

Borrow Source 9.002 Geotechnical Data Report

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ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

Acronyms/Abbreviations	Definition
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
GNWT-INF	Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Infrastructure
GSC	Geological Survey of Canada
K'alo-Stantec	K'alo-Stantec Limited
KM	Kilometre Marker
MGP	Mackenzie Gas Project
MVFL	Mackenzie Valley Fibre Link
MVH	Mackenzie Valley Highway
MVWR	Mackenzie Valley Winter Road
Northridge	Northridge Contracting Ltd.
NT	Northwest Territories
Ollerhead	Ollerhead & Associates Ltd.
Program	Borrow Source 9.002 Geotechnical Investigation Program
Project	Mackenzie Valley Highway Project
Tetra Tech	Tetra Tech Canada Inc.
TMS	Tulita Monitoring Service Ltd.
Willowlake	Willowlake Environmental Ltd.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF) is advancing environmental permitting and engineering for the Mackenzie Valley Highway (MVH or the Project) from Wrigley to Tulita and Norman Wells, Northwest Territories (NT). The MVH is a proposed two-lane, all-season gravel highway approximately 321 km in length that is planned to replace the seasonal Mackenzie Valley Winter Road (MVWR). As part of the Project, the GNWT-INF is looking to identify and evaluate existing and potential granular borrow sources to support construction of the MVH in the Sahtú Settlement Area between MVWR Kilometre Marker (KM) 850 and Tulit'a (MVWR KM 940). In 2024, four existing or potential granular borrow sources (the Borrow Sources) along this section of the MVH were selected for further investigation: 9.002 (MVWR KM 851), BS895 (MVWR KM 895), BS899 (MVWR KM 899), and BS900 (MVWR KM 900).

The team of Tetra Tech Canada Inc. (Tetra Tech) and K'alo-Stantec Limited (K'alo-Stantec) were retained under Standing Offer Agreement Contract SC-INF01-7455 to conduct a geotechnical investigation program (the Program) for the Borrow Sources in Winter 2025. The objective of the Program was to characterize the subsurface materials and extents at the Borrow Sources to support future design and construction of the MVH. The Borrow Sources selected for this Program included one primary granular borrow source (9.002) identified in Table 5.4 of the 2023 *Mackenzie Valley Highway Project Developer's Assessment Report* (GNWT 2023) as well as three new potential granular borrow sources (BS895, BS899, BS900) identified by Tetra Tech and K'alo-Stantec within the "Tulita Gap" (Tetra Tech 2024).

This report presents the results of the data collected from the geotechnical investigation conducted at Borrow Source 9.002, including geotechnical testpit logs, geotechnical laboratory test results, field photographs, and site figures. It also provides an engineering assessment of the borrow material quality and suitability for use in MVH construction.

1.1 Borrow Source Description

Borrow Source 9.002 is an existing granular borrow source located in the Sahtú Settlement Area at MVWR KM 851, as shown on Figure 1 (see Figures section). The granular borrow source is intersected by the MVWR and consists of two separate land parcels: North (264,752 m²) and South (178,207 m²). It is located southeast of Little Smith Creek (MVWR KM 853.8) and is approximately 2 km east of the Mackenzie River (K'alo-Stantec 2021a).

The granular borrow source consists of a large glaciofluvial terrace approximately 2.4 km in length and 0.7 km in width. The terrace is characterized by good drainage and moderate vegetation density, with dense growths of spruce and birch supported by a thin topsoil layer. The granular deposit is stratified, comprising fine-grained to medium-grained sand and coarse-grained gravel.

Borrow Source 9.002 is situated on privately-owned (Sahtú) land and is planned to be a permanent granular borrow source to support construction, operations, and maintenance of the MVH. Nearby developments include the MVWR, the Mackenzie Valley Fibre Link (MVFL), and the Enbridge Line 21 Pipeline. The MVWR and MVFL intersect the existing granular borrow source and are in close proximity to both of its land parcels. Enbridge's Line 21 Pipeline is located approximately 200 m west of the existing granular borrow source.

1.2 Relevant Background Information

Borrow Source 9.002 (formerly Site No. 228) was first identified and investigated in 1973 by PEMCAN Services “72” during development of the MVH (K’alo-Stantec 2021a). A geotechnical investigation of the potential granular borrow source, including seven boreholes and one testpit, was conducted in February 1973. Relevant background data from this past geotechnical investigation program is provided in Appendix A.

In 2007, the borrow source (formerly Site No. 9.002PB) was also investigated as part of the Mackenzie Gas Project (MGP) to support its preliminary engineering design (EBA 2007). A geotechnical and geophysical investigation program of the existing granular borrow source was conducted in February 2007, which included one borehole, four testpits, and two geophysical survey profiles. The MGP program confirmed a significant deposit of well-graded sand and gravel and the combination of geotechnical drilling, geotechnical testpitting, and geophysical surveys provided confidence in Borrow Source 9.002’s thickness, lateral extent, and gradational structure.

Several other borrow source studies have previously been conducted for the Project and were referenced during the Program, as listed in Table 1-1. Other relevant background information provided to Tetra Tech included spatial data and aerial imagery for the Program’s Borrow Sources.

Table 1-1: Relevant Background Information for Borrow Source 9.002

Document Title	Date Issued	Reference	Key Information
<i>Mackenzie Gas Project – Winter 2007 Geotechnical and Geophysical Program Data Report for Borrow Prospect Investigations, Sahtu Settlement Area, Tulita District</i>	November 2007	EBA (2007)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous geotechnical and geophysical investigation data, including geotechnical borehole and testpit logs, geotechnical laboratory test results, site photographs, and geophysical survey profiles. Description of subsurface conditions for Borrow Source 9.002, including stratigraphy, groundwater, active layer depths, and permafrost presence.
<i>Mackenzie Valley Highway – Desktop Review of Prospect Borrow Sources</i>	September 11, 2020	K’alo-Stantec (2020a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desktop assessment and findings identifying Borrow Source 9.002 as a viable primary granular borrow source.
<i>Mackenzie Valley Highway – Assessment of Prospective Borrow Sources – Geotechnical Engineering Recommendations</i>	December 11, 2020	K’alo-Stantec (2020b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geotechnical recommendations for granular borrow source investigation and characterization on the Project.
<i>Mackenzie Valley Highway Extension Project – Prospective Borrow Sources Assessment</i>	February 2021	K’alo-Stantec (2021a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desktop evaluation of borrow sources supplemented by a field reconnaissance. Identifies Borrow Source 9.002 as a primary source with a substantial volume of high-quality granular material.
<i>Summary of Borrow Source / Quarry Evaluations Leading to Selection of 15 Primary Sources</i>	May 5, 2021	K’alo-Stantec (2021b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarizes previous evaluations of Borrow Source 9.002, including its selection as a primary source for construction and long-term maintenance. Outlines technical, environmental, and land use considerations.

1.3 Program Subcontractors

Support for the Program, including surveying, site access clearing, geotechnical testpitting, and environmental monitoring, was provided by the following NT-based subcontractors:

- Surveying:
 - Ollerhead & Associates Ltd. (Ollerhead) of Yellowknife, NT.
- Site Access Clearing:
 - Willowlake Environmental Ltd. (Willowlake) of Tulit'a, NT.
- Geotechnical Testpitting:
 - Northridge Contracting Ltd. (Northridge) of Norman Wells, NT.
- Environmental Monitoring:
 - Tulita Monitoring Service Ltd. (TMS) of Tulit'a, NT.

2.0 GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION

The geotechnical investigation of Borrow Source 9.002 was conducted between March 9 to 26, 2025 and included three main activities: surveying, site access clearing, and geotechnical testpitting. Environmental monitoring was conducted throughout the Program to ensure all activities were environmental and wildlife compliant.

Surveying for Borrow Source 9.002 was carried out by Ollerhead on March 9 and 10, 2025 and included the layout of testpit locations and their associated cutline alignments for site access. Site access clearing, including vegetation mulching and snow clearing, was conducted on March 19 and 20, 2025 to facilitate geotechnical testpitting. The testpit locations and associated access cutlines were mulched and hand cleared by Willowlake, under the supervision of Teri Brito, P.Eng. (BC) of Tetra Tech and an environmental monitor from TMS.

Geotechnical testpitting at Borrow Source 9.002 was conducted on March 25 and 26, 2025. A total of seven testpits were excavated as part of the Program using a Northridge hydraulic excavator. Geotechnical logging, photography, and sampling was performed by April Graves, E.I.T., of Tetra Tech.

The location of Borrow Source 9.002 and its associated testpits are shown on Figure 1 (see Figures section). Select field photographs from the geotechnical investigation are shown on Photos 1 to 18 (see Photographs section). Geotechnical testpit logs for Borrow Source 9.002 are presented in Appendix B.

2.1 Testpit Locations and Methodology

Seven testpits were excavated as part of the geotechnical investigation for Borrow Source 9.002, as shown on Figure 1 (see Figures section). Testpit coordinates are summarized in Table 2-1 and presented in Table A (see Tables section).

Table 2-1: Testpit Information for Borrow Source 9.002

Testpit Number	Mackenzie Valley Highway Location (MVWR KM)	Testpit Coordinates (m, UTM Zone 10: NAD83)		Ground Elevation (m)	Completion Depth (m)
		Northing	Easting		
TP25-9.002-01	851.2	7,145,895	416,882	126.9	6.0
TP25-9.002-02	851.0	7,145,719	417,068	128.4	6.0
TP25-9.002-03	851.2	7,145,996	417,180	129.8	6.0
TP25-9.002-04	851.0	7,145,804	417,210	130.0	6.0
TP25-9.002-05	850.8	7,145,599	417,329	132.9	6.0
TP25-9.002-06	850.7	7,145,199	416,965	130.5	6.0
TP25-9.002-07	850.4	7,144,835	417,235	133.0	6.0

Ollerhead surveyed and staked the testpit locations in the field prior to geotechnical testpitting. Following the completion of geotechnical testpitting, the as-excavated testpit coordinates and elevations were surveyed by Ollerhead, as shown on the geotechnical testpit logs in Appendix B.

The geotechnical testpitting was completed using a CAT 329E hydraulic excavator, owned and operated by Northridge. Each testpit was excavated to the maximum depth achievable by the excavator or until effective refusal was encountered. Following completion, the testpits were backfilled with the excavated material in the reverse sequence it was removed (i.e., organics on top). The material was nominally compacted and mounded over the testpit excavation to match the original ground surface.

2.2 Geotechnical Logging and Sampling

All recovered soils were logged and photographed at their respective testpit locations, allowing for accurate classification and sampling of the subsurface materials encountered.

Soils were classified according to the *Modified Unified Soil Classification* system. The frozen state of the soils was described according to the National Research Council Canada’s *Ground Ice Classification* system. Soil logging consisted of identifying the following parameters:

- Soil Composition
- Particle Size
- Angularity/Shape
- Moisture
- Plasticity
- Colour
- Frozen/Unfrozen State
- Ground Ice Description

Representative soil samples (i.e., grab samples) were taken at approximately 1 m intervals or where a change in stratigraphy was noted as the testpit was excavated. The disturbed samples were placed in plastic bags, double-bagged for moisture preservation, and transported to Tetra Tech’s materials laboratory in Yellowknife for geotechnical laboratory testing.

2.3 Geotechnical Laboratory Testing

Geotechnical laboratory testing on recovered soil samples from Borrow Source 9.002 was completed at Tetra Tech’s materials laboratory in Yellowknife, NT. The geotechnical laboratory testing program included:

- Moisture Contents;
- Particle Size Analyses (Sieves);
- Atterberg Limits;
- Moisture-Density Relationship (Standard Proctor); and
- Flat and Elongated Particles (including Fractured Face Counts).

Geotechnical laboratory testing results for Borrow Source 9.002 are summarized in Table B (see Tables section) and are shown on the geotechnical testpit logs in Appendix B. Detailed results for all geotechnical laboratory testing for Borrow Source 9.002 are provided in Appendix C.

2.3.1 Moisture Contents

Moisture contents were determined, in accordance with ASTM D2216, on a total of 42 soil samples from Borrow Source 9.002. Moisture content values ranged from 0.2% to 24.3%. Results are presented in Table B (see Tables section) and on the geotechnical testpit logs in Appendix B.

2.3.2 Particle Size Analyses

Particle size analyses (i.e., sieves) were performed on select soil samples from Borrow Source 9.002 to characterize the borrow material. A total of 16 sieves were completed, in accordance with ASTM D6913. The particle size analyses test results are summarized in Table 2-2.

Table 2-2: Particle Size Analyses Test Results for Borrow Source 9.002

Testpit Number	Sample Depth (m)		Moisture Content (%)	Particle Size Distribution (%)		
	From	To		Gravel	Sand	Silt and Clay
TP25-9.002-01	0.9	1.0	6.4	28	42	30
	4.5	5.0	16.6	8	85	7
TP25-9.002-02	0.9	1.0	2.1	22	77	1
	1.8	2.0	1.8	33	65	2
TP25-9.002-03	5.0	5.5	6.0	3	96	1
	0.9	1.0	2.3	54	41	5
TP25-9.002-04	3.5	4.0	2.4	5	94	1
	0.9	1.0	5.5	13	31	56
TP25-9.002-05	2.5	3.0	0.2	6	93	1
	0.9	1.0	1.7	59	37	4
TP25-9.002-06	3.5	4.0	1.9	9	90	1
	5.5	6.0	7.7	0	77	23
TP25-9.002-07	1.0	1.1	1.7	55	44	1
	5.7	5.9	12.7	19	73	8
TP25-9.002-07	0.9	1.0	2.3	70	27	3
	4.0	4.5	1.9	47	52	1

2.3.3 Atterberg Limits

Atterberg Limits testing was conducted on four fine-grained soil samples obtained from testpits at Borrow Source 9.002, in accordance with ASTM D4318. The Atterberg Limits test results are summarized in Table 2-3.

Table 2-3: Atterberg Limits Test Results for Borrow Source 9.002

Testpit Number	Sample Depth (m)		Moisture Content (%)	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plasticity Index	Modified Unified Soil Classification
	From	To					
TP25-9.002-01	1.8	2.0	4.7	-	-	-	NP
TP25-9.002-02	5.7	6.0	23.0	52	23	29	CH
TP25-9.002-03	5.9	6.0	19.6	27	17	10	CL
TP25-9.002-04	5.9	6.0	24.3	-	-	-	NP

2.3.4 Moisture-Density Relationship

Moisture-Density Relationship (Standard Proctor) testing, in accordance with ASTM D698, was performed on one representative bulk sample from Borrow Source 9.002. The Moisture-Density Relationship test result is summarized in Table 2-4.

Table 2-4: Moisture-Density Relationship Test Result for Borrow Source 9.002

Testpit Number	Sample Depth (m)		Moisture Content (%)	Maximum Dry Density (kg/m ³)	Optimum Moisture Content (%)
	From	To			
TP25-9.002-04	2.5	3.0	0.2	1760	13.5

2.3.5 Flat and Elongated Particles (including Fractured Face Counts)

Flat and Elongated Particles testing, in accordance with ASTM D4791-19, was performed on 16 coarse-grained soil samples from Borrow Source 9.002. Each sample was tested at flat/elongated ratios of 2:1 and 3:1. Fractured face counts were also completed on each sample. The Flat and Elongated Particles test results are summarized in Table 2-5.

Table 2-5: Flat and Elongated Particles Test Results for Borrow Source 9.002

Testpit Number	Sample Depth (m)		Weighted Average of Flat and Elongated Particles (% , 5 mm Retained)		Fractured Face Count (% , 2 or more faces)
	From	To	2:1 Ratio	3:1 Ratio	
TP25-9.002-01	0.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	2.6
	1.8	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
TP25-9.002-02	0.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
	1.8	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
TP25-9.002-03	0.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
	2.7	3.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
	4.5	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.5

Table 2-5: Flat and Elongated Particles Test Results for Borrow Source 9.002

Testpit Number	Sample Depth (m)		Weighted Average of Flat and Elongated Particles (% , 5 mm Retained)		Fractured Face Count (% , 2 or more faces)
	From	To	2:1 Ratio	3:1 Ratio	
TP25-9.002-04	0.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
	1.8	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
	2.8	3.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
TP25-9.002-05	0.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
	1.8	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
	2.7	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
TP25-9.002-06	1.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	5.9
	2.6	3.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
	4.5	5.0	0.0	0.0	2.7
TP25-9.002-07	0.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
	1.9	2.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
	4.5	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
	5.0	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.8

3.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

The subsurface conditions for Borrow Source 9.002 are summarized herein based on the geotechnical findings from the Program. Testpit locations are shown on a site plan of the borrow source on Figure 1 (see Figures section). Geotechnical data is presented in on the geotechnical testpit logs in Appendix B.

3.1 Stratigraphy

The subsurface conditions identified for Borrow Source 9.002 consisted of four primary stratigraphic layers:

- Gravel and Sand (also Gravel, Sandy)
- Sand, Gravelly
- Silt, Sandy
- Clay

At ground surface, Borrow Source 9.002 was covered with a 100 mm-thick layer of Organics (Peat or Topsoil), which was frozen and brown to black in colour. The following subsections provide detailed descriptions of each primary stratigraphic layer identified for Borrow Source 9.002.

3.1.1 Gravel and Sand

A Gravel and Sand (also Gravel, Sandy) layer was encountered beneath the Organics (Peat or Topsoil) layer in all testpits completed for Borrow Source 9.002, except Testpits *TP25-9.002-01* and *TP25-9.002-04*. The layer ranged in thickness from approximately 0.7 m to 1.4 m and was underlain by a Sand, Gravelly layer.

The Gravel and Sand layer consisted of medium to coarse-grained sand with trace silt and subrounded to rounded gravel. The granular material was brown in colour and exhibited moisture contents between 1.7% and 2.3%, which was described as *Dry* when unfrozen. The coarse-grained soil layer contained nearly no flat and elongated particles with fractured face counts (2 or more faces) ranging from 0.4% to 5.9%.

3.1.2 Sand, Gravelly

A Sand, Gravelly layer was encountered in all the Borrow Source 9.002 testpits. The layer underlays the Gravel and Sand layer in most of the testpits, except for Testpits *TP25-9.002-04* (Silt, Sandy) and *TP25-9.002-01* (Organics). The Sand, Gravelly layer ranged in thickness from 4.4 m to 5.9 m and extended to the depth of excavation in all testpits, except for Testpits *TP25-9.002-02* and *TP25-9.002-03*.

The Sand, Gravelly layer was generally described as containing some gravel and trace silt. In Testpits *TP25-9.002-01* (0.1 m to 2.5 m depth), *TP25-9.002-04* (5.9 m to 6.0 m depth), and *TP25-9.002-05* (5.6 m to 6.0 m depth), the layer exhibited silty characteristics. Gravel content typically decreased with depth, ranging from gravelly near the top of the layer to no visible gravel at depth. The granular material was brown to dark brown in colour. Moisture contents ranged from 1.1% to 16.6%, which were described as *Dry* to *Wet* when unfrozen. The coarse-grained soil layer contained nearly no flat and elongated particles with fractured face counts (2 or more faces) ranging from 0.1% to 2.7%.

3.1.3 Silt, Sandy

A layer of Silt, Sandy was observed only in Testpit *TP25-9.002-04*, underlying the Organics (Peat or Topsoil) layer to a depth of 0.9 m below ground surface. The layer was brown in colour and contained some gravel and trace clay. When unfrozen, the fine-grained material had a moisture content of 5.5%.

3.1.4 Clay

Clay was encountered at the base of excavation in Testpits *TP25-9.002-02* and *TP25-9.002-03*, underlying the Sand, Gravelly layer. This fine-grained material was encountered at the maximum depth of excavation and is at least 0.2 m thick.

The Clay was typically silty with trace to some sand and trace gravel. The layer was dark brown or grey in colour. In Testpit *TP25-9.002-02*, the Clay was high plastic (*CH*) with a moisture content of 23.0%. In Testpit *TP25-9.002-03*, the Clay was low plastic (*CL*) with a moisture content of 19.6%. In both cases, the moisture contents were within the range between the plastic and liquid limits of the fine-grained material.

3.2 Groundwater

Groundwater was not encountered in any of the testpits completed for Borrow Source 9.002.

3.3 Active Layer

The depth of the active layer (i.e., seasonal thaw depth) is anticipated to vary locally across Borrow Source 9.002 depending on the surficial materials, depth of bedrock, and depth of groundwater as well as the thickness of vegetation and snow cover. During the Program, the depth of the active layer was not accurately determined due to the dryness of the granular materials encountered and the limited frozen/unfrozen indicators.

The Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) maintains a series of active layer monitoring sites within the Mackenzie Valley, several of which have been in operation since the early 1990s (K'alo-Stantec 2023). GSC Site ID *OFF-01* is located near MVWR KM 881 and is considered the closest and most relevant active layer monitoring site to Borrow Source 9.002. The site is located within a *Till, plain (Tp)* deposit and has similar vegetation cover to Borrow Source 9.002, which recorded maximum thaw depths of up to 3.1 m below ground surface. These values are considered representative of the expected active layer conditions at Borrow Source 9.002.

3.4 Permafrost

No permafrost soils were identified in the testpits completed for Borrow Source 9.002.

4.0 BORROW SOURCE ASSESSMENT

Findings from the geotechnical investigation of Borrow Source 9.002 have been developed based on the new data collected by Tetra Tech during the Program as well as the available background data. Background data for Borrow Source 9.002 is provided in Appendix A. Geotechnical data from the Program is presented on the geotechnical testpit logs in Appendix B.

4.1 Estimated Granular Material Quantities

The approximate surface area of Borrow Source 9.002 is 442,959 m², as shown on Figure 1 (see Figures section). Combining this information with results from the geotechnical investigation, estimated granular material quantities were calculated based on the surface area of the potential granular borrow source that was previously mapped (K'alo-Stantec 2021a).

Testpit findings are assumed to be representative of the subsurface conditions within Borrow Source 9.002; however, the actual extent of granular materials may extend beyond or could be smaller than the borrow source boundaries identified on Figure 1.

Estimated granular material quantities for the Gravel and Sand layer and the Sand, Gravelly layer are provided in Table 4-1. The Silt, Sandy and Clay layers encountered in Borrow Source 9.002 are predominantly fine-grained, poorly-graded materials and are not considered suitable for MVH construction.

Table 4-1: Estimated Granular Material Quantities for Borrow Source 9.002

Granular Material Type	Surface Area (m ²)	Average Granular Material Thickness (m)	Estimated Granular Material Quantity (m ³)
Gravel and Sand	442,959	0.9	400,000
Sand, Gravelly		4.8 ¹	2,126,000
TOTAL			2,526,000

¹ Sand, Gravelly layer extended to the depth of investigation in each testpit; however, the thickness of the deposit may be greater.

4.2 Granular Material Suitability

Tetra Tech reviewed and assessed the following granular materials against the crushed aggregate types specified for NT highways in the GNWT-INF’s *Standard Specifications for Highway Construction* (GNWT 2021). Particle size analyses test results were compared against the specified gradations outlined in *Division 5 (Granular Materials), Section 1 (Crushed Aggregate Production)* of the standard specification. Granular materials that conformed to the specified gradation were deemed *Suitable* and those that did not were deemed *Not Suitable*.

For all *Suitable* granular materials, oversize materials (i.e., cobbles and boulders) should be screened out or crushed prior to use. All organics and deleterious materials (e.g., vegetation, ice, snow) should be removed and stockpiled prior to the extraction of granular materials.

4.2.1 Gravel and Sand

The Gravel and Sand (also Gravel, Sandy) layer encountered at Borrow Source 9.002 was generally well-graded and contained medium-grained sand to coarse-grained gravel and trace fines (i.e., silt and clay). Tetra Tech assessed the layer’s granular material suitability against the GNWT-INF’s standard specifications (GNWT 2021) for each crushed aggregate type, as outlined below:

- Embankment Rock Fill (5.1.3.4b, i):
 - *Not Suitable* (All Classes, including Class 150 mm, Class 200 mm, and Class 300 mm).
- Granular Base Course (5.1.3.4b, ii):
 - *Suitable* (All Classes, including Class 12.5 mm, Class 16.0 mm, Class 19.0 mm, and Class 20.0 mm).
- Granular Subbase (5.1.3.4b, iii):
 - *Suitable* (All Classes, including Class 40 mm, Class 50 mm, Class 76 mm, Class 80 mm, and Class 100 mm).

4.2.2 Sand, Gravelly

The Sand, Gravelly layer encountered at Borrow Source 9.002 was typically medium-grained sand with some gravel and trace silt. Tetra Tech assessed the suitability of this granular material against the GNWT-INF's standard specifications (GNWT 2021) for each crushed aggregate type, as outlined below:

- Embankment Rock Fill (5.1.3.4b, i):
 - *Not Suitable* (All Classes, including Class 150 mm, Class 200 mm, and Class 300 mm).
- Granular Base Course (5.1.3.4b, ii):
 - *Not Suitable* (All Classes, including Class 12.5 mm, Class 16.0 mm, Class 19.0 mm, and Class 20.0 mm).
- Granular Subbase (5.1.3.4b, iii):
 - Class 40 mm: *Not Suitable*
 - Class 50 mm: *Not Suitable*
 - Class 76 mm: *Suitable*
 - Class 80 mm: *Not Suitable*
 - Class 100 mm: *Suitable*

5.0 CLOSURE

We trust this data report meets your present requirements. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned.

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TABLES

Table A	Geotechnical Investigation Information Summary
Table B	Geotechnical Laboratory Test Results Summary

TABLE A: GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION INFORMATION SUMMARY

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway, Borrow Source 9.002
 Project Number: 704-ENG.EARC03299-03
 Client: Government of the Northwest Territories (K'alo-Stantec)
 Location: Sahtú Settlement Area, Northwest Territories



Coordinate System: UTM with NAD83, Zone 10N
 Completion Dates: March 25 to 26, 2025
 Logged By: April Graves
 Total Testpits: 7

Testpit Number	Mackenzie Valley Highway Location (MVWR KM)	Testpit Coordinates (m, NAD83 [CSRS] Epoch 2010)		Ground Elevation (m)	Completion Depth (m)	Completion Elevation (m)	Groundwater Depth (m)	Groundwater Elevation (m)	Completion Date
		Northing	Easting						
TP25-9.002-01	851.2	7,145,895.0	416,882.0	126.9	6.0	120.9	-	-	March 25, 2025
TP25-9.002-02	851.0	7,145,719.0	417,068.1	128.4	6.0	122.4	-	-	March 25, 2025
TP25-9.002-03	851.2	7,145,995.6	417,180.0	129.8	6.0	123.8	-	-	March 26, 2025
TP25-9.002-04	851.0	7,145,803.9	417,210.0	130.0	6.0	124.0	-	-	March 26, 2025
TP25-9.002-05	850.8	7,145,599.1	417,328.7	132.9	6.0	126.9	-	-	March 26, 2025
TP25-9.002-06	850.7	7,145,199.0	416,965.1	130.5	6.0	124.5	-	-	March 25, 2025
TP25-9.002-07	850.4	7,144,835.0	417,235.0	133.0	6.0	127.0	-	-	March 25, 2025

TABLE B: GEOTECHNICAL LABORATORY TEST RESULTS SUMMARY

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway, Borrow Source 9.002
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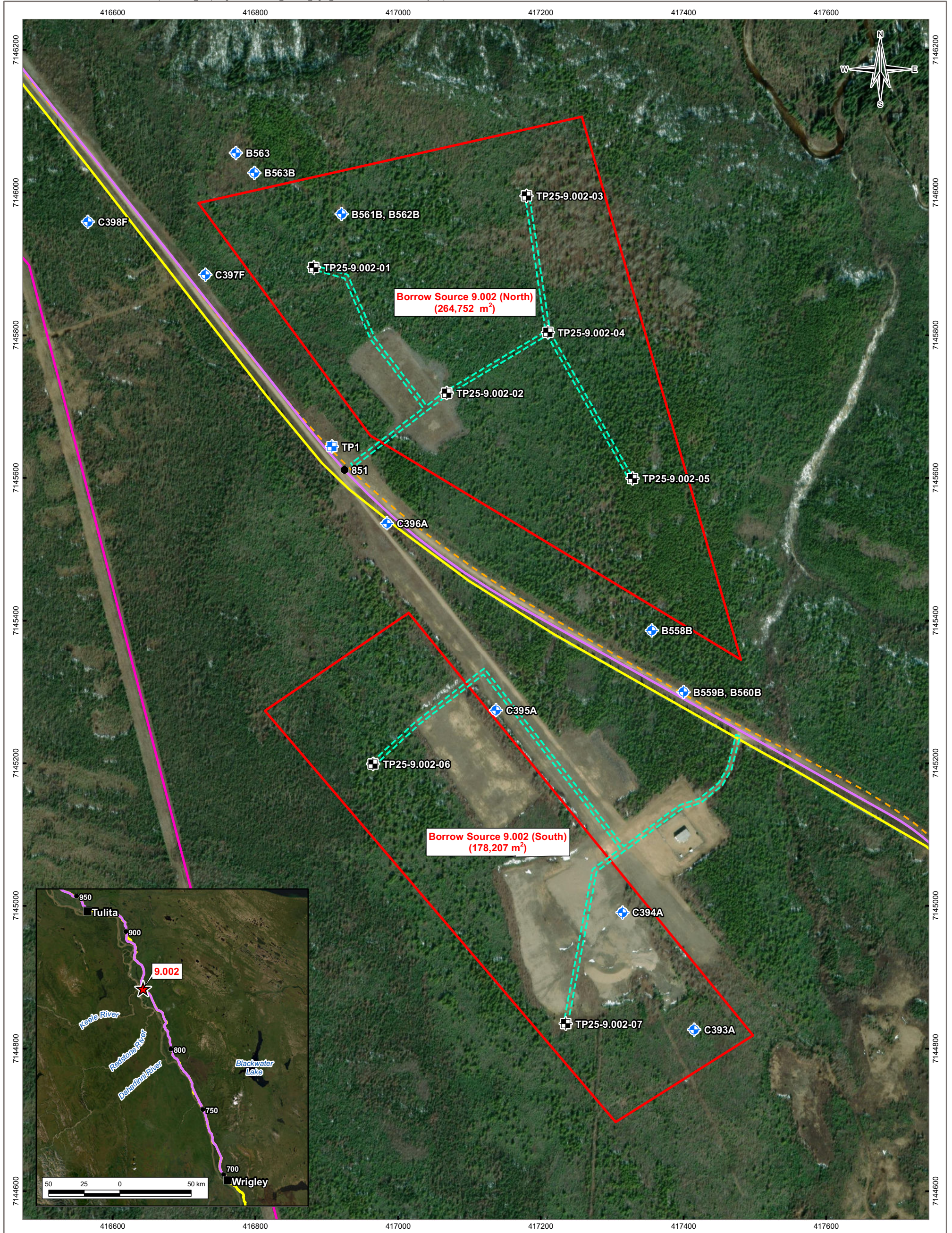


Sampled By: April Graves
 Sample Date: March 25 to 26, 2025
 Tested By: Yellowknife Materials Laboratory
 Total Testpits: 7

Testpit Number	Sample Number	Sample Type	Sample Depth (m)		Moisture Content (%)	Particle Size Distribution (%)				Atterberg Limits			Modified Unified Soil Classification	Maximum Dry Density (kg/m ³)	Optimum Moisture Content (%)	Fractured Face Count (%)
			From	To		Gravel	Sand	Silt	Clay	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plasticity Index				
TP25-9.002-01	G1	Grab	0.9	1.0	6.4	28	42	30	-	-	-	SM	-	-	2.6	
	G2	Grab	1.8	2.0	4.7	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	NP	-	-	0.1	
	G3	Grab	2.6	3.0	2.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	G4	Grab	3.5	4.0	16.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	G5	Grab	4.5	5.0	16.6	8	85	7	-	-	-	SP	-	-	-	
	G6	Grab	5.0	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TP25-9.002-02	G1	Grab	0.9	1.0	2.1	22	77	1	-	-	-	SP	-	-	0.5	
	G2	Grab	1.8	2.0	1.8	33	65	2	-	-	-	SP	-	-	0.2	
	G3	Grab	2.6	3.0	2.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	G4	Grab	4.0	4.5	3.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	G5	Grab	5.0	5.5	6.0	3	96	1	-	-	-	SP	-	-	-	
	G6	Grab	5.7	6.0	23.0	-	-	-	52	23	29	CH	-	-	-	
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TP25-9.002-04	G1	Grab	0.9	1.0	5.5	13	31	56	-	-	-	ML	-	-	0.2	
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	G3	Grab	2.5	3.0	0.2	6	93	1	-	-	-	SP	1760	13.5	-	
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	G5	Grab	3.8	4.3	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	G6	Grab	4.5	5.0	2.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	G7	Grab	5.9	6.0	24.3	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	NP	-	-	-	
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	G4	Grab	4.0	4.5	1.9	47	52	1	-	-	-	SP	-	-	0.2	
	G5	Grab	5.0	5.5	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.8	
	G6	Grab	5.5	6.0	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

FIGURES

Figure 1 Borrow Source 9.002 Site Plan



LEGEND

- 2025 Testpit (Tetra Tech, 2025)
- 1973 Borehole (PEMCAN, 1973)
- 1973 Testpit (PEMCAN, 1973)
- Proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway Alignment Kilometre Marker
- Potential Borrow Source
- Access Trail
- Proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway Alignment (2022 IFEA)
- Mackenzie Valley Winter Road
- Enbridge Line 21 Pipeline
- Mackenzie Valley Fibre Link

NOTES
 Base data source:
 Imagery provided by ESRI; Maxar (2024)

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**MACKENZIE VALLEY HIGHWAY
 WINTER 2025 GEOTECHNICAL**

**Borrow Source 9.002
 Site Plan**

PROJECTION UTM Zone 10	DATUM NAD83	CLIENT
Scale: 1:5,000		
100 50 0 100 Metres		
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PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo 1	Site access clearing in progress near MVWR KM 850
Photo 2	Site access clearing completed for Testpit <i>TP25-9.002-01</i>
Photo 3	Excavating for Testpit <i>TP25-9.002-01</i>
Photo 4	Backfilling completed for Testpit <i>TP25-9.002-05</i>
Photo 5	Sand excavated from Testpit <i>TP25-9.002-01</i>
Photo 6	Sand observed in Testpit <i>TP25-9.002-01</i>
Photo 7	Gravel and Sand excavated from Testpit <i>TP25-9.002-02</i>
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Photo 17	Gravel and Sand excavated from Testpit <i>TP25-9.002-07</i>
Photo 18	Gravel and Sand observed in Testpit <i>TP25-9.002-07</i>



Photo 1: Borrow Source 9.002 (North) Site Access Clearing
Site access clearing in progress near MVWR KM 850
(Photo Date: March 19, 2025)



Photo 2: Borrow Source 9.002 (North), Testpit TP25-9.002-01
Site access clearing completed for Testpit TP25-9.002-01
(Photo Date: March 20, 2025)



Photo 3: Borrow Source 9.002 (North) Testpitting
Excavating for Testpit TP25-9.002-01
(Photo Date: March 25, 2025)



Photo 4: Borrow Source 9.002 (North) Testpitting
Backfilling completed for Testpit TP25-9.002-05
(Photo Date: March 26, 2025)



Photo 5: Borrow Source 9.002 (North), Testpit *TP25-9.002-01*
Sand excavated from Testpit *TP25-9.002-01*
(Photo Date: March 25, 2025)



Photo 6: Borrow Source 9.002 (North), Testpit *TP25-9.002-01*
Sand observed in Testpit *TP25-9.002-01*
(Photo Date: March 25, 2025)



Photo 7: Borrow Source 9.002 (North), Testpit *TP25-9.002-02*
Gravel and Sand excavated from Testpit *TP25-9.002-02*
(Photo Date: March 25, 2025)



Photo 8: Borrow Source 9.002 (North), Testpit *TP25-9.002-02*
Gravel and Sand observed in Testpit *TP25-9.002-02*
(Photo Date: March 25, 2025)



Photo 9: Borrow Source 9.002 (North), Testpit *TP25-9.002-03*
Gravel and Sand excavated from Testpit *TP25-9.002-03*
(Photo Date: March 26, 2025)



Photo 10: Borrow Source 9.002 (North), Testpit *TP25-9.002-03*
Gravel and Sand observed in Testpit *TP25-9.002-03*
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Photo 11: Borrow Source 9.002 (North), Testpit *TP25-9.002-04*
Silt and Sand excavated from Testpit *TP25-9.002-04*
(Photo Date: March 26, 2025)



Photo 12: Borrow Source 9.002 (North), Testpit *TP25-9.002-04*
Silt and Sand observed in Testpit *TP25-9.002-04*
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Photo 13: Borrow Source 9.002 (North), Testpit *TP25-9.002-05*
Gravel and Sand excavated from Testpit *TP25-9.002-05*
(Photo Date: March 26, 2025)



Photo 14: Borrow Source 9.002 (North), Testpit *TP25-9.002-05*
Gravel and Sand observed in Testpit *TP25-9.002-05*
(Photo Date: March 26, 2025)



Photo 15: Borrow Source 9.002 (South), Testpit TP25-9.002-06
Gravel and Sand excavated from Testpit TP25-9.002-06
(Photo Date: March 25, 2025)



Photo 16: Borrow Source 9.002 (South), Testpit TP25-9.002-06
Gravel and Sand observed in Testpit TP25-9.002-06
(Photo Date: March 25, 2025)



Photo 17: Borrow Source 9.002 (South), Testpit TP25-9.002-07
Gravel and Sand excavated from Testpit TP25-9.002-07
(Photo Date: March 25, 2025)



Photo 18: Borrow Source 9.002 (South), Testpit TP25-9.002-07
Gravel and Sand observed in Testpit TP25-9.002-07
(Photo Date: March 25, 2025)

APPENDIX A

BORROW SOURCE 9.002 BACKGROUND DATA (K'ALO-STANTEC 2021A)

**Mackenzie Valley Highway Extension Project
Prospective Borrow Source Assessment**
Appendix D: Summary of Information at Prospective Borrow Sources
February 2021

Borrow Source ID	9.002	Borrow Type	Granular (existing)
Cross Reference IDs	228 (4); (19)		
Location / Land Ownership	Private (Sahtu)		
Coordinates (Lat/Long)	64° 25' 13.541"	-124° 43' 2.640"	
Coordinates (UTM)	UTM 10	7144983	417270
MVWR KM Station / Distance	851	Intersected by MVWR	

Site Description

Existing granular borrow source. Site consists of a large glaciofluvial terrace (approximately 2.4 km in length and 0.7 km in width) southeast of the Little Smith Creek, 2 km upstream from the east bank of the Mackenzie River.

Drainage	Good	Vegetation density	Moderate
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Material Type	Sand and gravel; stratified; fine to medium sand; medium gravel.
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Material Class	2, 3
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Expected material thickness (m)	Variable. Average 4.6 m thick (19).
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Overburden type and thickness (m)	A thin topsoil layer (approximately 0.2 m thick) overlain the granular deposit and supports dense growths of spruce and birch (4).
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Reported volumes (in millions of m³)	Proven	Probable	Prospective
	2.4 (19; includes volume for 9.002A and B)	0.6 (19; includes volume for 9.002A and B) 6.0 (4; includes volume for 9.002A)	3.0 (19; includes volume for 9.002A and B)

Updated Volume Estimate (in millions of m³)	3.1
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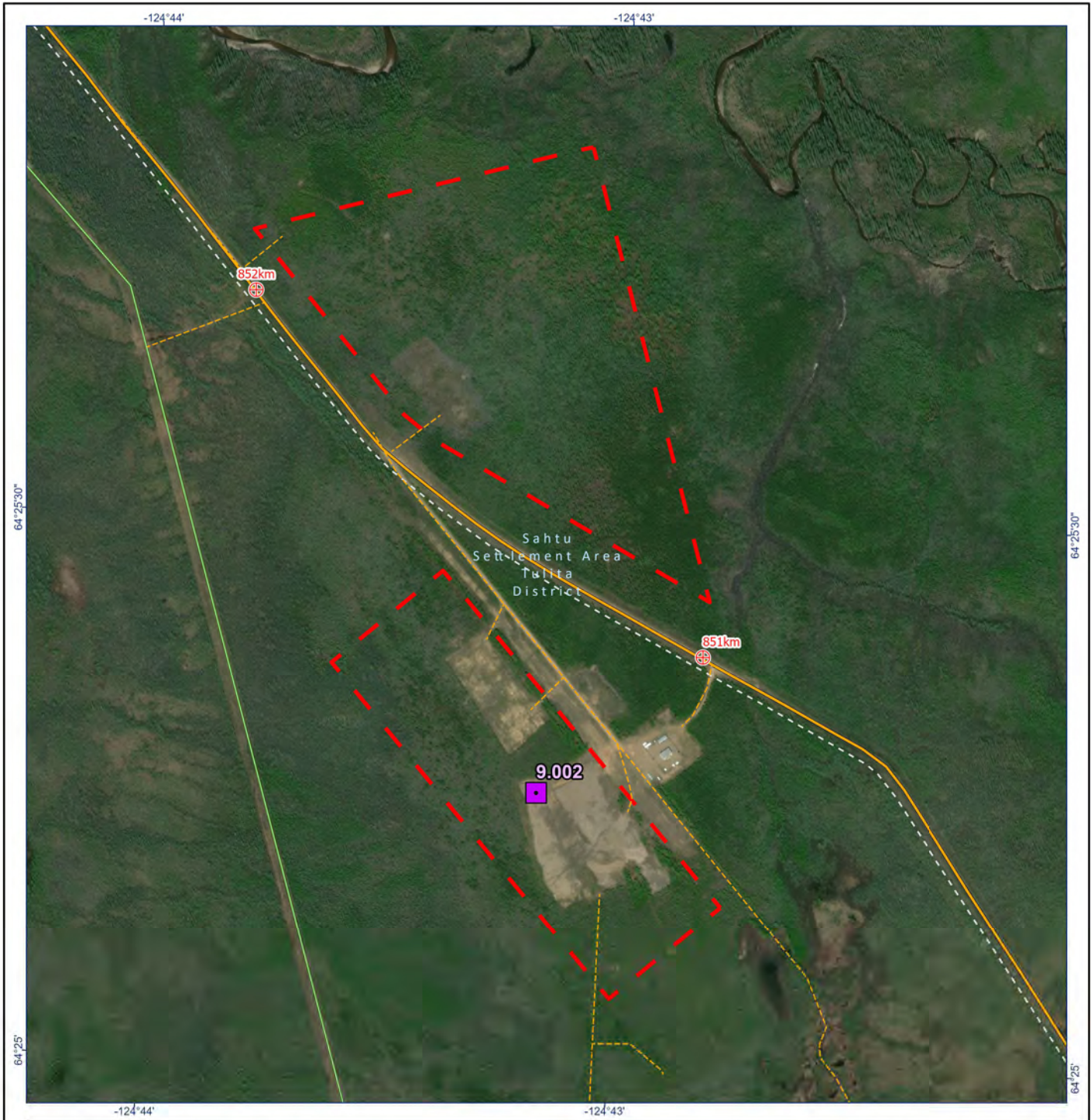
- Existing access via MVWR.

Available Geotechnical Data

- 8 BH (max depth of 7.6 m).

Development Constraints and Restrictions

- Potentially unstable moderate sloping colluvium ravine located on the northern end of the deposit.
- Respect of 65 m buffer with MVWR and 300 m buffer with the Norman Wells to Zama Lake Pipeline.



Notes
 1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N
 2. Data Sources: Centre for Geomatics Government of NWT, Government of Canada, Stantec
 3. Background: World Imagery: Earthstar Geographics
 World Topographic Map: Esri, FAO, NOAA, NRCan
 World Hillshade: Esri, USGS

Borrow Source

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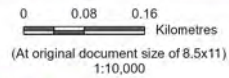
- Primary
- Secondary

Quarry

- ▲ Primary
- ▲ Secondary

- Existing Cutline and Trail
- Prime Prospect Area

- ⊕ Mackenzie Valley Winter Road (MVWR) Kilometer Post
- Mackenzie Valley Winter Road (MVWR)
- All-Season Road (Hwy 1)
- Winter Road
- Mackenzie Valley Fibre Link
- Norman Wells to Zama Lake pipeline (Enbridge)
- District Boundary
- Region Boundary
- Settlement Area Boundary

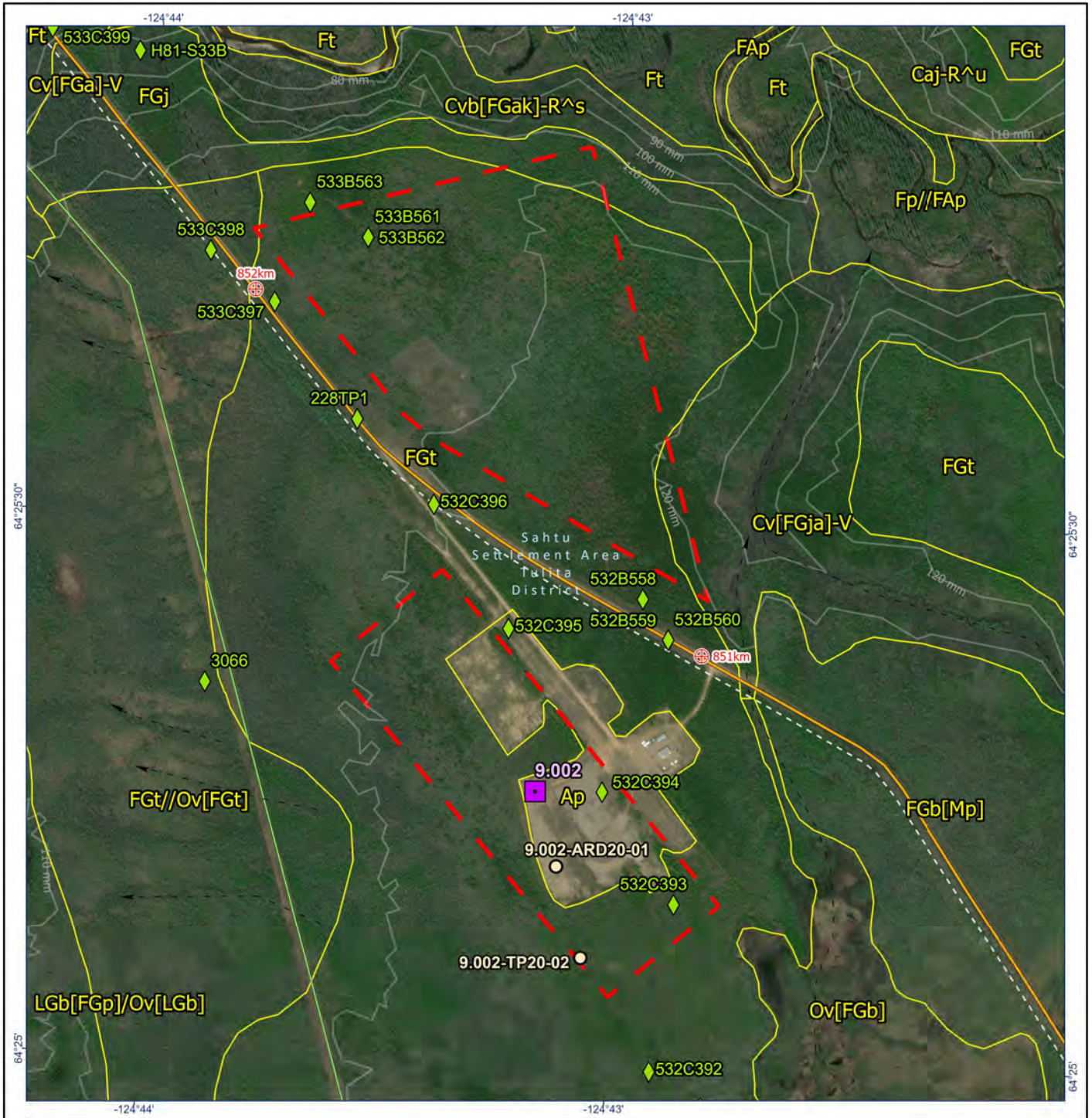


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Client/Project 144903077-0005 REV B
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9.002 Overview



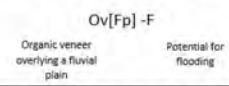
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Glacioluvial (GF)	
Glaciolacustrine (GL)	
Till (M)	
Organic (O)	
Bedrock (R)	
Anthropogenic (A)	
Surface Expression	
Veneer (<1m) v	
Blanket (>1m) b	
Fan f	
Plain (0-5%) p	
Gentle Slope (6-26%) j	
Moderate slope (27-49%) a	
Moderately steep slope (50-70%) k	
Steep slope (>70%) s	
Undulating u	
Terrace t	
Ridge r	
Rolling m	

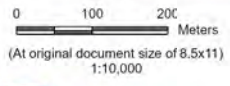
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Underlying Surface Material	
Geoprocess	
Flooding -F	
Gullying -V	
Meandering -M	
Seepage -L	
Mass Movement -R	
Ice Wedge -Xw	
Thermokarst -Xt	

Borrow Source	
Granular	
Primary (Purple square)	
Secondary (Pink square)	
Quarry	
Primary (Blue triangle)	
Secondary (Light blue triangle)	
Existing Testhole (Green diamond)	
2020 Field Observation Site (Black circle)	
10m Contour Interval (Dashed line)	
Drainage Flowpath (Arrow)	

Example of terrain map unit symbol



Prime Prospect Area (Red dashed line)
Terrain Mapping (Yellow outline)
Mackenzie Valley Winter Road (MVWR) KM Marker (Red circle with cross)
Mackenzie Valley Winter Road (MVWR) (Red line)
All-Season Road (Hwy 1) (Orange line)
Winter Road (Brown line)
Mackenzie Valley Fibre Link (Dashed line)
Norman Wells to Zama Lake pipeline (Enbridge) (Green line)
District Boundary (Blue dashed line)
Region Boundary (Yellow dashed line)
Settlement Area Boundary (Black dashed line)



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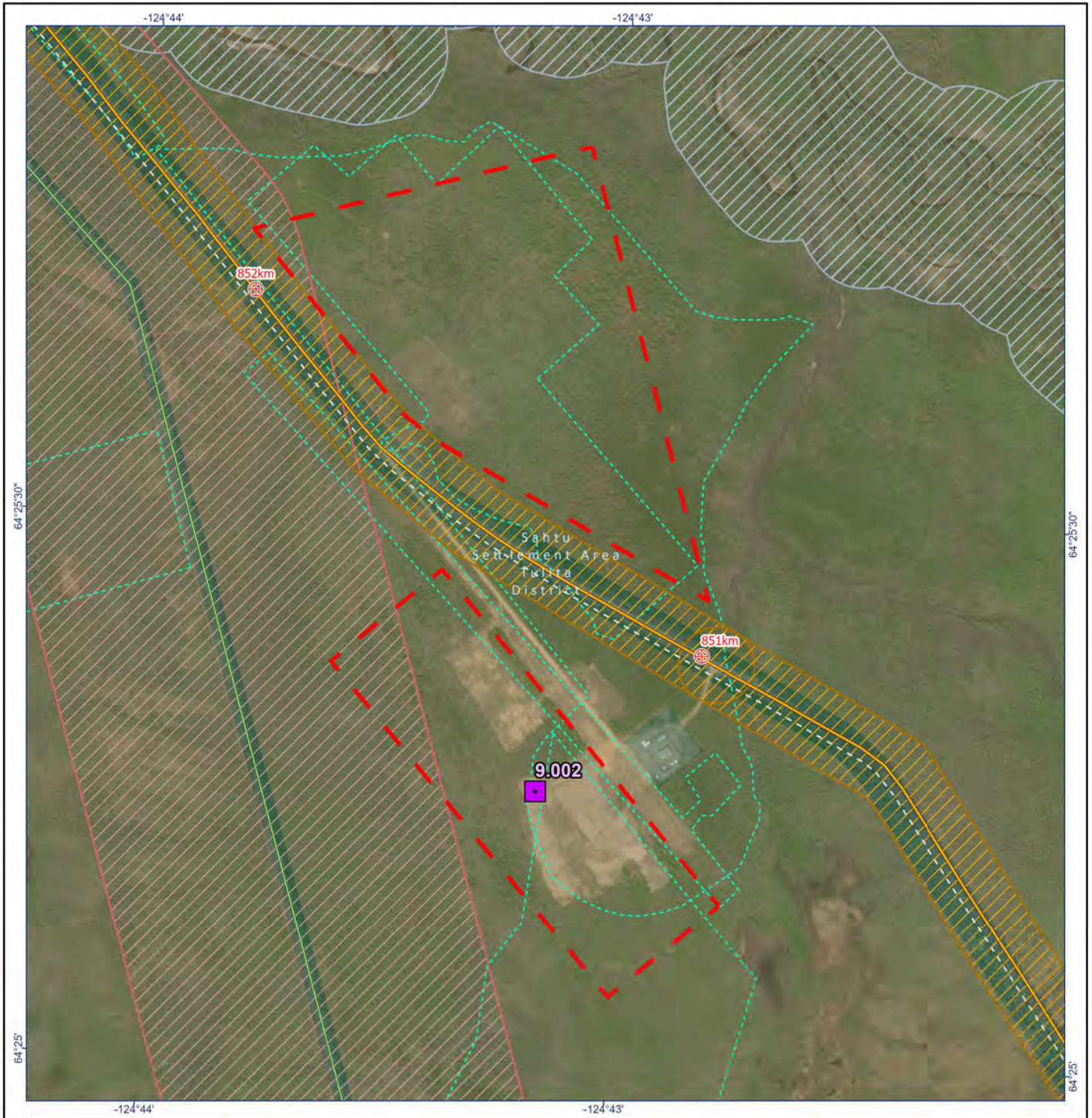
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Figure No. **D.77**
 Title **9.002 Terrain Mapping**

Notes
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 2. Data Sources: Centre for Geomatics Government of NWT, Government of Canada, Stantec
 3. Background: World Imagery: Earthstar Geographics
 World Topographic Map: Esri, FAO, NOAA, NRCan
 World Hillshade: Esri, USGS

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- | | |
|---|---|
| Borrow Source | Prime Prospect Area |
| Granular | Mackenzie Valley Winter Road (MVWR) KM Marker |
| Primary | Mackenzie Valley Winter Road (MVWR) |
| Secondary | All-Season Road (Hwy 1) |
| Quarry | Winter Road |
| Primary | Mackenzie Valley Fibre Link |
| Secondary | Norman Wells to Zama Lake pipeline (Enbridge) |
| Archeological Surveyed Area | District Boundary |
| Restriction Area | Land Authority |
| Mackenzie Valley Winter Road (MVWR) 65m Buffer | Sahtu |
| Norman Wells to Zama Lake pipeline (Enbridge) 300m Buffer | Territorial |
| Watercourse and Waterbody 100m Buffer | Region Boundary |
| | Settlement Area Boundary |

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 Figure No. **D.78**
 Title
9.002 Restriction Areas

SITE NO. 228

Located adjacent to the southeast bank of Little Smith Creek, Site 228 consists of a large glaciofluvial outwash plain which encompasses the proposed Mackenzie Highway from Mile 532 to Mile 534.

Type of Material: Sand and Gravel; medium grained, well graded.

Estimated Volume: 8,000,000 cubic yards.

Assessment: Good quality material suitable in the pit run condition as general fill for the construction of road bases and utility backfill. Site 228 is recommended for development.



LEGEND

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ----- All weather road | Required access |
| - - - - Existing trails and cutlines | --- Site limit |
| Proposed Gas Pipeline | --- Proposed Mackenzie Highway |
| ⊙ DH Drill Hole | ⊕ TP Test Pit |



ENVIRONMENT

Site 228 is located adjacent to the southeast bank of Little Smith Creek approximately 1 mile upstream from the east bank of the Mackenzie River. The southern portion of the site encompasses the proposed Mackenzie Highway right-of-way at Mile 532 to Mile 534. The site consists of a large glaciofluvial outwash plain which in total is approximately 3 miles in length and slightly less than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in width. The site area is separated into two segments by a small stream; the east bank of the meandering Little Smith Creek stream channel forms the western boundary. The site area appears to be relatively well drained and the steep south bank of Little Smith Creek exhibits numerous dry erosional gullies.

The glaciofluvial plain consists of stratified fine to medium grained sands and medium grained gravels. In general, the predominance of gravel was noted nearer to the surface within the outlined site area. A very shallow layer of topsoil approximately 6 inches in depth overlies the granular materials and supports dense growths of spruce and birch ranging in height to 40 feet and in trunk diameter to 12 inches. The understory growth is moderately dense and consists primarily of small bushes.

There are no known critical wildlife areas in the vicinity of Site 228. However, the site is within a region which is periodically hunted and trapped by northern residents.

The CNT pole line and the proposed Mackenzie Highway both traverse the width of the southern segment of the site area thus ensuring good access to future borrow pit areas. The proposed gas pipeline route is located approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles northeast of Site 228.

DEVELOPMENT

The exploratory drill holes which were carried out on Site 228 by the engineering consultant for the Federal Department of Public Works showed the following conditions relative to the quality and quantity of available granular materials:

- Fine to medium grained gravels predominate in the initial 5 to 10 feet of the glaciofluvial deposit.
- Medium grained sand underlies the surficial layer of gravel to depths in excess of the drill holes.
- The depth of recoverable granular materials is considered to be in excess of 20 to 30 feet, although an average depth of 15 feet was used in calculation of volume.
- The sand and gravel deposits are suitable for quality granular fill material in the pit run condition in the construction of road bases, pipeline berms and other general embankment construction. The coarse grained gravels can be used in the production of concrete, base and surface course aggregates.
- The overburden material consisting primarily of topsoil is generally less than 1 foot in depth.



- It is considered that granular materials in excess of 8,000,000 cubic yards are potentially recoverable from Site 228.

Site 228 is recommended as a potential source of granular materials and the following development guidelines should be considered:

- The existing tree growth and related vegetation should be cleared and removed in accordance with current land use guidelines.
- The organic topsoil should be stripped, removed and stockpiled adjacent to the borrow pit areas in designated locations.
- Operating procedures during borrow pit development should be maintained whereby surficial waste materials do not drain into the active Little Smith Creek channel nor into the small unnamed stream channel.
- A vegetation buffer zone of adequate breadth should be retained between the outer limits of the borrow pit areas and the eastern shoreline of Little Smith Creek as well as in the areas adjacent to the small unnamed stream channel.
- Stands of natural growth should be retained between borrow pit areas in order to facilitate regrowth through natural regeneration.
- The use of dozers, overhead loaders and conventional ripping equipment should adequately remove the material from this site.
- The production of quality surface course and concrete aggregate material may be possible by exercising selective excavation procedures during the development of borrow pits. The production of higher quality aggregates will dictate the need of screening, crushing and washing plants to ensure satisfactory properties for specified construction requirements.
- Additional laboratory tests to evaluate specific physical and chemical properties of the granular materials will be required, if the material is to be considered for the production of concrete aggregates.

ABANDONMENT AND REHABILITATION

Abandonment and rehabilitation procedures should include:

- Recontouring of the pit areas to provide general drainage that is compatible with the natural drainage of the adjacent terrain.
- Replacing stockpiled surficial waste material and organic topsoil on the abandoned recontoured pit areas.
- Reseeding of the recontoured pit areas should be considered in areas that may pose



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erosional problems. At these locations, the artificial reseeding of annuals and perennials will result in a semi-permanent cover growth prior to reestablishment of native species.

DETAILED DRILL HOLE LOG

SITE NO. 228

HOLE NO. C 393A

DATE: FEB. 9, 1973 LOGGED BY: PEMCAN UNDERWOOD

DRILLING METHOD: AIR CONVENTIONAL AIR REVERSE CIRCULATION OTHER:

DEPTH (feet)	GRAPH SYMBOL	UNIFIED GROUP SYMBOL	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	GROUND ICE			SAMPLE TYPE	DEPTH (feet)	
				GEN'L CLASS	N.R.C. CLASS	EST'D CONT.			
0		Pt	0.5 — TOPSOIL:					0	
2		GW	GRAVEL: - sand and cobbles					2	
4			5.0 —						4
6		SP	SAND:				MC GS	6	
8			- pebbles and cobbles						8
10			15.0 —						10
12								12	
14								14	
16			15.0 — END OF HOLE 15.0' Insulated hole					16	

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DETAILED DRILL HOLE LOG

SITE NO. 228

HOLE NO. C 396A

DATE: FEB. 10, 1973

LOGGED BY: PEMCAN UNDERWOOD

DRILLING METHOD: CONVENTIONAL AIR CIRCULATION AIR REVERSE CIRCULATION OTHER:

DEPTH (feet)	GRAPH SYMBOL	UNIFIED GROUP SYMBOL	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	GROUND ICE CONDITIONS			SAMPLE TYPE	DEPTH (feet)	
				GEN'L CLASS	N.R.C. CLASS	EST'D CONT.			
0		GW	GRAVEL:					0	
2								2	
4		SW	SAND & PEBBLES:					4	4
6								6	
8	SP	SAND & PEBBLES:	8	8					
10			10						
12			12						
14	SW		15.0	14	14				
16			END OF HOLE	16	16				

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DETAILED DRILL HOLE LOG

SITE NO. 228

HOLE NO. C 398F

DATE: _____ LOGGED BY: PEMCAN UNDERWOOD
 DRILLING METHOD: AIR CONVENTIONAL AIR REVERSE CIRCULATION OTHER:

DEPTH (feet)	GRAPH SYMBOL	UNIFIED GROUP SYMBOL	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	GROUND CONDITIONS			ICE EST'D CONT.	SAMPLE TYPE	DEPTH (feet)		
				GEN'L CLASS	N.R.C. CLASS						
0		GW	GRAVEL:						0		
3										3	
4.0											
6		CL	SILTY CLAY:						6		
9										9	
12											12
15											15
18								18			
21								21			
24								24			
25.0											
27			END OF HOLE 25.0'						27		

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DETAILED DRILL HOLE LOG

SITE NO. 228

HOLE NO. TP 1

DATE: FEB. 10, 1973 LOGGED BY: PEMCAN UNDERWOOD

DRILLING METHOD: CONVENTIONAL AIR REVERSE CIRCULATION OTHER: DISPOSAL PIT

DEPTH (feet)	GRAPH SYMBOL	UNIFIED GROUP SYMBOL	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	GROUND ICE CONDITIONS			SAMPLE TYPE	DEPTH (feet)
				GEN'L CLASS	N.R.C. CLASS	EST'D CONT.		
0		GW	GRAVEL				GS	0
1								1
2								2
3								3
4								4
5								5
6			6.0	END OF PIT			6	

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DETAILED DRILL HOLE LOG

SITE NO. 228

HOLE NO. C 554B

DATE: FEB. 12, 1973

LOGGED BY: PEMCAN



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DRILLING METHOD:

AIR
CONVENTIONAL



AIR REVERSE
CIRCULATION



OTHER:

DEPTH (feet)	GRAPH SYMBOL	UNIFIED GROUP SYMBOL	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	GROUND ICE CONDITIONS			SAMPLE TYPE	DEPTH (feet)
				GEN'L CLASS	N.R.C. CLASS	EST'D CONT.		
0								0
1			GRAVEL:					1
2				UF				2
3								3
4		GW	- sandy, dry					4
5								5
6								6
7			7.0 END OF HOLE 7.0' Hole caved in					7

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DETAILED DRILL HOLE LOG

SITE NO. 228

HOLE NO. B 556B

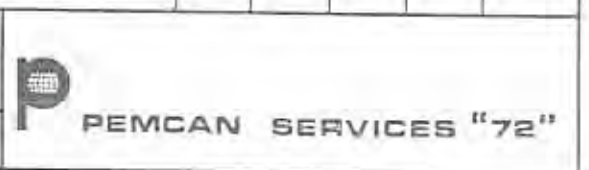
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				GEN'L CLASS	N.R.C. CLASS	EST'D CONT.		
0	[Dotted Pattern]	SP	SAND:	[Cross-hatch Pattern]				0
1								1
2			- gravel, cobbles, boulders					2
3								3
4			MC GS					4
5		5.0	END OF HOLE 5.0' Hole sloughing Very dry				5	

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DETAILED DRILL HOLE LOG

SITE NO. 228

HOLE NO. 8 560B

DATE: FEB. 13, 1973 LOGGED BY: PEMCAN UNDERWOOD

DRILLING METHOD: CONVENTIONAL AIR REVERSE CIRCULATION OTHER:

DEPTH (feet)	GRAPH SYMBOL	UNIFIED GROUP SYMBOL	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	GROUND CONDITIONS			SAMPLE TYPE	DEPTH (feet)
				GEN'L CLASS	N.R.C. CLASS	ICE EST'D CONT.		
0								0
1			SAND:					1
2			- pebbles, gravel and cobbles					2
3								3
4								4
5			5.0					5
			END OF HOLE 5.0' Hole sloughing Very dry					

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DETAILED DRILL HOLE LOG

SITE NO. 228

HOLE NO. B 563B

DATE: FEB. 13, 1973

LOGGED BY: PEMCAN



UNDERWOOD

DRILLING METHOD: CONVENTIONAL

AIR

AIR REVERSE CIRCULATION

OTHER:

DEPTH (feet)	GRAPH SYMBOL	UNIFIED GROUP SYMBOL	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	GROUND CONDITIONS			SAMPLE TYPE	DEPTH (feet)
				GEN'L CLASS	N.R.C. CLASS	ICE EST'D CONT.		
0	[Dotted Pattern]	SW	SAND:	[Cross-hatch Pattern]				0
2							MC GS	2
4								
6								6
8		SP	- silt, gravel pebbles, wet					8
10								10
12								12
14		SW	- very wet					14
15.0			END OF HOLE 15.0'					15.0
16								16

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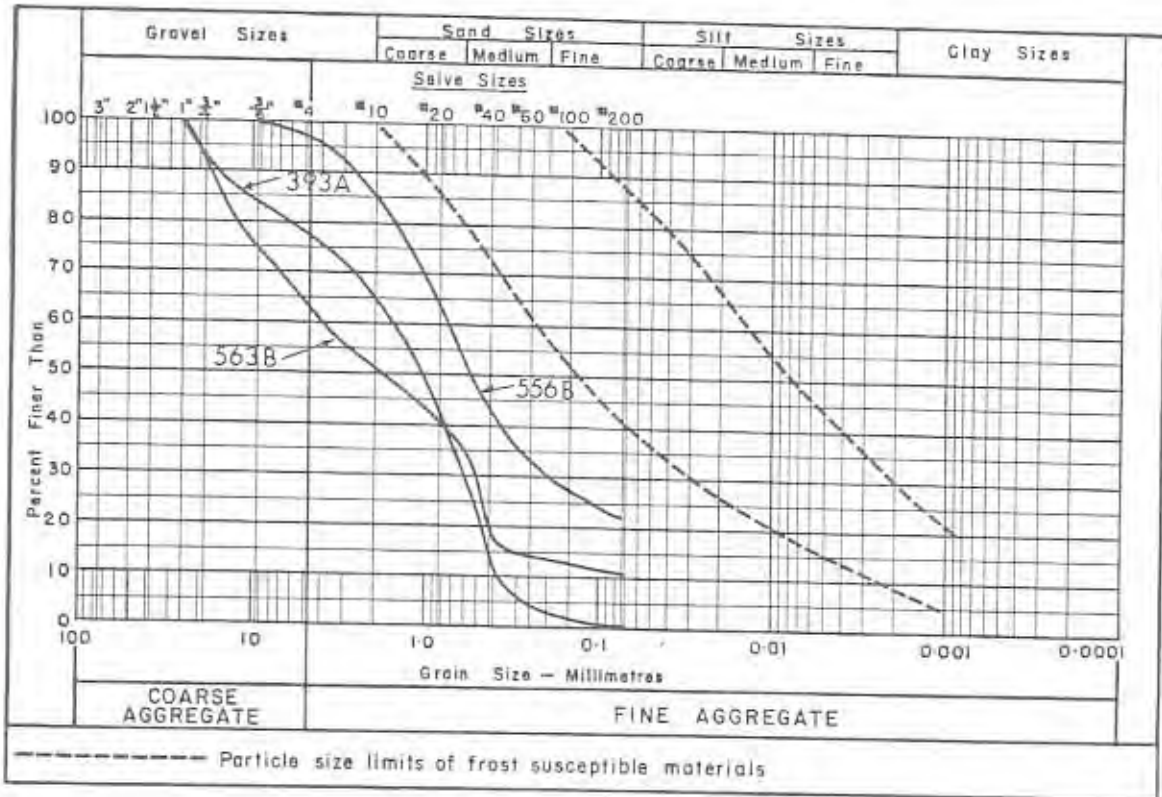


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SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TEST DATA

Sample Location:	228/556B	228/563B	228/393A
Sample Depth (Feet):	3.0-4.0	1.0-2.0	4.0-5.0
Moisture Content (%):	3.0	4.0	2.0
Ice Content (%):	-	-	-
Organic Content (%):	-	-	-

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION:



PETROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS:

SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TEST DATA

Sample Location: 228/(sampled by Underwood from Disposal Pit)

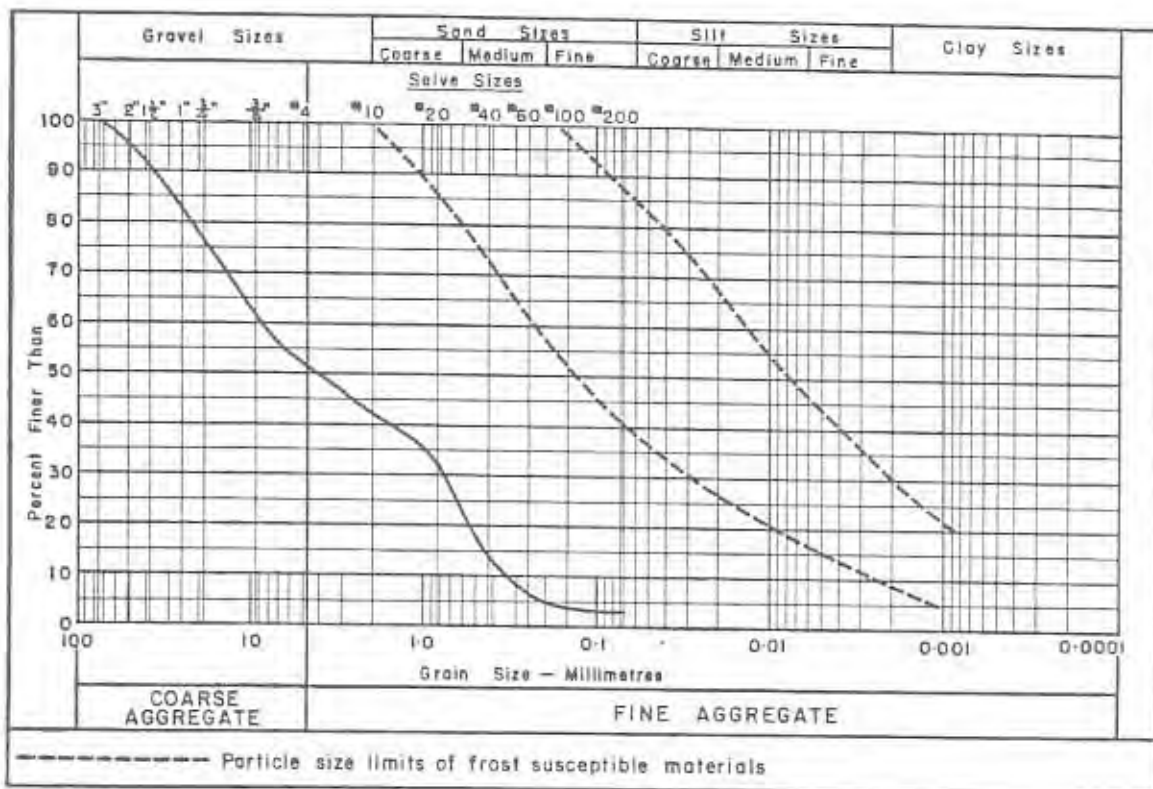
Sample Depth (Feet): -

Moisture Content (%): -

Ice Content (%): -

Organic Content (%): -

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION:



PETROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS:

Limestone	46.5%
Granitic	39.2%
Volcanic	10.5%
Chert	1.4%
Deleterious	
Schist	1.4%
Silicious sandstone	1.0%

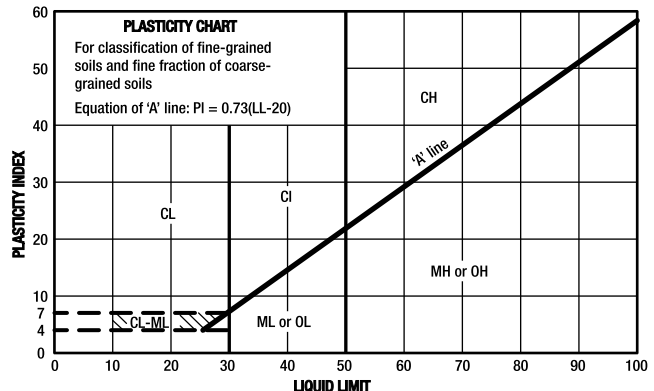
Los Angeles Abrasion Test: Per cent Loss - 21.6

APPENDIX B

GEOTECHNICAL TESTPIT LOGS

MODIFIED UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION

MAJOR DIVISION		GROUP SYMBOL	TYPICAL DESCRIPTION	LABORATORY CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA			
COARSE-GRAINED SOILS More than 50% retained on 75 µm sieve*	GRAVELS 50% or more of coarse fraction retained on 4.75 mm sieve	CLEAN GRAVELS	GW	Well-graded gravels and gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines	Classification on basis of percentage of fines GW, GP, SW, SP, GM, GC, SM, SC Borderline Classification requiring use of dual symbols		
		GP	Poorly graded gravels and gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines	$C_u = D_{60} / D_{10}$ Greater than 4 $C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$ Between 1 and 3			
		GRAVELS WITH FINES	GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures		Not meeting both criteria for GW	
			GC	Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures		Atterberg limits plot below "A" line or plasticity index less than 4	
		SANDS	CLEAN SANDS	SW		Well-graded sands and gravelly sands, little or no fines	Atterberg limits plot above "A" line or plasticity index greater than 7
			SP	Poorly graded sands and gravelly sands, little or no fines		$C_u = D_{60} / D_{10}$ Greater than 6 $C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$ Between 1 and 3	
	SANDS WITH FINES More than 50% of coarse fraction passes 4.75 mm sieve	SM	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures	Not meeting both criteria for SW			
		SC	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixtures	Atterberg limits plot below "A" line or plasticity index less than 4			
		SILTS	ML	Inorganic silts, very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands of slight plasticity	Atterberg limits plot above "A" line or plasticity index greater than 7		
			MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sands or silts, elastic silts	Atterberg limits plotting in hatched area are borderline classifications requiring use of dual symbols		
		CLAYS	CL	Inorganic clays of low plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays			
			CI	Inorganic clays of medium plasticity, silty clays			
ORGANIC SILTS AND CLAYS	CH	Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays					
	OL	Organic silts and organic silty clays of low plasticity					
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	OH	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity					
	PT	Peat and other highly organic soils					



* Based on the material passing the 75 mm sieve
 † ASTM Designation D 2487, for identification procedure see D 2488 USC as modified by PFRA

SOIL COMPONENTS				OVERSIZE MATERIAL	
FRACTION	SIEVE SIZE		DEFINING RANGES OF PERCENTAGE BY MASS OF MINOR COMPONENTS		ROUNDED OR SUBROUNDED
	PASSING	RETAINED	PERCENTAGE	DESCRIPTOR	COBBLES 75 mm to 300 mm BOULDERS > 300 mm
GRAVEL coarse fine	75 mm	19 mm	>35 %	"and"	Not rounded ROCK FRAGMENTS >75 mm ROCKS > 0.76 cubic metre in volume
	19 mm	4.75 mm	21 to 35 %	"y-adjective"	
SAND coarse medium fine	4.75 mm	2.00 mm	11 to 20 %	"some"	
	2.00 mm	425 µm	>0 to 10 %	"trace"	
	425 µm	75 µm			
SILT (non plastic) or CLAY (plastic)	75 µm		as above but by behavior		



GROUND ICE DESCRIPTION

VISIBLE ICE LESS THAN 50% BY VOLUME

GROUP SYMBOL	SYMBOL	SUBGROUP DESCRIPTION	SKETCH	PHOTOGRAPH
V	Vx	Individual ice crystals or inclusions		
	Vc	Ice coatings on particles		
	Vr	Random or irregularly oriented ice formations		
	Vs	Stratified or distinctly oriented ice formations		
	Vu	Ice formations uniformly distributed throughout frozen soil		

ICE NOT VISIBLE

GROUP SYMBOL	SYMBOL	SUBGROUP DESCRIPTION	SKETCH	PHOTOGRAPH
N	Nf	Poorly-bonded or friable		
	Nbn	No excess ice, well-bonded		
	Nbe	Excess ice, well-bonded		

LEGEND:

Soil Ice

NOTES:

1. Dual symbols are used to indicate borderline or mixed ice classifications.
2. Visual estimates of ice contents indicated on borehole logs \pm 5%
3. This system of ground ice description has been modified from NRC Technical Memo 79, Guide to the Field Description of Permafrost for Engineering Purposes.

VISIBLE ICE GREATER THAN 50% BY VOLUME

ICE	ICE + Soil Type	Ice with soil inclusions (greater than 25 mm thick)		
	ICE	Ice without soil inclusions (greater than 25 mm thick)		

BOREHOLE KEYSHEET

Water Level Measurement



Measured in standpipe, piezometer or well



Inferred

Sample Types



A-Casing



Core



Disturbed, Bag, Grab



HQ Core



Jar



Jar and Bag



75 mm SPT



No Recovery



Split Spoon/SPT



Tube



CRREL Core

Backfill Materials



Asphalt



Bentonite



Cement/Grout



Drill Cuttings



Grout



Gravel



Sand



Slough



Topsoil Backfill

Lithology - Graphical Legend¹



Asphalt



Bedrock



Cobbles/Boulders



Clay



Coal



Concrete



Fill



Gravel



Limestone



Mudstone



Organics



Peat



Sand



Sandstone



Shale



Silt



Siltstone



Conglomerate



Topsoil



Till

1. The graphical legend is an approximation and for visual representation only. Soil strata may comprise a combination of the basic symbols shown above. Particle sizes are not drawn to scale



Testpit No: TP25-9.002-01

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway Geotechnical

Project No: ENG.EARC03299-03

Location: Borrow Source 9.002

Ground Elev: 126.9 m

Sahtú Settlement Area, Northwest Territories

UTM: 416882 E; 7145895 N; Z 10

Depth (m)	Method	Soil Description	Ground Ice Description	Sample Type	Sample Number	Particle Size Distribution			Moisture Content (%)	Plastic Limit Moisture Content Liquid Limit	Elevation (m)	
						Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Silt & Clay (%)				
								Silt (%)				Clay (%)
0		ORGANICS - black, (100 mm thick) SAND - silty, gravelly, rounded gravel, brown	Frozen									
1	Excavation	- dark brown	Unfrozen	G1	28	42	30	6.4		126		
2		- some silt, some gravel		G2				4.7		125		
3		- trace silt, trace gravel, brown		G3				2.1		124		
4		- moist		G4				16.3		123		
5		- wet		G5	8	85	7	16.6		122		
6				G6						121		
6		END OF TESTPIT (6.0 metres) Note: Stopped due to sloughing										
7												
7.5												



Contractor: Northridge Contracting Ltd.

Completion of Drilling: 6 m

Equipment Type: CAT 329E Hydraulic Excavator

Start Date: 2025 March 25

Logged By: AG

Completion Date: 2025 March 25

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Testpit No: TP25-9.002-02

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway Geotechnical

Project No: ENG.EARC03299-03

Location: Borrow Source 9.002

Ground Elev: 128.4 m

Sahtú Settlement Area, Northwest Territories

UTM: 417068.1 E; 7145719 N; Z 10

Depth (m)	Method	Soil Description	Ground Ice Description	Sample Type	Sample Number	Particle Size Distribution			Moisture Content (%)	Plastic Limit Moisture Content Liquid Limit	Elevation (m)	
						Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Silt & Clay (%)				
								Silt (%)				Clay (%)
0		ORGANICS - black, (100 mm thick) GRAVEL - sandy, trace silt, subrounded gravel, brown	Frozen								128	
1	Excavation	SAND - gravelly, trace silt, brown	Unfrozen		G1	22	77	1	2.1		127	
2		- some gravel - trace gravel, dark brown			G2	33	65	2	1.8		126	
3		- damp			G3				2.2		125	
4					G4				3.7		124	
5		- moist			G5	3	96	1	6		123	
6		CLAY - some silt, some sand, trace gravel, wet, high plastic, grey			G6				23		122	
6		END OF TESTPIT (6.0 metres) Note: Stopped due to sloughing								122		
7										121		
7.5										121		



Contractor: Northridge Contracting Ltd.

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Equipment Type: CAT 329E Hydraulic Excavator

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Testpit No: TP25-9.002-03

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway Geotechnical

Project No: ENG.EARC03299-03

Location: Borrow Source 9.002

Ground Elev: 129.8 m

Sahtú Settlement Area, Northwest Territories

UTM: 417180 E; 7145995.6 N; Z 10

Depth (m)	Method	Soil Description	Ground Ice Description	Sample Type	Sample Number	Particle Size Distribution				Moisture Content (%)	Plastic Limit Moisture Content Liquid Limit	Elevation (m)
						Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Silt & Clay (%)				
								Silt (%)	Clay (%)			
0		ORGANICS - brown, (100 mm thick) GRAVEL AND SAND - trace silt, subrounded gravel, coarse grained sand, brown, hydrocarbon odour	Frozen									
1	Excavation	SAND - gravelly, trace silt, occasional cobbles, medium to coarse grained sand, brown - some gravel	Unfrozen		G1	54	41	5	2.3			129
2		- trace gravel - 100 mm thick clay layer - silty, gravelly			G2				2			128
3		- damp			G3				2.4			127
4					G4	5	94	1	2.4			126
5		- some gravel, medium grained sand			G5				2.2			125
6		CLAY - silty, trace gravel, trace sand, moist, firm, low plastic, dark brown END OF TESTPIT (6.0 metres) Note: Stopped due to maximum reach of excavator			G6				19.6			124
7											123	
7.5												



Contractor: Northridge Contracting Ltd.

Completion of Drilling: 6 m

Equipment Type: CAT 329E Hydraulic Excavator

Start Date: 2025 March 26

Logged By: AG

Completion Date: 2025 March 26

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Testpit No: TP25-9.002-04

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway Geotechnical

Project No: ENG.EARC03299-03

Location: Borrow Source 9.002

Ground Elev: 130 m

Sahtú Settlement Area, Northwest Territories

UTM: 417210 E; 7145803.9 N; Z 10

Depth (m)	Method	Soil Description	Ground Ice Description	Sample Type	Sample Number	Particle Size Distribution				Moisture Content (%)	Plastic Limit Moisture Content Liquid Limit	Elevation (m)
						Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Silt & Clay (%)				
								Silt (%)	Clay (%)			
0		ORGANICS - brown, (100 mm thick) SILT - sandy, some gravel, trace clay, brown	Frozen									130
1	Excavation	SAND - some gravel, trace silt, subrounded gravel, brown - subangular gravel - dark brown	Frozen	G1	13	31	56	5.5	5.5			129
2				G2				2.5	2.5			128
3		- trace gravel, subrounded gravel, brown - (Proctor Testing - Max. Dry Density 1760 kg/m ³ , Optimum Moisture Content 13.5%) - dry	Unfrozen	P3 G4	6	93		0.2 2.1	0.2 2.1			127
4		- damp, dark brown	Unfrozen	G5				2.5	2.5			126
5				G6				2.9	2.9			125
6		- moist		G7				24.3	24.3			124
6			END OF TESTPIT (6.0 metres) Note: Stopped due to maximum reach of excavator									
7												123
7.5												



Contractor: Northridge Contracting Ltd.

Completion of Drilling: 6 m

Equipment Type: CAT 329E Hydraulic Excavator

Start Date: 2025 March 26

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Testpit No: TP25-9.002-05

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway Geotechnical

Project No: ENG.EARC03299-03

Location: Borrow Source 9.002

Ground Elev: 132.9 m

Sahtú Settlement Area, Northwest Territories

UTM: 417328.7 E; 7145599.1 N; Z 10

Depth (m)	Method	Soil Description	Ground Ice Description	Sample Type	Sample Number	Particle Size Distribution			Moisture Content (%)	Plastic Limit 20	Moisture Content 40	Liquid Limit 80	Elevation (m)
						Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Silt & Clay (%)					
0		ORGANICS - brown, (100 mm thick) GRAVEL AND SAND - some silt, subrounded gravel, medium to coarse grained sand, brown	Frozen										
1	Excavation	- trace silt	Unfrozen		G1	59	37	4	1.7				132
2		SAND - gravelly, some silt, medium to coarse grained sand, subrounded gravel, brown - trace silt - hydrocarbon odour			G2				1.3				131
3		- some gravel - dry			G3				2.3				130
4		- trace gravel, medium grained sand, dark brown			G4	9	90	1	1.9				129
5		- some silt, damp, brown			G5				2.8				128
6		- silty, no visible gravel, fine grained sand, moist			G6	0	77	23	7.7				127
6		END OF TESTPIT (6.0 metres) Note: Stopped due to sloughing											
7												126	
7.5													



Contractor: Northridge Contracting Ltd.

Completion of Drilling: 6 m

Equipment Type: CAT 329E Hydraulic Excavator

Start Date: 2025 March 26

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Completion Date: 2025 March 26

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Testpit No: TP25-9.002-06

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway Geotechnical

Project No: ENG.EARC03299-03

Location: Borrow Source 9.002

Ground Elev: 130.5 m

Sahtú Settlement Area, Northwest Territories

UTM: 416965.1 E; 7145199 N; Z 10

Depth (m)	Method	Soil Description	Ground Ice Description	Sample Type	Sample Number	Particle Size Distribution				Moisture Content (%)	Plastic Limit 20	Moisture Content 40	Liquid Limit 80	Elevation (m)
						Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Silt & Clay (%)						
								Silt (%)	Clay (%)					
0		ORGANICS - brown, (100 mm thick) GRAVEL AND SAND - some cobbles, trace silt, brown	Frozen										130	
1	Excavation	SAND - some gravel, some cobbles, trace silt, brown	Unfrozen	G1	55	44	1	1.7					129	
2				G2				1.1					128	
3		G3					2.3						127	
4		G4					1.9						126	
5		G5					5.1						125	
6		G6					19	73	8	12.7				123
6		END OF TESTPIT (6.0 metres) Note: Stopped due to maximum reach of excavator											124	
7														
7.5														



Contractor: Northridge Contracting Ltd.

Completion of Drilling: 6 m

Equipment Type: CAT 329E Hydraulic Excavator

Start Date: 2025 March 25

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Completion Date: 2025 March 25

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Testpit No: TP25-9.002-07

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway Geotechnical

Project No: ENG.EARC03299-03

Location: Borrow Source 9.002

Ground Elev: 133 m

Sahtú Settlement Area, Northwest Territories

UTM: 417235 E; 7144835 N; Z 10

Depth (m)	Method	Soil Description	Ground Ice Description	Sample Type	Sample Number	Particle Size Distribution			Moisture Content (%)	Plastic Limit 20	Moisture Content 40	Liquid Limit 80	Elevation (m)	
						Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Silt & Clay (%)						
								Silt (%)						Clay (%)
0		ORGANICS - brown, (100 mm thick) GRAVEL - sandy, some cobbles, trace silt, medium to coarse grained sand, rounded gravel, brown	Frozen										133	
1	Excavation		Frozen		G1	70	27	3	2.3				132	
2		SAND - gravelly, some cobbles, trace silt, medium to coarse grained sand, rounded gravel, brown			G2				4.6				131	
3		- subrounded gravel - dry		Unfrozen	G3				2.3				130	
4		SAND AND GRAVEL - trace silt, medium to coarse grained sand, subrounded gravel, dry, brown		G4	47	52	1	1.9				129		
5		SAND - gravelly, some cobbles, trace silt, medium to coarse grained sand, rounded gravel, dry, brown		G5				2				128		
6				G6				2				127		
6		END OF TESTPIT (6.0 metres) Note: Stopped due to sloughing										127		
7												126		
7.5														



Contractor: Northridge Contracting Ltd.

Completion of Drilling: 6 m

Equipment Type: CAT 329E Hydraulic Excavator

Start Date: 2025 March 25

Logged By: AG

Completion Date: 2025 March 25

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APPENDIX C

GEOTECHNICAL LABORATORY TEST RESULTS

MOISTURE CONTENT TEST RESULTS

ASTM D2216

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway Sathu Borrow Sources Borrow Source: 9.002
 Project Number: 704-ENG.EARC003299-03.007 Date Tested: May 31-June 11, 2025
 Client: K'alo Stantec Limited Tested By: TO/AH
 Project Manager: Thomas Bradshaw Page: 1 of 3

T.P. Number	Depth (m)	Moisture Content (%)	Visual Description of Soil
TP25-9.002-01	0.9-1.0	6.4	SAND, silty, gravelly, dark brown
TP25-9.002-01	1.8-2.0	4.7	SAND, gravelly, some silt, dark brown
TP25-9.002-01	2.6-3.0	2.1	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-01	3.5-4.0	16.3	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-01	4.5-5.0	16.6	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-02	0.9-1.0	2.1	SAND, gravelly, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-02	1.8-2.0	1.8	SAND, gravelly, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-02	2.6-3.0	2.2	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, dark brown
TP25-9.002-02	4.0-4.5	3.7	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, dark brown
TP25-9.002-02	5.0-5.5	6.0	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, dark brown
TP25-9.002-02	5.7-6.0	23.0	CLAY, silty, some sand, dark brown
TP25-9.002-03	0.9-1.0	2.3	GRAVEL and SAND, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-03	1.8-2.0	2.0	SAND, gravelly, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-03	2.7-3.0	2.4	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-03	3.5-4.0	2.4	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-03	4.5-5.0	2.2	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-03	5.9-6.0	19.6	CLAY, silty, trace gravel, trace sand, dark brown

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ASTM D2216

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway Sathu Borrow Sources Borrow Source: 9.002
 Project Number: 704-ENG.EARC003299-03.007 Date Tested: June 12-13, 2025
 Client: K'alo Stantec Limited Tested By: AH
 Project Manager: Thomas Bradshaw Page: 2 of 3

T.P. Number	Depth (m)	Moisture Content (%)	Visual Description of Soil
TP25-9.002-04	0.9-1.0	5.5	SILT, sandy, some gravel, trace clay, brown
TP25-9.002-04	1.8-2.0	2.5	SAND, some gravel, trace silt, dark brown
TP25-9.002-04	2.5-3.0	0.2	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-04	2.8-3.0	2.1	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-04	3.8-4.3	2.5	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, dark brown
TP25-9.002-04	4.5-5.0	2.9	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, dark brown
TP25-9.002-04	5.9-6.0	24.3	SAND, silty, some clay, dark brown
TP25-9.002-05	0.9-1.0	1.7	GRAVEL and SAND, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-05	1.8-2.0	1.3	SAND, gravelly, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-05	2.7-3.0	2.3	SAND, some gravel, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-05	3.5-4.0	1.9	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, dark brown
TP25-9.002-05	4.5-5.0	2.8	SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-05	5.5-6.0	7.7	SAND, silty, brown
TP25-9.002-06	1.0-1.1	1.7	GRAVEL and SAND, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-06	2.1-2.3	1.1	SAND, some gravel, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-06	2.6-3.0	2.3	SAND, some gravel, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-06	3.5-4.0	1.9	SAND, some gravel, trace silt, dark brown
TP25-9.002-06	4.5-5.0	5.1	SAND, some gravel, trace silt, brown
TP25-9.002-06	5.7-5.9	12.7	SAND, some gravel, trace silt, dark brown

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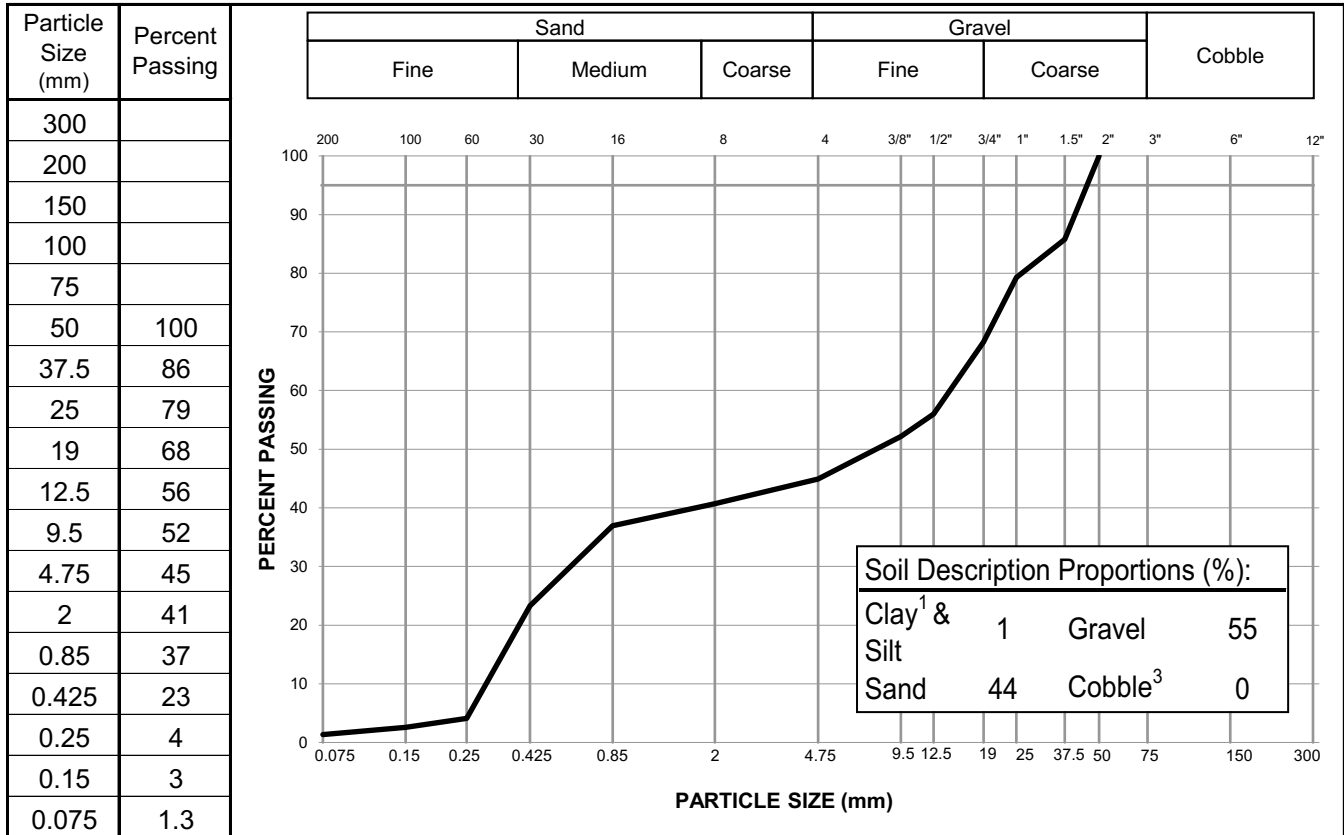
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PARTICLE SIZE ANALYSIS REPORT

ASTM D6913

Project:	MVH Sahtu Borrow Sources	Sample No.:	1361-32
Project No.:	ENG.EARC03299-03.007	Material Type:	In Situ
Site:	Sahtu Settlement Area, NWT	Sample Loc.:	TP25-9.002-06
Client:	K'alo-Stantec Limited	Sample Depth:	1.0-1.1 m
Client Rep.:	Dennis Kefalas	Sampling Method:	Grab
Date Tested:	June 13, 2025	By:	AH
Date Tested:	June 13, 2025	Date sampled:	March 25, 2025
Soil Description ² :	GRAVEL and SAND, trace silt, brown	Sampled By:	AG
		USC Classification:	GP Cu: 48.2
Moisture Content:	1.5%		Cc: 0.1



Notes: ¹ The upper clay size of 2 um, per the Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual
² The description is visually based & subject to Tt WM4400 description protocols
³ If cobbles are present, sampling procedure may not meet ASTM C702 & D75

Specification: _____

Remarks: _____

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ATTERBERG LIMITS TEST REPORT

ASTM D4318

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway Borrow

Sample Number: 1361-02

Sources: _____

Sample Location: TP25-9.002-01

Project No: 704-ENG.EARC03299-03.005

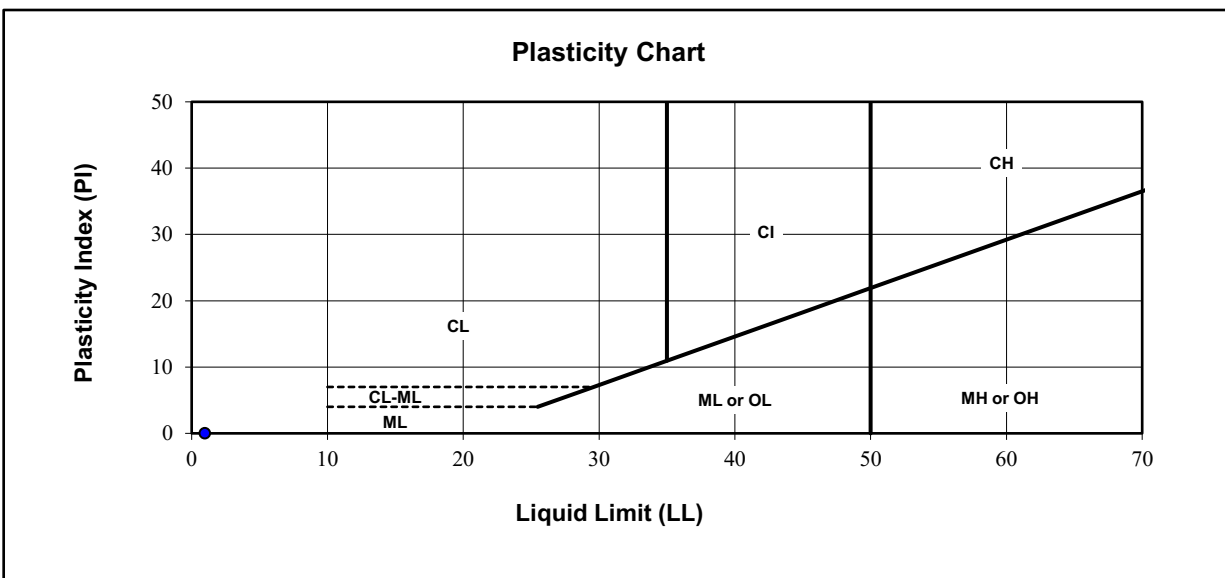
Depth: 1.8-2.0 m

Client: K'alo-Stantec Limited

Sampled By: AG Tested By: TO

Date Sampled: March 25, 2025

Date Tested: June 19, 2025



Liquid Limit (LL) : N/A

Natural Moisture (%) 4.7

Plastic Limit (PL) : N/A

Soil Plasticity: Non Plastic

Plasticity Index (PI) : N/A

Mod.USCS Symbol*: NP

*In accordance with Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual 5th Edition (2023), LL in the range of 35 to 50 is classified as medium plastic.

Remarks: _____

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Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway Borrow

Sources

Project No: 704-ENG.EARC03299-03.005

Client: K'alo-Stantec Limited

Sample Number: 1361-12

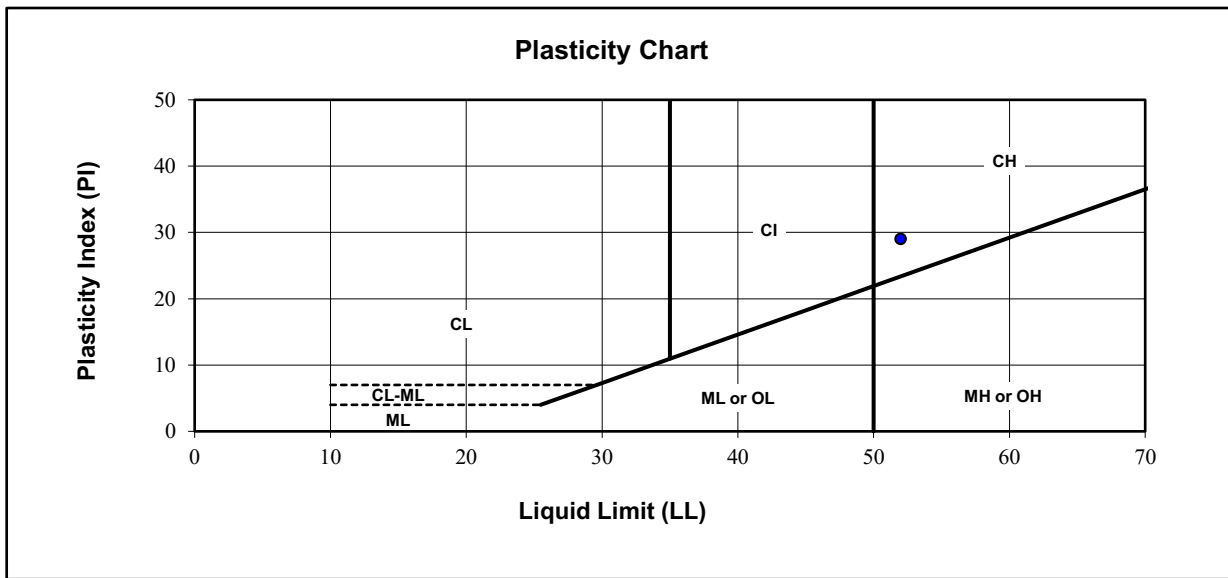
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Depth: 5.7-6.0 m

Sampled By: AG Tested By: TO/EC

Date Sampled: March 25, 2025

Date Tested: June 21, 2025



Liquid Limit (LL) : 52

Natural Moisture (%) 26.5

Plastic Limit (PL) : 23

Soil Plasticity: High

Plasticity Index (PI) : 29

Mod.USCS Symbol*: CH

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ASTM D4318

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway Borrow

Sample Number: 1361-18

Sources _____

Sample Location: TP25-9.002-03

Project No: 704-ENG.EARC03299-03.005

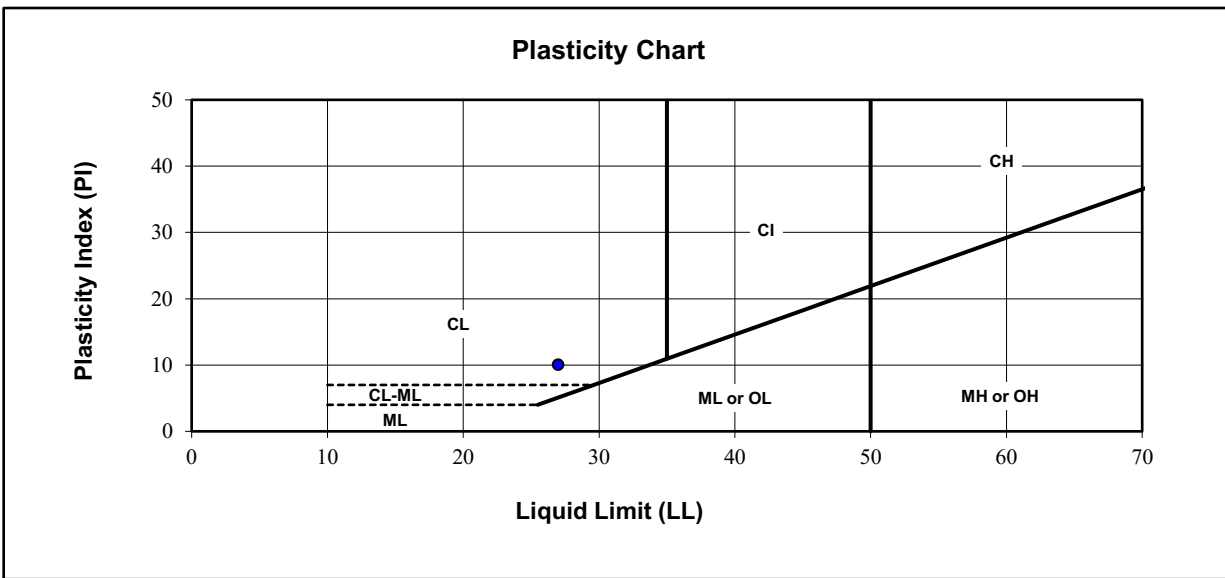
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Client: K'alo-Stantec Limited

Sampled By: AG Tested By: TO

Date Sampled: March 25, 2025

Date Tested: June 20, 2025



Liquid Limit (LL) : 27

Natural Moisture (%) 19.5

Plastic Limit (PL) : 17

Soil Plasticity: Low

Plasticity Index (PI) : 10

Mod.USCS Symbol*: CL

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ATTERBERG LIMITS TEST REPORT

ASTM D4318

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway Borrow

Sample Number: 1361-25

Sources _____

Sample Location: TP25-9.002-04

Project No: 704-ENG.EARC03299-03.005

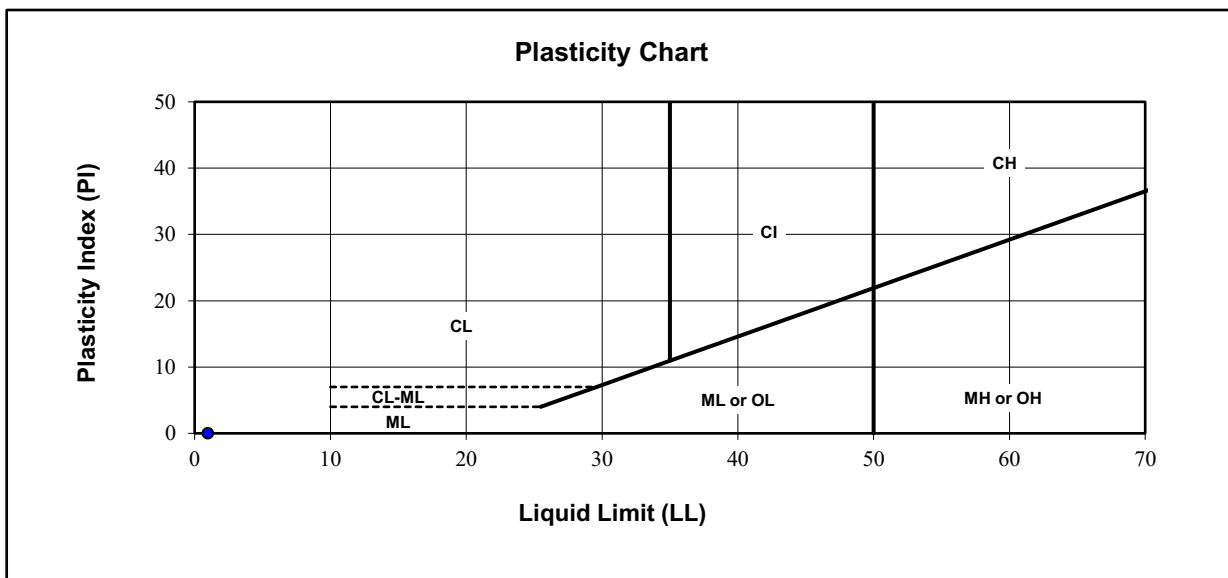
Depth: 5.9-6.0 m

Client: K'alo-Stantec Limited

Sampled By: AG Tested By: TO

Date Sampled: March 25, 2025

Date Tested: June 19, 2025



Liquid Limit (LL) : N/A

Natural Moisture (%) 24.9

Plastic Limit (PL) : N/A

Soil Plasticity: Non Plastic

Plasticity Index (PI) : N/A

Mod.USCS Symbol*: NP

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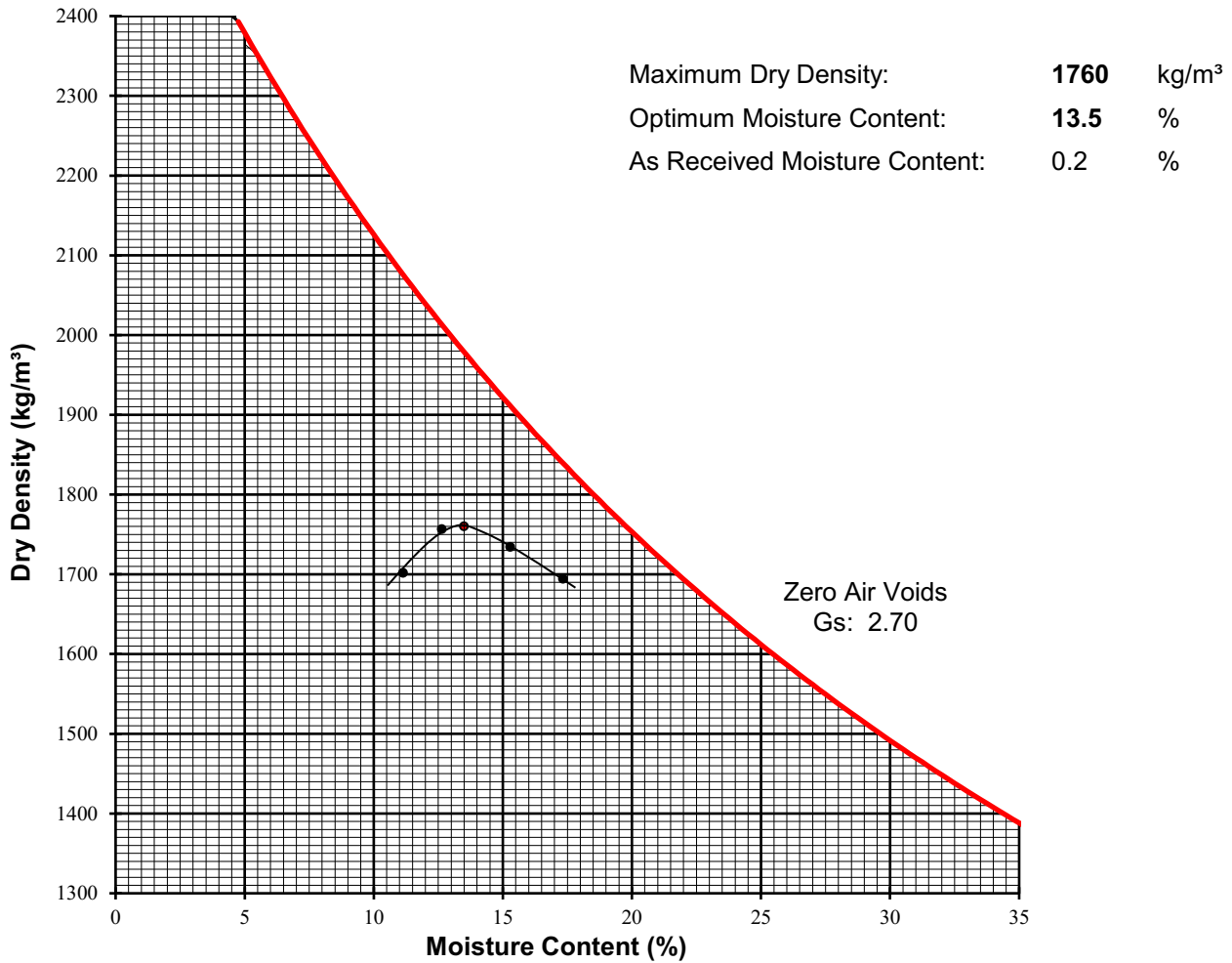
MOISTURE-DENSITY RELATIONSHIP (Proctor) REPORT

ASTM D698 (Standard Proctor)

Project:	<u>Mackenzie Valley Highway Sahtu Borrow Sources</u>	Sample No.:	<u>1361-21</u>
Project No.:	<u>704-ENG.EARC03299-03.005</u>	Sampled By:	<u>AG</u>
Client:	<u>K'alo Stantec Limited</u>	Date Received:	<u>26-Mar-25</u>
		Test Date:	<u>27-Jun-25</u>
Source:	<u>TP25-9.002-04</u>	Test By:	<u>TO</u>
		Test Method:	<u>B (Manual)</u>

Sample Location: 2.5-3.0 m

Sample Description: SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, brown



Remarks: _____

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The Client, and any Authorized Party, acknowledges that the Professional Document is based on limited data and that the conclusions, opinions, and recommendations contained in the Professional Document are the result of the application of professional judgment to such limited data.

The Professional Document is not applicable to any other sites, nor should it be relied upon for types of development other than those to which it refers. Any variation from the site conditions present, or variation in assumed conditions which might form the basis of design or recommendations as outlined in this document, at or on the development proposed as of the date of the Professional Document requires a supplementary exploration, investigation, and assessment.

TETRA TECH is neither qualified to, nor is it making, any recommendations with respect to the purchase, sale, investment or development of the property, the decisions on which are the sole responsibility of the Client.

1.7 ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY ISSUES

Unless stipulated in the report, TETRA TECH has not been retained to explore, address or consider and has not explored, addressed or considered any environmental or regulatory issues associated with development on the subject site.

1.8 NATURE AND EXACTNESS OF SOIL AND ROCK DESCRIPTIONS

Classification and identification of soils and rocks are based upon commonly accepted systems, methods and standards employed in professional geotechnical practice. This report contains descriptions of the systems and methods used. Where deviations from the system or method prevail, they are specifically mentioned.

Classification and identification of geological units are judgmental in nature as to both type and condition. TETRA TECH does not warrant conditions represented herein as exact, but infers accuracy only to the extent that is common in practice.

Where subsurface conditions encountered during development are different from those described in this report, qualified geotechnical personnel should revisit the site and review recommendations in light of the actual conditions encountered.

1.9 LOGS OF TESTHOLES

The testhole logs are a compilation of conditions and classification of soils and rocks as obtained from field observations and laboratory testing of selected samples. Soil and rock zones have been interpreted. Change from one geological zone to the other, indicated on the logs as a distinct line, can be, in fact, transitional. The extent of transition is interpretive. Any circumstance which requires precise definition of soil or rock zone transition elevations may require further investigation and review.

1.10 STRATIGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION

The stratigraphic and geological information indicated on drawings contained in this report are inferred from logs of test holes and/or soil/rock exposures. Stratigraphy is known only at the locations of the test hole or exposure. Actual geology and stratigraphy between test holes and/or exposures may vary from that shown on these drawings. Natural variations in geological conditions are inherent and are a function of the historical environment. TETRA TECH does not represent the conditions illustrated as exact but recognizes that variations will exist. Where knowledge of more precise locations of geological units is necessary, additional exploration and review may be necessary.

1.11 PROTECTION OF EXPOSED GROUND

Excavation and construction operations expose geological materials to climatic elements (freeze/thaw, wet/dry) and/or mechanical disturbance which can cause severe deterioration. Unless otherwise specifically indicated in this report, the walls and floors of excavations must be protected from the elements, particularly moisture, desiccation, frost action and construction traffic.

1.12 SUPPORT OF ADJACENT GROUND AND STRUCTURES

Unless otherwise specifically advised, support of ground and structures adjacent to the anticipated construction and preservation of adjacent ground and structures from the adverse impact of construction activity is required.

1.13 INFLUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Construction activity can impact structural performance of adjacent buildings and other installations. The influence of all anticipated construction activities should be considered by the contractor, owner, architect and prime engineer in consultation with a geotechnical engineer when the final design and construction techniques, and construction sequence are known.

1.14 OBSERVATIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION

Because of the nature of geological deposits, the judgmental nature of geotechnical engineering, and the potential of adverse circumstances arising from construction activity, observations during site preparation, excavation and construction should be carried out by a geotechnical engineer. These observations may then serve as the basis for confirmation and/or alteration of geotechnical recommendations or design guidelines presented herein.

1.15 DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

Where temporary or permanent drainage systems are installed within or around a structure, the systems which will be installed must protect the structure from loss of ground due to internal erosion and must be designed so as to assure continued satisfactory performance of the drains. Specific design detail of such systems should be developed or reviewed by the geotechnical engineer. Unless otherwise specified, it is a condition of this report that effective temporary and permanent drainage systems are required and that they must be considered in relation to project purpose and function.

1.16 DESIGN PARAMETERS

Bearing capacities for Limit States or Allowable Stress Design, strength/stiffness properties and similar geotechnical design parameters quoted in this report relate to a specific soil or rock type and condition. Construction activity and environmental circumstances can materially change the condition of soil or rock. The elevation at which a soil or rock type occurs is variable. It is a requirement of this report that structural elements be founded in and/or upon geological materials of the type and in the condition used in this report. Sufficient observations should be made by qualified geotechnical personnel during construction to assure that the soil and/or rock conditions considered in this report in fact exist at the site.

1.17 SAMPLES

TETRA TECH will retain all soil and rock samples for 30 days after this report is issued. Further storage or transfer of samples can be made at the Client's expense upon written request, otherwise samples will be discarded.

1.18 APPLICABLE CODES, STANDARDS, GUIDELINES & BEST PRACTICE

This document has been prepared based on the applicable codes, standards, guidelines or best practice as identified in the report. Some mandated codes, standards and guidelines (such as ASTM, AASHTO Bridge Design/Construction Codes, Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code, National/Provincial Building Codes) are routinely updated and corrections made. TETRA TECH cannot predict nor be held liable for any such future changes, amendments, errors or omissions in these documents that may have a bearing on the assessment, design or analyses included in this report.