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1. Introduction

This report describes the results of a geotechnical site investigation in support of the proposed township establishment on Erf266 and the Remainder of Erf21, located on the western outskirts of the town of Riversdale in the Western Cape. The development entails the construction of various residential units and associated internal roads network.

1.1. Terms of Reference

Terra Geotechnical was appointed in November 2021 by Mr G Pepler (representing Belladonna (Pty) Ltd), to conduct this geotechnical investigation. The area of the investigation was defined and approved before the commencement of the investigation. The distribution of testing locations and the associated sampling were done where physically possible and to best model the geotechnical character of the site for this specific development. Testing frequency was discussed and approved by the engineer during the quotation phase and were guided by the standards provided by the SANS 634: *“Geotechnical Investigations for Township Development”*.

The quantity and nature of samples were governed by the nature of the proposed development and the in-situ characteristics of the material excavated across the site.

1.2. Sources of Information

The following sources of information were utilized:

- Remote Sensing Information:
- Google Earth Pro TM
- Elevation Heat Map; Online Resource
- Planet GIS

1.3. Objectives

The investigation had the following aims:

- identify potential hazards
- to determine and evaluate the mechanical properties of the soil material occurring within the boundaries of the study area regarding the construction of low load bearing buildings
- define the ground conditions and classify the conditions through detailed soil profile descriptions and groundwater occurrences within the zone of influence of foundations
- to determine the reusability of the natural soil materials during the construction phase
- to evaluate site excavatability
- to recommend measures to be implemented during design and development of the area

The development potential of the study area is assessed based on the following premises:

- Construction of low load bearing structures incorporating shallow foundations.

It must be noted that this investigation was conducted to assist with the design and construction phases.

2. General Location and Description of Site

2.1. Location

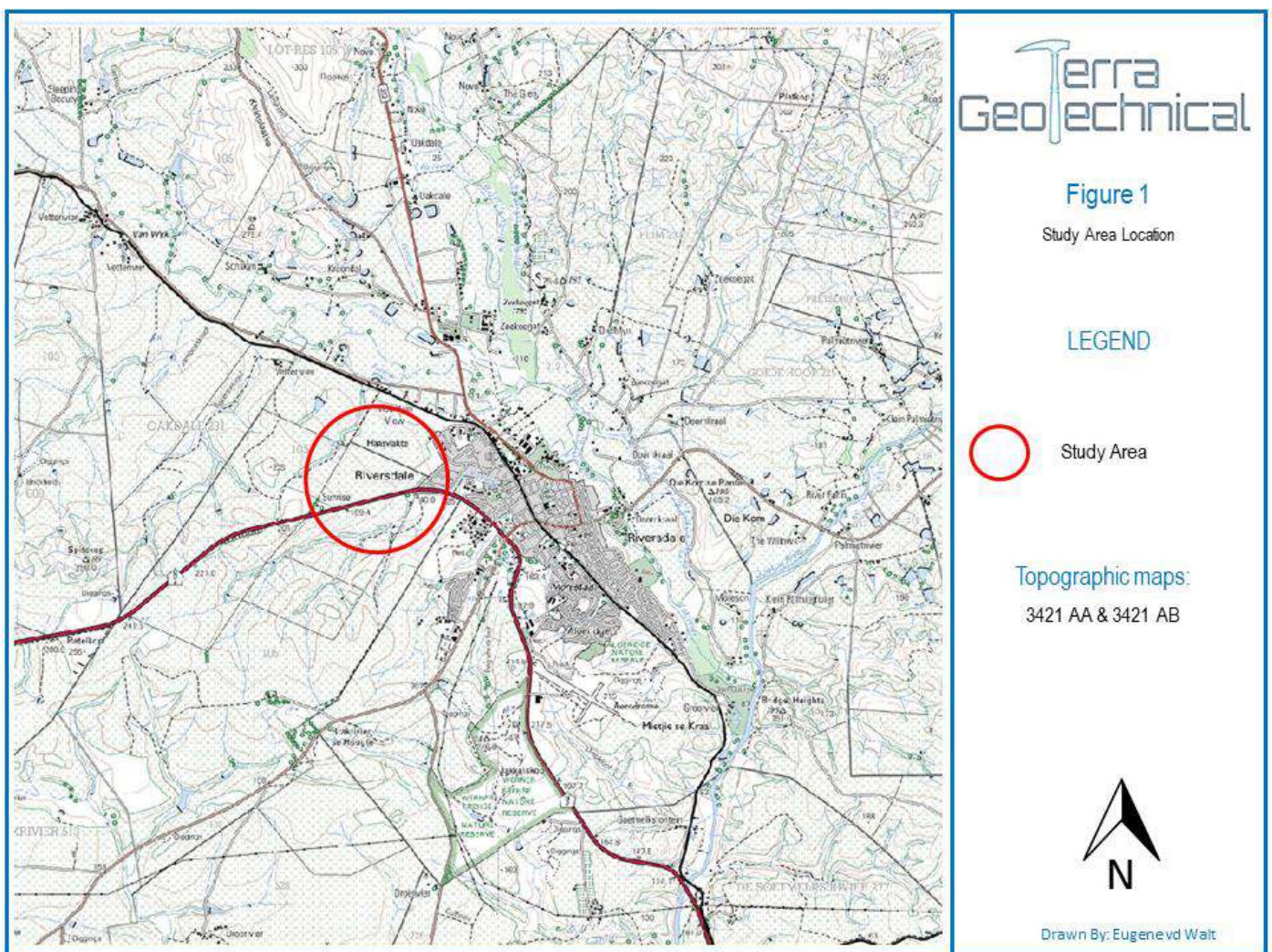
The study area for this investigation is located on the western outskirts of the town of Riversdale, forming part of the Hessequa Municipality. The site is defined as a portion of the Remainder of Lot 21 and Lot 266.

Figure 1 graphically depicts the location of the study area.

The site is located roughly at the following coordinates:

Latitude: 34.086780° S

Longitude: 21.231822° E



The site is further located on an open (undeveloped) parcel of land directly west of the residential development of Riversdale. This open parcel of land is currently being utilized as part of the Oakdale farming activities. Furthermore, the site is bordered to the south by the National Highway 2 (N2). The site has a total surface area of approximately 56 ha.

2.1. Topography

A single ridge type structure located to the west of the site gives rise to a variable topography with gentle to moderate sloping landscapes. The weaker strata are typically weathered and eroded to form incised valley features.

The site is located on the eastern foot slope of the ridge feature and displays a gentle sloping morphology, decreasing in elevation towards the east.

The colour coded image below depicts the topographic nature of the study area, with the higher lying structures depicted by the red/orange and the lower lying valley structures depicted by the blue/green colours

Image 2A: Regional topography and elevation

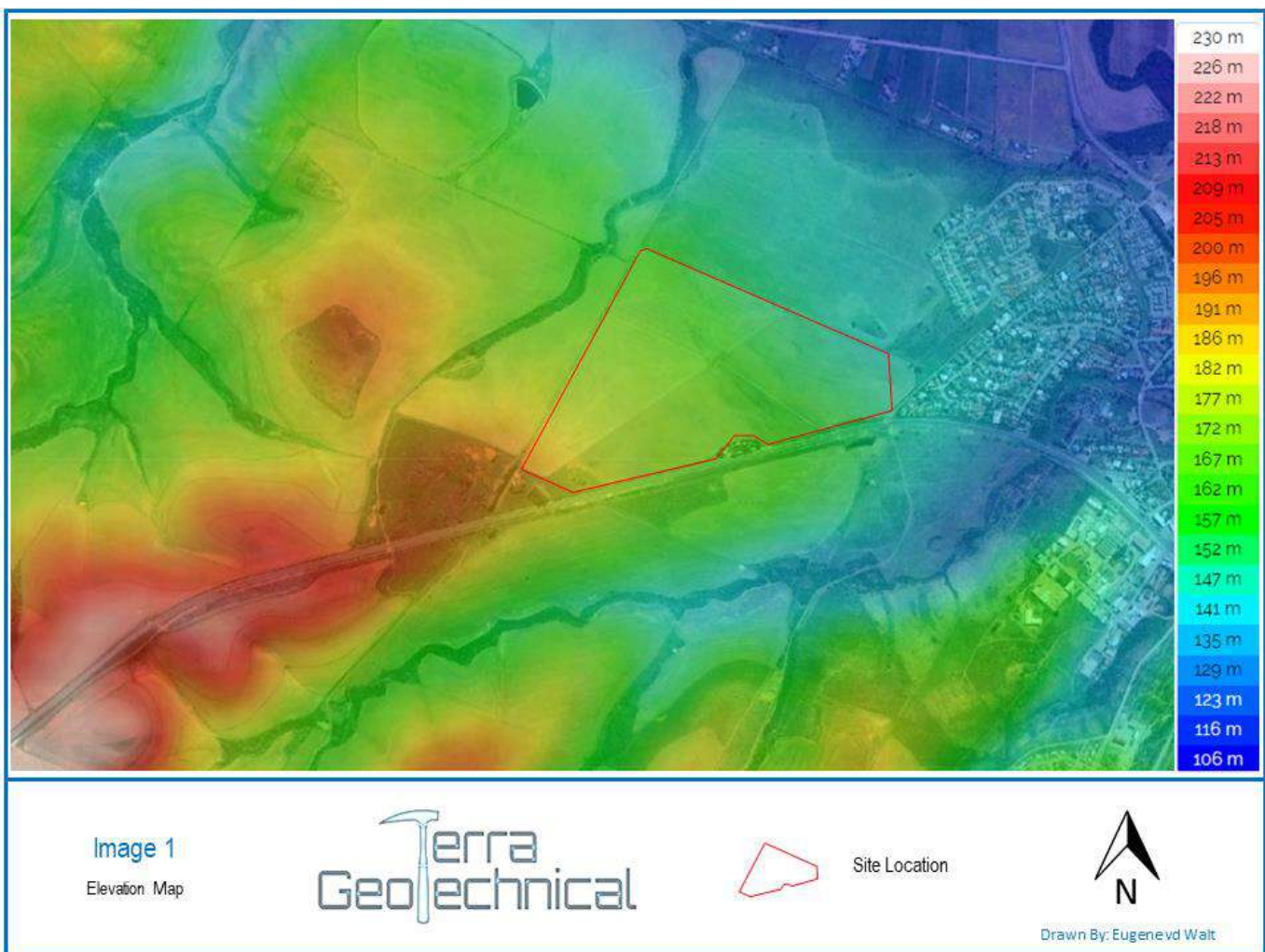


Figure 2 below visually depicts the current site conditions. The site is currently undeveloped and seen to be utilized for farming activities. The image shows the 5m contour lines indicating a drop in elevation from west to east. Various non-perennial drainage channels occur around the site, but none are identified to traverse the site. On the upper western portion, the site is approximately 190 m above mean sea level, and at its lowest point on the east, the site is approximately 140 m above mean sea level.

The site is seen to host gentle slopes of between 1 and 3 degrees



2.2. Drainage

The study area is located in the Breede-Gouritz Water Management Area, with the area falling within Quaternary Catchment Area H90C.

The study area is drained mainly by means of surface run-off (i.e.: sheetwash), with storm water eventually flowing into the Vet River to the east of the site. The natural drainage east the site has been altered due to the built-up nature of the area (construction of roads, buildings and installation of storm water services).

2.3. Climate

The study area experiences rainfall throughout the year. The mean annual precipitation is approximately 407 mm. Mean monthly minimum and maximum temperatures are 12°C in July and 21°C in February.

The climatic N-value (Weinert, 1980) of the area is deemed to be less than 5; therefore, chemical decomposition rather than mechanical disintegration, of the parent rocks is deemed the principal mode of weathering.

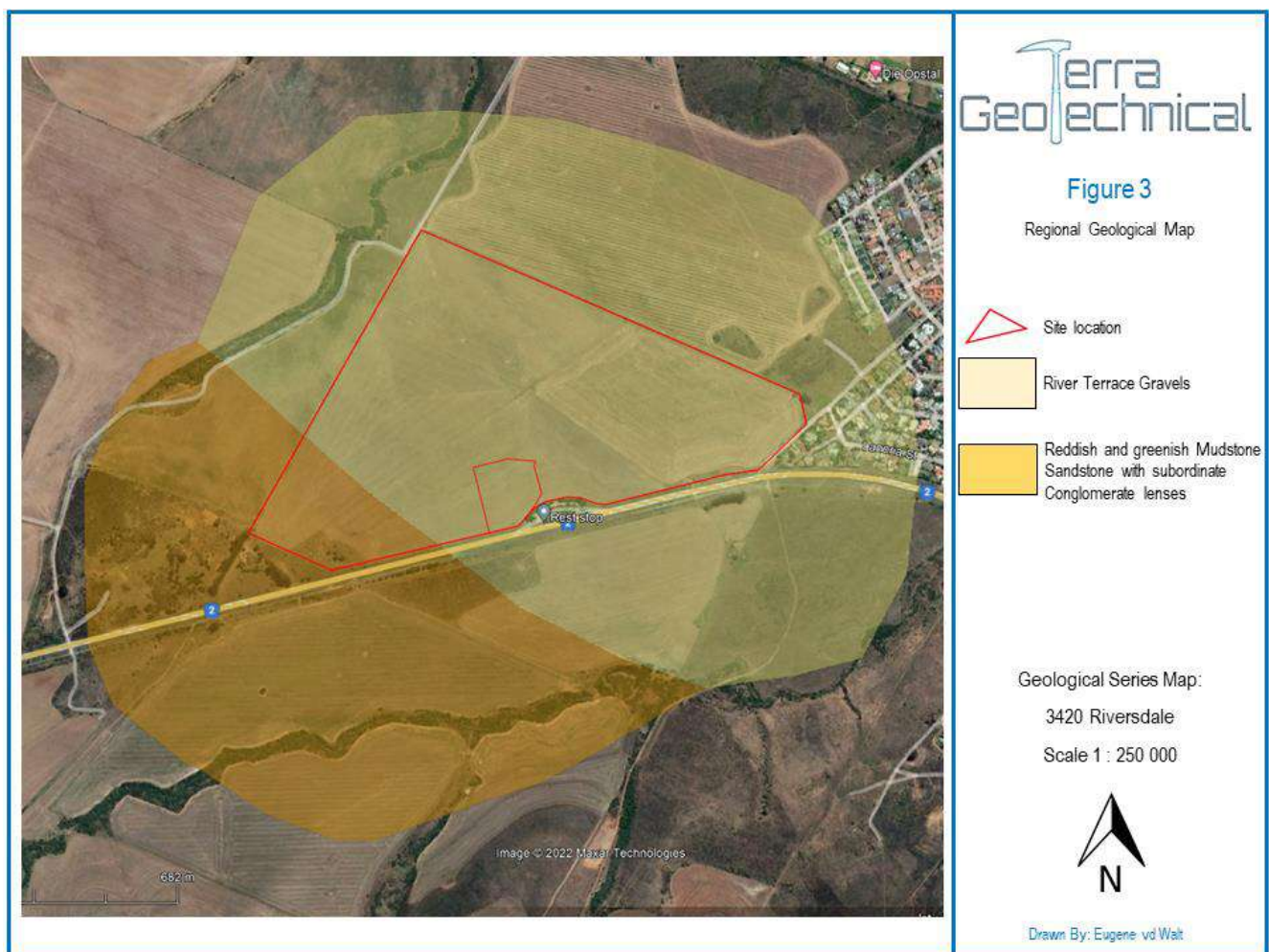
3. Geological Setting

3.1. Regional Geological Setting

According to the 1:250 000 scale geology map 3420 Riversdale, the study area hosts at least two geological formations with the contact on the western edge of the site. According to the geology map, the site is predominantly underlain by Tertiary aged River Terrace Gravels, with the western edge underlain by sediments of the Kirkwood Formation consisting of Reddish and Greenish Mudstone and Sandstone with subordinate Conglomerate lenses forming part of the Uitenhage Group.

During the investigation, the presence of both these geological units were observed.

The regional geological setting of the study area (minus the surficial soil cover) is illustrated by Figure 3.



The study area does not reflect any risk for the formation of sinkholes or subsidence caused by the presence of water-soluble rocks (dolomite or limestone), and as such is not deemed “dolomitic land”

3.2. General Material Properties of Geological Strata

According to A.B.A. Brink, (*Engineering Geology of South Africa Volume 4, Post Gondwana Deposits, 1985*), the predominantly argillaceous sediments of the Kirkwood Formation is generally very soft rock and soft rock consistency in fresh or partially weathered states, but usually display properties similar to those of highly overconsolidated clay. Their engineering behaviours is thus controlled by properties of the material rather than by the structural properties of the rock mass. The rock mass is generally very impervious. The intact mudstones become unstable on the absorption of water, but display quite variable slaking rates involving equally variable but significant swell pressures after drying.

Residual and transported soils derived from the Kirkwood sediments are almost always clayey, with the activity varying in relation to composition. The major engineering problems associated with these soils are the volumetric changes associated with wetting and drying.

The Kirkwood Sediments do not provide any notable sources of construction materials, mainly due to the poorly consolidated nature and activity of the clays.

4. Geotechnical Field Investigation and Laboratory Testing

4.1. Reconnaissance Study

The investigation commenced with the conducting of the following actions:

- The collation and evaluation of available geological and geotechnical information, with specific reference to previous geotechnical investigations undertaken within the vicinity.
- The compilation of a base map showing the regional geological setting

4.2. Site Investigation

The field work phase was conducted over various days by Terra Geotechnical during December 2021 and January 2022. Test pits were placed throughout the study area in such a way as to accurately describe the general soil conditions occurring within the boundaries of the study area. The succession of soil and rock layers exposed within the test pits were logged according to the industry-standard method proposed by Jennings et al (1973), and a series of detailed photographs were taken of the different soil layers, and samples were taken of the soil- and rock material deemed to be important to the proposed development.

DCP tests were conducted at various locations scattered across the site, however, due to the frequent gravel, cobbles and boulders encountered across the site which hampered the testing, the results are not deemed relevant.

4.3. Laboratory Testing

The following tests were conducted on soil samples taken during the field work phase:

- Standard foundation indicator tests were conducted on disturbed soil samples in order to determine its composition (i.e.: the relative percentages of gravel, sand, silt and clay present within each sample), to evaluate the heave and compressibility potential of these soils, and to calculate the maximum heave and/or differential settlement that can be expected. The following tests were conducted:
 - ❖ Atterberg Limits (Liquid Limit and Plasticity Index) and Linear Shrinkage
 - ❖ Particle-size distribution
- Standard road indicator tests were conducted on bulk soil samples in order to determine its composition, and to evaluate the suitability of the materials for use in the construction of access roads and parking areas. These tests were conducted:
 - ❖ Maximum Dry Density versus Optimum Moisture Content
 - ❖ Californian Bearing Ratio versus Compaction Effort (MOD AASHTO method)
- Specialised Geotechnical testing on the Undisturbed samples were conducted by Steyn-Wilson laboratory (Cape Town) in order to determine the in-situ properties of the material present across the site. The following tests were conducted:
 - ❖ Consolidation test (Single Oedometer).
 - ❖ Swell Potential

5. Geotechnical Setting

5.1. Trenching

5.1.1. Excavation of test pits

A total of 31 test pits, numbered TP1 to TP31, were excavated across the site, by means of a TLB-type light mechanical excavator during the site investigation, at which time the exposed soil layers were profiled. Figure 4 on the following page depicts the test pit layout superimposed on the proposed developmental layout.

5.1.2. Generalised engineering geological parameters

The following general engineering geological characteristics were noted:

- **Site Excavatability**

Across the site, the TLB-type light mechanical excavator experienced only localized difficulty to a depth of 2.5 m. This difficulty in excavation was encountered due to the presence of a boulder alluvial horizons. Difficulty was encountered within TP13 and TP26 at depths of 2.1m and 1.5m respectively.

No problems are foreseen during the excavation of **shallow foundations**, with **localized difficulty** expected during the excavation of **deep service trenches** to a depth of at least 2.5 m below the existing ground level, through the use of a TLB-type light mechanical excavator.

The excavation type to a depth of at least 2.50 m below the existing ground level is deemed to be **Soft Excavation**, with **localized Intermediate Excavation** (SANS 1200D).

- **Rock- and/or pedocrete outcrops**

Bedrock or pedocrete outcrops were not encountered within the investigated area.

- **Sidewall stability**

The sidewalls of all test pits generally remained stable for at least 1 hour.

- **Groundwater seepage**

Groundwater seepage was encountered throughout the study area in many of the test pits excavated. Pedogenic material (ferricrete nodules) was also identified across the site at shallow depth, indicating the occurrence of a fluctuating water table or soil moisture evaporation. Groundwater seepage was generally encountered at the contact of the boulder alluvium and the underlying less permeable clayey horizon.

5.1.3. DCP results

DCP tests were conducted at locations across the site. Due to the presence of frequent gravels, cobbles and boulders within the profile, the results were highly variable and not deemed useful for the report.



Figure 4

Test Pit Positions



● Test Pit Location



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5.1.4. Generalised soil profile

Note: this description is based on field observations, and does not reflect the results of any laboratory tests

The results of the trenching phase indicate that the whole site is covered by a variable succession of soil layers. Typically, the site was covered by an alluvial boulder horizon with abundant root structures in the upper parts. This layer is typically underlain by another alluvial horizon hosting varying amounts of cobbles and boulders. Below the gravel and/or boulder horizon, a cohesive silty/clayey horizon was encountered in most test pits. Underlying these alluvial horizons, the residuum in the form of residual siltstone was exposed within approximately half of the test pits.

The table on the next page summarizes the various horizon depths encountered during the field work phase.

Boulder Alluvium:

The whole site was covered with a variable thickness of boulder alluvium. It was present as frequent rounded and sub-rounded gravels and cobbles in a matrix of slightly moist grey brown medium dense silty/clay sand. The horizon varies across the site in the size and concentration of boulders encountered, with some areas hosting boulders in excess of 1.0 m in diameter. The layer is generally clast supported. The upper portion of this layer typically hosted an abundance of roots structures. This layer was generally encountered from surface to a depth of approximately 800 mm, however, in some test pits multiple layers of this horizon was encountered and found to extend for the complete depth of the test pit (2200 mm).

In some test pits, the frequent boulder horizon was underlain by a scattered boulder horizon in a cohesive matrix deemed to also be of alluvial origin.

Alluvial horizon

Another Alluvial horizon was encountered throughout most of the site. This horizon was seen to be cohesive in nature. This layer was generally present as Generally, it was present as moist, red and orange or yellow, stiff to very stiff, clayey silt with scattered or frequent gravels. This layer was either intact or strongly structured (slickensided). Water movement in these layers were evident with the ferruginization of particles prevalent.

Scattered cobbles and boulders were also encountered within this horizon.

Residual Siltstone

In half of the test pits excavated, a residual horizon was encountered below the various alluvial horizons. This layer was generally present as moist, reddish brown, clayey/silty sand. This residual horizon is deemed to exhibit a very dense or very stiff consistency.

Detailed test pit profiles are included in Appendix A.

Soil Profile Summary					
Test Pit	Horizon Depth (mm)				Seepage Encountered (mm)
	Boulder/Cobble Alluvium	Alluvium (with scatt Cobbles)		Residual Siltstone	
	Frequent Boulders	Clayey	Gravelly		
1	0-2200				
2	0-800		800-2700		
3	0-400		400-2800		
4	0-1100		1100-3000		3000
5	0-900	900-1500		1500-3000	1000
6	0-600	600-1100		1100-2600	
7	0-1000			1000-3000	1200
8	0-800	800-2600		2600-2900	800 and 2500
9	0-800 and 1800-3100	800-1800			
10	0-600 and 1600-2400	600-1600			800
11	0-1100	1100-1800		1800-2800	
12	0-2600				
13	0-2100				
14	0-1000	1000-1500		1500-2900	
15	0-600	600-1800		1800-2800	
16	0-500	500-1600		1600-2800	from surface
17	0-500	500-1500		1500-2500	500
18	0-600	600-2200		2200-2700	600
19	0-1500		1500-2700		
20	0-2200	2200-2900			
21	0-800		800-2800		
22	0-700	700-2100		2100-2800	
23	0-500	500-2100		2100-3000	
24	0-500	500-2800			
25	0-400 and 1300-2800	400-2300			
26	0-1500				1000
27	0-1800	1800-2300			1000
28	0-900		900-2100	2100-2800	
29	0-600	600-1900		1900-2500	600
30	0-600	600-1300		1300-2600	
31	0-600		600-2700		2500

6. Geotechnical Evaluation

6.1. Engineering- and material characteristics

6.1.1. Sampling

The following samples were taken:

Disturbed samples	:	2 x Gravel Alluvium
		10 x Clayey Alluvium
	:	3 x Residual Siltstone
Bulk samples	:	1 x Gravel Alluvium
		3 x Clayey Alluvium
	:	1 x Residual Siltstone

Detailed soil test results are included in Appendix B.

It should be noted that when saturated and loaded, the soils will undergo loss of strength with the soil grains being forced into a denser state of packing and a reduction in void ratio (decrease in volume). Due to the fine grained nature of the material, the material is also deemed to be sensitive to moisture changes and will undergo heave and shrinkage with changes in moisture. The result of which is varying degrees of consolidation and heave. For this reason, the assessment and quantification of both the degree and nature of consolidation and heave, under planned foundation loads, will form the basis of the mechanical assessment of the sites' subsoils to follow.

6.1.2. Soil Test Results: Gravel Alluvium

In the light of the soil test results and visual observations, the **Gravel Alluvium** sampled across the site can be summarised as follows:

- The material has a fines fraction (passing the 0.075 mm sieve) of between 16 and 27%.
- This **plasticity** of the fines fraction of the material is measured to be between 6 and 20.
- According to the Unified Soil Classification the material classifies as a silty/clayey sand (**SM & SC**) and clayey gravel (**GC**) with a **Grading Modulus** of between **1.88 and 2.25**.
- According the to the **van der Merwe** method of determining **Potential expansiveness**, this material classifies as a **low risk** for potential expansiveness.

- This material is deemed to be **Potentially Compressible**

The results of road indicator tests conducted on the bulk samples of this material can be summarized as follows:

This material reacts very poorly to compaction with as CBR value of 5 at a compaction effort of 93% MOD AASHTO. This material classifies as a **worse than G9-type** material (COLTO classification system).

6.1.3. Soil Test Results: Clayey Alluvium

In the light of the soil test results and visual observations, the **Clayey Alluvium** sampled across the site can be summarised as follows:

- The material has a fines fraction (passing the 0.075 mm sieve) of between 40 and 87%, with the clay fraction constituting 6-19% of the samples.
- This **plasticity** of the fines fraction of the material is deemed to vary **between 18 and 30**.
- According to the Unified Soil Classification the material classifies as a low/high plasticity clay (**CL and CH**) with a **Grading Modulus** of **between 0.14 and 1.08**.
- The **in-situ moisture content** of this material was tested to be **13.2** and **18.8%**.
- According to the *van der Merwe* method of determining **Potential expansiveness**, this material classifies as a **low to high risk** for potential expansiveness.
- This material is deemed to be **Highly expansive** and **Compressible**.

The results of road indicator tests conducted on the bulk samples of this material can be summarized as follows:

This material reacts very poorly to compaction with as CBR values of between 1 and 2 at a compaction effort of 93% MOD AASHTO. This material classifies as a **worse than G9-type** material (COLTO classification system).

6.1.4. Soil Test Results: Residual Siltstone

In the light of the soil test results and visual observations, the **Residual Siltstone** sampled across the site can be summarised as follows:

- The material has a fines fraction (passing the 0.075 mm sieve) of between 62 and 82%, with the clay fraction constituting between 8.4 and 14.3% of the samples.

- This **plasticity** of the fines fraction of the material is deemed to be **18**.
- According to the Unified Soil Classification the material classifies as a low plasticity clay (**CL**) with a **Grading Modulus** of between **0.31 and 0.74**.
- According the to the **van der Merwe** method of determining **Potential expansiveness**, this material classifies as a **low to medium risk** for potential expansiveness.
- This material is deemed to be **moderately expansive** and **Potentially Compressible**.

The results of road indicator tests conducted on the bulk samples of this material can be summarized as follows:

This material reacts very poorly to compaction with as CBR value of 2 at a compaction effort of 93% MOD AASHTO. This material classifies as a **worse than G9-type** material (COLTO classification system).

Detailed soil test results are included as in Appendix B.

The table on the next page provides a summary of the lab results of the on-site material

Soil Profile Make-up and Associated Sampling		Material Characteristics- Laboratory Assessment																	
Test Pit nr & Material Description	Sample Depth (mm below ground level)	Soil Composition							Fines Analysis (measured from material passing the 0.075 mm sieve)		Activity			Material Compaction Characteristics					
		Sieve Analysis (cumulative percentage passing)					Grading Modulus (GM)	USCS Classification	Plasticity Index (PI)		Linear Shrinkage (LS)		Potential Expansiveness (according to van der Merwe)	In-situ moisture Content	Swell Percentage	COLTO Classification	Measured CBR Values (percentage compaction of MOD AASTHO; CBR of 13.344 kN)		
		5,0 mm	2,0 mm	0,425 mm	0,075 mm	0,002 mm			Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum					90%	93%	95%
TP2 Alluvium	800-2700	88	72	50	36	5,8	1,42	SC	17		6,2		Low		0,00%	>G9	2	3	4
TP4 Alluvium	1500-1800	92	87	76	61	9,6	0,76	CL	20		8,5		Low		0,00%	Inferred >G9, due to high PI values			
TP6 Residual Siltstone	1100-2600	93	87	77	64	8,4	0,72	CL	17		6,2		Low		0,00%	>G9	2	2	2
TP8 Clay Alluvium	1200-1800	98	95	90	73	10,7	0,42	CL	23		7,9		Low		0,00%	Inferred >G9, due to low GM and high PI values			
TP17 Clay Alluvium	500-1500	96	93	82	67	13,9	0,57	CL	19		7,7		Medium		2,00%	>G9	1	2	2
TP21 Gravel Alluvium	0-800	63	46	38	27	6	1,88	SM & SC	6		2,2		Low		0,00%				
TP21 Clay Alluvium	800-2800	91	83	69	40	6,2	1,08	SC	18		6,2		Low		0,00%	>G9	1	1	1
TP24 Clay Alluvium	500-1000	100	99	97	89	19,5	0,14	CH	25		10,7		High	18,8	4,00%	Inferred >G9, due to low GM and high PI values			
TP24 Clay Alluvium	1000-2800	99	98	93	78	17,6	0,31	CL	26		9,5		Med/High	15	4,00%	Inferred >G9, due to low GM and high PI values			
TP25 Clay Alluvium	400-1300	99	99	95	80	19,9	0,26	CL	25		10,3		High	17,6	4,00%	Inferred >G9, due to low GM and high PI values			
TP27 Clay Alluvium	1000-1800	97	90	83	68	13,8	0,59	CL	28		9,4		Medium	16,9	2,00%	Inferred >G9, due to high PI values			
TP29 Residual	1900-2500	97	95	92	82	10,9	0,31	CL	21		8,5		Low/Medium	10,5	2,00%	Inferred >G9, due to low GM and high PI values			
TP30 Clay Alluvium	600-1300	100	99	97	87	16,4	0,17	CH	30		12,1		Med/High	14,8	3,00%	Inferred >G9, due to low GM and high PI values			
TP30 Residual	1300-2600	87	84	80	62	14,3	0,74	CL	22		8,3		Medium	13,2	2,00%	Inferred >G9, due to high PI values			
TP31 Gravel Alluvium	600-2100	38	33	26	16	3	2,25	GC	20		8,7		Low		0,00%	>G9	3	5	6

6.1.5. Heave Characteristics of In-Situ Soils:

Soil heave is the process of the change in volume correlating to a change in moisture content. This phenomenon is prominent in soils containing a high content of active clays.

According to van der Merwe, the **clayey alluvial material** across the site classifies as a **medium to high potential for heave**.

For swell potential, free swell (Holtz and Gibbs, 1956) and oedometer tests were performed.

The results below are a summary of the free swell tests that were performed on various samples of the subsoils encountered across the site. Please note the results include a factor of safety of 1.5.

Free Swell Test Results											
Riversdale Township Establishment - RE/21 & Erf266											
Material Horizon	Sample Number	Sample Depth (m)	Maximum Horizon Thickness (m)	Bulk Density (kg/m ³)	Sample Height (mm)		% Swell of Sample	Measured Swell Pressure (kPa)	Foundation Load (kPa)	% Swell of Horizon	Calculated Swell (mm)
					Before Saturation	After Saturation					
Alluvium	UN2	1,2-1,8	1,9	1670	20,3	20,348	0,236	1,00	25	-	-
									50	-	-
									100	-	-
Alluvium	UN4	1,5-1,8	1,9	1820	20,3	20,452	0,749	5,90	25	-	-
									50	-	-
									100	-	-
Clayey Alluvium	UN8	1,2-1,8	1,8	2150	20,3	22,612	11,389	165,90	25	4,217	113,86
									50	2,672	72,16
									100	1,128	30,45
Clayey Alluvium	UN27	1,0-1,8	0,8	2100	20,3	22,221	9,463	116,00	25	3,055	36,66
									50	1,675	20,10
									100	0,295	3,55

When the oedometer test was conducted on the **clayey alluvium**, it yielded a swell pressure of between 116 and 165 kPa. This means that the expansive clay can exert an upward swelling pressure in excess of 100 kPa whereas most of the planned lightweight slabs in the area typically exert unit-bearing pressures of less 100 kPa on the sub-soils.

The results reveal that in the case of the sample extracted from TP8, even at 100 kPa load, 30 mm of heave is still expected when material becomes saturated.

Detailed results are included in Appendix B.

6.1.6. Standard Consolidation of In-Situ Soils:

There are three components to settlement namely immediate settlement (also referred to as elastic settlement), primary consolidation settlement and secondary consolidation (also referred to as creep).

Immediate settlement takes place as a load is exerted on the soil mainly due to distortion of the soil. As pore water begins to flow out of the soil a time dependant decrease in volume occurs which is termed consolidation settlement. This settlement will continue until a condition of constant effective stress is reached. This primary consolidation settlement takes place generally in fine grained materials (high percentage of clay or silt).

Secondary consolidation settlement is not considered a concern as this type of settlement usually occurs in soft organic clays where plastic flow within the soil mass results in displacement of the soil particles.

Based on the consolidation tests performed on samples extracted from the subsoils, it is noted that various amounts of settlements are expected when exposed to various different loads. The results assume a foundation with of 0.6 m.

Consolidation Test - Settlement Analysis					
Riversdale Township Establishment - RE/21 & Erf266					
Material Origin	Sample No.	Test Pit	Average Depth (m)	Calculated Settlement Factor of Safety = 1.5 (between mm)	
				50 kPa	100 kPa
Alluvium	UN2	TP2	1,2-1,8	36 to 51	50 to 71
Alluvium	UN4	TP4	1,5-1,8	12 to 17	22 to 31
Clayey Alluvium	UN8	TP8	1,2-1,8	15 to 21	22 to 31
Clayey Alluvium	UN27	TP27	1,0-1,8	18 to 25	27 to 37

Based on visual observations and tests performed on the samples across the site, the alluvial material encountered across the site are deemed to undergo a large amount of settlement upon loading and wetting.

Detailed results are included in Appendix B.

6.1.7. Collapse Settlement Characteristics of the In-Situ Soils

Collapse settlement is defined as the sudden loss of volume of a material once saturated, as compared to the more gradual settlement related to standard consolidation. As such, these soils typical undergo low settlement in the dry state (apparent strength), with a sharp increase in settlement upon saturation.

The material is **not deemed to undergo collapse settlement**

6.2. Material usage

The material encountered across the site displayed a strongly cohesive nature and tested poorly with regards to its re-use during construction. It is recommended that this material not be utilized for layer works during construction and that it rather be stockpiled and removed off-site or be utilized in landscaping purposes. In the light of the soil tests which were completed on the material sampled across the site, the material has a tested and inferred COLTO classification of **worse than G9**.

It is recommended that material be imported for any layer works in foundations or roads.

6.3. Bearing Capacity

Observations during the field work phase indicates that the soils encountered across the site exhibits at least a firm to stiff consistency, typically increasing with depth.

According to Look (2014), the cohesive **reworked residual soils** (encountered from below the transported alluvium) exhibiting a stiff consistency, exhibits a bearing capacity of between **50 and 100 kPa**. This **does not** take into account the **reduction of bearing capacity** due to the inundation with water.

The effect that an increase in moisture content has on the strength of the material can clearly be seen by comparing looking at the laboratory tested CBR results. The reason for these poor CBR results are that the **lab specimen** is tested under **saturated** conditions. This provides that should the soil on site become saturated, it will undergo a reduction in strength.

Due to the potential for activity of the soils and the possibility that the subsoils could soften up if they become saturated, they are not considered as a suitable founding medium for any of the structures.

7. Geotechnical Site Classification

7.1. General

The results of this study reveal that the site exhibits geotechnical characteristics that may require the implementation of specific design and precautionary measures to reduce the risk of structural damage due to adverse geotechnical conditions.

The following constraints needs to be considered;

- The results of this investigation reveal that the soils covering the site may undergo a degree of **heave and/or consolidation** (i.e. loss and gain of volume) under loading or when saturated; requiring that structures be adequately strengthened to prevent structural damage due to **differential settlement** beneath foundations
- Tested **potential swell** in **excess of 30 mm** under loads of 50 kPa.
- Tested **settlement** values **in excess of 20 mm** under loads of 50 kPa.
- Differential movements will be exacerbated due to heave and shrinkage when moisture conditions under structures change
- Presence of **perched groundwater** table at shallow depth.
- Clayey Alluvium deemed to be **moderately to highly expansive** and **moderately to highly compressible**.
- **Clayey Alluvium** exhibit **high tested swell pressures** (>100 kPa)
- **Large boulders** encountered within the upper 1.5 m, may cause differential settlement beneath the structures.

However, these characteristics do not disqualify the site from being used for the proposed development, but rather require the implementation of site-specific precautionary measures.

7.2. Groundwater Occurrence

Groundwater seepage was encountered throughout the study area in many of the test pits excavated. Pedogenic material (ferricrete nodules) was also identified across the site at shallow depth, indicating the occurrence of a fluctuating water table or soil moisture evaporation. Groundwater seepage was generally encountered at the contact of the boulder alluvium and the underlying less permeable clayey horizon.

7.3. Soil Excavatability

Across the site, the TLB-type light mechanical excavator experienced only localized difficulty to a depth of 2.5 m. This difficulty in excavation was encountered due to the presence of a boulder alluvial horizons. Difficulty was encountered within TP13 and TP26 at depths of 2.1m and 1.5m respectively.

No problems are foreseen during the excavation of **shallow foundations**, with **localized difficulty** expected during the excavation of **deep service trenches** to a depth of at least 2.5 m below the existing ground level, through the use of a TLB-type light mechanical excavator.

The excavation type to a depth of at least 2.50 m below the existing ground level is deemed to be **Soft Excavation**, with **localized Intermediate Excavation** (SANS 1200D).

The following additional comments on excavation of service trenches apply:

- sidewalls of deep excavations should be shored to prevent injury or death due to side wall failure (according to standard construction practices)
- Trenches will have to be dewatered after heavy precipitation events, due to perceived low permeability that would hamper infiltration

7.4. Slope Stability

During the time of the investigation, no evidence was noted of any specific site stability problems. However, any disturbance to the natural topography could induce localized slope stability issues, especially during rainy periods.

7.5. Site Classification

In the light of the results of this study, the site can be subdivided into a THREE geotechnical entities/development potential zones. The site carries a dual class, due to both heave and consolidation expected under loads. Figure 5 on the following page depicts the zone boundaries.

Development Potential Zone	NHBRC Site Classification	Geotechnical constraints according to Partridge, Wood and Brink (1993)
Zone A	S2/H	2B- Fluctuating moisture conditions less than 1.5 m below ground 1C- Low Soil Heave 3D- High soil compressibility
Zone B	S1/S2	2B- Fluctuating moisture conditions less than 1.5 m below ground 2D/3D- Moderate/High soil compressibility
Zone C	H3/S2	2B- Fluctuating moisture conditions less than 1.5 m below ground 3C- High soil heave potential 3D- High soil compressibility

Zone A

The lab results and field observations from Zone A proved material is moderately to highly compressible and not generally expansive. Consolidation tests yielded settlement results of between 12 and 51 mm under loads of 50 kPa. The swell potential tests conducted on these samples proved the material is generally not expansive. However, it must be noted that during the site investigation, signs of movement due to heave and shrinkage was observed.

For this reason, this zone has been allocated the dual class rating of **S2/H1**.

Zone B

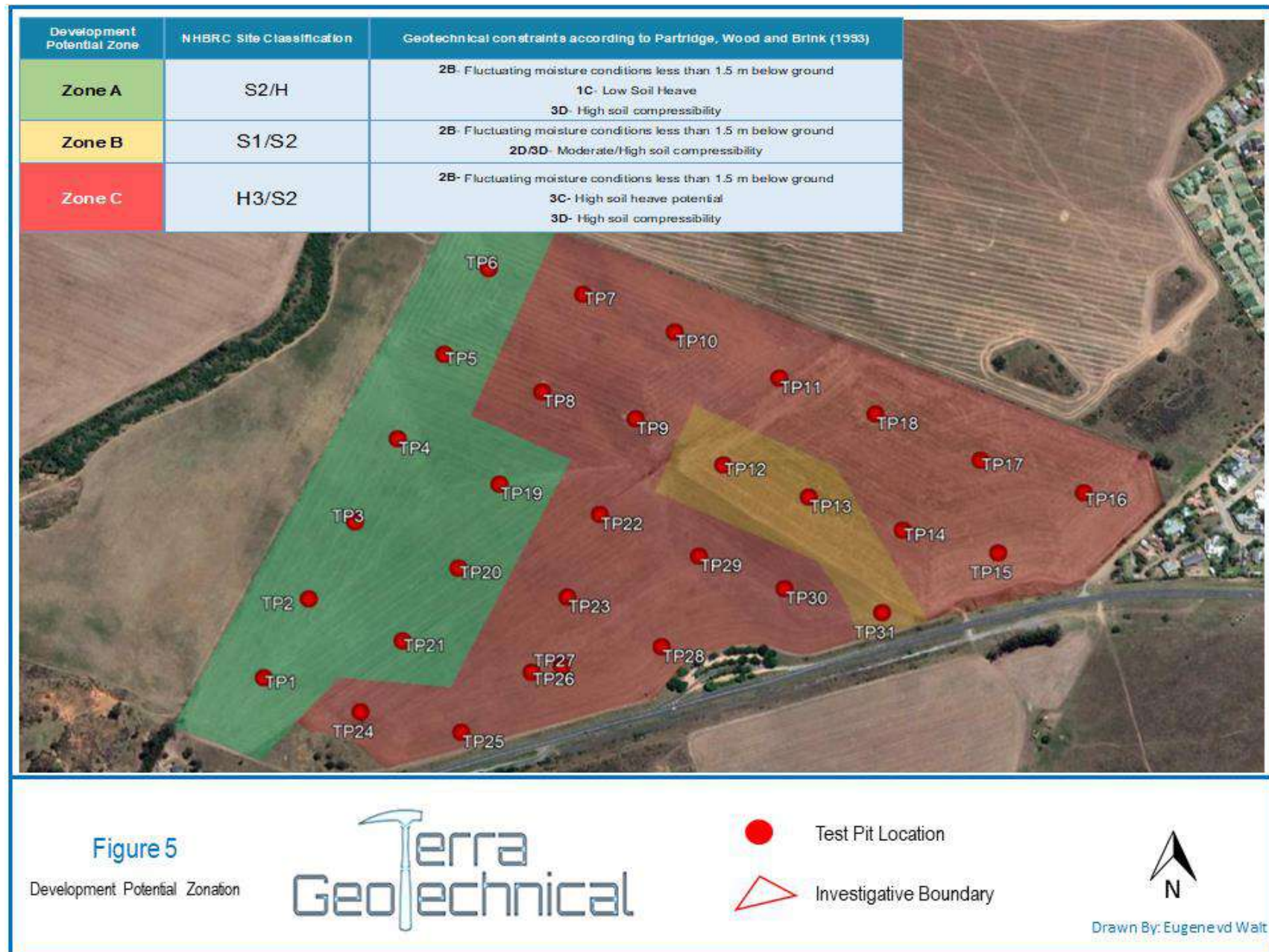
The lab results and field observations from Zone B, indicate material is moderately to highly compressible and not generally expansive.

For this reason, this zone has been allocated the dual class rating of S1/S2.

Zone C

The lab results and field observations from Zone C proved material is moderately to highly expansive and moderately to highly compressible. Consolidation tests yielded settlement results of between 15 and 25 mm under loads of 50 kPa. The swell potential tests conducted on these samples proved the material is generally very highly expansive with free swell tests yielding movement of up to 70 mm at loads of 50 kPa, with swell pressure exceeding 100 kPa.

For this reason, this zone has been allocated the dual class rating of **H3/S2**.



8. Foundation Recommendations and Solutions

It is recommended that EITHER of the following foundation designs be used in the specific developmental zone (According to the NHBRC guidelines):

Zone A - Site Class S2/H1 & Zone B – Site Class S1/S2

1. Stiffened or cellular raft:

- Stiffened or cellular raft with articulation joints or lightly reinforced masonry.
- Site drainage and plumbing/service precautions.

2. Split Construction:

- Combination of reinforced brickwork and full movement joints
- Suspended floors and fabric-reinforced ground slabs acting independently from the structure.
- Site drainage and plumbing/service precautions.

3. Soil Raft:

- Remove all or part of expansive horizon to 1.0 m beyond the perimeter of the structure and replace with inert backfill, compacted to 93% MOD AASHTO density at -1% to +2% of optimum moisture content.
- Normal construction with lightly reinforced strip footings and light reinforcement in masonry.
- Site drainage and plumbing/service precautions

Zone C - Site Class H2/S2

1. Stiffened or cellular raft:

- Stiffened or cellular raft with articulation joints or lightly reinforced masonry.
- Site drainage and plumbing/service precautions.

2. Soil Raft:

- Remove all or part of expansive horizon to 1.0 m beyond the perimeter of the structure and replace with inert backfill, compacted to 93% MOD AASHTO density at -1% to +2% of optimum moisture content.
- Normal construction with lightly reinforced strip footings and light reinforcement in masonry.
- Site drainage and plumbing/service precautions

It must be noted that differential heave is assumed to equal 50 % of the total heave. The relaxation of some of these requirements, e.g. the reduction or omission of steel or articulation joints, may result in a Category 2 level of expected damage.

Where the expansive clay soils will remain as portions of the subgrade, care must be taken to ensure they remain in a moist and fully swelled condition. This is critical to all areas of the site. Covering over dried out expansive clay soils will likely result in swell/heave issues when these re-swell during the wet winter months

9. Subgrade and Pavement

Naturally occurring **expansive roadbed** with a proven **low CBR** and tested **poor re-use** (according to COLTO) are encountered across the site. In the lab, these on-site materials displayed very poor soaked CBR results, tested to between 1 and 5%.

This will require specific engineering design to mitigate the effect of these characteristics. The following recommendations can be considered to assist with the mitigating, although the final design is the responsibility of the design engineer.

Expansive clay soils are present on this site and will be encountered at or near pavement subgrade elevations, depending upon final site grading. Pavements supported directly on or near expansive soils will likely heave and crack to some degree and create a maintenance problem and provide poor performance and serviceability and require periodic maintenance and repair.

These weak materials will require a capping layer/working platform. Typically, a geotextile reinforcement and/or separation layer and/or working platform is required.

To reduce movement and enhance performance, we recommend supporting pavements on a zone of low-volume change (LVC) fill consisting of properly moisture conditioned and compacted on-site soils or approved import materials. Depending upon final site grading, this will require over-excavation, moisture conditioning and re-compaction (ground modification) below site pavements. The fill should be placed and compacted as per industry standard guidelines. It should be recognized that even if heave mitigation is performed some pavement distress and cracking should be anticipated. In order to effectively reduce swell potential, the expansive clay materials will need to be properly processed and re-compacted at or above optimum moisture content. These types of materials, when compacted at higher moisture contents tend to “pump” and deflect when proof rolled and can create a problem with subgrade stability. Consequently, a contingency can be provided in the construction budget to chemically treat and stabilize the upper part of the subgrade in order to provide a stable surface for pavement construction.

Furthermore, the use of lime treatment can enhance pavement performance, extend pavement life and reduce maintenance requirements.

Please note that problems with heave and shrinkage is only expected if large scale moisture changes occur in the roadbed.

Future performance of pavements constructed on the site will be dependent upon several factors, including:

- maintaining stable moisture content of the subgrade soils; and
- providing for a planned program of preventative maintenance.

The performance of all pavements can be enhanced by minimizing excess moisture which can reach the subgrade soils.

10. Limitations

The extent of the investigations undertaken is deemed adequate, within the time and budget constraints, to present an overview of the geotechnical conditions across the investigation site.

It must be borne in mind that the overall interpretation of geotechnical conditions is based upon point information derived from the respective test positions and that conditions intermediate to these have been inferred by interpolation, extrapolation and professional judgement.

It is recommended the author be appointed to inspect the earthworks and foundation excavations during the development of the site to confirm founding depths and validate the recommendations provided in this report.

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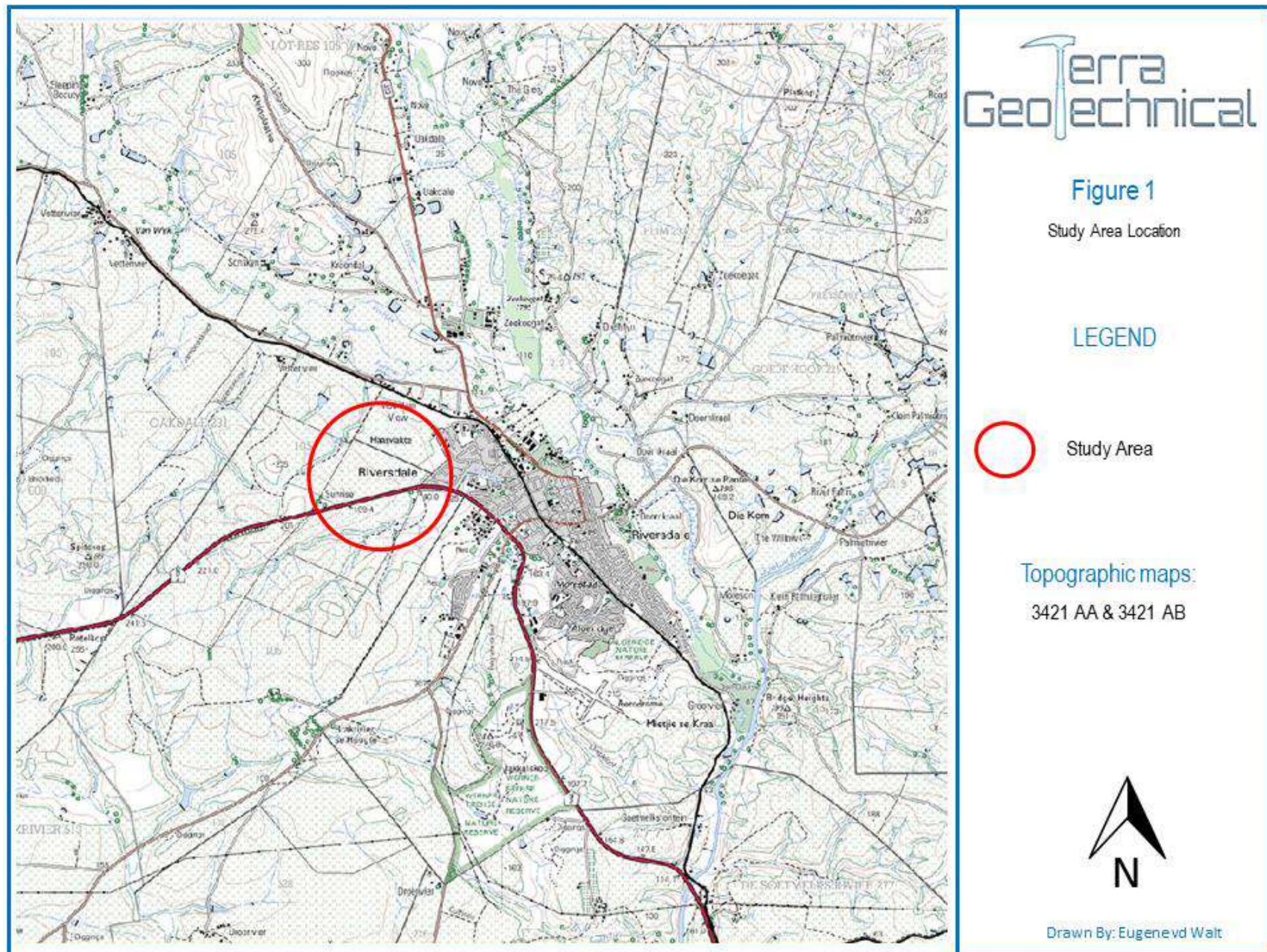
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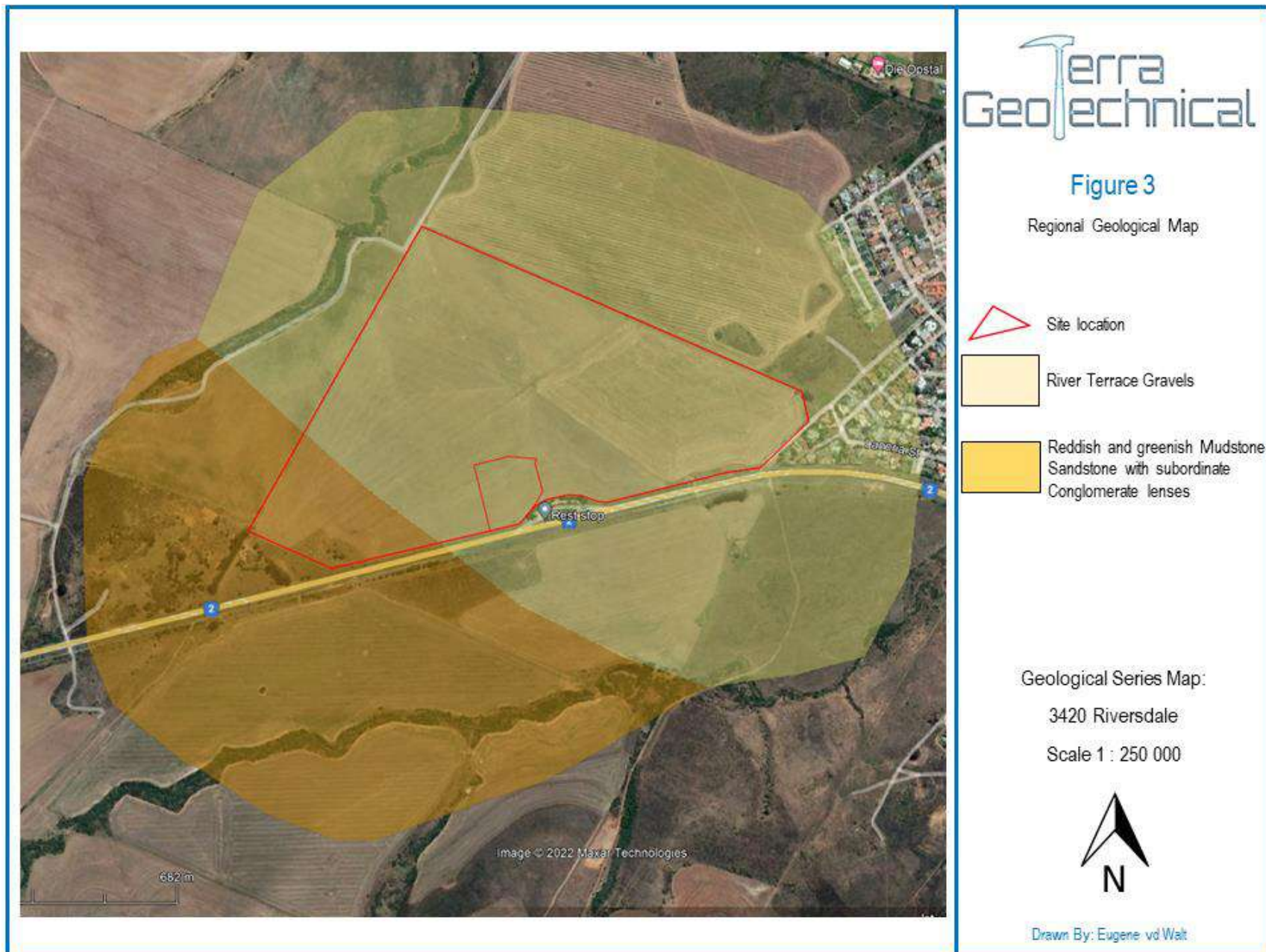




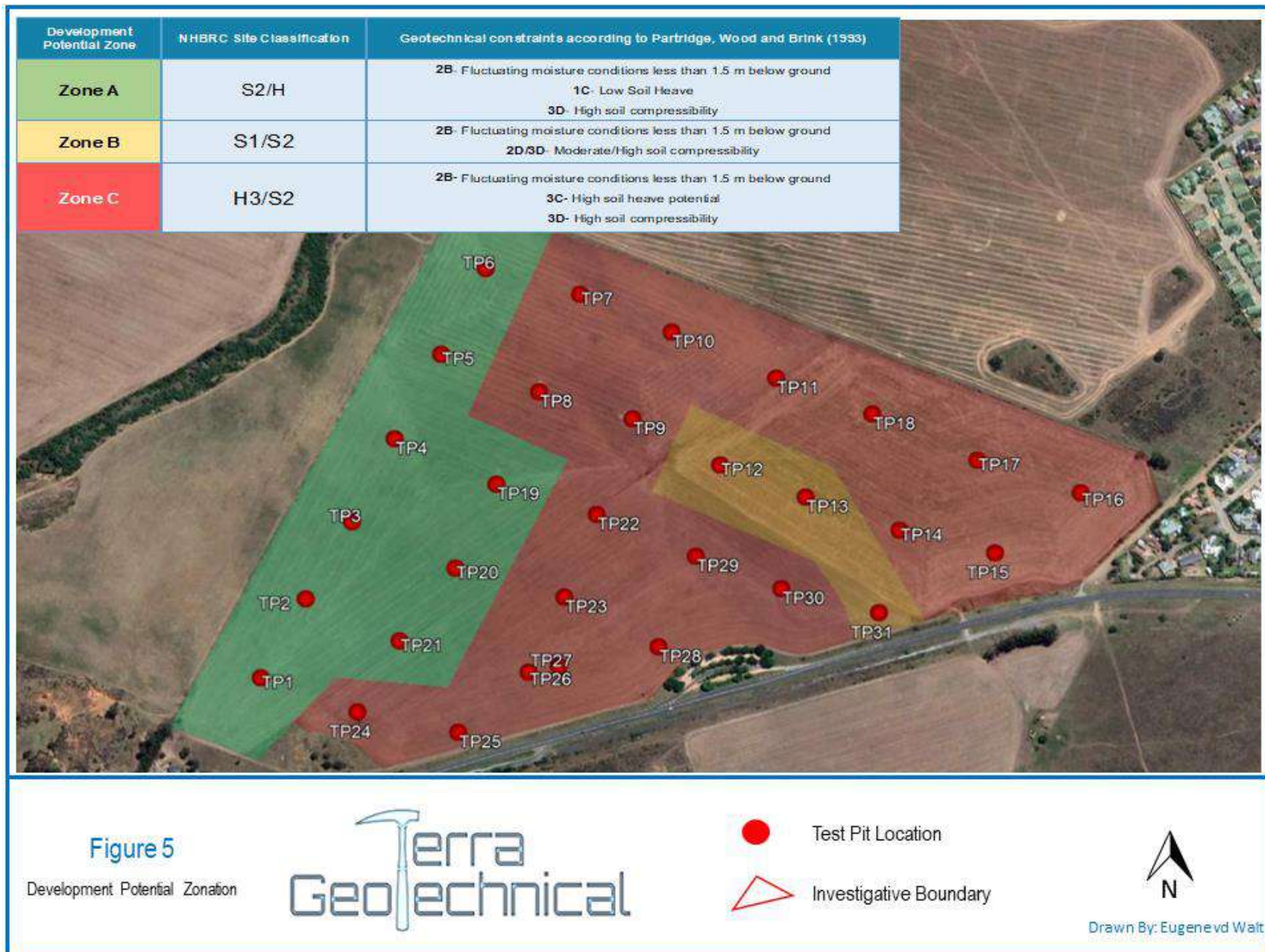
Figure 4
Test Pit Positions



● Test Pit Location



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APPENDIX A

A.1 Test Pit Profiles

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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP1



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Material Present in Test Pit TP1



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Surroundings of Test Pit TP1

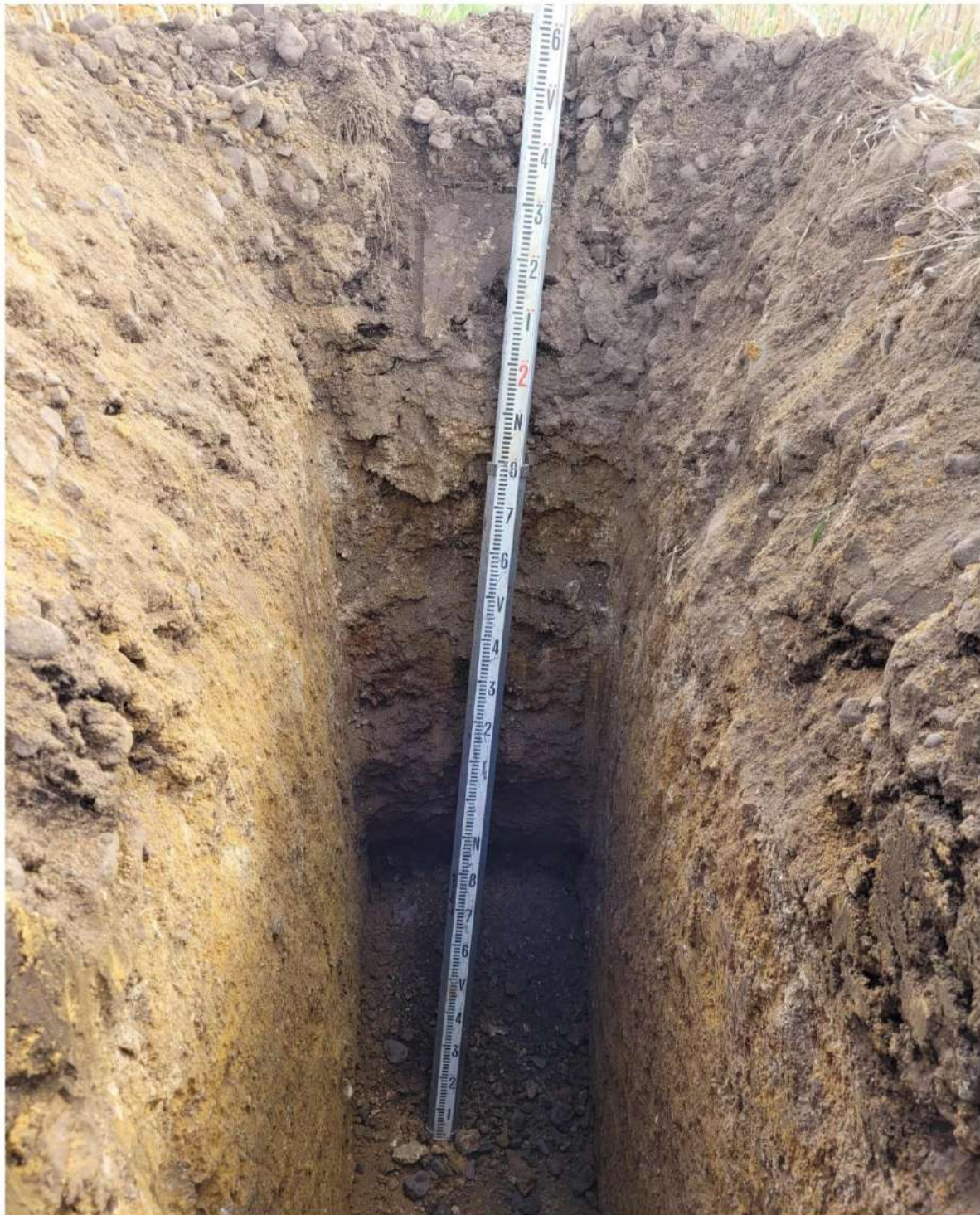


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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP2



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Material Present in Test Pit TP2





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Surroundings of Test Pit TP2



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	Location:	Riversdale
	Client:	Gideon Pepler

<u>Soil Profile for Test Pit TP3</u>	
	<p>frequent rounded and subrounded gravels and cobbles in a matrix of slightly moist; grey brown; firm; slickensided; clayey silty sand; alluvium; clast supported; Not Sampled.</p> <p>slightly moist; yellow brown patched red and mottled black; stiff; intact; clayey silty sand with scattered gravels; alluvium; Not Sampled.</p> <p>slightly moist; yellow brown patched red; firm - stiff; intact; clayey silt sand with frequent gravels, cobbles and scattered boulders; Not Sampled.</p>
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Excavation Character:	Excavation Stopped due to maximum reach
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Groundwater Seepage:	Not Encountered
Samples Extracted:	N/A
Notes:	N/A
Profiled by:	Eugene van der Walt (Pri.Sci.Nat)

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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP3



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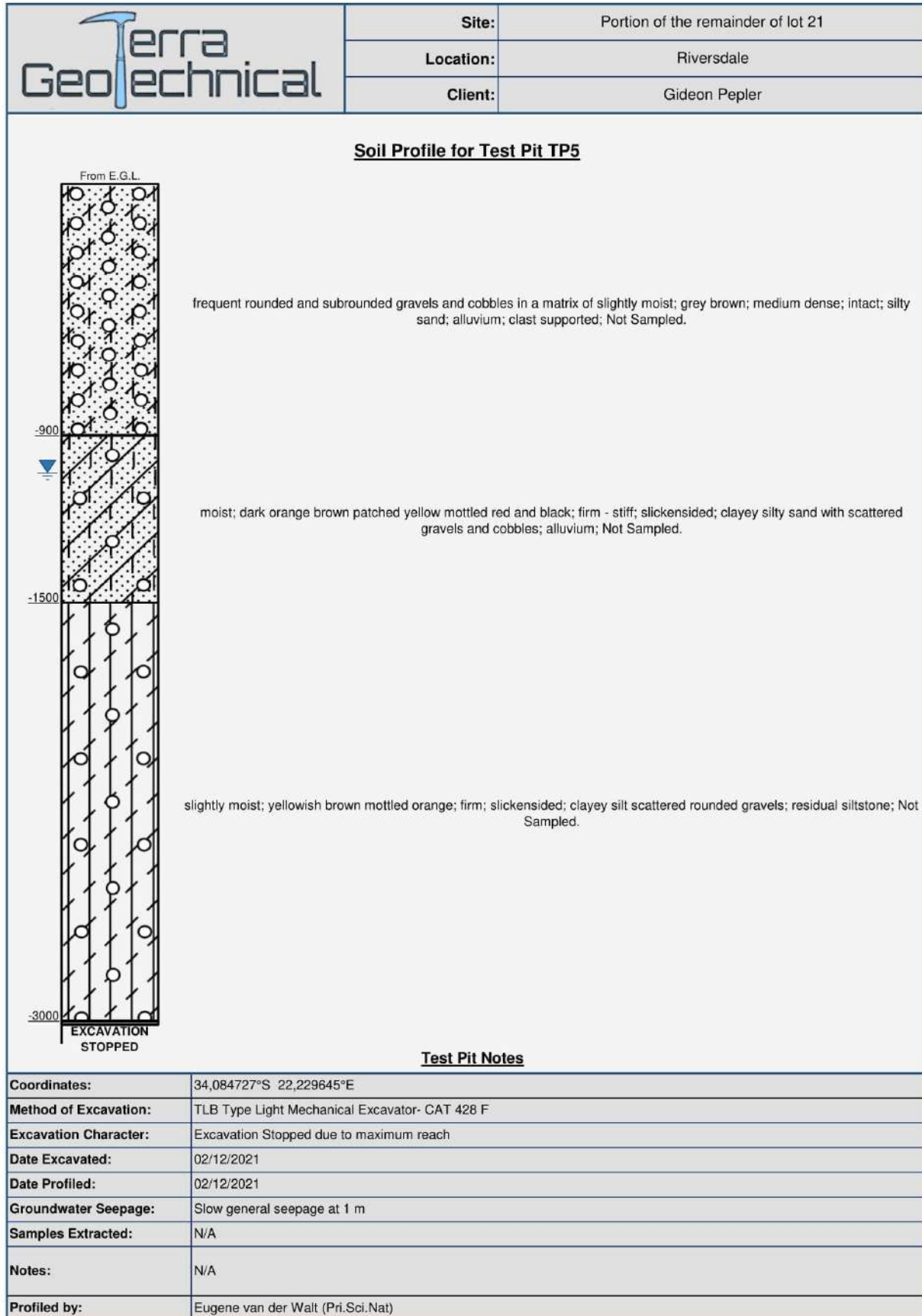


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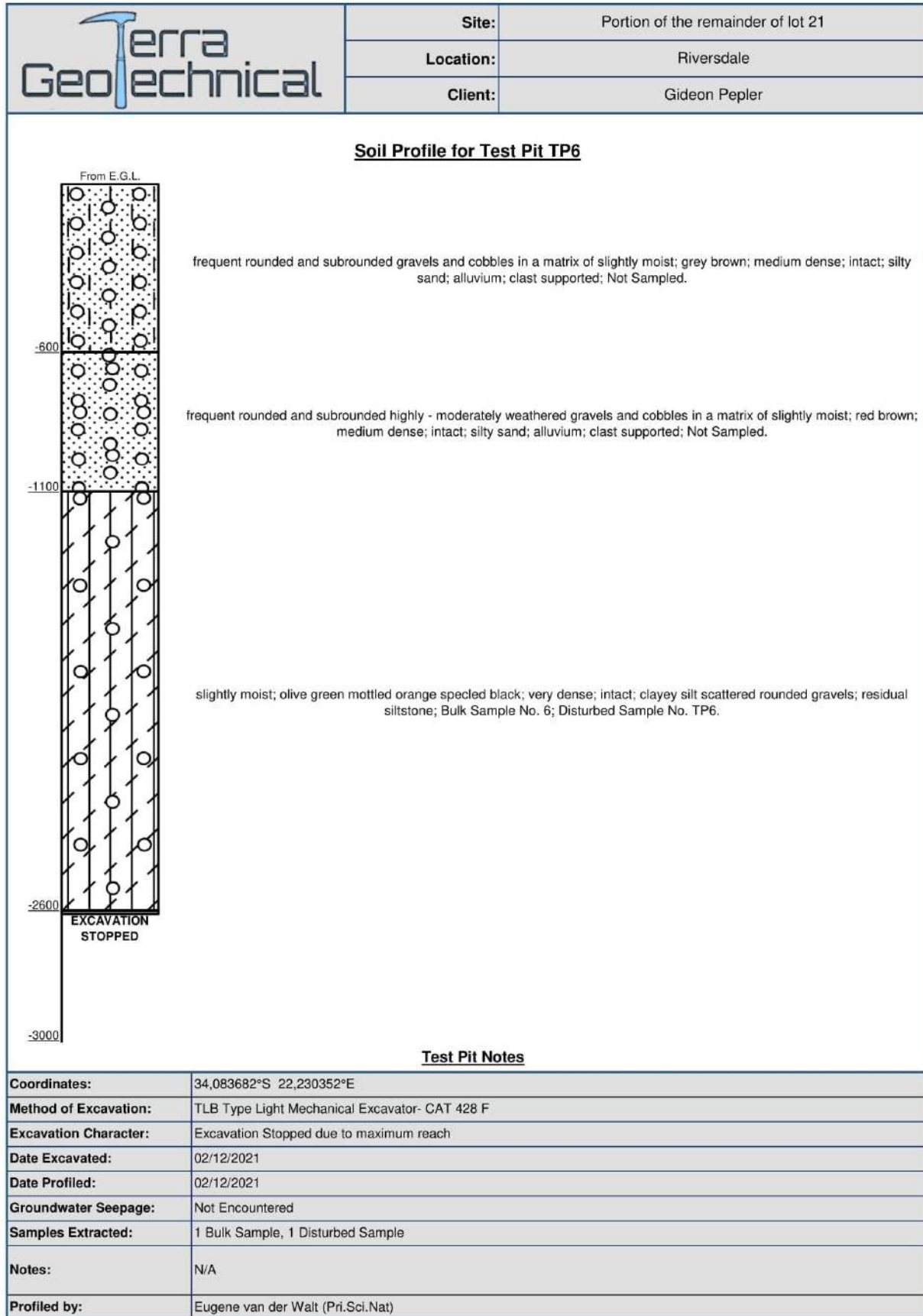


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Material Present in Test Pit TP5





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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP6



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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP7



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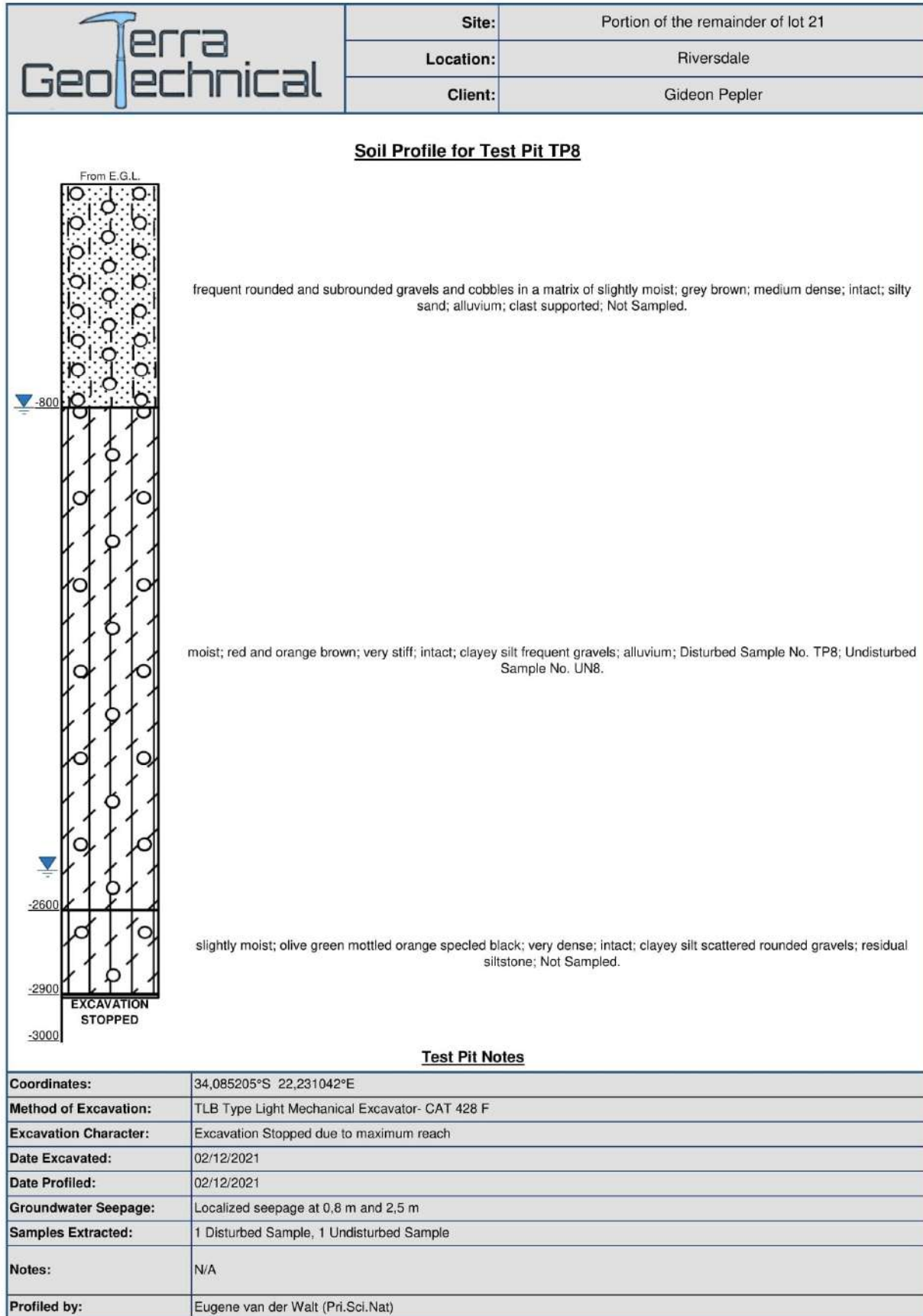


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Surroundings of Test Pit TP7





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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP8



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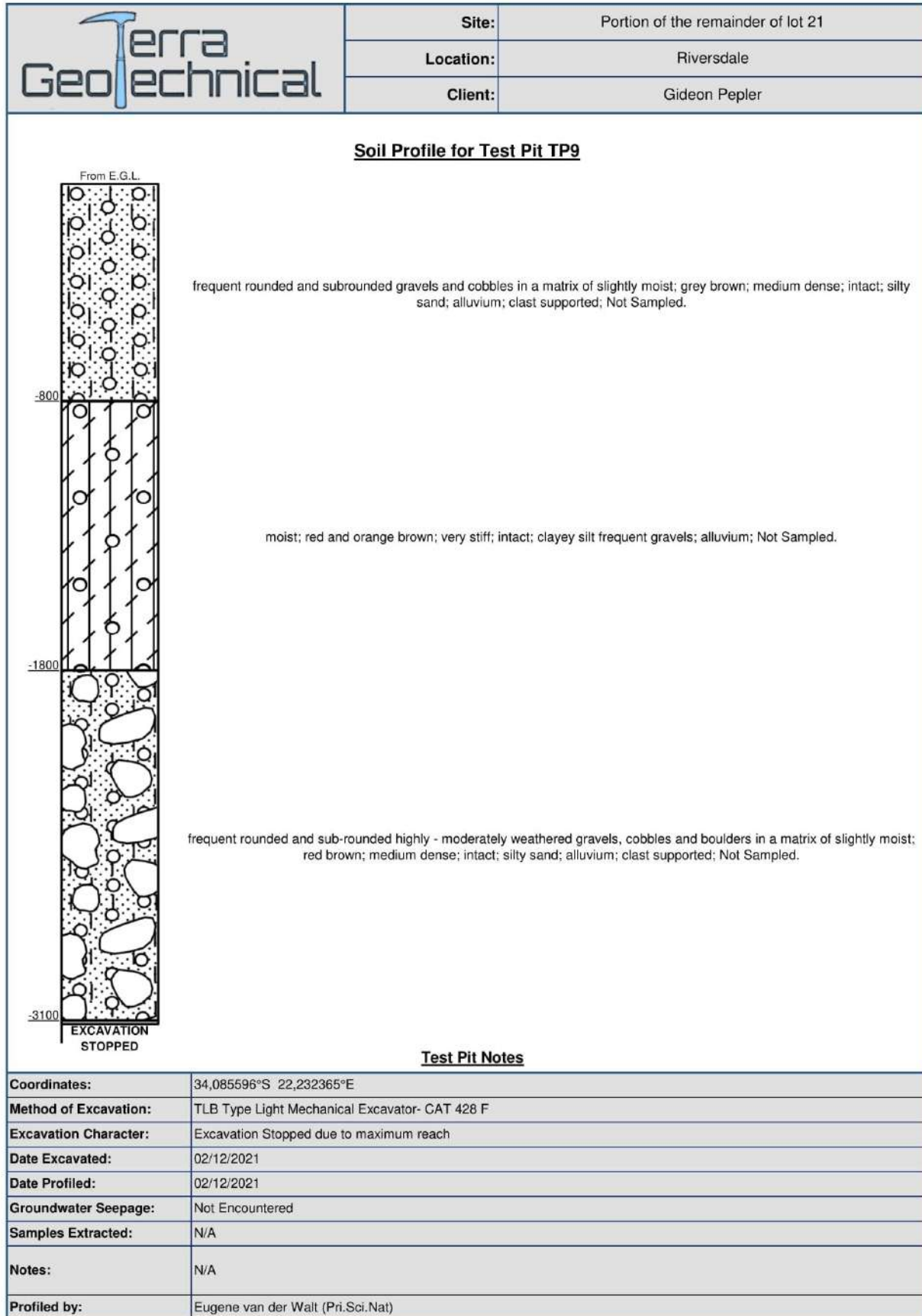


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Surroundings of Test Pit TP8





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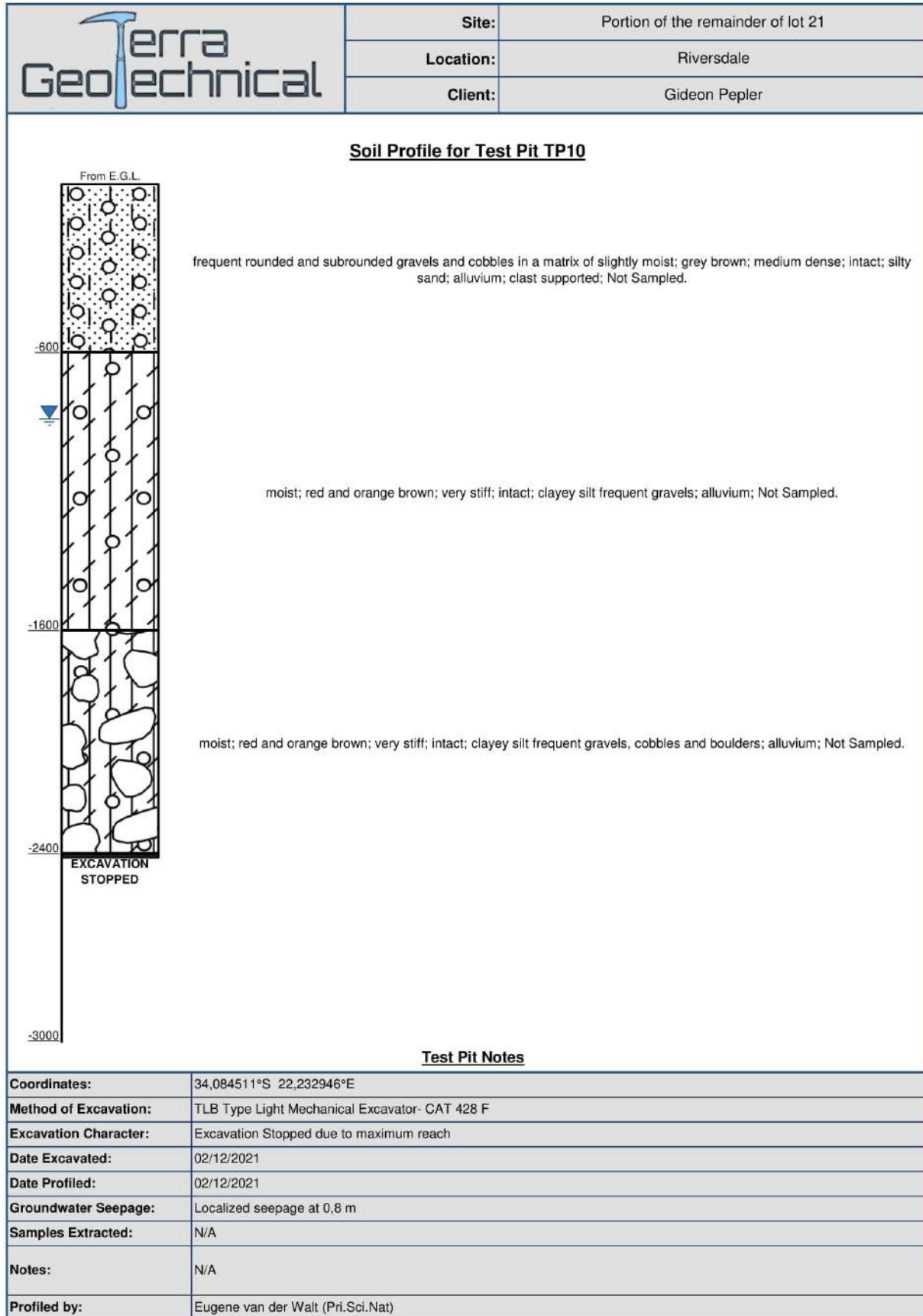


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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP10




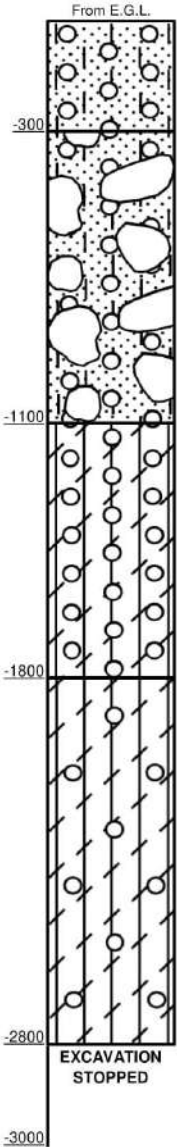
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Material Present in Test Pit TP10



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	Location:	Riversdale
	Client:	Gideon Pepler

<u>Soil Profile for Test Pit TP11</u>	
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Groundwater Seepage:	Not Encountered
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Notes:	N/A
Profiled by:	Eugene van der Walt (Pri.Sci.Nat)

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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP11



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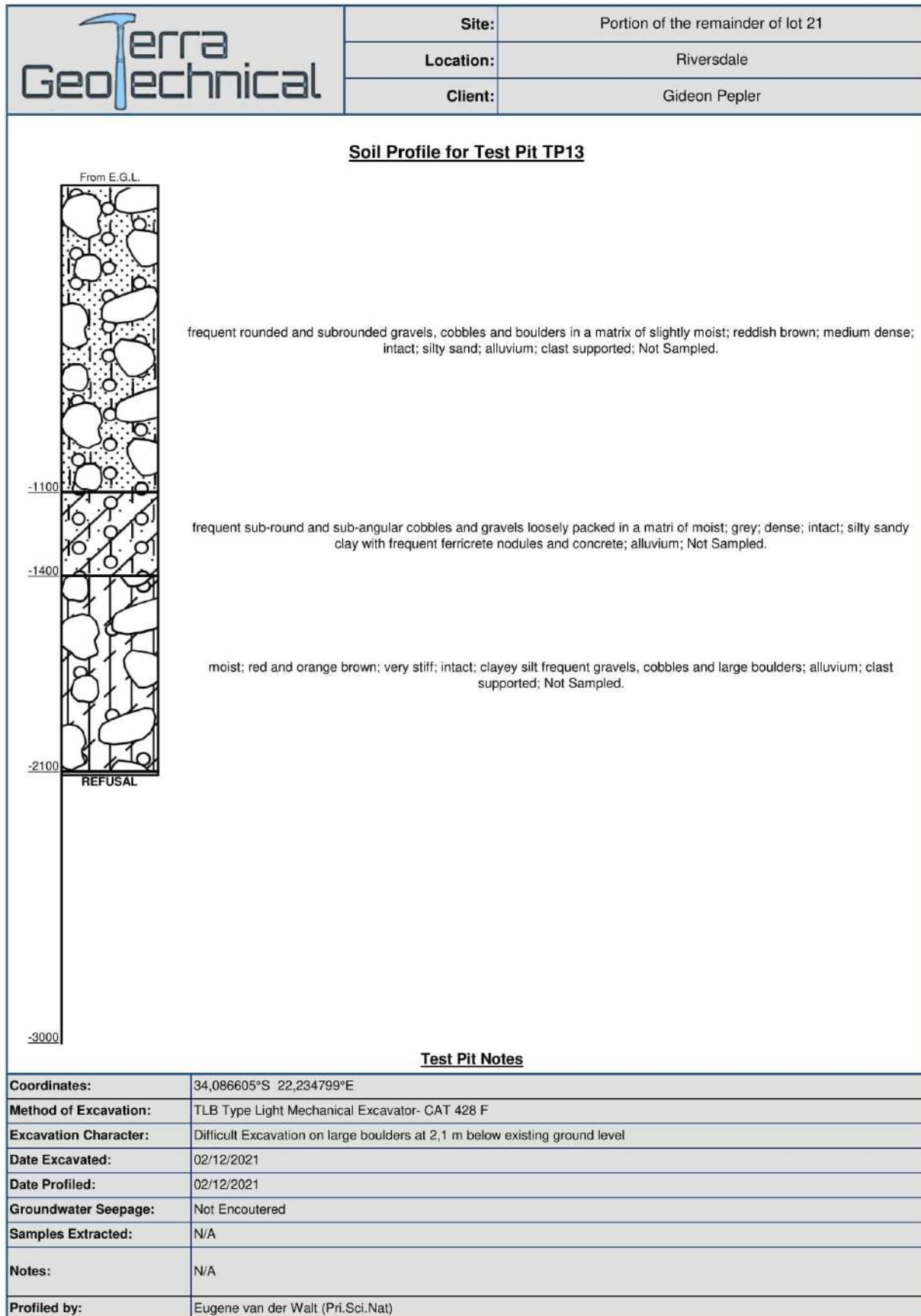


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Material Present in Test Pit TP12





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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP13



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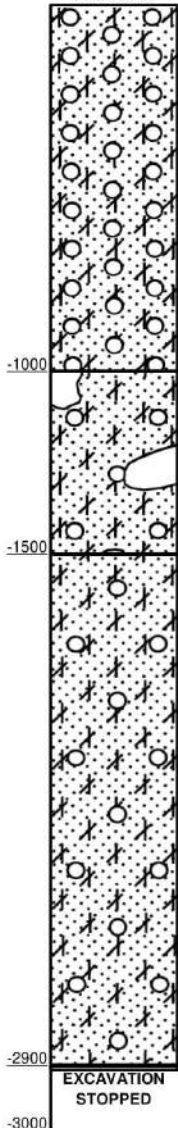
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Surroundings of Test Pit TP13



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	Location:	Riversdale
	Client:	Gideon Pepler

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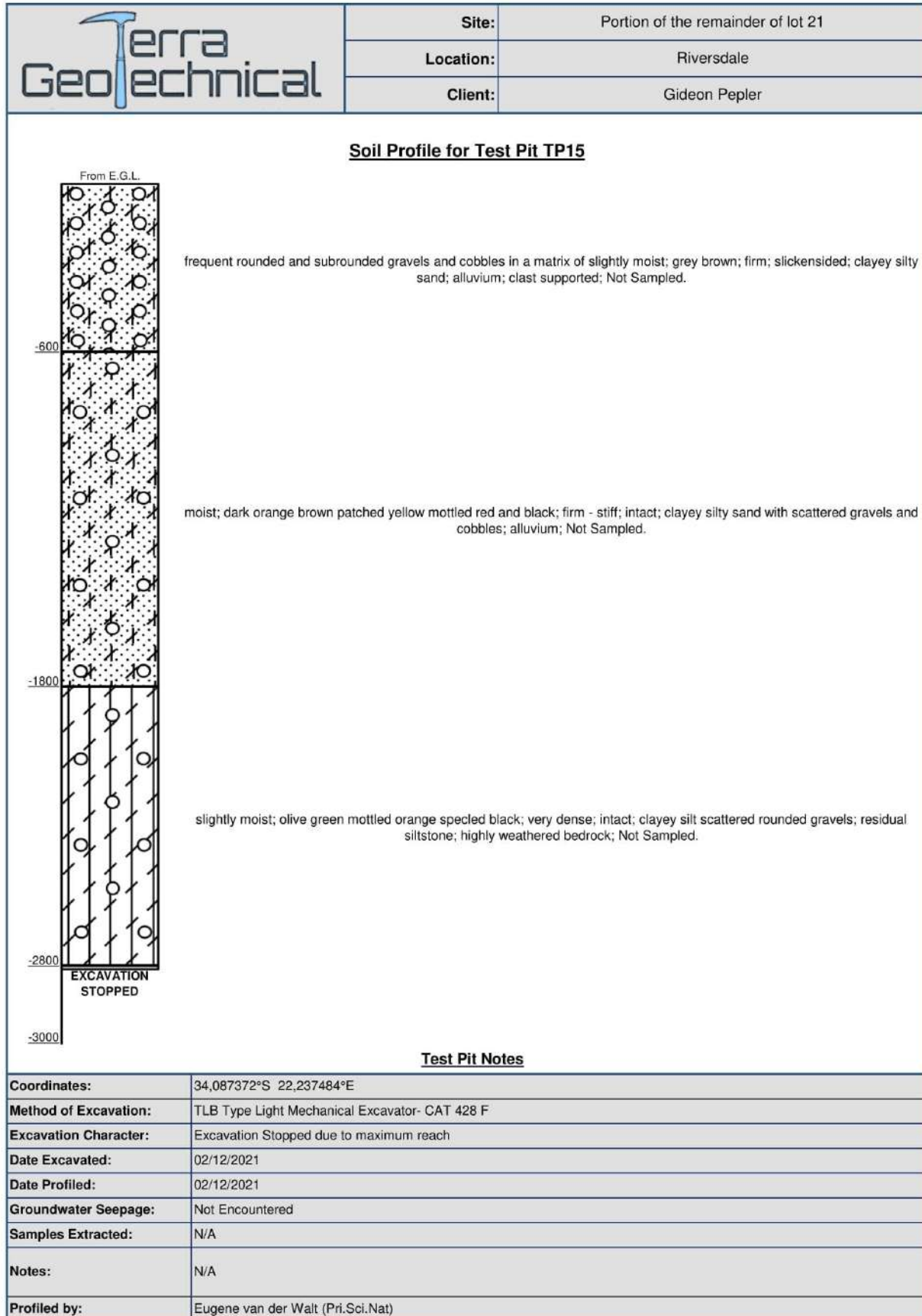


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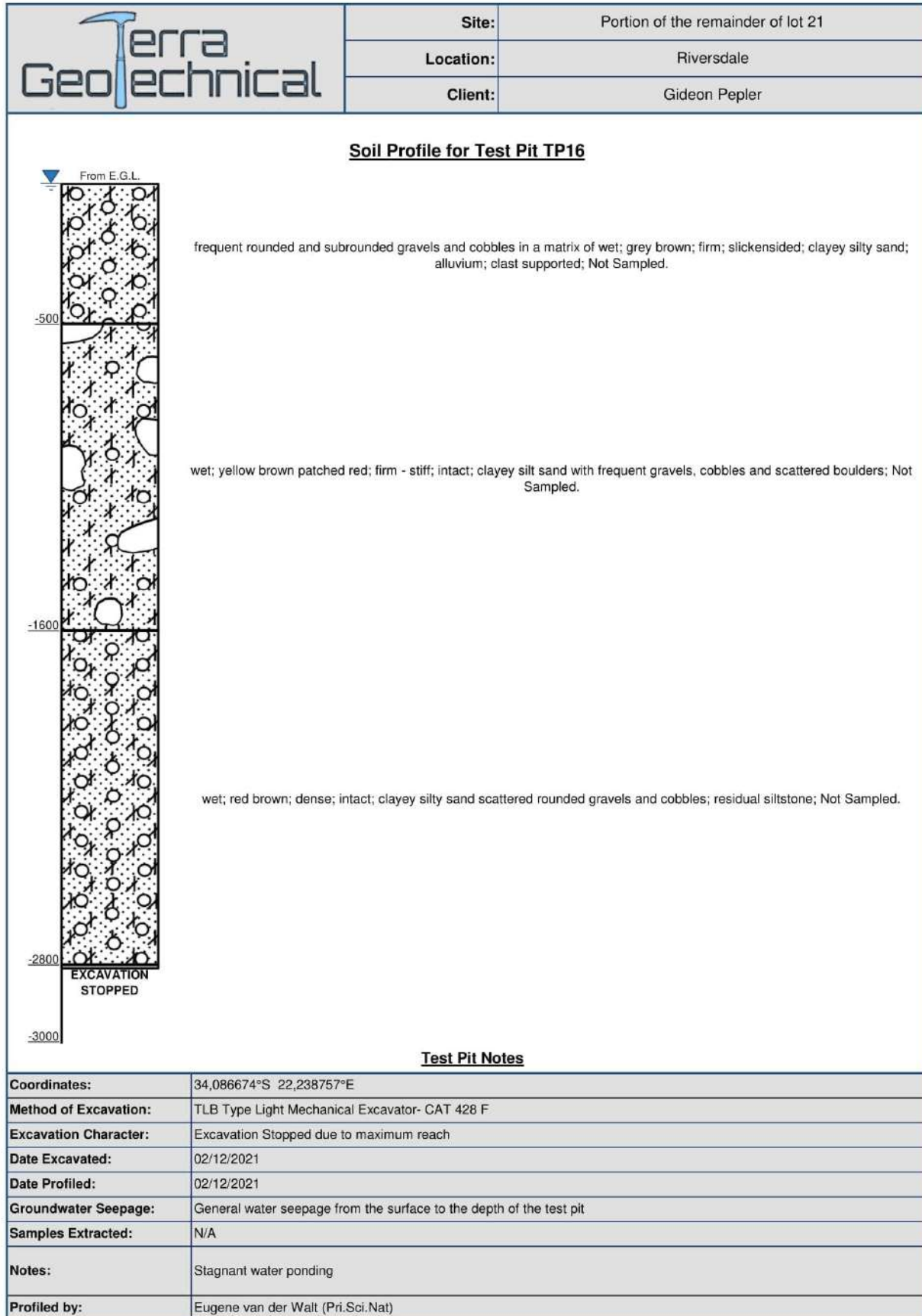


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Material Present in Test Pit TP15





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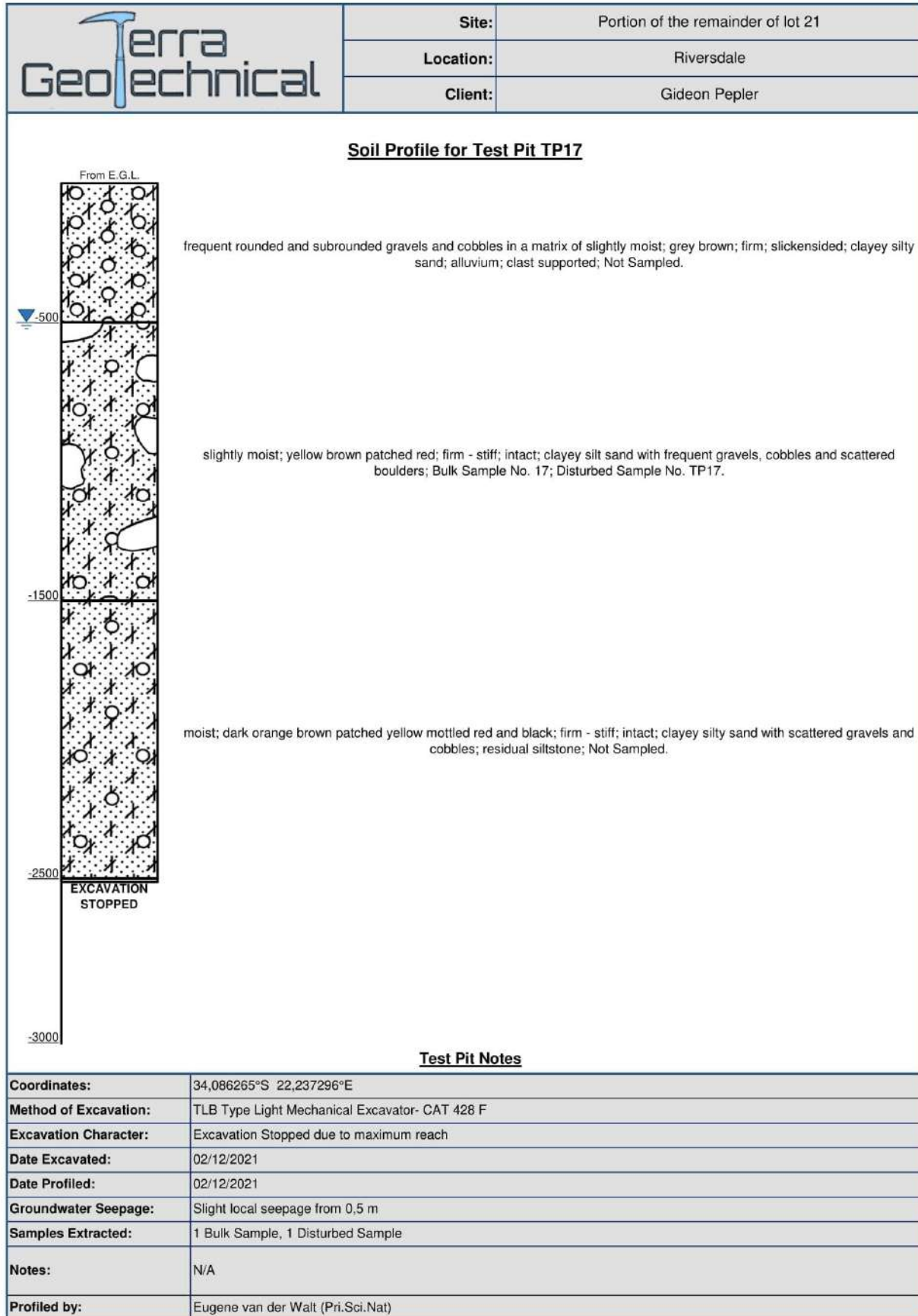


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Surroundings of Test Pit TP16





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Material Present in Test Pit TP17



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Surroundings of Test Pit TP17



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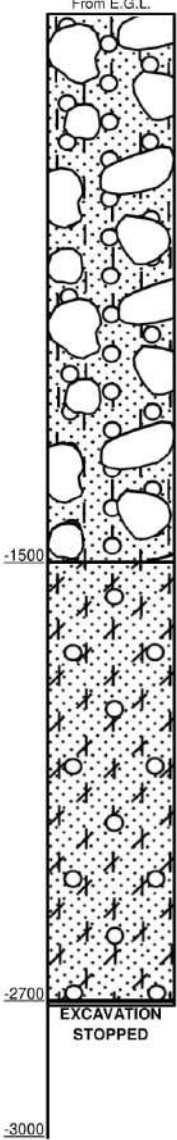
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Material Present in Test Pit TP18



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	Location:	Riversdale
	Client:	Gideon Pepler

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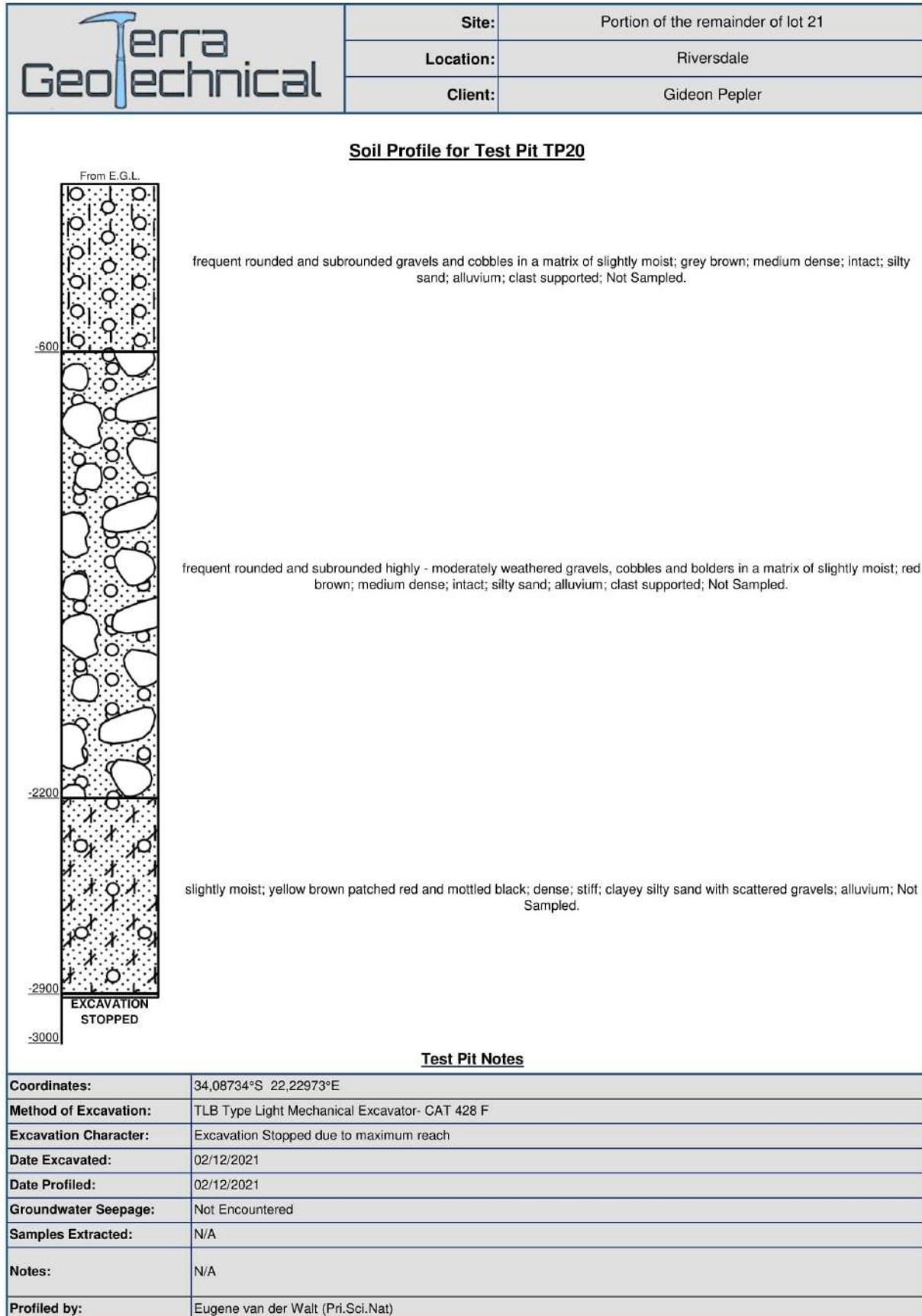


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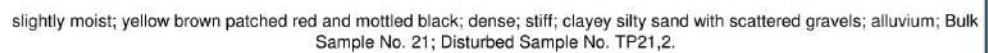
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Material Present in Test Pit TP20



Soil Profile for Test Pit TP21



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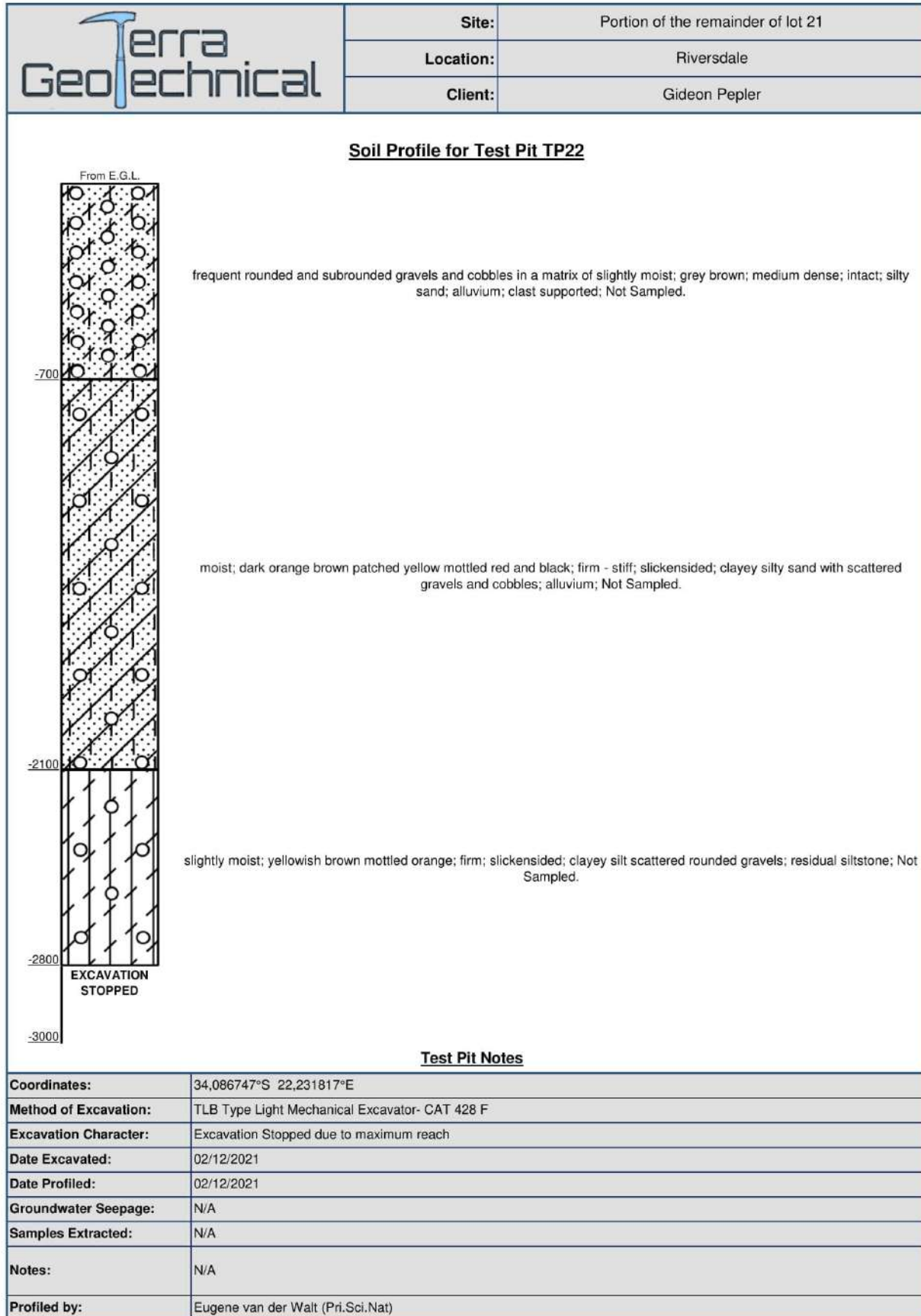


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Material Present in Test Pit TP21





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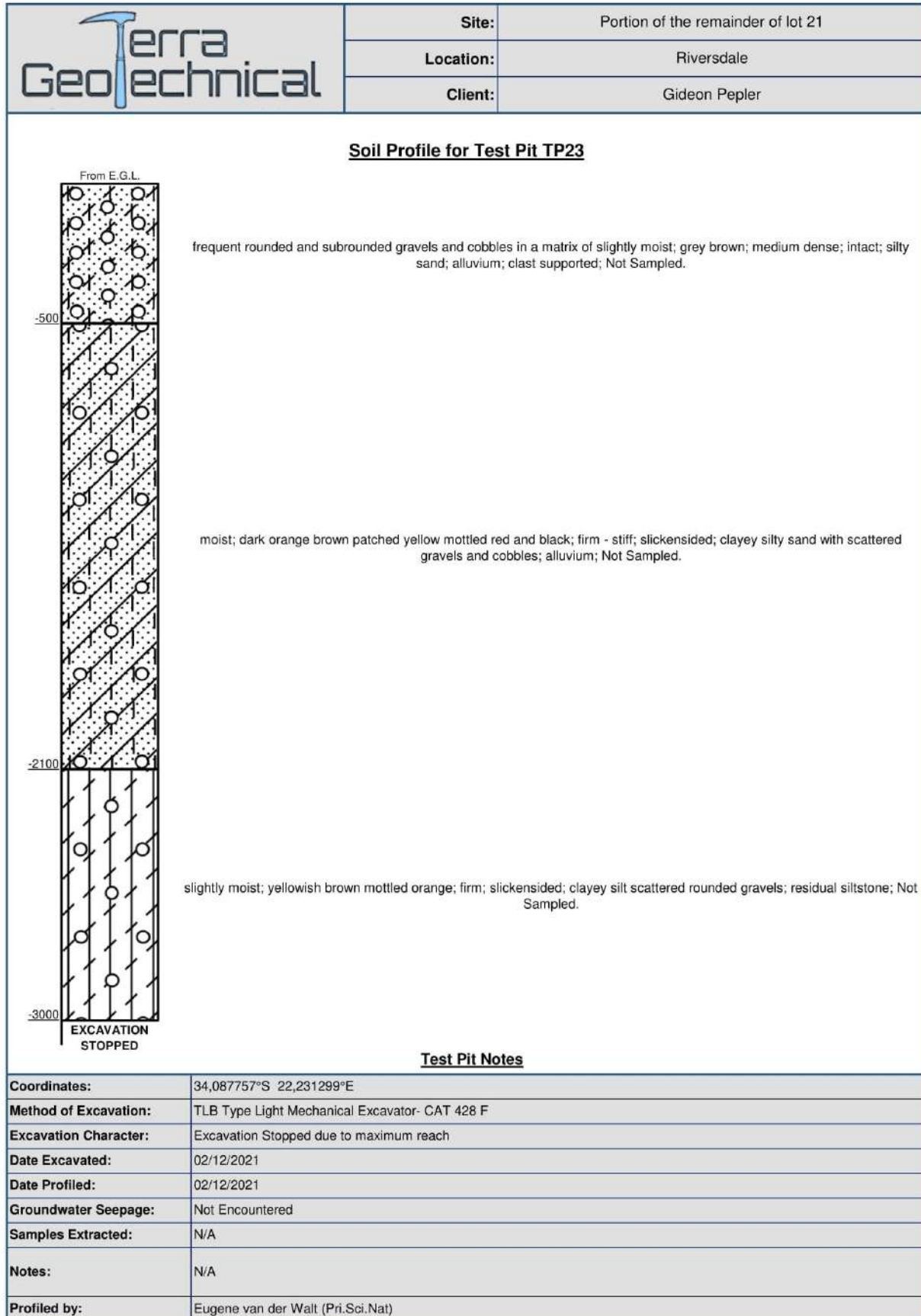


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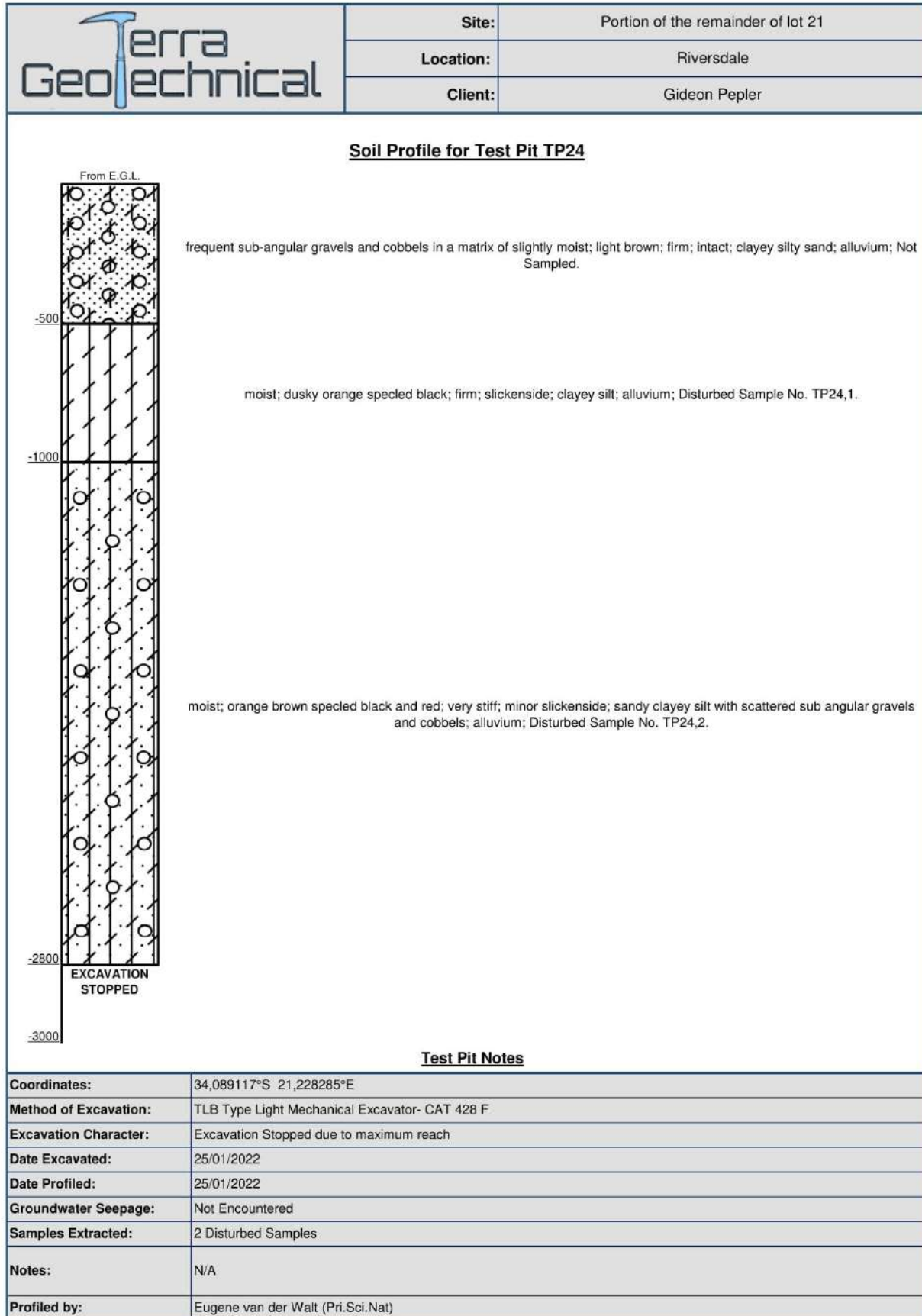


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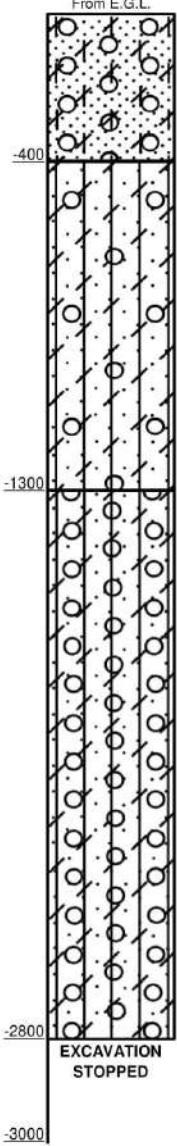
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Surroundings of Test Pit TP24



	Site:	Portion of the remainder of lot 21
	Location:	Riversdale
	Client:	Gideon Pepler

<u>Soil Profile for Test Pit TP25</u>	
	<p>frequent sub-angular gravels and cobbels in a matrix of slightly moist; light brown; firm; intact; clayey silty sand; alluvium; Not Sampled.</p> <p>moist; orange brown speckled black and red; very stiff; minor slickenside; sandy clayey silt with scattered sub angular gravels and cobbels; alluvium; Disturbed Sample No. TP25.</p> <p>slightly moist; redish brown speckled orange and black; stiff; slickenside; sandy clayey silt with frequent sub angular gravel and cobbels; alluvium; Not Sampled.</p>

<u>Test Pit Notes</u>	
Coordinates:	34,089006°S 21,228254°E
Method of Excavation:	TLB Type Light Mechanical Excavator- CAT 428 F
Excavation Character:	Excavation Stopped due to maximum reach
Date Excavated:	25/01/2022
Date Profiled:	25/01/2022
Groundwater Seepage:	Not Encountered
Samples Extracted:	1 Disturbed Sample
Notes:	N/A
Profiled by:	Eugene van der Walt (Pri.Sci.Nat)

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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP25



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Portion of the remainder of lot 21

Material Present in Test Pit TP25

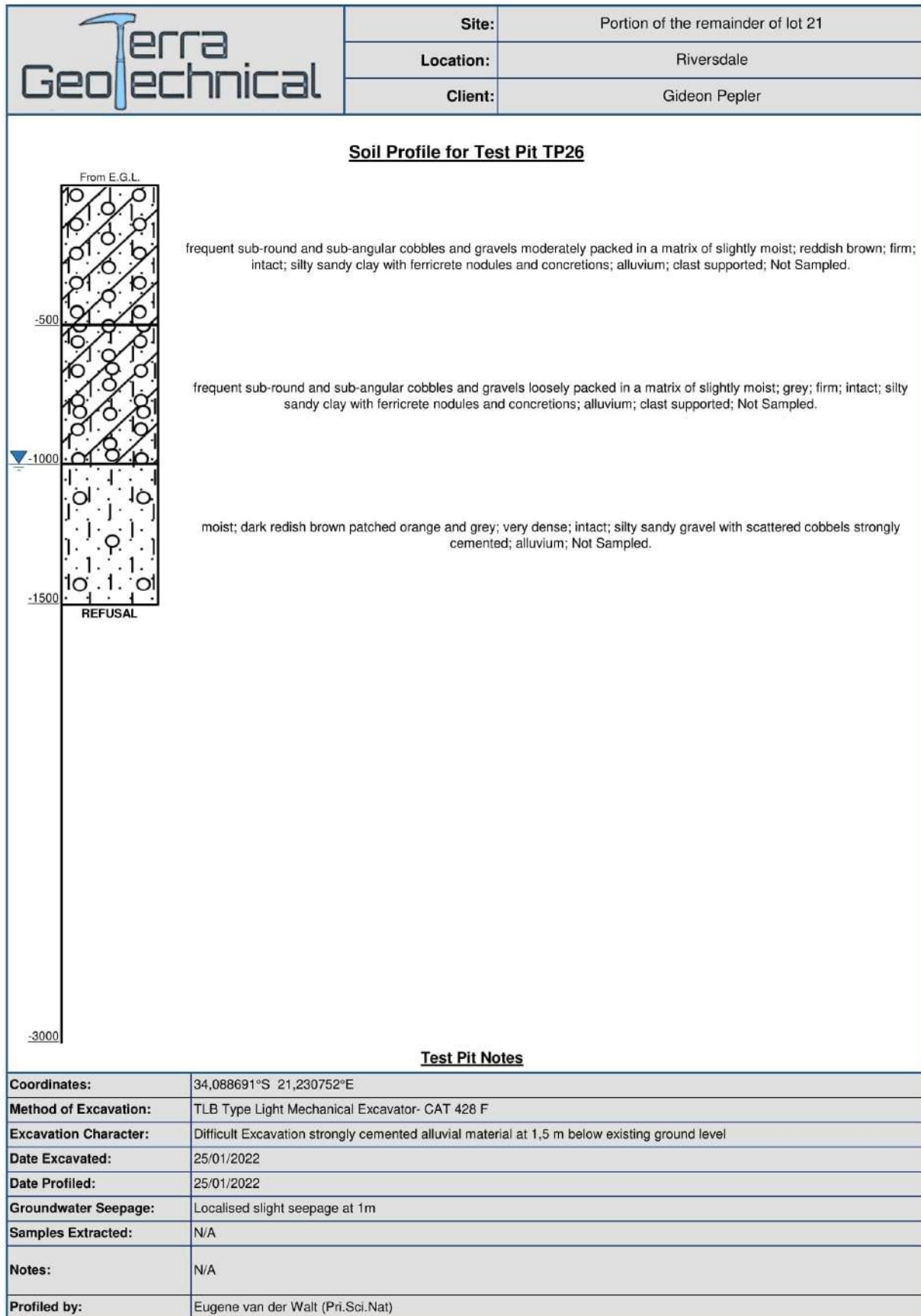


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Surroundings of Test Pit TP25





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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP26



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Material Present in Test Pit TP26

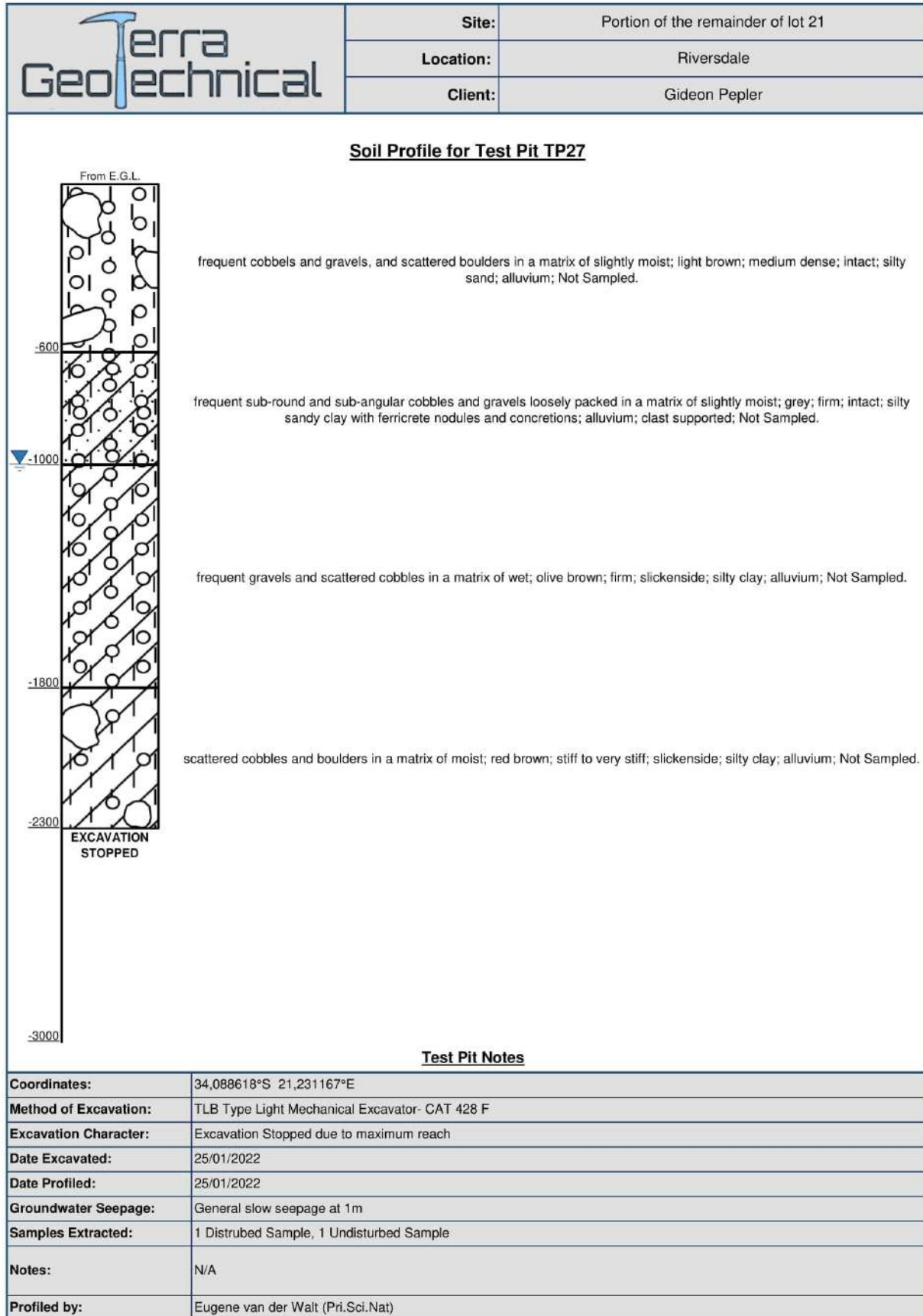


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Surroundings of Test Pit TP26





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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP27



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Material Present in Test Pit TP27




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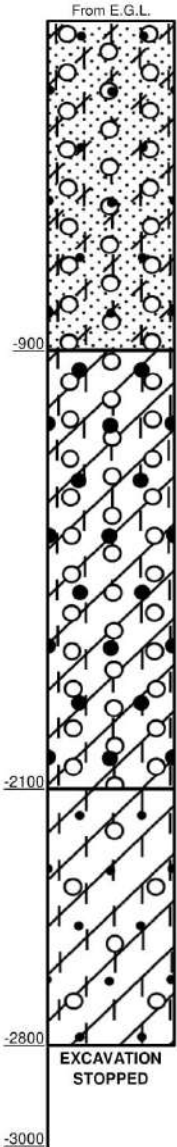
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Surroundings of Test Pit TP27



	Site:	Portion of the remainder of lot 21
	Location:	Riversdale
	Client:	Gideon Pepler

Soil Profile for Test Pit TP28



frequent sub-angular gravels and cobbels in a matrix slightly moist; light brown; firm; intact; silty clayey sand with ferricrete at base; alluvium; Not Sampled.

frequent gravels and scattered cobbels in a matrix of slight moist; olive brown with white and yellow sandy patches; firm; slickenside; silty clay with ferricrete nodules; alluvium; Not Sampled.

moist; red brown with white sandy patches; stiff to very stiff; slickenside; silty clay with scattered cobbles and boulders; residual siltstone; Not Sampled.

Test Pit Notes

Coordinates:	34,088434°S 21,232561°E
Method of Excavation:	TLB Type Light Mechanical Excavator- CAT 428 F
Excavation Character:	Excavation Stopped due to maximum reach
Date Excavated:	25/01/2022
Date Profiled:	25/01/2022
Groundwater Seepage:	Not Encountered
Samples Extracted:	N/A
Notes:	N/A
Profiled by:	Eugene van der Walt (Pri.Sci.Nat)

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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP28



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Material Present in Test Pit TP28

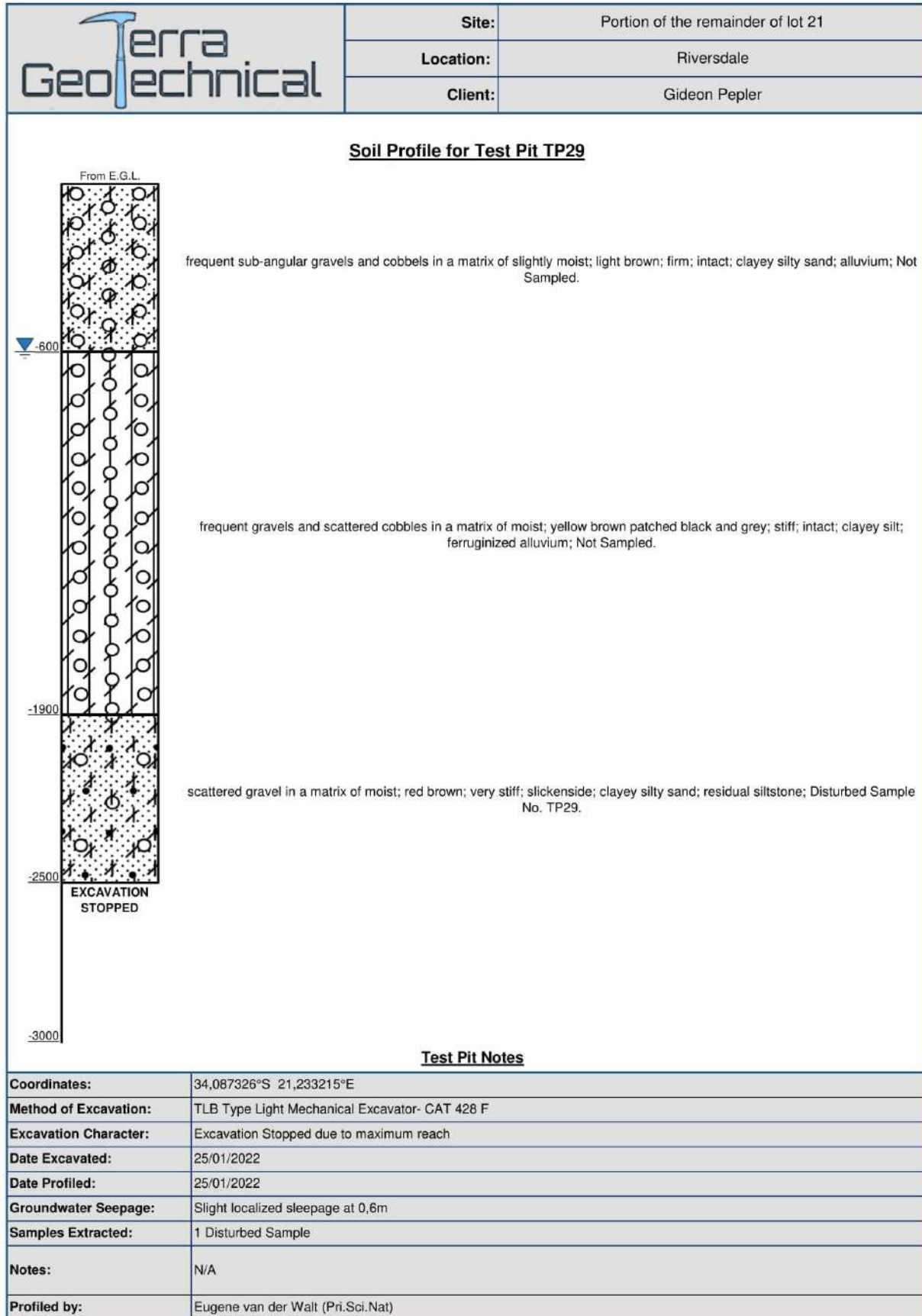


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Surroundings of Test Pit TP28





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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP29



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Material Present in Test Pit TP29

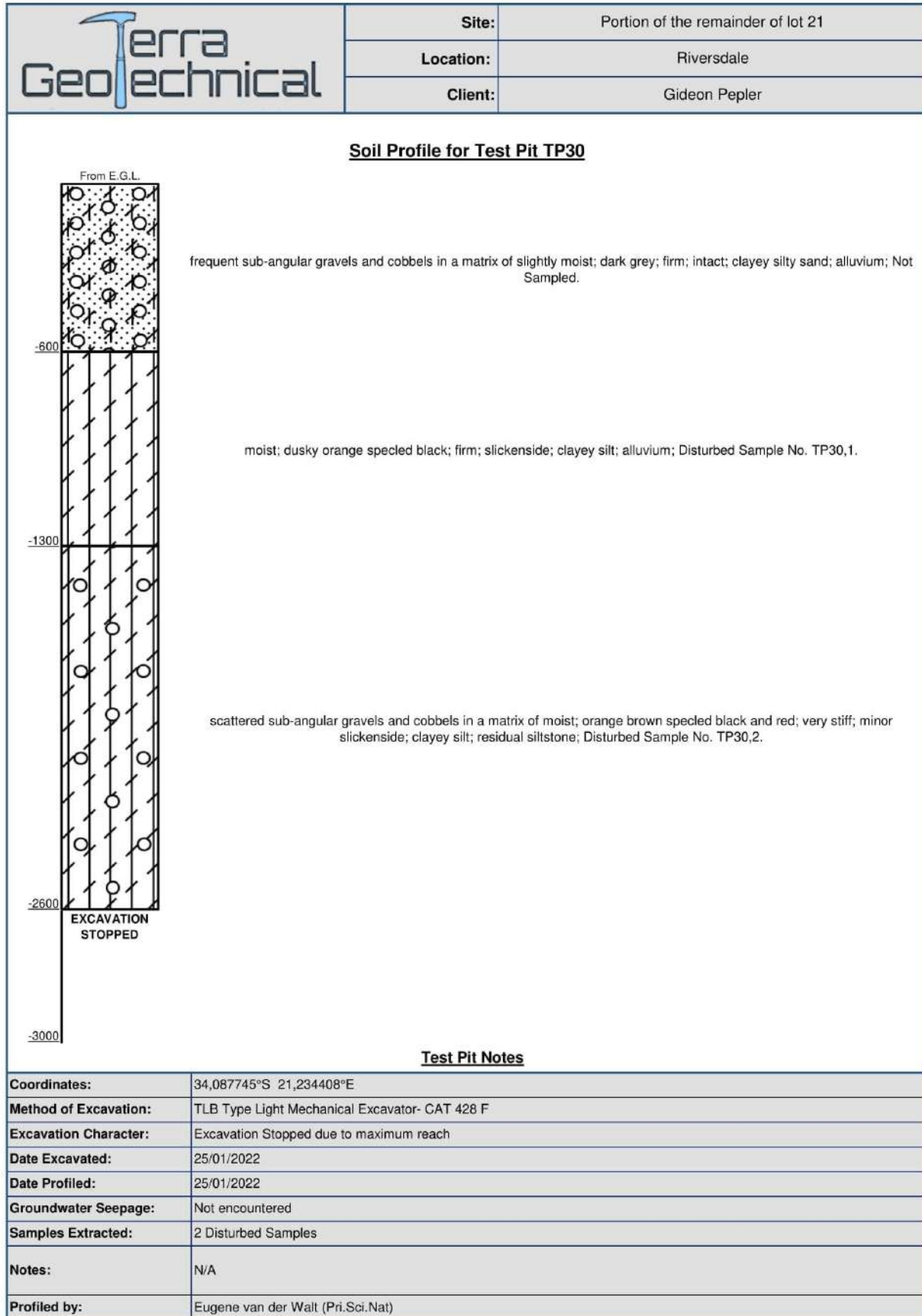


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Surroundings of Test Pit TP29





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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP30



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Material Present in Test Pit TP30

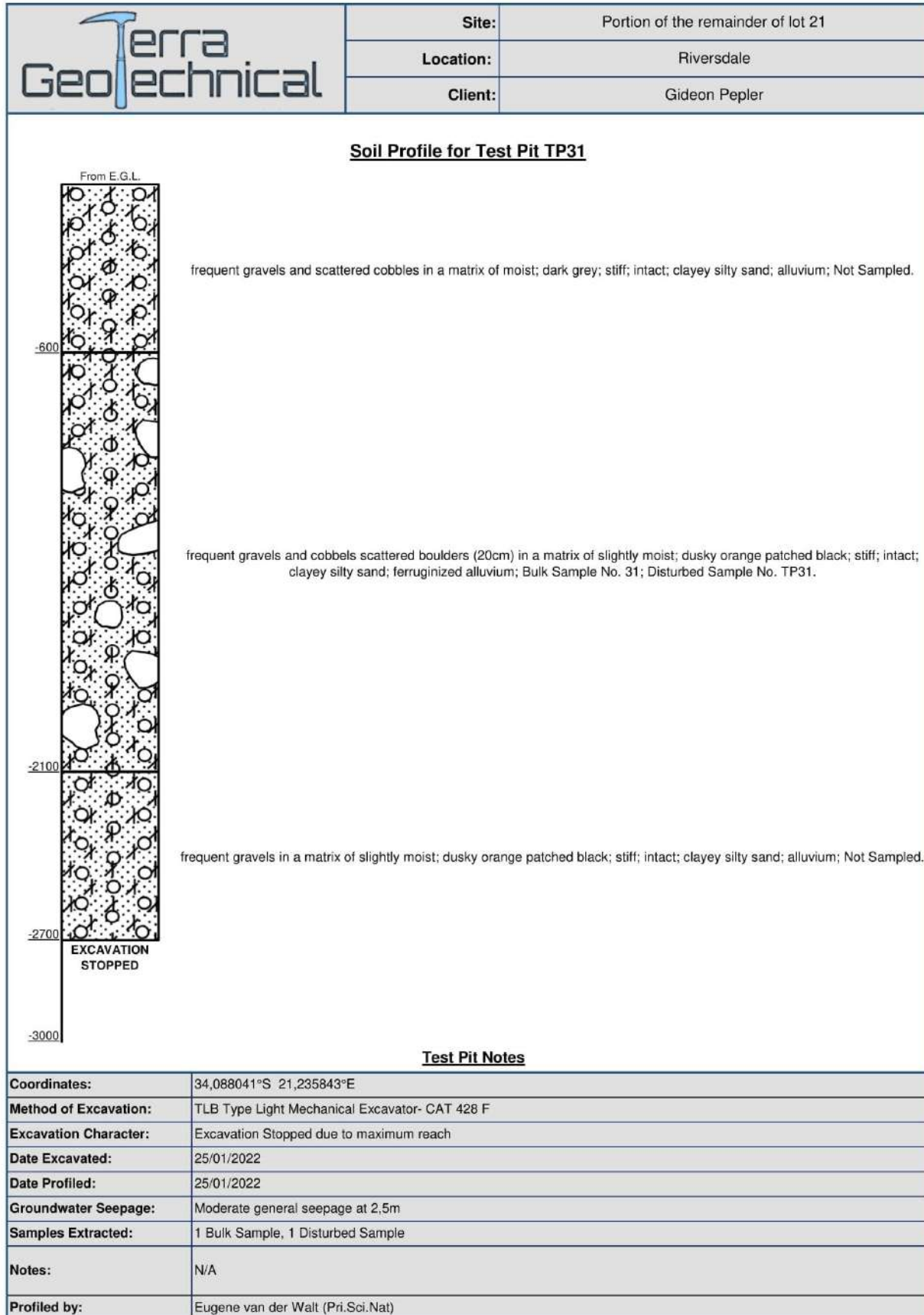


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Surroundings of Test Pit TP30





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Soil Profile Photo of Test Pit TP31



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Material Present in Test Pit TP31



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Surroundings of Test Pit TP31



APPENDIX B

B.1

Laboratory Test Results



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Date Reported : 2022/01/12

Project : Riversdal - RE21

Full Classification SANS 3001 - GR40/GR41

SAMPLE INFORMATION AND PROPERTIES				
SAMPLE NO.	8721	8725	8723	8726
HOLE NO. / Km / CHAINAGE				
ROAD NO. / NAME Line 1	RE 21	RE 21	RE 21	RE 21
ROAD NO. / NAME Line 2				
LAYER TESTED/SAMPLED	TP 2	TP17	TP 6	TP 21
SAMPLE DEPTH	800-2700mm	500-1500mm	1100-2600mm	800-2600mm
DATE SAMPLED	2021/12/09	2021/12/09	2021/12/09	2021/12/09
COLOUR OF SAMPLE	Light Brown	Drk Br Reddish	Dark Olive	Reddish Brown
TYPE OF SAMPLE	Clayey Gravel	Clayey	Clayey Mudstone Grav	Clayey
SIEVE ANALYSIS - % PASSING SIEVES *(SANS 3001-GR1:2010, SANS 3001-GR2:2010)				
SIEVE ANALYSIS (GR 1) % PASSING	100.0 mm			
	75.0 mm			
	63.0 mm			
	50.0 mm	100		
	37.5 mm	99	100	
	28.0 mm	99	99	
	20.0 mm	98	98	100
	14.0 mm	96	98	99
	5.0 mm	88	93	91
	2.0 mm	72	87	83
GM %	0.425 mm	50	77	69
	0.075 mm	36	64	40
SOIL MORTAR ANALYSIS (SANS 3001-PR5:2011)				
COARSE SAND	2.000 - 0.425	31	12	16
COARSE FINE SAND	0.425 - 0.250	5	3	2
MEDIUM FINE SAND	0.250 - 0.150	6	5	4
FINE FINE SAND	0.150 - 0.075	8	9	10
SILT CLAY	0.075	50	72	74
ATTERBERG LIMITS ANALYSIS - *(SANS 3001-GR10:2010)				
ATTERBERG LIMITS (%) SANS GR10, GR11	LIQUID LIMIT	38	34	30
	PLASTICITY INDEX	17	18	17
	LINEAR SHRINKAGE	6.0	7.5	8.0
CLASSIFICATION	H.R.B.	A-6(2)	A-6(10)	A-6(9)
	COLTO	-	-	-
	TRH 14	-	-	-
CALIFORNIA BEARING RATIO - *(SANS 3001-GR30:2010, SANS 3001-GR40:2010)				
SANS GR30 MAX. DRY DENSITY	OMC %	10.0	11.5	8.9
	MDD (kg/m³)	1868	1824	2070
	COMP MC %	10.1	11.4	8.2
SWELL % @	MOD NRB PRO	1.02 1.67 2.41	1.09 1.78 3.30	0.77 1.13 1.70
	100 %	5	4	1.49 2.06 3.16
	98 %	5	3	2
C.B.R. SANS GR40	97 %	4	3	1
	95 %	4	2	1
	93 %	3	2	1
STABILISER IN LAB	90 %	2	1	2
	TEST TYPE	CBR	CBR	CBR
	SAMPLING METHOD	TMH 5	TMH 5	TMH 5
WEATHER WHEN SAMPLED		Sunny	Sunny	Sunny

Deviation from Test Method : Sampled & Delivered by client.

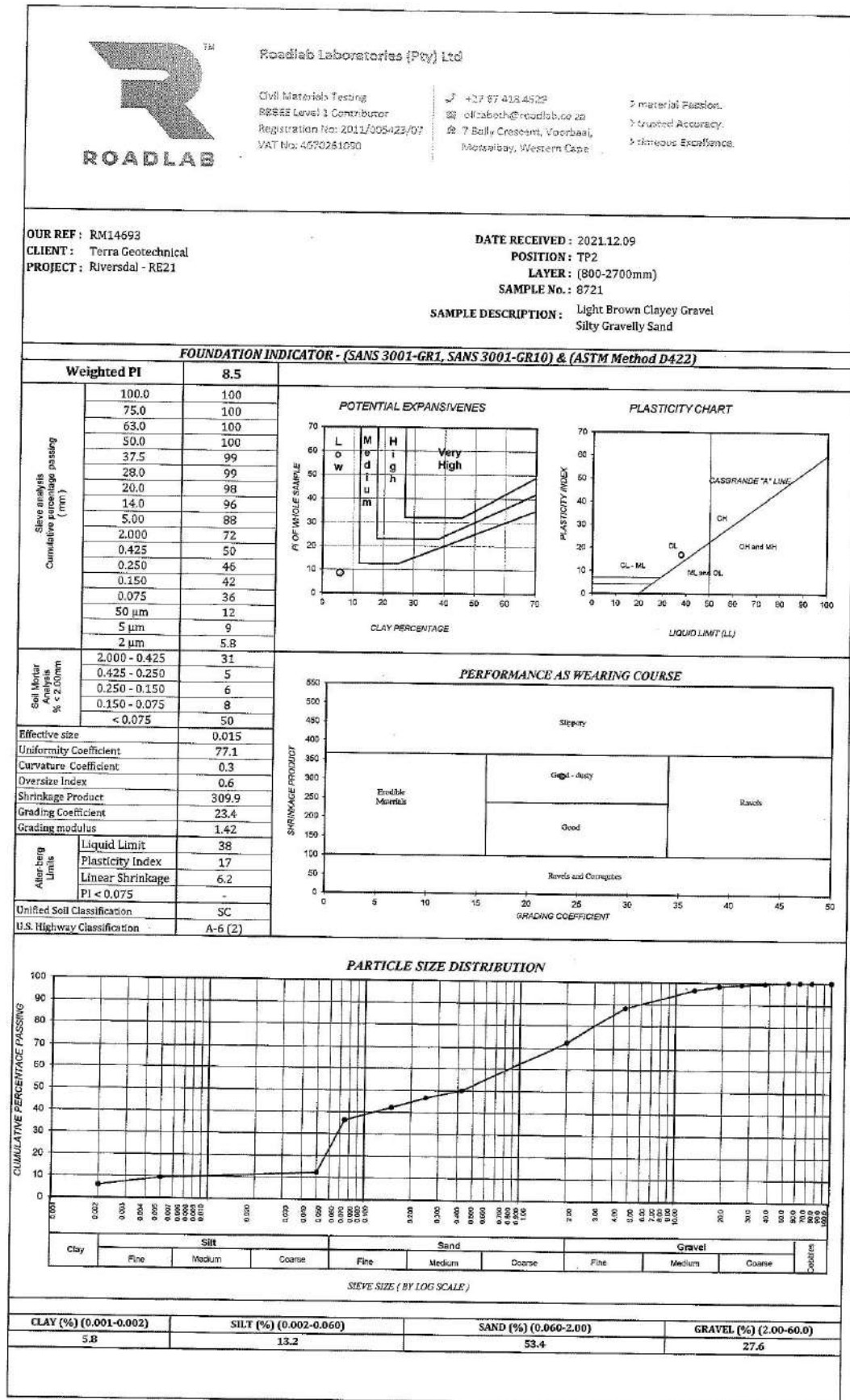
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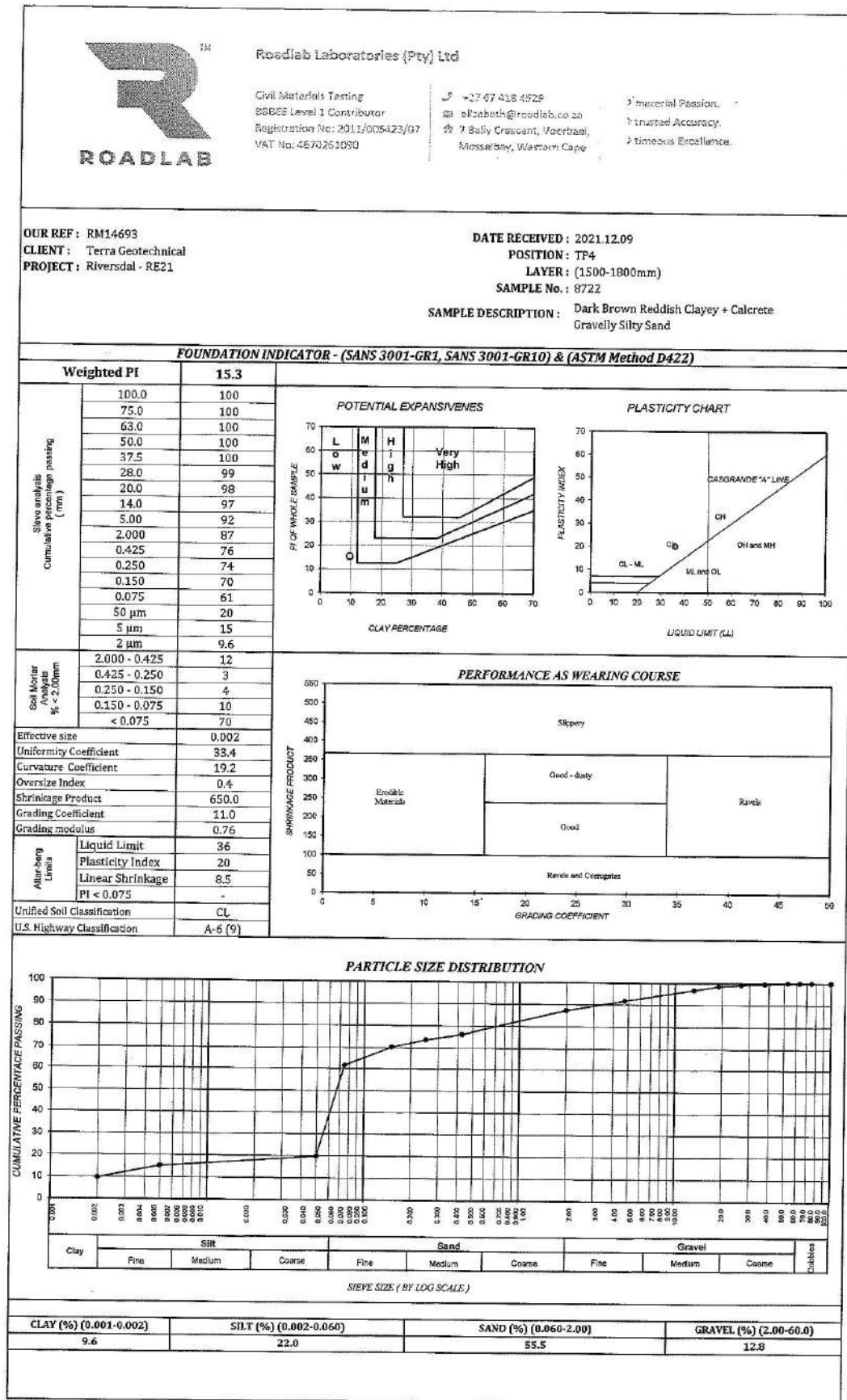
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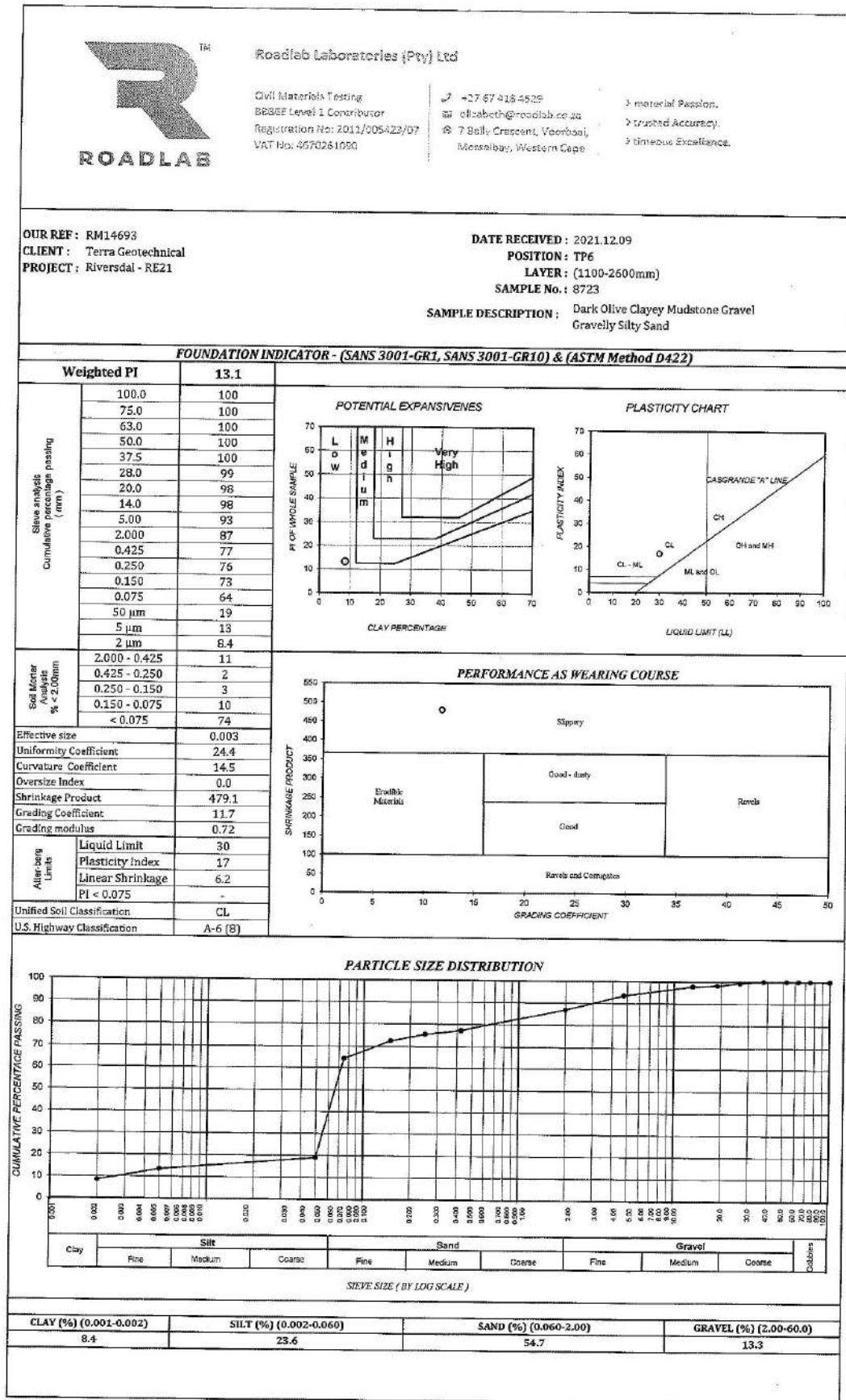
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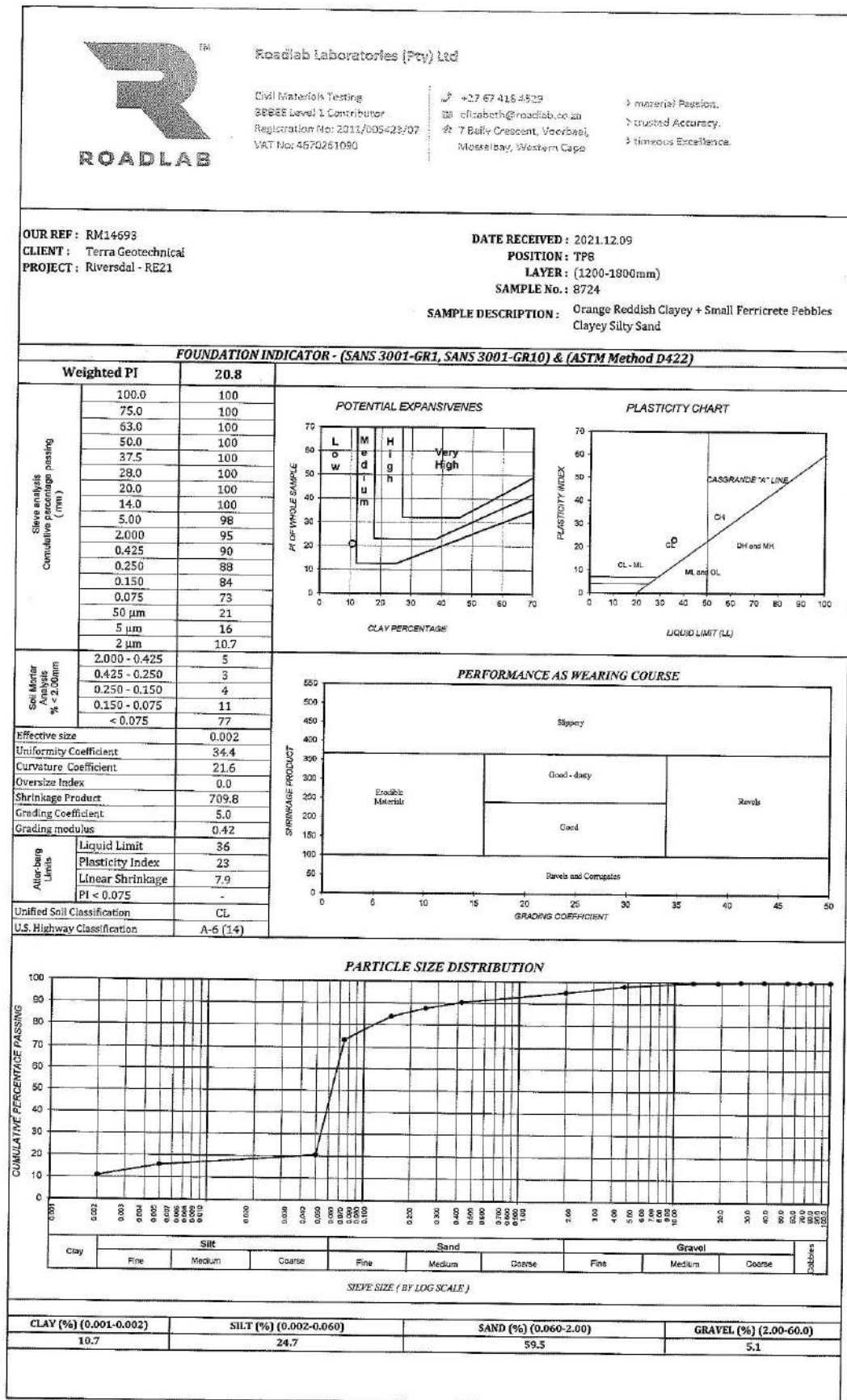
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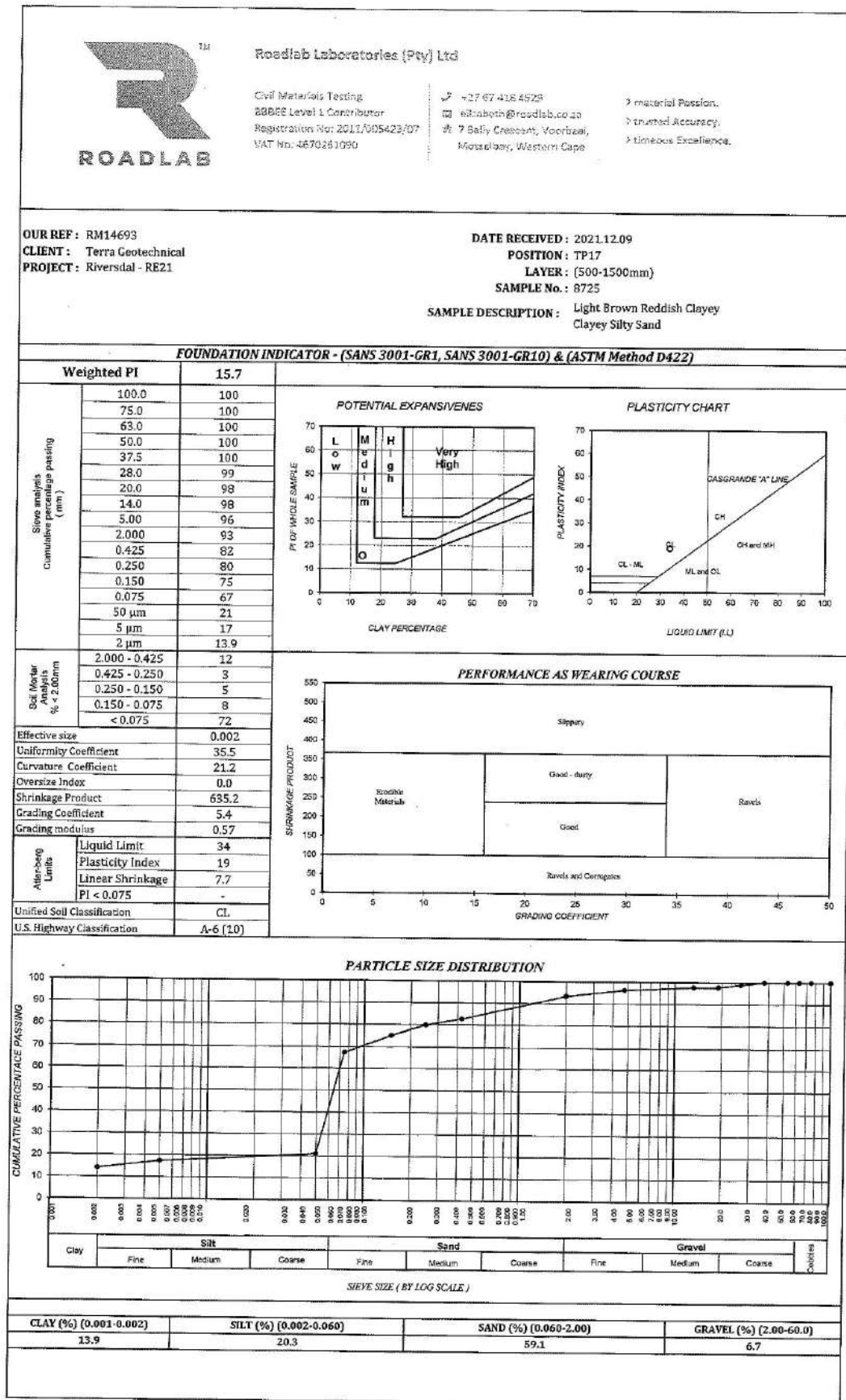
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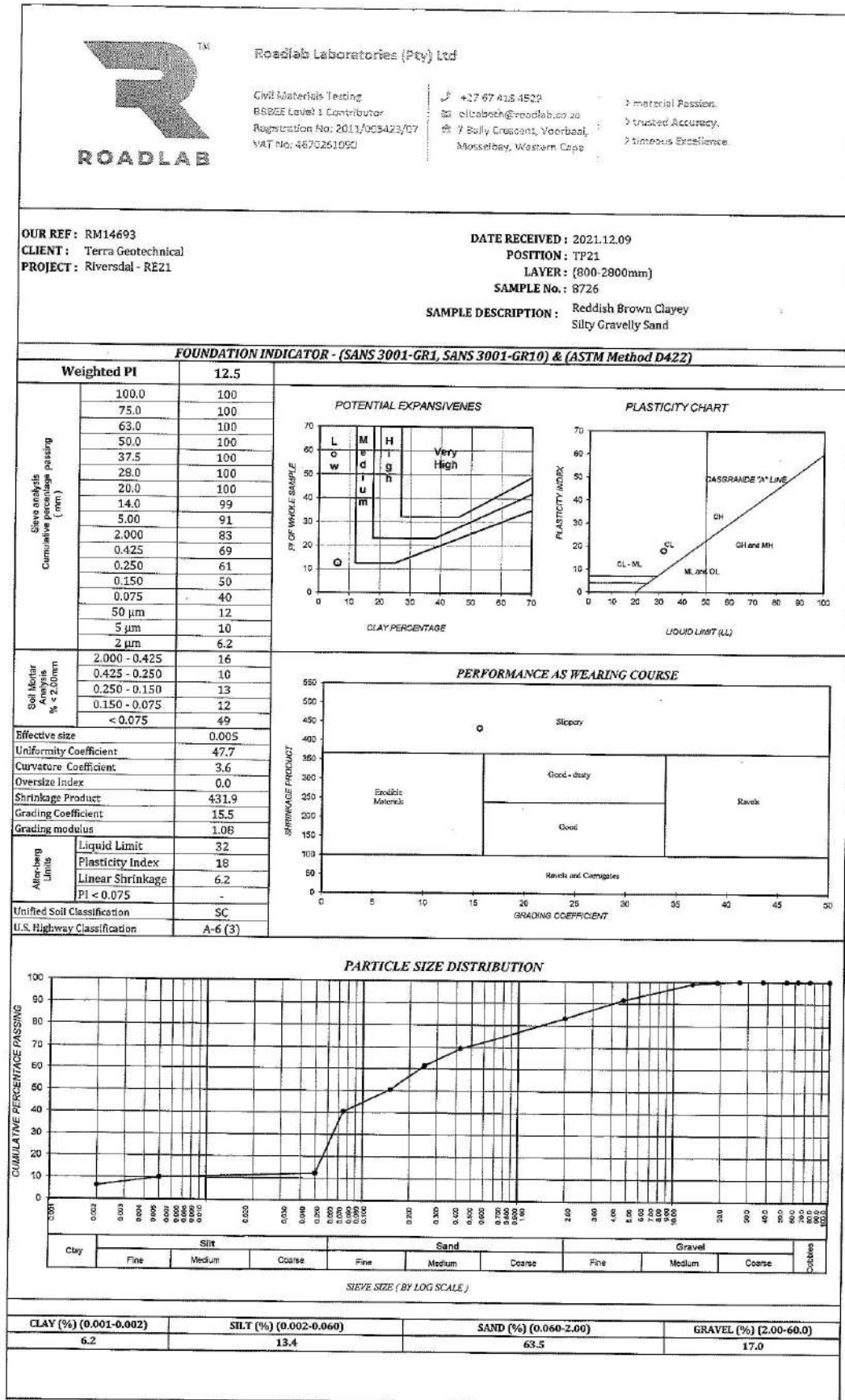


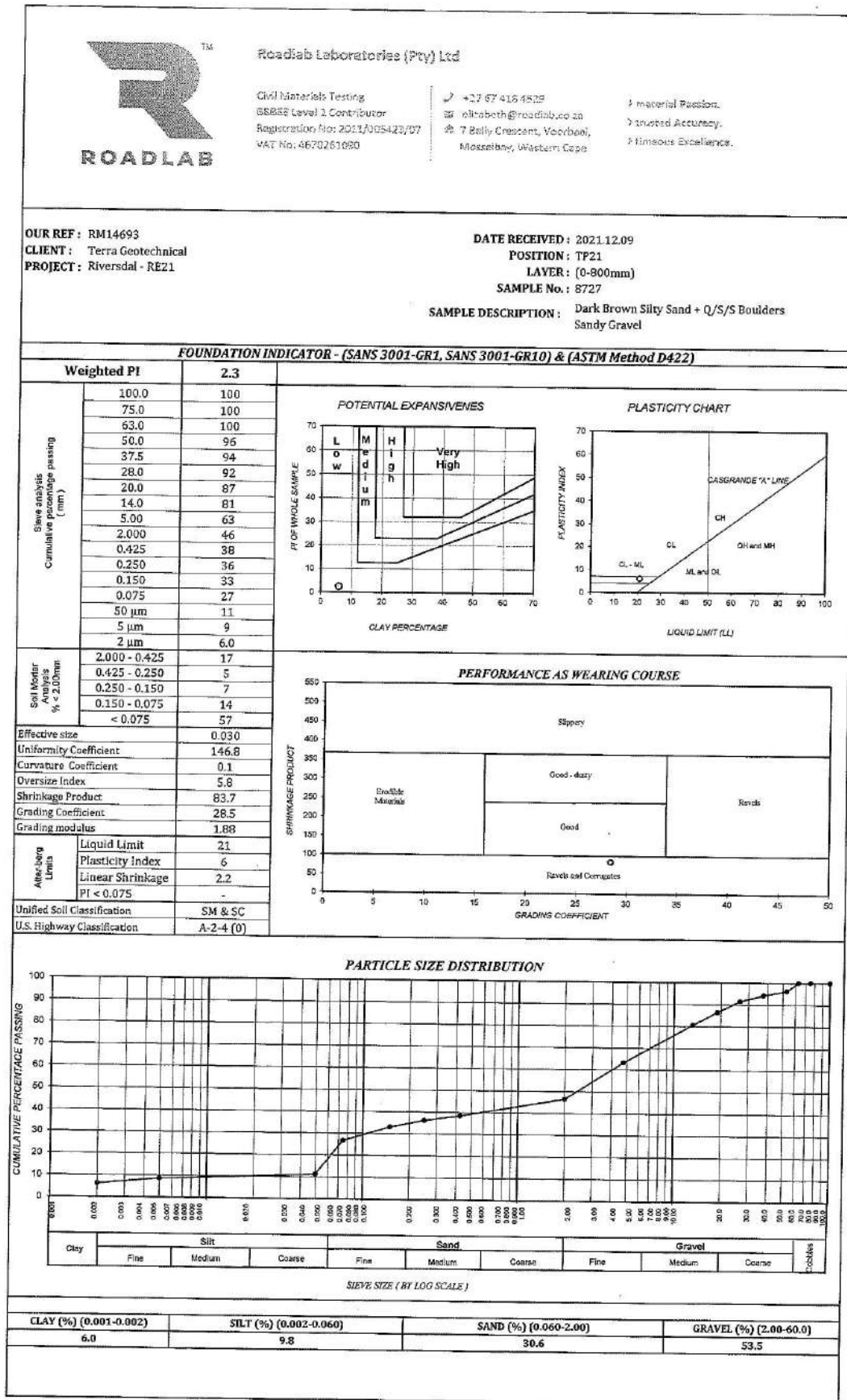














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SAMPLE INFORMATION AND PROPERTIES			
SAMPLE NO.	8747		
HOLE NO. / Km / CHAINAGE			
ROAD NO. / NAME Line 1	N/A		
ROAD NO. / NAME Line 2			
LAYER TESTED/SAMPLED	TP 31		
SAMPLE DEPTH	800-2100mm		
DATE SAMPLED	2022/01/31		
COLOUR OF SAMPLE	Light Brown		
TYPE OF SAMPLE	Clayey Gravel+ Q/S/S		
SIEVE ANALYSIS - % PASSING SIEVES *(SANS 3001-GR1:2010, SANS 3001-GR2:2010)			
SIEVE ANALYSIS (GR 1) % PASSING	100.0 mm	100	
	75.0 mm	94	
	63.0 mm	85	
	50.0 mm	75	
	37.5 mm	64	
	28.0 mm	61	
	20.0 mm	53	
	14.0 mm	47	
	5.0 mm	38	
	2.0 mm	33	
GM %	0.425 mm	26	
	0.075 mm	16	
SOIL MORTAR ANALYSIS (SANS 3001-PR5:2011)			
COARSE SAND	2.000 - 0.425	23	
COARSE FINE SAND	0.425 - 0.250	13	
MEDIUM FINE SAND	0.250 - 0.150	8	
FINE FINE SAND	0.150 - 0.075	8	
SILT CLAY	0.075	48	
ATTERBERG LIMITS ANALYSIS - *(SANS 3001-GR10:2010)			
ATTERBERG LIMITS (%) SANS GR10, GR11	LIQUID LIMIT	43	
	PLASTICITY INDEX	20	
	LINEAR SHRINKAGE	8.5	
CLASSIFICATION	H.R.B.	A-2-7(0)	
	COLTO	-	
	TRH 14	G10	
CALIFORNIA BEARING RATIO - *(SANS 3001-GR30:2010, SANS 3001-GR40:2010)			
SANS GR30 MAX. DRY DENSITY	OMC %	10.3	
	MDD (kg/m³)	2011	
	COMP MC %	10.8	
SWELL % @	MOD NRB PRO	0.95 1.33 1.65	
	100 %	11	
	98 %	8	
C.B.R. SANS GR40	97 %	8	
	95 %	6	
	93 %	5	
	90 %	3	
STABILISER IN LAB			
TEST TYPE	CBR		
SAMPLING METHOD	TMH 5		
WEATHER WHEN SAMPLED	Sunny		

Deviation from Test Method : Sampled & Delivered by client.

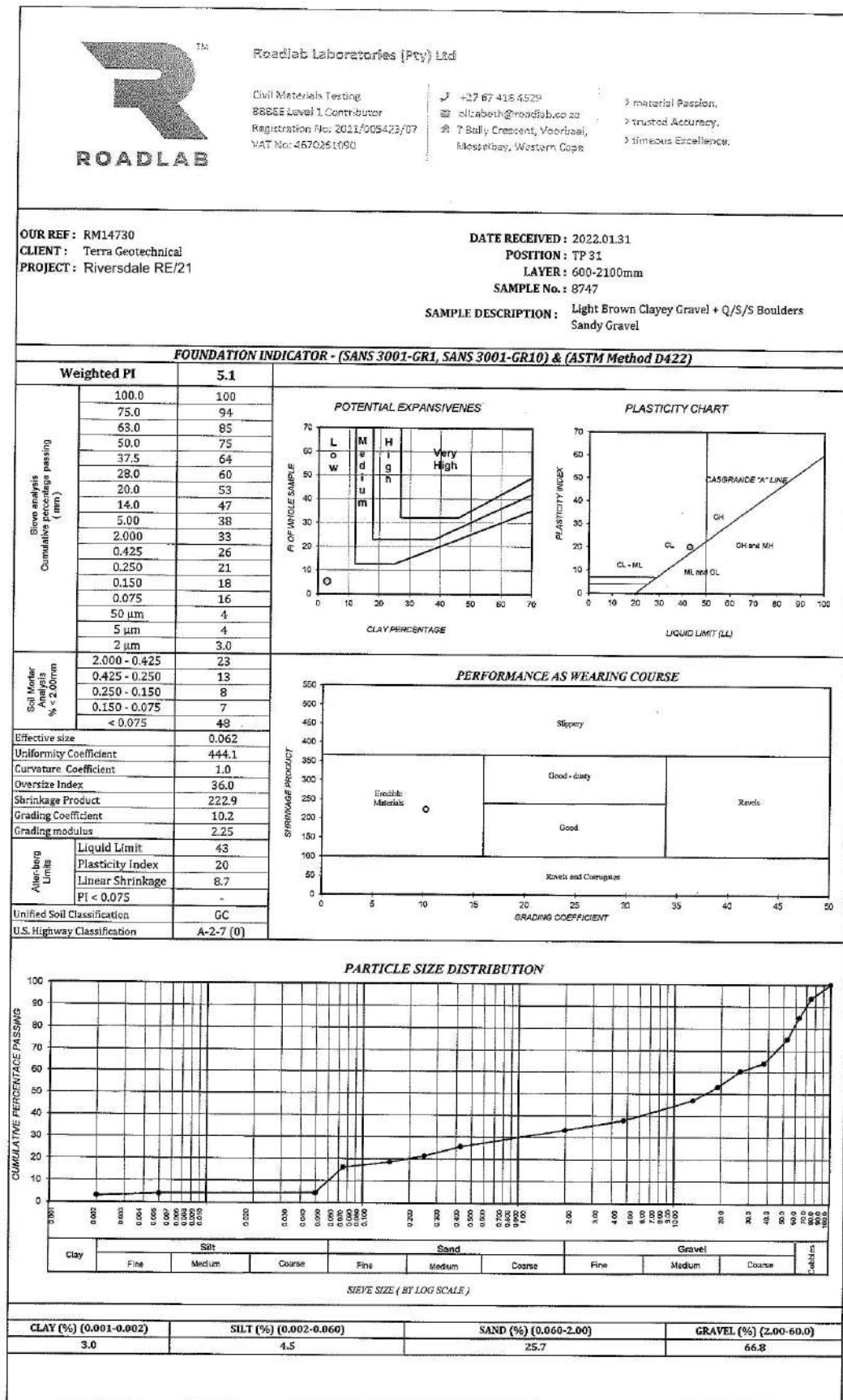
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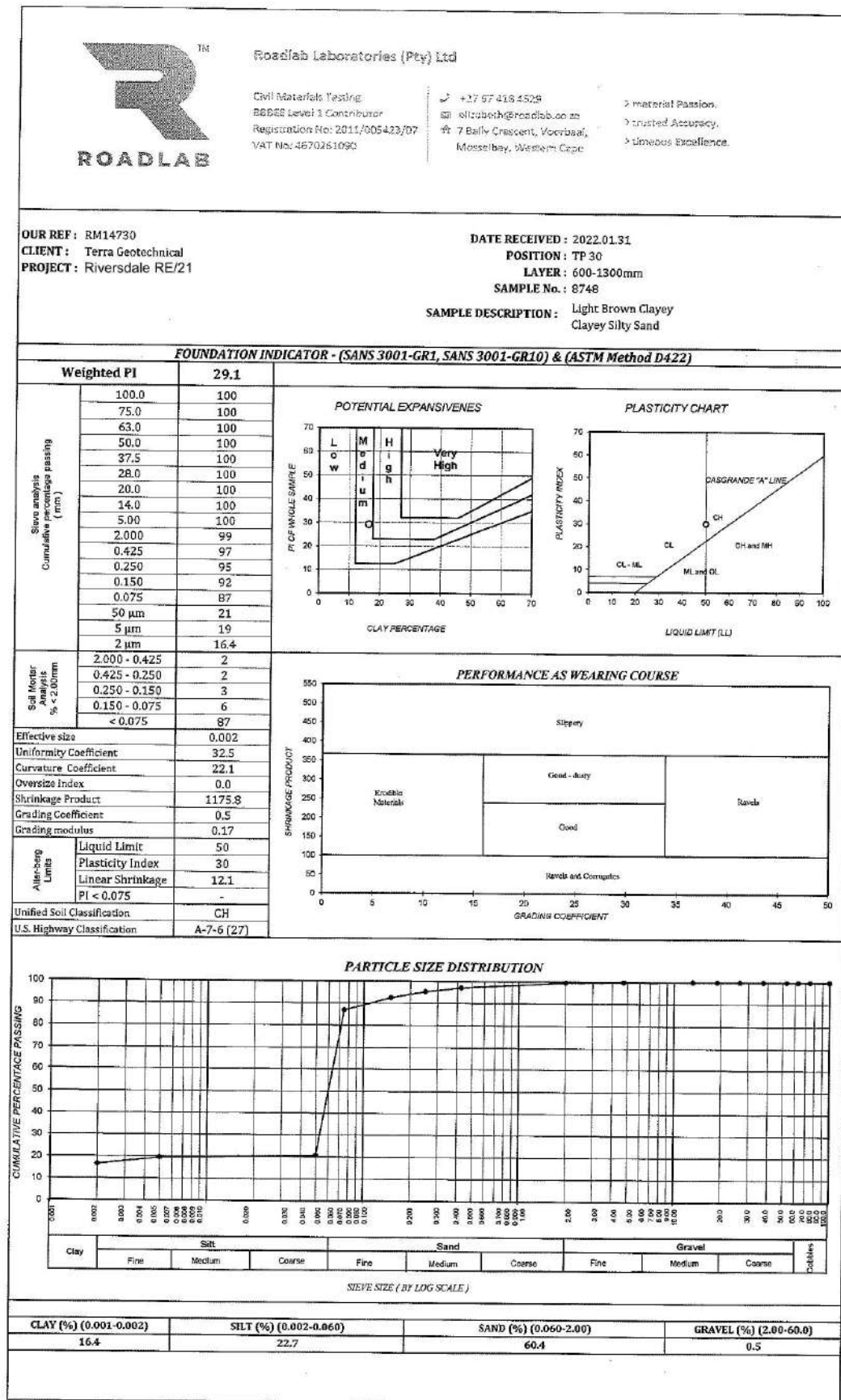
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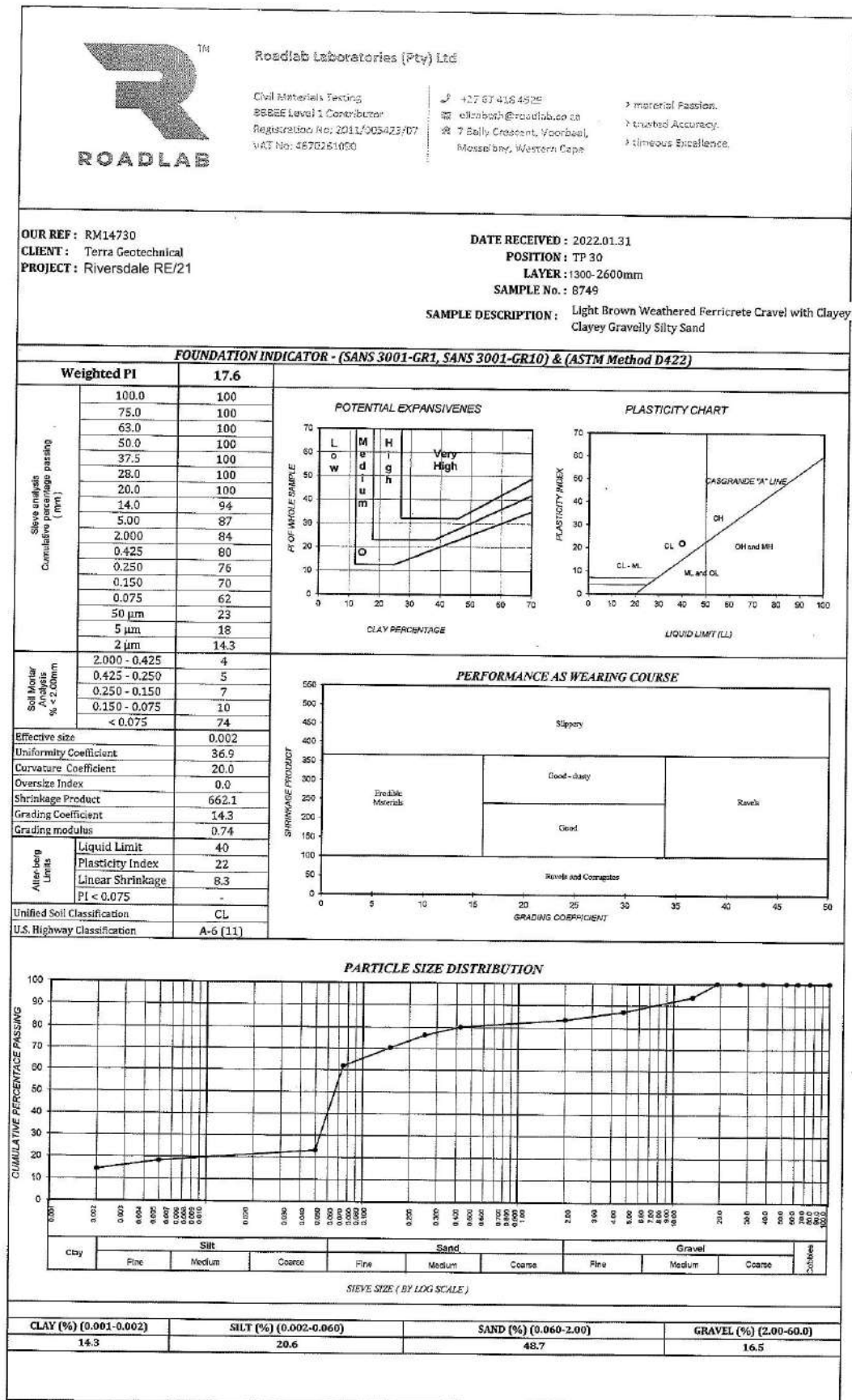
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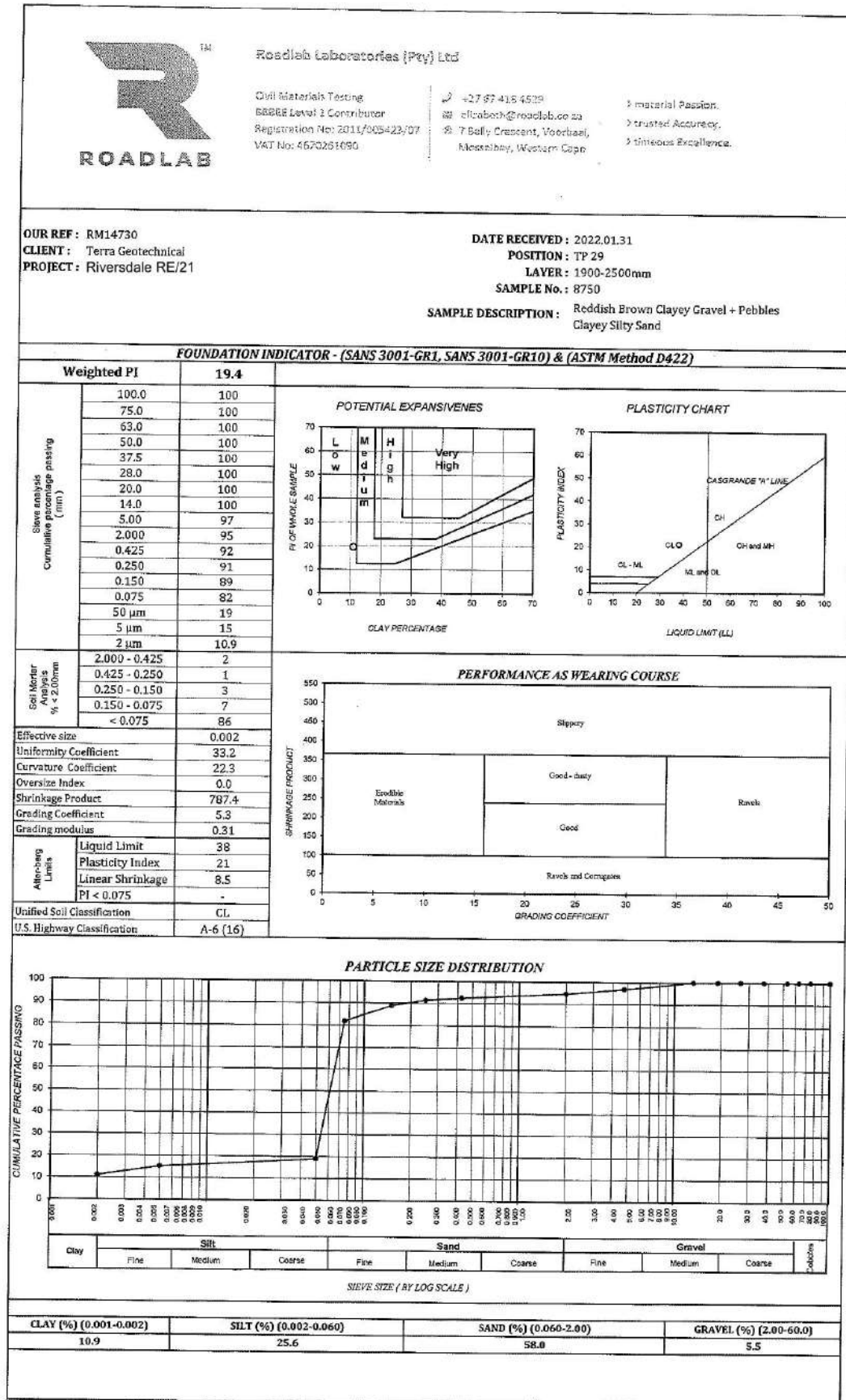
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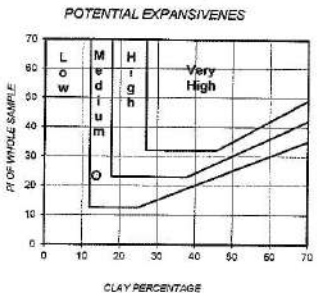
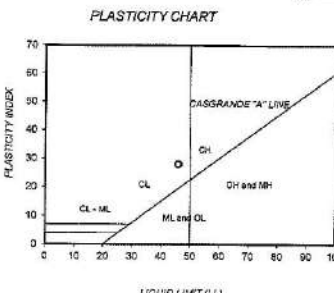
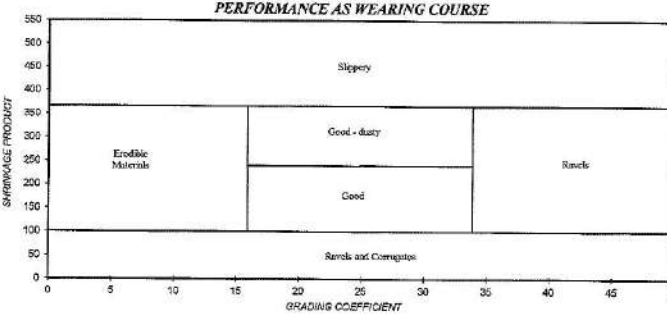
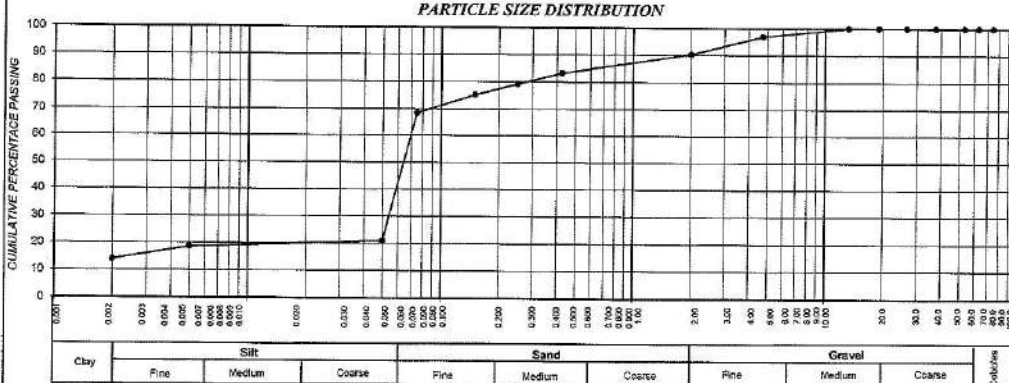
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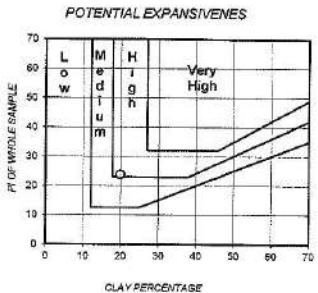
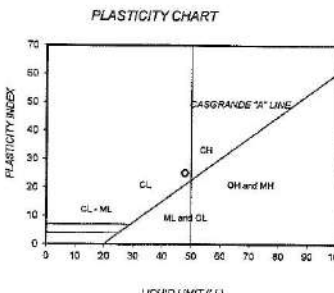
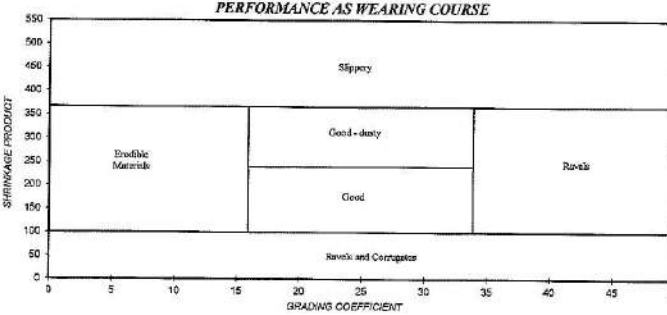
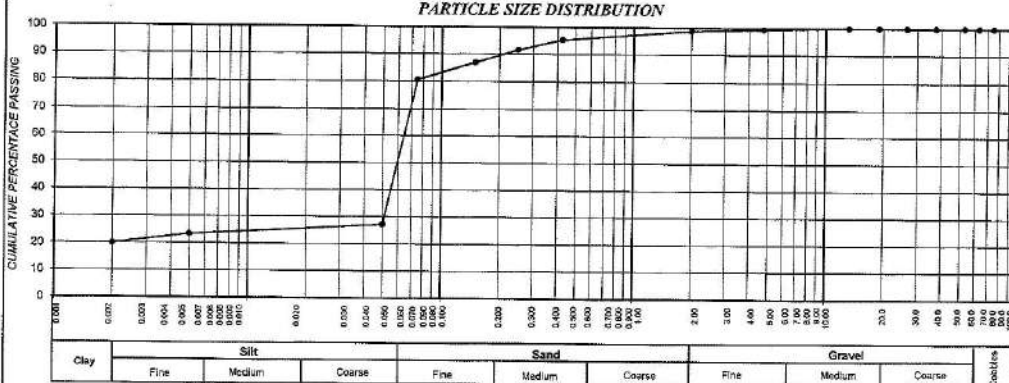


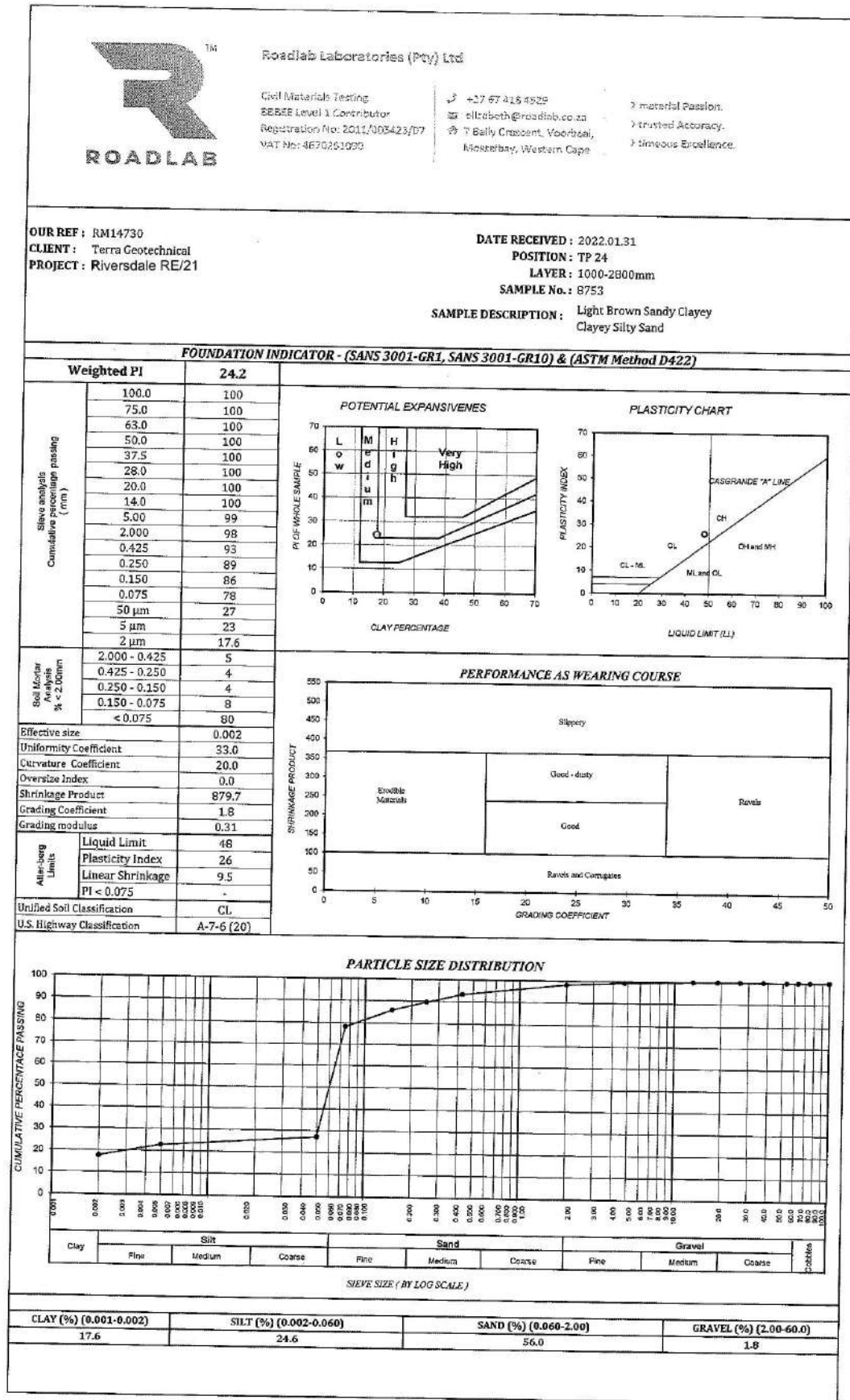



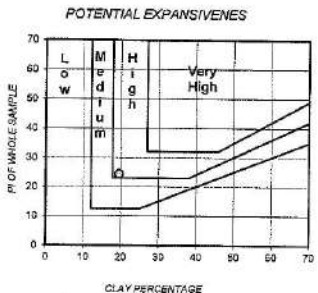
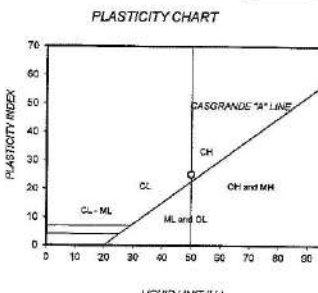
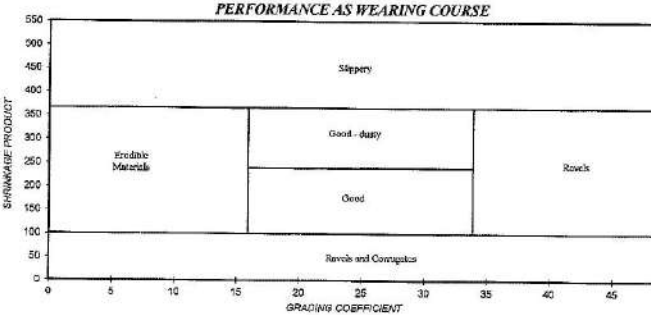
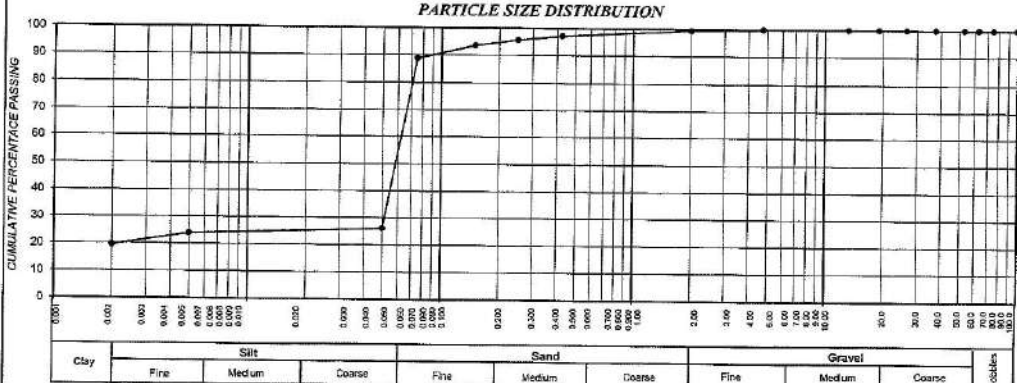




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OUR REF: RM14730 CLIENT: Terra Geotechnical PROJECT: Riversdale RE/21				DATE RECEIVED: 2022.01.31 POSITION: TP 24 LAYER: 500-1000mm SAMPLE No.: 8754 SAMPLE DESCRIPTION: Dark Brown Olive Clayey + Ferricrete Gravel Clayey Silty Sand				
FOUNDATION INDICATOR - (SANS 3001-GR1, SANS 3001-GR10) & (ASTM Method D422)								
Weighted PI		24.3						
Sieve analysis Cumulative percentage passing (mm)	100.0	100	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div> POTENTIAL EXPANSIVENESS  </div> <div> PLASTICITY CHART  </div> </div>					
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Uniformity Coefficient	31.8							
Curvature Coefficient	20.9							
Over-size Index	0.0							
Shrinkage Product	1034.3							
Grading Coefficient	0.6							
Grading modulus	0.14							
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19.5		24.7		55.2		0.6		



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MOISTURE CONTENT RECORD FORM

Riversdale RE/21

Layer:

Date	Position	Tin number	Tin weight	Wet + Tin	Dry + Tin	M% Oven
31.01.2022	TP30 (1.3-2.6m)	MS10	33.9	947.6	841.1	13.2
	TP24 (0.5-1.0m)	MS13	34.3	985.4	834.9	18.8
	TP24 (1.0-2.8m)	MS34	34.3	1128.9	986.5	15.0
	TP25 (0.4-1.3m)	MS27	34.2	772.4	661.8	17.6
	TP27 (1.0-1.8m)	CX5	34.5	1087.0	935.0	16.9
	TP28 (1.9-2.5m)	CX11	32.7	1073.6	974.5	10.5
	TP30 (0.6-1.3m)	CX16	33.7	1134.8	992.6	14.8
					Average	16.3

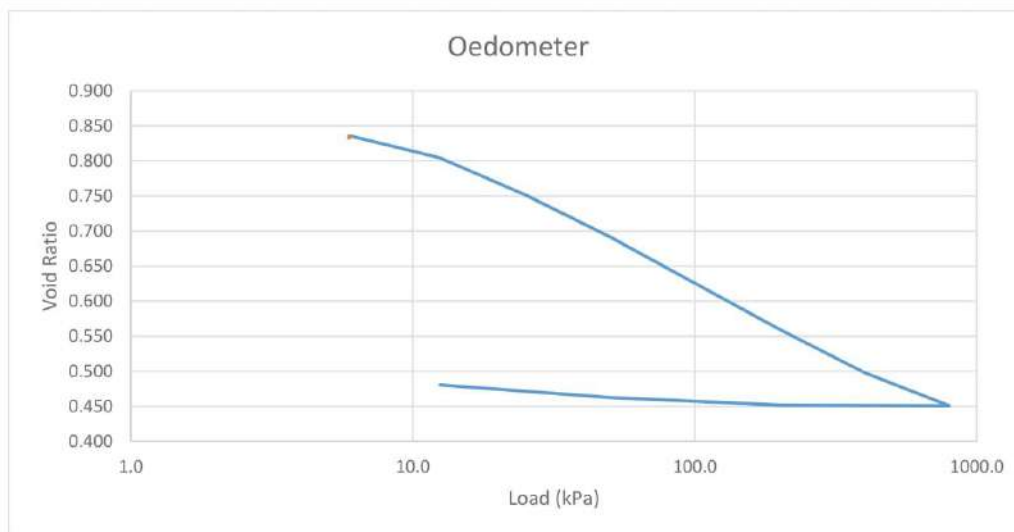
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Oedometer Swell Test

Sample Detail		Initial	Final
Height	(mm)	20.3	16.4
Diameter	(mm)	63.5	63.5
Weight	(g)	107.3	116.4
Moisture	(%)	13.7	26.7
Dry Density	(Mg/m ³)	1.47	1.77
Bulk Density	(Mg/m ³)	1.67	2.24
Void Ratio		0.832	0.481
Particle Density	(Mg/m ³)	2.69	
Disturbed/Undisturbed		Undisturbed	
Remoulded Density	(Mg/m ³)	-	

Load (kPa)	Height (mm)	Void Ratio
5.9	20.300	0.832
5.9	20.348	0.836
12.5	19.993	0.804
25	19.412	0.752
50	18.749	0.692
100	18.015	0.626
200	17.287	0.560
400	16.603	0.498
800	16.077	0.451
200	16.088	0.452
50	16.208	0.463
12.5	16.410	0.481

Swell Results	
Swell Percentage	0.2 %
Swell Pressure	0.8 kPa



Project	Riversdale		
Sample	TP2_1200 - 1800		
Client	Terra Geotechnical	Test Method	BS1377 - 5: 1990
Jobfile	SWG00273	Test Date	03/02/2022

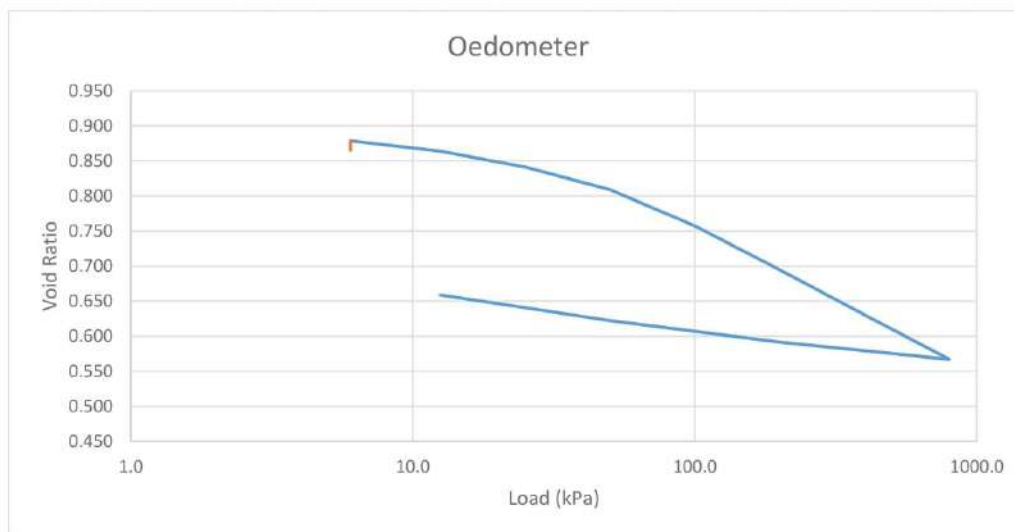
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Oedometer Swell Test

Sample Detail		Initial	Final
Height	(mm)	20.3	18.1
Diameter	(mm)	63.5	63.5
Weight	(g)	116.7	120.9
Moisture	(%)	22.6	31.8
Dry Density	(Mg/m ³)	1.48	1.60
Bulk Density	(Mg/m ³)	1.82	2.11
Void Ratio		0.865	0.659
Particle Density	(Mg/m ³)	2.76	
Disturbed/Undisturbed		Undisturbed	
Remoulded Density	(Mg/m ³)	-	

Load (kPa)	Height (mm)	Void Ratio
6.0	20.300	0.865
6.0	20.452	0.879
12.5	20.289	0.864
25	20.047	0.841
50	19.694	0.809
100	19.130	0.757
200	18.449	0.695
400	17.750	0.630
800	17.059	0.567
200	17.329	0.592
50	17.660	0.622
12.5	18.059	0.659

Swell Results	
Swell Percentage	0.7 %
Swell Pressure	5.9 kPa



Project	Riversdale		
Sample	TP4_1500 - 1800		
Client	Terra Geotechnical	Test Method	BS1377 - 5: 1990
Jobfile	SWG00273	Test Date	08/02/2022

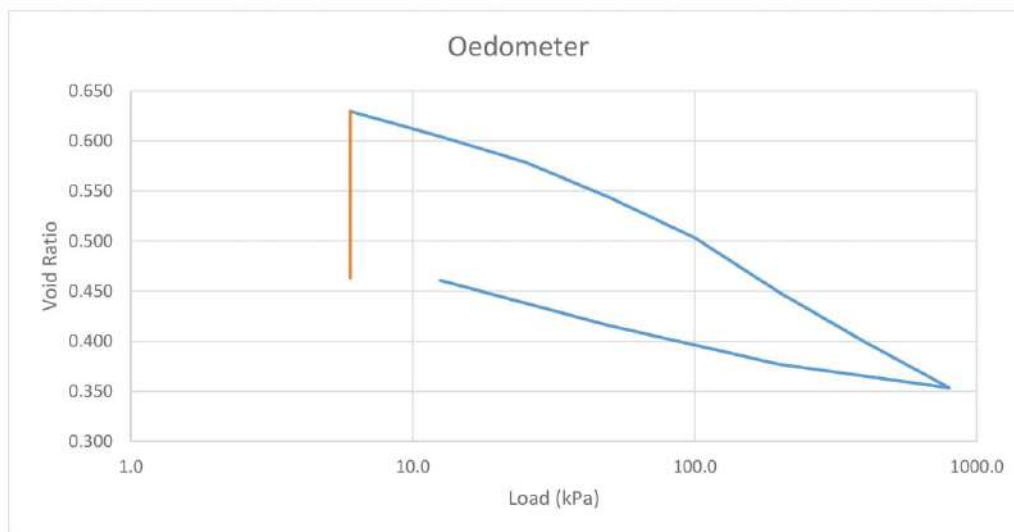
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Sample Detail		Initial	Final
Height	(mm)	20.3	20.3
Diameter	(mm)	63.5	63.5
Weight	(g)	138.0	144.8
Moisture	(%)	16.3	22.0
Dry Density	(Mg/m ³)	1.85	1.85
Bulk Density	(Mg/m ³)	2.15	2.26
Void Ratio		0.463	0.461
Particle Density	(Mg/m ³)	2.70	
Disturbed/Undisturbed		Undisturbed	
Remoulded Density	(Mg/m ³)	-	

Load (kPa)	Height (mm)	Void Ratio
6.0	20.300	0.463
6.0	22.612	0.630
12.5	22.266	0.605
25	21.908	0.579
50	21.415	0.543
100	20.861	0.503
200	20.100	0.448
400	19.418	0.399
800	18.782	0.354
200	19.106	0.377
50	19.642	0.415
12.5	20.269	0.461

Swell Results	
Swell Percentage	11.4 %
Swell Pressure	165.9 kPa



Project	Riversdale		
Sample	TP8_1200 - 1800mm		
Client	Terra Geotechnical	Test Method	BS1377 - 5: 1990
Jobfile	SWG00273	Test Date	01/02/2022

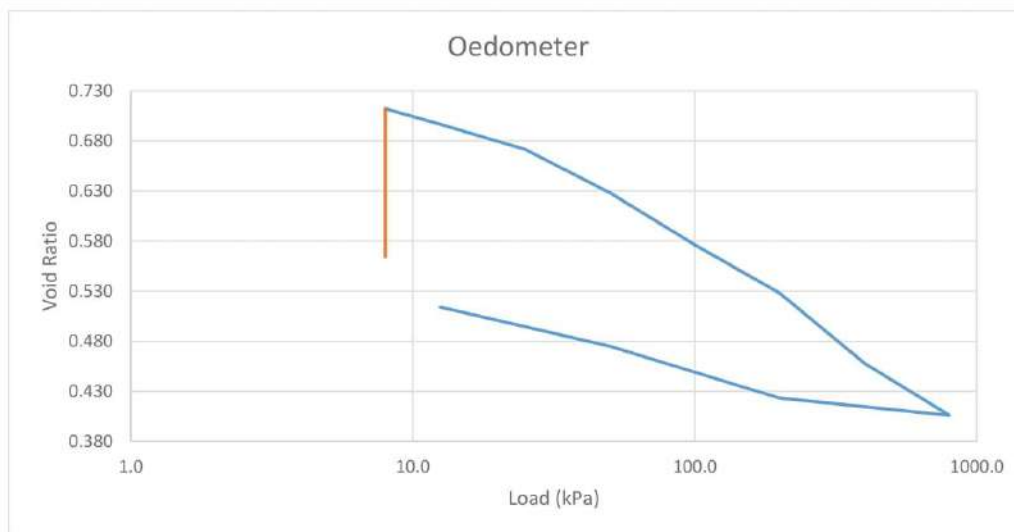
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Sample Detail		Initial	Final
Height	(mm)	20.3	19.7
Diameter	(mm)	63.5	63.5
Weight	(g)	135.0	136.7
Moisture	(%)	21.2	24.6
Dry Density	(Mg/m ³)	1.73	1.76
Bulk Density	(Mg/m ³)	2.10	2.20
Void Ratio		0.564	0.514
Particle Density	(Mg/m ³)	2.71	
Disturbed/Undisturbed		Undisturbed	
Remoulded Density	(Mg/m ³)	-	

Load (kPa)	Height (mm)	Void Ratio
8.0	20.300	0.564
8.0	22.221	0.712
12.5	22.021	0.697
25	21.693	0.671
50	21.134	0.628
100	20.456	0.576
200	19.831	0.528
400	18.920	0.458
800	18.248	0.406
200	18.471	0.423
50	19.142	0.475
12.5	19.652	0.514

Swell Results	
Swell Percentage	9.5 %
Swell Pressure	116 kPa



Project	Riversdale		
Sample	TP27_1.0 - 1.8m		
Client	Terra Geotechnical	Test Method	BS1377 - 5: 1990
Jobfile	SWG00273	Test Date	17/02/2022

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