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## SOILS REPORT APPROVAL LETTER

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<u>CURRENT REFERENCE</u> <u>REPORT/LETTER(S)</u>	<u>REPORT</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>DATE OF</u> <u>DOCUMENT</u>	<u>PREPARED BY</u>
Soils Report	21491	12/05/2018	Geotechnologies, Inc.

The Grading Division of the Department of Building and Safety has reviewed the referenced report that provides recommendations for the proposed two (23-story and 28-story) residential towers over 1 to 2 subterranean parking levels and 4 podium parking levels. The earth materials at the subsurface exploration locations consist of up to 7.5 feet of uncertified fill underlain by sandy to silty clays, and silty sands.

The consultants recommend to support the proposed towers on mat foundations bearing on competent bedrock and the podium structure on conventional foundations bearing on competent dense older alluvium.

The referenced report is acceptable, provided the following conditions are complied with during site development:

(Note: Numbers in parenthesis ( ) refer to applicable sections of the 2017 City of LA Building Code. P/BC numbers refer the applicable Information Bulletin. Information Bulletins can be accessed on the internet at LADBS.ORG.)

1. Provide a notarized letter from all adjoining property owners allowing tie-back anchors on their property (7006.6).
2. Prior to issuance of any building permits, a comprehensive soils report including additional exploration, testing, and engineering analysis shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval, as recommended on page 10 of the referenced report.


3. The soils engineer shall review and approve the detailed plans prior to issuance of any permit. This approval shall be by signature on the plans that clearly indicates the soils engineer has reviewed the plans prepared by the design engineer; and, that the plans included the recommendations contained in their reports (7006.1).
4. All recommendations of the report that are in addition to or more restrictive than the conditions contained herein shall be incorporated into the plans.
5. A copy of the subject and appropriate referenced reports and this approval letter shall be attached to the District Office and field set of plans (7006.1). Submit one copy of the above reports to the Building Department Plan Checker prior to issuance of the permit.
6. A grading permit shall be obtained for all structural fill and retaining wall backfill (106.1.2).
7. All man-made fill shall be compacted to a minimum 90 percent of the maximum dry density of the fill material per the latest version of ASTM D 1557. Where cohesionless soil having less than 15 percent finer than 0.005 millimeters is used for fill, it shall be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent relative compaction based on maximum dry density. Placement of gravel in lieu of compacted fill is only allowed if complying with LAMC Section 91.7011.3.
8. Existing uncertified fill shall not be used for support of footings, concrete slabs or new fill (1809.2, 7011.3).
9. Drainage in conformance with the provisions of the Code shall be maintained during and subsequent to construction (7013.12).
10. The applicant is advised that the approval of this report does not waive the requirements for excavations contained in the General Safety Orders of the California Department of Industrial Relations (3301.1).
11. Temporary excavations that remove lateral support to the public way, adjacent property, or adjacent structures shall be supported by shoring. Note: Lateral support shall be considered to be removed when the excavation extends below a plane projected downward at an angle of 45 degrees from the bottom of a footing of an existing structure, from the edge of the public way or an adjacent property. (3307.3.1)
12. Prior to the issuance of any permit that authorizes an excavation where the excavation is to be of a greater depth than are the walls or foundation of any adjoining building or structure and located closer to the property line than the depth of the excavation, the owner of the subject site shall provide the Department with evidence that the adjacent property owner has been given a 30-day written notice of such intent to make an excavation (3307.1).
13. The soils engineer shall review and approve the shoring and/or underpinning plans prior to issuance of the permit (3307.3.2).
14. Prior to the issuance of the permits, the soils engineer and the structural designer shall evaluate all applicable surcharge loads for the design of the retaining walls and shoring.

15. Unsurcharged temporary excavation may be cut vertical up to 5 feet. Excavations over 5 feet to a maximum height of 20 feet shall be trimmed back at a uniform gradient not exceeding 1:1, from top to bottom of excavation, as recommended.
16. Shoring shall be designed for the lateral earth pressures specified in the section titled "Lateral Pressures" starting on page 31 of the referenced report; all surcharge loads shall be included into the design.
17. Shoring shall be designed for a maximum lateral deflection of 1 inch, provided there are no structures within a 1:1 plane projected up from the base of the excavation. Where a structure is within a 1:1 plane projected up from the base of the excavation, shoring shall be designed for a maximum lateral deflection of ½ inch, or to a lower deflection determined by the consultant that does not present any potential hazard to the adjacent structure.
18. A shoring monitoring program shall be implemented to the satisfaction of the soils engineer.
19. The proposed towers shall be supported on mat foundations bearing on competent bedrock and the podium structure shall be supported on conventional foundations bearing on competent dense older alluvium, as recommended and shall be approved by the geologist and soils engineer by inspection.
20. Slabs placed on approved compacted fill shall be at least 5 inches thick and shall be reinforced with ½-inch diameter (#4) reinforcing bars spaced a maximum of 16 inches on center each way.
21. Concrete floor slabs placed on expansive soil shall be placed on a 4-inch fill of coarse aggregate or on a moisture barrier membrane.
22. The seismic design shall be based on a Site Class D as recommended. All other seismic design parameters shall be reviewed by LADBS building plan check.
23. Retaining walls shall be designed for the lateral earth pressures specified in the section titled "Retaining Wall Design" starting on page 22 of the referenced report. All surcharge loads shall be included into the design.
24. All retaining walls shall be provided with a standard surface backdrain system and all drainage shall be conducted in a non-erosive device to the street in an acceptable manner (7013.11).
25. With the exception of retaining walls designed for hydrostatic pressure, all retaining walls shall be provided with a subdrain system to prevent possible hydrostatic pressure behind the wall. Prior to issuance of any permit, the retaining wall subdrain system recommended in the soils report shall be incorporated into the foundation plan which shall be reviewed and approved by the soils engineer of record (1805.4).
26. Installation of the subdrain system shall be inspected and approved by the soils engineer of record and the City grading/building inspector (108.9).
27. Basement walls and floors shall be waterproofed/damp-proofed with an LA City approved "Below-grade" waterproofing/damp-proofing material with a research report number (104.2.6).

28. Prefabricated drainage composites (Miradrain, Geotextiles) may be only used in addition to traditionally accepted methods of draining retained earth.
29. All roof, pad and deck drainage shall be conducted to the street in an acceptable manner in non-erosive devices or other approved location in a manner that is acceptable to the LADBS and the Department of Public Works (7013.10).
30. An on-site storm water infiltration system at the subject site shall not be implemented, as recommended.
31. All concentrated drainage shall be conducted in an approved device and disposed of in a manner approved by the LADBS (7013.10).
32. Prior to issuance of a permit involving de-watering, clearance shall be obtained from the Department of Public Works and from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board to discharge water into a storm drain.  

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33. The soils engineer shall inspect all excavations to determine that conditions anticipated in the report have been encountered and to provide recommendations for the correction of hazards found during grading (7008 & 1705.6).
34. Prior to pouring concrete, a representative of the consulting soils engineer shall inspect and approve the footing excavations. The representative shall post a notice on the job site for the LADBS Inspector and the Contractor stating that the work inspected meets the conditions of the report. No concrete shall be poured until the LADBS Inspector has also inspected and approved the footing excavations. A written certification to this effect shall be filed with the Grading Division of the Department upon completion of the work. (108.9 & 7008.2)
35. Prior to excavation an initial inspection shall be called with the LADBS Inspector. During the initial inspection, the sequence of construction; [shoring; ABC slot cuts; underpinning; pile installation;] protection fences; and, dust and traffic control will be scheduled (108.9.1).
36. Installation of shoring, underpinning, slot cutting and/or pile excavations shall be performed under the inspection and approval of the soils engineer (1705.8).
37. The installation and testing of tie-back anchors shall comply with the recommendations included in the report or the standard sheets titled "Requirement for Tie-back Earth Anchors", whichever is more restrictive. [Research Report #23835]
38. Prior to the placing of compacted fill, a representative of the soils engineer shall inspect and approve the bottom excavations. The representative shall post a notice on the job site for the LADBS Inspector and the Contractor stating that the soil inspected meets the conditions of the report. No fill shall be placed until the LADBS Inspector has also inspected and approved the bottom excavations. A written certification to this effect shall be included in the final compaction report filed with the Grading Division of the Department. All fill shall be placed under the inspection and approval of the soils engineer. A compaction report together with the approved soil report and Department approval letter

shall be submitted to the Grading Division of the Department upon completion of the compaction. In addition, an Engineer's Certificate of Compliance with the legal description as indicated in the grading permit and the permit number shall be included (7011.3).



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