

APPENDIX 1: FILL MATERIAL LAB TEST RESULTS EXAMPLES 2025




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GEOTECHNICAL LABORATORY TEST REPORT

Client: B2Gold Back River Corp.
Project Title: CA-B2Gold - Goose Lake Mine Shear Strength Testing
Project No.: CA0050804.4558 Task 6.0
LWO No.: G017



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GENERAL LAB TESTING SUMMARY

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Short Title:	CA-B2Gold - Goose Lake Mine Shear Strength Testing	LWO No.: G017
Tested By:	JG	Date: 27-May-25

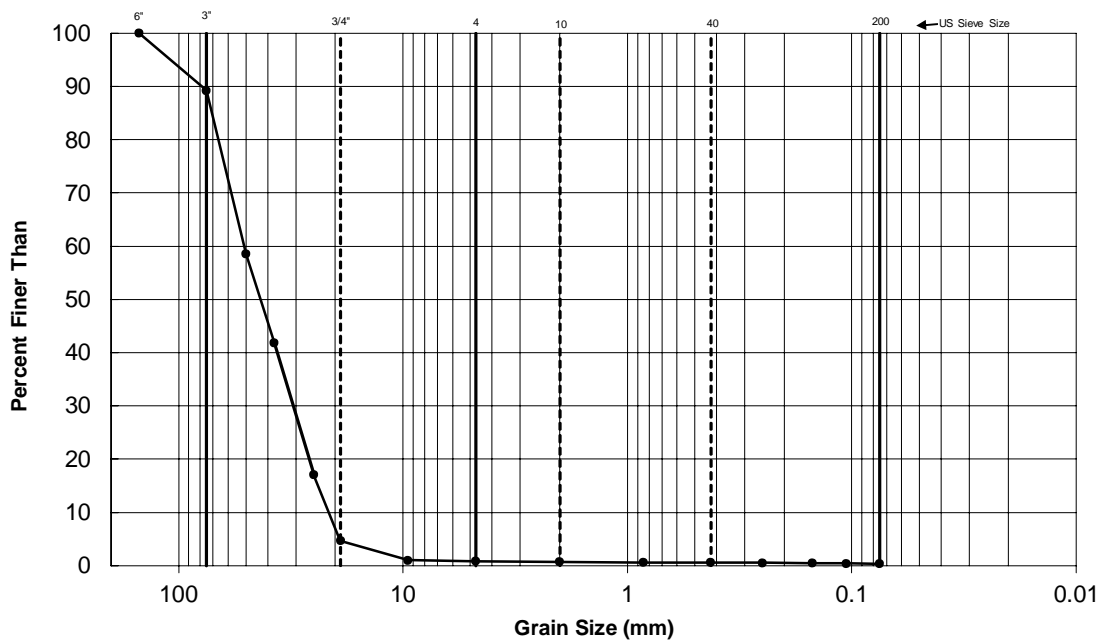
Sample Identification					Laboratory Test Results				
Source / Location	Sample No.	Depth (m)		Lab No.	As Received Water Content (%)	Target Compaction		Friction Envelope Review	
		from	to			Dry Density (kg/m ³)	Water Content (%)	Phi' (°)	c' (kPa)
Goose Lake Mine / MSE Wall Lift 18	SMP#25-R	-	-	G017-006	0.0	n/a	n/a	41	0



PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION OF SOILS USING SIEVE ANALYSIS

(ASTM D6913)

Project No.:	CA0050804.4558	Task:	5.0	Date:	17-Apr-25
Short Title:	CA-B2Gold - Goose Lake Mine Shear Strength Testing				
Sub Sampled By:	AD	Washed By:	DS	Sieved By:	AD & BU
Field Tag No.:	-	Source:	Goose Lake Mine	Location:	MSE Wall Lift 18
Lab No.:	G017-006	Northing:	-	Sample No.:	SMP#25-R
Sampled By:	Client	Easting:	-	Depth From:	- m
Sample Date:	16-Mar-25	Elevation:	- m	Depth To:	- m
Test Method:	A	Drying Method:	Moist		
Composite Sieve:	Yes	if Yes, Split on:	4.75 mm		
Material Excluded from Sieve:	No	Describe:			
Prior Testing on Sample:	No	Describe:			



Sieve Size (mm)	Passing %
150.0	100
75.0	89
50.0	59
37.5	42
25.0	17
19.0	5
9.50	1
4.75	1
2.00	1
0.850	1
0.425	1
0.250	1
0.150	0
0.106	0
0.075	0

Cobbles	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt and Clay Size
	Gravel Size		Sand Size			

Received Water Content (%)	Cobbles (%)	Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Fines (%)	D60 (mm)	D30 (mm)	D10 (mm)	Cu	Cc
0.0	11	88	1	0	51.2	31.5	21.6	2.4	0.9

Sample Description: (GP) Poorly graded GRAVEL, mostly sub-angular to angular gravel, trace sand; grey, with cobbles; non-cohesive, dry

USCS Classification: GP

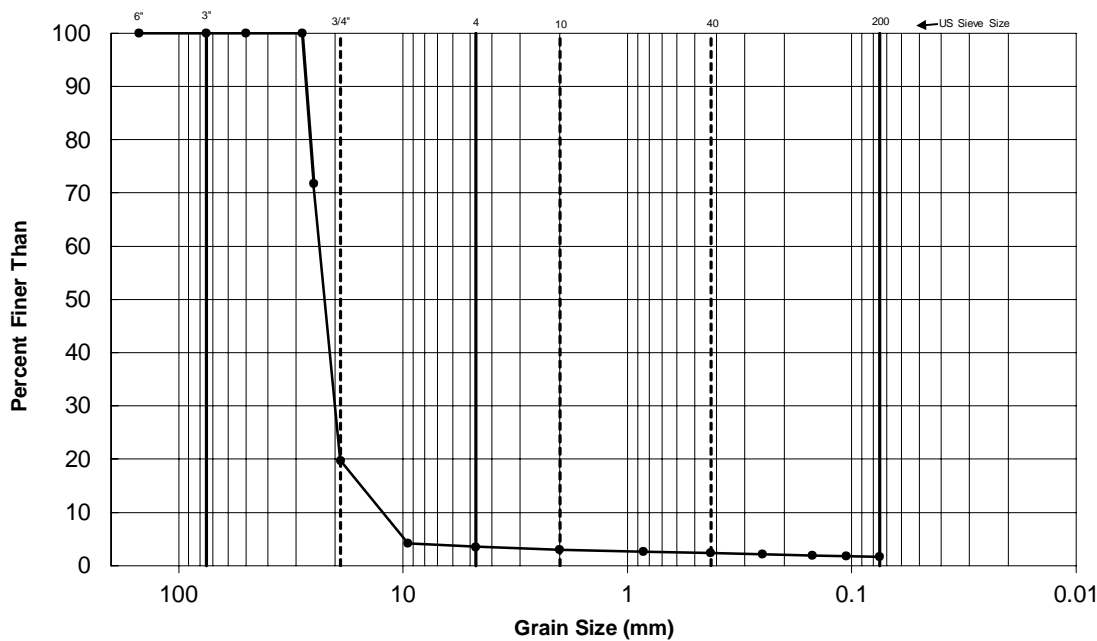
Remarks: Sieve analysis of the "as received" sample



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Lab No.:	G017-006	Northing:	-	Sample No.:	SMP#25-R
Sampled By:	Client	Easting:	-	Depth From:	- m
Sample Date:	16-Mar-25	Elevation:	- m	Depth To:	- m
Test Method:	A	Drying Method:	Moist		
Composite Sieve:	Yes	if Yes, Split on:	4.75 mm		
Material Excluded from Sieve:	Yes	Describe:	Retained on 28 mm sieve was removed prior to sieve test		
Prior Testing on Sample:	No	Describe:			



Sieve Size (mm)	Passing %
150.0	100
75.0	100
50.0	100
28.0	100
25.0	72
19.0	20
9.50	4
4.75	4
2.00	3
0.850	3
0.425	2
0.250	2
0.150	2
0.106	2
0.075	2

Cobbles	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt and Clay Size
	Gravel Size		Sand Size			

Received Water Content	Cobbles	Gravel	Sand	Fines	D60 (mm)	D30 (mm)	D10 (mm)	Cu	Cc
(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)		
0.0	0	96	2	2	23.6	20.2	13.1	1.8	1.3

Sample Description: (GP) Poorly graded GRAVEL, mostly sub-angular to angular gravel, trace sand; grey; non-cohesive, dry

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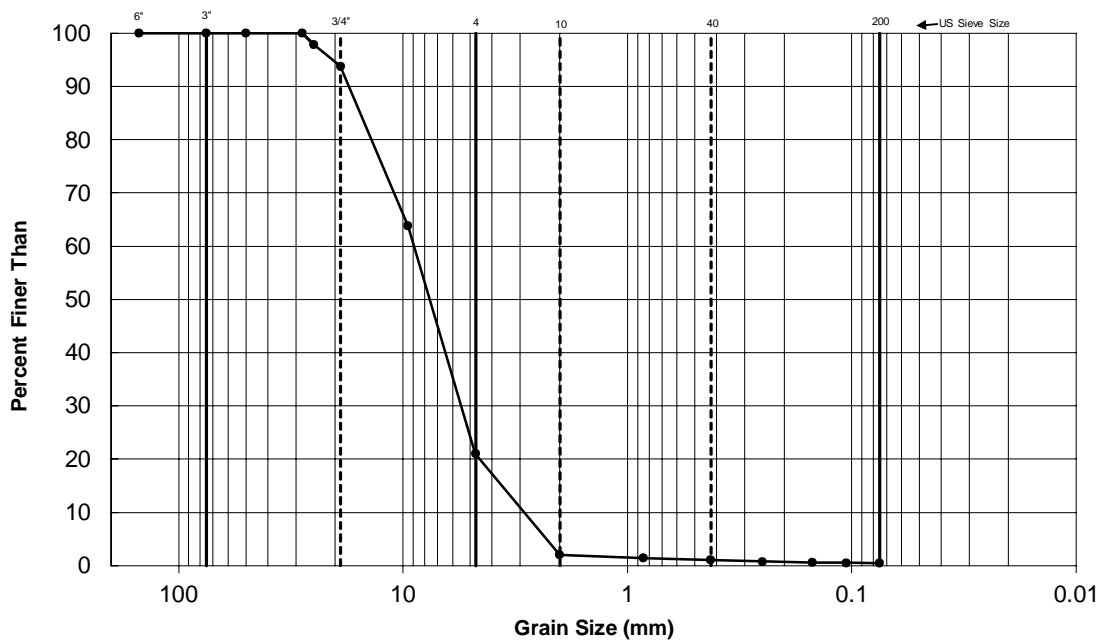
Remarks: Sieve analysis of the "trimmed" sample i.e retained on 28 mm sieve were not included



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Sub Sampled By:	JG	Washed By:	JG	Sieved By:	MA
Field Tag No.:	-	Source:	Goose Lake Mine	Location:	MSE Wall Lift 18
Lab No.:	G017-006	Northing:	-	Sample No.:	SMP#25-R
Sampled By:	Client	Easting:	-	Depth From:	- m
Sample Date:	16-Mar-25	Elevation:	- m	Depth To:	- m
Test Method:	A	Drying Method:	Moist		
Composite Sieve:	Yes	if Yes, Split on:	2 mm		
Material Excluded from Sieve:	No	Describe:			
Prior Testing on Sample:	Yes	Describe:	material above 28 mm sieve was crushed to finer gravel		



Sieve Size (mm)	Passing %
150.0	100
75.0	100
50.0	100
28.0	100
25.0	98
19.0	94
9.50	64
4.75	21
2.00	2
0.850	1
0.425	1
0.250	1
0.150	1
0.106	1
0.075	0

Cobbles	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt and Clay Size
	Gravel Size		Sand Size			

Received Water Content (%)	Cobbles (%)	Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Fines (%)	D60 (mm)	D30 (mm)	D10 (mm)	Cu	Cc
0.0	0	79	21	0	9.1	5.7	3.2	2.9	1.2

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USCS Classification: GP

Remarks: Manufactured Scaled-Down Version of PSD Curve defined by SRK



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Short Title: CA-B2Gold - Goose Lake Mine Shear Strength Testing

Tested By: J.G

Date: May 21, 2025

Sample: SMP#25-R (manufactured scaled-down version of PSD curve)

Lab No: G017-006

Initial Target Conditions: see remarks

Initial Sample Parameters:

Test No.:	1	2	3
Applied normal stress (kPa):	100	200	400
Sample type:	Reconstituted	Reconstituted	Reconstituted
Shear box geometry:	Square	Square	Square
Length (mm):	302	302	302
Width (mm):	302	302	302
Height (mm):	245	245	250
Area (cm ²):	912	912	912
Volume (cm ³):	22345	22345	22801

Mass - Volume Relationships:

Initial wet mass (kg):	36.55	36.30	37.44
Initial dry mass (kg):	36.53	36.28	37.42
Initial water content (%):	0.1	0.1	0.1
Final water content (%):	8.4	8.4	6.3
Initial wet density (kg/m ³):	1636	1625	1642
Initial dry density (kg/m ³):	1635	1624	1641
Initial void ratio:	0.62	0.63	0.61
Specific gravity (assumed)	2.65	2.65	2.65

After Consolidation:

Wet density (kg/m ³):	1652	1650	1683
Dry density (kg/m ³):	1651	1649	1682

Sample description: (GP) Poorly-graded GRAVEL with sand, mostly sub-angular to angular gravel, little coarse sand; grey; non-cohesive, dry

Equipment Description - LDS_30S

Axial LDT	Serial #: BBD09874	Vertical LDT	Serial #: BBD100405
Axial Load Cell	Serial #: 1084597	Vertical Load Cell	Serial #: 978593

Comments:

- material passing 28 mm sieve used
- each test specimen was built in 3 lifts and each lift was rodded 50 times using a 16.0 mm diameter rod then lightly tamped to level
- three test specimens were built in the manner stated above and sheared in a consolidated-drained manner at 100, 200 and 400 kPa normal pressures
- test specimens were inundated with water during the test
- area correction was applied in normal and shear stress calculations



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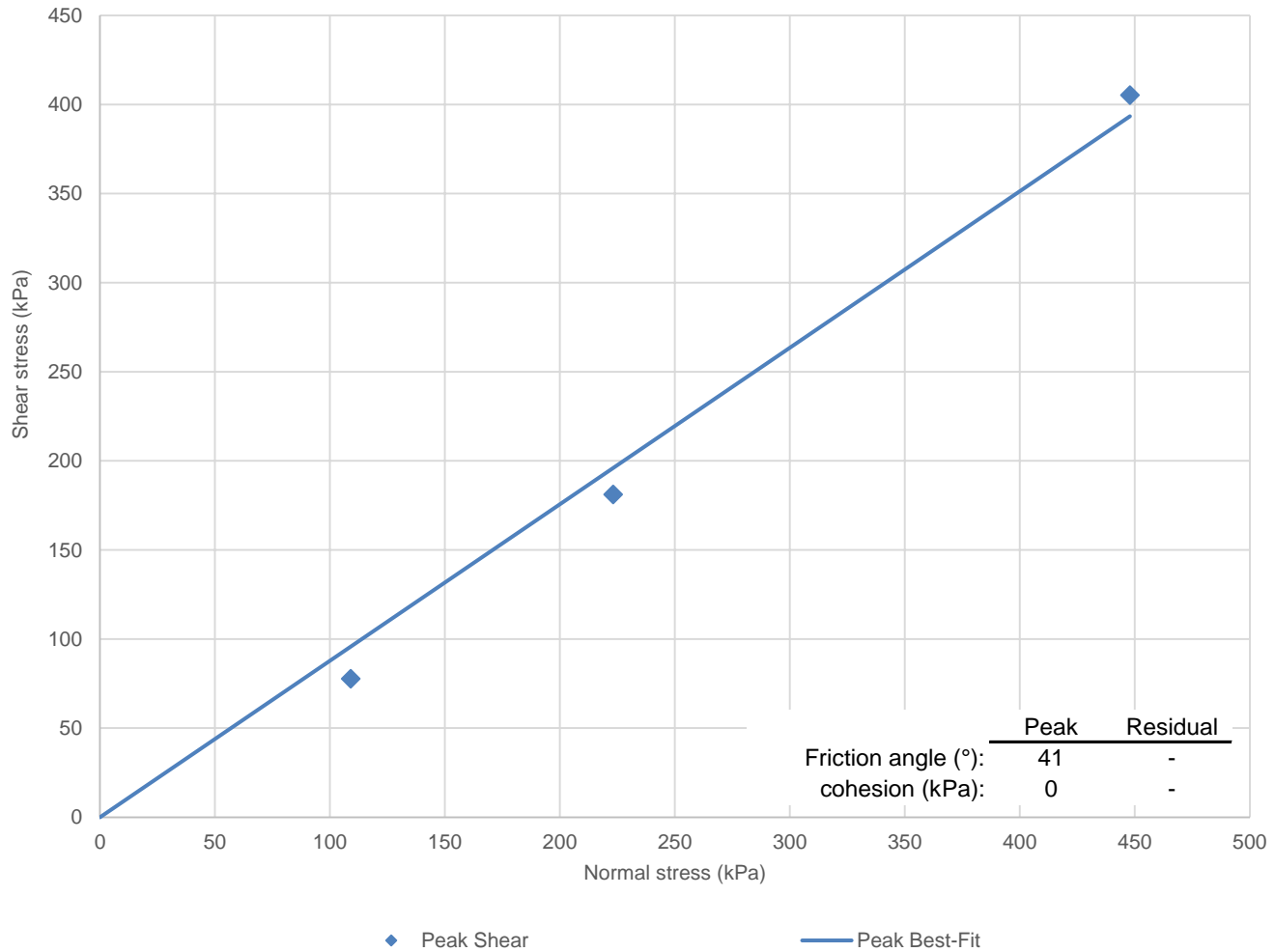
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Lab No: G017-006

Shear versus Normal Stresses



	Peak			Residual		
Test No:	1	2	3	1	2	3
Normal Stress (kPa):	109	223	448	-	-	-
Shear Stress (kPa):	78	181	405	-	-	-

(stresses shown above include area correction)

Comments:



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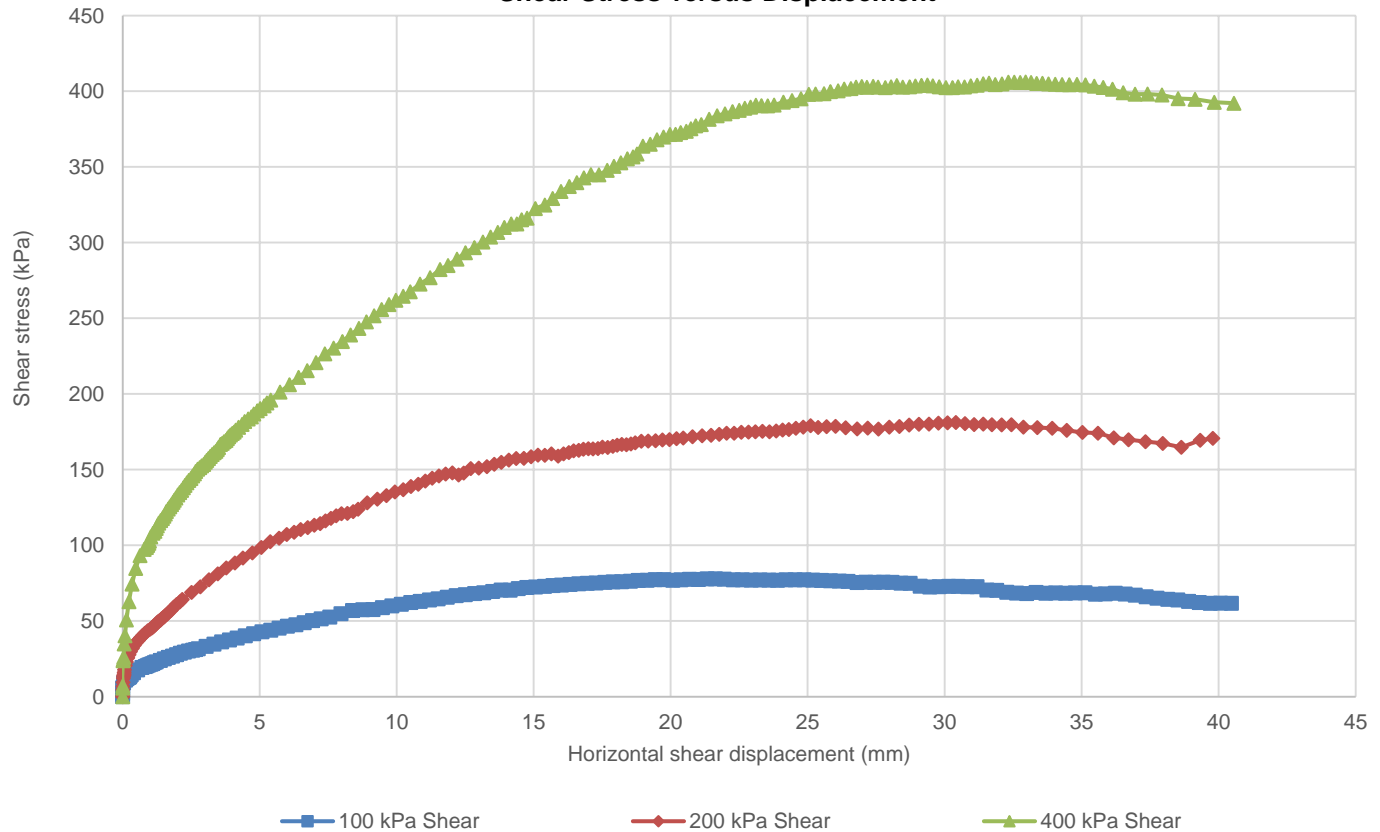
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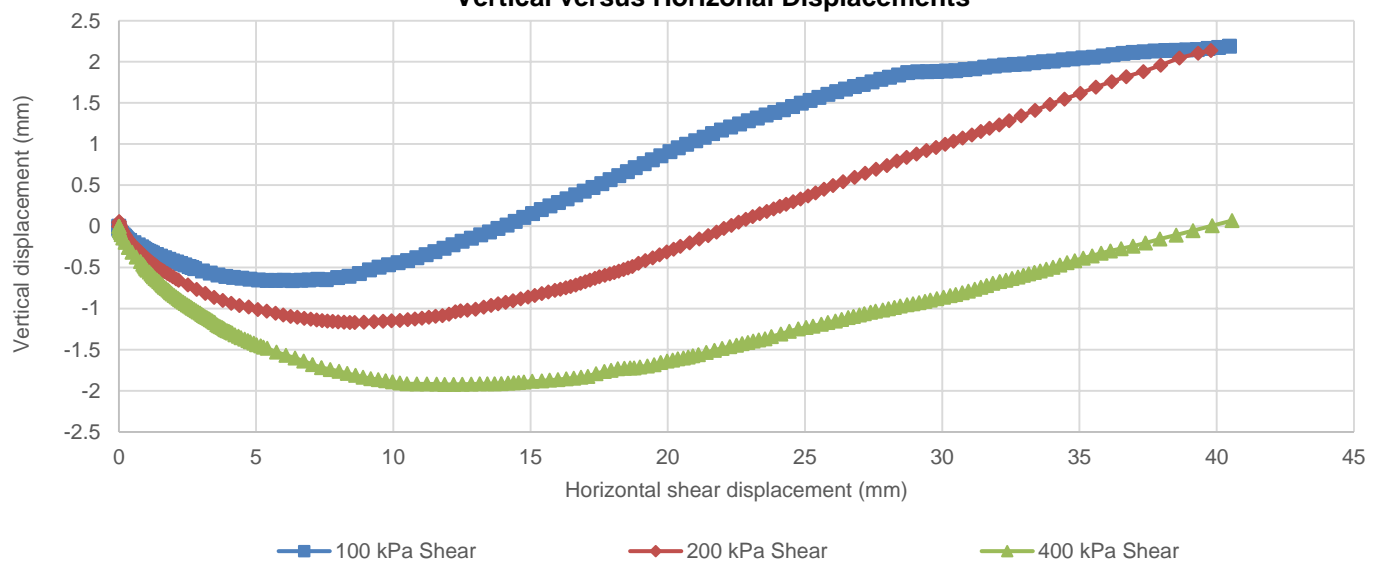
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Shear Stress versus Displacement



Vertical versus Horizontal Displacements



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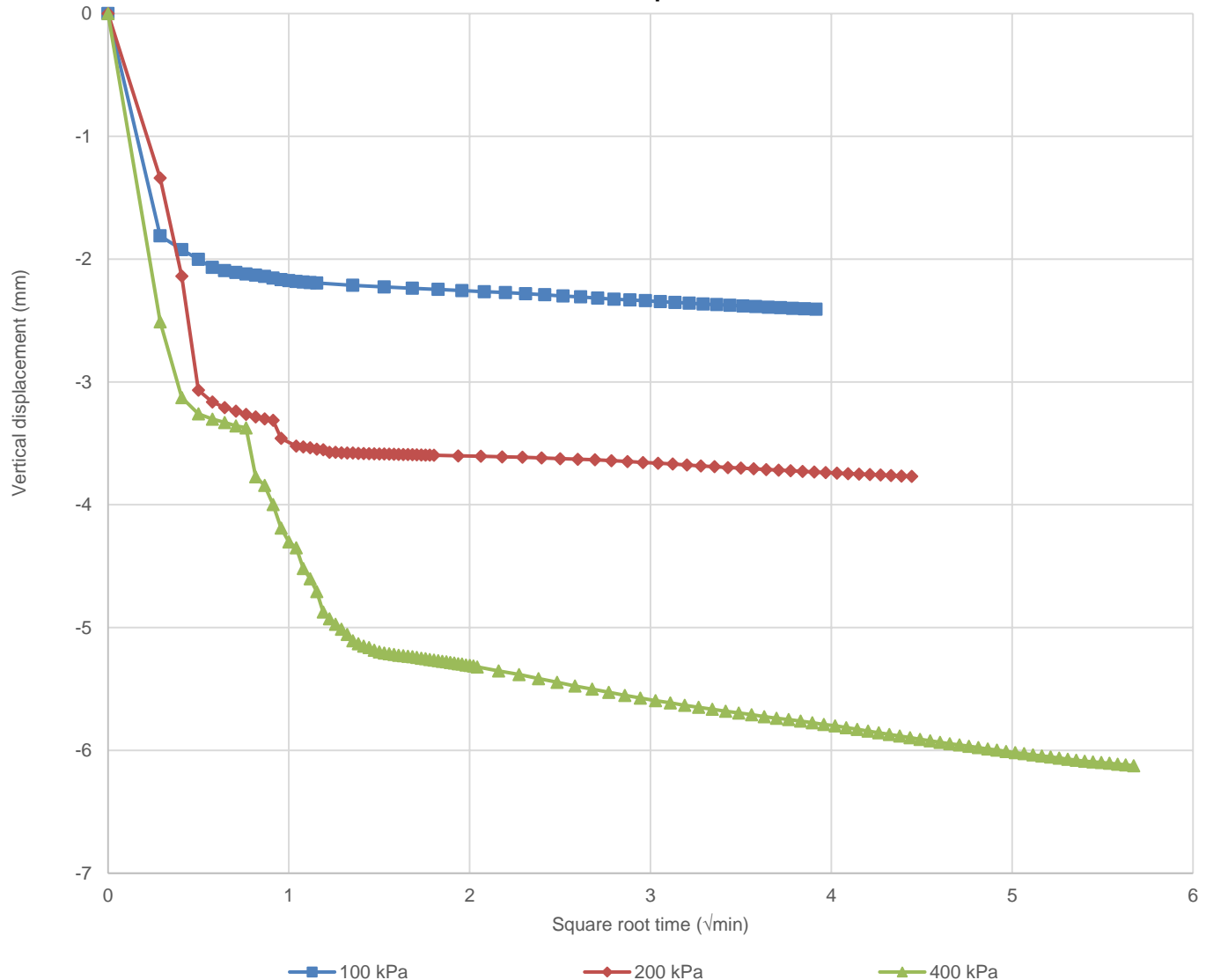
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Sample: SMP#25-R (manufactured scaled-down version of PSD curve)

Lab No: G017-006

Initial Consolidation: Vertical Displacement versus Root Time



Consolidation summary:

Test No.:	1	2	3
Applied normal stress (kPa):	100	200	400
t_{90} , Taylor method (min):	0.13	0.49	1.21
Calculated t_{50} (min):	0.03	0.11	0.28
Change in height (mm):	-2.4	-3.8	-6.1

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Post-test Photo - 400 kPa





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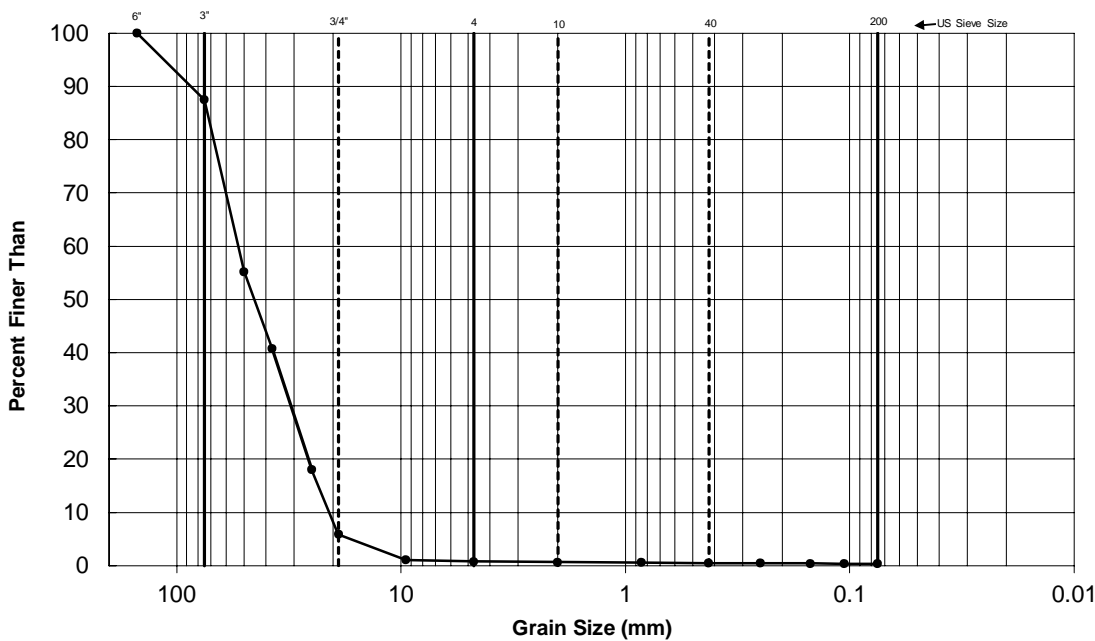
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		from	to			Dry Density (kg/m ³)	Water Content (%)	Phi' (°)	c' (kPa)
Goose Lake Mine	SMP#32-R	-	-	G017-007	0.0	n/a	n/a	40	0



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Sub Sampled By:	AD	Washed By:	DS	Sieved By:	AD & BU
Field Tag No.:	-	Source:	Goose Lake Mine	Location:	-
Lab No.:	G017-007	Northing:	-	Sample No.:	SMP#32-R
Sampled By:	Client	Easting:	-	Depth From:	- m
Sample Date:	24-Mar-25	Elevation:	- m	Depth To:	- m
Test Method:	A	Drying Method:	Moist		
Composite Sieve:	Yes	if Yes, Split on:	4.75 mm		
Material Excluded from Sieve:	No	Describe:			
Prior Testing on Sample:	No	Describe:			



Sieve Size (mm)	Passing %
150.0	100
75.0	88
50.0	55
37.5	41
25.0	18
19.0	6
9.50	1
4.75	1
2.00	1
0.850	1
0.425	0
0.250	0
0.150	0
0.106	0
0.075	0

Cobbles	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt and Clay Size
	Gravel Size		Sand Size			

Received Water Content (%)	Cobbles (%)	Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Fines (%)	D60 (mm)	D30 (mm)	D10 (mm)	Cu	Cc
0.0	12	87	1	0	53.7	31.6	21.0	2.6	0.9

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USCS Classification: GP

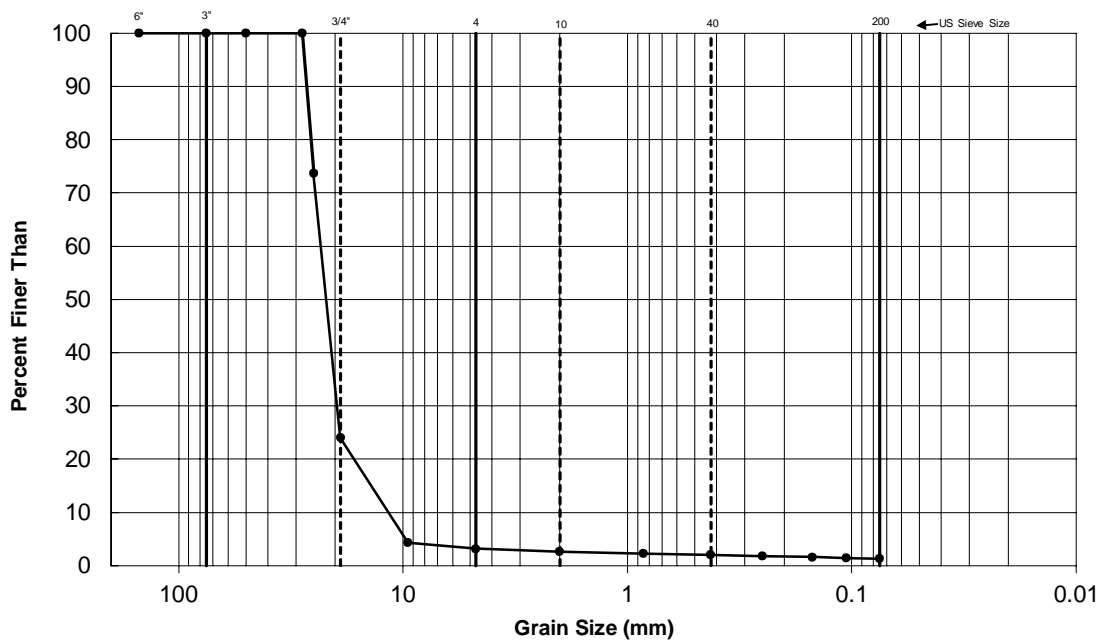
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Test Method:	A	Drying Method:	Moist		
Composite Sieve:	Yes	if Yes, Split on:	4.75 mm		
Material Excluded from Sieve:	Yes	Describe:	Retained on 28 mm sieve was removed prior to sieve test		
Prior Testing on Sample:	No	Describe:			



Cobbles	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt and Clay Size
	Gravel Size		Sand Size			

Received Water Content	Cobbles	Gravel	Sand	Fines	D60 (mm)	D30 (mm)	D10 (mm)	Cu	Cc
(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)		
0.0	0	97	2	1	23.3	19.7	12.2	1.9	1.4

Sample Description: (GP) Poorly graded GRAVEL, mostly sub-angular to angular gravel, trace sand; grey; non-cohesive, dry

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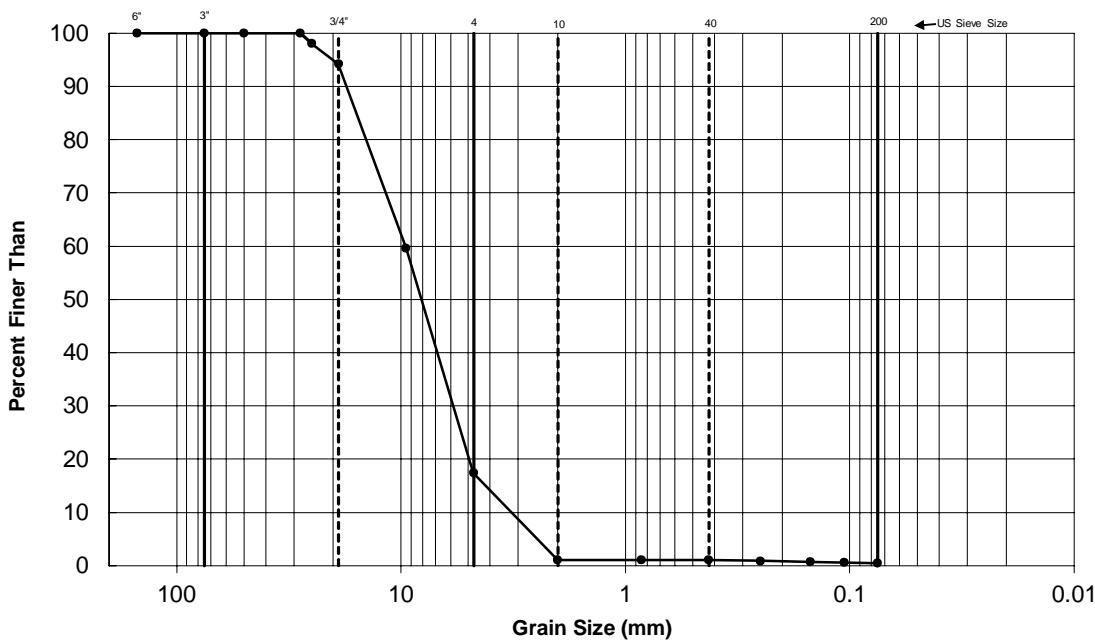
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Sub Sampled By:	JG	Washed By:	JG	Sieved By:	MA
Field Tag No.:	-	Source:	Goose Lake Mine	Location:	-
Lab No.:	G017-007	Northing:	-	Sample No.:	SMP#32-R
Sampled By:	Client	Easting:	-	Depth From:	- m
Sample Date:	24-May-25	Elevation:	- m	Depth To:	- m
Test Method:	A	Drying Method:	Moist		
Composite Sieve:	Yes	if Yes, Split on:	2 mm		
Material Excluded from Sieve:	No	Describe:			
Prior Testing on Sample:	Yes	Describe:	material above 28 mm sieve was crushed to finer gravel		



Cobbles	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt and Clay Size
	Gravel Size		Sand Size			

Received Water Content (%)	Cobbles (%)	Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Fines (%)	D60 (mm)	D30 (mm)	D10 (mm)	Cu	Cc
0.0	0	83	16	1	9.6	6.2	3.5	2.7	1.1

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Tested By: J.G

Date: May 21, 2025

Sample: SMP#32-R (manufactured scaled-down version of PSD curve)

Lab No: G017-007

Initial Target Conditions: see remarks

Initial Sample Parameters:

Test No.:	1	2	3
Applied normal stress (kPa):	100	200	400
Sample type:	Reconstituted	Reconstituted	Reconstituted
Shear box geometry:	Square	Square	Square
Length (mm):	302	302	302
Width (mm):	302	302	302
Height (mm):	240	255	245
Area (cm ²):	912	912	912
Volume (cm ³):	21889	23257	22345

Mass - Volume Relationships:

Initial wet mass (kg):	34.51	36.81	35.68
Initial dry mass (kg):	34.48	36.78	35.65
Initial water content (%):	0.1	0.1	0.1
Final water content (%):	9.3	5.7	8.1
Initial wet density (kg/m ³):	1577	1583	1597
Initial dry density (kg/m ³):	1575	1582	1596
Initial void ratio:	0.68	0.68	0.66
Specific gravity (assumed)	2.65	2.65	2.65

After Consolidation:

Wet density (kg/m ³):	1591	1600	1646
Dry density (kg/m ³):	1590	1598	1644

Sample description: (GP) Poorly-graded GRAVEL with sand, mostly sub-angular to angular gravel, little coarse sand; grey; non-cohesive, dry

Equipment Description - LDS_30S

Axial LDT	Serial #: BBD09874	Vertical LDT	Serial #: BBD100405
Axial Load Cell	Serial #: 1084597	Vertical Load Cell	Serial #: 978593

Comments:

- material passing 28 mm sieve used
- each test specimen was built in 3 lifts and each lift was rodded 50 times using a 16.0 mm diameter rod then lightly tamped to level
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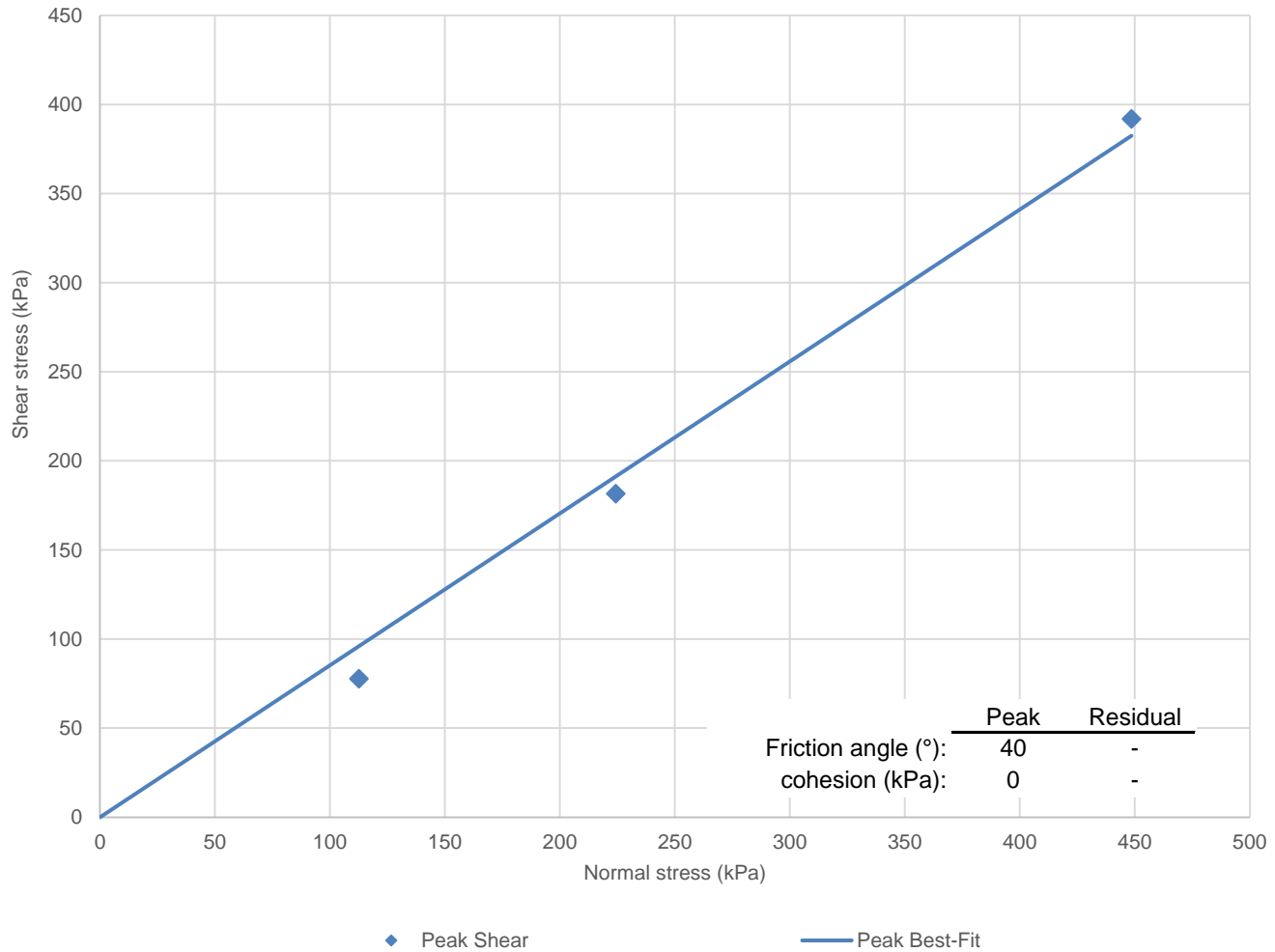
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Shear versus Normal Stresses



	Peak			Residual		
Test No:	1	2	3	1	2	3
Normal Stress (kPa):	113	224	449	-	-	-
Shear Stress (kPa):	78	182	392	-	-	-

(stresses shown above include area correction)

Comments:



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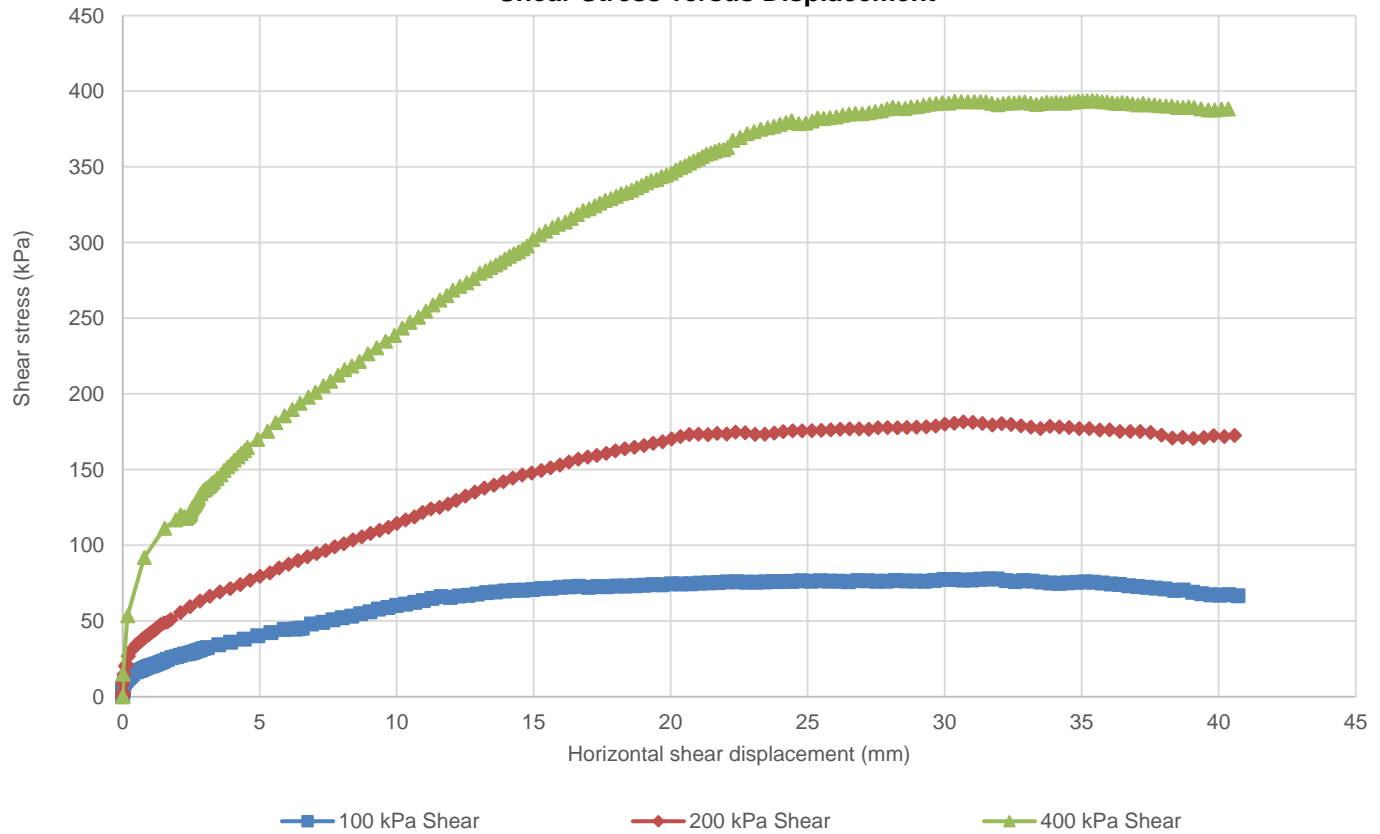
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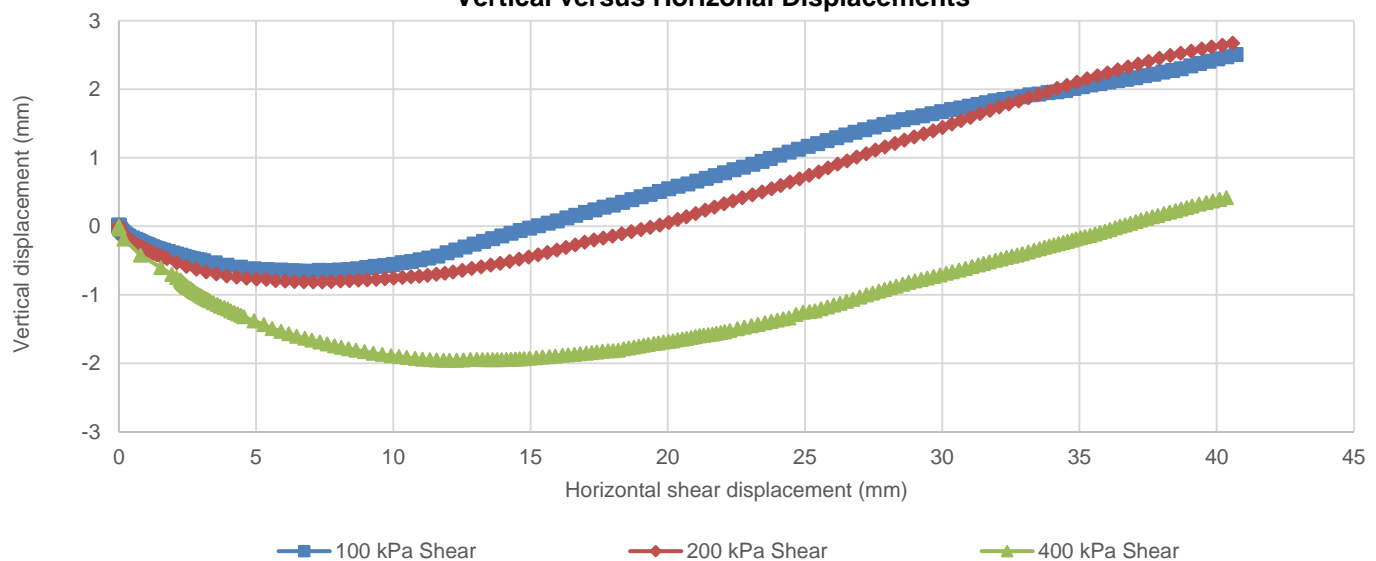
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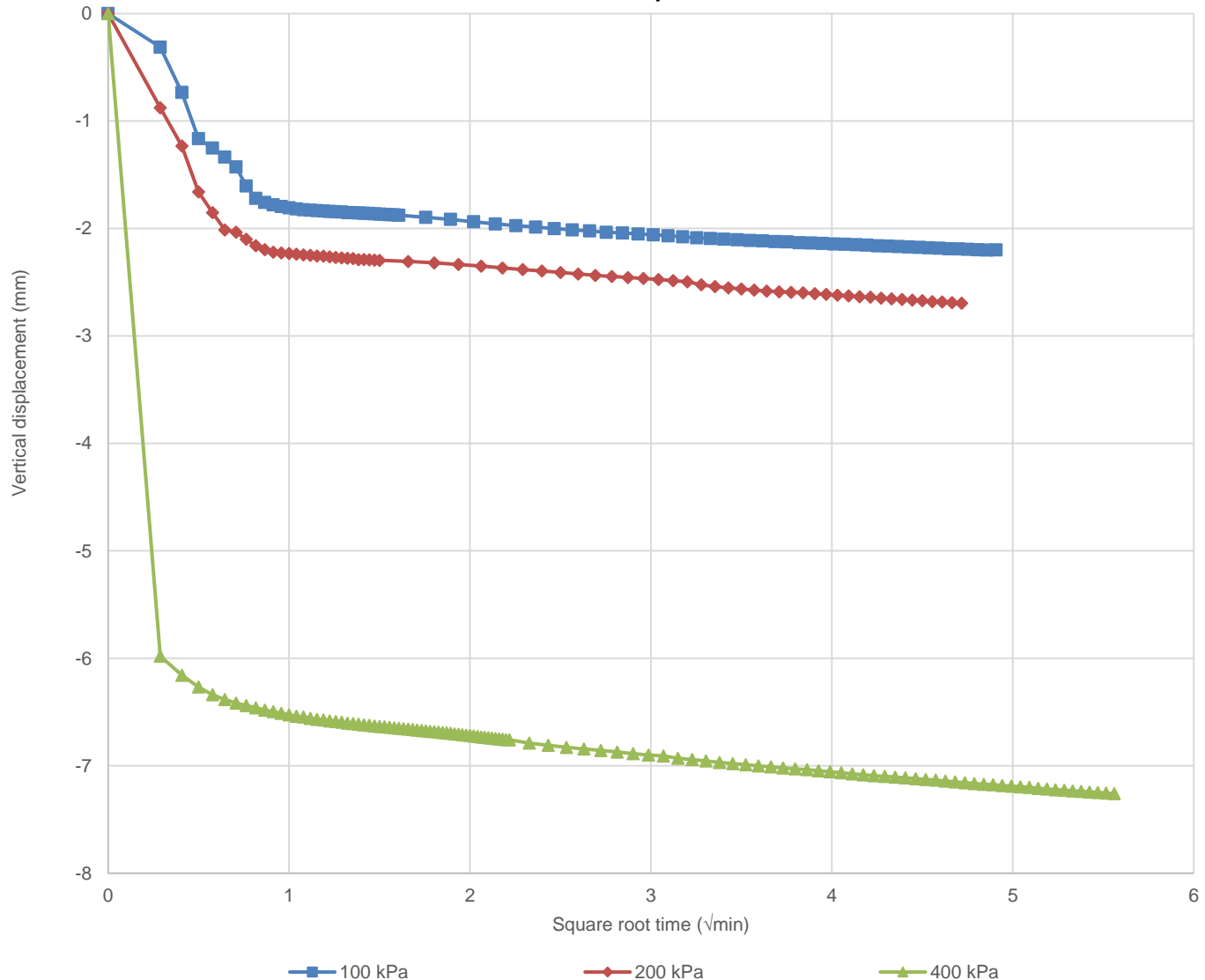
Tested By: J.G

Date: May 21, 2025

Sample: SMP#32-R (manufactured scaled-down version of PSD curve)

Lab No: G017-007

Initial Consolidation: Vertical Displacement versus Root Time



Consolidation summary:

Test No.:	1	2	3
Applied normal stress (kPa):	100	200	400
t_{90} , Taylor method (min):	0.90	0.56	0.12
Calculated t_{50} (min):	0.21	0.13	0.03
Change in height (mm):	-2.2	-2.7	-7.3

The testing services reported herein have been performed in accordance with the indicated recognized standard, or in accordance with local industry practice. This report is for the sole use of the designated client. This report constitutes a testing service only and does not represent any results interpretation or opinion regarding specification compliance or material suitability. Engineering interpretation can be provided by WSP Canada Inc. upon request.



DIRECT SHEAR TEST OF SOILS UNDER CONSOLIDATED DRAINED CONDITIONS

Modified ASTM D3080/D3080M

Project No: CA0050804.4558

Task: 7.0

Short Title: CA-B2Gold - Goose Lake Mine Shear Strength Testing

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Sample: SMP#32-R (manufactured scaled-down version of PSD curve)

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Post-test Photo - 400 kPa



TEST DATA

2025-07-23

Location: New Crusher Stockpile - Umwelt Pit

Sample Number: SMP-353

Description: 3/4"Minus

————— **Natural Moisture** —————

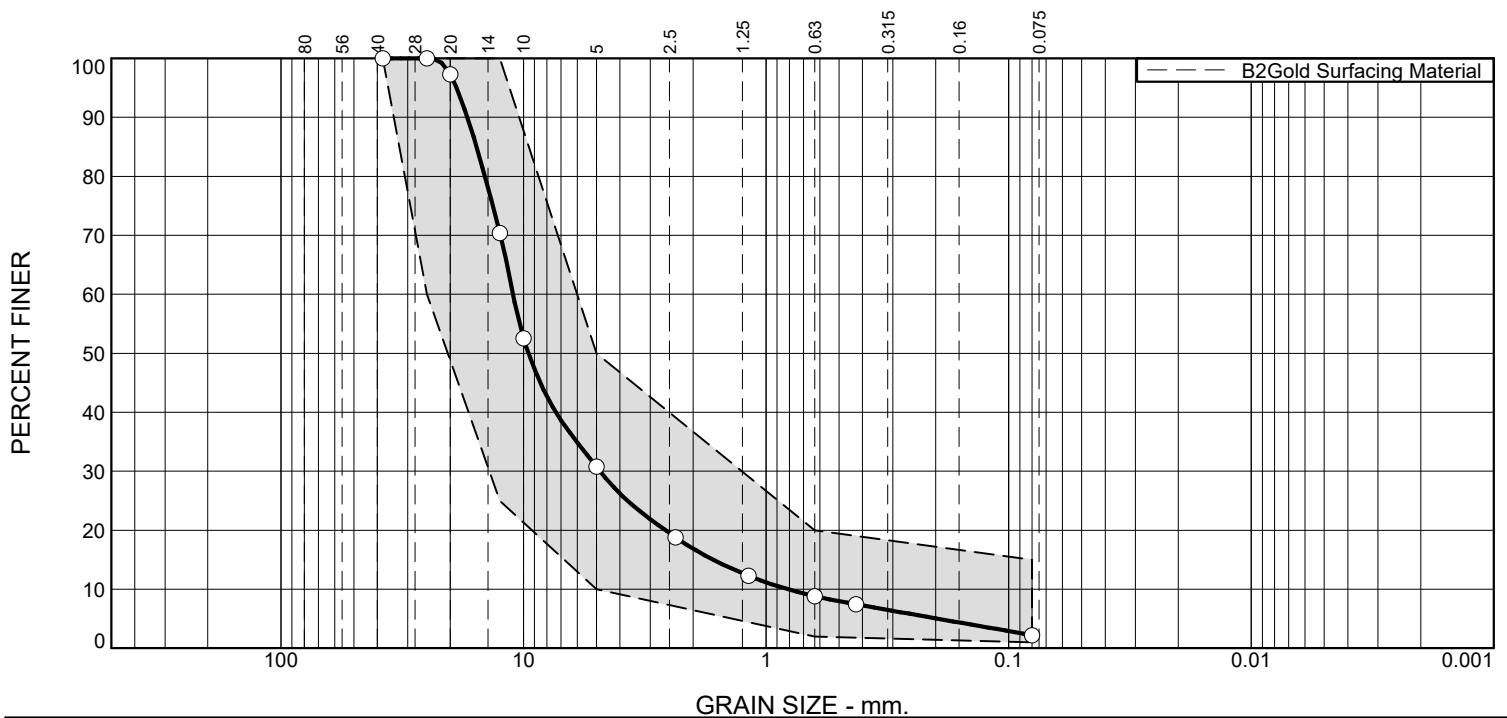
Wet + tare (grams): 5482.00

Dry + tare (grams): 5409.00

Tare (grams): 972.00

Moisture (%): 1.6

Particle Size Distribution Report



% +3"	% Gravel		% Sand			% Fines	
	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt	Clay
0.0	4.6	65.8	12.7	9.4		7.5	

Test Results (ASTM C136)			
Sieve Size or Diam. (mm.)	Finer (%)	Spec.* (%)	Out of Spec. (%)
38	100.0	100	
25	100.0	60-100	
20	97.3		
12.5	70.4	25-100	
10	52.6		
5	30.8	10-50	
2.36	18.8		
1.18	12.3		
0.630	8.8	2-20	
0.425	7.5		
0.08	2.2	1-15	

Material Description

3/4"Minus

Sieve Test (ASTM C136)

Test Date: 2025-07-23 Technician: Akhilash

Test Notes

Hydrometer Test

Test Date: Technician:

Test Notes

Atterberg (ASTM D4318)

PL= LL= PI=

Coefficients

D₉₀= 17.0135 D₈₅= 15.5992

D₆₀= 11.0404 D₅₀= 9.5278

D₃₀= 4.8328 D₁₅= 1.6507

D₁₀= 0.8093

C_u= 13.64 C_c= 2.61

USCS (ASTM D2487)

Date Sampled: 2025-07-23

Date Received: 2025-07-23

Checked By: Josh MacKay

Title: MT Manager

· B2Gold Surfacing Material

Location: New Crusher Stockpile - Umwelt Pit

Sample Number: SMP-353

Client: B2Gold

Project: B2Gold Goose Lake Mine

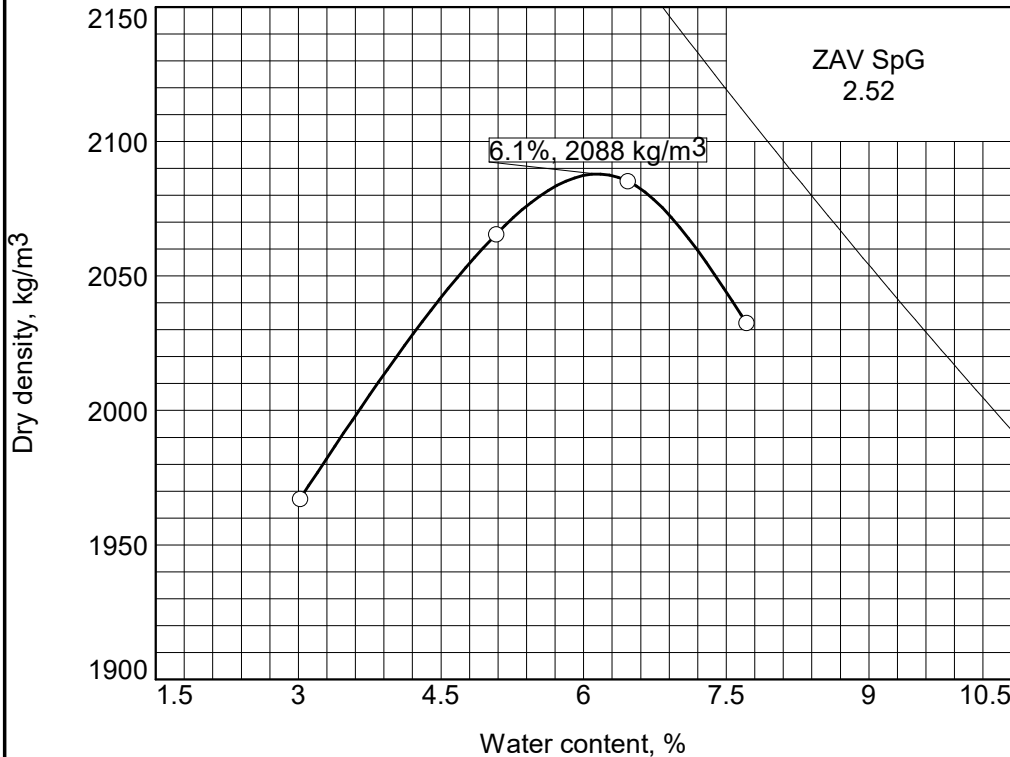
Project No: 23067

Figure

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COMPACTION TEST REPORT

Curve No.
SMP-353



Test Specification:
ASTM D 698-12 Method C Standard

Preparation Method Dry
Hammer Wt. 5.5 lb.
Hammer Drop 12 in.
Hammer Type: manual
Layers three **Blows/Layer** 56
Mold Size 2.124 liters
Test Performed on Material
Passing 3/4 in. **Sieve**
NM 1.6 **LL** NV **PI** NP
Sp.G. (assumed): 2.52
%>3/4 in. 4.6 **%<No.200**
USCS **AASHTO**
Date Sampled 2025-07-23
Date Received 2025-07-23
Date Tested 2025-07-24
Tested By Akhilash Varghese

TESTING DATA	1	2	3	4	5	6
WM + WS	11266.0	11570.0	11675.0	11610.0		
WM	6984.0	6984.0	6984.0	6984.0		
WW + T #1	519.0	607.0	666.0	468.0		
WD + T #1	504.0	578.0	626.0	435.0		
TARE #1	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0		
WW + T #2						
WD + T #2						
TARE #2						
MOISTURE	3.0	5.1	6.5	7.7		
DRY DENSITY	1967	2065	2085	2033		

TEST RESULTS

Maximum dry density = 2088 kg/m³
Optimum moisture = 6.1 %

Project No.: 23067 **Client:** B2Gold
Project: B2Gold Goose Lake Mine

○ **Loc.:** New Crusher Stockpile - Umwelt Pit **Sample No.:** SMP-353

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Material Description

3/4"Minus

Remarks:

Checked by: Josh MacKay
Title: MT Manager

Figure

TEST DATA

2025-07-23

Location: New Crusher Stockpile - Umwelt Pit
Sample Number: SMP-354
Description: 3/4"Minus

————— Natural Moisture —————

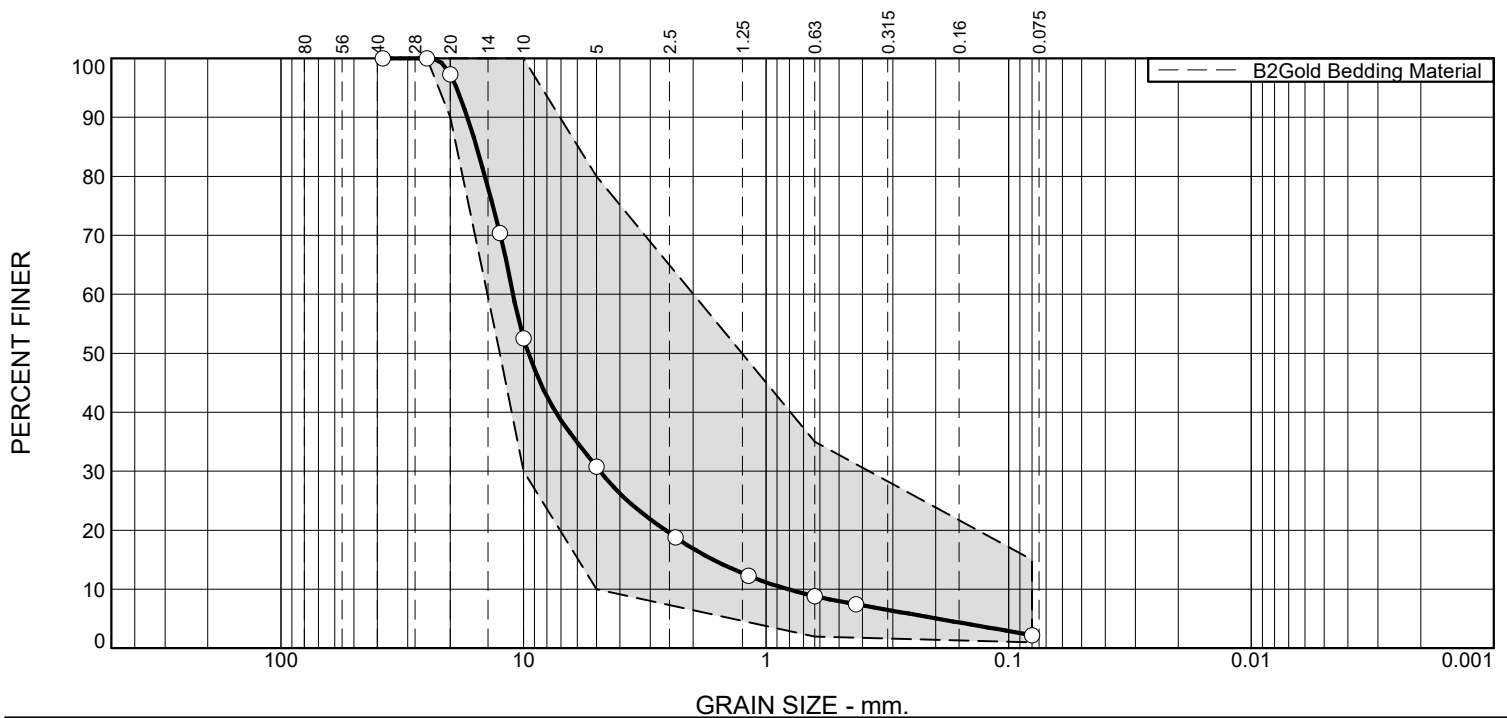
Wet + tare (grams): 5482.00

Dry + tare (grams): 5409.00

Tare (grams): 972.00

Moisture (%): 1.6

Particle Size Distribution Report



% +3"	% Gravel		% Sand			% Fines	
	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt	Clay
0.0	4.6	65.8	12.7	9.4		7.5	

Test Results (ASTM C136)			
Sieve Size or Diam. (mm.)	Finer (%)	Spec.* (%)	Out of Spec. (%)
38	100.0		
25	100.0	100	
20	97.3	90-100	
12.5	70.4	50-100	
10	52.6	30-100	
5	30.8	10-80	
2.36	18.8		
1.18	12.3		
0.630	8.8	2-35	
0.425	7.5		
0.08	2.2	1-15	

Material Description

3/4"Minus

Sieve Test (ASTM C136)

Test Date: 2025-07-23 Technician: Akhilash

Test Notes

Hydrometer Test

Test Date: Technician:

Test Notes

Atterberg (ASTM D4318)

PL= LL= PI=

Coefficients

D₉₀= 17.0135 D₈₅= 15.5992

D₆₀= 11.0404 D₅₀= 9.5278

D₃₀= 4.8328 D₁₅= 1.6507

D₁₀= 0.8093

C_u= 13.64 C_c= 2.61

USCS (ASTM D2487)

Date Sampled: 2025-07-23

Date Received: 2025-07-23

Checked By: Josh MacKay

Title: MT Manager

· B2Gold Bedding Material

Location: New Crusher Stockpile - Umwelt Pit

Sample Number: SMP-354

Client: B2Gold

Project: B2Gold Goose Lake Mine

Project No: 23067

Figure

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TEST DATA

2025-07-24

Location: Batch Plant Stockpile

Sample Number: SMP-355

Description: 3/4"Minus- Concrete Aggregate

————— **Natural Moisture** —————

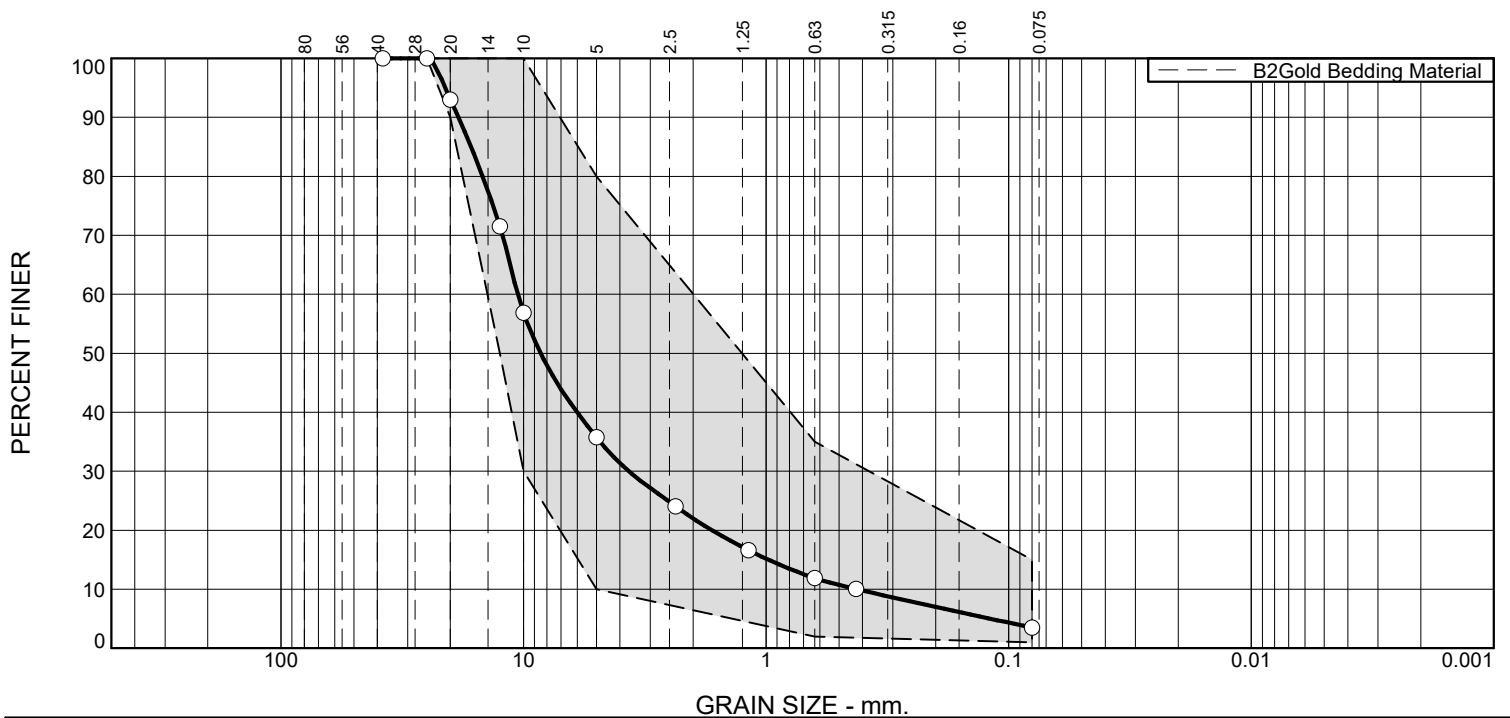
Wet + tare (grams): 3122.00

Dry + tare (grams): 3114.00

Tare (grams): 1028.00

Moisture (%): 0.4

Particle Size Distribution Report



% +3"	% Gravel		% Sand			% Fines	
	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt	Clay
0.0	8.9	56.4	12.7	12.0		10.0	

Test Results (ASTM C136)			
Sieve Size or Diam. (mm.)	Finer (%)	Spec.* (%)	Out of Spec. (%)
38	100.0		
25	100.0	100	
20	93.0	90-100	
12.5	71.5	50-100	
10	56.9	30-100	
5	35.8	10-80	
2.36	24.1		
1.18	16.6		
0.630	11.9	2-35	
0.425	10.0		
0.08	3.5	1-15	

Material Description

3/4"Minus

Sieve Test (ASTM C136)

Test Date: 2025-08-16 Technician: Akhilash

Test Notes

Hydrometer Test

Test Date: Technician:

Test Notes

Atterberg (ASTM D4318)

PL= LL= PI=

Coefficients

D₉₀= 18.5202 D₈₅= 16.4363

D₆₀= 10.5604 D₅₀= 8.4921

D₃₀= 3.6732 D₁₅= 0.9773

D₁₀= 0.4206

C_u= 25.11 C_c= 3.04

USCS (ASTM D2487)

Date Sampled: 2025-08-15

Date Received: 2025-08-15

Checked By: Marco Lung

Title: Geo EIT

· B2Gold Bedding Material

Location: New Crusher Stockpile - Umwelt Pit

Sample Number: SMP-359

Client: B2Gold

Project: B2Gold Goose Lake Mine

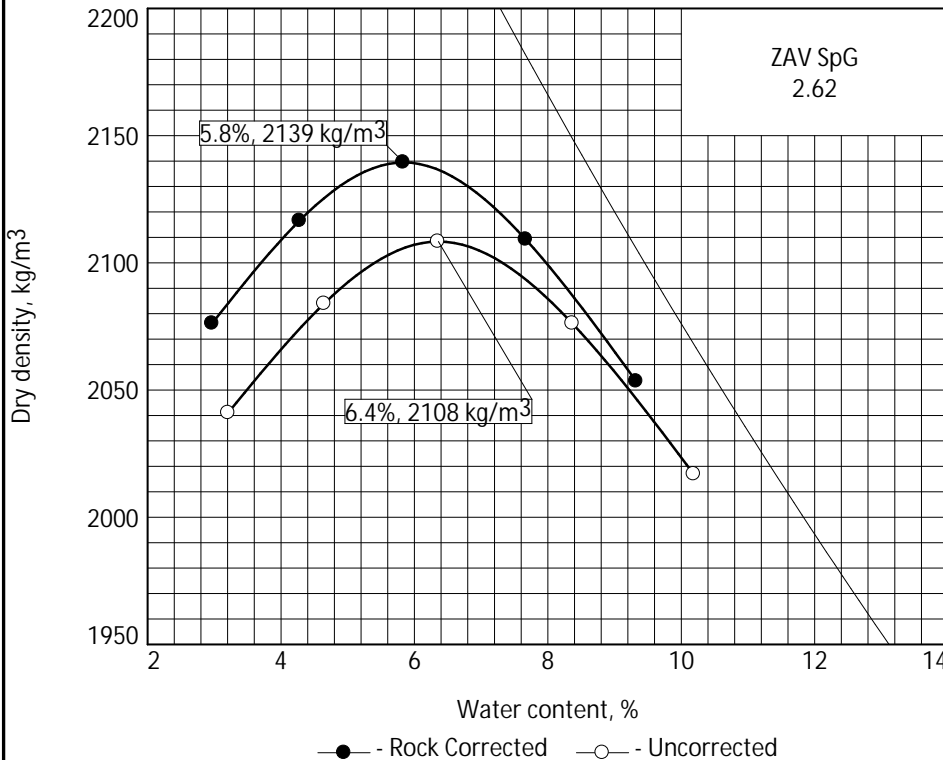
Project No: 23067

Figure

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COMPACTION TEST REPORT

Curve No.
SMP-359



Test Specification:
ASTM D 698-12 Method C Standard
ASTM D4718-15 Oversize Corr. Applied to Each Test Point

Preparation Method Dry

Hammer Wt. 5.5 lb.

Hammer Drop 12 in.

Hammer Type: manual

Layers three Blows/Layer 56

Mold Size 2.113 liters

Test Performed on Material
Passing 3/4 in. Sieve

NM 1.8 LL PI

Sp.G. (assumed): 2.52

%>3/4 in. 8.9 %<No.200

USCS AASHTO

Date Sampled 2025-08-15

Date Received 2025-08-15

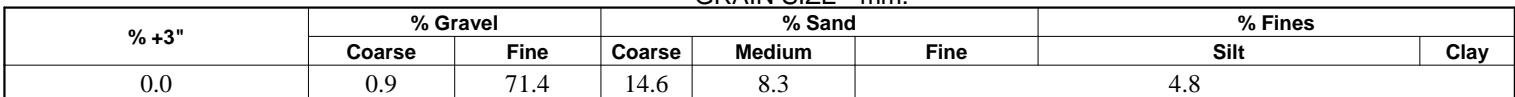
Date Tested 2025-08-16

Tested By Akhilash Varghese

TESTING DATA	1	2	3	4	5	6
WM + WS	11435.0	11592.0	11722.0	11738.0	11680.0	
WM	6984.0	6984.0	6984.0	6984.0	6984.0	
WW + T #1	362.0	480.0	526.0	797.0	602.0	
WD + T #1	351.0	459.0	495.0	736.0	547.0	
TARE #1	8.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	
WW + T #2						
WD + T #2						
TARE #2						
MOISTURE	3.0	4.3	5.8	7.7	9.3	
DRY DENSITY	2076	2117	2139	2109	2053	

ROCK CORRECTED TEST RESULTS	UNCORRECTED	Material Description
Maximum dry density = 2139 kg/m ³	2108 kg/m ³	3/4"Minus
Optimum moisture = 5.8 %	6.4 %	Remarks:
Project No.: 23067 Client: B2Gold		
Project: B2Gold Goose Lake Mine		
○ Location: New Crusher Stockpile - Umwelt Pit Sample Number: SMP-359		Checked by: Marco Lung
		Title: Geo EIT
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TEST DATA

2025-10-08

Location: New Crusher Stockpile- Umwelt Pit
Sample Number: SMP-395
Description: 3/4" Minus

————— **Natural Moisture** —————

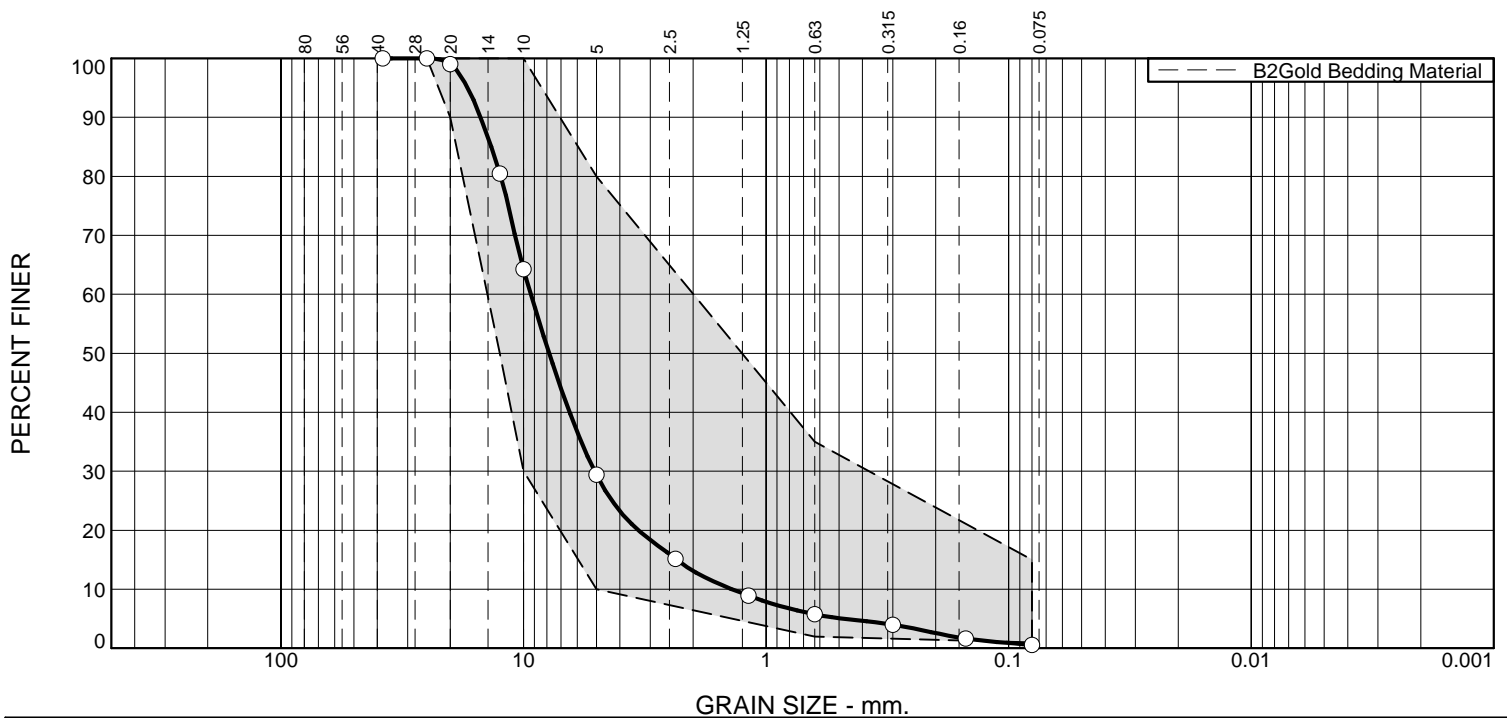
Wet + tare (grams): 3614.00

Dry + tare (grams): 3603.60

Tare (grams): 959.10

Moisture (%): 0.4

Particle Size Distribution Report



% +3"	% Gravel		% Sand			% Fines	
	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt	Clay
0.0	1.8	70.5	14.6	8.3		4.8	

Test Results (ASTM C136)			
Sieve Size or Diam. (mm.)	Finer (%)	Spec.* (%)	Out of Spec. (%)
38	100.0		
25	100.0	100	
20	99.0	90-100	
12.5	80.5	50-100	
10	64.3	30-100	
5	29.4	10-80	
2.36	15.2		
1.18	8.9		
0.630	5.8	2-35	
0.300	4.0		
0.150	1.6		
0.08	0.5	1-15	-0.5

Material Description

3/4" Minus

Sieve Test (ASTM C136)

Test Date: 2025-10-08 Technician: Akhilash

Test Notes

Hydrometer Test

Test Date: Technician:

Test Notes

Atterberg (ASTM D4318)

PL= NP LL= NV PI= NP

Coefficients

D₉₀= 15.0120 D₈₅= 13.5807

D₆₀= 9.3233 D₅₀= 7.8379

D₃₀= 5.0812 D₁₅= 2.3317

D₁₀= 1.3772

C_u= 6.77 C_c= 2.01

USCS (ASTM D2487)

Date Sampled: 2025-10-08

Date Received: 2025-10-08

Checked By: Marco Lung

Title: Geo EIT

· B2Gold Bedding Material

Location: New Crusher Stockpile- Umwelt Pit

Sample Number: SMP-396

Client: B2Gold

Project: B2Gold Goose Lake Mine

Project No: 23067

Figure

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TEST DATA

2025-10-08

Location: New Crusher Stockpile- Umwelt Pit
Sample Number: SMP-396
Description: 3/4" Minus

————— **Natural Moisture** —————

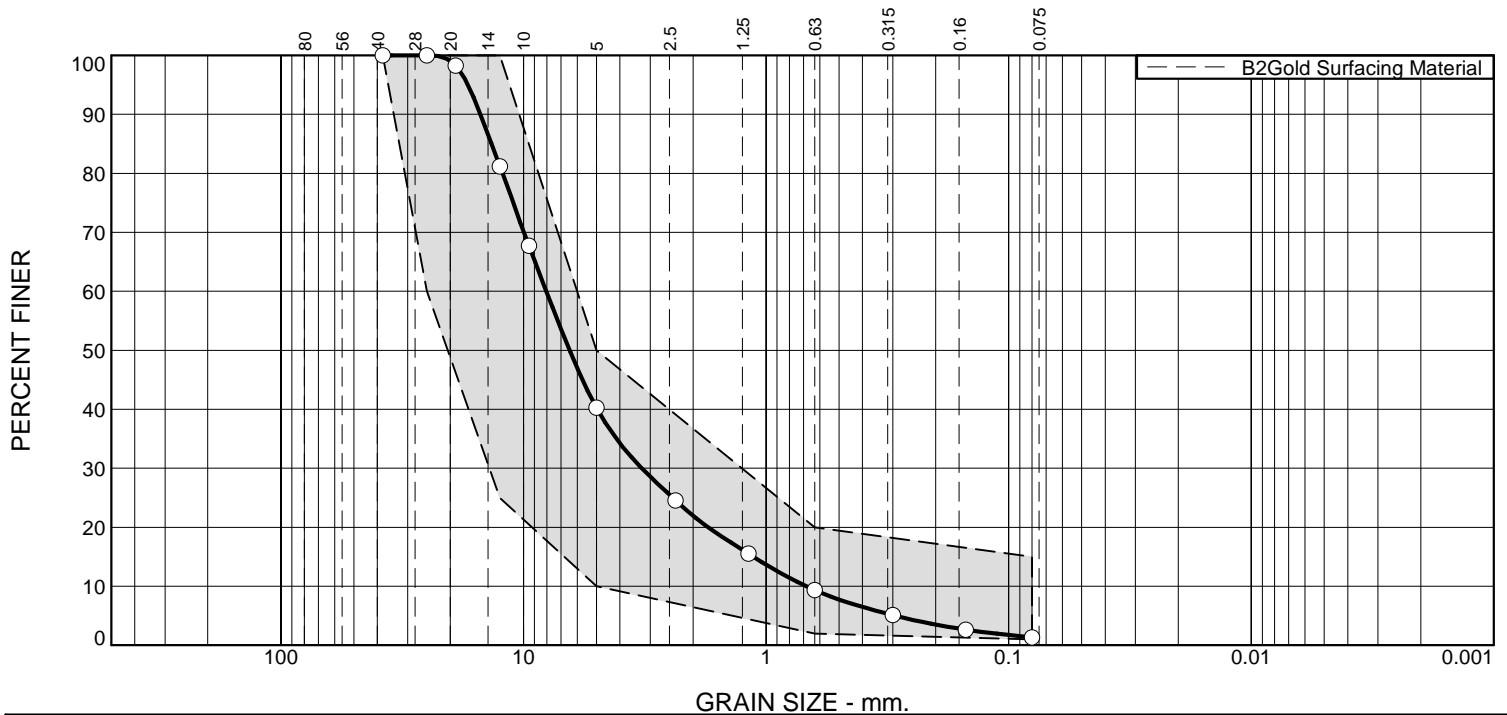
Wet + tare (grams): 3614.00

Dry + tare (grams): 3603.60

Tare (grams): 959.10

Moisture (%): 0.4

Particle Size Distribution Report



% +3"	% Gravel		% Sand			% Fines	
	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt	Clay
0.0	1.7	59.6	16.7	15.2		6.8	

Test Results (ASTM C136)			
Sieve Size or Diam. (mm.)	Finer (%)	Spec.* (%)	Out of Spec. (%)
38	100.0	100	
25	100.0	60-100	
19	98.3		
12.5	81.2	25-100	
9.5	67.7		
5	40.3	10-50	
2.36	24.5		
1.18	15.5		
0.630	9.4	2-20	
0.300	5.1		
0.150	2.6		
0.08	1.3	1-15	

Material Description

3/4" Minus

Sieve Test (ASTM C136)

Test Date: 2025-10-11 Technician: Akhilash

Test Notes

Hydrometer Test

Test Date: Technician:

Test Notes

Atterberg (ASTM D4318)

PL= LL= PI=

Coefficients

D₉₀= 15.0370 D₈₅= 13.5514

D₆₀= 8.0500 D₅₀= 6.4539

D₃₀= 3.2511 D₁₅= 1.1271

D₁₀= 0.6817

C_u= 11.81 C_c= 1.93

USCS (ASTM D2487)

Date Sampled: 2025-10-10

Date Received: 2025-10-10

Checked By: Marco Lung

Title: Geo EIT

· B2Gold Surfacing Material

Location: New Crusher Stockpile- Umwelt Pit
Sample Number: SMP-397

Client: B2Gold

Project: B2Gold Goose Lake Mine

Project No: 23067

Figure

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TEST DATA

2025-10-11

Location: New Crusher Stockpile- Umwelt Pit
Sample Number: SMP-397
Description: 3/4" Minus

————— **Natural Moisture** —————

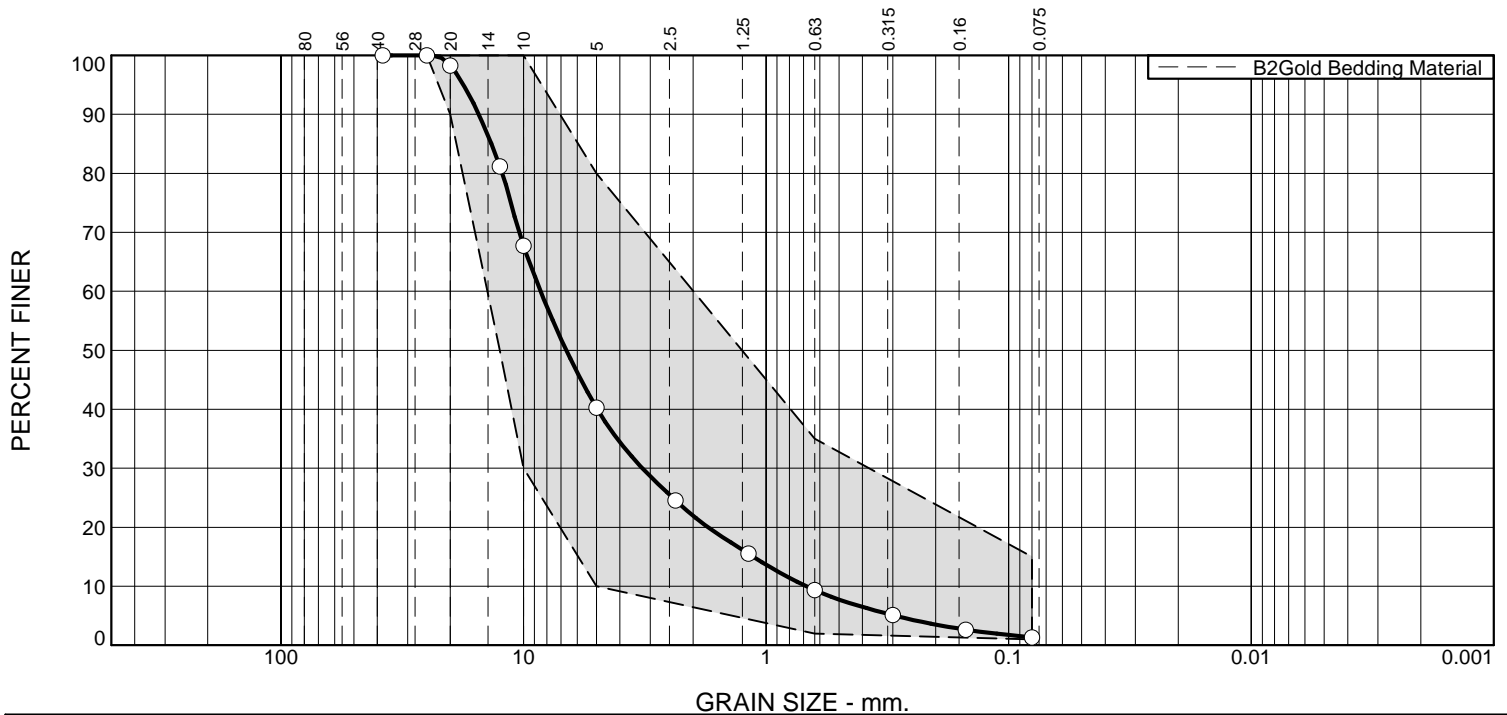
Wet + tare (grams): 6473.20

Dry + tare (grams): 6440.60

Tare (grams): 952.00

Moisture (%): 0.6

Particle Size Distribution Report



% +3"	% Gravel		% Sand			% Fines	
	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt	Clay
0.0	2.9	58.3	16.8	15.2		6.8	

Test Results (ASTM C136)			
Sieve Size or Diam. (mm.)	Finer (%)	Spec.* (%)	Out of Spec. (%)
38	100.0		
25	100.0	100	
20	98.3	90-100	
12.5	81.2	50-100	
10	67.7	30-100	
5	40.3	10-80	
2.36	24.5		
1.18	15.5		
0.630	9.4	2-35	
0.300	5.1		
0.150	2.6		
0.08	1.3	1-15	

Material Description

3/4" Minus

Sieve Test (ASTM C136)

Test Date: 2025-10-11 Technician: Akhilash

Test Notes

Hydrometer Test

Test Date: Technician:

Test Notes

Atterberg (ASTM D4318)

PL= LL= PI=

Coefficients

D₉₀= 15.2786 D₈₅= 13.5595

D₆₀= 8.4966 D₅₀= 6.6605

D₃₀= 3.2297 D₁₅= 1.1271

D₁₀= 0.6817

C_u= 12.46 C_c= 1.80

USCS (ASTM D2487)

Date Sampled: 2025-10-10

Date Received: 2025-10-10

Checked By: Marco Lung

Title: Geo EIT

· B2Gold Bedding Material

Location: New Crusher Stockpile- Umwelt Pit
Sample Number: SMP-398

Client: B2Gold

Project: B2Gold Goose Lake Mine

Project No: 23067

Figure

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TEST DATA

2025-10-11

Location: New Crusher Stockpile- Umwelt Pit
Sample Number: SMP-398
Description: 3/4" Minus

————— **Natural Moisture** —————

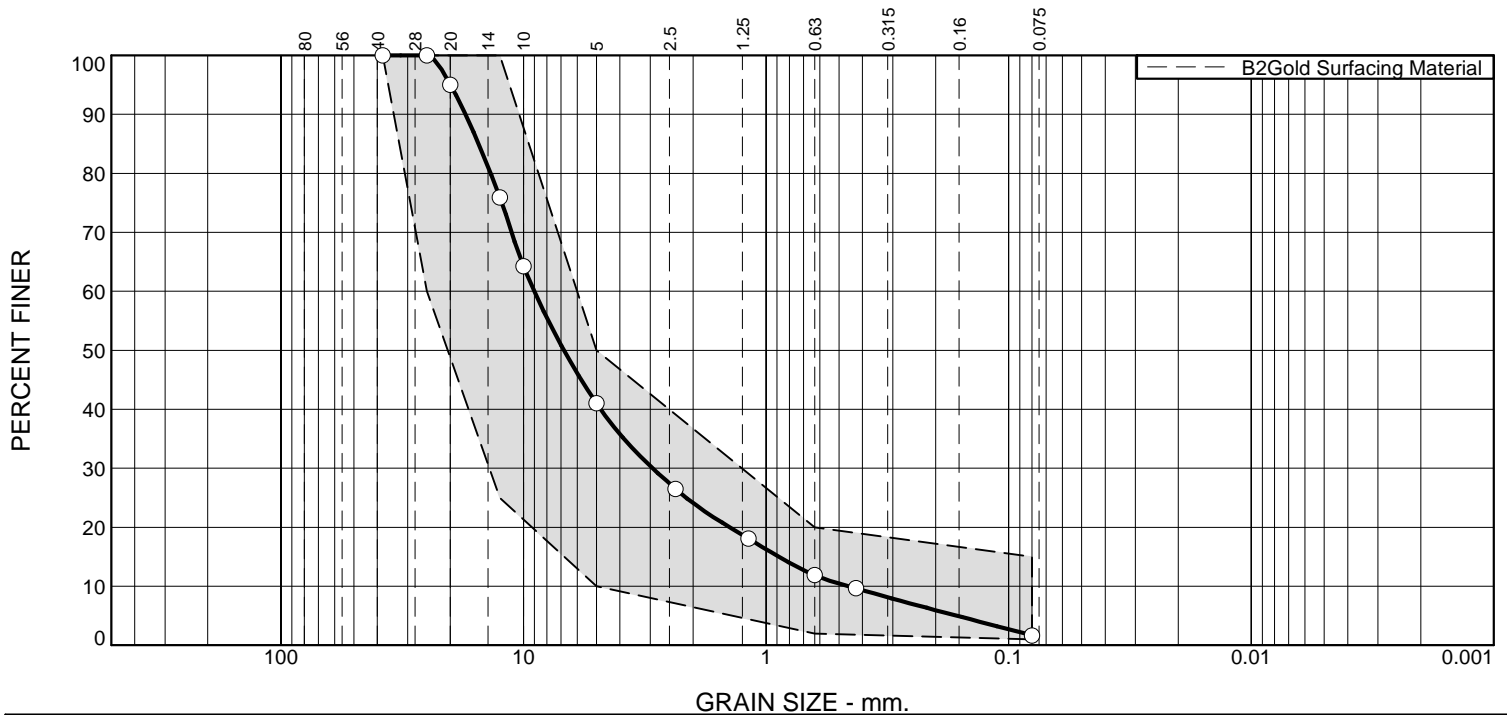
Wet + tare (grams): 6473.20

Dry + tare (grams): 6440.60

Tare (grams): 952.00

Moisture (%): 0.6

Particle Size Distribution Report



% +3"	% Gravel		% Sand			% Fines	
	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt	Clay
0.0	6.6	53.7	15.6	14.4		9.7	

Test Results (ASTM C136)			
Sieve Size or Diam. (mm.)	Finer (%)	Spec.* (%)	Out of Spec. (%)
38	100.0	100	
25	100.0	60-100	
20	95.0		
12.5	75.9	25-100	
10	64.3		
5	41.0	10-50	
2.36	26.5		
1.18	18.1		
0.630	11.9	2-20	
0.425	9.7		
0.08	1.7	1-15	

Material Description

3/4" Minus Crushed Gravel

Sieve Test (ASTM C136)

Test Date: 2025-06-03 Technician: Akhilash

Test Notes

Hydrometer Test

Test Date: Technician:

Test Notes

Atterberg (ASTM D4318)

PL= NP LL= NV PI= NP

Coefficients

D₉₀= 17.3222 D₈₅= 15.3067

D₆₀= 9.0186 D₅₀= 6.8108

D₃₀= 2.9312 D₁₅= 0.8855

D₁₀= 0.4544

C_u= 19.85 C_c= 2.10

USCS (ASTM D2487)

Date Sampled: 2025-06-02

Date Received: 2025-06-02

Checked By: Josh MacKay

Title: MT Manager

Location: Gymnasium Stockpile
Sample Number: SMP-337

Client: B2Gold
Project: B2Gold Goose Lake Mine

Project No: 23067

Figure

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TEST DATA

2025-06-04

Location: Gymnasium Stockpile

Sample Number: SMP-337

Description: 3/4" Minus Crushed Gravel

————— **Natural Moisture** —————

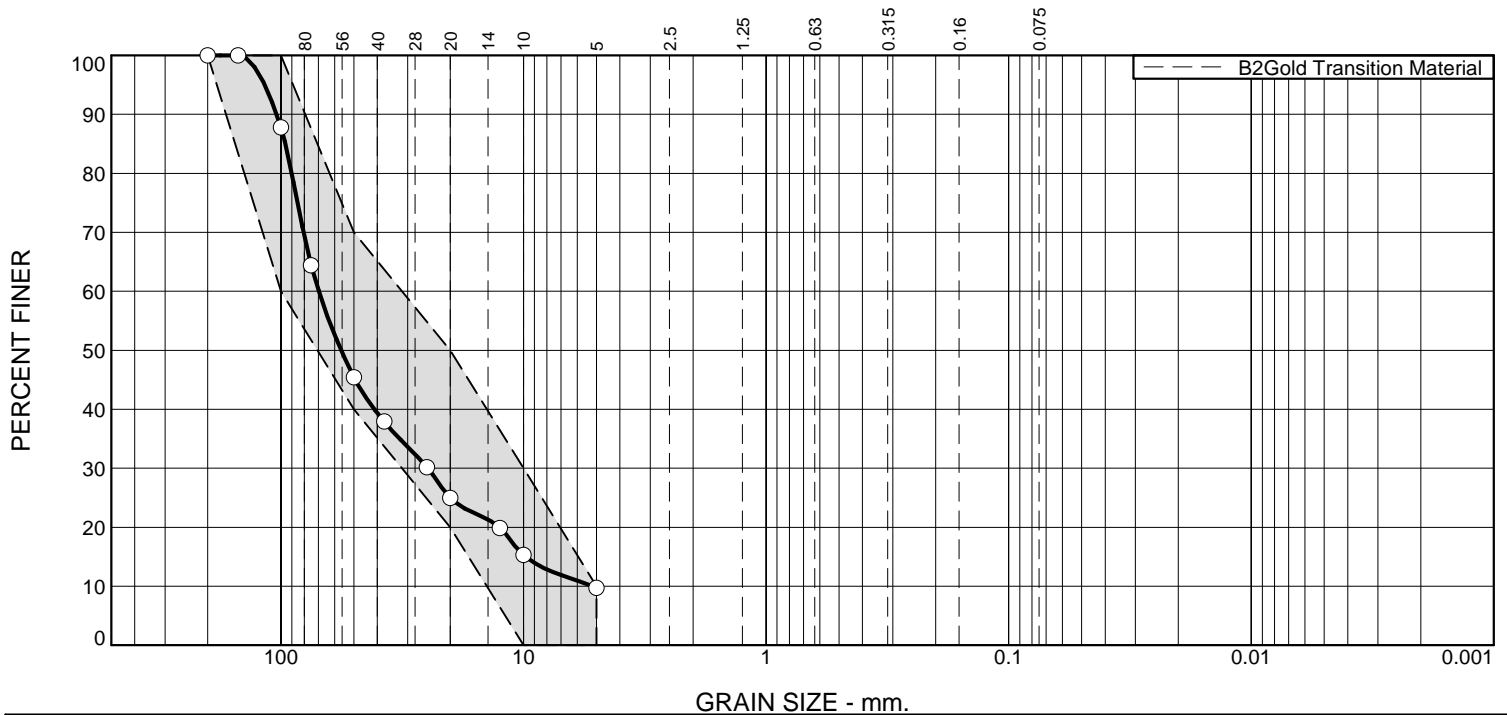
Wet + tare (grams): 495.00

Dry + tare (grams): 482.00

Tare (grams): 7.00

Moisture (%): 2.7

Particle Size Distribution Report



% +3"	% Gravel		% Sand			% Fines	
	Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt	Clay
34.5	41.3				24.2		

Test Results (ASTM C136)			
Sieve Size or Diam. (mm.)	Finer (%)	Spec.* (%)	Out of Spec. (%)
200	100.0	100	
150	100.0		
100	87.8	60-100	
75	64.4		
50	45.4	40-70	
37.5	37.9		
25	30.2		
20	25.0	20-50	
12.5	19.9		
10	15.3	0-30	
5	9.7	0-10	

Material Description

4"Minus

Atterberg (ASTM D4318)

PL= NP LL= NV PI= NP

Sieve Test (ASTM C136)

Test Date: 2025-06-10 Technician: Akhilash

Test Notes

Hydrometer Test

Test Date: Technician:

Test Notes

Coefficients

D₉₀= 104.1768 D₈₅= 95.7693

D₆₀= 69.6661 D₅₀= 56.3520

D₃₀= 24.7908 D₁₅= 9.7833

D₁₀= 5.1737

C_u= 13.47 C_c= 1.71

USCS (ASTM D2487)

Date Sampled: 2025-06-09

Date Received: 2025-06-09

Checked By: Josh MacKay

Title: MT Manager

Location: New Crusher Stockpile- Umwelt Pit
Sample Number: SMP-338

Client: B2Gold

Project: B2Gold Goose Lake Mine

Project No: 23067

Figure

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TEST DATA

2025-06-10

Location: New Crusher Stockpile- Umwelt Pit
Sample Number: SMP-338
Description: 4"Minus

————— Natural Moisture —————

Wet + tare (grams): 18446.00

Dry + tare (grams): 17954.00

Tare (grams): 950.00

Moisture (%): 2.9

APPENDIX 2: THERMAL MODELLING RESULTS

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Memo

To	File	Client	B2Gold Back River Corp.
From	Christopher Stevens	Project	CAPR003105
Cc	John Kurylo	Date	December 22, 2025
Subject	Umwelt Saline Water Pond Dam – Ground Thermal Modeling		

File name: BackRiver_UmweltSalineWaterDam_ThermalModeling_CAPR003105_20251222.docx

1 Introduction

SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc. (SRK) was retained by B2Gold Back River Corp. (B2Gold) to develop the design for the first phase (Phase 1) of the Umwelt Saline Water Pond (SWP) Dam, Back River, Goose Mine, in Nunavut, Canada. The Umwelt Saline Water Pond is planned to be used to temporarily retain saline water from underground and brine from the future water treatment plant and in general to assist with and integrate into the overall site water management plans and systems.

The SWP is planned to be constructed in three phases to meet long-term water and load balance requirements (SRK 2025a). Phase 1 of the dam would be constructed to a crest elevation of 306.0 masl, with operational water levels to be maintained below 303.0 masl through at least 2026. Detailed design work for Phases 2 and 3 is underway and will be documented in separate designs. The thermal modeling presented herein considers Phase 1 dam geometry with a 15-year design life and current water balance model (BGC, 2025).

The Phase 1 dam includes a crest elevation of 306.0 masl with a maximum embankment height is 7 m, and the upstream and downstream slopes are set at 4H:1V and 2.5H:1V, respectively. The liner system provides primary retention of water, installed at 3H:1V slope to an elevation of 305.0 masl. Additional mitigation of water seepage is provided by the relatively lower hydraulic conductivity overburden soil placed along the upstream face of the dam.

It is imperative that the liner tie-in at the base of the key trench sustains a frozen connection with the permafrost foundation. B2Gold intends to install passive thermosyphons within the key trench to allow for additional heat loss at the liner tie-in, as discussed in Section 1.1. The frozen components of the dam also require winter construction when daily average air temperature is below -2°C.

This memorandum presents ground thermal modeling for the Phase 1 design. The modeling has been completed to predict thermal performance of the dam and foundation over the design life.

1.1 Passive Thermosyphons

Phase 1 construction of the dam will include installation of passive thermosyphons to increase heat loss from the key trench and maintain a frozen tie-in with the liner and foundation. The additional heat extraction from the key trench is also expected to maintain colder ground temperature within the immediately underlying foundation, which reduces the potential for localized seepage beneath the key trench and for localized frozen soil creep.

A total of four thermosyphon panels, each consisting of four individual thermosyphon evaporators and radiators, will be installed at Station 0+065 - 0+188, Station 0+188 - 0+311, Station 0+311 - 0+416, and Station 0+416 - 0+520. The sloped evaporator pipes will extend from the key trench to the downstream side of the dam. Each evaporator pipe will be connected to a double radiator with a surface area of 39 m².

Passive thermosyphons operate without external power, relying instead on natural temperature gradients and phase change of a working fluid to extract heat from the ground during cold periods. The main components of a passive thermosyphon include the evaporator section of pipe that is buried in the ground and the condenser section above the ground with a surface radiator. The radiator is constructed of horizontal or vertical metal fins that increase heat loss from the condenser pipe.

Heat is extracted from the ground when the air temperature at the radiator is colder than the ground temperature adjacent to the evaporator pipe. The pressurized working fluid lowers the pressure-boiling point within the pipe which causes the fluid to change phase to a gas under the temperature differential. The gas rises to the surface end of the pipe where it cools and condenses back to a liquid. The gas-liquid phase change releases the energy (heat) previously extracted from the ground at the evaporator. The condensed fluid flows under gravity back to the bottom of the evaporator pipe, and this phase change process repeats until the air temperature becomes warmer than the ground temperature.

2 Permafrost and Foundation Conditions

2.1 Permafrost

The mine is located in the continuous permafrost region of the Canadian Arctic. Permafrost temperatures below the point of zero amplitude range between -4.7°C and -7.0°C, with an average of -6.3°C (SRK 2015). The active layer thickness (ALT) has been measured to range from 1.3 m to 4.1 m, with an average of 2.1 m (SRK 2015). Permafrost physical properties have been characterized across the project area using diamond drilling with brine and shallow split spoon sampling, or through air rotary drilling with frequent cutting sample collection (with samples then tested for moisture content and salinity to get inferred properties of ice content). These drilling methods have allowed for visual description of frozen soil to characterize ground ice type and content. Ground ice within overburden soil has been found to be spatially and stratigraphically variable at the property, ranging from ice-poor to ice-rich soil.

The permafrost is very low permeability and acts as an impermeable layer. Water seasonally occurs within the unfrozen active layer above the top of permafrost (suprapermfrost ground water) and below the base of permafrost within bedrock rock (subpermafrost groundwater). Unfrozen lake taliks and creek thaw bulbs have been identified in the area which form potential pathways for groundwater movement.

2.2 SWP Dam Foundation

The SWP Dam foundation has been characterized using historical geotechnical investigation data and more recent percolation testing drillholes completed in April of 2025. The percolation drilling included completion of twenty-two drillholes using a Sandvik Ranger DX800 drill without the use of water (SRK 2025b). Drillholes were completed to bedrock and included soil field description, sampling, and laboratory testing, and ground temperature measurements from select drillholes. Percolation tests were also completed using a falling head method.

SWP Dam Phase 1 site consists of an overburden layer of ice-rich, well-graded sand with silt and gravel, underlain by bedrock composed of greywacke and massive mudstone, which is weathered at the contact with the overburden (SRK 2025b). Depth to bedrock has been confirmed with drillholes to range from 3 to 8 m below ground surface (m bgs). Overburden soil in the foundation is characterized by saline porewater with a measured salinity of 8 ppt or less (SRK 2025b). The freezing point depression based on a porewater salinity of 8 ppt is approximately -0.4°C . For conservatism, the site-wide freezing point depression of -1.4°C is considered with interpretation of the model results.

Ground temperature measured from select drillholes (DH-02, DH-20, and DH-26) in April of 2025. At drillhole sites DHP-20 and DHP-26, the ground temperature recorded by the deepest sensor, installed at 8.5 m below ground surface, was -5.9°C and -5.2°C , respectively (SRK 2025b). At DHP-02, the ground temperature measured at 6.4 m bgs was -7.4°C . The ground temperature profiles at these sites are consistent with comparable measurements previously collected at the mine site (SRK 2015).

3 Methods

3.1 Approach

Ground thermal modeling was used to evaluate thermal performance of the structure over the Phase 1 design life. A series of two-dimensional (2D) models were prepared in GeoStudio 2021.4, TEMP/W finite element program, developed by Geoslope International Ltd. The models consider two-dimension heat flow based on thermal conduction with phase change of pore water and ice. Non-conductive heat transfer was not considered in the model, such as the advection of heat from water seepage (see discussion on advection of heat and mitigating components of the design in Sections 3.5 and 5.0).

3.2 Model Section

The model sections were based on simplified geometry of the Phase 1 design (Figure 1). The two critical dam sections were considered:

- Station 0+360 - Maximum fill section with the widest key trench excavation (Approx. 10.5 m wide) and a depth to bedrock of approximately 6.3 m below original ground surface.
- Station 0+080 - Minimum fill section with a depth to bedrock of approximately 4.1 m below original ground surface.

Figure 1 shows the location and cross sections of the dam at stations 0+360 and 0+080. The maximum and minimum fill sections were selected to capture the range in thermal protection from the fill and water impounded on the upstream side of the dam. Thermal behavior of the dam and foundation can be expected to be different for these endmembers.

3.3 Model Inputs

Table 1 summarises the material thermal properties applied to the model. The material thermal properties were estimated in accordance with Cote and Konrad (2005). The fully saturated materials were applied to upstream regions that are below the input water level. The properties for bedrock were taken from previous work completed for the Umwelt Pit and Underground area (SRK 2025c). The thermal properties for Sand with Silt were based on average moisture content and porewater salinity determine from geotechnical investigations of the dam foundation (SRK 2025a).

Table 1: Material Thermal Properties

Material	Volumetric Water Content (m ³ / m ³)	Thermal Conductivity, (kJ/day/m/°C)		Volumetric Heat Capacity, (kJ/m ³ /°C)	
		Frozen	Unfrozen	Frozen	Unfrozen
ROQ Rock ¹	0.09	147	144	1,961	2,136
ROQ Saturated Rock ¹	0.30	261	177	1,982	2,593
Transition Rock ¹	0.10	138	134	1,917	2,048
Transition Saturated Rock ¹	0.32	254	170	1,914	2,547
Sand with Silt ¹	0.21	147	144	1,706	2,136
Saturated Sand with Silt ¹	0.24	166	149	1,948	2,444
Bedrock	0.05	216	212	2,225	2,330

Notes:

1. Estimated unfrozen water content curve applied based on primary material type (Gravel, Sand, Silt, or Clay)
2. Latent heat of fusion for ice 334 kJ/kg

3.4 Climate Boundary Conditions

A surface energy balance (SEB) heat flux boundary was applied to the uppermost surface of the model, with exception of the upstream boundary that relied on a water temperature boundary (see

Section 3.5). The SEB flux boundary estimates the energy from the atmosphere that is available at the ground surface and utilized through several processes, such as evapotranspiration, sublimation, and measurable changes in air and ground surface temperature.

Energy received at the surface must be used to warm or cool the air above the ground surface (sensible heat flux), evaporate water (latent heat flux), or warm or cool the ground (ground heat flux):

$$(q_{ns} - q_{nl}) = q_h + q_l + q_g \quad \text{Equation 1}$$

where:

q_{ns} is the net solar shortwave radiation ($\text{MJ m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$)

q_{nl} is the net terrestrial longwave radiation ($\text{MJ m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$)

q_h is the sensible heat flux ($\text{MJ m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$)

q_l is the latent heat flux ($\text{MJ m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$)

q_g is the ground heat flux ($\text{MJ m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$)

The ground heat flux is expressed as:

$$q_g = (q_{ns} - q_{nl}) - q_h - q_l \quad \text{Equation 2}$$

The energy flux throughout the defined period of snow cover q_{snow} is expressed as:

$$q_{snow} = q_g = (q_{ns} - q_{nl}) - q_h - q_l \quad \text{Equation 3}$$

It is assumed in the model that snow does not have the capacity to store energy.

The average monthly climate parameters for the Goose Mine are summarized in Table 2. The SEB boundary applied to the model was based on daily average air temperature and windspeed and monthly average values for all other parameters. Climate change was considered for air temperature which is projected to increase by 0.75% for the period of 2011 - 2040 (SRK 2021). The percent increase above the baseline was applied to daily average air temperature. Energy transported by water (rainfall or snow meltwater) infiltration through the ground was not accounted for in the models.

The mean annual wind speed on site is approximately 6.6 m/s, with the wind direction exhibiting strong seasonality. Wind typically from southwest for the period of October through April, and in the east direction from May to September. Windspeed and direction are relevant to thermosyphon heat extraction and were considered for the placement of the above grade thermosyphon radiators.

Table 2: Monthly Average Climate Parameters for Goose Meteorological Station

Month	Air Temperature (°C)	Relative Humidity (%)	Windspeed (m/s)	Snow Depth (m)	Solar Radiation (W/m ²)
January	-28.9	75.7	5.5	0.24	6
February	-28.9	73.5	6.9	0.27	38
March	-26.0	76.2	7.4	0.30	111
April	-16.4	80.7	6.6	0.34	211
May	-5.4	85.4	6.5	0.10	275
June	6.4	76.6	6.4	0.00	272
July	12.6	72.7	7.2	0.00	221
August	10.1	80.3	6.8	0.00	141
September	2.6	84.3	6.9	0.00	86
October	-6.6	90.0	6.8	0.07	40
November	-19.8	82.0	6	0.16	10
December	-25.8	79.4	6.2	0.20	2

Notes:

1. Climate parameters measured at Goose Station between August of 2004 and September 2020
2. Snow depth based on regional measurements confirmed to be reasonable with verification model

3.5 Water Boundary Condition

A water temperature boundary condition was applied along upstream face of the dam to the Phase 3 Full Supply Level (FSL) (304.3 m). This elevation is greater than the FSL for Phase 1 (301.4 m). The water boundary condition is applied for the entire design life as a step function based on average monthly water temperatures measured at Llama Lake, located at the Goose Property, for the months of April and August (Table 3). The water temperature is assumed to be at 0°C from December to the end of March beneath floating ice and estimated for the remaining months based on values from Arctic waterbodies. The average annual water temperature calculated from the monthly values is +5.5°C, which is consistent with measurements reported for water bodies located in the Canadian Arctic (Burn 2005). Figures 2 and 3 show the location of the water temperature boundary for each model section, applied to the upstream face of the dam. The relatively lower hydraulic permeability soil placed on the upstream face of the dam has been included in the design to reduce the potential for advection of heat from water flow in and out of the ROQ rock shell. A saturated material zone below the water level is applied to consider water related changes in thermal properties within this region of the dam up to the liner face (Figures 2 and 3).

Table 3: Water Temperature Values

Month	Average Water Temperature (°C)
Jan.	0
Feb.	0
Mar.	0
April	2.5
May	5.6
June	8.8
July	11.9
Aug.	15
Sept.	11.3
Oct.	7.5
Nov.	3.8
Dec.	0
Average	5.5

3.6 Thermosyphon Inputs

Thermosyphon performance is largely a function of radiator surface area, evaporator pipe size, length, and slope, composition of the working fluid, ground thermal properties, and exposure of the radiators to advective cooling from the wind. The thermosyphons have been included in 2D model using a custom add-in developed for Temp/W which applies the surface radiator size (surface area), evaporator pipe dimensions, with air temperature and windspeed function performance values established by Haynes and Zarling (1988).

The thermosyphons coefficients applied to the model are based on a flat loop thermosyphon system with 0-degree sloping evaporator. The actual bedding material grade for the thermosyphon evaporator pipes is specified in the design to have a minimum grade of 3% (1.7° slope) which would be expected to have greater heat extraction when compared to a flat loop with all else being equal.

A total of four thermosyphon evaporator pipes were included in the model for each panel. The buried evaporator pipes would be attached to double radiator with a surface area of 39 m². Each pipe is spaced 1.0 m on center within the key trench. The panel of evaporator pipes was assumed to be 0.3 m above the base of the key trench to allow for placement of bedding material. The evaporator pipe is specified to be 3-inch diameter (nominal pipe size) with a total length of 150 m. The evaporator pipe length is approximately 8 m longer than the maximum evaporator pipe length included in the design. Thermosyphon performance would be expected to be greater for units with a shorter length evaporator pipe.

3.7 Initial Conditions

Initial ground temperature for permafrost was set to -6.3°C which is representative of shallow permafrost temperatures at the Goose Property (SRK 2015). Model initialization was based on a spin-up model of the foundation over a 40-year period that cycled using the site climate data. The construction material zone were then introduced into the model with an initial material temperature of $+1^{\circ}\text{C}$. This initial material temperature is conservatively warmer than the expect temperature. Based on our experience, ROQ rock placed in the winter will thermally adjust to the ambient air temperature at the time of placement. The design specifies that construction is to take place over one winter with material placement prior to the ambient daily average air temperature rising above -2°C (SRK 2025).

The sides of the model space were set to zero flux with the lower boundary set to a constant flux 4.84 kJ/day/m^2 which was calculated from the local geothermal gradient (0.014°C/m) and the thermal conductivity of the bedrock.

4 Results

4.1 Verification Model

A one-dimensional model was developed to verify that the model can reasonably predicted site ground temperature using the surface boundary and material properties. Figure 4 shows the annual minimum and maximum ground temperature measured at undisturbed sites with fine to coarse overburden sand. Figure 5 show the modeled versus measured ground temperature for monitoring site GAS-GT13-01. The modeled temperatures show good agreement with measured values, effectively capturing the annual minimum and maximum ground temperatures at the site, and indicating that the input parameters reasonably represent site conditions and provide adequate estimates of ground temperature.

4.2 Saline Water Pond Dam

The Saline Water Pond Dam thermal models were used to evaluate conditions that may impact water retention and foundation stability beneath and immediately surrounding the structure. Specifically, the model results are used to evaluate whether the liner remains frozen to the underlying foundation to maintain water containment and the required sizing of the thermosyphon system. The frozen or thawed state of the foundation beneath the dam foundation fill is also used to evaluate the potential for future seepage pathways beneath the dam.

Figures 6 shows the estimated heat extraction from the thermosyphon evaporator pipe and resulting pipe temperature for Stations 0+360 and 0+08. As expected, heat is extracted by the thermosyphon during periods of the year when ambient air temperature is colder than the soil temperature. During this period of the year, heat extracted at the evaporator pipe results in cooling of the ground. The thermosyphon unit functions until the air temperature is greater than the soil temperature at the pipe. During periods when the thermosyphon is inactive, the ground warms to a maximum annual

temperature at the pipe. For maximum fill section (0+360), the maximum annual evaporator pipe temperature is estimated to range from approximately -6.3°C to -7.3°C over the design life (Figure 6). For the minimum fill section (Station 0+080), the maximum annual evaporator pipe temperature is estimated to range from approximately -4.8°C to -5.3°C .

Figure 7 presents the estimated ground temperature profiles for the selected locations along the upstream key-trench slope. Greater annual heat transfer, and associated warming and cooling, is predicted for the minimum-fill section (0+080) compared to the maximum-fill section, which provides a larger thermal buffer between the ground surface and the foundation. For both model sections, the liner tie-in is estimated to remain frozen at the base of the key trench. The maximum annual temperature after the first full year at the key trench base is estimated to range from -5.4°C to -5.8°C at Station 0+360 and -4.8°C to -5.5°C at Station 0+80. (Figure 7).

Ground temperature contour plots for the maximum fill section (Station 0+360) is shown in Figures 8 through 10. Similar model sections for the minimum fill section (Station 0+080) is shown in Figures 11 through 13. Late summer ground temperature is reported for the end of September near the timing of maximum annual thaw and late winter defined by the end of April.

5 Conclusions

The Saline Water Pond Dam will be constructed over one winter as a water retention structure that extends across both bedrock and ice-rich overburden soil foundation. The upstream liner will be keyed into the frozen foundation to provide primary upstream element for water retention. It is therefore imperative that the liner remain frozen to the permafrost foundation to maintain the required water retention and stability of the dam.

The thermal modeling results indicate frozen conditions at the key trench base, with consideration of the site-wide freezing point depression of soil and water maintained to the Phase 3 FSL for the duration of the design life. Passive thermosyphons have been included in the design to increase seasonal heat extraction and maintain frozen conditions at the liner tie-in. The additional heat loss from the foundation is also expected to reduce the potential for thawing and development of a water seepage pathway. The locally colder foundation temperature immediately below the key trench has the potential to also reduce frozen soil creep.

Advection of heat into the rock shell from the upstream water is not considered in the thermal modeling. Heat transfer associated with water advection is reduced by placing relatively low-hydraulic conductivity overburden soils along the upstream dam face. In addition, the daily change in water level is expected to be minor and would result in a low hydraulic gradient between the upstream pond and liner which impedes downstream water flow to a lower elevation.

Additional heat extraction from the thermosyphons can be achieved through conversion of the passive thermosyphon to a hybrid system with active cooling systems. This option would allow for an extended period of cooling during the year when ambient air temperature is warmer than the ground temperature. The SWP Dam will incorporate thermal and physical monitoring, together with an

operational thermal model, to support evaluation of dam containment and stability and to inform potential mitigation measures during later stages of site development.

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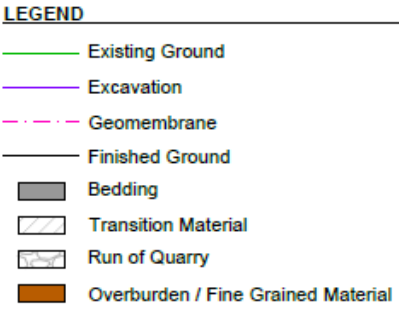
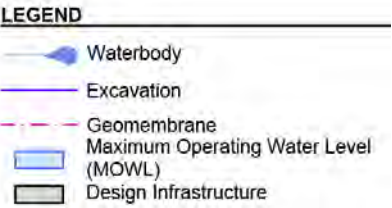
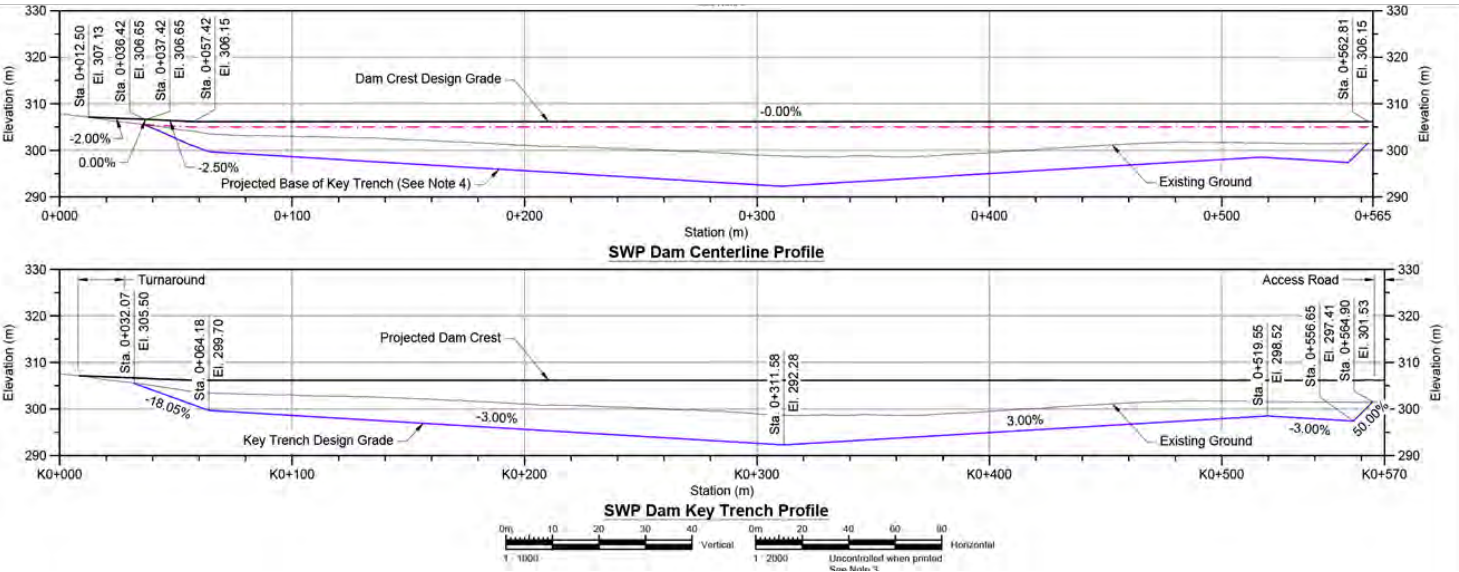
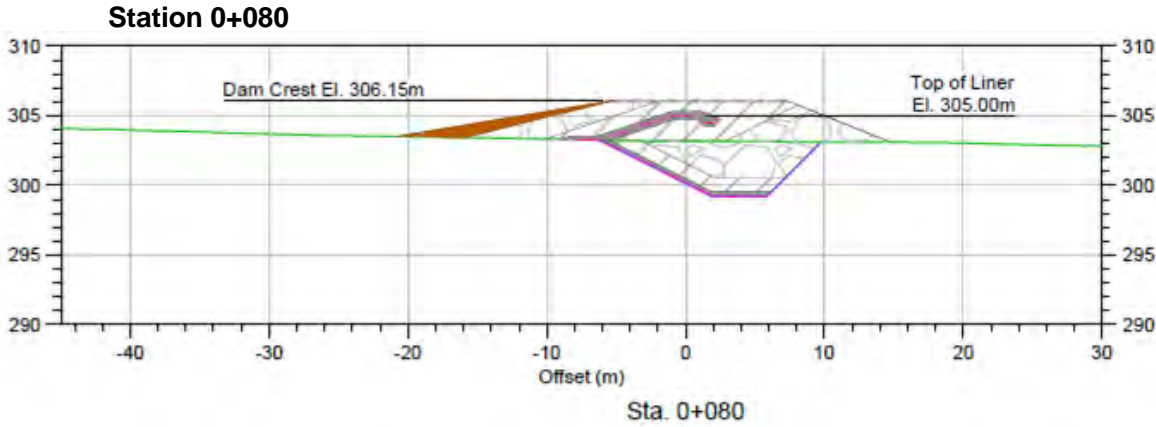
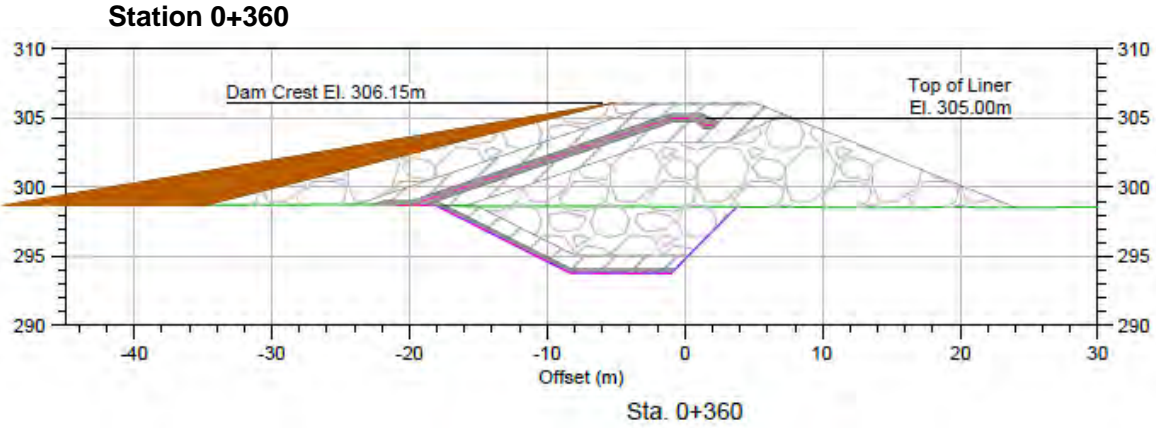
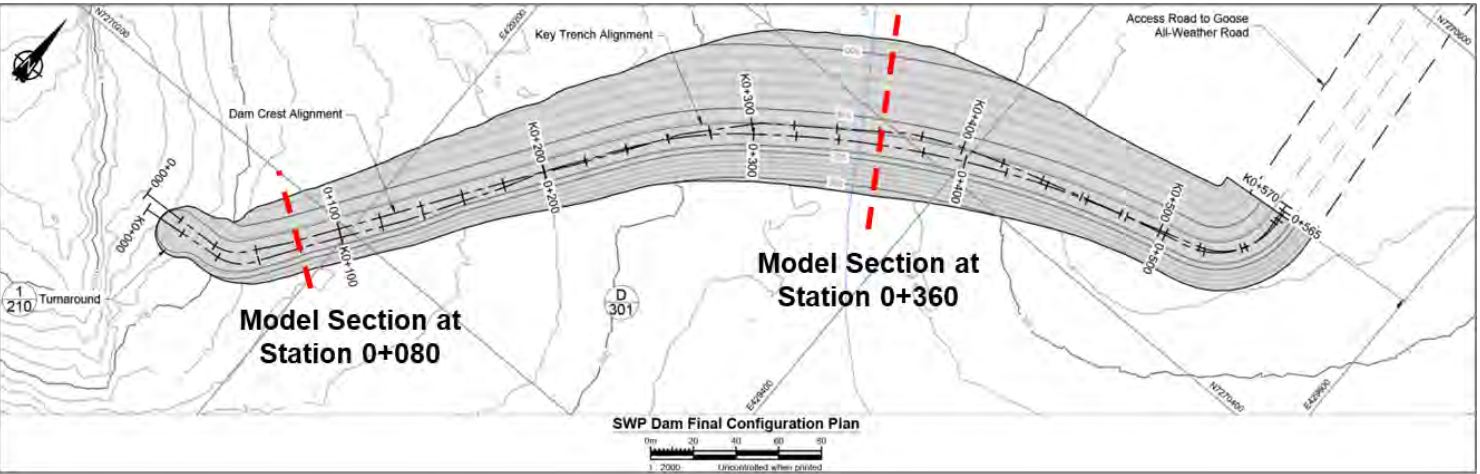
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Attachment 1 Figures



Notes:

- Design sections shown for Stations 0+360 and 0+080 (stations referenced to the dam crest)
- Sections taken from SRK (2025a)



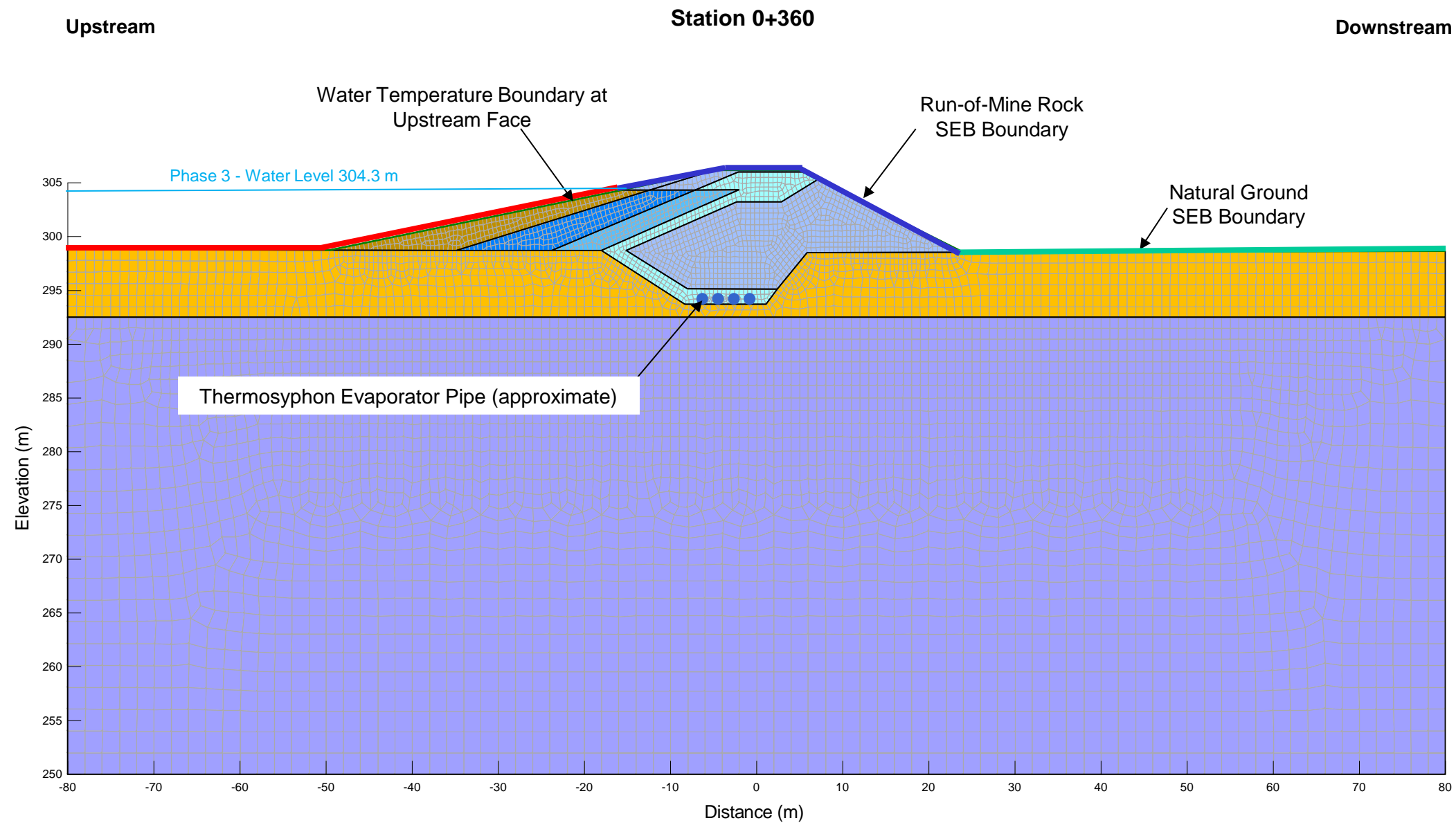
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Notes:

1. Model domain Section 0+360
2. Thermosyphon evaporator pipe position is approximate on figure (solid blue circle)
3. Surface Energy Balance (SEB) boundary is shown to be the approximate extent
4. Water level set to 304.3 m representing the maximum Phase 3 water level

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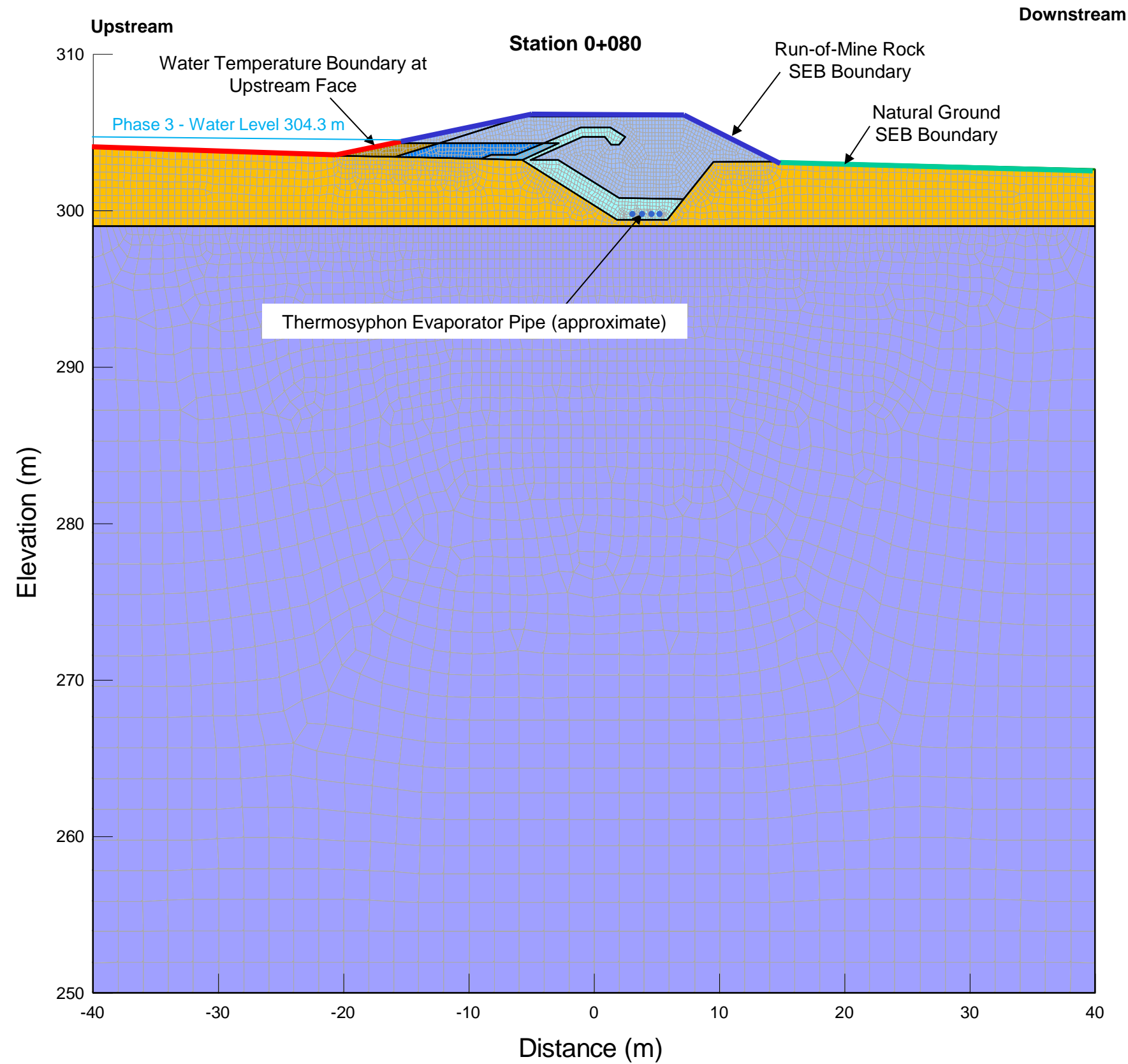


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3. Surface Energy Balance (SEB) boundary is shown to be the approximate extent.
4. Water level set to 304.3 m representing the maximum Phase 3 water level

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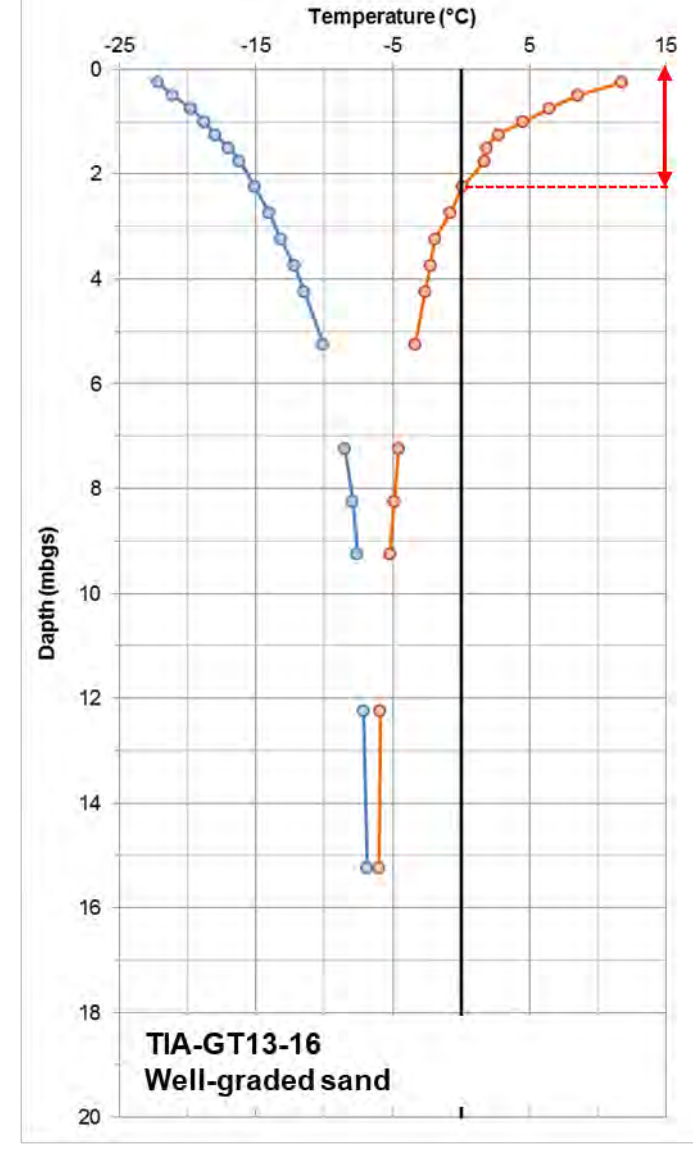
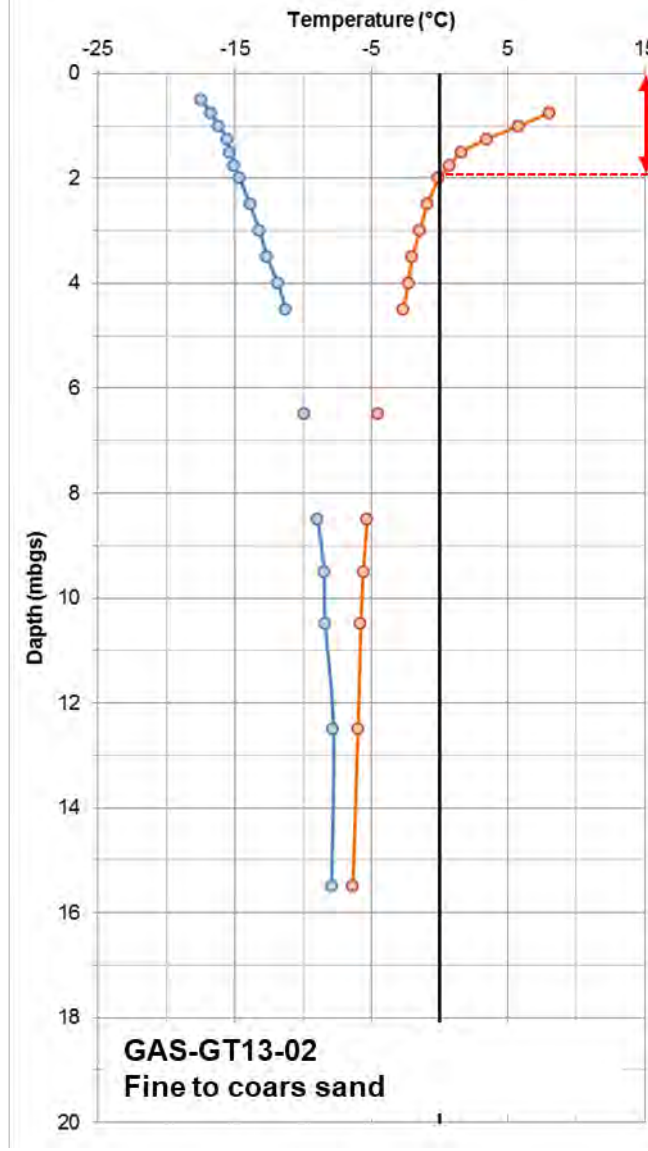
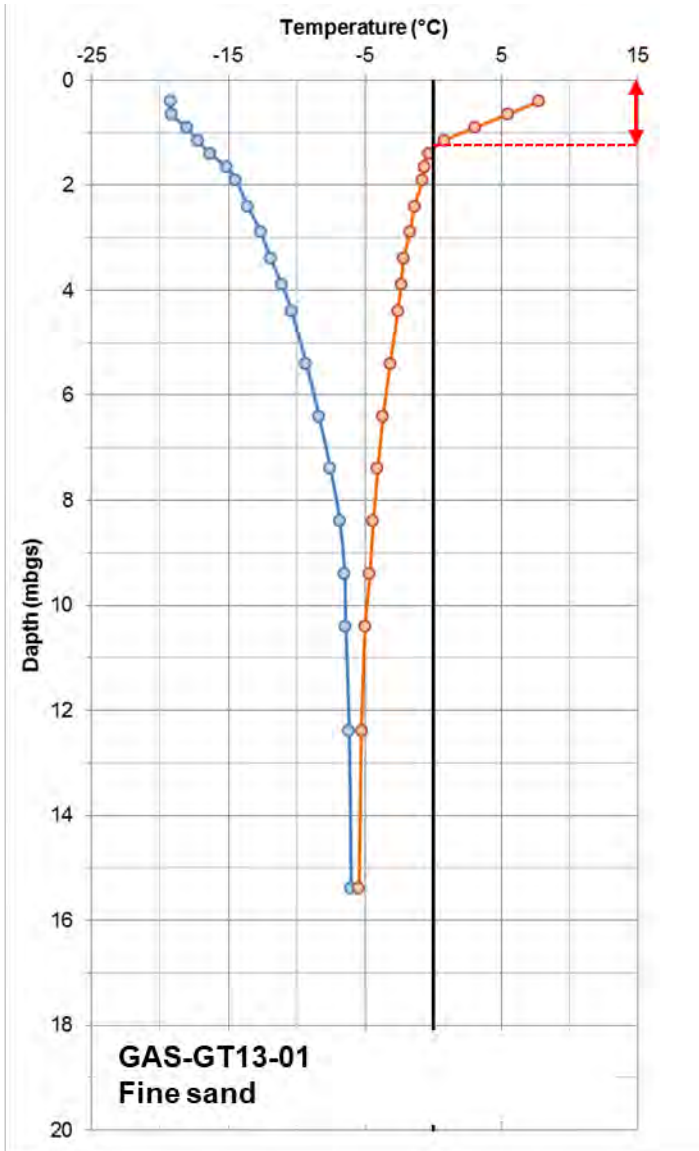





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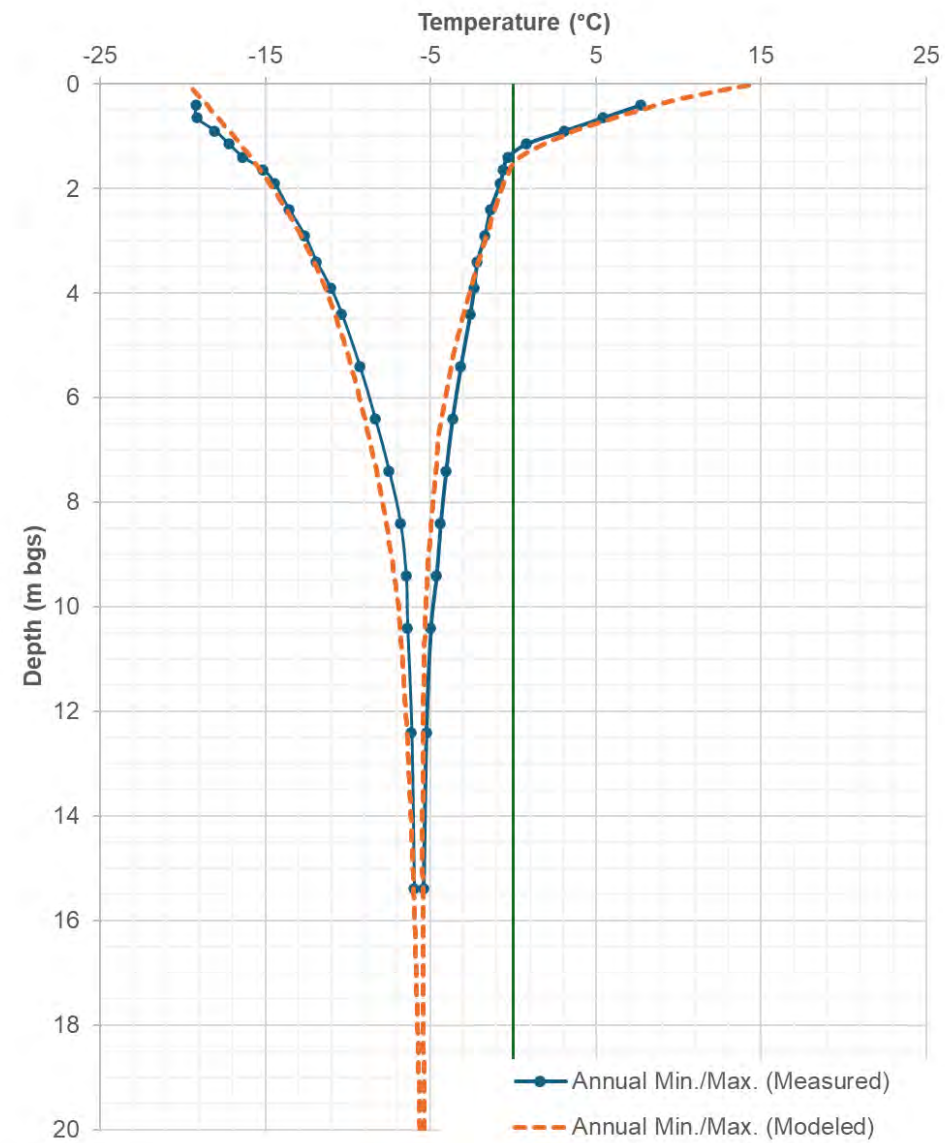
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-  Active layer
-  Minimum ground temperature
-  Maximum ground temperature

- Notes:
1. Annual minimum and maximum ground temperature for sites with overburden sand
 2. Depth indicated as meters below ground surface (mbgs)
 3. Ground temperature measurements recorded in 2013



Notes:

1. Verification model showing annual minimum (Min.) and maximum (Max.) ground temperature compared to equivalent measurements made at site GAS-GT13-01.
2. Model results based on one-dimensional (1D) model.
3. Depth indicated as meters below ground surface (mbgs)



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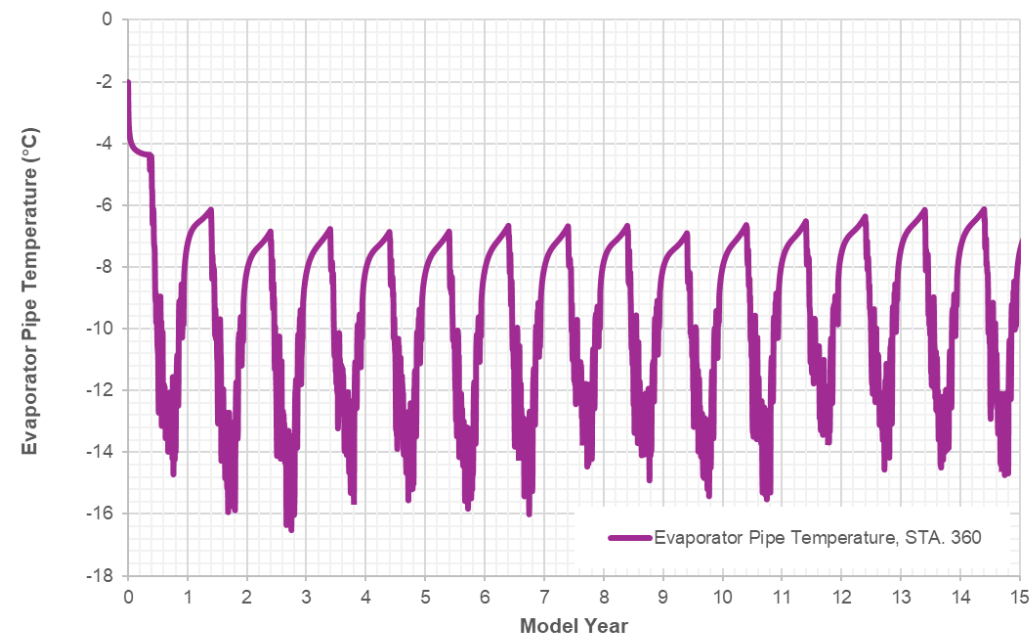
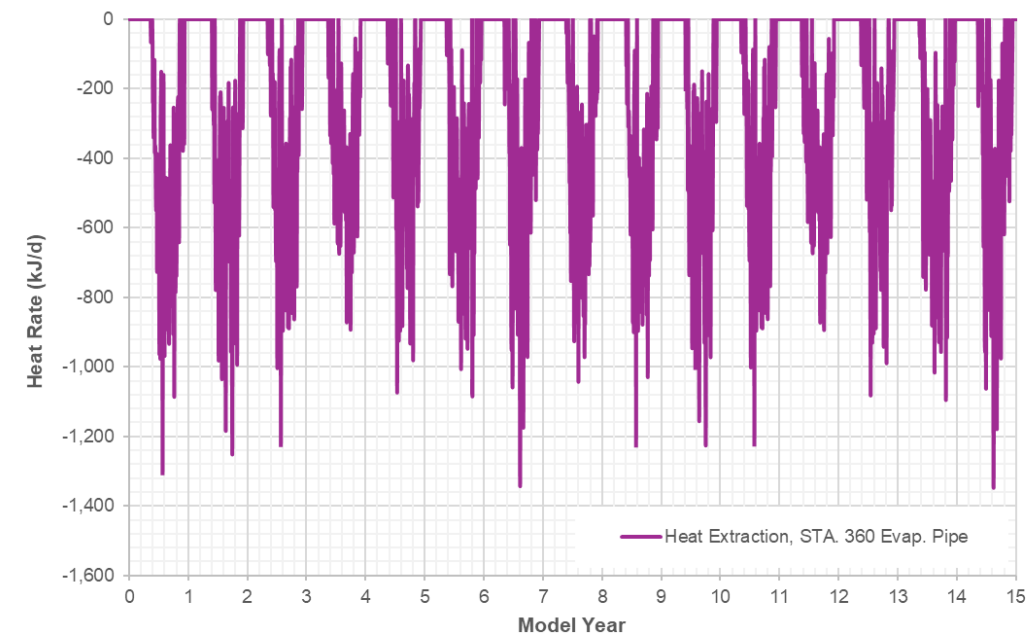
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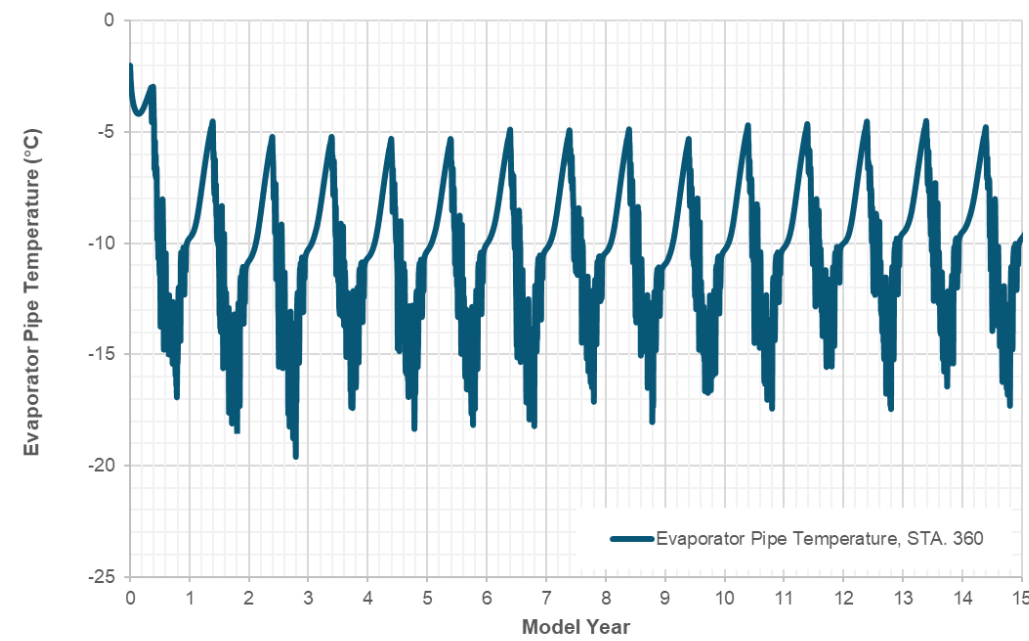
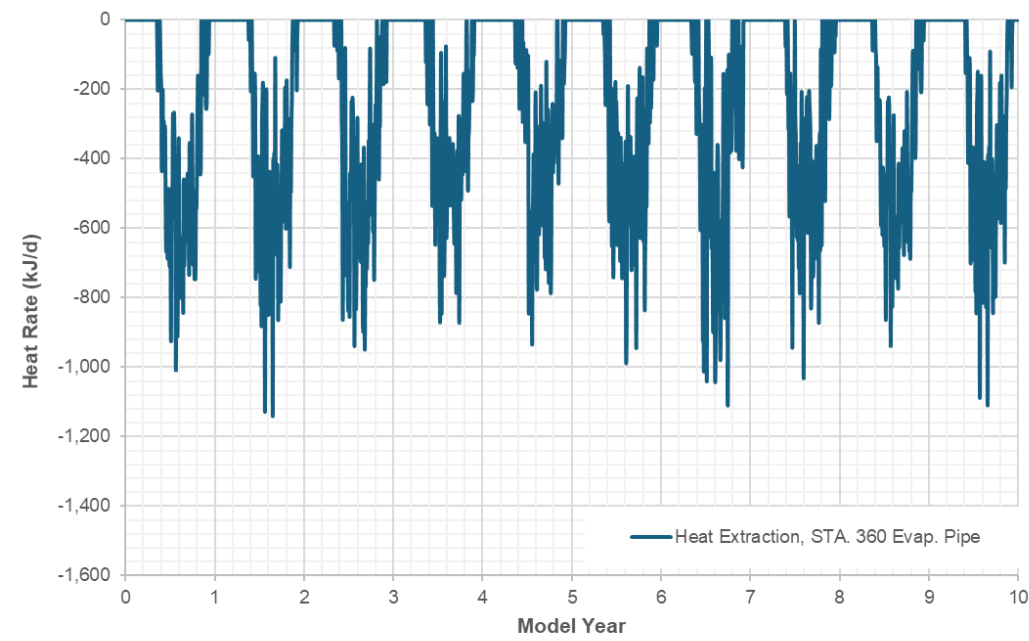
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Station 0+360



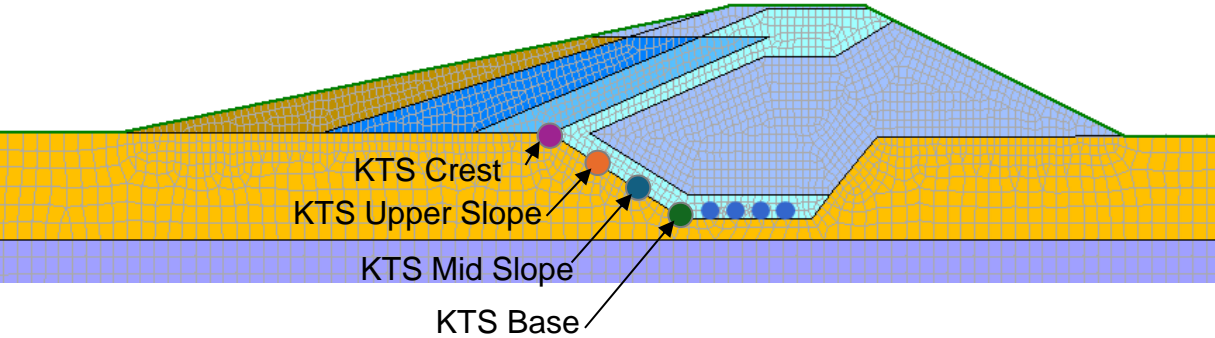
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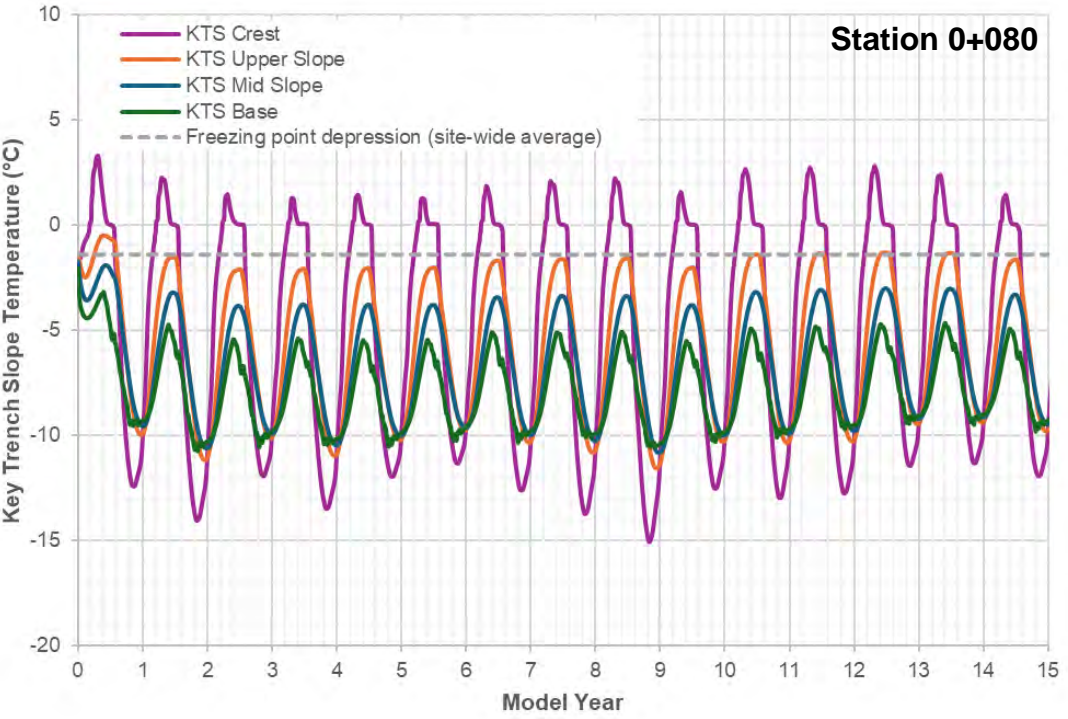
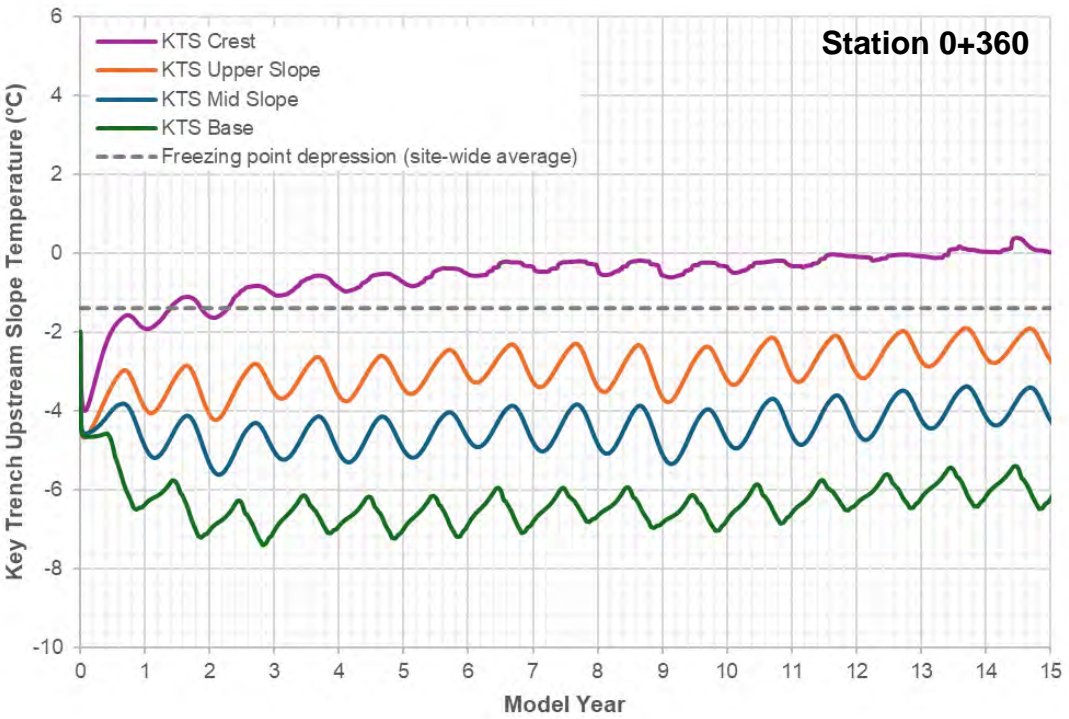
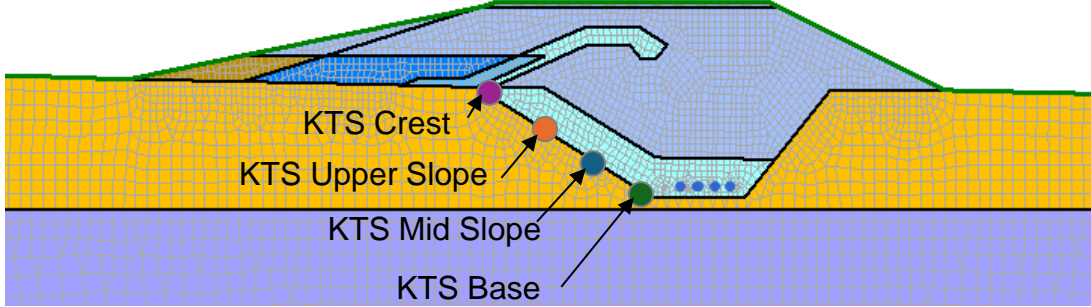
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 - 2. Thermosyphon panel based on 4 evaporator pipes (3 inch NPS with a total length of 150 m)

		Primary Pond Dam Thermal Modeling		
		Estimated Heat Extraction and Temperature of Evaporator Pipe		
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Station 0+360



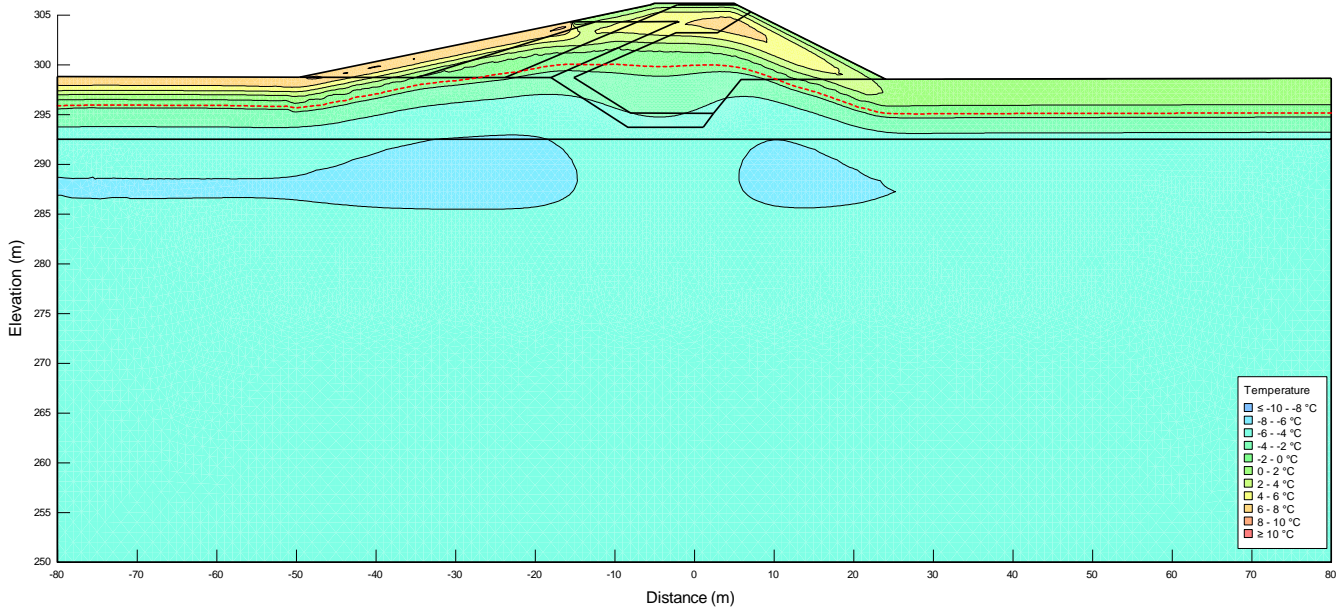
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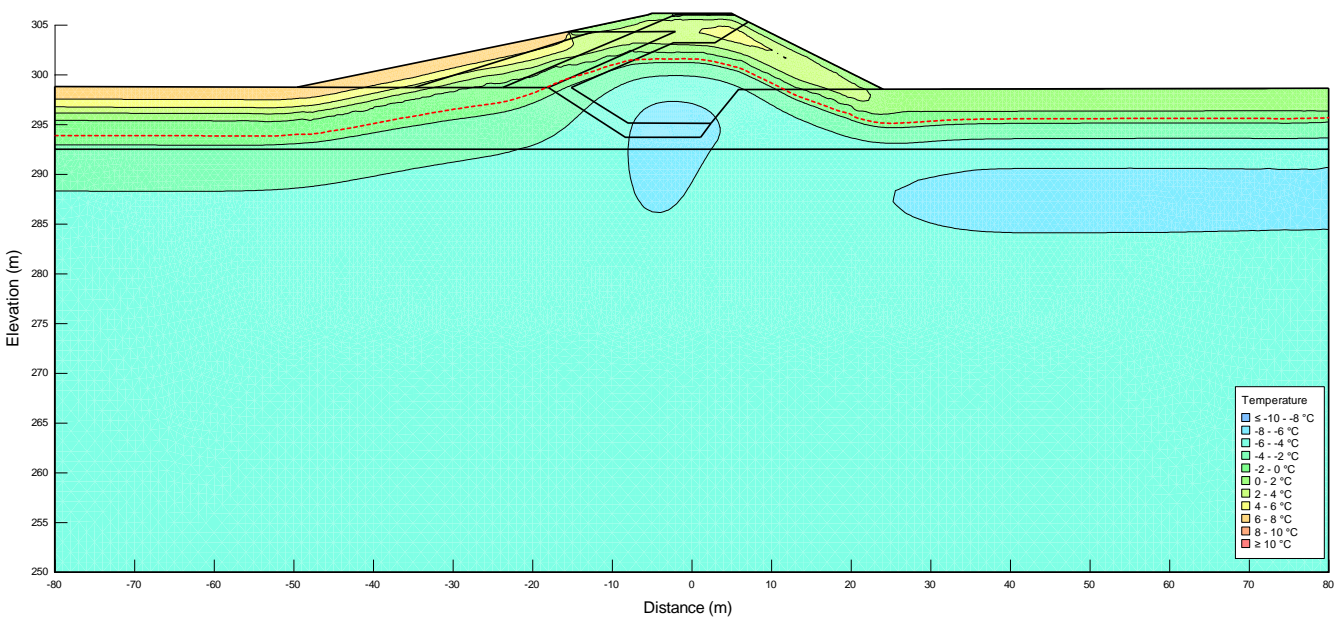
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 2. Initial ROQ rock fill temperature -2°C.
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		Primary Pond Dam Thermal Modeling		
		Upstream Key Trench Slope Temperature		
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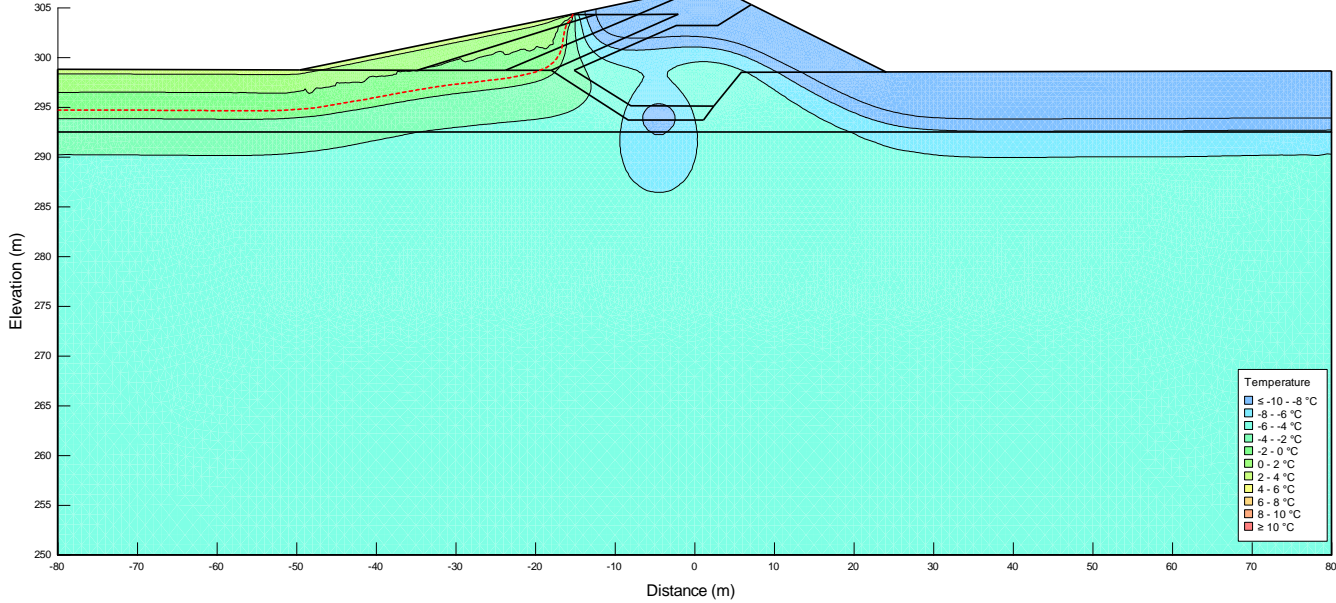
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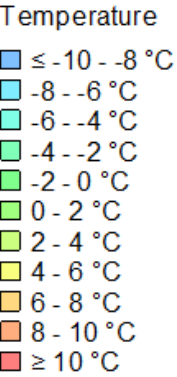
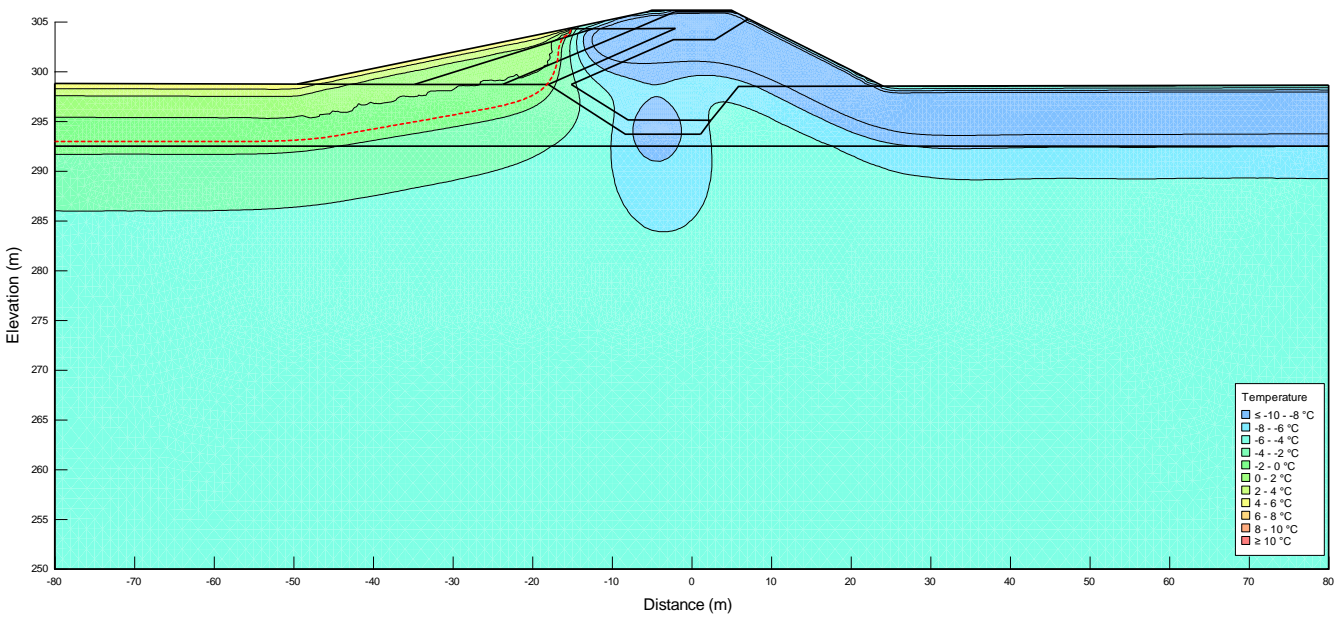
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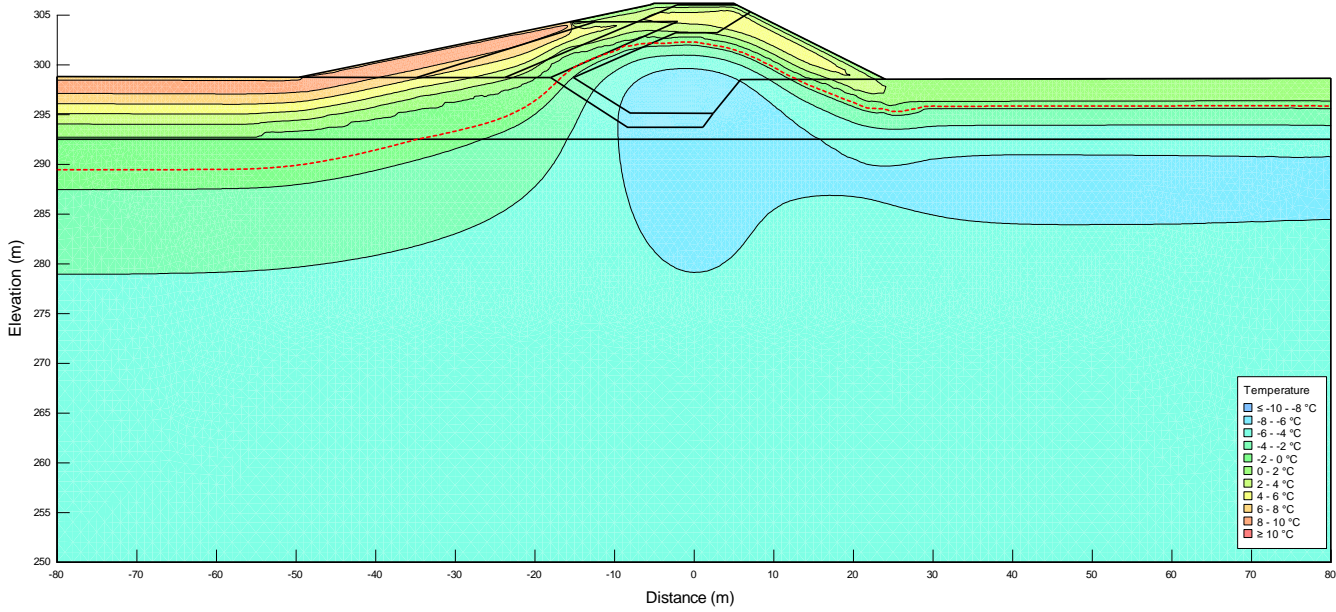


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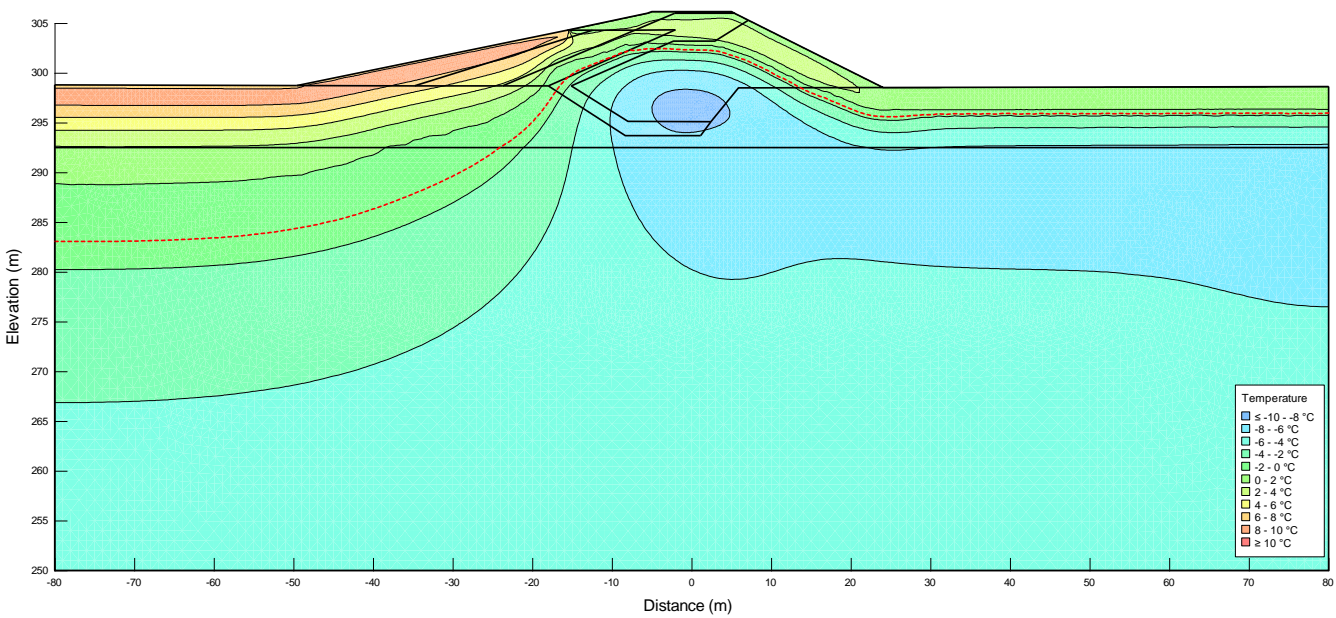
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		Model Section 0+360 – 2026/2027 & 2027/2028		
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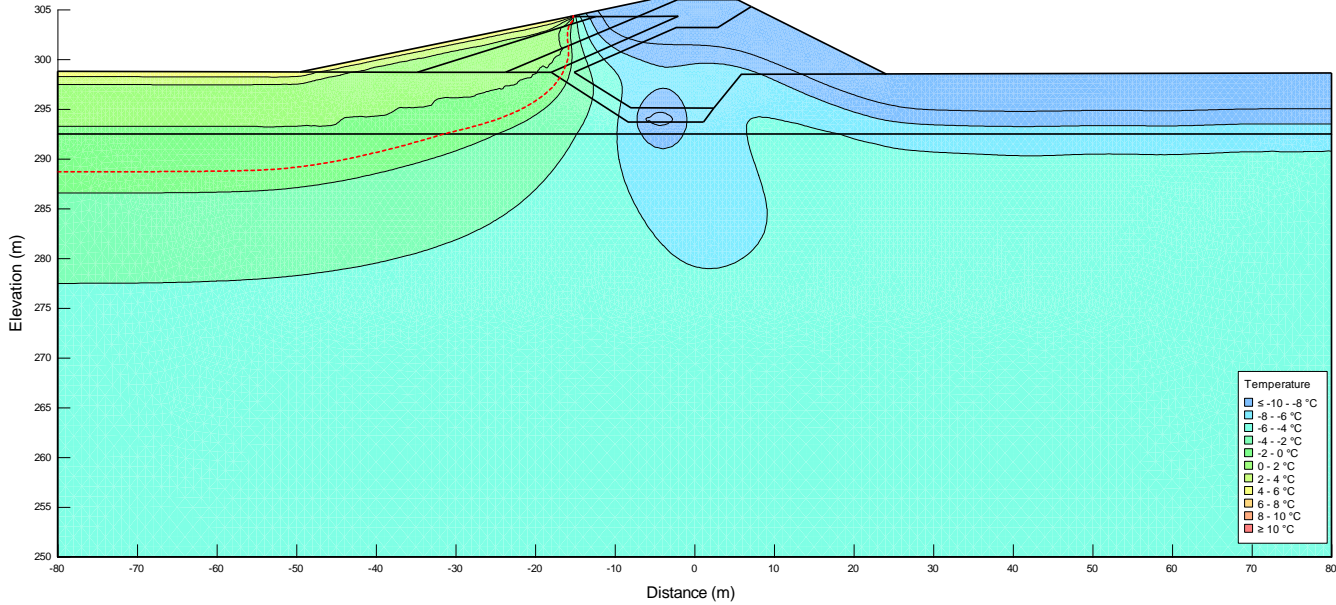
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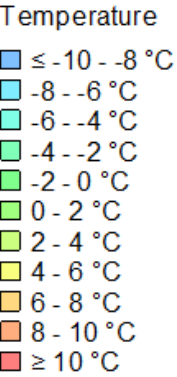
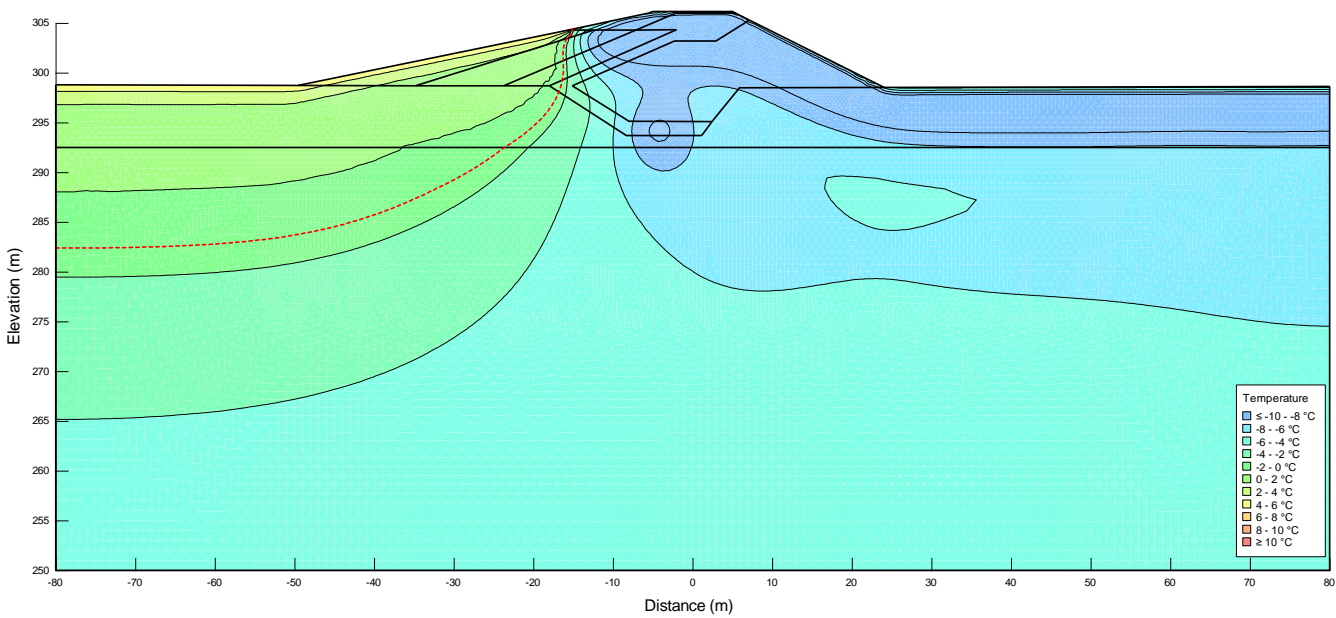
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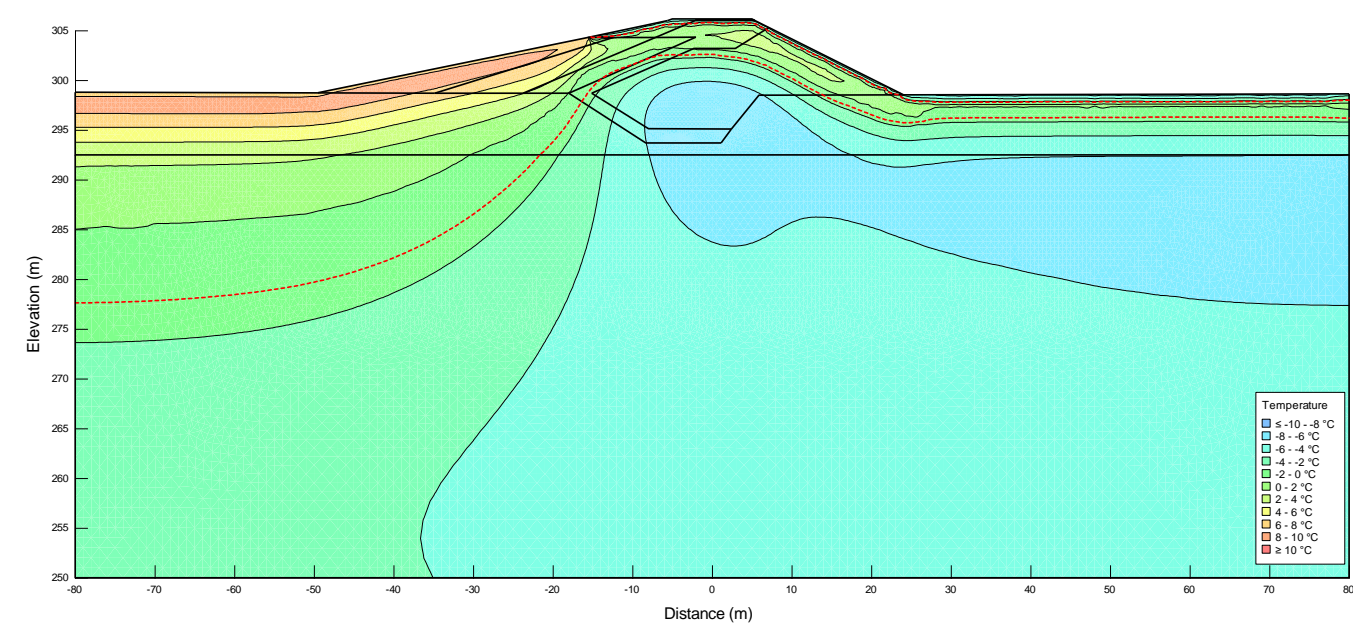


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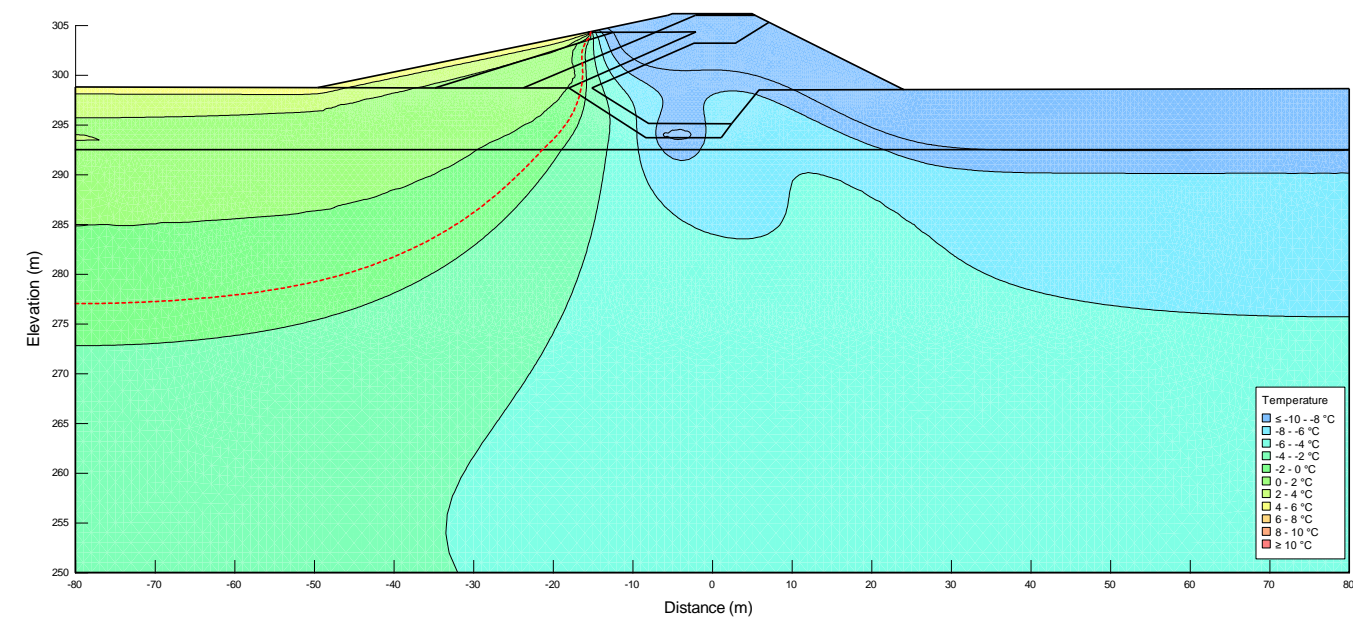
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Station 0+360 – Late Summer 2040



Station 0+360 – Late Winter 2041



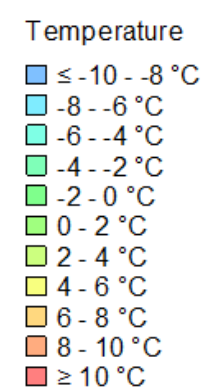
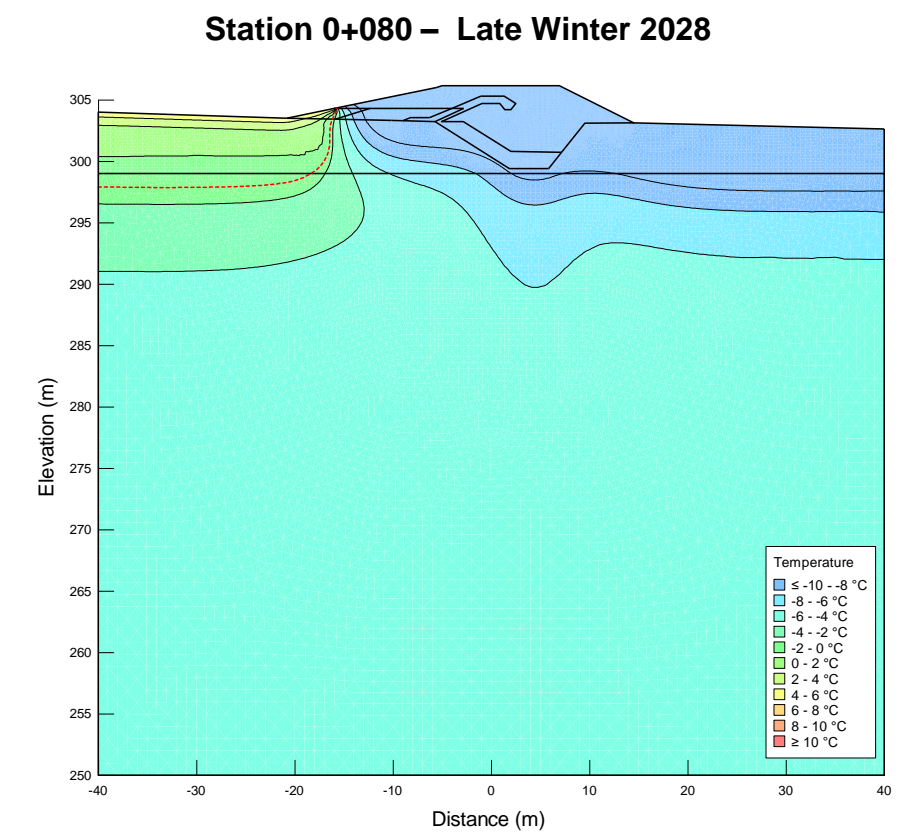
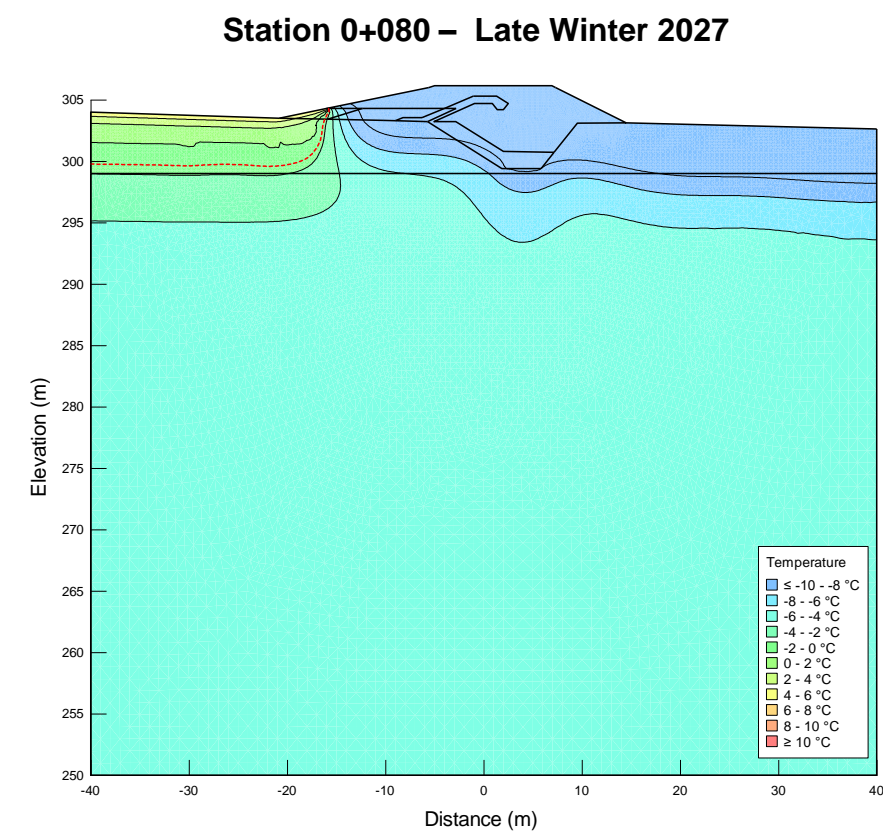
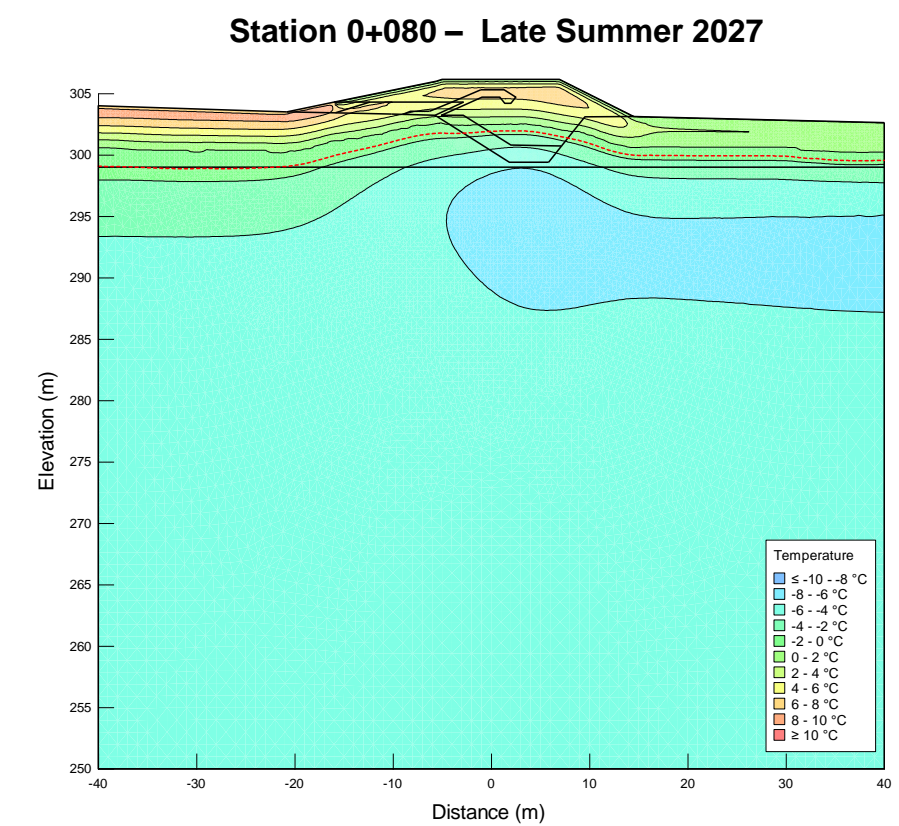
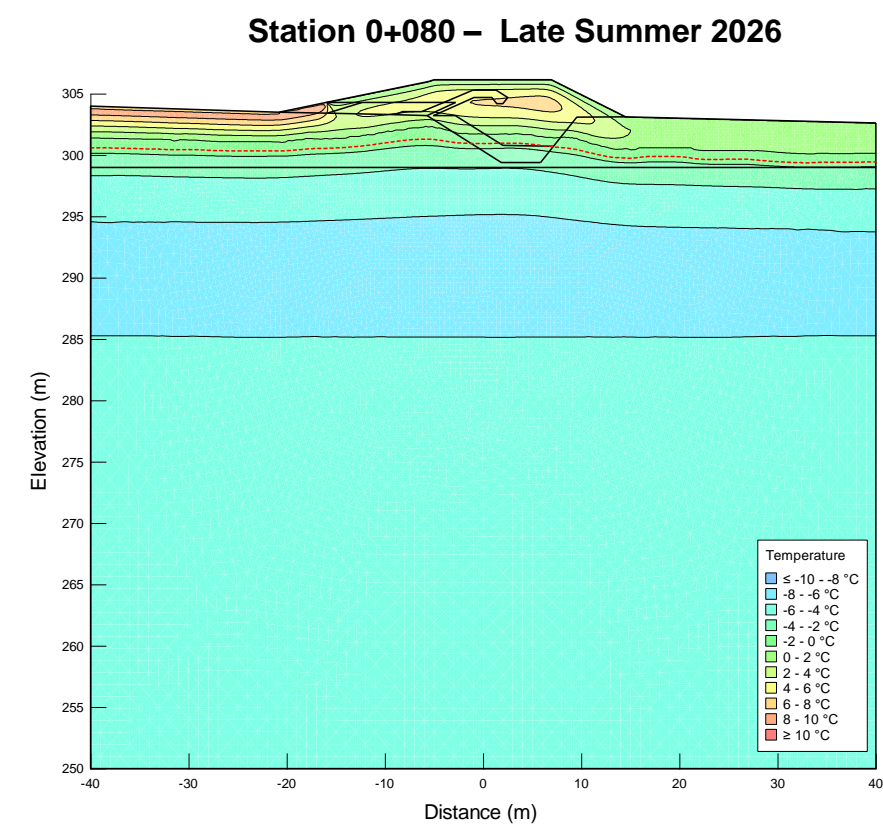
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Temperature

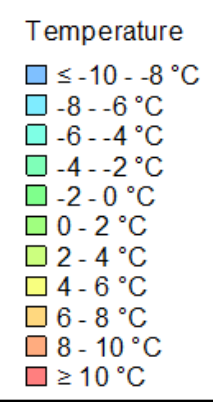
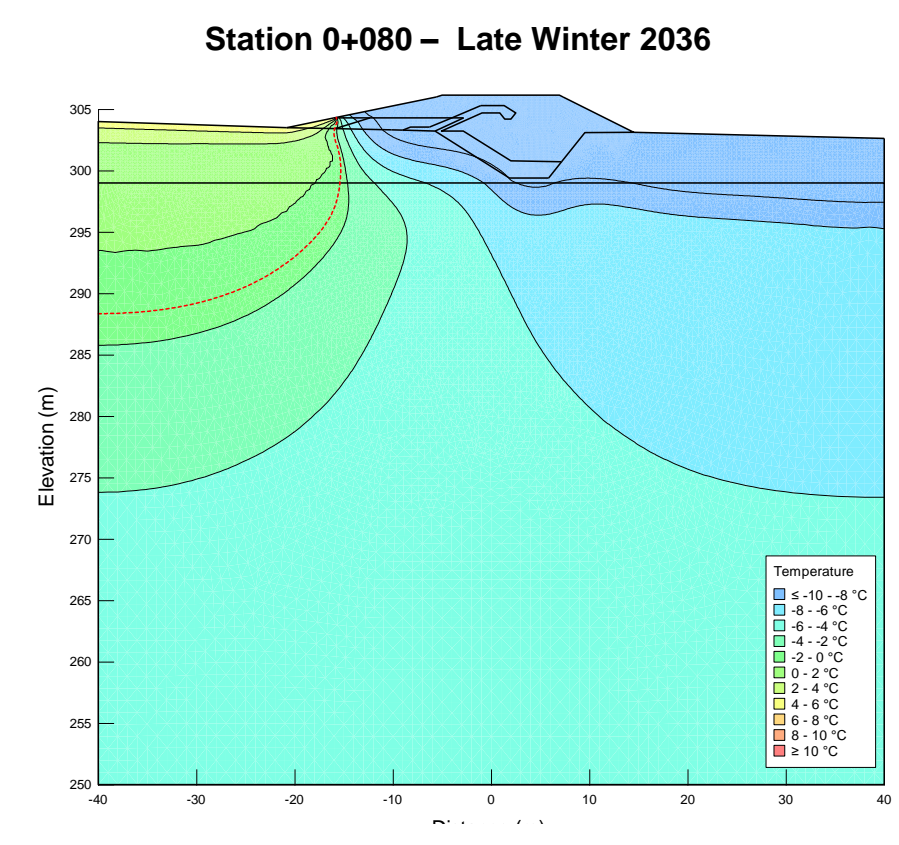
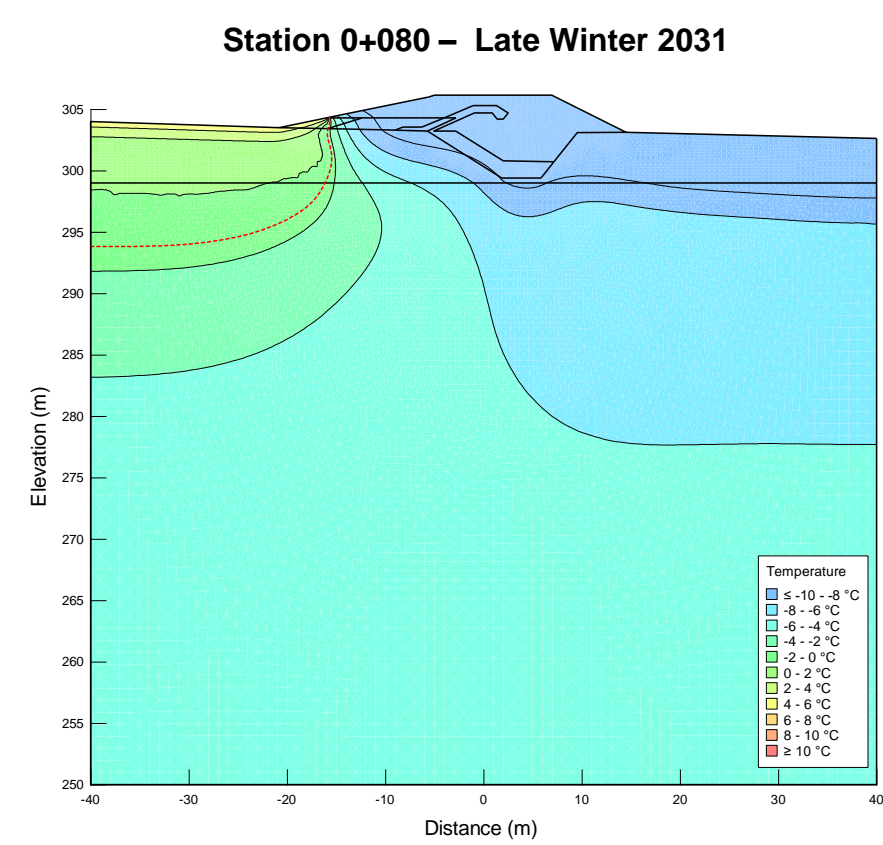
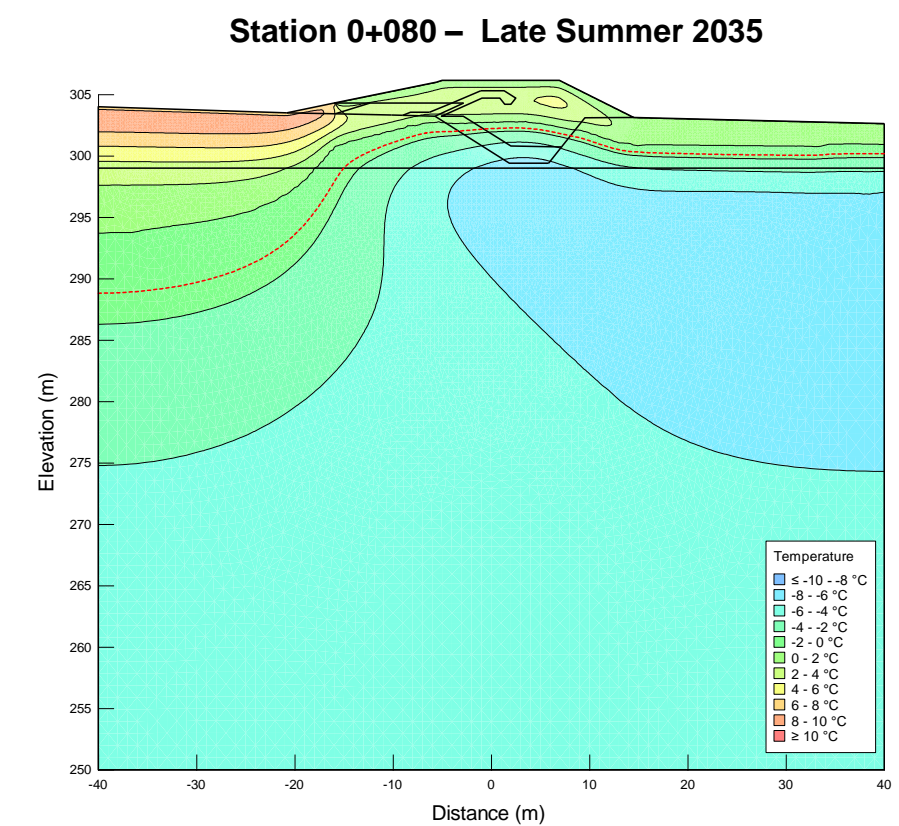
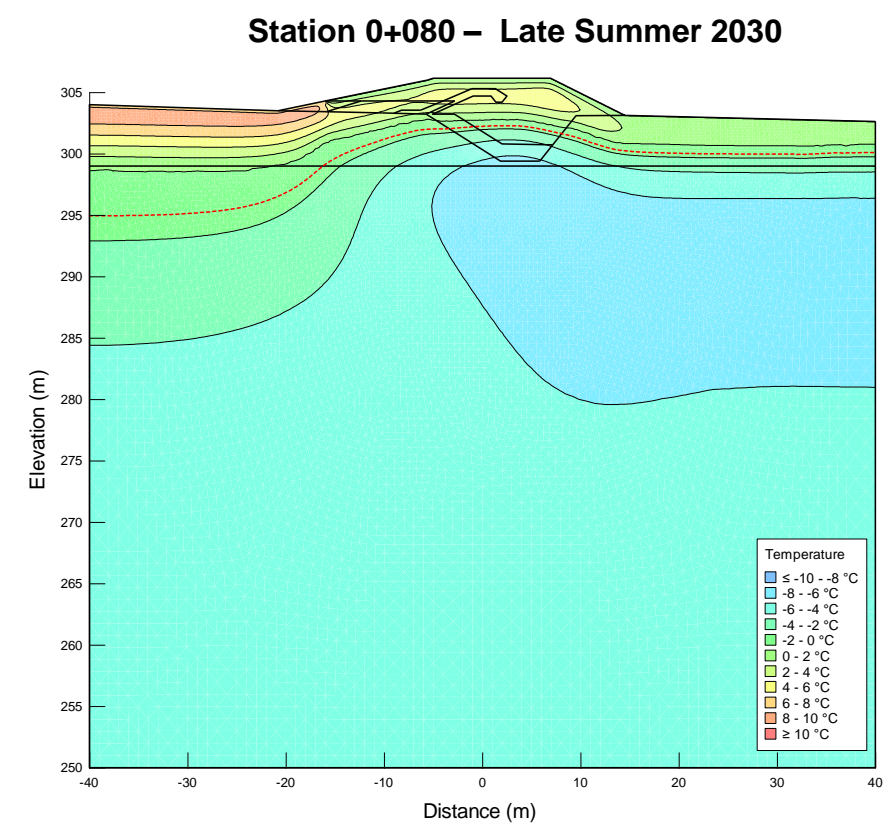
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- 6 - 8 °C
- 8 - 10 °C
- ≥ 10 °C

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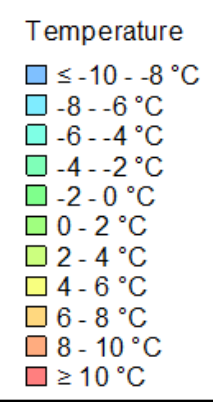
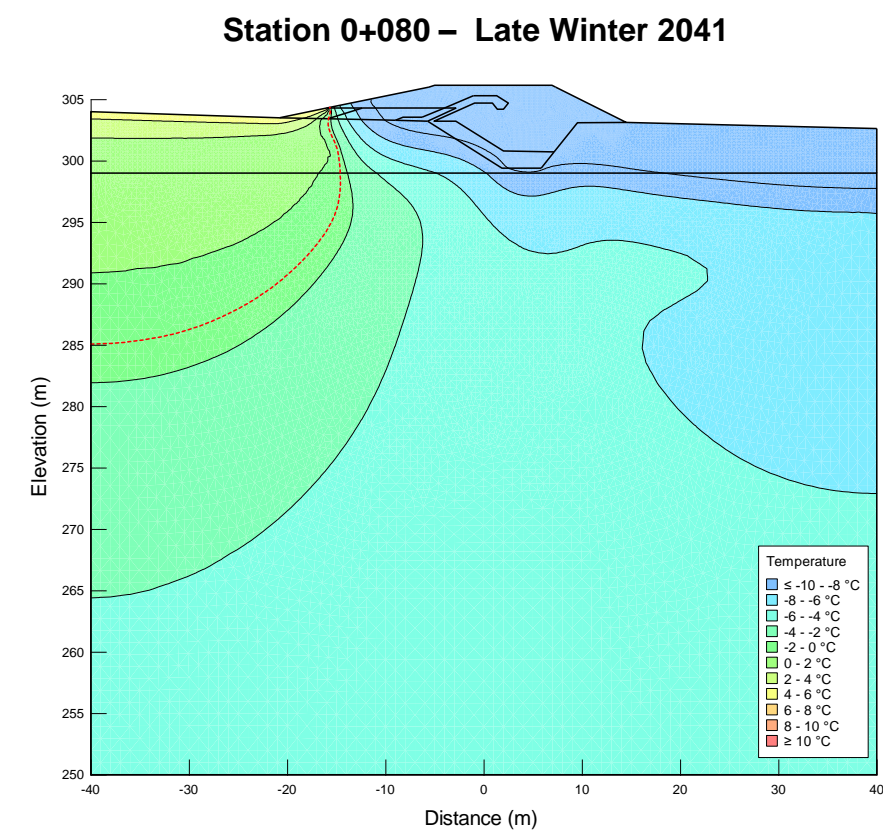
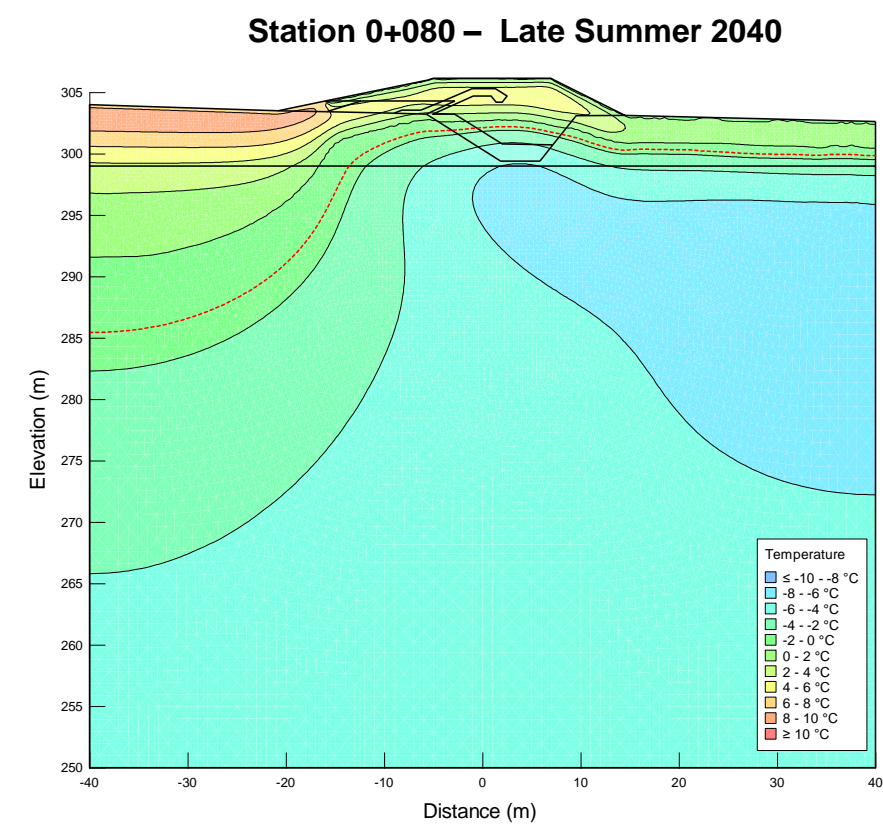
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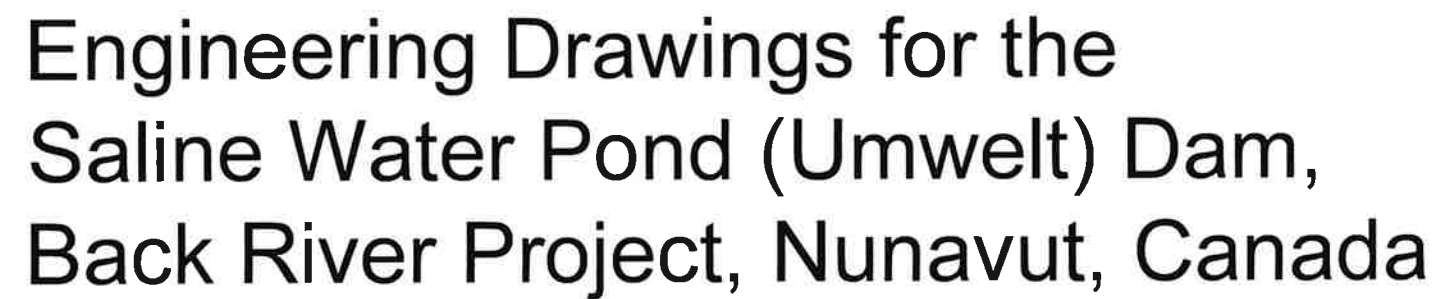
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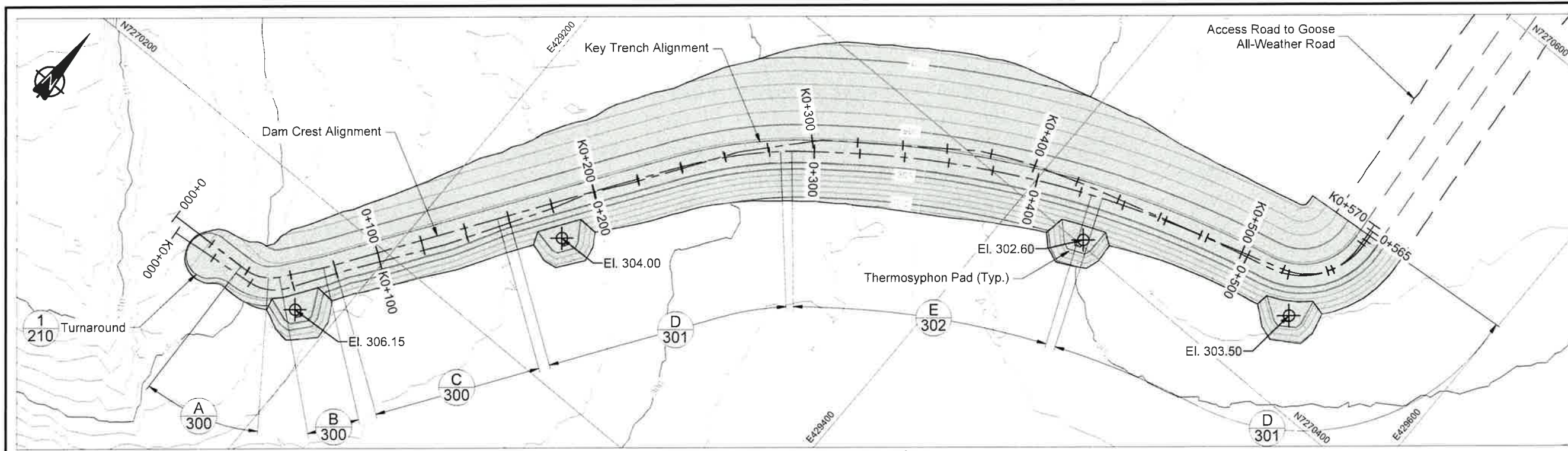


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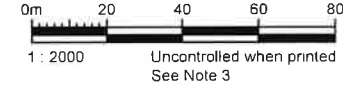
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SWP Dam Final Configuration Plan



- LEGEND**
- Waterbody
 - Excavation
 - Geomembrane
 - Design Infrastructure
- NOTES**
- All units are in meters unless otherwise specified.
 - Contours are shown at 1.0 m intervals.
 - All drawings are scaled appropriately for B-Size construction drawings (11" x 17" or 279 mm x 432 mm). These drawings can therefore be plotted at double size to fit D-Size (22" x 34" or 559mm x 864mm). Please note that the scale may no longer be accurate if the drawings are printed in any other format or scaled differently.
 - Base of key trench on this profile is based on a section down the centerline of the dam crest. Note that the key trench centerline and the dam crest centerline do not share the exact same alignment and overall the chainages vary in any given location (between the key trench and dam crest shown in these drawings) in the range of ±5m offset, ±50 chainage station.

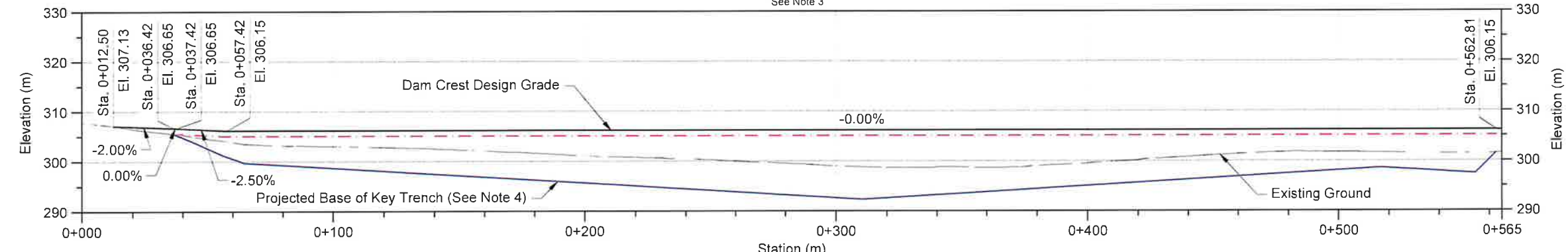
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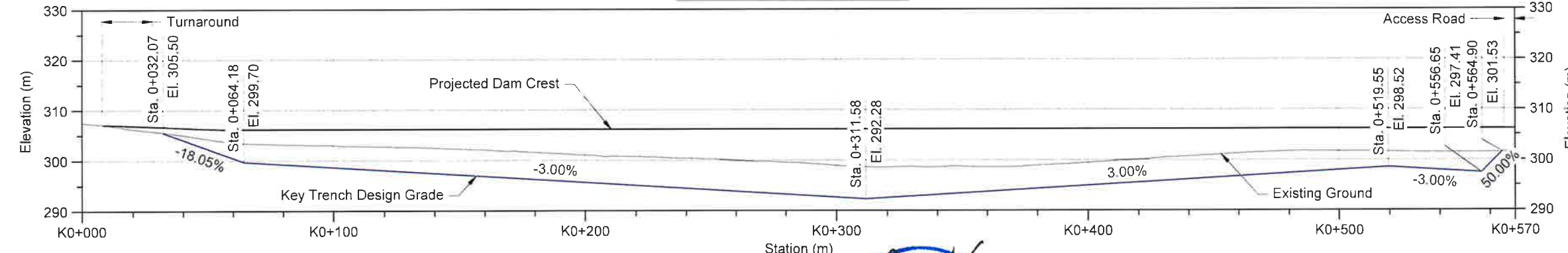
MATERIAL LIST AND NEAT LINE QUANTITY

Key Trench Excavation:	31,650m³
Flyash Leveling:	200m³
Bedding Leveling:	300m³
Sand:	650m³
ROQ Fill:	67,100m³
Transition Fill:	29,250m³
Bedding Fill:	11,100m³
Overburden Fill:	14,400m³
Road Surfacing:	1,100m³
Geotextile:	26,450m²
Liner:	17,750m²

All quantities presented are to neat-lines and do not allow / account for bulking, compaction, overlaps or material losses.



SWP Dam Centerline Profile



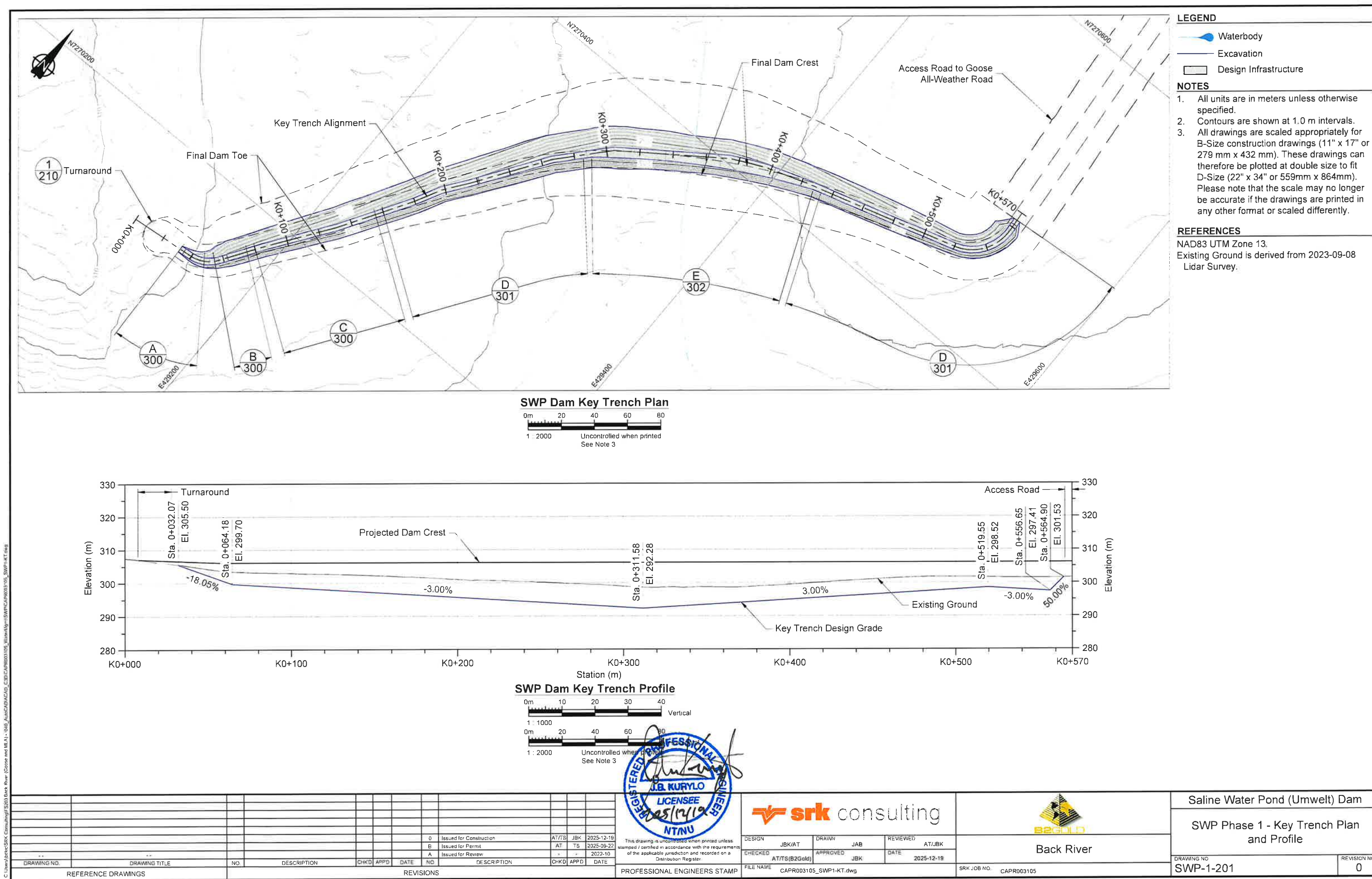
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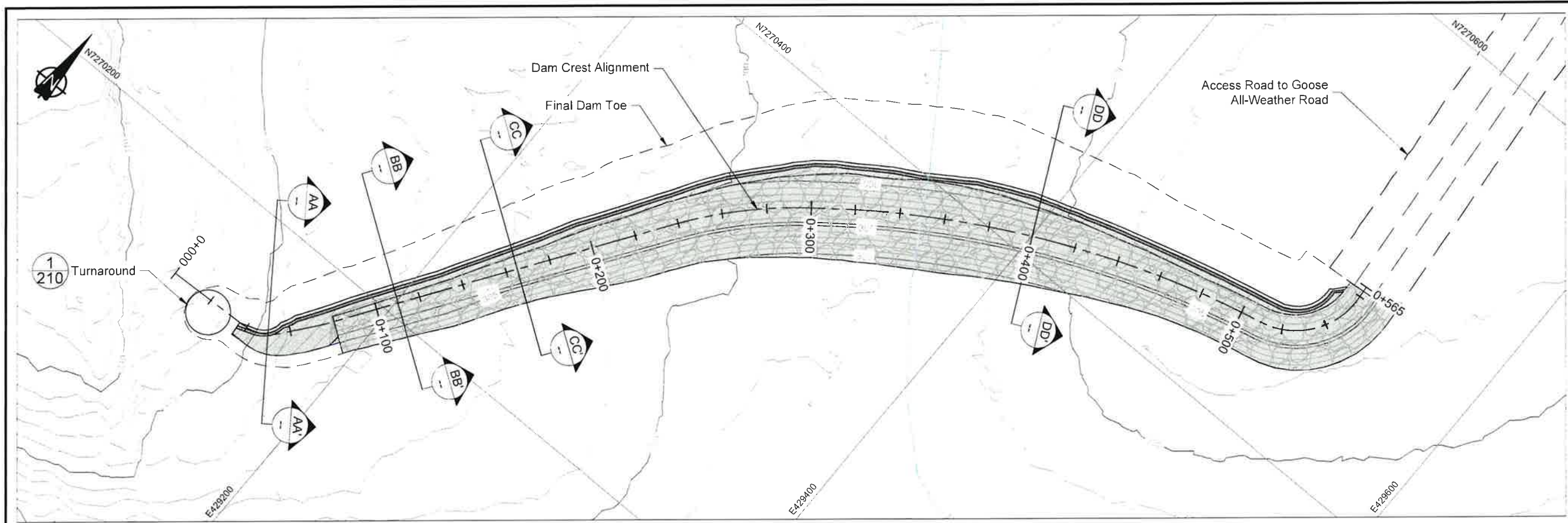


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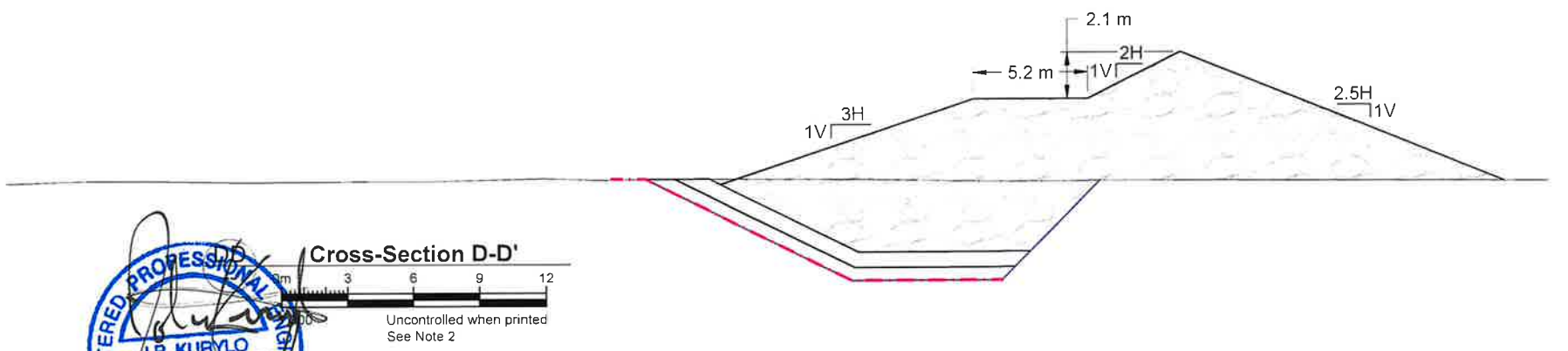
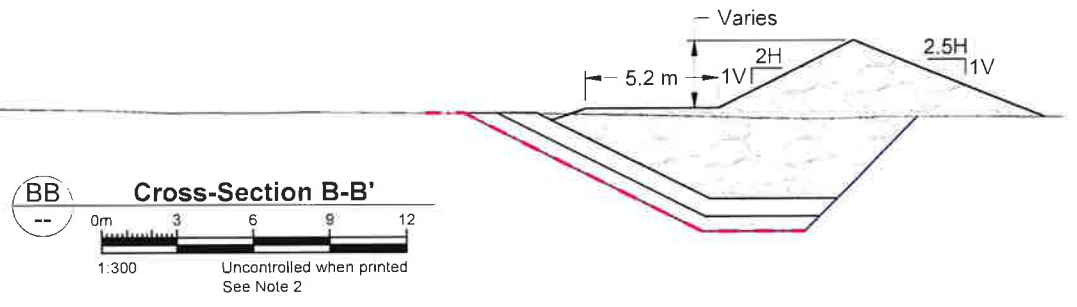
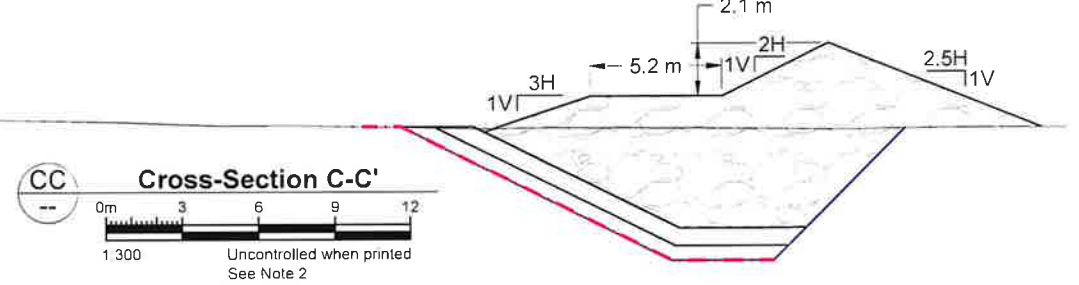
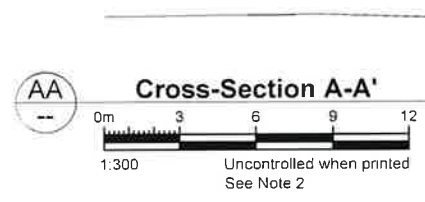


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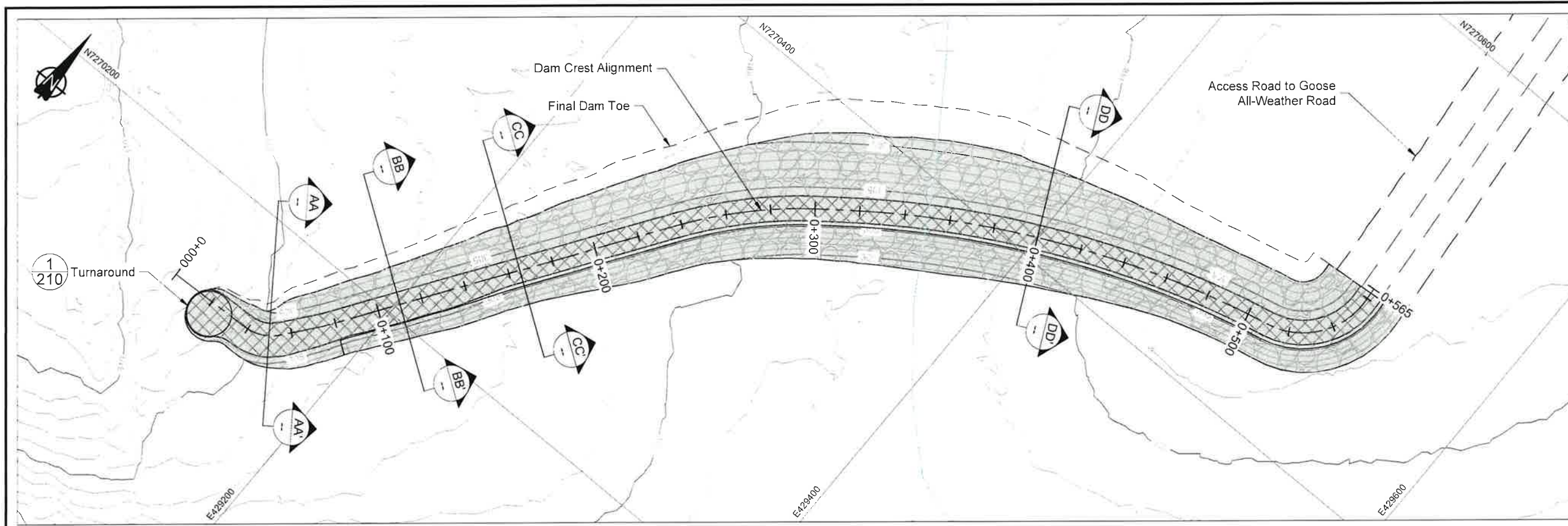
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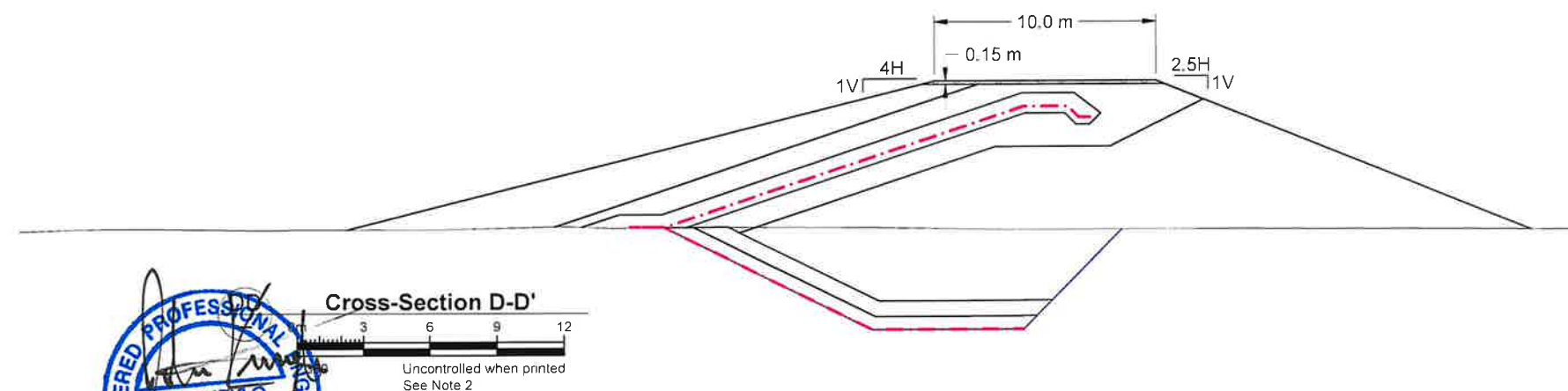
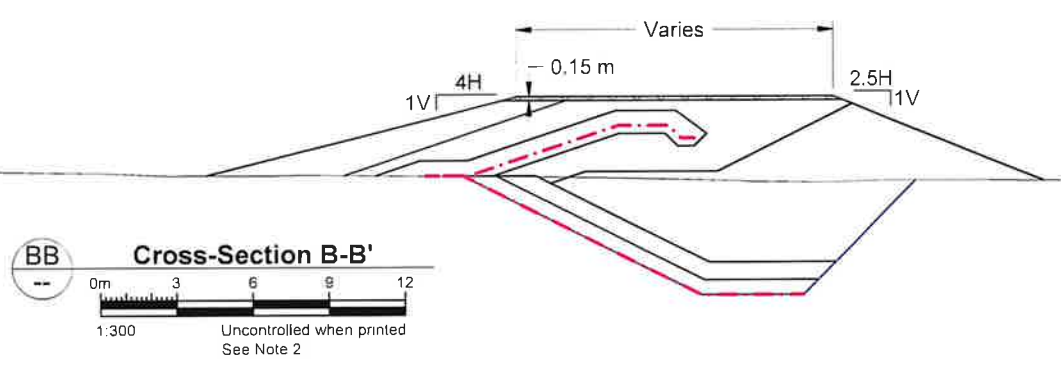
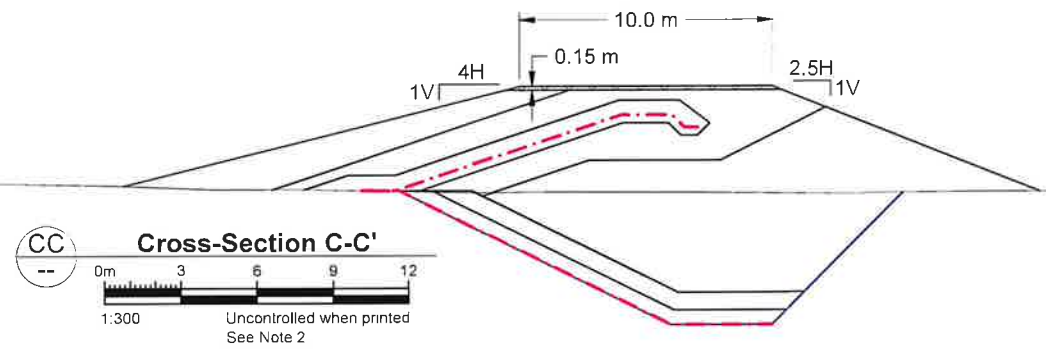
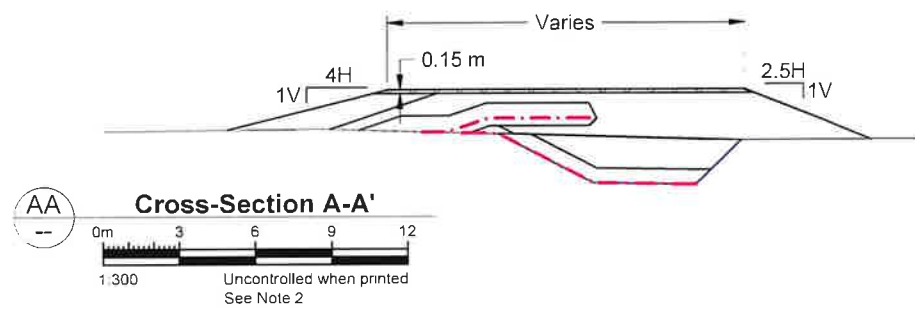
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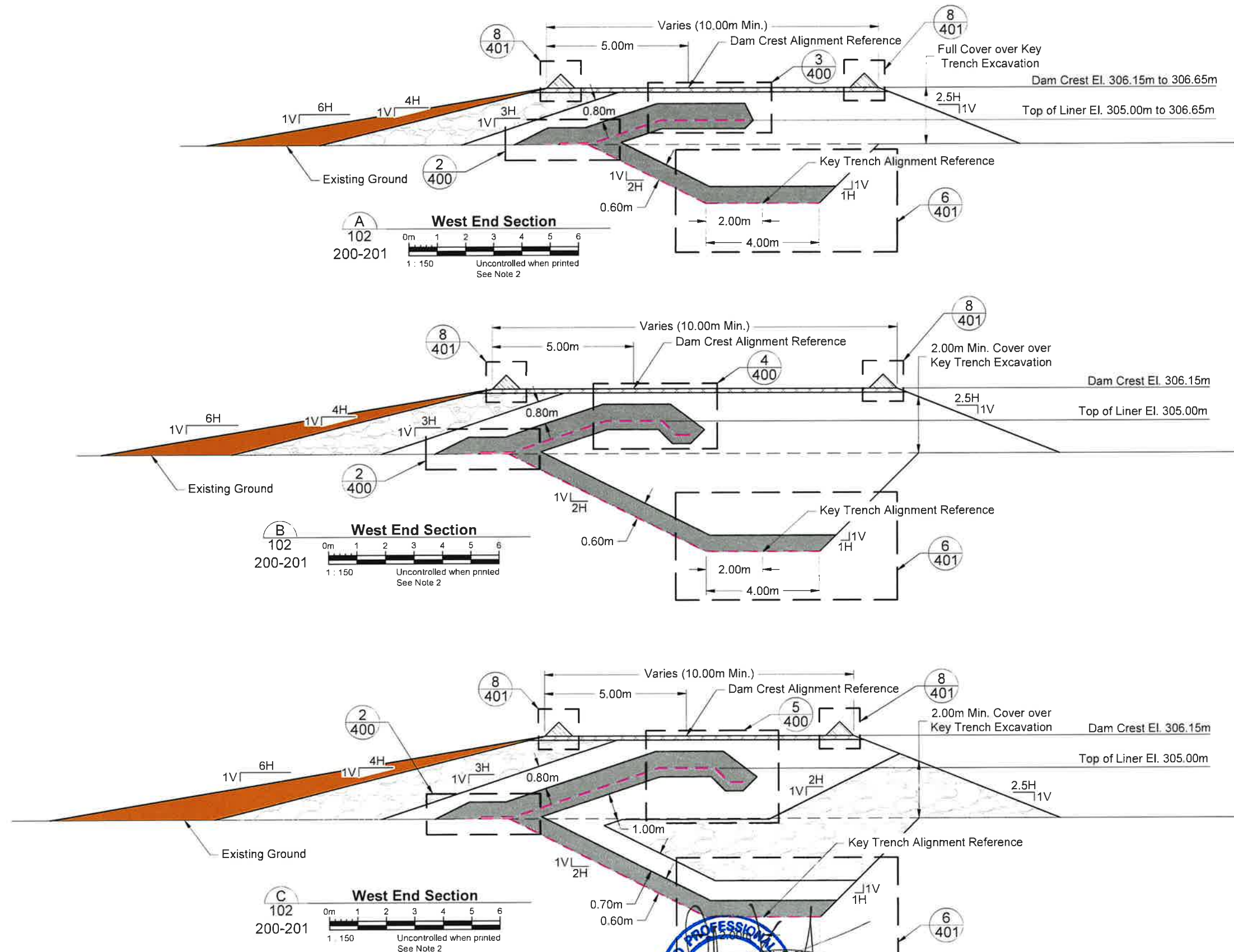
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LEGEND

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- Bedding
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0+055.0	0+075.0	B-B'
0+080.0	0+155.0	C-C'
0+160.0	0+285.0	D-D'
0+290.0	0+425.0	E-E'
0+430.0	0+562.8	D-D'



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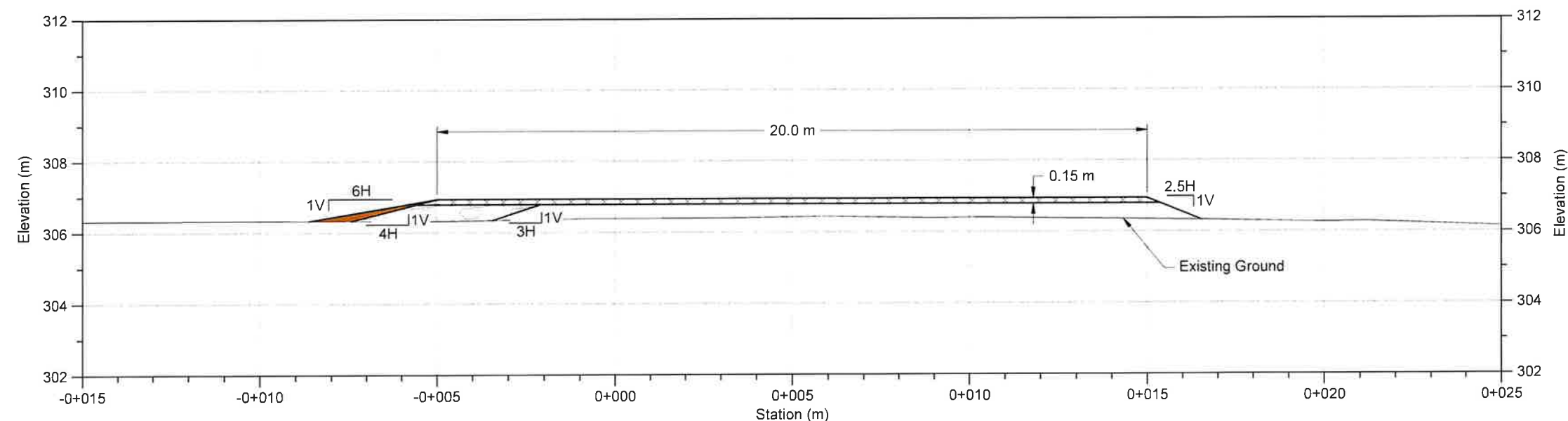
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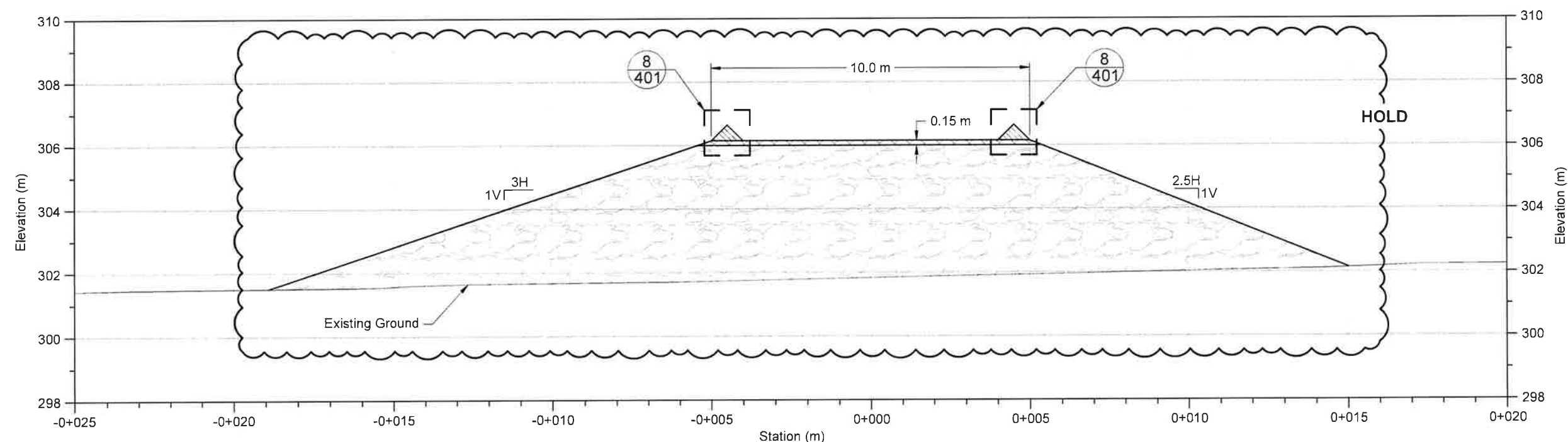
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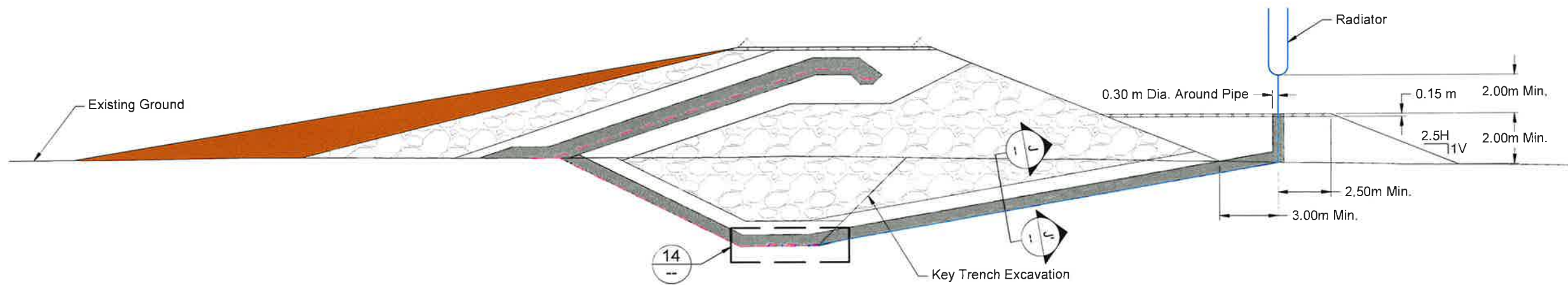
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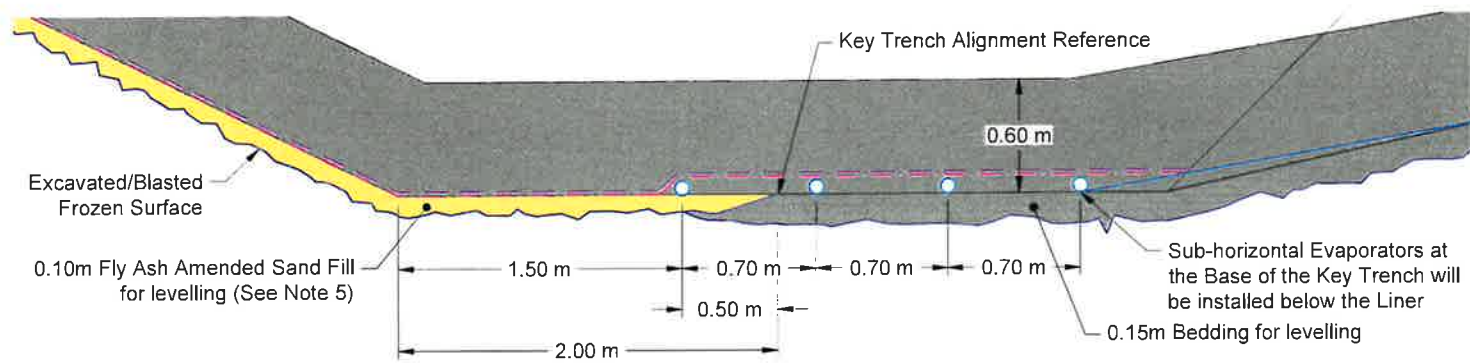
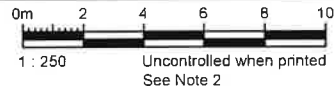
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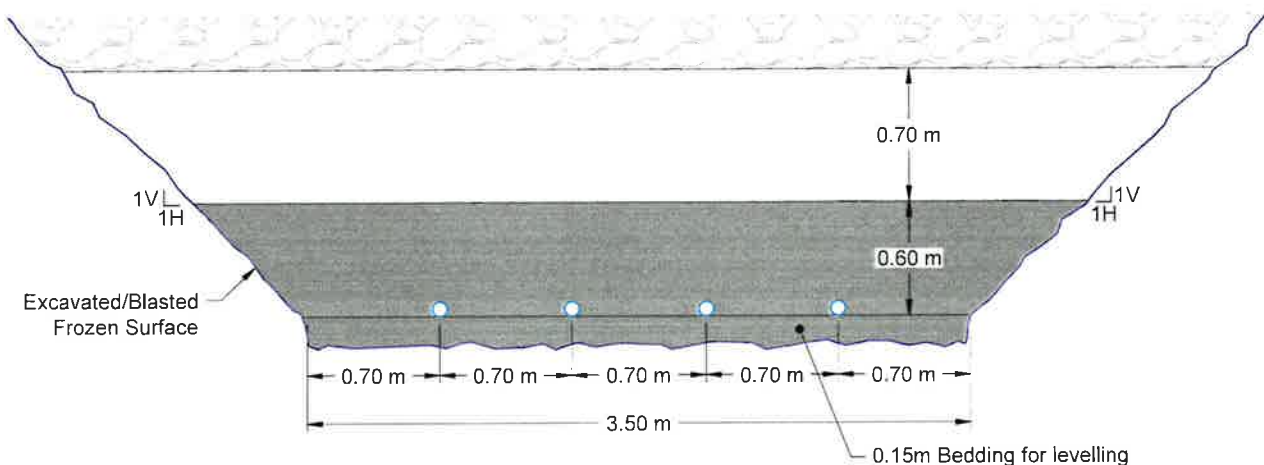
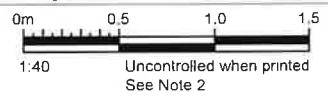
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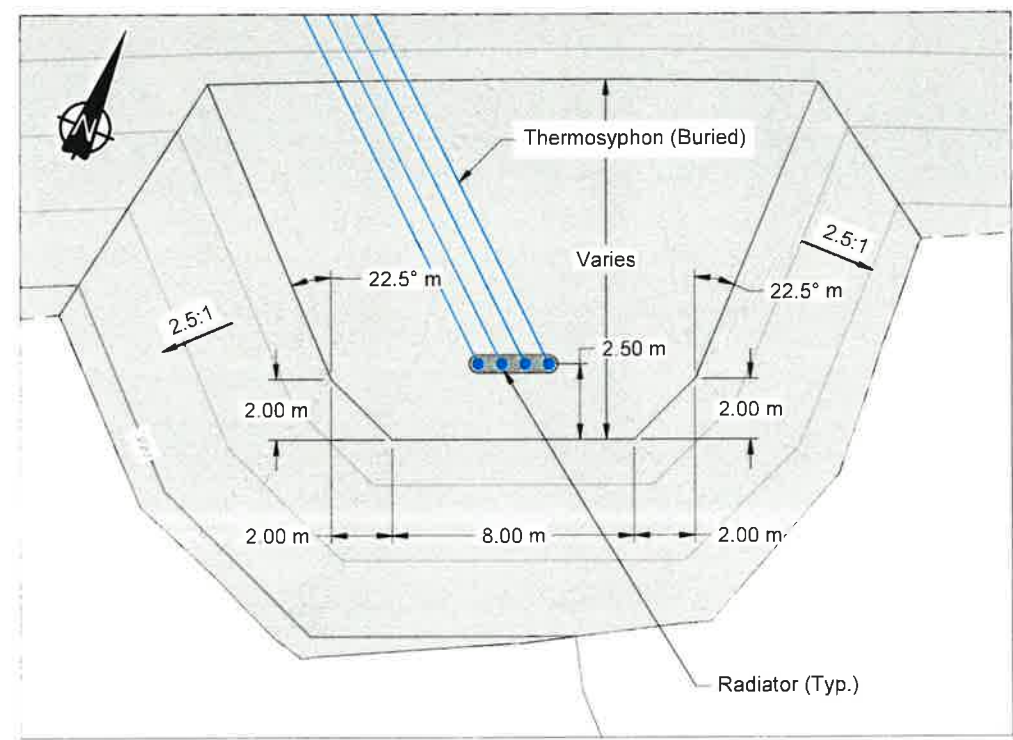
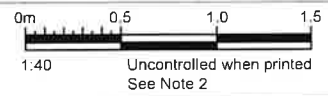
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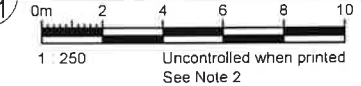
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13 Thermosyphon Pad Detail



- LEGEND**
- Waterbody
 - Excavation
 - Geomembrane
 - Geotextile
 - Thermosyphon Pipe (Projected)
 - Fly Ash Amended Sand Fill
 - Bedding
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 - Base of key trench on this profile is based on a section down the centerline of the dam crest. Note that the key trench centerline and the dam crest centerline do not share the exact same alignment and overall the chainages vary in any given location (between the key trench and dam crest shown in these drawings) in the range of ± 5 m offset, ± 50 chainage station.
 - Minimum 10% Fly Ash in Fly Ash Amended Sand Fill.
 - Bentonite can be substituted for Fly Ash.

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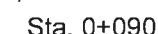
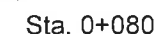
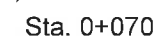
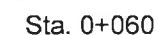
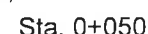
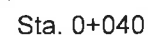
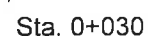
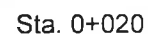
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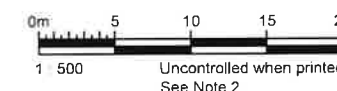
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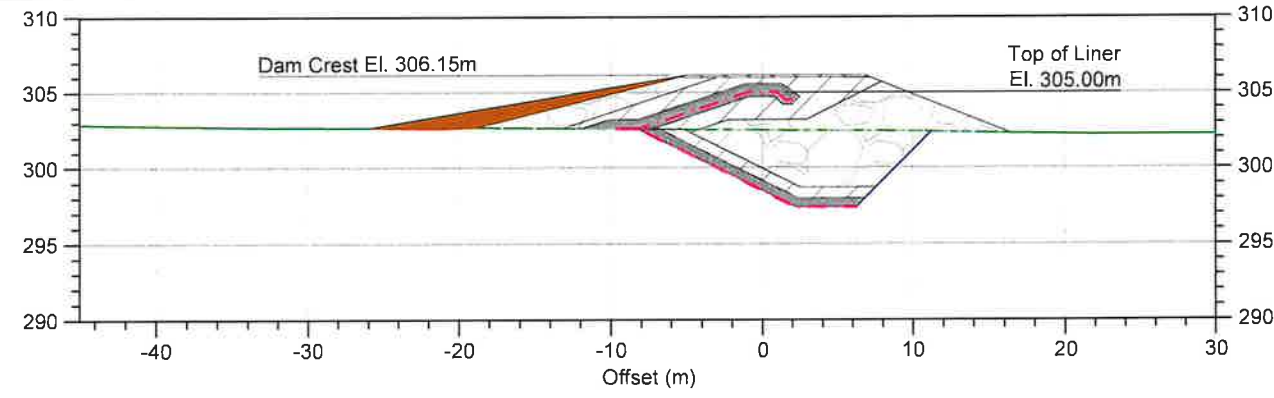
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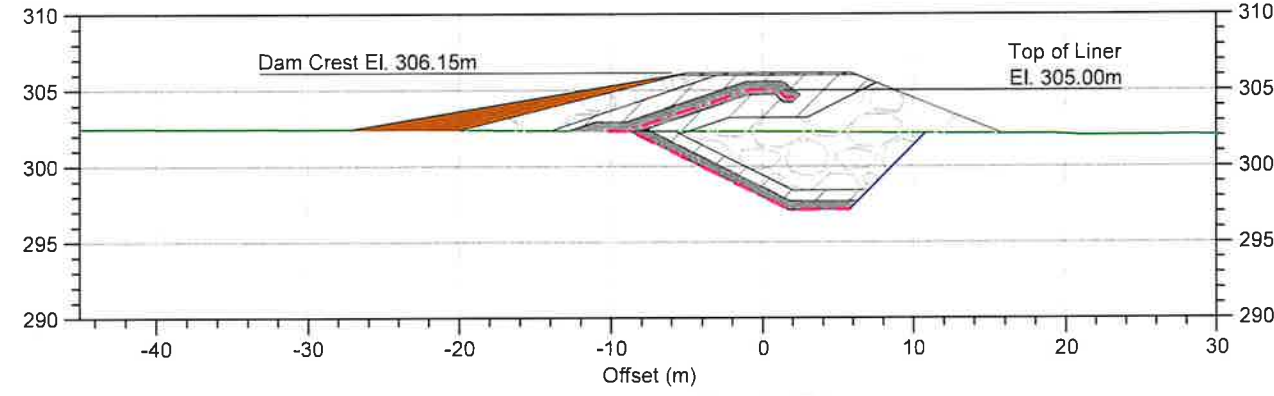
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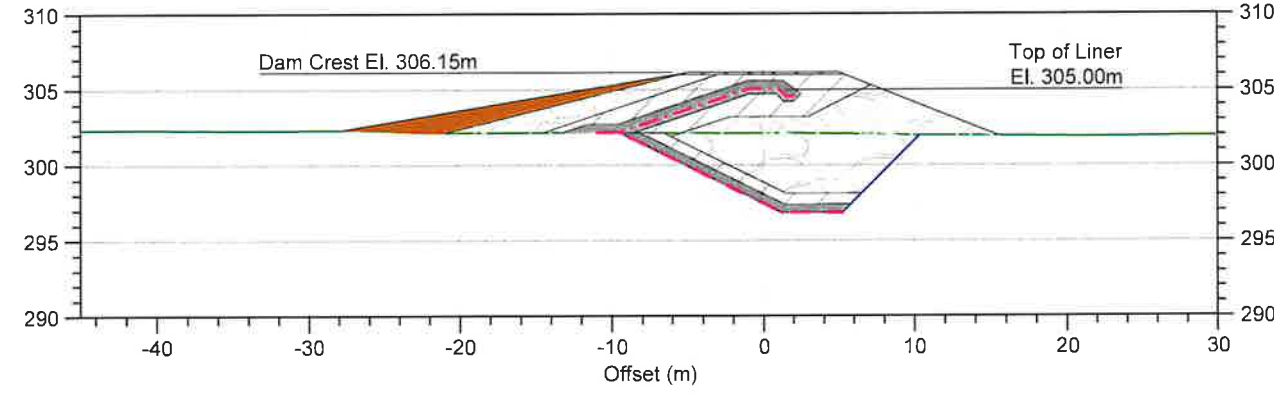
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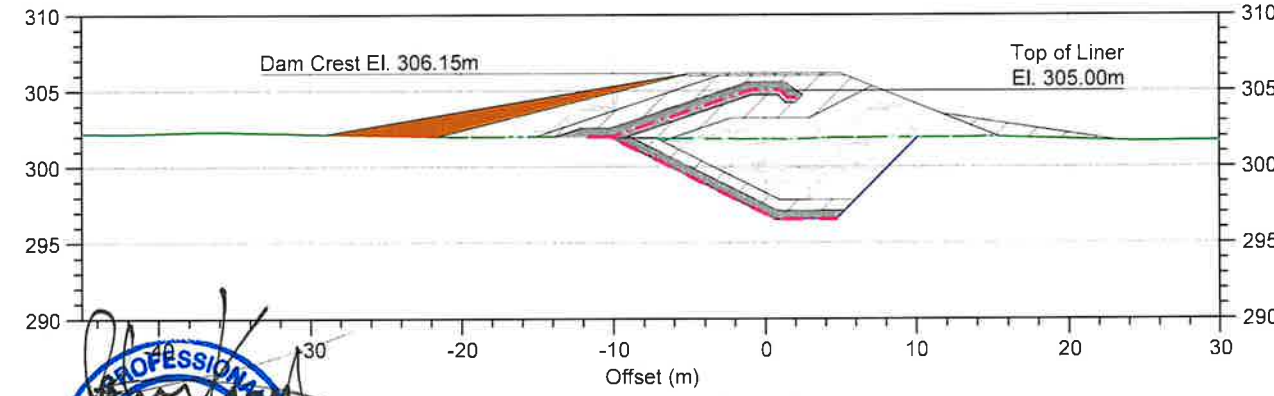
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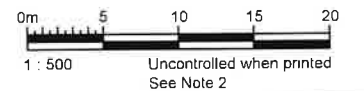


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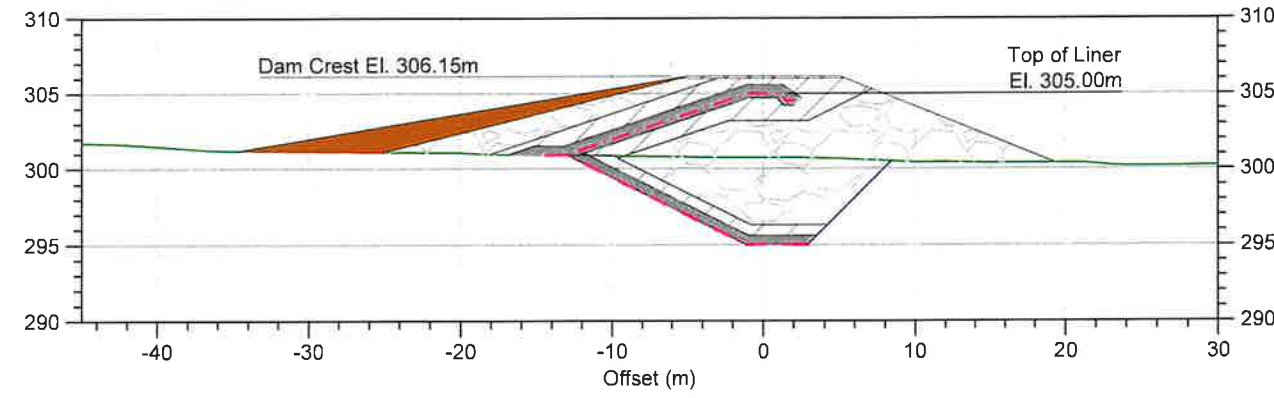


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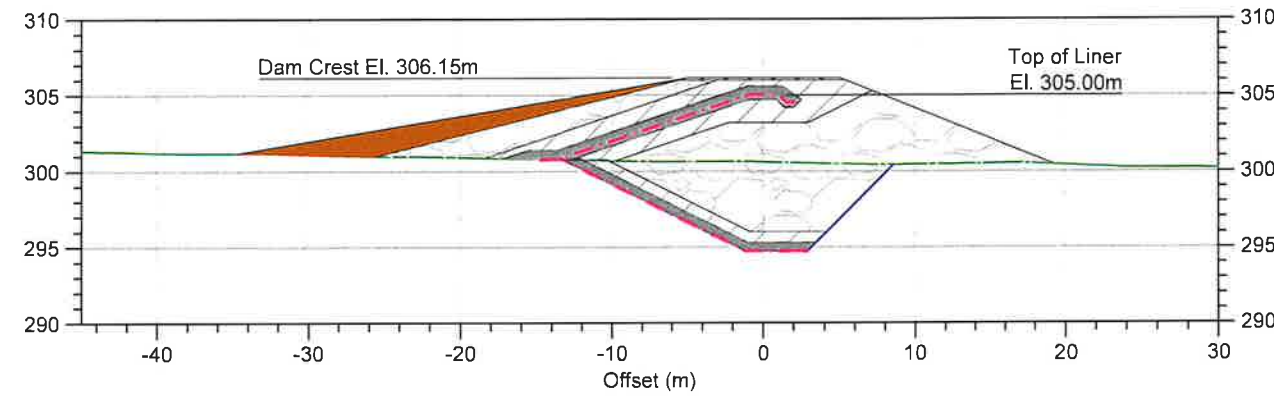
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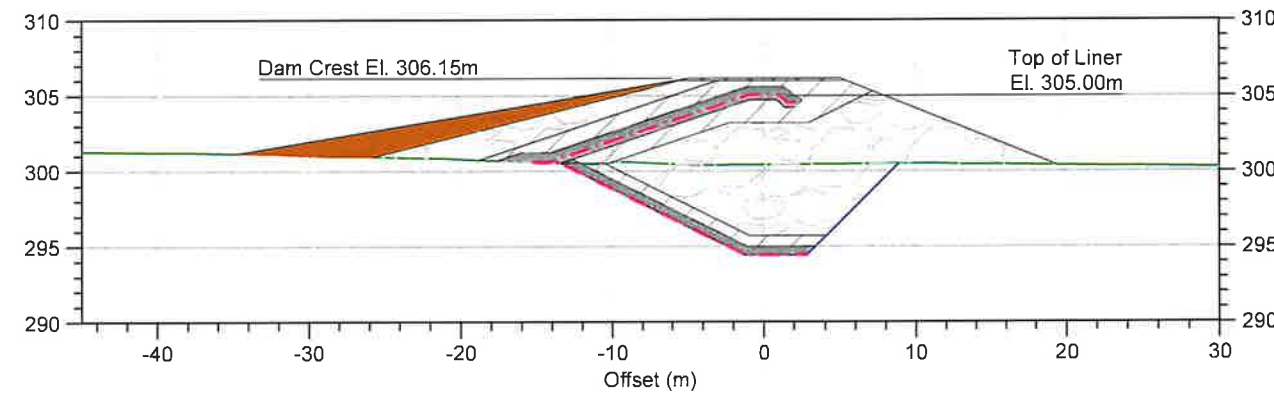
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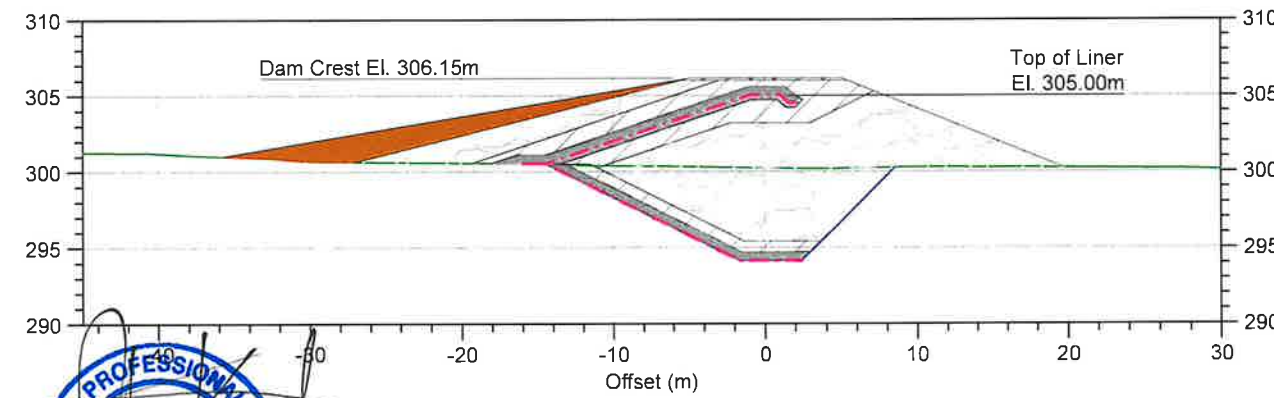
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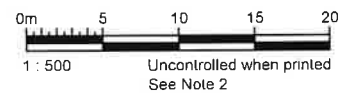


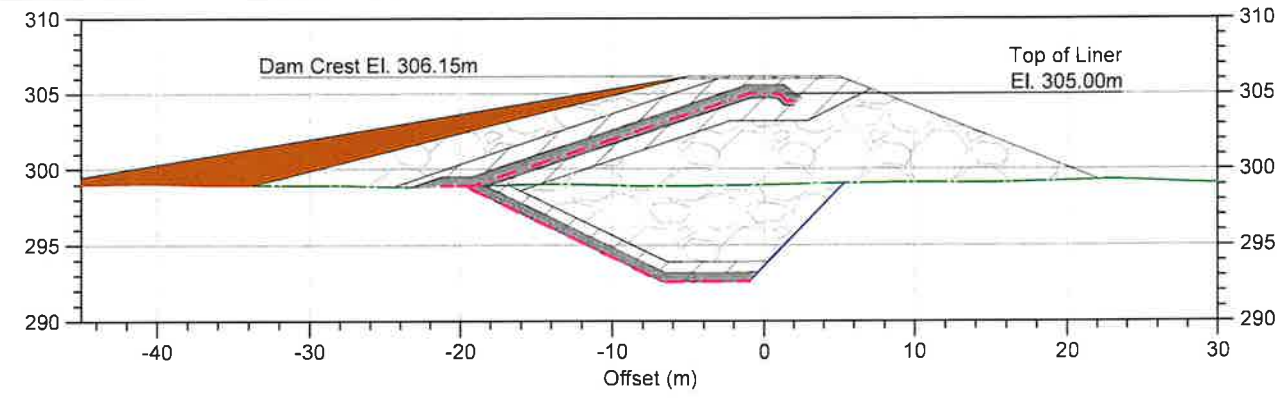
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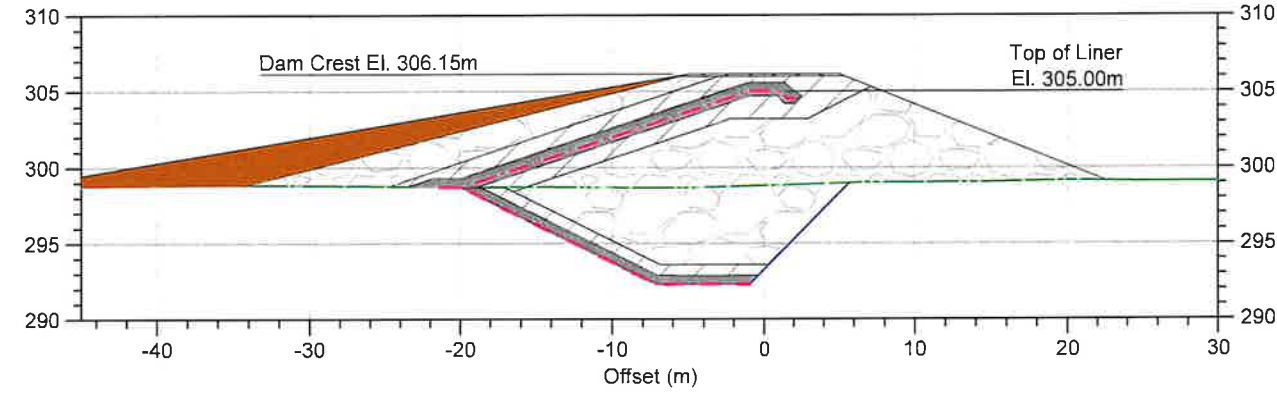
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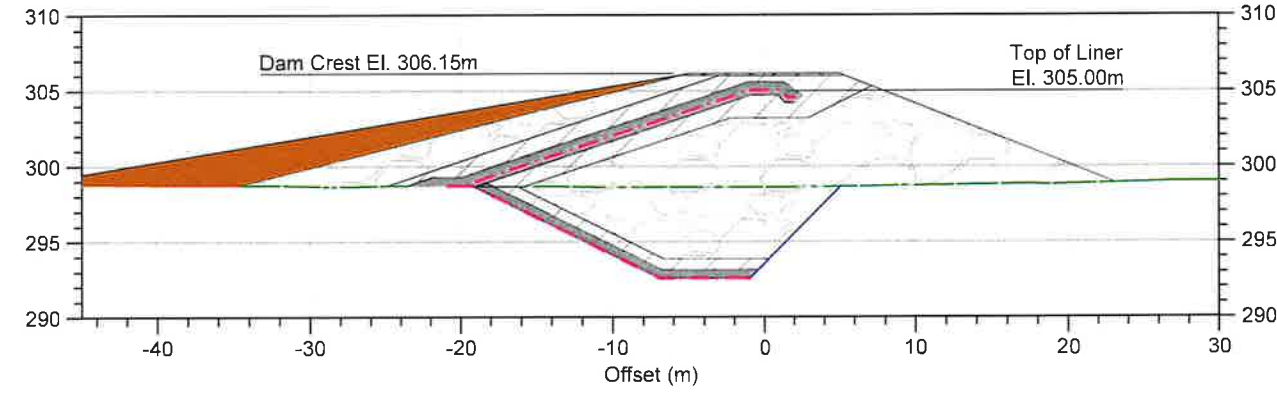
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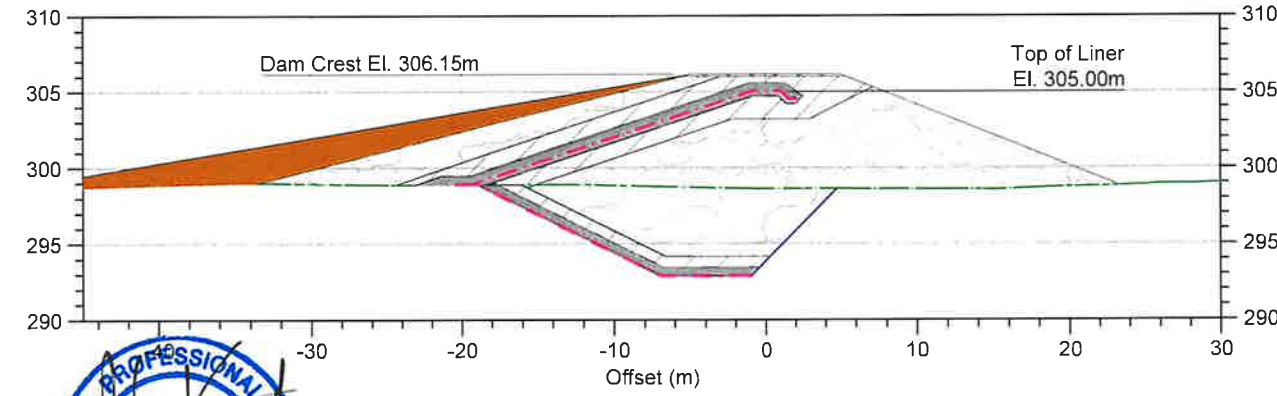
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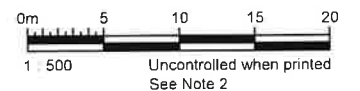
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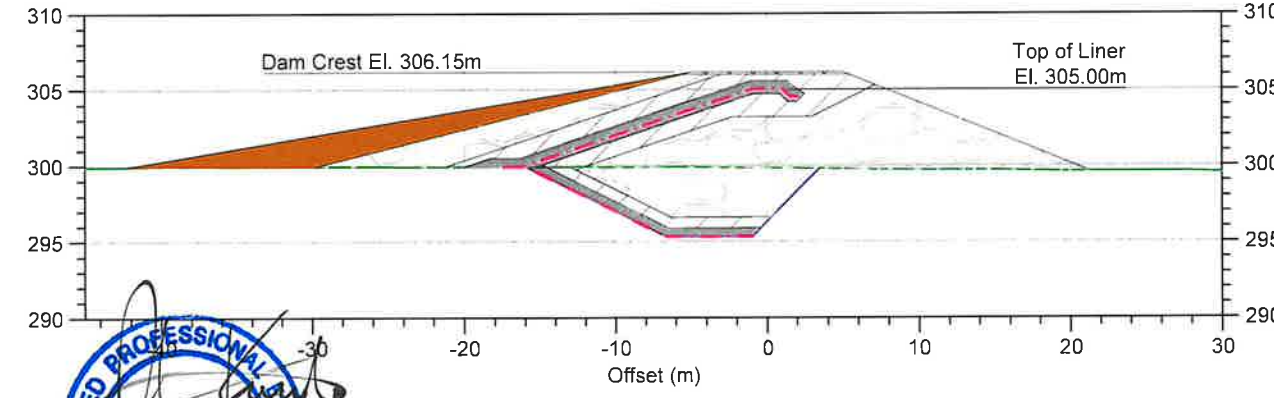
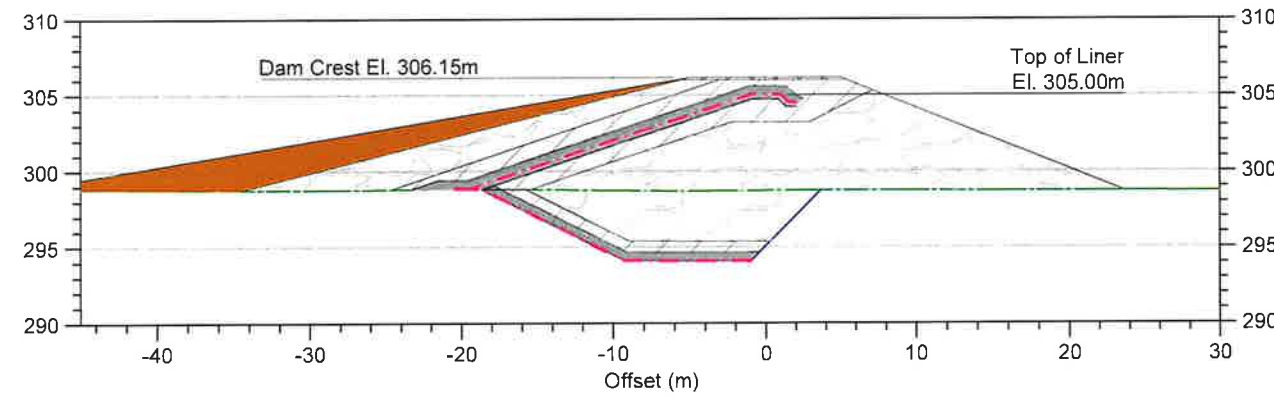
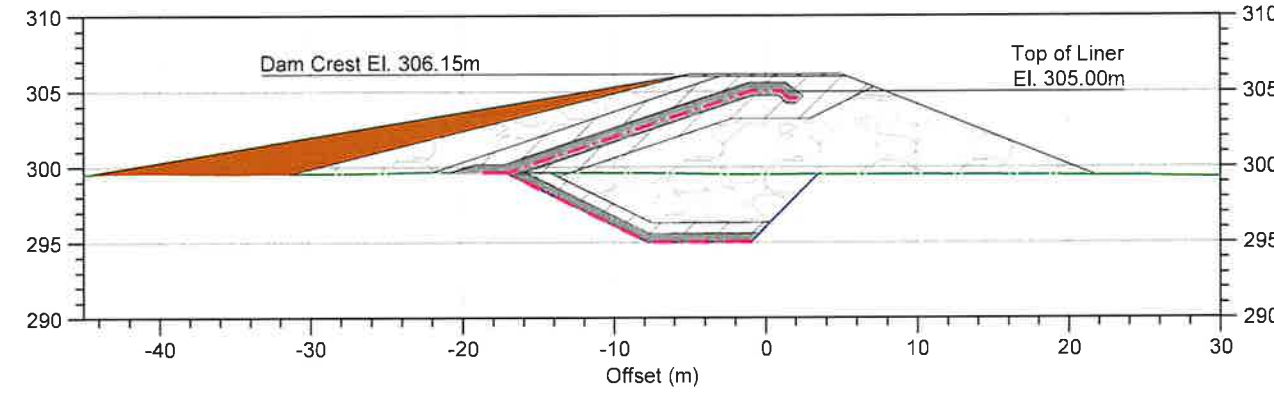
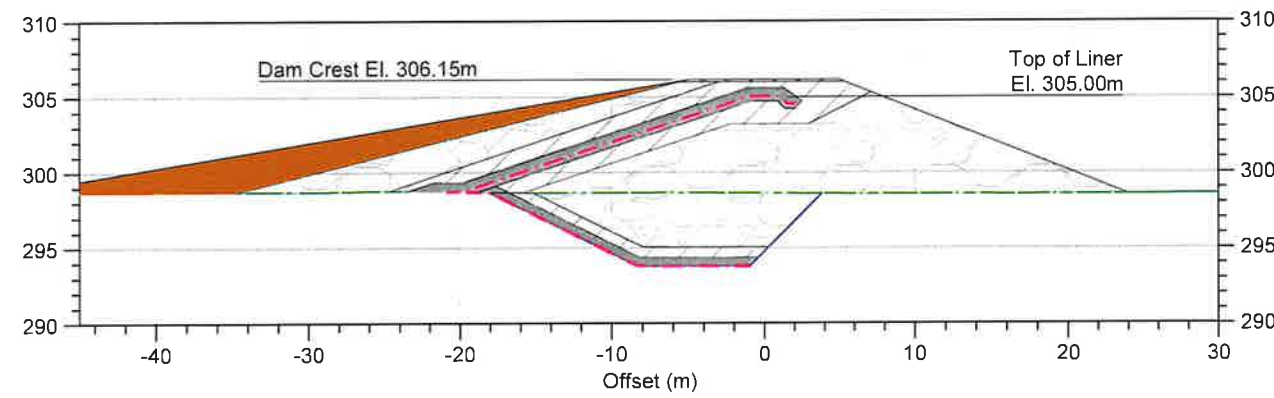
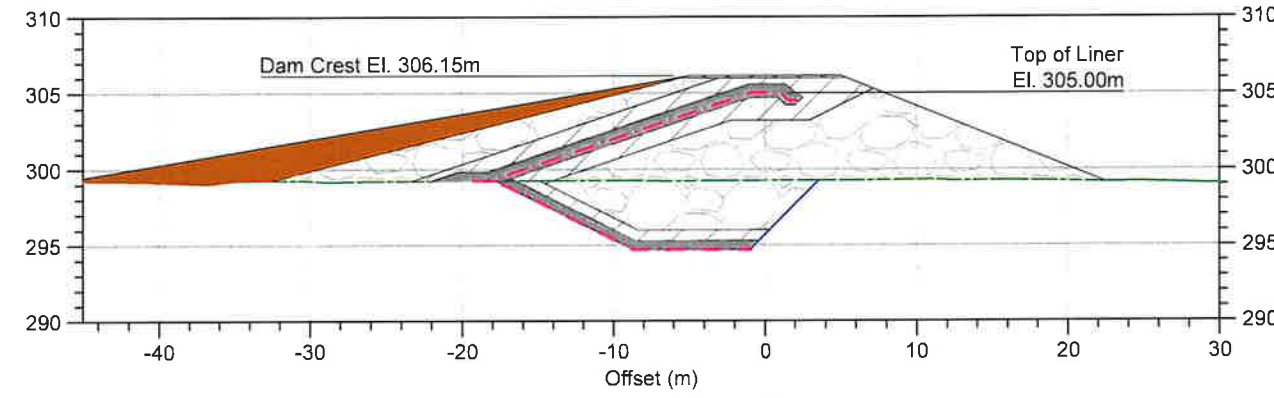
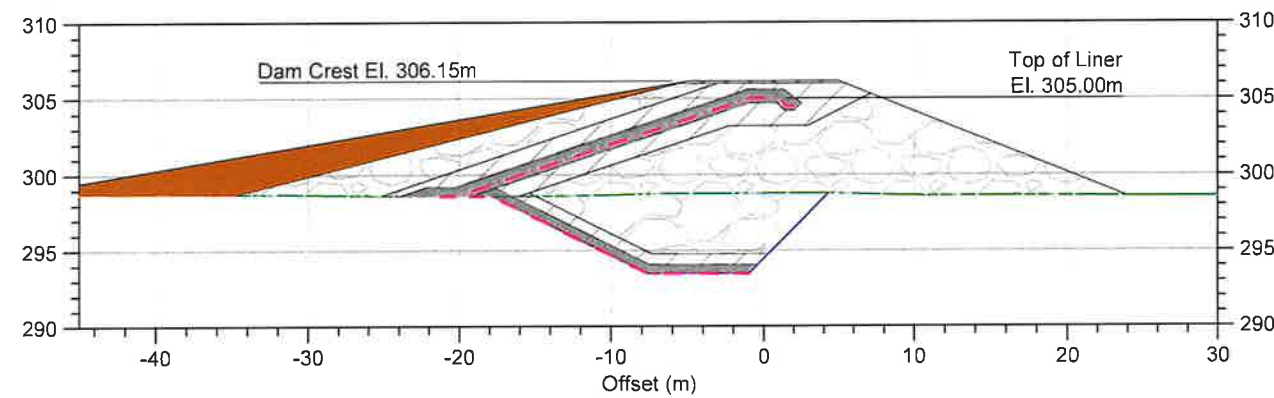
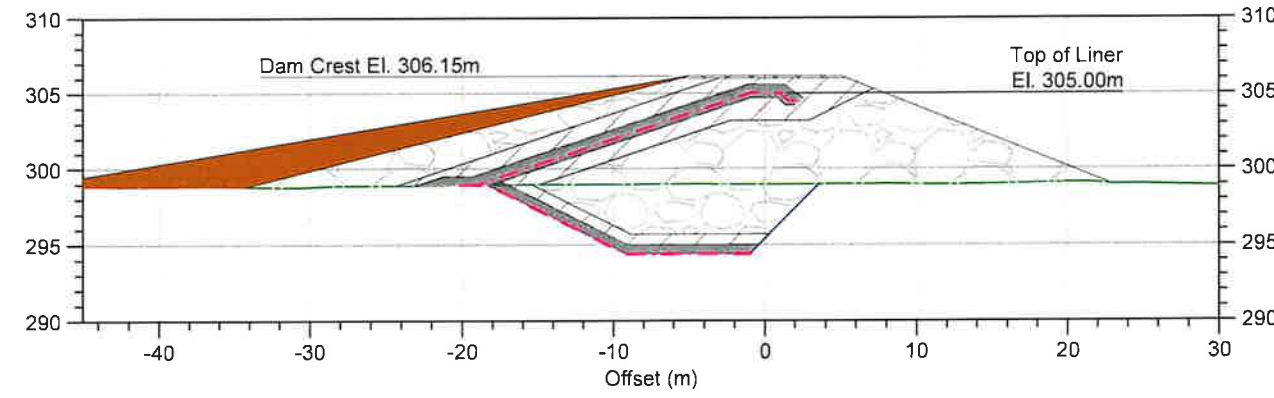
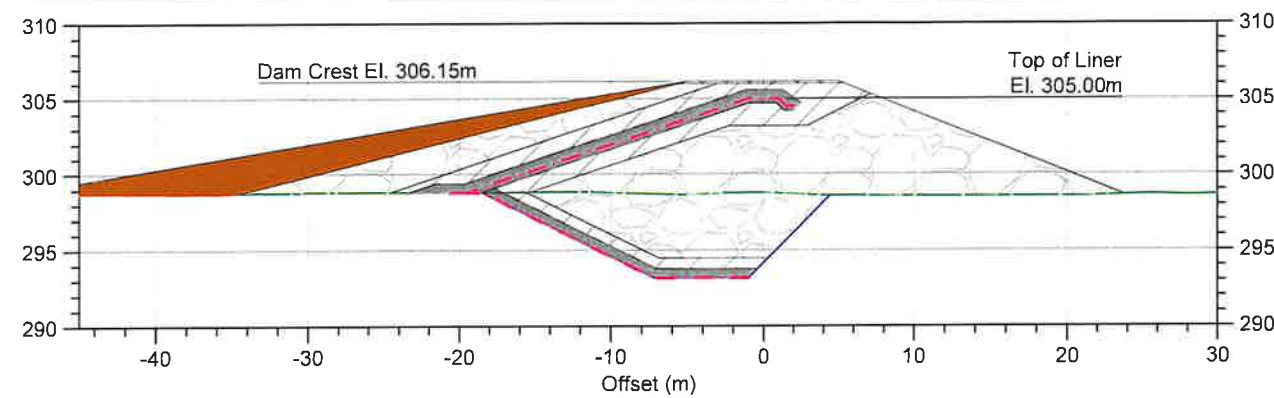
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








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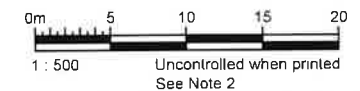
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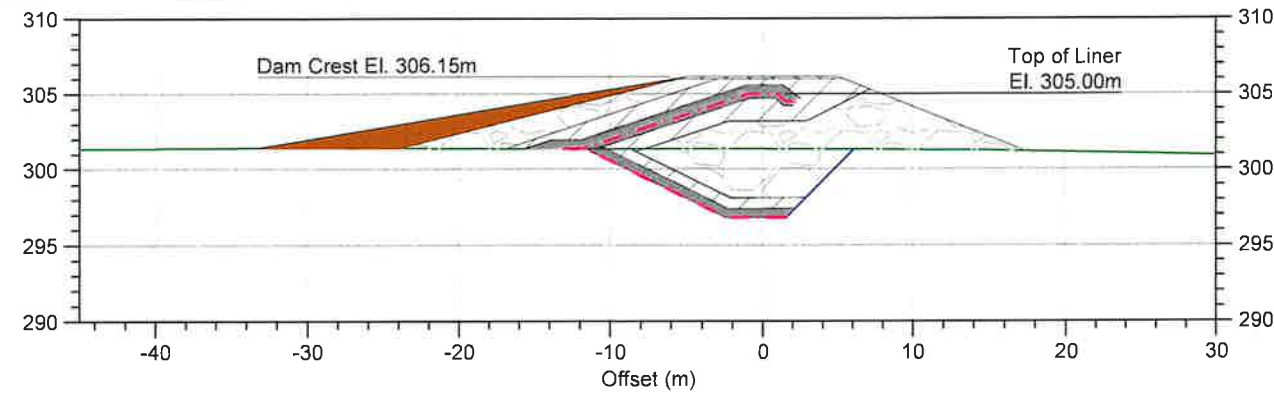
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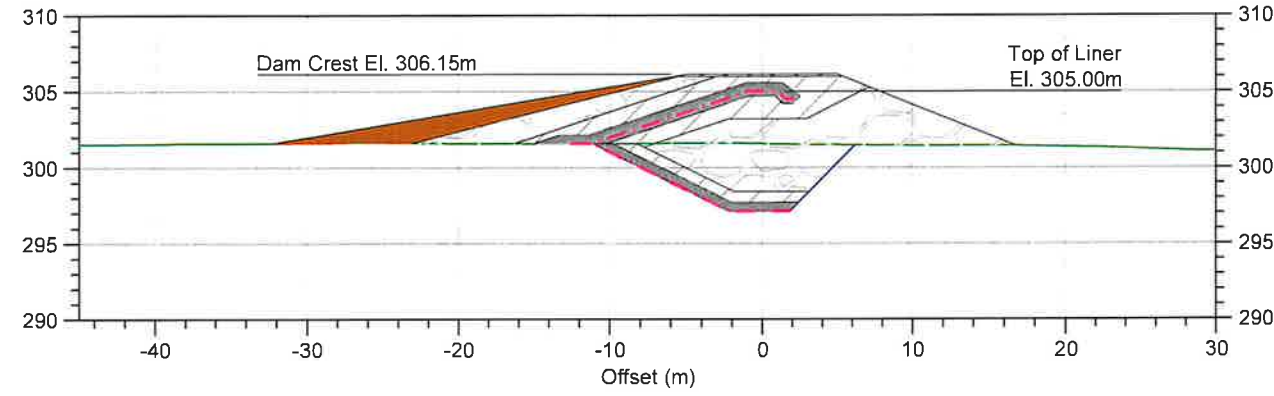
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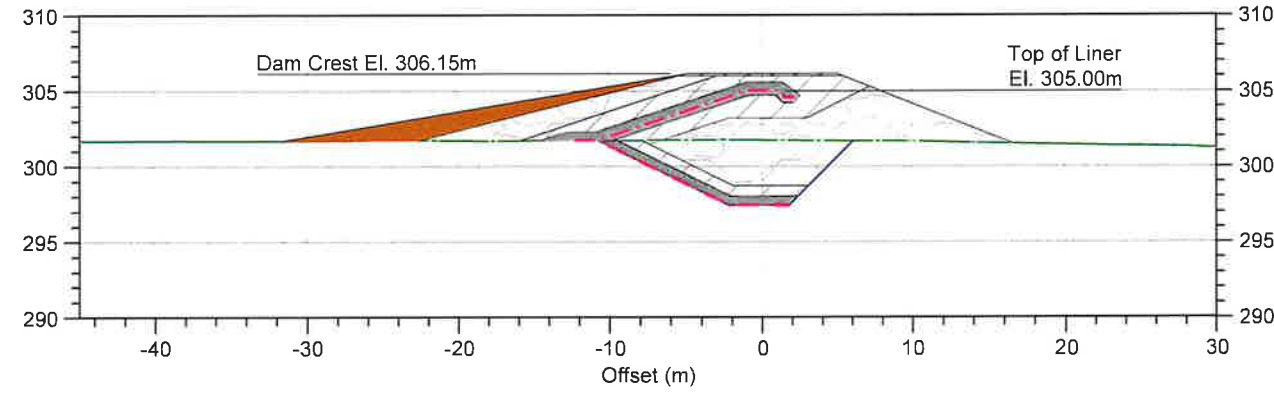
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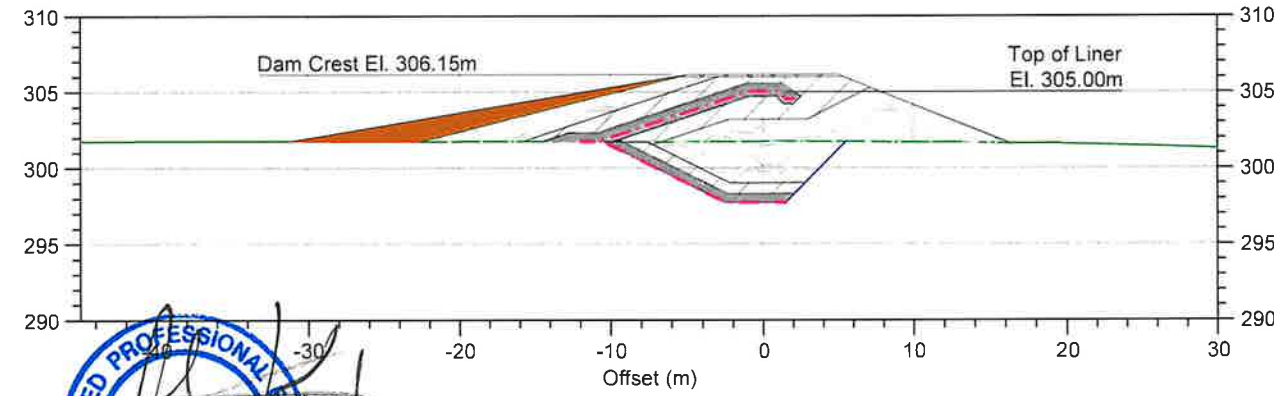
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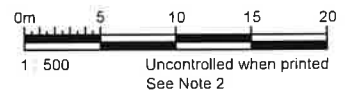


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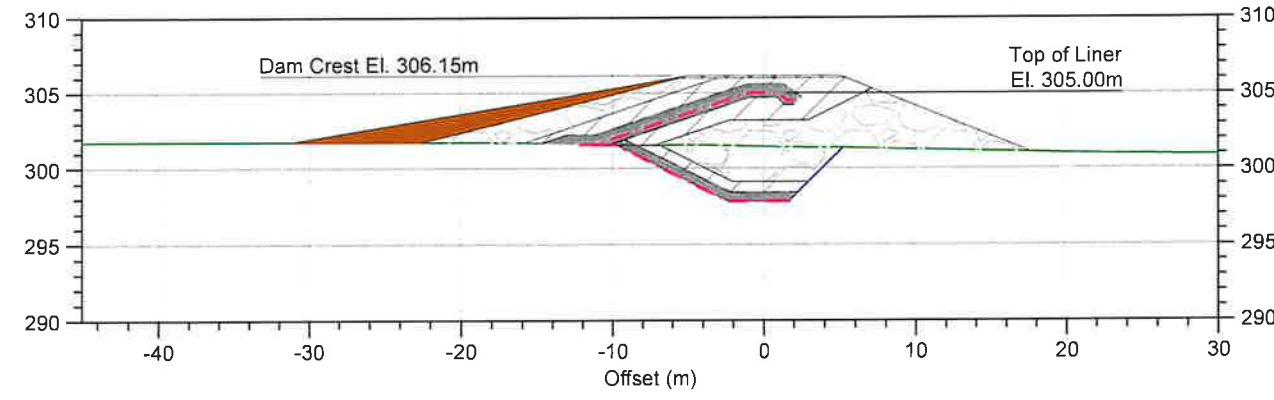
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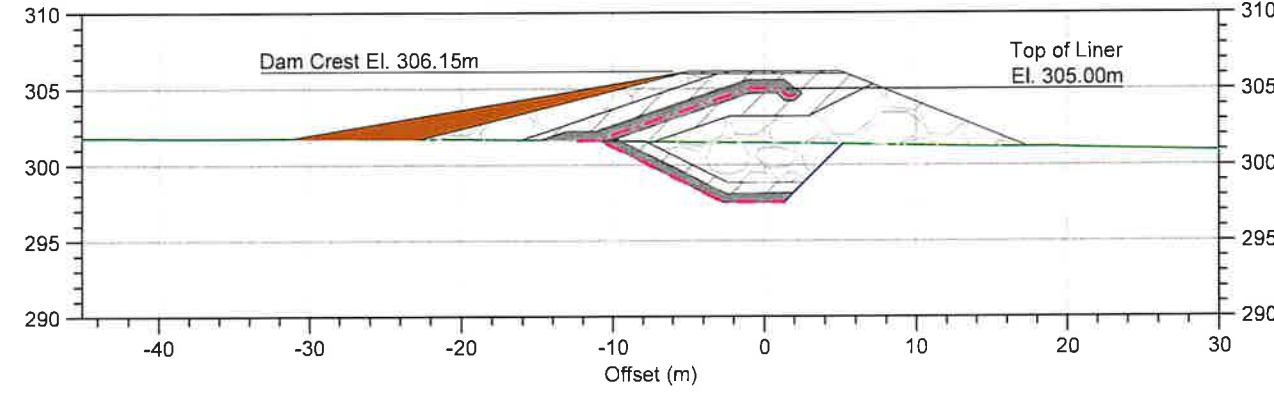
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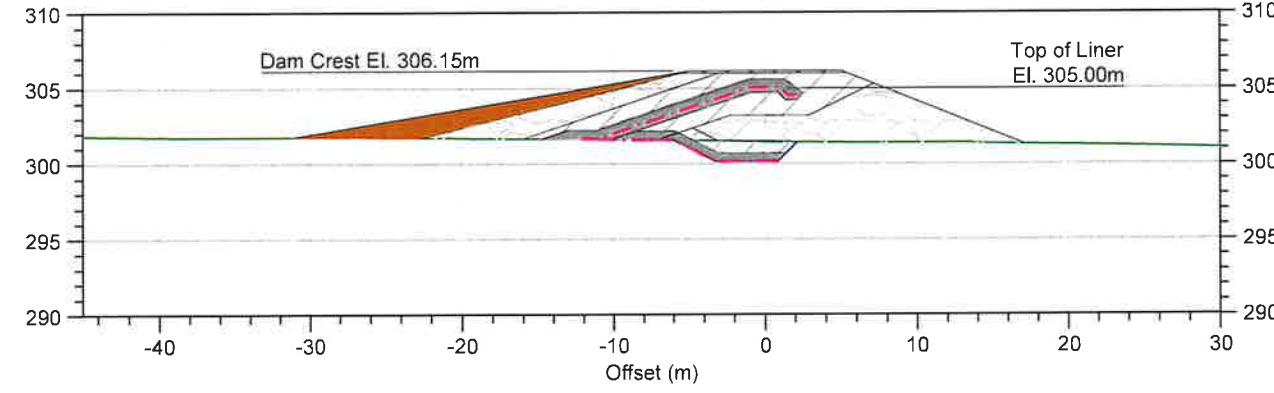
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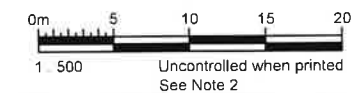
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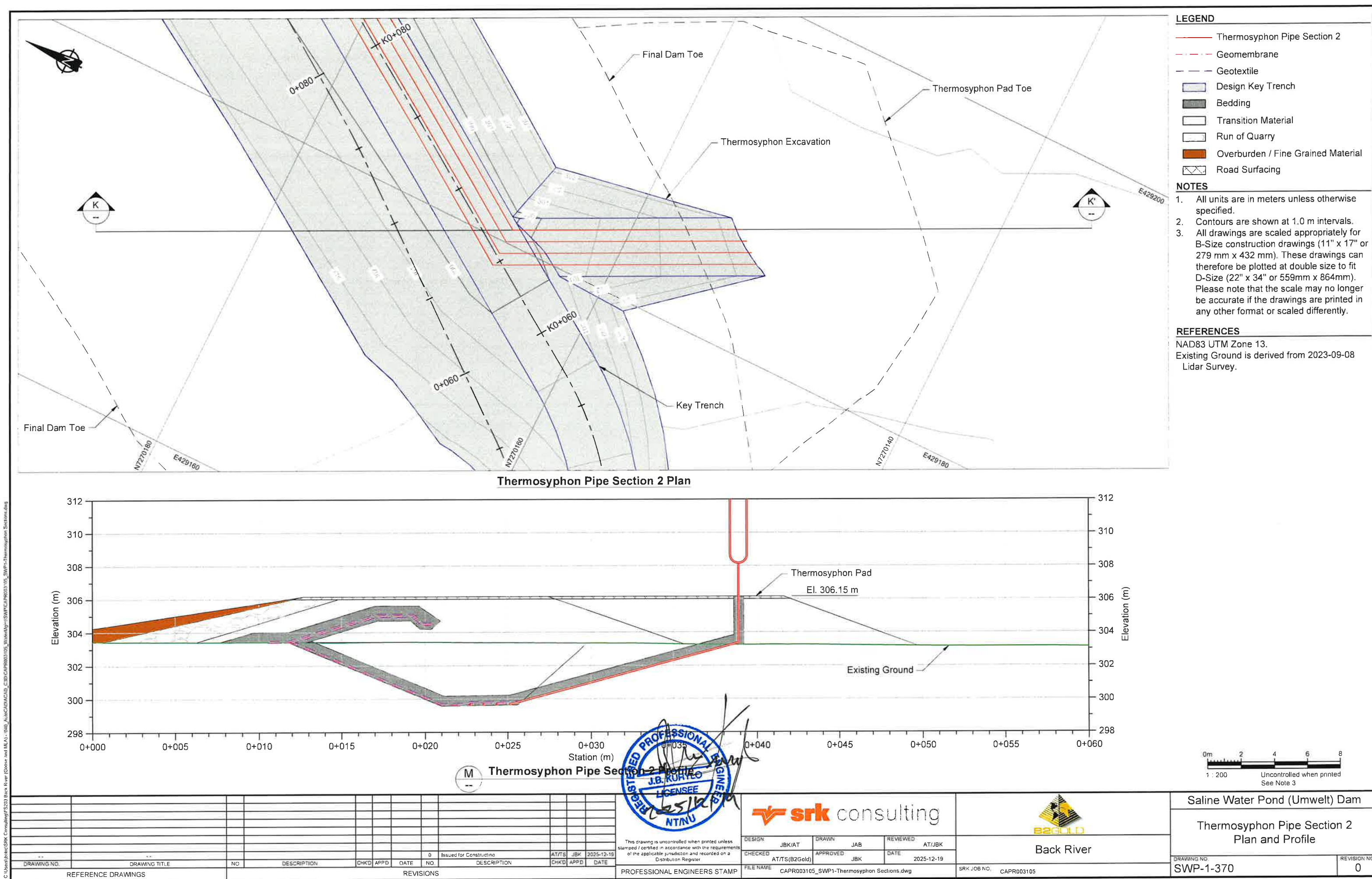
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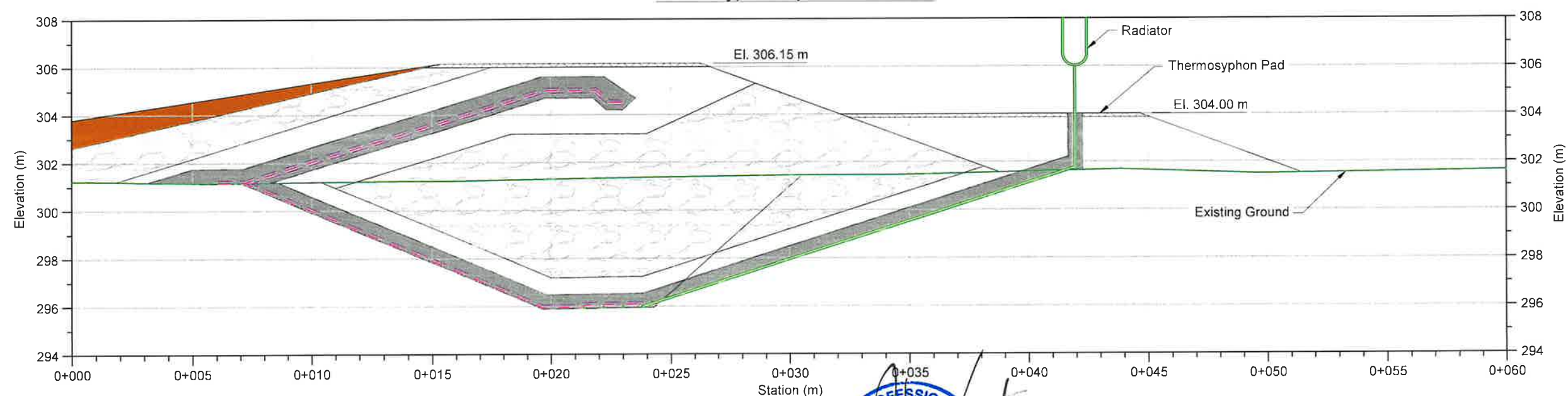
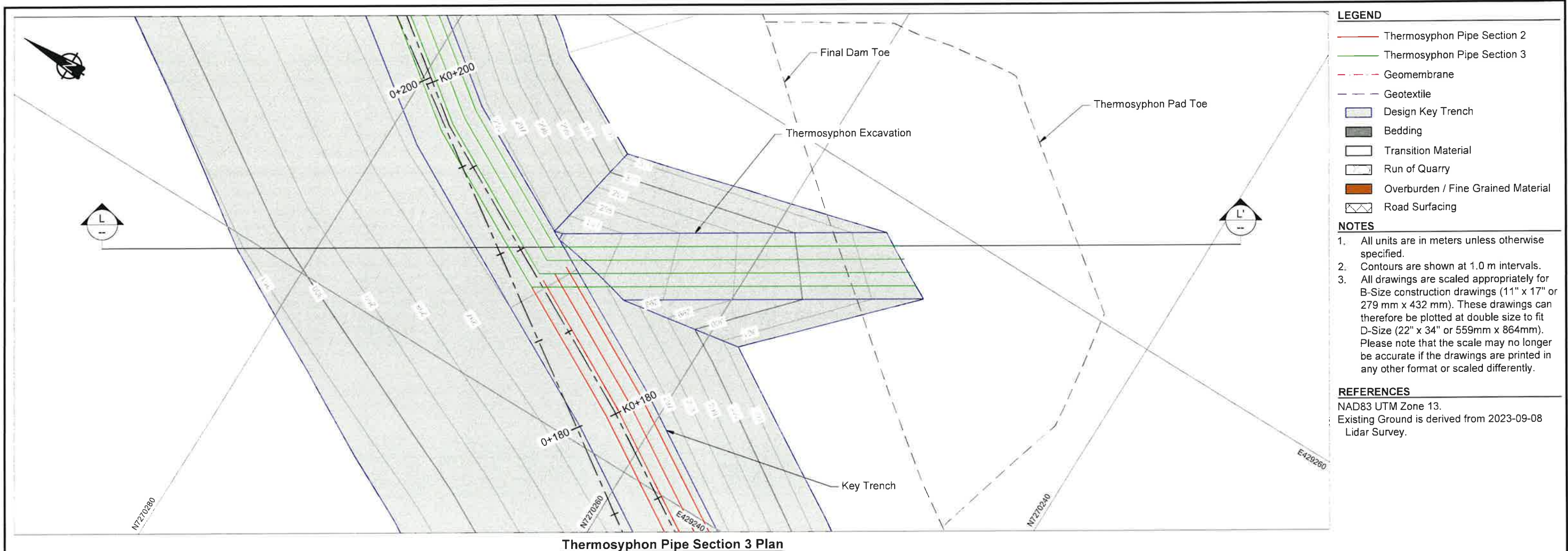
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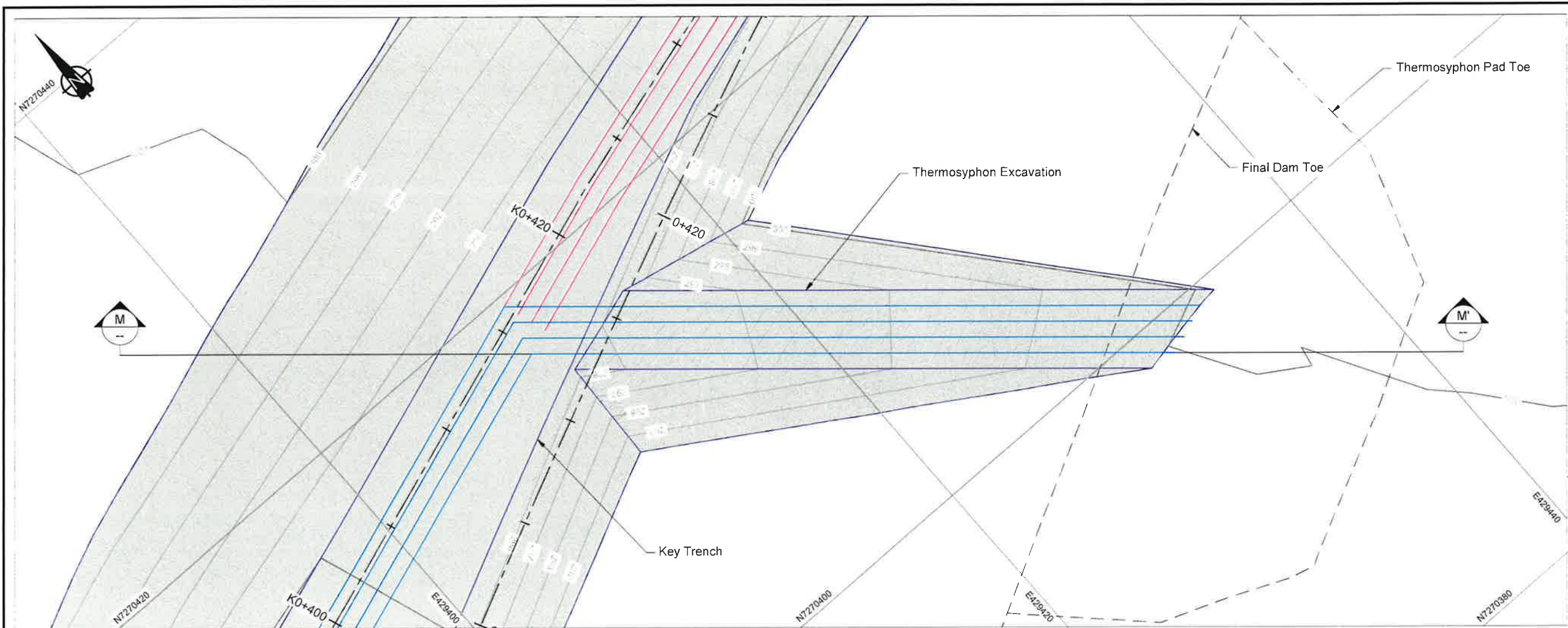


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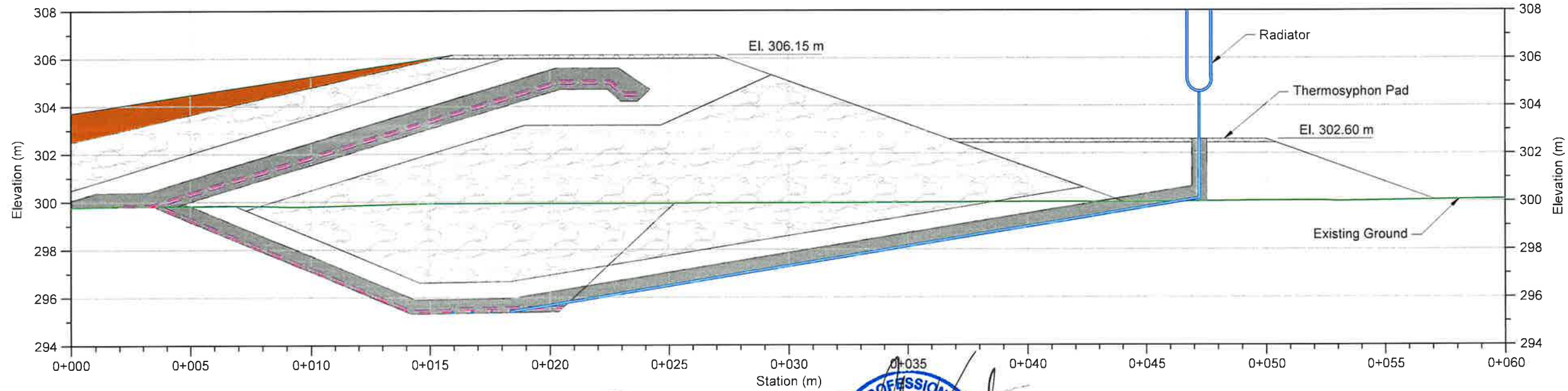
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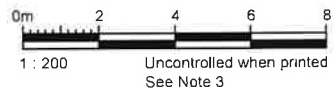
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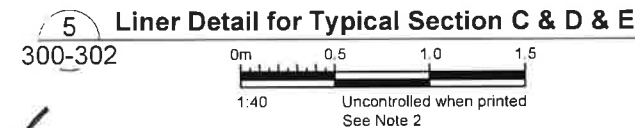
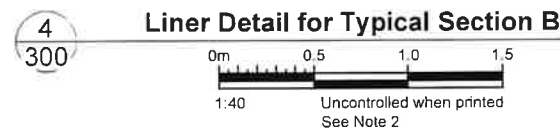
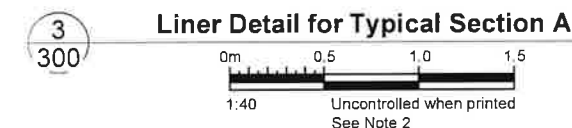
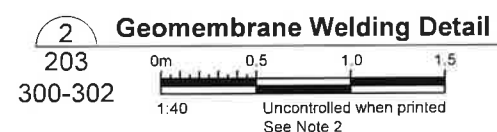
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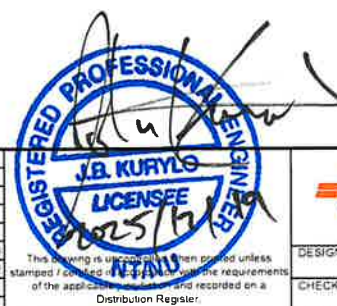
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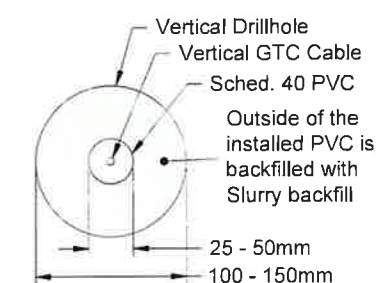
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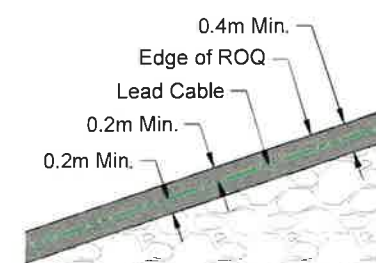


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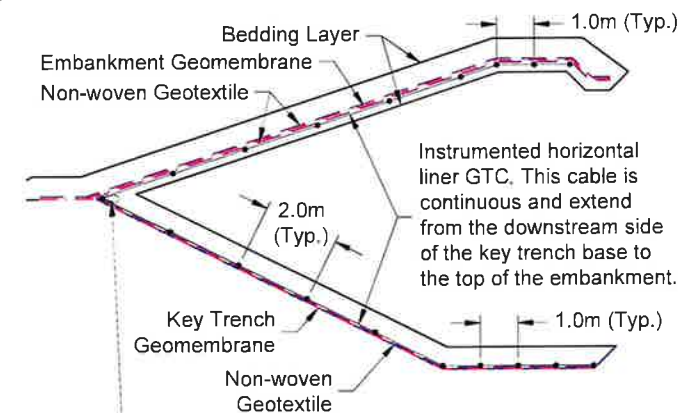
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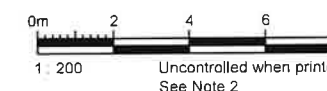
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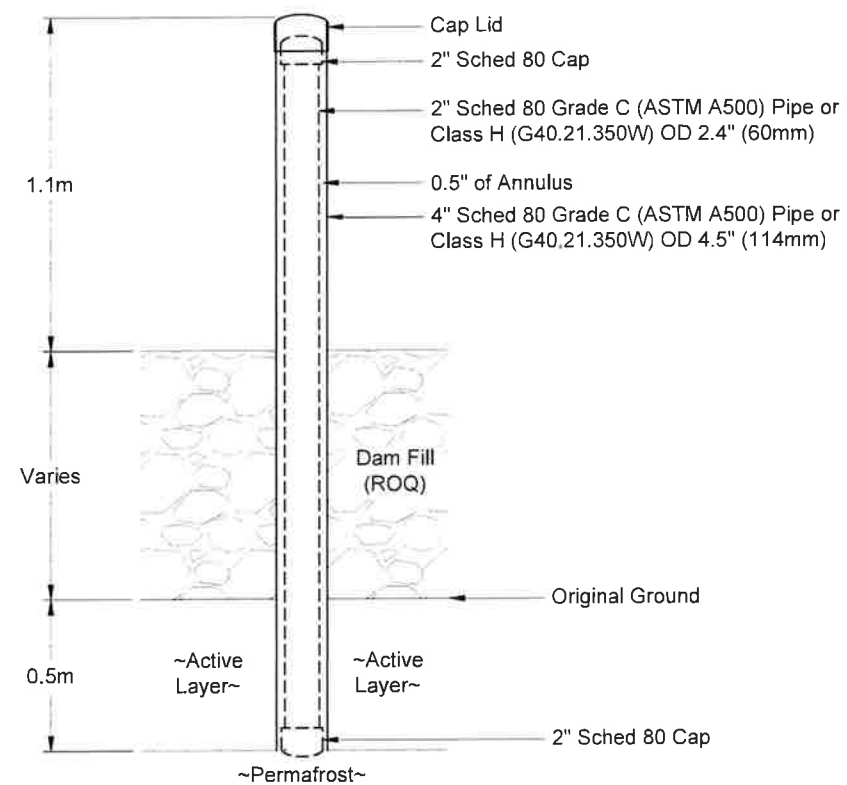
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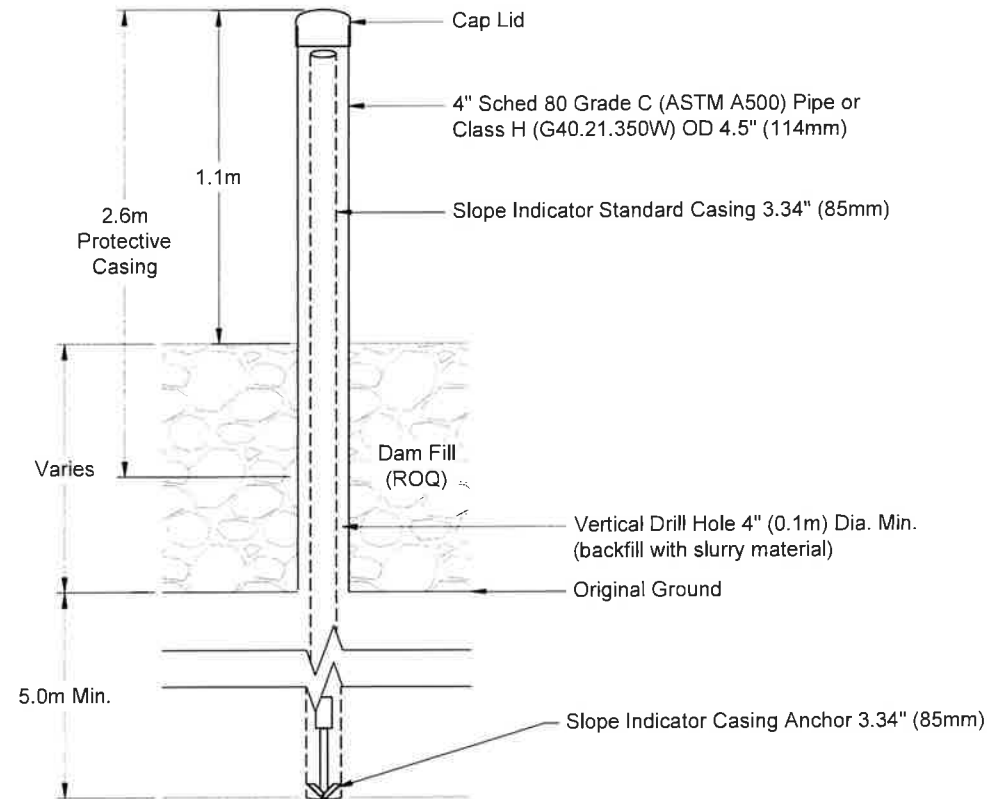
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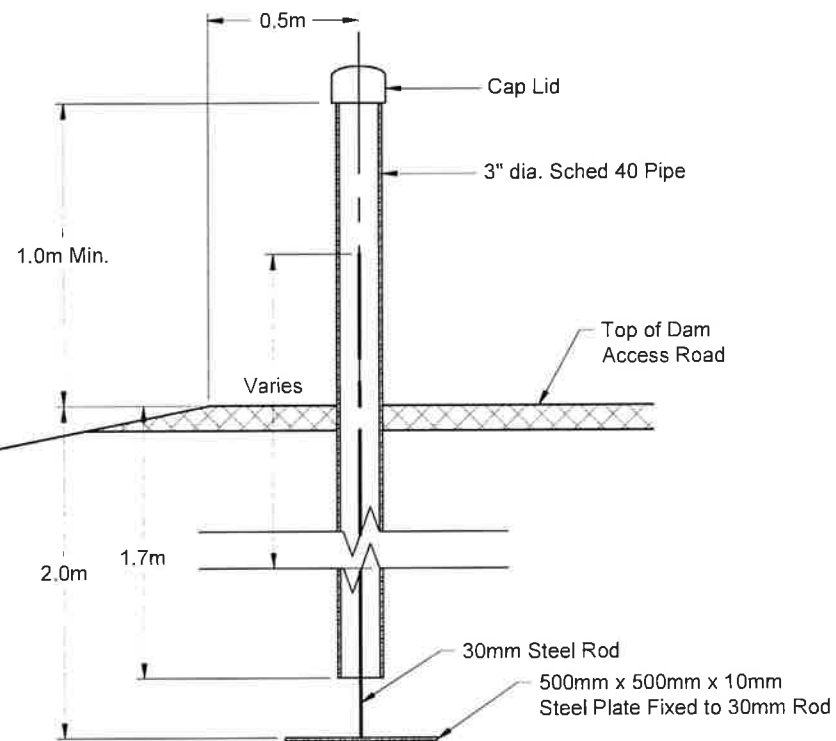
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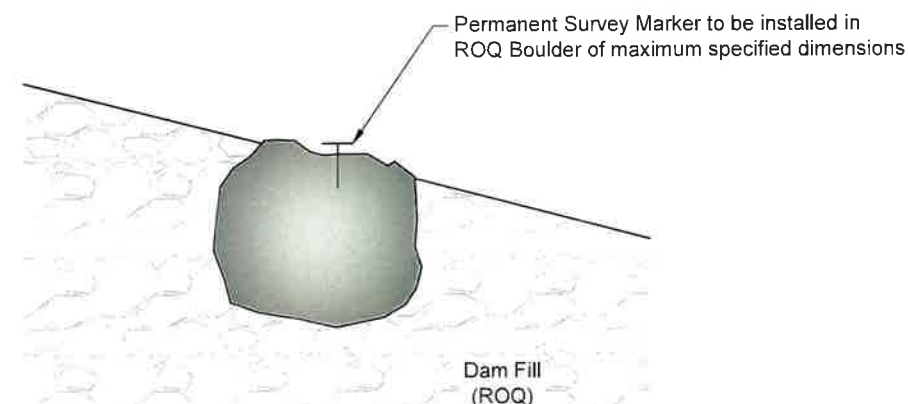
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APPENDIX 4: NPAG & NAG LAB DATA AND ACID-BASE ACCOUNTING SOP

Determination of Minimum Laboratory Soil Resistivity AASHTO T 288

Client: McElhanney	Project: B2 Gold/Back River	AGAT ID: 25-089 to 25-091
Location: BC	Client Sample ID: SMP-078	Work Order: 25UN00930
ATTN: Md Abu Sayed	Sampling Date: NA	Sampled by: Client
	Testing Date: 12-Mar-25	Tested By: NM

Sample Description: Quarry Samples

Sample preparation: As received 4" minus samples were crushed and sieved through No.10 (2 mm). Processed material was air dry, initial water mix saturated for at least 12 hours, additional water increased saturated for more than 0.5 hour

Resistivity Box Size: 22.2 x 4 x 3.2 cm **Cross-sectional area (A):** 4 x 3.2 cm = 12.8 cm² **Volume:** 270 cm³

A/L= 1 cm

Method: 4-electrode method using M.C. Miller Soil Box

Test Results

Distilled Water Resistivity = 439407 Ω.cm

			Meter Reading (Ω)						Minimum Resistivity (Ω.cm)
			Added distilled water (%)						
			10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	
AGAT ID	Sample Client ID	Sampling Date							
25-089	SMP-078(SA#1)	20-Jan-25	22700	11800	11200	12200			11200
25-090	SMP-078(SA#2)	20-Jan-25	26600	14200	14200	13000	13800		13000
25-091	SMP-078(SA#3)	20-Jan-25	21500	12100	10700	11300			10700

Note: Resistivity (Ω.cm) = A/L factor of the resistivity box x The meter reading
Crushed samples were at minimum resistivity at 300 mL added water to 1500g of sample and water was no longer absorbed by the material leaving free water

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PROJECT: B2 Gold/Black River

AGAT WORK ORDER: 25C254349

ROCK ANALYSIS REVIEWED BY: Jewel Shibu, Lab Supervisor

DATE REPORTED: Mar 24, 2025

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CLIENT NAME: MCELHANNEY LIMITED

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(284-758) pH of Soil Used in Corrosion testing (AASHTO T289-91)

DATE SAMPLED:

DATE RECEIVED: Mar 03, 2025

DATE REPORTED: Mar 24, 2025

SAMPLE TYPE: Rock

Analyte: pH of soil -
Corrosion
Testing

Unit: pH units

Sample ID (AGAT ID) RDL: 0.2

25-089 - SMP-078(SA#1) (6556862) 9.55

25-090 - SMP-078(SA#2) (6556866) 9.48

25-091 - SMP-078(SA#3) (6556867) 9.46

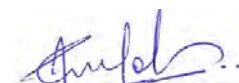
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CLIENT NAME: MCELHANNEY LIMITED

ATTENTION TO: Nikolas Minions

(284-759) Water-Soluble Chloride Ion Content in Soil (AASHTO T291-94)

DATE SAMPLED:

DATE RECEIVED: Mar 03, 2025

DATE REPORTED: Mar 24, 2025

SAMPLE TYPE: Rock

Sample ID (AGAT ID)	Analyte:	Chloride Ion (Water Soluble)
	Unit:	ppm
	RDL:	5
25-089 - SMP-078(SA#1) (6556862)		<5
25-090 - SMP-078(SA#2) (6556866)		<5
25-091 - SMP-078(SA#3) (6556867)		8.24

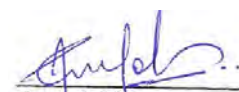
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Insufficient Sample : IS

Sample Not Received : SNR

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Rock Analysis

Date Received: Mar 03, 2025

Date Reported: Mar 24, 2025

(284-758) pH of Soil Used in Corrosion testing (AASHTO T289-91)

6556862 pH of soil -
Corrosion
Testing

Original 8.71

Rep #1 8.71

RPD 0.0%

Method Blank < 0.2

Result Value

Reference Material

Nominal

Recovery 99%

Lower Limit

Upper Limit

(284-759) Water-Soluble Chloride Ion Content in Soil (AASHTO T291-94)

6556862 Chloride Ion
(Water
Soluble)

Original < 5

Rep #1 < 5

RPD 0.0%

Method Blank < 5

Result Value

Reference Material

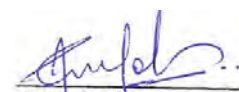
Nominal

Recovery 100%

Lower Limit

Upper Limit

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Method Summary

CLIENT NAME: MCELHANNEY LIMITED

AGAT WORK ORDER: 25C254349

PROJECT: B2 Gold/Black River

ATTENTION TO: Nikolas Minions

SAMPLING SITE:

SAMPLED BY:

PARAMETER	AGAT S.O.P	LITERATURE REFERENCE	ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUE
Rock Analysis			
pH of soil - Corrosion Testing	ARD-284-18026	AASHTO T289-91 (2008)	POTENTIOMETER
Chloride Ion (Water Soluble)	ARD-284-12028	AASHTO T291-94	POTENTIOMETER

Client: McElhanney
Location: Back Water
ATTN: Md Abu Sayed

Work Order No.: 25UN00968
Sampling Date: NA
Testing Date: NA

Test Results

Client ID SMP#15


AGAT ID 25-629

Date Sampled -

Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	
Soil Resistivity	ohms-cm	AASHTO T288	10^6	2320
Organic Matter Content	%			0.30
pH			0.2	8.89
Soluble Chloride	ppm		5	8
Saturation Percentage	%		1	25
Sulfate (SO4-S), Soluble	mg/L		2	778
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	meq/L		0.04	16.20
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	mg/kg		2	195

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Client: McElhanney
Location: Back Water
ATTN: Md Abu Sayed

Work Order No.: 25UN00968
Sampling Date: NA
Testing Date: NA

Test Results

Client ID SMP#18

AGAT ID 25-630

Date Sampled -

Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	
Soil Resistivity	ohms-cm	AASHTO T288	10^6	2580
Organic Matter Content	%			0.48
pH			0.2	8.90
Soluble Chloride	ppm		5	6
Saturation Percentage	%		1	28
Sulfate (SO4-S), Soluble	mg/L		2	794
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	meq/L		0.04	16.50
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	mg/kg		2	222

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Client: McElhanney
Location: Back Water
ATTN: Md Abu Sayed

Work Order No.: 25UN00941
Sampling Date: NA
Testing Date: NA

Test Results

Client ID SMP #05

AGAT ID 25-145

Date Sampled 2/25/2025

Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	
Soil Resistivity	ohms-cm	AASHTO T288	10 ⁶	5840
Organic Matter Content	%			0.61
pH			0.2	9.5
Soluble Chloride	ppm		5	6
Saturation Percentage	%		1	25
Sulfate (SO4-S), Soluble	mg/L		2	164
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	meq/L		0.04	3.41

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Client: McElhanney
Location: Back Water
ATTN: Md Abu Sayed

Work Order No.: 25UN00941
Sampling Date: NA
Testing Date: NA

Test Results

Client ID SMP #06

AGAT ID 25-146

Date Sampled 2/25/2025

Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	
Soil Resistivity	ohms-cm	AASHTO T288	10 ⁶	5930
Organic Matter Content	%			0.87
pH			0.2	9.59
Soluble Chloride	ppm		5	<5
Saturation Percentage	%		1	26
Sulfate (SO4-S), Soluble	mg/L		2	167
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	meq/L		0.04	3.48

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Client: McElhanney
Location: Back Water
ATTN: Md Abu Sayed

Work Order No.: 25UN00941
Sampling Date: NA
Testing Date: NA

Test Results

Client ID SMP #07

AGAT ID 25-147

Date Sampled 2/28/2025

Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	
Soil Resistivity	ohms-cm	AASHTO T288	10 ⁶	6450
Organic Matter Content	%			1.01
pH			0.2	9.73
Soluble Chloride	ppm		5	<5
Saturation Percentage	%		1	23
Sulfate (SO4-S), Soluble	mg/L		2	110
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	meq/L		0.04	2.29

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Client: McElhanney
Location: Back Water
ATTN: Md Abu Sayed

Work Order No.: 25UN00952
Sampling Date: NA
Testing Date: NA

Test Results

Client ID SMP#23-R
AGAT ID 25-205
Date Sampled 3/16/2025

Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	
Soil Resistivity	ohms-cm	AASHTO T288	10 ⁶	9360
Organic Matter Content	%			0.55
pH			0.2	9.57
Soluble Chloride	ppm		5	5
Saturation Percentage	%		1	25
Sulfate (SO4-S), Soluble	mg/L		2	144
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	meq/L		0.04	3.00
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	mg/kg		2	36

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Client: McElhanney
Location: Back Water
ATTN: Md Abu Sayed

Work Order No.: 25UN00952
Sampling Date: NA
Testing Date: NA

Test Results

Client ID SMP#24-R

AGAT ID 25-206

Date Sampled 3/16/2025

Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	
Soil Resistivity	ohms-cm	AASHTO T288	10 ⁶	6450
Organic Matter Content	%			0.35
pH			0.2	9.37
Soluble Chloride	ppm		5	5
Saturation Percentage	%		1	20
Sulfate (SO ₄ -S), Soluble	mg/L		2	58
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	meq/L		0.04	1.21
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	mg/kg		2	12

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Location: Back Water
ATTN: Md Abu Sayed

Work Order No.: 25UN00952
Sampling Date: NA
Testing Date: NA

Test Results

Client ID SMP#26-R

AGAT ID 25-207

Date Sampled 3/18/2025

Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	
Soil Resistivity	ohms-cm	AASHTO T288	10 ⁶	11300
Organic Matter Content	%			0.35
pH			0.2	9.56
Soluble Chloride	ppm		5	<5
Saturation Percentage	%		1	22
Sulfate (SO4-S), Soluble	mg/L		2	53
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	meq/L		0.04	1.10
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	mg/kg		2	12

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Client: McElhanney
Location: Back Water
ATTN: Md Abu Sayed

Work Order No.: 25UN00952
Sampling Date: NA
Testing Date: NA

Test Results

Client ID SMP#27-R

AGAT ID 25-208

Date Sampled 3/20/2025

Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	
Soil Resistivity	ohms-cm	AASHTO T288	10 ⁶	9080
Organic Matter Content	%			0.55
pH			0.2	9.41
Soluble Chloride	ppm		5	9
Saturation Percentage	%		1	22
Sulfate (SO4-S), Soluble	mg/L		2	44
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	meq/L		0.04	0.92
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	mg/kg		2	10

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Client: McElhanney
Location: Back Water
ATTN: Md Abu Sayed

Work Order No.: 25UN00952
Sampling Date: NA
Testing Date: NA

Test Results

Client ID SMP#28-R

AGAT ID 25-209

Date Sampled 3/20/2025

Parameter	Unit	G/S	RDL	
Soil Resistivity	ohms-cm	AASHTO T288	10 ⁶	6670
Organic Matter Content	%			0.50
pH			0.2	9.44
Soluble Chloride	ppm		5	<5
Saturation Percentage	%		1	21
Sulfate (SO4-S), Soluble	mg/L		2	135
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	meq/L		0.04	2.81
Sulfur (as Sulfate), Soluble	mg/kg		2	28

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure is to ensure that all acid-base accounting (ABA) sampling in the mine is done in a safe, productive, and consistent manner, and that all staff understand their roles and responsibilities when collecting ABA samples.

2 DEFINITIONS

Statement	Definition
Acid Base Accounting (ABA)	An analytical method to help determine the acid-producing and neutralizing potential of material.
Acid Potential (AP)	A laboratory measurement of the amount of acid that would be produced by the material being sampled.
Neutralization Potential (NP)	A laboratory measurement of the amount of acidity that would be neutralized by the material being sampled.
Neutralization Potential Ratio (NPR)	Represents a ratio of the neutralization potential of the sample material to its acid generating potential.
Non-Potentially Acid Generating Material (NAG)	Material that is considered non-acid producing, returning an NPR value > 3 or S < 0.15% (low sulfur).
Possibly Potentially Acid Generating Material (PPAG or Uncertain)	Possibly Potentially Acid Generating Material – Material that, when oxidized, may form acid that can leach metals, and falls outside of the NPAG and PAG classifications.
Potentially Acid Generating Material (PAG)	Material that, when oxidized, may form acid that can leach metals, and returns an NPR value < 1 and S > 0.15%.

3 RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 DEPARTMENT MANAGERS

The department managers are responsible for:

- Ensuring that the contents of this document are accurate.
- Ensuring that this document is periodically reviewed.
- Ensuring that this document is amended when necessary.
- Ensuring that updates to this document are distributed to employees.

3.2 DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS

The department supervisors are responsible for:

- Ensuring the health & safety of all employees while supervising and directing sampling programs.
- Periodically reviewing and assessing this document with employees.

- Ensuring that amendments are made when necessary.
- Ensuring all staff understand the content of this document and are trained in the current procedures.

3.3 EMPLOYEES

The employees are responsible for:

- Reviewing and understand the contents of this document.
- Suggesting amendments when necessary.
- Participating in periodic reviews and assessment of this document.
- Ensuring all hazards and risks are mitigated or eliminated before performing any task.
- Asking their supervisor for clarification if they are unsure about any aspect of this procedure.

4 PROTOCOL

4.1 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is essential and is always required to be worn in designated work areas on site. PPE should be inspected regularly for wear or damage and replaced as needed. Please refer to the Personal Protective Equipment SOP (SBR7SBB-02-00-SOP-9007) for all requirements and protocols for PPE. The following is a list of the minimum PPE required for sampling:

- Approved protective headwear;
- Approved safety glasses;
- Approved reflective vest, coveralls, or garment;
- Approved protective footwear;
- Approved traction aids;
- Approved hand protection;
- Headlamp (Underground);
- MSA W65 Self Rescuer (Underground).

All hazards and risks must be identified and mitigated or removed, documented in a Field Level Hazard Assessment (FLHA), and communicated to others in the work area prior to the commencement of any work. Any safety concerns need to be addressed with the supervisor prior to the commencement of any work. Any person witnessing any unsafe act or occurrence is obliged to report it to their supervisor.

4.2 ABA SAMPLE PLANNING

The total amount of waste material will be calculated for each drill pattern and bench within the pit, and a ratio of 8 samples to 100,000 tonnes of waste material (MEND, 2009) will be used to determine the total number of samples required to bring each drill pattern or bench into compliance for releasing the waste material.

The geology of each drill pattern will be reviewed to determine the optimal locations so that samples will avoid crossing lithological or geochemical domains where possible, with the locations being adjusted as needed upon visual assessment of the geology in the field.

The sampler will review the progress of the drill along the drill pattern to determine which holes are able to be sampled and to ensure safe collection of samples are possible. If conditions are found to be unsafe, the sampler is to contact their supervisor (or designate) for additional instruction and potential sampling locations.

4.3 ABA SAMPLE COLLECTION

The sampler will reference a map of the planned holes to determine the locations of the holes to be sampled. The sampler will identify the cuttings pile that belongs to the hole to be sampled and, using the approved blast hole sampling techniques, take a representative sample of the cuttings and place in a sample bag. The sample bag is to be marked with the approved sample number format, the appropriate sample tag is to be placed in the bag with the relevant information, and the bag is to be sealed with a zip-tie.

4.4 ABA SAMPLE SUBMISSION

A sample dispatch sheet with the sampling and assay information should be completed and emailed to the on-site assay lab prior to sample submission. Sealed samples should be placed in rice bags and labelled as per standards prior to transportation to the on-site assay lab.

ABA samples should be assayed based on the Modified Sobek method with a siderite (FeCO_3) correction applied. The Modified Sobek method uses the sulphide sulfur rather than total sulfur to reduce the overestimation of the acid potential (AP) of the sample, while correcting for siderite reduces the overestimation of the neutralization potential (NP) of the sample. The following information is required from lab assays for calculating the neutralization potential ratio (NPR) of a sample:

- Total Sulfur (S)
- Total Inorganic Carbon (TIC)
- pH (For reference)

4.5 CALCULATING NPR AND CLASSIFYING SAMPLES

The NPR of a sample, once assayed, can be calculated using the following steps:

1. Calculate the AP of the sample using the following formula:
 - a. $\text{AP} = \text{Total Sulfur} * 31.35$
2. Calculate the NP of the sample using the following formula:
 - a. $\text{NP} = \text{Total Inorganic Carbon} * (1000 / 12)$
3. Calculate the NPR of the sample using the following formula:
 - a. $\text{NPR} = \text{NP} / \text{AP}$



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Once the NPR is calculated, the sample is to be classified as NAG, Uncertain, or PAG, using the following site-specific criteria (Sabina Gold & Silver Corp, 2022):

- An $\text{NPR} > 3$ or $S < 0.15\%$ is to be classified as NAG.
- An $\text{NPR} > 1$ and < 3 is to be classified as Uncertain.
- An $\text{NPR} < 1$ is to be classified as PAG.

ABA sample information and classification is to be stored in the appropriate tracking database for future reference, reporting, and modelling.

5 REFERENCES

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