PRESENTATION OF SITE INVESTIGATION RESULTS

East Castro Valley Blvd.

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Introduction

The enclosed report presents the results of the site investigation program conducted by CPT Inc. for Curt Jensen on 3935 E Castro Valley Blvd, Castro Valley, CA. The program consisted of one cone penetration test (CPT).

Project Information

Project	
Client	Curt Jensen
Project	East Castro Valley Blvd
CPT Inc. project number	18-56161

A map from Google Earth including the CPT test location is presented below.



Rig Description	Deployment System	Test Type
CPT truck rig (C15)	30 ton rig cylinder	СРТ



Coordinates						
Test Type	Collection Method	EPSG Number				
СРТ	Consumer grade GPS	32610				

Cone Penetration Test (CPT)	
Depth reference	Depths are referenced to the existing ground surface at the time of each test.
Tip and sleeve data offset	0.1 meter
	This has been accounted for in the CPT data files.
Additional plats	Advanced cone penetration plots with $I_c,Su(N_{kt}),Phi$ and $N1_{(60)Ic}$ as well as
	Soil Behavior Type (SBT) scatter plots are included in the release package.

Cone Penetrometers Used for this Project								
Cone Description	Cone	Cross	Sleeve	Тір	Sleeve	Pore Pressure		
	Number	Sectional	Area	Capacity	Capacity	Capacity		
		Area (cm²)	(cm²)	(bar)	(bar)	(psi)		
447:T1500F15U500	447	15	225	1500	15	500		
Cone 447 was used for the CPT.								

CPT Calculated Parameters	
Additional information	The Normalized Soil Behavior Type Chart based on Q_{tn} (SBT Qtn) (Robertson, 2009) was used to classify the soil for this project. A detailed set of calculated CPT parameters have been generated and are provided in Excel format files in the release folder. The CPT parameter calculations are based on values of corrected tip resistance (q_t) sleeve friction (f_s), and pore pressure (u_2). Effective stresses are calculated based on unit weights that have been assigned to the individual soil behavior type zones and the assumed equilibrium pore pressure profile. Soils were classified as either drained or undrained based on the Q_{tn} Normalized Soil Behavior Type Chart (Robertson, 2009).



Limitations

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The information presented in the report document and the accompanying data set pertain to the specific project, site conditions and objectives described to CPT Inc. by the Client. In order to properly understand the factual data, assumptions and calculations, reference must be made to the documents provided and their accompanying data sets, in their entirety.



Cone penetration tests (CPTu) are conducted using an integrated electronic piezocone penetrometer and data acquisition system manufactured by Adara Systems Ltd., a subsidiary of ConeTec.

ConeTec's piezocone penetrometers are compression type designs in which the tip and friction sleeve load cells are independent and have separate load capacities. The piezocones use strain gauged load cells for tip and sleeve friction and a strain gauged diaphragm type transducer for recording pore pressure. The piezocones also have a platinum resistive temperature device (RTD) for monitoring the temperature of the sensors, an accelerometer type dual axis inclinometer and a geophone sensor for recording seismic signals. All signals are amplified down hole within the cone body and the analog signals are sent to the surface through a shielded cable.

ConeTec penetrometers are manufactured with various tip, friction and pore pressure capacities in both 10 cm² and 15 cm² tip base area configurations in order to maximize signal resolution for various soil conditions. The specific piezocone used for each test is described in the CPT summary table presented in the first appendix. The 15 cm² penetrometers do not require friction reducers as they have a diameter larger than the deployment rods. The 10 cm² piezocones use a friction reducer consisting of a rod adapter extension behind the main cone body with an enlarged cross sectional area (typically 44 mm diameter over a length of 32 mm with tapered leading and trailing edges) located at a distance of 585 mm above the cone tip.

The penetrometers are designed with equal end area friction sleeves, a net end area ratio of 0.8 and cone tips with a 60 degree apex angle.

All ConeTec piezocones can record pore pressure at various locations. Unless otherwise noted, the pore pressure filter is located directly behind the cone tip in the " u_2 " position (ASTM Type 2). The filter is 6 mm thick, made of porous plastic (polyethylene) having an average pore size of 125 microns (90-160 microns). The function of the filter is to allow rapid movements of extremely small volumes of water needed to activate the pressure transducer while preventing soil ingress or blockage.

The piezocone penetrometers are manufactured with dimensions, tolerances and sensor characteristics that are in general accordance with the current ASTM D5778 standard. ConeTec's calibration criteria also meet or exceed those of the current ASTM D5778 standard. An illustration of the piezocone penetrometer is presented in Figure CPTu.





Figure CPTu. Piezocone Penetrometer (15 cm²)

The ConeTec data acquisition systems consist of a Windows based computer and a signal conditioner and power supply interface box with a 16 bit (or greater) analog to digital (A/D) converter. The data is recorded at fixed depth increments using a depth wheel attached to the push cylinders or by using a spring loaded rubber depth wheel that is held against the cone rods. The typical recording interval is 2.5 cm; custom recording intervals are possible.

The system displays the CPTu data in real time and records the following parameters to a storage media during penetration:

- Depth
- Uncorrected tip resistance (q_c)
- Sleeve friction (f_s)
- Dynamic pore pressure (u)
- Additional sensors such as resistivity, passive gamma, ultra violet induced fluorescence, if applicable

All testing is performed in accordance to ConeTec's CPT operating procedures which are in general accordance with the current ASTM D5778 standard.



Prior to the start of a CPTu sounding a suitable cone is selected, the cone and data acquisition system are powered on, the pore pressure system is saturated with either glycerin or silicone oil and the baseline readings are recorded with the cone hanging freely in a vertical position.

The CPTu is conducted at a steady rate of 2 cm/s, within acceptable tolerances. Typically one meter length rods with an outer diameter of 1.5 inches are added to advance the cone to the sounding termination depth. After cone retraction final baselines are recorded.

Additional information pertaining to ConeTec's cone penetration testing procedures:

- Each filter is saturated in silicone oil under vacuum pressure prior to use
- Recorded baselines are checked with an independent multi-meter
- Baseline readings are compared to previous readings
- Soundings are terminated at the client's target depth or at a depth where an obstruction is encountered, excessive rod flex occurs, excessive inclination occurs, equipment damage is likely to take place, or a dangerous working environment arises
- Differences between initial and final baselines are calculated to ensure zero load offsets have not occurred and to ensure compliance with ASTM standards

The interpretation of piezocone data for this report is based on the corrected tip resistance (q_t) , sleeve friction (f_s) and pore water pressure (u). The interpretation of soil type is based on the correlations developed by Robertson et al. (1986) and Robertson (1990, 2009). It should be noted that it is not always possible to accurately identify a soil behavior based on these parameters. In these situations, experience, judgment and an assessment of other parameters may be used to infer soil behavior type.

The recorded tip resistance (q_c) is the total force acting on the piezocone tip divided by its base area. The tip resistance is corrected for pore pressure effects and termed corrected tip resistance (q_t) according to the following expression presented in Robertson et al. (1986):

$$q_t = q_c + (1-a) \cdot u_2$$

where: q_t is the corrected tip resistance

q_c is the recorded tip resistance

u₂ is the recorded dynamic pore pressure behind the tip (u₂ position)

a is the Net Area Ratio for the piezocone (0.8 for ConeTec probes)

The sleeve friction (f_s) is the frictional force on the sleeve divided by its surface area. As all ConeTec piezocones have equal end area friction sleeves, pore pressure corrections to the sleeve data are not required.

The dynamic pore pressure (u) is a measure of the pore pressures generated during cone penetration. To record equilibrium pore pressure, the penetration must be stopped to allow the dynamic pore pressures to stabilize. The rate at which this occurs is predominantly a function of the permeability of the soil and the diameter of the cone.



The friction ratio (Rf) is a calculated parameter. It is defined as the ratio of sleeve friction to the tip resistance expressed as a percentage. Generally, saturated cohesive soils have low tip resistance, high friction ratios and generate large excess pore water pressures. Cohesionless soils have higher tip resistances, lower friction ratios and do not generate significant excess pore water pressure.

A summary of the CPTu soundings along with test details and individual plots are provided in the appendices. A set of files with calculated geotechnical parameters were generated for each sounding based on published correlations and are provided in Excel format in the data release folder. Information regarding the methods used is also included in the data release folder.

For additional information on CPTu interpretations and calculated geotechnical parameters, refer to Robertson et al. (1986), Lunne et al. (1997), Robertson (2009), Mayne (2013, 2014) and Mayne and Peuchen (2012).



The cone penetration test is halted at specific depths to carry out pore pressure dissipation (PPD) tests, shown in Figure PPD-1. For each dissipation test the cone and rods are decoupled from the rig and the data acquisition system measures and records the variation of the pore pressure (u) with time (t).



Figure PPD-1. Pore pressure dissipation test setup

Pore pressure dissipation data can be interpreted to provide estimates of ground water conditions, permeability, consolidation characteristics and soil behavior.

The typical shapes of dissipation curves shown in Figure PPD-2 are very useful in assessing soil type, drainage, in situ pore pressure and soil properties. A flat curve that stabilizes quickly is typical of a freely draining sand. Undrained soils such as clays will typically show positive excess pore pressure and have long dissipation times. Dilative soils will often exhibit dynamic pore pressures below equilibrium that then rise over time. Overconsolidated fine-grained soils will often exhibit an initial dilatory response where there is an initial rise in pore pressure before reaching a peak and dissipating.





Figure PPD-2. Pore pressure dissipation curve examples

In order to interpret the equilibrium pore pressure (u_{eq}) and the apparent phreatic surface, the pore pressure should be monitored until such time as there is no variation in pore pressure with time as shown for each curve in Figure PPD-2.

In fine grained deposits the point at which 100% of the excess pore pressure has dissipated is known as t_{100} . In some cases this can take an excessive amount of time and it may be impractical to take the dissipation to t_{100} . A theoretical analysis of pore pressure dissipations by Teh and Houlsby (1991) showed that a single curve relating degree of dissipation versus theoretical time factor (T*) may be used to calculate the coefficient of consolidation (c_h) at various degrees of dissipation resulting in the expression for c_h shown below.

$$c_h = \frac{T^* \cdot a^2 \cdot \sqrt{I_r}}{t}$$

Where:

- T* is the dimensionless time factor (Table Time Factor)
- a is the radius of the cone
- I_r is the rigidity index
- t is the time at the degree of consolidation

Table Time Factor.	T* versus degree	of dissipation	(Teh and Houlsby	(1991))
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Degree of Dissipation (%)	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
T* (u ₂)	0.038	0.078	0.142	0.245	0.439	0.804	1.60

The coefficient of consolidation is typically analyzed using the time (t_{50}) corresponding to a degree of dissipation of 50% (u_{50}). In order to determine t_{50} , dissipation tests must be taken to a pressure less than u_{50} . The u_{50} value is half way between the initial maximum pore pressure and the equilibrium pore pressure value, known as u_{100} . To estimate u_{50} , both the initial maximum pore pressure and u_{100} must be known or estimated. Other degrees of dissipations may be considered, particularly for extremely long dissipations.

At any specific degree of dissipation the equilibrium pore pressure (u at t_{100}) must be estimated at the depth of interest. The equilibrium value may be determined from one or more sources such as measuring the value directly (u_{100}), estimating it from other dissipations in the same profile, estimating the phreatic surface and assuming hydrostatic conditions, from nearby soundings, from client provided information, from site observations and/or past experience, or from other site instrumentation.



For calculations of c_h (Teh and Houlsby (1991)), t_{50} values are estimated from the corresponding pore pressure dissipation curve and a rigidity index (I_r) is assumed. For curves having an initial dilatory response in which an initial rise in pore pressure occurs before reaching a peak, the relative time from the peak value is used in determining t_{50} . In cases where the time to peak is excessive, t_{50} values are not calculated.

Due to possible inherent uncertainties in estimating I_r , the equilibrium pore pressure and the effect of an initial dilatory response on calculating t_{50} , other methods should be applied to confirm the results for c_h .

Additional published methods for estimating the coefficient of consolidation from a piezocone test are described in Burns and Mayne (1998, 2002), Jones and Van Zyl (1981), Robertson et al. (1992) and Sully et al. (1999).

A summary of the pore pressure dissipation tests and dissipation plots are presented in the relevant appendix.



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The appendices listed below are included in the report:

- Cone Penetration Test Summary and Standard Cone Penetration Test Plots
- Advanced Cone Penetration Test Plots with Ic, Su(Nkt), Phi, and N1(60)Ic
- Soil Behavior Type (SBT) Scatter Plots
- Pore Pressure Dissipation Summary and Pore Pressure Dissipation Plots



Cone Penetration Test Summary and Standard Cone Penetration Test Plots





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CONE PENETRATION TEST SUMMARY								
Sounding ID	File Name	Date	Cone	Assumed Phreatic Surface ¹ (ft)	Final Depth (ft)	Northing ² (m)	Easting (m)	Refer to Notation Number
CPT-01	18-56161_CP01	26-Oct-2018	447:T1500F15U500	22.0	25.59	4172309	583625	

1. The assumed phreatic surface was based on pore pressure dissipation tests, unless otherwise noted. Hydrostatic conditions were assumed for the calculated parameters.

2. Coordinates were collected with a consumer grade GPS device in datum WGS84/UTM Zone 10 North.



Advanced Cone Penetration Test Plots with Ic, Su(Nkt), Phi and N1(60)Ic





Soil Behavior Type (SBT) Scatter Plots



CONETEC Curt Jensen

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Sounding: CPT-01 Cone: 447:T1500F15U500



Pore Pressure Dissipation Summary and Pore Pressure Dissipation Plots





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CPTu PORE PRESSURE DISSIPATION SUMMARY								
Sounding ID	File Name	Cone Area (cm ²)	Duration (s)	Test Depth (ft)	Estimated Equilibrium Pore Pressure U _{eq} (ft)	Calculated Phreatic Surface (ft)		
CPT-01	18-56161_CP01	15	565	25.10	3.1	22.0		



Job No: 18-56161 Date: 10/26/2018 10:16 Site: East Castro Valley Blvd Sounding: CPT-01 Cone: 447:T1500F15U500 Area=15 cm²

