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Geotechnical Investigation for Arbor Estates

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

Arbor Estates commissioned Geotechnical Testing Services (GTS) to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed development at Lot 17, Marong Run, Stage 7, Marong.

The investigation has been conducted for the purpose of assessing general subsurface conditions at the site and consequently assigning a Site Classification in accordance with *AS2870 – 2011 Residential Slabs and Footings*.

#### 2 INVESTIGATION

The investigation was conducted on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 using a vehicle mounted drill rig to drill 2 boreholes to depths of 1.5 to 3.0 metres within the designated area. The soil profiles are presented on page 4 and the locations of the boreholes are presented on page 5.

At the time of this investigation, the type of development proposed is understood by GTS to be a new residential building. If the actual construction varies from this, then changes may be necessary to this classification report.

#### 3 SITE CONDITION

The site is currently vacant and has been filled under controlled conditions (supervised and tested by GTS) to form a relatively flat surface. At the time of the investigation, the surface of the site was dry with no grass cover. There were no trees near the investigation site, though a review of aerial photography indicates small to large trees were removed from at or near the site sometime between January 2018 and January 2019. There was no visual evidence of surface cracking or surface rock. No groundwater seepage was encountered over the investigated depths.

Full details of the soil conditions are presented in the borehole logs.

#### 4 SITE CLASSIFICATION

After allowing due consideration to the site geology, soil conditions, drainage, vegetation, siteworks, GTS Level 1 Report *21C 0077* and known details of the proposed structure, the site has been classified as **Class M-D** (*AS2870-2011*).

Foundations designed in accordance with this classification are to be subject to the overriding conditions of Section 5.



#### **5 DISCUSSION**

Particular attention should be paid to the design of footings as required by AS2870 – 2011.

In addition to the normal founding requirements arising from the above classification, particular conditions at the site dictate that the founding medium and minimum depth below existing surface levels for all footings should be as follows:

 Clayey Silty SAND, fine to medium, pale brown, orange/brown, medium dense to dense, low plasticity fines
At depth below 0.1 metres in the region of BH1

and

• Controlled FILL: Silty CLAY, medium plasticity, red/brown, very stiff, some fine to medium sand

At depth below 0.4 metres in the region of BH2

An allowable bearing pressure of 100kPa is available for edge beams, strips and stump footings founded as above. All foundations should extend a minimum of 100mm into the above foundation material.

The proposed development should be located a minimum distance of 1 x the mature height of all trees. This distance should be increased by 50% for groups or lines of trees. If this distance is impeded, then the size and distance from the development of the tree(s) needs to be taken into account when designing the foundation.

#### 6 IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT THIS REPORT

- The site classification presented in Section 4 assumes that the current natural drainage and infiltration conditions at the site will not be markedly affected by the proposed site development work. Care should therefore be taken to ensure that surface water is not permitted to collect adjacent to the structure and that significant changes to seasonal soil moisture equilibria do not develop as a result of service trench construction or tree root action.
- Attention is drawn to Appendix B of AS2870 and CSIRO document *BTF 18 Foundation Maintenance and Footing Performance: A Homeowner's Guide* as a guide to maintenance requirement for the proposed structure.
- This is not a comprehensive investigation nor is it economic or practical to determine every subsurface feature on the site. Although this investigation indicates that soil conditions are relatively uniform across the site, it is recommended that the base of all footing excavations be inspected to ensure that the founding medium meets that requirements referenced herein with respect to type and strength of founding materials. If further variations in descriptions in soil types, colour or depths are discovered during construction, this office should be notified immediately so that potential influence on the footings may be assessed.



- The soil colours provided in the borehole logs attached may vary with soil moisture content and individual interpretation, therefore colour alone should not be used to identify these soils.
- Strength characteristics of soils often exhibit a large variation between wet and dry conditions. Soil characteristics of a soil profile are given on the soil conditions at the time of the investigation.
- In the event of significant earthworks being undertaken on the site after this investigation, this report may require an amendment if appropriate.

Should you have any further queries concerning these results, please do not hesitate to contact GTS on 03 5441 4881.

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### BOREHOLE LOGS

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					Boreho	ole log no:	1-2
Client:			Arbor Estates		Report	number:	21C 1165 (Lot 17)
					Date	drilled:	19/11/2021
	Project:		Lot 17, Marong Run, Stage 7 Marong		Log	ged by:	BT
					Drilling	method:	AS
Profile (mm):			Material Description:	Moisture Description:	Cohesion Density:	Plasticity:	Testing / Sampling:
0			BH1				
То 100	FILL		Clayey SAND Fine to medium, brown, pale brown	М	L	Low	
То 500			Clayey Silty SAND Fine to medium, pale brown, orange/brown	М	MD – D	Low	
To 1200			Silty CLAY Brown. red/brown, trace fine sand	М	VSt	Medium – high	
To 1500			Clayey SAND Fine to medium, brown	М	MD	Low	
0		BH2					
То 400	FILL		Clayey SAND Fine to medium, brown, pale brown	М	L	Low	
To 1100	Contro FILI		Silty CLAY Red/brown, some fine sand	М	VSt	Medium	
То 3000	Soil profile		SAND Fine to coarse, pale brown, trace clay	D	MD – D	Low	

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Drilling Method	Moisture Condition	Cohesion	Density	Testing/Sampling
AS – auger screwing	D – dry	VS – very soft	VL – vey loose	PP – pocket penetrometer
HA – hand auger	M – moist	S – soft	L – loose	V – hand vane sheer
	VM – very moist	F – firm	MD – medium dense	DCP – dynamic cone penetrometer
	W – wet	St – stiff	D – dense	SPT – standard penetration test
		VSt – very stiff	VD – very dense	US – undisturbed sampling
		H – hard		DS – disturbed sampling
		VH – very hard		* see notes on bore location page

