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#### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the results of our geotechnical study for the subject property located in Riverton, Utah. We understand the proposed project, as currently planned, will consist of building a one- to two-story single-family residence on the subject lot.

Our field exploration included the excavation of a total of three (3) test pits to depths of 11 to 12 feet below the existing ground surface. Groundwater was not encountered within the excavations at the depths explored. The subsurface soils encountered generally consisted of fill and topsoil overlying near-surface medium dense to dense sand soils and stiff silt soils. Moist, medium stiff to stiff lean clay soils were present between approximately 4½ to 8 feet below the ground surface in Test Pit-3 (TP-3). The topsoil should be removed beneath the entire building footprint, exterior flatwork, and pavement areas. All fill encountered appears to be undocumented (untested) and thus should be removed beneath the entire building footprint and exterior flatwork. The native clay soils we tested have a negligible potential for collapse and slight potential for compressibility under increased moisture contents and anticipated load conditions.

Based on the results of our field exploration, laboratory testing, and engineering analyses, it is our opinion that the subject site is suitable for the proposed development, provided the recommendations presented herein are followed and implemented during design and construction. Conventional strip and spread footings may be used to support the structure, with foundations placed entirely on native uniform, undisturbed native soils or entirely on a minimum 18 inches of properly placed and compacted structural fill.

We recommended that the proposed residence's footing and foundation walls should be setback from the crest of the slope a minimum of 10 feet. If this recommendation is followed, based on the results of our analyses, the lot is stable under static and seismic conditions.

This executive summary provides a general synopsis of our recommendations. Details of our findings, conclusions and recommendations are provided within the body of this report. Failure to consult with Earthtec Engineering (Earthtec) regarding any changes made during

design and/or construction of the project from those discussed herein relieves Earthtec from any liability arising from changed conditions at the site. We also strongly recommend that Earthtec observes the building excavations to verify the adequacy of our recommendations presented herein, and that Earthtec performs materials testing and special inspections for this project to provide continuity during construction.

#### 2.0 INTRODUCTION

The project is located at approximately 13200 South Lovers Lane in Riverton, Utah. The general location of the site is shown on Figure No. 1, *Vicinity Map*, at the end of this report.

The purposes of this study were to

- Evaluate the subsurface soil conditions at the site,
- Assess the engineering characteristics of the subsurface soils, and
- Provide geotechnical recommendations for general site grading and the design and construction of foundations, concrete floor slabs, and miscellaneous concrete flatwork.

The scope of work completed for this study included field reconnaissance, subsurface exploration, field and laboratory soil testing, geotechnical engineering analysis, and the preparation of this report.

#### 3.0 PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

We understand that the proposed project consists of constructing a single family residence on the subject property. We anticipate that the future home will be conventionally framed and one to two stories in height. The home will likely be founded on spread footings with the possibility of a basement. We have based our recommendations in this report on the assumption that foundation loads for the proposed structures will not exceed 3,000 pounds per linear foot for bearing walls, 20,000 pounds for column loads, and 100 pounds per square foot for floor slabs. If structural loads will be greater Earthtec should be notified so that we may review our recommendations and make modifications, if necessary.

In addition to the construction described above, we anticipate that

- Utilities will be installed to service the proposed residence, and
- Exterior concrete flatwork will be placed in the form of curb, gutter, and sidewalks.

#### 4.0 GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION

At the time of our subsurface exploration the site was a partially developed lot. The undeveloped portions were vegetated with native grass and brush. The ground surface appeared to be relatively flat in the vicinity of the proposed building site. However, it slopes steeply downward from the building site to the east, thus we anticipate several feet of cut and fill may be required for site grading. The lot was bounded on the north by developed residential properties and 13200 South Street, on the east by Lovers Lane, and on the south and west by developed and undeveloped properties.

#### 5.0 SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION

#### 5.1 Soil Exploration

Under the direction of a qualified member of our geotechnical staff, subsurface explorations were conducted at the site on May 5, 2015 by excavating three (3) exploratory test pits to depths of about 11 to 12 feet below the existing ground surface using a track-mounted miniexcavator. The approximate locations of the test pits are shown on Figure No. 2, *Aerial Photograph Showing Location of Test Holes Pits and Slope Cross-Section.* Graphical representations and detailed descriptions of the soils encountered are shown on Figure Nos. 3 through 5, *Test Pit Log* at the end of this report. The stratification lines shown on the logs represent the approximate boundary between soil units; the actual transition may be gradual. Due to potential natural variations inherent in soil deposits, care should be taken in interpolating between and extrapolating beyond exploration points. A key to the symbols and terms on the logs is presented on Figure No. 6, *Legend*.

Disturbed bag samples and relatively undisturbed block samples were collected at various depths in each test pit. The soil samples collected were classified by visual examination in the field following the guidelines of the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). The samples were transported to our Lindon, Utah laboratory where they will be retained for 30

days following the date of this report and then discarded, unless a written request for additional holding time is received prior to the 30 day limit.

#### 6.0 LABORATORY TESTING

Representative soil samples collected during our field exploration were tested in the laboratory to assess pertinent engineering properties and to aid in refining field classifications, if needed. Tests performed included natural moisture content, dry density tests, liquid and plastic limits determinations, mechanical (partial) gradation analyses, and a one-dimensional consolidation test. The table below summarizes the laboratory test results, which are also included on the attached *Test Pit Logs* at the respective sample depths, and on Figure No. 7, *Consolidation-Swell Test*.

Table 1: Laboratory Test Results

Toot		Matuusi	Natural	Atterb	erg Limits	Grain S	ize Distrik	oution (%)	
Test Pit No.	Depth (ft.)	Natural Moisture (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index	Gravel (+ #4)	Sand	Silt/Clay (- #200)	Soil Type
TP-1	4½	24		22	NP*	0	55	45	SM
TP-2	10	12				0	39	61	ML
TP-3	6	3	85	37	17	0	3	97	CL

NP\* = Non-Plastic

As part of the consolidation test procedure, water was added to a sample to assess moisture sensitivity when the sample was loaded to an equivalent pressure of approximately 1,000 psf. The consolidation test indicated the clay soils have a slight potential for compressibility and a negligible potential for collapse under increased moisture contents and anticipated load conditions.

#### 7.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

#### 7.1 Soil Types

On the surface of the site, we encountered fill and topsoil which is estimated to extend up to two feet in depth at the test pit locations. Below the topsoil we encountered layers of sand, silt, and clay extending about 11 to 12 feet below the existing ground surface. Based on our experience and observations during field exploration, the clay and silt soils visually ranged

from stiff to medium stiff in consistency and the sand soils visually had a relative density varying from medium dense to dense.

Fill material composition and contacts are difficult to determine from test hole sampling. Variation in fill depths may occur at the site.

#### 7.2 **Groundwater Conditions**

Groundwater was not encountered during our field exploration to the maximum depths explored of approximately 11 to 12 feet below the existing ground surface. Note that groundwater levels will fluctuate in response to the season, precipitation, snow melt, irrigation, and other on and off-site influences. Quantifying these fluctuations would require long term monitoring, which is beyond the scope of this study. The contractor should be prepared to dewater excavations as needed.

#### 8.0 SITE GRADING

#### 8.1 General Site Grading

All surface vegetation and unsuitable soils (such as topsoil, organic soils, undocumented fill, soft, loose, or disturbed native soils, and any other inapt materials) should be removed from below foundations, floor slabs, and exterior concrete flatwork. We encountered fill and topsoil on the surface of the site which we estimated to extend about 1 to 2 feet below the existing ground surface. The fill encountered on the site is considered undocumented (untested). The fill and topsoil (including soil with roots larger than about ¼ inch in diameter) should be completely removed, even if found to extend deeper, along with any other unsuitable soils that may be encountered.

Fill placed over large areas, even if only a few feet in depth, can cause consolidation in the underlying native soils resulting in settlement of the fill. Because there is several feet of relief from east to west, we anticipate that more than 3 feet of fill may be placed in some areas of the site during grading. If more than 3 feet of grading fill will be placed above the existing surface (to raise site grades), Earthtec should be notified so that we may provide additional recommendations, if required. Such recommendations will likely include placing the fill several weeks (or possibly more) prior to construction to allow settlement to occur.

#### 8.2 <u>Temporary Excavations</u>

Temporary excavations that are less than 4 feet in depth and above groundwater should have side slopes no steeper than ½H:1V (Horizontal:Vertical). Temporary excavations where water is encountered in the upper 4 feet or that extend deeper than 4 feet below site grades should be sloped or braced in accordance with OSHA¹ requirements for Type C soils.

#### 8.3 <u>Fill Material Composition</u>

The existing fill and native soils within the upper 12 feet are not suitable for use as structural fill. However, excavated soils, including clays and silts, may be stockpiled for use as fill in landscape areas.

Structural fill is defined as fill material that will ultimately be subjected to any kind of structural loading, such as those imposed by footings, floor slabs, pavements, etc. We recommend that a professional engineer or geologist verify that the structural fill to be used on this project meets the requirements, stated below. We recommend that structural fill consist of imported sandy/gravelly soils meeting the following requirements in the table below:

Table 2: Structural Fill Recommendations

Sieve Size/Other	Percent Passing (by weight)
4 inches	100
3/4 inches	70 – 100
No. 4	40 – 80
No. 40	15 – 50
No. 200	0 – 20
Liquid Limit	35 maximum
Plasticity Index	15 maximum

In some situations, particles larger than 4 inches and/or more than 30 percent coarse gravel may be acceptable, but would likely make compaction more difficult and/or significantly reduce the possibility of successful compaction testing. Consequently, more strict quality control measures than normally used may be required, such as using thinner lifts and increased or full time observation of fill placement.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OSHA Health And Safety Standards, Final Rule, CFR 29, part 1926.

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> We recommend that utility trenches below any structural load be backfilled using structural fill. Note that most local governments and utility companies require Type A-1-a or A-1-b (AASHTO classification) soils (which overall is stricter than our recommendations for structural fill) be used as backfill above utilities in certain areas. In other areas or situations, utility trenches may be backfilled with the native soil, but the contractor should be aware that native clayey/silty soils (as observed in the explorations) may be time consuming to compact due to potential difficulties in controlling the moisture content needed to obtain optimum compaction. All backfill soil should have a maximum particle size of 4 inches, a maximum Liquid Limit of 35 and a maximum Plasticity Index of 15.

> If required (i.e. fill in submerged areas), we recommend that free draining granular material (clean sand and/or gravel) meet the following requirements in the table below:

Table 3: Free-Draining Fill Recommendations

Sieve Size/Other	Percent Passing (by weight)
3 inches	100
No. 10	0 – 25
No. 40	0 – 15
No. 200	0 – 5
Plasticity Index	Non-plastic

Three inch minus washed rock (sometimes called river rock or drain rock) and pea gravel materials usually meet these requirements and may be used as free draining fill. If free draining fill will be placed adjacent to soil containing a significant amount of sand or silt/clay. precautions should be taken to prevent the migration of fine soil into the free draining fill. Such precautions should include either placing a filter fabric between the free draining fill and the adjacent soil material, or using a well-graded, clean filtering material approved by the geotechnical engineer.

#### 8.4 Fill Placement and Compaction

Fill should be placed on level, horizontal surfaces. Where fill will be placed on existing slopes steeper than 5H:1V, the existing ground should be benched prior to placing fill. We recommend bench heights of 1 to 4 feet, with the lowest bench being a minimum 3 feet below adjacent grade and at least 10 feet wide.

The thickness of each lift should be appropriate for the compaction equipment that is used. We recommend a maximum lift thickness prior to compaction of 4 inches for hand operated equipment, 6 inches for most "trench compactors" and 8 inches for larger rollers, unless it can be demonstrated by in-place density tests that the required compaction can be obtained throughout a thicker lift. The full thickness of each lift of structural fill placed should be compacted to at least the following percentages of the maximum dry density, as determined by ASTM D-1557:

•	In landscape and other areas not below structurally loaded areas:	90%
•	Less than 5 feet of fill below structurally loaded areas:	95%
•	Between 5 and 10 feet of fill below structurally loaded areas:	98%

Generally, placing and compacting fill at moisture contents within ±2 percent of the optimum moisture content, as determined by ASTM D-1557, will facilitate compaction. Typically, the further the moisture content deviates from optimum the more difficult it will be to achieve the required compaction.

Fill should be tested frequently during placement and we recommend early testing to demonstrate that placement and compaction methods are achieving the required compaction. The contractor is responsible to ensure that fill materials and compaction efforts are consistent so that tested areas are representative of the entire fill.

#### 8.5 Stabilization Recommendations

Topsoil was encountered during our field exploration. These soils may rut and pump during grading and construction. The likelihood of rutting and/or pumping, and the depth of disturbance, is proportional to the moisture content in the soil, the load applied to the ground surface, and the frequency of the load. Consequently, rutting and pumping can be minimized by avoiding concentrated traffic, minimizing the load applied to the ground surface by using lighter equipment, partially loaded equipment, tracked equipment, by working in dry times of the year, and/or by providing a working surface for equipment.

During grading the soil in any obvious soft spots should be removed and replaced with granular material. If rutting or pumping occurs traffic should be stopped in the area of concern. The soil in rutted areas should be removed and replaced with granular material.

In areas where pumping occurs the soil should either be allowed to sit until pore pressures dissipate (several hours to several days) and the soil firms up, or be removed and replaced with granular material. Typically, we recommend removal to a minimum depth of 24 inches. For granular material, we recommend using angular well-graded gravel, such as pit run, or crushed rock with a maximum particle size of four inches. We suggest that the initial lift be approximately 12 inches thick and be compacted with a static roller-type compactor. A finer granular material such as sand, gravelly sand, sandy gravel or road base may also be used. Materials which are more angular and coarse may require thinner lifts in order to achieve compaction. We recommend that the fines content (percent passing the No. 200 sieve) be less than 15%, the liquid limit be less than 35, and the plasticity index be less than 15.

Using a geosynthetic fabric, such as Mirafi 600X or equivalent, may also reduce the amount of material required and avoid mixing of the granular material and the subgrade. If a fabric is used, following removal of disturbed soils and water, the fabric should be placed over the bottom and up the sides of the excavation a minimum of 24 inches. The fabric should be placed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, including proper overlaps. The granular material should then be placed over the fabric in compacted lifts. Again, we suggest that the initial lift be approximately 12 inches thick and be compacted with a static roller-type compactor.

#### 9.0 SLOPE STABILITY

#### 9.1 Slope Description

The slope to the east and southeast of the proposed residence ranges between 7 and 50 percent grades. The slope stability analysis was performed in this section was modeled along the cross section A-A' shown in Figure 2, *Site Plan Showing Location of Test Pits and Slope Cross-Section*. The cross-section starts in a depression at the base of the slope near 1100 West. The slope is slope between 7 and 36 percent grades for 290 feet to the proposed residence. From the southeast side of the residence the ground surface slope is relatively flat from the crest of the slope.

#### 9.2 <u>Soil Parameters</u>

The properties of the soils observed at the site were estimated by laboratory testing and our experience with similar soils. Based on the laboratory testing by the US Bureau of

Reclamation<sup>2</sup> performed of the Clayey Sand (SC), have an internal friction angle of between 28 and 34, and a apparent cohesion between 120 to 360. Accordingly, we estimated the following parameters for use in the stability analyses:

**Table 4: Soil Strength Parameters** 

Material	Internal Friction Angle (degrees)	Apparent Cohesion (psf)	Moist Unit Weight (pcf)	Saturated Unit Weight (pcf)
Clayey SAND (SC)	28	120	125	130

#### 9.3 Slope Analysis

Our engineering analyses focused on evaluating the stability of the slope based on the existing site grading and the discussion with the builder about the proposed grading for the site. The cross-sections analyzed have minimal changes to the existing grading in the building pad location for proposed home near the southeast slope.

For the seismic (pseudostatic) analysis, a peak horizontal ground acceleration<sup>3</sup> of 0.542 g for the 2% probability of exceedance in 50 years was obtained for site (grid) locations of 40.511 degrees north latitude and -111.925 degrees west longitude. To model sustained accelerations at the site, one-third to one-half of this value is typically employed. Accordingly, a value of 0.271g was used as the pseudostatic coefficient for the stability analysis.

We evaluated the global stability of the slope using the computer program XSTABL. This program uses a limit equilibrium (Bishop's modified) method for calculating factors of safety against sliding on an assumed failure surface and evaluates numerous potential failure surfaces, with the most critical failure surface identified as the one yielding the lowest factor of safety of those evaluated. In the location of the proposed home a 2,000 psf load was modeled to simulate the load of the proposed home. Typically, the required minimum factors of safety are 1.5 for static conditions and 1.0 for seismic (pseudostatic) conditions. The results of our analyses indicate that the proposed configuration for the slope will meet

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> US Bureau of Reclamation, 1987, "Design Standards No. 13, Embankment Dams, Denver Colorado.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> USGS, 2005, Earthquake Hazards Program, http://eqhazmaps.usgs.gov/

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both these requirements, provided our recommendations are followed. The slope stability data are attached as Figures Nos. 8 to 9, *Stability Results*,

#### 9.4 Recommendations and Conclusions

We recommended that the proposed residence's footings and foundation walls should be set-back from the crest of the slope a minimum of 10 feet. If this recommendation is followed, based on the results of our analyses, the slope at cross-section A-A' for the lot is stable under static and seismic conditions. Any modifications to the slope, including the construction of retaining walls on the southeast slope taller than 4 feet or the placement of more than 4 feet of fill material, should be properly designed and engineered.

Note that slope movements or even failure can occur if the slopes or the retaining walls are undermined. In areas where the slopes surface vegetation is disturbed or removed, the slope so be re-vegetated as soon as possible so slope does not erode. The property owner and the owner's representatives should be made aware of the risks should these or other conditions occur that could erode/undermine the soils. Surface water should be directed away from the top and bottom of the slopes and retaining walls and sprinklers should not be placed on the face of the slope.

#### 10.0 SEISMIC AND GEOLOGIC CONSIDERATIONS

#### 10.1 Seismic Design

The residential structures should be designed in accordance with the International Residential Code (IRC). The IRC designates this area as a seismic design class D<sub>2</sub>.

The site is located at approximately 40.511 degrees latitude and -111.925 degrees longitude from the approximate center of the site. The IRC site value for this property is 0.85g. The design spectral response acceleration parameters are given below.

Table 5: Design Acceleration for Short Period

Ss	Fa	Site Value (S <sub>DS</sub> )
		2/3 S <sub>S</sub> *F <sub>a</sub>
1.27g	1.00	0.85g

S<sub>S</sub> = Mapped spectral acceleration for short periods

F<sub>a</sub> = Site coefficient from Table 1613.5.3(1)

 $S_{DS} = \frac{2}{3}S_{MS} = \frac{2}{3}(F_a \cdot S_s) = 5\%$  damped design spectral response acceleration for short periods

#### 10.2 Faulting

The subject property is located within the Intermountain Seismic Belt where the potential for active faulting and related earthquakes is present. Based upon published geologic maps<sup>4</sup>, no active faults traverse through or immediately adjacent to the site and the site is not located within local fault study zones. The nearest mapped fault trace is the Wasatch Fault located about 5 miles east of the site.

#### 10.3 <u>Liquefaction Potential</u>

According to current liquefaction maps<sup>5</sup> for Salt Lake County, the site is located within an area designated as "Very Low" in liquefaction potential. Liquefaction can occur when saturated subsurface soils below groundwater lose their inter-granular strength due to an increase in soil pore water pressures during a dynamic event such as an earthquake.

Loose, saturated sands are most susceptible to liquefaction, but some loose, saturated gravels and relatively sensitive silt to low-plasticity silty clay soils can also liquefy during a seismic event. Subsurface soils were composed of primarily of unsaturated medium dense to dense sand. The soils encountered at this project do not appear liquefiable, but the liquefaction susceptibility of underlying soils (deeper than our explorations) is not known and would require deeper explorations to quantify.

#### 10.4 Geologic Setting

The subject property is located in the southern portion of Salt Lake Valley. The elevation of the site ranges from approximately 4,400 feet to 4,430 feet above sea level. The Salt Lake Valley is a deep, sediment-filled basin that is part of the Basin and Range Physiographic Province. The valley was formed by extensional tectonic processes during the Tertiary and Quaternary geologic time periods. The valley is bordered by the Wasatch Mountain Range

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> U.S. Geological Survey, Quaternary Fault and Fold Database of the United States, November 3, 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Surface Rupture and Liquefaction Potential Special Study Areas, Salt Lake County, Utah, App. No PL-88-4044, PL-94-4012. 5-31-1989.

on the east and the Oquirrh Mountains on the west. Much of northwestern Utah, including The Salt Lake Valley, was previously covered by the Pleistocene age Lake Bonneville. The Great Salt Lake, which currently covers much of the northern portion of the valley, is a remnant of this ancient fresh water lake. The surficial geology of much of the eastern margin of the valley has been mapped by Personius and Scott, 1992<sup>6</sup>. The surficial geology at the location of the subject site and adjacent properties is mapped as "Stream Alluvium 1" (Map Unit al1) dated to be Upper Holocene in age. Based on our observations of the site and the referenced geologic map, no other geologic hazards appear to pose a significant risk to the property and the proposed development.

#### 11.0 FOUNDATIONS

#### 11.1 General

The foundation recommendations presented in this report are based on the soil conditions encountered during our field exploration, the results of laboratory testing of samples of the native soils, the site grading recommendations presented in this report, and the foundation loading conditions presented in Section 3.0, *Proposed Construction*, of this report. If loading conditions and assumptions related to foundations are significantly different, Earthtee should be notified so that we can re-evaluate our design parameters and estimates (higher loads may cause more settlement), and to provide additional recommendations if necessary.

Conventional strip and spread footings may be used to support the proposed structures after appropriate removals as outlined in Section 8.1. Foundations should not be installed on topsoil, undocumented fill, debris, combination soils, organic soils, frozen soil, or in ponded water. If foundation soils become disturbed during construction they should be removed or recompacted.

#### 11.2 Strip/Spread Footings

We recommend that conventional strip and spread foundations be constructed on firm, undisturbed, uniform native soils (i.e. completely on clay soils, or completely on sand soils,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Personius, Stephen F., and Scott, William E.,1992, Preliminary Surficial Geologic Map of the Salt Lake City Segment and Parts of Adjacent Segments of The Wasatch Fault Zone, Davis, Salt Lake, and Utah Counties, Utah; U.S. Geological Survey, Map MF-2114, Scale 1: 50,000.

etc.), or on a minimum 18 inches of structural fill extending to undisturbed native soils. For foundation design we recommend the following:

- Footings founded on native soils may be designed using a maximum allowable bearing capacity of 1,500 pounds per square foot. Footings founded on a minimum 18 inches of structural fill may be designed using a maximum allowable bearing capacity of 2,000 pounds per square foot. The values for vertical foundation pressure can be increased by one-third for wind and seismic conditions per Section 1806.1 when used with the Alternative Basic Load Combinations found in Section 1605.3.2 of the 2012 International Building Code.
- Continuous and spot footings should be uniformly loaded and should have a minimum width of 20 and 30 inches, respectively.
- Exterior footings should be placed below frost depth which is determined by local building codes. In general 30 inches of cover is adequate for most sites; however local code should be verified by the end design professional. Interior footings, not subject to frost (heated structures), should extend at least 18 inches below the lowest adjacent grade.
- Foundation walls and footings should be properly reinforced to resist all vertical and lateral loads and differential settlement.
- The bottom of footing excavations should be compacted with at least 4 passes of an
  approved non-vibratory roller prior to erection of forms or placement of structural fill
  to densify soils that may have been loosened during excavation and to identify soft
  spots. If soft areas are encountered, they should be stabilized as recommended in
  Section 8.5.
- Footing excavations should be observed by the geotechnical engineer prior to beginning footing construction to evaluate whether suitable bearing soils have been exposed and whether excavation bottoms are free of loose or disturbed soils.
- Structural fill used below foundations should extend laterally a minimum of 6 inches for every 12 vertical inches of structural fill placed. For example, if 18 inches of structural fill are required to bring the excavation to footing grade, the structural fill should extend laterally a minimum of 9 inches beyond the edge of the footings on both sides.

#### 11.3 Estimated Settlements

If the proposed foundations are properly designed and constructed using the parameters provided above, we estimate that total settlements should not exceed one inch and differential settlements should be one-half of the total settlement over a 25-foot length of continuous foundation, for non-earthquake conditions. Additional settlement could occur

during a seismic event due to ground shaking, if more than 3 feet of grading fill is placed above the existing ground surface, and/or if foundation soils are allowed to become wetted.

#### 11.4 <u>Lateral Earth Pressures</u>

Below grade walls act as soil retaining structures and should be designed to resist pressures induced by the backfill soils. The lateral pressures imposed on a retaining structure are dependent on the rigidity of the structure and its ability to resist rotation. Most retaining walls that can rotate or move slightly will develop an active lateral earth pressure condition. Structures that are not allowed to rotate or move laterally, such as subgrade basement walls, will develop an at-rest lateral earth pressure condition. Lateral pressures applied to structures may be computed by multiplying the vertical depth of backfill material by the appropriate equivalent fluid density. Any surcharge loads in excess of the soil weight applied to the backfill should be multiplied by the appropriate lateral pressure coefficient and added to the soil pressure. For static conditions the resultant forces is applied at about one-third the wall height (measured from bottom of wall). For seismic conditions, the resultant forces are applied at about two-third times the height of the wall both measured from the bottom of the wall. The lateral pressures presented in the table below are based on drained, horizontally placed structural fill (as outlined in this report) as backfill material using a 32° friction angle and a dry unit weight of 135 pcf.

Table 6: Lateral Earth Pressures (Static and Dynamic)

Condition	Case	Lateral Pressure Coefficient	Equivalent Fluid Pressure (pcf)
Active	Static	0.31	41
Active	Seismic	0.49	66
At-Rest	Static	0.47	63
At-IVest	Seismic	0.71	96
Passive	Static	3.25	439
1 035176	Seismic	4.46	603

<sup>\*</sup>Seismic values combine the static and dynamic values

These pressure values do not include any surcharge, and are based on a relatively level ground surface at the top of the wall and drained conditions behind the wall. It is important that water is not allowed to build up (hydrostatic pressures) behind retaining structures. Retaining walls should incorporate drainage behind the walls as appropriate, and surface water should be directed away from the top and bottom of the walls.

Lateral loads are typically resisted by friction between the underlying soil and footing bottoms. Resistance to sliding may incorporate the friction acting along the base of foundations, which may be computed using a coefficient of friction of soils against concrete of 0.30 for native clay or silts, 0.40 for native sands, and 0.55 for structural fill meeting the recommendations presented herein. For allowable stress design, the lateral resistance may be computed using Section 1807 of the 2012 International Building Code and all sections referenced therein. Retaining wall lateral resistance design should further reference Section 1807.2.3 for reference of Safety Factors. Retaining systems are assumed to be founded upon and backfilled with granular structural fill. If backfilling with clay or silt, it is required to contact Earthtee prior to construction for further review and recommendations. The values for lateral foundation pressure can be increased by one-third for wind and seismic conditions per Section 1806.1 when used with the Alternative Basic Load Combinations found in Section 1605.3.2 of the 2012 International Building Code.

The pressure and coefficient values presented above are ultimate; therefore an appropriate factor of safety may need to be applied to these values for design purposes. The appropriate factor of safety will depend on the design condition and should be determined by the project structural engineer.

#### 12.0 FLOOR SLABS AND FLATWORK

Concrete floor slabs and exterior flatwork may be supported on native soils after appropriate removals and grading as outlined in Section 8.1 are completed. We recommend placing a minimum 4 inches of free-draining fill material (see Section 8.3) beneath floor slabs to facilitate construction, act as a capillary break, and aid in distributing floor loads. For exterior flatwork, we recommend placing a minimum 4 inches of roadbase material. Prior to placing the free-draining fill or roadbase materials, the native subgrade should be proof-rolled to identify soft spots, which should be stabilized as discussed above in Section 8.5.

For slab design, we recommend using a modulus of subgrade reaction of 120 pounds per cubic inch. The thickness of slabs supported directly on the ground shall not be less than 3½ inches. A 6-mil polyethylene vapor retarder with joints lapped not less than 6 inches shall be

placed between the ground surface and the concrete, as per Section 1907 of the 2012 International Building Code. To help control normal shrinkage and stress cracking, we recommend that floor slabs have adequate reinforcement for the anticipated floor loads with the reinforcement continuous through interior floor joints, frequent crack control joints, and non-rigid attachment of the slabs to foundation and bearing walls. Special precautions should be taken during placement and curing of all concrete slabs and flatwork. Excessive slump (high water-cement ratios) of the concrete and/or improper finishing and curing procedures used during hot or cold weather conditions may lead to excessive shrinkage, cracking, spalling, or curling of slabs. We recommend all concrete placement and curing operations be performed in accordance with American Concrete Institute (ACI) codes and practices.

#### 13.0 DRAINAGE

#### 13.1 Surface Drainage

As part of good construction practice, precautions should be taken during and after construction to reduce the potential for water to collect near foundation walls. Accordingly, we recommend the following:

- Adequate compaction of foundation backfill should be provided i.e. a minimum of 90% of ASTM D-1557. Water consolidation methods should not be used.
- The ground surface should be graded to drain away from the building in all directions. We recommend a minimum fall of 6 inches in the first 10 feet.
- Roof runoff should be collected in rain gutters with downspouts designed to discharge well outside of the backfill limits, or at least 10 feet from foundations, whichever is greater.
- Sprinklers should be aimed away, and all sprinkler components (valves, lines, sprinkler heads) should be placed at least 2 feet from foundation walls. Sprinkler systems should be well maintained, checked for leaks frequently, and repaired promptly. Overwatering at any time should be avoided.
- Any additional precautions which may become evident during construction.

#### 13.2 Subsurface Drainage

Section R405.1 of the 2012 International Residential Code states, "Drains shall be provided around all concrete and masonry foundations that retain earth and enclose habitable or usable spaces located below grade." Section R310.2.2 of the 2012 International Residential

Code states, "Window wells shall be designed for proper drainage by connecting to the building's foundation drainage system." An exception is allowed when the foundation is installed on well drained ground consisting of Group 1 soils, which include those defined by the Unified Soil Classification System as GW, GP, SW, SP, GM, and SM. The soils observed in the explorations at the depth of foundation consisted primarily of Silty Sand (SM) which is a Group 1 soil. If the soils encountered during excavation are not Group 1 soils, the recommendations presented below should be followed during design and construction of the foundation drains:

- A perforated 4-inch minimum diameter pipe should be enveloped in at least 12 inches of free-draining gravel and placed adjacent to the perimeter footings. The perforations should be oriented such that they are not located on the bottom side of the pipe, as much as possible. The free-draining gravel should consist of primarily 3/4- to 2-inch size gravel having less than 5 percent passing the No. 4 sieve, and should be wrapped with a separation fabric such as Mirafi 140N or equivalent.
- The highest point of the perforated pipe bottom should be equal to the bottom elevation of the footings. The pipe should be uniformly graded to drain to an appropriate outlet (storm drain, land drain, other gravity outlet, etc.) or to one or more sumps where water can be removed by pumping.
- A perforated 4-inch minimum diameter pipe should be installed in all window wells and connected to the foundation drain.
- To facilitate drainage beneath basement floor slabs we recommend that the minimum thickness of free-draining fill beneath the slabs be increased to at least 10 inches (approximately equal to the bottom of footing elevations). A separation fabric such as Mirafi 140N or equivalent should be placed beneath the free-draining gravel. Connections should be made to allow any water beneath the slabs to reach the perimeter foundation drain.
- The drain system should be periodically inspected and clean-outs should be installed for the foundation drain to allow occasional cleaning/purging, as needed. Proper drain operation depends on proper construction and maintenance.

#### 14.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

The exploratory data presented in this report was collected to provide geotechnical design recommendations for this project. The explorations may not be indicative of subsurface conditions outside the study area or between points explored and thus have a limited value in depicting subsurface conditions for contractor bidding. Variations from the conditions

> portrayed in the test holes may occur and which may be sufficient to require modifications in the design. If during construction, conditions are different than presented in this report, Earthtec should be advised immediately so that the appropriate modifications can be made.

> The findings and recommendations presented in this geotechnical report were prepared in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical engineering principles and practice in this area of Utah at this time. No warranty or representation is intended in our proposals, contracts, letters, or reports.

This geotechnical report is based on relatively limited subsurface explorations and laboratory testing. Subsurface conditions may differ in some locations of the site from those described herein, which may require additional analyses and possibly modified recommendations. Thus we strongly recommend consulting with Earthtec regarding any changes made during design and construction of the project from those discussed herein. Failure to consult with Earthtec regarding any such changes relieves Earthtec from any liability arising from changed conditions at the site.

To maintain continuity, Earthtec should also perform materials testing and special inspections for this project. The recommendations presented herein are based on the assumption that an adequate program of tests and observations will be followed during construction to verify compliance with our recommendations. We also assume that we will review the project plans and specifications to verify that our conclusions and recommendations are incorporated and remain appropriate (based on the actual design). Earthtec should be retained to review the final design plans and specifications so comments can be made regarding interpretation and implementation of our geotechnical recommendations in the design and specifications. Earthtec also should be retained to provide observation and testing services during grading, excavation, foundation construction, and other earth-related construction phases of the project.

We appreciate the opportunity of providing our services on this project. If we can answer questions or be of further service, please contact Earthtee at your convenience.

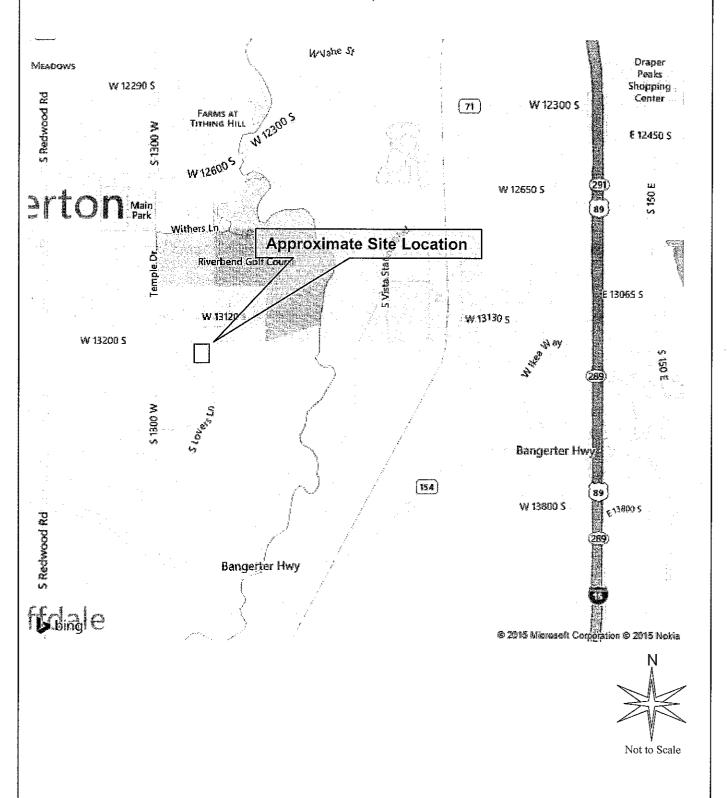
Respectfully;

**EARTHTEC ENGINEERING** 

Sterling M. Howell Project Geologist

## **VICINITY MAP**

#### MIKE SMART SUBDIVISION 13200 SOUTH LOVERS LANE RIVERTON, UTAH



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# AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING LOCATION OF TEST PITS AND SLOPE CROSS-SECTION

MIKE SMART SUBDIVISION 13200 SOUTH LOVERS LANE RIVERTON, UTAH



Approximate Test Pit Location

**▲** Approximate Slope Cross-Section Location



Not to Scale

\*Aerial Photo Provided By Google Maps

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#### **TEST PIT LOG**

No.: TP-1

PROJECT:

Michael Smart Subdivision

CLIENT:

Michael Smart

LOCATION:

See Figure 2.

OPERATOR: JSI

**EQUIPMENT:** Mini Trackhoe

**Project No.: 150408** 

Date:

5/5/2015

Elevation:

Not taken

Logged By: S. Howell

	-		TER; INITIAL 🔀: Not Encountered			AT CO	MΡ	LET	ION 🛂		Not Er	counte	red
Depth (ft.)	Graphic Log	sosn	Description	Samples	Water Cont. (%)	Dry Dens. (pcf)	LL	PI	Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Fines (%)	Pocket Penet. (tsf)	Other Tests
1			FILL, silty to clayey sand, moist, brown, minor organic material present.										
2	7117 '7118 7117 -7117 7117 -7117 7117 -7118		Topsoil, sandy clay, moist, brown, some organic material present.										
3		SP-SM	Poorly Graded SAND with silt, medium dense (estimated), slightly moist to moist, tan.	X									
			Silty SAND, medium dense to dense (estimated), moist, tan to gray, blocky										
5		SM			24		22	NP	0	55	45		
6			Silty SAND, medium dense (estimated), moist, tan.										

Notes: Groundwater was not encountered during field investigation.

gray to tan, blocky.

Clayey SAND, medium dense (estimated), moist,

End of exploration at approximately 11 feet.

Test Keys

CBR = California Bearing Ratio

C = Consolidation

P = Percolation

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#### **TEST PIT LOG**

No.: TP-2

PROJECT:

Michael Smart Subdivision

CLIENT:

Michael Smart

LOCATION:

See Figure 2.

OPERATOR:

PROJECT NO.: 150408

JSI

**EQUIPMENT:** Mini Trackhoe

**Project No.: 150408** Date: 5/5/2015

Elevation:

Not taken

Logged By: S. Howell

P = Percolation

	DEPTH 1	TO WA	TER; INITIAL ∑: Not Encountered	Т		AT CO	MP	LET	ION TEST R	ESULTS	Not En	counte	red
Depth (ft.)	Graphic Log	USCS	Description	Samples	Water Cont. (%)	Dry Dens. (pcf)	ш	PI	Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Fines (%)	Pocket Penet. (tsf)	Other Tests
1			FILL, silty to clayey sand, moist, brown, minor organic material present.										
2	(11) (11) (11) (11)		Topsoll, sandy clay, moist, brown, some organic material present.										
3			Poorly Graded SAND, medium dense to dense (estimated), moist, tan, layers of fused silty, clayey sand.	X									
4				ļ									
5		SP											
<u>6</u> 7				\(\times\)									
8			Silty Sand, dense (estimated), moist, tan, blocky.	X									
9		SM											
10 11		ML	Sandy SILT, stiff (estimated), moist, tan, blocky.	X	12				0	39	61		
12		CL	Sandy CLAY, medium stiff (estimated), moist, tan.	X									
13	Customatic		End of exploration at approximately 12 feet.	-	27 1 12								
Notes:	Groundwa	iter was	not encountered during field investigation.		Test Key	CBR			fornia Be solidatio		tio		

#### **TEST PIT LOG**

No.: TP-3

PROJECT:

Michael Smart Subdivision

CLIENT:

Michael Smart

LOCATION:

See Figure 2.

OPERATOR:

JSI

**EQUIPMENT:** Mini Trackhoe

**Project No.: 150408** 

Date:

5/5/2015

Elevation:

Not taken

Logged By: S. Howell

	DEPTH	IO WA	TER; INITIAL 🔀: Not Encountered	<sub>'A</sub>		AT CO	MP	LET	ION _	ESULTS	Not En	counte	red
Depth (ft.)	Graphic Log	uscs	Description	Samples	Water Cont. (%)	Dry Dens. (pcf)	ΙL	PI	Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Fines (%)	Pocket Penet. (tsf)	Othe Tests
1	(1) (1) (1) (2) (2) (3) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4		Topsoil, sandy clay, molst, brown, some organic material present.										
2			Clayey SAND, medium dense (estimated), moist, brown to tan.										
3		SC		X									
4										<u>.</u>			
5			Lean CLAY, medium stiff to stiff (estimated), moist, tan to gray, some sand layers.										
6		CI.			33	85	37	17	0	3	97		c
7													
8			Poorly Graded SAND, dense to very dense									·	
9			(estimated), moist, gray to tan, some clay layers.										
10		SP		X									
11				X									
12			End of exploration at approximately 12 feet.										
13						•							

C = Consolidation

P = Percolation

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#### LEGEND

PROJECT: Michael Smart Subdivision

Date:

5/5/2015

**CLIENT:** Michael Smart

Logged By: S. Howell

#### **UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**

USCS

MAJOR SOIL DIVISIONS			SYMBOL		TYPICAL SOIL DESCRIPTIONS
COARSE GRAINED SOILS (More than 50% retained on No. 200 Sieve)	GRAVELS (More than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 Sieve)	CLEAN GRAVELS (less than 5% fines)		GΨ	Well-Graded Gravel, May Contain Sand, Very Little Fines
			0.0 0.0	GP	Poorly Graded Gravel, May Contain Sand, Very Little Fines
		GRAVELS WITH FINES (More than 12% fines)	000 000	GM	Silty Gravel, May Contain Sand
			ZZA	GC	Clayey Gravel, May Contain Sand
	SANDS (50% or more of coarse fraction passes No. 4 Sieve)	CLEAN SANDS (less than 5% fines)		SW	Well-Graded Sand, May Contain Gravel, Very Little Fines
				SP	Poorly Graded Sand, May Contain Gravel, Very Little Fines
		SANDS WITH FINES (More than 12% fines)		SM	Silty Sand, May Contain Gravel
				SC	Clayey Sand, May Contain Gravel
FINE GRAINED SOILS (More than 50% passing No. 200 Sieve)	SILTS AND CLAYS (Liquid Limit less than 50)			CL	Lean Clay, Inorganic, May Contain Gravel and/or Sand
				ML	Silt, Inorganic, May Contain Gravel and/or Sand
				OL	Organic Silt or Clay, May Contain Gravel and/or Sand
	SILTS AND CLAYS (Liquid Limit greater than 50)			СН	Fat Clay, Inorganic, May Contain Gravel and/or Sand
				МН	Elastic Silt, Inorganic, May Contain Gravel and/or Sand
				ОН	Organic Silt or Clay, May Contain Gravel and/or Sand
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS				PT	Peat, Primarily Organic Matter

# **SAMPLER DESCRIPTIONS**

SPLIT SPOON SAMPLE (1.3/8 inch inside daimeter)

MODIFIED CALIFORNIA SAMPLE (2 inch outside diameter)

SHELBY TUBE (3 inch outside diameter)

**BLOCK SAMPLE** 

BAG/BULK SAMPLE

NOTES:

- $\textbf{1.} \ \textbf{The logs are subject to the } \ \textbf{limitations, conclusions, and } \ \textbf{recommendations in this report.}$
- 2. results of test conducted on samles recovered are reported on the logs and any applicable graphs.
- 3. Strata lines on the logs represent approximate boundaries only. Actual transition may be gradual.
- 4. In general, USCS symbols shown on the logs are based on visual methods only: actual designations (based on laboratory test) may vary.

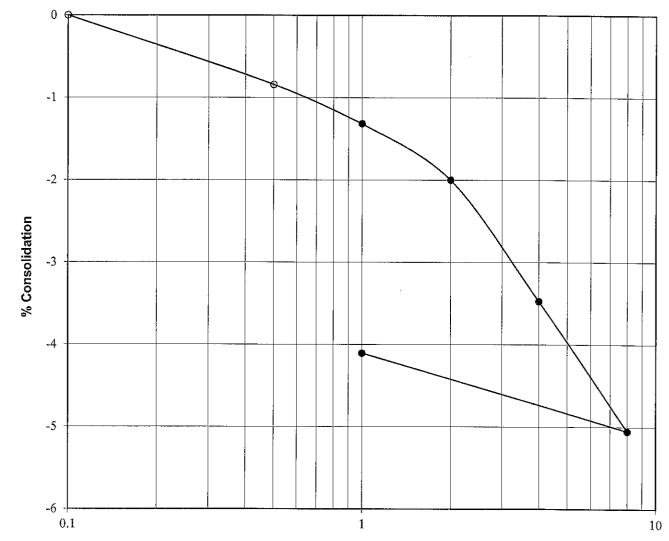
**WATER SYMBOLS** Water level encountered during field

Water level encountered at

completion field exploration

exploration

## **CONSOLIDATION - SWELL TEST**



#### Pressure (ksf)

Project: Michael Smart Subdivision

Location: TP-3 Sample Depth, ft: 6

Description: Block

Soil Type: Lean CLAY (CL)

Natural Moisture, %: 33
Dry Density, pcf: 85
Liquid Limit: 37
Plasticity Index: 17
Water Added at: 1 ksf

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FIGURE NO.:

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