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February 3, 2009

Client: Broadmoor Design Group
Metairie, LA

Ref: Sof Riverine and Combatant Craft Operations Facility
Stennis Space Center
Hancock County, MS

Attn: Craig T. Seals

Dear Mr. Seals:

Gulf Cities Testing Laboratories has visited the above referenced Project Site and met with your representatives concerning excavation and backfill procedures to be utilized during construction.

Our first visit was for the purpose of securing suitable samples for Proctors and Soil Classifications. A list of these Proctors and Soil Classifications and location on the project site is as follows:

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|---|------|-------|------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Tan Fine to Medium Sand | (SW) | 115.2 | 11.1 | Submitted by Creel excavation |
| 2. Tan Medium Sand | (SW) | 117.6 | 11.9 | S/W Ridge |
| 3. Tan & Gray Silty Clayey Sand | (SW) | 122.8 | 12.3 | Military vehicle parking lot |
| 4. White Coarse Sand | (SW) | 107.0 | 11.4 | South Bldg. area - 6'-8' depth |
| 5. Dark Tan Clayey Sand | (SC) | 124.0 | 12.3 | South End hill at 3' |
| 6. Brown & Tan Very Fine Silty Sand w/organic | (SC) | 125.6 | 12.4 | North Ridge |

A swell exists on the site south/west to a northeast direction. The majority of this swell, to a depth of approximately 2' contains organics and deleterious materials, however, it was obvious some areas of the swell had deeper stratum of unsuitable materials.

The Unified Soils Classification of the materials would classify as CH &MH, unsuitable for structural fill.

It is our opinion that 2' be excavated in the swell area, and a decision made and agreed upon by all parties if additional material be removed.

The higher elevations of the site (North & Southwest ridges) should not need more than 12" to 18" removed and can be used as a backfill in other areas of the site.

A coarse sand should be placed in the 1st 12" of the 2' cut. All fill materials should be placed in 8" lifts & compacted to 95% of Modified Proctor.

If additional information is needed please contact us.

Respectfully Yours,

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February 19, 2009

PROJECT : Sof Riverine & Combatant Operations Facility
Stennis Space Center
Hancock County, MS.

CLIENT : Broadmoor Design Group

SUBJECT: Recommendations for placement and Testing of Soils
Borrow Fill material

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At the request of the Broadmoor Corp. we visited the jobsite on 2/13/09 to discuss methods and procedures for excavation of existing soil and placing and testing of soil fill materials. Accompanying the writer was T. E. Petermann a Construction Consultant, registered PE in the State of Mississippi. The following are his observations and comments:

“ The site has been cleared and grubbed allowing an examination of the existing soil materials. Test pits have been dug to obtain additional samples and to examine the material for suitability. The typical sand clay select material available in this vicinity is capable of providing a densely compacted foundation pad for the buildings when placed under controlled conditions.

These prefabricated metal buildings constructed on a 2' thick foundation pad of this select fill will have negligible differential settlement. A qualified soils technician will observe the tests and placement of fill materials at the time earthwork operations are being performed. Soils determined to be unsuitable will be replaced with select material. Proof rolling will also be used to determine suitability of soils in place”

TESTING : Select fill material should be compacted in 8” lifts to 95% density as determined by ASTM D1557 (modified proctor) as it is being placed. Samples have been obtained and

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laboratory results reported under separate cover. (see copy of soils report attached including unified soil classification) We trust this information will assist you in producing a satisfactory Soil foundation for this project in accordance with project specifications and industry standards.

We would be pleased to assist you in providing a qualified soils technician to witness proof rolling operations and in taking field density tests employing the latest technology (troxler nuclear guage)

Respectfully Submitted
Gulf Cities Testing Labs

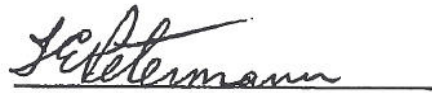


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T. E. Petermann, PE
Construction Consultant



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SOIL CLASSIFICATION CHART

MAJOR DIVISIONS			SYMBOLS		TYPICAL DESCRIPTIONS	
			GRAPH	LETTER		
COARSE GRAINED SOILS MORE THAN 50% OF MATERIAL IS LARGER THAN NO. 200 SIEVE SIZE	GRAVEL AND GRAVELLY SOILS MORE THAN 50% OF COARSE FRACTION RETAINED ON NO. 4 SIEVE	CLEAN GRAVELS (LITTLE OR NO FINES)		GW	WELL-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES	
				GP	POORLY-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES	
		GRAVELS WITH FINES (APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF FINES)		GM	SILTY GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND - SILT MIXTURES	
				GC	CLAYEY GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND - CLAY MIXTURES	
	SAND AND SANDY SOILS MORE THAN 50% OF COARSE FRACTION PASSING ON NO. 4 SIEVE	CLEAN SANDS (LITTLE OR NO FINES)		SW	WELL-GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES	
				SP	POORLY-GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SAND, LITTLE OR NO FINES	
		SANDS WITH FINES (APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF FINES)		SM	SILTY SANDS, SAND - SILT MIXTURES	
				SC	CLAYEY SANDS, SAND - CLAY MIXTURES	
		FINE GRAINED SOILS	SILTS AND CLAYS LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 50		ML	INORGANIC SILTS AND VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK FLOUR, SILTY OR CLAYEY FINE SANDS OR CLAYEY SILTS WITH SLIGHT PLASTICITY
					CL	INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY, GRAVELLY CLAYS, SANDY CLAYS, SILTY CLAYS, LEAN CLAYS
	OL			ORGANIC SILTS AND ORGANIC SILTY CLAYS OF LOW PLASTICITY		
MORE THAN 50% OF MATERIAL IS SMALLER THAN NO. 200 SIEVE SIZE	SILTS AND CLAYS LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50		MH	INORGANIC SILTS, MICACEOUS OR DIATOMACEOUS FINE SAND OR SILTY SOILS		
			CH	INORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY		
			OH	ORGANIC CLAYS OF MEDIUM TO HIGH PLASTICITY, ORGANIC SILTS		
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS				PT	PEAT, HUMUS, SWAMP SOILS WITH HIGH ORGANIC CONTENTS	

NOTE: DUAL SYMBOLS ARE USED TO INDICATE BORDERLINE SOIL CLASSIFICATIONS