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**REPORT ON**  
**SOILS INVESTIGATION**  
**AT**  
**ROYAL REST, BURNT GROUND**  
**HANOVER**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This report presents the findings of a soils investigation carried out on a site at Royal Rest, Burnt Ground, Hanover. As we understand it, the location investigated is to be used as a cemetery. Authority to proceed with the site investigation was received from Dr. Ravidya Burrowes of Environmental Management Consultants (Caribbean) Limited and was based on the acceptance of our financial quotation.

The objectives of the investigation were to evaluate the subsurface conditions on the site and to assess the percolation capabilities of the soils.

**2.0 FIELD WORK**

The subsurface conditions on the site were evaluated February 2007 by the drilling of three boreholes. The drilling crew consisted of Mr. E. Anderson, (supervisor and main logger), Mr. M. Sinclair, Mr. M. Jackson and Mr. R. Parnell. The borehole locations were advised by Dr. Burrowes.

Borehole No. 1 was taken to depth of 9.1m (30-feet) below existing ground elevations; borehole No. 2 was taken to depth of 12.2 m (40-feet) and borehole No. 3 was taken to depth of 13.7m (45-feet).

The boreholes were advanced by using a truck-mounted drill rig with hollow stem auger attachments. Representative samples of the soils penetrated were recovered from the boreholes by using a split spoon sampler and standard penetration test procedures.

Borehole logs showing the types of soils encountered on the site are contained in appendix 1.

### **3.0 FIELD TEST**

Standard penetration tests were carried out in the boreholes at the depths as shown on the office borehole logs. The results of these tests are called N-values, and where soils are encountered, they are indices of the relative densities (and hence, their bearing capacities), when the overburden, groundwater conditions and grain size distribution of the soils are taken into account.

The N-values are the number of blows required to drive a standard penetration tool a specific distance into the soil, using a standard application. N-values as obtained are recorded as well as plotted with depth on the office borehole logs.

Percolation tests were carried out in each borehole to determine the absorption characteristics of the soils encountered on the site. The test was carried out over the whole depth of the boreholes.

In carrying out the test, the boreholes were cleared out to the depth explored and then saturated with water continuously. After the saturation period, the boreholes were refilled with water and measurements were made of the fall in water levels over the final measured 30-minute period.

Percolation rates obtained are tabulated below.

**TABLE 1: PERCOLATION RATE**

BOREHOLE NO.	DIMENSION	PERCOLATION RATE (MIN / INCH)
1	9.1m x 10cm (Dia.)	10
2	12.2m x 10cm (Dia.)	10
3	13.7m x 10cm (Dia.)	12

#### **4.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

The types of soils encountered on the site during the drilling operation are shown on the office borehole logs contained in appendix 1.

The subsurface conditions as profiled on the borehole logs show, varying combinations of sand, gravel, silt and clay to the depths explored.

The densities of the sand/gravel soils range from 'loose' (borehole No. 3), to 'compact' (borehole Nos. 1 and 2), to 'dense' (borehole No. 1), to 'very dense' (all boreholes). The consistencies of the silt/clay soils range from 'stiff' (borehole No. 3), to 'very stiff' (borehole Nos. 1 and 3), to 'hard' (all boreholes).

#### **5.0 GROUNDWATER OBSERVATIONS**

During the drilling operations, groundwater was encountered in borehole No. 3 only, at a depth of 6.1m (20-feet). There was no noticeable change in the water level at the end of the drilling.

#### **6.0 LABORATORY TESTS**

The samples recovered from the field exploration were returned to our laboratory in Kingston, where they were carefully laid out and visually examined. Based on this examination, together with the field data, samples were selected and tested for index and classification parameters. The tests conducted include sieve analysis and Atterberg limits.

Laboratory test results are contained in appendix 2.

#### **7.0 BEARING CAPACITY CONSIDERATIONS**

For the area represented by borehole No. 1, the average allowable bearing pressure to a depth of 1.2m (4-feet) is  $3.41 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (7000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 2.0m (6.5-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $1.46 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (3000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 2.7m (9-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $4.39 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (9000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 3.5m (11.5-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $4.88 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (10000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 5.0m (16.5-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $3.41 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (7000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 6.6m (21.5-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $4.39 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (9000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to the end of the borehole, the average allowable bearing pressure is  $5.85 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (12000 p.s.f.).

For the area represented by borehole No. 2, the average allowable bearing pressure to a depth of 2.0m (6.5-feet) is  $2.68 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (5500 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 2.7m (9-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $2.44 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (5000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 3.5m (11.5-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $4.88 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (10000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 5.0m (16.5-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $4.39 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (9000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to

a depth of 6.6m (21.5-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $4.88 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (10000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 8.1m (26.5-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $1.95 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (4000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 11.1m (36.5-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $3.41 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (7000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to the end of the borehole, the average allowable bearing pressure is  $5.85 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (12000 p.s.f.).

For the area represented by borehole No. 3, the average allowable bearing pressure to a depth of 1.2m (4-feet) is  $1.22 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (2500 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 2.7m (9-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $0.73 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (1500 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 5.0m (16.5-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $1.46 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (3000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 8.1m (26.5-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $1.22 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (2500 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 9.6m (31.5-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $1.95 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (4000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to a depth of 11.1m (36.5-feet), the average allowable bearing pressure is  $1.46 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (3000 p.s.f.). Below this depth and to the end of the borehole, the average allowable bearing pressure is  $2.93 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  (6000 p.s.f.).

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Geologist.

## OFFICE BORR. LOG

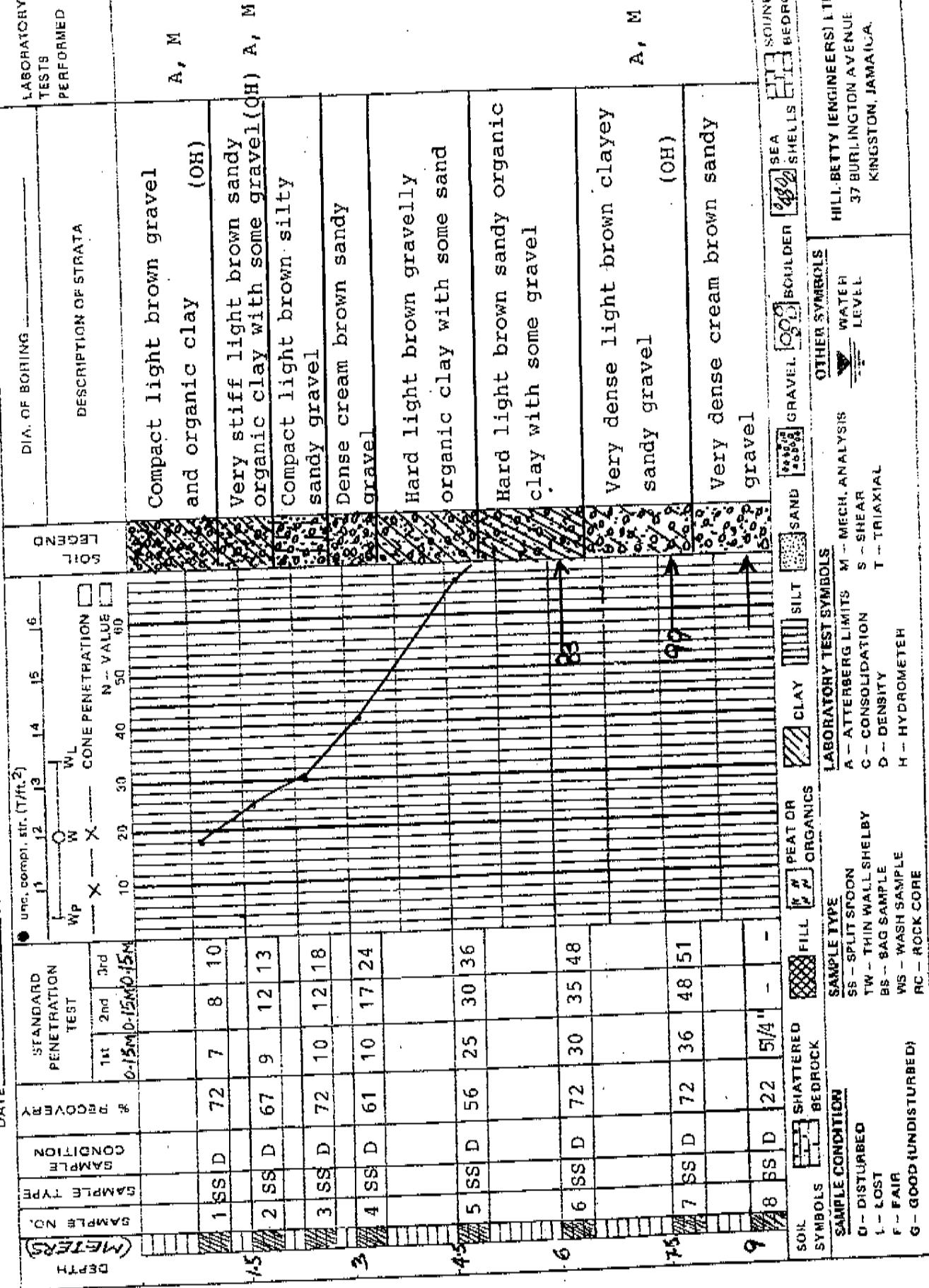
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PROJECT Burnt Ground, Hanover

LOCATION

DATE Feb. 2007

SURFACE ELEVATION









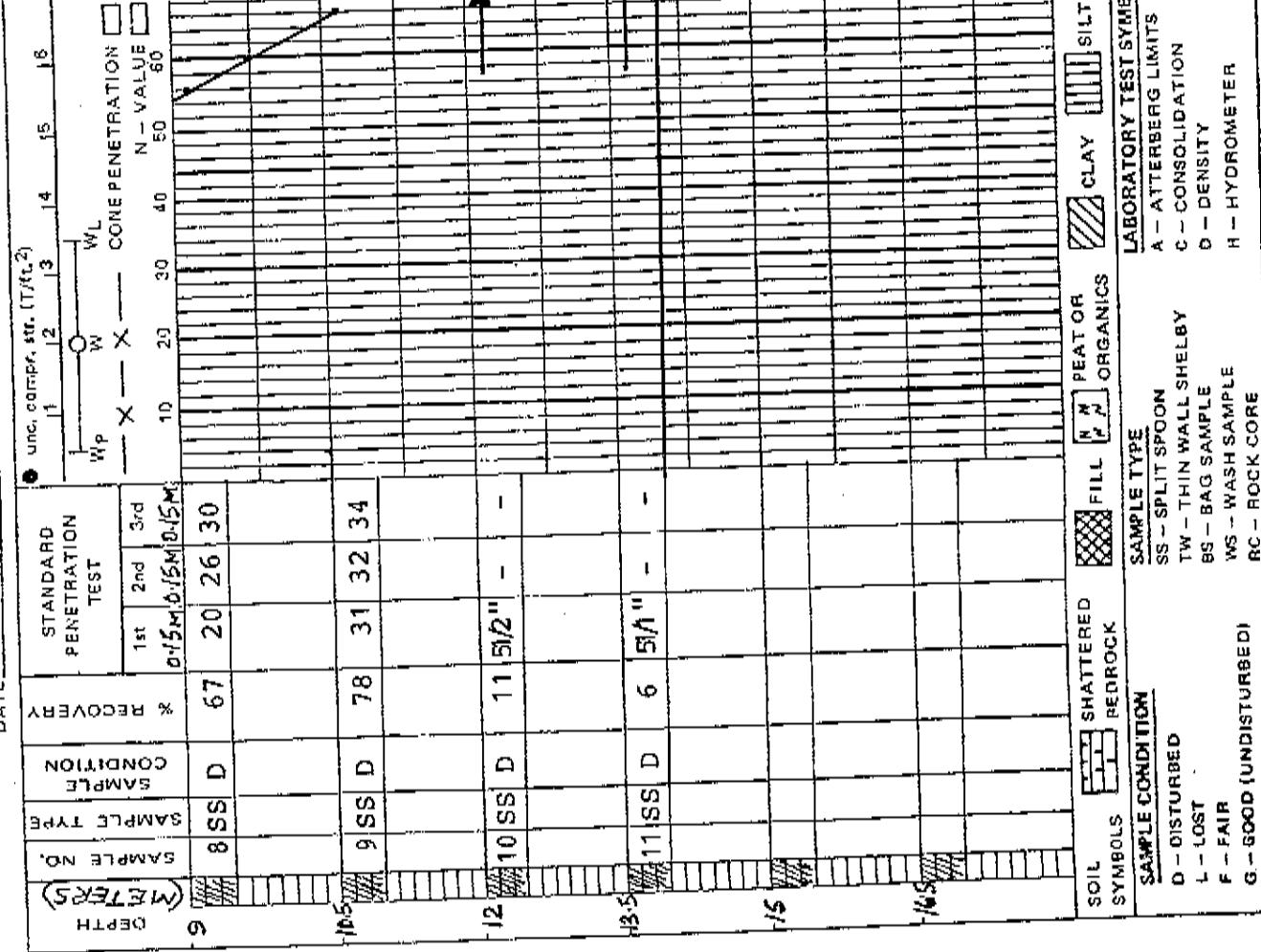
## OFFICE BORING LOG

Soils Investigation at Royal Rest

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LOCATION

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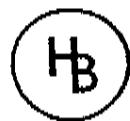
BORE HOLE 3 - OF 2

TYPE OF BORING  
 HOLLOW STEM AUGER  ROTARY DRILLING  
 CONE PENETRATION  WASH BORING  
 TEST PIT

SOUND  
 SHELLS  
 BOULDER

SEA  
 WATER  
 LEVEL

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## TERMS USED ON BOREHOLE LOGS

**COARSE GRAINED SOILS** (major portion retained on No. 200 sieve): includes boulders, gravels and sands either separately or in combination or with some silt.

DESCRIPTIVE TERM	VERY LOOSE	LOOSE	COMPACT MEDIUM	DENSE	VERY DENSE	
Relative Density	0	15%	35%	65%	85%	100%
N - Value (blows/ft.)	0	4	10	30	50	
$\phi$ (degrees)*	25-30	27-32	30-35	35-40	38-43	
Density (pcf) moist Submerged	<100 <60	95-125 55-65	110-130 60-70	110-140 65-85	130+ 75+	

\* Increase 5 degrees for soils containing less than 5% fine sand or silt

**FINE GRAINED SOILS** (major portion passing No. 200 sieve): includes inorganic and organic silts and clays, gravelly sandy silty clays and clayey silts.

DESCRIPTIVE TERM	VERY SOFT	SOFT	FIRM MEDIUM	STIFF	VERY STIFF	HARD
Undrained shear strength (ksf)	0	0.5	1.0	2.0	4.0	8.0
N - value (blows/ft.)	0	2	4	8	16	32
Density (pcf) (saturated)		100-120	110-130	120-140		130+

## TERMINOLOGY

Terminology used for describing various soil strata encountered in a borehole is based upon the proportion of individual particle sizes in the deposit as follows:

DESCRIPTIVE TERM	PROPORTION (%)
Trace	<10
Some	10 - 20
Adjective (eg silty)	20 - 35
And (eg silt and sand)	35 - 50

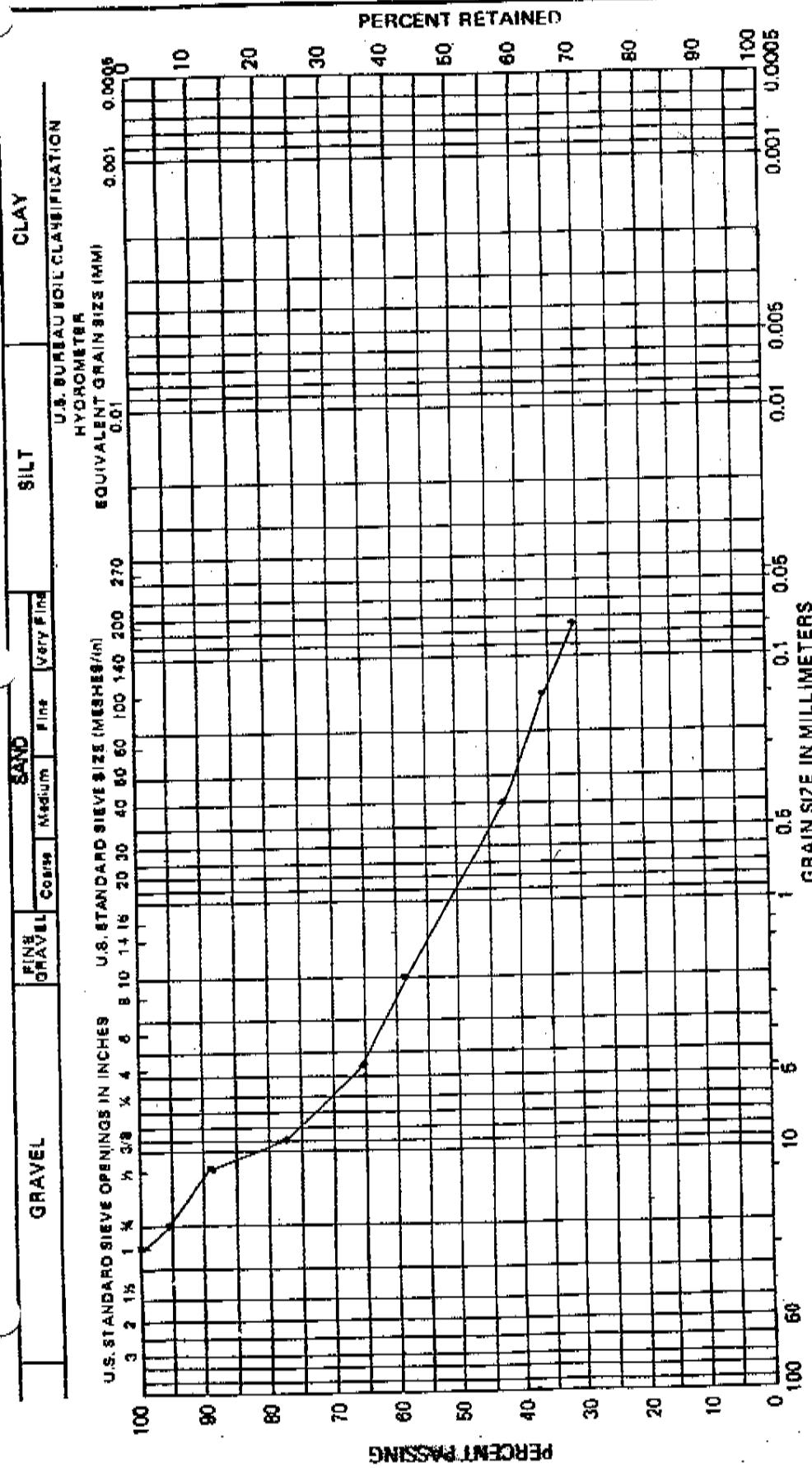
P - Penetration tool penetrates soil under weight of hammer (N-value = 0)

R - Penetration tool driven but does not penetrate soil

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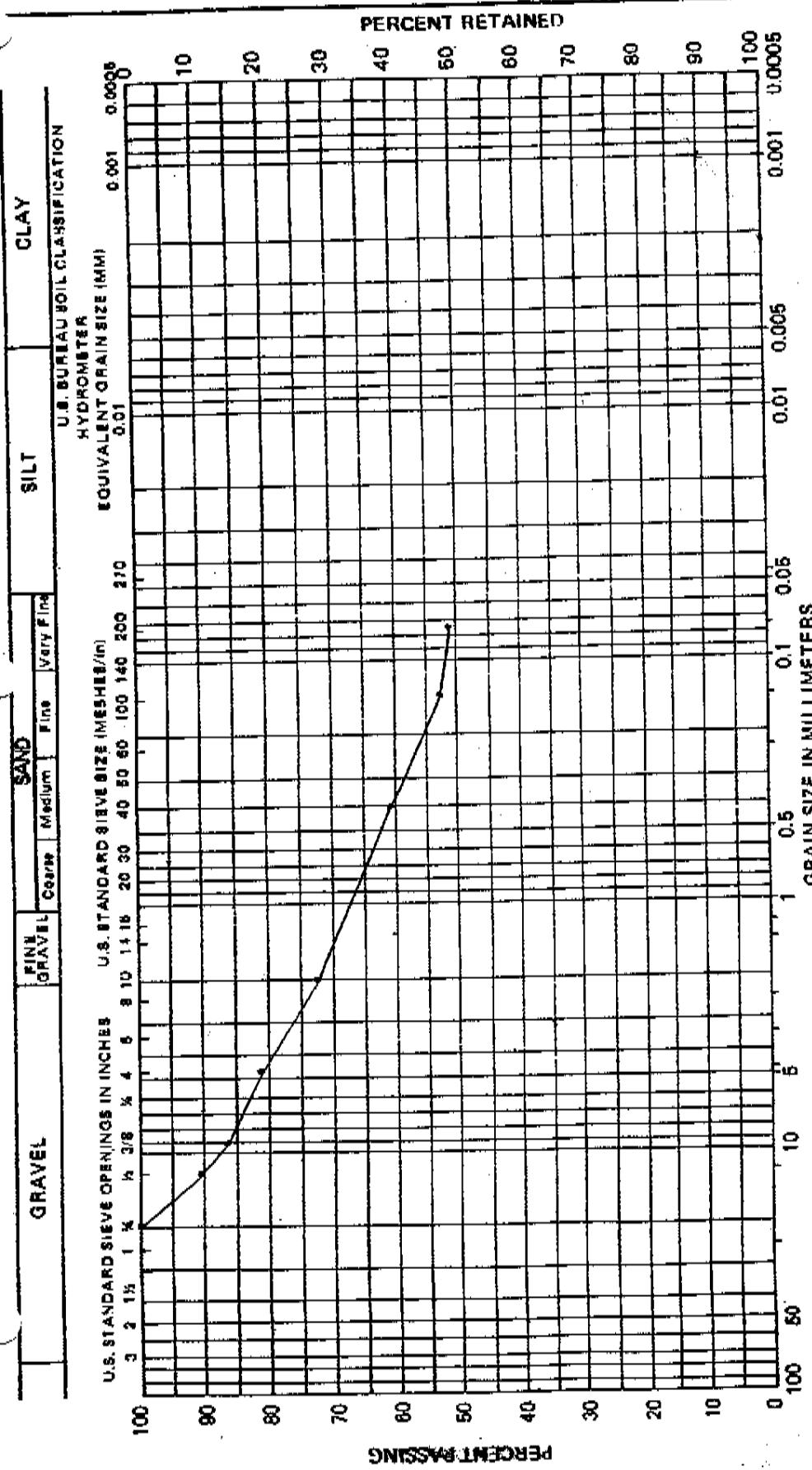
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## GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION



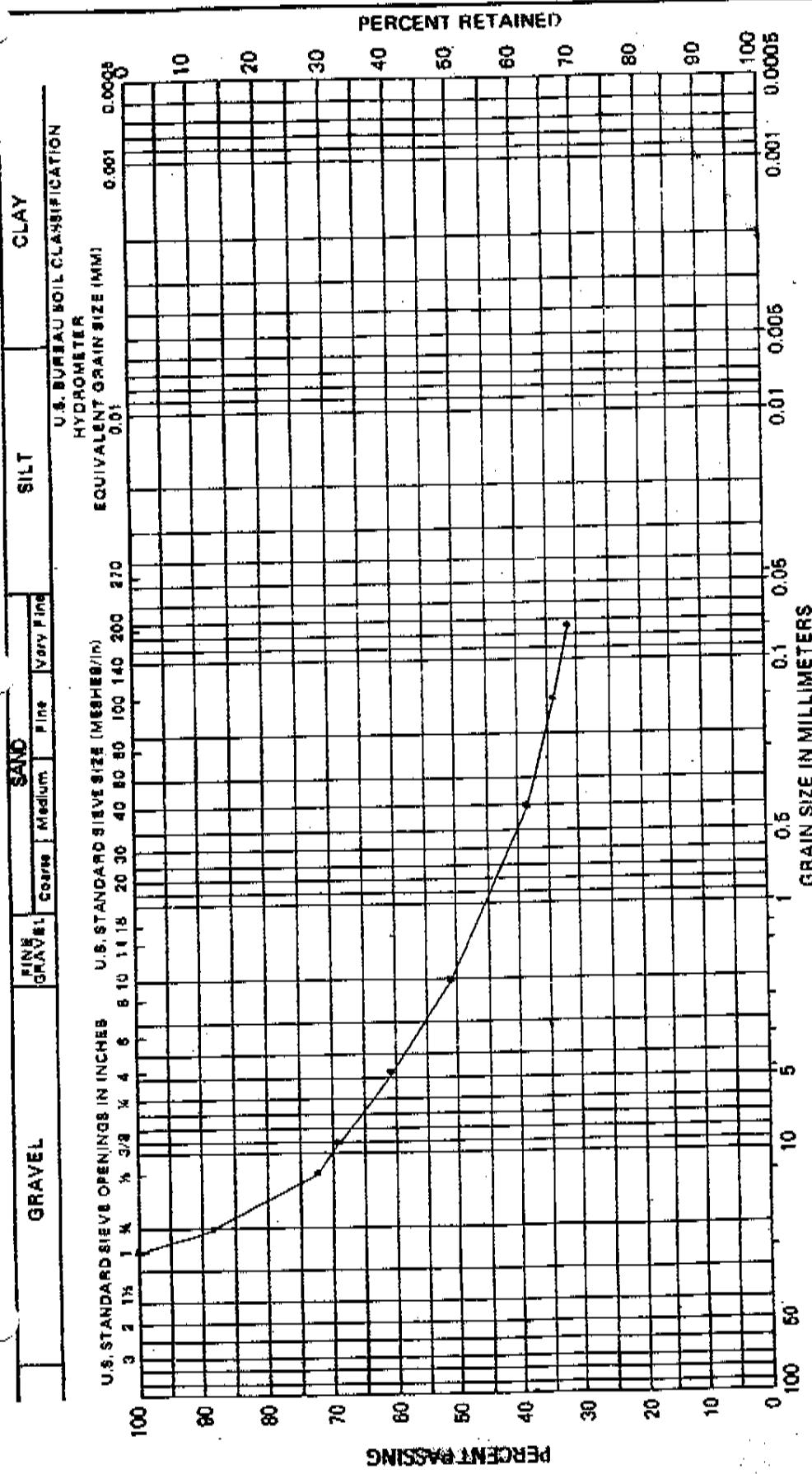
LOCATION	SAMPLE No.	DEPTH	DESCRIPTION
Burnt Ground Hanover	BH 1/1	0.8m - 1.2m	Sandy gravel and organic clay

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LOCATION	DEPTH	SAMPLE NO.	DESCRIPTION
Burnt Ground Hanover	1.5m - 2.0m	BH 1/2	sandy organic silt with some gravel

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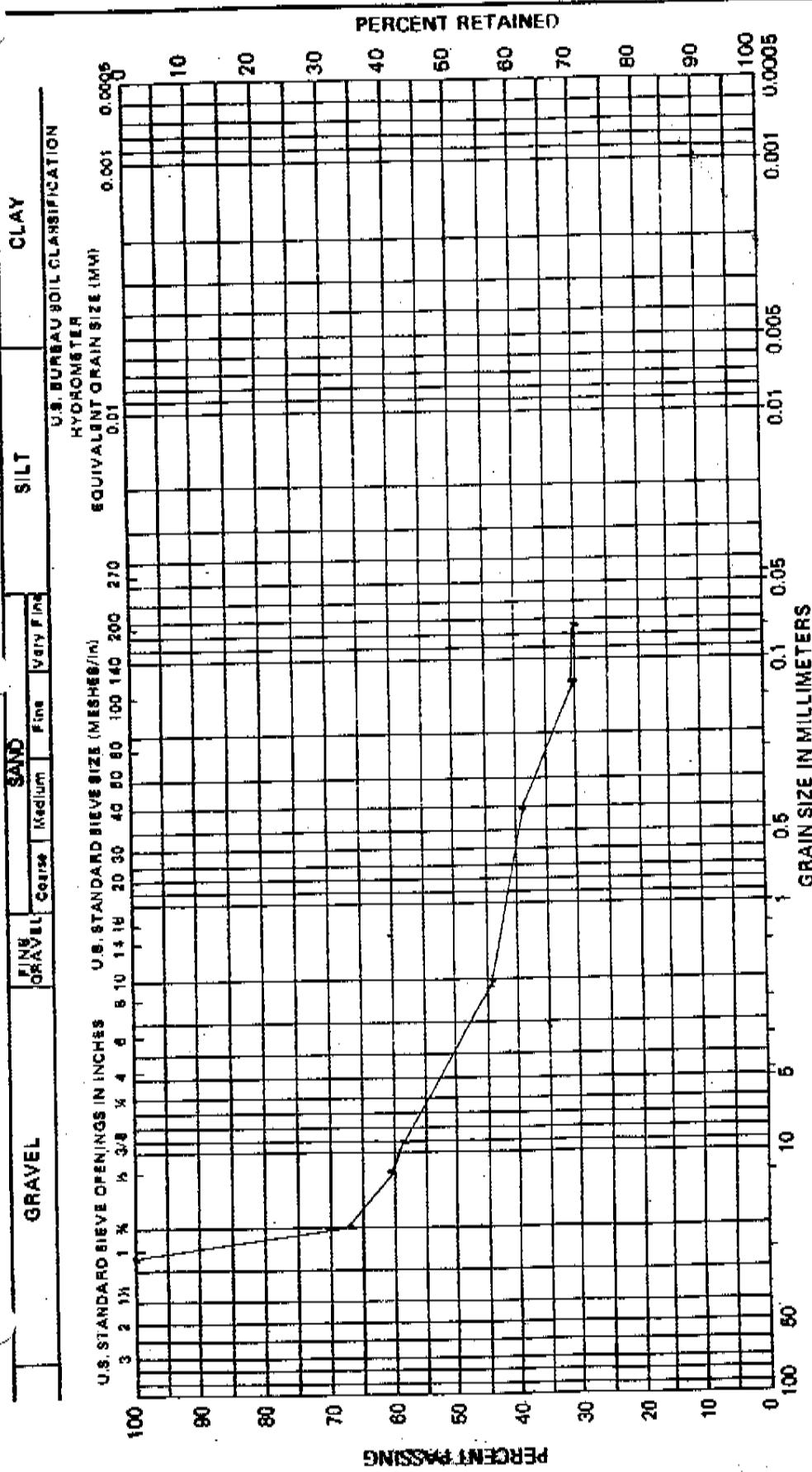
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Burnt Ground Harover	BH 1/3	2.3m - 2.7m	Silty sand and gravel

Unified Classification

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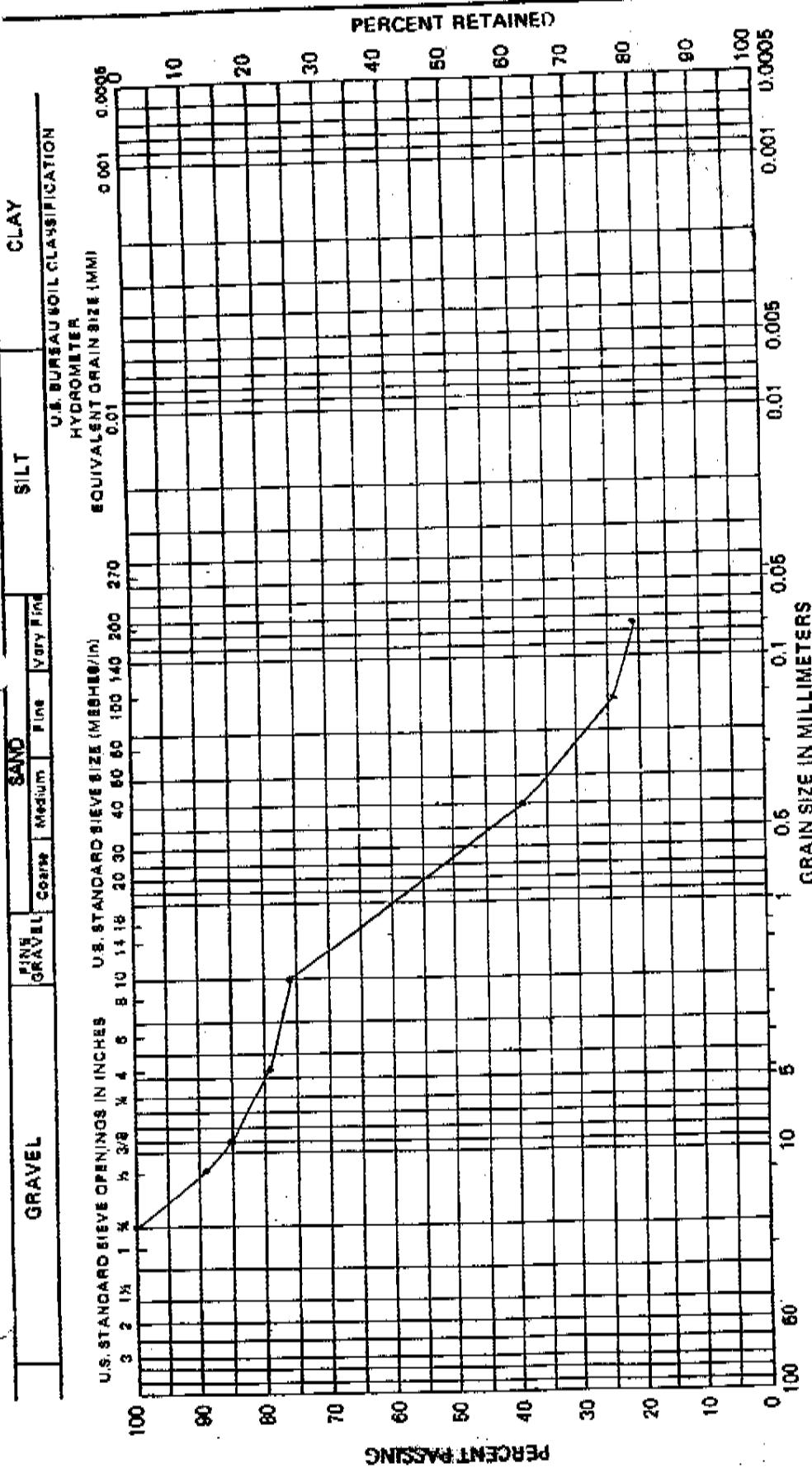
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SAND				CLAY & SILT		United Classification
GRAVEL	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Fine	
COARSE						

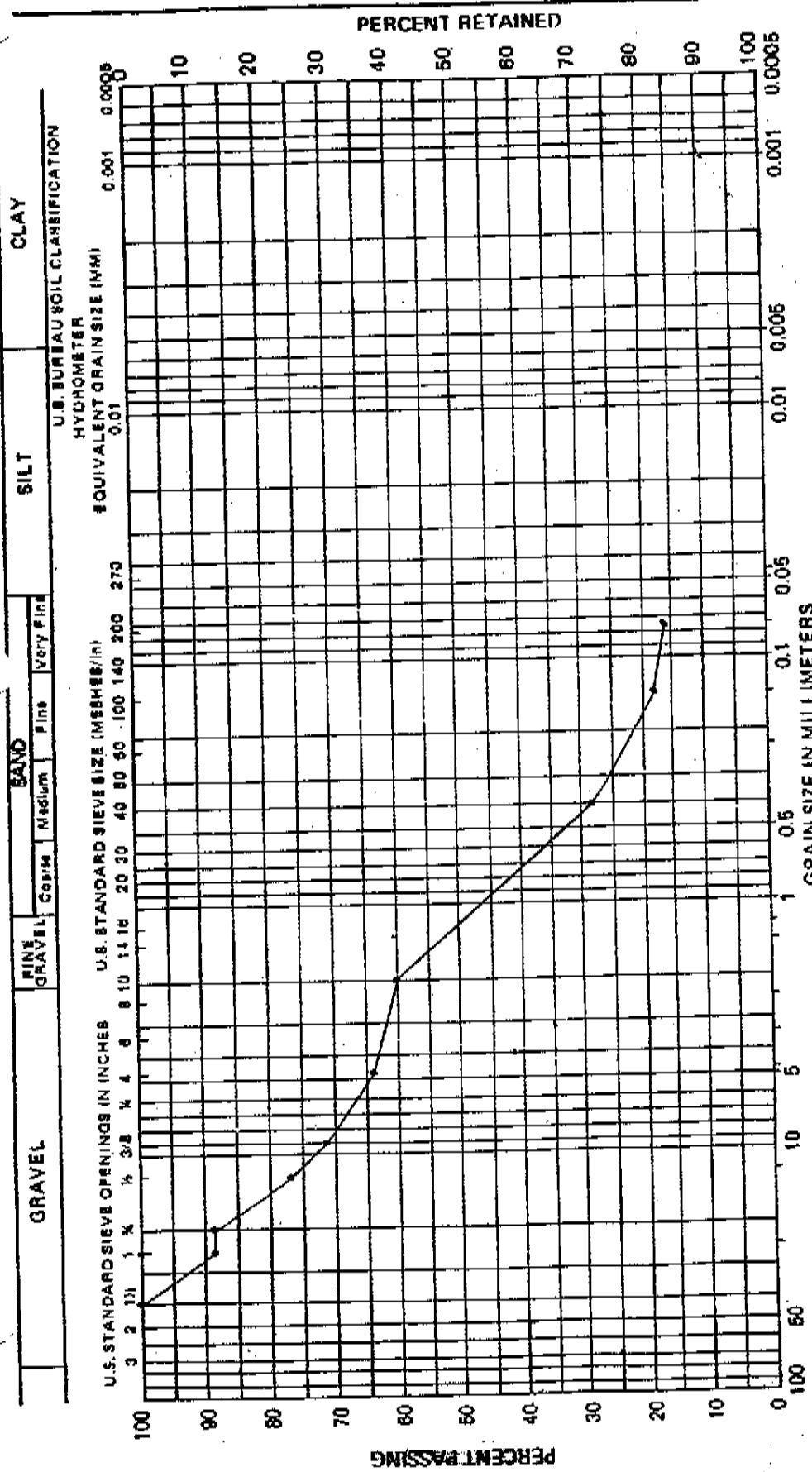
<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SAMPLE No.</u>	<u>DEPTH</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Burnt Ground	BH 1/7	7.6m - 8.1m	Organic clayey sandy gravel

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SAND				CLAY & SILT	
GRAVEL	Fine	Corn	Medium	Fine	
CORNS					

**DESCRIPTION**

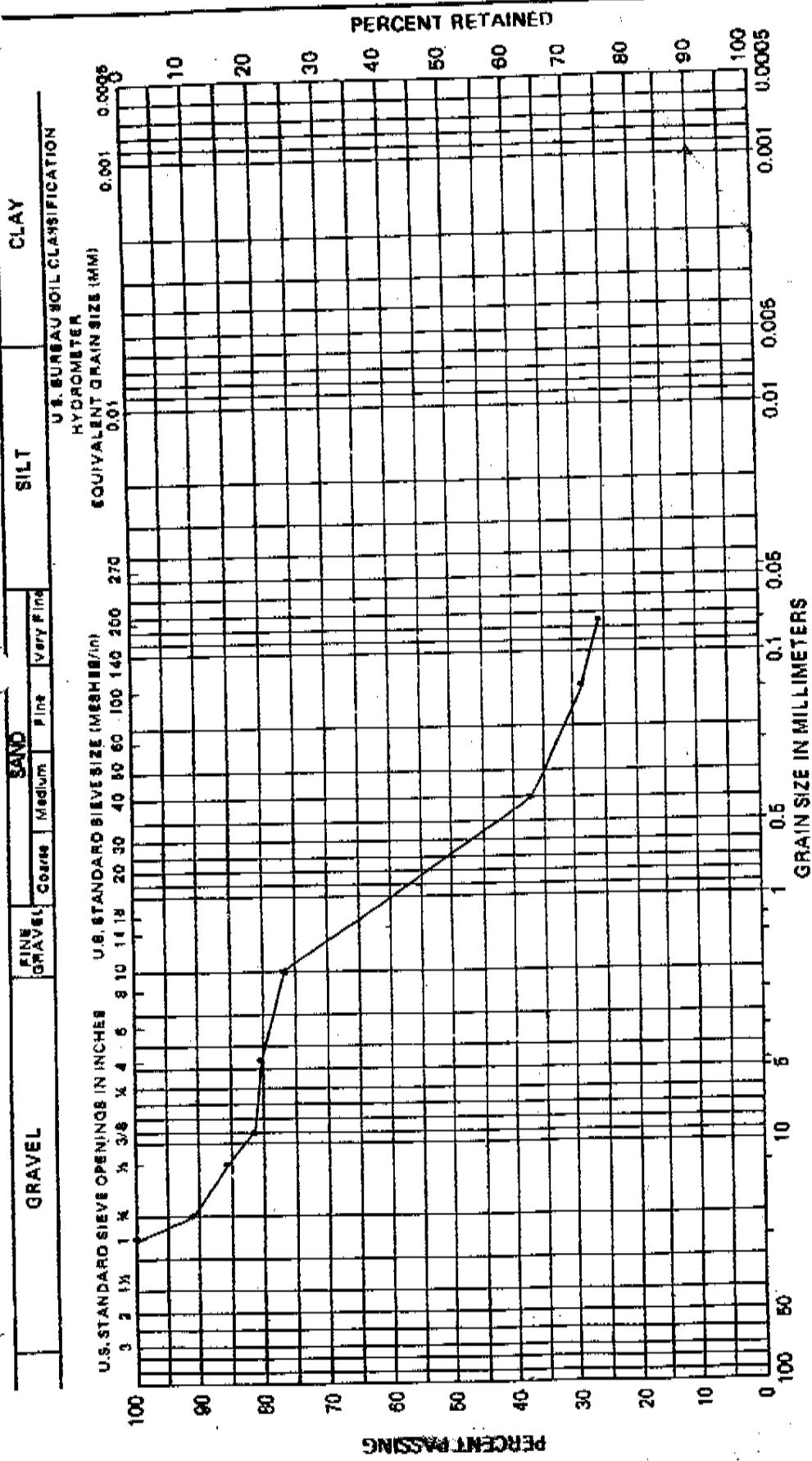
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SAMPLE NO.

Sand and gravel with some organic clay

6,1m - 6,6m

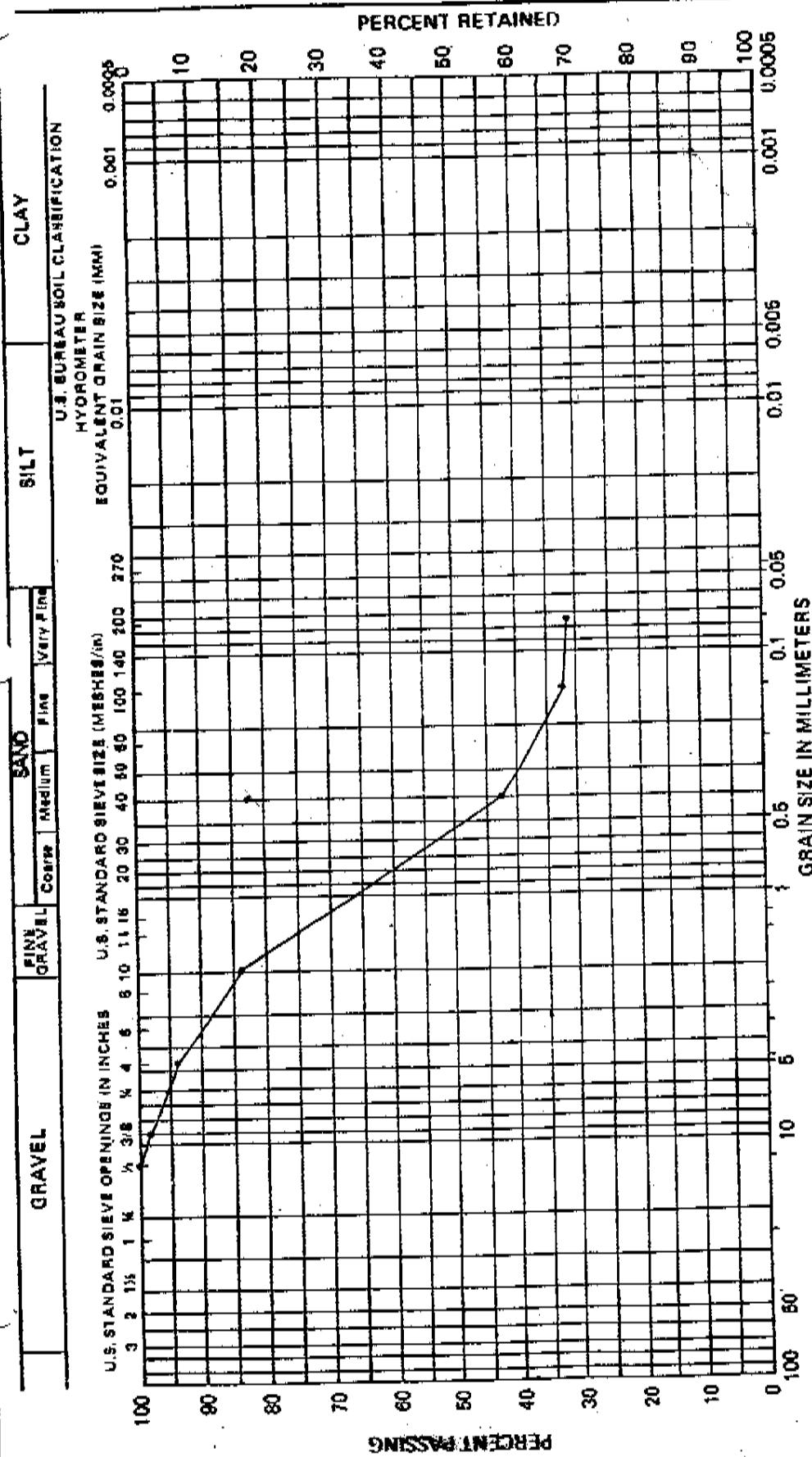
Burnt Ground  
Hanover

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LOCATION	SAMPLE NO.	DEPTH	DESCRIPTION
Burnt Ground Hanover	BH 2/5	4.6m - 5.0m	Silty sand with some gravel

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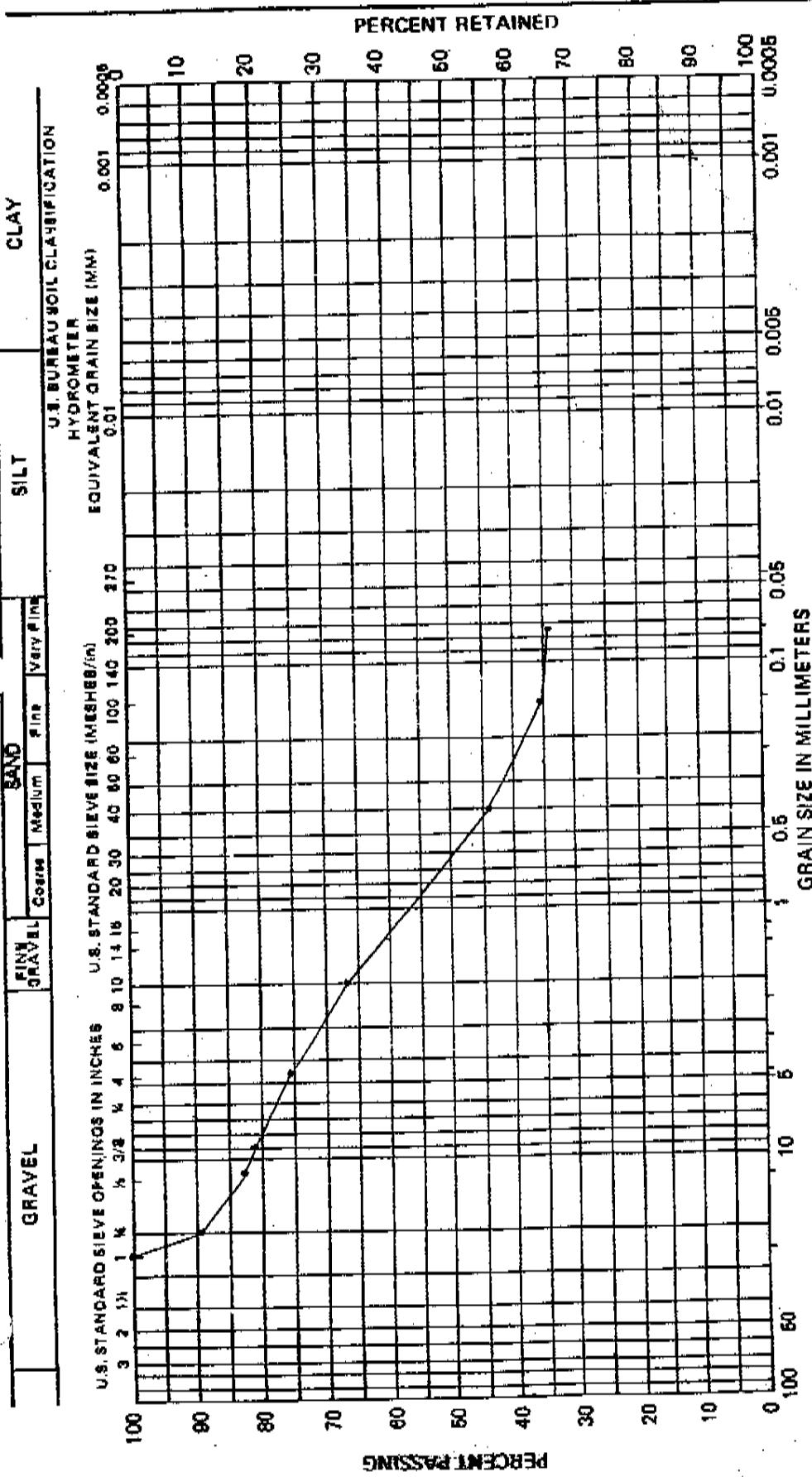
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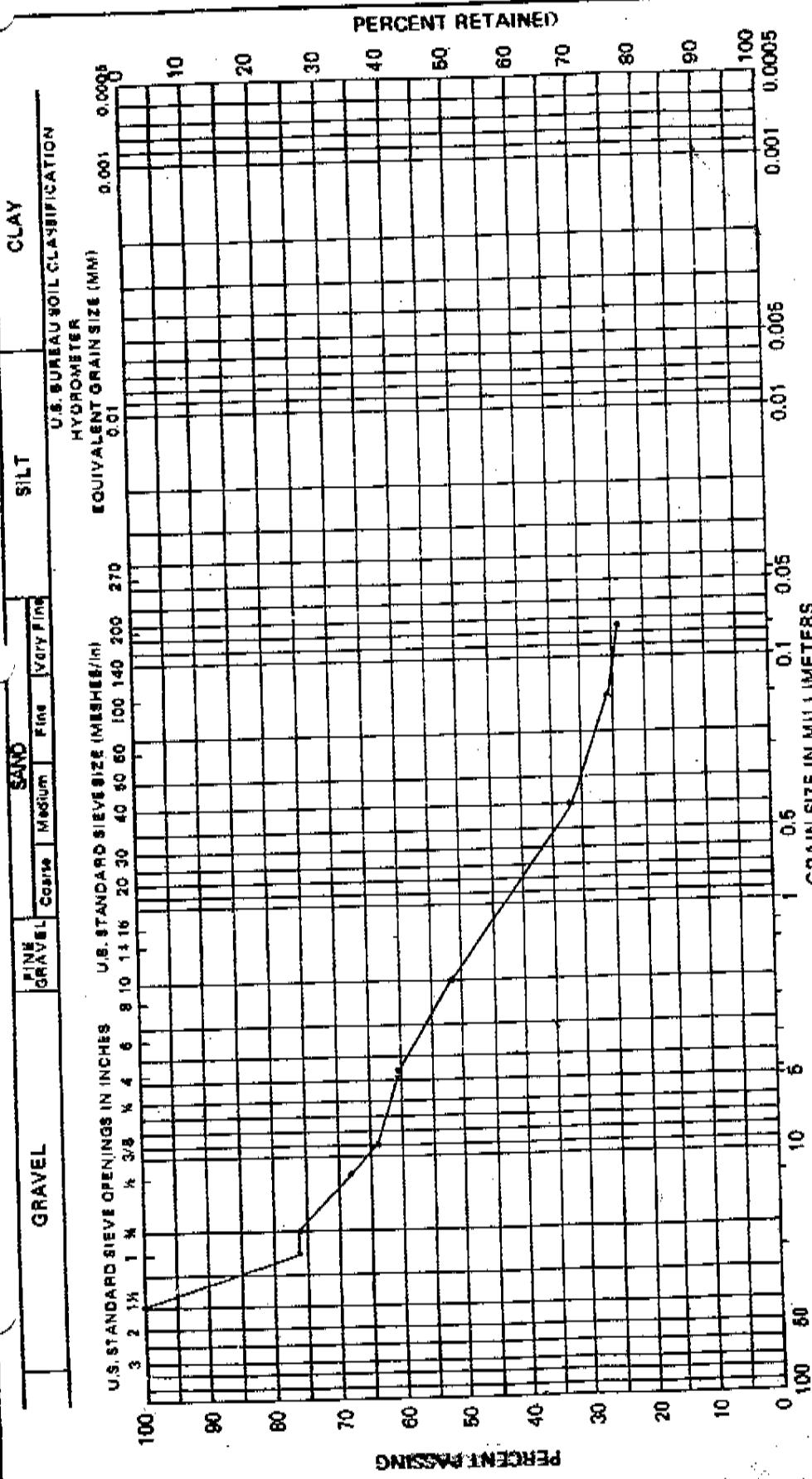
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GRAVEL				SAND				CLAY & SILT				Unified Classification
Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Medium	Fine	Fine	Very Fine	Clay	Silt	Silt	Silt	

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SAMPLE No.</u>	<u>DEPTH</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Burnt Ground	BH 3/8	9.1m - 9.6m	Silty gravelly sand

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**BH****GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**

LOCATION	SAMPLE NO.	DEPTH	DESCRIPTION		
			SAND	SILT	CLAY
Burnt Ground Hanover	BH 3/10	12.2m - 12.7m			Silty gravel and sand

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**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**  
**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE

Light brown sandy gravel and organic clay

Locat. Burnt Ground, Hanover

Boring No. 1 Sample depth 0.8m - 1.2m

**PLASTIC LIMIT**

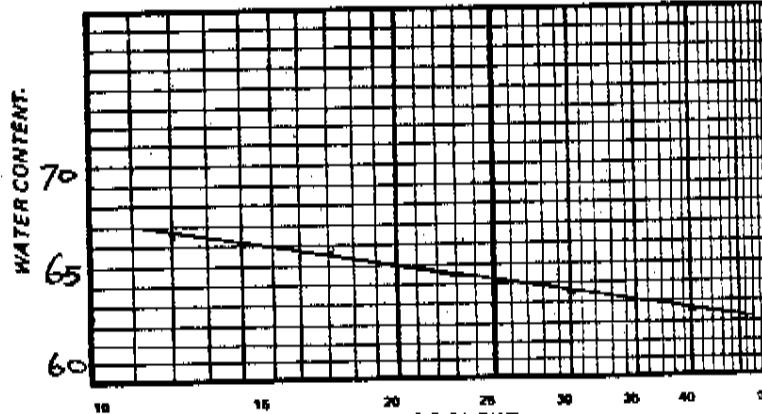
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CONTAINER NUMBER	44	36	
NUMBER OF BLOWS	XXX	XXX	
WT. SAMPLE & TARE WET	50.70	50.85	
WT. SAMPLE & TARE DRY	44.86	44.99	
WT. OF WATER	5.84	5.86	
TARE	31.44	31.67	
WT. OF DRY SOIL	13.42	13.32	
WATER CONTENT	43.52	43.54	43.53

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**

1	2	3

**LIQUID LIMIT**

DETERMINATION NO.	1	2	3	4	5
NUMBER OF BLOWS	12	17	23	30	40
CONTAINER NUMBER	44	11	40	86	56
WT. SAMPLE & TARE WET	42.33	43.67	44.45	45.42	46.98
WT. SAMPLE & TARE DRY	35.26	36.27	36.71	37.53	38.68
WT. OF WATER	7.07	7.34	7.74	7.89	8.30
TARE	24.63	25.07	24.71	25.11	25.41
WT. OF DRY SOIL	10.63	11.20	12.00	12.42	13.27
WATER CONTENT	66.51	65.54	64.50	63.53	62.55

**RESULTS SUMMARY**

natural water content	liquid limit	plastic limit	plasticity index	water-plasticity ratio, B	flow index	toughness index
	64.20	43.53	20.67			

REMARKS The organic clay fraction of the soil is of high compressibility (OH)

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**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**  
**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE \_\_\_\_\_  
 Light brown sandy organic clay

Locat. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Burnt Ground, Hanover  
 Boring No. 1 Sample depth 1.5m - 2.0m

JOB No. \_\_\_\_\_

Test No. \_\_\_\_\_ 2

Sample No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date 9/3/07

Tested by D. Myrie

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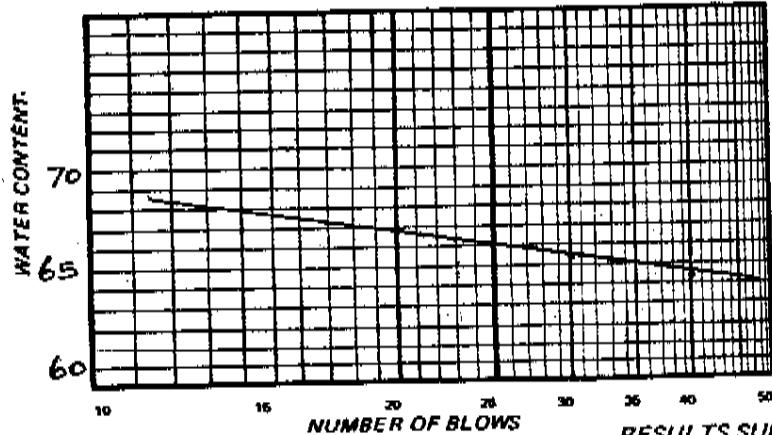
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NUMBER OF BLOWS	XXX	XXX	
WT. SAMPLE & TARE WET	51.43	51.66	
WT. SAMPLE & TARE DRY	46.12	46.10	
WT. OF WATER	5.31	5.56	
TARE	34.72	34.51	
WT. OF DRY SOIL	11.40	11.59	
WATER CONTENT	46.58	47.97	46.78

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**

1	2	3

**LIQUID LIMIT**

DETERMINATION NO.	1	2	3	4	5
NUMBER OF BLOWS	12	17	23	30	40
CONTAINER NUMBER	43	42	11	9	45
WT. SAMPLE & TARE WET	50.21	51.28	52.41	54.83	55.76
WT. SAMPLE & TARE DRY	42.83	43.52	44.11	45.32	46.48
WT. OF WATER	7.38	7.76	8.00	8.91	9.26
TARE	32.03	32.00	32.05	31.68	32.08
WT. OF DRY SOIL	10.80	11.52	12.06	13.64	14.40
WATER CONTENT	68.33	67.36	66.33	65.32	64.31

**RESULTS SUMMARY**

natural water content	liquid limit	plastic limit	plasticity index	water-plasticity ratio,B	flow index	toughness index
	66.00	46.78	19.22			

REMARKS The organic clay fraction of the soil is of high compressibility (OH).

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**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**  
**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE \_\_\_\_\_  
Light brown organic clayey sandy gravel

Locat. Burnt Ground, Hanover  
Boring No 1 Sample depth 7.6m - 8.1m

**PLASTIC LIMIT**

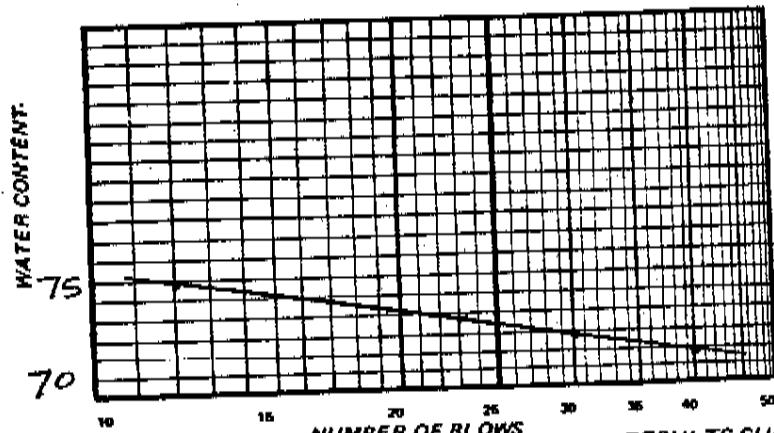
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CONTAINER NUMBER	27	38	
NUMBER OF BLOWS	XXX	XXX	
Wt. SAMPLE & TARE WET	50.42	50.38	
Wt. SAMPLE & TARE DRY	45.47	45.24	
Wt. OF WATER	4.95	5.14	
TARE	34.33	33.94	
Wt. OF DRY SOIL	11.14	11.28	
WATER CONTENT	44.43	45.57	45.00

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**

1	2	3

**LIQUID LIMIT**

DETERMINATION NO.	1	2	3	4	5
NUMBER OF BLOWS	12	17	23	30	40
CONTAINER NUMBER	12	49	10	22	14
Wt. SAMPLE & TARE WET	50.51	51.67	51.07	52.23	54.14
Wt. SAMPLE & TARE DRY	42.44	43.31	42.81	43.72	44.80
Wt. OF WATER	8.07	8.36	8.23	8.51	9.34
TARE	31.65	31.98	31.50	31.86	31.60
Wt. OF DRY SOIL	10.79	11.33	11.31	11.86	13.20
WATER CONTENT	74.79	73.79	72.77	71.75	70.76



**RESULTS SUMMARY**

natural water content	liquid limit	plastic limit	plasticity index	water-plasticity ratio, B	flow index	toughness index
72.40	45.00	27.40				

**REMARKS** The organic clay fraction of the soil is of high compressibility (OH)

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**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**  
**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE \_\_\_\_\_  
Light brown silty gravelly sand  
  
 Locat. Burnt Ground, Hanover  
 Boring No. 2 Sample depth. 0.8m - 1.2m

JOB No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Test No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sample No. 1  
 Date 9/3/07  
 Tested by D. Myrie

**PLASTIC LIMIT**

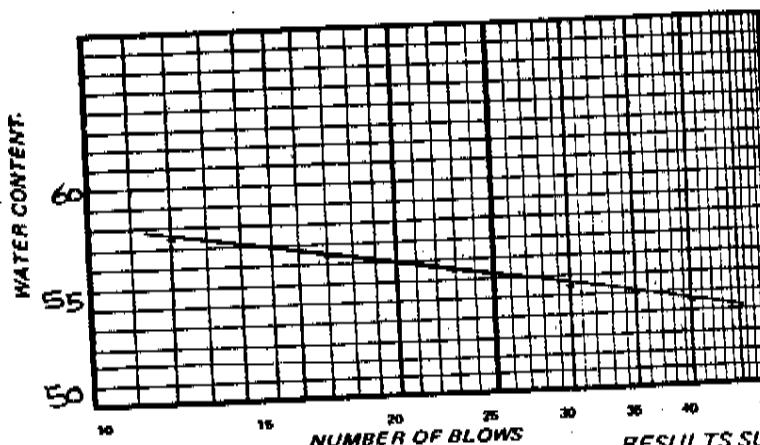
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CONTAINER NUMBER	1	37	
NUMBER OF BLOWS	XXX	XXX	
Wt. SAMPLE & TARE WET	50.84	47.91	
Wt. SAMPLE & TARE DRY	45.39	43.09	
Wt. OF WATER	5.45	4.82	
TARE	31.30	31.10	
Wt. OF DRY SOIL	14.09	11.99	
WATER CONTENT	38.68	40.20	39.44

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**

1	2	3

**LIQUID LIMIT**

DETERMINATION NO.	1	2	3	4	5
NUMBER OF BLOWS	12	17	23	30	40
CONTAINER NUMBER	27	17	35	8	45
Wt. SAMPLE & TARE WET	40.47	41.68	42.68	43.47	44.43
Wt. SAMPLE & TARE DRY	34.96	35.38	36.28	37.05	37.58
Wt. OF WATER	5.51	6.24	6.34	6.42	6.85
TARE	25.36	24.32	24.85	25.26	24.76
Wt. OF DRY SOIL	9.60	11.06	11.43	11.79	12.82
WATER CONTENT	57.40	56.42	55.47	54.45	53.43



**RESULTS SUMMARY**

natural water content	liquid limit	plastic limit	plasticity index	water-plasticity ratio, B	flow index	toughness index
55.47	44.43	39.44	15.66			

REMARKS The silt fraction of the soil is of high compressibility (MH)

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**SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**  
**ATTERBERG LIMITS**

**SOIL SAMPLE**

Light brown sandy silt with trace gravel

Locat. Burnt Ground, Hanover  
 Boring No. 2 Sample depth \_\_\_\_\_

**PLASTIC LIMIT**

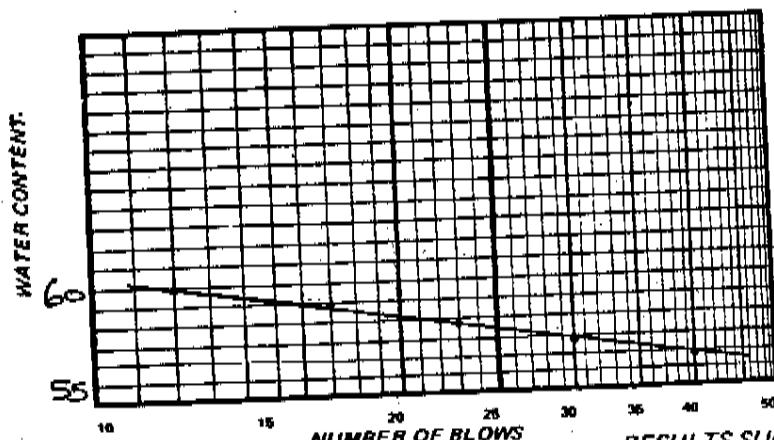
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CONTAINER NUMBER	99	34	
NUMBER OF BLOWS	XXX	XXX	
Wt. SAMPLE & TARE WET	50.35	49.88	
Wt. SAMPLE & TARE DRY	45.15	45.19	
Wt. OF WATER	5.20	4.69	
TARE	33.72	34.56	
Wt. OF DRY SOIL	11.43	10.63	
WATER CONTENT	45.49	44.12	44.81

**NATURAL WATER CONTENT**

1	2	3

**LIQUID LIMIT**

DETERMINATION NO.	1	2	3	4	5
NUMBER OF BLOWS	12	17	23	30	40
CONTAINER NUMBER	35	29	4	71	38
Wt. SAMPLE & TARE WET	50.35	51.29	52.20	53.14	52.98
Wt. SAMPLE & TARE DRY	43.31	43.96	44.63	45.24	45.80
Wt. OF WATER	7.04	7.33	7.57	7.87	8.18
TARE	31.57	31.52	31.56	31.42	31.17
Wt. OF DRY SOIL	11.74	12.44	13.07	13.82	14.63
WATER CONTENT	59.97	58.92	57.92	56.95	55.91

**RESULTS SUMMARY**

Natural water content	Liquid limit	plastic limit	plasticity index	water-plasticity ratio, B	flow index	toughness index
57.80	44.81	44.81	12.99			

**REMARKS** The silt fraction of  
 the soil is of high  
 compressibility (MH)

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## **SOIL MECHANICS LABORATORY**

### **ATTERBERG LIMITS**

SOIL SAMPLE \_\_\_\_\_  
Light brown sand and gravel with some  
organic clay \_\_\_\_\_  
Loc. Burnt Ground, Hanover \_\_\_\_\_  
Boring No 2 Sample depth 6.1m - 6.6m

JOB No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Test No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sample No. 6  
Date 9/3/07  
Tested by D. Myrie

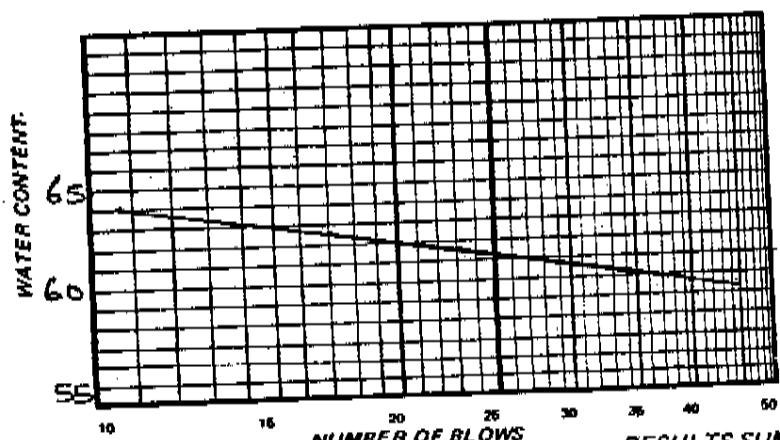
#### **PLASTIC LIMIT**

DETERMINATION NO.	1	2	3
CONTAINER NUMBER	5	40	
NUMBER OF BLOWS	XXX	XXX	
WT. SAMPLE & TARE WET	50.98	50.91	
WT. SAMPLE & TARE DRY	45.82	45.60	
WT. OF WATER	5.16	5.31	
TARE	34.37	34.28	
WT. OF DRY SOIL	11.45	11.32	
WATER CONTENT	45.07	46.91	45.99

#### **NATURAL WATER CONTENT**

### LIQUID LIMIT

DETERMINATION NO.	1	2	3	4	5
NUMBER OF BLOWS	12	17	23	30	40
CONTAINER NUMBER	44	22	32	35	3
WT. SAMPLE & TARE WET	50.46	51.57	52.53	53.95	55.76
WT. SAMPLE & TARE DRY	43.18	43.84	44.56	45.63	46.72
WT. OF WATER	7.28	7.73	7.97	8.32	8.98
TARE	31.74	31.50	31.63	31.91	31.66
WT. OF DRY SOIL	11.44	12.34	12.93	13.72	15.06
WATER CONTENT	63.64	62.64	61.64	60.64	59.63



REMARKS The organic clay fraction of the soil is of high compressibility ( $\text{OH}$ )

## RESULTS SUMMARY

NUMBER OF BLOWS		RESULTS SUMMARY				
natural water content	liquid limit	plastic limit	plasticity index	water-plasticity ratio, B	flow index	toughness index
61.20	45.99	15.21				