**Appendix D GEOTECHNICAL REPORT** 

### **REPORT TO**

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**FOR** 

**PROPOSED HOTEL** 1338 OAKLAND ROAD **SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA** 

# **GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION MAY 2018**

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Attention: Mr. Niray Shah

Subject: Proposed Hotel APN 241-13-019 1338 Oakland Road San Jose, California **GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION** 

Dear Mr. Shah:

Pursuant to your request, we are pleased to present herein geotechnical investigation for the proposed hotel. The subject site is located at 1338 Oakland Road in San Jose, California.

Our findings indicate that the site is suitable for the proposed development provided the recommendations contained in this report are carefully followed. Field reconnaissance, drilling, sampling, and laboratory testing of the surface and subsurface material evaluated the suitability of the site. The following report details our investigation, outlines our findings, and presents our conclusions based on those findings.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact our office at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Per your authorization, Silicon Valley Soil Engineering (SVSE) conducted a geotechnical investigation. The purpose of this geotechnical investigation was to evaluate the nature of the surface and subsurface soil conditions at the subject site through field investigations and laboratory testing. This report presents an explanation of our investigative procedures, results of the testing program, our conclusions, and our recommendations for earthwork and foundation design to adapt the proposed development to the existing soil conditions.

#### **SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION**

The subject site is located at 1338 Oakland Road in San Jose, California (Figure 1). Oakland Road bounds the subject site to the southwest, mobile home park to the northwest and northeast, and Faulstich Court to the southeast. At the time of this investigation, the subject site is an irregular, relatively flat, vacant lot. Based on the preliminary plans for the subject site, the proposed development will include the construction of a five-story hotel building with an underground basement garage level, lower car lift parking level and associated improvements. The approximate location of the proposed structure and our borings are shown on the Site Plan (Figure 2).

#### **FIELD INVESTIGATION**

After considering the nature of the proposed development and reviewing available data on the area, our geotechnical engineer conducted a field investigation at the subject site. It included a site reconnaissance to detect any unusual surface features, and the drilling of two exploratory test borings to determine the subsurface soil characteristics. The borings were drilled on May 17, 2018. The approximate location of the borings is shown on the Site Plan (Figure 2). The borings were drilled to the depths of 50 feet to 60 feet below the

existing ground surface. The borings were drilled with a truck mounted drill rig using 8-inch diameter hollow stem augers.

The soils encountered were logged continuously in the field during the drilling operation. Relatively undisturbed soil samples were obtained by hammering a 2 inch outside diameter (0.D.) split-tube sampler for a Standard Penetration Test (SPT), ASTM Standard Dl 586, into the ground at various depths. A 2.5 inch diameter split-tube sampler (Modified California) was utilized to obtain soil samples for direct shear tests. A 140-pound hammer with a free fall of 30 inches was used to drive the sampler 18 inches into the ground. Blow counts were recorded on each 6-inch increment of the sampled interval. The blows required to advance the sampler the last 12 inches of the 1 8 inch sampled interval were recorded on the boring logs as penetration resistance. These values were also used to evaluate the liquefaction potential of the subsurface soils.

In addition, one disturbed bulk sample of the near-surface soil was collected for laboratory analyses. The Exploratory Boring Log, a graphic representation of the encountered soil profile which also shows the depths at which the relatively undisturbed soil samples were obtained, can be found in the Appendix at the end of this report.

#### **LABORATORY INVESTIGATION**

A laboratory-testing program was performed to determine the physical and engineering properties of the soils underlying the site.

- 1. Moisture content and dry density tests were performed on the relatively undisturbed soil samples in order to determine soil consistency and the moisture variation throughout the explored soil profile (Table I).
- 2. Atterberg Limits tests were performed on the sub-surface soil to assist in the classification of these soils and to obtain an evaluation of their

expansion and shrinkage potential and liquefaction analysis (Figure 4 & Table I).

- 3. The strength parameters of the foundation soils were determined from direct shear tests that were performed on selected relatively undisturbed soil samples (Table I).
- 4. Laboratory compaction tests were performed on the near-surface material per the ASTM Dl 557 test procedure (Figure 5).
- 5. One R-Value test was performed on a near surface soil sample for pavement section design recommendations (Figure 6).
- 6. Two soil samples collected were submitted to Cooper Testing Lab for corrosivity analysis (Page 23).

The results of the laboratory-testing program are presented in the Tables and Figures at the end of this report.

#### **SOIL CONDITIONS**

In Boring B-1 (60 feet boring), the surface soil consists of 4.0 inches of organic material. Below the organic layer to a depth of 5 feet, an olive brown, moist, stiff clayey silt layer was encountered. From the depths of 5 feet to 10 feet, the soil became brown, moist, stiff sandy clay/clayey sand. From the depths of 10 feet to 40 feet, a dark olive brown, moist, hard silty clay layer was encountered. A color change of bluish gray was noted at a depth of 19 feet. From the depths of 40 feet to 55 feet, the soil became olive brown, moist, very stiff clayey silt. From the depths of 55 feet to the end of the boring at 60 feet, the soil became brown, moist, dense gravelly sand. The sand was medium grained and poorly graded. A similar soil profile was encountered in Boring B-2.

Groundwater was initially encountered in Boring B-1 and B-2 at the depth of 1 5 feet and rose a static level of 13 feet at the end of the drilling operation. It should be noted that the groundwater level would fluctuate as a result of seasonal changes and hydrogeological variations such as groundwater pumping and/or recharging. A graphic description of the explored soil profiles is presented in the Exploratory Boring Log contained in the Appendix.

#### **GENERAL GEOLOGY**

The site lies in the San Francisco Bay Region, which is part of the Coast Range province. The regional structure is dominated by the northwest trending Santa Cruz Mountains to the southwest and the Diablo Range to the northeast.

The Quaternary history of the region is recorded by sedimentary marine strata alternating with non-marine strata. The changes of the depositional environment are related to the fluctuation of sea level corresponding to the glacial and interglacial periods.

Late Quaternary deposits fill the center of the San Francisco Bay Region and most of the strata are of continental origin characterized as alluvial and fluvial materials. The project site is underlain by young alluvial fan deposits (Helley and Brabb, 1971, Rogers & Williams, 1974).

#### **LIQUEFACTION ANALYSIS:**

The site is located within the State of California Seismic Hazard Zone for liquefaction (CGS, 2001). Therefore, liquefaction analysis was performed.

#### **A. GROUNDWATER**

Groundwater was initially encountered in Boring B-1 at the depth of 15 feet and rose a static level of 13 feet at the end of the drilling operation. Based on the State guidelines and CGS Seismic Hazard Zone Report 058 (revised) [Seismic Hazard Evaluation of the San Jose West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, Santa Clara County, California. 2002 (Updated 10/10/05). Department Of Conservation.

Division of Mines and Geology], the highest expected groundwater level is less than 10 feet below ground elevation. Therefore, the depth of the groundwater table at 5 feet will be used for the liquefaction analysis.

#### B. SUSPECTED LIQUEFIABLE SOIL LAYERS

The site is located within the State of California Seismic Hazard Zone for liquefaction (CGS, 2001). The State Guidelines (CGS Special Publication 117A, revised 2008, Southern California Earthquake Center, 1999) were followed by this study. Based on recent studies (Bray and Sancio, 2006, Boulanger and Idriss, 2004), the "Chinese Criteria", previously used as the liquefaction screening (CGS SP 11 7, SCEC, 1 999) is no longer valid indicator of liquefaction susceptibility. The revised screening criteria clearly stated that liquefaction is the transformation of loose saturated silts, sands, and clay with a Plasticity Index (PI)  $<$  12 and moisture content (MC)  $> 85\%$  of the liquid limits are susceptible to liquefaction and 12<Pl<18 and MC>80% of LL are moderately susceptible to liquefaction. This occurs under vibratory conditions such as those induced by a seismic event. To help evaluate liquefaction potential, samples of potentially liquefiable soil were obtained by hammering the split tube sampler into the ground. The number of blows required driving the sampler the last 12 inches of the 18 inch sampled interval were recorded on the log of test boring. The number of blows was recorded as a Standard Penetration Test (SPT), ASTM Standard Dl 586-92.

Suspected liquefiable soil layers were screened in Boring B-1 (60.0 feet deep).

BORING B-1: The results from our exploratory boring show that the subsurface soil material in Boring B-1 to the depth of 60.0 feet consists of stiff clayey silt to stiff sandy clay/ clayey sand to hard silty clay to very stiff clayey silt to dense gravelly sand. The following is the determination of the liquefiable soil for each soil layer in Boring B-1.

- 1. The stiff clayey silt layer from the surface to the depth of 5.0 feet is not liquefiable soil because it is above the highest expected groundwater table (5 feet).
- 2. The stiff sandy clay/clayey sand layer from the depths of 5.0 feet to 10.0 feet is not liguefiable based on the Plasticity Index (Pl) and Moisture Content (MC):
	- Sample No. 1-3 (6.5 feet) [Pl  $> 18$ ; Pl = 19 and MC = 17.4%  $< 80\%$  LL  $= 28.0\%$ ; LL  $= 35$ ]
	- Sample No. 1-4 (10 feet)  $\vert P \vert > 18$ ; PI = 19 and MC = 18.5% < 80% LL  $= 28.8\%$ ; LL  $= 36$ ]
- 3. The hard silty clay layer from the depths of 10.0 feet to 40.0 feet is not liguefiable soil based on the Plasticity Index (Pl) and Moisture Content (MC):
	- Sample No. 1-5 (15 feet) [Pl > 18; Pl = 22 and MC = 29.0% < 80% LL  $= 32.8\%$ ; LL  $= 41$ ]
	- Sample No. 1-7 (25 feet) [Pl  $> 18$ ; Pl = 23 and MC = 28.2% < 80% LL  $= 39.2\%$ ; LL  $= 49$ ]
	- Sample No. 1-9 (35 feet) [Pl  $> 18$ ; Pl = 30 and MC = 33.8%  $< 80\%$  LL  $= 40.0\%$ ; LL  $= 50$ ]
- 4. The very stiff clayey silt layer from the depths of 40.0 feet to 55.0 feet is not liquefiable soil based on the Plasticity Index (Pl) and Moisture Content (MC):
	- Sample No. 1-11 (45 feet) [Pl  $> 18$ ; Pl = 19 and MC = 25.3%  $< 80\%$  LL  $= 29.6\%$ ; LL  $= 37$ ]
- Sample No. 1–13 (55 feet) [Pl  $> 18$ ; Pl = 19 and MC = 23.7%  $< 80\%$  LL  $= 28.0\%$ ; LL  $= 35$ ]
- S. The dense gravelly sand layer from the depths of SS.O feet to the end of the boring at 60.0 feet is not liquefiable soil based on high blow counts.

BORING B-2: The results from our exploratory boring show that the subsurface soil material in Boring B-2 to the depth of SO.O feet consists of stiff clayey silt to stiff clayey sand/sandy clay to hard silty clay to very stiff clayey silt.

- 1. The stiff clayey silt layer from the surface to the depth of 5.0 feet is not liquefiable soil because it is above the highest expected groundwater table (S feet).
- 2. The stiff clayey silt layer from the depths of S.O feet to 7.0 feet is not liquefiable based on the Plasticity Index (Pl) and Moisture Content (MC):
	- Sample No. 2-2 (5 feet) [Pl  $> 18$ ; Pl = 19 and MC = 13.4%  $< 80\%$  LL =  $27.2\%$ ; LL = 34]
- 3. The stiff clayey sand/sandy clay layer from the depths of 7.0 feet to 12.0 feet is not liquefiable based on the Plasticity Index (Pl) and Moisture Content (MC):
	- Sample No. 2-3 (10 feet)  $[P] > 18$ ; PI = 19 and MC = 17.5% < 80% LL  $= 26.4\%$ ; LL $= 33$ ]
- 4. The hard silty clay layer from the depths of 12.0 feet to 40.0 feet is not liquefiable based on the Plasticity Index (Pl) and Moisture Content (MC):
	- Sample No. 2-4 (15 feet) [Pl  $> 18$ ; Pl = 21 and MC = 27.9%  $< 80\%$  LL  $= 32.0\%$ ; LL  $= 40$ ]
	- Sample No. 2–6 (25 feet) [Pl  $> 18$ ; Pl = 21 and MC = 31.8% < 80% LL  $= 37.6\%$ ; LL  $= 47$ ]
- Sample No. 2-8 (35 feet) [Pl  $> 18$ ; Pl = 30 and MC = 33.3% < 80% LL  $= 39.2\%$ ; LL  $= 49$ ]
- 5. The very stiff clayey silt layer from the depths of 40.0 feet to the end of the boring at 50.0 feet is not liquefiable based on the Plasticity Index (Pl) and Moisture Content (MC):
	- Sample No. 2-10 (50 feet) [Pl  $> 18$ ; Pl = 19 and MC = 23.3% < 80% LL  $= 27.2\%$ ; LL  $= 34$ ]

Based on the screening process performed for Boring B-1 and B-2, there is no suspected liquefiable soil layer.

#### **C. CONCLUSIONS**

Because no suspected liquefiable soil layer was found at Boring B-1 and B-2, the potential of liquefaction at the site is minimal.

#### **INUNDATION POTENTIAL**

The subject site is located at 1338 Oakland Road in San Jose, California. According to the Limerinos and others, 1973 report, the site is located in an area that has potential for inundation as the result of a 100-year flood (Limerinos; 1 973).

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

- 1. The site covered by this investigation is suitable for the proposed development provided the recommendations set forth in this report are carefully followed.
- 2. The proposed five-story hotel building with an underground basement garage and car lift pits should be supported on concrete mat slab foundation. Any proposed elements of the building which would be located at grade (near existing ground surface) should be supported by conventional spread foundation.
- 3. Based on the laboratory testing results, the native surface soil at the subject site has been found to have a moderately expansion potential when subjected to fluctuations in moisture.
- 4. Any imported fill soils should be free of organic material and hazardous substances. All imported fill material to be used for engineered fill should be environmentally tested prior to be used at the site.
- 5. The highest expected groundwater table is at the depth of 5 feet below existing ground surface. Therefore, the basement grade needs to be dewatered and waterproofed.
- 6. The exterior of the proposed structure should be graded to promote proper drainage and diversion of water away from the building structure.
- 7. We recommend that a reference to our report should be stated in the grading and foundation plans that includes the geotechnical investigation file number and date.
- 8. On the basis of the engineering reconnaissance and exploratory borings, it is our opinion that trenches that will be excavated to depths less than 5 feet below the existing ground surface will not need shoring. However, for trenches and basement that will be excavated greater than 5 feet in depth, shoring will be required.
- 9. Specific recommendations are presented in the remainder of this report.
- 10. All earthwork including grading, backfilling, and shoring installation, foundation excavation and drilling shall be observed and inspected by a representative from Silicon Valley Soil Engineering (SVSE). Contact our office 48 hours prior to the commencement of any earthwork for inspection.

# **RECOMMENDATIONS: GRADING**

- 1. The placement of fill and control of any grading operations at the site should be performed in accordance with the recommendations of this report. These recommendations set forth the minimum standards to satisfy other requirements of this report.
- 2. All existing surface and subsurface structures, if any, that will not be incorporated in the final development shall be removed from the project site prior to any grading operations. These objects should be accurately located on the grading plans to assist the field engineer in establishing proper control over their removal. All utility lines in the new building pad area must be removed prior to any grading at the site.
- 3. The depressions left by the removal of subsurface structures should be cleaned of all debris, backfilled and compacted with clean, native soil. This backfill must be engineered fill and should be conducted under the supervision of a SVSE representative.
- 4. All organic surface material and debris shall be stripped prior to any other grading operations, and transported away from all areas that are to receive structures or structural fills. Soil containing organic material may be stockpiled for later use in landscaping areas only.
- 5. After removing all the subsurface structures, any existing gravel section and after stripping the organic material from the soil, the building pad area should be scarified by machine to a depth of 12 inches and thoroughly cleaned of vegetation and other deleterious matter.
- 6. After stripping, scarifying and cleaning operations, the existing subgrade soil should be properly moisture conditioned, compacted to not less than 90% relative maximum density using ASTM Dl 557 procedure over the

entire building pad, 5 feet beyond the perimeter of the pad and 3 beyond the edge of the parking and driveway area.

- 7. All engineered fill or imported soil including baserock material should be placed in uniform horizontal lifts of not more than 8 inches in uncompacted thickness, and compacted to not less than 90% relative maximum density. Before compaction begins, the fill shall be brought to a water content that will permit proper compaction by either; 1) aerating the material if it is too wet, or 2) spraying the material with water if it is too dry. Each lift shall be thoroughly mixed before compaction to assure a uniform distribution of water content.
- 8. The basement excavated grade should be moisture conditioned as necessary and compacted to 90%.
- 9. When fill material includes rocks, nesting of rocks will not be allowed and all voids must be carefully filled by proper compaction. Rocks larger than 4 inches in diameter should not be used for the final 2 feet of building pad.
- 10. Unstable (yielding) subgrade should be aerated or moisture conditioned as necessary. Yielding isolated area in the subgrade can be stabilized with an excavation of the subgrade to the depth of 12 to 18 inches, lined with stabilization fabric membrane Mirafi 500X or equivalent) and backfilled with aggregate base.
- 11. SVSE should be notified at least two days prior to commencement of any grading operations so that our office may coordinate the work in the field with the contractor. All imported borrow must be approved by SVSE before being brought to the site. Import soil must have a plasticity index no greater than 15, an R-Value greater than 25 and environmentally clean (non-hazardous). The import soil should contain at least 30 percent fines

(particles passing the No. 200 sieve) to reduce the potential for surface water to infiltrate beneath structure.

12. All grading work shall be observed and approved by a representative from SVSE. The geotechnical engineer shall prepare a final report upon completion of the grading operations.

#### **WATER WELLS**

13. Any water wells and/or monitoring wells on the site which are to be abandoned, shall be capped according to the requirements of the Santa Clara Valley Water District. The final elevation of the top of the well casing must be a minimum of 3 feet below the adjacent grade prior to any grading operation.

#### **BASEMENT FOUNDATION DESIGN CRITERIA (BELOW GRADE)**

- 14. The basement subgrade has been found to have a moderately expansion potential when subjected to fluctuations in moisture. The proposed basement structures should be supported by concrete mat foundation.
- 15. The mat foundation should have a minimum thickness of 24 inches with thickened edge at 30 inch depth and a contact pressure of 2,000 psf.
	- A value of 1 50 pci as the soil modulus of subgrade of reaction can be used in the design of the mat foundation.
	- The mat slab should be designed to resist a uniform vertical hydrostatic uplift pressure of 936 psf.
	- The mat slab should be underlain by a minimum of 12 inches of % inch wash crushed rock.
	- Mat slab should be waterproofed and protected with mud slab. A waterproof consultant should provide waterproofing recommendations.
- The subgrade soil should be compacted to not less than 90% relative maximum density.
- We estimate that post-construction differential settlement will be less than quarter inch settlement per 50 feet span.
- 16. The fore-mentioned bearing values are for dead plus live loads and may be increased by one-third for short term seismic and wind loads. The design of the structures and the foundations shall meet local building code requirements.
- 17. The 34-inch wash crushed rock (recycled crushed asphalt concrete is not acceptable) should be placed on the finished subgrade pad elevation. The crushed rock should be compacted in-place with vibratory plate. The pad subgrade should be compacted prior to placement of the crushed rock and after installation of any under utility pipes and footing/thickened edge excavation with smooth drum roller and/or heavy vibratory plate equipment.
- 18. If subgrade unstable, the mat slab should be underlain with 18 inches to 24 of % inch crushed rock over stabilization fabric membrane (Mirafi SOOX or equivalent).
- 19. The footing bottoms and thickened edges should be compacted with jumping jack prior to rebar and form work placement and inspected.
- 20. The project structural engineer responsible for the foundation design shall determine the final design of the foundations and reinforcing required. We recommend that the foundation plans be reviewed by our office prior to submitting to the appropriate local agency and/or to construction.

### **FOUNDATION DESIGN CRITERIA (ABOVE GRADE)**

- 21. The proposed hotel or any elements of the structure at grade (above existing ground surface) should be supported on conventional continuous perimeter and isolated interior spread foundation.
- 22. The conventional spread foundation depth below finished subgrade elevation with corresponding allowable bearing capacity follows:
	- Footing 18 inch depth with allowable bearing capacity of 2,500 psf.
	- Footing 24 inch depth with allowable bearing capacity of 2,800 psf.
	- Footing 30 inch depth with allowable bearing capacity of 3,200 psf.
	- Footing 36 inch depth with allowable bearing capacity of 3,600 psf.
	- Footing 42 inch depth with allowable bearing capacity of 4,000 psf.
	- Footing 48 inch depth with allowable bearing capacity of 4,400 psf.
- 23. The footing bottoms should be compacted with jumping jack prior to rebar and form work placement.
- 24. Because of the moderately expansion potential of the surface native soil, we recommend any footing excavation should be moistened with water (not overly saturated) and periodically daily after footing excavation and prior to concrete placement.
- 25. The above bearing values are for dead plus live loads and may be increased by one-third for short term seismic and wind loads. The design of the structures and the foundations shall meet local building code requirements.
- 26. The project structural engineer responsible for the foundation design shall determine the final design of the foundations and reinforcing required. We recommend that the foundation plans be reviewed by our office prior to submitting to the appropriate local agency and/or to construction.

# 2016 CBC SEISMIC VALUES

27. Chapter 16 of the 2016 California Building Code (CBC) outlines the procedure for seismic design. The site categorization and site coefficients are shown in the following table:



1 For Site Class B, 5 percent damped. \*2016 CBC

# CONCRETE SLAB-ON-GRADE CONSTRUCTION (ABOVE GRADE)

- 28. Based on the laboratory testing results of the near-surface soil, the native soil on the site was found to have a moderately expansion potential when subjected to fluctuation in moisture.
- 29. A minimum of 12 inches of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch crushed rock (recycled crushed asphalt concrete is not acceptable) should be placed on the subgrade soil. The rock should be compacted in-place with a vibratory plate. The subgrade soil should be compacted to not less than 90% relative maximum density.

30. The concrete slab should have a minimum thickness of 5 inches and reinforced with No. 4 rebar with maximum spacing of 1 8 inches on-center both ways. If the concrete slab were to receive floor covering, a Stego 15mil vapor barrier should be placed on the rock section and below the concrete slab.

#### **EXCAVATION**

- 31. No difficulties due to soil conditions are anticipated in excavating the on-site material. Conventional earth moving equipment will be adequate for this project.
- 32. Any vertical cuts deeper than 5 feet must be properly shored. The minimum cut slope for excavation to the desired elevation is one horizontal to one vertical  $(1:1)$ . The cut slope should be increased to 2:1 if the excavation is conducted during the rainy season or when the soil is highly saturated with water.

# **BASEMENT EXCAVATION**

- 33. It is our understanding that the excavation for the underground parking structure and car lift pits will be approximately 20 feet below the existing ground elevation. No difficulties due to soil conditions are anticipated in excavating the on-site material. Conventional earth moving equipment will be adequate for this project.
- 34. Any vertical cuts deeper than 5 feet must be properly shored. The temporary minimum cut slope for excavation to the desired elevation is one horizontal to one vertical (1: 1). The cut slope should be increased to 2:1 if the excavation is conducted during the rainy season or when the soil is highly saturated with water.
- 35. The bottom subgrade of the underground basement structure will be approximately 20 feet below ground surface elevation. Groundwater was initially encountered in Boring B-1 at the depth of 15 feet and rose a static level of 13 feet at the end of the drilling operation. Based on the State guidelines and CGS Seismic Hazard Zone Report 058 [Seismic Hazard Evaluation of the San Jose West 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, Santa Clara County, California. 2002 (Updated 10/10/05). Department Of Conservation. Division of Mines and Geology], the highest expected groundwater level is approximately 5 feet below ground elevation. Therefore, dewatering is required during basement excavation. A dewatering expert should be consulted for further design and recommendations.
- 36. The bottom subgrade of the basement excavation may be wet and soft due to the presence of groundwater. Therefore, the bottom subgrade should be stabilized with a 3-inch concrete rat slab over 18 to 24-inch layer of % inch crushed rock compacted in-place over stabilization fabric membrane (Mirafi 500X or equivalent).
- 37. Standing groundwater at the bottom subgrade should be pumped out to provide a dry and stable working platform for the construction equipment.
- 38. If there are space constraints for open excavation, we recommend that the following procedure be implemented for shoring of the underground parking structure excavation.

#### **SHORING SUPPORT FOR THE BASEMENT EXCAVATION**

39. The basement will be excavated to the approximate depth of 20 feet below existing ground surface. Therefore, the excavation should be supported with steel "H" beams and a 3 x 12 or 4 x 12 wood lagging. Prior to any excavation, the steel "H" beams should be placed in pre-drilled minimum 24-inch diameter holes to a minimum depth of 40 feet. The holes should be filled with concrete to one foot below the bottom of the excavation and concrete slurry (2 sack cement) for the remaining void to existing ground elevation. Groundwater will be encountered and should be displaced properly in the pier holes by the concrete via tremmie pipe or other methods approved by our office. At this point, excavation can begin. As the excavation operation proceeds, the wood lagging should be placed between the steel "H" beams. The "H" beams should be placed a maximum distance of 8 feet apart. There should be no voids between the soil wall excavation and wood lagging. However, if a void occurs, the void should be filled with sand slurry or pressure grouted especially at the area below each lagging bench (last lagging board). Proper attention should be considered during the construction. Introduction of any heavy equipment on the top of the vertical cut may damage the excavated slope. The lateral soil pressure acting on the shoring system is shown in Figure 7. The passive pressure of 250 pounds equivalent fluid pressure can be used for short-term shoring purposes. The shoring should be designed by the structural engineer or shoring design engineer and our office should review the shoring plan for approval.

#### **BASEMENT RETAINING WALLS**

40. The basement retaining walls should be design for seismic loading condition. The pseudo-static method by Seed and Whitman can be used  $(PE = (3/8)(0.45a_{max}/q)(H^2)W_t$  (where  $a_{max} = 0.50q$ ; H = height of the retaining wall;  $W_t =$  total unit weight of retained soil, for this site  $W_t = 120$ pct). This pseudo-static pressure is inverted triangularly-distributed with the top value of 405 psf and 0 psf at the bottom. This pseudo-static pressure should be added to the active pressure for seismic loading condition.

- 41. The basement retaining wall shall be designed for active lateral earth pressure (static and seismic), hydrostatic lateral, and a surcharge value of 100 psf (vertically uniformed distributed down to 6 feet) as shown in Figure 8. This surcharge also includes truck loading and any adjacent structures.
- 42. A friction coefficient of 0.3 shall be used for retaining wall design. This value may be increased by 1 /3 for short-term seismic loads.
- 43. The basement walls should be waterproofed with Bitumen Waterproof Membrane, Paraseal LG or equivalent including pipes protruding through the basement concrete walls. A waterproofing consultant should provide waterproofing recommendations.
- 44. The basement walls should be designed to assume an un-drained condition. As a result, a subdrain system would not be required.
- 45. We recommend a thorough review by our office of all designs pertaining to facilities retaining a soil mass.

#### **SITE RETAINING WALLS**

- 46. Any facilities that will retain a soil mass near the existing ground surface shall be designed for a lateral earth pressure (active) equivalent to 50 pounds equivalent fluid pressure plus surcharge loads. If the retaining walls are restrained from free movement at both ends, the walls shall be designed for the earth pressure resulting from 60 pounds equivalent fluid pressure, to which shall be added surcharge loads.
- 47. In designing for allowable resistive lateral earth pressure (passive), a value of 250 pounds equivalent fluid pressure may be used with the resultant acting at the third point. The top foot of native soil shall be neglected for computation of passive resistance.
- 48. A friction coefficient of 0.3 shall be used for retaining wall design. This value may be increased by 1/3 for short-term seismic loads.
- 49. The above values assume a drained condition and a moisture content compatible with those encountered during our investigation.
- 50. Drainage should be provided behind the retaining wall. The drainage system should consist of perforated pipe, Schedule 40 or equivalent, placed at the base of the retaining wall and surrounded by  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch drain rock wrapped in a filter fabric, Mirafi 140N or equivalent. The drain rock wrapped in fabric (subdrain) should be at least 12 inches wide and extend from the base of the wall to within 1.5 feet of the ground surface. The upper 1.5 feet of backfill should consist of compacted native soil. The retaining wall drainage system should drain to an appropriate discharge facility.
- 51. As an alternative to the drain rock and fabric, Miradrain 2000, 6000, or approved equivalent drain mat may be used behind the retaining wall. The drain mat should extend from the base of the wall to the ground surface. A perforated pipe (subdrain system) should be placed at the base of the wall in direct contact with the drain mat. The retaining wall drainage system should drain to an appropriate discharge facility.
- 52. We recommend a thorough review by our office of all designs pertaining to facilities retaining a soil mass.

#### **DRAINAGE**

- 53. It is considered essential that positive drainage be provided during construction and be maintained throughout the life of the proposed structure.
- 54. The final exterior grade adjacent to the proposed structure should be such that the surface drainage will flow away from the structure. Rainwater

discharge at downspouts should be directed onto pavement sections, splash blocks, or other acceptable facilities, which will prevent water from collecting in the soil adjacent to the foundations.

- 55. Utility lines that cross under the slab or through perimeter slab should be completely sealed to prevent moisture intrusion into the areas under the slab and/or perimeter. The utility trench backfill should be of impervious material and this material should be placed at least 4 feet on either side of the exterior perimeter.
- 56. Consideration should be given to collection and diversion of roof runoff and the elimination of planted areas or other surfaces which could retain water in areas adjoining the building. The grade adjacent to the foundation should be sloped away from the structure at a minimum of 5 percent.
- 57. If the subgrade in the landscaping area is moderately to highly expansive. proper drainage should be provided in the landscaping area adjacent to the building foundation. A drip irrigation system is preferable. If the sprinkler system is located adjacent to the building foundation or concrete walkway, a moisture cut-off barrier should be provided.
- 58. Based on laboratory test results of the near surface soil at the subject site, we estimated that the infiltration rate is approximately 0.5 inch per hour ( $K_{SAT} = 3.5 \times 10^{-4}$  cm/sec). This rate can be used in the design of the retention system for on-site storm drainage.

#### **ON-SITE UTILITY TRENCHING**

59. All on-site utility trenches must be backfilled with native on-site material or import fill and compacted to at least 90% relative maximum density. Backfill should be placed in 8 to 12 inch lifts and compacted. Jetting of trench backfill is not recommended. An engineer from our firm should be notified at least 48 hours before the start of any utility trench backfilling operations.

60. If utility trench excavation is to encounter groundwater, our office should be notified for dewatering recommendations.

#### **PAVEMENT DESIGN**

61. Due to the uniformity of the near-surface soil at the site, one R-Value Test was performed on a representative bulk sample. The result of the R-Value test is enclosed in this report. The following alternate sections are based on our laboratory resistance R-Value test of near-surface soil samples and traffic indices (T.I.) of 4.5 for parking stalls and 5.5 for parking area and driveway (travel way). Alternate asphalt pavement section designs, which satisfy the State of California Standard Design Criteria, and above traffic indices, are presented in Table II. Concrete and paver pavement section designs are presented in Table III and IV. Due to the high expansion potential of the surface native soil, minor cracks in the pavement should be expected.

#### **CORROSIVITY ANALYSIS**

- 62. Two soil samples collected on May 17, 2018 at the depth of 3 feet to 5 feet  $(1-1)$  and 10 feet to 12 feet  $(2-3)$  below existing grade were submitted to Cooper Testing Lab. The sample was tested for Resistivity (100% Saturation), Conductivity, Chloride, Sulfate, pH, and Redox potential.
	- The soil resistivity measurement for the near surface soil are 2,255 Ohm-cm to 2,638 Ohm-cm, which can be classified as "highly corrosive". Therefore, all buried iron, steel, cast iron, galvanized steel and dielectric coated steel or iron should be properly protected

against corrosion depending upon the nature of the structure. In addition, all buried metallic pressure piping such as ductile iron firewater pipelines should be protected against corrosion.

- The chloride ion concentrations for the site soil are 2 mg/kg to 15 mg/kg. Because the chloride concentrations are less and more than 100 mg/kg, it is determined to be insufficient to attack steel embedded in a concrete mortar coating.
- The sulfate ion concentrations for the site soil are 56 mg/kg to 204  $\bullet$ mg/kg. Therefore, the sulfate ion concentration in the soil is determined to be moderately high to damage reinforced concrete structures and cement mortar-coated steel at the site.
- The type of cement for construction: Evaluation of soluble sulfate content of soil samples considered representative of the predominate material types on-site suggests that Type II or V cement is a requirement for use in construction.
- The soil pH for the near surface soil are 7.8 to 7.9, which does not present corrosion problems for buried iron, steel, mortar-coated steel and reinforced concrete structures.
- The soil redox potential for the near surface soil are 501 mV to 515  $\bullet$ mV, which is indicative of potentially "non-corrosive" soil resulting from anaerobic soil conditions.

A corrosivity consultant should be consulted if necessary such as for the cathodic protection design. The corrosive potential for each soil characteristic is summarized on the table below. The results of the corrosivity laboratory tests results are enclosed in the Appendix.

#### Soil Characteristics **Corrosive Potential** Range **Soil Samples**  $1 - 1$  and  $2 - 3$ Highly Resistivity  $2,255 - 2,638$  $>2000$ (Ohm-cm) corrosive Soil pH Non-corrosive  $< 8.5$  $7.8 - 7.9$  $> 5.1$ Chloride  $2 - 15$ Non-corrosive  $<sub>300</sub>$ </sub>  $(mg/Kg)$ Sulfate  $56 - 204$ Moderately  $>10$  $(mg/Kg)$ corrosive **Redox Potential**  $>100$ Non-corrosive  $501 - 515$  $(mV)$

# **CORROSIVE POTENTIAL**

#### **LIMITATIONS AND UNIFORMITY OF CONDITIONS**

- The recommendations presented herein are based on the soil conditions 1. revealed by our test borings and evaluated for the proposed construction planned at the present time. If any unusual soil conditions are encountered during the construction, or if the proposed construction will differ from that planned at the present time, Silicon Valley Soil Engineering (SVSE) should be notified for supplemental recommendations.
- $2.$ This report is issued with the understanding that it is the responsibility of the owner, or his representative, to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to see that the contractor carries out the recommendations of this report in the field.
- 3. The findings of this report are valid, as of the present time. However, the passing of time will change the conditions of the existing property due to natural processes, works of man, from legislation or the broadening of knowledge. Therefore, this report is subjected to review and should not be relied upon after a period of three years.
- 4. The conclusions and recommendations presented in this report are professional opinions derived from current standards of geotechnical practice and no warranty is intended, expressed, or implied, is made or should be inferred.
- 5. The area of the borings is very small compared to the site area. As a result, buried structures such as septic tanks, storage tanks, abandoned utilities, or etc. may not be revealed in the borings during our field Therefore, if buried structures are encountered during investigation. grading or construction, our office should be notified immediately for proper disposal recommendations.
- 6. Standard maintenance should be expected after the initial construction has been completed. Should ownership of this property change hands, the prospective owner should be informed of this report and recommendations so as not to change the grading or block drainage facilities of this subject site.
- 7. This report has been prepared solely for the purpose of geotechnical investigation and does not include investigations for toxic contamination studies of soil or groundwater of any type. If there are any environmental concerns, our firm can provide additional studies.
- Any work related to grading and/or foundation operations during 8. construction performed without direct observation from SVSE personnel will invalidate the recommendations of this report and, furthermore, if we are not retained for observation services during construction, SVSE will cease to be the Geotechnical Engineer of Record for this subject site.

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#### **TABLES**

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# **TABLE I**

# **SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TESTS**



# **TABLE I (CONTINUED)**

# **SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TESTS**



# **TABLE II**

#### PROPOSED ASPHALT PAVEMENT SECTIONS

Location: Proposed Hotel 1338 Oakland Road San Jose, California



# **TABLE III**

#### PROPOSED CONCRETE PAVEMENT SECTIONS

Location: Proposed Hotel 1338 Oakland Road San Jose, California



- \* Including trash enclosures, stress slabs, valley gutters, and curb & gutters. Reinforced with No. 4 rebar with maximum spacing of 18" on-center, both ways or recommended by Structural Engineer. Maximum control joints at 10' x 10'.
- \*\* Reinforced with No. 3 rebar with maximum spacing of 18" on-center, both ways or recommended by Structural Engineer. Maximum control joints at 10' x 10'.

## **TABLE IV**

#### PROPOSED PAVER PAVEMENT SECTIONS

Location: **Proposed Hotel** 1338 Oakland Road San Jose, California



\* The subgrade should be lined with a geotextile membrane, Geogrid or equivalent. The subgrade should be sloped at a minimum of 2% towards the subdrain system and away from building foundation. The subdrain system should consist of a 4-inch diameter perforated pipe surrounded by 34 inch drain rock wrapped in a filter fabric. The drain rock wrapped in fabric should be at least 12 inches wide and 12 inches below the finished subgrade elevation. The drainage system should be sloped to a discharge facility. The pavers should be bordered with a concrete curb/band. Typically, minor maintenance would be required during the life of the pavers.

\*\* The subgrade should be lined with a geotextile membrane Geogrid. The section should have an overflow output and subgrade should be sloped at a minimum of 2% away from building foundation. The pavers should be bordered with a concrete curb/band. Typically, minor maintenance would be required during the life of the pavers.

#### **FIGURES**

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#### **APPENDICES**

**MODIFIED MERCALLI SCALE** 

METHOD OF SOIL CLASSIFICATION

**KEY TO LOG OF BORING** 

EXPLORATORY BORING LOGS (B-1 AND B-2)

**CORROSIVITY TESTS SUMMARY** 

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#### METHOD OF SOIL CLASSIFICATION CHART



#### **CLASSIFICATION CHART - UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**





PLASTICITY INDEX CHART

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Method of Soil Classification Chart

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