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PROJECT No.: SM 220069-E

June 19, 2023

CENTENNIAL CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRACTING (NIAGARA) INC.
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Attention: Mr. Joseph Candeloro

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS – SOIL CHARACTERISATION
RIVERFRONT – CHIPPAWA PARKWAY
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO**

Dear Mr. Candeloro,

Further to your request, SOIL-MAT ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS LTD. [SOIL-MAT ENGINEERS] is pleased to provide the following environmental considerations with respect to environmental characterisation of the on-site soils on the above noted property. The comments provided in this brief report are based on prior Phase One and Two ESA investigation and reporting conducted on the property by Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, which have been provided to our office. The purpose of this brief report is to provide comments on the environmental condition of the on-site soils, based on the current data, including the proposed on-site reuse. These comments are further to those presented in

It is noted that the subject lands do not appear to have ever been developed. Given this, the proposed residential redevelopment would not represent a change in land use to a more sensitive case. As such, there would not be a mandatory requirement for a Record of Site Condition [RSC] filing under Regulation 153/04 [as amended]. Given this, environmental assessment would be appropriately focused on characterisation of the on-site soils for reuse on the development lands, and potentially export for off-site reuse.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The prior assessment and reporting by Wood included Phase One and Two ESA. The Phase One ESA report by Wood identified two Areas of Potential Environmental Concern [APEC] on the site. APEC1 is noted as fill of unknown quality, and is identified over the majority of the site. APEC2 is associated with the rail lines along the north border of the site.

The most recent Phase Two ESA reporting by Wood presents the results of a reasonable scope of sampling and testing to address the noted APECs. These results were reported in comparison to a site condition standard of Table 3, which would be considered appropriate based on the intended land use [a municipally serviced residential development].

The reported environmental testing results showed no issues within the groundwater, and no issues in soil in most cases. There are noted isolated exceptions as follows:

- Electrical Conductivity [EC] in Soil
Several of the soil samples reported elevated levels of EC, in particular within the fill present on the east portion of the site [East Pod]. Elevated EC is associated with the effects of de-icing salt, and so elevated levels within the east pod are consistent with the understood history of fill placement. EC is generally an aesthetic parameter, non-hazardous to human and animal health, but rather tends to render the soil environment less supportive of plant growth and potentially more corrosive to buried metal pipe. There are specific exemptions with the Regulation to allow for reuse on a development property. As such, this is not considered to be a significant item of concern.
- Thallium in Soil Thallium levels above the applicable Table 3 Standards were reported.
 - BH101 – 0.1 to 1.5m depth – 1.2ppm vs the Standard of 1.0ppm [West Pod]
 - BH103 – 0.1 to 0.5m depth – 1.2ppm vs the Standard of 1.0ppm [East Pod]
- Antimony levels above the applicable Table 3 Standards were reported.
 - BH429 – 1.5 to 2.1m depth – 9.8ppm vs the Standard of 7.5ppm [East Pod]

The elevated Thallium and Antimony values appear to be isolated results, and warrant further assessment to determine if these are in fact representative results. As such, a focused scope of supplemental sampling and analytical testing was warranted.

SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

Soil-Mat Engineers conducted a soil sampling and analysis program for the east pod exceedances at Borehole Nos 429 and 103 which had exceedances for Antimony and Thallium respectively. Four in situ samples were collected within an approximate 2 metre radius of the prior reported elevated results, and analysed for each of the above noted impacts. The secured soil samples were submitted to AGAT Laboratories, an accredited Canadian Environmental Laboratory for bulk laboratory analysis of the specific parameters noted above. Specifically, samples 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D were collected at the location of Borehole No. 429 and subject to testing for Antimony, while samples 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D were collected at the location of Borehole No. 103 and subjected to testing for Thallium.



The results of this testing are presented in AGAT certificate of analysis [22T959963], appended to the end of this report.

All samples collected were noted to be below the reported detection limit for each of the tested parameters. Assessment of this data considering single point compliance, with samples within a 2 metre radius considered to be one sample location, shows the average in both cases to be within the Table 1 Standards. This demonstrates the initial results as anomalies and not considered to exceed the Standards.

SOIL REUSE CONSIDERATIONS

Given the above, the data from the prior Phase Two ESA work and the current supplemental testing, has demonstrated the soil within the subject lands to be within the Table 3 Residential, Parkland, Institutional [RPI] Standards. The noted exception being the area of BH101, at the northwest corner of the west pod.

The on-site fill and native soils, reasonably shown to be within the applicable Standards for the site, would be appropriate to remain on site for reuse as needed in grading and earthworks for the proposed development. It is understood that the present plan anticipates a surplus of soil from the east pod, which would be appropriately relocated for use on the west pod. This would include topsoil present on the site that can be utilised elsewhere on the development lands.

Based on recent discussion with the project team, it is not expected that the site will have a surplus of fill, with the site grading for the overall development ideally able to achieve a balanced condition. As such, the need for off-site removal and reuse is not expected to be required for the project. This is considered good practice, to coordinate the grading works to make use of available soil, and avoid creating excess soil which would need to be move off-site. In the even that through the course of final design and construction any volume of material is determined to be excess to the site requirement, it is recommended that first options be considered to facilitate reuse on the development lands. Where this is not feasible and material is deemed surplus, it would then be warranted to undertake additional sampling and testing to support off-site reuse in accordance with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 406/19 [as amended].

GENERAL COMMENTS

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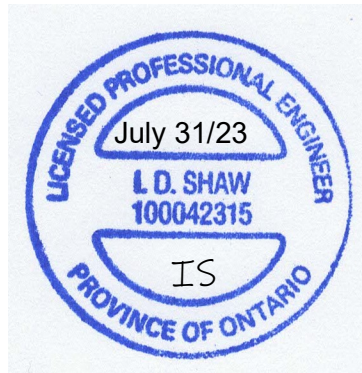
We trust this is satisfactory for your purposes. Please feel free to contact our Office if you have any questions, or we may be of further service to you.

Yours very truly,
SOIL-MAT ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS LTD.

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Junior Engineer



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Enclosures: Drawing No. 1, Location Plan
AGAT Certificate of Analysis [22T959963]

Distribution: Centennial Contracting and Construction (Niagara) Inc. [1, plus pdf]



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AGAT WORK ORDER: 22T959963

SOIL ANALYSIS REVIEWED BY: Jacky Zhu, Spectroscopy Technician

DATE REPORTED: Oct 26, 2022

PAGES (INCLUDING COVER): 7

VERSION*: 1

Should you require any information regarding this analysis please contact your client services representative at (905) 712-5100

***Notes**

Disclaimer:

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Certificate of Analysis

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SAMPLING SITE: Chippawa Parkway, Niagara Falls

SAMPLED BY: NS

O. Reg. 153(511) - Metals (Sb) (Soil)

DATE RECEIVED: 2022-10-20

DATE REPORTED: 2022-10-26

Parameter	Unit	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION:		1A	1B	1C	1D
		SAMPLE TYPE:		Soil	Soil	Soil	Soil
		DATE SAMPLED:		2022-10-20	2022-10-20	2022-10-20	2022-10-20
		G / S	RDL	4438720	4438721	4438722	4438723
Antimony	µg/g	1.3	0.8	<0.8	<0.8	<0.8	<0.8

Comments: RDL - Reported Detection Limit; G / S - Guideline / Standard: Refers to O. Reg. 406/19 TABLE 1: Full Depth Background Site Condition - RPIC
 Guideline values are for general reference only. The guidelines provided may or may not be relevant for the intended use. Refer directly to the applicable standard for regulatory interpretation.

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DATE RECEIVED: 2022-10-20

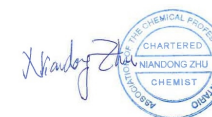
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Parameter	Unit	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION:		3A	3B	3C	3D
		SAMPLE TYPE:		Soil	Soil	Soil	Soil
		DATE SAMPLED:		2022-10-20	2022-10-20	2022-10-20	2022-10-20
		G / S	RDL	4438725	4438730	4438731	4438732
Thallium	µg/g	1	0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5

Comments: RDL - Reported Detection Limit; G / S - Guideline / Standard: Refers to O. Reg. 406/19 TABLE 1: Full Depth Background Site Condition - RPIC
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SAMPLED BY: NS

Soil Analysis

RPT Date: Oct 26, 2022			DUPLICATE				Method Blank	REFERENCE MATERIAL			METHOD BLANK SPIKE			MATRIX SPIKE		
PARAMETER	Batch	Sample Id	Dup #1	Dup #2	RPD	Measured Value		Acceptable Limits		Recovery	Acceptable Limits		Recovery	Acceptable Limits		
								Lower	Upper		Lower	Upper		Lower	Upper	

O. Reg. 153(511) - Metals (Sb) (Soil)

Antimony	4438720	4438720	<0.8	<0.8	NA	< 0.8	90%	70%	130%	86%	80%	120%	89%	70%	130%
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O. Reg. 153(511) - Metals (Tl) (Soil)

Thallium	4438720	4438720	<0.5	<0.5	NA	< 0.5	93%	70%	130%	99%	80%	120%	103%	70%	130%
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Comments: NA Signifies Not Applicable.

Duplicate NA: results are under 5X the RDL and will not be calculated.

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Method Summary

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PARAMETER	AGAT S.O.P	LITERATURE REFERENCE	ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUE
Soil Analysis			
Antimony	MET-93-6103	modified from EPA 3050B and EPA 6020B and ON MOECC	ICP-MS
Thallium	MET-93-6103	modified from EPA 3050B and EPA 6020B and ON MOECC	ICP-MS



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Laboratory Use Only

Work Order #: 227959963
Cooler Quantity: 1 LG
Arrival Temperatures: 8.5 | 7.4 | 7.6
Custody Seal Intact: Yes No N/A
Notes: Pass T.C.

Chain of Custody Record

If this is a Drinking Water sample, please use Drinking Water Chain of Custody Form (potable water consumed by humans)

Report Information:

Company: Soil-Mgt
Contact: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Reports to be sent to:
1. Email: Ian Shaw
2. Email: Nathan Steis

Regulatory Requirements:

(Please check all applicable boxes)

Regulation 153/04 Excess Soils R406 Sewer Use
 Sanitary Storm
Table 1 Indicate One
 Ind/Com
 Res/Park
 Agriculture
 Regulation 558
 CCME
 Other
Soil Texture (Check One)
 Coarse
 Fine
Region: _____
Indicate One

Turnaround Time (TAT) Required:

Regular TAT 5 to 7 Business Days
Rush TAT (Rush Surcharges Apply)
 3 Business Days 2 Business Days Next Business Day
OR Date Required (Rush Surcharges May Apply): _____

Project Information:

Project: 220069
Site Location: Chippawa Parkway, Niagara Falls
Sampled By: NS
AGAT Quote #: _____ PO: _____
Please note: If quotation number is not provided, client will be billed full price for analysis.

Is this submission for a Record of Site Condition?

Yes No

Report Guideline on Certificate of Analysis

Yes No

Please provide prior notification for rush TAT
*TAT is exclusive of weekends and statutory holidays

For 'Same Day' analysis, please contact your AGAT CPM

Invoice Information:

Bill To Same: Yes No

Company: _____
Contact: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

Sample Matrix Legend

B Biota
GW Ground Water
O Oil
P Paint
S Soil
SD Sediment
SW Surface Water

Sample Identification	Date Sampled	Time Sampled	# of Containers	Sample Matrix	Comments/ Special Instructions	Y / N	Field Filtered - Metals, Hg, CrVI, DOC	0. Reg 153	0. Reg 406	0. Reg 559	Potentially Hazardous or High Concentration (Y/N)
1A	06+20	AM	2	S							
1B		AM	1								
1C		AM	1								
1D		AM	1	SW							
3A		AM	1								
3B		AM	1								
3C		AM	1								
3D		AM	1								
2A		AM	2		HOLD until notified						
2B		AM	1								
2C		AM	1								

Samples Relinquished By (Print Name and Sign):	Date:	Time:	Samples Received By (Print Name and Sign):	Date:	Time:
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