vancouver laboratory.

Upon completion of drilling, the test holes were backfilled with drill cuttings and bentonite seals were placed in general accordance with BC groundwater protection regulations. The asphalt surface was patched with cold-mix asphalt.

### **3. SOIL AND GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS**

The results of the investigation and laboratory testing are summarized on the attached test hole logs. The logs provide a complete, detailed description of the soils encountered and should be used in preference to the generalized descriptions given below.

The soil conditions encountered along the proposed extension generally comprise asphalt and concrete over granular fill underlain by deltaic sediments to the depths investigated. In general, the asphalt thickness was typically 50 mm, except for TH20-02 where the asphalt thickness was 75 mm. Below the asphalt, a 150 mm thick layer of concrete was encountered in TH20-1 to TH20-3. The concrete layer was absent at TH20-4. Below the asphalt and concrete, a 0.2 m to 0.6 m thick layer of sand and gravel fill was encountered. The sand and gravel fill was generally in a dense to very dense condition.

Below the sand and gravel fill, dredged sand fill was encountered to depths of 4.4 m at TH20-1 and 3.7 m at TH20-2 where a silt layer was encountered. In TH20-3 and TH20-4, we infer that the dredged sand fill extended to depths of 3.5 m and 2.8 m, respectively, where changes in the DCPT profiles were observed. The dredged sand fill was typically in a compact over loose to very loose condition. Based on our understanding, the dredged sand fill was placed circa 1949 as part of the reclamation of the Annacis Island.

Where present, the stiff sandy silt layer was typically about 1 m thick. Below the dredged sand fill or the silt, native river sand was encountered to the depths investigated. The native sand was typically in a compact condition.

Groundwater was not encountered in the test holes. The groundwater levels are generally anticipated to vary from depths of about 2.5 m to 4 m (El. 1.5 m to El. 0 m). Groundwater levels are expected to be heavily influenced by river levels and tidal fluctuations due to the close proximity to the Annacis Channel, as well as infiltration and drainage conditions.



## **4. PRELIMINARY GEOTECHNICAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **4.1 General**

We understand that the new tracks are required to be designed and constructed to meet the SRY's standards. SRY advised us that CN's specifications are generally consistent with SRY's standards, and that CN's "Engineering Specifications for Industrial Tracks" can be used where applicable. Accordingly, we have made reference to the CN specification dated January 31, 2019. Additional details are provided below.

According to SRY, the tracks are required to support E80 train loading. The rail height will be 175 mm (7 in.) The track bed below the rail should comprise the following:

- 175 mm (7 in.) deep tie
- Minimum 225 mm (9 in.) thick ballast below the tie
- Minimum 300 mm (12 in.) thick sub-ballast below the ballast

### **4.2 Subgrade**

For preliminary design purposes, we have assumed that the finished grade of the new tracks will be similar to the existing grade i.e. there will be no significant change in site grades. Accordingly, the subgrade will be about 875 mm below the existing ground surface. Based on the available test hole information, we anticipate that the subgrade will be within the compact dredged sand fill.

For site preparation, we anticipate that the existing asphalt will be saw-cut along the west side of the existing Track 4 extension. Then the existing asphalt, concrete and sand and gravel fill, as well as the top of the dredged sand fill will be removed to expose the subgrade soil. The exposed granular subgrade should be compacted to at least 95% standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD). For drainage purposes, the top of the subgrade should be sloped down from the centreline of each set of tracks at an inclination of 1:40 each way in accordance to the CN specification.

Provided that the subgrade is prepared as recommended, we consider it suitable to support E80 train loading.

### **4.3 Sub-Ballast**

The minimum thickness for the sub-ballast should be 300 mm (12 in.). The sub-ballast should extend at least 1.2 m (4 ft.) from the edge of ballast.

A layer of triaxial geogrid, Tensar TriAX TX160 or approved equivalent, should be placed 150 mm below the top of the sub-ballast layer. Accordingly, we anticipate the sub-ballast to be placed in two, 150 mm thick lifts. The sub-ballast should be compacted to at least 95%SPMDD.



According to SRY, sub-ballast material should comprise well-graded minus 75 mm crushed base material in accordance to Type Well-Graded Base (WGB) in Section 202 of the 2020 BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) Standard Specifications for Highway Construction. The gradation specification is provided below. Additional requirements for the WGB material can be found in the 2020 BC MoTI Standard Specifications for Highway Construction.

Sieve Size (mm)	Percent Passing by Weight (%)
75	100
37.5	60 – 100
19	35 – 80
9.5	25 – 60
4.75	20 – 40
2.36	15 – 30
1.18	10 - 20
0.300	3 – 10
0.075	0 – 5

#### 4.4 Ballast (Crushed Gravel)

The minimum thickness for the sub-ballast should be 300 mm (12 in.). The gradation specification provided by SRY for a similar project on Annacis Island is summarized below. Additional information can be found in the CN specification.

Sieve Size (mm)	Percent Passing by Weight (%)
50	100
38.1	90 – 100
25.4	20 – 55
19	0 – 15
12.5	-
4.75	-
0.075	0 - 1

#### 4.5 Estimated Settlement

SRY indicated that maximum allowable immediate and long-term settlements are 25 mm and 100 mm, respectively, and that the maximum allowable differential settlement is 25 mm. Based on the soil conditions encountered and the anticipated train loading, the anticipated total and differential settlements for the new tracks are expected to be below the respective maximum allowable values.



## 5. CLOSURE

We trust that this information is sufficient for your needs. Should you require clarification of any item or additional information, please contact us at your convenience.

Yours truly,  
Thurber Engineering Ltd.  
Steven Coulter, M.Sc., P.Eng.  
Review Engineer

Charles Ng, M.Eng., P.Eng.  
Associate, Project Engineer

Attachments:      Statement of Limitations and Conditions (1 page)  
                         Dwg. 30175-1 – Test Hole Location Plan (1 page)  
                         Test Hole Logs (4 pages)



## STATEMENT OF LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. STANDARD OF CARE

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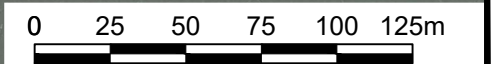
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**LEGEND:**  
 TEST HOLE / DCPT

**NOTES:**  
 1. BASE PLAN TAKEN FROM GOOGLE EARTH.  
 2. TEST HOLE LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE.



CLIENT  
 WALLENIUS WILHELMSSEN SOLUTIONS

**TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN**  
 ANNACIS TERMINAL  
 SIDE ONE RAIL EXTENSION

DELTA, BC

DESIGNED AGW	DRAWN MOM	APPROVED
DATE DECEMBER 9, 2020		SCALE 1:2500
PROJECT No. 30175	DWG. No. 1	REV. 0



# SYMBOLS AND TERMS

## FOR SOIL DESCRIPTION AND TEST HOLE LOGS

### BASIC SOIL SYMBOLS

	Predominant Material	Secondary Material
GRAVEL		gravelly to some gravel
SAND		sandy to some sand
SILT		silty to some silt
CLAY		clayey to some clay
PEAT / ORGANICS		some organics
Undifferentiated BEDROCK		
ORGANIC SILT		
FILL / DEBRIS		

PROPORTION OF MINOR COMPONENTS BY WEIGHT <sup>(2)</sup>	
and	35 - 50%
y / ey	20 - 35%
some	10 - 20%
trace	0 - 10%

### SYMBOL VARIATIONS - EXAMPLES <sup>(1)</sup>

SAND and GRAVEL	
SAND, silty	
SILT with some clay	

### DENSITY OF GRANULAR SOILS

Description	SPT N <sup>(5) (6)</sup>
Very Loose	0 - 4
Loose	4 - 10
Compact	10 - 30
Dense	30 - 50
Very Dense	> 50

### CONSISTENCY OF COHESIVE SOILS

Description	Undrained Shear Strength (kPa) <sup>(6)</sup>
Very Soft	< 12
Soft	12 - 25
Firm	25 - 50
Stiff	50 - 100
Very Stiff	100 - 200
Hard	> 200

### PENETRATION TESTS

Dynamic Cone Penetration	
Standard Penetration	
Becker Closed Casing	
Becker Open Casing	
Bounce Chamber Pressure	

### CLASSIFICATION BY PARTICLE SIZE

Name	Size Range <sup>(6)</sup> (mm) <sup>(3)</sup>	U.S. Standard Sieve Size	
		Retained	Passing
		Boulders	> 200
Cobbles	75 - 200	3 inch	8 inch
Gravel:	coarse 19 - 75	0.75 inch	3 inch
	fine 5 - 19	No. 4	0.75 inch
Sand:	coarse 2 - 5	No. 10	No. 4
	medium 0.4 - 2	No. 40	No. 10
	fine 0.075 - 0.4	No. 200	No. 40
Fines (Silt or Clay) <sup>(4)</sup>	< 0.075	-	No. 200

- (1) Only selected examples of the possible variations or combinations of the basic symbols are illustrated.
- (2) Example: SAND, silty, trace of gravel = sand with 20 to 35% silt and up to 10% gravel, by dry weight. Percentages of secondary materials are estimates based on visual and tactile assessment of samples.
- (3) Approximate metric conversion.
- (4) Fines are classified as silt or clay on the basis of Atterberg limits.
- (5) SPT N values on test hole logs are uncorrected field values.
- (6) Reference Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual 4th Edition, 2006.



# LOG OF TEST HOLE

TEST HOLE NO.  
**20-1**

**LOCATION:** See DWG. 30175-1  
N 5448741, E 505721 (Est.)

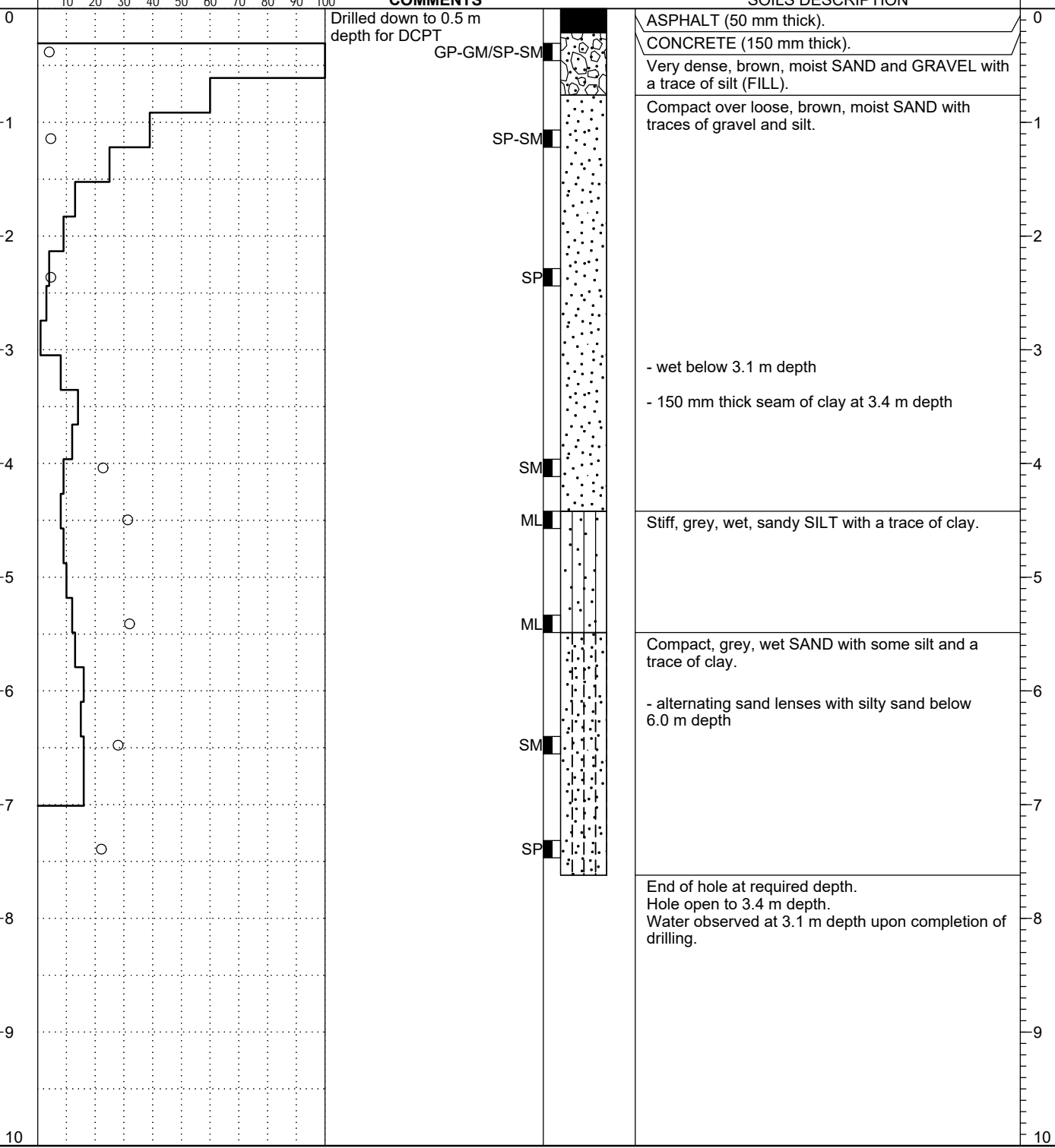


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**PROJECT:** Annacis Terminal  
Side One Rail Extension

**TOP OF HOLE ELEV:**  
**METHOD:** Solid Stem Auger / DCPT  
**DRILLING CO.:** Southland Drilling Co. Ltd.  
**INSPECTOR:** AGW

**DATE:** September 25, 2020  
**FILE NO.:** 30175  
**REVIEWED BY:**

DEPTH (m)	PENETRATION (blows/300 mm)	WATER CONTENT (%)	WATER LEVEL	SAMPLES	UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH (kPa)	GRAIN SIZE (%)	SOIL HEADSPACE READING (ppm)	DEPTH (m)
		○ Disturbed ● Undisturbed	Plastic Limit Liquid Limit	■ Disturbed ■ Undisturbed ☒ No Recovery	◆ Peak ◇ Residual ◆ Remolded	▲ Passing #200 sieve △ Passing #4 sieve	■ GASTECH reading ☒ PID reading	



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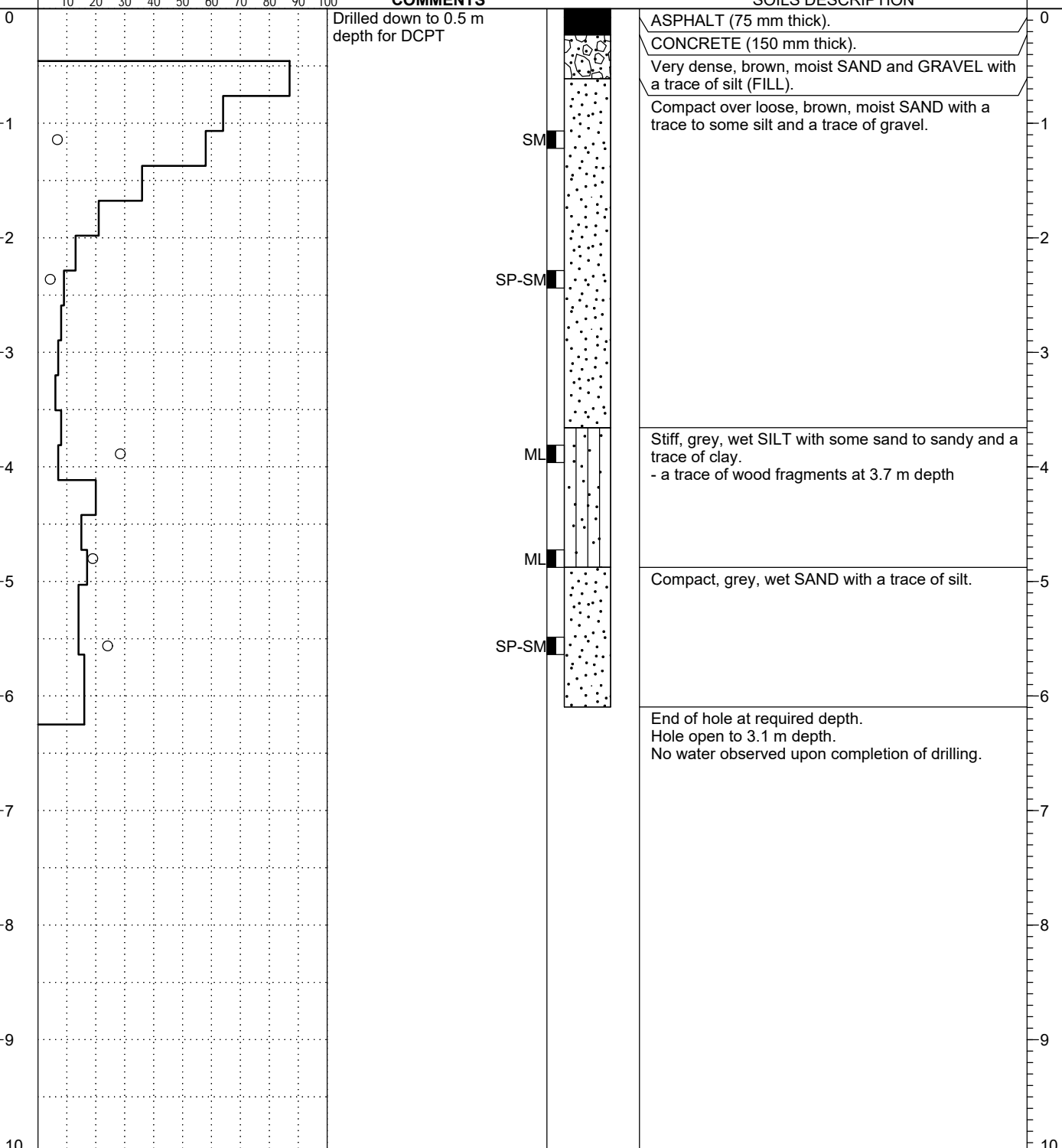


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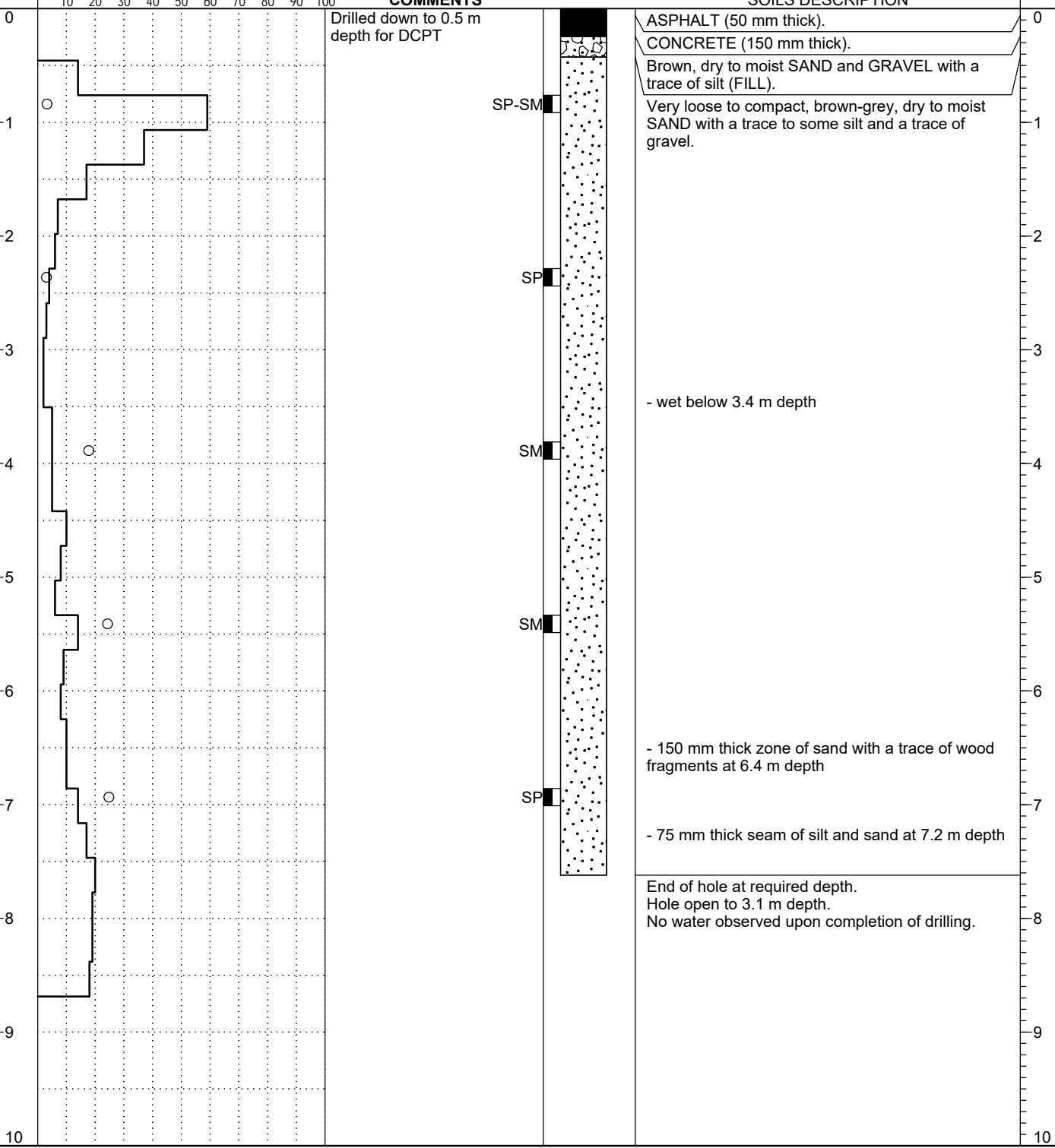


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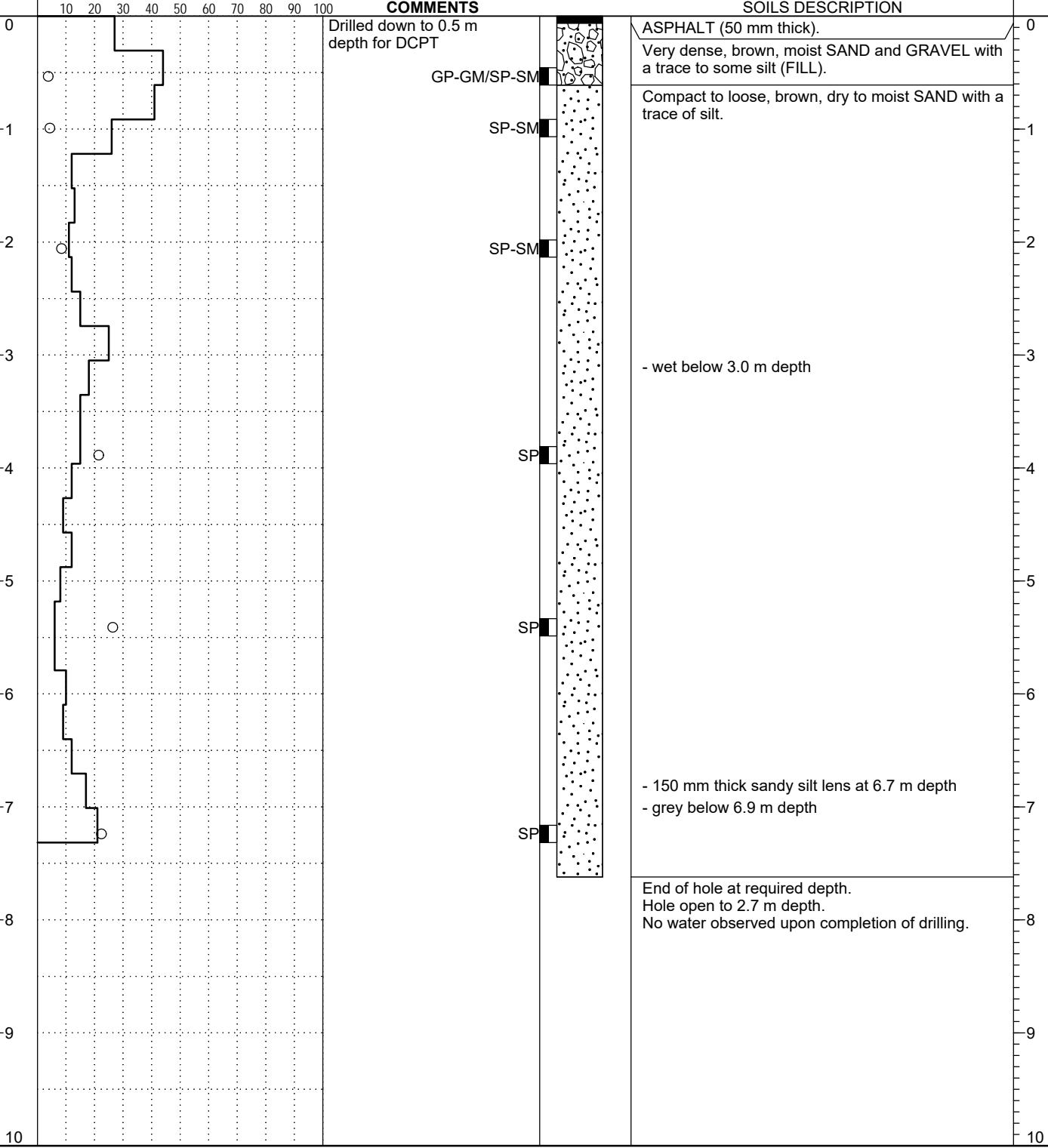


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