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Mr. M. Richardson
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Our Ref.: 210-131

Kelowna, BC V1X 7K9

RE:

GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION PROPOSED RESIDENCE, POOL | ACCESSORY BUILDING SHEERWATER LOT 5, KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dear Sir:

As requested, Geoteknik Consulting Ltd. has completed a geotechnical investigation of the above referenced residential lot. The purpose of the investigation was to provide a general overview of the subsurface soil, bedrock and groundwater conditions as well as to identify areas that could pose a potential risk to the proposed development when considering the stability of the adjacent slopes. Based on these observations, our comments and recommendations pertaining to the geotechnical aspects of development of the property are provided herein.

The review was conducted by examining aerial photographs of the site as well as available topographic and soil/bedrock information. Subsequent to the above review, a ground reconnaissance and excavation of test pits were undertaken on March 30, 2010. The ground reconnaissance included logging the surficial soil/bedrock conditions as well as areas exhibiting potential geotechnical hazards such as slope instability.

## 1.0 SITE CONDITIONS AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS

The site, which is presently undeveloped, is located along the east of Okanagan Lake about 7 km north of Kelowna. It is understood that it is proposed to construct a three-storey residence. Observations and topographic information are shown in detail on Figures 1 and 2. These indicate that the property located along the west side of a local easement road rises up from Okanagan Lake to a gently sloping terrace, which is about 30 m wide from the crest of the slope along the edge of the easement road. The lakeside slopes consist of bedrock and stand at angles ranging from 27 to 45 degrees. A typical section illustrating the ground surface profile is shown on Figure 2.

Observations indicate the property supports a growth of wild grasses, underbrush and a few trees. Examination of the aerial photographs together with the results of the ground reconnaissance did not indicate any evidence of past or recent slope instability as well as groundwater seepage discharge.

# 2.0 SOIL/BEDROCK CONDITIONS

The results of the test pit excavations indicate that the ground surface in the area of the proposed foundations is covered by silty sand and gravel deposits varying in thickness between 1 m to 1.5 m overlying weathered bedrock. Numerous bedrock outcops were encountered in the area of the proposed residence especially in the area to the west of the proposed foundations.

#### 3.0 DISCUSSION

#### 3.1 General

In general, it is our opinion that the overall slopes are stable. It is recommended that all construction not be permitted within the no-disturbance zone downhill and adjacent to the crest of the slopes. Details of our recommendations and design are discussed below.

## 3.2 Slope Stability

It is recommended that the proposed foundations be constructed at the proposed location adjacent to the road as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3. The area to the west towards Okanagan Lake is considered to be a no-disturbance zone. The proposed building area including the pool was established based on a line projected at a slope of 1.8 horizontal to 1 vertical drawn from the toe of the slope as shown in detail on Figure 2. The proposed accessory building area was established based on a line projected at a slope of 1.6 horizontal to 1 vertical drawn from the toe of the slope as shown in detail on Figure 3. The results of the investigation have indicated that bedrock is encountered at or near the surface along the entire slope sections. The angle of 28 degrees or 1.8 horizontal to 1 vertical is considered to be safe for

habitable structures. The angle of 32 degrees or 1.6 horizontal to 1 vertical is considered to be safe for the proposed accessory structures. The safe line or slope angle of the accessory building is steeper as the building does not include living space or bedrooms. In both cases the slopes are comprised of bedrock at or very close to the ground surface. When considering the risk of a slope failure of a development near a hazard zone, we have used the standard geotechnical guidelines which state that the level of risk is acceptable when the potential hazards are less than 10 percent chance in 50 years or a return period in the order of 1 in 475 years. It is recommended that irrigation not be allowed adjacent to the slope. Any roof and surface drainage water should be taken to the west of the proposed residence.

No terrain or drainage features were observed uphill or to either side of the property that could pose a natural hazard to the site, nor were any conditions observed on the property which could pose a natural hazard to adjacent or downslope area. No signs of any slope instability were observed on the site.

# 3.2 Foundations

Where structures are founded on strong intact rock, free of soil and loose rock fragments, an allowable bearing pressure of 300 KPa can be used in design. In the area of the foundations where the rock surface is sloping at more than 5 degrees, the footing should be anchored to the rock with 25 mm diameter of reinforcing steel grouted into holes in the rock with a length of 0.6 m below the base of the footings. The anchors should be installed at a distance of 6 ft

Grade fills required beneath proposed buildings should consist of 75 mm minus pit run sand and gravel. The excavation spoil material consisting of the mixed and interlayered deposits and/or blasted rock will be suitable for use as general road/parking embankment fills. Fills consisting of the rock fill material may be considered if it is well graded and selectively excavated to ensure that the largest particle size is not exceeding 300 mm. It is also preferable that this material be mixed with a soil component to minimize the presence of voids in the fill section.

It is recommended that grade supported floor slabs be founded on an under slab base course consisting of at least 100 mm of 19 mm minus crushed gravel. All fill materials used on the site should be compacted to 100 percent of Standard Proctor maximum dry density. (ASTM D698).

For design of walls that are restrained against movement, it is recommended that a coefficient of earth pressure at rest, of 0.45 be used. If the walls are permitted to tilt freely 25 mm or move in 3.0 m of wall height, a coefficient of active pressure of 0.3 may be used in design. A soil unit weight for backfill behind the walls of 2000 kg per m<sup>3</sup> may be used in the design calculations.

Backfill behind walls should consist of free draining pitrun sand and gravel. A positive drainage system should also be provided behind the walls to eliminate the potential buildup of hydrostatic pressures as well as to prevent water ponding at the base of the wall.

The utilities may pass through the bedrock zones. In these areas, it is recommended that an imported layer of bedding sand, a minimum of 100 mm thick, be provided over the base of the bedrock trench.

Backfill placed at the base of the trench or adjacent to the pipes where compaction can only be carried out using light weight equipment should be placed in horizontal lifts not exceeding 150 mm. Where compaction can be carried out using heavy compaction equipment, the backfill should be placed in lifts not exceeding 300 mm in horizontal thickness. Backfill in trenches should be compacted to 95 percent of Standard Proctor maximum dry density (ASTM D698).

# 3.3 <u>Drainage and Erosion Control</u>

It is recommended to construct a trench as a septic disposal trench for the disposal of the roof drainage water. The total length of trench should be 20 m or two lines of 10 m and located at a distance greater than 5 m from the house. The trench should be 0.6 m wide and 1 m deep with a 100 mm white plastic perforated pipe located 0.3 m from the bottom. The trench should be backfilled with 0.7 m of 25 mm minus drain rock and covered with tar paper or the like before placing 0.3 m of fill materials on top. The roof drain pipes may be connected to both ends of the drain trench. The water should be taken to a road catch basin prior to disposal in the trenches to ensure relatively clean water enters the trenches.

Few, if any surface drainage and erosion difficulties are anticipated. In general all the excavation material will consist of waste rock with a minor amount of silty sand and gravel. No evidence of surface water drainage channels or paths of concentrated flow leading onto or off of the property were observed at the site. No signs of significant runoff flows crossing onto or off of the property were observed. It is considered that these conditions reflect the generally shallow and dense to very dense silty sand and gravel soils at the site which overlie bedrock and thus limiting surface runoff and ground water seepage flows. It is recognized that all run-off from the adjacent road is being collected and taken to the storm sewer system. During construction it is recommended that a silt fence be installed on the downhill side of the open excavation and stockpile area. House gutter downspouts may discharge rock pits which is located a minimum of 5 m away from the house. It was recommended that site grading after completion of construction be such that surface water is not ponded on site near the house. The ground surface should be graded to produce a slope of not less than 2 percent away from the structure.

# 4.0 SUMMARY

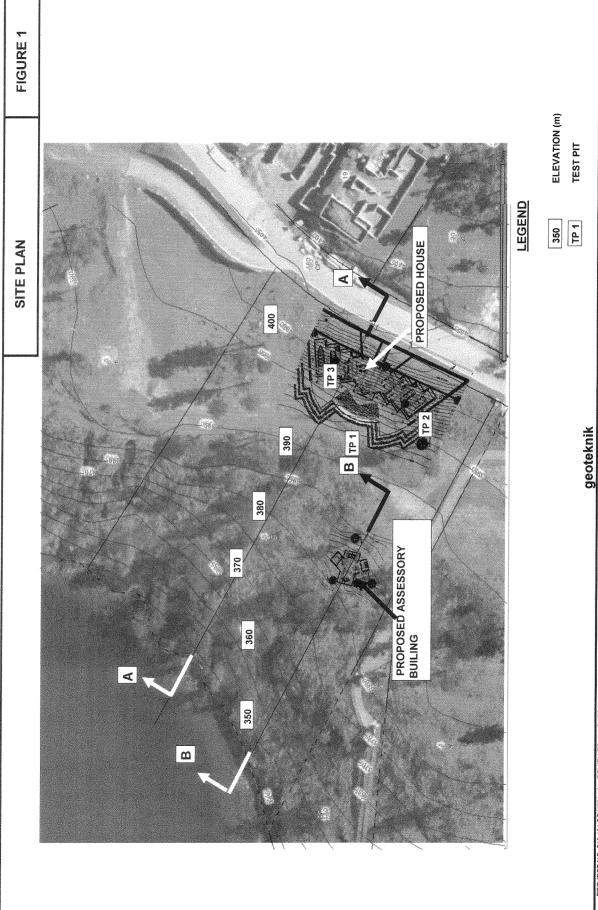
Based on the results of the investigation, the land may be developed safely without influence to down slope or adjacent properties, provided that the work is undertaken in accordance with the recommendations provided. Beyond the specific recommendations provided herein, the work should adhere to the requirements of the British Columbia Building Code.

We trust that the foregoing meets with your current requirements. However, should you have any questions or require additional information please contact this office at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

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