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Public Works and Government Services Canada
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Attention: Garth Holder, Project Manager

Re: Marine Test Pit Investigation –Pigeon Hill, NB Gully Entrance and Pigeon Hill to Miscou Channel (Call Up EC015-110732/001/PWB)

GEMTEC Limited was retained by Public Works and Government Services Canada to undertake a marine test pit investigation in a section of the Pigeon Hill to Miscou channel, and the Gully entrances at the Pigeon Hill wharf. We understand that the test pit data will be used to determine dredging methods. The purpose of this investigation was to assess the soils in the wharf channels. This report contains a summary of the fieldwork carried out.

Twelve test pits (TP) were excavated on 26 July 2012 in the Pigeon Hill channel channel. The work was carried out in the presence of one of our geotechnical technologists using a self propelled floating dredge plan, Amphibex, equipped with an excavator using a 1 cubic meter hydraulic bucket subcontracted to ECO Technologies. All twelve of the test pits were excavated to minimum elevation of -2.5 metres chart datum (CD). Based on observations made in the field the excavator (Amphibex) was suitable to excavate all soils encountered within the twelve test pits.

Test pit locations were provided by PWGSC. GEMTEC Limited guided the excavator to the test pit locations and surveyed the test pit locations in the field using a Topcon HiPer L1 GPS. All elevations on appended test pit logs are based on chart datum and are referenced to benchmark 90B9020 with a published elevation of +4.158 metres at the Pigeon Hill wharf.

Descriptive terms and detailed test pit logs, site photos, and test pit coordinates are attached (Attachments A, B and C, respectively).



If you have any questions regarding our proposal contact the undersigned.

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Harold McQuade, P.Eng
GEMTEC Limited

Attachments

(tds)

Attachment A

Descriptive Terms and Detailed Test Pit Logs



DESCRIPTIVE TERMS- BOREHOLE/TEST PIT LOG

SOILS

GRAIN SIZE

0.010.11.0101001000mm

SILT CLAY

SAND

GRAVEL

Cobble

BOULDER

FIMC

0.080.425

weight, % of material

DESCRIPTIVE TERMINOLOGY

TRACE	SOME	ADJECTIVE	and > 35% noun > 35% and main fraction		
trace clay, etc.	some gravel, etc.	silty, etc.	sand and gravel, etc.		

COMPACTNESS
gravels, sands, tills

N, RANGE	0 - 4	4 - 10	10 - 30	30 - 50	> 50
DENSITY	V. LOOSE	LOOSE	MEDIUM	DENSE	V. DENSE

CONSISTENCY
silt, clay

S, KPa	< 12.5	12.5 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 100	100 - 200
CONSISTENCY	V. SOFT	SOFT	MEDIUM	STIFF	V. STIFF

ROCK

RQD

0 - 25

25 - 50

50 - 75

75 - 90

90 - 100

OVERALL QUALITY

VERY POOR

POOR

FAIR

GOOD

EXCELLENT

FRACTURE SPACING

VERY CLOSE 20 - 60 mm

CLOSE 60 - 200 mm

MODERATE 200 - 600 mm

WIDE 600 - 2000 mm

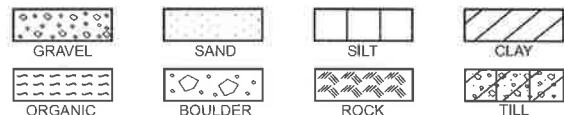
VERY WIDE 2 - 6 m

COMP. STR. MPa	1 - 5	5 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 100	100 - 250
DESCRIPTION	V. WEAK	WEAK	MODERATE	STRONG	V. STRONG

SAMPLE TYPES (location to scale on log)

S SPLIT TUBE	G SHOVEL
T SHELBY TUBE	H CARVED BLOCK
P PISTON	K SLOTTED
F AUGER	V IN SITU VANE
W WASH	NR NO RECOVERY

LOG SYMBOLS



ROCK CORES A(30mm); B(41mm); N(54mm)



WELL SYMBOLS

- N - standard penetration test; blows by 475 J drop hammer to advance Std. 50mm O.D. split tube sampler 0.3m
 RQD - percent of core consisting of hard, sound pieces in excess of 100mm long (excluding machine breaks)
 RECOVERY - sample recovery expressed as percent or length
 S - shear strength, kPa; vane \oplus ; penetrometer \blacksquare ; unconfined \circ ; U_c unconfined compressive strength
 S_r - shear strength, remoulded; vane \otimes ; penetrometer \square
 Dd - dry density; t/m^3
 W - natural moisture content, percent *
 PL - plastic limit, percent —
 LL - liquid limit, percent —
 ND - non detect, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) not detected in soil
 Groundwater Level ∇ ; Seepage ∇

TEST PIT LOG

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TEST PIT LOG

Client		Public Works and Government Services Canada				Proj No.		6489.07		Test pit	
Project		Marine Test Pit Investigation				Date End		24.July.2012		TP 2 (PH) Page 1 of 1	
Location		Pigeon Hill, NB									
Ground Level, m		-0.64		Datum:		Chart		Logged By		TDS	
DEPTH m		SAMPLE				LOG		DESCRIPTION			
		No	TYPE	N (RQD)	REC mm						
0						Brown SAND with trace to some silt, trace and gravel and organics (Sea Shells).					
1											
2											
						2.30 -2.94					
						End of Test Pit at elevation -2.94 metres chart datum as referenced to benchmark 90B9020 with a published elevation of +4.158 chart datum.					



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Test pit

Project Marine Test Pit Investigation

Date End 24 July 2012

TP 4 (PH)
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Location Pigeon Hill, NB

Ground Level, m

-1.15

Datum:

Chart

Logged By

TDS

DEPTH
m

SAMPLE

No

TYPE

N (RQD)

REC
mm

LOG

DESCRIPTION

Grey SAND, some gravel with trace silt and organics (sea shells).

- 150 mm thick layer of compressed sea weed.

1.60

-2.75

End of Test Pit at elevation -2.75 metres chart datum as referenced to benchmark 90B9020 with a published elevation of +4.158 chart datum.

0 25 Undrained Shear Strength - kPa 75 100

☐ Pocket Penetrometer <225

☒ Pocket Penetrometer

☒ Field Vane Test

☒ Remoulded

Water Content & Atterberg Limits

Dynamic Penetration Test, blows/0.3m

Standard Penetration Test, blows/0.3m

w_p w w_L

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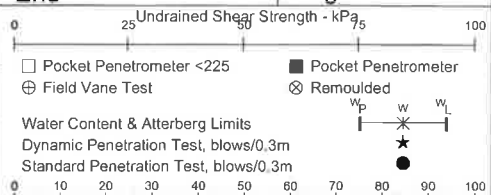
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Fredericton, Moncton, Bathurst N.B., Canada**TEST PIT LOG**Client **Public Works and Government Services Canada**Proj
No. **6489.07**

Test pit

Project **Marine Test Pit Investigation**Date
End **24.July.2012**TP 5 (PH)
Page 1 of 1Location **Pigeon Hill, NB**Ground Level, m
-1.13Datum:
ChartLogged
By **TDS**

DEPTH m	SAMPLE				LOG	DESCRIPTION
	No	TYPE	N (RQD)	REC mm		
0						Brown GRAVEL with some sand and cobbles and trace to some boulders (300 to 400mm).
1						1.00 -2.13 Brown SAND and GRAVEL with some cobbles and trace to some boulders (250 to 600mm).
						1.50 -2.63 End of Test Pit at elevation -2.63 metres chart datum as referenced to benchmark 90B9020 with a published elevation of +4.158 chart datum.



TEST PIT LOG

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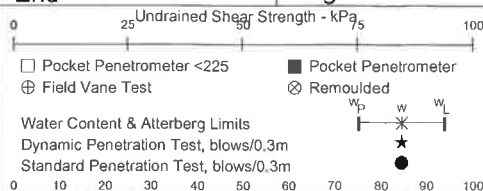
TEST PIT LOG

Client		Public Works and Government Services Canada				Proj No.		6489.07		Test pit	
Project		Marine Test Pit Investigation				Date		24.July.2012		TP 7 (PH)	
Location		Pigeon Hill, NB				End				Page 1 of 1	
Ground Level, m		-0.54		Datum:		Chart		Logged By		TDS	
DEPTH		m		SAMPLE		LOG		DESCRIPTION		<div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Penetrometer <225</div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field Vane Test</div> </div> <div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pocket Penetrometer</div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remoulded</div> </div> <div> <div>Water Content & Atterberg Limits</div> <div>Dynamic Penetration Test, blows/0.3m</div> <div>Standard Penetration Test, blows/0.3m</div> </div> <div> <div> <div>W_p</div> <div>W</div> <div>W_L</div> </div> <div> <div>★</div> <div>●</div> </div> </div>	
0								Brown SAND with trace to some gravel			
0.40								Brown SAND and GRAVEL with trace to some cobbles and boulders.			
-0.94											
1											
2											
2.20								End of Test Pit at elevation -2.74 metres chart datum as referenced to benchmark 90B9020 with a published elevation of +4.158 chart datum.			
-2.74											

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Project Marine Test Pit Investigation				Date End 24.July.2012		Page 1 of 1	
Location Pigeon Hill, NB							
Ground Level, m -0.83				Datum: Chart		Logged By TDS	

DEPTH m	SAMPLE				LOG	DESCRIPTION											
	No	TYPE	N (RQD)	REC mm													
0						Gravel with some sand, trace to some cobbles and boulders (300 to 450 mm).											
						0.70 -1.53 Brown SAND and GRAVEL with trace to some cobbles and boulders.											
1																	
						1.70 -2.53 End of Test Pit at elevation -2.53 metres chart datum as referenced to benchmark 90B9020 with a published elevation of +4.158 chart datum.											



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Test pit

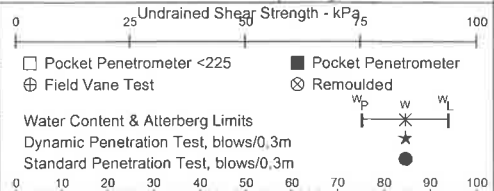
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TP 9 (PH)

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Location **Pigeon Hill, NB**Ground Level, m
-0.79Datum:
ChartLogged By
TDS

DEPTH m	SAMPLE				LOG	DESCRIPTION
	No	TYPE	N (RQD)	REC mm		
0						Gravel with some sand, trace to some cobbles and boulders (300 to 450 mm).
1						
						Brown SAND and GRAVEL with trace to some cobbles and boulders.
						End of Test Pit at elevation -2.69 metres chart datum as referenced to benchmark 90B9020 with a published elevation of +4.158 chart datum.







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Test pit
TP 11 (PH)
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Date	24.July.2012
End	

Location	Pigeon Hill, NB
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Ground Level, m -0.70

Datum: _____
Chart _____

Logged
By TDS

DEPTH m	SAMPLE				LOG	DESCRIPTION
	No	TYPE	N (RCD)	REC mm		
0						Grey SAND and GRAVEL with some cobbles and trace to some flat and rounded boulders (300 to 450 mm)

0 25 50 75 100 Undrained Shear Strength - kPa

□ Pocket Penetrometer <225
⊕ Field Vane Test
■ Pocket Penetrometer
⊗ Remoulded


Water Content & Atterberg Limits
Dynamic Penetration Test, blows/0.3m
Standard Penetration Test, blows/0.3m

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

Diagram illustrating the relationship between Undrained Shear Strength (kPa) and various soil strength parameters. The scale ranges from 0 to 100 kPa. Key markers include:

- Pocket Penetrometer <225
- ⊕ Field Vane Test
- Pocket Penetrometer
- ⊗ Remoulded

Below the scale, a diagram shows the relationship between Water Content & Atterberg Limits, Dynamic Penetration Test (blows/0.3m), and Standard Penetration Test (blows/0.3m). The diagram includes labels w_p , w , and w_L on the x-axis, and a vertical line with a star symbol and a circle symbol.

0		(RQD) mm		Grey SAND and GRAVEL with some cobbles and trace to some flat and rounded boulders (300 to 450 mm)
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1

2

2.10	-2.80
End of Test Pit at elevation -2.80 metres chart datum as referenced to benchmark 90B9020 with a published elevation of +4.158 chart datum.	

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Project		Marine Test Pit Investigation				Date End		24.July.2012		TP 12 (PH) Page 1 of 1	
Location		Pigeon Hill, NB									
Ground Level, m		-0.57		Datum:		Chart		Logged By		TDS	
DEPTH m		SAMPLE		LOG		DESCRIPTION					
		No TYPE N (RQD) REC mm									
0						SAND and GRAVEL with some cobbles and trace to some boulder (300 to 400mm).					
1											
2											
				2.20		-2.77					
						End of Test Pit at elevation -2.77 metres chart datum as referenced to benchmark 90B9020 with a published elevation of +4.158 chart datum.					

Attachment B

Select Site Photos



Photo 1 - ECO Technologies Amphibian Excavator at McEachern's Point Wharf.



Photo 2 - Amphibian excavator in McEachern's point channel.



Photo 3 - Manual sounding undertaken at test pit locations.



Photo 4 - Depth during excavation tracked by sounding measurements on inside of excavator arm.



Photo 5 - Dark grey silty sand with organics at TP 1 - Pigeon Hill (Elevation -1.31 to -1.61 CD).



Photo 6 - Brown sand with trace silt, gravel and organics at TP 2 - Pigeon Hill (Elevation -0.64 to -2.94 CD).



Photo 7 - Brown sand with trace silt, gravel, and organics at TP3 - Pigeon Hill (Elevation 0.08 to -1.32 metres CD).



Photo 8 - Sand with some gravel and trace silt and organics at TP 4 - Pigeon Hill (Elevation -1.15 to -2.75 CD).



Photo 9 - Brown gravel with some snad, cobbles and boulders at TP 5 - Pigeon Hill (Elevation -1.13 to -2.63 CD).



Photo 10- Concrete block with chain encountered at TP 6 - Pigeon Hill (Approximate elevation -0.61 CD). The location was marked with a buoy.



Photo 11 – Brown sand and gravel with cobbles and boulders at TP7 - Pigeon Hill (Elevation -0.94 to -2.74 CD).



Photo 12 - Gravel with cobbles and some sand and occasional boulder at TP 8 - Pigeon Hill (Elevation -0.83 to -1.53 CD).



Photo 13 - Gravel with some sand and some cobbles and boulders at TP 9 - Pigeon Hill (Elevation - 0.79 to -2.69 CD).



Photo 14 - Brown sand with some gravel and occasional cobbles at TP 10 - Pigeon Hill (Elevation - 0.93 to -3.13 CD).



Photo 15 - Grey sand and gravel with some cobbles and occasional boulder at TP 11 - Pigeon Hill (Elevation -0.70 to -2.80 CD).



Photo 16 - Sand and gravel with some cobbles and occasional boulders at TP 12 - Pigeon Hill (Elevation -0.57 to -2.77 CD).

Attachment C

Test Pit Coordinates

Pigeon Hill Test Pit Coordinates

BH	TP Elevation (m)	TP Depth (m)	Easting*	Northing*
TP 1	-1.31	1.6	358839.758	5304190.410
TP 2	-0.64	2.3	385905.110	5304203.585
TP 3	+0.08	2.7	385970.462	5304216.760
TP 4	-1.15	1.6	386035.814	5304229.935
TP 5	-1.13	1.5	387864.913	5340685.691
TP 6	-0.61	1.9	387860.740	5304582.110
TP 7	-0.54	2.2	387869.542	5304529.129
TP 8	-0.83	1.7	387912.139	5304618.495
TP 9	-0.79	1.9	387951.534	5304553.930
TP 10	-0.93	2.2	388004.202	5304436.770
TP 11	-0.70	2.1	388024.860	5304627.251
TP 12	-0.57	2.2	388042.337	5304525.782

