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ABSTRACT

Fracture data taken from the excavated batters of the quarry was studied stereographically. It is concluded that the vertical batters are stable and will not suffer large scale planar failure.

Quarry floor foundation conditions are acceptable for the water treatment structure on berm EL120. Diamond core drilling along the edge of the EL 110 berm shows that foundation conditions on this berm require further examination and that some remedial treatment of the foundation may be required.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The <u>quarry faces</u> at different berm levels present no long term stability problem although continued falls of small blocks (up to 0.5 m maximum dimension) are to be expected. It is recommended that to prevent falling boulders from reaching water treatment structures <u>a cyclone fence</u> should be placed around a <u>ditch</u> 3.0-5.0 m wide and 1.50 m deep.

The quarry floor on berm EL 120 is acceptable for the water treatment structure. The quarry floor on berm EL 110 is only acceptable below EL 107 and further investigation of foundation conditions using seismic refraction is advised.

... Temporary shoring of service trenches in quarry floors should not be required but is advised for trenches excavated

close to the edge of the EL 120, and EL 110 berms.

- A tank underdrainage is required to prevent possible foundation disturbance from future tank leakage.
- The quarry faces will not suffer significant instability from the effects of weathering and exposure.
- Slope wash material above the EL 110 level is very thin and does not constitute a stability hazard.
- Future works extension eastwards is possible providing blasting is strictly controlled.
- A proposed <u>alternative tank site</u> on the opposite hillside to the existing tank is suitable providing satisfactory batters and berms are achieved.

INTRODUCTION

Following a request from the E. & W.S. Soils and Foundation Laboratory a geological assessment was made of the Water Treatment Works guarry site at Little Para Dam.

The batters were examined to assess their long term stability and the quarry floors investigated for their suitability as foundations for the water treatment structures.

In addition comments were also requested on trench wall stability, seismic activity, future quarry extensions, an alternative water tank site, desirability of tank under-drainage and usability of the quarry disposal area as a vehicle turning circle.

METHOD OF INVESTIGATION

To assess the stability of the quarry faces the strike and dip of fractures were plotted on a stereogram. This allowed the dominant fracture patterns to be identified and factors of safety

calculated for loose blocks formed by the intersection of the various fractures.

Values for the friction coefficient had been calculated earlier during the initial quarry investigation prior to excavation.

Air track drilling was used to investigate foundation conditions of the quarry floor on berms EL 110 and EL 120. This is to be followed up by diamond core drilling 10 metres into the quarry floor along the edge of EL 110.

STABILITY OF QUARRY BATTERS

Results of the fracture analysis show that falls of small blocks from the vertical batters of the central and eastern faces of the quarry can be expected. Maximum block sizes of up to 1.0 m X 1.0 m x 0.50 m can be expected to fall intermittently during the life of the quarry. A shallow ditch and cyclone fence should be placed at the foot of batters to prevent falling boulders reaching the treatment works.

The western batter (See Regime III Fig. 1) excavated at 40° will also suffer falls of small blocks and a low safety barrier should be placed at the foot of the batter. Because bedding plane angle of friction is greater than bedding plane dip a planar failure of the batter into the excavation, although geometrically possible, is highly unlikely.

Figures 2 to 8 and Table I summarise the results of the stability and analyses and calculation of Factors of Safety.

Table II is a summary of fractures and their description.

Factors of safety are calculated by assuming zero cohesion and zero water pressure across two surfaces. The angle of friction only is used. This is guessed through experience or mechanically

LITTLE PARA DAM QUARRY SITE - SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS

FACTORS OF SAFETY

TABLE I

Intersections+		Dip	Difference	ØA	Tan ØA	A Value		
Plane A Plane B	Dip	Direction	Dip Direction	Øв	Tan ØB	B Value	Comments	F.O.S.*
1+	20° 85°	110° 130°	65 ⁰ 25 ⁰	25°0 35°	0.47	> 5 2.0	Plane A, that is the plane designated 1 is the bedding	> 3.75
1 3	20° 75°	110° 175°	55° 65°	25° 35°	0.47	3.1	plane. All other planes in the table are near vertical joints, and intersect to form thin elongate wedges. These are	1.74
1 4	20° 90°	110° 090°	70° 20°	25° 25°	0.47 0.47	> 5 2.5	unstable except where they sit upon the bedding plane. In this case removal by crow bar is	> 3.52
1 5	20° 85°	110° 040°	65 70°	25° 35°	0.47	2.7	necessary before the batter is safe enough to work or build near. The fracture designated as 3 has a very variable strike	1.55
2 a 2 b	80° 80°	130° 310°	0° 180°	35° 35°	0.7	> 5 > 5	(065-100). It is associated with poorly developed shear planes and provides potential	> 7
2 5	75° 85°	130° 040°	10° 90°	35° 35°	0.7	<0.3	toppling failures in the centre of the central batter between EL 120 and EL 130 (See fig.2, Note C).	<0.2
3 5	75° 85°	175° 040°	10° 135°	35° 35°	0.7	0.6	Note C).	0.77
5 4	85° 90°	040° 090°	5° 50°	35° 25°	0.7	0.2		0.23

Plane A taken as least steep plane. *F.O.S. = A Tan ØA + B Tan ØB. + See Fig.3. for identification and location of planes.

LOCATION	TYPICAL MEASUREMENTS TAKEN	DESCRIPTION	NOTE
Eastern Regime I	090/90 ⁰ 160/75 ⁰ E Bedding 010/20 ⁰ E	All joints in dolomite are planar curviplanar, uneven iron stained, tight to open upto 2 mm clay coating	
		Average block sizes are in the range: 0.60 m x 0.50 m x 0.20 m to slabs: 1.40 m x 1.00 m x 0.30 m upto large blocks: 2.20 m x 2.10 m x 0.80 m. and rarely 2.70 m x 2.20 m x 1.70 m the last two sizes will require breakdown before use in the embankment.	
E.L.153-168 Quarry Centre Regime IIA	020/80 ⁰ ни,020/80 ⁰ ни,022/75 ⁰ ни	Planar; uneven; clay coated upto 3 mm; discontinuous, against 090/68°N; iron stained.	SEE NOTE A Fig.2.
	080/80 ⁰ H,080/78 ⁰ H,080/80 ⁰ H	Similar orientation to 090/68 ⁰ N but not planar uneven, semi continuous, fresh clean.	
E.L.137-153 Quarry Centre Regime IIB	040/75 ⁰ NW,042/80 ⁰ NW,040/85 ⁰ NW	Toppling fracture: planar, smooth-uneven continuous, clean, Tight-open (up to 4 mm) occur, 300 mm - 500 mm apart.	SEE NOTE B Fig. 2
	125/80 [°] SW,126/78 [°] SW,125/81 [°] SW	Form wedges when intersect with above group; planar, discontinuous, open upto 10 mm showing clay coating, carbonate or quarts crystals.	
	070/55 ⁰ N,070/55 ⁰ N,068/55 ⁰ N	Planar, even, thinly clay coated, form very unstable wedges when intersect with above two groups	``;
Along the Quartzite Outcrop Central. Regime IIC.	010/85 ^O W(dominant fracture) 085/85 ^O N	Planar, uneven, ironstained, clay coated: 1-2 mm semi-continuous.	. i
	(i) 040/50°N) fairly common.Shear (ii) 115/75°S) pair? Form unstable- wedges where inter- sect.	(i) Planar, smooth, semi continuous, iron stained, slight clay development(ii) Irregular, uneven, ironstained.	•.
	095/75 ^O N Shear Zones	Mylonite and clay development	SEE NOTE C Fig. 2
•	Bedding 170°/22°g	Curviplanar, uneven, discontinuous closed - tight, rarely open 1-2 mm	
E.L.120-137 Central Regime IIC	005/88 ⁰ N 000/vertical Bedding 000/12 ⁰ B		
Western Regime III	085/75 ^O N 000/80 ^O W 170/80 ^O E (rarg) Bedding 005/3 ^O E		•
East of Centre	060/40 ⁰ N	Common shallow angle joint spaced 0.30 m = 1.20 m apart planar, continuous, rarely coated. Important in reducing size of unit blocks. Common: 0.40 m x 0.25 m 0.10 m to fist size typical large: 0.80 m x 0.50 m x 0.30 m rare large: 1.80 m x 0.80 m x	
	115/70 ^O SW	0.80 m.	
	040/82 ⁰ N		•
West of Centre	020/90°	Planar - irregular, smooth-uneven, iron-stained, no clay coating, tight - open	`.
	040/vertical; 040/80 ⁰ 5E, 038/83 ⁰ NM Bedding 025/30 ⁰ E	(4 mm); discontinuous. Curviplanar, even; continuous, ironstained no clay coating; tight to open (lmm - 3 mm) Unit block sizes.	

measured in the laboratory on samples of rock taken from the field (Hoek and Bray, 1974). Two coefficients (A and B) have been previously calculated by Hoek for most combinations of plane intersections. These values can be derived using his graphs substituted in a simple equation with the friction angle. The result gives the factor of safety. Factors of safety above 2 indicate a stable condition able to withstand all but the most severe seismic activity.

Low factors of safety shown in Table I indicate only the instability of small thin slabs of rock (0.70 m x 0.30 m x 0.30 m) and do not indicate the presence of an unstable rock mass.

QUARRY FLOOR FOUNDATION CONDITIONS

The quartzite and dolomite are acceptable as a foundation for that part of the treatment works to be located on berm EL 120. Air track drilling on the EL 110 berm has proven sound bedrock lying 2.0 - 3.0 metres deep below fill, colluvium and highly weathered bedrock (Refer E.W.S. Drawing TR 245, April 1977). If the berm level is reduced from EL 110 to EL 107 nearly all the unacceptable material will be removed. It is strongly advised that the water tanks be placed as far back as possible on the EL 110 berm, away from the EL 110 batter. Rock conditions along the edge of the batter may prove unacceptable for bearing structural loads. Fill covering the EL 110 berm outer edge will have to be excavated and the face of the outer edge cleaned up before a final statement as to its stability is possible.

High loading of berm EL 110 from the water tanks requires the bedrock beneath the water tanks to be sound at depth. For this

reason three 10.0 m cored holes were drilled from berm EL 110, these cored holes were located by the design engineer and resident geologist.

The logs of these three cored holes are shown in Appendix

I. DH26 indicates acceptable rock conditions at 4.10 metres,

DH 27 at 4.30 m and DH 28 at either 1.80 m or 5.0 m depending upon rock conditions exposed after excavation.

Excavation approximately 6.0 m deep and ten metres away from the edge of the EL 110 berm, will be carried out for the pipeline works. This excavation will be nearly all in colluvium and alluvium and will not affect the stability or quality of the foundations for the tanks on berm EL 110.

DISCUSSION OF FURTHER POINTS REQUIRING COMMENT Tank Underdrainage

The three drill cores show varying rock foundation quality making a tank undergrainage a very sensible precaution. Drainage will help eliminate hydraulic opening of fractures and the possible subsequent erosion of all foundation material other than solid bedrock.

Seismic Activity

Seismic activity is not considered a problem for either foundation or structural design.

Quarry Extension

If future extension of the quarry eastwards is required water treatment structures should be placed at a sufficient distance (approximately 7.0 m) away from the eastern limit of the quarry to allow blasting of the eastern face to be carried out without affecting

the existing structures or interfering with the operation of the works.

Alternative Water Tank Site

The alternative site for the water tanks on the opposite side of the river is geologically acceptable providing all high eastern facing cuts are suitably designed, with respect to strata dipping eastward at 20°-35°. Trial excavation will be required before a more detailed geological statement is possible.

Quarry Disposal Area

The usability of the quarry disposal area as a vehicle turning circle and its suitability for placing a 750 mm outlet pipe over it is basically a soils problem. The designer should check whether or not any of the disposal fill has been compacted. Because the disposal area is the site of a small hillside creek drainage of storm water around the disposal area is necessary to decrease the risk of soil movement. Should the disposal area be used as a turning circle then all unsafe boulders should be removed from the steep hillside between the quarry and the disposal area.

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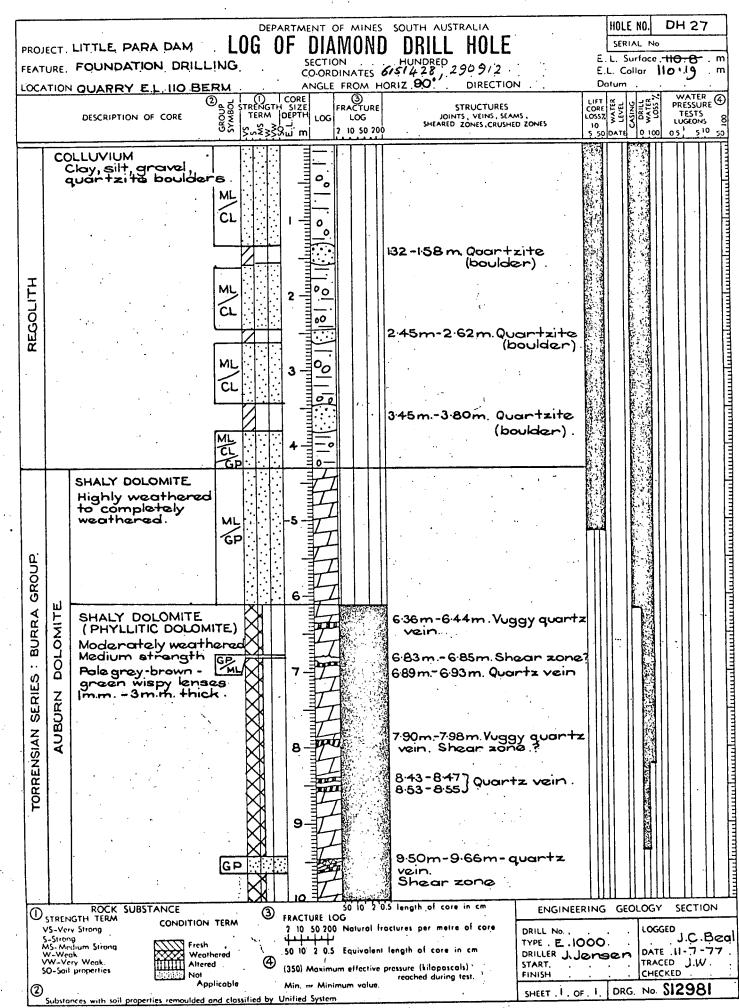
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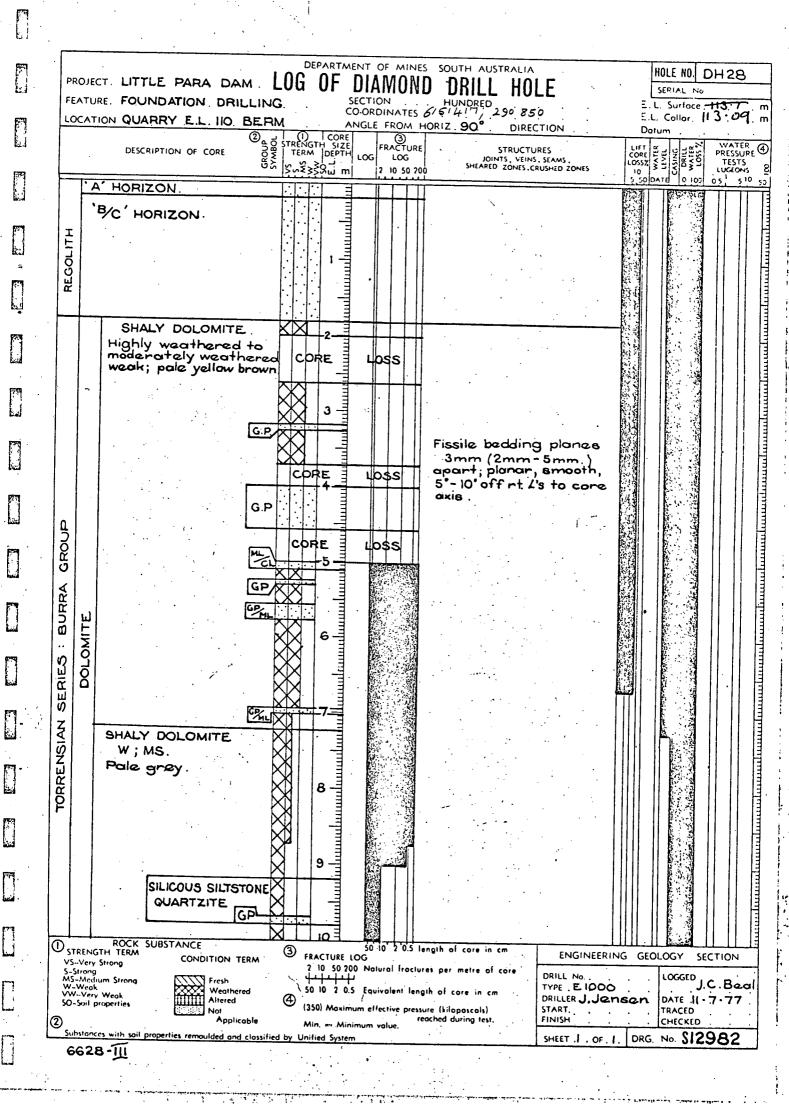
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APPENDIX I
Diamond Drill Logs DH26, DH27, DH28

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		DESCRIPTION OF CORE	SE TERM	A DEPTH LOG	RACTURE LOG	STRUCTURES JOINTS VEINS, SEA SHEARED ZONES, CRUSHE	MS . LIFT CORE LOSS? 10 ZONES 10 5 50	CASING O DRILL WATER	WATER (4) PRESSURE TESTS LUGEONS 8 05 5 10 50
REGOLITH	co	QUARTZITE BOULDER Cemented colluvium	M C GP	1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		0.92m-1.55m Quar (boul 2.40 m-2.65m Q brecciated (Also at 3.10-3.1	deri)		
SIAN SERIES BURRA GROUP	AUBURN DOLOMITE	SHALY DOLOMITE Highly weathered— completely weathered SHALY DOLOMITE Moderately weather medium strength Pale grey-brown with wispy shale lenses I mm-4mm thick.	GP ML	6 7 7 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8		3.75m-400m. Quar 5.54m-5.57+m (3 Silty seam. Bedding plane 5 core axis at 2r -3mm. apart. Planar, smooth micaceous.	·mm thick) *-10° to nm -		
\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	S-Very -Strong IS-Mer V-Wea W-Ver	ium Strong Fresh k y Weak properties Altered	TERM	2 10 50 200 1 10 50 200 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	G Natural fro Equivalent n effective p	Sandstone lens 9:60m to 9:7 9:72 m. to 9:7 9:79 m. to 9:8 9:95m. to 10:0 S length of core in cm actures per metre of core length of core in cm prossure (kilopascals) reoched during test.	0m. 6m. 4m.	E.N. DATE TRACI	SECTION ED J.C. Bea





APPENDIX II

Photographs



PLATE 1 Drill Core DH26 0.0 m - 10.0 m



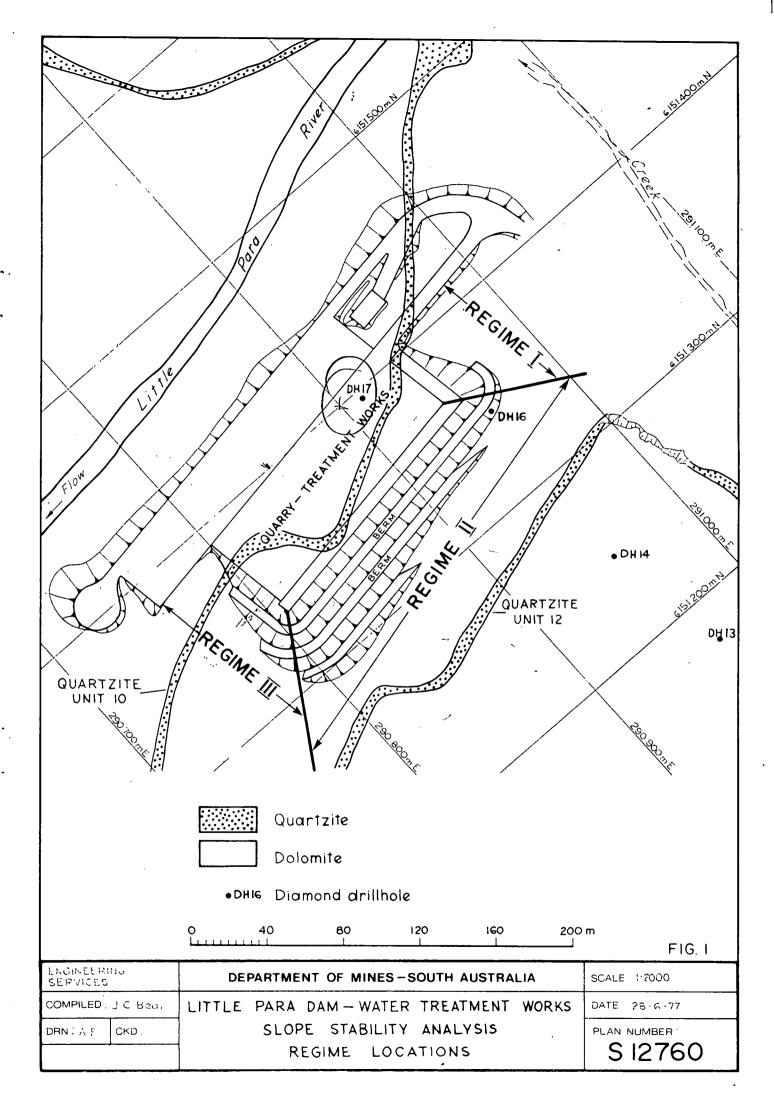
PLATE 2 Drill Core DH27 0.0 m - 10.0 m

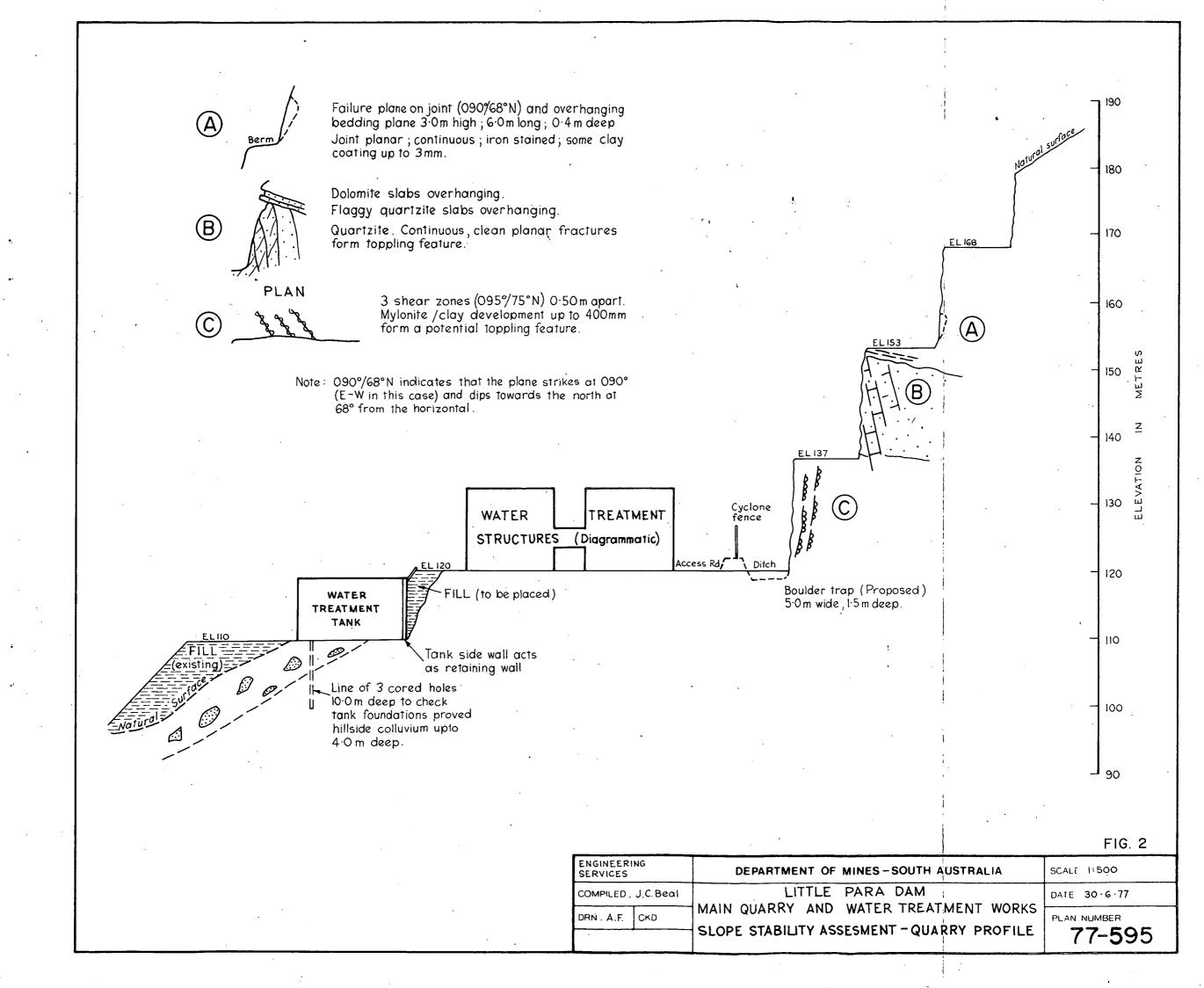


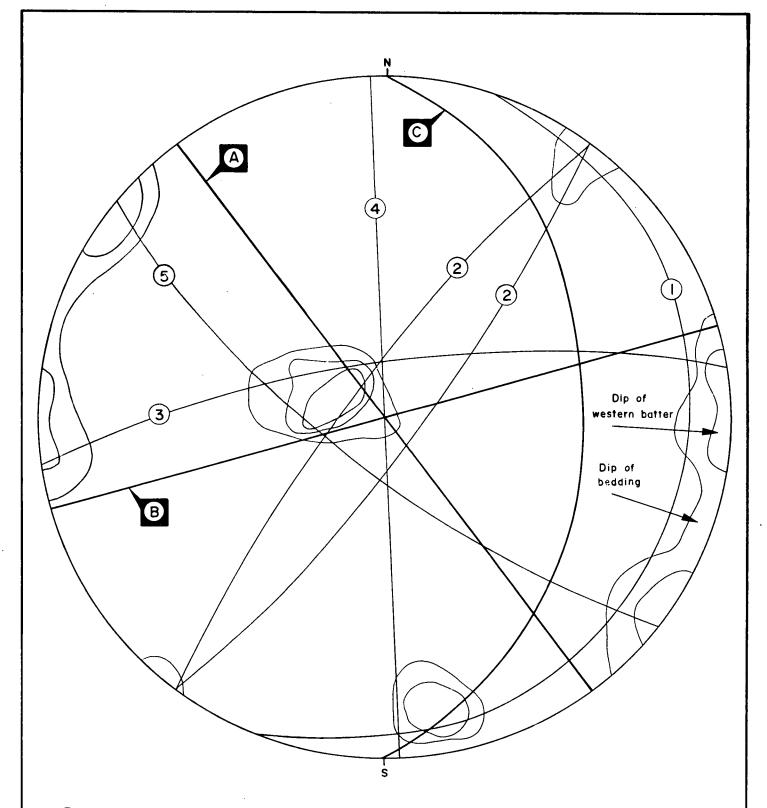
PLATE 3 Drill Core DH28 0.0 m - 10.0 m



PLATE 4 View of Quarry Showing Berm EL 110







- Bedding plane.
- Near vertical joints in quartzite and dolomite.
- 3 Steep joints mainly found in quartzite and associated with shear zone.
- 4 Vertical joints mainly found in dolomite.
- (5) Near vertical joint mainly found in quartzite.

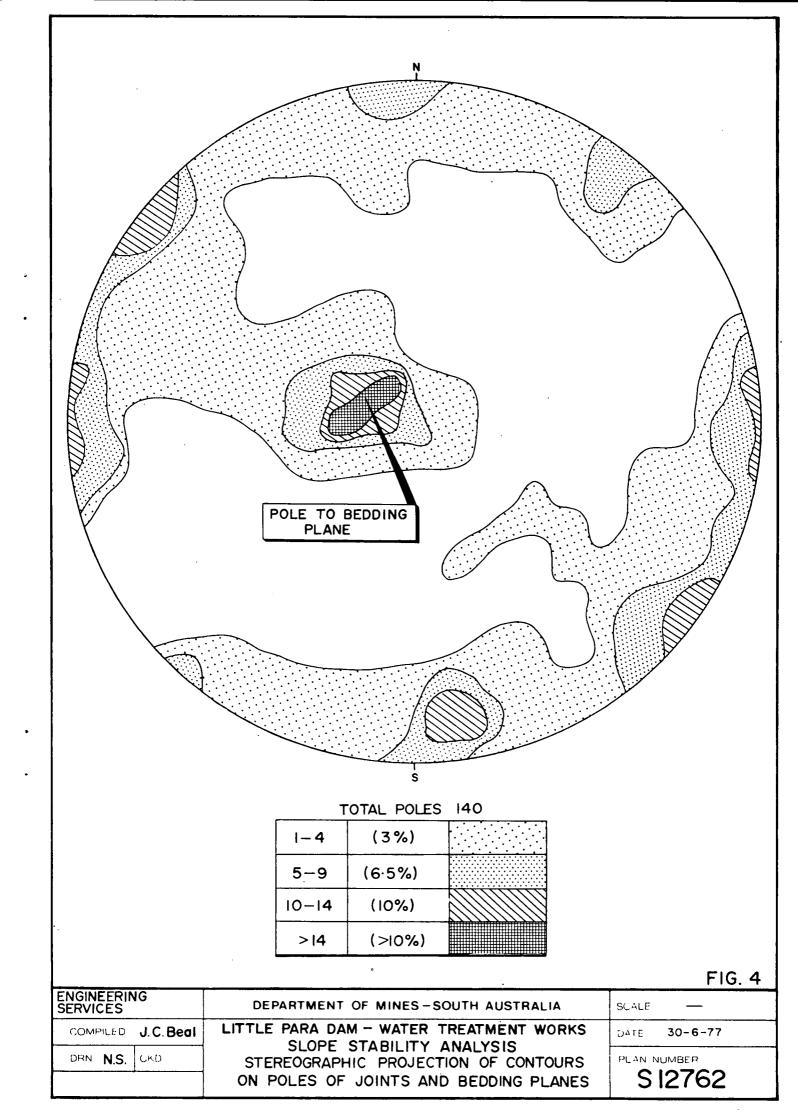
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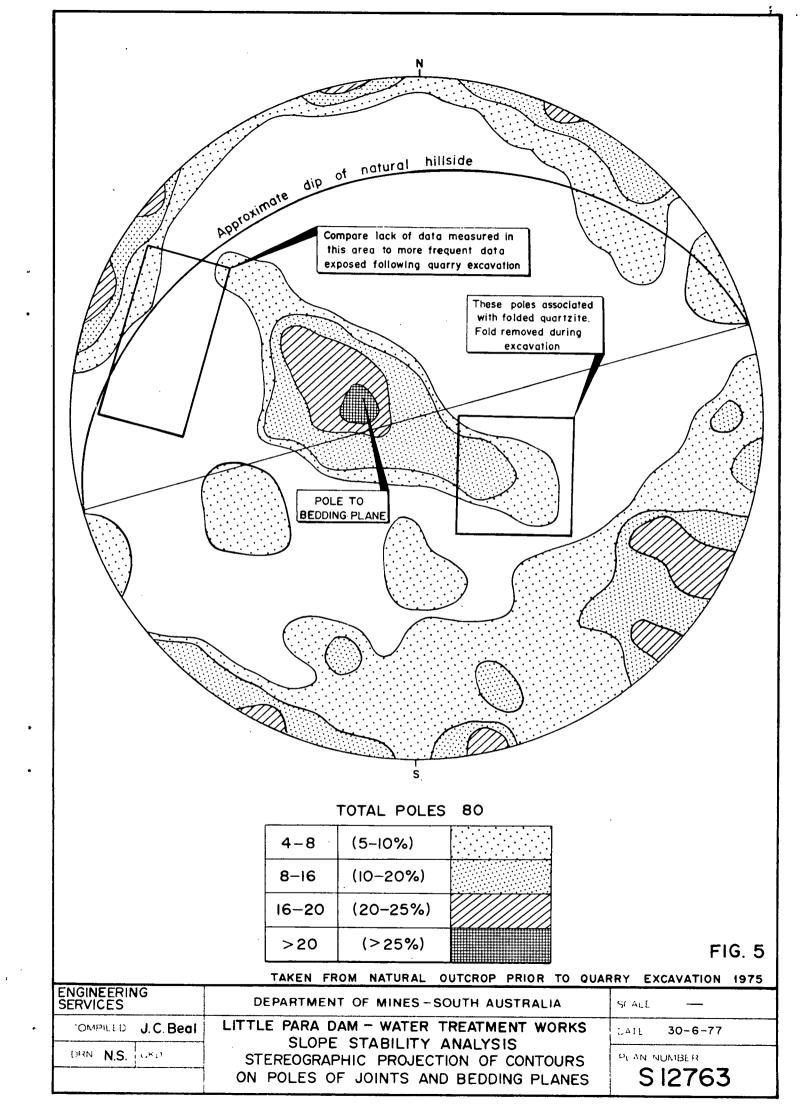
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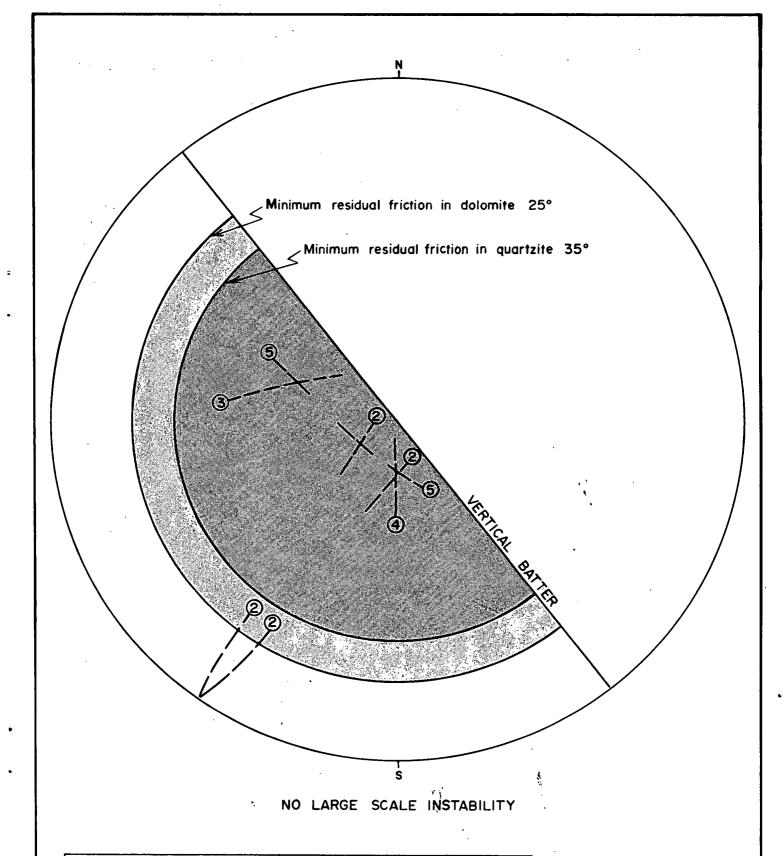
WESTERN BATTERS 40°-45°

FIG. 3

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DRN N.S. (M.)	SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS STEREOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FRACTURE POLES, FRACTURE PLANES AND QUARRY BATTER PLANES	^ 10 TO 1



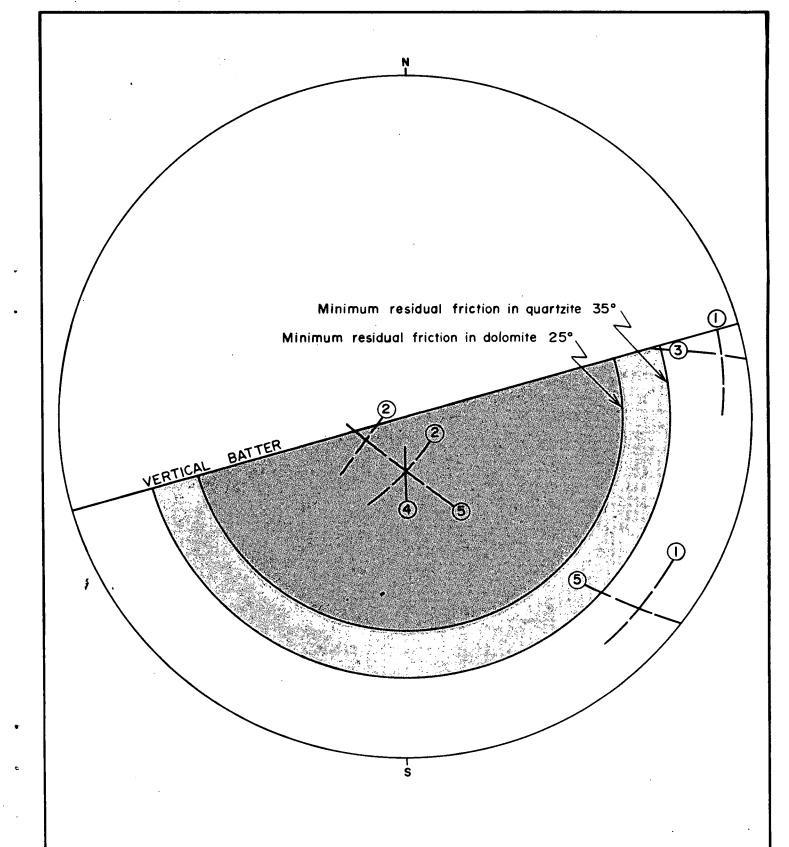




FAILURE MODE	FRACTURE INTERSECTIONS
Small wedge-blocks	5 and 3 ; 2 and 5 ; 5 and 4

Intersections falling within shaded areas form potentially unstable wedges.

	(from HOEK AND BRAY 1974)	FIG. 6
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	OF JOINTS — EASTERN QUARRY BATTER	S12764



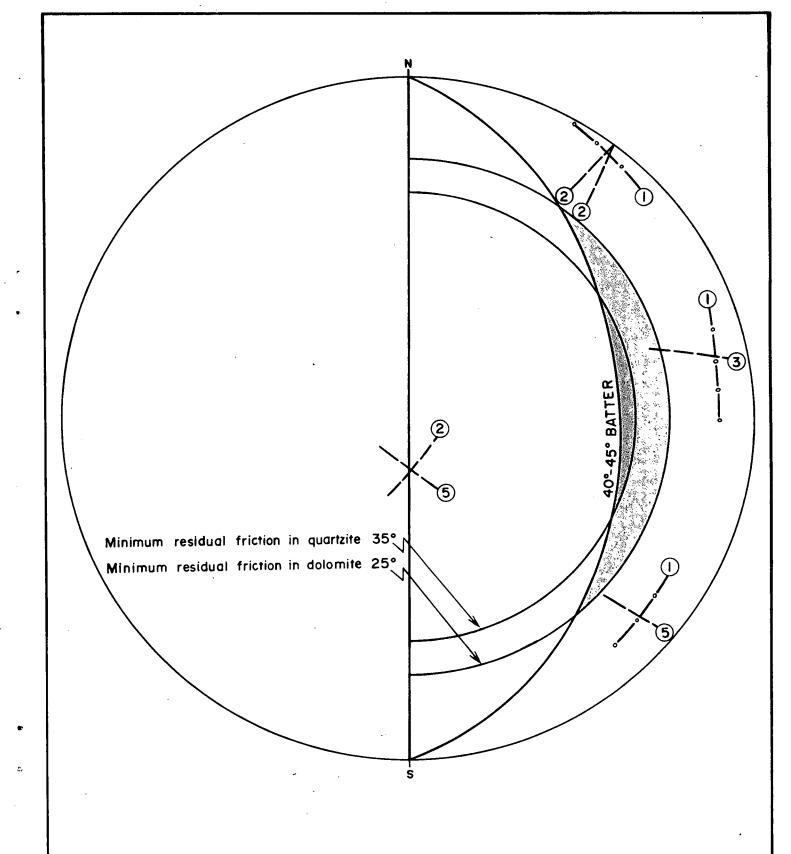
FAILURE MODE	FRACTURE INTERSECTIONS
Wedge failure of small blocks	2 and 5 ; 4 and 5

Intersections falling within shaded areas forms potentially unstable wedges.

(from	HOEK	AND	RRAY	1974)
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FIG. 7

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		OF JOINTS AND BEDDING PLANE - CENTRAL QUARRY BATTER	S 12765



All intersections form stable blocks.

Intersections falling within shaded areas form potentially unstable wedges.

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