

## SITE CLASSIFICATION

**Client:** Dunlop & Pitson Earthmoving  
24 Jewell Court  
Bendigo, VIC 3550

**Project:** Lot 109 Jobs Gully Road, Jackass Flat

### 1 INTRODUCTION

Dunlop & Pitson Earthmoving commissioned Geotechnical Testing Services to conduct a geotechnical investigation for a proposed residential development located at Lot 109 Jobs Gully Road, Jackass Flat.

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 carried out by a technician on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2011 using a vehicle mounted drill-rig and drilling 3 boreholes to a depth of 1.8 metres within the designated area. The subsequent soil profiles are presented in page 4 and the location of the boreholes are presented on page 5.

At the time of this investigation, the type of development proposed was unknown to GTS.

### 3 SITE CONDITIONS

The site has a slight fall towards the front of the block and is currently vacant. The surface of the site was dry with no ground covering. There are 2 small trees present outside the northern boundary. There was no visual evidence of surface cracking. No groundwater seepage was encountered over the investigated depths.

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



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#### **4 SITE CLASSIFICATION**

After allowing due consideration to the site geology, soil conditions, drainage and known details of the proposed structure, and that the fill has been placed under controlled conditions (tested and certified by GTS – Reference 11C 921) the site is classified as **Class M** (AS2870-2011).

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

#### **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:

- Controlled Fill: Gravelly Silty CLAY, medium plasticity, moist, brown, stiff  
At depths below 0.1 metres

An allowable bearing pressure of 100kPa is available for edge beams, strips and stump footings founded as above.

It should be noted that the proposed dwelling should be located a minimum distance of 1 x the mature height of any existing trees. If this distance is impeded then the size and distance from the dwelling 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 AS 2870 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 borelogs 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.
- If FILL is found during this investigation, it is an indication of what was found during the investigation and it may vary over the site. It may be in the best interest of the buyer / seller to undertake a more detailed investigation, in this instance.

Should you have any further queries concerning these results, please do not hesitate in contacting this office on 5441 4881

Yours faithfully



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Enclosed

Borelogs (Page 4)

Brief Site Map (Page 5)

**Test Report**
**Borehole Logs**

Client:	Dunlop & Pitson Earthmoving	Borehole Log No.:	1 - 3
		Report Number:	11C 905 (109)
		Date Drilled:	01/09/11
Project:	Lot 109 Jobs Gully Road Jackass Flat	Logged By:	MB
		Drilling Method	AS
		Sheet 4 of 5	

Profile (mm):	* Structure: (see key)	Material Description:	Moisture Description:	Cohesion Density:	Plasticity:	Testing / Sampling:
0 to 450 to 1000 to 1800	Controlled Fill	BL-1 Gravelly Silty Clay Brown	M	ST	M	No
	Soil Profile	Silty Clay Brown	M	ST	M	No
	Rock	Extremely Weathered Siltstone Pale Brown	D	H	-	No
0 to 400 to 900 to 1800	Controlled Fill	BL-2 Gravelly Silty Clay Brown	M	ST	M	No
	Soil Profile	Silty Clay Brown	M	ST	M	No
	Rock	Extremely Weathered Siltstone Pale Brown	D	H	-	No
0 to 150 to 600 to 1800	Controlled Fill	BL-3 Gravelly Silty Clay Brown	M	ST	M	No
	Soil Profile	Silty Clay Brown	M	ST	M	No
	Rock	Extremely Weathered Siltstone Pale Brown	D	H	-	No

**Key:**

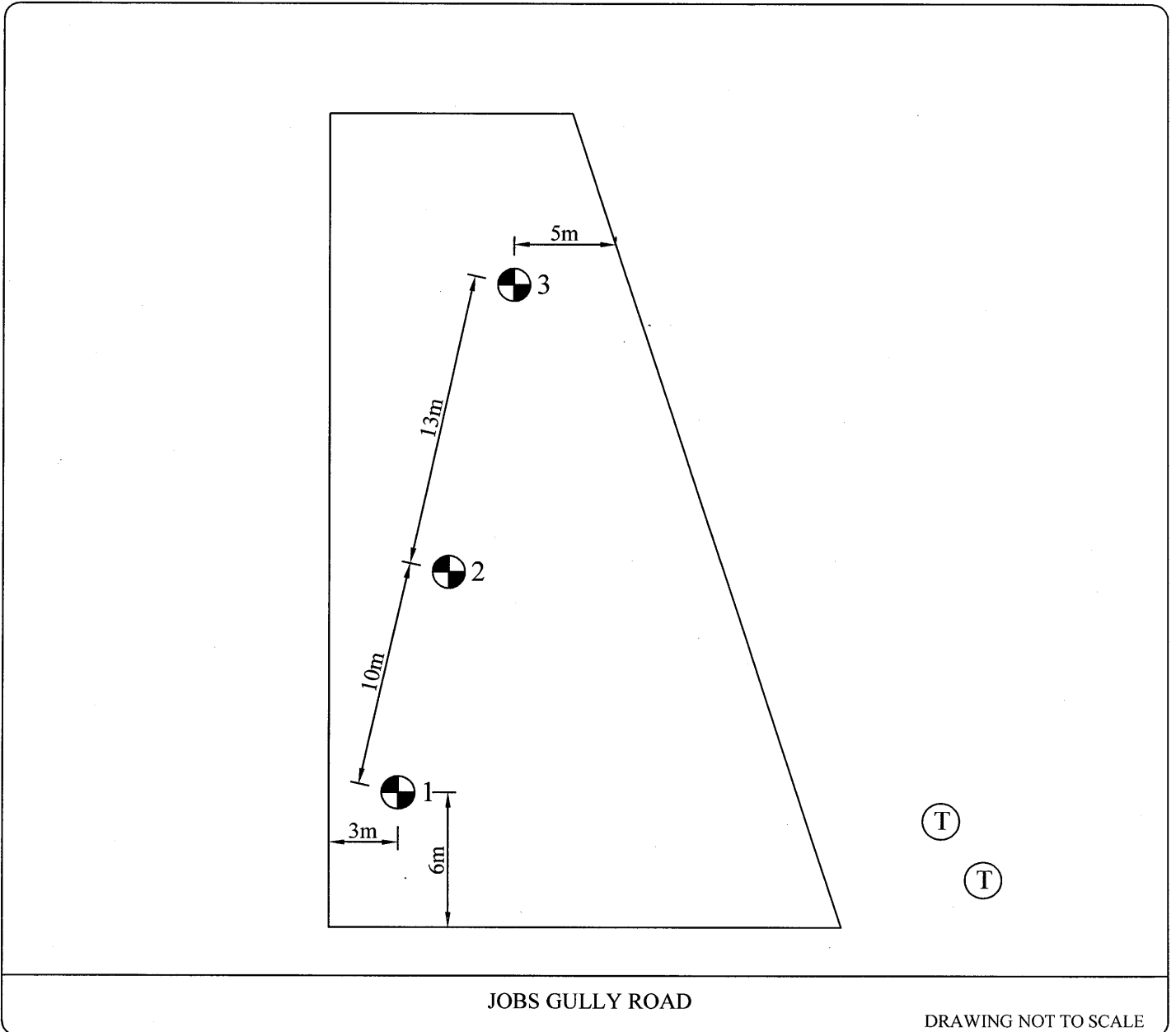
Drilling Method:	Moisture Condition	Cohesion:	Density:	Testing/Sampling:
AS - Auger Screwing	D - Dry	VS - Very Soft	VL - Very Loose	PP - Pocket Penetrometer
HA - Hand Auger	M - Moist	S - Soft	L - Loose	V - Hand Vane Shear
	W - Wet	F - Firm	MD - Medium Dense	DCP - Dynamic Cone Penetrometer
		ST - Stiff	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 borelog location page (last).

**Borehole Locations**

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