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## **PROJECT**

Project Name: Downtown Excavation Support System

Soil Profile: SK1

Owner of Structure:

Code: TBDY APPENDIX 16B

## **LIQUEFACTION POTENTIAL**

Potential of Liquefaction in TBDY:

16.6.2 – Liquefaction of soil shall be defined as a significant reduction in shear strength and rigidity, occurring in cohesionless or low-cohesion soils ( $PI < 12\%$ ) located below the groundwater table and up to 20 meters depth from the surface, due to an increase in pore water pressure under seismic shaking.

16.6.3 – Soil investigation studies aimed at assessing liquefaction potential shall include at a minimum the performance of a standard penetration test (SPT) and/or cone penetration test (CPT), as well as determining grain size distribution, water content, and Atterberg limit values of the relevant soil layers.

16.6.4 – Potentially liquefiable soils shall be defined as sands, gravelly sands, silty clayey sands, non-plastic silts, and silt-sand mixtures located below the groundwater table.

16.6.5 – An evaluation of liquefaction triggering shall be performed when the foundation soils consist of potentially liquefiable soils and the corrected SPT blow count,  $N_{1,60}$ , is less than 30 blows per 30 cm in these soil layers.

16.6.6 – Liquefaction triggering analysis may not be required when the Seismic Design Class is  $DTS = 4$  and at least one of the following conditions is met: (a) In sandy soils with a clay content greater than 20% and a plasticity index higher than 10%; (b) In sandy soils with a fine-grain content exceeding 35% and a corrected SPT blow count,  $N_{1,60}$ , greater than 20 blows per 30 cm.

16.6.7 – In the evaluation of soil liquefaction, it is necessary to consider not only the risk of liquefaction triggering but also the post-liquefaction loss of soil strength and stiffness, as well as the displacements that may occur in the foundation soil.

## **SPT PROFILE AND SOIL PROPERTIES**

SPTN: Number of blows for 30 cm of penetration depth (15 cm + 15 cm) after the first 15 cm in the SPT test,

FC: Fine ratio,

$I_p$ : Plasticity index,

wL: liquid limit,

$w_p$ : Plastic limit,

IL: Liquidity index,

Em: Rod energy ratio,

Cb: Borehole diameter factor,

Cr: Rod length factor,

Cs: Sampling factor,

Ce: Energy Ratio Correction Factor,

$N_{1,60}$ : Number of blows normalized to 60% of standard energy,

Table 1. SPT Profile and Soil Properties

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Depth [m]	SPTN	N <sub>1,60</sub>	Layer	FC [%]	I <sub>p</sub> [%]	wL [%]	w <sub>p</sub> [%]	IL	Liquefaction Potential
-6	10	13	Silty Sand (Alluvium)	5	48	0	0	0,38	Exists
-7,5	10	12	Silty Sand (Alluvium)	5	48	0	0	0,38	Exists
-9	13	15	Silty Sand (Alluvium)	5	48	0	0	0,38	Exists
-10,5	12	13	Silty Clay (Alluvium)	60	48	26	15	0,38	Exists
-12	14	15	Silty Clay (Alluvium)	60	48	26	15	0,38	Exists
-13,5	20	20	Silty Clay (Alluvium)	60	48	26	15	0,38	Exists
-15	22	21	ortaMedium Dense Sand (Alluvium)	80	0	0	0	∞	Exists
-16,5	32	30	ortaMedium Dense Sand (Alluvium)	80	0	0	0	∞	None
-18	34	31	Stiff Silty Clay	85	48	26	15	0,38	None
-19,5	38	33	Stiff Silty Clay	85	48	26	15	0,38	None
-21	40	34	Stiff Silty Clay	85	48	26	15	0,38	None

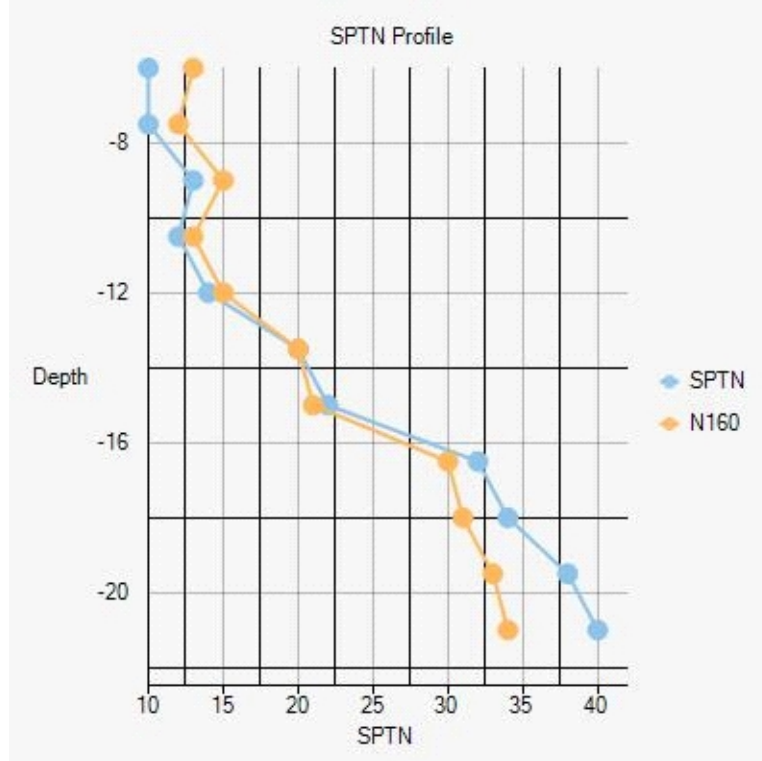


Figure 1. SPTN-Depth Plot

## SOIL LIQUEFACTION ASSESSMENT

$\sigma'_v$ : Vertical effective stress,

$\sigma_v$ : Vertical total stress,

IDI: Fine ratio,

$\alpha, \beta$ : Coefficients depending on fine ratio,

$N_{1,60}^f$ : Fine content-corrected blow count,

$CRR_{M7.5}$ : Cyclic resistance ratio corresponding to an earthquake with a moment magnitude of 7.5,

$C_M$ : Earthquake Magnitude Correction Factor,

$M_w$ : Moment magnitude of the design earthquake,

$\tau_R$ : Liquefaction resistance,

SDS: Short-period design spectral acceleration coefficient,

$r_d$ : Stress reduction coefficient,

$\tau_{d_{eprem}}$ : Average cyclic shear stress induced by earthquake in soil,

FS: Factor of Safety,

$\Delta z$ : Effective soil height,

$S_i$ : Settlement,

$\epsilon_h$ : Unit volume change,

$$N_{1,60} = C_N \times C_R \times C_S \times C_B \times C_E$$

$$C_N = 9.78 \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sigma_{v0}}} \leq 1.70$$

$$N_1 = C_N \times \text{SPTN}$$

$$C_E = E_m / 0,60$$

$$N_{1,60f} = \alpha + \beta N_{1,60}$$

$$\alpha = 0, \beta = 1 \quad (\text{IDI} \leq \%5)$$

$$\alpha = \exp[1,76 - (190/\text{IDI}^2)], \beta = 0,99 + \text{IDI}^{1,5} / 100 \quad (\%5 < \text{IDI} < \%35)$$

$$\alpha = 0,5 \quad \beta = 1,2$$

$$\tau_R = \text{CRR}_{M7,5} C_M \sigma'_{v0}$$

$$C_M = \frac{10^{2,24}}{M_w^{2,56}}$$

$$\tau_{\text{earthquake}} = 0,65 s_{v0} (0,4 S_{DS}) r_d$$

$$r_d = 1,0 - 0,00765z \quad z \leq 9,15$$

$$r_d = 1,174 - 0,0267z \quad 9,15\text{m} < z < 30\text{m}$$

$$r_d = 0,744 - 0,008z \quad 23\text{m} < z < 30\text{m}$$

$$r_d = 0,50 \quad z > 30\text{m}$$

$$\frac{\tau_R}{\tau_{\text{earthquake}}} \geq 1,10$$

Table 2. Liquefaction Calculations

Dept h[m]	Laye r	SPT N	$\sigma'_v$ [kN/ m <sup>2</sup> ]	$\sigma_v$ [kN/ m <sup>2</sup> ]	$N_{1,60}$	IDI [%]	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$N_{1,60f}$	CRR M7.5	C <sub>M</sub>	$\tau_R$ [kN/ m <sup>2</sup> ]	r <sub>d</sub>	$\tau_{\text{earthquake}}$ [kN/ m <sup>2</sup> ]	FS	Safet y
-6	Silty Sand (Alluvium)	10	83,3	98	13	5	0	1	13	0,14	1	11,7	0,95	29,15	0,4	X
-7,5	Silty Sand (Alluvium)	10	97,4	126,8	12	5	0	1	12	0,13	1	12,77	0,94	37,26	0,3	X
-9	Silty Sand (Alluvium)	13	111,5	155,6	15	5	0	1	15	0,16	1	17,84	0,93	45,17	0,4	X
-10,5	Silty Clay (Alluvium)	12	125,25	184,05	13	60	5	1,2	20,6	0,22	1	27,92	0,89	51,27	0,5	X

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-12	Silty Clay (Alluvium)	14	138,3	211,8	15	60	5	1,2	23	0,26	1	35,52	0,85	56,36	0,6	X
-13,5	Silty Clay (Alluvium)	20	151,35	239,55	20	60	5	1,2	29	0,41	1	62,07	0,81	60,75	1	X
-15	orta Medium Dense Sand (Alluvium)	22	164,4	267,3	21	80	5	1,2	30,2	0,48	1	79,26	0,77	64,45	1,2	√

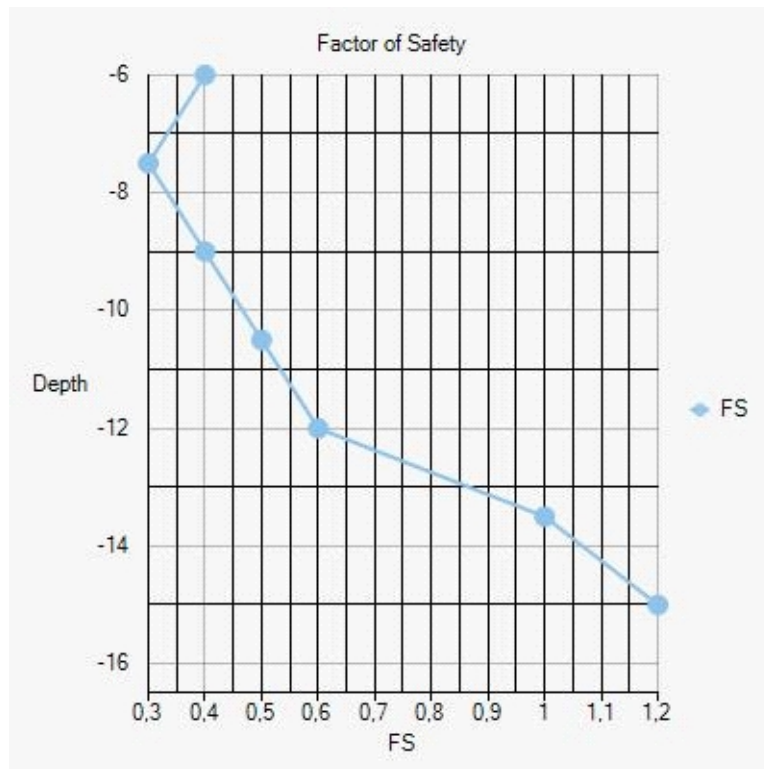


Figure 2. Factor of Safety-Depth Graph



Figure 3. Shear Stress and Liquefaction Resistance Plots

### IMPROVED SOIL LIQUEFACTION ASSESSMENT

$\gamma_s$ : Shear strain in the soil,

$\gamma_c$ : Shear strain in column,

$\tau_s$ : Shear stress in soil,

$\tau_c$ : Shear stress in column,

$G_s$ : Soil shear modulus,

$G_c$ : Rigid column shear modulus,

$\tau_d$ : Shear stress induced by earthquake,

$A$ : Total area,

$A_s$ : Soil area,

$A_c$ : Total cross-sectional area of columns,

$a_r$ : Area ratio,

$G_r$ : Shear modulus ratio,

$K_g$ : It is the reduction factor defined as the ratio of the reduced seismic shear stresses after improvement to the shear stresses in the original soil.

$$\gamma_s = \gamma_c$$

$$\frac{\tau_s}{G_s} = \frac{\tau_c}{G_c}$$

$$\tau_d A_t = \tau_s \times A_s$$

$$a_r = \frac{a_c}{A}$$

$$G_r = \frac{G_c}{G_s}$$

$$K_\xi = \frac{\tau_s}{\tau_d}$$

$$\gamma_r = 1.04 G_r^{-0.65} - 0.04 \leq 1$$

$$K_\xi = \frac{1}{G_r a_r + (1 - a_r)}$$

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Number of rigid columns: 122  
 Diameter of rigid column: 650[mm]  
 Type of rigid column: Cast in place reinforced concrete pile  
 Length of rigid column: 15[m]  
 Improved area: A=443,61[m<sup>2</sup>]  
 Ac= 40,48[m<sup>2</sup>]  
 As= 403,13[m<sup>2</sup>]  
 ar= 0,09

Table 3. Liquefaction Calculations of Improved Soil

Dept h[m]	Laye r	SPTN	$\sigma'_v$ [kN/ m <sup>2</sup> ]	$\sigma_v$ [kN/ m <sup>2</sup> ]	$N_{1,60}$	Gc	Gs	Gr	$\sigma_r$	Kg	$\tau R$ [kN/ m <sup>2</sup> ]	$\tau^* \text{ear}$ thquake [kN/ m <sup>2</sup> ]	FS*	Safet y*
-6	Silty Sand (Alluv ium)	10	83,3	98	13	1250 0000	1923, 1	6499, 92	0,2	0,01	11,7	0,239	49	√
-7,5	Silty Sand (Alluv ium)	10	97,4	126,8	12	1250 0000	1923, 1	6499, 92	0,2	0,01	12,77	0,305	41,8	√
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-10,5	Silty Clay (Alluvium)	12	125,25	184,05	13	12500000	3200	3906,25	0,23	0,01	27,92	0,63	44,3	√
-12	Silty Clay (Alluvium)	14	138,3	211,8	15	12500000	3200	3906,25	0,23	0,01	35,52	0,693	51,3	√
-13,5	Silty Clay (Alluvium)	20	151,35	239,55	20	12500000	3200	3906,25	0,23	0,01	62,07	0,747	83,1	√
-15	Medium Dense Sand (Alluvium)	22	164,4	267,3	21	12500000	4615,4	2708,32	0,24	0,02	79,26	1,06	74,7	√

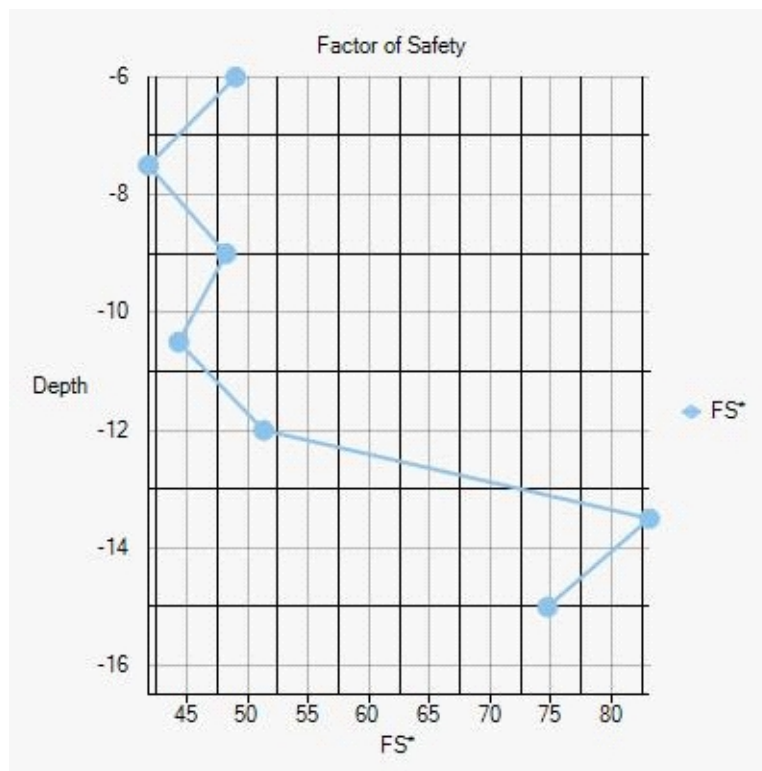


Figure 4. Factor of Safety-Depth Graph



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