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Reference: **REPORT OF A GEOTECHNICAL EXPLORATION**
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Dear Mr. Vieren:

Universal Engineering Sciences, Inc. has completed a subsurface exploration at the site of the proposed project located in Palm Coast, Florida. This report contains the results of our exploration, an engineering evaluation with respect to the project characteristics described to us, and recommendations for groundwater considerations, foundation and pavement design, and site preparation. A summary of our findings is as follows:

- The borings generally encountered loose to dense fine sand (SP) and fine sand with silt (SP-SM) in the upper approximate 5 to 13.5 feet underlain with medium dense to very dense fine sand with silt (SP-SM) (Hardpan) to the 25-foot boring terminations depths. As an exception, Boring A-1 encountered fine sand with many roots (PT) between the approximate depths of 1 and 3.5 feet below the ground surface. We recommend backhoe-excavated test pits be performed to better evaluate the need for over-excavation of these soils, and to delineate the vertical and horizontal extents, if warranted. The muck probes in the wetland areas indicated soft soil conditions in thicknesses varying between 1 and 3 feet.
- We measured the groundwater level at the boring locations between depths of 3 to 4.7 feet below the existing grade. We estimate the seasonal high groundwater level will be one foot above the measured groundwater levels.
- Assuming the building area will be constructed in accordance with our Site Preparation Recommendations, we have recommended the proposed structure be supported on conventional, shallow spread foundations with an allowable soil bearing pressure of 2,500 pounds per square foot.

- We recommend only normal, good practice site preparation techniques to prepare the existing subgrade to support the proposed structure. These techniques include clearing the construction areas, dewatering if warranted, stripping topsoils and vegetation, over-excavation as required, compacting the subgrade and placing engineered fill to the desired grades.

We trust this report meets your needs and addresses the geotechnical issues associated with the proposed construction. We appreciate the opportunity to have worked with you on this project and look forward to a continued association. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you should have any questions, or if we may further assist you as your plans proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 GENERAL

In this report, we present the results of the subsurface exploration of the site for the proposed project located in Palm Coast, Florida. We have divided this report into the following sections:

- **SCOPE OF SERVICES** - Defines what we did
- **FINDINGS** - Describes what we encountered
- **RECOMMENDATIONS** - Describes what we encourage you to do
- **LIMITATIONS** - Describes the restrictions inherent in this report
- **APPENDICES** - Presents support materials referenced in this report

2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

2.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project information was provided in recent correspondence with you. We understand that the proposed project will consist of a commercial development on Parcel 07-12-31-0650-000C0-0035 which is located on the southeast corner of Belle Terre Parkway and SR 100 (Moody Boulevard). We understand that the development will consist of one-story commercial structures with associated parking areas. Detailed grading information has not been provided to us, therefore we assume that maximum elevating fill heights will be two feet or less. Structural loadings for the proposed structure were not available at this time, therefore we have assumed that maximum loads for load bearing walls and columns will not exceed 3 klf and 75 kips, respectively.

We note that since the applicability of geotechnical recommendations is very dependent upon project characteristics, most specifically: improvement locations, grade alterations, and actual structural loads applied, UES must review the preliminary and final site and grading plans, and structural design loads to validate all recommendations rendered herein. Without such review our recommendations should not be relied upon for final design or construction of any site improvements.

2.2 PURPOSE

The purposes of this exploration were:

- to explore the general subsurface conditions at the site for the proposed construction;
- to interpret and evaluate the subsurface conditions with respect to the proposed construction; and



- to provide geotechnical engineering recommendations for groundwater considerations, foundation design, pavement recommendations, and site preparation.

This report presents an evaluation of site conditions on the basis of traditional geotechnical procedures for site characterization. The recovered samples were not examined, either visually or analytically, for chemical composition or environmental hazards. Universal Engineering Sciences would be pleased to perform these services, if you desire.

Our exploration was confined to the zone of soil likely to be stressed by the proposed construction. Our work did not address the potential for surface expression of deep geological conditions. This evaluation requires a more extensive range of field services than performed in this study. We will be pleased to conduct an investigation to evaluate the probable effect of the regional geology upon the proposed construction, if you desire.

2.3 FIELD EXPLORATION

A field exploration was performed on October 28, 2014. The approximate boring locations are shown on the attached Boring Location Plan in Appendix A. The approximate boring locations were determined in the field by our personnel using taped measurements from existing features at the site, and should be considered accurate only to the degree implied by the method of measurement used. Samples of the soils encountered will be held in our laboratory for your inspection for 60 days unless we are notified otherwise.

2.3.1 SPT Borings

To explore the subsurface conditions within the areas of the proposed buildings, we located and drilled six (6) Standard Penetration Test (SPT) borings to depths of approximately 20 feet below the existing ground surface in general accordance with the methodology outlined in ASTM D 1586. A summary of this field procedure is included in Appendix A. Split-spoon soil samples recovered during performance of the boring were visually classified in the field and representative portions of the samples were transported to our laboratory for further evaluation.

2.3.2 Auger Borings and Muck Probes

To determine the subsurface conditions within the proposed pavement and pond areas, we located and drilled eight (8) auger borings to depths of approximately 6 and 15 feet below the existing ground surface in general accordance with the methodology outlined in ASTM D 1452. A summary of this field procedure is included in Appendix A. Representative soil samples recovered from the auger borings were returned to our laboratory for further evaluation.

To explore the thickness of soft surficial material in the wetland areas we performed ten (10) muck probes. The muck probe locations are shown on the attached Boring Location Plan.



2.4 LABORATORY TESTING

Representative soil samples obtained during our field exploration were returned to our office and classified by a geotechnical engineer. The samples were visually classified in general accordance with ASTM D 2488 (Unified Soil Classification System).

Three (3) fines content tests, three (3) moisture content tests, and two (2) permeability tests were conducted in the laboratory on representative soil samples obtained from the borings. These tests were performed to aid in classifying the soils and to help quantify and correlate engineering properties. The results of these tests are presented on the Boring Logs in Appendix A. A brief description of the laboratory procedures used is also provided in Appendix A.

3.0 FINDINGS

3.1 SOIL SURVEY

Based on the Soil Survey for Flagler County, Florida, as prepared by the US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, the predominant predevelopment soil types at the site are identified as Smyrna fine sand (21) and Cassia fine sand (27).

A summary of characteristics of these soil series were obtained from the Soil Survey and is included in Table 1.

TABLE 1						
Summary of Soil Survey Information						
Soil Type	Constituents		Hydrologic Group	Natural Drainage	Soil Permeability (Inches/Hr)	Seasonal High Water Table
Smyrna fine sand (21)	0-13"	Fine sand	B/D	Poorly Drained	0-13" 6 – 20	0.5-1.5
	13-21"	Sand, fine sand			13-21" 0.6-6.0	
	21-80"	Sand, fine sand			21-80" 6.0-20	
Cassia fine sand (27)	0-26"	Fine sand	C	Somewhat Poorly Drained	0-26" 6.0 – 20	1.5 – 3.5
	26-42"	Sand, Fine sand			26-42" 0.6-6.0	
	42-80"	Sand, fine sand			42-80 6.0-20	

3.2 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

The boring locations and detailed subsurface conditions are illustrated in Appendix A: Boring Location Plan and Boring Logs. It should be noted that soil conditions will vary away from and between boring locations. The classifications and descriptions shown on the logs are generally based upon visual characterizations of the recovered soil samples and a limited number of



laboratory tests. Also, see Appendix A: Key to Boring Logs, for further explanation of the symbols and placement of data on the Boring Logs. Table 2: General Soil Profile, summarizes the soil conditions encountered.

TABLE 2 General Soil Profile		
Typical depth (ft)		Soil Descriptions
From	To	
0	5 to 13.5	Loose to dense fine sand (SP) and fine sand with silt (SP-SM)
5 to 13.5	25*	Medium dense to very dense fine sand with silt (SP-SM) (Hardpan)
* Termination Depth of Deepest Boring () Indicates Unified Soil Classification		

As an exception, Boring A-1 encountered fine sand with many roots (PT) between the approximate depths of 1 and 3.5 feet below the ground surface. We recommend backhoe-excavated test pits be performed to better evaluate the need for over-excavation of these soils, and to delineate the vertical and horizontal extents, if warranted. The muck probes indicated soft soil conditions in the upper 1 to 3 feet. The thicknesses for each muck probe are shown below and the locations are shown on the attached Boring Location Plant:

- Muck Probe # 1 = 1 feet
- Muck Probe # 2 = 1 feet
- Muck Probe # 3 = 1 feet
- Muck Probe # 4 = 2 feet
- Muck Probe # 5 = 2 feet
- Muck Probe # 6 = 1 feet
- Muck Probe # 7 = 2 feet
- Muck Probe # 8 = 3 feet
- Muck Probe # 9 = 2.5 feet
- Muck Probe # 10 = 2 feet

The groundwater level was recorded between depths of 3 to 4.7 feet below the existing ground surface.



4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 GENERAL

In this section of the report, we present our detailed recommendations for groundwater control, building foundation, site preparation, and construction related services. The following recommendations are made based upon a review of the attached soil test data, our understanding of the proposed construction, and experience with similar projects and subsurface conditions. We recommend that we be provided the opportunity to review the project plans and specifications to confirm that our recommendations have been properly interpreted and implemented. If the structural loadings or the building location change significantly from those discussed previously, we request the opportunity to review and possibly amend our recommendations with respect to those changes. The discovery of any subsurface conditions during construction which deviate from those encountered in the borings should be reported to us immediately for observation, evaluation and recommendations.

Boring A-1 encountered fine sand with many roots (PT) between the approximate depths of 1 and 3.5 feet below the ground surface. We recommend backhoe-excavated test pits be performed to better evaluate the need for over-excavation of these soils, and to delineate the vertical and horizontal extents, if warranted.

4.2 GROUNDWATER CONSIDERATIONS

The groundwater table will fluctuate seasonally depending upon local rainfall. The rainy season in Northeast Florida is normally between June and September. Based upon our review of U.S.G.S. data, Flagler County Soils Survey, and regional hydrogeology, it is our opinion the seasonal high groundwater at the boring locations will be one foot above the measured groundwater levels.

Note, it is possible the estimated seasonal high groundwater levels will temporarily exceed these estimated levels during any given year in the future. Should impediments to surface water drainage exist on the site, or should rainfall intensity and duration, or total rainfall quantities exceed the normally anticipated rainfall quantities, groundwater levels may exceed our seasonal high estimates. We recommend positive drainage be established and maintained on the site during construction. We further recommend permanent measures be constructed to maintain positive drainage from the site throughout the life of the project. We recommend all foundation and pavement grade designs be based on the seasonal high groundwater conditions.

4.3 BUILDING FOUNDATIONS

Based on the results of our exploration, we consider the subsurface conditions at the site adaptable for support of the proposed structure when constructed on a properly designed conventional shallow foundation system. Provided the site preparation and earthwork



construction recommendations outlined in Section 4.5 of this report are performed, the following parameters may be used for foundation design.

4.3.1 Bearing Pressure

The maximum allowable net soil bearing pressure for use in shallow foundation design should not exceed 2,500 psf. Net bearing pressure is defined as the soil bearing pressure at the foundation bearing level in excess of the natural overburden pressure at that level. The foundations should be designed based on the maximum load which could be imposed by all loading conditions.

4.3.2 Foundation Size

The minimum widths recommended for any isolated column footings and continuous wall footings are 24 inches and 18 inches, respectively. Even though the maximum allowable soil bearing pressure may not be achieved, these width recommendations should control the minimum size of the foundations.

4.3.3 Bearing Depth

The exterior foundations should bear at a depth of at least 18 inches below the finished exterior grades and the interior foundations should bear at a depth of at least 12 inches below the finish floor elevation to provide confinement to the bearing level soils. It is recommended that stormwater be diverted away from the building exteriors to reduce the possibility of erosion beneath the exterior footings.

4.3.4 Bearing Material

The foundations may bear in either the compacted suitable natural soils or compacted structural fill. The bearing level soils, after compaction, should exhibit densities equivalent to at least 95 percent of the Modified Proctor maximum dry density (ASTM D 1557) to a depth of at least one foot below the foundation bearing level

4.3.5 Settlement Estimates

Post-construction settlements of the structure will be influenced by several interrelated factors, such as (1) subsurface stratification and strength/compressibility characteristics; (2) footing size, bearing level, applied loads, and resulting bearing pressures beneath the foundations; and (3) site preparation and earthwork construction techniques used by the contractor. Our settlement estimates for the structure are based on the use of site preparation/earthwork construction techniques as recommended in Section 4.5 of this report. Any deviation from these recommendations could result in an increase in the estimated post-construction settlements of the structure.



Using the recommended maximum bearing pressure, the assumed maximum structural loads and the field data which we have correlated to geotechnical strength and compressibility characteristics of the subsurface soils, we estimate that total settlements of the structure could be on the order of one inch or less.

Differential settlements result from differences in applied bearing pressures and variations in the compressibility characteristics of the subsurface soils. Because of the general uniformity of the subsurface conditions and the recommended site preparation and earthwork construction techniques outlined in Section 4.5, we anticipate that differential settlements of the structure should be within tolerable magnitudes ($\frac{1}{2}$ inch or less). The estimated differential settlements are considered structurally tolerable; however, aesthetic cracking may occur. The project budget should account for any cosmetic repairs.

4.3.6 Floor Slabs

The floor slab can be constructed as a slab-on-grade member using a modulus of subgrade reaction (K) of 100 pci provided the subgrade materials are compacted as outlined in Section 4.5. It is recommended the floor slab bearing soils be covered with an impervious membrane to reduce moisture entry and floor dampness in accordance with current Florida Building Code requirements. A 10-mil thick plastic membrane is commonly used for this purpose. Care should be exercised not to tear the membrane during placement of reinforcing steel and concrete.

4.4 PAVEMENTS

4.4.1 General

A rigid or flexible pavement section could be used on this project. Flexible pavement combines the strength and durability of several layer components to produce an appropriate and cost-effective combination of available construction materials. Concrete pavement has the advantage of the ability to “bridge” over isolated soft areas, it requires less security lighting, and it typically has a longer service life than asphalt pavement. Disadvantages of rigid pavement include an initial higher cost and more difficult patching of distressed areas than occurs with flexible pavement.

4.4.2 Asphalt (Flexible) Pavements

We have recommended a flexible pavement section with a 20-year design life for use on this project. Because traffic loadings are commonly unavailable, we have generalized our pavement design into two groups. The group descriptions and the recommended component thicknesses are presented in Table 3: Summary of Pavement Component Recommendations. The structural numbers in Table 3 are based on a structural number analysis with the stated estimated daily traffic volume for a 20-year replacement design life.



TABLE 3				
Summary of Pavement Component Recommendations				
Traffic Group	Maximum Traffic Loading	Component Thickness (inches)		
		Stabilized Subgrade	Base Course	Surface Course
Automobile parking lots and driveways - standard duty	Up to 50,000 E ₁₈ SAL	12	6	1.5
Truck parking lots and driveways - heavy duty	Up to 250,000 E ₁₈ SAL	12	8	2.0

4.4.2.1 Stabilized Subgrade

We recommend that subgrade materials be compacted in place according to the requirements in the "Site Preparation" section of this report. Further, beneath limerock base course, stabilize the subgrade materials to a minimum Limerock Bearing Ratio (LBR) of 40, as specified by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requirements for Type B Stabilized Subgrade. The subgrade material should be compacted to at least 98 percent of the Modified Proctor maximum dry density (ASTM D 1557, AASHTO T-180) value.

The stabilized subgrade can be a blend of existing soil and imported material such as limerock. If a blend is proposed, we recommend that the contractor perform a mix design to find the optimum mix proportions.

The primary function of stabilized subgrade beneath the base course is to provide a stable and firm subgrade so that the limerock can be properly and uniformly placed and compacted. Depending upon the soil type, the subgrade material may have sufficient stability to provide the needed support without additional stabilizing material. Generally, sands with silt or clay should have sufficient stability and may not require additional stabilizing material. Conversely, relatively "clean" sand will not provide sufficient stability to adequately construct the limerock base course. Universal Engineering Sciences should observe the soils exposed on the finish grades to evaluate whether or not additional stabilization will be required beneath the base course.

4.4.2.2 Base Course

We recommend the base course consist of either limerock or crushed concrete. An advantage to using crushed concrete is a lower sensitivity to water than what occurs with limerock. The main disadvantage is that crushed concrete may not be available at the time of construction.

We recommend the crushed concrete meet current FDOT specifications for graded aggregate base. The crushed concrete stockpile should be free of sandy pockets, foreign materials, or uncrushed particles. Alternatively, we believe locally available crushed concrete base of equal



thickness could be substituted for the limerock. Crushed concrete should be supplied by an F.D.O.T. approved plant with quality control procedures and should have an average LBR value of not less than 100. The gradation for crushed concrete should meet the current requirements for graded aggregate base per Section 204, FDOT SSRBC, pages 212-214.

The base shall have an average LBR of not less than 100 and should be compacted to at least 98 percent of the Modified Proctor maximum dry density (ASTM D 1557, AASHTO T-180) value. The LBR value of material produced at a particular source shall be determined in accordance with an approved quality control procedure.

Testing shall be performed at the following frequencies:

- Perform in-place density on crushed concrete base at a frequency of 1 test per 300 linear foot of roadway or 5,000 square feet of pavement.
- Perform Limerock Bearing Ratio tests at a frequency of 1 test per visual change in material and a minimum of 1 test per 15,000 square feet of pavement.
- Engineer should perform a final visual base inspection prior to placement of prime or tack coat and paving.

4.4.2.3 Wearing Surface

For the roadways, we recommend that the surfacing consist of FDOT SuperPave (SP) asphaltic concrete. The surface course should consist of FDOT SP-9.5 fine mix for the proposed light-duty area. The asphalt concrete should be placed within the allowable lift thicknesses for fine Type SP mixes per the latest edition of FDOT, Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Section 334-1.4 Thickness.

The asphaltic concrete should be compacted to an average field density of 93 percent of the laboratory maximum density determined from specific gravity (G_{mm}) methods, with an individual test tolerance of **+2 percent and -1.2% of the design G_{mm}** . Specific requirements for the SuperPave asphaltic concrete structural course are outlined in the latest edition of FDOT, Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Section 334-5.2.4.

Please note, if the Designer (or Contract Documents) limits compaction to the static mode only or lifts are placed one-inch thick, then the average field density should be 92 percent, with an individual test tolerance of + 3 percent, and -1.2% of the design G_{mm} .

After placement and field compaction, the wearing surface should be cored to evaluate material thickness and density. Cores should be obtained at frequencies of at least one (1) core per 5,000 square feet of placed pavement, every 250 feet of lineal roadway, or a minimum of two (2) cores per day's production.



4.4.3 Concrete (Rigid) Pavements

Concrete pavement is a rigid pavement that transfers much lighter wheel loads to the subgrade soils than a flexible asphalt pavement. For a concrete pavement subgrade, we recommend using the existing surficial sands or recommend clean fine sand fill (SP), densified to at least 98 percent of Modified Proctor test maximum dry density (ASTM D 1557) without additional stabilization, with the following stipulations:

1. Subgrade soils must be densified to at least 98 percent of Modified Proctor test maximum dry density (ASTM D 1557) to a depth of at least 2 feet prior to placement of concrete.
2. The surface of the subgrade soils must be smooth, and any disturbances or wheel rutting corrected prior to placement of concrete.
3. The subgrade soils must be moistened prior to placement of concrete.
4. Concrete pavement thickness should be uniform throughout, with exception to thickened edges (curb or footing).
5. The bottom of the pavement should be separated from the estimated typical wet season groundwater level by at least 18 inches.

Our recommendations for slab thickness for standard duty and heavy duty concrete pavements are based on a) subgrade soils densified to 98 percent of the Modified Proctor maximum dry density (ASTM D 1557), b) modulus of subgrade reaction (k) equal to 200 pounds per cubic inch, c) a 20 year design life, and 3) the previously stated traffic conditions in Section 4.4.2, we recommend using the design shown in Table 4 for standard duty concrete pavements.

TABLE 4 STANDARD DUTY (UNREINFORCED) CONCRETE PAVEMENT		
Minimum Pavement Thickness	Maximum Control Joint Spacing	Recommended Sawcut Depth
5 Inches	10 Feet x 10 Feet	1 ¼ Inches

Our recommended design for heavy duty concrete pavement is shown in Table 5 below.

TABLE 5 HEAVY DUTY (UNREINFORCED) CONCRETE PAVEMENT		
Minimum Pavement Thickness	Maximum Control Joint Spacing	Recommended Sawcut Depth
6 Inches	12 Feet x 12 Feet	1 1/2 Inches



We recommend using concrete with minimum 28-day compressive strength of 4,000 psi and a minimum 28-day flexural strength (modulus of rupture) of at least 600 pounds per square inch, based on 3rd point loading of concrete beam test samples. Layout of the sawcut control joints should form square panels, and the depth of sawcut joint should be at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the concrete slab thickness. The joints should be sawed within six hours of concrete placement or as soon as the concrete has developed sufficient strength to support workers and equipment. We recommend allowing Universal to review and comment on the final concrete pavement design, including section and joint details (type of joints, joint spacing, etc.), prior to the start of construction.

For further details on concrete pavement construction, please reference the "Guide to Jointing on Non-Reinforced Concrete Pavements" published by the Florida Concrete and Products Associates, Inc., and "Building Quality Concrete Parking Areas", published by the Portland Cement Association.

4.4.4 Effects of Groundwater

One of the most critical factors influencing pavement performance in Northeast Florida is the relationship between the pavement subgrade and the seasonal high groundwater level. Many roadways and parking areas have been damaged as a result of deterioration of the base conditions and/or the base/surface course bond. We recommend that the seasonal high groundwater and the bottom of the flexible pavement limerock base course be separated by at least 24 inches. We recommend a separation of at least 18 inches below the bottom of a rigid concrete pavement or below a flexible pavement with a crushed concrete base. If this separation cannot be established and maintained by grading and surface drainage improvements, permanent groundwater control measures (underdrains) will be required.

4.4.5 Curbing

We recommend that curbing around the landscaped sections adjacent to the parking areas and driveways be constructed with full-depth curb sections. Using extruded curb sections which lie directly on top of the final asphalt level, or eliminating the curbing entirely, can allow migration of irrigation water from the landscape areas to the interface between the asphalt and the base. This migration often causes separation of the wearing surface from the base and subsequent rippling and pavement deterioration. Topsoil placed behind curbing in landscaped areas should be limited to 6 inches vertical thickness within five feet of flexible pavement.

4.4.6 Construction Traffic

Light duty roadways and incomplete pavement sections will not perform satisfactorily under construction traffic loadings. We recommend that construction traffic (construction equipment, concrete trucks, sod trucks, garbage trucks, dump trucks, etc.) be re-routed away from these roadways or that the pavement section be designed for these loadings.



4.5 SITE PREPARATION

We recommend normal, good practice site preparation procedures. These procedures include: stripping the site of vegetation and topsoil, removing any debris, compacting the subgrade, and placing necessary fill or backfill to grade with engineered fill. A more detailed synopsis of this work is as follows:

1. Prior to construction, the location of any existing underground utility lines within the construction area should be established. Provisions should then be made to relocate interfering utilities to appropriate locations. It should be noted that if underground pipes are not properly removed or plugged, they may serve as conduits for subsurface erosion which may subsequently lead to excessive settlement of overlying structure(s).
2. The groundwater level was encountered at a depth of 3 to 4.7 feet below the existing ground surface in the borings at the time of our exploration. The seasonal high groundwater level is estimated to occur at a depth range of 2 to 3.7 feet below the existing ground surface. The groundwater level should be maintained at least 1 foot below any excavations and 2 feet below the surface of any vibratory compaction procedures. We anticipate that surface water management could be needed if the construction occurs during a relatively wet climatic period. If construction begins during wet weather, it is recommended the building and pavement subgrades not be disturbed other than to strip vegetation. Fill and grading operations should be performed with minimum disturbance to the surficial soils.
3. Remove the existing trees and associated root systems from the construction areas; strip away the existing vegetation, topsoils and other deleterious materials from within the proposed construction limits. Root rake the exposed subgrade soils (in perpendicular directions) to a depth of at least 12 inches to help locate and remove large roots, extensive root systems and pieces of organic debris that may occur just below the ground surface. The surface stripping and root raking should be performed within and 5 feet beyond the perimeter of the proposed building areas and within and 3 feet beyond the perimeter of the proposed paved areas. Expect typical stripping at this site to a depth of 12 inches more or less in the upland areas and 1 to 3 feet in the wetland areas. Some isolated areas may require more than a foot of stripping or undercutting to remove the root systems of large trees.

As an exception, Boring A-1 encountered organic materials varying between the 1.5 and 3 feet below the ground surface. These materials are unsuitable to remain beneath the pavement areas. If warranted, these materials should be overexcavated to the depths encountered from within and to a distance of three feet beyond the perimeter of the pavement areas. The need for overexcavation should be determined by performing test pits.



4. Compact the subgrade from the surface with a medium weight vibratory roller (a 3- to 4-ton roller, static weight and 2- to 3-foot drum diameter) operating until you obtain a minimum density of at least 95 percent of the Modified Proctor maximum dry density (ASTM D-1557), to a depth of 2 feet below the compacted surface. A minimum of eight (8) complete coverages (in perpendicular directions) should be made in the building construction area with the roller to improve the uniformity and increase the density of the underlying sandy soils

Should the bearing level soils experience pumping and soil strength loss during the compaction operations, compaction work should be immediately terminated and (1) the disturbed soils removed and backfilled with dry structural fill soils which are then compacted, or (2) the excess pore pressures within the disturbed soils allowed to dissipate before recompacting.

5. Care should be exercised to avoid damaging any nearby structures while the compaction operation is underway. Prior to commencing compaction, occupants of adjacent structures should be notified and the existing conditions of the structures be documented with photographs and survey (if deemed necessary). Compaction should cease if deemed detrimental to adjacent structures. Universal Engineering Sciences can provide vibration monitoring services to help document and evaluate the effects of the surface compaction operation on existing structures. In the absence of vibration monitoring it is recommended the vibratory roller remain a minimum of 50 feet from existing structures. Within this zone, use of a bulldozer or a vibratory roller operating in the static mode is recommended.
6. Place fill material, as required. The fill should consist of "clean," fine sand with less than 5 percent soil fines. You may use fill materials with soil fines between 5 and 12 percent, but strict moisture control may be required. Typically, the soils should exhibit moisture contents within ± 2 percent of the Modified Proctor optimum moisture content during compaction. Place fill in uniform 10- to 12-inch loose lifts and compact each lift to a minimum density of 95 percent of the Modified Proctor maximum dry density.

The top 12 inches of fill beneath flexible pavement or the top 24 inches of fill beneath rigid pavement areas should be compacted to 98 percent of the Modified Proctor maximum dry density. For flexible pavement areas, stabilize this zone as necessary as recommended in Section 4.4.2, to obtain a minimum LBR of 40.

7. Perform compliance tests within the fill/backfill at a frequency of not less than one test per 2,500 square feet per lift in the building areas, or at a minimum of two tests, whichever is greater. In paved areas, perform compliance tests at a frequency of not less than one test per 10,000 square feet per lift, or at a minimum of two test locations, whichever is greater.



8. Test all footing cuts for compaction to a depth of 1 foot. We recommend you conduct density testing in every column footing, and every 100 linear feet in wall footings. Recompaction of the foundation excavation bearing level soils, if loosened by the excavation process, can probably be achieved by making several coverages with a light weight walk-behind vibratory sled or roller.
9. As previously mentioned, cemented sand with silt soils (Hardpan) were encountered at the boring locations. These soils, due to their cementation, typically exhibit high strength, which could result in difficult excavation operations. The project budget should account for these difficult operations.

4.6 RETENTION POND CONSIDERATION

4.6.1 Permeability Test Results

Two laboratory falling-head, vertical permeability tests were performed on relatively undisturbed soil samples collected from Borings LA-1 and LA-2 at a depth of 2 feet. The samples were obtained using thin-walled tube sampling techniques (shelby tube). The results of the test, in feet per day, describe the coefficient of hydraulic conductivity (permeability) of the soil. The tests indicated results of 12.1 and 12.7 feet per day, respectively.

Upon evaluation of regional and local geology, we have evaluated that the characteristics of the soils within the vicinity of this project are comprised of sedimentary soils which often exhibit thin, alternating layers. Generally, in homogeneous natural deposits where stratification may result from particle orientation, the permeability in the horizontal direction is greater than that in the vertical direction. Based on our experience, the horizontal permeability typically is on the order of 1.5 times the vertical permeability.

4.6.2 Borrow Suitability

The pond borings were planned, in part, to provide an indication of the suitability of excavated soils from the proposed retention pond area for use as structural fill. Based on the boring results and classification of the soil samples, the soil described as fine sand (SP) and fine sand with silt (SP-SM) as encountered throughout the boring locations is considered suitable for use as structural fill depending on the moisture content of the soils at the time of placement and compaction. It should be understood that all soils excavated from below the water table may be excessively wet and may require stockpiling or spreading to dry prior to placement and compaction. It will be more difficult to reduce the moisture content of soils described as sand with silt (SP-SM) than for sand (SP). Although not suitable for structural fill, due to excessive organic content, the topsoil materials may be used in landscape areas as long as positive drainage is maintained. It is noted that the borings performed in the retention areas encountered weakly cemented hardpan soils below depths of approximately 5 to 11 feet. Difficult excavation conditions should be anticipated in these areas.



4.7 CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES

We recommend the owner retain Universal Engineering Sciences to perform construction materials tests and observations on this project. Field tests and observations include verification of foundation and pavement subgrades by performing quality assurance tests on the placement of compacted structural fill and pavement courses. We can also provide concrete testing, pavement section testing, structural steel testing, and general construction observation services.

The geotechnical engineering design does not end with the advertisement of the construction documents. The design is an on-going process throughout construction. Because of our familiarity with the site conditions and the intent of the engineering design, we are most qualified to address problems that might arise during construction in a timely and cost-effective manner.

5.0 LIMITATIONS

During the early stages of most construction projects, geotechnical issues not addressed in this report may arise. Because of the natural limitations inherent in working with the subsurface, it is not possible for a geotechnical engineer to predict and address all possible problems. An Association of Engineering Firms Practicing in the Geosciences (ASFE) publication, "Important Information About Your Geotechnical Engineering Report" appears in Appendix B, and will help explain the nature of geotechnical issues.

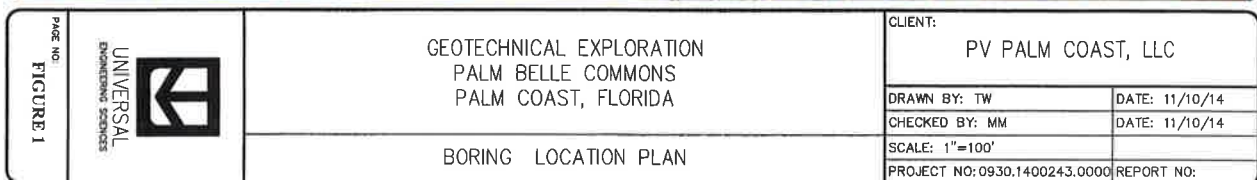
Further, we present documents in Appendix B: Constraints and Restrictions, to bring to your attention the potential concerns and the basic limitations of a typical geotechnical report.



APPENDIX A

**BORING LOCATION PLAN
BORING LOGS
KEY TO BORING LOGS
FIELD EXPLORATION PROCEDURES
LABORATORY TESTING PROCEDURES**







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SECTION: TOWNSHIP:

SHEET: **1 of 1**
RANGE:

CLIENT: PV PALM COAST, LLC.

G.S. ELEVATION (ft):

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LOCATION: SEE BORING LOCATION PLAN

WATER TABLE (ft): 3.5

DATE FINISHED: 10/28/14

REMARKS:

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EST. W.S.W.T. (ft):

TYPE OF SAMPLING: ASTM D 1586

DEPTH (FT.)	S A M P L E	BLOWS PER 6" INCREMENT	N (BLOWS/ FT.)	W.T.	S Y M B O L	DESCRIPTION	-200 (%)	MC (%)	ATTERBERG LIMITS		K (FT./ DAY)	ORG. CONT. (%)
									LL	PI		
0						Gray fine SAND (SP)						
						Light gray fine SAND with Silt and some Roots (Pt)						
						Dark brown fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM)						
						Light brown fine SAND (SP)						
5						Dark brown fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM) (Hardpan)						



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SHEET: **1 of 1**
RANGE:

CLIENT: PV PALM COAST, LLC.

G.S. ELEVATION (ft): DATE STARTED: 10/28/14

LOCATION: SEE BORING LOCATION PLAN

WATER TABLE (ft): 4.7 DATE FINISHED: 10/28/14

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DEPTH (FT.)	S A M P L E	BLOWS PER 6" INCREMENT	N (BLOWS/ FT.)	W.T.	S Y M B O L	DESCRIPTION	-200 (%)	MC (%)	ATTERBERG LIMITS		K (FT./ DAY)	ORG. CONT. (%)
									LL	PI		
0						Brown fine SAND (SP)						
						Gray fine SAND (SP)						
						Dark brown fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM) (Hardpan)	11.9	46.8				
						Brown fine SAND (SP)						
						Light brown fine SAND (SP)						
5						Dark brown fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM)						



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WATER TABLE (ft): 3.4 DATE FINISHED: 10/28/14
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DEPTH (FT.)	S A M P L E	BLOWS PER 6" INCREMENT	N (BLOWS/ FT.)	W.T.	S Y M B O L	DESCRIPTION	-200 (%)	MC (%)	ATTERBERG LIMITS		K (FT./ DAY)	ORG. CONT. (%)
									LL	PI		
0						Gray fine SAND (SP)						
						Reddish-brown fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM)						
						Light brown fine SAND (SP)						
5												



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									LL	PI		
0						Gray fine SAND (SP)						
						Light gray fine SAND (SP)						
						Dark brown SAND (A-3)						
5						Light brown fine SAND (SP)						



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									LL	PI		
0						Loose dark brown fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM)						
		3-2-3	5			Medium dense brown fine SAND (SP)						
		5-6-8	14			Dense tan fine SAND (SP)						
5		9-14-24	38			Medium dense gray fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM)						
		14-13-14	27									
		12-11-15	26									
10		14-13-15	28									
						Very dense to medium dense dark brown fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM) (Hardpan)						
15		18-27-30	57									
20		14-7-8	15									

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									LL	PI		
0						Loose grayish-brown fine SAND (SP)						
		2-2-3	5			Loose light brown fine SAND (SP)						
		4-4-5	9									
5		3-3-3	6			Very loose grayish-brown fine SAND (SP)						
		1-1-2	3									
		2-4-4	8			Loose to medium dense dark brown fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM)						
10		3-5-10	15									
						Very dense dark brown fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM) (Hardpan)						
15		18-35-42	77									
20		33-29-25	54									

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									LL	PI		
0						Gray fine SAND (SP)						
						Loose fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM)						
		2-3-5	8			Medium dense light brown fine SAND (SP)	9.7	22.5				
		7-7-8	15			Medium dense gray fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM)						
5		10-9-7	16									
		7-5-7	12									
		4-4-8	12									
10		7-5-8	13									
						Very dense to dense dark brown fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM) (Hardpan)						
15		25-44-50/2"	94+									
20		17-19-23	42									

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0						Gray fine SAND (SP)						
											12.1	
						Light gray fine SAND (SP)						
						Dark gray fine SAND (SP)						
						Dark brown fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM)						
5						Brown fine SAND (SP)						
10						Dark brown fine SAND with Silt (SP-SM) (Hardpan)						
15												



SYMBOLS

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
N	No. of blows of a 140-lb weight falling 30 inches required to drive standard spoon 1 foot.
WOR	Weight of Drill Rods
WOH	Weight of Drill Rods and Hammer
% REC	Percent Core Recovery from Rock Core Drilling
RQD	Rock Quality Designation
EOB	End Of Boring
BT	Boring Terminated
-200	Fines Content or % Passing No. 200 Sieve
MC	Moisture Content
LL	Liquid Limit
PI	Plasticity Index
K	Coefficient of Permeability
O.C.	Organic Content
▽	Estimated seasonal high groundwater level
▼	Measured groundwater level at time of drilling

RELATIVE DENSITY (sand-silt)

Very Loose - Less Than 4 Blows/Ft.
Loose - 4 to 10 Blows/Ft.
Medium - 11 to 30 Blows/Ft.
Dense - 31 to 50 Blows/Ft.
Very Dense - More Than 50 Blows/Ft.

CONSISTENCY (clay)

Very Soft - Less than 2 Blows/Ft.
Soft - 2 to 4 Blows/Ft.
Medium - 5 to 8 Blows/Ft.
Stiff - 9 to 15 Blows/Ft.
Very Stiff - 16 to 30 Blows/Ft.
Hard - More Than 30 Blows/Ft.

RELATIVE HARDNESS (Limestone)

Soft - 100 Blows for more than 2"
Hard - 100 Blows for less than 2"

UNIFIED CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

MAJOR DIVISIONS			GROUP SYMBOLS	TYPICAL NAMES
COARSE-GRAINED SOILS More than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve*	GRAVELS 50% or more of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve	CLEAN GRAVELS	GW	Well-graded gravels and gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
			GP	Well-graded gravels and gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
		GRAVELS WITH FINES	GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures
			GC	Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures
	SANDS More than 50% of coarse fraction passes No. 4 sieve	CLEAN SANDS	SW**	Well-graded sands and gravelly sands, little or no fines
			SP**	Well-graded sands and gravelly sands, little or no fines
		SANDS WITH FINES	SM**	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures
			SC**	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixtures
FINE-GRAINED SOILS 50% or more passes No. 200 sieve*	SILTS AND CLAYS Liquid limit 50% or less SILTS AND CLAYS Liquid limit greater than 50%		ML	Inorganic silts, very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands
			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
			MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sands or silts, elastic silts
			CH	Organic clays or high plasticity, fat clays
			OH	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity
			PT	Peat, muck and other highly organic soils
* Based on the material passing the 3-in. (75 mm) sieve.				
** Use dual symbol (such as, SP-SM and SP-SC) for soil with more than 5% but less than 12% passing through No. 200 sieve.				

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** Use dual symbol (such as, SP-SM and SP-SC) for soil with more than 5% but less than 12% passing through No. 200 sieve.

MODIFIERS

These modifiers provide our estimate of the amount of minor constituents (SILT or CLAY sized particles) in the soil sample.

Trace - 5% or less
With SILT or with CLAY - 6% to 11%
SILTY or CLAYEY - 12% to 30%
Very SILTY or Very CLAYEY - 31% to 50%

These modifiers provide our estimate of the amount of organic components in the soil sample.

Trace - 1% to 2%
Few - 3% to 4%
Some - 5% to 8%
Many - Greater than 8%

These modifiers provide our estimate of the amount of other components (Shell, Gravel, Etc.) in the soil sample

Trace - 5% or less
Few - 6% to 12%
Some - 13% to 30%
Many - 31% to 50%

FIELD EXPLORATION PROCEDURES

Standard Penetration Test Boring

The penetration boring was made in general accordance with the latest revision of ASTM D 1586, "Penetration Test and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils". The boring was advanced by rotary drilling techniques using a circulating bentonite fluid for borehole flushing and stability. At 2 ½ to 5 foot intervals, the drilling tools were removed from the borehole and a split-barrel sampler inserted to the borehole bottom and driven 18 inches into the soil using a 140 pound hammer falling on the average 30 inches per hammer blow. The number of blows for the final 12 inches of penetration is termed the "penetration resistance, blow count, or N-value". This value is an index to several in-place geotechnical properties of the material tested, such as relative density and Young's Modulus.

After driving the sampler 18 inches (or less if in hard rock-like material), the sampler was retrieved from the borehole and representative samples of the material within the split-barrel were placed in glass jars and sealed. After completing the drilling operations, the samples for each boring were transported to our laboratory where they were examined by our engineer in order to verify the driller's field classification.

Auger Boring

The auger boring was performed mechanically by the use of a continuous-flight auger attached to the drill rig and in general accordance with the latest revision of ASTM D 1452, "Soil Investigation and Sampling by Auger Borings". Representative samples of the soils brought to the ground surface by the augering process were placed in glass jars, sealed and transported to our laboratory where they were examined by our engineer to verify the driller's field classification.

The water level was maintained throughout the test period, with the required amount of water added to maintain this level in both rings recorded at time intervals of 5 minutes. After reaching a stabilized inflow volume of water, the test was continued for approximately 120 minutes.



LABORATORY TESTING PROCEDURES

Natural Moisture Content

The water content of the sample tested was determined in general accordance with the latest revision of ASTM D 2216. The water content is defined as the ratio of "pore" or "free" water in a given mass of material to the mass of solid material particles.

Percent Fines Content

The percent fines or material passing the No. 200 mesh sieve of the sample tested was determined in general accordance with the latest revision of ASTM D 1140. The percent fines are the soil particles in the silt and clay size range.



APPENDIX B

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING REPORT

CONSTRAINTS AND RESTRICTIONS



CONSTRAINTS AND RESTRICTIONS

WARRANTY

Universal Engineering Sciences has prepared this report for our client for his exclusive use, in accordance with generally accepted soil and foundation engineering practices, and makes no other warranty either expressed or implied as to the professional advice provided in the report.

UNANTICIPATED SOIL CONDITIONS

The analysis and recommendations submitted in this report are based upon the data obtained from soil borings performed at the locations indicated on the Boring Location Plan. This report does not reflect any variations which may occur between these borings.

The nature and extent of variations between borings may not become known until excavation begins. If variations appear, we may have to re-evaluate our recommendations after performing on-site observations and noting the characteristics of any variations.

CHANGED CONDITIONS

We recommend that the specifications for the project require that the contractor immediately notify Universal Engineering Sciences, as well as the owner, when subsurface conditions are encountered that are different from those present in this report.

No claim by the contractor for any conditions differing from those anticipated in the plans, specifications, and those found in this report, should be allowed unless the contractor notifies the owner and Universal Engineering Sciences of such changed conditions. Further, we recommend that all foundation work and site improvements be observed by a representative of Universal Engineering Sciences to monitor field conditions and changes, to verify design assumptions and to evaluate and recommend any appropriate modifications to this report.

MISINTERPRETATION OF SOIL ENGINEERING REPORT

Universal Engineering Sciences is responsible for the conclusions and opinions contained within this report based upon the data relating only to the specific project and location discussed herein. If the conclusions or recommendations based upon the data presented are made by others, those conclusions or recommendations are not the responsibility of Universal Engineering Sciences.



CHANGED STRUCTURE OR LOCATION

This report was prepared in order to aid in the evaluation of this project and to assist the architect or engineer in the design of this project. If any changes in the design or location of the structure as outlined in this report are planned, or if any structures are included or added that are not discussed in the report, the conclusions and recommendations contained in this report shall not be considered valid unless the changes are reviewed and the conclusions modified or approved by Universal Engineering Sciences.

USE OF REPORT BY BIDDERS

Bidders who are examining the report prior to submission of a bid are cautioned that this report was prepared as an aid to the designers of the project and it may affect actual construction operations.

Bidders are urged to make their own soil borings, test pits, test caissons or other investigations to determine those conditions that may affect construction operations. Universal Engineering Sciences cannot be responsible for any interpretations made from this report or the attached boring logs with regard to their adequacy in reflecting subsurface conditions which will affect construction operations.

STRATA CHANGES

Strata changes are indicated by a definite line on the boring logs which accompany this report. However, the actual change in the ground may be more gradual. Where changes occur between soil samples, the location of the change must necessarily be estimated using all available information and may not be shown at the exact depth.

OBSERVATIONS DURING DRILLING

Attempts are made to detect and/or identify occurrences during drilling and sampling, such as: water level, boulders, zones of lost circulation, relative ease or resistance to drilling progress, unusual sample recovery, variation of driving resistance, obstructions, etc.; however, lack of mention does not preclude their presence.

WATER LEVELS

Water level readings have been made in the drill holes during drilling and they indicate normally occurring conditions. Water levels may not have been stabilized at the last reading. This data has been reviewed and interpretations made in this report. However, it must be noted that fluctuations in the level of the groundwater may occur due to variations in rainfall, temperature, tides, and other factors not evident at the time measurements were made and reported. Since the probability of such variations is



anticipated, design drawings and specifications should accommodate such possibilities and construction planning should be based upon such assumptions of variations.

LOCATION OF BURIED OBJECTS

All users of this report are cautioned that there was no requirement for Universal Engineering Sciences to attempt to locate any man-made buried objects during the course of this exploration and that no attempt was made by Universal Engineering Sciences to locate any such buried objects. Universal Engineering Sciences cannot be responsible for any buried man-made objects which are subsequently encountered during construction that are not discussed within the text of this report.

TIME

This report reflects the soil conditions at the time of investigation. If the report is not used in a reasonable amount of time, significant changes to the site may occur and additional reviews may be required.



Important Information about Your Geotechnical Engineering Report

Subsurface problems are a principal cause of construction delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes.

While you cannot eliminate all such risks, you can manage them. The following information is provided to help.

Geotechnical Services Are Performed for Specific Purposes, Persons, and Projects

Geotechnical engineers structure their services to meet the specific needs of their clients. A geotechnical engineering study conducted for a civil engineer may not fulfill the needs of a construction contractor or even another civil engineer. Because each geotechnical engineering study is unique, each geotechnical engineering report is unique, prepared *solely* for the client. No one except you should rely on your geotechnical engineering report without first conferring with the geotechnical engineer who prepared it. *And no one — not even you — should apply the report for any purpose or project except the one originally contemplated.*

Read the Full Report

Serious problems have occurred because those relying on a geotechnical engineering report did not read it all. Do not rely on an executive summary. Do not read selected elements only.

A Geotechnical Engineering Report Is Based on A Unique Set of Project-Specific Factors

Geotechnical engineers consider a number of unique, project-specific factors when establishing the scope of a study. Typical factors include: the client's goals, objectives, and risk management preferences; the general nature of the structure involved, its size, and configuration; the location of the structure on the site; and other planned or existing site improvements, such as access roads, parking lots, and underground utilities. Unless the geotechnical engineer who conducted the study specifically indicates otherwise, do not rely on a geotechnical engineering report that was:

- not prepared for you,
- not prepared for your project,
- not prepared for the specific site explored, or
- completed before important project changes were made.

Typical changes that can erode the reliability of an existing geotechnical engineering report include those that affect:

- the function of the proposed structure, as when it's changed from a parking garage to an office building, or from a light industrial plant to a refrigerated warehouse,

- elevation, configuration, location, orientation, or weight of the proposed structure,
- composition of the design team, or
- project ownership.

As a general rule, *always* inform your geotechnical engineer of project changes—even minor ones—and request an assessment of their impact. *Geotechnical engineers cannot accept responsibility or liability for problems that occur because their reports do not consider developments of which they were not informed.*

Subsurface Conditions Can Change

A geotechnical engineering report is based on conditions that existed at the time the study was performed. *Do not rely on a geotechnical engineering report* whose adequacy may have been affected by: the passage of time; by man-made events, such as construction on or adjacent to the site; or by natural events, such as floods, earthquakes, or groundwater fluctuations. *Always* contact the geotechnical engineer before applying the report to determine if it is still reliable. A minor amount of additional testing or analysis could prevent major problems.

Most Geotechnical Findings Are Professional Opinions

Site exploration identifies subsurface conditions only at those points where subsurface tests are conducted or samples are taken. Geotechnical engineers review field and laboratory data and then apply their professional judgment to render an opinion about subsurface conditions throughout the site. Actual subsurface conditions may differ—sometimes significantly—from those indicated in your report. Retaining the geotechnical engineer who developed your report to provide construction observation is the most effective method of managing the risks associated with unanticipated conditions.

A Report's Recommendations Are *Not* Final

Do not overrely on the construction recommendations included in your report. *Those recommendations are not final*, because geotechnical engineers develop them principally from judgment and opinion. Geotechnical engineers can finalize their recommendations only by observing actual

subsurface conditions revealed during construction. *The geotechnical engineer who developed your report cannot assume responsibility or liability for the report's recommendations if that engineer does not perform construction observation.*

A Geotechnical Engineering Report Is Subject to Misinterpretation

Other design team members' misinterpretation of geotechnical engineering reports has resulted in costly problems. Lower that risk by having your geotechnical engineer confer with appropriate members of the design team after submitting the report. Also retain your geotechnical engineer to review pertinent elements of the design team's plans and specifications. Contractors can also misinterpret a geotechnical engineering report. Reduce that risk by having your geotechnical engineer participate in prebid and preconstruction conferences, and by providing construction observation.

Do Not Redraw the Engineer's Logs

Geotechnical engineers prepare final boring and testing logs based upon their interpretation of field logs and laboratory data. To prevent errors or omissions, the logs included in a geotechnical engineering report should never be redrawn for inclusion in architectural or other design drawings. Only photographic or electronic reproduction is acceptable, but recognize that separating logs from the report can elevate risk.

Give Contractors a Complete Report and Guidance

Some owners and design professionals mistakenly believe they can make contractors liable for unanticipated subsurface conditions by limiting what they provide for bid preparation. To help prevent costly problems, give contractors the complete geotechnical engineering report, but preface it with a clearly written letter of transmittal. In that letter, advise contractors that the report was not prepared for purposes of bid development and that the report's accuracy is limited; encourage them to confer with the geotechnical engineer who prepared the report (a modest fee may be required) and/or to conduct additional study to obtain the specific types of information they need or prefer. A prebid conference can also be valuable. Be sure contractors have sufficient time to perform additional study. Only then might you be in a position to give contractors the best information available to you, while requiring them to at least share some of the financial responsibilities stemming from unanticipated conditions.

Read Responsibility Provisions Closely

Some clients, design professionals, and contractors do not recognize that geotechnical engineering is far less exact than other engineering disciplines. This lack of understanding has created unrealistic expectations that

have led to disappointments, claims, and disputes. To help reduce the risk of such outcomes, geotechnical engineers commonly include a variety of explanatory provisions in their reports. Sometimes labeled "limitations" many of these provisions indicate where geotechnical engineers' responsibilities begin and end, to help others recognize their own responsibilities and risks. *Read these provisions closely.* Ask questions. Your geotechnical engineer should respond fully and frankly.

Geoenvironmental Concerns Are Not Covered

The equipment, techniques, and personnel used to perform a *geoenvironmental* study differ significantly from those used to perform a *geotechnical* study. For that reason, a geotechnical engineering report does not usually relate any geoenvironmental findings, conclusions, or recommendations; e.g., about the likelihood of encountering underground storage tanks or regulated contaminants. *Unanticipated environmental problems have led to numerous project failures.* If you have not yet obtained your own geoenvironmental information, ask your geotechnical consultant for risk management guidance. *Do not rely on an environmental report prepared for someone else.*

Obtain Professional Assistance To Deal with Mold

Diverse strategies can be applied during building design, construction, operation, and maintenance to prevent significant amounts of mold from growing on indoor surfaces. To be effective, all such strategies should be devised for the *express purpose* of mold prevention, integrated into a comprehensive plan, and executed with diligent oversight by a professional mold prevention consultant. Because just a small amount of water or moisture can lead to the development of severe mold infestations, a number of mold prevention strategies focus on keeping building surfaces dry. While groundwater, water infiltration, and similar issues may have been addressed as part of the geotechnical engineering study whose findings are conveyed in this report, the geotechnical engineer in charge of this project is not a mold prevention consultant; ***none of the services performed in connection with the geotechnical engineer's study were designed or conducted for the purpose of mold prevention. Proper implementation of the recommendations conveyed in this report will not of itself be sufficient to prevent mold from growing in or on the structure involved.***

Rely on Your ASFE-Member Geotechnical Engineer for Additional Assistance

Membership in ASFE/THE BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH exposes geotechnical engineers to a wide array of risk management techniques that can be of genuine benefit for everyone involved with a construction project. Confer with your ASFE-member geotechnical engineer for more information.

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SECTION 1: RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1.1 Universal Engineering Sciences, Inc., ("UES"), has the responsibility for providing the services described under the Scope of Services section. The work is to be performed according to accepted standards of care and is to be completed in a timely manner. The term "UES" as used herein includes all of Universal Engineering Sciences, Inc.'s agents, employees, professional staff, and subcontractors.
- 1.2 The Client or a duly authorized representative is responsible for providing UES with a clear understanding of the project nature and scope. The Client shall supply UES with sufficient and adequate information, including, but not limited to, maps, site plans, reports, surveys and designs, to allow UES to properly complete the specified services. The Client shall also communicate changes in the nature and scope of the project as soon as possible during performance of the work so that the changes can be incorporated into the work product.
- 1.3 The Client acknowledges that UES's responsibilities in providing the services described under the Scope of Services section is limited to those services described therein, and the Client hereby assumes any collateral or affiliated duties necessitated by or for those services. Such duties may include, but are not limited to, reporting requirements imposed by any third party such as federal, state, or local entities, the provision of any required notices to any third party, or the securing of necessary permits or permissions from any third parties required for UES's provision of the services so described, unless otherwise agreed upon by both parties.
- 1.4 **PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES §558.0035, ANY INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF UES MAY NOT BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR NEGLIGENCE.**

SECTION 2: STANDARD OF CARE

- 2.1 Services performed by UES under this Agreement will be conducted in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of UES's profession practicing contemporaneously under similar conditions in the locality of the project. No other warranty, express or implied, is made.
- 2.2 The Client recognizes that subsurface conditions may vary from those observed at locations where borings, surveys, or other explorations are made, and that site conditions may change with time. Data, interpretations, and recommendations by UES will be based solely on information available to UES at the time of service. UES is responsible for those data, interpretations, and recommendations, but will not be responsible for other parties' interpretations or use of the information developed.
- 2.3 Execution of this document by UES is not a representation that UES has visited the site, become generally familiar with local conditions under which the services are to be performed, or correlated personal observations with the requirements of the Scope of Services. It is the Client's responsibility to provide UES with all information necessary for UES to provide the services described under the Scope of Services, and the Client assumes all liability for information not provided to UES that may affect the quality or sufficiency of the services so described.
- 2.4 Should UES be retained to provide threshold inspection services under Florida Statutes §553.79, Client acknowledges that UES's services thereunder do not constitute a guarantee that the construction in question has been properly designed or constructed, and UES's services do not replace any of the obligations or liabilities associated with any architect, contractor, or structural engineer. Therefore it is explicitly agreed that the Client will not hold UES responsible for the proper performance of service by any architect, contractor, structural engineer or any other entity associated with the project.

SECTION 3: SITE ACCESS AND SITE CONDITIONS

- 3.1 Client will grant or obtain free access to the site for all equipment and personnel necessary for UES to perform the work set forth in this Agreement. The Client will notify any and all possessors of the project site that Client has granted UES free access to the site. UES will take reasonable precautions to minimize damage to the site, but it is understood by Client that, in the normal course of work, some damage may occur, and the correction of such damage is not part of this Agreement unless so specified in the Proposal.
- 3.2 The Client is responsible for the accuracy of locations for all subterranean structures and utilities. UES will take reasonable precautions to avoid known subterranean structures, and the Client waives any claim against UES, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold UES harmless from any claim or liability for injury or loss, including costs of defense, arising from damage done to subterranean structures and utilities not identified or accurately located. In addition, Client agrees to compensate UES for any time spent or expenses incurred by UES in defense of any such claim with compensation to be based upon UES's prevailing fee schedule and expense reimbursement policy.

SECTION 4: SAMPLE OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSAL

- 4.1 Soil or water samples obtained from the project during performance of the work shall remain the property of the Client.
- 4.2 UES will dispose of or return to Client all remaining soils and rock samples 60 days after submission of report covering those samples. Further storage or transfer of samples can be made at Client's expense upon Client's prior written request.
- 4.3 Samples which are contaminated by petroleum products or other chemical waste will be returned to Client for treatment or disposal, consistent with all appropriate federal, state, or local regulations.

SECTION 5: BILLING AND PAYMENT

- 5.1 UES will submit invoices to Client monthly or upon completion of services. Invoices will show charges for different personnel and expense classifications.
- 5.2 Payment is due 30 days after presentation of invoice and is past due 31 days from invoice date. Client agrees to pay a finance charge of one and one-half percent (1 ½ %) per month, or the maximum rate allowed by law, on past due accounts.
- 5.3 If UES incurs any expenses to collect overdue billings on invoices, the sums paid by UES for reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, UES's time, UES's expenses, and interest will be due and owing by the Client.

SECTION 6: OWNERSHIP AND USE OF DOCUMENTS

- 6.1 All reports, boring logs, field data, field notes, laboratory test data, calculations, estimates, and other documents prepared by UES, as instruments of service, shall remain the property of UES.
- 6.2 Client agrees that all reports and other work furnished to the Client or his agents, which are not paid for, will be returned upon demand and will not be used by the Client for any purpose.
- 6.3 UES will retain all pertinent records relating to the services performed for a period of five years following submission of the report, during which period the records will be made available to the Client at all reasonable times.
- 6.4 All reports, boring logs, field data, field notes, laboratory test data, calculations, estimates, and other documents prepared by UES, are prepared for the sole and exclusive use of Client, and may not be given to any other party or used or relied upon by any such party without the express written consent of UES.

SECTION 7: DISCOVERY OF UNANTICIPATED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- 7.1 Client warrants that a reasonable effort has been made to inform UES of known or suspected hazardous materials on or near the project site.
- 7.2 Under this agreement, the term hazardous materials include hazardous materials (40 CFR 172.01), hazardous wastes (40 CFR 261.2), hazardous substances (40 CFR 300.6), petroleum products, polychlorinated biphenyls, and asbestos.
- 7.3 Hazardous materials may exist at a site where there is no reason to believe they could or should be present. UES and Client agree that the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials constitutes a changed condition mandating a renegotiation of the scope of work. UES and Client also agree that the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials may make it necessary for UES to take immediate measures to protect health and safety. Client agrees to compensate UES for any equipment decontamination or other costs incident to the discovery of unanticipated hazardous waste.
- 7.4 UES agrees to notify Client when unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials are encountered. Client agrees to make any disclosures required by law to the appropriate governing agencies. Client also agrees to hold UES harmless for any and all consequences of disclosures made by UES which are required by governing law. In the event the project site is not owned by Client, Client recognizes that it is the Client's responsibility to inform the property owner of the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials.
- 7.5 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement, Client waives any claim against UES, and to the maximum extent permitted by law, agrees to defend, indemnify, and save UES harmless from any claim, liability, and/or defense costs for injury or loss arising from UES's discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials including any costs created by delay of the project and any cost associated with possible reduction of the property's value. Client will be responsible for ultimate disposal of any samples secured by UES which are found to be contaminated.

SECTION 8: RISK ALLOCATION

- 8.1 Client agrees that UES's liability for any damage on account of any breach of contract, error, omission or other professional negligence will be limited to a sum not to exceed \$50,000 or UES's fee, whichever is greater. If Client prefers to have higher limits on contractual or professional liability, UES agrees to increase the limits up to a maximum of \$1,000,000.00 upon Client's written request at the time of accepting our proposal provided that Client agrees to pay an additional consideration of four percent of the total fee, or \$400.00, whichever is greater. The additional charge for the higher liability limits is because of the greater risk assumed and is not strictly a charge for additional professional liability insurance.

SECTION 9: INSURANCE

- 9.1 UES represents and warrants that it and its agents, staff and consultants employed by it, is and are protected by worker's compensation insurance and that UES has such coverage under public liability and property damage insurance policies which UES deems to be adequate. Certificates for all such policies of insurance shall be provided to Client upon request in writing. Within the limits and conditions of such insurance, UES agrees to indemnify and save Client harmless from and against loss, damage, or liability arising from negligent acts by UES, its agents, staff, and consultants employed by it. UES shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or liability beyond the amounts, limits, and conditions of such insurance or the limits described in Section 8, whichever is less. The Client agrees to defend, indemnify and save UES harmless for loss, damage or liability arising from acts by Client, Client's agent, staff, and other UESs employed by Client.

SECTION 10: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 10.1 All claims, disputes, and other matters in controversy between UES and Client arising out of or in any way related to this Agreement will be submitted to alternative dispute resolution (ADR) such as mediation or arbitration, before and as a condition precedent to other remedies provided by law, including the commencement of litigation.
- 10.2 If a dispute arises related to the services provided under this Agreement and that dispute requires litigation instead of ADR as provided above, then:
- (a) the claim will be brought and tried in judicial jurisdiction of the court of the county where UES's principal place of business is located and Client waives the right to remove the action to any other county or judicial jurisdiction, and
 - (b) The prevailing party will be entitled to recovery of all reasonable costs incurred, including staff time, court costs, attorneys' fees, and other claim related expenses.

SECTION 11: TERMINATION

- 11.1 This agreement may be terminated by either party upon seven (7) days written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the terms hereof. Such termination shall not be effective if that substantial failure has been remedied before expiration of the period specified in the written notice. In the event of termination, UES shall be paid for services performed to the termination notice date plus reasonable termination expenses.
- 11.2 In the event of termination, or suspension for more than three (3) months, prior to completion of all reports contemplated by the Agreement, UES may complete such analyses and records as are necessary to complete its files and may also complete a report on the services performed to the date of notice of termination or suspension. The expense of termination or suspension shall include all direct costs of UES in completing such analyses, records and reports.

SECTION 12: ASSIGNS

- 12.1 Neither the Client nor UES may delegate, assign, sublet or transfer their duties or interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other party.

SECTION 13. GOVERNING LAW AND SURVIVAL

- 13.1 The laws of the State of Florida will govern the validity of these Terms, their interpretation and performance.
- 13.2 If any of the provisions contained in this Agreement are held illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, the enforceability of the remaining provisions will not be impaired. Limitations of liability and indemnities will survive termination of this Agreement for any cause.

SECTION 14. INTEGRATION CLAUSE

- 14.1 This Agreement represents and contains the entire and only agreement and understanding among the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement, and supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous oral and written agreements, understandings, representations, inducements, promises, warranties, and conditions among the parties. No agreement, understanding, representation, inducement, promise, warranty, or condition of any kind with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement shall be relied upon by the parties unless expressly incorporated herein.
- 14.2 This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by an agreement in writing signed by the party against whom the enforcement of any modification or amendment is sought.