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Site Class M

Relevant Code Used - NCC 2022

Wind Rating



Design Option #1

Raft Foundations: M

Section 1.0 - Site Analysis

Summary

Existing Fill (>400mm onsite)?	Νο	Weather
Is fill certified (level one in accordance with AS3798)?	No	Bore Ho
Was seepage/ ground water encountered at the time of site investigation?	No	
Low bearing capacity / soft or collapsing soils?	No	
Was rock encountered at the time of site investigation?	Yes	
Section 1.1 – Inspection Observation		
Are there any existing structures or trees to be removed from the proposed building footprint?	No	
Slope stability assessment recommended (> 15%)	No	
Were trees identified within the zone of influence of the proposed building footprint?	Yes	
The subject site is within 1000 m of the coast line.	No	
Were cobbles or boulders encountered in the soil profile	No	
Section 1.2 – Design Recommendations :		Additi
Recommended Founding Material	NATURAL SOIL PROFILE	
Are edge beam piers anticipated?	Yes	
Are internal slab piers anticipated due to the proposed cut and fill operations?	No	
Are internal slab piers anticipated due to prevailing site conditions (i.e. Poor Bearing Capacity / Presence of existing filling etc)?	No	
Unless otherwise stated, based on a 50/ 50 cut and fill earthworks	operation.	
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Section 2.0 Introduction

STA Consulting Engineers have been commissioned to undertake a soil test and site investigation in order to determine a site classification in accordance with AS 2870 Residential Slabs and Footings. Unless otherwise stated, the scope of this commission is limited to obtaining sufficient information to enable a site classification to be made, collect information on the natural soil profiles observed, determine the bearing strength of the soils, identify the presence and depth of fill material, determine the soils reactivity and calculate the effects of trees where required.

This commission does not extend to the testing of stockpiled materials stored on site, fill certificate, or the testing of sub-grade materials for pavement design. Whilst some comments may be made regarding foundations, the final design criteria is to be specified by the designing engineer.

2.01 Client Supplied Information

The following indicates the required information that is to be supplied and the information that has been supplied to the engineer prior to site investigation.

- YES Property description and site address
- YES Evidence to ensure site is correct
- YES The footprint of the proposed building and an indication of platform levels.

The below mentioned items were assessed at the time of the site investigation:

- 1. It is the sole responsibility of the builder to provide all relevant searches.
- 2. STA Note: Abnormal Site Conditions at time of investigation
 - a. Soft soil- such as uncontrolled fill or development fill sites including soft clay or silt or loose sand. (Soils bearing capacity is less than 100kPa)
 - b. Soils subject to erosion.
 - c. Reactive site subject to abnormal moisture conditions.
 - d. Sites that cannot be classified otherwise.
 - e. Unusual moisture conditions caused by drains, channels, ponds, dams or tanks which are to be maintained and removed from the site.
- 3. Trees located in close proximity of the footings (including trees on adjoining sites within the relevant distance of the mature height of the tree from the on site classification.

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- 4. Unusual moisture conditions caused by drains, channels, ponds, dams or tanks which are to be maintained and removed from the site.
- 5. Trees located in close proximity of the footings (including trees on ad.oining sites within the relevant distance of the mature height of the tree from the on site classification.

2.02 Site Classification Criteria

The soil test has been prepared in accordance with: Site Classification Criteria:

- AS 1289: Methods of testing soils for engineering purposes.
- AS 1726: Site Investigation Code.
- AS 2870: Classification of site in accordance with 'Residential Slab & footings'
- AS 3798: Guidelines on earthworks for commercial and residential development.

Section 3.0 Findings

3.01 Site Description

At the time of the investigation the site access was: Good. The vegetation consisted of grass and trees, the tested area had a gentle slope and the drainage was Poor.

3.02 Fieldwork & Laboratory Testing

A total of 3 bore holes were undertaken across the site using a Powered Auger to a maximum depth of 2500 mm (maximum bore hole depth).

Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (D.C.P) tests and Pocket Penetrometer (P.P) tests were also undertaken at the time of the site investigation.

An authorised representative from STA Consulting Engineers set out the bore holes locations from existing site features, directed sampling and logged bore hole profiles. Engineering logs of the bore holes are presented in Section 4, together with Explanation Sheets defining the terms and symbols used in the preparation of the logs.

Representative samples of in situ soil were collected for the purpose of laboratory testing where appropriate. These tests include the following:

- Moisture Contents
- Liquid Limit (LL)

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- Linear Shrinkage (LS)
- Shrink / Swell (Iss)

One or a combination of field tests were conducted on the in situ soils in order to make a determination on the 'Allowable Bearing Capacity' and / or "Un-drained Shear Strength". These tests include the following:

- Visual & Tactical Assessment
- Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (D.C.P)
- Pocket Penetrometer (P.P)
- Hand Held Shear Vane Test

Results of the Laboratory test are indicated under Section 7 Soil Profile and Laboratory Results.

3.03 Site Classification

As per AS2870-2011 Section C2.2 Methods for site classification; Laboratory test results and Y's calculations in conjunction with soil, geological & STA's own mapping system has been x-referenced to ensure consistency with nearby allotments pertaining to the soil profile and reactive soil characteristics for that of the proposed building site having been taken into consideration when determining the "Site Classification".

This site has been classified:

Class M

3.04 Comments & Recommendations

The following recommendations are based on the information provided to STA Consulting Engineers. If the house type, site positioning or site works vary from the information provided, STA Consulting Engineers must be contacted to reassess the site classification and design recommendations.

3.05 - Subsurface Conditions

3.05.1 - Rock

Weathered rock was identified at the time of the subsurface investigation.

Where the drill rig was unable to penetrate the rock, it is anticipated that the bearing capacity of the rock is in excess of 400 kPa

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BH No.	Depth
1	1200

Section 4.0 Bore Logs

						Bore Hole # 1									Bore Hole # 2								Bore Hole # 3
	Depth (m)	Groundwater	Groundwater		Extent of Fill	SOIL DESCRIPTION	PP Value	D.C.P blows/100 mm	N'q (kPa)	Depth (m)	Sample Location	Groundwater	Graphic Log	Extent of Fill	SOIL DESCRIPTION	PP Value	D.C.P blows/100 mm	N'q (kPa)	Depth (m)	Sample Location	Groundwater	Extent of Fill Graphic Log	SOIL DESCRIPTION
	0 — — — — 0.5 —					SILTY SAND (Grey-Brown) Dry & Dense CLAY SILTY SAND (Brown) Dry to Moist & Dense				0 — — — — 0.5 —			\sim		SILTY SAND (Light Yellow -Brown) Dry & Medium Dense SANDY SILTY CLAY (Orange-Brown-Mottled Grey) Moist & Very Stiff				0 — - - 0.5 —				SILTY SAND (Light Yellow -Brown) Dry & Medium Dense SANDY SILTY CLAY (Orange-Brown-Mottled Grey) Moist & Very Stiff
						EXTREMELY WEATHERED ROCK (SANDST (Light Yellow-Brown) Dry & Moderately Strong UTP (Rock)	TONE)							TOTALLY WEATHERED ROCK (Yellow-Brown-Mottled Grey) Dry & Moderately Strong								TOTALLY WEATHERED ROCK (Yellow-Brown-Mottled Grey) Dry & Moderately Strong
						Bore Hole Terminated - 1200 mm									Bore Hole Terminated - 2500 mm								Bore Hole Terminated - 2500 mm
Bore Hole Terminated - 1200 mm Drill Method: Powered Auger											Bore Hole Terminated - 2500 mm Drill Method: Powered Auger								Bore Hole Terminated - 2500 mm Drill Method: Powered Auger				

This line represents the anticipated base level of the recommended founding material nominated on page 1 of this report. This level is to be used as a gauge only. D.C.P blows/100 mm N'q (kPa) 7 7 8 232 9 8 223 9 13 15 Gravels Prelim Soil Test, Wind Report REPORT NAME 252529 Coral Homes QLD Pty STA JOB # Ltd CLIENT 43658 Brown IENT JOB # 329589 YOUR CLIENT NAME RP / SP NUMBER Lot 14 NEWLAND PLACE ADARE QLD 4343 ADDRESS LOCKYER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL LOCAL AUTHORITY ISSUE ISSUE DESCRIPTION DATE 20-02-25 A Initial Soil Test Smart, practical engineering solutions for residential construction Powered by STA. COPYRIGHT © 2021 ISO 9001:2015 Certified SHEET 3 CONSULTING 10 ENGINEERS

Section 5.0 Site Identification









Section 7.0 Laboratory Test Results

Zone of Influe	ence	Influence of Trees					
Climate Zone	Zone 3 Temperate	Single Tree	Tree Group				
Description	Zone 3 Temperate	Max Design Drying Depth (Ht) 3.00	Max Design Drying Depth (Ht) 3.60				
Hs (m)	2.3	Max Extra Suction Change (Du Base) 0.35	Max Extra Suction Change (Du Base) 0.43				
Suction Change Du	2.3	As per AS2870-2011 Section 2.3.3, Determin "Thornthwaite I	ation of suction change (HS) estimated from Moisture Index".				

Laboratory Test Results

Building ID	A	A	А
Sample Location	BH # 1	BH # 2	BH # 2
Depth Sample (mm)	600 mm	1500 mm	400 mm
Liquid Limit %	43.0 %	50.0 %	53.0 %
Linear Shrinkage %	12.0 %	14.0 %	15.0 %
lss	2.0	3.0	3.0

Summary of Bore Holes across the Site								
Bore Hole	1	2	3					
Characteristic Surface Movement Y's (mm)	0	18	18					
Tree Effect Yt's (mm)	0	3	3					
Fill Depths (m)	0.0	0.0	0.2					

Site Classification	Predictive Site Tilt
	1:751
Μ	Level 1 Fill Settlement
	N/A

Design Class Options						
The 'Design Class' are based on the use of a 'Raft Foundation' using the worst bore hole calculated on site.						
Raft Foundation	М	Foundations rafted on top of natural soil or controlled fill. Piers may be required where differential settlement of fill or soft clays are encountered.	Ym = 16			

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Section 8.0 Wind Evaluation & Rating

Wind Loading Assessment as per AS4055:2021

Wind Rating	N3	
Wind Region	В	
Terrain Category	2.5	
Topographic Class	T1	
Shielding Class	PS	Infill development likely within next 5 years development.

Wind Loading Assessment Limitations

The following wind rating is applicable for dwellings which comply with AS4055 Section 1.2. If the proposed dwelling does not comply with these limitations the wind rating will need to be reassessed as per AS NZS 1170.2:2021.

Limitations as per Section 1.2 AS4055 - Wind Loads for Housing

For the purpose of this Standard the following conditions (geometric limits) shall apply (See Figure 1.1):

(a) The distance from ground level to underside of eaves shall not exceed 6.0m. The distance from ground level to the highest point of the roof, not including chimeys, shall not exceed 8.5m

(b) The width (W) including roofed verandahs, excluding eaves, shall not exceed 16.0m, and the length (L) shall not exceed

(c) The roof pitch shall not exceed 35°.



Figure 1.2 AS4055:2021







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Typical Plumbing Guidelines

As per the Requirements of AS2870-2011 Section 5.6.4

STA CONSULTING ENGINEERS CONFIRMS THAT PLUMBING ARTICULATION JOINTS ARE NOT REQUIRED ON THIS SITE PROVIDING THE DETAILS ON THIS PAGE AND ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY REQUIREMENTS ARE ADHERED TO.





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Section 10 Glossary of Terms

The following are definitions of words used in this report and attached documents.

Allowable Bearing Capacity - Maximum bearing pressure that can be sustained by the foundation from the proposed footing system under service loads which should avoid failure or excessive settlement.

Clay - Fine grained soil with plastic properties when wet. Includes sandy or silty clays.

Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (D.C.P) - Field equipment used to determine underlying soil strength by measuring the penetration of the device into the soil after each hammer blow.

Foundation - Ground which supports the building.

Footing System - General term used to refer to slabs, footings, piers and pile systems used to transfer load from the structure to the foundations.

Linear Shrinkage [LS] - Decrease in length expressed as a percentage of the original length when a sample of soil is oven dried from a moisture content of about the liquid limit as determined by the linear shrinkage test.

Liquid Limit [wl] - Moisture content at which the soil passes from plastic to the liquid state as determined by the liquid limit test.

Plastic Limit [wp] - Moisture content at which the soil becomes too dry to be in a plastic condition as determined by the plastic limit test.

Plasticity Index [Ip] - Numerical difference between the liquid limit and the plastic limit of a soil.

Pocket Penetrometer (P.P) - Instrument used to evaluate consistency and approximate unconfined compressive strength of saturated cohesive soils.

Rock - Strong material including shaley material and strongly cemented sand or gravel that does not soften in water. Material that cannot readily be excavated by a back hoe may be taken to be rock.

Sand - Granular soil that may contain a small proportion of fines including silt or clay. The amount of fines may be assessed as small by visual inspection or if the amount passing a 425 um sieve is 15% or less. Material with a higher proportion of fines shall be treated as silt or clay.

Services - Means all under ground services to the site including but not limited to power, telephone, sewerage, water & storm water.

Silt - Fine grained soil that is non-cohesive and non-plastic when wet, can include some sand and clay.

Site - Block upon which the testing was carried out.

Standard Residential Allotment - Means that if the lot/allotment is larger than 650 metres square then the client needs to identify where the proposed dwelling structure is to be erected.

Surface Movement (Ys) - Design movement at the surface of a reactive site caused by moisture changes.

Surface Movement Trees (Yt) - Potential surface movement due to the tree-induced suction change in addition to the normal design suction change.

	Classification Symbols	Y's	Y'm	Generalised Description (Guide Only)
	'A'	0mm	0mm	Most sand and rock sites with little or no ground movement from moisture changes.
	'S'	0mm to 20mm	< 14mm	Slightly reactive clay sites, which may experience only slight ground movement from moisture changes.
	'M'	20mm to 40mm	< 28mm	Moderately reactive clay or silt sites, which may experience moderate ground movement from moisture changes.
Classification by	'H1'	40mm to 60 mm	< 42mm	Highly reactive clay sites, which may experience high ground movement from moisture change.
surface movement as	'H2'	60mm to 75mm	< 53mm	Highly reactive clay sites, which may experience high ground movement from moisture change.
per AS2870-2011	Έ'	>75mm	< 63mm	Extremely reactive clay sites, which may experience extreme ground movement from moisture changes. The subcategory of E1, E2, E3 are designated for clays within the extreme range to determine the severity of potential ground movement, with E1 being just above the limits of a H2, and E3 being at the extreme end of predictive ground movement.
	'P'	N/A	N/A	Problem sites which generally have soils associated with uncontrolled fill, abnormal moisture conditions (trees), soft or collapsing soils, land slip etc
	'-D'	N/A	N/A	For classes M, H1, H2 and E this further classification may be required, based on the depth of expected moisture change. Applied to sites with deep-seated moisture changes characteristic of dry climates and corresponding to a design depth of suction change (Hs), equal to or greater than 3 metres.

Note - Design Y'm = 0.7 Y's + Y't as per AS2870 - 2011

Section 10 - Appendix

10.01 - Soil Test/ Report Parameters

It is the clients responsibility to ensure that accurate details have been conveyed to STA Consulting Engineers prior to production of this report. STA Consulting Engineers is also not responsible for bracing and/or tie down requirements.

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10.03 - Soil Name	es a la companya de la compan			
Major	r Divisions	Symbols	Subdivision	Particle Size
	Boulders			>200mm
	Cobbles			60mm to 200mm
Coarse grained	Gravels (more than half of coarse fraction is larger	G	Coarse	20mm to 60mm
soils (more than			Medium	6mm to 20 mm
is larger than	than 2mm).		Fine	2mm to 6mm
0.07 ⁵ mm).	Sands (more than half of coarse fraction is smaller than 2mm).	S	Coarse	0.6mm to 2mm
			Medium	0.2mm to 0.6mm
			Fine	75mm to 0.2mm
Fine grained	Silts	М		
half of material	If of material Clays C Plastic	High/ low plasticitv	<75 μm	
is smaller than 0.075mm).	Organic	0		

10.04 - Strength/ Consistency

TERM	Bearing Capacity (kPa)	Field Guide
Very Loose	> 50	Foot imprints easily
Loose	50 - 100	Shovels easily
Medium Dense	100 - 200	Shovelling difficult
Dense	200 - 300	Needs pick for excavation
Very Dense	300 - 400	Picking difficult

Fine grained soils- (Cohesive)

Cohesive soils are described in terms of strength. Un-drained shear strength can be assessed using a pocket penetrometer for firm to very stiff soils, where a hand shear vane should be used up to firm soils. Refer table below:

TERM	Bearing Capacity (kPa)	Field Guide		
Very Soft	> 20	Extrudes between fingers when squeezed in hand		
Soft	20 - 50	Can be molded by light finger pressure		
Firm	50 - 100	Can be molded by strong finger pressure		
Stiff	100 - 200	Cannot be molded by fingers, but can be indented by thumb		
Very Stiff	200 - 300	Can be identified by thumb nail		
Hard	300 -400	Can be indented with difficulty by thumb nail		
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10.02 - Site Class and Potential Surface Movement

Methods adopted are in accordance with guidelines specified in AS 2870, appendix D. Potential surface movement and the resultant site classification are therefore in consideration of the local depth of the zone of consideration of significant soil moisture variations and the entire ground profile. This includes the influence of reactive clay based soils and/or the presence of fill, as well as the effect of stable materials such as dense sands or shallow rock. Site classification is divided into various classes, dependent on the Design Yst

Coarse grained soils- (Non Cohesive)

The consistency of essentially non cohesive soils is described in terms of the density index %. Technically it is not possible to make an assessment of the density index without some form of test, normally a penetration test such as a D.C.P. S.P.T or C.P.T is used in conjunction with published correlation tables. The table on the left is to be used as a guide only when determining strength parameters of non-cohesive soils:-

Section 11 Disclaimer

Where any footing excavations may indicate significant variations to the ground conditions specified in this report then STA Consulting Engineers must be informed immediately before further work proceeds on site.

The site classification is based upon the condition of the site at the time of the investigation and does not take into account any proposed earthworks or proposed site preparation details unless indicated. If any extensive cutting, cut/filling or total filling is proposed, a re assessment of the site classification will be required.

The Yt range is based on the mature height of the trees and vegetation present at the time of testing. If any additional trees are vegetation are to be placed STA Consulting Engineers should be contacted to re-evaluate the site classification and design recommendations (if applicable).

Where this report is used by a designing engineer then an original of the complete report must be provided to that engineer.

The information contained within this report is only applicable to the site address supplied by our client. Also, if the site is not a standard residential allotment, information contained in this report is only relevant to those areas investigated.

The bore hole locations, slope directions and offsets are estimations only and should not be taken as being accurate or relied on for set out.

It is the clients sole responsibility to determine:

- The set out of any proposed structure on the site;
- The location of any services. •

This report does not cover termite prevention, investigation or treatment. Any queries concerning these matters should be referred to appropriately qualified person.

It is the clients obligation to advise STA Consulting Engineers in writing of any known or suspected peculiarities or irregularities concerning the site.

Where STA Consulting Engineers relies upon information and documentation provided by the client the responsibility for the accuracy of any such information or documentation so provided is the clients sole responsibility.

Where the site is situated in a new development, it is the responsibility of the client to provide certifications of fill compaction to STA Consulting Engineers at the time of our engagement to prepare this report. Where the relevant certifications of fill compaction are not provided by the client to STA Consulting Engineers then the classification of this site may change which may increase the over all costs of construction of the proposed structure on the site. Where the certifications of fill compaction are provided after the completion of this report, then the client will be liable for an additional fee for the work necessary to revise the report in view of that additional documentation.

In the instances where by significant levels of filling are observed, there will always remain the possibility of tilt within a rafted foundation as a result of differential settlement in the fill. Australian Standard (AS2870-2011) does not cater for tilting of the slab as a result of differential settlement within certified filling nor does the Australian Standard address the possible occurrence when shallow foundations are adopted.

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Note: Tree Locations are indicative only and all recorded measurements are approximate.



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