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1. Introduction

1.1 Project overview

Agnico Eagle (AEM) is operating the Meliadine Gold Mine located near the western shore of Hudson Bay in the Nunavut Territory, 32 km north of Rankin Inlet. They have a Paste Plant building on their site to make the mix of cement and tailings called "paste". The paste is distributed from the surface to the underground network using pipelines and boreholes. The paste is used for backfilling in the underground mine. There are already two pipelines (A and B) to feed the underground, but a third one will be necessary to ensure sufficient distribution.

The main objective of the project was to install the "Paste Line C" that connects the Paste Plant to a new borehole. The new granular pad has already been submitted and presented in the construction summary report for "Paste Line C" Pad - 6537-584-123-REP-004.

1.2 Purpose of the report

This report aims to present the construction summary for the piping of the Paste Line C. The work includes the pipe supports, piping, insulation, heat tracing, and temperature sensor. This document includes drawings issued for as-built (Appendix) as specified under Nunavut Water Board (NWB) Water License 2AM-MEL 1631.

1.3 Construction schedule

The construction started in September 2024 and was completed by the end of the same year.

2. Construction summary

Figure 1 presents an aerial view of the new Paste Line C. The Paste Line C has an approximate length of 220 m. The piping line number is 200-SPB-CH1-0014 (See appendix C).

The following activities have been completed for the piping installation:

- Placing and burying the pipe supports in the ground;
- Placing and welding the pipe together;
- Putting the pipe through the casing under the road;



- Welding the pipe shoes in position;
- Performing pressure tests;
- Performing weld examination;
- Installing the heat tracing and the temperature sensors;
- Installing the fibreglass insulation;
- Connection at the Tie-In point.



Figure 1: Paste Line C installed – Aerial view

2.1 Paste Line C – Construction activities

2.1.1 Piping

The installation for the pipe from tie-in point TP01 to TP02 has been completed. The design criteria used are from AEM's pipe specifications (document numbers 60-000-270-GGD-001-R3 and 60-000-270-GGD-002-R0). The as-built route is shown in the drawing 65-584-210-003 - General Arrangement in Appendix A.

The pipes are sitting on supports using pipe shoes. The connection point inside the Paste Plant is bolted flanges. The same mechanical joint will be used for the connection point at the Borehole entry. The connection between each pipe section is buttwelded or bolted in accordance with the drawings issued for construction.



The expansion loop was built in accordance with the Isometric drawings. The picture in Figure 2 shows the expansion loop and the connection at the borehole.



Figure 2: Expansion loop and borehole connection

Being an outdoor pipeline, insulation is used for freeze protection. The insulation selection is made using the AEM's General Guideline for Design – Insulation of Piping, Tanks and Equipment (60-000-270-GGD-003-R0). The selected solution is of heat tracing and fibreglass insulation. It is designed to maintain a minimum fluid temperature of 4°C in all conditions.

2.1.2 Structure - Pipe support

The pipe supports are made of structural steel. The design criteria used are from the AEM's Structural Design Criteria (60-000-245-GGD-002-R0) and Site Information and Design Coefficients (60-000-100-GGD-001-R1). The as built is shown in the drawing 65-584-245-008-1 in Appendix B. The pipe supports were made in factory before being shipped to the Meliadine site.

The pipe supports are partially buried in the new pad. Any displacement after installation can be corrected using shims and spacers to adjust the height between the pipe shoe and the pipe support. Upon verification with the geotechnical report, the vertical and lateral support of the structure are assumed by the structural pad. The pictures in Figure 3 show the pipe support Type 1 installation.







Figure 3: Installation of the pipe supports.

The casing under the road has been changed for a longer one. It created the need to replace one pipe support (red) by a support inside the casing as in drawing 65-584-210-003 – Section B. It does not impact the design as it respects the maximal span between two supports.

2.1.3 Electric and ATI

The piping system outside the building is heat traced. Also, an additional temperature sensor has been installed for monitoring temperature directly through an existing PLC.

2.2 Works Limit

The Paste Line C limits are from the borehole (TP01) to the Paste Plant (TP02).

2.3 Construction monitoring

A quality control program was followed during the construction by the project supervisor. The following quality control (monitoring) activities have been completed:

- Survey to validate the position of all pipes supports in accordance with the construction drawings;
- Inspection of pipe welding using an approved methodology;

- Leak and pressure tests (hydrostatic) were done after the installation of the pipeline;
- Pre-operational verification on the heat tracing and the electric line.

Qualified Agnico Eagle personal was responsible for the quality insurance on site.

3. Compliance with code

Table 1 below presents a summary of the codes and standards that were respected for the activities related to the project.

Table 1: Codes and standards list

	Code number	Title
	ASME - B31.3	Process piping
Piping	CSA – B51	Boiler, pressure vessel, and pressure piping code
	NBC 2015	National Building Code of Canada
Structural steel	CSA - S16	Design and construction of steel structures
Concrete	CSA - A23.3	Design of concrete structures
Electric and ATI	CSA - C22.1	Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, Safety Standard for Electrical Installations
	CSA - C22.2 No.03	Test Methods for Electrical Wires and Cables
	CSA - M421	Use of Electricity in Mines
	CSA - Z462	Workplace Electrical Safety



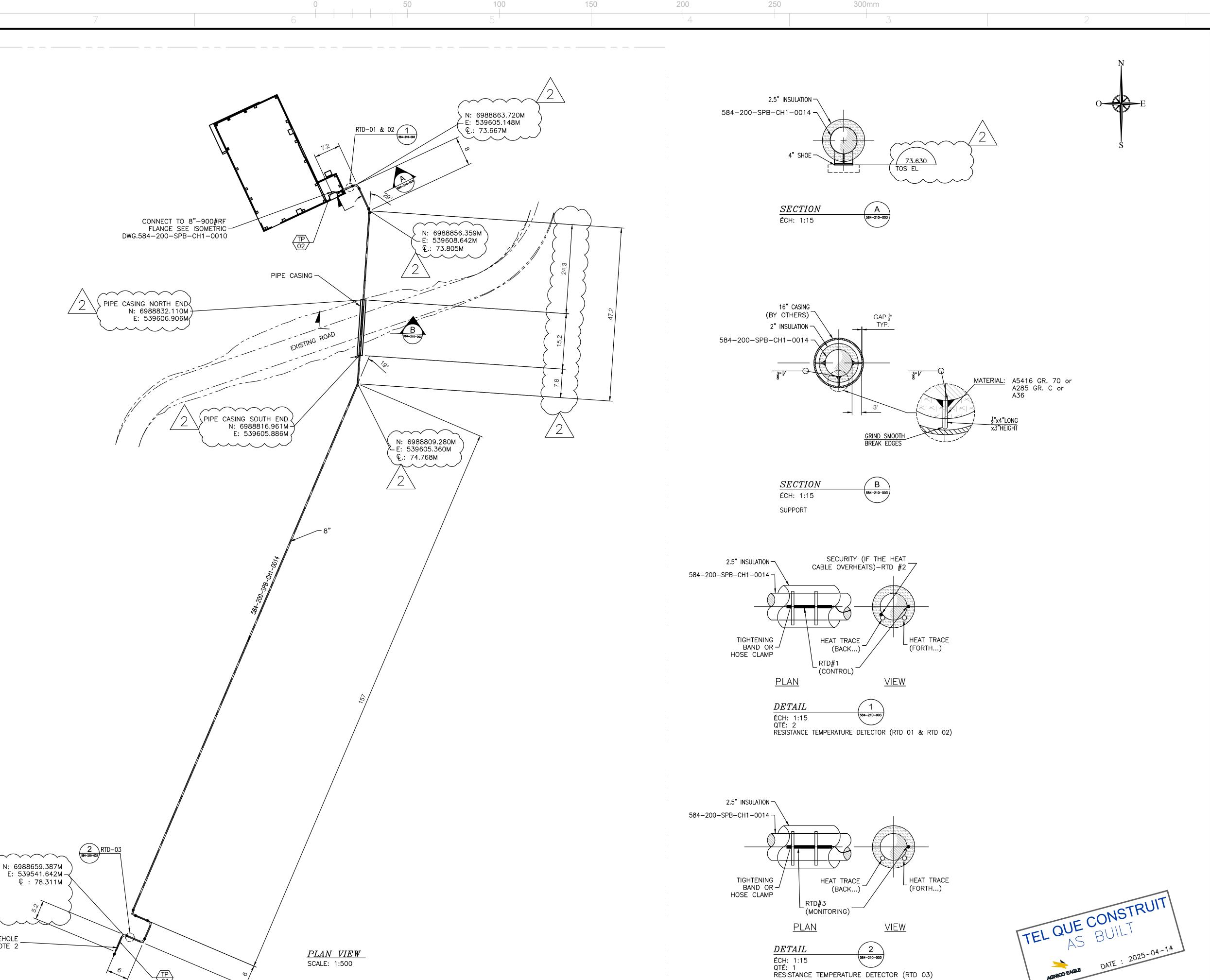


Appendix A: General Arrangement – Paste Line C – 65-584-210-003-2-R2

BOREHOLE _ NOTE 2

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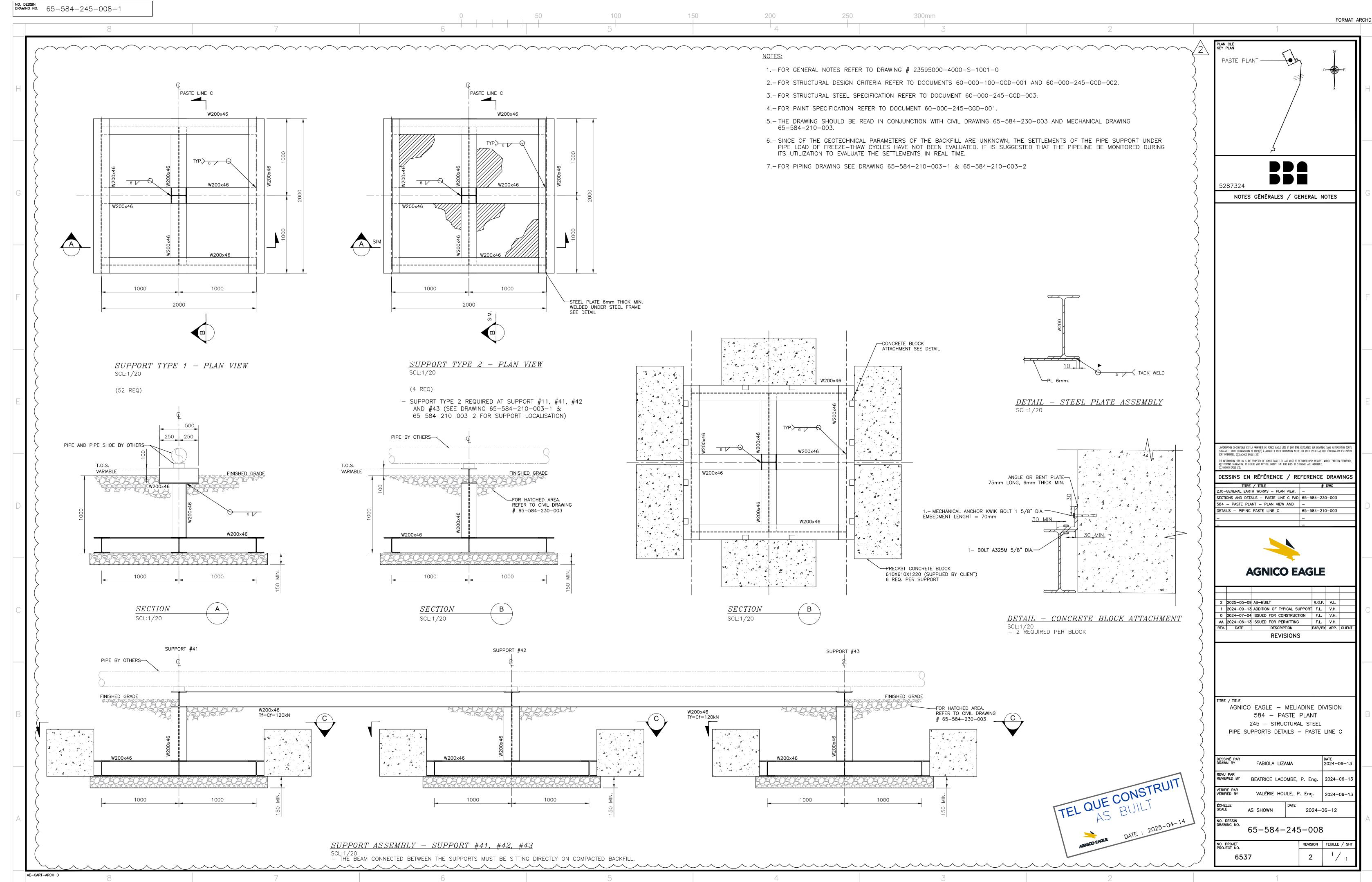
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Appendix B: Pipe Supports Details – Paste Line C - 65-584-245-008-1-R2



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