



TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

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SLOPE STABILITY ASSESSMENT HIGHLAND LINE PIT CONCESSION 10, LOT 5

As requested, WSP Canada Inc. (WSP) has conducted a preliminary slope stability assessment for the Highland Line pit slope located along Highland Line Road at Concession 10, Lot 5.

The purpose of this assessment is to evaluate the stability of the slope and any potential impact to Highland Line Road and Anderson Lane. The following presents a summary of our understanding of the project context, the methodology used and the results of the assessment.

The reader is referred to the 'Important Information and Limitations of This Report' which follows the text but forms an integral part of this document.

1.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

The Highland Line Pit is located on the south side of Highland Line Road, in the Township of Lanark Highlands, Lanark County, Ontario (the Site). Surrounding land uses around the site include an existing sugarbush to the west, deciduous, mixed and coniferous forest and wetland to the south, east and north, interspersed with small patches of active agriculture. Immediately southeast of the site is Barbers Lake.

The distance from the edge of Highland Line Road to the property line is approximately 8 m. An additional 30 m setback will be provided between the property line to the crest of the proposed pit slope (so the effective setback from the crest of the slope to the edge of the road will be approximately 38 m). The pit side slopes will be excavated at an approximate 3H:1V slope and will be excavated in the wet where below groundwater.

The configuration for the pit development along Anderson Lane is similar to Highland Road except the pit slopes will be excavated at a flatter angle, approximately 5H:1V.

2.0 SLOPE STABILITY ASSESSMENT

The evaluation of the stability of a slope depends on several parameters, including:

- The geometry of the slope
- The ground conditions which form the slope (i.e., the thickness and orientation of the soil/bedrock strata)
- The shear strength parameters of the soils which form the slope

- The unit weight (i.e., density) of the soils which form the slope
- The groundwater levels and flow gradients within the slope.

These are discussed further below.

Slope Geometry

As shown in Figure 1, a slope stability analysis was conducted for slope cross-section 1-1' and 2-2'. These slopes are adjacent to the existing Highland Line Road. The slope geometry used in the analyses was based on the proposed pond design and topographic information provided to WSP.

Based on the design information provided, it is understood that the base of the pit will be excavated to an elevation of 176 m, and as discussed above will incorporate 3H:1V slopes set back approximately 30 m from the property line.

Soil Conditions and Soil Parameters

No subsurface investigation was carried on site as part of the current assessment. Subsurface information for the site has been assumed based on previous hydrogeological and hydrological investigations carried out by Golder Associates (now WSP) in 2020. The results of this investigation are documented in Report No. 19126620, titled "Level 1 and Level 2 Water Report, Proposed Highland Line Pit, Township of Lanark Highlands, Ontario", dated December 2022.

Data from nearby Test Pits TP21/MW20-5 and TP18/MW20-2 indicates the area to be underlain by sand. The test pits only extended to depths of 3.4 m and 3.2 m below the ground surface. For the purposes of the stability analysis, it has been assumed that similar sand exists to the depth of the proposed pit excavation (though this has not been confirmed through additional investigations).

For the purposes of this assessment, the sand has been assumed to have a unit weight of 20 kN/m³ and an angle of effective internal friction of 30 degrees over the entire depth of the slope.

Groundwater Conditions

Groundwater elevations in the area at the crest of the slope were assumed to be at approximately 191 m (based on measurements of existing groundwater level in test pits). It is understood the pond elevation will be controlled with a structure which will maintain the pond elevation at approximately 186 m.

Slope Stability Assessment

The stability of the slopes was evaluated using the commercially available program Slope/W, which is part of the GeoStudio 2024 package, employing the Morgenstern-Price method of analysis. Morgenstern-Price is a general method of slices which is based on the equilibrium of forces and moments acting on each slice of soil mass above the potential failure surface. The factor of safety is defined as the ratio of the magnitude of the forces/moments tending to resist failure to the magnitude of the forces/moments tending to cause failure. Theoretically, a slope with a factor of safety of less than 1.0 will fail and one with a factor of safety of 1.0 or greater will stand. Because the modeling is not exact and natural variations exist for all the parameters affecting slope stability, a factor of safety of 1.5 is used to define a stable slope (for static loading conditions) for structures and major infrastructure (though lower values can be adopted for less critical receptors).

The results of the stability analyses carried out for static loading conditions indicate that the calculated factor of safety against large-scale instability for the proposed pit slopes is approximately 1.4 for both slope sections analysed.

The factor of safety for any potential slip surfaces which could extend to the property line or Highland Line Road is greater than or equal to 1.5 (for both sections analyzed). As a result, the slope would therefore generally be considered adequately stable as far as any potential impacts to Highland Line Road.

Anderson Lane

A small access road (Anderson Lane) connects to the south side of Highland Line and crosses the proposed pit. In this location, the same 30 m setback is maintained between Anderson Lane and the pit slope. In addition, the pit slopes are 5H:1V (instead of 3H:1V) along Highland Line. The slopes adjacent to Anderson Lane have not been analysed as part of this assessment. However, because the setback is the same and the slopes are flatter, the Factors of safety for potential slip surfaces impacting Anderson Lane will be higher than those for Highland Line.

3.0 CLOSURE

We trust this provides the information you require at this time. Should you have any questions, or require anything further please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

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Attachments: Figure 1 – Site Plan

Figure A – Static Slope Stability Analysis Results for Cross-Section 1-1'

Figure B – Static Slope Stability Analysis Results for Cross-Section 2-2'

A-A'



A-A'



A-A'



A-A'

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Name: Section 1-1'
 Analysis Type: Morgenstern-Price
 Description: Static analysis
 Minimum Slip Surface Depth: 1 m

Color	Name	Unit Weight (kN/m ³)	Effective Cohesion (kPa)	Effective Friction Angle (°)	Piezometric Surface
Yellow	Sand	20	0	30	1

Factor of Safety

1.4 - 1.5
 ≥ 1.5

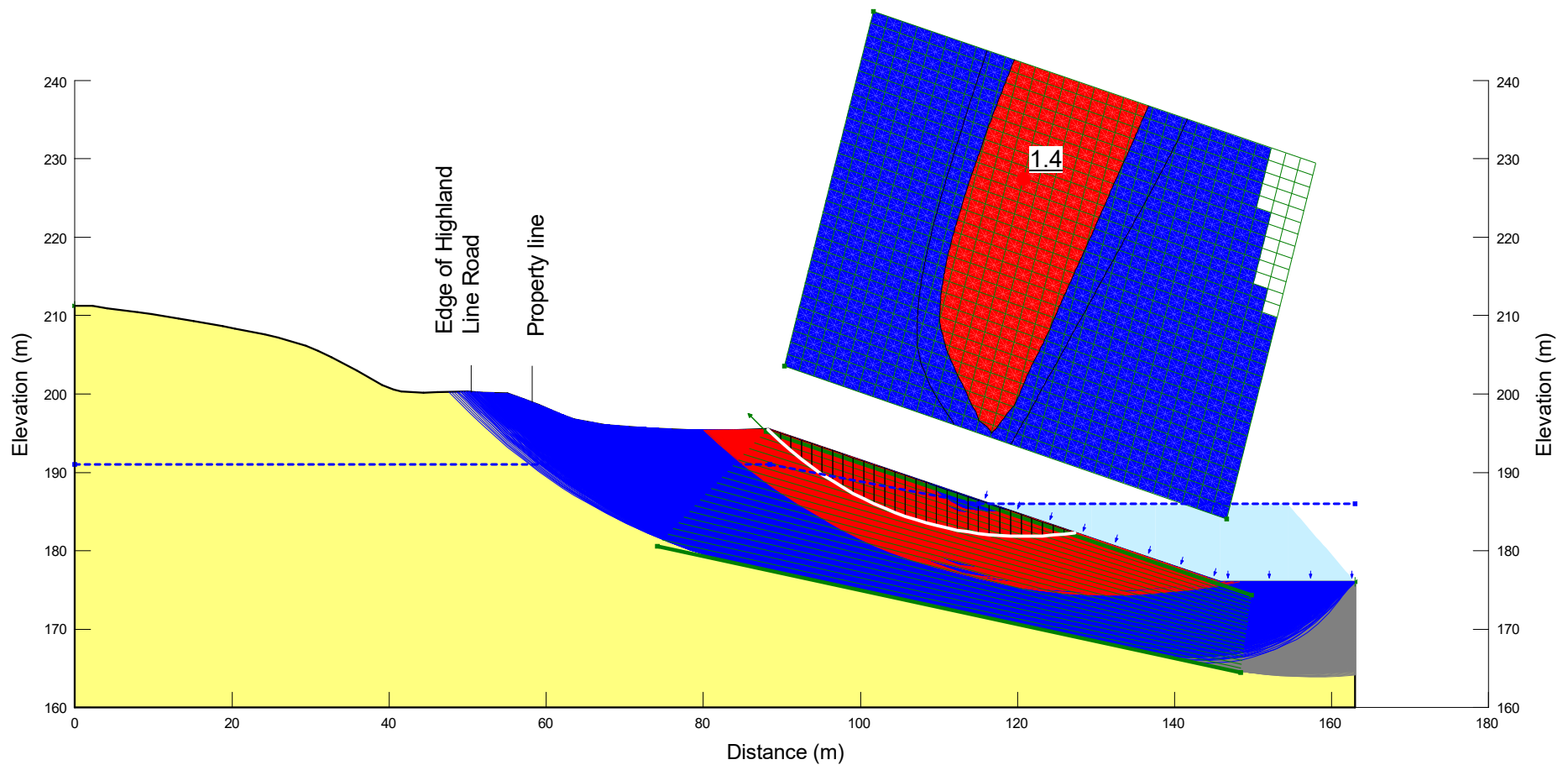


Figure A: Static Analysis for section 1-1'

Name: Section 2-2'
Analysis Type: Morgenstern-Price
Description: Static Analysis
Minimum Slip Surface Depth: 1 m

Color	Name	Unit Weight (kN/m³)	Effective Cohesion (kPa)	Effective Friction Angle (°)	Piezometric Surface	Factor of Safety
	Sand	20	0	30	1	

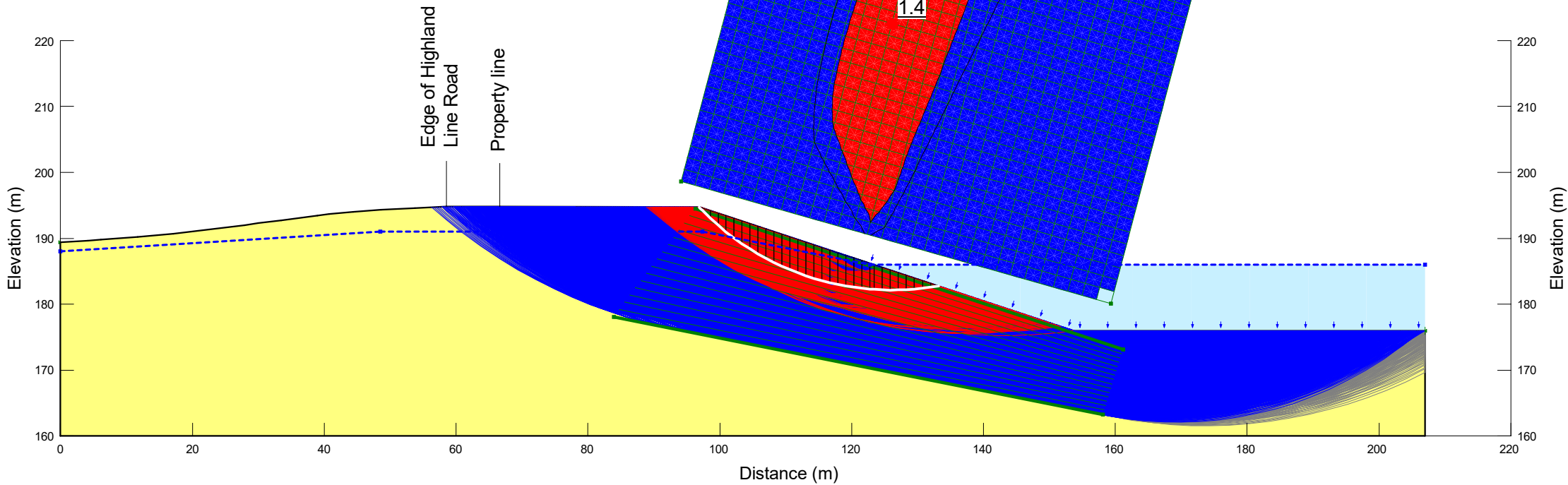


Figure B: Static Analysis for section 2-2'