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Dear Chief and Council:

**Subject: Geotechnical Investigation for Waste Transfer Station at Pheasant Rump Nakota Nation**

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Attached is a copy of our Geotechnical Investigation report including foundation design recommendations for the proposed new Waste Transfer Station (WTS) at Pheasant Rump Nakota Nation, near Kisbey, SK.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our findings, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at: (306)-244-1710.

Yours Sincerely,  
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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

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Pheasant Rump Nakota Nation (PRNN, the Client) retained PINTER & Associates Ltd. (PINTER) to complete a geotechnical investigation at the location of a proposed new Waste Transfer Station to be located approximately 2 km north of the band office on grid road 605. The building is to be located at the coordinates 49.667302°N, 102.682698°W (the Site). The location of the Site is presented in Figure 1, Appendix A.

The goal of the investigation is to provide foundation design recommendations for the proposed structure(s). To achieve this goal, it is necessary to understand the surface topography and local soil and groundwater conditions.

Two boreholes were advanced to collect information about deep ground conditions beneath the approximate footprint of the proposed building and other structures within the transfer station. Borehole locations are presented in Figure 2, Appendix A.

Appendix B presents a Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations to aid in the reading of this report.

**1.1. SCOPE OF WORK**

The scope of work, as outlined in the PINTER proposal dated 27 Aug 2019, includes the following:

**Field Work**

PINTER will provide equipment, materials, and labor to carry out the following tasks:

- advance two (2) boreholes to a maximum depth of 12 m below ground surface (bgs), for logging of soil conditions and collection of samples;
- perform Standard Penetration Tests (SPTs) every 3.0 m for determination of various geotechnical soil properties;
- collect grab soil samples every 0.75 m, and at changes in geology, for potential laboratory analysis;
- visually log all soils encountered using field visual and textural methods;
- assess strength of cohesive soils (if present) using a pocket penetrometer, according to industry standards;



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- groundwater conditions will be observed during drilling and measured immediately prior to backfilling the holes.

**Laboratory Analysis**

Laboratory analysis will be carried out on selected soil samples collected from the drilling program and will be analyzed as follows:

- Moisture content on all samples;
- up to a maximum of two (2) grain size distribution curves;
- up to a maximum of three (3) Atterberg limits analyses;
- up to a maximum of one (1) water soluble-sulfate analysis; and,
- other laboratory testing if deemed necessary (at an extra cost, to be discussed with client before proceeding).

**Report**

We will provide a geotechnical report describing the results of the field and laboratory testing, together with comments related to geotechnical aspects of foundation design and construction. The report will include the following:

- a site plan, including borehole locations;
- site surface and subsurface descriptions, including detailed borehole logs;
- complete laboratory testing results, including our summary and interpretation;
- design parameters and recommendations for shallow foundations (if appropriate);
- design parameters and recommendations for deep foundations (if required);
- estimates of the expected total settlement for the chosen foundation type;
- other specific geotechnical considerations such as settlement, frost protection, swelling and shrinking properties of subsoil, etc., if appropriate.

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**2.0 METHODOLOGY**

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The geotechnical drilling investigation was carried out under the direction of PINTER personnel on 09 June 2021.

**2.1. SITE SPECIFIC HEALTH AND SAFETY****2.1.1. Tailgate Meeting**

A Site-Specific Health and Safety assessment was carried out prior to activities on site. This Health and Safety assessment identified any on-site hazards along with any requirements in terms of project health and safety. In order to ensure that all personnel on site remained safe, the programs discussed were enforced and followed.

**2.1.2. Utility Locates**

Saskatchewan 1<sup>st</sup> Call was contacted to request a standard underground utility locate in the work area. The site was searched for all utilities including SaskTel, SaskPower, SaskEnergy, and Crescent Point Energy. The locations of the boreholes were selected to maintain a safe distance from underground utilities, while staying within the proposed work area.

**2.2. BOREHOLE ADVANCEMENT**

Two (2) borehole locations were selected as shown in Figure 2, Appendix A (BH21-1 and BH21-2). Both boreholes were in the approximate vicinity of the footprint of the proposed building. Visual logging, physical sampling, and field testing of soil strength were carried out at each borehole location. Borehole logs are presented in Appendix C.

Mobile Augers and Research Ltd. (Mobile) provided the necessary personnel, equipment and materials required to advance the geotechnical boreholes to the predetermined depths. BH21-1 and BH21-2 were both completed using solid-stem auger drilling.

BH21-1 was advanced to a depth of 12.0 m below ground surface (bgs), and BH21-2 was advanced to a depth of 9.0 m bgs. Standard Penetration Tests (SPTs) were carried out at 3.0 m intervals.

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Undisturbed Shelby tube soil samples were not collected due to the non-cohesive nature of the soils on site. Grab soil samples were taken every 0.75 m, and at changes in stratigraphy, and SPT samples were obtained at regular intervals in laboratory grade polyethylene soil bags.

Borehole locations were recorded using GPS survey equipment accurate to approximately  $\pm .04$  m at the time of recording.

**2.3. FIELD AND LABORATORY TESTS**

**2.3.1. Field Tests**

Field testing of soil samples consisted of Standard Penetration Tests (SPTs). The results of the SPTs are recorded in the borehole logs in Appendix C.

Standard Penetration Test (SPT)

The Standard Penetration Test (SPT) is carried out by driving a sampler into the soil with a known mass falling from a known height. A variety of geotechnical parameters can be correlated to the SPT-N value, which is the number of blows required to drive the sampler 300 mm into the ground, following an initial penetration of 150 mm. SPT tests are terminated prematurely if at least 150 mm of penetration is not achieved after 50 consecutive blows.

**2.3.2. Laboratory Tests**

Water content analyses were performed on all samples submitted for laboratory testing. Two (2) grain size distributions, and one (1) water-soluble sulfate analysis were performed on selected samples. All the laboratory results are included on the borehole logs in Appendix C. Complete copies of the laboratory analysis reports are also provided in Appendix D.

Water Content

Water content analysis is carried out by comparing the mass of a sample before and after it is dried in an oven. Water content analyses were performed at all depths within the retrieved soil samples and are used to confirm the water content and physical state of soils.

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Grain Size Analysis

Grain size analysis was carried out on soil samples retrieved from select depths within the boreholes. Determination of the distribution of coarse-grained particles (sands and gravels) is performed by separating the soil grain-size fractions by dry mechanical sieving through a series of sieves with progressively smaller openings. Distribution of fine-grained particles (clays and silts) is determined by a pipette method which takes advantage of the predictable relationship between particle size and the settling velocity in a fluid. The results of both methods are combined to determine the relative amounts of gravels, sands, silts, and clays in the soil, and to confirm soil classification.

Water-Soluble Sulfate

Sulfate in soil has a deleterious effect on concrete. The water-soluble sulfate analysis measures the amount of water-soluble sulfate in soil and is used to determine what grade, if any, of sulfate resistant cement should be used for concrete in direct contact with the soil.

ALS Canada Limited of Saskatoon, SK provided all laboratory analyses for the soil at this site.

**2.4. GROUNDWATER**

Seepage and sloughing soils were not encountered during drilling at this site. Upon completion of drilling, both holes remained open and dry.

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**3.0 RESULTS**

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**3.1. SITE SETTING**

The Site is located on the mid to bottom slope of a hill, approximately 2 km north of the Pheasant Rump Band office, off Grid Road 605. The Site is surrounded by grassland/pastureland on all sides. The atmospheric temperature at the time of the investigation was approximately 25°C, with clear skies and little wind.

Selected Site photographs are presented in Appendix E.

**3.2. REGIONAL GEOLOGY**

Soils at the Site consist of glacial lacustrine deposits of silty sand. Surficial soils up to approximately 20 m bgs are likely part of the Saskatoon Group. Underlying this is up to approximately 30 m bgs are soils of the Sutherland Group and/or Ravenscrag Formation. Beneath that lie approximately 25 m of soils from the Eastend and Frenchman Formations. Finally, the Pierre Shale is encountered at a depth of approximately 45 to 75 m bgs.

**3.3. STRATIGRAPHY**

The soils at this site consisted of a 0.10 m layer of organic topsoil at surface. Fine-grained silty sand continued to the end of drilling in both test holes to depths of at least 12.0 m bgs.

**3.4. FIELD RESULTS****3.4.1. Standard Penetration Tests (SPT)**

The standard penetration test (SPT) is an in-situ dynamic penetration test designed to provide the penetration resistance (N-value) along the depth at a given site. SPT results are presented in the borehole logs provided in Appendix C. SPT-N values ranged from 11 to 35.

**3.4.2. Groundwater**

Groundwater was not encountered during drilling at this site.

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Table 2 summarizes the grain-size laboratory results. Grain size distributions on the samples tested resulted in the samples being classified a fine-grained silty sand (SM) according to the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). These results indicate that the soils will likely not experience significant shrinking and swelling with changes in water content, but they are likely susceptible to frost heaving.

**Table 1: Grain Size Distribution Results**

| Sample ID | Water Content (%) | USCS Particle Sizes |          |            | USCS Classification |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|---------------------|
|           |                   | Fines (%)           | Sand (%) | Gravel (%) |                     |
| 21-1      | 6.07              | 23.4                | 76.6     | <1.0       | SM                  |
| 21-2      | 2.27              | 6.1                 | 93.9     | <1.0       | SP                  |

USCS: Unified Soil Classification System

SM: Silty Sand

SP: Poorly-Graded Sand

A single sample (21-1@5.25m) was submitted for analysis of water-soluble sulfate. The results were below the detection limit of 0.050% by mass, indicating very little to no sulfate in the soil.

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## 4.0 SUITABLE FOUNDATION TYPES AND PARAMETERS

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The Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual (CFEM) recommends that the limit states design methodology be used for design of structural foundations. The limit states design methodology uses factored parameters to determine allowable design loads and resistances. The recommended geotechnical resistance factor ( $\Phi$ ) for deep foundations designed using semi-empirical analysis based on laboratory and in situ test data is 0.4 for bearing resistance, and 0.3 for uplift resistance.

This report presents the allowable geotechnical design parameters after these factors have been applied. Bearing capacity values recommended in this section are for typical foundation systems at the specified depths, which may change according to design specific purposes. They have been estimated based on the field and lab testing results, as well as conservative estimates of soil properties for a silty sand to sandy silt soil. Actual bearing capacities will vary slightly based on the geometries and depths of the designed foundations.

### 4.1. DEEP FOUNDATIONS

Deep foundations are the recommended foundation type for this location and structure. This is due to the high silt content in the native soils. Silty soils do not generally provide a great bearing capacity for shallow foundations and are highly susceptible to frost heave. Helical piles are the recommended foundation systems for the local conditions. Cast-in-place concrete piles may also be feasible.

#### 4.1.1. Pile Bearing Capacity – Screw Piles

The total capacity of a helical pile is evaluated as the sum of the capacities of each individual helical plate. For a single helical plate at 10 m bgs, the factored geotechnical bearing resistance is 1,500 kPa. Skin friction along the shaft of screw piles is not generally taken into account unless the shaft diameter is greater than 100 mm.

#### 4.1.2. Load Capacity in Relationship to Installation Torque – Screw Piles

A screw pile's ultimate load capacity may be estimated by monitoring the torque required to install the pile. Recording of installation torque should always be done

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when installing screw piles as a quality control step to ensure that piles have reached their expected capacity. The required torque to ensure the expected capacity has been reached is dependent on soil conditions, and screw pile design including plate and shaft diameter. Once a screw pile design has been selected, PINTER should be contacted to review the design and specify a required torque during construction.

**4.1.3. Pile End Bearing Capacity Recommendations – Cast-in-Place**

The sand and silt at the Site have the potential to develop considerable capacity in both end-bearing and skin-friction. It is recommended that piles be installed to a depth of at least 10 m bgs, with the base set in dense sand. The factored geotechnical end-bearing resistance at this depth is 1600 kPa.

**Table 2: Maximum Allowable Shaft Resistance for Cast-In-Place Concrete Pile Design**

| Depth Range (m bgs) | Vertical Downward Shaft Resistance (kPa) | Vertical Uplift Shaft Resistance (kPa) |
|---------------------|--|--|
| 0 - 2               | 0  | 0                                      |
| 2 - 4               | 9  | 7                                      |
| 4 - 6               | 20                                       | 15                                     |
| 6 - 8               | 30                                       | 23                                     |
| 8 - 10              | 40                                       | 30                                     |

**4.1.4. General Pile Recommendations**

The following minimum recommendations are presented for pile design and construction:

1. Centre-to-centre spacing of the piles must be a minimum of 3.0 pile diameters (3.0 helical plate diameters, in the case of screw piles).
2. If centre-to-centre spacing of less than 6.0 pile diameters is used, pile group effects will alter the overall bearing capacity of the individual piles. PINTER should be contacted in this case to review final foundation design.

**4.2. SETTLEMENT**

There are three components that contribute to the total settlement of a single pile: elastic deformation of the pile, settlement due to the shaft load, and settlement due to the toe



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load. Taking all of these into account, the total predicted settlement for a pile at 10 m depth is 25 mm, assuming an applied load of 650 kN on the pile.

**4.3. GENERAL SHALLOW FOUNDATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

- i. Materials directly beneath the shallow foundation footings should be excavated and replaced with a free draining granular material to a thickness of at least 1 m. The free draining material should be compacted to a minimum 100% of standard proctor density at optimum moisture content (SPDD).
- ii. Provide 100 mm minimum diameter continuous weeping tile encased in a non-woven geotextile installed around the perimeter of the foundation base. A minimum of 300 mm free draining aggregate cover should be provided above the weeping tile.
  - a. Free draining granular material should be placed a minimum of 1.5 m above the weeping tile aggregate, or half way up the foundation wall, whichever is greater. The granular material should be free draining. Allowance should be made for settlement of the fill.
  - b. Free draining granular shall contain less than 5% material finer than 0.075 mm.
- iii. Where deleterious materials such as soft/wet soils, organics, frozen material, rocks, etc. are encountered, these materials should be removed and replaced with gravel fill compacted to a minimum 100% SPDD, or lean concrete with a compressive strength of at least 2 MPa.
- iv. Excessive wetting, drying, or freezing of exposed soils at the footing elevation during construction should be avoided. If exposed soils do become excessively wetted, dried, or frozen, they should be removed and replaced with compacted granular fill, or lean concrete.
- v. Provide a polyethylene vapor barrier between the granular base and the reinforced concrete floor slab.
- vi. Shallow foundations slabs should be reinforced to minimize effects of seasonal movements, and non-uniform bearing surfaces.
- vii. Isolate the slab from grade beams, walls, columns by means of separation joints.

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- viii. Exterior below grade insulation should be installed to prevent freezing of the soil beneath the building footprint. A minimum temperature level should also be maintained within the proposed structures during the winter months.
- ix. Backfilling against foundations should not be attempted until the concrete has cured enough to provide sufficient strength to resist the loads caused by lateral earth pressure and compaction.
- x. No organic, frozen, or other deleterious materials should be used in the backfill. Any soil clumps should be broken up.
- xi. Backfill around foundations should be placed in 150 mm lifts and compacted to at least 100% SPDD
- xii. Positive drainage should be provided with a slope of at least 1% to shed water away from structures and prevent pooling against foundations.

**4.4. SPECIFIC SHALLOW FOUNDATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Due to the generally poor quality of the native soils and their susceptibility to frost heave, shallow foundations are not recommended for this location.

**4.5. FROST HEAVE**

Frost heave can occur when the pore water within soil freezes and expands. Even when there is little water within the soil, a combination of capillary action and thermal gradients can draw water up from below to create solid ice lenses. Silty soils are the most susceptible to this kind of frost heave action, so the soils at this Site may be at risk. Frost heave can be avoided if the soils beneath the foundation can be prevented from freezing. This can be done by providing exterior below grade insulation and maintaining a minimum temperature level within the proposed structure during the winter months. Maintaining positive drainage away from the foundation will also serve to reduce potential frost heave by limiting the available water.

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**5.0 SITE PREPARATION**

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**5.1. GRADING AND DRAINAGE**

Proper grading and positive drainage are paramount for a long-term performance of the structural design. Maintaining a positive grade draining away from the structure and avoiding standing water after development is critical. A minimum slope of 0.5% away from the structure is recommended. Better performance is generally achieved with minimum slopes of at least 1% away from structures as some post-construction settlement is likely to occur.

**5.2. FILL SELECTION AND PLACEMENT**

The silty material at the site is likely susceptible to frost heave. For this reason, a well-draining granular material should be used below the structure's foundation. The thickness of the granular material will vary depending upon the weight and load distribution of the structure resting on the soil. Shallow foundations will require more granular material than deep foundations. A minimum granular support of between 0.3 and 0.5 m thick, placed at a Standard Proctor Density of 100% is recommended.

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## **6.0 FOUNDATION CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS**

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PINTER has provided general concrete design recommendations below. Specific concrete foundation design recommendations should be made by a qualified structural engineer as it is outside the geotechnical engineering scope of work.

1. All concrete and concrete materials should be supplied, tested, and installed according to CSA 23.1.
2. The base below the concrete must be free from deleterious material including cuttings from excavations, organics, frozen material, and rocks.
3. Concrete slabs should be underlain by free draining material. The top layer of material between the base of the concrete and the granular material should consist of a 50 mm uniform sand layer to allow for even load distribution of the structure.
4. Based on the results of the water-soluble sulfate analysis, it is not essential that sulfate resistant cement be used at this location. However, PINTER recommends the use of sulfate resistant cement with all concrete in contact with soil as a precautionary measure.
5. Concrete slabs should be designed with 2 mats of rebar, the bottom mat for compression from loadings and the top mat from tension due to potential frost action.

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## **7.0 CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION**

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The design recommendations within this report are based on the assumption that an appropriate level of inspection will be provided during construction and that qualified and experienced contractors will carry out construction.

PINTER should be retained for design review and engaged for inspection (and materials testing as required) during foundation installation.

A appropriate level of inspection is full time inspection. This is to confirm that site conditions encountered are consistent with subsurface interpretations, the assumptions used to develop design recommendations, and the findings of this investigation. This will help to assure that cost effective solutions are developed for any construction problems that may arise.

PINTER requests the opportunity to review drawings and specifications related to any foundations, earthworks or other designs based on the recommendations provided in this report.

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## 8.0 LIMITATIONS

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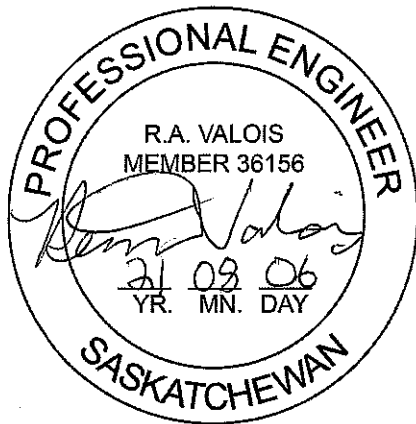
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**The results, findings and recommendations of this report are based on the results of field observations and laboratory analysis. Interpolation of soil and groundwater conditions has been made between borehole locations. Actual conditions may vary between boreholes or at depths not attained from those interpreted by PINTER. If conditions are encountered that differ from those detailed by the boreholes drilled onsite and described in this report, or if the assumptions stated in this report are not in keeping with the design, PINTER should be notified to review and adjust the recommendations, if necessary.**

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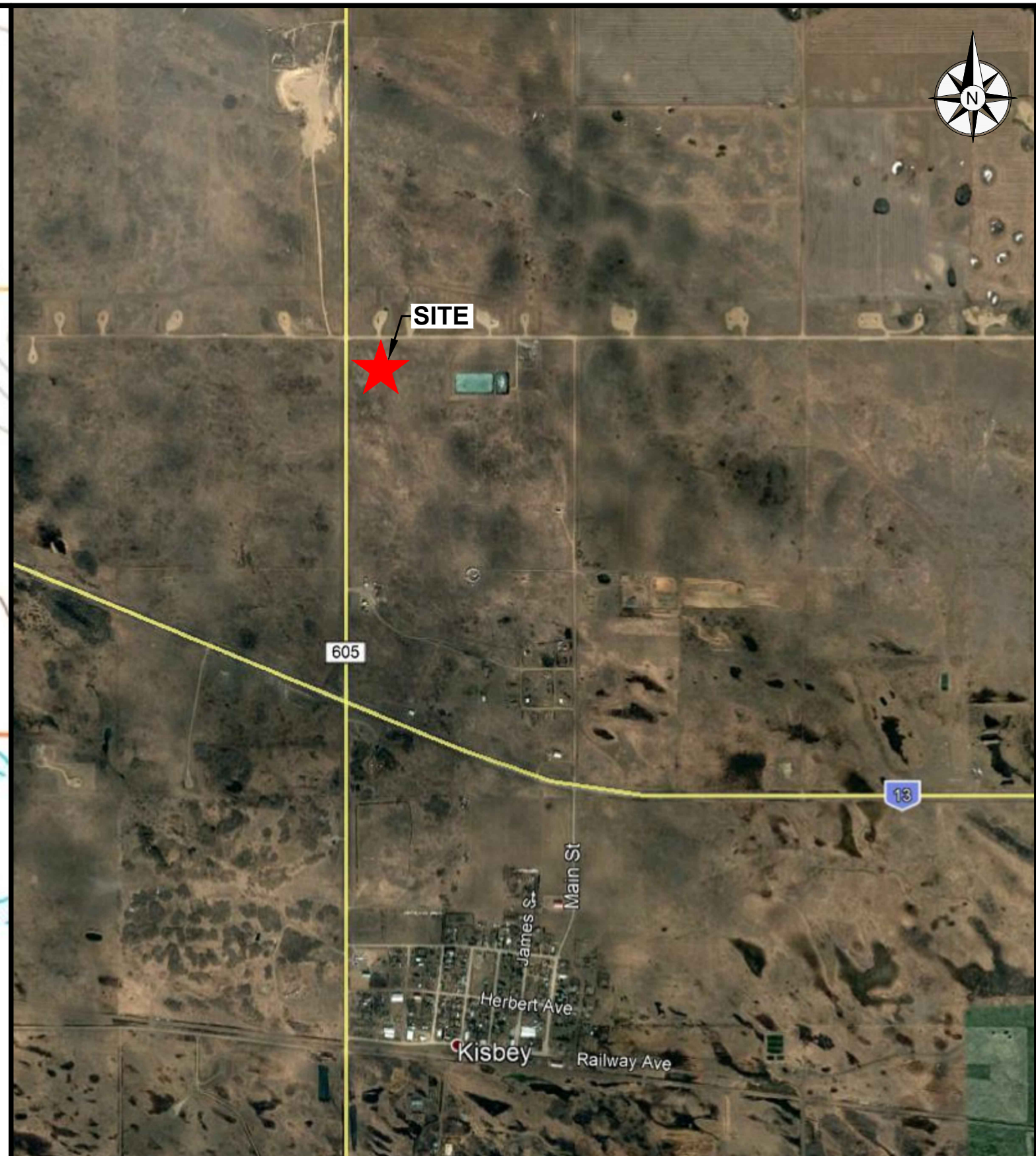
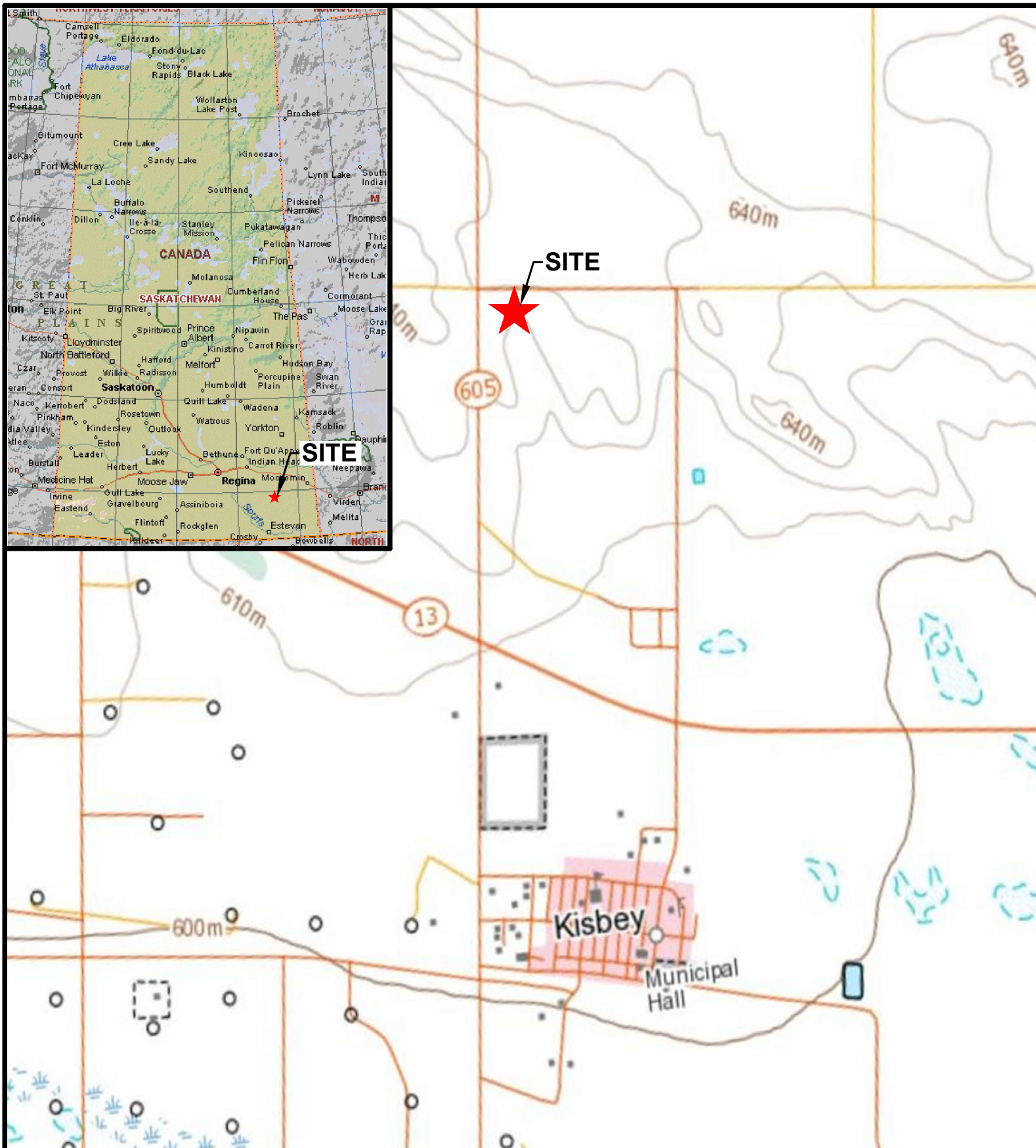
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## **Appendix A – Site Layout**





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**FIGURE 1**

**SITE LOCATION**

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OIL FIELD



21-1

21-2



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SASKATOON SK S7K 5B4  
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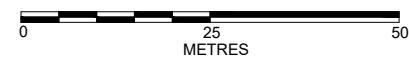
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**LEGEND**

EXISTING FENCE - APPROXIMATE LOCATION —x—x—

BOREHOLE - APPROXIMATE LOCATION



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**FIGURE 2**  
BOREHOLE LOCATION

24 JUNE 2021  
2782 - GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION  
PHEASANT RUMP NAKOTA NATION, SK.

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## **Appendix B – Glossary**

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**GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**


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| Atterberg Limits                             | Values of water content which define when a soil acts non-plastically, plastically, and like a liquid                            |
| Borehole                                     | A vertical hole drilled into the ground for the purposes of soil investigation and sample collection                             |
| Bearing Capacity/<br>Resistance              | The stress that can be supported by a foundation due to transfer of load between the foundation and the soil beneath it          |
| Bulk Density                                 | The density of a soil sample retaining its natural, field water content  |
| CFEM   | Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual   |
| Clay   | Soil particles with minimum diameter $\leq 0.002$ mm   |
| the Client                                   | Pheasant Rump Nakota Nation  |
| cm   | Centimetres, unit of length (1 cm = 0.01 m)  |
| Cohesive Soils                               | Soils which possess a component of shear strength independent of interparticle friction (silts and clays)                        |
| Dry Density                                  | The density of a soil sample with the water removed  |
| Effective Friction<br>Angle, $\phi'$         | A shear strength parameter of soil as defined by the Mohr-Coulomb failure criterion  |
| Fines  | The fraction of both clay and silt sized particles in the soil.  |
| Geotechnical<br>Resistance Factor,<br>$\Phi$ | A factor by which ultimate geotechnical design parameters should be multiplied in order to determine allowable design parameters |
| Grain Size<br>Distribution                   | The distribution of soil particle sizes within a soil sample   |
| Gravel                                       | Soil particles with minimum diameter $\leq 75$ mm and $> 4.75$ mm  |
| kg   | kilograms, unit of mass (1 kg = 2.20462 lb)  |
| kPa  | kilopascals, unit of pressure/stress (1 kPa = 20.9 lb/ft <sup>2</sup> )  |
| m  | metres, unit of length (1 m = 3.3 feet)  |

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|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| m bgs                           | metres below ground surface   |
| mm                              | millimetres , unit of length (1 mm = 0.001 m)   |
| Moisture Content                | The ratio of water to soil particles, by weight, in a soil sample   |
| Non-cohesive soils              | Soils which derive their shear strength entirely from interparticle friction (sands and gravels)  |
| Oxidized                        | The soil has previously been exposed to air   |
| Particle Size Analysis          | See “Grain Size Analysis”   |
| PINTER                          | PINTER & Associates Ltd.  |
| Plasticity                      | The extent to which a soil behaves plastically  |
| Plasticity Index                | The range of water contents at which a soil behaves plastically   |
| Pocket Penetrometer             | Instrument used to estimate undrained shear strength of cohesive soils in the field   |
| Sand                            | Soil particles with minimum diameter $\leq 4.75$ mm and $> 0.075$ mm  |
| Shelby Tube                     | A 76 mm outer diameter, 762 mm long, thin-walled tube with a cutting edge for collecting undisturbed soil samples.  |
| Silt                            | Soil particles with minimum diameter $\leq 0.002$ mm and $> 0.075$ mm   |
| the Site                        | 49.660520°N, 102.682562°W   |
| SPT                             | Standard Penetration Test - a field test used to estimate certain soil strength properties by recording the number of blows needed to advance a standard sampler 300 mm into the soil using a standard hammer |
| SPT-N value                     | The number of blows required to advance the SPT sampler 300 mm into the soil  |
| Unconfined Compressive Strength | The applied axial stress at which a cohesive soil sample fails in shear, under undrained conditions, with no confining pressure applied   |
| Undisturbed sample              | A sample collected in such a way so as to retain its natural, in situ properties as much as possible, most commonly via a Shelby tube   |

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|--|---|
| Undrained                              | The soil is loaded at a rate which does not allow internal pore water pressures to dissipate      |
| Undrained Shear Strength, $s_u$        | The magnitude of shear stress that a soil can sustain, under undrained conditions, before failing |
| Unoxidized                             | The soil has not previously been exposed to air   |
| Vertical Effective Stress, $\sigma'_v$ | The stress state in the vertical direction of a soil at a specific depth                          |
| Water Content                          | See “Moisture Content”  |
| Well Graded                            | A soil with a diverse range of particle sizes   |

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## **Appendix C – Borehole Logs**







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## **Appendix D – Lab Reports**



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Version: FINAL

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Job Reference: 2782-1  
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## ALS ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYTICAL REPORT

| Sample Details/Parameters   | Result   | MU                                    | Qualifier* | D.L.                                    | Units                      | Bias                            | Extracted   | Analyzed  | Batch  |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|--|
| L2599810-18 TH21-2 @ 1.5M<br>Sampled By: REMI VALOIS on 10-JUN-21 @ 12:00<br>Matrix: SOIL<br>% Moisture   | 2.14   | +/-0.54                               |            | 0.10                                    | %                          | 0                               | 17-JUN-21   | 17-JUN-21   | R5492681   |
| L2599810-19 TH21-2 @ 2.25M<br>Sampled By: REMI VALOIS on 10-JUN-21 @ 12:00<br>Matrix: SOIL<br><b>Miscellaneous Parameters</b><br>% Moisture   | 17.5   | +/-2.3                                |            | 0.10                                    | %                          | 0                               | 16-JUN-21   | 16-JUN-21   | R5491817   |
| L2599810-20 TH21-2 @ 3.0M<br>Sampled By: REMI VALOIS on 10-JUN-21 @ 12:00<br>Matrix: SOIL<br><b>Miscellaneous Parameters</b><br>% Moisture  | 10.1   | +/-1.4                                |            | 0.10                                    | %                          | 0                               | 16-JUN-21   | 16-JUN-21   | R5491817   |
| L2599810-21 TH21-2 @ 3.75M<br>Sampled By: REMI VALOIS on 10-JUN-21 @ 12:00<br>Matrix: SOIL<br><b>Miscellaneous Parameters</b><br>% Moisture   | 3.35   | +/-0.67                               |            | 0.10                                    | %                          | 0                               | 16-JUN-21   | 16-JUN-21   | R5491817   |
| L2599810-22 TH21-2 @ 4.5M<br>Sampled By: REMI VALOIS on 10-JUN-21 @ 12:00<br>Matrix: SOIL<br><b>Miscellaneous Parameters</b><br>% Moisture  | 2.28   | +/-0.56                               |            | 0.10                                    | %                          | 0                               | 16-JUN-21   | 16-JUN-21   | R5491817   |
| L2599810-23 TH21-2 @ 5.25M<br>Sampled By: REMI VALOIS on 10-JUN-21 @ 12:00<br>Matrix: SOIL<br><b>Miscellaneous Parameters</b><br>% Moisture<br><b>Particle Size - Pipette &amp; Sieve Method</b><br>% Gravel (>2mm)<br>% Coarse Sand (2.0mm - 0.2mm)<br>% Fine Sand (0.2mm - 0.063mm)<br>% Silt (0.063mm - 4um)<br>% Clay (<4um)<br>Texture | 2.27<br><1.0<br>66.3<br>27.6<br>4.5<br>1.6<br>Sand | +/-0.55<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>- |            | 0.10<br>1.0<br>1.0<br>1.0<br>1.0<br>1.0 | %<br>%<br>%<br>%<br>%<br>% | 0<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>- | 16-JUN-21<br>11-JUN-21<br>11-JUN-21<br>11-JUN-21<br>11-JUN-21<br>11-JUN-21<br>11-JUN-21 | 16-JUN-21<br>14-JUN-21<br>14-JUN-21<br>14-JUN-21<br>14-JUN-21<br>14-JUN-21<br>14-JUN-21 | R5491817<br>R5490296<br>R5490296<br>R5490296<br>R5490296<br>R5490296<br>R5490296 |
| L2599810-24 TH21-2 @ 6.0M<br>Sampled By: REMI VALOIS on 10-JUN-21 @ 12:00<br>Matrix: SOIL<br><b>Miscellaneous Parameters</b><br>% Moisture  | 2.78   | +/-0.61                               |            | 0.10                                    | %                          | 0                               | 16-JUN-21   | 16-JUN-21   | R5491817   |
| L2599810-25 TH21-2 @ 6.75M<br>Sampled By: REMI VALOIS on 10-JUN-21 @ 12:00<br>Matrix: SOIL<br><b>Miscellaneous Parameters</b><br>% Moisture   | 3.20   | +/-0.66                               |            | 0.10                                    | %                          | 0                               | 16-JUN-21   | 16-JUN-21   | R5491817   |
| L2599810-26 TH21-2 @ 7.5M<br>Sampled By: REMI VALOIS on 10-JUN-21 @ 12:00<br>Matrix: SOIL<br><b>Miscellaneous Parameters</b><br>% Moisture  | 2.33   | +/-0.56                               |            | 0.10                                    | %                          | 0                               | 16-JUN-21   | 16-JUN-21   | R5491817   |

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| Sample Details/Parameters   | Result | MU      | Qualifier* | D.L. | Units | Bias | Extracted | Analyzed  | Batch    |
|---|--------|---------|------------|------|-------|------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| L2599810-27 TH21-2 @ 8.25M<br>Sampled By: REMI VALOIS on 10-JUN-21 @ 12:00<br>Matrix: SOIL<br><b>Miscellaneous Parameters</b><br>% Moisture | 3.68   | +/-0.71 |            | 0.10 | %     | 0    | 16-JUN-21 | 16-JUN-21 | R5491817 |
| L2599810-28 TH21-2 @ 9.0M<br>Sampled By: REMI VALOIS on 10-JUN-21 @ 12:00<br>Matrix: SOIL<br><b>Miscellaneous Parameters</b><br>% Moisture  | 2.63   | +/-0.59 |            | 0.10 | %     | 0    | 16-JUN-21 | 16-JUN-21 | R5491817 |
| * Refer to Referenced Information for Qualifiers (if any) and Methodology.  |        |         |            |      |       |      |           |           |          |

# Reference Information

**Test Method References:**

| ALS Test Code  | Matrix | Test Description                       | Preparation Method Reference | Method Reference**              |
|--|--------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| MOIST-SK   | Soil   | Moisture Content                       |                              | CCME PHC in Soil - Tier 1 (mod) |
| <p>The weighed portion of soil is placed in a 105°C oven overnight. The dried soil is allowed to cooled to room temperature, weighed and the % moisture is calculated.</p>   |        |  |                              |                                 |
| PREP-MOISTURE-ED   | Soil   | % Moisture                             |                              | CCME PHC in Soil - Tier 1 (mod) |
| <p>The weighed portion of soil is placed in a 105°C oven to dry to a constant weight; the drying time will vary based on the moisture content of the soil. The dried soil weight is then used to calculate % moisture.</p> |        |  |                              |                                 |
| PSA-1-SIEVE-SK   | Soil   | Particle Size - Pipette & Sieve Method |                              | SSIR-51 METHOD 3.2.1            |
| <p>Particle size distribution is determined by a combination of techniques. Dry sieving is performed for coarse particles, wet sieving for sand particles and the pipette sedimentation method for clay particles.</p>     |        |  |                              |                                 |
| SO4-T-CSA-A23-ED   | Soil   | Total Sulphate Ion Content             |                              | CSA INTERNATIONAL A23.2-3B      |

Total sulphate content is determined by mixing soil with water then hydrochloric acid, and digesting just below boiling point, for 15 minutes. Analysis by ion chromatography follows.

NOTE: the CSA-A23 method states that for a total sulphate ion content greater than 0.2%, soluble sulphate ion content shall be determined on the basis of a water extraction. This water extraction requires the total sulphate ion content result to calculate the correct ratio for the water extraction.

\*\* The indicated Method Reference is the closest nationally or internationally recognized reference for the applicable ALS test method. ALS methods may incorporate modifications from the specified reference to improve performance.

The last two letters of the above test code(s) indicate the laboratory that performed analytical analysis for that test. Refer to the list below:

| Laboratory Definition Code | Laboratory Location                                 |
|----------------------------|---|
| SK                         | ALS ENVIRONMENTAL - SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA |
| ED                         | ALS ENVIRONMENTAL - EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA       |

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*Surr - Surrogates are compounds that are similar in behaviour to target analyte(s), but that do not normally occur in environmental samples. For applicable tests, surrogates are added to samples prior to analysis as a check on recovery. In reports that display the D.L. column, laboratory objectives for surrogates are listed there.*

*mg/kg - milligrams per kilogram based on dry weight of sample*

*mg/kg wwt - milligrams per kilogram based on wet weight of sample*

*mg/kg lwt - milligrams per kilogram based on lipid-adjusted weight*

*mg/L - unit of concentration based on volume, parts per million.*

*< - Less than.*

*D.L. - The reporting limit.*

*N/A - Result not available. Refer to qualifier code and definition for explanation.*

*MU: Measurement Uncertainty. The reported uncertainty is an expanded uncertainty calculated using a coverage factor of 2 which gives a level of confidence of approximately 95%.*

*Bias: The reported method bias is the average long term deviation from the target value for a long term reference or control sample, measured in percent. Zero values indicate no detectable method bias.*

*Test results reported relate only to the samples as received by the laboratory.*

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| Test                          | Matrix          | Reference            | Result | Qualifier | Units | RPD | Limit     | Analyzed  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------|-----------|-------|-----|-----------|-----------|
| <b>MOIST-SK</b>               |                 | <b>Soil</b>          |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| <b>Batch</b>                  | <b>R5491817</b> |                      |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| <b>WG3555100-1</b>            | <b>DUP</b>      | <b>L2599810-22</b>   |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| % Moisture                    |                 | 2.28                 | 2.63   |           | %     | 14  | 20        | 16-JUN-21 |
| <b>WG3555100-3</b>            | <b>LCS</b>      |                      |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| % Moisture                    |                 |                      | 100.4  |           | %     |     | 90-110    | 16-JUN-21 |
| <b>WG3555100-2</b>            | <b>MB</b>       |                      |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| % Moisture                    |                 |                      | <0.10  |           | %     |     | 0.1       | 16-JUN-21 |
| <b>Batch</b>                  | <b>R5492681</b> |                      |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| <b>WG3555090-1</b>            | <b>DUP</b>      | <b>L2599810-5</b>    |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| % Moisture                    |                 | 6.34                 | 6.05   |           | %     | 4.6 | 20        | 17-JUN-21 |
| <b>WG3555090-3</b>            | <b>LCS</b>      |                      |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| % Moisture                    |                 |                      | 100.6  |           | %     |     | 90-110    | 17-JUN-21 |
| <b>WG3555090-2</b>            | <b>MB</b>       |                      |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| % Moisture                    |                 |                      | <0.10  |           | %     |     | 0.1       | 17-JUN-21 |
| <b>PREP-MOISTURE-ED</b>       |                 | <b>Soil</b>          |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| <b>Batch</b>                  | <b>R5493058</b> |                      |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| <b>WG3557492-3</b>            | <b>DUP</b>      | <b>L2602125-3</b>    |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| % Moisture                    |                 | 13.6                 | 13.7   |           | %     | 1.0 | 20        | 18-JUN-21 |
| <b>WG3557492-2</b>            | <b>LCS</b>      |                      |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| % Moisture                    |                 |                      | 99.7   |           | %     |     | 90-110    | 18-JUN-21 |
| <b>WG3557492-1</b>            | <b>MB</b>       |                      |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| % Moisture                    |                 |                      | <0.25  |           | %     |     | 0.25      | 18-JUN-21 |
| <b>PSA-1-SIEVE-SK</b>         |                 | <b>Soil</b>          |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| <b>Batch</b>                  | <b>R5490296</b> |                      |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| <b>WG3553055-1</b>            | <b>DUP</b>      | <b>L2599810-23</b>   |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| % Gravel (>2mm)               |                 | <1.0                 | <1.0   | RPD-NA    | %     | N/A | 25        | 14-JUN-21 |
| % Coarse Sand (2.0mm - 0.2mm) |                 | 66.3                 | 65.6   | J         | %     | 0.7 | 5         | 14-JUN-21 |
| % Fine Sand (0.2mm - 0.063mm) |                 | 27.6                 | 27.8   | J         | %     | 0.2 | 5         | 14-JUN-21 |
| % Silt (0.063mm - 4um)        |                 | 4.5                  | 5.0    | J         | %     | 0.5 | 5         | 14-JUN-21 |
| % Clay (<4um)                 |                 | 1.6                  | 1.7    | J         | %     | 0.1 | 5         | 14-JUN-21 |
| <b>WG3553055-2</b>            | <b>IRM</b>      | <b>2020-PSA_SOIL</b> |        |           |       |     |           |           |
| % Coarse Sand (2.0mm - 0.2mm) |                 |                      | 21.3   |           | %     |     | 16.5-26.5 | 14-JUN-21 |
| % Fine Sand (0.2mm - 0.063mm) |                 |                      | 23.2   |           | %     |     | 18.4-28.4 | 14-JUN-21 |
| % Silt (0.063mm - 4um)        |                 |                      | 32.2   |           | %     |     | 28.6-38.6 | 14-JUN-21 |
| % Clay (<4um)                 |                 |                      | 23.3   |           | %     |     | 16.5-26.5 | 14-JUN-21 |
| <b>SO4-T-CSA-A23-ED</b>       |                 | <b>Soil</b>          |        |           |       |     |           |           |



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| Test                       | Matrix          | Reference             | Result | Qualifier | Units | RPD | Limit  | Analyzed  |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------|-------|-----|--------|-----------|
| <b>SO4-T-CSA-A23-ED</b>    |                 |                       |        |           |       |     |        |           |
|                            | <b>Soil</b>     |                       |        |           |       |     |        |           |
| <b>Batch</b>               | <b>R5498076</b> |                       |        |           |       |     |        |           |
| <b>WG3562471-3</b>         | <b>CRM</b>      | <b>ED-634A_CEMENT</b> |        |           |       |     |        |           |
| Total Sulphate Ion Content |                 |                       | 95.0   |           | %     |     | 80-120 | 24-JUN-21 |
| <b>WG3562471-4</b>         | <b>DUP</b>      | <b>L2599334-1</b>     |        |           |       |     |        |           |
| Total Sulphate Ion Content |                 | <0.050                | <0.050 | RPD-NA    | %     | N/A | 30     | 24-JUN-21 |
| <b>WG3562471-2</b>         | <b>LCS</b>      |                       |        |           |       |     |        |           |
| Total Sulphate Ion Content |                 |                       | 101.1  |           | %     |     | 70-130 | 24-JUN-21 |
| <b>WG3562471-1</b>         | <b>MB</b>       |                       |        |           |       |     |        |           |
| Total Sulphate Ion Content |                 |                       | <0.050 |           | %     |     | 0.05   | 24-JUN-21 |

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## Legend:

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Limit ALS Control Limit (Data Quality Objectives)  
DUP Duplicate  
RPD Relative Percent Difference  
N/A Not Available  
LCS Laboratory Control Sample  
SRM Standard Reference Material  
MS Matrix Spike  
MSD Matrix Spike Duplicate  
ADE Average Desorption Efficiency  
MB Method Blank  
IRM Internal Reference Material  
CRM Certified Reference Material  
CCV Continuing Calibration Verification  
CVS Calibration Verification Standard  
LCSD Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate

## Sample Parameter Qualifier Definitions:

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| Qualifier | Description   |
|-----------|---|
| J         | Duplicate results and limits are expressed in terms of absolute difference.                 |
| RPD-NA    | Relative Percent Difference Not Available due to result(s) being less than detection limit. |

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## Hold Time Exceedances:

All test results reported with this submission were conducted within ALS recommended hold times.

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## **Appendix E – Site Photos**

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Photograph #1: Northeast view from site location



Photograph #2: East view from site location

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Photograph #3: Site view facing Southwest



Photograph #4: Site view facing south