#### DEPARTMENT OF MINES SOUTH AUTRALIA

# PEFORT ON FOUNDATION CONDITIONS FOR PROPOSED POWER STATION BITE AT WOODS AND FOURBIS DEPARTMENT SAWNILL SEC, 143, ED, NASDEARRY

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# FOR PEOPLED PARE STATION SITE AT ECODE AND ECSENTS DEPARTMENT GARRILL PEC. 143. HT. HANGMARRY

#### 1. SUBMARY

Five test boreholes were put down on the site to depths from 30° - 34°. Boft silts and fine sands near surface, averlic coarsely mottled clayey silts to fine sands, essentially well compacted and containing from camented lumps irregularly. From approximately 20° in Fore No. 1, to 31° in Bore No. 3, those grade into a discontinuous weathered limestone, consisting of hard limestone lumps with clay filled interstitial spaces and containing numerous fossil fragments. Water occurs in small quantity at depth.

Pearing depocity at the surface is not high, but should increase from about 7' depth. Filing would meet increased recistance with increasing depth, with possible refusal in the limestone horizon. It is suggested that piles if used, be seated a few feet into this limestone layer at depths of meximum stone density, determined from accompanying bore logs.

#### 8. INTRODUCTION

It is proposed to erect a new power station in the N.E. corner of the woods and Forests Department timber mill yard, on Sec. 143, Ed. Mengwerry. The mill is situated on the western side of the township of Mengwerry, on the main Merscoorte - Mt. Gembler road, approximately 12 miles south of Fenole.

The surrounding country is essentially flat lying, with local slight undulations. Pense pine plantation and afforestation has been carried on right to the mill yard boundary on the southern and western sides.

A map showing the area covered by the testing programme and the positions of the five test boreholes, accompanies this report.

#### 5. THAT PORTIO

Five borce were put down to depthe ranging from 30° to 34°. The depth at which each was terminated was dependent on the extent of penetration into a westhered limestone horizon encountered at depth. A small supply of underground water man found to be seecisted with this horizon, which rendered the taking of further suitable open tube samples difficult and unreliable.

Boring was by means of percussion plant P.W. Ho. 4. using 4" diameter open tabe sampling equipment. A record of the number of blows per foot of penetration and state of the fresh sample, was maintained throughout. Pore No. 2 was completed in the presence of the writer, subsequent holes being drilled under the supervision of Mr. A. Dixon, district boring overseer. Every confidence is placed in his supervision and interpretation and the co-operation of the drilling cres.

Samples of water have been collected by Hr. Dixon and forwarded for Analysis.

#### 4. BONE PENETRATION BATE

not necessarily significant, as the number of blows per foot may show considerable variation in essentially similar material.

This is due to a number of factors, chief of which is the non uniformity of moisture content and consolidation in the materials encountered. In areas which are dry and well compacted, the soil may require a considerable number of blows to penetrate each successive foot, whereas the materials in other areas, may be attiff but moist and necessitate fewer blows. Probable bearing capacity in each case to possibly similar, over the full range of seasonal moisture conditions. For example, in bore No. 1, the average number of blows per foot for the first seven feet is 70, whereas in the four remaining bores, this average ranges from 11 to 22 blows.

The mean of the number of blows recorded for each specific horizon, is nevertheless a useful guide to the relative strengths of the various materials. The presence of iron cemented lumps and limestone fragments may also significantly effect individual figures, yet do not necessarily effect the overall everage.

### 5. GENERAL ONGLOOM

The surface material is essentially grey to light brown mottled, fine cilty send, generally fairly soft and demp and containing decomposed plant remains. This material grades into buff and sollow-brown silt to fine send, compact and moist, with hard brownish-yellow iron comented lumps up to 2" in dismeter irregularly abundant.

From h' in Bore 1, to approximately 7' in Pore 4, milts and fine sands occur. These are generally compact and: maist, yellow-brown, offwhite and dark yellow-brown in colour, with arange-brown and pinkish mottling intermittently. They have a tendency to be somewhat clayer in part and contain small isolated pookets of dark yellow-brown silty clay and an irregular abundance of charge gritty fragments.

in Eare No. 4, lime packets and small limestone modulos occur in stiff, damp off-white, yellow-brown and dark yellow-brown mottled clayer milt to fine sand. These limestone lumps become increasingly abundant with depth, where they form a broken limestone borizon. This consists essentially of hard, light groy to light brown fragments, up to 5" dismeter, intermixed with packets of stiff clayer and limes wilt, or offwhite to pinkish sandy clay and clayer sand. Small to large shell fragments occur with irregular abundance throughout. This particular borizon is virtually missing in Pore No. 3, suggesting that it is not continuous.

Water was struck in this material at the following depths, Pare 1 (32'), Pare 2 (27'), Pare 3 (31'), Bare 4 (30') and Pare 5 (27'4"). This has resulted in marked softening of the clay fraction, giving rise to soft wet emples of grey, brown and yellow-brown mottled, limey and sandy clay, with some hard limestone lumps, shell and lime grit fragments. Bores were terminated in this water bearing horizon, due to the increased difficulties encountered.

F.G. Shepherd in his report on hydrological investigations in this area. (Report No. 44/98, C.S. 714) has shown that the maximum thickness of this bed in the Mangwarry area is about 20°. Sands and clayer sands occur beneath the limestone and are normally dry. They have a variable thickness and are discontinuous over the area.

Enderlying those sands is the Gambier Pryososl limestone, with a maximum thickness of approximately 80°. This is the principal squifer of the district. The Gambier limestone is apt to be esverious and might also contain clay filled solution cavities.

Below the Pryozonl limestone, occurs the Enight formation, a sandy clay horizon grading to sand and gravel near its base and overlying a thick succession of lignitic sands and clays with some gravel. The sands of this formation carry large quantities of water under considerable pressure.

#### 6. CONCLUSIONS AND PRODUMENDATIONS

fairly soft and moist, hence they would probably not pessens a very high bearing capacity. It is understood that bearing pressure tests have been carried out on and mear the surface in this area, hence as this figure is svailable, no definite safe bearing capacity limit is proposed. However it must be noted that the bearing capacity of the surface material is probably subject to some degree of variation, as evidencedby the variable number of bloom required to penetrate each successive foot in successive bores.

The essentially silty to sandy material below about 7°, required on the average a considerably larger number of blows to penetrate similar footages. These are lithologically coarser grained, more compact and drier, but again, small local variations are frequent. The maximum safe bearing seracity of this material would consequently be higher, and based on previous experience, a figure of the order of 5000 lbs. per square foot is quoted. The sone of ferruginous comentation may add more stability at that depth, but it is doubtful whether sufficient of this material is present to be of any significance.

The rate of penetration into the lower limestone horizon is also subject to widespread veriation. The limestone appears to be well weathered, consisting of broken lumps, with clay filling the interstitial apares. Where stoney, high penetration resistance is met, but where dominantly clayey, ponetration is generally rapid.

In conclusion it is pointed out that if heavy loadings are to be supported on piles, some pertinent facts may be noted. From 7', resistance to penetration should increase considerably, if not specifically through increased bearing capacity, then by external friction forces. Files should be driven at least a couple of feet into the stantest part of the limestone horison, but not for enough to seat them on the water bearing horison.

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For specific details regarding depths and types of materials penetrated, the bore logs attached as an appendix to this report should be consulted.

F.D. Steel for Senior Reologist SOLLO OROLOGY SECTION Locality: Proposed F.T.S.A. Power Station,

MANGWAPPY sewmill.

Furnose: Test of Foundation Conditions

Driller: A. Gaue

Flonts No. 4

Date Commenced:

16/9/58 <u>Date Completed:</u> 17/9/58

Depth	Pescription	nepth:	Ho.of Blown
0 - 10"	Grey and light grey, moist sandy silt, with decomposed wood fragments.	0 - 1"	80
10" - 1'2"	Light grey and light brown, damp but very stiff, fine sandy silt. Odd wood fragments.	1'- 2'	139
1'2" - 3'0"	Pele buff, stiff, damp silt and fine sand. Sumerons yellow-brown iron comented lumps, up to 2" dismeter.	2'- 3'	92
3'0" - h'0"	Coarcely mottled, creamy white to brown- ieb-yellow, moist and very firm silt to fine send. Tumerous yellow-brown iron comented lumps.	3'- 4'	60
ft.0a - 6.0a	Brown and creamy white mottled, firm, maist silt to fine send, becoming slightly clayey in part.	4'- 5' 5'- 6'	40 46
6*0" - 10*0"	Creamy white, firm, moist silt to fine sond, with some brownish-yellow mottains. Recoming somewhat clayey in part.	6'- 7' 7'- 8' 8'- 9'	59 60 42 43
10'0" - 11'6"	Might yellow-brown to offwhite, moist end moderately firm clayey milt to fine sund. Some slight reddish mottling.	10*-11* 11*-12*	52 34
11*6" - 15*4"	offwhite, moist and moderately firm, somewhat clayey silt, with light brownish-yellow and pink mottling increasing.	12'-13' 15'-14' 14'-15' 15'-16'	26 31 49 1179
15'4" - 16'0"	offwhite and yellow-brown, stiff, moist, wilt to fine sand; slightly clayey in part, with pinkish mottling. Small hard from cemented lumps.	:	
16'0" - 17'4"	Offwhite, pink and yellow-brown mottled, stiff, damp, silt and sand, becoming somewhat gritty in part.	16'-17'	49
17*4" - 18*0"	Pale brownish-yellow, atiff, moist, clayer ailt to fine sand. Slight	17*-18*	54

yellow-brown and pinkish mottling.

Dapth	Description	Pep th	Ho.of Blows
18'0" - 21'2"	Coarsely mottled, offwhite, yellow-brown and dark yellow-brown, very stiff, damp, cleyey silt to fine sand. Somewhat gritty in part, with few small limey pockets increasing.	16'-19' 19'-20' 20'-21'	26 27 21
21'S" - 22'O"	Brown and yellow-brown, very stiff, most, clayey wilt to fine sand, with some offwhite and dark red-brown iron staining. Small lightto fragments, lime pockets and lime comented lumps increasing.	21,-55,	22
2210" - 2316"	Brown to yellow-brown, very stiff, demp, clayer and limer silt, with patches of offenite sendy clay. Scattered lights and shell fragments and hard limestone nodules.	22'-23'	30
23'8" - 24'6"	Yellow-brown, firm, moist, silty to finely sandy clay. Somewhat limey in part, wit large lumps of very hard, light brownish limestone and few shell fragments.	d 24'-25	• 48
24*6" - 26*6"	Offwhite and brownish-yellow, firm to soft and very moist, silty to finely sandy and limey clay, with scattered hard limestone lumps.	25'-26'	66
26 <sup>1</sup> 6"- 28 <sup>1</sup> 6"	Offwhite and brownish-yellow, firm but very moist, ailty and limey olay, with few small packets of pinkish olayey sand. Hard lumps of light-brown limestone and lighite fragments irregularly abundant.	261-271 27164-28 281-2816	60
28'6" - 29'0"	Mainly yellow-brown, firm but very moist eilty clay, with pockets of light grey clay. Sosttered small limey pockets and hard limestone lumps.	2816"-29	• 17
29°0° - 30°6°	Areeniab-prey and yellow-brown mottled, etiff and moint, elightly eilty clay, with pockets of pink and yellow-brown fine silty sand. Slightly limey in part, with small lime pockets and occasional hard limestone lumps.	291-2916 2916"-30	
30*6" - 31*0"	Light grey, firm but damp limey elay, with very shundant lumps of hard offwhite to light brown limestone. Rumerous shell fragments.	30*-31*	<b>6</b> 4
<b>31.</b> 10" = 33'0"	Orey and yellow-brown mottled, firm but very moist, wilty and liney clay. Soattered limestone lumps and numerous shell fragments.	31'-53' 32'-33'	52 59

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Grey and yellow-brown mettled anft mis and very wet nilty and limey clay, with conttored limestone lumps and numerous shell fragments.

33'0" - 39'0"

# PERCHOSION TEST PUREHOLE NO. 2

Locality: Proposed E.T.S.A. Fower Station - BANGWARRY Sommill

-1370

P:# 20881

Test of Foundation Conditions

Driller:

A. Gave

Plent:

No. 4

Pate Commenced:

18/9/58

Date Completed:

19/9/58

Pepth	Description	pepth	No. of Blows
<b>₽,04 − 5,</b> 04	Grey and light brown fine silty sand. Loose and damp, with fairly abundant small root fragments.	1,-5, U-1,	12
2°0" - 3°6"	Enff coloured, eaft, finely silty sand, with odd small iron cemented lumps.	2*-3*6*	17
3 <sup>1</sup> 6" - 5 <sup>1</sup> 9"	Offwhite and yellow-brown, noft and damp, fine silty sand. Small pockets of yellom-brown and reddish-brown silty clay. Odd small froncemented lumps.	3'6"-4'6 4'6"-5'6 5'6"-6'0	7 11
5*9" - 8*0"	Meinly light yellow-brown fine eilty eand, with some offwhite and dark yellow-brown mottling.	61-71 71-81	10 7
8*0" - 10*3"	Rainly offwhite fine silty send, coft and damp, with some yellow-brown and light yellow-brown mottling.	8'-9' 9'-10'	14 <sup>/</sup> 18
10*3" - 12*6"	Offwhite and light yellow-brown mottled, soft and damp, fine silty send, with pockets of brown and dark yellow-brown silty clay.	10'-11' 11'-12' 12'-13'	12 18 18
12'6" - 14'0"	Light yellow-brown fine silty sand, with slight grey mottling. Somewhat gritty in part, with odd small iron cemented lumps.	13'-14'	<b>15</b>
14°0" - 15°6"	Offwhite and light yellow-brown fine grained sand, with numerous grit fragments.	1h'-15' 15'-16'	28 28
15'6" - 20'0"	Mainly light brown and yellow-brown, fine grained eand, with abundant coarse gritty fragments. Semiconsolidated but dry and friable.	16'-17' 17'-18' 18'-19' 19'-20'	36 30 56 36
20'0" - 24'9"	Fale brown and offwhite, losse dry, fine grained sand, with numerous coarse grit fragments.	20'-21' 21'-22' 22'-23' 23'-24'6	28 21 23 7 31
24'9" - 27'0"	Grey, brown and yellow-brown, firm moist silty to finely sandy clay. Coarse lumps of hard light brown limestone.	25 -25 25 -26 26 -27	13

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Depth	Description Depth	No.01
27'0" - 30'0"	Brown and yellow-brown, coft wet silty 27'-28' clay, with light grey mottling in 28'-29' part. Somewhat candy irregularly, with 29'-30' coarse lumps of hard light brown sandy limestone abundant. Lime grit and small chell fragments.	13
	End of Pore. 9.14	

ter out at 28°.

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## PERCESSION TEST ROBEROLE NO. 3

Proposed E. T. S. A. Power Station, RANGEARRY Barmill. Locality:

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Purpose: Test of Foundation Conditions

Driller: A. Gatto

Plents No. 4

Date Commenced: 19/9/58 Date Completed: 22/9/58

Depth	nestption	Depth	Ho.of Blows
0 - 1*0"	Grey and light gray, fine silty sand, with abundant decomposed plant remains.	c-1'	12
1'0" - 2'0"	Light grey and offebite, soft maint fine wilty sand, with small decomposed plant remains.	1'-2'	10
2*0" - 3*0"	Felo brown, coft moist fine silty send, with slight grey and offwhite mottling. Few small plant remains.	2'-3'	11
5°0" - 6'10"	Light-brown and yollow-brown, soft, motat fine silty to clayey sand. Small yellow-brown iron comented lumps irregularly abundant.	3'-4' 4'-5' 5'-6'	9 19 16 39
6*10" - 8*0"	Coerecly mottled light grey-brown and yellow-brown, stiff domp clayey to finely sandy stit.	7'-8'	.: <b>36</b> ∵
8*0" - 11*10"	Wainly light grey, stiff damp clayey silt, with brown and yellow-brown mottling. For amell gritty fragments.	8'-9' 9'-10' 10'-11'	29 29 25
11*10" - 20*6"	Mainly light grey, stiff moist clayey silt, with coarse light yellow-brown pinkish and crange-brown mottling.	11'-12' 12'-13' 13'-14' 14'-15'	21
20'6" - 24'0"	Mainly light grey, very firm, moist clayey silt to fine sand, with some yellow-brown end pink mattling. Somewhat gritty in part.	15'-16' 16'-17' 17'-18' 18'-19' 19'-20	56 56 58
24'0" - 27'2"	Mainly light grey, stiff clayey silt to fine sand, with coerse brown, yellow brown and pinkish mottling irregularly. Somewhat gritty in part.	20'-21' 21'-22' 22'-25' 23'-26' 26'-27'	52 65 45 55
27'2" - 30'0"	Orey to light grey, stiff moint clayey silt to clayey sand. Some brown and light brown mattling. Scattered grit fregments.	27'-28' 28'-29' 29'-29'	15 6* 8

Dopth	Description		No.of Blows
30*0" - 31*0"	Brown, dork yellow-brown and light grey mottled, firm to stiff clayey silt to clayey sand. Orange mottling in part.	30'-31	11
31°0" - 34°0"	Brown, yellow-brown and light grey mattled, soft and wet, silty to sandy clay. Numerous small hard limestone lumps, shell fragments and lime grit.	31'-32' 32'-33' 33'-34'	12 15
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water cut at 5' and 31'.

# PERCURSION THAT BORRHOLS NO.

Locality: Proposed E.T.O.A. Fower station, SANGWARRY SAWMIL

Tost of Foundation Conditions

Priller: A. Gave

Flants No.

Purpose:

Date Commonged:	17/9/50 <u>Date Completed:</u> 18/9/58		
Dopth	Tescription	nep th	Ho.of Blove
0 - 1*0"	Grey and light grey, moist sandy milt, with decomposed wood fragments.	0-1*	24
1,00 - 1,100	Mainly light brown, fine sandy silt with slight grey mottling and odd wood fragments.	1,-5,	21
1'10" - 4'0"	Tale buff to yellow-brown, very soft and moist, allt to fine sand. Yellow-brown iron comented lumps irregularly abundant	2'-3' 3'-4'	15 21
4*0" - 5*0"	Yellow-brown and light brown, soft, wet ailt and fine and, with hard brownish-yellow iron comented lumps.	4*-5*	26
5'0" - 6'0"	Brown and crossy-white mottled, soft moist silt and fine sand, with some dark yellow brown steining.	5'-6'	36
6'0" - 7'0"	Light grey-brown, soft and very wet, fine silty sand, with numerous small iron comented lumps.	6*-7*	12
7'0" - 9'0"	Orange-brown and yellow-brown mottled, fire and moist, silt to fine sand, but slight-ly clayer in part.	7'-8' 8'-9'	1147 58
9*0" - 10*0"	Light grey-brown and light yellow-brown, stiff, demp clayey silt to fine sand. Some light reddish mottling.	9*-10*	<b>40</b>
10°0" - 14°0"	Light yellom-brown, offwhite and reddish mottled, atiff and moiet, silt to fine sand, becoming somewhat clayey in part.	10'-11' 11'-12' 12'-15' 13'-14'	42
14'0" - 17'8"	Might grey, stiff clayer silt, with light yellow-brown and dark arange-brown mottling. Recoming finely sandy in part	14'-15' 15'-16' 16'-17'	35
17 <b>'8" -</b> 20'4"	Light grey, yellow-brown and orange brown, stiff damp silt and sand, with tendency to gritty in part.	17'-18' 18'-19' 19'-20	71
20*4" - 23*0"	Light grey very stiff clayer silt to fine sand, with some gritty fragments. Some coarse brown and rellow-brown mottling.	20'-21' 22'-25' 25'-25'	150

. <b>D</b>	ep th	Pescription	Dopth	No.of Blows
23'0"	- 24*6"	Brown and yellow-brown firm to stiff and damp clayer silt to fine send, with patches of light grey mottling. Few lighte and shell fragments.	241-251	14
54.49.a	- 26'0"	Prown, dark yollow-brown and light grey mattled, firm, waist, silty to finely sandy olay. Small-modium lumps of hard limestone irregularly and some small shall fragments.	25 <b>*</b> ~26 <b>*</b>	24
26 ton	- 27'6"	Brown and yellow-brown firm domp eilty to sandy and somewhat limey clay, with some light grey mottling. Lumps of hard light grey limestone and shell fragments abundant.	26'-27' 27'-28'	28 15
27*6"	- 30°0°	Yellow-brown and light grey mottled, firm damp silty to finely sandy clay. Small hard limestone lumps and shell fragments irregularly abundant.	29 <b>'-30'</b>	
30°0°	- 32°0°	Light brown and light green-brown, asft wet sandy to silty clay, with scattored mash hard limestone lumps, shell fragments and lime grit fragments.	30'-31' 31'-32'	
32°0"	- 34'0"	light brown to light greenish-brown mottled soft wet, silty to finely sandy oley, with shundant smell limestone lumps, shell fragments and lime grit.	32'-35' 33'-35	

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## PERFOUSION TEST BONRHOLE NO. 5

Locality: Proposed K.T.S.A. Fower Station, SANGBARRY Sapmill.

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Furrage:

Test of foundation Conditions

Driller:

A. Gaue

Flant:

No. 4

Pate Commenced:

23/9/58

Pate Completed: 23/9/50

Pepth	Rescription	Depth	No.of Blows
010" - 110"	Grey and dark grey mottled. fine silty and, with few decomposed wood fragments.	0-1*	14
1'0" - 2'6"	Fele brown fine silty send, with light groy mottling. Few decomposed root remains.	2'-3'	14 21
3.6" - P.h.	Prown, dark yellow-brown and reddish mottled, firm, moint clayey silt to fine sand. Semowhat gritty in part, with for decomposed root remains.	3°-4°	23
4*4" - 3*0"	Offwhite, brown and reddish mottled, stiff damp, silty to finely sandy clay.	4*-5*	20
5'0" - 7'6"	Offwhite, light yellow-brown and orange- brown stiff damp clayey allt to fine eard.	5'-6' 6'-7'	21 32
7*6" - 10*0"	Buff, light yellow-brown and pinkish mottled, very stiff, damp, silt to fine sand, with add grit fragments.	7'-8' 8'-9' 9'-10	46 62 67
10'0" - 12'0"	Buff, brown and yellow-brown mottled, very stiff, damp, silt to fine sand.	10'-11 11'-12	46 56
12 <sup>4</sup> 0" - 15 <sup>4</sup> 0"	Light yellow-brown and orange-brown mottled, very stiff damp, fine silty sand, becoming somewhat gritty in part.	12'-13 13'-14 14'-15	† 5 <u>5</u>
15'0" - 17'2"	Conrecty mottled light grey, brown and yellow-brown very stiff, damp, fine sandy silt. Very sandy in part, with abundant grit fragments.	15'-16 16'-17	
17'2" - 17'10"	Light grey and yellow-brown, firm, damp, silty to clayey sand. Small lime pockets and lightto fragments fairly abundant.	17*-18	• 30
17 <sup>1</sup> 10 <sup>2</sup> - 19 <sup>1</sup> 9 <sup>3</sup>	Pale green-grey, yellow-brown and light brown motified, atiff, deep, wilty and very limey olay. Small hard limestine and shell fragments.	15'-19 19'-20	
19*9" - 21*6"	Aroun, yellow-brown and offwhite mottled, atiff, damp, silty and limey clay, with pockets of soft brown clay. Hard light-brown limestone and shell fragmente irregularly abundant. Some small pockets of lighte.	51,-55 50,-51	

Pepth	Description	Depth	Ho.of Blows
21*6" - 27*4"	Offshite, brown and yellow-brown mottled, friable, moist, silty and limey clay, with very abundant lumps of hard off-white limestone, up to 5" diameter. Eumerous large shell fragments.	22'-25' 23'-24' 24'-25' 25'-26' 26'-27'	45
2714" - 3010"	Brown to yellow-brown end green-brown mottled, soft, wet eilty clay, with abundant lime grit fragments, scattered ampli limestone lumps and shell fragments.	27*-28* 28*-29* 29*-30*	20 22 19:

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