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1. SUMMARY

Solv-Ex Corporation is the holder of the Metallic & Industrial Minerals Permit No. 9395010001.

Solv-Ex has carried out drilling programs during the period 1995 and 1996 over a 60 Ha area within the boundaries of the permit No. 9395010001.

Early results of the drilling programs indicated the presence of a thick layer of Clearwater Clays in the overburden deposit topping the McMurray formation.

In the reporting period ending January 1999, Solv-Ex has carried out additional overburden excavation and bulk sample collection, analytical and testing work on the Clearwater Clay layer with the scope of characterization and resources estimates.

In total, the expenditures during the reporting period were Canadian dollars \$32,500.

Solv-Ex will continue to implement activities and programs aiming at additional characterization of the reserves, both in terms of quantity and processability.

2. INTRODUCTION

Solv-Ex Corporation is the legal holder of the Metallic & Industrial Minerals Permit No. 9395010001.

During 1996 and early 1997 Solv-Ex started an experimental program to test proprietary technologies in the field of bitumen and mineral recovery from the McMurray formation at Lease 5 in the Athabasca region. In parallel, Solv-Ex also initiated a smaller program aiming at characterize the overburden layer in general, and the Clearwater Clays layer in particular.

In the course of the studies, of the analyses of the cores and of the development work, both with regard to the process and with regard to the resources associated with the overburden clay deposit, it was determined that the clay formations in the overburden have characteristics similar to those of the clays in the oil sands.

Pursuing the program to better characterize these clay layers for future potential commercial development plans, an effort to evaluate the extent of the resources and to determine the processing characteristics was initiated in the spring of 1997. The plan included obtaining a sample for chemical analysis followed by mining a bulk sample of several 45 gallon drums and shipping to Albuquerque at Solv-Ex R&D Center. Solv-Ex was assisted on site by Clifton & Associates, by Oil Sands Evaluation Ltd. and by Metis Corporation, to ensure appropriate mapping of the area and collection of representative samples.

The material was used for analytical work as well as for clay beneficiation and leaching tests. This work has not been completed yet at the end of the reporting period.

3. ANALYTICAL WORK PERFORMED

In May 1997 a bulk sample of several 45 gallons drums of the Clearwater Clay formation was collected from two different locations as chosen by Clifton & Associates (after clearing part of the site nearby the Athabasca River). The sample was transported to the Solv-Ex Albuquerque New Mexico R&D Center. The sample represented the upper, middle and lower portions of the Clearwater Clay formation. The sample was collected using a combination of power hoe and manual labor, and it was labeled for transport in early June, 1997.

The attached table shows the composition of the clay sample in two of the drums, along with an analysis of a sample of extraction tailings published by an oil sands operator in an earlier study.

4. CLEARWATER CLAY CHARACTERIZATION

Clay beneficiation is the first step in the characterization of the Clearwater Clay. Two clay beneficiation tests were performed during the reporting period. The first was a qualitative step to observe the behavior of the material when mixed with water in order to make a slurry. The test, carried out at the lab, showed that, while the Clearwater Clay did not disperse immediately, the level of energy input required did not appear to be large.

The second test involved the use of hydrocyclones to concentrate the alumina fraction and to monitor the increase of the ratios alumina to magnesium and alumina to iron. The attached report indicate that only small improvements in these ratios were observed.

Clay leaching is the second step in the characterization of the Clearwater Clay. The tests were carried out also with the scope of comparing the Clearwater Clays to the clay fractions found in other layers and formations (i.e. in the McMurray formation). In studying the Clearwater Clays, the work shifted to single and two stage pressure leaching. In order to maintain continuity with the previous work, the initial leach test was done using Syncrude tailings. From the analyses referenced above, it appears that the two clay sources are similar. However, one notable difference is in the magnesium content.

Five pressure leach tests were performed during the reporting period. The results show that in the single stage leaching, the quantity of water required to maintain a pumpable slurry resulted in a dilute solution, as the acid was consumed. A two stage leaching yielded higher alumina recovery. Future R&D work will focus on

activities aiming at defining the parameters applicable to the Clearwater Clays for two stage leaching.

Additional tests were done using weak acid wash to characterize the remaining components in the Clearwater Clays, in particular those components more soluble than alumina. The results indicate that iron separation is feasible but more work is required to determine the behavior of magnesium and other compounds.

Evaluation work associated with Clearwater Clays included the development of a strategy to separate alumina from other compounds, magnesium and iron in particular, as well as the best way to handle the leachate.

5. EXTENT OF RESOURCES ESTIMATES

The recovery of Clearwater Clays as a resource separate from the clays associated with the oil sands is being considered. Geological sections required for estimating the resources are limited at this time to the 60 Ha area of Lease 5 by the Athabasca River. A study carried out by Oil Sands Evaluation Ltd. of the data available in this area shows that the Clearwater Clays formation averages approximately ten meters thick and it could therefore be mined as a separate unit. With an estimated volume of 5,000,000 bank cubic meters, this resource could be mined at rates indicated below:

Rate per day cu.m./day	Volume per year cu.m./year	Resource life years
1,000	365,000	13.7
2,500	912,500	5.5
5,000	1,825,000	2.7

6. EXPENDITURES

Although no specific account was set up, Solv-Ex has kept track of the time, material and resources related to the Clearwater Clays exploration and characterization program. The following table includes the outside lab work, the time spent by external consultants and contractors as well as Solv-Ex resources involved at Albuquerque R&D center. All the costs are in Canadian dollars.

Laboratory analysis	1,700.
Bulk samples:	
selection of the two locations	
clearing and excavation	
drums preparation	
shipment to Albuquerque	
total	9,600
Beneficiation tests	7,400
Pressure leach tests	9,000
Extent of Resources Estimates	4,800
Overhead (10%)	3,200
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>35,700.</u>

7. APPENDIX

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	REF P-5	REF P-6	REF P-7	
SiO ₂	69.27	66.92	63.12	65.87
TiO ₂	0.602	0.330	1.41	1.47
Al ₂ O ₃	13.42	6.78	22.11	23.07
Fe ₂ O ₃	6.94	15.09	4.71	4.92
FeO	—	--	—	
MnO	0.008	0.071	0.114	0.119
MgO	1.81	2.71	0.80	0.83
CaO	1.01	2.15	0.46	0.48
Na ₂ O	0.41	0.26	0.55	0.57
K ₂ O	2.66	1.52	2.45	2.56
H ₂ O				
H ₂ O(+) + CO ₂				
P ₂ O ₅	0.16	0.13	0.093	0.0971
TOTAL	96.29	95.96	95.82	
TOTAL Fe (as Fe ₂ O ₃)				
LOI				
FeO after LOI				

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Table 1. AA Analysis

Conditions	Sample ID	Initial Sample Wt. (g)	Head Conc. (%)	g element 100% Theoretical	Conc. (mg/L)	Comp. Vol. (L)	Rec. Wt. (g)	Rec. in aqueous phase %	Liquor Color	pH
Fe Recovery in the Leach phase										
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 200° C leach, 5min RX Time	PRS-L-E	160	3.44%	5.51	4691.57	0.6026	2.83	51.30	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135.81 g, 200° C leach, 10min RX Time	PRS-L-F	160	3.44%	5.51	4971.83	0.5483	2.73	49.47	green	0.06
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 200° C leach, 20min RX Time	PRS-L-G	160	3.44%	5.51	5289.06	0.5609	2.97	53.84	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 200° C leach, 30min RX Time, high rpm's	PRS-L-H	160	3.44%	5.51	6739.74	0.4837	3.26	59.16	DK green	0.04
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 200° C leach, 30min RX Time	PRS-L-I	120	3.44%	4.13	6499.69	0.3388	2.20	53.29	DK green	-0.38
Al Recovery in the Leach phase										
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 5min RX Time	PRS-L-E	160	12.21%	19.54	13558.80	0.6026	8.17	41.81	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135.81 g, 2000 C leach, 10min RX Time	PRS-L-F	160	12.21%	19.54	13114.90	0.5483	7.19	36.80	green	0.06
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 20min RX Time	PRS-L-G	160	12.21%	19.54	14264.00	0.5609	8.00	40.94	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 30min RX Time, high rpm's	PRS-L-H	160	12.21%	19.54	14769.70	0.4837	7.14	36.56	DK green	0.04
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 30min RX Time	PRS-L-I	120	12.21%	14.66	17954.80	0.3388	6.08	41.51	DK green	-0.38
K Recovery in the Leach phase										
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 5min RX Time	PRS-L-E	160	2.12%	3.40	1824.49	0.6026	1.10	32.35	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135.81 g, 2000 C leach, 10min RX Time	PRS-L-F	160	2.12%	3.40	1623.77	0.5483	0.89	26.20	green	0.06
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 20min RX Time	PRS-L-G	160	2.12%	3.40	1430.57	0.5609	0.80	23.61	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 30min RX Time, high rpm's	PRS-L-H	160	2.12%	3.40	647.37	0.4837	0.31	9.21	DK green	0.04
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 30min RX Time	PRS-L-I	120	2.12%	2.55	1697.77	0.3388	0.58	22.57	DK green	-0.38
Mg Recovery in the Leach phase										
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 5min RX Time	PRS-L-E	160	0.50%	0.80	700.69	0.6026	0.42	52.99	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135.81 g, 2000 C leach, 10min RX Time	PRS-L-F	160	0.50%	0.80	711.12	0.5483	0.39	48.94	green	0.06
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 20min RX Time	PRS-L-G	160	0.50%	0.80	772.32	0.5609	0.43	54.37	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 30min RX Time, high rpm's	PRS-L-H	160	0.50%	0.80	912.23	0.4837	0.44	55.38	DK green	0.04
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 30min RX Time	PRS-L-I	120	0.50%	0.60	907.10	0.3388	0.31	51.43	DK green	-0.38
Na Recovery in the Leach phase										
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 5min RX Time	PRS-L-E	160	0.21%	0.34	575.34	0.6026	0.35	102.47	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135.81 g, 2000 C leach, 10min RX Time	PRS-L-F	160	0.21%	0.34	531.82	0.5483	0.29	86.19	green	0.06
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 20min RX Time	PRS-L-G	160	0.21%	0.34	538.61	0.5609	0.30	89.29	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 30min RX Time, high rpm's	PRS-L-H	160	0.21%	0.34	528.14	0.4837	0.26	75.51	DK green	0.04
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 30min RX Time	PRS-L-I	120	0.21%	0.25	602.08	0.3388	0.20	80.40	DK green	-0.38
Ca Recovery in the Leach phase										
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 5min RX Time	PRS-L-E	160	0.34%	0.55	504.43	0.6026	0.30	55.41	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135.81 g, 2000 C leach, 10min RX Time	PRS-L-F	160	0.34%	0.55	496.15	0.5483	0.27	49.59	green	0.06
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 20min RX Time	PRS-L-G	160	0.34%	0.55	505.69	0.5609	0.28	51.71	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 30min RX Time, high rpm's	PRS-L-H	160	0.34%	0.55	549.57	0.4837	0.27	48.46	DK green	0.04
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 30min RX Time	PRS-L-I	120	0.34%	0.41	563.14	0.3388	0.19	46.38	DK green	-0.38

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Table 1. AA Analysis

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Conditions	Sample ID	Initial Sample Wt. (g)	Head Conc. (%)	g element 100% Theoretical	Conc. (mg/L)	Comp. Vol. (L)	Rec. Wt. (g)	Rec. In aqueous phase %	Liquor Color	pH
Tl Recovery in the Leach phase										
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 5min RX Time	PRS-L-E	160	0.88%	1.41	45.56	0.6026	0.03	1.95	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135.81 g, 2000 C leach, 10min RX Time	PRS-L-F	160	0.88%	1.41	54.29	0.5483	0.03	2.11	green	0.06
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 20min RX Time	PRS-L-G	160	0.88%	1.41	47.19	0.5609	0.03	1.88	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 30min RX Time, high rpm's	PRS-L-H	160	0.88%	1.41	48.51	0.4837	0.02	1.66	DK green	0.04
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 30min RX Time	PRS-L-I	120	0.88%	1.06	87.76	0.3388	0.03	2.81	DK green	-0.38
SI Recovery in the Leach phase										
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 5min RX Time	PRS-L-E	160	30.74%	49.18	148.60	0.6026	0.09	0.18	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135.81 g, 2000 C leach, 10min RX Time	PRS-L-F	160	30.74%	49.18	135.70	0.5483	0.07	0.15	green	0.06
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 20min RX Time	PRS-L-G	160	30.74%	49.18	154.20	0.5609	0.09	0.18	green	0.12
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 30min RX Time, high rpm's	PRS-L-H	160	30.74%	49.18	118.90	0.4837	0.06	0.12	DK green	0.04
20.0% clay slurry 800g, 96% H ₂ SO ₄ 135 g, 2000 C leach, 30min RX Time	PRS-L-I	120	30.74%	36.89	102.30	0.3388	0.03	0.09	DK green	-0.38

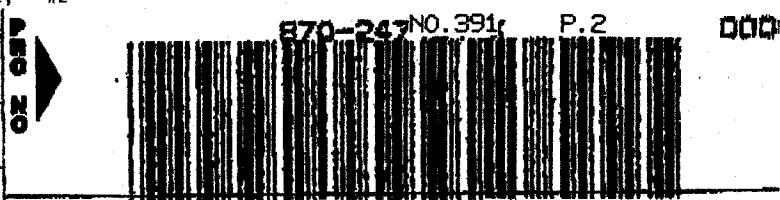
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- Objective:**
1. To determine the solids dispersion of Clearwater Shale from Lease 5 in 80 degree Celsius water and room temperature water with agitation in 10 percent and 20 percent solids in water.
 2. To determine the particle size distribution of each drum sample.
 3. To determine the percent bitumen of each drum sample.

Procedure: Approximately 50 g of Clearwater Shale clay of $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 inch in size were placed into a beaker with approximately 450 g of water with an agitator set at 400 RPM's. The dispersion was timed and the quality of dispersion was noted. These dispersed samples were then measured for particle size distribution. Meanwhile samples were calcined and crushed for XRF and samples were taken for percent bitumen.

Results and Observations:

Solids Dispersion: See table 1. Readily dispersed means almost all of the sample is dispersed with only 1/16 inch or less size pieces. Mostly easy is only pieces less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to 1/8 inch in size. Some pieces difficult is pieces of sample $\frac{1}{4}$ inch or larger left in slurry.

Particle Size Distribution:

Pit #	Drum #	Mean Particle Volume	Particle Size Range	50 Percentile Particle Size
1	1\3	5.404	0.486-37.0	3.691
1	2\3	7.892	0.688-52.33	5.12
1	3\3	7.158	0.688-52.33	5.198
2	1\3	13.46	0.688-74.0	7.024
2	2\3	15.59	0.578-296.0	4.796
2	3\3	16.44	0.818-104.7	9.212

Bitumen Extraction:

Pit #	Drum #	% bitumen	% bitumen in solids	% solids	% water
2	1\3	0.01%	0.02%	76.45%	23.54%
2	2\3	0.08%	0.10%	81.55%	18.37%
2	3\3	0.91%	1.02%	89.40%	9.69%

Samples from Pit 1 did not contain any bitumen.

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Conclusion:

The Clearwater Shale clay samples for the most part dispersed well in hot water. Pit 1 Drums 1/3, 2/3 and 3/3 and Pit 2 1/3 and 2/3 dispersed in hot water with agitation within 10 minutes. Pit 2 Drum 3/3 mostly dispersed with several very hard rock like pieces of about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in size left. The sample dispersed at room temperature did not disperse as easily or as quickly. The same can be said for the 20% solids in hot water. Samples from Pit 1 have a smaller particle size than those from Pit 2.

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Table 1
Solids Dispersion

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Pit #	Drum #	percent wt. solids	Water Temp. (degrees Celsius)	Sample weight	Water Weight	RPM	Observations	Time
1	1\3	10%	80 C	50.47	450.6	400	6 min - readily dispersed	
1	2\3	10%	80 C	50.87	450	400	8 min- readily dispersed	
1	3\3	10%	80 C	50.35	453.1	400	6.5 min - mostly easy	
2	1\3	10%	80 C	50.74	450	400	6 min - mostly easy	
2	2\3	10%	80 C	50.63	450.1	400	9 min - readily dispersed	
2	3\3	10%	80 C	50.38	456.2	400	10 min - some pieces difficult-rest easy	
1	1\3	10%	24 C	50.37	450	400	7 min - some pieces difficult	
1	1\3	20%	80 C	100.11	402.6	400	6 min - some pieces difficult- mostly dispersed	

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Pit 1 - 1/3 Lease 5

Pit 1-1/3
SAMPLE #2

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Time: 15:34 Pres #: 01

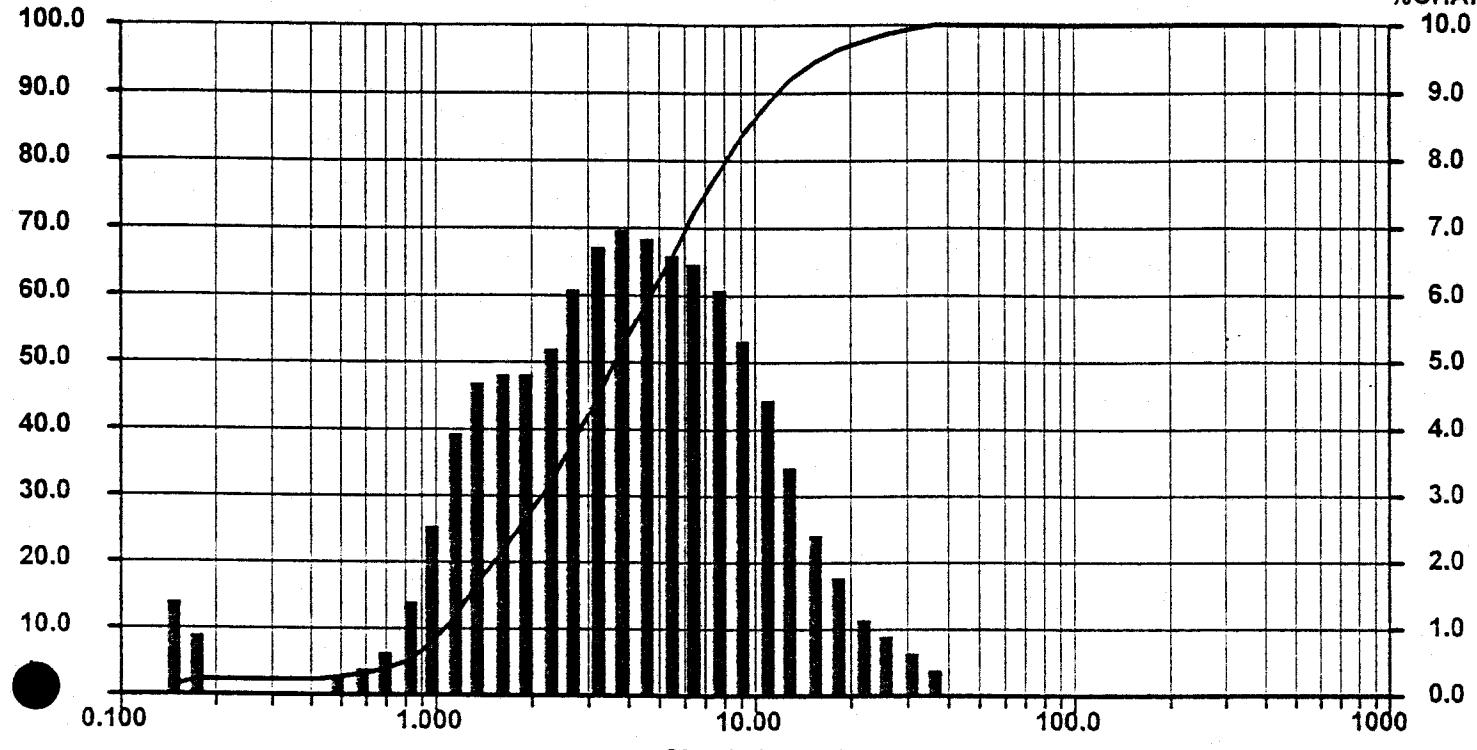
Clay from Pit 1 Drum 1/3 Lease 5

64.7

Summary	Percentiles			Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 5.404	10% = 1.064	60% = 4.737		3.804	98%	7.937
mn = 0.164	20% = 1.532	70% = 6.134		0.143	2%	0.027
ma = 1.832	30% = 2.163	80% = 8.118				
cs = 3.276	40% = 2.879	90% = 11.76				
sd = 3.953	50% = 3.691	95% = 16.02				

%PASS

%CHAN



SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
704.0	100.00	0.00	9.250	84.04	5.46						
592.0	100.00	0.00	7.778	78.58	6.17						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	72.41	6.57						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	65.84	6.77						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	59.07	6.94						
296.0	100.00	0.00	3.889	52.13	7.06						
248.9	100.00	0.00	3.270	45.07	6.81						
209.3	100.00	0.00	2.750	38.26	6.12						
176.0	100.00	0.00	2.312	32.14	5.35						
148.0	100.00	0.00	1.945	26.79	4.94						
124.5	100.00	0.00	1.635	21.85	4.93						
104.7	100.00	0.00	1.375	16.92	4.84						
88.00	100.00	0.00	1.156	12.08	4.02						
74.00	100.00	0.00	0.972	8.06	2.61						
62.23	100.00	0.00	0.818	5.45	1.42						
52.33	100.00	0.00	0.688	4.03	0.77						
44.00	100.00	0.00	0.578	3.26	0.47						
37.00	100.00	0.58	0.486	2.79	0.35						
31.11	99.42	0.71	0.409	2.44	0.00						
26.16	98.71	0.93	0.344	2.44	0.00						
22.00	97.78	1.29	0.289	2.44	0.00						
18.50	96.49	1.84	0.243	2.44	0.00						
15.56	94.65	2.59	0.204	2.44	0.00						
13.08	92.06	3.51	0.172	2.44	0.98						
11.00	88.55	4.51	0.145	1.46	1.46						

Distribution: Volume
Progression: Standard
Upper Edge: 704.0
Lower Edge: 0.122
Residuals: Disabled
Number Of Channels: 50
High Resolution: N/A
Filter On: On

RunTime: 30 seconds
Run Number 1 of 1 runs
Particle: Kaolin Clay
Particle Transparency: Trans
Particle Refractive Index: 1.64
Particle Shape: Irregular

Fluid: Water
Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33
Loading Factor: 0.0401
Transmission: 0.90
Above Residual: 0.00
Below Residual: 0.00

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Pit 1 - 2/3 Lease 5

Pit 1-2/3
SAMPLE #2

Date: 06/18/97 Meas #:05165
Time: 15:59 Pres #: 01

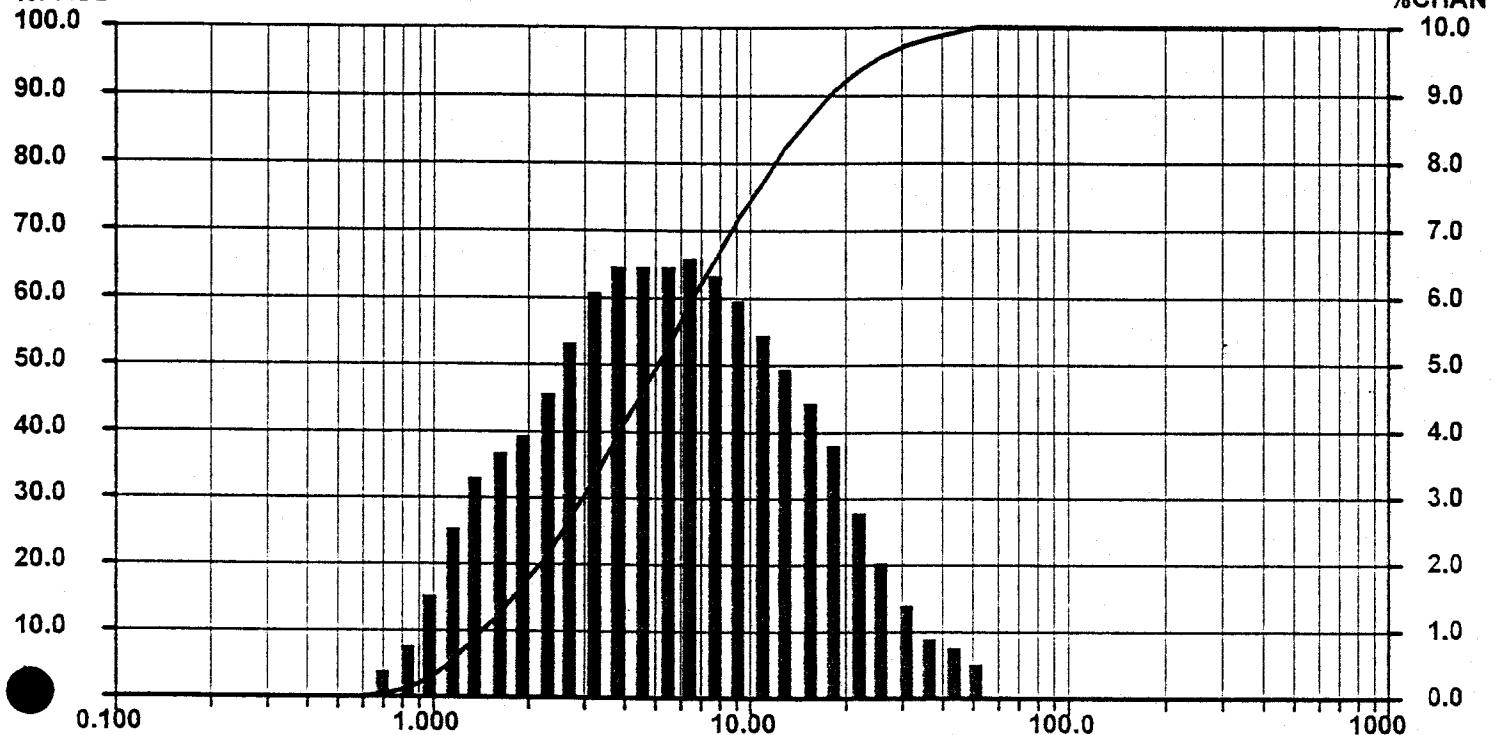
Clay from Pit 1 Drum 2/3 Lease 5

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Summary	Percentiles			Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 7.892	10% = 1.444	60% = 6.658				
mn = 1.239	20% = 2.196	70% = 8.773				
ma = 3.412	30% = 3.005	80% = 12.04				
cs = 1.758	40% = 3.932	90% = 17.85				
sd = 6.010	50% = 5.120	95% = 24.19				

%PASS

%CHAN



- Size (microns) -

SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
704.0	100.00	0.00	9.250	71.80	6.03						
592.0	100.00	0.00	7.778	65.77	6.43						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	59.34	6.60						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	52.74	6.59						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	46.15	6.56						
296.0	100.00	0.00	3.889	39.59	6.51						
248.9	100.00	0.00	3.270	33.08	6.17						
209.3	100.00	0.00	2.750	26.91	5.45						
176.0	100.00	0.00	2.312	21.46	4.64						
148.0	100.00	0.00	1.945	16.82	4.08						
124.5	100.00	0.00	1.635	12.74	3.77						
104.7	100.00	0.00	1.375	8.97	3.40						
88.00	100.00	0.00	1.156	5.57	2.63						
74.00	100.00	0.00	0.972	2.94	1.63						
62.23	100.00	0.00	0.818	1.31	0.86						
52.33	100.00	0.69	0.688	0.45	0.45						
44.00	99.31	0.83	0.578	0.00	0.00						
37.00	98.48	1.08	0.486	0.00	0.00						
31.11	97.40	1.51	0.409	0.00	0.00						
26.16	95.89	2.16	0.344	0.00	0.00						
22.00	93.73	2.99	0.289	0.00	0.00						
18.50	90.74	3.85	0.243	0.00	0.00						
15.56	86.89	4.53	0.204	0.00	0.00						
13.08	82.36	5.04	0.172	0.00	0.00						
11.00	77.32	5.52	0.145	0.00	0.00						

Distribution: Volume

RunTime: 30 seconds

Fluid: Water

Progression: Standard

Run Number 1 of 1 runs

Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33

Upper Edge: 704.0

Particle: Kaolin Clay

Loading Factor: 0.0351

Lower Edge: 0.122

Particle Transparency: Trans

Transmission: 0.93

Residuals: Disabled

Particle Refractive Index: 1.64

Above Residual: 0.00

Number Of Channels: 50

Particle Shape: Irregular

Below Residual: 0.00

High Resolution: N/A

Filter On: On

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Pit 1 - 3/3 Lease 5

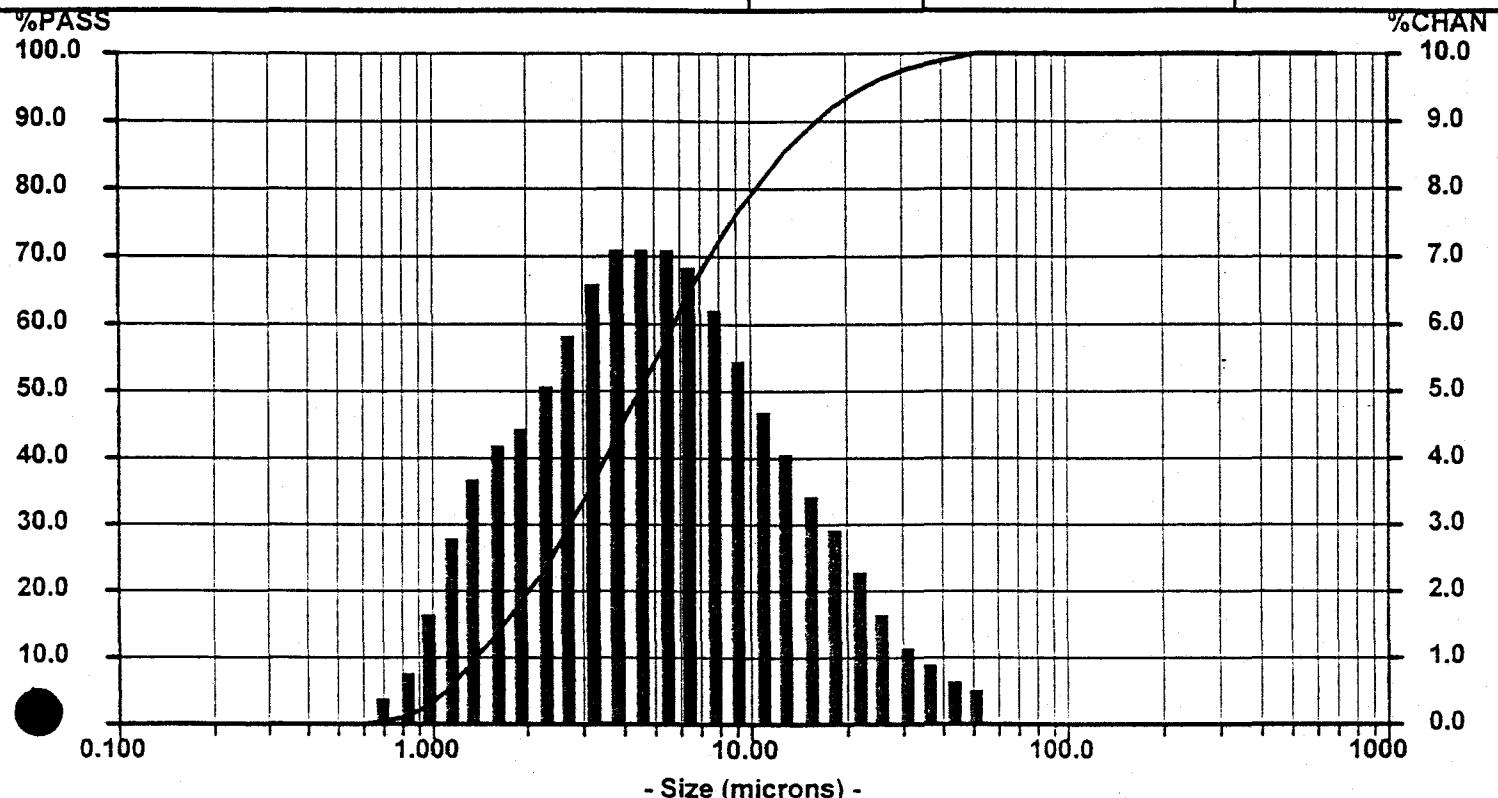
Pit 1-3/3
SAMPLE #1

Date: 06/19/97 Meas #:05166
Time: 09:28 Pres #: 01

Clay from Pit 1 Drum 3/3 Lease 5

6/17

Summary	Percentiles	Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 7.158	10% = 1.391	60% = 5.782	4.538	100% 10.40
mn = 1.249	20% = 2.056	70% = 7.513		
ma = 3.195	30% = 2.784	80% = 10.37		
cs = 1.878	40% = 3.574	90% = 16.20		
sd = 5.198	50% = 4.538	95% = 22.73		



SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
704.0	100.00	0.00	9.250	76.77	5.55						
592.0	100.00	0.00	7.778	71.22	6.34						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	64.88	6.90						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	57.98	7.17						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	50.81	7.28						
296.0	100.00	0.00	3.889	43.53	7.19						
248.9	100.00	0.00	3.270	36.34	6.79						
209.3	100.00	0.00	2.750	29.55	5.99						
176.0	100.00	0.00	2.312	23.56	5.11						
148.0	100.00	0.00	1.945	18.45	4.51						
124.5	100.00	0.00	1.635	13.94	4.20						
104.7	100.00	0.00	1.375	9.74	3.78						
88.00	100.00	0.00	1.156	5.96	2.88						
74.00	100.00	0.00	0.972	3.08	1.74						
62.23	100.00	0.00	0.818	1.34	0.89						
52.33	100.00	0.63	0.688	0.45	0.45						
44.00	99.37	0.75	0.578	0.00	0.00						
37.00	98.62	0.95	0.486	0.00	0.00						
31.11	97.67	1.28	0.409	0.00	0.00						
26.16	96.39	1.76	0.344	0.00	0.00						
22.00	94.63	2.37	0.289	0.00	0.00						
18.50	92.26	3.01	0.243	0.00	0.00						
15.56	89.25	3.58	0.204	0.00	0.00						
13.08	85.67	4.13	0.172	0.00	0.00						
11.00	81.54	4.77	0.145	0.00	0.00						

Distribution: Volume

RunTime: 30 seconds

Fluid: Water

Progression: Standard

Run Number 1 of 1 runs

Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33

Upper Edge: 704.0

Particle: Kaolin Clay

Loading Factor: 0.0488

Lower Edge: 0.122

Particle Transparency: Trans

Transmission: 0.90

Residuals: Disabled

Particle Refractive Index: 1.64

Above Residual: 0.00

Number Of Channels: 50

Particle Shape: Irregular

Below Residual: 0.00

High Resolution: N/A

Filter On: On

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Pit 2 - 1/3 Lease 5

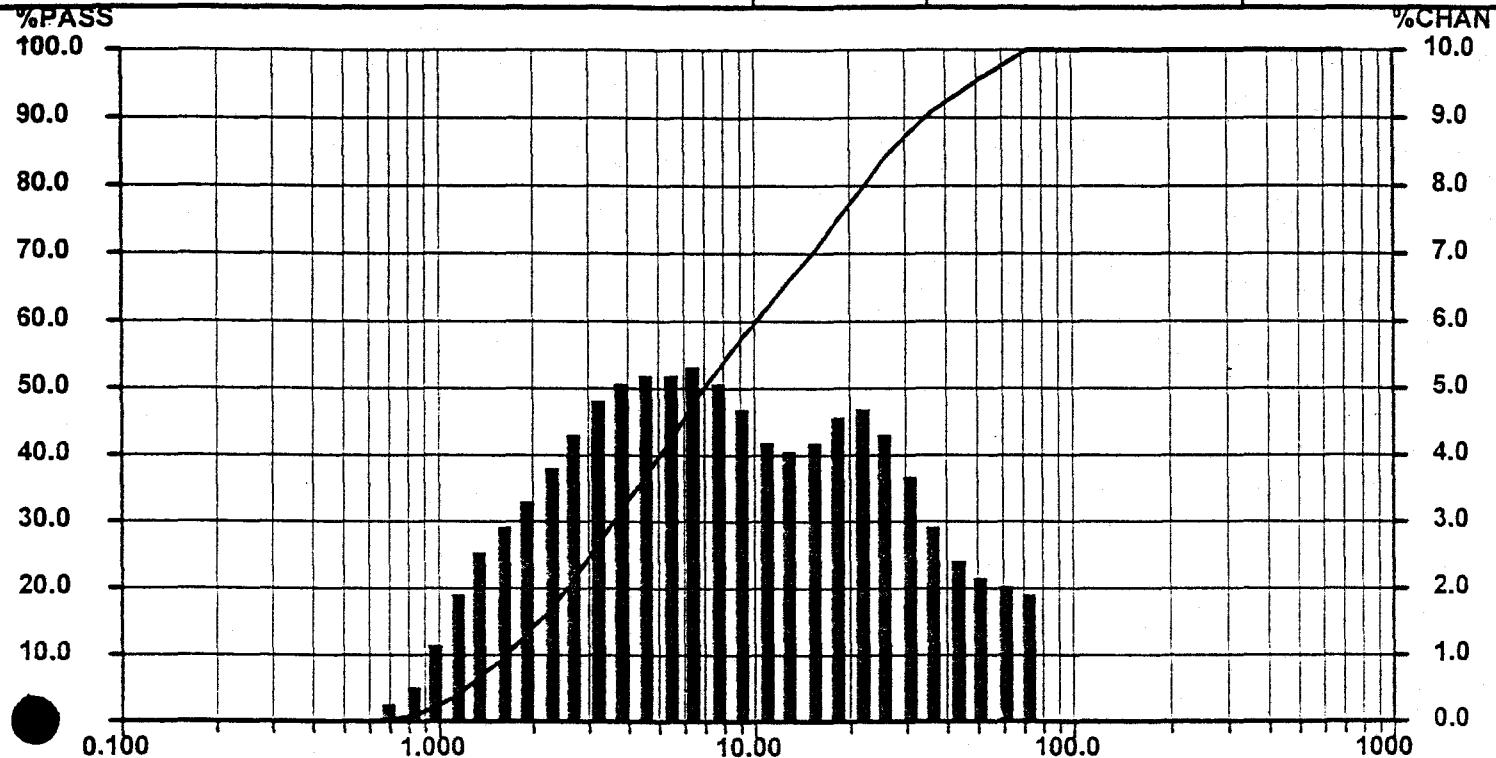
Pit 2-1/3
SAMPLE #1

Date: 06/19/97 Meas #:05168
Time: 10:41 Pres #: 01

Clay from Pit 2 Drum 1/3 Lease 5

SJ 1997

Summary	Percentiles	Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 13.46	10% = 1.647 60% = 10.13	23.07	38%	31.00
mn = 1.259	20% = 2.588 70% = 15.31	3.789	62%	5.895
ma = 4.164	30% = 3.664 80% = 22.21			
cs = 1.441	40% = 5.087 90% = 34.91			
sd = 11.90	50% = 7.024 95% = 49.01			



- Size (microns) -

SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
704.0	100.00	0.00	9.250	57.74	4.72						
592.0	100.00	0.00	7.778	53.02	5.19						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	47.83	5.40						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	42.43	5.36						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	37.07	5.27						
296.0	100.00	0.00	3.889	31.80	5.19						
248.9	100.00	0.00	3.270	26.61	4.97						
209.3	100.00	0.00	2.750	21.64	4.49						
176.0	100.00	0.00	2.312	17.15	3.88						
148.0	100.00	0.00	1.945	13.27	3.40						
124.5	100.00	0.00	1.635	9.87	3.05						
104.7	100.00	0.00	1.375	6.82	2.64						
88.00	100.00	0.00	1.156	4.18	1.97						
74.00	100.00	2.05	0.972	2.21	1.21						
62.23	97.95	2.11	0.818	1.00	0.65						
52.33	95.84	2.28	0.688	0.35	0.35						
44.00	93.56	2.58	0.578	0.00	0.00						
37.00	90.98	3.09	0.486	0.00	0.00						
31.11	87.89	3.74	0.409	0.00	0.00						
26.16	84.15	4.40	0.344	0.00	0.00						
22.00	79.75	4.72	0.289	0.00	0.00						
18.50	75.03	4.62	0.243	0.00	0.00						
15.56	70.41	4.29	0.204	0.00	0.00						
13.08	66.12	4.11	0.172	0.00	0.00						
11.00	62.01	4.27	0.145	0.00	0.00						

Distribution: Volume

RunTime: 30 seconds

Fluid: Water

Progression: Standard

Run Number 1 of 1 runs

Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33

Upper Edge: 704.0

Particle: Kaolin Clay

Loading Factor: 0.0504

Lower Edge: 0.122

Particle Transparency: Trans

Transmission: 0.91

Residuals: Disabled

Particle Refractive Index: 1.64

Above Residual: 0.00

Number Of Channels: 50

Particle Shape: Irregular

Below Residual: 0.00

High Resolution: N/A

Filter On: On

SOXHLET EXTRACTION DATA

SOLV-EX
R & D CENTER

NON-FILTERABLE SOLIDS:

15. Centrifuge tube weight..... g

16. Centrifuge & dry Solids weight..... g

17. Weight of solids in tube (#13 - #12)..... g

CALCULATIONS:

Bitumen percent by Evaporation:

$$\text{Bitumen Wt.} = \left[\frac{\text{Wt. of Bitumen (#13)}}{\text{mL of Solution in dish}} \right] \times \text{Volume of Solution} = \underline{0.556} \text{ g (Eq1)}$$

$$\% \text{ Bitumen} = \left[\frac{\text{Wt. of Bitumen (Eq1)}}{\text{Wt. of Raw Sample (#3)}} \right] \times 100 = \underline{0.91} \% \text{ (Eq2)}$$

$$\% \text{ Bitumen in Solids} = (\% \text{ Bitumen} \times \text{sample wt. / g Solids}) \times 100 = \underline{1.02} \%$$

$$\% \text{ Solids} = \left[\frac{\text{Wt. of Solids in Thimble (#9) + (NF)[solids in tube (#17)]}}{\text{Wt. of Raw Sample (#3)}} \right] \times 100 = \underline{89.40} \% \text{ (Eq3)}$$

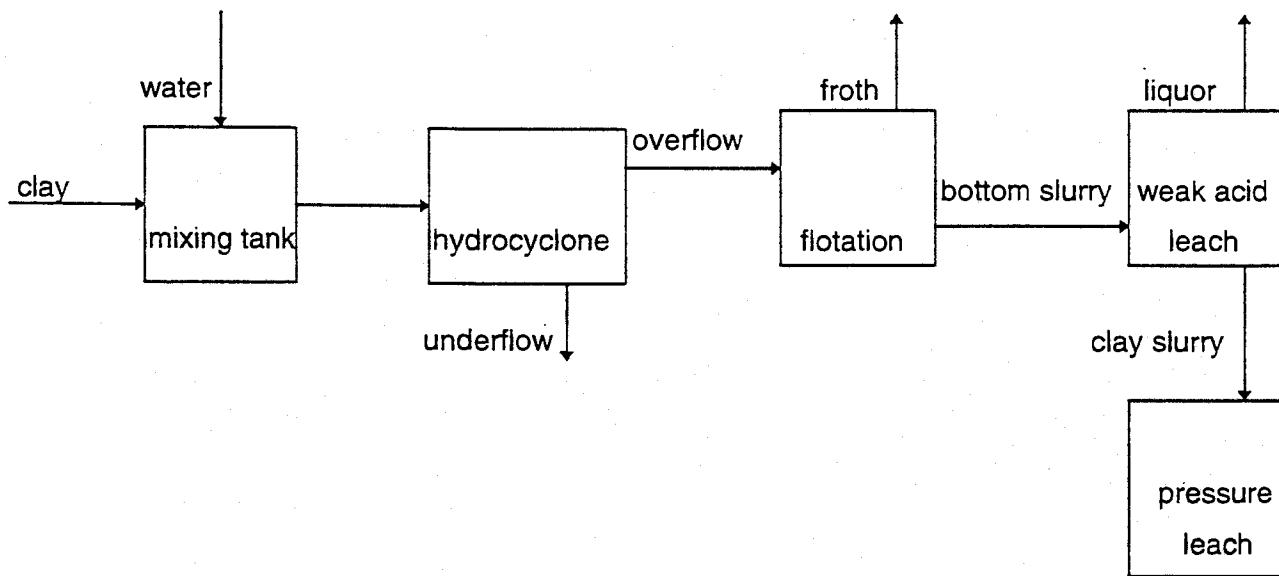
$$\% \text{ Water} = \% \text{ Bitumen (Eq2)} - \% \text{ Solids (Eq3)} = \underline{9.69} \%$$

(Note: NF = the Total Bitumen - Toluene Solution Volume / Volume in Centrifuge tube)

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 10, 1997
TO: Massoud Ahghar
FROM: Jianzhi Ge
RE: Pretreatment of the clay from lease 5
CC:

The XRF and PSD analyses from lease 5 clay is attached. The alumina concentration is around 15%. This clay can be preprocessed before it goes to the leach. Hydrocyclone classification process is proposed as the first step treatment. According to the previous tests, 1" hydrocyclone will be used. Solid concentration of the slurry will be controlled within 15% to 20% by weight. The feed pressure will be around 65 psi. Flotation will be recommended following the hydrocyclone to remove iron and magnesium. It is said that Mountain States has done some research work. Their work need to be reviewed. If the weak acid leach does work out to be good, a weak acid leach process will be used follow the flotation. The last step will be pressure leach. A block flow diagram is shown below:



SOXHLET EXTRACTION DATA

SOLV-EX
R & D CENTER

NON-FILTERABLE SOLIDS:

15. Centrifuge tube weight..... g

16. Centrifuge & dry Solids weight..... g

17. Weight of solids in tube (#13-#12)..... g

CALCULATIONS:

Bitumen percent by Evaporation:

$$\text{Bitumen Wt.} = \left[\frac{\text{Wt. of Bitumen (#13)}}{\text{mL of Solution in dish}} \right] \times \text{Volume of Solution} = 0.008 \text{ g (Eq1)}$$

$$\% \text{ Bitumen} = \left[\frac{\text{Wt. of Bitumen (Eq1)}}{\text{Wt. of Raw Sample (#3)}} \right] \times 100 = 0.01 \% \text{ (Eq2)}$$

$$\% \text{ Bitumen in Solids} = (\% \text{ Bitumen} \times \text{sample wt./ g Solids}) \times 100 = 0.02 \%$$

$$\% \text{ Solids} = \left[\frac{\text{Wt. of Solids in Thimble (#9) + (NF)[solids in tube (#17)]}}{\text{Wt. of Raw Sample (#3)}} \right] \times 100 =$$

$$76.45 \% \text{ (Eq3)}$$

$$\% \text{ Water} = \% \text{ Bitumen (Eq2)} - \% \text{ Solids (Eq3)} = 23.54 \%$$

145 (Note: NF = the Total Bitumen -Toluene Solution Volume / Volume in Centrifuge tube)

SOXHLET EXTRACTION DATA

SOLV-EX
R & D CENTER

NON-FILTERABLE SOLIDS:

15. Centrifuge tube weight..... g
16. Centrifuge & dry Solids weight..... g
17. Weight of solids in tube (#13-#12)..... g

CALCULATIONS:

Bitumen percent by Evaporation:

$$\text{Bitumen Wt.} = \left[\frac{\text{Wt. of Bitumen (#13)}}{\text{mL of Solution in dish}} \right] \times \text{Volume of Solution} = 0.049 \text{ g (Eq1)}$$

$$\% \text{ Bitumen} = \left[\frac{\text{Wt. of Bitumen (Eq1)}}{\text{Wt. of Raw Sample (#3)}} \right] \times 100 = 0.08 \% \text{ (Eq2)}$$

$$\% \text{ Bitumen in Solids} = (\% \text{ Bitumen} \times \text{sample wt./ g Solids}) \times 100 = 0.10 \%$$

$$\% \text{ Solids} = \left[\frac{\text{Wt. of Solids in Thimble (#9)} + (\text{NF})[\text{solids in tube (#17)}]}{\text{Wt. of Raw Sample (#3)}} \right] \times 100 = 81.55 \% \text{ (Eq3)}$$

$$\% \text{ Water} = \% \text{ Bitumen (Eq2)} - \% \text{ Solids (Eq3)} = 18.32 \% \quad \begin{matrix} 0.76 + 2.22 \\ 0.15 \end{matrix}$$

(Note: NF = the Total Bitumen - Toluene Solution Volume / Volume in Centrifuge tube)

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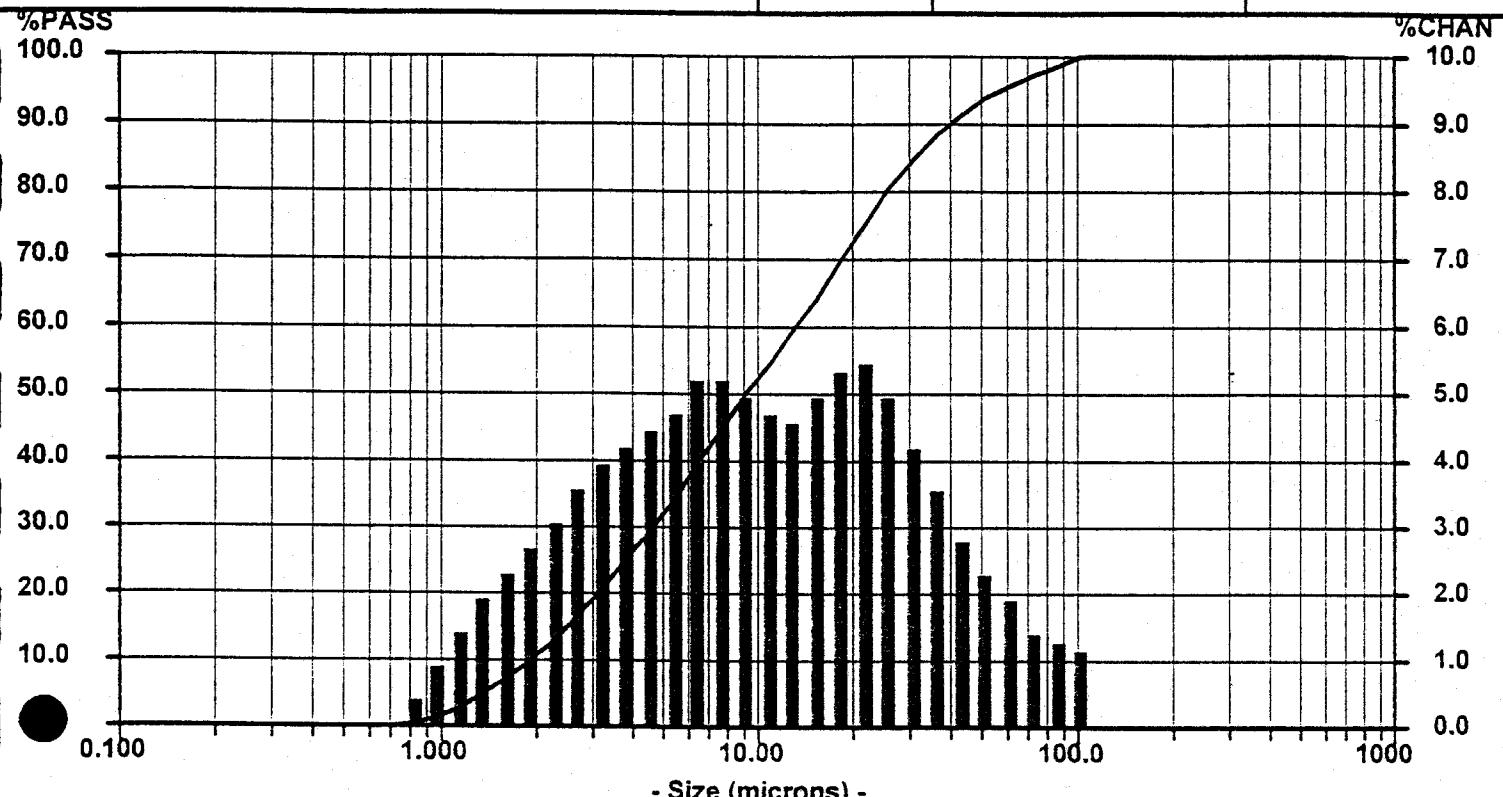
Pit 2 - 3/3 Lease 5

Pit 2-3/3
SAMPLE #2Date: 06/19/97 Meas #:05173
Time: 15:21 Pres #: 01

Clay from Pit 2 Drum 3/3 Lease 5

6/19/97

Summary	Percentiles			Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 16.44	10% = 1.926	60% = 13.33		23.46	45%	33.96
mn = 1.380	20% = 3.151	70% = 18.54		4.248	55%	6.251
ma = 4.982	30% = 4.684	80% = 25.67				
cs = 1.204	40% = 6.593	90% = 40.35				
sd = 13.68	50% = 9.212	95% = 57.85				



SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
704.0	100.00	0.00	9.250	50.12	5.04						
592.0	100.00	0.00	7.778	45.08	5.32						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	39.76	5.23						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	34.53	4.87						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	29.66	4.51						
296.0	100.00	0.00	3.889	25.15	4.26						
248.9	100.00	0.00	3.270	20.89	4.00						
209.3	100.00	0.00	2.750	16.89	3.60						
176.0	100.00	0.00	2.312	13.29	3.13						
148.0	100.00	0.00	1.945	10.16	2.73						
124.5	100.00	0.00	1.635	7.43	2.41						
104.7	100.00	1.26	1.375	5.02	2.04						
88.00	98.74	1.38	1.156	2.98	1.52						
74.00	97.36	1.59	0.972	1.46	0.94						
62.23	95.77	1.94	0.818	0.52	0.52						
52.33	93.83	2.42	0.688	0.00	0.00						
44.00	91.41	2.97	0.578	0.00	0.00						
37.00	88.44	3.60	0.486	0.00	0.00						
31.11	84.84	4.31	0.409	0.00	0.00						
26.16	80.53	5.07	0.344	0.00	0.00						
22.00	75.46	5.53	0.289	0.00	0.00						
18.50	69.93	5.45	0.243	0.00	0.00						
15.56	64.48	5.00	0.204	0.00	0.00						
13.08	59.48	4.66	0.172	0.00	0.00						
11.00	54.82	4.70	0.145	0.00	0.00						

Distribution: Volume

Progression: Standard

Upper Edge: 704.0

Lower Edge: 0.122

Residuals: Disabled

Number Of Channels: 50

High Resolution: N/A

Filter On: On

RunTime: 30 seconds

Run Number 1 of 1 runs

Particle: Kaolin Clay

Particle Transparency: Trans

Particle Refractive Index: 1.64

Particle Shape: Irregular

Fluid: Water

Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33

Loading Factor: 0.0459

Transmission: 0.93

Above Residual: 0.00

Below Residual: 0.00

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Pit 2 - 2/3 Lease 5

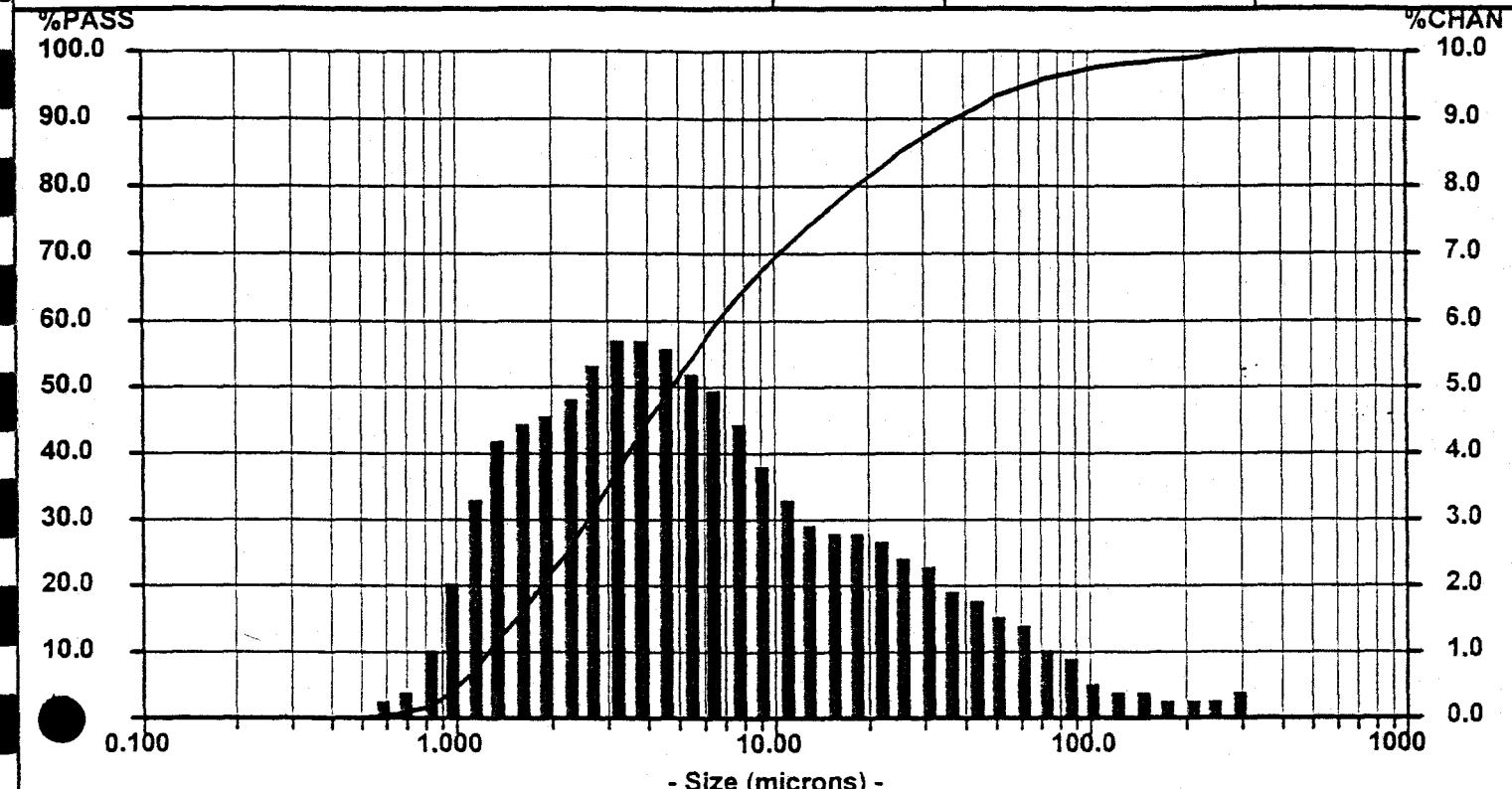
Pit 2-2/3 SAMPLE #2

Date: 06/19/97 Meas #:05171
Time: 13:34 Pres #: 01

Clay from Pit 2 Drum 2/3 Lease 5

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Summary	Percentiles	Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 15.59	10% = 1.282 60% = 6.725	4.796	100%	22.22
mn = 1.097	20% = 1.874 70% = 10.32			
ma = 3.165	30% = 2.628 80% = 18.43			
cs = 1.895	40% = 3.535 90% = 37.80			
sd = 11.11	50% = 4.796 95% = 64.38			



SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
704.0	100.00	0.00	9.250	67.79	3.98						
592.0	100.00	0.00	7.778	63.81	4.57						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	59.24	5.03						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	54.21	5.35						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	48.86	5.63						
296.0	100.00	0.47	3.889	43.23	5.89						
248.9	99.53	0.37	3.270	37.34	5.86						
209.3	99.16	0.34	2.750	31.48	5.49						
176.0	98.82	0.35	2.312	25.99	4.98						
148.0	98.47	0.41	1.945	21.01	4.66						
124.5	98.06	0.52	1.635	16.35	4.55						
104.7	97.54	0.69	1.375	11.80	4.27						
88.00	96.85	0.92	1.156	7.53	3.38						
74.00	95.93	1.18	0.972	4.15	2.11						
62.23	94.75	1.44	0.818	2.04	1.12						
52.33	93.31	1.67	0.688	0.92	0.58						
44.00	91.64	1.88	0.578	0.34	0.34						
37.00	89.76	2.09	0.486	0.00	0.00						
31.11	87.67	2.32	0.409	0.00	0.00						
26.16	85.35	2.56	0.344	0.00	0.00						
22.00	82.79	2.73	0.289	0.00	0.00						
18.50	80.06	2.84	0.243	0.00	0.00						
15.56	77.22	2.91	0.204	0.00	0.00						
13.08	74.31	3.08	0.172	0.00	0.00						
11.00	71.23	3.44	0.145	0.00	0.00						

Distribution: Volume
Progression: Standard
Upper Edge: 704.0
Lower Edge: 0.122
Residuals: Disabled
Number Of Channels: 50
High Resolution: N/A
Filter On: On

RunTime: 30 seconds
Run Number 1 of 1 runs
Particle: Kaolin Clay
Particle Transparency: Trans
Particle Refractive Index: 1.64
Particle Shape: Irregular

Fluid: Water
Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33
Loading Factor: 0.0384
Transmission: 0.93
Above Residual: 0.00
Below Residual: 0.00

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Lease 5, Clay Lager

01-CS-329

Weight %	L-C-S-1	PBS-CP 41997	- LFTB		
SiO ₂	59.20	82.09	28.33		
TiO ₂	0.658	0.298	0.799		
Al ₂ O ₃	14.66	3.50	6.94		
Fe ₂ O ₃	4.36	4.50	35.74		
FeO	-	-	-		
MnO	0.011	0.032	0.355		
MgO	2.39	0.74	4.58		
CaO	1.94	1.25	8.42		
Na ₂ O	0.38	0.26	0.27		
K ₂ O	2.68	1.21	1.47		
H ₂ O(-)					
H ₂ O(+) + CO ₂	13.36	4.22	N.D.		
P ₂ O ₅	0.16	0.17	1.29		
TOTAL	99.80	98.27	88.19		
TOTAL Fe (as Fe₂O₃)					
LO.I. + H₂O(-)	13.36	4.22	N.D.		
FeO after LO.I.					

N.D. = Not Determined

L-C-S-1

L-C-S-1
SAMPLE #1Date: 06/09/97 Meas #:05147
Time: 09:37 Pres #: 01

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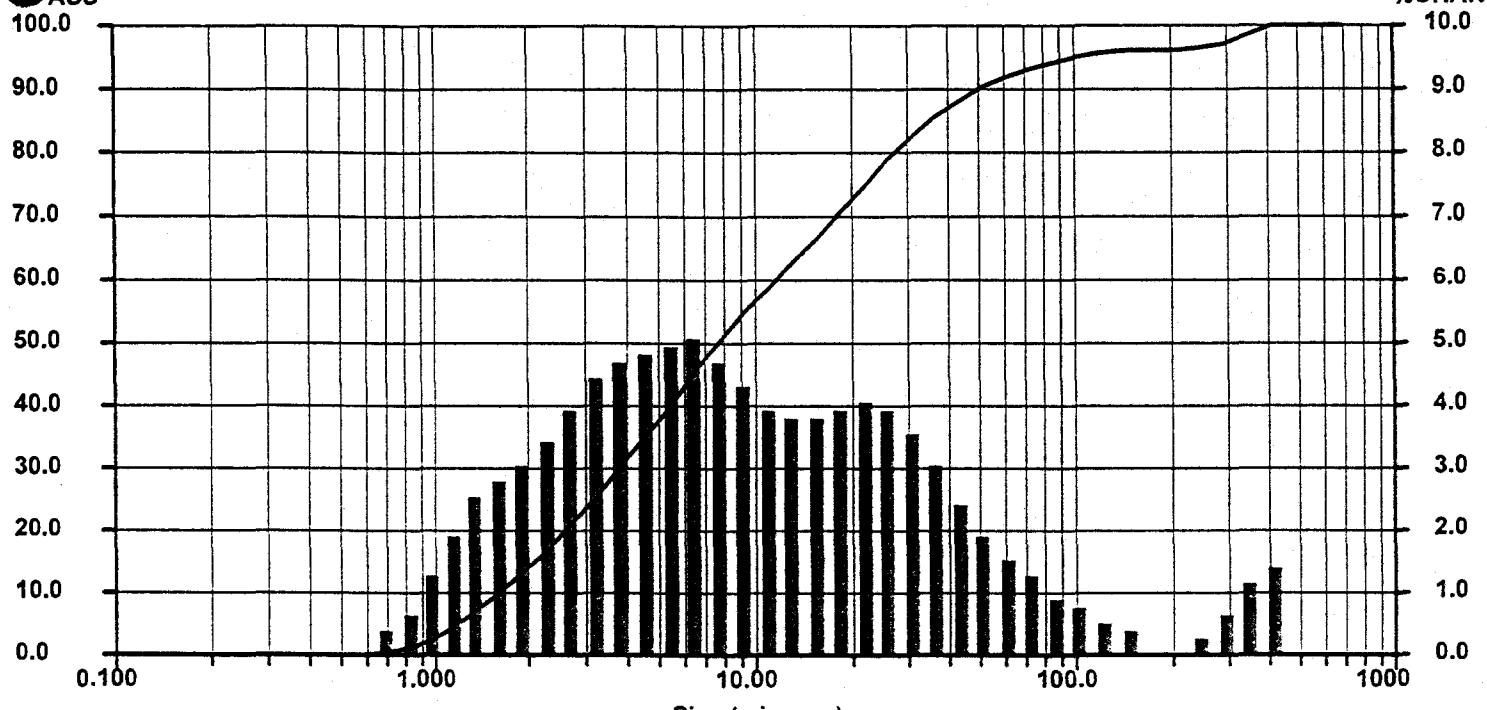
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Lease 5 Top Clay Layer
without Dispersant.

Summary	Percentiles			Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 27.54	10% = 1.623	60% = 11.62		334.3	4%	118.3
mn = 1.201	20% = 2.647	70% = 18.03		24.62	37%	37.18
ma = 4.282	30% = 3.851	80% = 27.54		3.769	59%	5.958
cs = 1.401	40% = 5.447	90% = 50.73				
sd = 15.70	50% = 7.697	95% = 101.5				

%PASS

%CHAN



- Size (microns) -

SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
0.00	100.00	0.00	9.250	54.75	4.46						
0.00	100.00	0.00	7.778	50.29	4.89						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	45.40	5.11						
418.6	100.00	1.49	5.500	40.29	5.06						
352.0	98.51	1.26	4.625	35.23	4.95						
296.0	97.25	0.71	3.889	30.28	4.80						
248.9	96.54	0.38	3.270	25.48	4.54						
209.3	96.16	0.00	2.750	20.94	4.08						
176.0	96.16	0.00	2.312	16.86	3.56						
148.0	96.16	0.42	1.945	13.30	3.17						
124.5	95.74	0.61	1.635	10.13	2.92						
104.7	95.13	0.82	1.375	7.21	2.61						
88.00	94.31	1.04	1.156	4.60	2.05						
74.00	93.27	1.30	0.972	2.55	1.34						
62.23	91.97	1.63	0.818	1.21	0.77						
52.33	90.34	2.07	0.688	0.44	0.44						
44.00	88.27	2.59	0.578	0.00	0.00						
37.00	85.68	3.15	0.486	0.00	0.00						
31.11	82.53	3.66	0.409	0.00	0.00						
26.16	78.87	4.05	0.344	0.00	0.00						
22.00	74.82	4.19	0.289	0.00	0.00						
18.50	70.63	4.10	0.243	0.00	0.00						
15.56	66.53	3.90	0.204	0.00	0.00						
13.08	62.63	3.84	0.172	0.00	0.00						
11.00	58.79	4.04	0.145	0.00	0.00						

Distribution: Volume

RunTime: 30 seconds

Fluid: Water

Progression: Standard

Run Number 1 of 1 runs

Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33

Upper Edge: 704.0

Particle: Kaolin Clay

Loading Factor: 0.0707

Lower Edge: 0.122

Particle Transparency: Trans

Transmission: 0.89

Residuals: Disabled

Particle Refractive Index: 1.64

Above Residual: 0.00

Number Of Channels: 50

Particle Shape: Irregular

Below Residual: 0.00

High Resolution: N/A

Filter On: On

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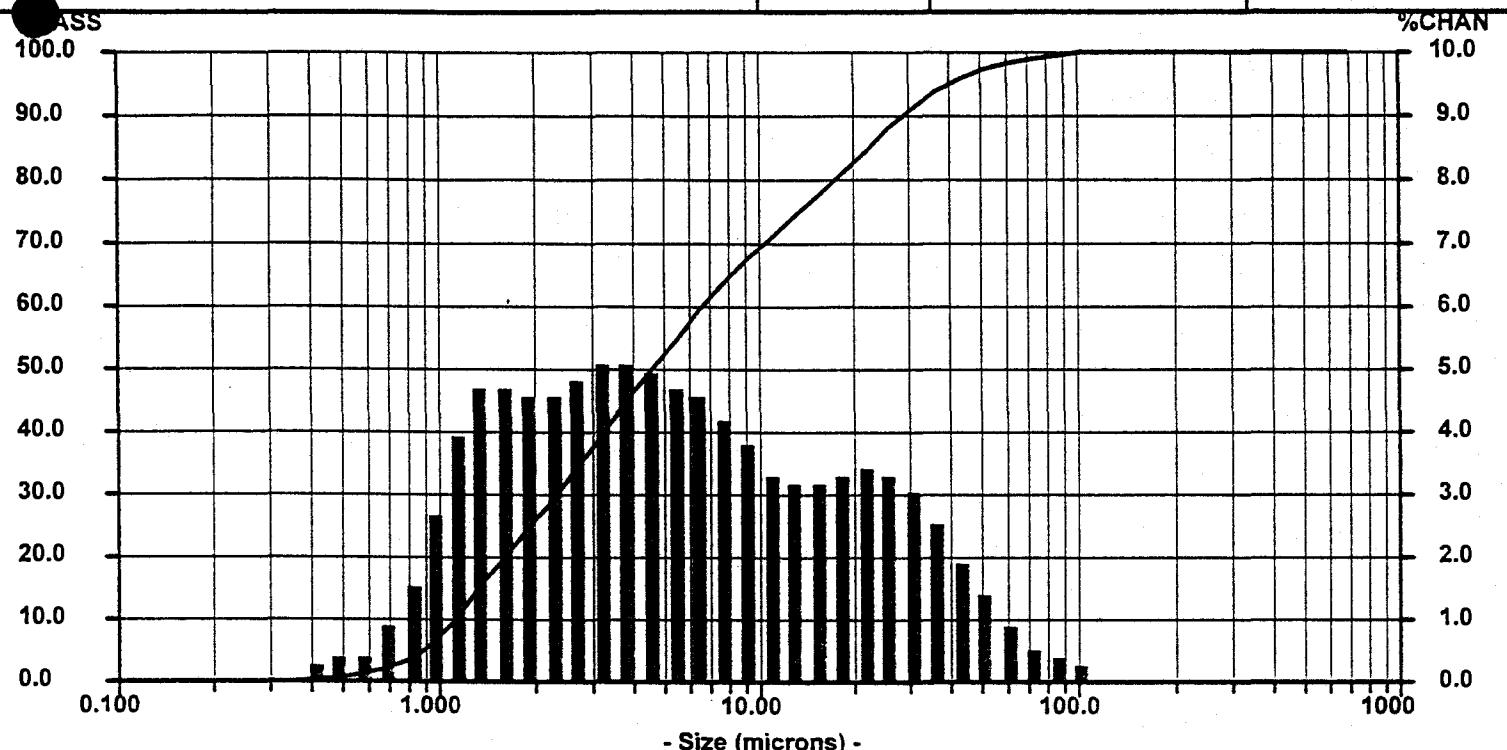
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Lease 5 Top Clay Layer

WITH DISPERSANT

L-C-S-1
SAMPLE #1Date: 06/09/97 Meas #: 05145
Time: 09:14 Pres #: 01

Summary	Percentiles			Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 10.71	10% = 1.124	60% = 6.673		23.07	29%	27.60
mn = 0.811	20% = 1.613	70% = 10.39		3.993	51%	5.305
ma = 2.766	30% = 2.338	80% = 17.55		1:132	20%	0.681
cs = 2.169	40% = 3.289	90% = 29.02				
sd = 9.991	50% = 4.628	95% = 40.33				



SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
7.00	100.00	0.00	9.250	67.66	3.85						
5.00	100.00	0.00	7.778	63.81	4.32						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	59.49	4.66						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	54.83	4.85						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	49.98	5.00						
296.0	100.00	0.00	3.889	44.98	5.15						
248.9	100.00	0.00	3.270	39.83	5.19						
209.3	100.00	0.00	2.750	34.64	4.95						
176.0	100.00	0.00	2.312	29.69	4.68						
148.0	100.00	0.00	1.945	25.01	4.63						
124.5	100.00	0.00	1.635	20.38	4.82						
104.7	100.00	0.37	1.375	15.56	4.82						
88.00	99.63	0.49	1.156	10.74	4.09						
74.00	99.14	0.69	0.972	6.65	2.77						
62.23	98.45	1.01	0.818	3.88	1.60						
52.33	97.44	1.48	0.688	2.28	0.91						
44.00	95.96	2.06	0.578	1.37	0.58						
37.00	93.90	2.67	0.486	0.79	0.43						
31.11	91.23	3.17	0.409	0.36	0.36						
26.16	88.06	3.47	0.344	0.00	0.00						
22.00	84.59	3.53	0.289	0.00	0.00						
18.50	81.06	3.43	0.243	0.00	0.00						
15.56	77.63	3.27	0.204	0.00	0.00						
13.08	74.36	3.25	0.172	0.00	0.00						
11.00	71.11	3.45	0.145	0.00	0.00						

Distribution: Volume
Progression: Standard
Upper Edge: 704.0
Lower Edge: 0.122
Residuals: Disabled
Number Of Channels: 50
High Resolution: N/A
Filter On: On

RunTime: 30 seconds
Run Number 1 of 1 runs
Particle: Kaolin Clay
Particle Transparency: Trans
Particle Refractive Index: 1.64
Particle Shape: Irregular

Fluid: Water
Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33
Loading Factor: 0.0494
Transmission: 0.90
Above Residual: 0.00
Below Residual: 0.00

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JUNE 20, 1997

Jerry V. Fox

INITIAL EXPLORATORY HYDROCYCLONE TEST - CLEARWATER SAMPLES

Prepare a uniform, well mixed slurry of approximately 25 percent solids (calculate the weight based upon the weight as is in the sample drum. Use the sample in drum 2 of Pit # 1. Use steam to heat to approximately 130 °F to help in the mixing process.

1.0 Test #1

- 1.1 Transfer the slurry to the hydrocyclone test feed tank. Turn on the pump and circulate while bypassing the hydrocyclone and turn on the mixer.
- 1.2 Using steam heat the contents to 160 °F.
- 1.3 Open the flow to the hydrocyclone and close the bypass valve until 50 psig is obtained on the flow to the hydrocyclone.
- 1.4 Run for a minimum of 5 minutes.
- 1.5 Divert the overflow line to a 5 gallon bucket and record the time to fill. Return the flow to the unit.
- 1.6 Divert the underflow line to a 5 gallon bucket and record the time to fill. Return the flow to the unit.
- 1.7 Collect one gallon samples of the feed, overflow, and underflow streams
- 1.8 Record pressure and flow rate data as well as any unusual observations..

2.0 Test # 2

- 2.1 Open the bypass valve until the pressure reaches 30 psig.
- 2.2 Use steam to adjust temperature to 160 °F.
- 2.3 Repeat steps 1.4 through 1.8.

3.0 Using the bypass valve adjust the pressure to 50 psig.

- 3.1 Using a hose clamp, adjust the overflow rate to roughly 1/3 to 1/2 as determined by visual inspection.
- 3.2 Repeat steps 1.4 through 1.8.

4.0 Laboratory Tests

- 4.1 Determine percent solids all samples
- 4.2 Determine PSD all samples.
- 4.3 Retain samples for further study or instruction to dispose.

CYCLONE TESTS

6/24/97

TEST ONE

50 PSI ORIFICE TOP 5-5 BOTTOM 3-2

70 Ubs 700 Ubs water

GPM - OFF THE TOP OF CYCLONE, 3 GALLONS PER MINUTE. OFF BOTTOM OF CYCLONE, 1 GALLON PER MINUTE AND 40 SECONDS.

TEST TWO

30 PSI

GPM - OFF THE TOP OF THE CYCLONE, 2 1/2 GALLONS PER MINUTE. BOTTOM 1 GALLON PER 2 MINUTE

TEST THREE

50 PSI ORIFICE TOP 3-0 BOTTOM 3-2

CYCLONE TOP GPM 1 GAL PER 1 MINUTE 10 SECONDS, BOTTOM 1 GAL PER MINUTE

TEST FOUR

30 PSI

CYCLONE TOP GPM 1 GAL PER 1 MINUTE 30 SECONDS, BOTTOM 1 GAL PER 1 MINUTE 10 SECONDS.

Fd - TEST PIT #1 Drum 2/3?

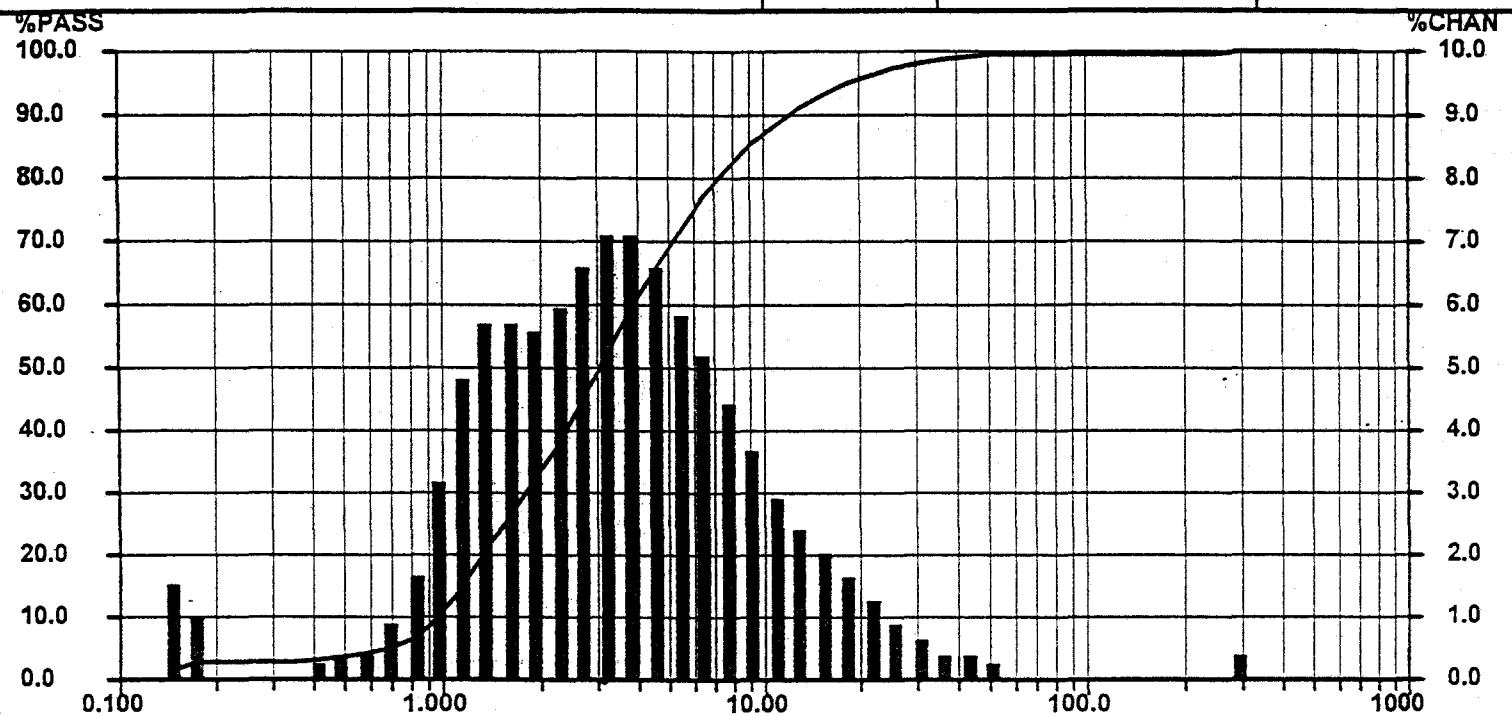
100 Ubs 700 Ubs water

Hydrocyclone MIX TANK

PP-HCT-ZT
SAMPLE #3.Date: 06/24/97 Meas #: 05184
Time: 12:11 Pres #: 01

PILOT PLANT HYDROCYCLONE TEST
 SAMPLE MIXING TANK
 Test Pit 1 Lease 5
 6124197

Summary	Percentiles	Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 6.263	10% = 0.963	4.311	73%	8.488
mn = 0.165	60% = 3.948	1.145	24%	0.657
ma = 1.597	20% = 1.337	0.144	3%	0.027
cs = 3.757	30% = 1.803	40% = 2.409	80% = 7.247	90% = 12.07
sd = 3.704	50% = 3.096	50%	95% = 18.46	



- Size (microns) -

SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
704.0	100.00	0.00	9.250	85.51	3.75						
592.0	100.00	0.00	7.778	81.76	4.51						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	77.25	5.27						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	71.98	5.96						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	66.02	6.61						
296.0	100.00	0.40	3.889	59.41	7.11						
248.9	99.60	0.00	3.270	52.30	7.16						
209.3	99.60	0.00	2.750	45.14	6.65						
176.0	99.60	0.00	2.312	38.49	6.00						
148.0	99.60	0.00	1.945	32.49	5.69						
124.5	99.60	0.00	1.635	26.80	5.82						
104.7	99.60	0.00	1.375	20.98	5.83						
88.00	99.60	0.00	1.156	15.15	4.93						
74.00	99.60	0.00	0.972	10.22	3.25						
62.23	99.60	0.00	0.818	6.97	1.78						
52.33	99.60	0.33	0.688	5.19	0.96						
44.00	99.27	0.44	0.578	4.23	0.59						
37.00	98.83	0.58	0.486	3.64	0.42						
31.11	98.25	0.79	0.409	3.22	0.35						
26.16	97.46	1.06	0.344	2.87	0.00						
22.00	96.40	1.38	0.289	2.87	0.00						
18.50	95.02	1.75	0.243	2.87	0.00						
15.56	93.27	2.13	0.204	2.87	0.00						
13.08	91.14	2.55	0.172	2.87	1.17						
11.00	88.59	3.08	0.145	1.70	1.70						

Distribution: Volume

Progression: Standard

Upper Edge: 704.0

Lower Edge: 0.122

Residuals: Disabled

Number Of Channels: 50

High Resolution: N/A

Filter On: On

RunTime: 30 seconds

Run Number 1 of 1 runs

Particle: Kaolin Clay

Particle Transparency: Trans

Particle Refractive Index: 1.64

Particle Shape: Irregular

Fluid: Water

Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33

Loading Factor: 0.0762

Transmission: 0.84

Above Residual: 0.00

Below Residual: 0.00

MICROTRAC - X100

Ver.3.03

Hydrocyclone Test #1 TOP

PP-HCT-1T
SAMPLE #1Date: 06/24/97 Meas#: 051744
Time: 11:06 Pres#: 01

PILOT PLANT HYDROCYCLONE TEST

SAMPLE #1 TOP 50psi 3gal.-1min.

Test Pit: Lease 5

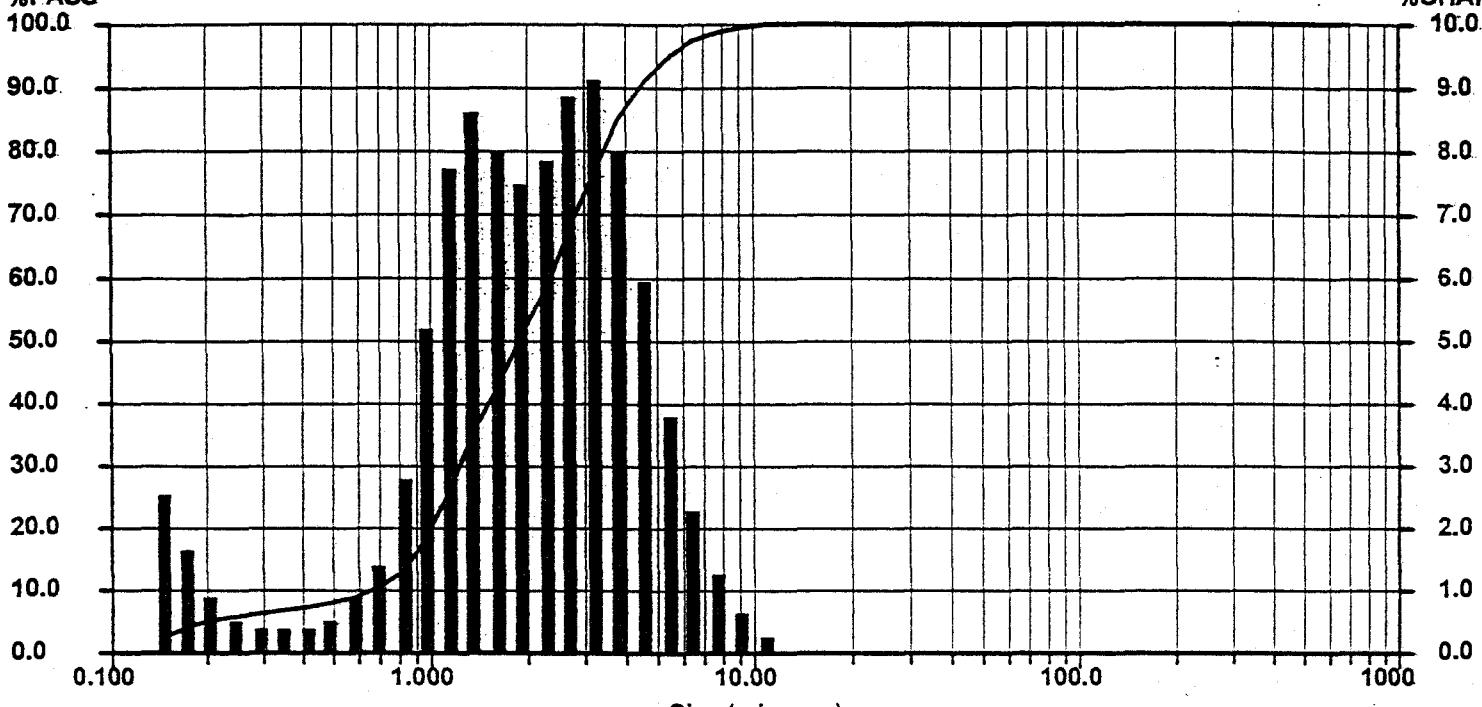
Before Ultrasound

6/24/97

Summary	Percentiles:	Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 2.301	10% = 0.646 60% = 2.364	2.956	57%	2.576
mr = 0.170	20% = 1.001 70% = 2.863	1.116	37%	0.666
ma = 1.013	30% = 1.236 80% = 3.468	0.156	6%	0.077
cs = 5.921	40% = 1.516 90% = 4.445			
sd = 1.443	50% = 1.902 95% = 5.460			

%PASS

%CHAN



- Size (microns) -

SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
0.100	100.00	0.00	9.250	99.61	0.73						
0.592	100.00	0.00	7.778	98.88	1.35						
0.497	100.00	0.00	6.541	97.53	2.39						
0.418	100.00	0.00	5.500	95.14	3.95						
0.352	100.00	0.00	4.625	91.19	6.00						
0.296	100.00	0.00	3.889	85.19	8.11						
0.248	100.00	0.00	3.270	77.08	9.25						
0.209	100.00	0.00	2.750	67.83	8.92						
0.176	100.00	0.00	2.312	58.91	7.94						
0.148	100.00	0.00	1.945	50.97	7.53						
0.124	100.00	0.00	1.635	43.44	8.06						
0.104	100.00	0.00	1.375	35.38	8.73						
0.088	100.00	0.00	1.156	26.65	7.85						
0.074	100.00	0.00	0.972	18.80	5.28						
0.062	100.00	0.00	0.818	13.52	2.87						
0.052	100.00	0.00	0.688	10.65	1.54						
0.044	100.00	0.00	0.578	9.11	0.95						
0.037	100.00	0.00	0.486	8.16	0.69						
0.031	100.00	0.00	0.409	7.47	0.55						
0.026	100.00	0.00	0.344	6.92	0.48						
0.022	100.00	0.00	0.289	6.44	0.49						
0.018	100.00	0.00	0.243	5.95	0.61						
0.015	100.00	0.00	0.204	5.34	0.98						
0.013	100.00	0.00	0.172	4.36	1.73						
0.011	100.00	0.39	0.145	2.63	2.63						

Distribution: Volume

RunTime: 30 seconds

Progression: Standard

Run Number 1 of 1 runs

Upper Edge: 704.0

Particle: Kaolin Clay

Lower Edge: 0.122

Particle Transparency: Trans

Residuals: Disabled

Particle Refractive Index: 1.64

Number Of Channels: 50

Particle Shape: Irregular

High Resolution: N/A

Filter On: On

Fluid: Water

Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33

Loading Factor: 0.0376

Transmission: 0.89

Above Residual: 0.00

Below Residual: 0.00

Hydrocyclone Test #1 BOTT

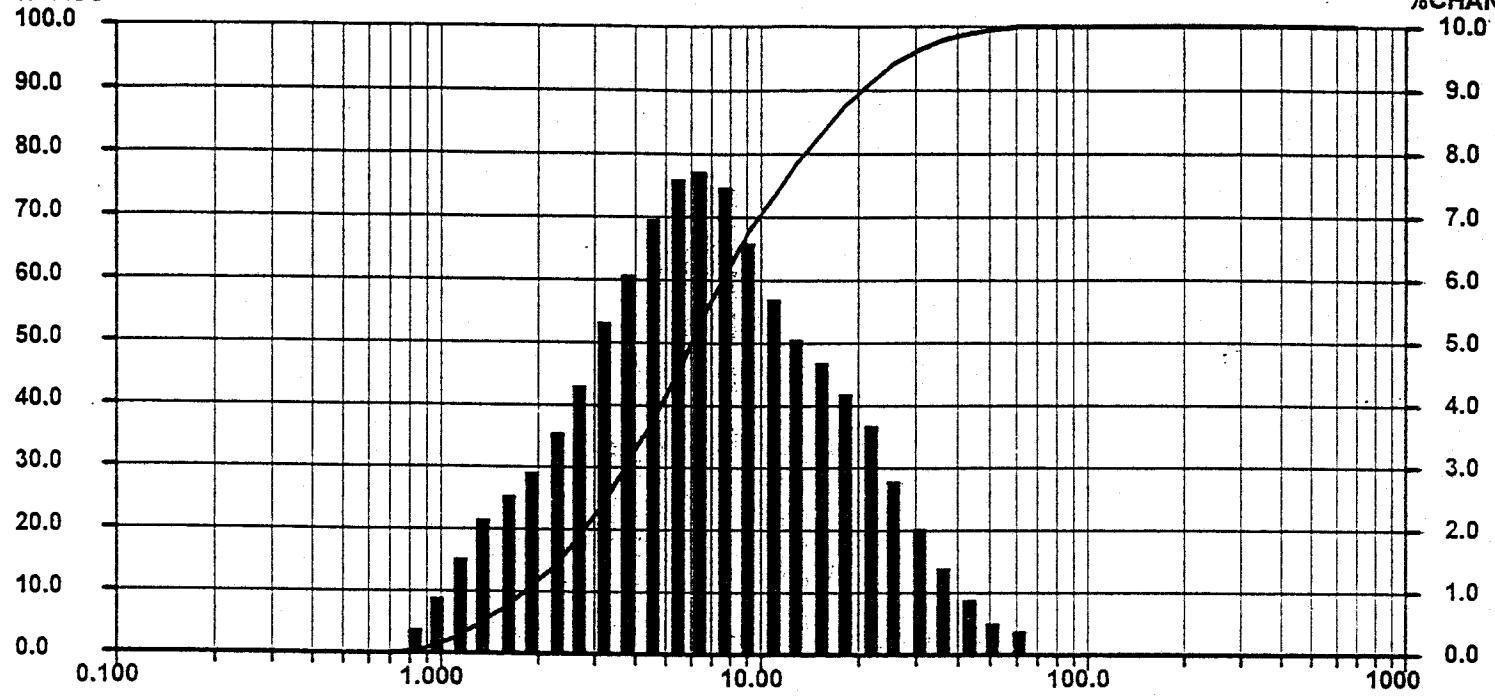
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Time: 11:23 Pres#: 01

PILOT PLANT HYDROCYCLONE TEST
 SAMPLE #1 BOTTOM 50psi 1gal.-1min. 40SEC
 Test Pit 1 Lease 5
 Before Ultrasound
 6/24/97

Summary	Percentiles	Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 9.126	10% = 1.842	60% = 7.605	6.073	100% 13.54
mn = 1.469	20% = 2.839	70% = 9.891		
ma = 4.183	30% = 3.808	80% = 13.76		
cs = 1.434	40% = 4.862	90% = 20.58		
sd = 6.770	50% = 6.073	95% = 27.51		

%PASS

%CHAN



- Size (microns) -

	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
704.0	100.00	0.00	9.250	67.68	6.72						
592.0	100.00	0.00	7.778	60.96	7.57						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	53.39	7.90						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	45.49	7.64						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	37.85	7.04						
296.0	100.00	0.00	3.889	30.81	6.30						
248.9	100.00	0.00	3.270	24.51	5.43						
209.3	100.00	0.00	2.750	19.08	4.46						
176.0	100.00	0.00	2.312	14.62	3.62						
148.0	100.00	0.00	1.945	11.00	3.05						
124.5	100.00	0.00	1.635	7.95	2.68						
104.7	100.00	0.00	1.375	5.27	2.26						
88.00	100.00	0.00	1.156	3.01	1.62						
74.00	100.00	0.00	0.972	1.39	0.93						
62.23	100.00	0.44	0.818	0.46	0.46						
52.33	99.56	0.66	0.688	0.00	0.00						
44.00	98.90	0.99	0.578	0.00	0.00						
37.00	97.91	1.47	0.486	0.00	0.00						
31.11	96.44	2.13	0.409	0.00	0.00						
26.16	94.31	2.95	0.344	0.00	0.00						
22.00	91.36	3.73	0.289	0.00	0.00						
18.50	87.63	4.33	0.243	0.00	0.00						
15.56	83.30	4.71	0.204	0.00	0.00						
13.08	78.59	5.12	0.172	0.00	0.00						
11.00	73.47	5.79	0.145	0.00	0.00						

Distribution: Volume

RunTime: 30 seconds

Fluid: Water

Progression: Standard

Run Number 1 of 1 runs

Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33

Upper Edge: 704.0

Particle: Kaolin Clay

Loading Factor: 0.0900

Lower Edge: 0.122

Particle Transparency: Trans

Transmission: 0.86

Residuals: Disabled

Particle Refractive Index: 1.64

Above Residual: 0.00

Number Of Channels: 50

Particle Shape: Irregular

Below Residual: 0.00

High Resolution: N/A

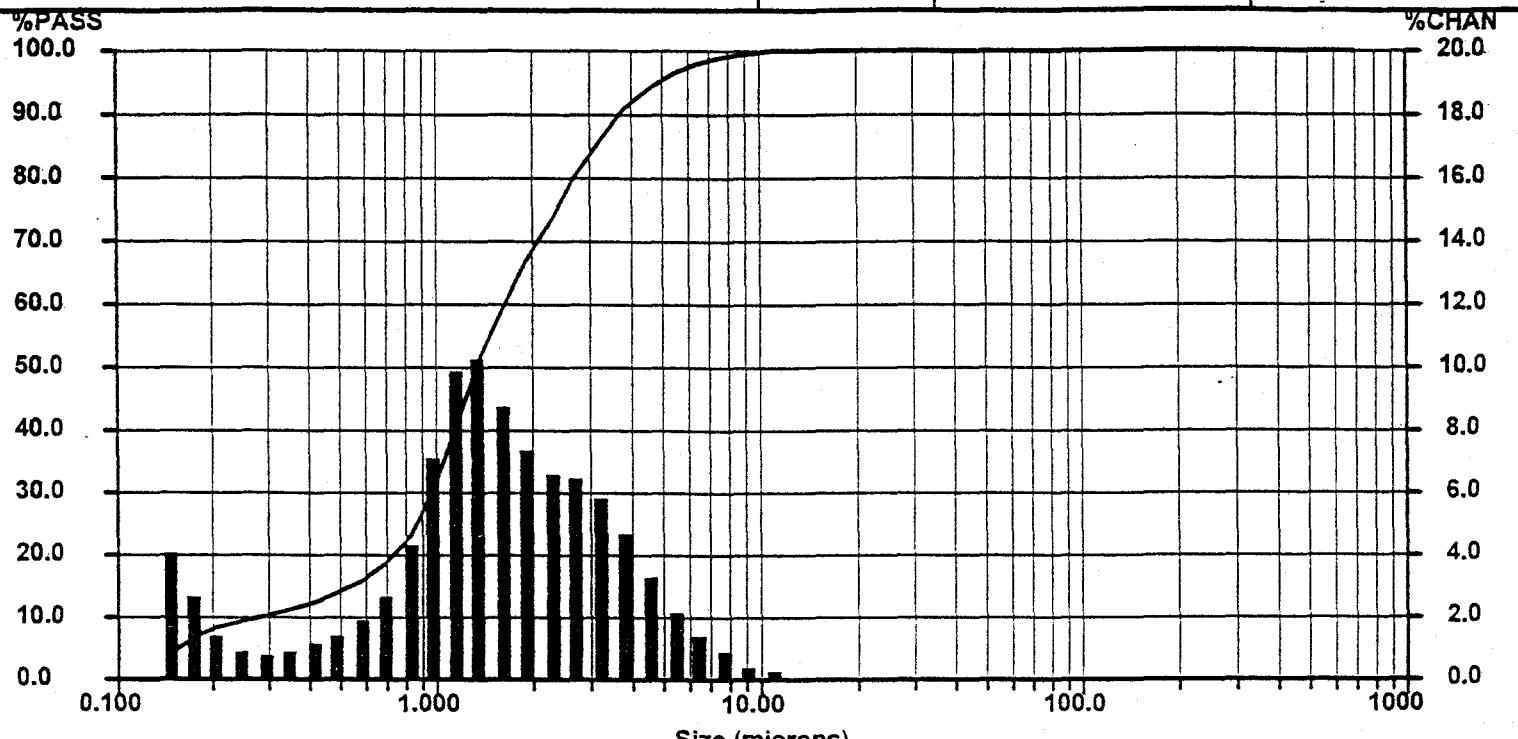
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Hydrocyclone TEST #4 TOP

PP-HCT-4T
SAMPLE #1Date: 06/24/97 Meas #: 05189
Time: 12:42 Pres #: 01

PILOT PLANT HYDROCYCLONE TEST
 SAMPLE #4 TOP 50psi 1gal-lmin 10sec 3.0-3.2
 Test Pit 1 Lease 5
 612497

Summary	Percentiles	Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 1.809	10% = 0.269 60% = 1.650	1.482	90%	2.360
mn = 0.168	20% = 0.727 70% = 2.095	0.153	10%	0.060
ma = 0.738	30% = 0.962 80% = 2.723			
cs = 8.132	40% = 1.148 90% = 3.735			
sd = 1.237	50% = 1.358 95% = 4.824			



SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
704.0	100.00	0.00	9.250	99.65	0.58						
592.0	100.00	0.00	7.778	99.07	0.94						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	98.13	1.49						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	96.64	2.28						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	94.36	3.38						
296.0	100.00	0.00	3.889	90.98	4.71						
248.9	100.00	0.00	3.270	86.27	5.90						
209.3	100.00	0.00	2.750	80.37	6.53						
176.0	100.00	0.00	2.312	73.84	6.80						
148.0	100.00	0.00	1.945	67.04	7.44						
124.5	100.00	0.00	1.635	59.60	8.86						
104.7	100.00	0.00	1.375	50.74	10.31						
88.00	100.00	0.00	1.156	40.43	9.91						
74.00	100.00	0.00	0.972	30.52	7.25						
62.23	100.00	0.00	0.818	23.27	4.46						
52.33	100.00	0.00	0.688	18.81	2.77						
44.00	100.00	0.00	0.578	16.04	1.96						
37.00	100.00	0.00	0.486	14.08	1.53						
31.11	100.00	0.00	0.409	12.55	1.21						
26.16	100.00	0.00	0.344	11.34	0.97						
22.00	100.00	0.00	0.289	10.37	0.87						
18.50	100.00	0.00	0.243	9.50	1.00						
15.56	100.00	0.00	0.204	8.50	1.57						
13.08	100.00	0.00	0.172	6.93	2.77						
11.00	100.00	0.35	0.145	4.16	4.16						

Distribution: Volume
 Progression: Standard
 Upper Edge: 704.0
 Lower Edge: 0.122
 Residuals: Disabled
 Number Of Channels: 50
 High Resolution: N/A
 Filter On: On

RunTime: 30 seconds
 Run Number 1 of 1 runs
 Particle: Kaolin Clay
 Particle Transparency: Trans
 Particle Refractive Index: 1.64
 Particle Shape: Irregular

Fluid: Water
 Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33
 Loading Factor: 0.0199
 Transmission: 0.93
 Above Residual: 0.00
 Below Residual: 0.00

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Hydracyclone Test #2 TOP

PP-HCT-2T
SAMPLE #1Date: 06/24/97 Meas. #: 05180
Time: 11:42 Pres. #: 01

PILOT PLANT HYDROCYCLONE TEST

SAMPLE #2 TOP 30psi 2 1/2gal.-1min.

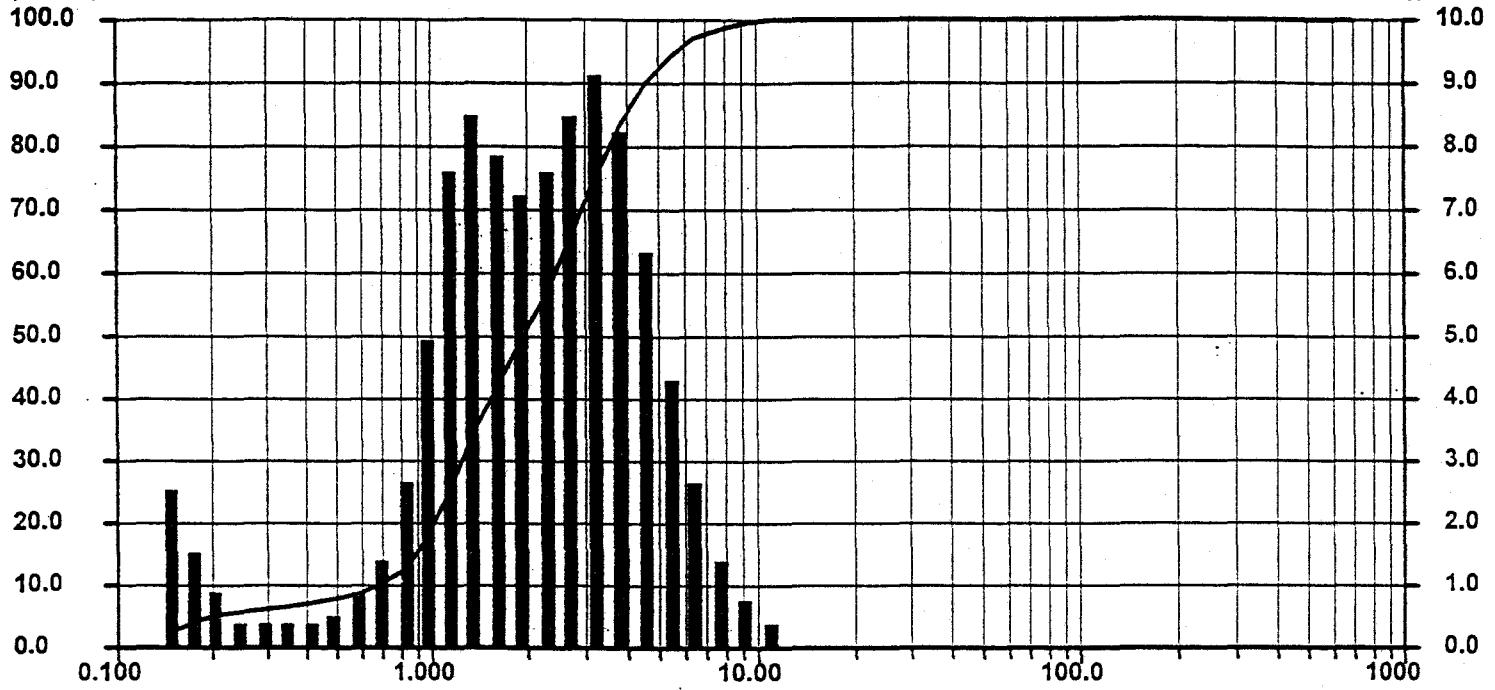
Test Pit 1 Lease 5

6164197

Summary	Percentiles	Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 2.379	10% = 0.665	3.033	58%	2.713
mn = 0.170	20% = 1.018	1.120	36%	0.664
ma = 1.033	30% = 1.259	0.156	6%	0.077
cs = 5.809	40% = 1.554			
sd = 1.511	50% = 1.964			
	95% = 5.676			

%PASS

%CHAN



- Size (microns) -

SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
704.0	100.00	0.00	9.250	99.54	0.85						
592.0	100.00	0.00	7.778	98.69	1.56						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	97.13	2.72						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	94.41	4.41						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	90.00	6.48						
296.0	100.00	0.00	3.889	83.52	8.39						
248.9	100.00	0.00	3.270	75.13	9.20						
209.3	100.00	0.00	2.750	65.93	8.66						
176.0	100.00	0.00	2.312	57.27	7.67						
148.0	100.00	0.00	1.945	49.60	7.33						
124.5	100.00	0.00	1.635	42.27	7.91						
104.7	100.00	0.00	1.375	34.36	8.55						
88.00	100.00	0.00	1.156	25.81	7.63						
74.00	100.00	0.00	0.972	18.18	5.08						
62.23	100.00	0.00	0.818	13.10	2.75						
52.33	100.00	0.00	0.688	10.35	1.47						
44.00	100.00	0.00	0.578	8.88	0.91						
37.00	100.00	0.00	0.486	7.97	0.66						
31.11	100.00	0.00	0.409	7.31	0.53						
26.16	100.00	0.00	0.344	6.78	0.46						
22.00	100.00	0.00	0.289	6.32	0.47						
18.50	100.00	0.00	0.243	5.85	0.59						
15.56	100.00	0.00	0.204	5.26	0.96						
13.08	100.00	0.00	0.172	4.30	1.70						
11.00	100.00	0.46	0.145	2.60	2.60						

Distribution: Volume

RunTime: 30 seconds

Fluid: Water

Progression: Standard

Run Number 1 of 1 runs

Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33

Upper Edge: 704.0

Particle: Kaolin Clay

Loading Factor: 0.0373

Lower Edge: 0.122

Particle Transparency: Trans

Transmission: 0.89

Residuals: Disabled

Particle Refractive Index: 1.64

Above Residual: 0.00

Number Of Channels: 50

Particle Shape: Irregular

Below Residual: 0.00

High Resolution: N/A

Filter On: On

Hydrocyclone Test #2: BOTTOM

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SAMPLE #1

Date: 06/24/97 Meas #: 05178

Time: 11:34 Pres #: 01

PILOT PLANT HYDROCYCLONE TEST
 SAMPLE #2 BOTTOM 30psi 1gal 2min.
 Test Pit 1 Lease 5
 6/24/97

Summary:

mv = 10.04
 mm = 1.302
 ma = 4.020
 cs = 1.493
 sd = 7.701

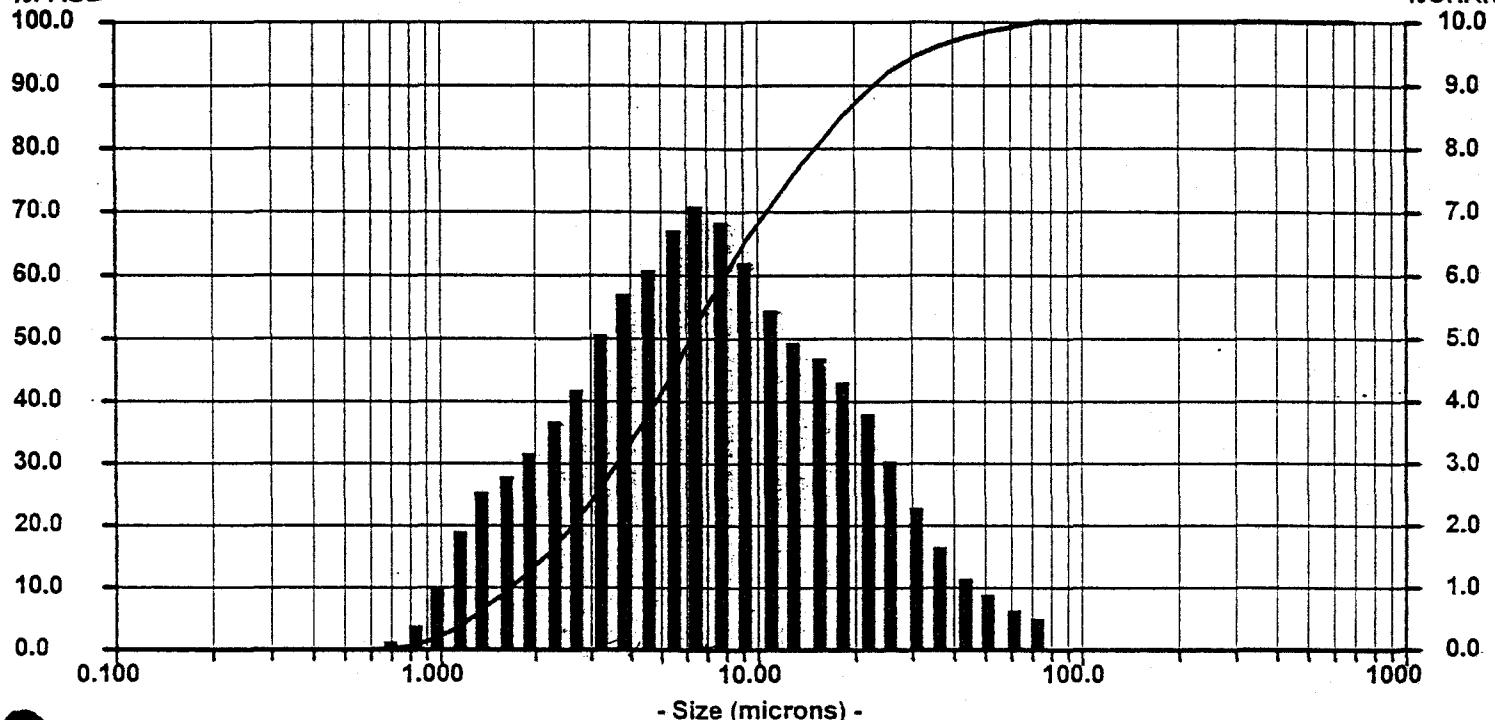
Percentiles:

10% = 1.679 60% = 7.989
 20% = 2.659 70% = 10.68
 30% = 3.695 80% = 15.16
 40% = 4.865 90% = 23.02
 50% = 6.229 95% = 32.10

Dia Vol% Width
 6.229 100% 15.40

%PASS

%CHAN



- Size (microns) -

SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
704.0	100.00	0.00	9.250	65.32	6.33						
592.0	100.00	0.00	7.778	58.99	6.97						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	52.02	7.14						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	44.88	6.82						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	38.06	6.30						
296.0	100.00	0.00	3.889	31.76	5.74						
248.9	100.00	0.00	3.270	26.02	5.11						
209.3	100.00	0.00	2.750	20.91	4.39						
176.0	100.00	0.00	2.312	16.52	3.72						
148.0	100.00	0.00	1.945	12.80	3.27						
124.5	100.00	0.00	1.635	9.53	2.98						
104.7	100.00	0.00	1.375	6.55	2.60						
88.00	100.00	0.00	1.156	3.95	1.92						
74.00	100.00	0.63	0.972	2.03	1.14						
62.23	99.37	0.76	0.818	0.89	0.59						
52.33	98.61	0.96	0.688	0.30	0.30						
44.00	97.65	1.27	0.578	0.00	0.00						
37.00	96.38	1.73	0.486	0.00	0.00						
31.11	94.65	2.38	0.409	0.00	0.00						
26.16	92.27	3.18	0.344	0.00	0.00						
22.00	89.09	3.93	0.289	0.00	0.00						
18.50	85.16	4.46	0.243	0.00	0.00						
15.56	80.70	4.75	0.204	0.00	0.00						
13.08	75.95	5.05	0.172	0.00	0.00						
11.00	70.90	5.58	0.145	0.00	0.00						

Distribution: Volume

RunTime: 30 seconds

Fluid: Water

Progression: Standard

Run Number 1 of 1 runs

Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33

Upper Edge: 704.0

Particle: Kaolin Clay

Loading Factor: 0.0762

Lower Edge: 0.122

Particle Transparency: Trans

Transmission: 0.87

Residuals: Disabled

Particle Refractive Index: 1.64

Above Residual: 0.00

Number Of Channels: 50

Particle Shape: Irregular

Below Residual: 0.00

High Resolution: N/A

Filter On: On

Hydrocyclone TEST #3 TOP

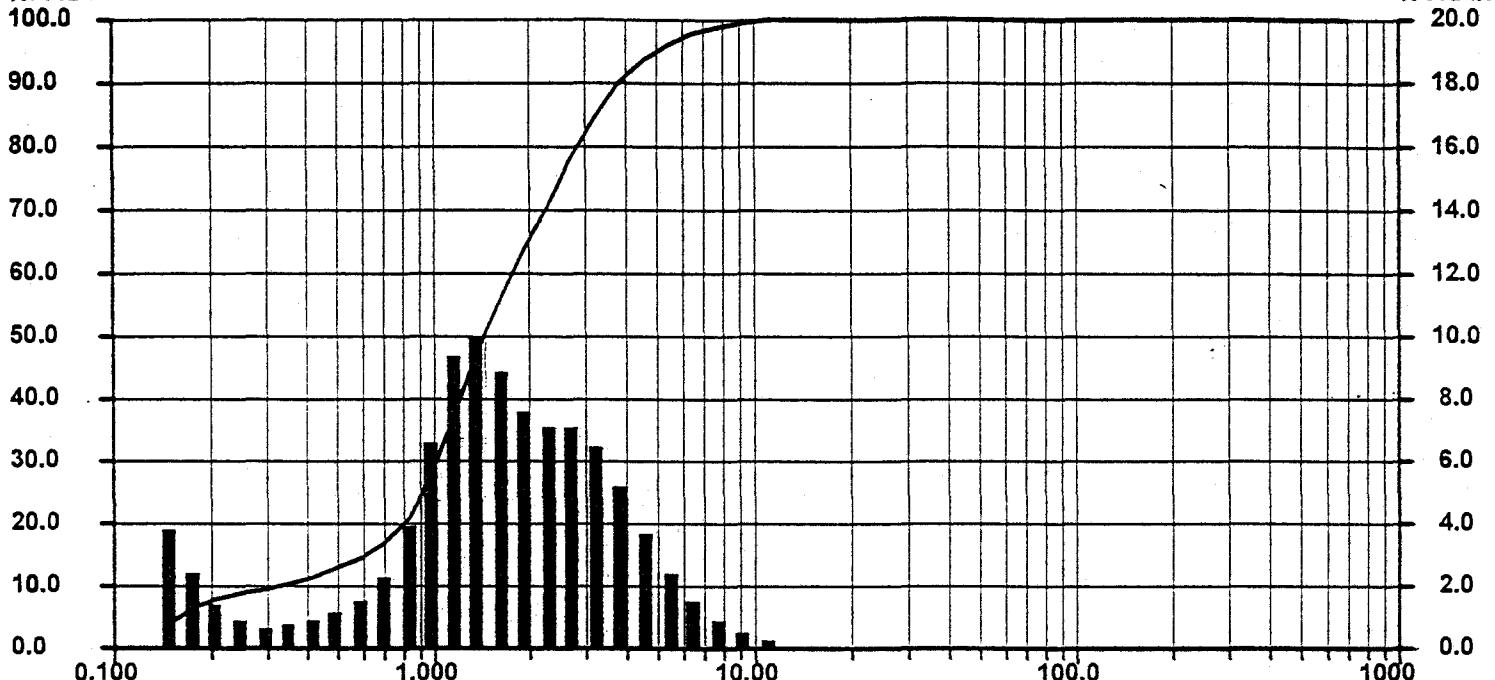
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SAMPLE #†Date: 06/24/97 Meas #: 05187
Time: 12:35 Pres #: 01

PILOT PLANT HYDROCYCLONE TEST
 SAMPLE#3-TOP 30psi 1gal-lmin 3.0-3.2
 Test Pit 1 Lease 5
 612497

Summary	Percentiles	Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 1.908	10% = 0.310	1.581	91%	2.458
mn = 0.168	60% = 1.781	0.152	9%	0.060
ma = 0.780	20% = 0.790			
cs = 7.695	30% = 1.017			
sd = 1.278	40% = 1.214			
	50% = 1.449			
	95% = 4.989			

%PASS

%CHAN



- Size (microns) -

SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
704.0	100.00	0.00	9.250	99.62	0.63						
592.0	100.00	0.00	7.778	98.99	1.03						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	97.96	1.65						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	96.31	2.54						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	93.77	3.77						
296.0	100.00	0.00	3.889	90.00	5.25						
248.9	100.00	0.00	3.270	84.75	6.54						
209.3	100.00	0.00	2.750	78.21	7.14						
176.0	100.00	0.00	2.312	71.07	7.27						
148.0	100.00	0.00	1.945	63.80	7.71						
124.5	100.00	0.00	1.635	56.09	8.90						
104.7	100.00	0.00	1.375	47.19	10.06						
88.00	100.00	0.00	1.156	37.13	9.42						
74.00	100.00	0.00	0.972	27.71	6.72						
62.23	100.00	0.00	0.818	20.99	4.03						
52.33	100.00	0.00	0.688	16.96	2.44						
44.00	100.00	0.00	0.578	14.52	1.68						
37.00	100.00	0.00	0.486	12.84	1.29						
31.11	100.00	0.00	0.409	11.55	1.03						
26.16	100.00	0.00	0.344	10.52	0.84						
22.00	100.00	0.00	0.289	9.68	0.78						
18.50	100.00	0.00	0.243	8.90	0.92						
15.56	100.00	0.00	0.204	7.98	1.46						
13.08	100.00	0.00	0.172	6.52	2.59						
11.00	100.00	0.38	0.145	3.93	3.93						

Distribution: Volume

RunTime: 30 seconds

Fluid: Water

Progression: Standard

Run Number 1 of 1 runs

Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33

Upper Edge: 704.0

Particle: Kaolin Clay

Loading Factor: 0.0199

Lower Edge: 0.122

Particle Transparency: Trans

Transmission: 0.93

Residuals: Disabled

Particle Refractive Index: 1.64

Above Residual: 0.00

Number Of Channels: 50

Particle Shape: Irregular

Below Residual: 0.00

High Resolution: N/A

Filter On: On

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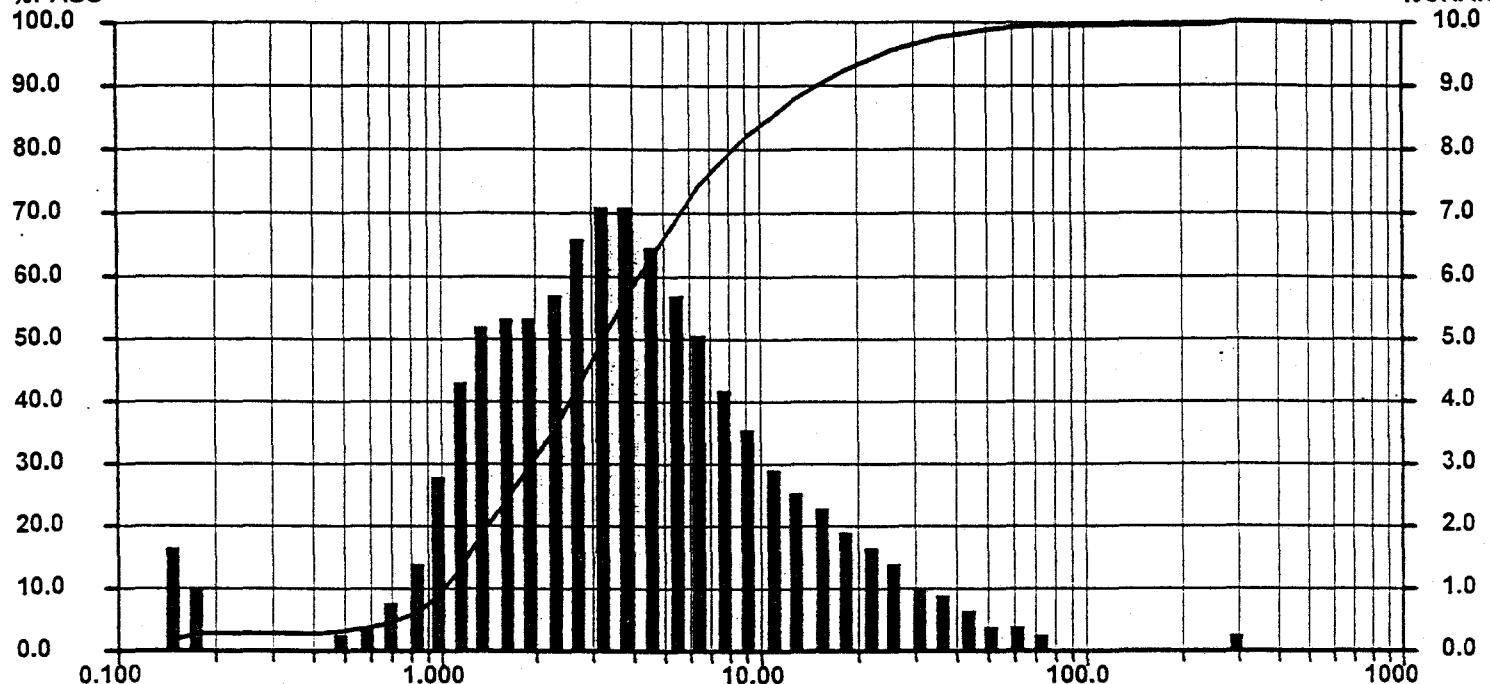
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PP-HCT-3T
SAMPLE #1Date: 06/24/97 Meas #: 05191
Time: 13:05 Pres #: 01

PILOT PLANT HYDROCYCLONE TEST
 SAMPLE#3 BOTTOM 30psi 1gal-lmin 10sec 3.0-3.2
 Test Pit 1 Lease 5
 612497

Summary:	Percentiles:	Dia.	Vol%	Width
mv = 7.179	10% = 1.010	3.421	97%	9.087
mn = 0.162	20% = 1.422	0.143	3%	0.027
ma = 1.678	30% = 1.953	80% = 8.265		
cs = 3.575	40% = 2.590	90% = 15.21		
sd = 4.457	50% = 3.304	95% = 24.20		

%PASS

%CHAN



- Size (microns) -

SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
704.0	100.00	0.00	9.250	82.29	3.63						
592.0	100.00	0.00	7.778	78.66	4.37						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	74.29	5.14						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	69.15	5.88						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	63.27	6.58						
296.0	100.00	0.34	3.889	56.69	7.12						
248.9	99.66	0.00	3.270	49.57	7.19						
209.3	99.66	0.00	2.750	42.38	6.63						
176.0	99.66	0.00	2.312	35.75	5.88						
148.0	99.66	0.00	1.945	29.87	5.46						
124.5	99.66	0.00	1.635	24.41	5.46						
104.7	99.66	0.00	1.375	18.95	5.36						
88.00	99.66	0.00	1.156	13.59	4.47						
74.00	99.66	0.32	0.972	9.12	2.91						
62.23	99.34	0.41	0.818	6.21	1.59						
52.33	98.93	0.54	0.688	4.62	0.85						
44.00	98.39	0.70	0.578	3.77	0.51						
37.00	97.69	0.91	0.486	3.26	0.37						
31.11	96.78	1.16	0.409	2.89	0.00						
26.16	95.62	1.46	0.344	2.89	0.00						
22.00	94.16	1.78	0.289	2.89	0.00						
18.50	92.38	2.08	0.243	2.89	0.00						
15.56	90.30	2.34	0.204	2.89	0.00						
13.08	87.96	2.63	0.172	2.89	1.16						
11.00	85.33	3.04	0.145	1.73	1.73						

Distribution: Volume

RunTime: 30 seconds

Fluid: Water

Progression: Standard

Run Number 1 of 1 runs

Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33

Upper Edge: 704.0

Particle: Kaolin Clay

Loading Factor: 0.1014

Lower Edge: 0.122

Particle Transparency: Trans

Transmission: 0.80

Residuals: Disabled

Particle Refractive Index: 1.64

Above Residual: 0.00

Number Of Channels: 50

Particle Shape: Irregular

Below Residual: 0.00

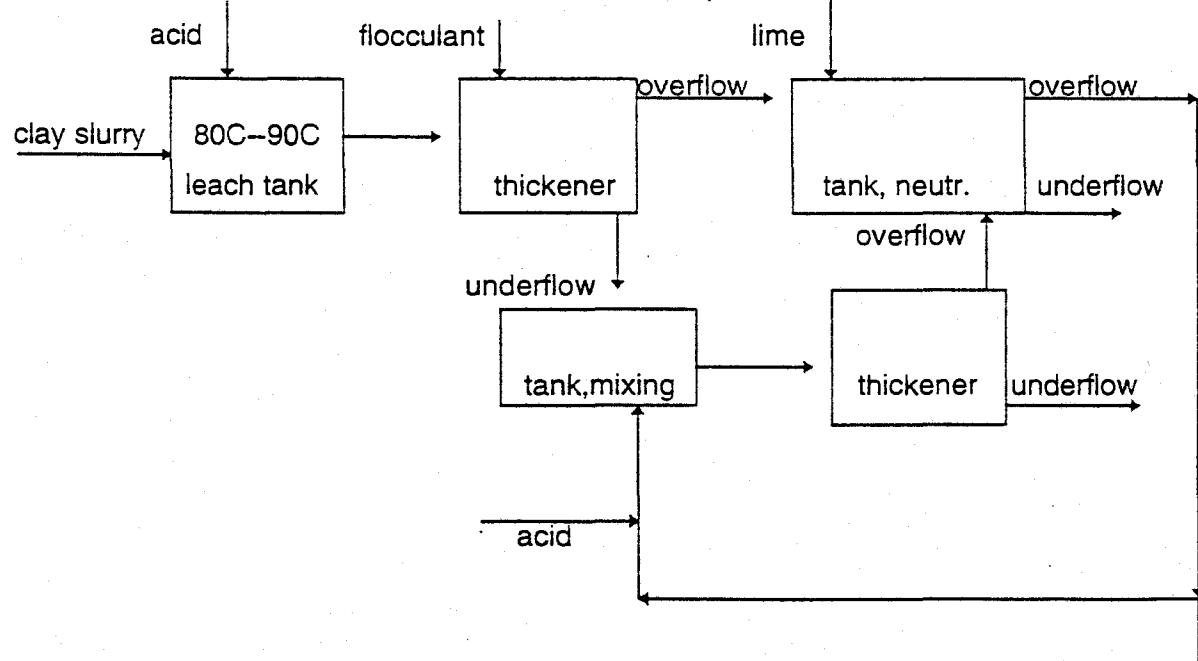
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 10, 1997
TO: Massoud Aghgar
FROM: Jianzhi Ge
RE: Weak acid leach of the clay slurry
CC:

Report #96, Report #119B, and current Report #97-15D show that directly leaching the clay slurry with acid at strength of 3% can remove about 30% -- 40% iron. Report #97-15D shows that magnesium will be removed as well. These results give us a method to pretreat the clay and get rid of iron and magnesium. A flow sheet is attached below to show the process:



The clay slurry is leached with acid at about 3% acid strength. This leached slurry is then pumped to the thickener tank. The overflow goes to the neutralization tank to be neutralized and the iron, magnesium can be removed at high pH (around pH 10 for magnesium). The underflow from thickener tank goes to the next stage washing. The solids from this washing will be used for next process. The washing water will be put into the neutralization tank. The liquid from the neutralization can be either put back to the mixing tank for washing purpose or pumped out of the process.

In view of the above process, the following tests are proposed:

Test No. 97-96
Procedure for weak acid leach

Recipe for the tests:

test No.	water (g)	solid (g)	acid (g)	leach temp. (°C)	leach time (hr)
1	450	50	13.9	85-95	2
2	450	50	13.9	85-95	1
3	450	50	13.9	85-95	0.5
4	400	100	12.4	85-95	1
5	350	150	10.8	85-95	1
6	300	200	9.3	85-95	1
7	300	200	9.3	85-95	0.5
8	450	50	13.9	85-95	0.5

Procedure:

1. put the agitator in the beaker
2. put the cold water in the beaker
3. turn on the agitator
4. slowly pour the acid into the beaker while the agitator is on. (be careful, when sulfuric acid mixes with water, lots of heat will be generated)
5. turn on the hot plate
6. monitor the temperature until it reaches 90 °C
7. put the dry fines (SYN-1S3,1S4) into the above liquid
8. keep the temperature of the above slurry around 90 °C for a period of time as specified in the above table
9. filter the slurry
10. keep the liquor for AA analysis
11. put the filter cake back to the beaker and add twice as much of the water to the beaker as to the solids used, i.e. 100 g of water for 50 g of solids.
12. well mixing the slurry for another 10 minutes.
13. filter the above slurry
14. keep the liquor for AA analysis
15. put the cake in the oven.
16. data to be collected:

weight of initial water (g), weight of initial solids (g), weight of initial acid (g), leach time, weight of filtered liquor (first filtration) (g) (name it test No.-L, i.e. 1-L, 2-L etc.), its pH, density, color, weight of filtered washing liquor (second filtration) (g) (name it test No.-W, i.e. 1-W, 2-W etc.), its pH, density, color, weight of the wet cake (g).

Questions: Jianzhi Ge 858-2575
Myke Wallace 293-7614

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 9, 1997
TO: Massoud Ahghar
FROM: Jianzhi Ge, Myke Wallace
RE: Pressure leach of the overflow with sulfuric acid
CC: Jerry Fox

Myke Wallace has finished three leaches on the overflow of the hydrocyclone. Here is the summary of the ratio of aluminum to iron and aluminum to magnesium:

Test No.	Overflow No.	Al/Fe	Al/Mg
1	50 psi, 6-28-97	2.85	8.53
2	50 psi, Top 2.3	2.84	8.87
3	50 psi, 3-3.2	2.77	8.78
REF - 1		2.44	7.31
REF - 2		2.62	6.96

Basically, there are no big differences between the three sample tested. Even the concentration is almost the same (see the AA analyses attached).

Analyst HM
Date Started 30 Jun 1997, 07:35
Worksheet AA063097
Comment Fe, Al, K, Na, Ca, Mg, Ti
Methods Fe, Al, K, Na, Ca, Ti, Mg, K, Cu, Al, Ti

Method: Fe (Flame)

Sample ID	Conc mg/L	%RSD	Mean Abs
PL-HCT-Leach-1	4245.65	0.8	0.0577
PL-HCT-Wash-1	586.25	0.8	0.0798
PL-HCT-Leach-2	4594.56	0.4	0.0625
PL-HCT-Wash-2	576.84	0.5	0.0785
PL-HCT-Leach-3	4434.97	0.8	0.0611
PL-HCT-Wash-3	574.12	0.6	0.0791

Method: Al (Flame)

Sample ID	Conc mg/L	%RSD	Mean Abs
PL-HCT-Leach-1	12096.5	0.3	0.0602
PL-HCT-Wash-1	1668.00	0.5	0.0829
PL-HCT-Leach-2	13030.1	0.7	0.0648
PL-HCT-Wash-2	1614.25	0.5	0.0802
PL-HCT-Leach-3	12284.9	0.6	0.0611
PL-HCT-Wash-3	1542.10	0.4	0.0776

No 1 50 psi 6-28-97.

No 2. 50 psi Top 2.3

No 3. 50 psi Top 3.2

Analyst HM
Date Started 30 Jun 1997, 07:35
Worksheet AA063097
Comment Fe, Al, K, Na, Ca, Mg, Ti
Methods Fe,Al,K,Na,Ca,Ti,Mg,K,K,Cu,Al,Ti

Method: Ca (Flame)

Sample ID	Conc mg/L	%RSD	Mean Abs
PL-HCT-Leach-1	710.906	0.3	0.0759
PL-HCT-Wash-1	123.913	1.2	0.1323
PL-HCT-Leach-2	689.872	0.5	0.0737
PL-HCT-Wash-2	116.222	0.5	0.1241
PL-HCT-Leach-3	749.825	0.4	0.0801
PL-HCT-Wash-3	99.082	0.2	0.1052

Method: Mg (Flame)

Sample ID	Conc mg/L	%RSD	Mean Abs
PL-HCT-Leach-1	1417.49	0.4	0.2919
PL-HCT-Wash-1	207.023	0.5	0.4133
PL-HCT-Leach-2	1468.81	1.0	0.3018
PL-HCT-Wash-2	192.029	0.5	0.3865
PL-HCT-Leach-3	1399.32	0.8	0.2883
PL-HCT-Wash-3	185.938	0.2	0.3754

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Hydrocyclone TEST #4BOTT

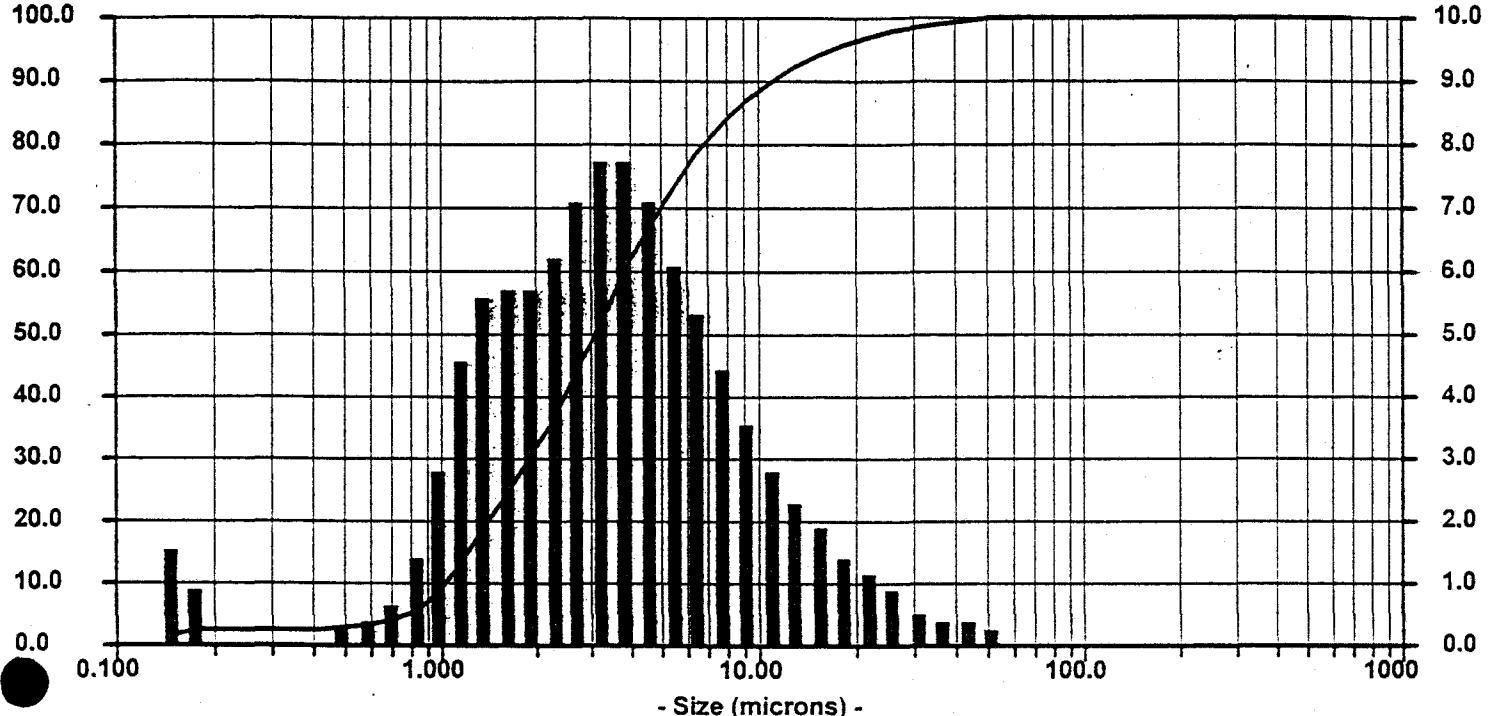
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SAMPLE #1Date: 06/24/97 Meas. #: 05194
Time: 13:13 Pres #: 01

PILOT PLANT HYDROCYCLONE TEST
SAMPLE#4 BOTTOM: 50psi 1gal/min 10sec 3.0~3.2
TO Pit 1 Lease: 5:
612497

Summary	Percentiles	Dia	Vol%	Width
mv = 5.109	10% = 1.032	3.218	97%	6.825
mn = 0.163	20% = 1.423	0.143	3%	0.027
ma = 1.682	30% = 1.915			
cs = 3.567	40% = 2.495			
sd = 3.379	50% = 3.126			
	95% = 16.83			

%PASS

%CHAN



- Size (microns) -

SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN	SIZE	%PASS	%CHAN
704.0	100.00	0.00	9.250	86.96	3.66						
592.0	100.00	0.00	7.778	83.30	4.52						
497.8	100.00	0.00	6.541	78.78	5.41						
418.6	100.00	0.00	5.500	73.37	6.29						
352.0	100.00	0.00	4.625	67.08	7.15						
296.0	100.00	0.00	3.889	59.93	7.84						
248.9	100.00	0.00	3.270	52.09	7.89						
209.3	100.00	0.00	2.750	44.20	7.28						
176.0	100.00	0.00	2.312	36.92	6.38						
148.0	100.00	0.00	1.945	30.54	5.86						
124.5	100.00	0.00	1.635	24.68	5.82						
104.7	100.00	0.00	1.375	18.86	5.67						
88.00	100.00	0.00	1.156	13.19	4.62						
74.00	100.00	0.00	0.972	8.57	2.88						
62.23	100.00	0.00	0.818	5.69	1.49						
52.33	100.00	0.39	0.688	4.20	0.76						
44.00	99.61	0.45	0.578	3.44	0.44						
37.00	99.16	0.54	0.486	3.00	0.32						
31.11	98.62	0.69	0.409	2.68	0.00						
26.16	97.93	0.91	0.344	2.68	0.00						
22.00	97.02	1.21	0.289	2.68	0.00						
18.50	95.81	1.57	0.243	2.68	0.00						
15.56	94.24	1.95	0.204	2.68	0.00						
13.08	92.29	2.39	0.172	2.68	1.06						
11.00	89.90	2.94	0.145	1.62	1.62						

Distribution: Volume

RunTime: 30 seconds

Fluid: Water

Progression: Standard

Run Number 1 of 1 runs

Fluid Refractive Index: 1.33

Upper Edge: 704.0

Particle: Kaolin Clay

Loading Factor: 0.0553

Lower Edge: 0.122

Particle Transparency: Trans

Transmission: 0.87

Residuals: Disabled

Particle Refractive Index: 1.64

Above Residual: 0.00

Number Of Channels: 50

Particle Shape: Irregular

Below Residual: 0.00

Resolution: N/A

Polar On: On

1. check the acid concentration and solid concentration to the effect of iron, magnesium, and aluminum removal:

According to the test results we have so far, 3% acid leach shows a good result in terms of the removal of iron and aluminum. The solid concentration is around 10%. The leaching time is two hours. The following tests are designed to keep the acid strength and change the solid concentration up to 40%.

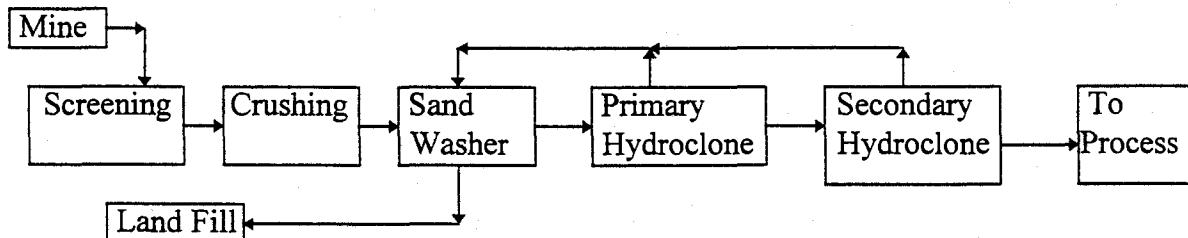
test no.	acid	solid	temp. (C)	time (h)	
1	3%	10%	85-95	2	
2	3%	10%	85-95	1	
3	3%	10%	85-95	0.5	
4	3%	20%	85-95	according to above results	
5	3%	30%	85-95	according to above results	1 hr.
6	3%	40%	85-95	according to above results	

The purpose for the above tests are to try to use minimum leaching time and acid.

2. other test:

Once we have satisfied with the above tests, we can design tests for the following process, i.e. flocculation, settling, and neutralization.

WASH



Material Balance:

Based upon the initial clay analysis, every 10,000 lb/hr of feed would contain 1,466 lb/hr Alumina. Approximate fourteen percent of this alumina will be lost in the beneficiation process. Thus, the alumina available to the process will be reduced to 1,261 lb per 10,000 lb of mined clay. The total material [dry basis] going to the process area will be 5,255 lb per 10,000 lb of mined material. The remaining 4,745 lb per 10,000 lb will be returned to the land fill.

	Feed	Process	Land Fill
SiO ₂ , lb	6,849	3,368	3,481
TiO ₂ , lb	76	66	10
Al ₂ O ₃ , lb	1,696	1,459	237
Fe ₂ O ₃ , lb	506	434	72
MnO, lb	1	1	0
MgO, lb	276	237	39
CaO, lb	224	193	31
Na ₂ O, lb	44	38	6
K ₂ O, lb	310	267	43
H ₃ O, H ₂ O, CO ₂ , lb	0*	0*	0*
P ₂ O ₅ , lb	18	16	2
total, lb	10,000	6,079	3,921

The solids going to landfill will contain approximately eight per cent [8%] free water. For every 10,000 lb/hr clay feed required, the required overburden would be 11,569 lb/hr*.

Analyst HM
Date Started 30 Jun 1997, 07:35
Worksheet AA063097
Comment Fe, Al, K, Na, Ca, Mg, Ti
Methods Fe,Al,K,Na,Ca,Ti,Mg,K,K,Cu,Al,Ti

Method: Na (Flame)

Sample ID	Conc mg/L	%RSD	Mean Abs
PL-HCT-Leach-1	542.236	0.4	0.1095
PL-HCT-Wash-1	116.409	0.4	0.2322
PL-HCT-Leach-2	532.871	0.4	0.1076
PL-HCT-Wash-2	107.542	0.4	0.2151
PL-HCT-Leach-3	551.191	0.5	0.1115
PL-HCT-Wash-3	114.413	0.6	0.2289

Analyst HM
Date Started 30 Jun 1997, 07:35
Worksheet AA063097
Comment Fe, Al, K, Na, Ca, Mg, Ti
Methods Fe,Al,K,Na,Ca,Ti,Mg,K,K,Cu,Al,Ti

Method: K (Flame)

Sample ID	Conc mg/L	%RSD	Mean Abs
PL-HCT-Leach-1	2712.84	1.3	0.0198
PL-HCT-Wash-1	391.484	0.2	0.0286
PL-HCT-Leach-2	2771.34	0.4	0.0202
PL-HCT-Wash-2	360.965	1.1	0.0263
PL-HCT-Leach-3	2612.76	1.2	0.0191
PL-HCT-Wash-3	345.446	0.8	0.0261



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The information covers only the Co-Production experimental mine area. We do not have overburden information, including Clearwater, for any other areas at this time.

As you can see from the enclosed sections, the Clearwater probably averages 10 m. where present and it could be mixed as a separate unit.

With a volume of \approx 5 million bank cubic meters, mining rates could be:

<u>Rate / Day</u>	<u>Volume / Year</u>	<u>Resource Life</u>
1,000 m ³	365,000 m ³	10.7 yrs.
2,500 m ³	912,500 m ³	5.5 yrs.
5,000 m ³	1,825,000 m ³	2.7 yrs.

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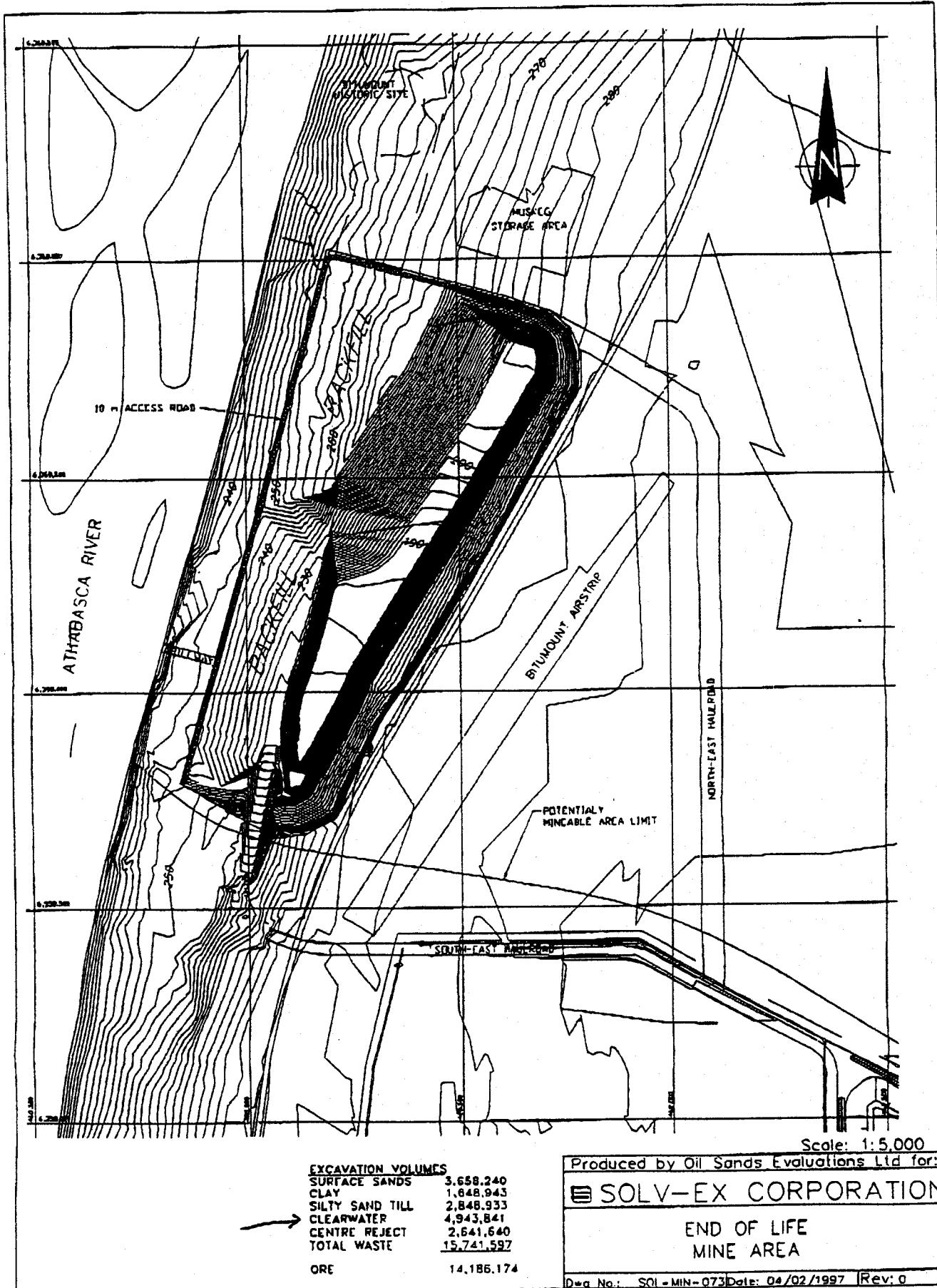
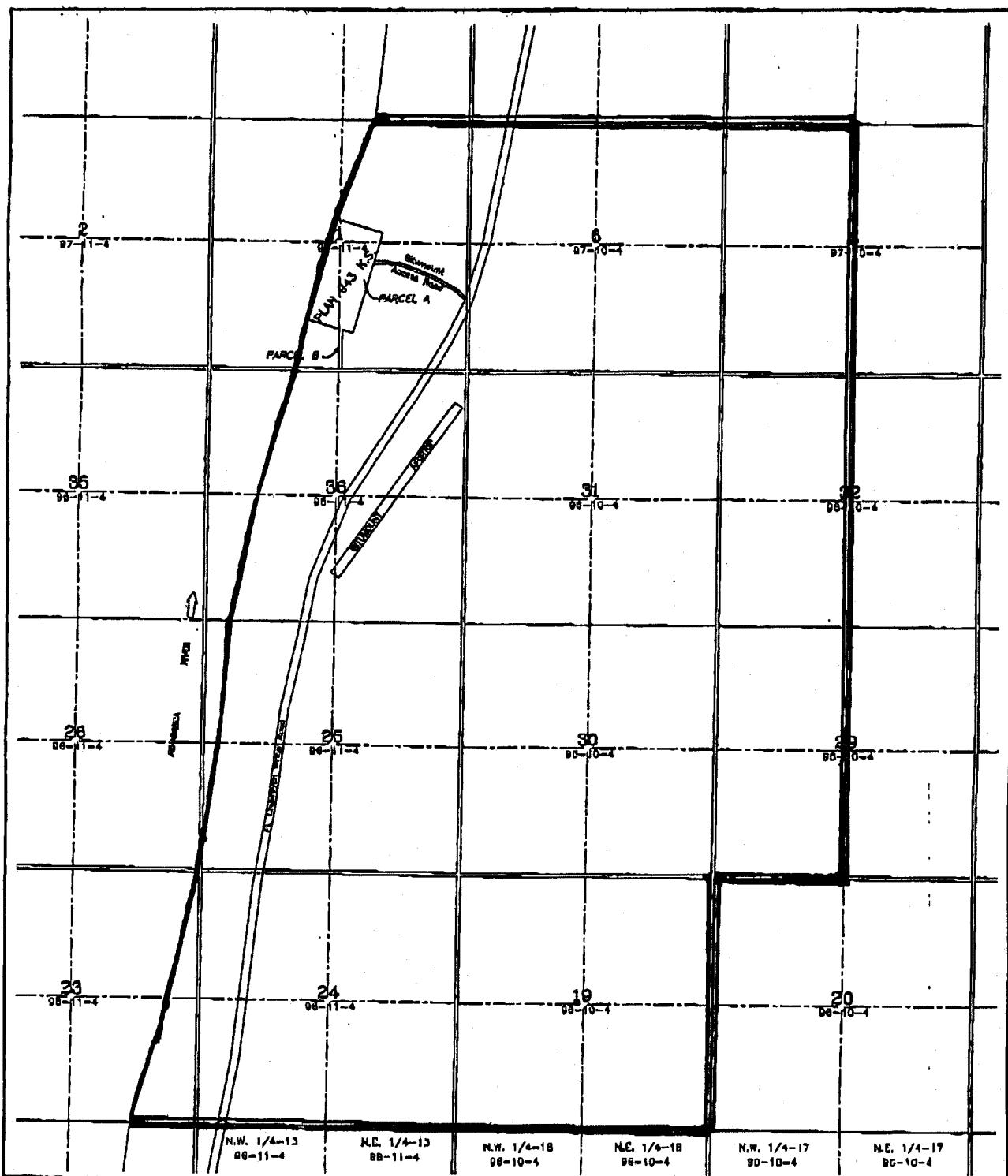


TABLE I
ANNUAL MINE PRODUCTION
(BCM's X 1000)

YEAR	EXTRACTION FEED	UPPER SAND, SAND & GRAVEL			CLAY TILL			SILTY, SANDY TILL			CLEARWATER SHALE			CENTRE REJECT			TOTAL PER YEAR			
		TO DUMP	BACKFILL	TOTAL	TO DUMP	BACKFILL	TOTAL	TO DUMP	BACKFILL	TOTAL	TO DUMP	BACKFILL	TOTAL	TO DUMP	BACKFILL	TOTAL	TO DUMP	BACKFILL	TOTAL	
1997	1,259	1,205		1,205	336		336	592		592	922		922				3,057		3,067	
1998	3,361	364		364	564		564	822		822	1,090		1,090	675		675	3,535		3,535	
1999	3,361	243	302	545	958	64	422	522	151	673	692	370	1,062	428	285	693	2,243	1,142	3,385	
2000	3,370		829	829		176	176	414	414		1,016	1,016		698	698		3,133		3,133	
2001	2,828		696	696		148	148	348	348		853	853		586	586		2,831		2,831	
Total		14,189	1,832	1,827	3,659	1,260	388	1,648	1,936	913	2,849	2,704	2,239	4,843	1,103	1,639	2,842	6,835	6,906	15,741

2001	513
2002	2,241
Total	16,863

MINE EXPANSION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY THIS FEED



NOTES:

- This sketch is the plan as shown recorded this day, containing 23.8138 ha (58.8163 ac.)
- Any dimensions or distances by which and areas shown are approximate.
- Boundary information is 100% taken to be determined from Alberta Treasury Board - VMS Coordinates.
- Position of Right Bank of Athabasca River determined from aerial photography.

SURVEYOR'S AFFIDAVIT:

I certify that the survey represented by this plan is correct
and true to the best of my knowledge and recollection
on the day of May, 1990.

B.A.M.
ALBERTA LAND SURVEYOR



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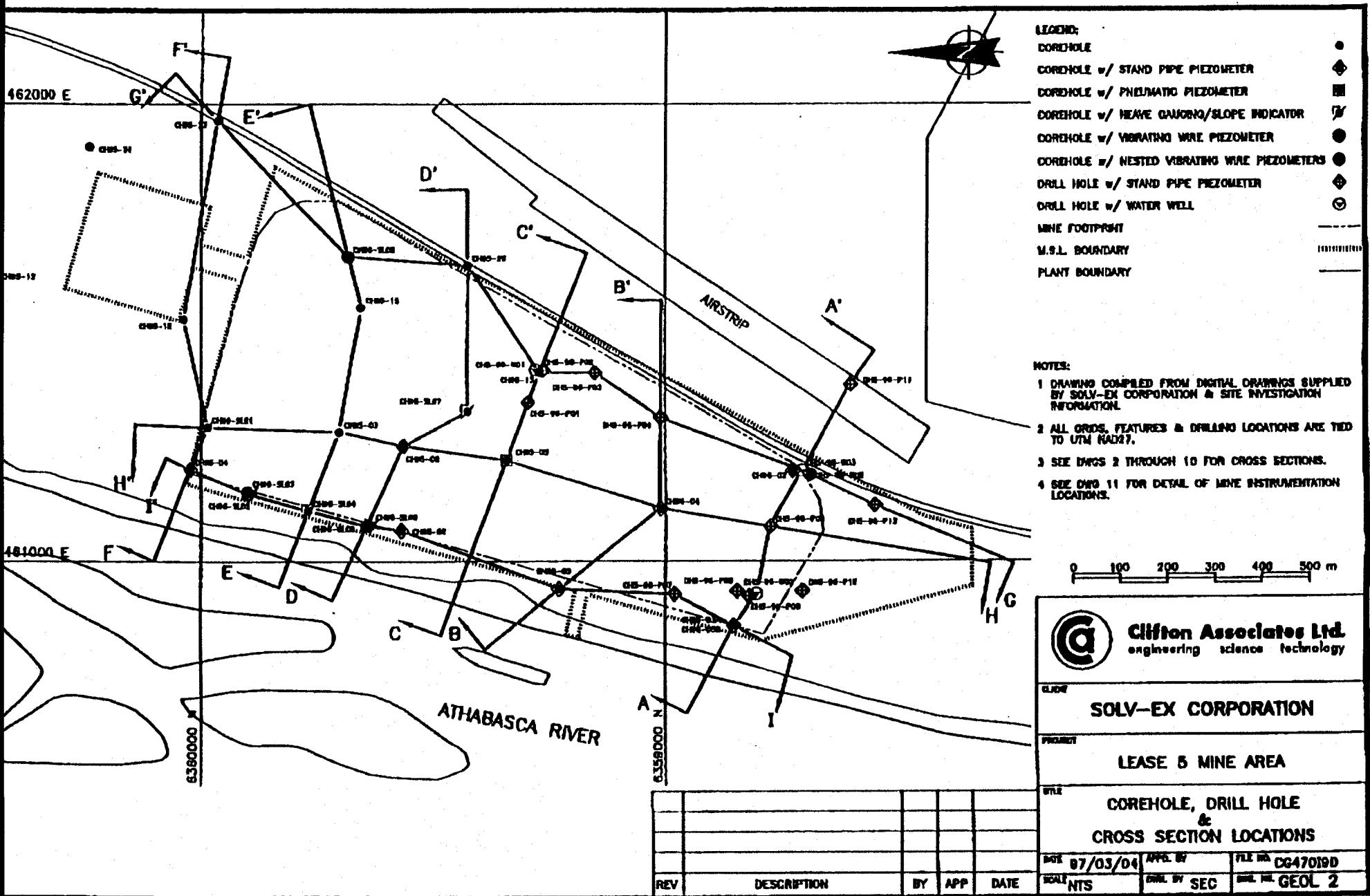
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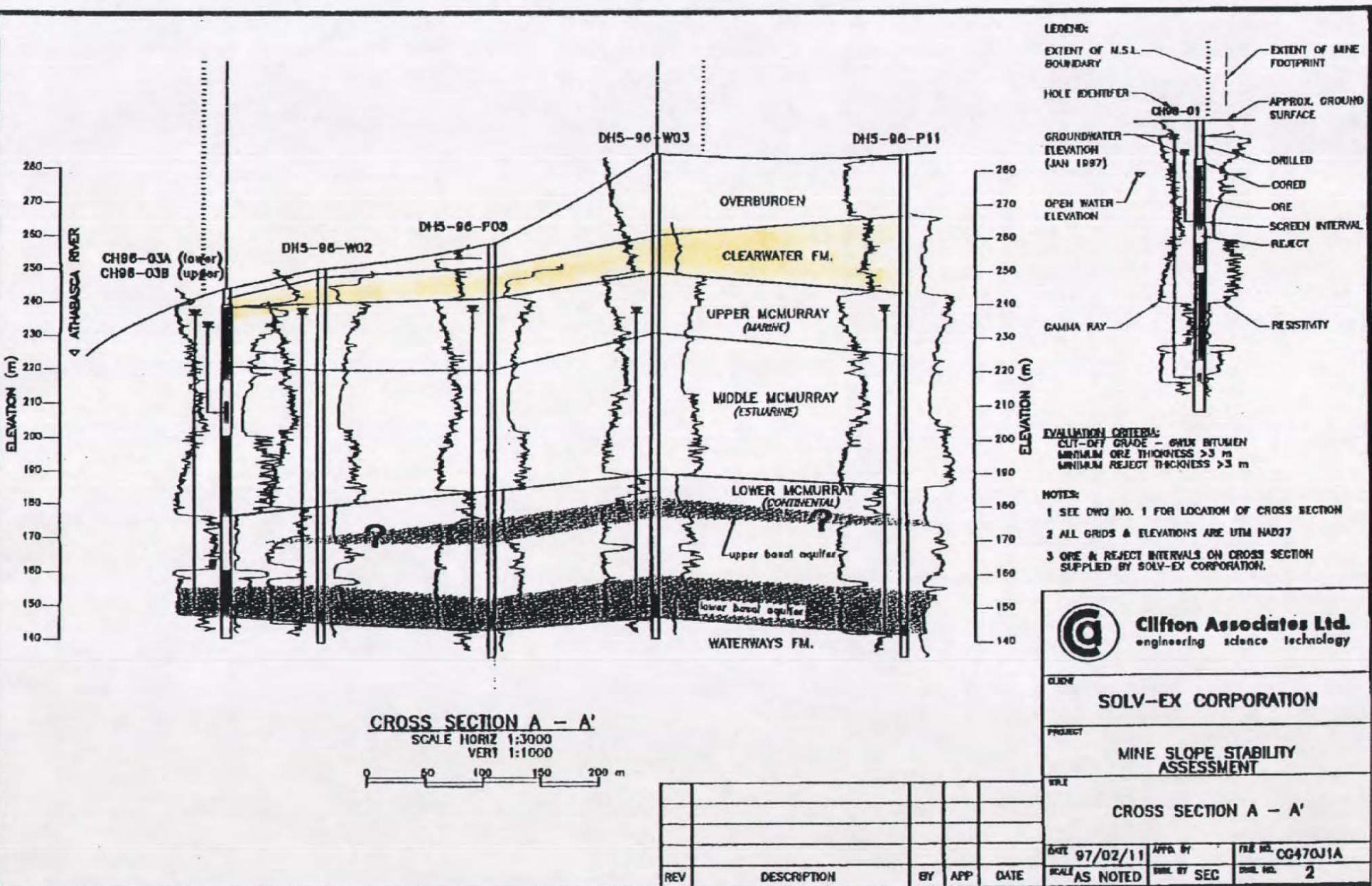


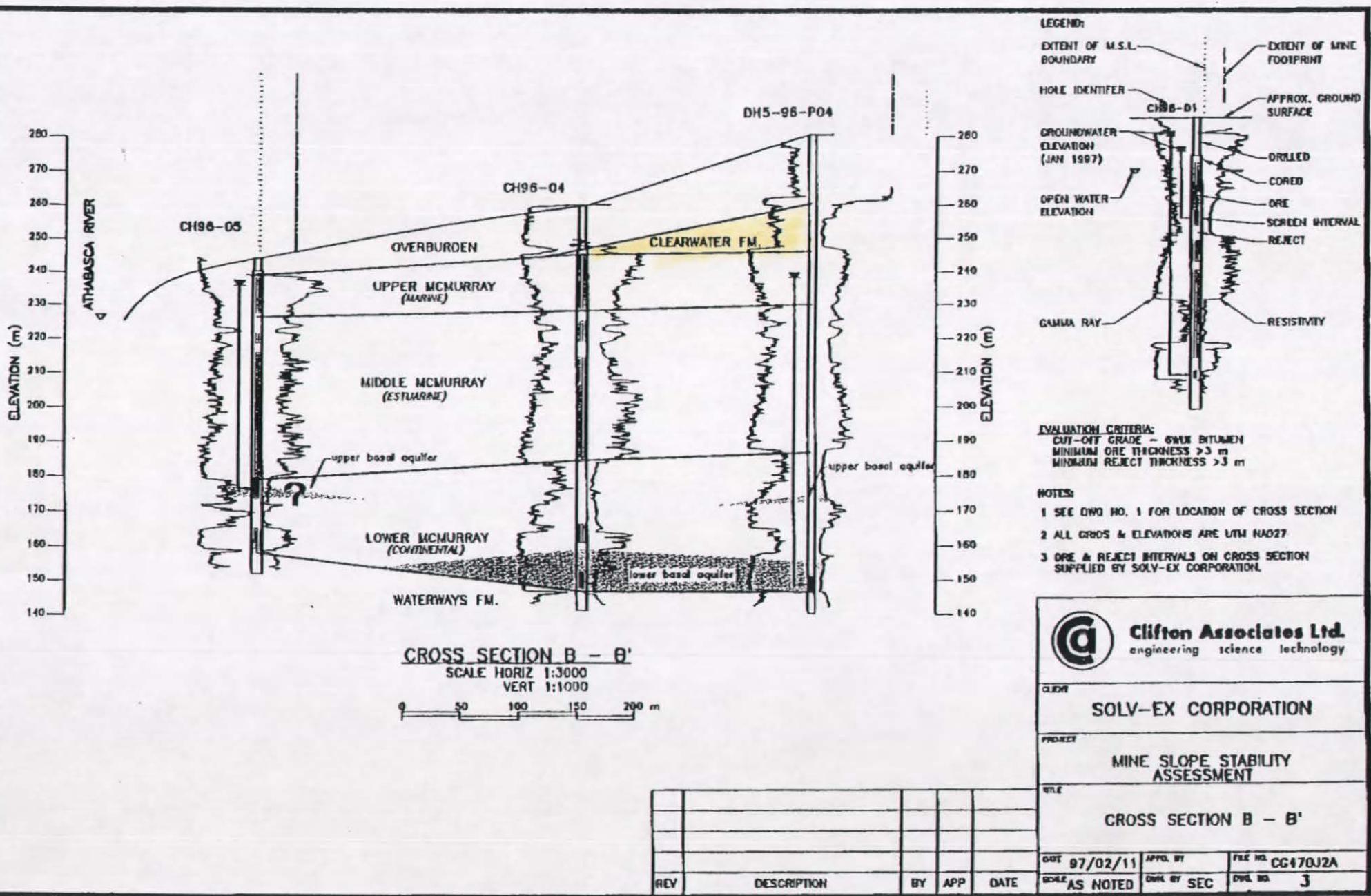
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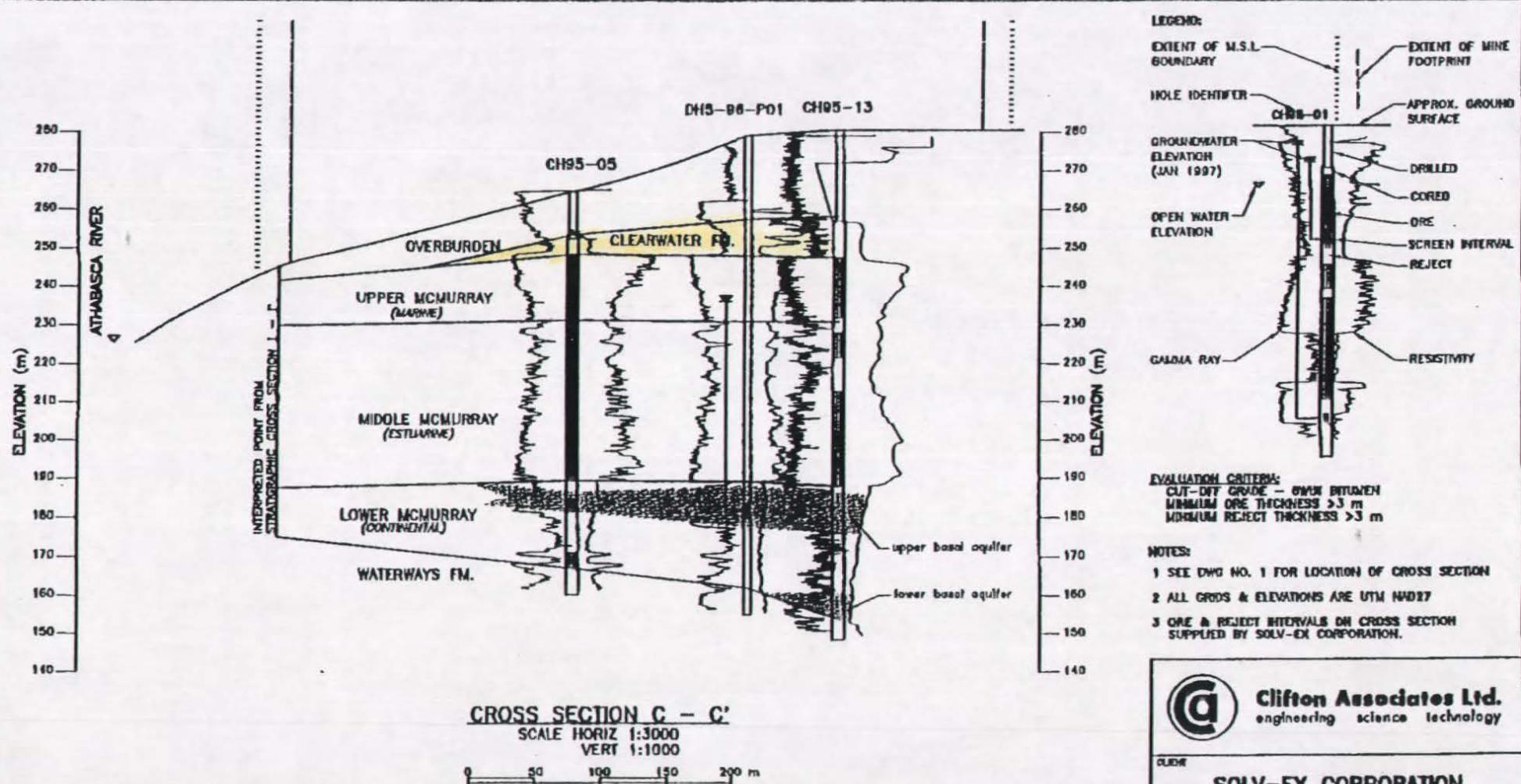
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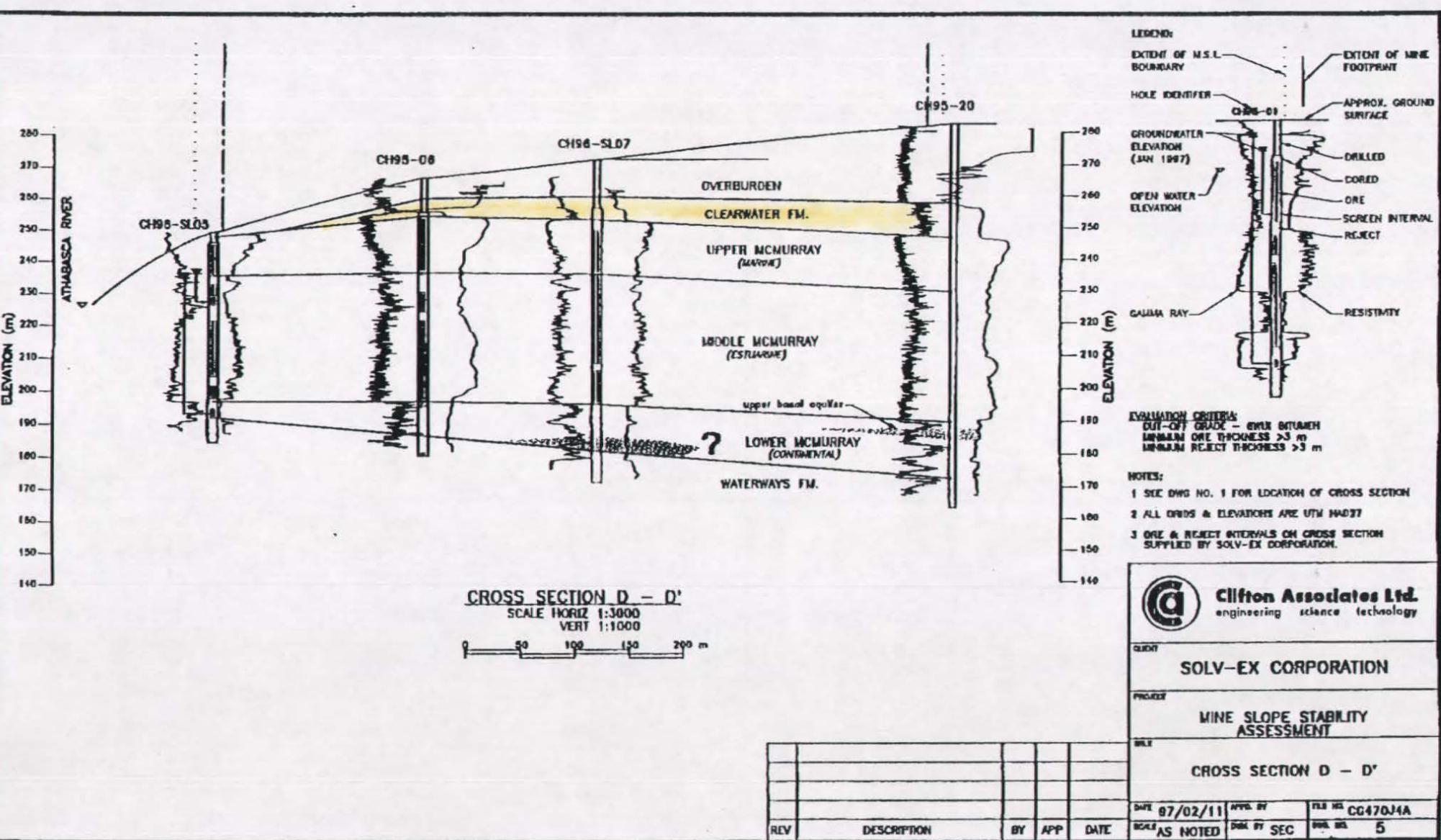
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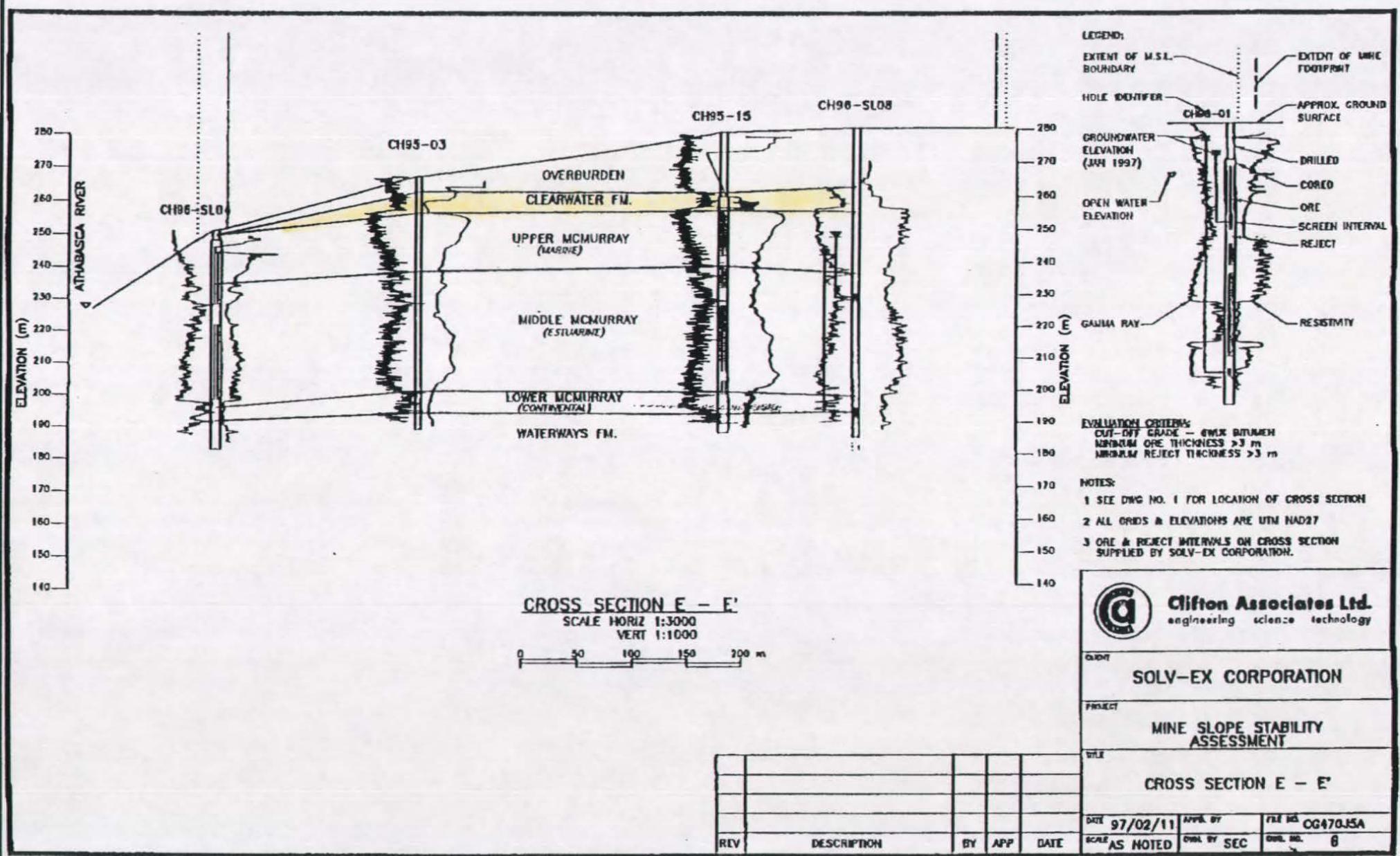
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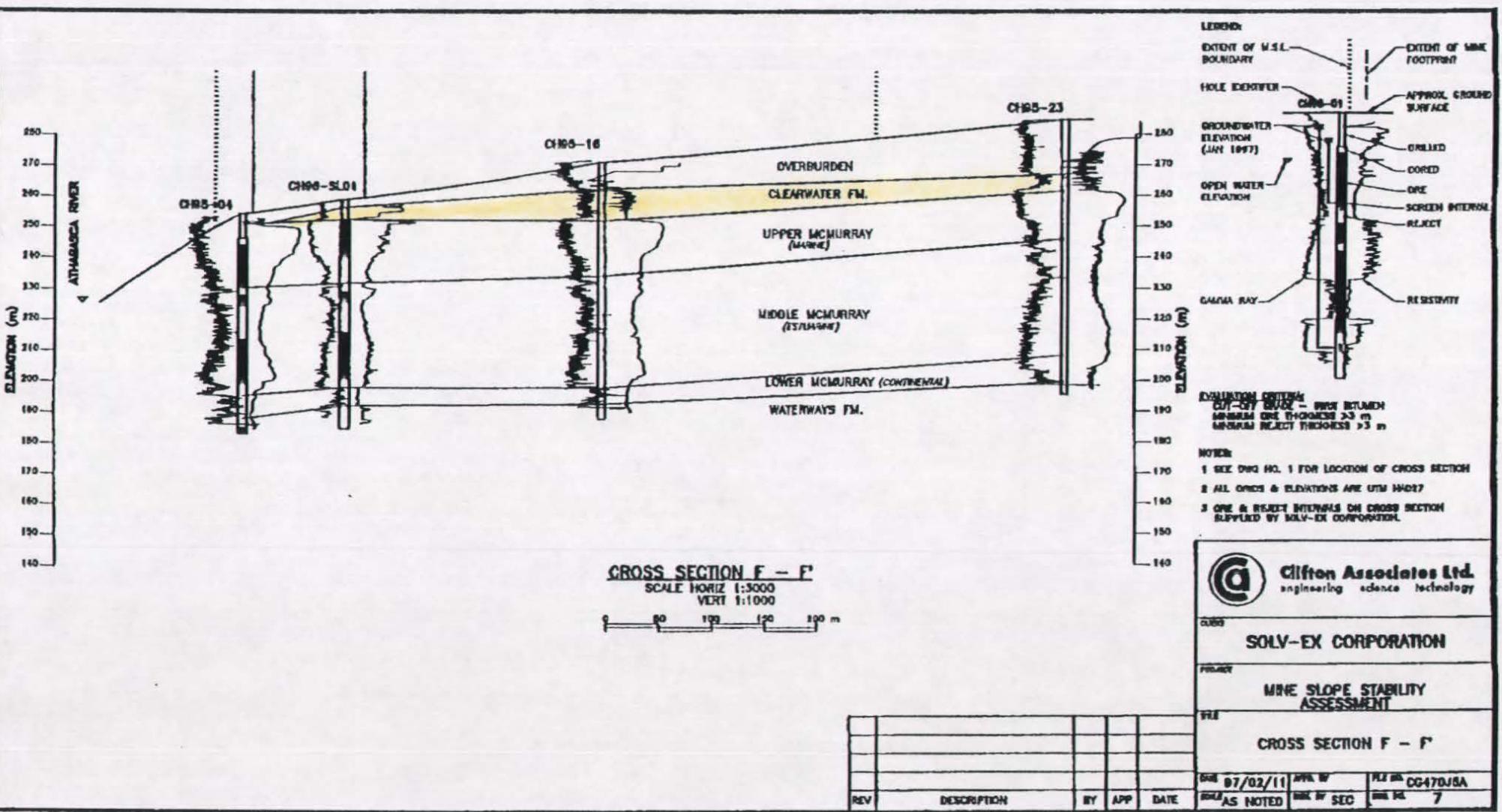
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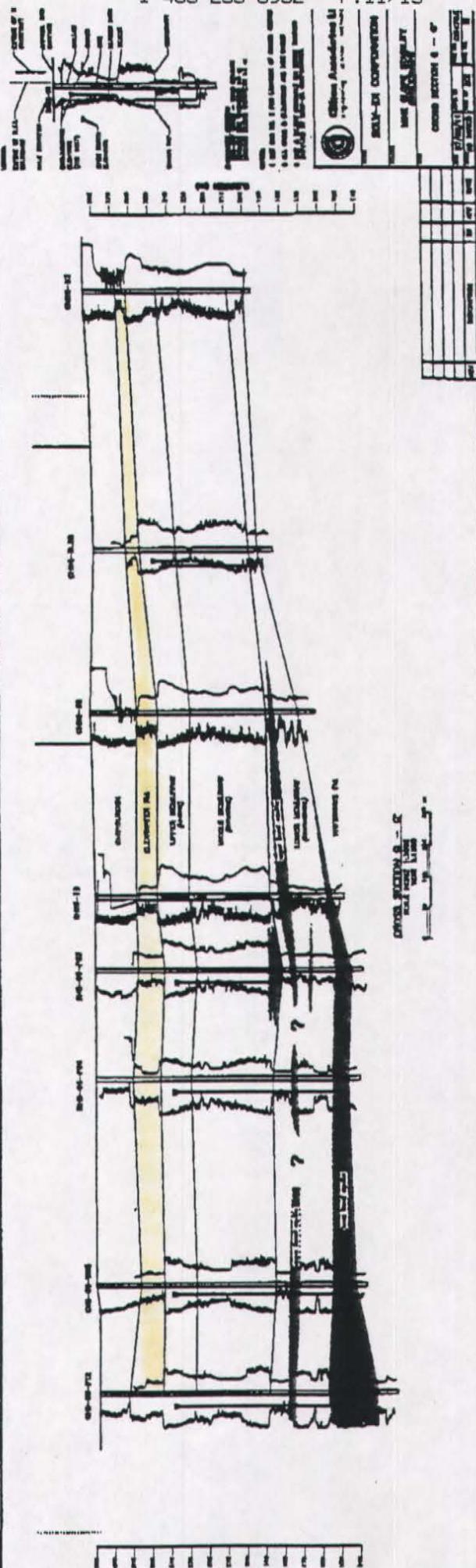


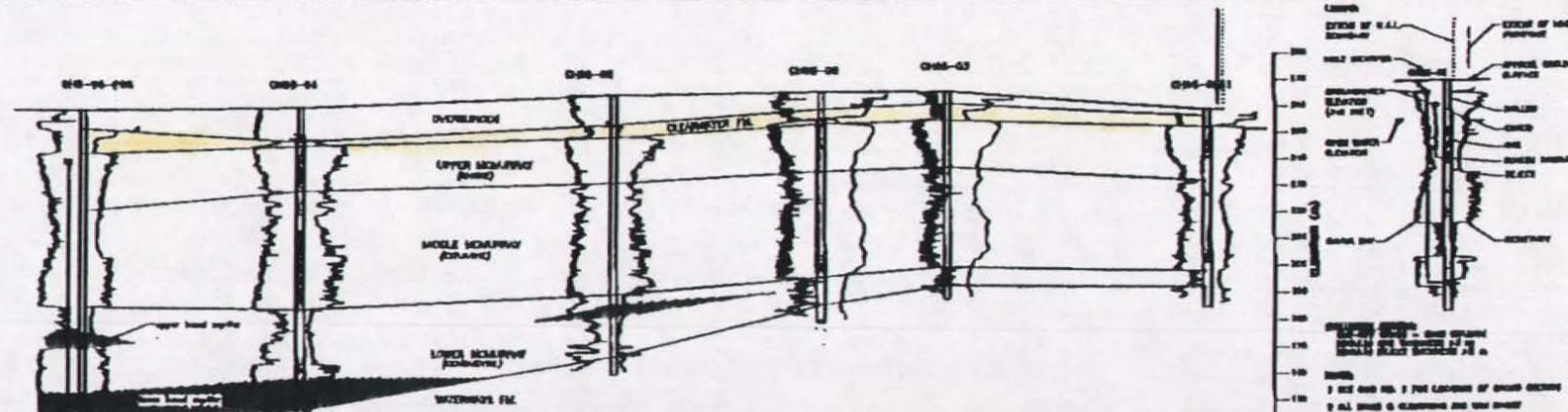


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