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## GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

<b>Location</b>	Bhabra, Taxila
<b>Project</b>	Government Boys High School.
<b>No. of Bore Holes</b>	02
<b>Date of Exploration</b>	August, 2023
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Engr. Ghassan Sattar Khan
<b>Submitted to:</b>	UNHCR
<b>Ground Water Table Depth</b>	Not Encountered.
<b>Recommended footing type</b>	Strip
<b>Recommended net bearing capacity</b>	0.50 TSF

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## Table 1.00 – INTRODUCTION

### Table 1.10 – GENERAL


Client Name	UNHCR
Hiring of services By	UNHCR
Location/ Address	Bhabra, Taxila
<i>Borehole Layout Plan &amp; Site Location</i>	
	
Name of Project	Construction of Government Boys High School.
No. of Stories	Single story
Task To be Performed	Geotechnical Investigation
Scope of Work/ Work executed	02 Boreholes. (up to 15ft depth)
Purpose of activity	Geotechnical Investigation
Arial Conditions of the site	Plot level was at the road level.



Table 1.20 – ACTIVITY DETAILS			
Coordinates of exploratory points		(33.796588, 72.727311)	
Field Tests performed		i. Drilling of Boreholes ii. Conduction of SPT	02 Each at 05ft interval
Observed telephone lines, sewer lines, electric poles, water pipes etc.		None	
Laboratory Tests performed		i. Atterberg's limits <i>ASTM D-4318-10.</i> ii. Particle Size <i>ASTM D422, D1140.</i> iii. Unconfined Compression tests <i>ASTM D-2166</i> iv. Direct shear tests <i>ASTM D-3060</i>	02 02 02 01
Ground Water Table from N.S.L	Nil	Ground Water Table from R.L	Nil
Encountered Rocky Strata depth	Nil	Seepages	Not recorded

Table 2.00 – EVALUATION			
S. No.	Depth (ft.)	Discussion on encountered strata	
01	0 –1 5	The strata encountered up to depth 15ft was Lean Clay. Percentage of fines ranged 90.2% to 95.10% and percentage of sand was found to be 2.40% to 4.50%. Percentage of gravels encountered in this strata ranged from 0.50% to 7.40%	
02	Tests performed to measure the shear strength parameters of soil according to the ASTM, to analyze the bearing capacity of the strata.		Unconfined Compression & Direct Shear tests

### Table 3.00 - CONCLUSION

#### 3.10 Bearing Capacity (In-situ Condition)

S. No	Depth (ft.)	Footing Type	Footing Width (ft.)	Ultimate Bearing Capacity TSF	Gross Allowable Bearing Capacity TSF	Net Allowable Bearing Capacity TSF
01	04	Strip	05	1.95	0.65	0.50

#### 3.20 Site Class

Soil Profile Type	Soil Profile Name/ Generic Description	Average Properties for Top 30 M (100 ft) of Soil Profile		
		Shear Wave Velocity, $v_s$ m/sec (ft/sec)	Standard Penetration Tests, $N$ [or $N_{CH}$ for cohesionless soil layers] (blows/foot)	Undrained Shear Strength, $s_u$ kPa (psf)
$S_A$	Hard Rock	>1,500 (>4,920)		
$S_B$	Rock	750 to 1,500 (2,460 to 4,920)	-	-
$S_C$	Very Dense Soil and Soft Rock	350 to 750 (1,150 to 2,460)	>50	>100 (>2,088)
$S_D$	Stiff Soil Profile	175 to 350 (575 to 1,150)	15 to 50	50 to 100 (1,044 to 2,088)
$S_E^1$	Soft Soil Profile	<175 (<575)	<15	<50 (<1,044)
$S_F$	Soil requiring Site-specific Evaluation. See 4.4.2			

1 Soil Profile Type  $S_E$  also includes any soil profile with more than 3 m (10 ft) of soft clay defined as a soil with a plasticity index,  $PI > 20$ ,  $w_{mc} \geq 40$  percent and  $s_u < 25$  kPa (522 psf). The Plasticity Index,  $PI$ , and the moisture content,  $w_{mc}$ , shall be determined in accordance with the latest ASTM procedures.

#### Site Class

 $S_E^1$ 

Ref: Pakistan Building Code 2007

#### 3.30 Seismic Zone

 Zone : 2B  
 PGA of 0.16g to 0.24g.

Ref: Pakistan Building Code 2007







### Table 4.00 - RECOMMENDATION

- i. Compact the surface prior to laying foundation.

#### 4.10 Backfill Material

In general, materials for the backfilling should be granular, not containing rocks or lumps over 15 cm in greatest dimension, free from organic matter, with plasticity index (PI) not more than 6%. The backfill material should be laid in lifts not exceeding 25 cm in loose thickness and compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density at optimum moisture content as determined by modified compaction test (Proctor) (ASTM D-1557).

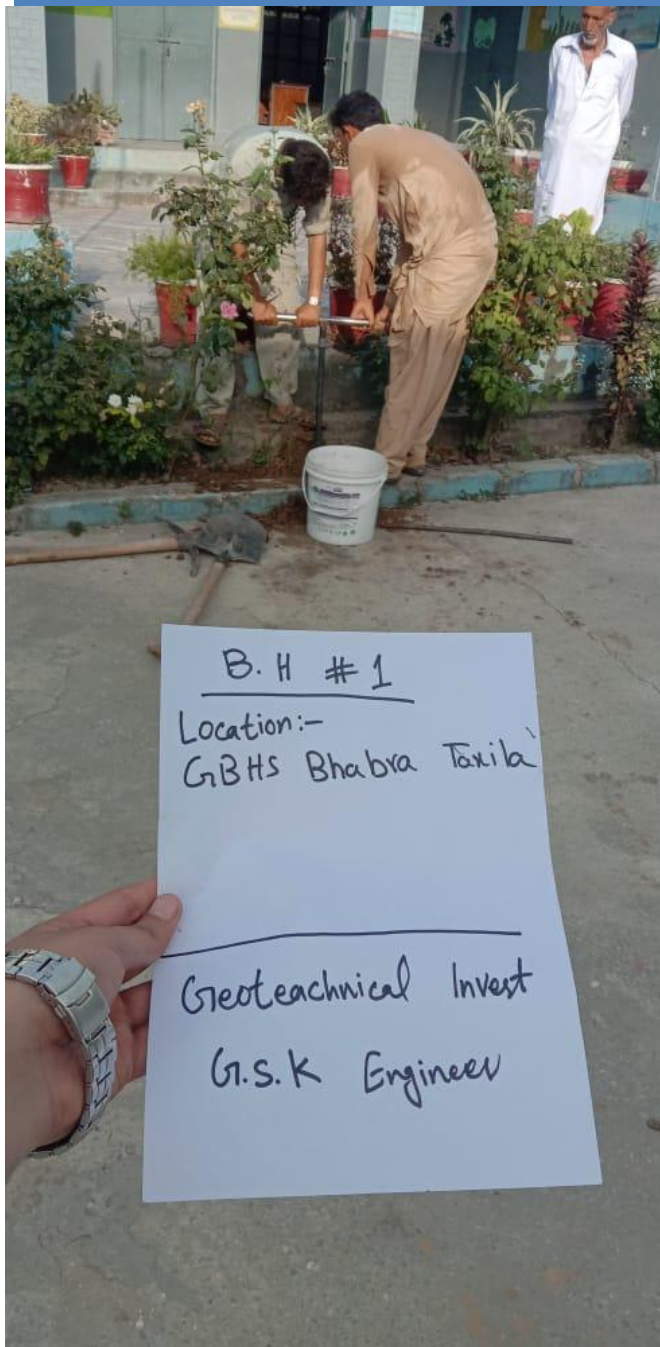
#### 4.20 Site Drainage

It is recommended to design an effective rainwater drainage system to get rid of the consequences of the rainwater percolation into the layers (*i.e. provision of parametric drains*). The site should be graded so as to direct rainwater and water away from all planned structures. Under no circumstances, the foundation shall get inundated during the whole period of construction. Utmost care shall be taken not to allow drainage water to seep into the soil.

For this specific water logged site, simultaneous dewatering activity must be carried out along with excavation. This may be done using test pits or filter piles / boreholes.



## SITE PICTURES





# **ANNEXURE-A**

## **SCOPE OF WORK & METHODOLOGY**







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## A.1.0 PURPOSE OF GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION

The very main purpose of Geotechnical investigation is to conduct soil investigation for the site where building construction needs to take place.

The activity comprises of soil exploration and determines suitability of the site for the proposed construction. It mainly helps in knowing which type of foundation is required or what safety measures shall be taken. The effort and detail of geotechnical site investigation is to obtain sufficient and correct site information so as to select and design a foundation for a building that is most economical and appropriate.

In general, the purpose of this site investigation was to provide the following:

- 1- Information to determine the type of foundation required (shallow or deep).
- 2- Information to allow the geotechnical consultant to make a recommendation on the allowable bearing capacity of the soil.
- 3- Sufficient data/ laboratory tests to make settlement and swelling predictions.
- 4- Location of the groundwater level
- 5- Information so that the identification and solution of excavation problems can be made.

## A.2.0 METHODOLOGY

### A.2.1 Field Work

#### a. Preliminary survey

Preliminary survey was conducted by the team to identify drilling points location based on master plan for the building.

### **b. Drilling**

As per scope of work, the site investigation program included the exploration of site subsurface conditions through the drilling of **two boreholes**, up to 15ft deep below the existing ground level.

### **c. Sampling**

Samples collected:

✓ Disturbed samples; for identification and index property testing purposes at various depths as elucidated in the scope of work.

✓ Undisturbed samples; for the computation of shear strength parameters of soil. The samples were collected using Block Sampling method.

Representative samples were placed in sealed plastic bags and core boxes, to be transported to the laboratory for further testing.

## **A.2.2 Laboratory Work**

### **A.2.2.1 Moisture Content & Bulk Density**

To determine the moisture content of soils, the soil sample was dried at a temperature of 105°C to 110°C for about 24 hours. The loss in weight of the soil sample represented the weight of moisture in the soil. The moisture content of the soil to the dry weight of soil in percentage is the moisture content of the testing soil. This test was performed in accordance with BS 1377: Part 2: 1990. The bulk density of a soil, i.e. the mass per unit volume of the soil deposit including any water it contains was determined at the laboratory by using the linear measurement method approached by BS 1377: Part 2: 1990.

### **A.2.2.2 Particle Size Distribution**

Particle size distribution was determined by means of sieving. Sieves of standard sizes were used as per ASTM E11-09e1. The percentage of weight of the various particle sizes were determined by sieving through a set of these standard sieves. This



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test was performed to determine the percentage of different grain sizes contained within a soil sample. This test was performed as per ASTM D422, D1140. Graphs obtained are attached in the appendices.

### A.2.2.3 Atterberg's Limits

Following ASTM D4318-10, the liquid limit and plastic limit of required sample that is cohesive in nature, was computed. The Atterberg's limits refer to arbitrarily defined boundaries between the liquid and plastic states (i.e., liquid limit,  $W_L$ ) and between the plastic and brittle states (ie, plastic limit,  $W_P$ ), of fine grained soils. They are expressed in percentage water content. The range of water contents over which a soil behaves plastically is termed the Plastic Index and corresponds to the numerical difference between the liquid and plastic limit (ie,  $W_L - W_P$ ).



The liquid limit (LL) is arbitrarily known as the water content, in percent, at which a pat of soil in a standard cup and cut by a groove of standard dimensions will flow together at the base of the groove for a distance of 13 mm (1/2 in.) when subjected to 25 shocks from the cup being dropped 10 mm in a standard liquid limit apparatus operated at a rate of two shocks per second. The typical cassagrande's apparatus was used in determination of Liquid Limit.

The plastic limit (PL) is the water content, in percent, at which a soil can no longer be deformed by rolling into 3.2 mm (1/8 in.) diameter threads without crumbling

### A.2.2.4 Unconfined Compression Test:

The test was conducted as per ASTM-D2166. In this test Method, a cylindrical soil specimen is unconfined laterally while loaded axially at an axial strain rate between 0.5 to 2 %/min. Measurements are made of elapsed time, axial deformation, and axial load. The unconfined compressive stress,  $q_u$ , is calculated as the compressive stress at failure. The undrained cohesion,  $c_u$ , is one half of the unconfined



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compressive strength. The primary purpose of the unconfined Compression test is to quickly obtain a measure of compressive strength for those soils that possess sufficient cohesion to permit testing in the unconfined state.

## B.1.0 BEARING CAPACITY CALCULATION:

The bearing capacity of soil is the average contact stress between a foundation and the soil which will cause shear failure in the soil. Allowable bearing stress is the bearing capacity divided by a factor of safety.

Following method was adopted to compute the bearing capacity values;

- i. From c &  $\phi$
- ii. From SPT (In-Situ Testing)

### B.1.1 Bearing Capacity from c & $\phi$

Terzaghi's equation has been used to calculate the bearing capacity for cohesive soils. A factor of safety of '03' is used in calculation of Allowable bearing capacity. Data received from direct shear test has been used in the following equation.

$$Q_u = 1.3cN_c + qN_qR_w1 + 0.4 \gamma B N_\gamma R_w2$$

C = Cohesion of soil,  $\gamma$  = unit weight of soil, D = depth of footing, B = width of footing

C,  $\phi$  - Strength parameters of the soil below foundation level. L - Length of foundation.

$N_c$ ,  $N_q$ ,  $N_\gamma$  - Bearing capacity coefficients dependent on the angle of internal friction of the soil.

$$N_c = \cot \phi (N_q - 1),$$

$$N_q = e^{\pi \tan \phi} [\tan^2(45 + \phi/2)]$$

$$N_\gamma = (N_q - 1) \tan(1.4\phi)$$

$$K_p = \tan^2(45 + \phi/2)$$





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<b>Mayerhoff's Bearing Capacity Factors</b>			
<b>Ø</b>	<b>Nc</b>	<b>Nq</b>	<b>Ny</b>
0	5.1	1	0
5	6.5	1.6	0.1
10	8.3	2.5	0.4
15	11	3.9	1.2
20	14.9	6.4	2.9
25	20.7	10.7	6.8
30	30.1	18.4	15.1
35	46.4	33.5	34.4
40	75.3	64.1	79.4



Table 1.1: Summary of Soil Classification, Strength and Parameter										
No.	Location	Depth (ft)	Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Fines (%)	Fineness Modulus	Liquid Limit (%)	Plastic Limit (%)	Plastic Limit (%)	Classification (USCS)
1	Bore hole# 1	5 - 10	0.5	4.4	95.1	0.14	33.0	22.9	10.1	CL, Lean Clay
2		10- 15	7.4	2.4	90.2	0.50	32.5	23.1	9.4	CL, Lean Clay
3	Bore hole # 2	5 - 10	0.5	4.5	95.1	0.15	33.4	23.2	10.2	CL, Lean Clay
4		10 -15	7.2	2.5	90.3	0.49	32.1	22.8	9.4	CL, Lean Clay



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BOREHOLE LOG & STANDARD PENETRATION TESTING (ASTM-1586-54)								
BH No.:		1		Drilling Method :		Light Percussion		
Date of Driling:		Aug, 2023		Report No.		10543-xxii/GSK		
Assumed footing width (ft)=		6		Name of Project:		Construction of Government Boys High School		
Borehole diameter (Inches)=		3		Client:		UNHCR		
C <sub>s</sub> =		1		Location:		Bhabra, Taxila		
C <sub>B</sub> =		1		Depth of Borehole		15ft		
E <sub>m</sub> =		0.55		Water Table Depth		Not Encountered		
Select Efficiency Correction		N70		Name of Tech:		Zohaib Ahmed		
Depth ft	Penetration			N- Value	N70	N70 Vs Depth	Soil Classification	Soil Profile
	6-in	6-in	6-in					
5	3	3	4	7	4.1		CL, Lean Clay	
10	4	4	5	9	5.3		CL, Lean Clay	
15	5	5	5	10	6.7		CL, Lean Clay	

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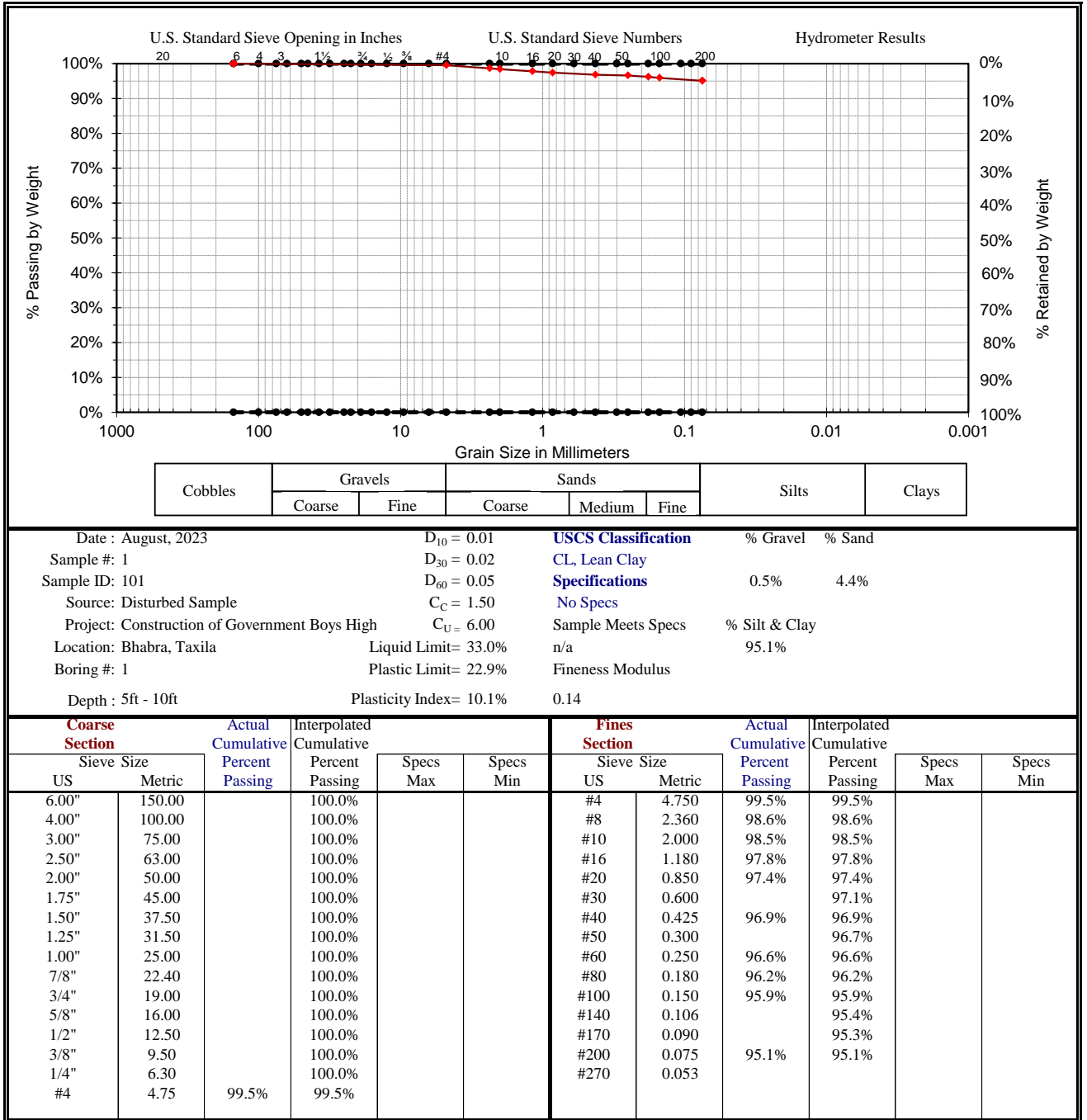
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Borehole diameter (Inches)=		3		Client:		UNHCR		
C <sub>s</sub> =		1		Location:		Bhabra, Taxila		
C <sub>B</sub> =		1		Depth of Borehole		15ft		
E <sub>m</sub> =		0.55		Water Table Depth		Not Encountered		
Select Efficiency Correcion		N70		Name of Tech:		Zohaib Ahmed		
Depth ft	Penetration			N- Value	N70	N70 Vs Depth	Soil Classification	Soil Profile
	6-in	6-in	6-in					
5	3	4	4	8	4.7		CL, Lean Clay	
10	3	4	5	9	5.3			
15	4	5	5	10	6.7			

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**Project:** Construction of Government Boys High School.

**Sample #:** 1.00

**Location:** Bhabra, Taxila

**Sample ID:** 101.00

**Boring #:** 1

**Source:** Disturbed Sample

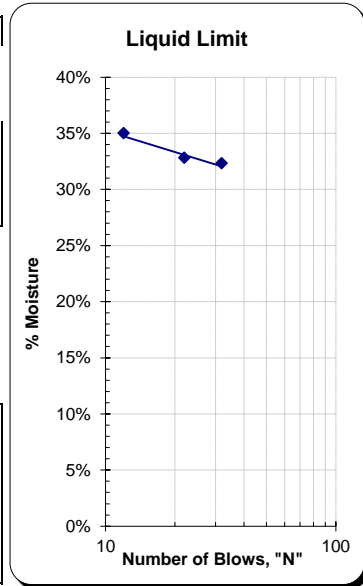
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ASTM D-2487, Unified Soils Classification System

CL, Lean Clay

**Liquid Limit Determination**

	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Weight of Wet Soils + Pan:	26.59	22.31	28.66			
Weight of Dry Soils + Pan:	24.86	20.56	26.94			
Weight of Pan:	19.92	15.23	21.62			
Weight of Dry Soils:	4.94	5.33	5.32			
Weight of Moisture:	1.73	1.75	1.72			
% Moisture:	35.0 %	32.8 %	32.3 %			
N:	12	22	32			



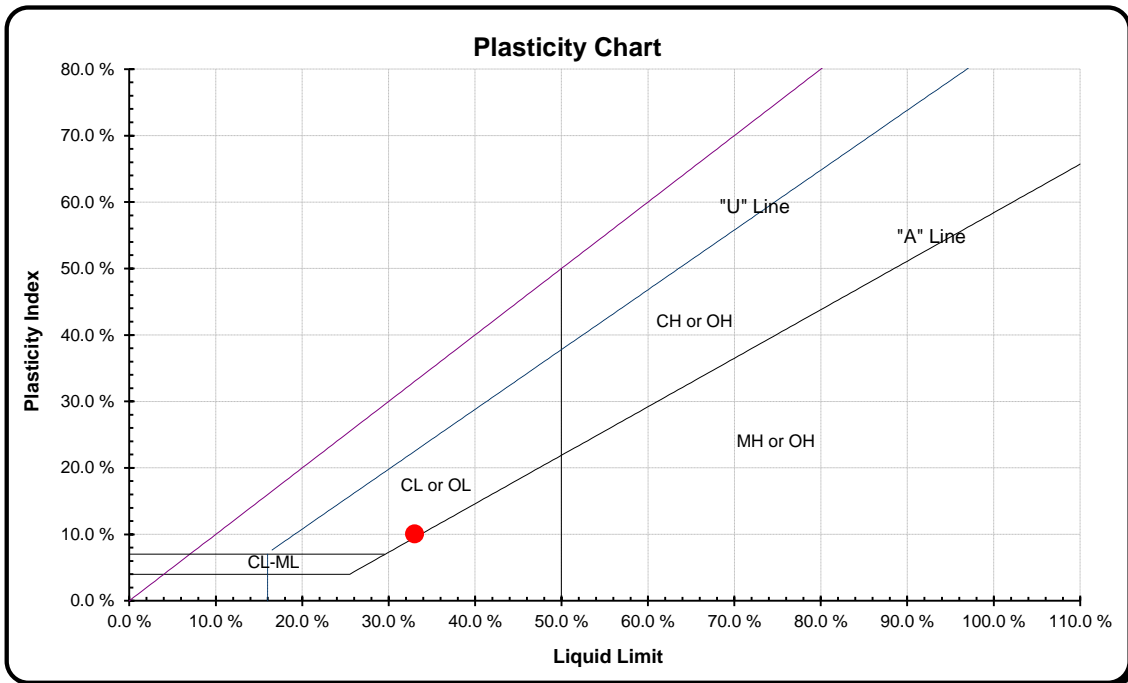
**Liquid Limit @ 25 Blows:** 33.0 %

**Plastic Limit:** 22.9 %

**Plasticity Index, I<sub>p</sub>:** 10.1 %

**Plastic Limit Determination**

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Weight of Wet Soils + Pan:	12.30					
Weight of Dry Soils + Pan:	11.89					
Weight of Pan:	10.10					
Weight of Dry Soils:	1.79					
Weight of Moisture:	0.41					
% Moisture:	22.9 %					



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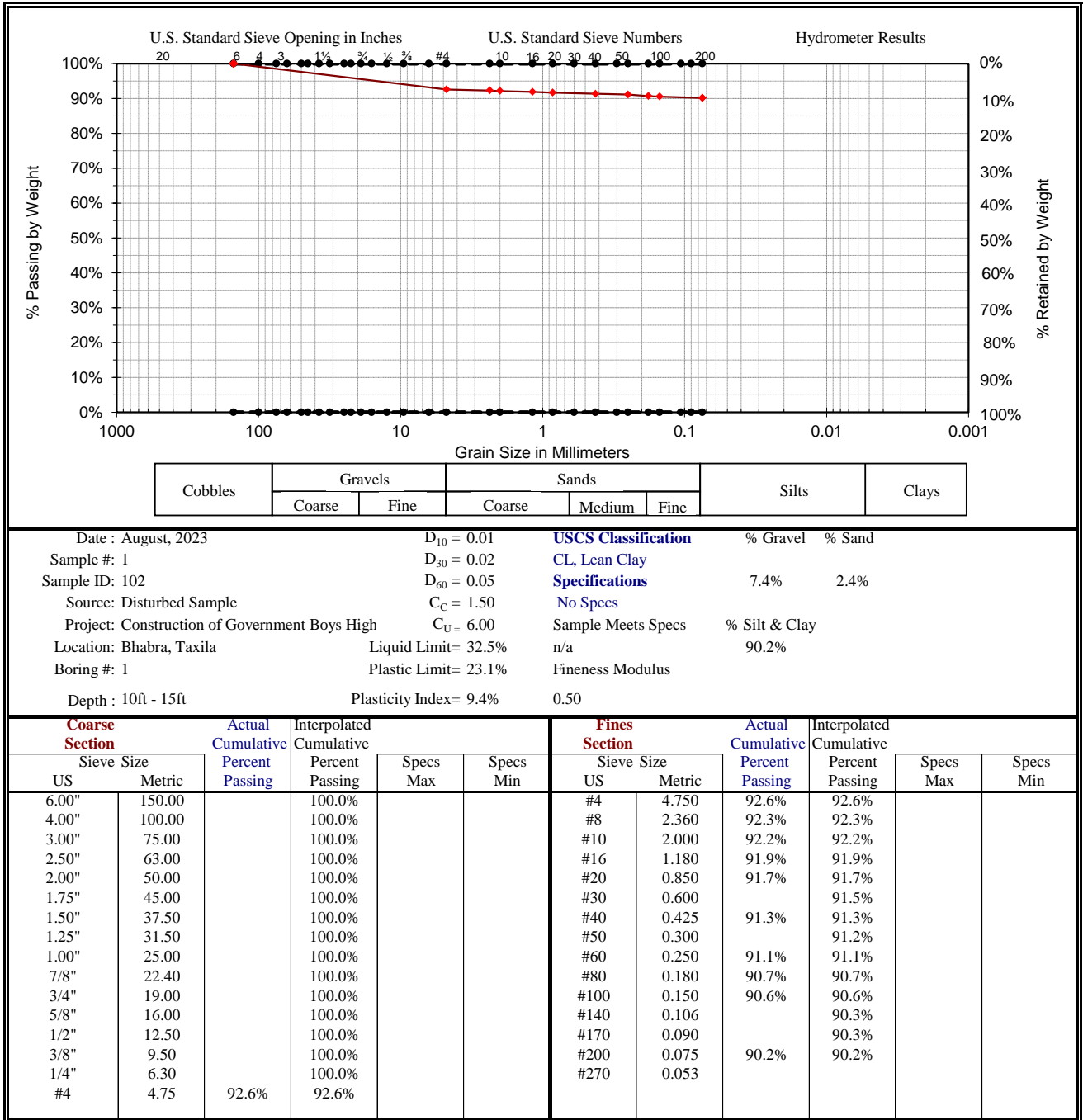
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**Boring #:** 1

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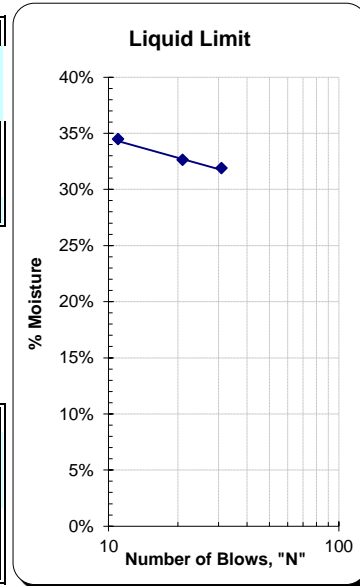
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ASTM D-2487, Unified Soils Classification System

CL, Lean Clay

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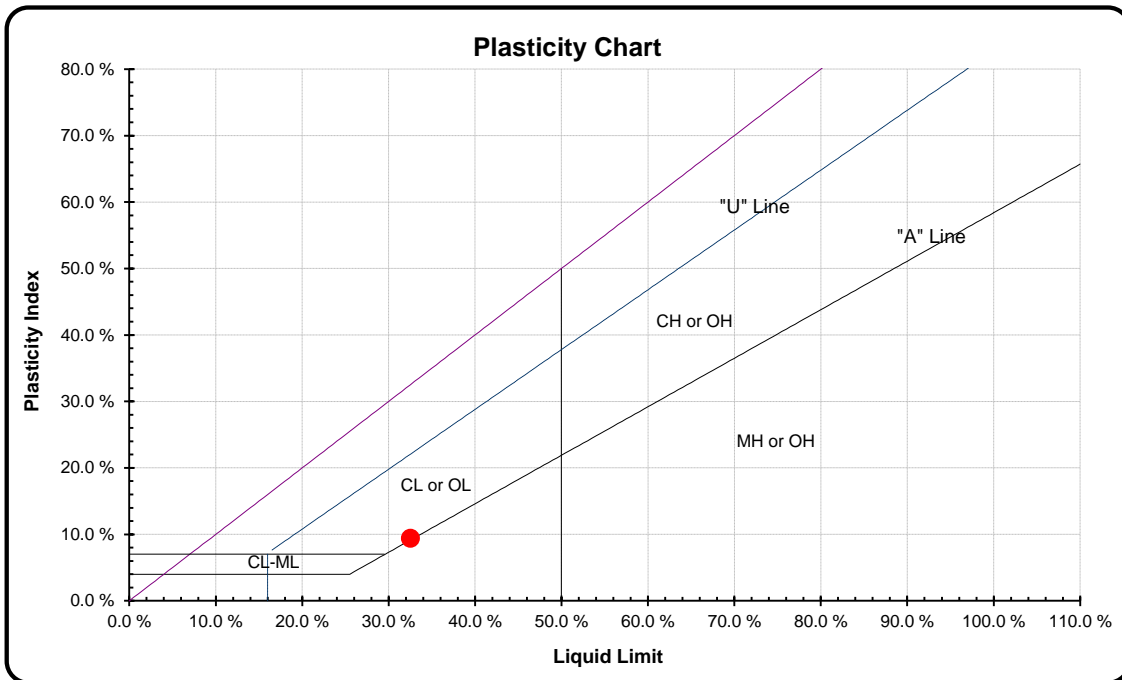
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Weight of Dry Soils + Pan:	21.54	28.61	28.95			
Weight of Pan:	14.90	21.35	21.43			
Weight of Dry Soils:	6.64	7.26	7.52			
Weight of Moisture:	2.29	2.37	2.40			
% Moisture:	34.5 %	32.6 %	31.9 %			
N:	11	21	31			



**Liquid Limit @ 25 Blows:** 32.5 %  
**Plastic Limit:** 23.1 %  
**Plasticity Index, I<sub>p</sub>:** 9.4 %

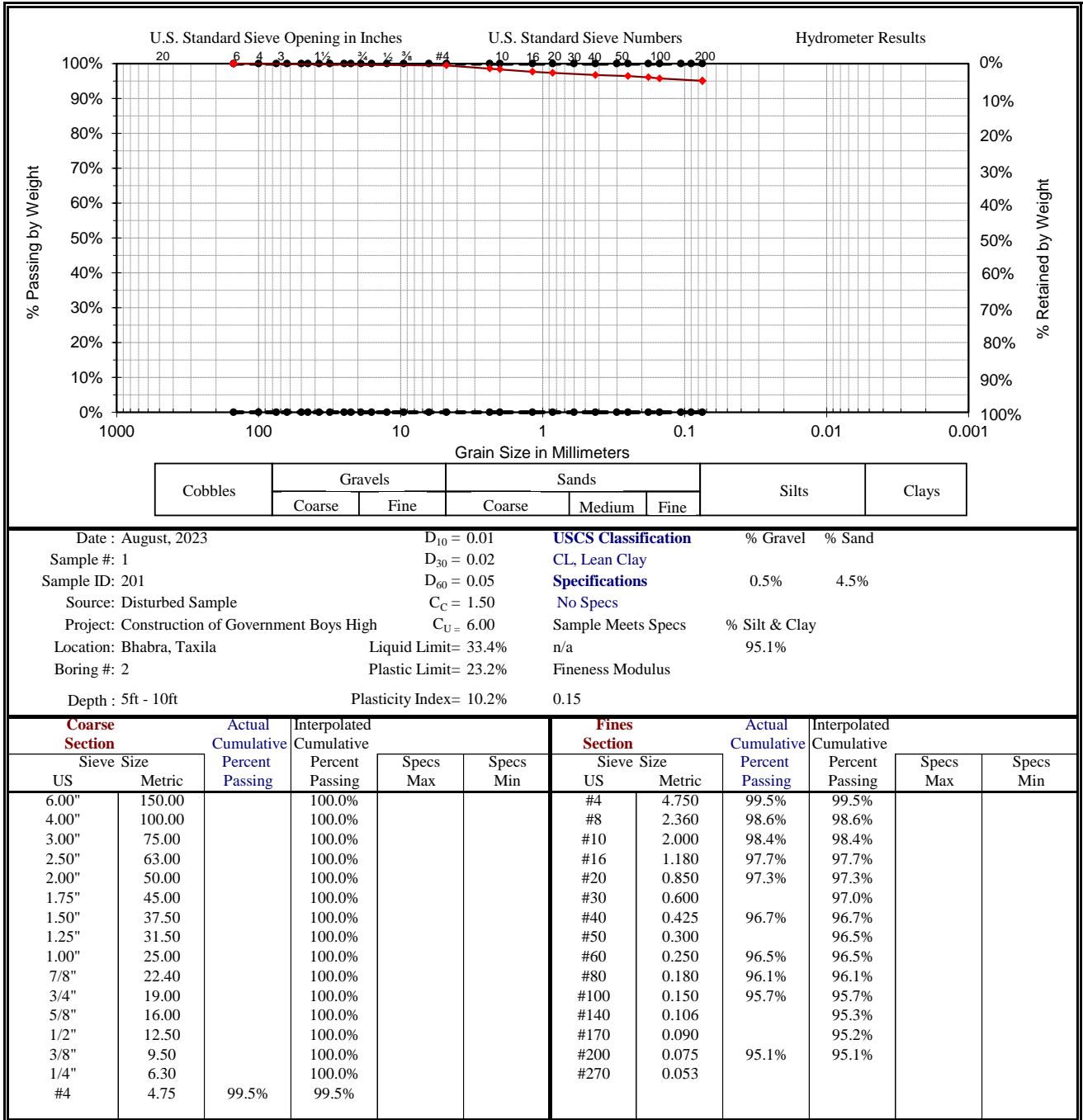
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Weight of Wet Soils + Pan:	12.52					
Weight of Dry Soils + Pan:	12.13					
Weight of Pan:	10.44					
Weight of Dry Soils:	1.69					
Weight of Moisture:	0.39					
% Moisture:	23.1 %					





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**Location:** Bhabra, Taxila

**Sample ID:** 201.00

**Boring #:** 2

**Source:** Disturbed Sample

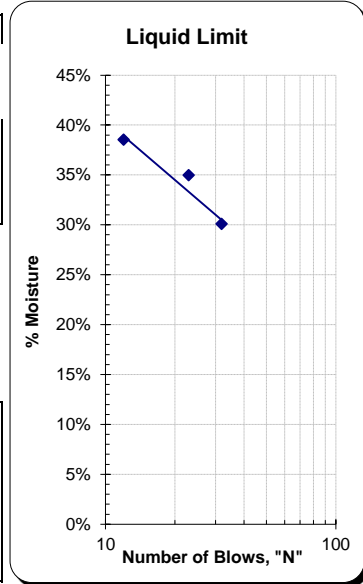
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**Liquid Limit Determination**

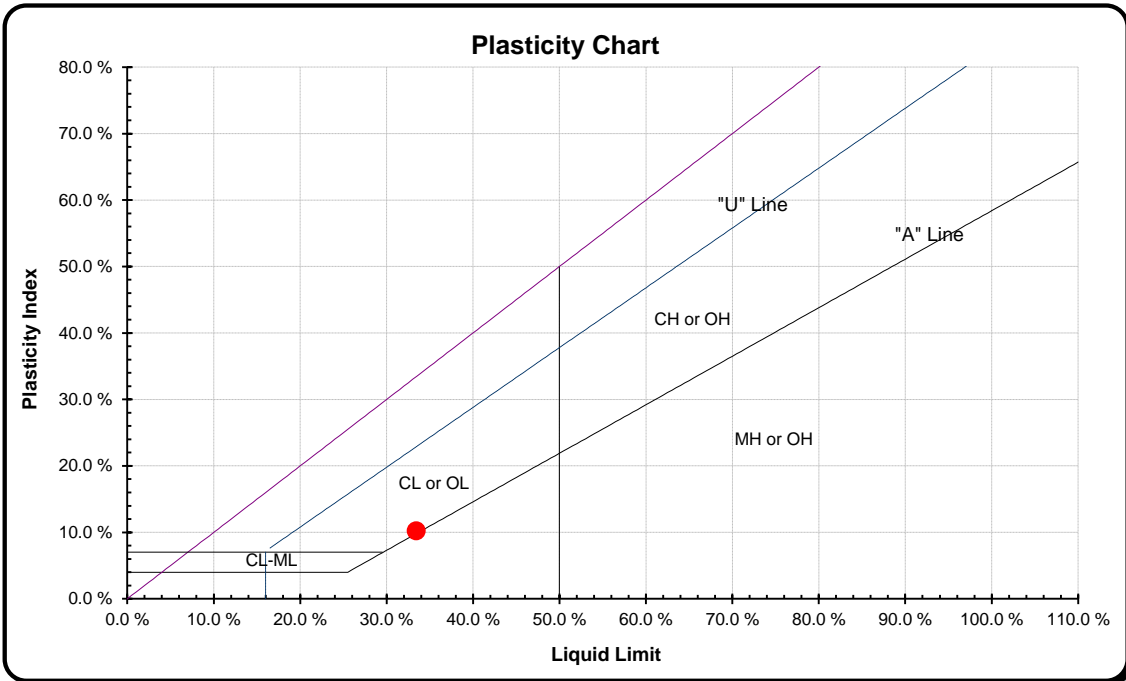
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Weight of Wet Soils + Pan:	26.66	22.45	28.65			
Weight of Dry Soils + Pan:	24.76	20.68	27.01			
Weight of Pan:	19.83	15.62	21.56			
Weight of Dry Soils:	4.93	5.06	5.45			
Weight of Moisture:	1.90	1.77	1.64			
% Moisture:	38.5 %	35.0 %	30.1 %			
N:	12	23	32			



**Liquid Limit @ 25 Blows:** 33.4 %  
**Plastic Limit:** 23.2 %  
**Plasticity Index, I<sub>p</sub>:** 10.2 %

**Plastic Limit Determination**

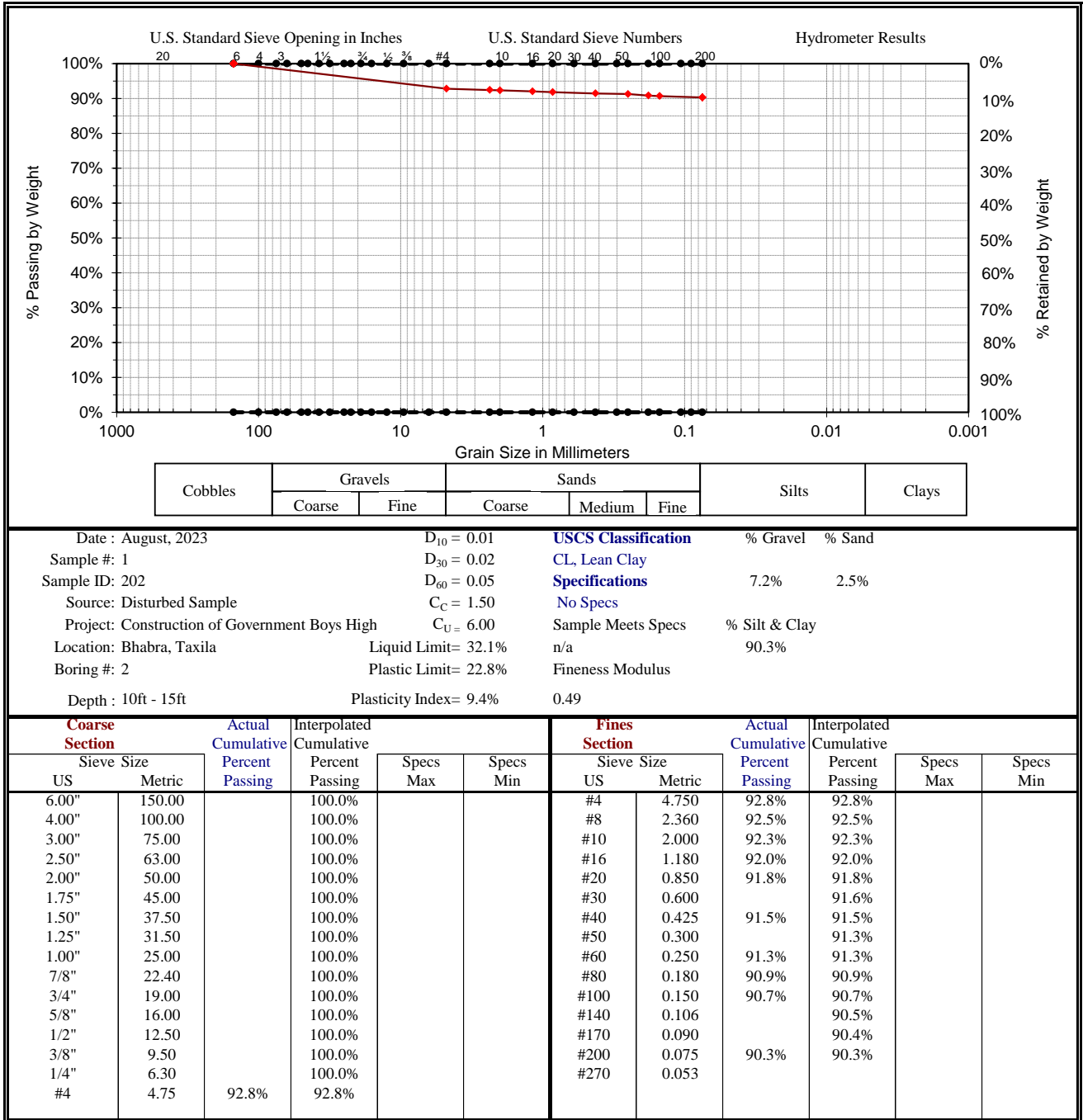
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Weight of Wet Soils + Pan:	12.31					
Weight of Dry Soils + Pan:	11.89					
Weight of Pan:	10.08					
Weight of Dry Soils:	1.81					
Weight of Moisture:	0.42					
% Moisture:	23.2 %					







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**Sample ID:** 202.00

**Boring #:** 2

**Source:** Disturbed Sample

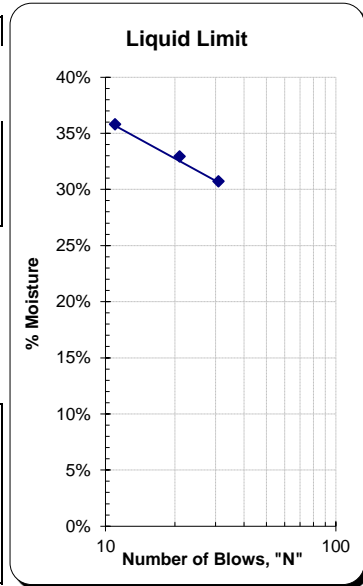
**Depth:** 10ft - 15ft

ASTM D-2487, Unified Soils Classification System

CL, Lean Clay

**Liquid Limit Determination**

	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Weight of Wet Soils + Pan:	23.85	31.02	31.23			
Weight of Dry Soils + Pan:	21.52	28.60	28.92			
Weight of Pan:	15.01	21.25	21.40			
Weight of Dry Soils:	6.51	7.35	7.52			
Weight of Moisture:	2.33	2.42	2.31			
% Moisture:	35.8 %	32.9 %	30.7 %			
N:	11	21	31			



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Weight of Wet Soils + Pan:	12.50					
Weight of Dry Soils + Pan:	12.12					
Weight of Pan:	10.45					
Weight of Dry Soils:	1.67					
Weight of Moisture:	0.38					
% Moisture:	22.8 %					

