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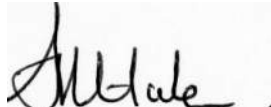
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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

On Sunday 16th February, Storm Dennis instigated the failure of Llanwonno Upper Tip (also referred to as RH01). The largest (main) slip occurred overnight, where the upper part of the tip complex failed in a classical circular slip movement (see Photo 1 below). A further landslide/debris flow (video footage on internet on 16.02.2020, Ref. 1), appears to show a secondary slip mechanism where water had accumulated and burst through (breached) the southern end of the tips (adjacent to former ponds) and flowed down the hillside in a fully saturated state (flow slide failure).

Photo 1: Backscarp of main landslide



Approximately 60,000 m³ of colliery spoil was deposited in the valley bottom at the toe of slope, blocking the river channel, and diverting the river to the western side of the valley bottom.

Following the landslide, a four-phase remediation plan has been implemented, and is briefly outlined below:

- Phase 1 - Emergency drainage works to divert water away from Llanwonno Upper Tip.
- Phase 2 - Embankment scour repairs adjacent to the river, beneath the landslide area.
- Phase 3 - Moving of landslide material from the valley bottom to nearby receptor sites.
- Phase 4 - Removal of colliery spoil and reprofiling of Llanwonno Upper Tip depositing surplus material to the rear of 'Old Smokey' (Tylorstown)

Tip – RH02), which is designated Receptor Site C. Phase 4 is subject to a further planning application process.

1.2 Site location

Llanwonno Upper Tip is located to the north-east of Tylorstown and lies on the eastern side of the Rhondda Fach valley.

The site area is centred at approximate National Grid reference (NGR) 301107E 196330N and is presented on drawing GC3613-RED-61-RSC-DR-C-0001 – Phase 4 Location Plan.

Access to Llanwonno Upper Tip is via Llanwonno Road, which is located above the Upper Tip, and links Blaenllechau to the north-west, with Llanwonno to the south-east.

1.3 Site Description

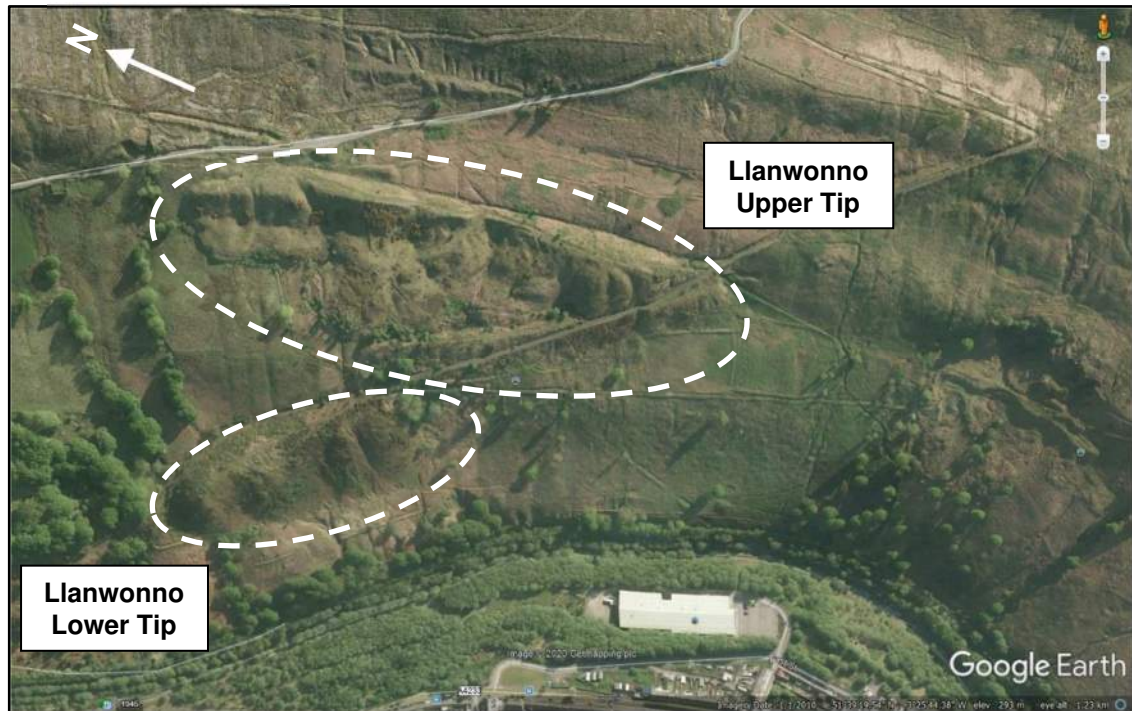
1.3.1 *General*

The Llanwonno Tip complex (RH01) comprises two distinct parts, referred to as the Upper Tip and Lower Tip (see Figure A below). Llanwonno Upper Tip has been placed on the south-west facing hillside of the Rhondda Fach Valley. The tip has been placed across a concave area of the hillside formed by the intersection of a steep section and a slack below. As typical with many colliery tips in the area, the main tip slope faces the same orientation as the natural hillside, but at a steeper gradient.

A 'V' shaped ditch had been formed behind the Upper Tip where it met the natural ground. This ditch carried surface water to the south-east of the tip. The Upper Tip was typically vegetated with rough grass, heather, and gorse, with occasional trees also established.

The Lower Tip lies below the Upper Tip, and slightly to the west. Remedial works to the Lower Tip are not included in the Phase 4 remediation plan.

Figure A: Ariel view of Llanwonno Upper and Lower Tips (prior to landslide)



1.3.2 Topography and Geomorphology

The Rhondda Fach is a steeply incised valley within the large upland plateau of the South-Wales Coalfield. The eastern valley slopes are 'stepped' due to the alternating geology of hard sandstone, forming the steeper slopes, and weak mudstones, forming broad lower angled steps, known locally as 'slacks'.

Quarries are present at the level of Llanwonno Upper Tip, both up and down valley, and there is some evidence that a buried quarry lies beneath the southern end of Llanwonno Upper Tip.

Spring lines and boggy ground are present along the slacks, due to groundwater in the fractured sandstones being prevented from percolating downwards by the impermeable mudstones and coal seat earths. During and immediately after periods of high/prolonged precipitation the spring lines discharge strongly but dry up during periods of drier weather.

Substantial deep mining across the area has led to past subsidence and mining related fissures, which may have altered natural groundwater flows in the area. Coal crop workings and adits are present on the hillside above Llanwonno Road and potentially beneath the tips, which issue water during periods of high precipitation (Ref. 3).

There are several watercourses and issues above Llanwonno Tips that have been captured by temporary drainage measures, installed during Phase 1 emergency works. These drainage measures formed by a series of 6-inch plastic pipes, collect water from culverts along Llanwonno Road, and along a small upper valley feature on the uphill side of the Upper Tip. The drainage water is discharged at the southern end of the tip, where it meets the former tramway and subsequently into the former historical drainage system.

The base of the Upper Tip lies on a 'slack', which has water issues along its entire length and inevitably beneath the tip itself. Since the landslide has occurred, water issues have formed deep erosive gullies down to the valley bottom (see Photo 2). It is considered that prior to the slip, a longitudinal drain, below the tramway, captured these issues and took the water away to the north, and then down to the valley bottom, via a channel that is still partially present, immediately south of Llanwonno Lower Tip.

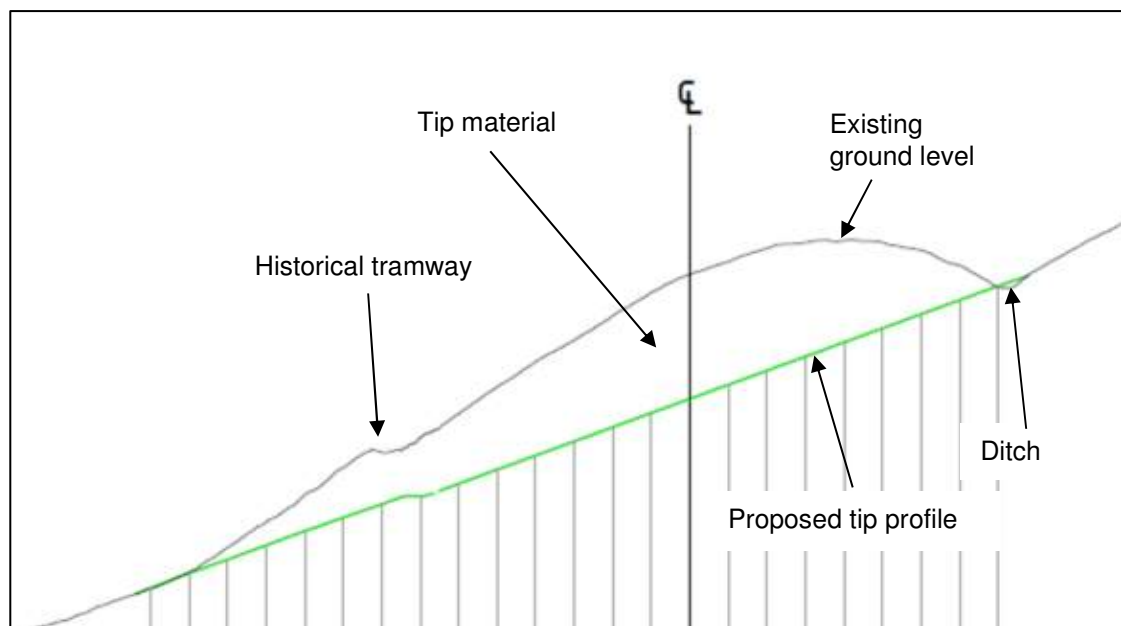
Following the landslide, Llanwonno Upper Tip can be separated into three distinct areas, the South-Western Area, the Landslide Area (central section), and the North-Eastern Area. Chainages referred to in this document are presented on drawing GC3613-RED-61-RSC-DR-C-0002 – Tip Reprofile General Arrangement.

1.3.3 South-Western Area (Ch. 0m to 160m)

The south-western part of the site is volumetrically the largest part of Llanwonno Upper Tip. A historical tramway traverses the toe of the tip (see cross-section below) in a north-east direction.

Historical ground investigations suggest a former quarry, which exploited the Rhondda Sandstone, is present beneath this part of the Tip (see Section 2.3).

Typical cross-section through the south-eastern part of the site (Ch.120m).



1.3.4 Landslide Area (Ch. 160m to 340m)

Within Llanwonno Upper Tip, where the landslide occurred, there are three distinct areas (i) rear backscarp, (ii) lower / front colliery spoil slope, separated by (iii) a back-tilted block between (i) and (ii) forming the landslide bowl.

Several issues / spring lines have been exposed within this part of the site (see Section 2.4 for further information). Within the lower / front part of the landslide, water has scoured significant channels through the remaining layer of colliery spoil to expose natural superficial soils.

Typical cross-section through the central part of the site (Ch.280m).

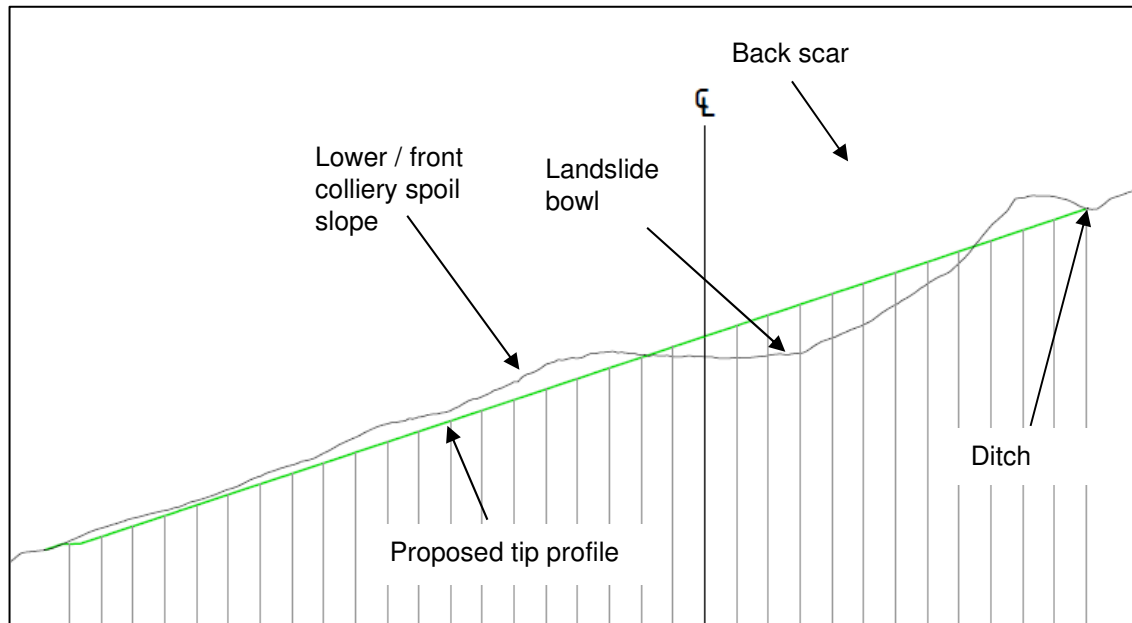


Photo 2: Central part of landslip looking from the northwest



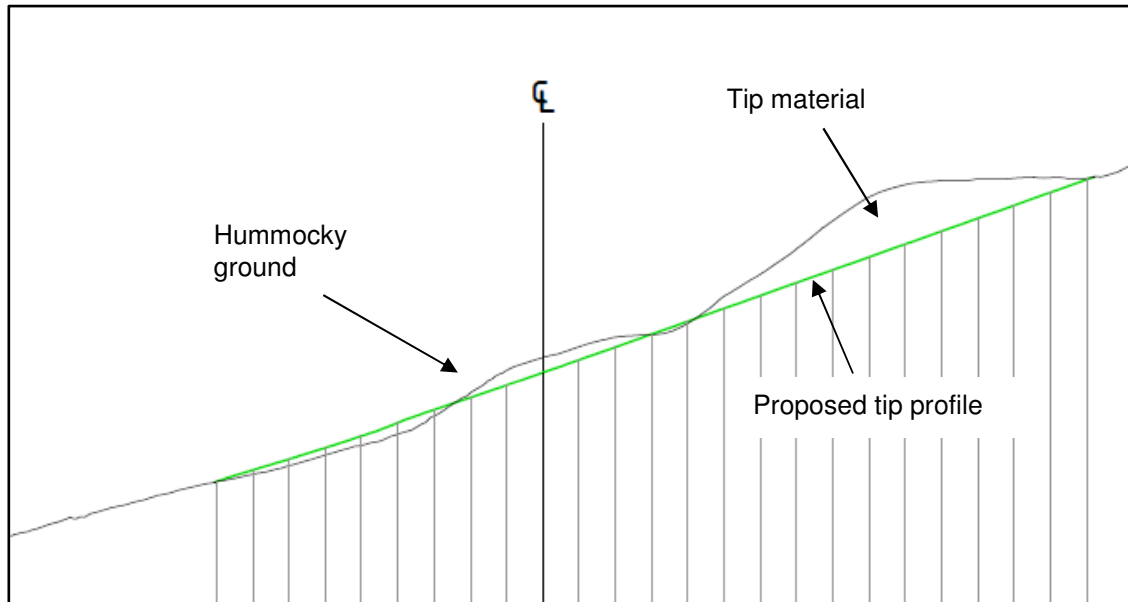
1.3.5 North-Eastern Area (Ch. 340m to 527m)

The north-eastern part of the tip is narrower than the central section (prior to landslide) and south-eastern parts, with the majority of the colliery spoil placed on the higher part of the natural hillside and extending a shorter distance downhill.

A previous stability report by Halcrow (Ref. 3) suggests that an ancient landslide is present within the natural hillside beneath the northern end of Llanwonno Upper Tip, hummocky (undulating) ground between the Upper and Lower Tips support this landslide concept. The Halcrow report

states that 'available inspection and monitoring data indicate that some ground movements have taken place in the recent past'.

Typical cross-section through the north-western part of the site (Ch.420m).



1.4 Proposed Works

Topographical surveys and 3D modelling information suggests that approximately 200,000 m³ of colliery spoil is required to be removed from, or redistributed at, the site. For the Phase 4 works, it is proposed that approximately 50,000 m³ of the colliery spoil will be used to infill the backscarp / bowl area, with the remaining 150,000 m³ being taken off site to Receptor Site C.

The green line shown on the typical sections presented in Section 1.3 represents the proposed ground levels for the re-profiled Llanwonno Upper Tip. A complete set of the cross-sections including ground levels before and after the proposed re-profiling are provided in Drawings GC3613-RED-61-RSC-DR-C-0005 to 0008 – Cross Sections Tip Reprofile.

1.5 Report Objectives

Redstart have been commissioned to provide a Slope Stability Report to assess the long-term stability of the Llanwonno Upper Tip area following completion of the Phase 4 remediation works.

2. Site Conditions

2.1 Available Information

The following sources have been referenced for the identification of the geology, soils, hydrology and hydrogeology of the site:

- Llanwonno Tips Reclamation Scheme, Stability Report, Halcrow, 2004 (Ref. 3).
- Tylorstown Landslide Debris Removal, Preliminary Sources Study Report (PSSR), Redstart, 2020 (Ref. 2).
- Report on a Site Investigation at Tylorstown and Llanwonno Tips, Thyssen Geotechnical, 1993 (Ref. 4).
- Tylorstown and Llanwonno Tips, Ground Investigation Report, Thyssen Geotechnical, 1996 (Ref. 5).
- Llanwonno Tips Reclamation Scheme, Report on Ground Investigation, Halcrow, 2001 (Ref. 6).
- Tylorstown Landslip, Factual Site Investigation Letter Report, Integral Geotechnique, May 2020 (Ref. 7).

2.2 Geology

The geological sequence at the site is discussed in detail within Section 2 of Halcrow's 2004 Stability Report (Ref. 3) and in Section 4 of the Redstart PSSR (Ref. 4) and is summarised below.

Material parameters are discussed in Section 3.2.3. of Halcrow's report (Ref. 3).

2.3 Superficial Deposits

2.3.1 *Colliery Spoil*

Colliery Spoil is present across the site area. Halcrow's report states that this material predominantly comprises '*sand, gravel and cobble-sized fragments of mudstone and coal with lesser quantities of siltstone, sandstone and ironstone.*'

The maximum thickness of the colliery spoil encountered in the Upper Tip was 24.0 m (in borehole LWN3 presented on Figure No. LWTR/R2/1 of the Halcrow Report). This borehole is located in the south-eastern part of the tip, which did not form part of the landslide, but will be reprofiled during the Phase 4 remediation works. The thickness of the colliery spoil reduces to approximately 5.0 m in the north-west part of the Upper Tip.

Following the landslide, a number of Particle Size Distribution (PSD) tests were undertaken on the material deposited within the river valley. The colliery spoil was typically described as '*dark grey or grey brown variably silty variably sandy fine to coarse gravel with variable cobble and boulder content. The coarse constituents comprised variable amounts of mudstone, coal and sandstone.*' (Ref. 7).

2.3.2 Natural Superficial Deposits

Halcrow describe the upper valley slopes, which underlie Llanwonno Upper Tip, as *'mantled with locally derived 'head' or slope deposits. These are variable in composition, consistent with the interbedded argillaceous and arenaceous parent rocks from which the materials are derived'*. The maximum thickness of these deposits proved beneath the Llanwonno Upper Tip was 7.9 m in borehole LWT5 (Ref. 6). This stratum is sub-divided into 'cohesive' and 'granular' slope deposits.

2.3.2.1 Cohesive Slope Deposits

The finer slope deposits are generally described by Halcrow as *'slightly sandy gravelly CLAY, sand is fine to coarse, gravel is angular fine to coarse of mudstone, siltstone and sandstone'*.

2.3.2.2 Granular Slope Deposits

The coarser slope deposits underlie the finer slope deposits and are typically described by Halcrow as *'very dense clayey sandy fine to coarse GRAVEL of sandstone with occasional cobbles of sandstone'*.

2.4 Bedrock

Upper Coal Measures (Pennant Measures) underlie the site. The Halcrow Stability Report states *'The Geological Survey of Great Britain Map, Sheet 248, Pontypridd, shows the Upper Tip straddling outcrops of thin argillaceous horizons associated with an un-named thin coal, the No. 1 Rhondda Rider and the No. 1 Rhondda seams. Coal seams were encountered in three of the boreholes within the Upper Tip.'*

Halcrow surmise that, while not present on records, a historical quarry, exploiting the Rhondda Sandstone, is located beneath the deepest portions of Llanwonno Upper Tip (see Halcrow Cross Section C-C within Appendix B). This prediction is, according to Halcrow, supported by geophysical surveys.

Highly weathered argillaceous (clayey) material was recorded beneath the Upper Tip in boreholes LWN1 (1996 ground investigation) and LWT5 (2001), likely associated with the weathering of coal seams to low strength soils (clays) in the presence of groundwater.

Available published information and borehole evidence suggests the bedrock dips at approximately 6 degrees to the south-east.

The site lies between two faults: the Llanwonno Fault present along the valley top trending NNW-SSE and downthrown to the east, and an unnamed fault along the valley bottom also trending NNW-SSE and downthrown to the east. Neither directly underlie the Llanwonno Upper Tip area.

2.5 Groundwater

Groundwater levels at the site have been assessed using a combination of historical piezometer monitoring data (prior to the landslide) and post landslide on-site visual observations and both have been utilised in the stability analysis.

2.5.1 *Piezometers*

Within the Upper Tip area, piezometers were installed and monitored as part of previous ground investigations. The Redstart PSSR (Ref. 2) surmises the following:

‘Those piezometers installed in the colliery spoil and superficial deposits recorded groundwater level variations of the order of 1.0 m, whereas within the sandstone and siltstone this was much more variable between approximately 0.5 and 4.0 m over the monitoring period. The small variation in groundwater level in the colliery spoil indicates a high porosity material, whereas the generally higher variation in level in the sandstone and siltstone indicates a lower porosity material. This is supported by the regional data which states that the effective porosity of the siltstone and sandstone is low and is principally due to fractures rather than inaccessible intergranular porosity.

Ten piezometers were installed in Llanwonno Upper Tip at various points between 1995 and 2004, with a recorded head of water varying between 0.73 m and 2.43 m above the base of the tip. Three locations were noted to frequently seep at the toe of the Upper Tip. Six piezometers, located in superficial deposits beneath the Upper Tip, reported a head of water between 0.00 m and 6.87 m above the base of the deposit.

Six piezometers were installed in bedrock below the Upper Tip. Readings from four piezometers installed in siltstone and sandstone generally indicated piezometric heads between 3.82 and 1.59 m above rockhead. Halcrow (2004) state that the piezometric levels in rockhead are comparable to levels obtained in overlying piezometers installed within colliery spoil. From the cross sections, this does not appear to be entirely the case at depth, as stated earlier.’

2.5.2 *Interactions with Surface Water*

In 1875 the Llanwonno Tip complex comprised open hillside and was wooded on the lower slopes. At least five streams descended the hillside in the vicinity of the current tips, flowing generally towards the south west. Creation of the tips resulted in streams being diverted around and, in some cases, beneath the tips and a more complex pattern to this surface water drainage developing. The central incline (tramway) acts as an unlined channel, conveying the majority of run-off from the Upper Tip and adjacent hillside behind and past the Lower Tip. Construction of the lowest tier of the Upper Tip also created a series of ponds, fed by surface water run-off and seepage through the tip.

2.5.3 *On-site Observations*

The following on-site groundwater and surface water features have been observed following the landslide. The approximate location of these features is shown on Figure B.

- A. Seepages have been observed within the exposed back scarp feature, occasionally resulting in ponding water within the landslide bowl feature.
- B. Issue / spring line within exposed colliery spoil. Highly responsive during periods of intensive rainfall.
- C. Series of issues / spring lines (and soft cohesive material present).
- D. Surface water scouring deep downslope channels through the colliery spoil.

Figure B: Approximate location of on-site observations of water features post landslip



2.5.4 *Other Considerations*

Phase 1 emergency remediation works involved the installation of a temporary drainage system to capture several surface watercourses and issues from above the Upper Tip and divert them south-east of the site (see Figure B above).

To reduce the volume of water entering the former Upper Tip area, Phase 4 works will include the installation of a permanent drainage system to collect surface water and groundwater (where possible) and divert it away from the former Upper Tip area. The objective of the drainage system is to control the groundwater levels, and therefore reduce the build-up of excessive pore pressures, within the retained colliery spoil material remaining on the slope.

As part of the Phase 3 remediation works, mid-slope drainage has been installed within the Upper Tip (February 2021), to collect surface water (primarily sourced from mid-slope issues / spring lines) and divert it away from the reinstatement works within the valley bottom.

3. Slope Stability

3.1 Introduction

To achieve long-term stability of Llanwonno Upper Tip, Phase 4 of the remediation works includes the removal of the majority of colliery spoil, reprofiling of the failed slope and installation of permanent drainage systems.

Stability analysis has been undertaken on the proposed finished ground levels at the Upper Tip area on completion of the Phase 4 works.

3.1.1 *Past Stability Analysis*

The following documents relating to the stability of Llanwonno Upper Tip have been reviewed and are summarised below.

3.1.1.1 *Llanwonno Tips Reclamation Scheme, Stability Report, Halcrow, 2004 (Ref. 3)*

This report discusses the following:

- Intrusive ground investigations undertaken in 2001.
- The stability of the site prior to the landslide, including stability modelling of the Upper Tip.
- Potential management / stabilisation options for the Upper Tip.

3.1.1.2 *Llanwonno Upper Tip (RH01) – Stability Statement, Capita, May 2020 (Ref. 8)*

To assess any residual risk from the recent landslide and to allow Phases 2 and 3 of the remediation works to be undertaken safely, stability analysis of the material remaining at Tylorstown Upper Tip was undertaken by Capita (Redstart). Following analysis, a 'Stability Statement' was issued, which is presented in Appendix A.

For continuity of analysis, Capita re-created Halcrow's stability models through the Upper Tip to achieve the same baseline ground model as Halcrow. The ground model was subsequently updated to reflect the changes to the site topography following the landslide (ground level difference between the Halcrow topographical slope model (pre landslide) and the post landslide drone model). The stability analysis was then re-run using previous residual parameters and critical water table levels.

The ground models were further revised to reflect the following on-site observations:

- The rear back scarp feature comprises natural glacial materials not colliery spoil (original mountainside slope) with a capping of colliery spoil at the crest of the slope only (see Photo 3).
- Visible groundwater and surface water levels such as issues and seepages.

Photo 3: View of main back scarp showing exposed glacial deposits.



Back analysis of the exposed back scarp suggested that the soil parameters used for the natural glacial deposits may have been conservative, and potentially material parameters used should be equal to peak and not residual strength values as previously analysed.

The analysis concluded that, in terms of overall stability, the Factor of Safety on the materials (colliery spoil) left on the slope is close or at unity and these materials will need to be removed in the long term if other remediation measures are not implemented.

3.2 Stability Analysis Overview

3.2.1 *Method of Analysis*

The slope stability analysis was undertaken using the GEOSLOPE software SLOPE/W (Version.11.0.1.21429) (Ref. 9), adopting the principles of the Morgenstern-Price method (analysis of slices).

3.2.2 *Adopted Factor of Safety*

It is currently recommended that earthworks design is undertaken in accordance with BS EN 1997-1:2004 (Ref. 10) using partial factors applied to loads and material parameters. However, to achieve a direct comparison with previous stability analysis (Ref. 3) the traditional 'global factor of safety' approach has been adopted.

As discussed in Section 6.2 of the Halcrow Report, the minimum Factor of Safety (FoS) for active spoil heaps and closed classified tips is set out in the Mines & Quarries (Tips) Regulations, 1971 and the National Coal Board (NCB) 'Codes and Rules - Tips' (NCB, 1971). These documents suggest a minimum FoS of 1.20 is appropriate for closed classified tips where water tables are known (recorded) and conservative geotechnical parameters are adopted. Although not a classified tip, disused tips, such as the Upper Tip, were reviewed in the same manner.

Additionally, British Standard, BS 6031:1981 (Ref. 11), now superseded by BS 6031:2009 (Ref. 12), distinguishes between first time landslides and landslides on pre-existing slip surfaces for over-consolidated soils and suggests that for a slope with pre-existing slip surfaces, a FoS of 1.20 should be provided.

In accordance with the above, a minimum FoS of 1.20 is considered appropriate for the stability analysis where movement has been recorded. Where no ground movement is evident, a target FoS of 1.30 is required.

3.2.3 *Material Properties*

For continuity with the previous stability analysis undertaken at the site and following a review of the rationale within Section 3 of the Halcrow Stability Report, the material parameters proposed by Halcrow have been adopted for the latest stability analysis. These parameters are summarised in Table 3.1 below.

Table 3.1: Halcrow Material Design Parameters

Material	ρ	γ	ϕ' (°)		C' (kN/m ²)	
	(Mg/m ³)	(kN/m ³)	PEAK	RESIDUAL	PEAK	RESIDUAL
Colliery Spoil	1.94	19.0	33.5	26.5	6.0	3.0
Glacial Till	2.14	21.0	32.0	32.0	12.0	0.0
Cohesive Slope Deposits	2.04	20.0	29.0	25.5	10.0	2.0
Granular Slope Deposits	2.04	20.0	32.0	-	0.0	-
Bedrock (highly weathered Mudstone)	2.24	22.0	-	20.0	-	0.0

Notes

- ρ = Bulk density
- γ = Unit weight
- ϕ' = Angle of shearing resistance
- C' = Cohesion

3.2.4 *Groundwater Levels*

The groundwater table used in analysis is based on water strikes in the exploratory holes, water levels recorded during monitoring and visual observations following the landslide event. See Section 2.5 for further details.

Phase 4 of the remediation works will also include the installation of comprehensive drainage systems to reduce the volume of water entering the refiled Upper Tip slope.

To assist in the drainage design, sensitivity analysis comparing how different groundwater profiles impact on the FoS has also been undertaken.

3.2.5 *Design loadings*

On completion of the Phase 4 works, vehicle trafficking of the Upper Tip is not anticipated, and Llanwonno Road does not encroach within 10 m of the Upper Tip boundary. Therefore, traffic loading has been omitted from the analysis.

3.2.6 *Ground profiles.*

For continuity of slope stability analysis of the Upper Tip, Redstart have re-created three cross-sections presented in Halcrow’s stability report. These cross-sections represent three distinct parts of the Upper Tip (see Section 1.3) and are summarised in Table 3.2 below. Representative historical boreholes were also reviewed in the production of the ground profiles.

Table 3.2: Summary of cross-sections used for stability analysis

Area Reference	Cross-section Chainage	Redstart Drawing Reference	Halcrow Section	Halcrow Figure Reference
South-western Area (Ch. 0m -160m)	120m	GC3613-RED-61- RSC-DR-C-0004	C-C	LWTR/R2/4
Landslide Area (Ch. 160m – 340m)	280m	GC3613-RED-61- RSC-DR-C-0006	B-B	LWTW/R2/3
North-western Area (Ch. 340m – 527m)	440m	GC3613-RED-61- RSC-DR-C-0007	A-A	LWTR/R2/2

The location of the separate parts of the site and cross-sections are shown on Drawing GC3613-RED-61-RSC-DR-C-0002. The location of the corresponding Halcrow sections and historical boreholes are shown on Figure LWTR/R2/1. The Halcrow figures referenced are presented in Appendix B.

3.3 Stability Analysis (SlopeW) Output

3.3.1 *South-Western Area (Ch. 0m to 160m)*

The existing ground profile for this part of the site was reproduced from Halcrow Figure LWTR/R2/4, and a review of historical boreholes BH4 (1993 ground investigation (Ref. 4)) and borehole LWN3 (1996 ground investigation (Ref. 5)). To represent the general ground profile across the site, a veneer of cohesive slope deposits has been added to the toe of the slope. The proposed ground surface profile is extracted from the cross-section for Ch. 120m, shown on Drawing GC3613-RED-61-RSC-DR-C-0004.

There is no evidence of historical or recent ground movement with this part of the site, therefore peak strength parameters for the colliery spoil were used for analysis, and a target FoS of 1.30 applied.

No groundwater was recorded in BH4 (1993) or borehole LWN3 (1996). Therefore, a ‘worst case’ ground water level was inferred at the base of the deepest borehole at this location (LWN3). Halcrow Figure LWTR/R2/1 shows a ‘marshy’ area near the toe of the slope, to represent this feature, the groundwater at the toe of the slope has been modelled at ground level.

Table 3.3: Summary of SlopeW models and output for South-Western Area (Ch. 120m)

Slope/w Output Figure Ref.	Description	Factor of Safety (critical)	Slope Stability Criteria Satisfied (FOS >1.30)
1	Existing ground profile	1.19	No
2	Phase 4 proposed slope profile	1.39	Yes
3	Phase 4 proposed slope profile Water table +1.0m	1.37	Yes

Stability analysis suggests the FoS of the existing tip profile is slightly below the target FoS of 1.30. The proposed reprofiled slope increases the stability of the tip, achieving a minimum FoS of 1.37 (design water table +1.0m), and therefore deemed acceptable.

3.3.1.1 Landslide Area (Ch. 160m to 340m)

The ground profile prior to the landslide along this part of the site was reproduced from Halcrow Figure LWTR/R2/3, and a review of historical boreholes LWT4, LWT4A, LWT5, LWT6 and LWT7 (2001 ground investigation (Ref. 6)). The ground surface profile following the landslip and proposed ground profile are extracted from the cross-section for Ch. 280m, shown on Drawing GC3613-RED-61-RSC-DR-C-0006.

Ground movement was recorded before the landslide occurred, therefore residual strength parameters for the colliery spoil and slope deposits have been used for analysis prior and post landslide. The one exception is colliery spoil, which will be compacted and engineered back within the tip area as part of the Phase 4 works, and assigned peak strength values.

The groundwater tables used in analysis is based on water strikes in the exploratory holes, water levels recorded during monitoring and visual observations following the landslide. Again, a sensitivity analysis comparing how different groundwater profile impacts the FoS has also been undertaken.

Table 3.4: Summary of SlopeW models and output for Landslide Area (Ch. 280m)

Slope/w Output Figure Ref.	Description	Factor of Safety (critical)	Slope Stability Criteria Satisfied (FOS >1.20)
4	Ground profile prior to landslide (Halcrow) Maximum water table prior to landslide	1.03	No
5	Ground profile after landslide (back scar) Revised ground profile from on-site observations	0.76	No
6	Ground profile after landslide (back scar) Revised ground profile from on-site observations	0.83	No
7	Ground profile after landslide Maximum water table prior to landslide *	1.03	No
8	Phase 4 proposed slope profile Maximum water table prior to landslide	0.92	No
9	Phase 4 proposed slope profile Revised ground profile from on-site observations	1.32	Yes
10	Phase 4 proposed slope profile Revised ground profile from on-site observations +0.5m	1.20	Yes
11	Phase 4 proposed slope profile Revised ground profile from on-site observations +1.0m	1.17	No

* Maximum groundwater level adjusted to reflect current ground conditions.

Figure 4 shows the reproduction of Halcrow's stability model with the critical slip (FoS = 1.03) replicating the Halcrow pre-defined critical slip 'S2' from Figure LWTR/R2/3 (FoS = 1.06), confirming continuity of analysis between models. However, due to the changes in topography in this part of the site following the landslide, direct analysis on how the proposed Phase 4 reprofiling will affect the FoS of Halcrow's pre-defined slip planes (S1 to S8 on Figure LWTR/R2/3) is not possible. Therefore, to encompass potential methods of failure post Phase 4 works, the general global stability of the area was analysed using the 'grid and radius' and 'entry and exit' slip surface options, instead of pre-defined slip planes.

Stability analysis of the slope following the landslide shows a FoS of 0.76 (Figure 5) within the back scar, which cannot be representative of the ground conditions, as the slope has not failed in the 12 months following the landslide. The ground model was updated (Figure 6) as visual observations show the back scar comprises natural materials (granular glacial deposits) with a capping of colliery spoil at the crest of the slope. This increased the FOS to 0.83.

Further sensitivity analysis was undertaken by varying the groundwater table within the back scar, which resulted in little change to the overall stability, and the FoS remaining below unity.

Visible evidence that the back scar has not failed, and is not showing signs of global instability, suggests the material parameters are over-conservative, and should be equal to peak and not residual strength parameters or a higher component of cohesion or increased phi angle could be assigned to the slope deposits. However, as discussed in Section 3.2.2. conservative geotechnical parameters should be adopted when analysing coal tips, and therefore the original peak and residual strength parameters were used for the analysis.

To reflect periods of intensive rainfall, the current slope profile has been modelled in combination with the maximum groundwater table recorded prior to the landslide (the maximum groundwater table had to be adjusted to reflect the current ground profile, as the actual maximum groundwater was above ground level, and therefore not realistic). As shown on Figure 7, if the water table rises and saturates the lower spoil slope, the global stability of the existing slope is at approximate unity with a FoS of 1.03.

Stability analysis has been undertaken on the proposed slope profile for the Phase 4 remediation works (colliery spoil assigned peak strength values). The original model (Figure 8) utilised the maximum groundwater table recorded at the site, recording a FoS of 0.92. This groundwater scenario is not considered to be a realistic estimate of the potential maximum groundwater level following the landslide. The rationale for this is that the Phase 4 works will include a comprehensive drainage system to collect surface water and groundwater (where possible) and divert it away from the area, and the lower 'lobe' which formed the ponds is no longer present, allowing surface water and groundwater to flow downslope and not 'build up'.

Modelling the proposed ground profile in combination with the revised water table (from on-site observations) produces a FoS of 1.32 (Figure 9).

It is possible that the replacement (re-compaction) of spoil material within the tip area, may result in the groundwater levels rising during periods of intensive rainfall, as the water cannot dissipate as quickly from the tip area. Increasing the groundwater levels by 0.5m and 1.0m resulted in a FoS of 1.20 (Figure 10) and 1.17 (Figure 11) respectively.

To summarise, this part of the Upper Tip has a FoS close to unity (FoS = 1.03) under revised maximum water levels. The proposed reprofiled slope increases the stability of the tip, achieving a minimum FoS of 1.32 in combination with the water table currently observed on-site (design water table), and is therefore acceptable. However, the overall stability at this part of the site is sensitive to changes in groundwater levels, with an increase of 1.0m giving a FoS of 1.17, which is slightly lower than the required FoS of 1.20.

3.3.1.2 North-Eastern Area (Ch. 340m to 527m)

The ground profile prior to the landslide along this part of the site was reproduced from Halcrow Figure LWTR/R2/2, and a review of historical boreholes LWT1, LWT2, LWT3 (2001), LWN1 (1996) and trial pit LWTP3 (2001). The proposed ground surface profile is extracted from the cross-section for Ch. 440m, shown on Drawing GC3613-RED-61-RSC-DR-C-0007.

There is evidence of past ground movement along this part of the Upper Tip (see Section 1.3.3.), therefore residual strength parameters for the colliery spoil and slope deposits have been used for analysis. Where colliery spoil is relocated within the tip area as part of the Phase 4 works, it is assigned peak strength values.

The groundwater table used in analysis is based on water strikes in the exploratory holes and water levels recorded during monitoring.

Table 3.5: Summary of SlopeW models and output for North-Eastern Area (Ch. 440m)

Slope/w Output Figure Ref.	Description	Factor of Safety (critical)	Slope Stability Criteria Satisfied (FOS >1.20)
12	Existing ground profile	0.96	No
13	Phase 4 proposed slope profile Maximum water table recorded	0.91	No
14	Phase 4 proposed slope profile Design water table (0.3m above rockhead)	1.20	Yes
15	Removal of all colliery spoil Design water table +0.5m	1.14	No
16	Removal of all colliery spoil Design water table +1.0m	1.09	No
17	Existing ground profile Granular Slope Deposits	0.95	No
18	Phase 4 proposed slope profile Granular Slope Deposits Maximum water table recorded	1.03	No
19	Phase 4 proposed slope profile Granular Slope Deposits Design water table (1.0m above rockhead)	1.26	Yes
20	Phase 4 proposed slope profile Granular Slope Deposits Design water table +0.5m	1.18	No
21	Phase 4 proposed slope profile Granular Slope Deposits Design water table +1.0m	1.12	No

Figure 12 shows the reproduction of Halcrow’s stability model with the critical slip (FoS = 0.96) replicating the Halcrow critical slip ‘S2’ from Figure LWTR/R2/2 (FoS = 0.97), confirming continuity of analysis between models. As with the Landslide Area (Section 3.3.1.1.) the general global stability of the area was analysed using the ‘grid and radius’ and ‘entry and exit’ slip surface options.

The proposed reprofiled slope for Phase 4, combined with the maximum water table recorded a FoS of 0.91 (Figure 13). However, this elevated groundwater profile is not considered to be realistic following the completion of the Phase 4 works, as in addition to the proposed reprofiling of the slope, the remediation works will also include the installation of drainage systems, such as interceptor ditches, to collect surface water and groundwater and divert it away from the slope area.

The design water table (0.3m above rockhead) is shown on Figure 14, and produces a FOS of 1.20, marginally achieving the target FoS.

Increasing the design water table by 0.5m and 1.0m resulted in the FoS reducing to 1.14 (Figure 15) and 1.09 (Figure 16) respectively.

Following the initial analysis using Halcrows ground profile, further scrutiny of boreholes LWT2 and LWT3 (2001) suggests the 'cohesive slope deposits' underlying the colliery spoil are coarser in nature and fall under the 'granular slope deposits' description. These boreholes are presented in Appendix C. This revision to the ground profile also provides continuity with the natural deposits overlying the bedrock within the Landslip Area.

Stability analysis of the revised ground model of the existing slope (Figure 17), gave a FoS slightly below unity (0.95) under extreme groundwater (maximum recorded) conditions.

The proposed reprofiled slope combined with the maximum water table recorded a FoS slightly above unity (1.03), showing an improvement in the stability of the slope (Figure 18).

With the addition of a drainage system, the groundwater levels will be controlled and a design water table 1.0m above the bedrock has been modelled (Figure 19). Analysis showed the FoS increasing to 1.26, therefore exceeding the required FoS of 1.20.

Sensitivity analysis modelled the effects of raising the design water table by 0.5m and 1.0m, which resulted in the FoS reducing to 1.18 (Figure 20) and 1.12 (Figure 21) respectively.

In summary, stability analysis suggests the existing slopes along this part of the Upper Tip are slightly below unity under the maximum water levels recorded (FoS = 0.95). The proposed reprofiling of the slope improves the stability (FoS = 1.03) and when combined with lowering the water table the FoS increases to 1.26. The slope stability is sensitive to changes in groundwater levels, with an increase of 1.0m reducing the FoS to 1.12, which is slightly lower than the required FoS of 1.20, but above unity.

4. Conclusions and Recommendations

4.1 Stability Analysis Summary

In general, the stability analysis undertaken suggests the remaining Llanwonno Upper Tip complex is at approximate unity in terms of overall global stability ($FoS \approx 1.00$). The proposed reprofiling of the Upper Tip area combined with drainage measures to control the groundwater levels, increases the stability of the area achieving the target Factor of Safety of 1.20 in the Landslide and North-Eastern areas, and the target FoS of 1.30 for the South-Western Area.

Further analysis using design and enhanced groundwater levels shows the overall stability of the Upper Tip to be sensitive to changes in groundwater levels and that robust and maintained drainage systems must be implemented as part of the Phase 4 remediation works.

The output from the three sections analysed is summarised below.

4.1.1 *South-Western Area (Ch. 0m to 160m)*

The ground profile for this part of the tip is not representative of the general Upper Tip area, as a quarry is interpreted to directly underlie the colliery spoil deposits. The existing tip profile has a FoS of 1.19. The proposed Phase 4 reprofiled slope increases the stability of the tip, achieving a minimum FoS of 1.37 (design water table +1.0m), and is therefore acceptable.

4.1.2 *Landslide Area (Ch. 160m to 340m)*

This part of the Upper Tip is currently close to unity ($FoS = 1.03$) under revised maximum water levels. The proposed slope reprofiling in combination with the water table currently observed on-site (design water table) increases the stability of the tip, achieving a minimum FoS of 1.32, and is therefore acceptable. The overall stability at this part of the site is sensitive to change in groundwater levels, with an increase of 1.0m giving a FoS of 1.17, which is slightly below the target FoS of 1.20.

4.1.3 *North-Eastern Area (Ch. 340m to 527m)*

Stability analysis suggests the existing slopes along this part of the Upper Tip are slightly below unity under the maximum water levels recorded ($FoS = 0.95$). Proposed reprofiling of the slope improves the stability ($FoS = 1.03$) and when combined with lowering the water table (design water table) the FoS increases to 1.26 and is therefore acceptable. As with the landslide area, the stability of the tip is sensitive to change in groundwater levels, with an increase of 1.0m reducing the FoS to 1.12, which is lower than the required FoS of 1.20, but above unity expressing the need for robust drainage systems to be installed as part of the Phase 4 works.

4.2 Recommendations

4.2.1 *Phase 4 Drainage System*

Following stability analysis undertaken, it is evident that the stability of the Upper Tip is sensitive to changes in groundwater levels.

To control the groundwater levels within the Upper Tip, it is essential that the Phase 4 remediation works include the installation of robust permanent and maintained drainage systems to collect surface and groundwater and divert it away from the Llanwonno Upper Tip area.

Potential options for the drainage system include the installation of:

- Interception ditches at the crest of slope (all areas).
- Granular drainage blankets (or ditches) where colliery spoil is being relocated with the top area (Landslide Area).
- Granular downslope trench drains where colliery spoil is being reprofiled (North-Eastern Area).

The mid-slope drainage, recently installed as part of the Phase 3 remediation works, should be incorporated into the final drainage design.

As discussed in Section 2.5 of this report, the surface water and groundwater network at the Upper Tip area is complex and responds rapidly to periods of intense rainfall. To ensure any proposed drainage system is effective, the surface and groundwater network needs to be extensively reviewed as part of the permanent drainage design.

4.2.2 *Post Phase 4 Ground Investigation*

To confirm both the ground profiles, groundwater levels and material parameters used in the stability analysis, it is recommended that a ground investigation is undertaken on completion of the Phase 4 remediation works. Boreholes should be positioned along the sections used in analysis.

If the ground investigation records any significant changes to the assumptions made within this stability report, the slope stability analysis should be revisited and updated accordingly.

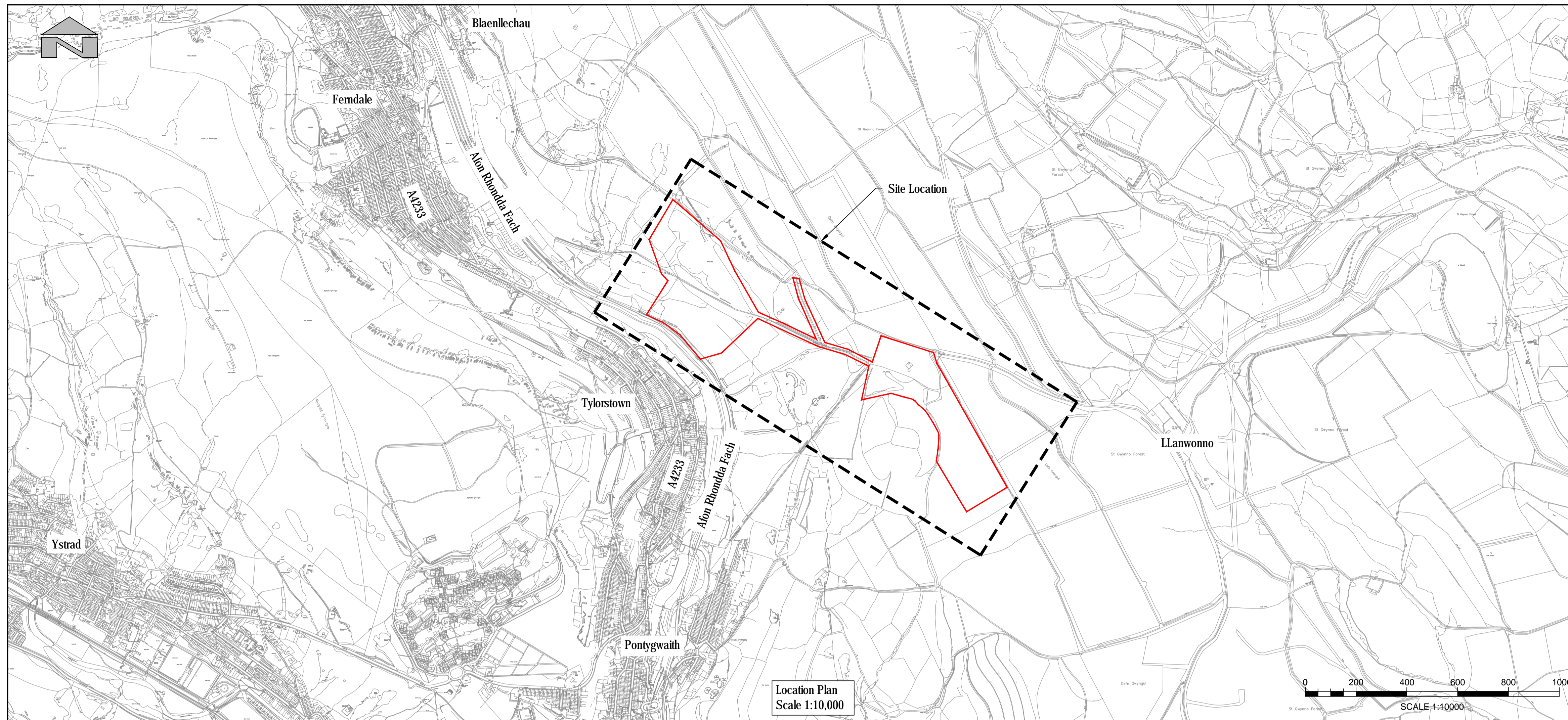
To monitor groundwater levels at the site on completion of the Phase 4 works, groundwater monitoring installations should be installed within selected boreholes. Remote telemetry units could also be installed to provide continuous 'real-time' monitoring of the groundwater regime and provide an alert system if the groundwater reaches critical levels.

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 - Proposed Material deposit
 - Proposed Haul Route
 - Proposed 3m wide track to include drainage feature
 - Indicative location of Slip

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 2. For Receptor Site C General Arrangement refer to drawing : GC3613-RED-61-RSC-DR-C-003
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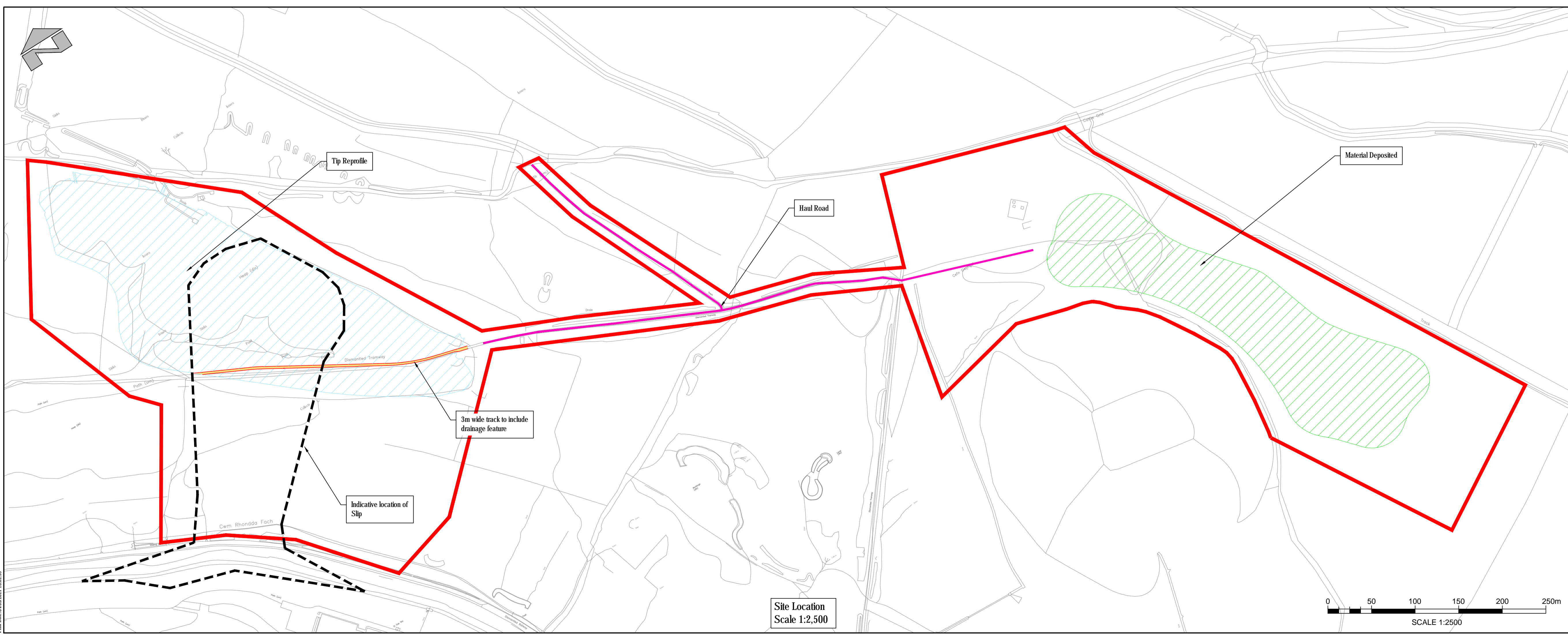
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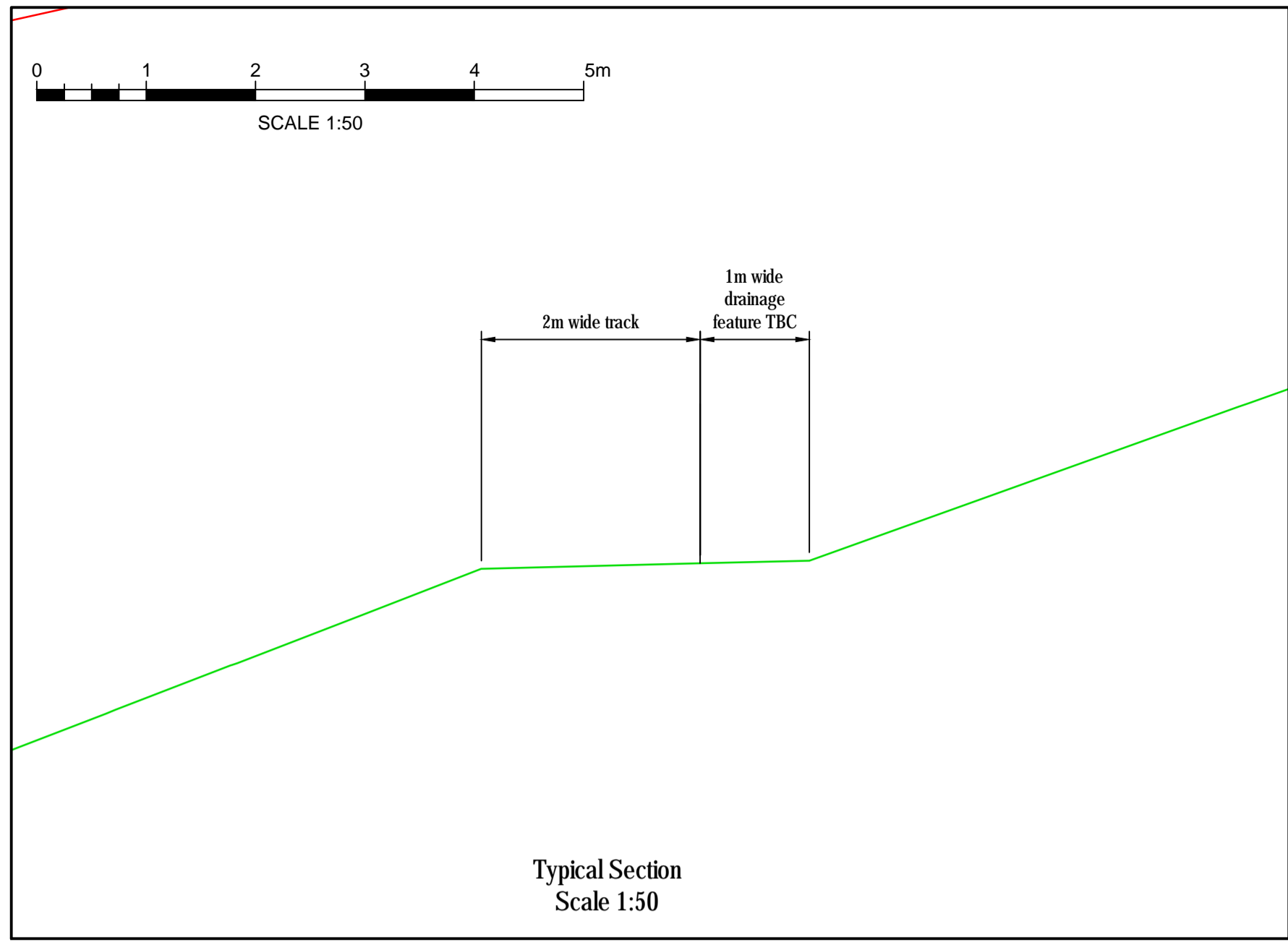
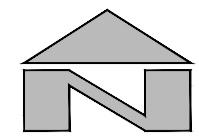
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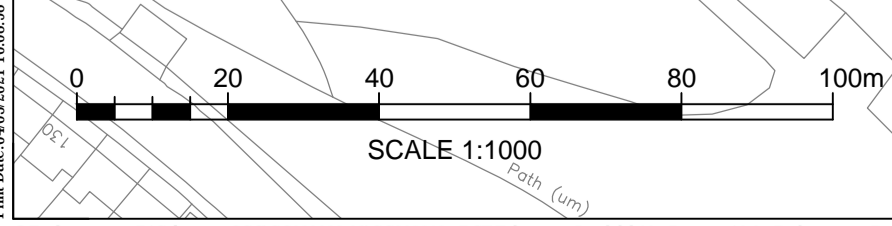
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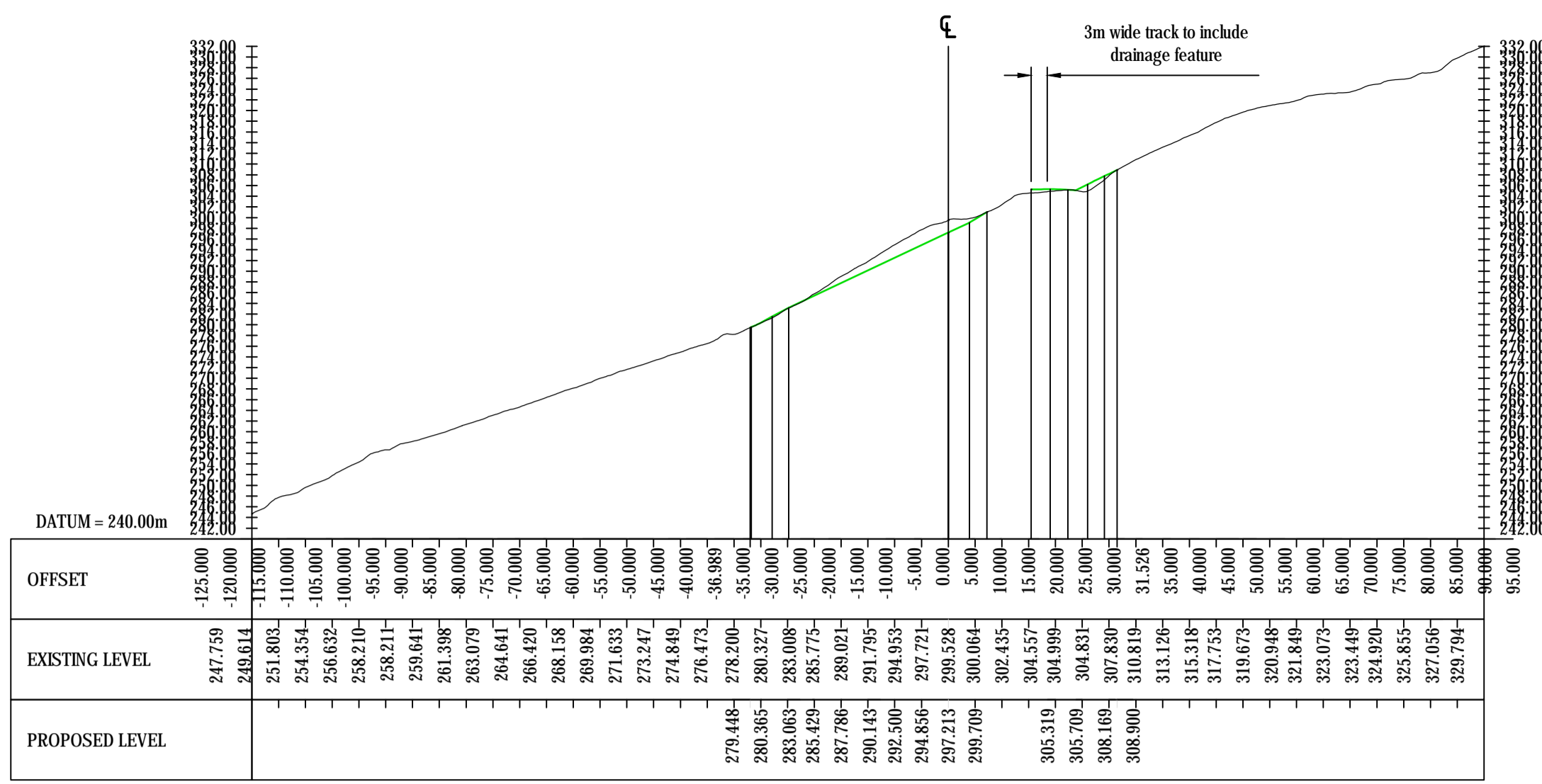
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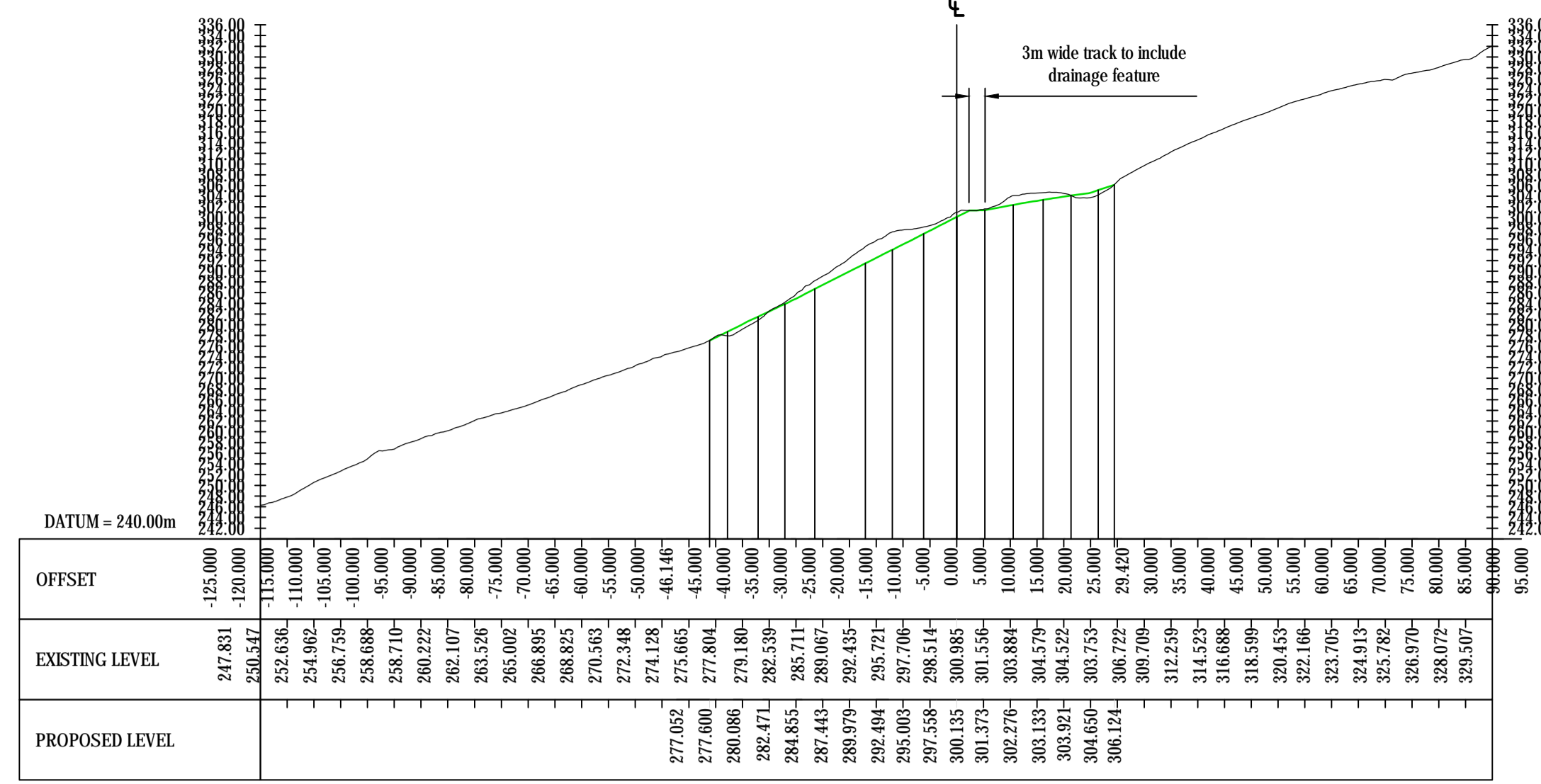
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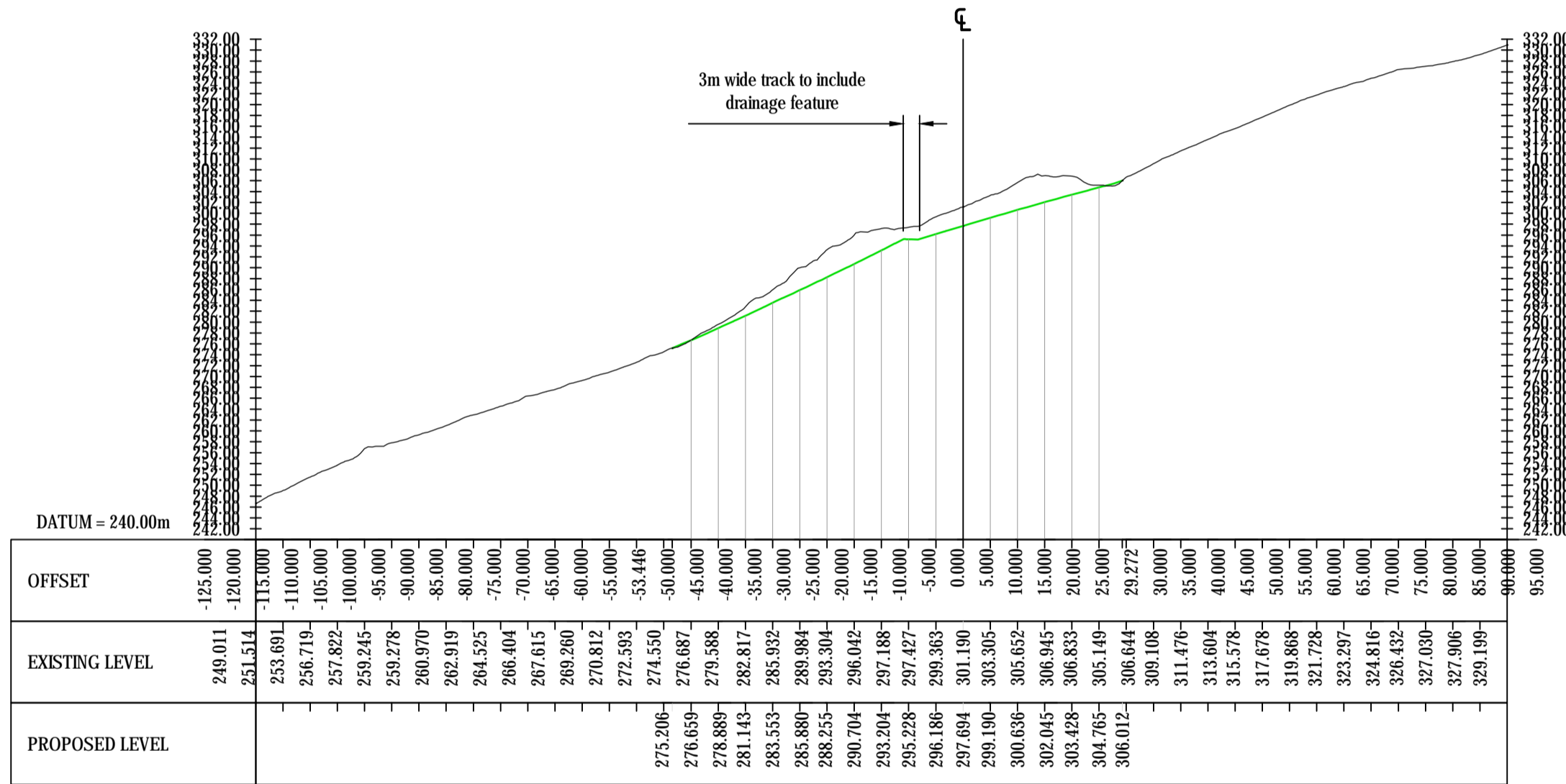




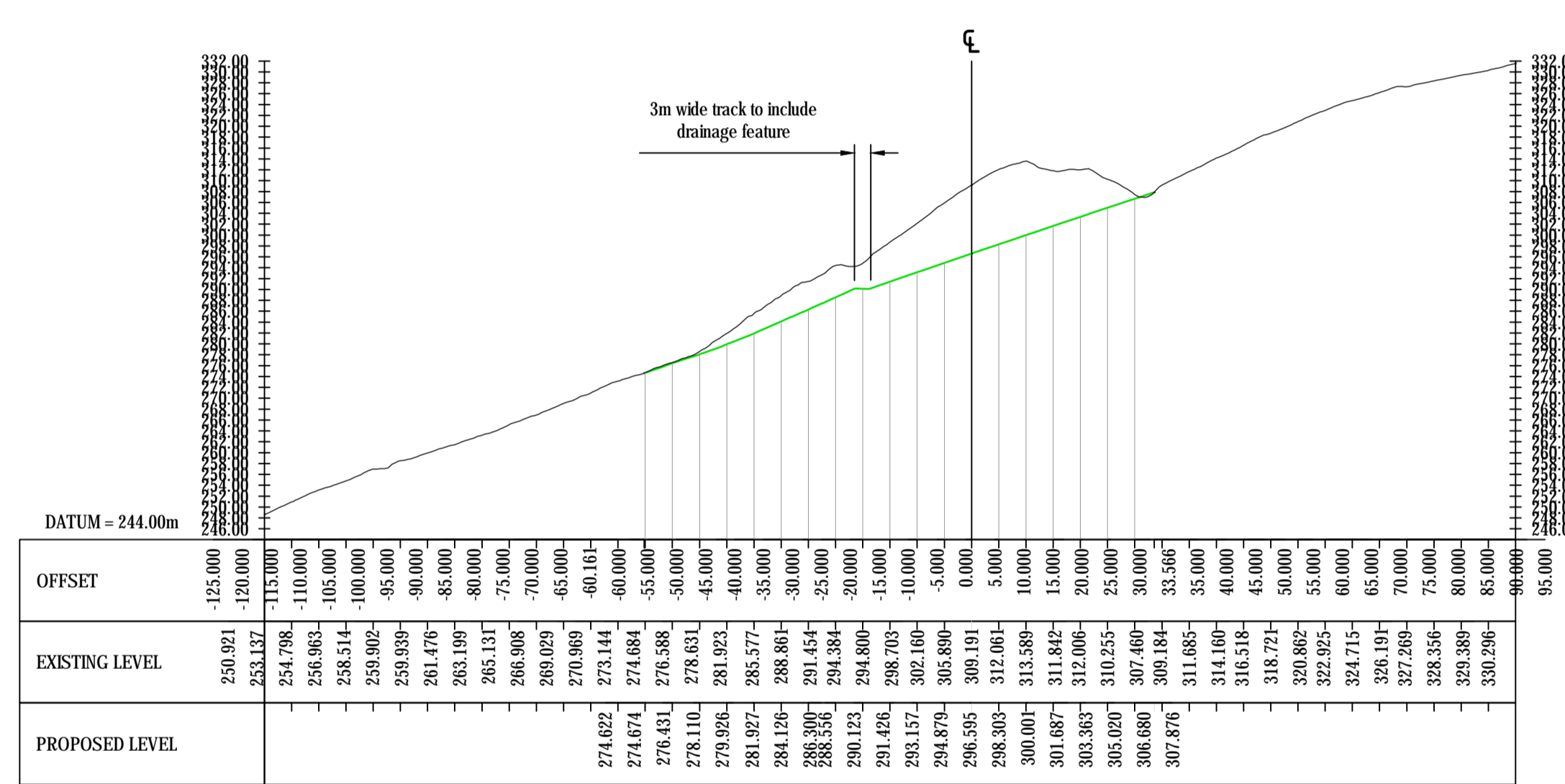
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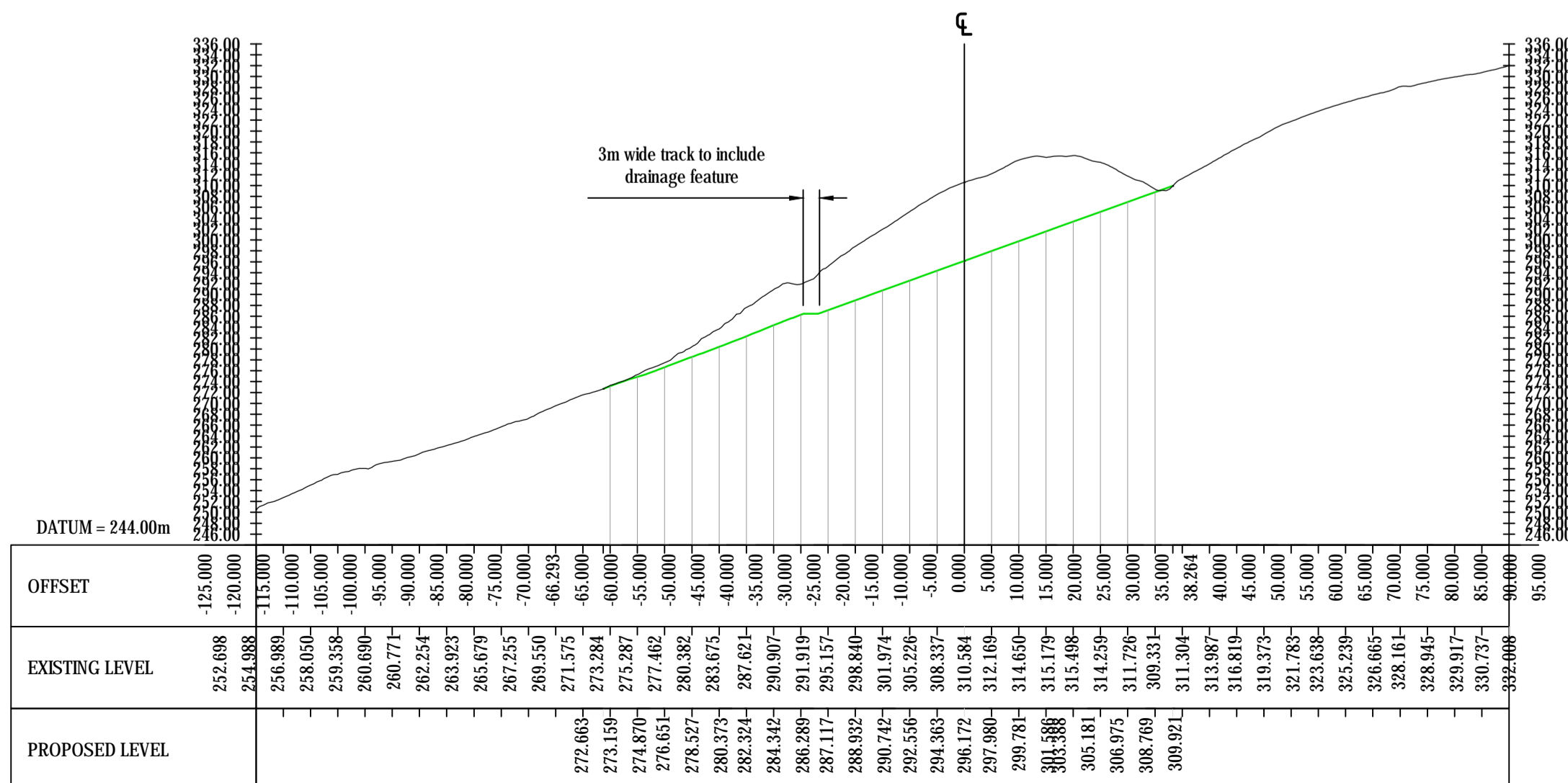
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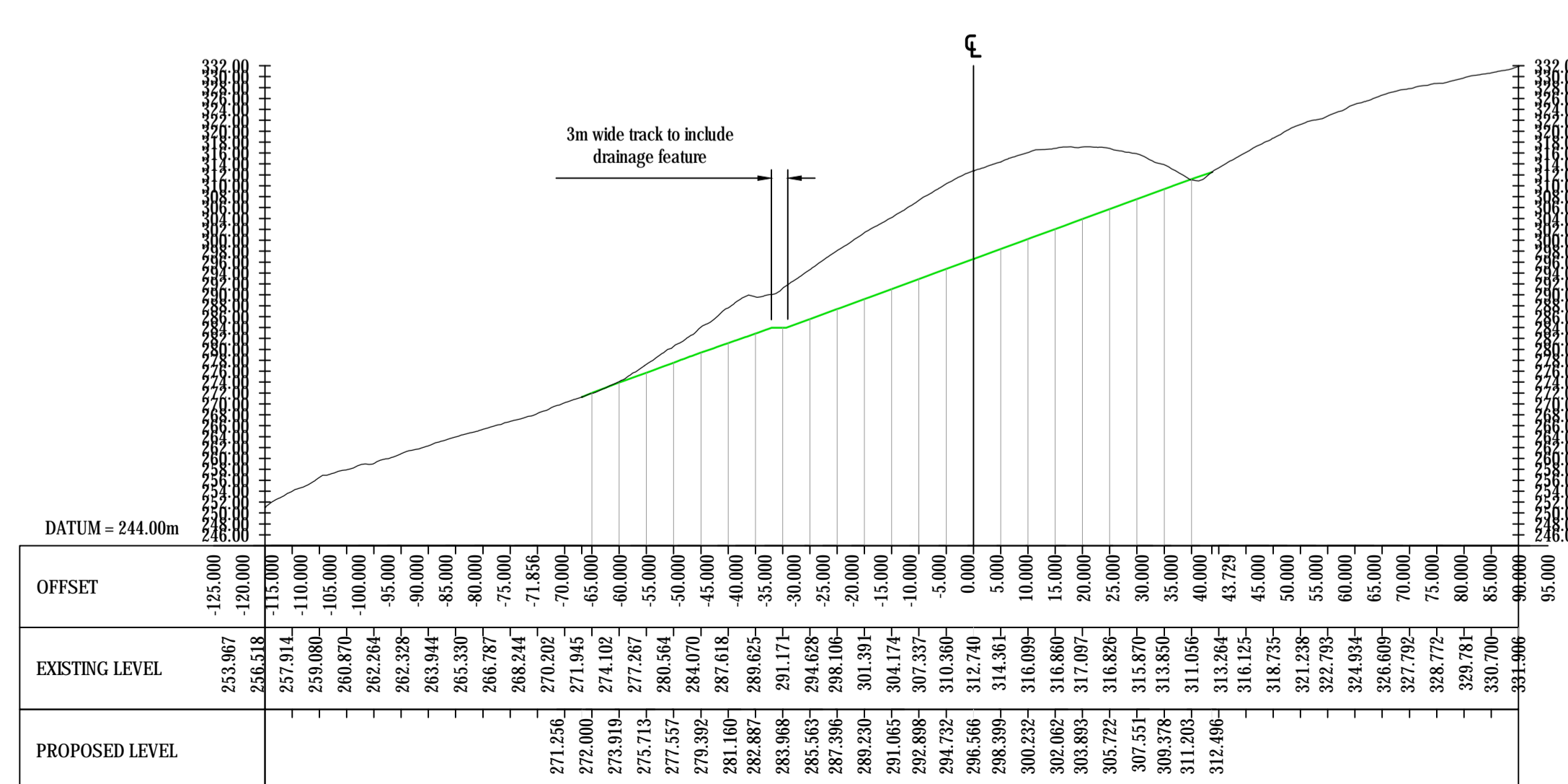
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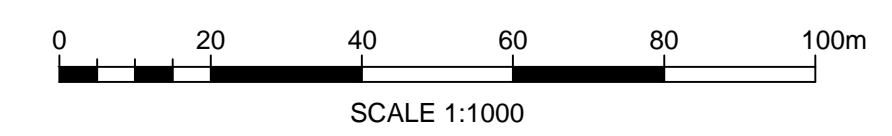
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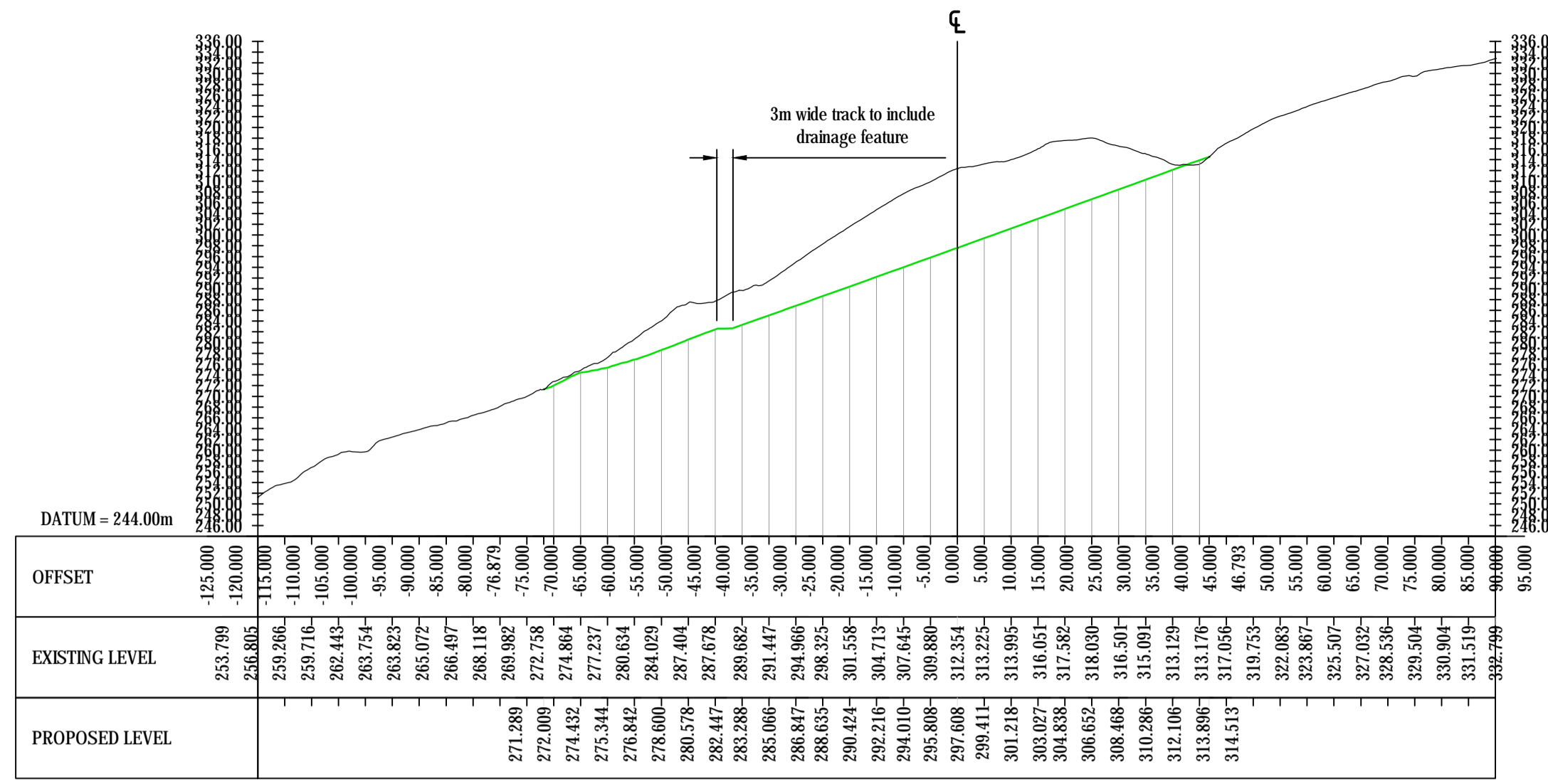
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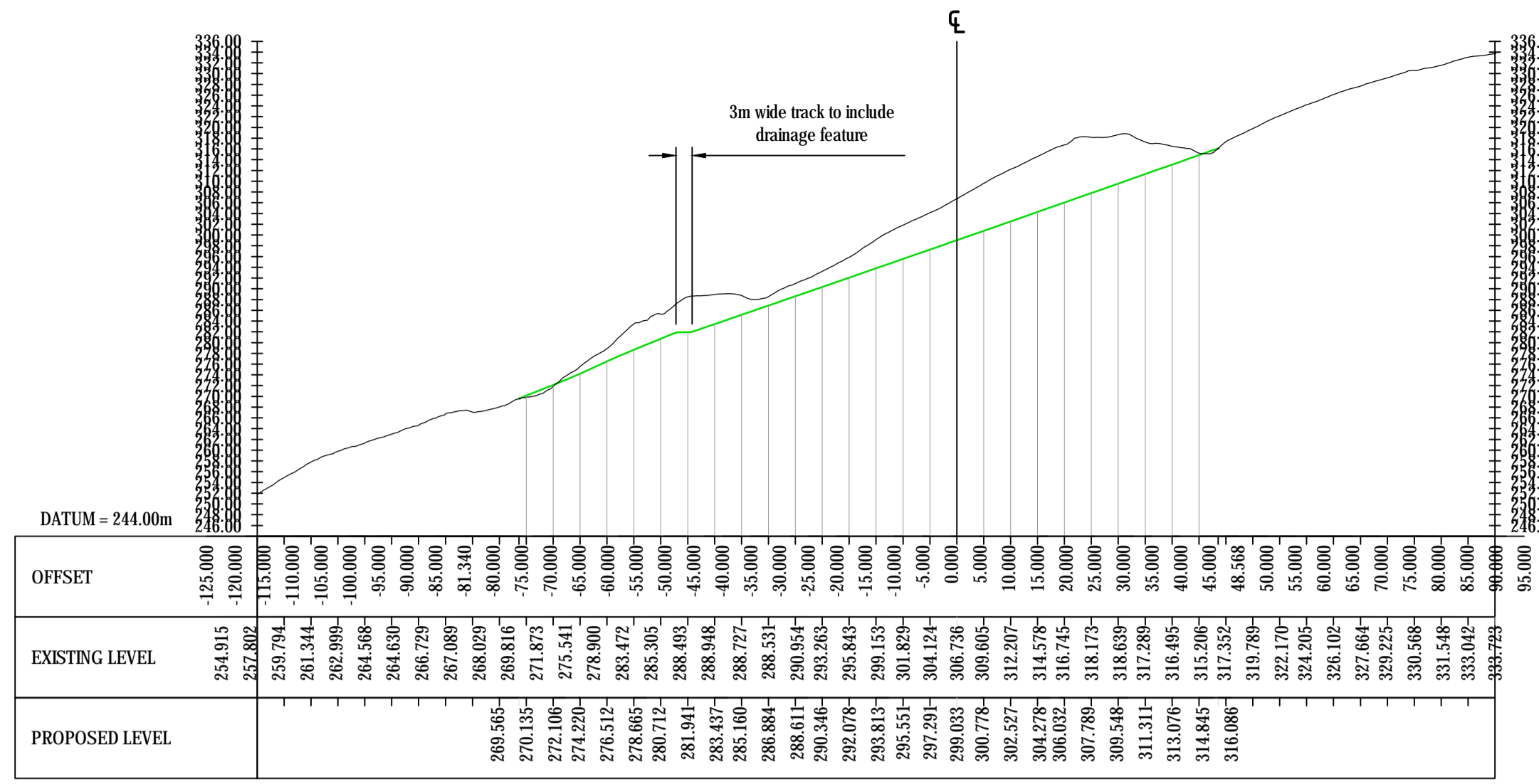
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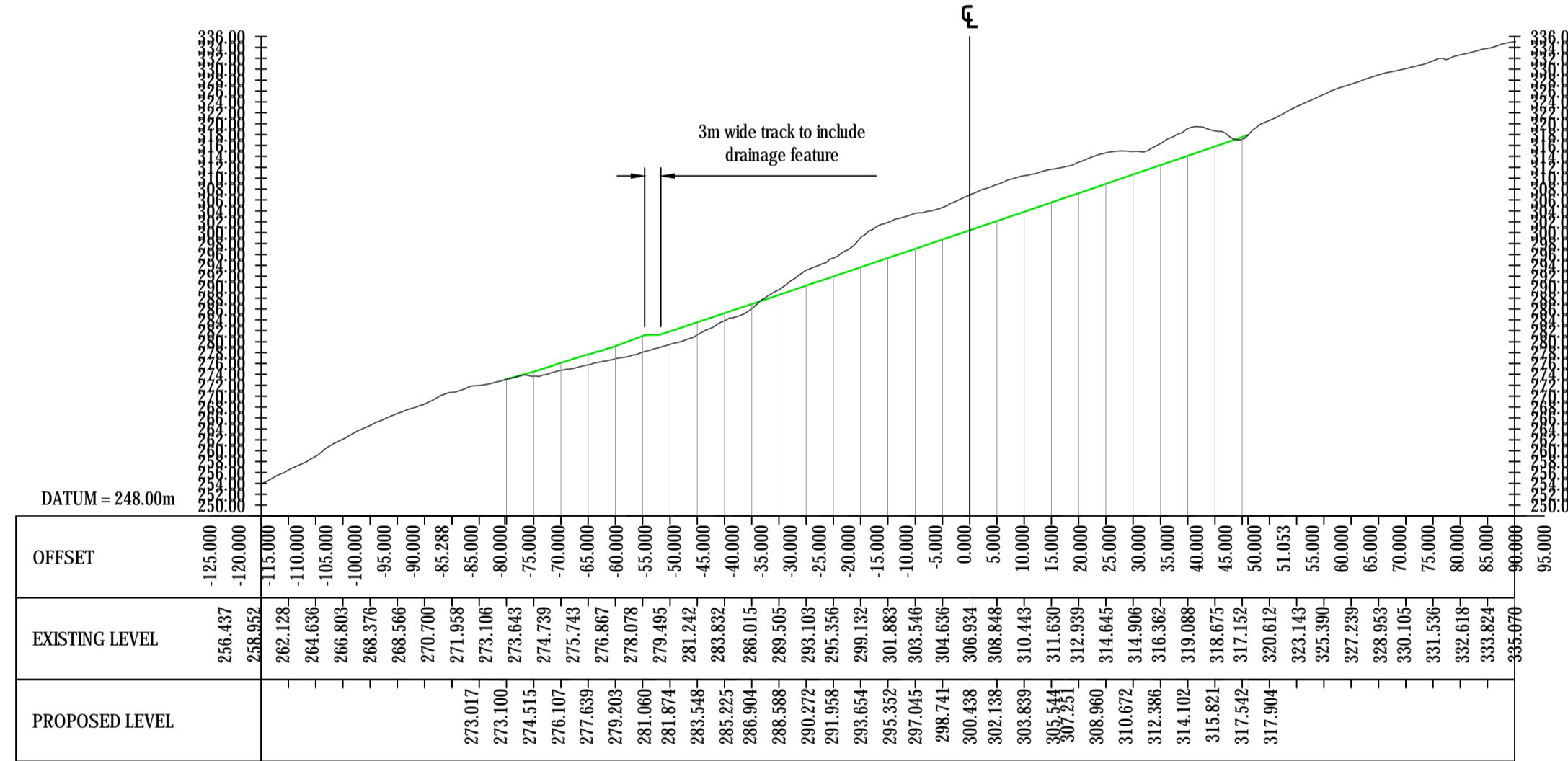
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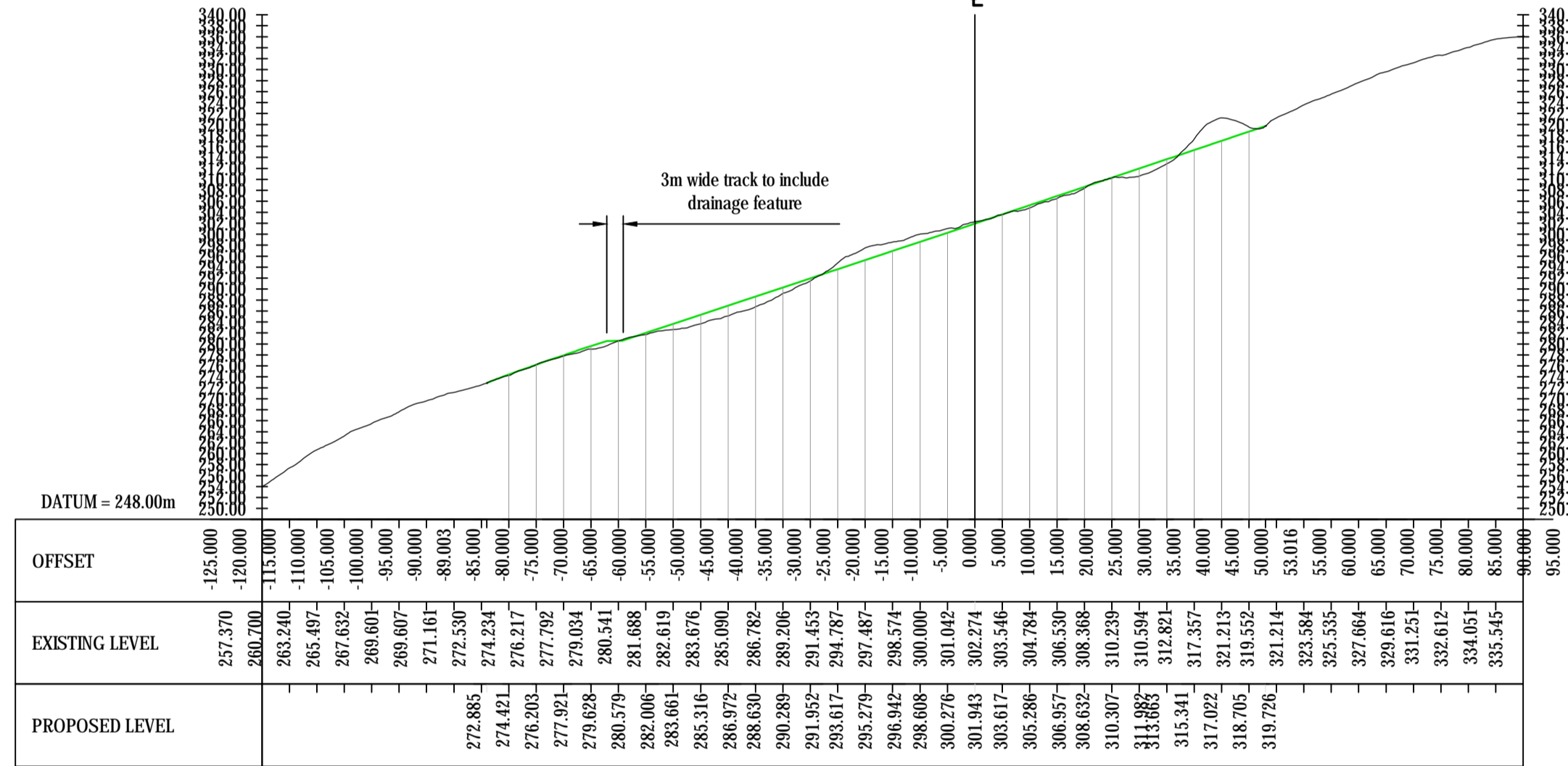
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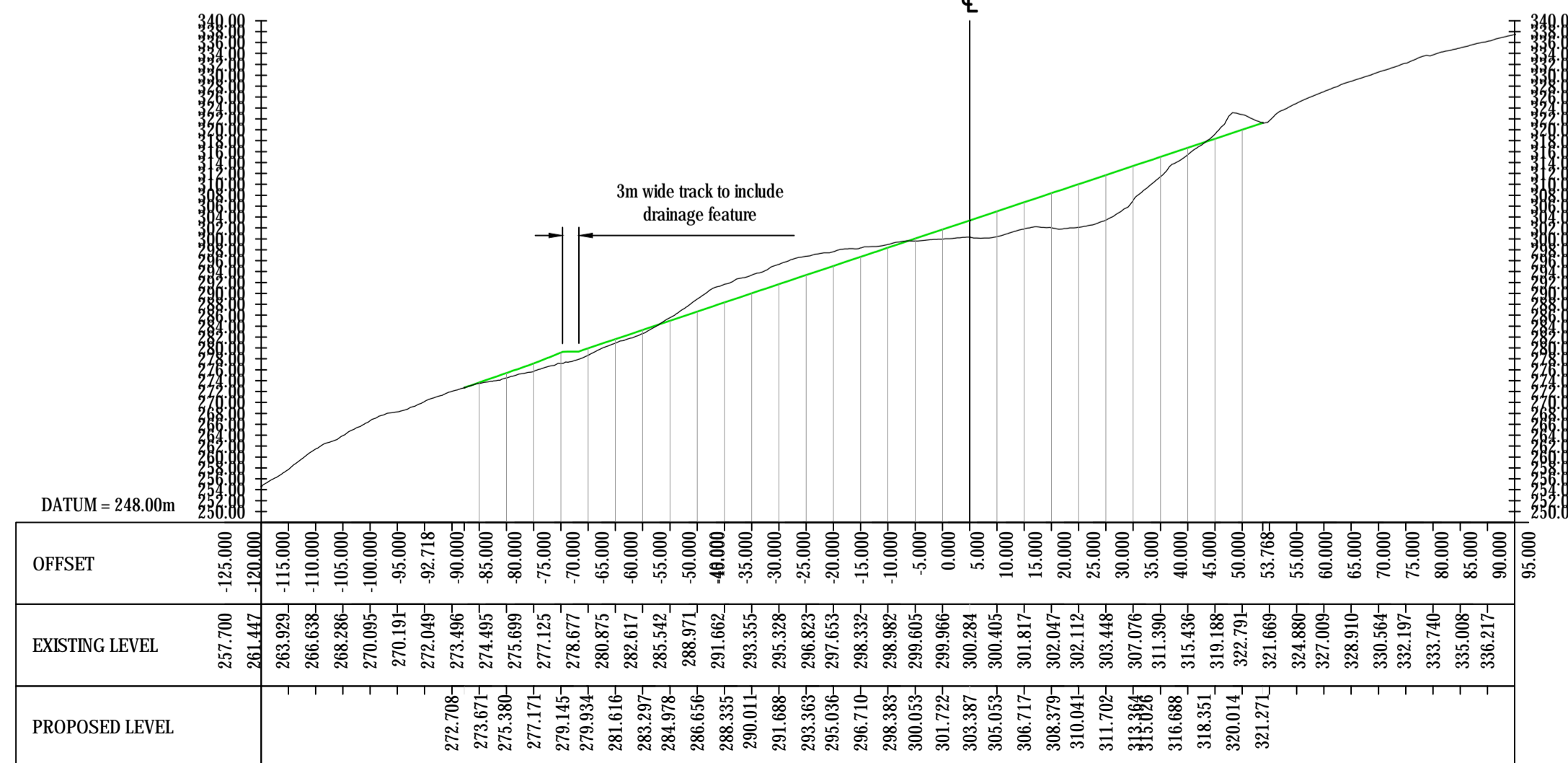
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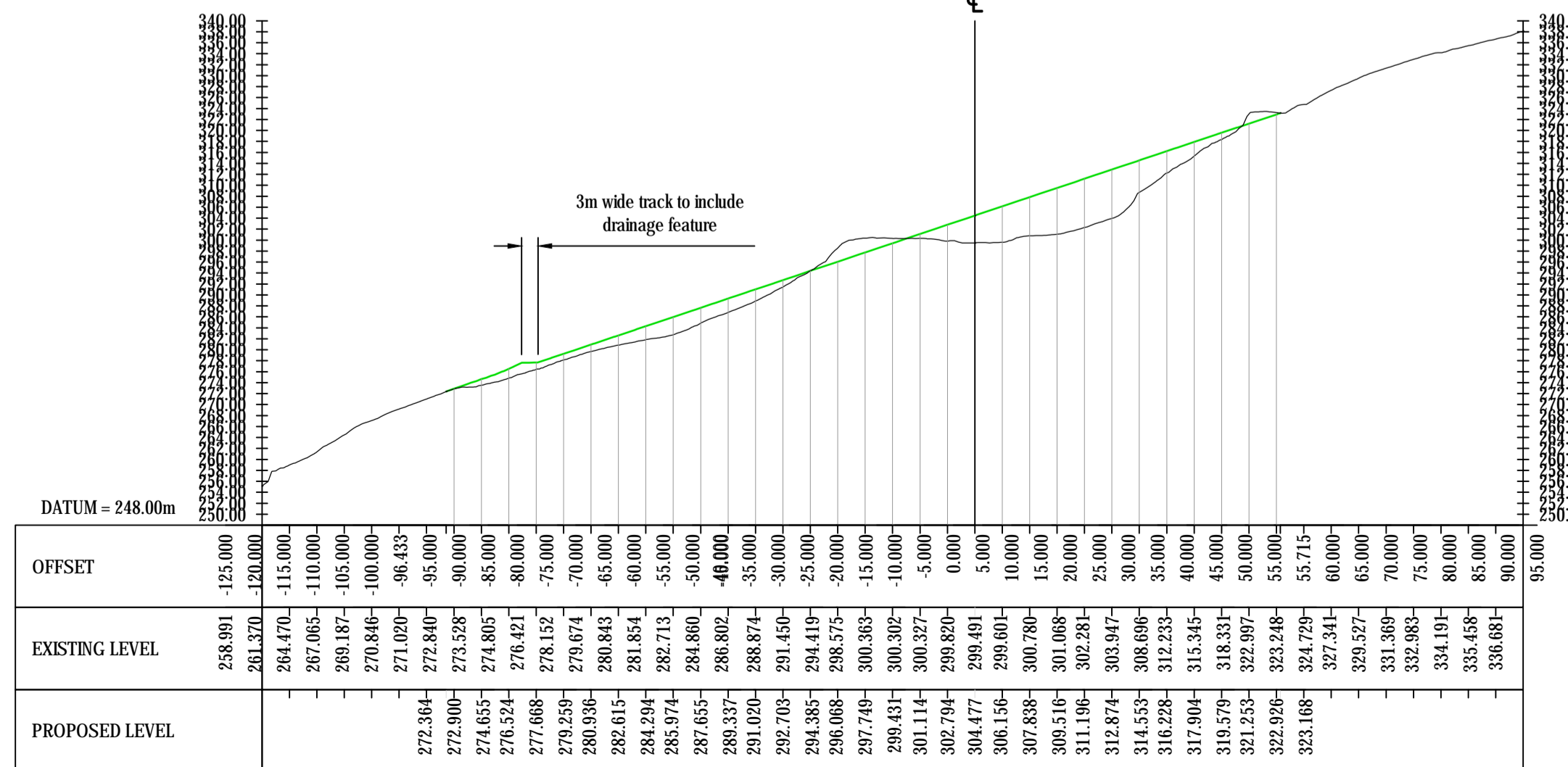
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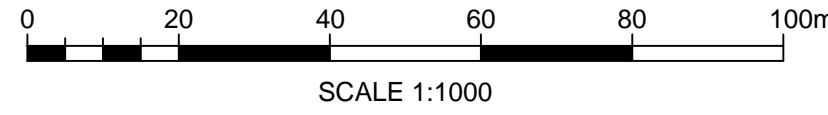
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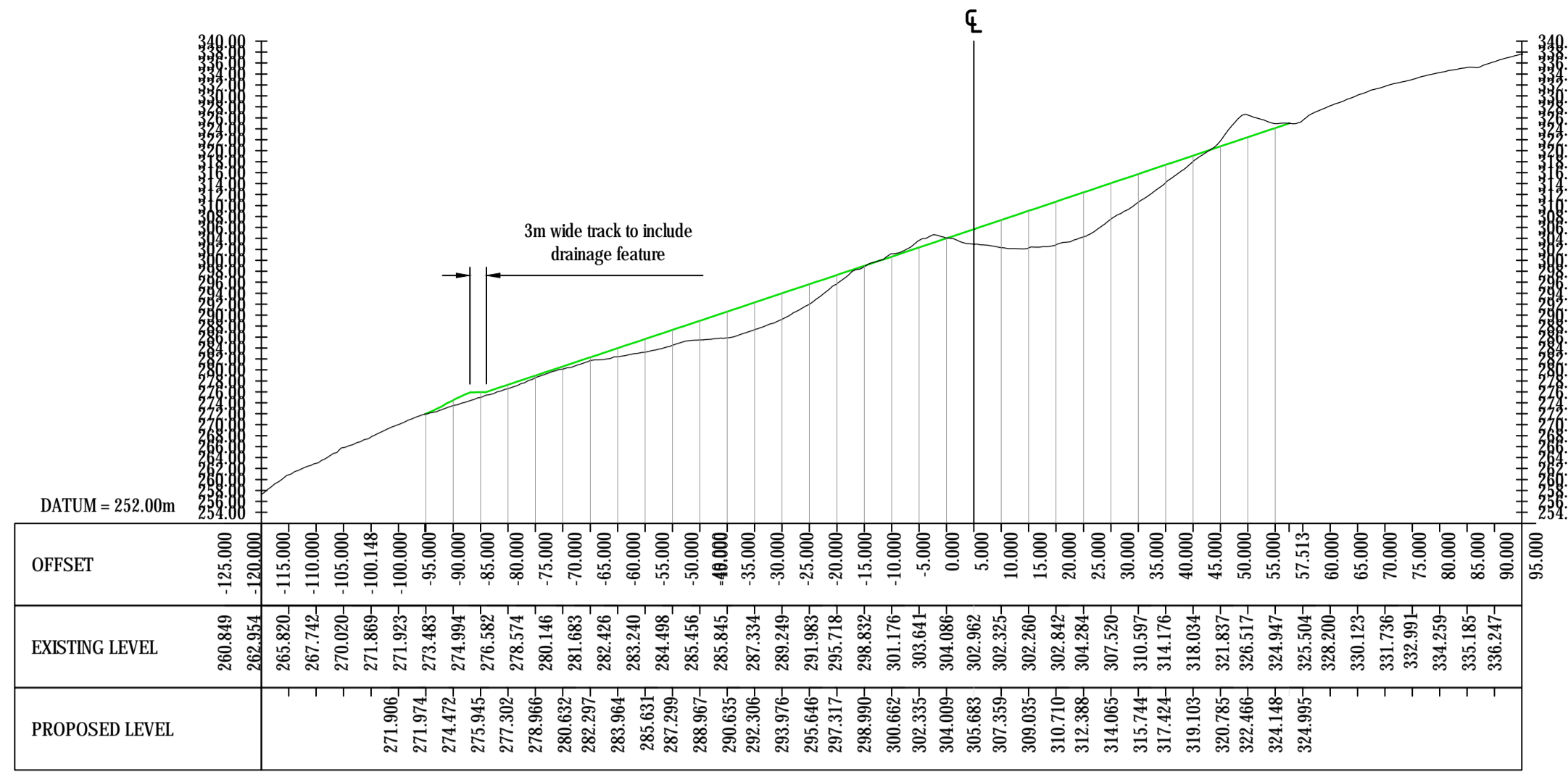
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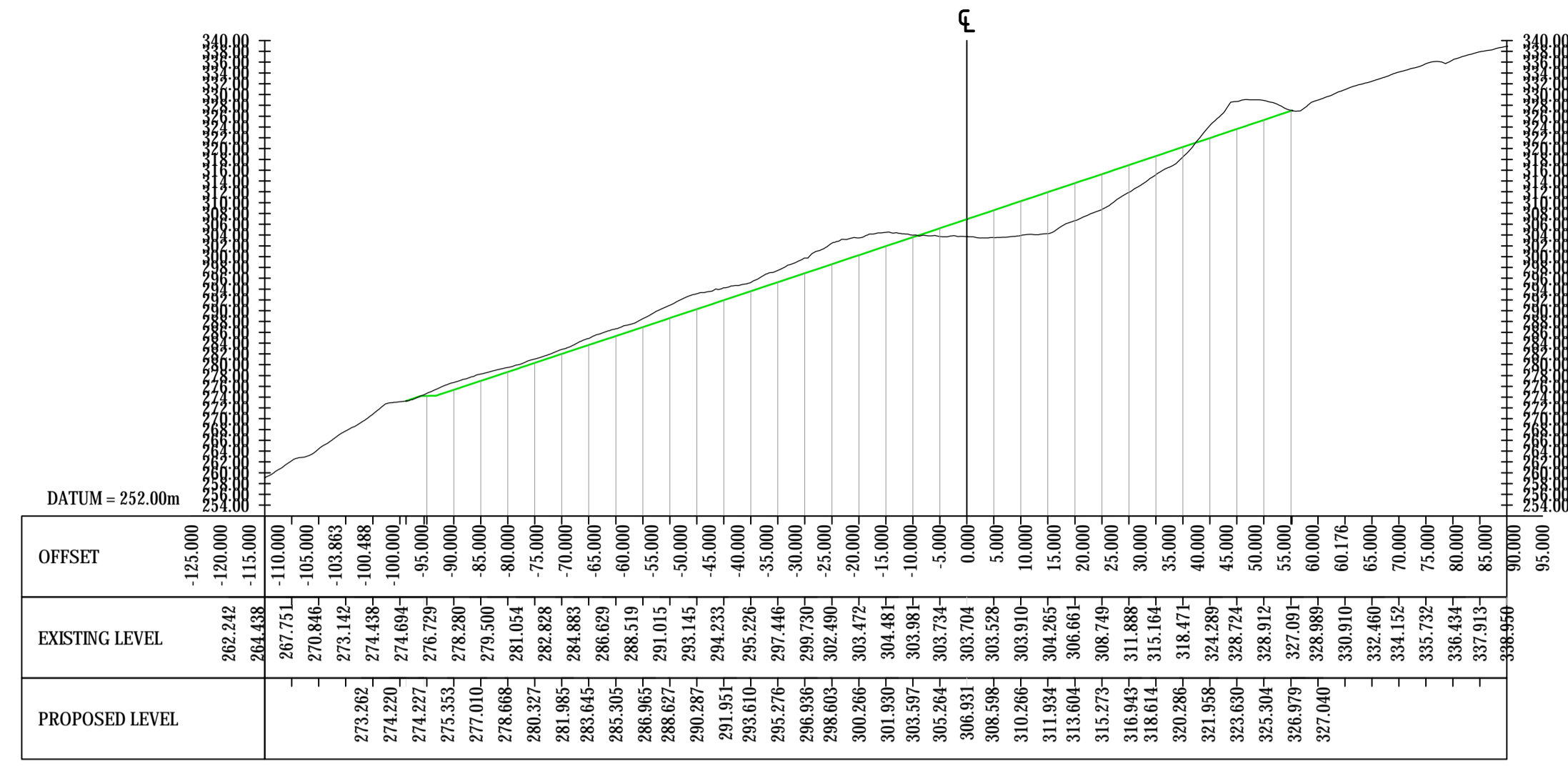
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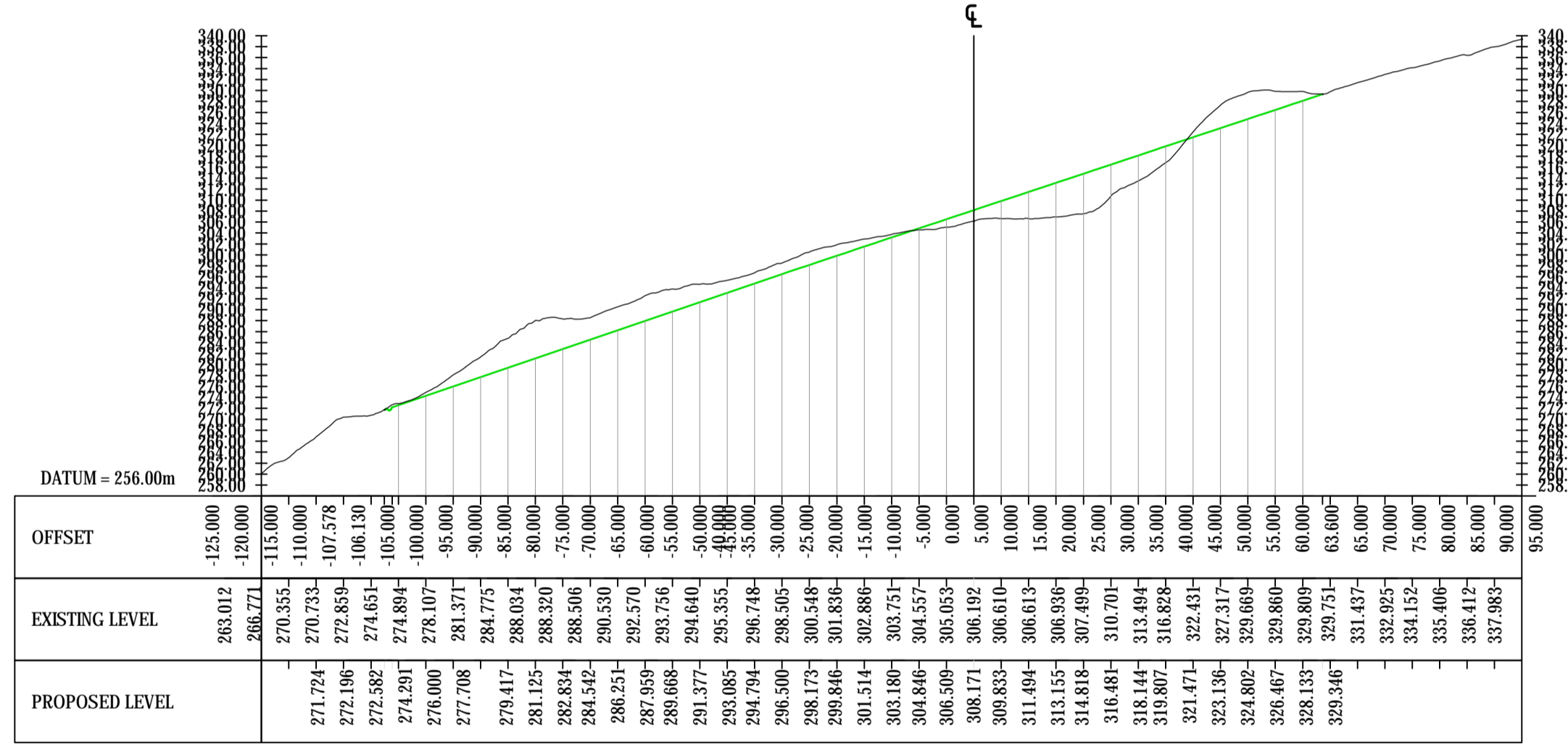
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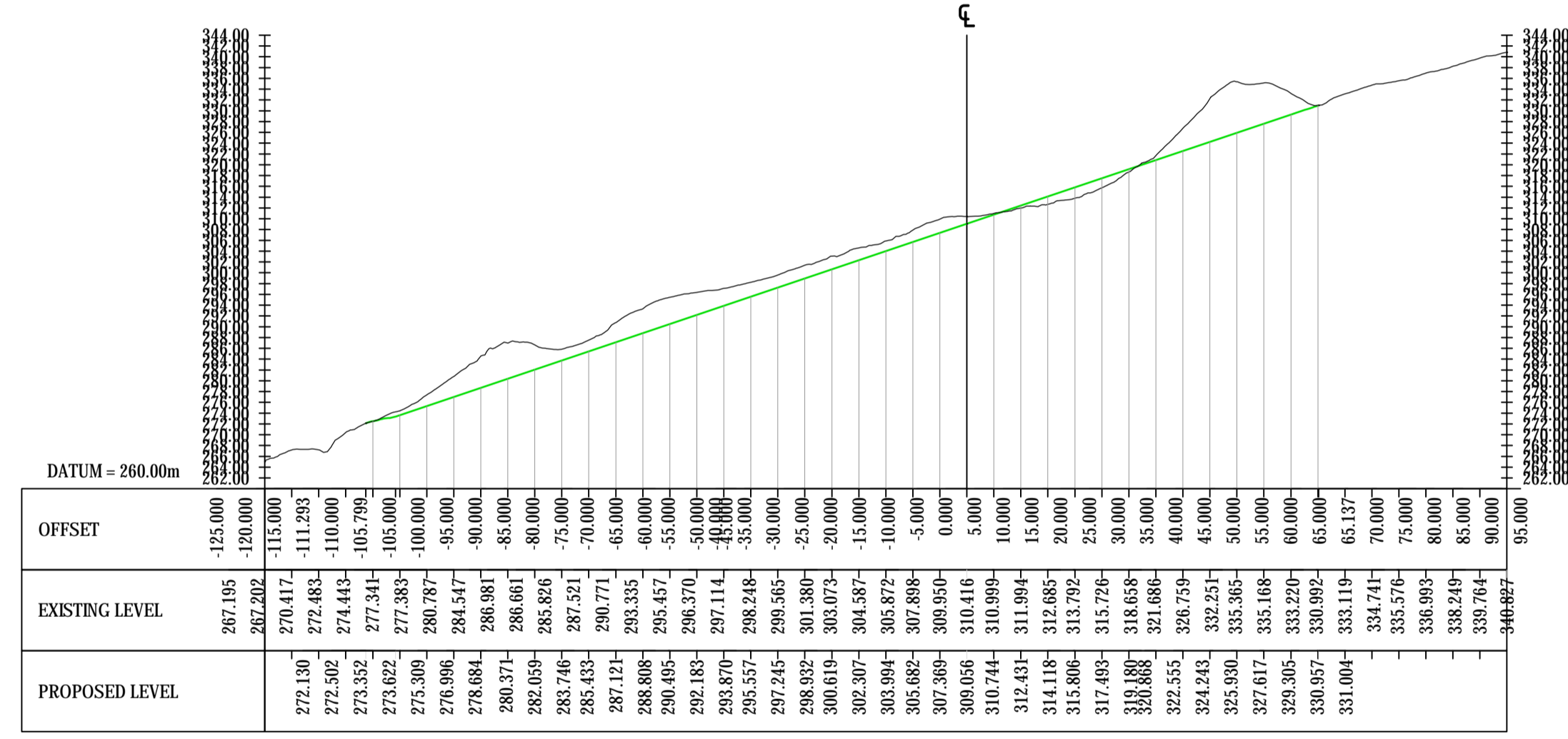
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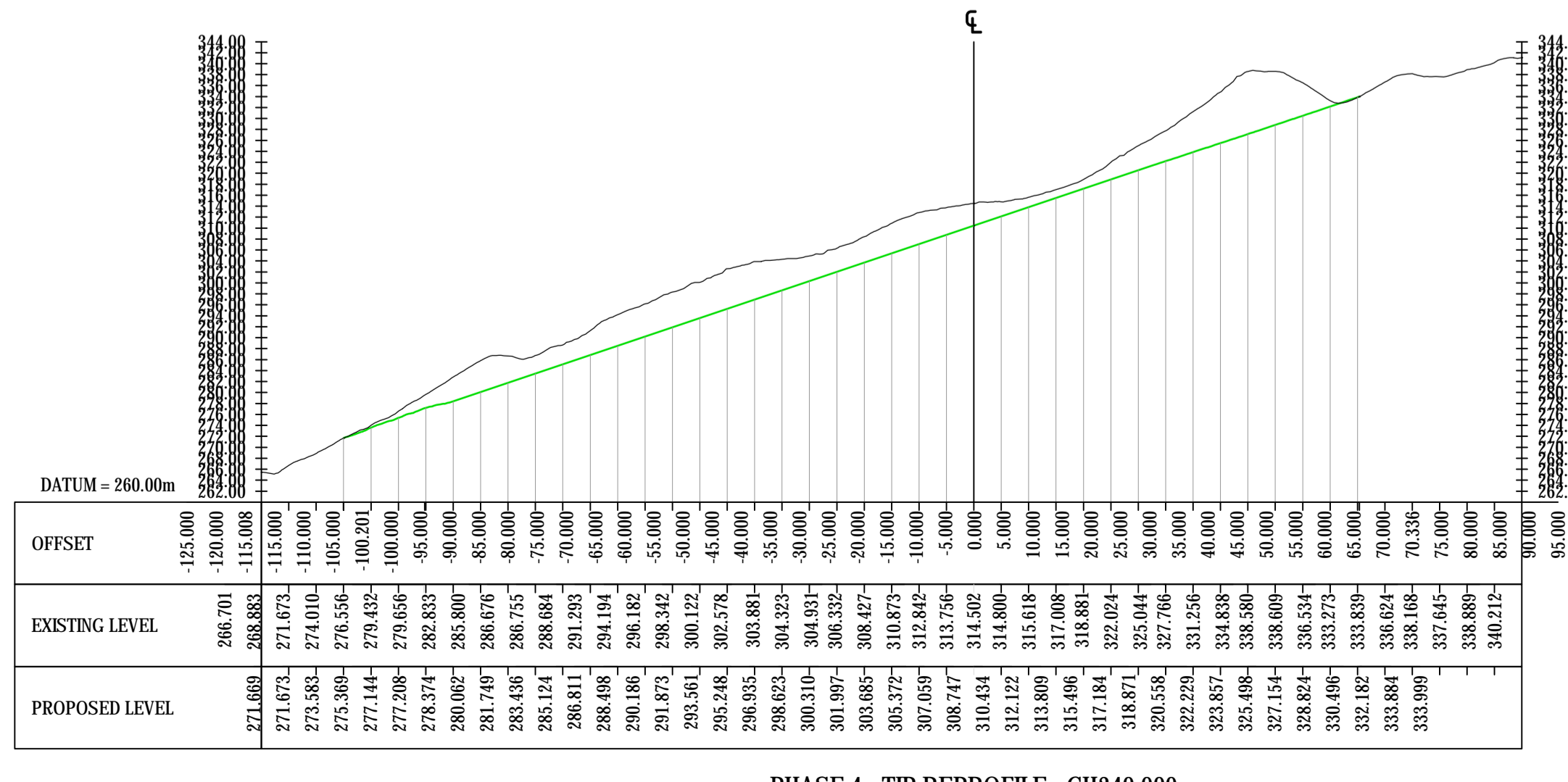
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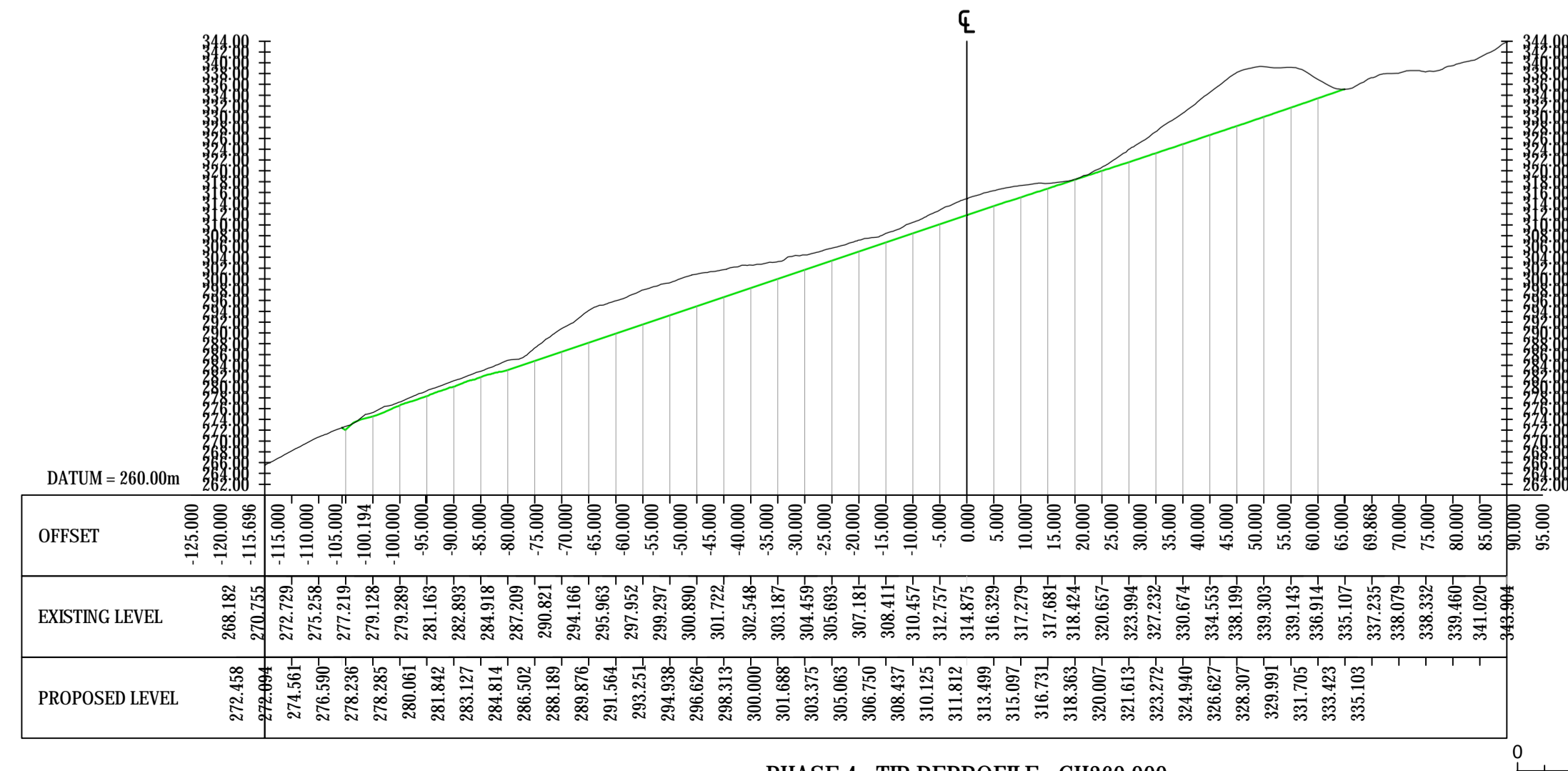
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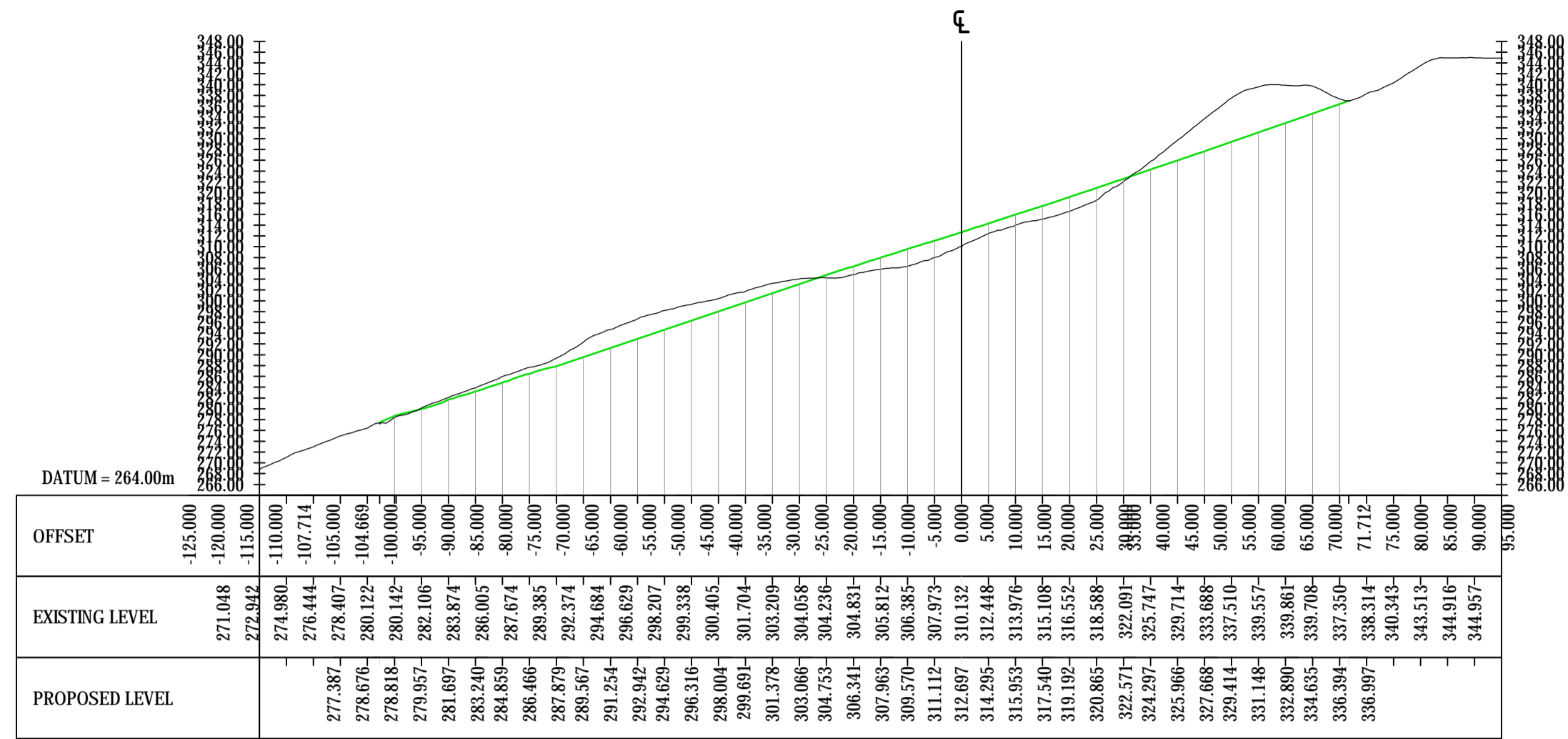
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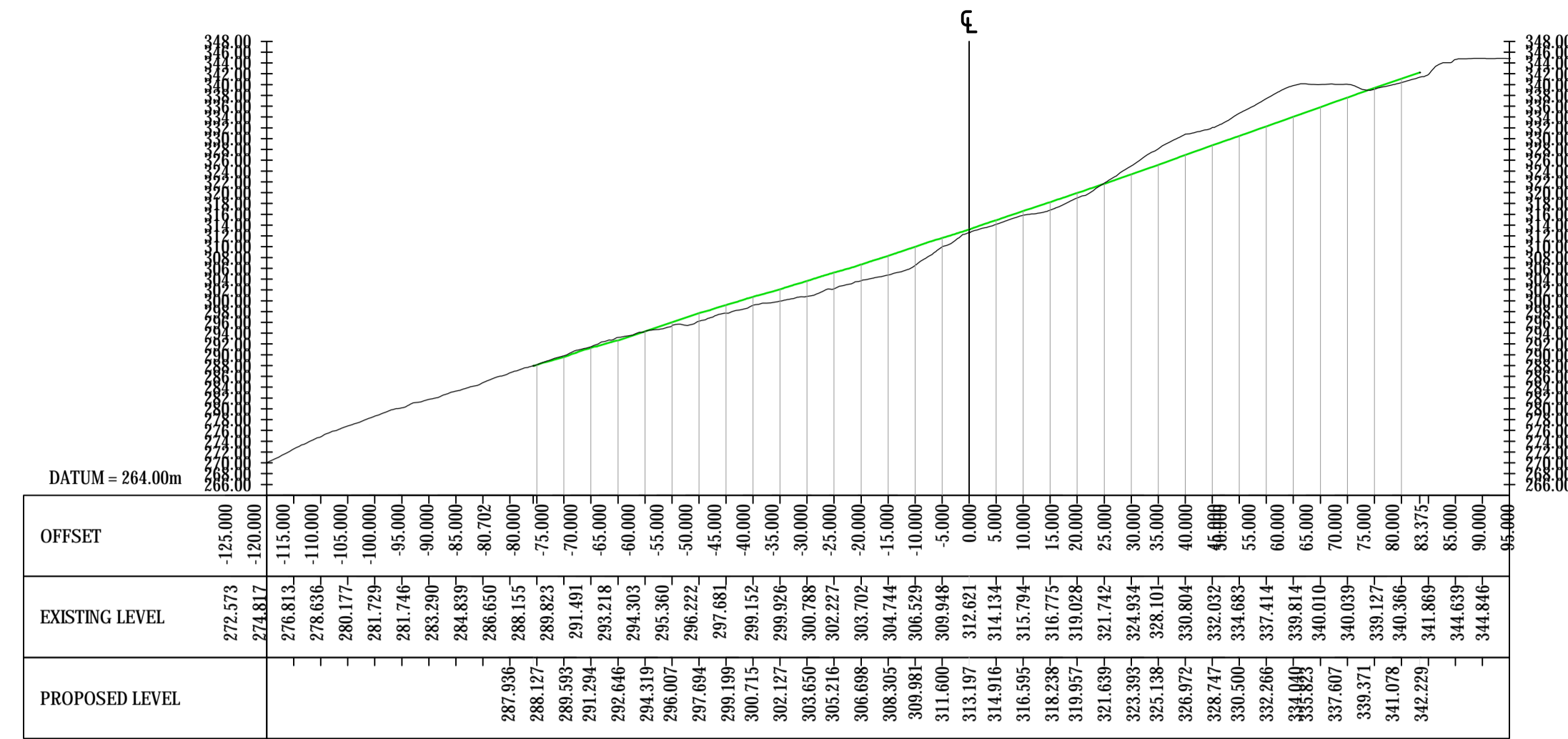
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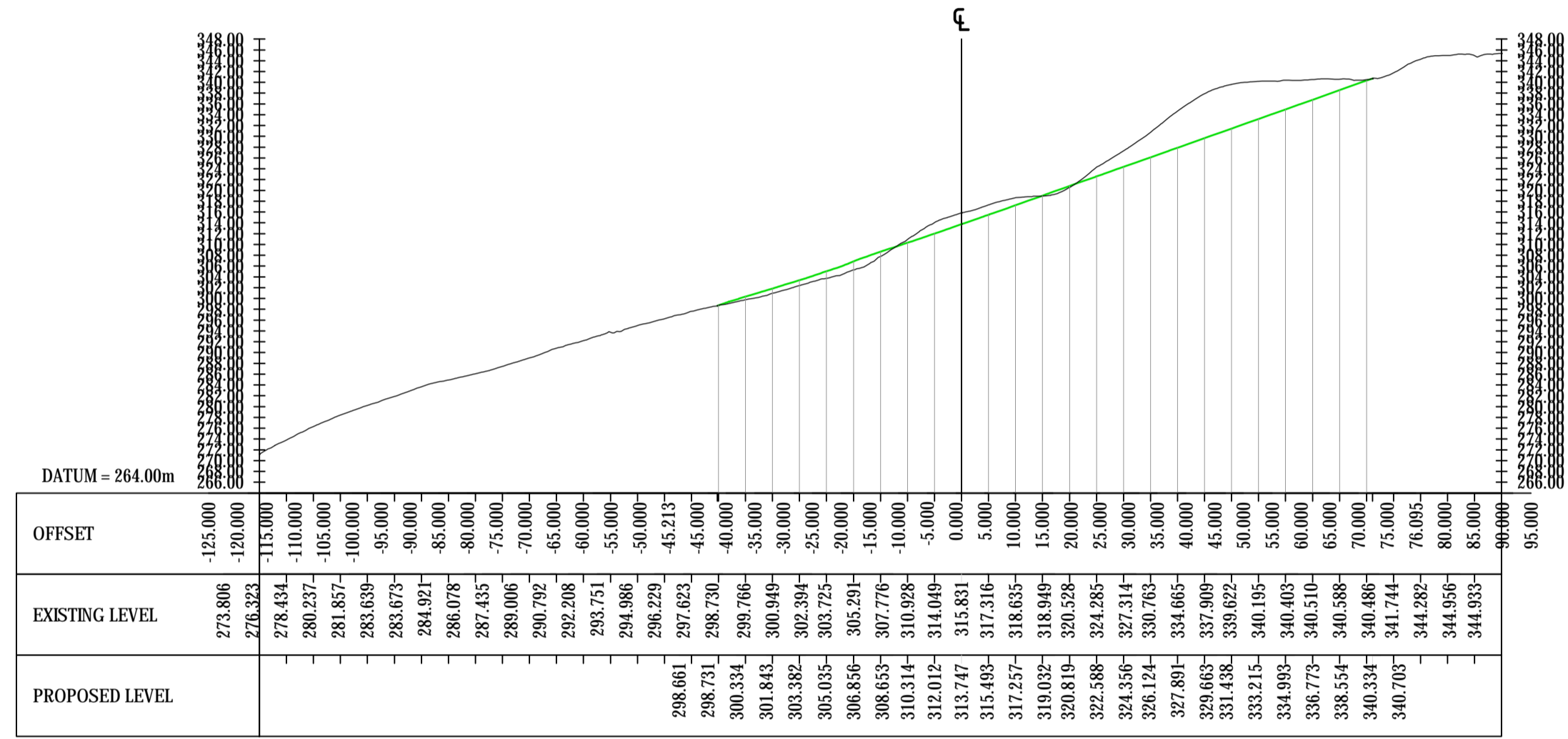
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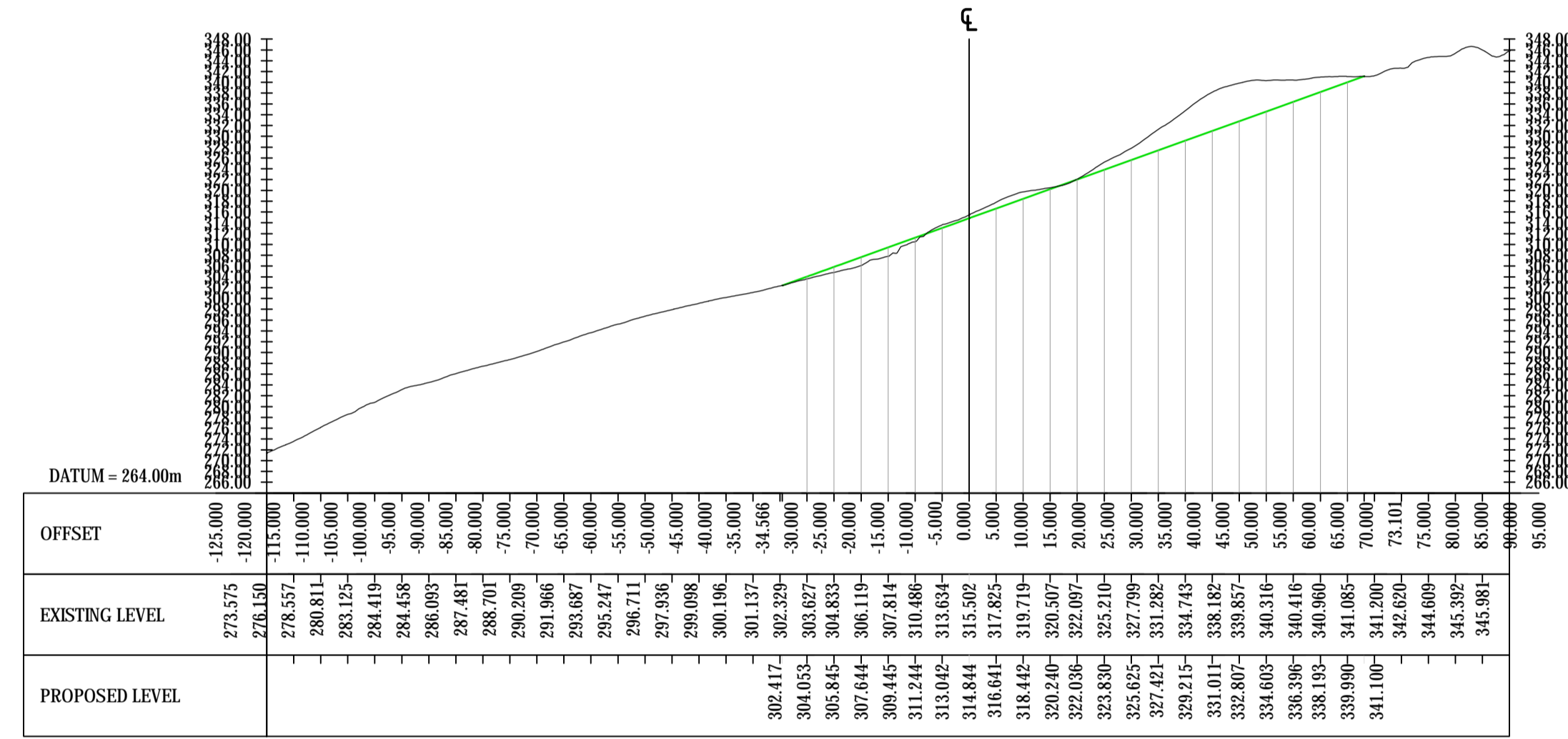
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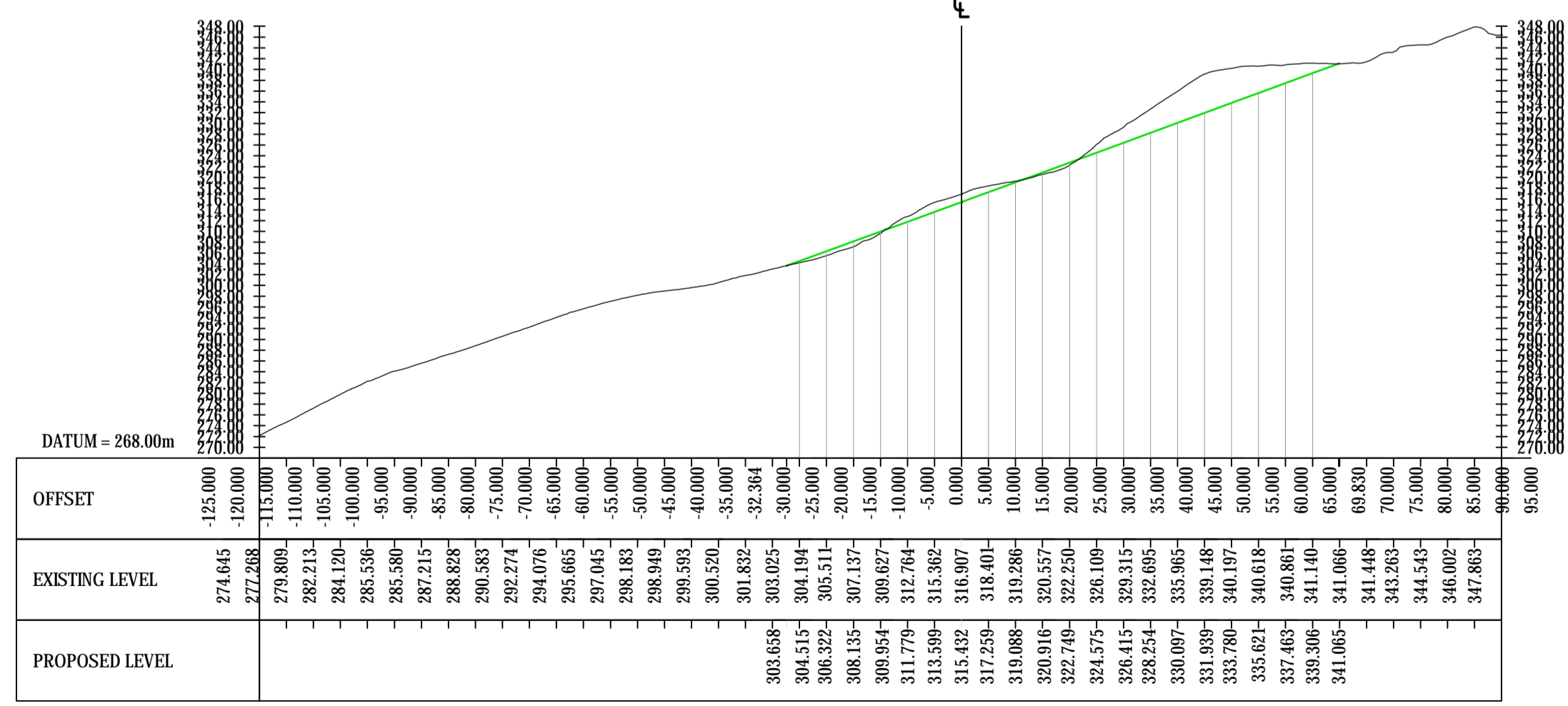
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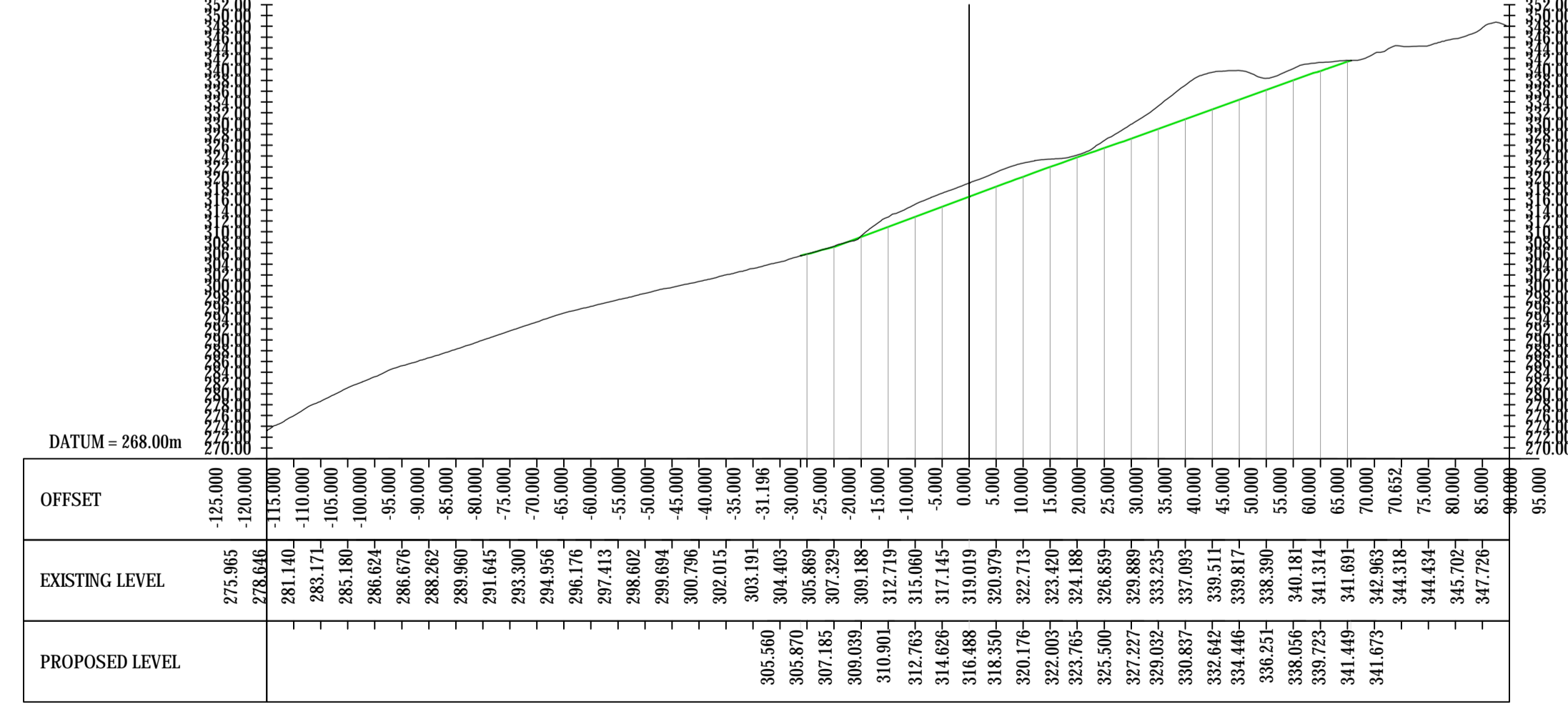
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 - For Location Plan refer to drawing: GC3613-RED-61-RSC-DR-C-0001
 - For General Arrangement Plan of Receptor Site C refer to drawing: GC3613-RED-61-RSC-DR-C-0003
 - For Cross Sections of Receptor Site C refer to drawing: GC3613-RED-61-RSC-DR-C-0009-0013

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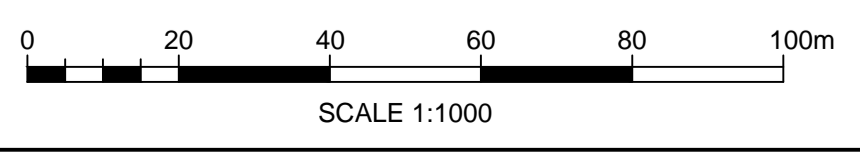
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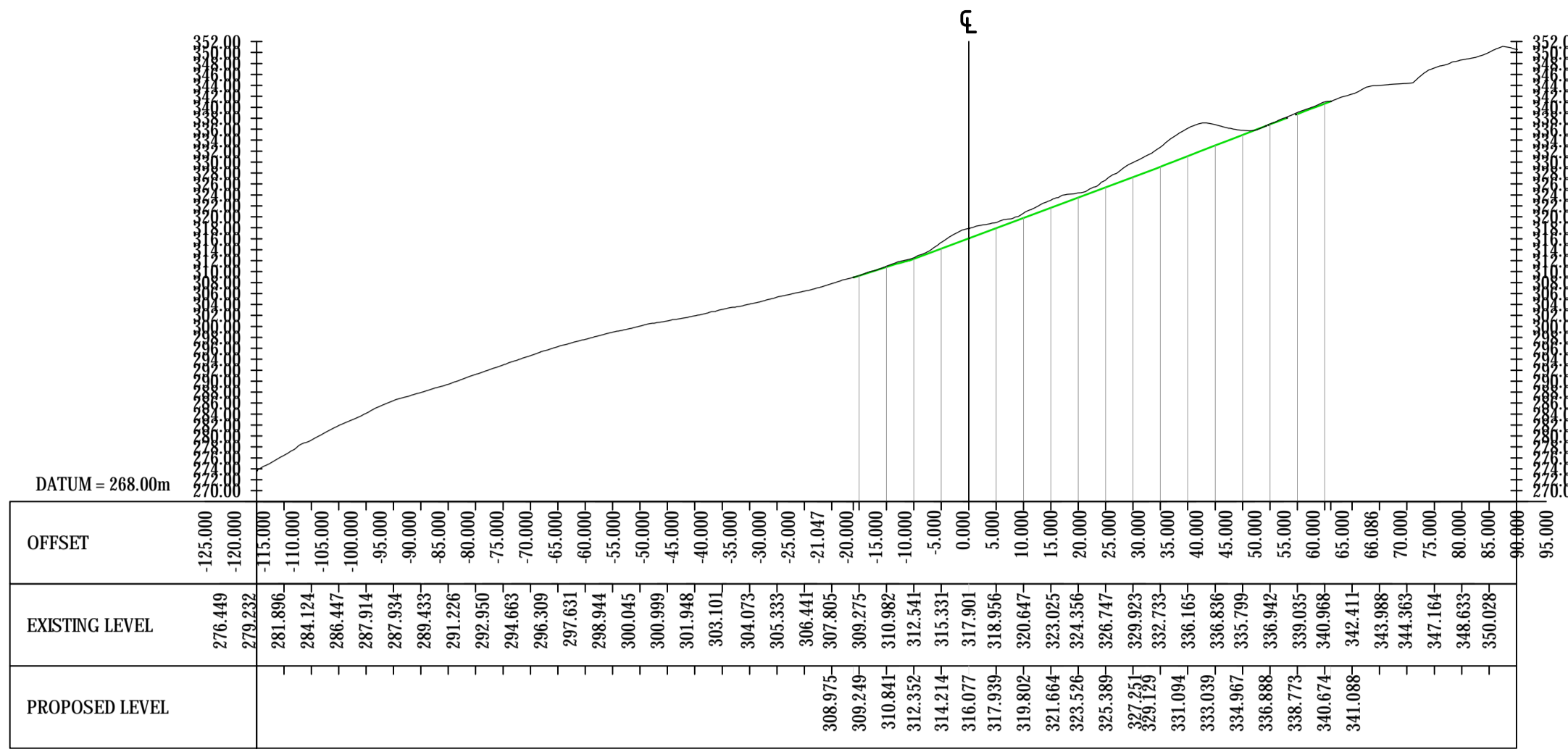
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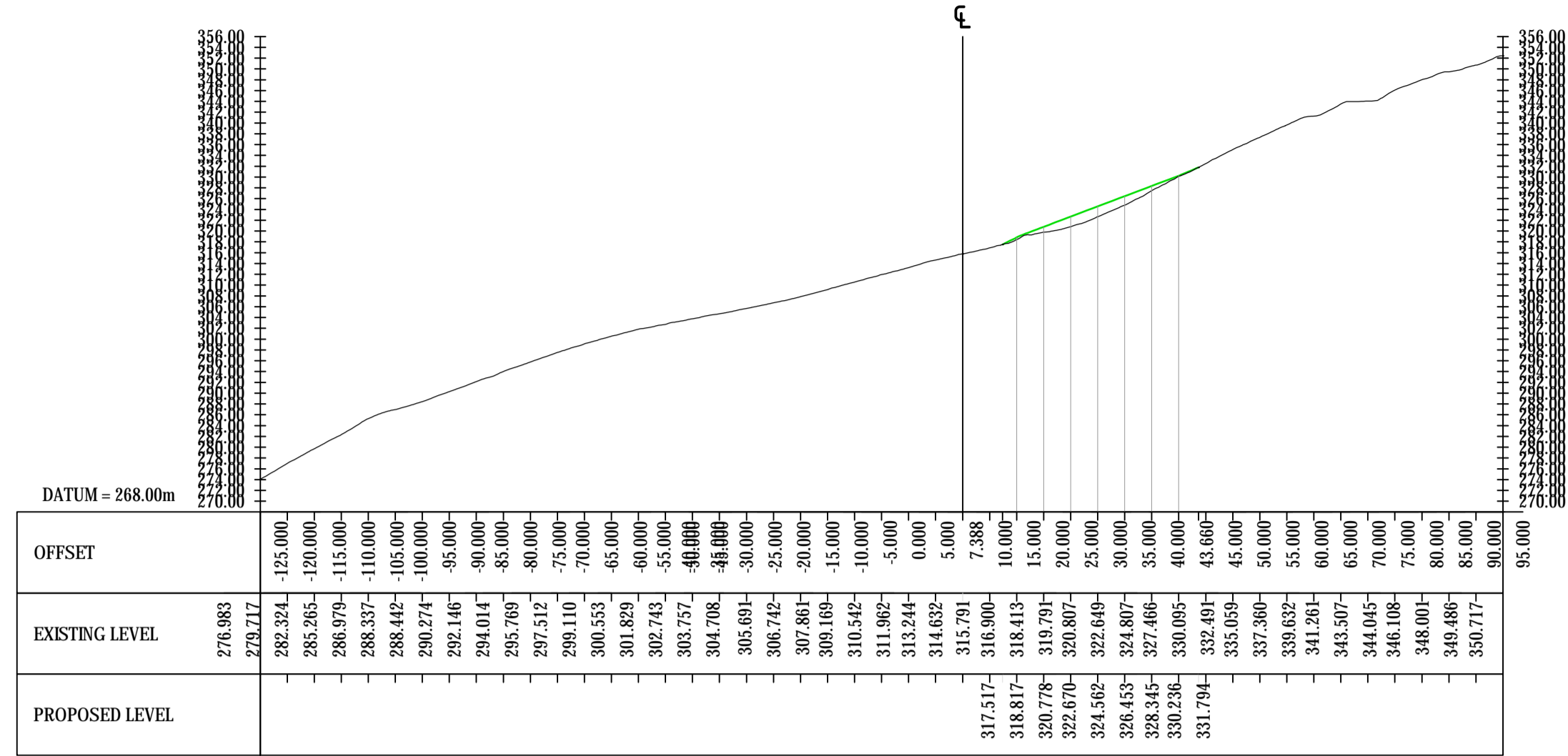



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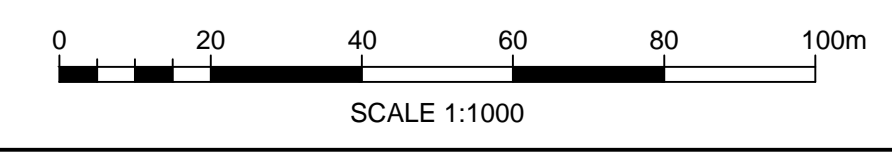
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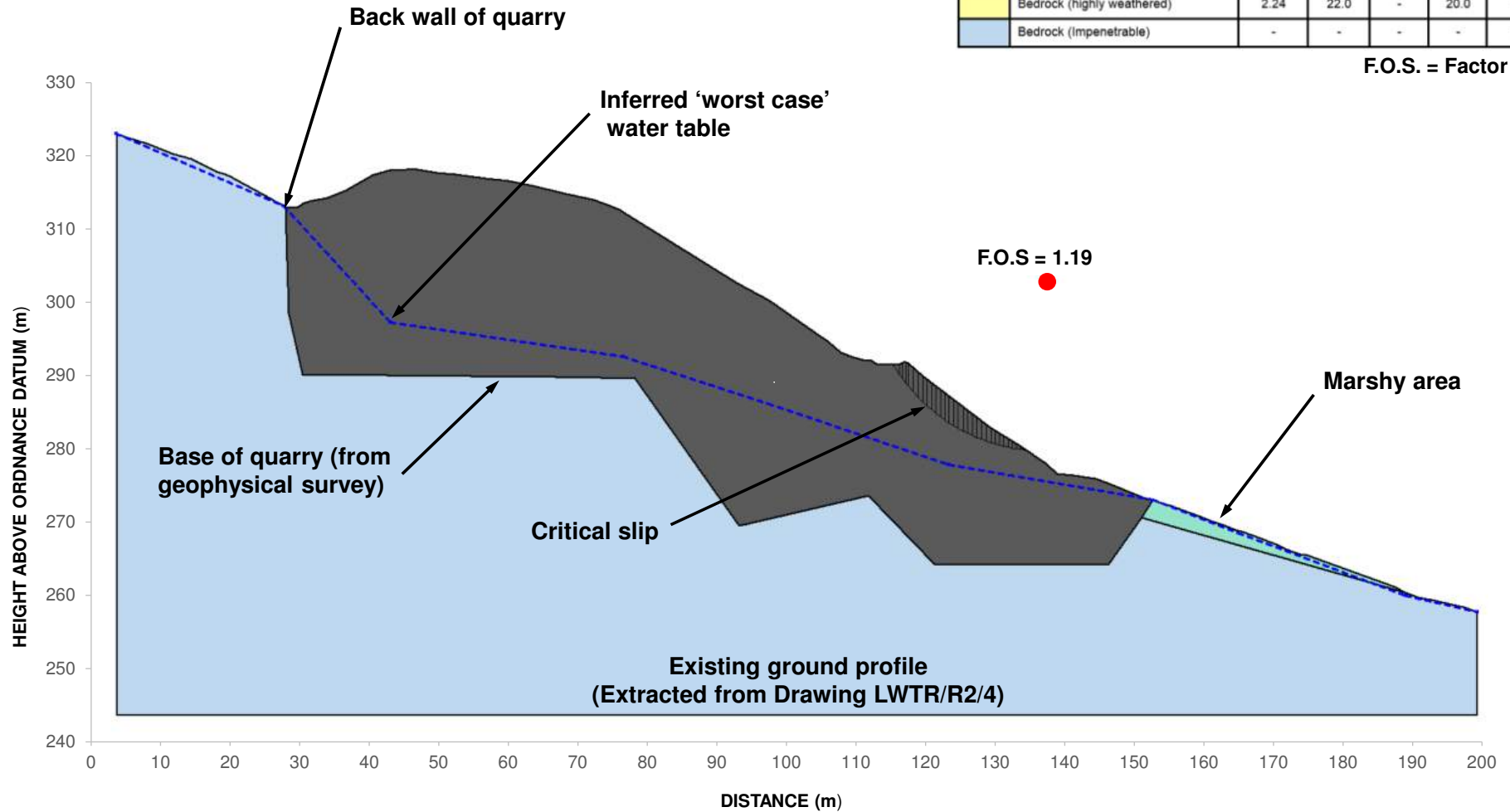


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Bedrock (highly weathered)	2.24	22.0	-	20.0	-	0.0
Bedrock (Impenetrable)	-	-	-	-	-	-

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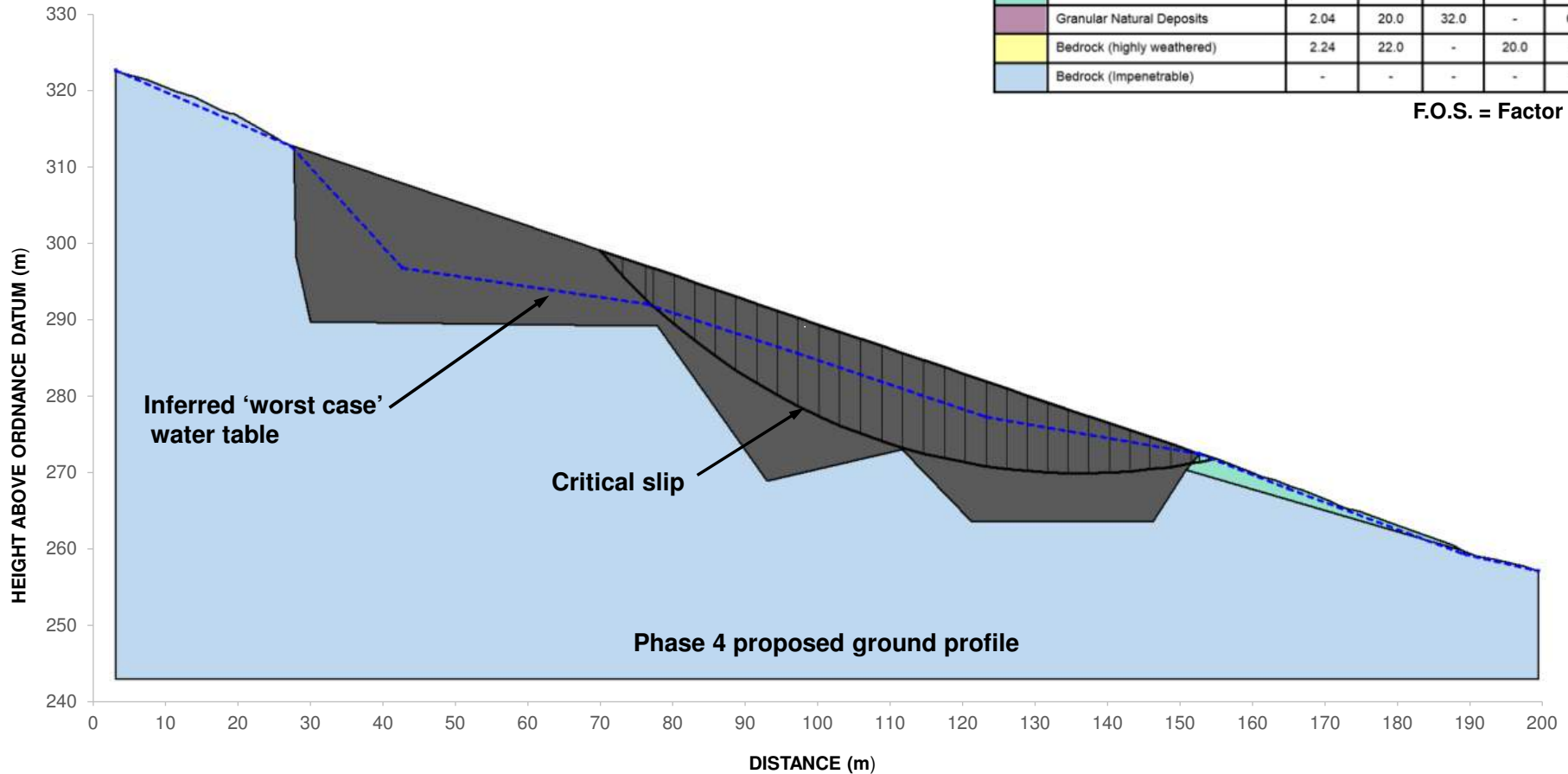


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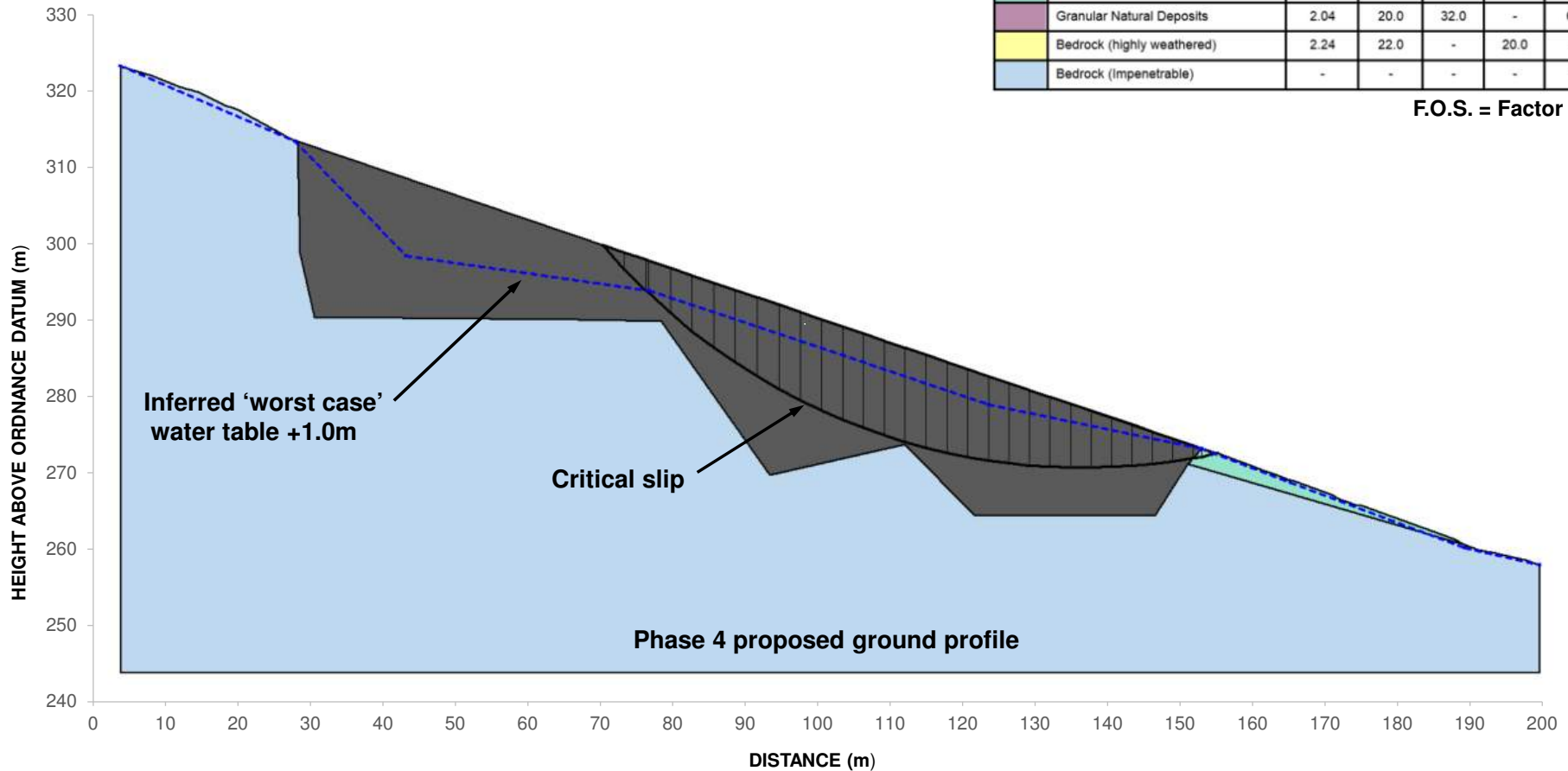
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Bedrock (highly weathered)	2.24	22.0	-	20.0	-	0.0
Bedrock (Impenetrable)	-	-	-	-	-	-

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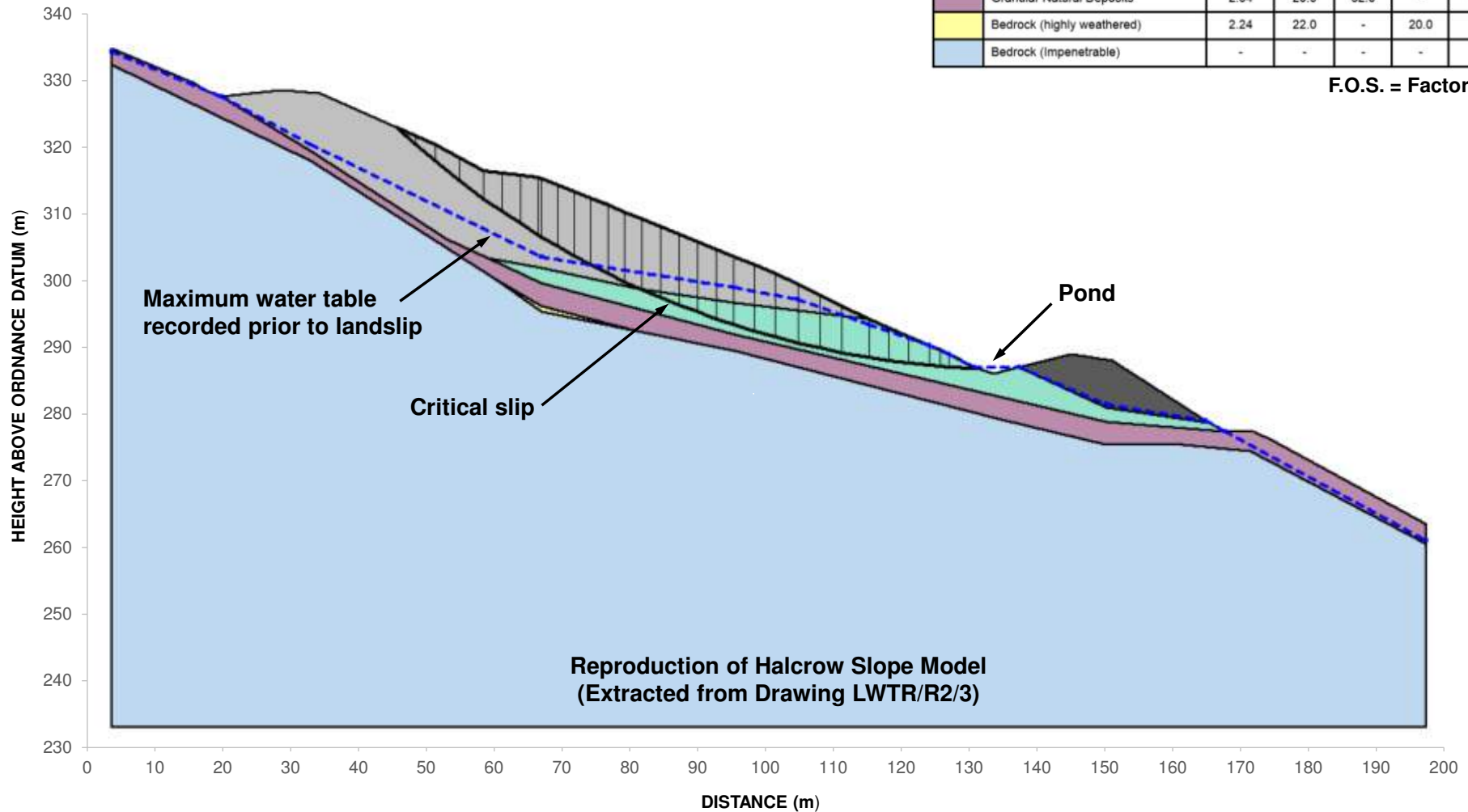
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Cohesive Natural Deposits	2.04	20.0	29.0	25.5	10.0	2.0
Granular Natural Deposits	2.04	20.0	32.0	-	0.0	-
Bedrock (highly weathered)	2.24	22.0	-	20.0	-	0.0
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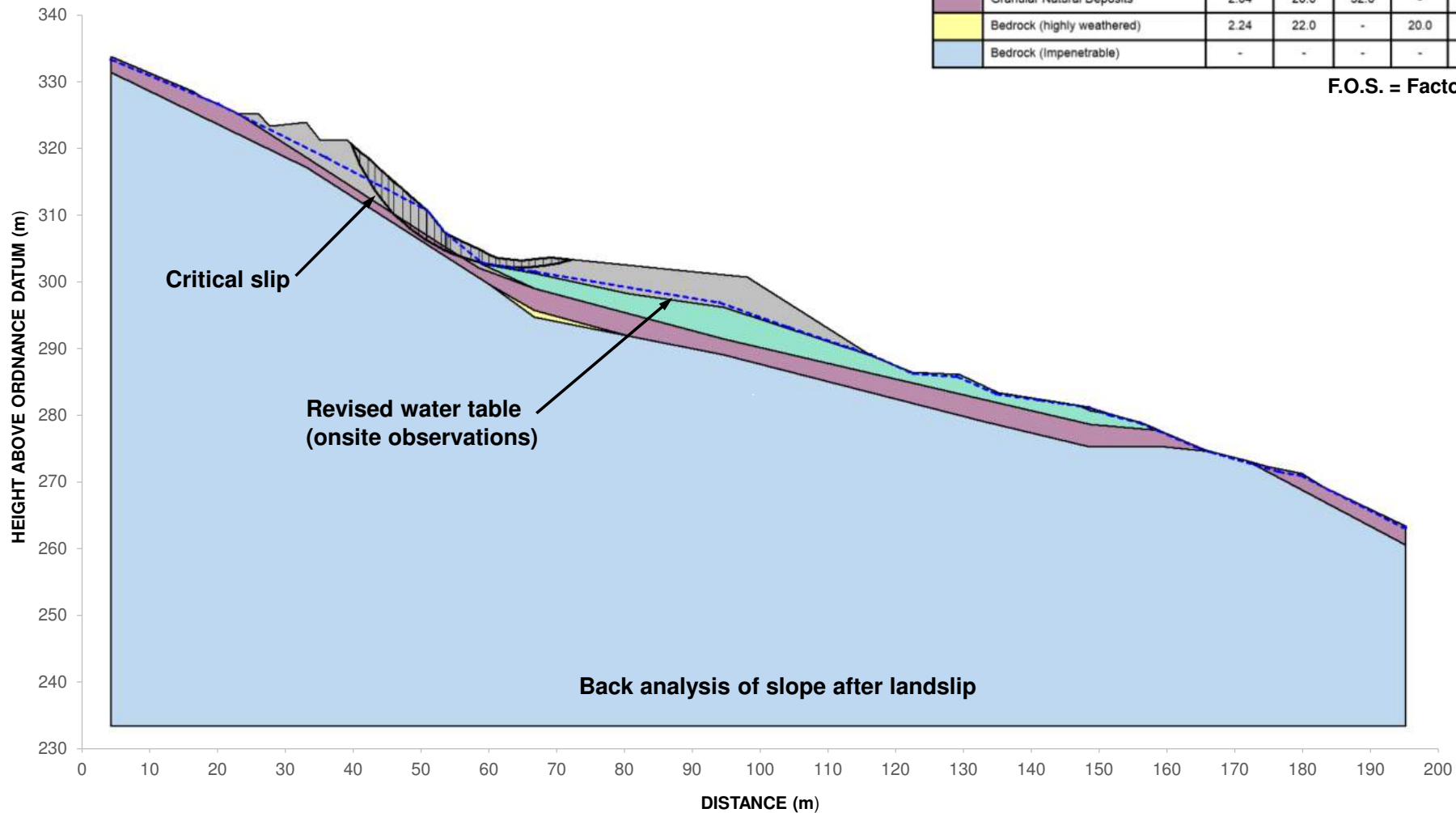
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Colliery Spoil (Residual)	1.94	19.0	-	26.5	-	3.0
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Granular Natural Deposits	2.04	20.0	32.0	-	0.0	-
Bedrock (highly weathered)	2.24	22.0	-	20.0	-	0.0
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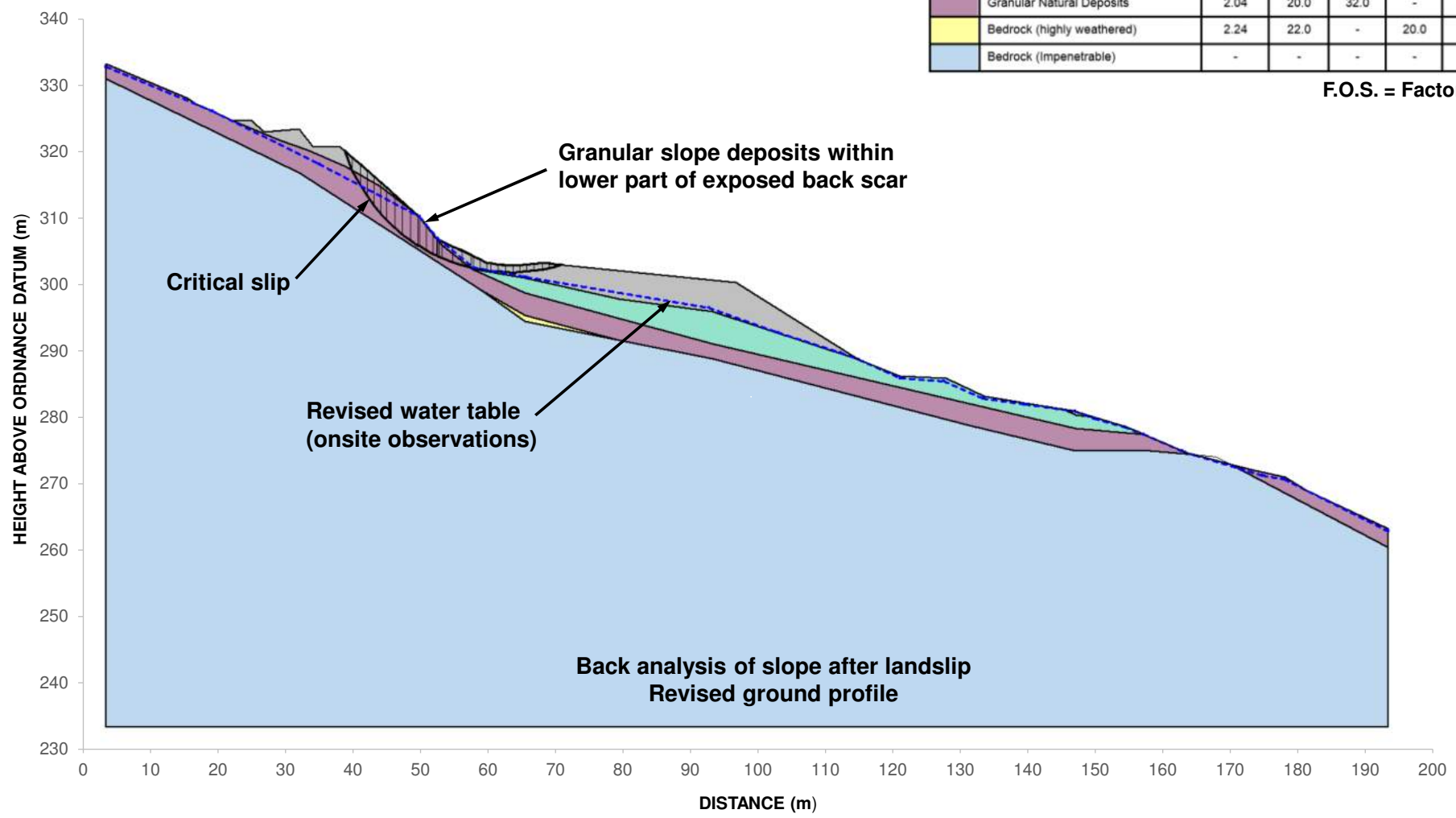
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Colliery Spoil (Residual)	1.94	19.0	-	26.5	-	3.0
Cohesive Natural Deposits	2.04	20.0	29.0	25.5	10.0	2.0
Granular Natural Deposits	2.04	20.0	32.0	-	0.0	-
Bedrock (highly weathered)	2.24	22.0	-	20.0	-	0.0
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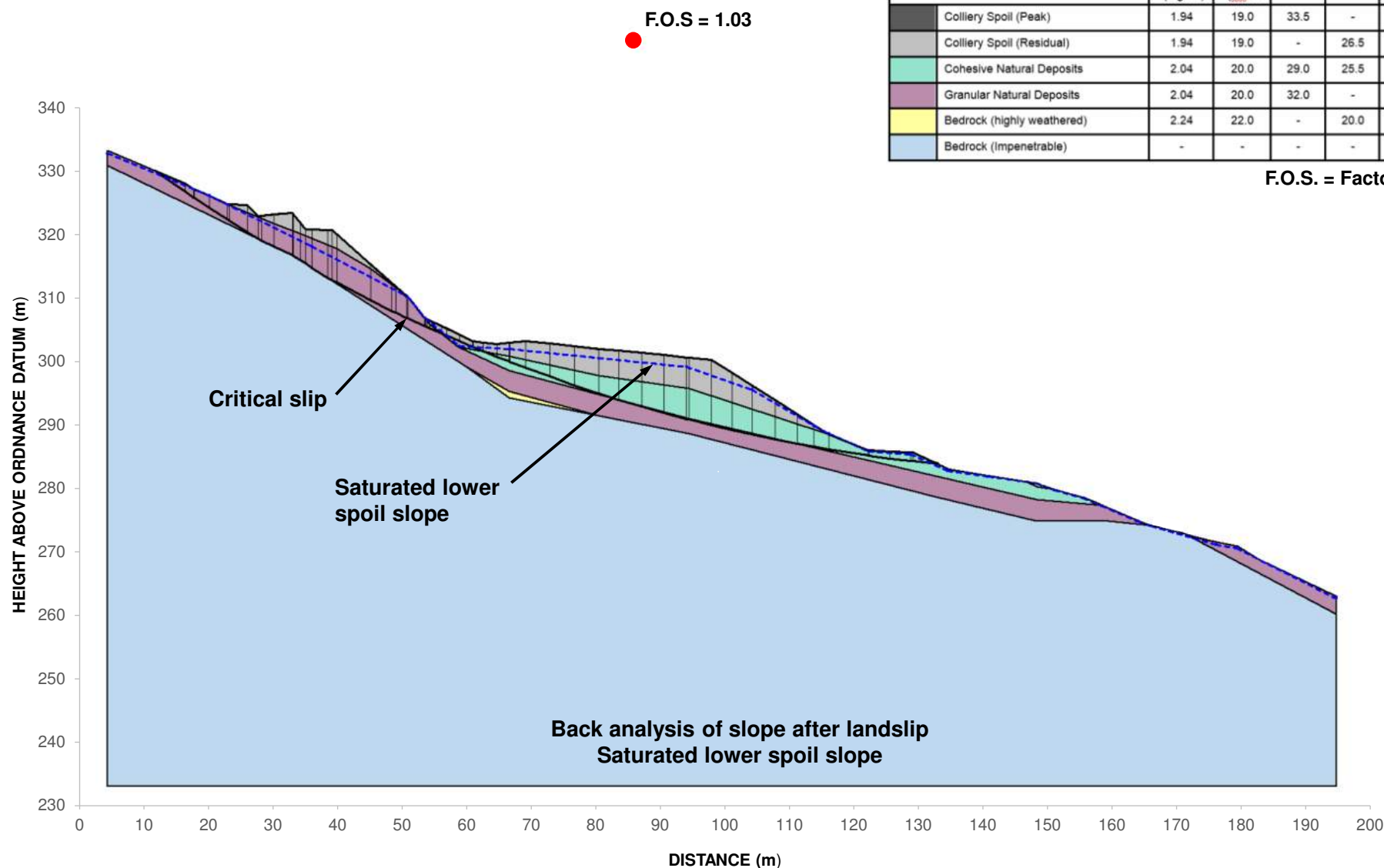
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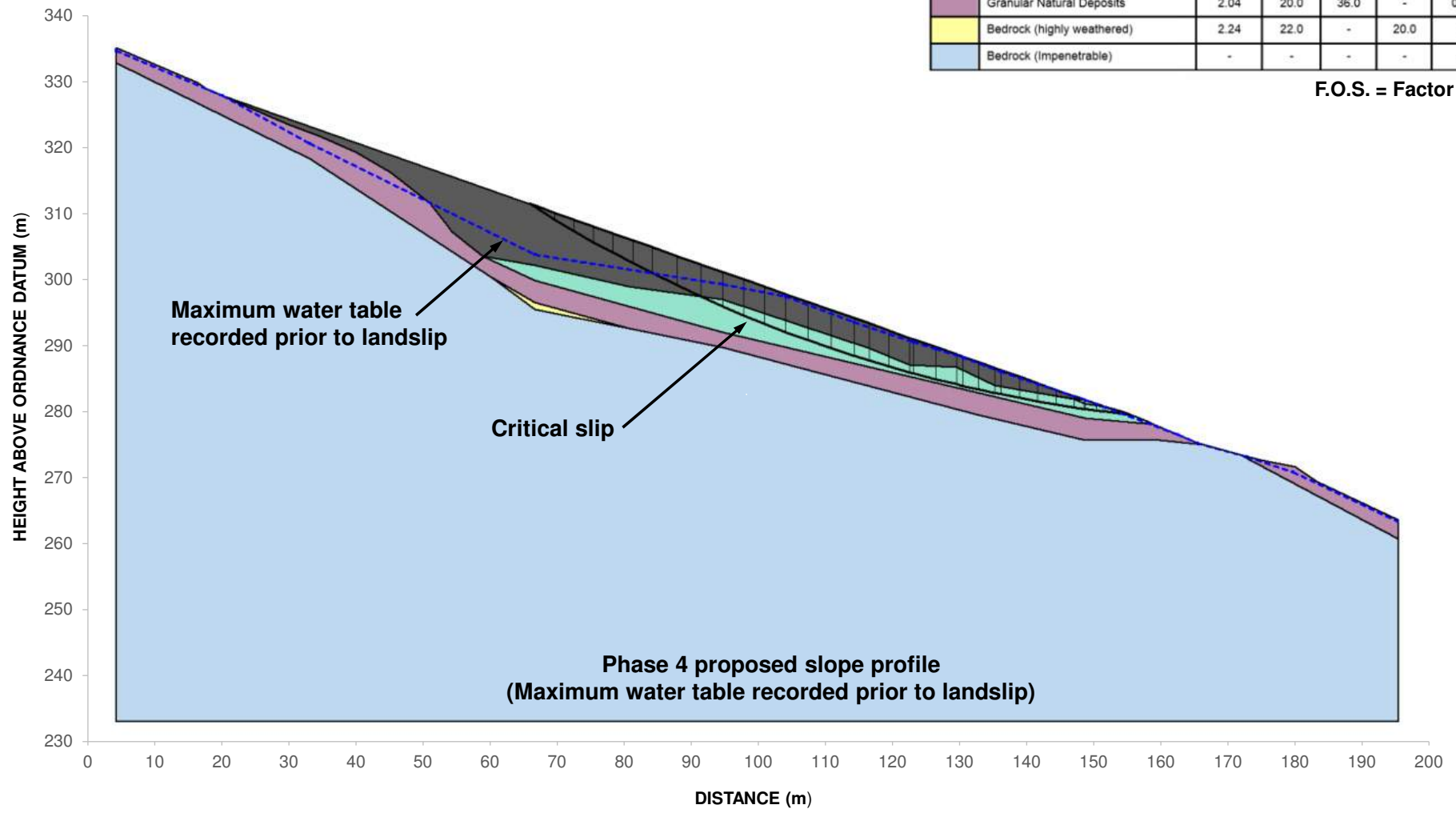
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Granular Natural Deposits	2.04	20.0	32.0	-	0.0	-
Bedrock (highly weathered)	2.24	22.0	-	20.0	-	0.0
Bedrock (Impenetrable)	-	-	-	-	-	-

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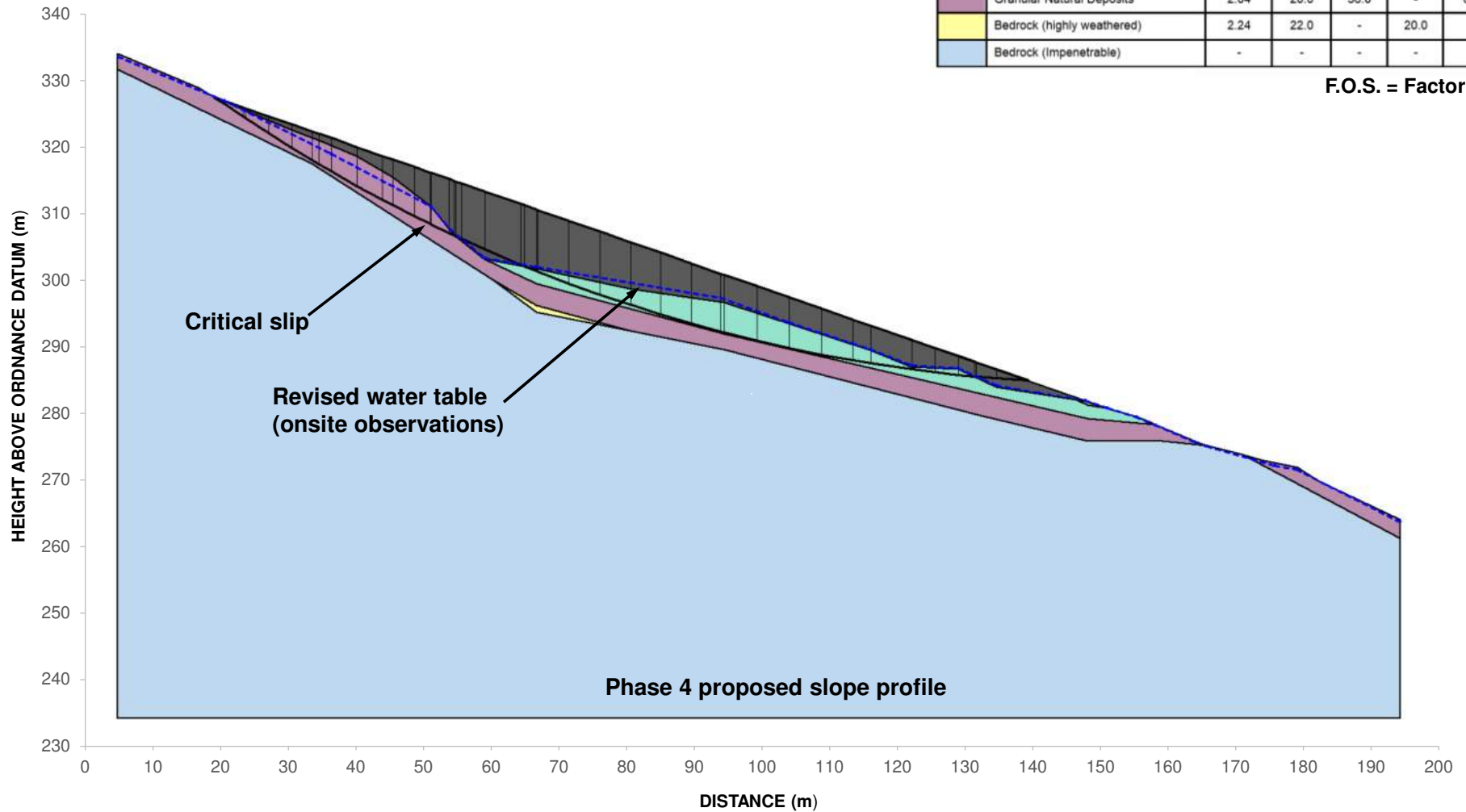
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Bedrock (highly weathered)	2.24	22.0	-	20.0	-	0.0
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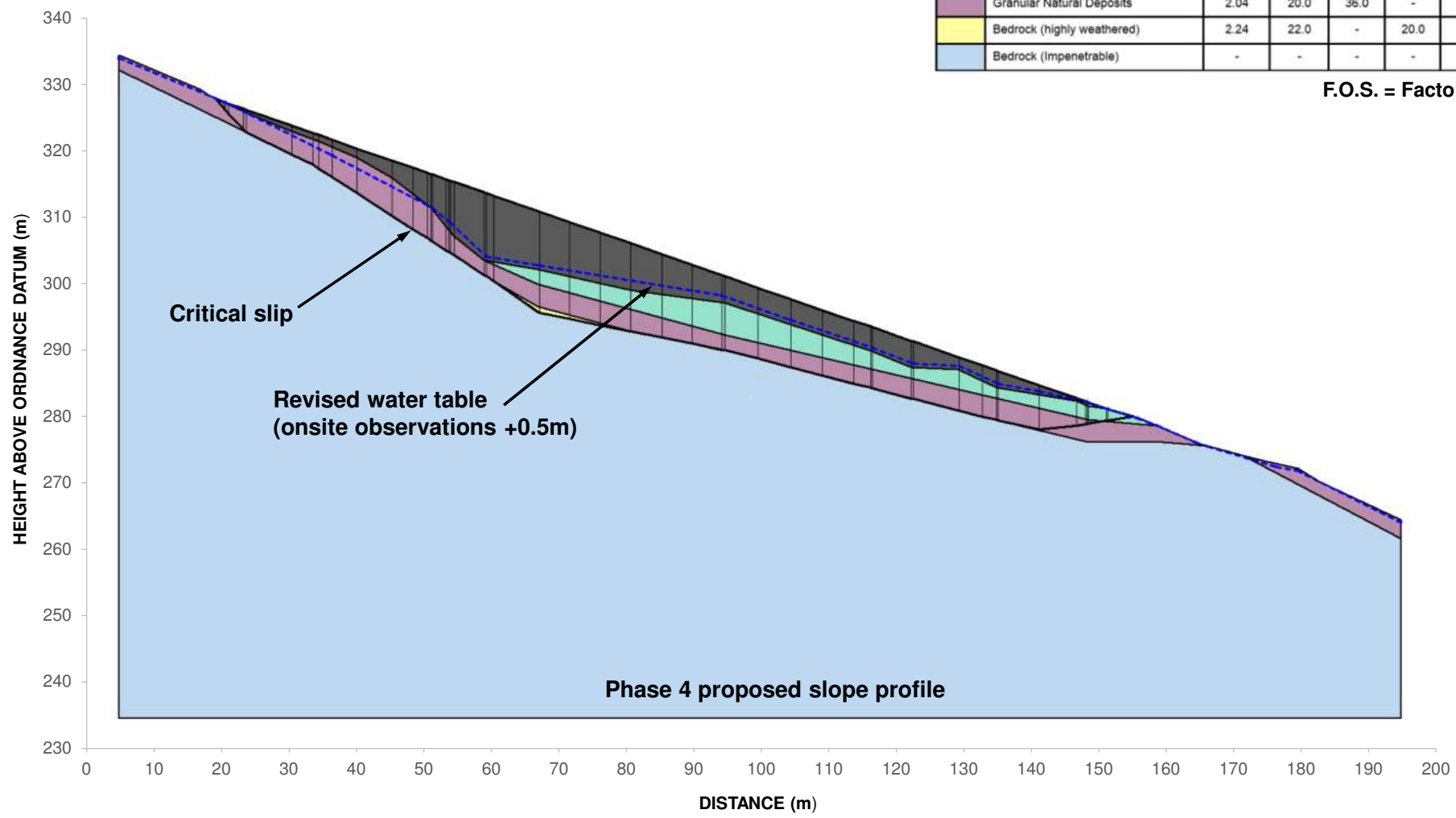
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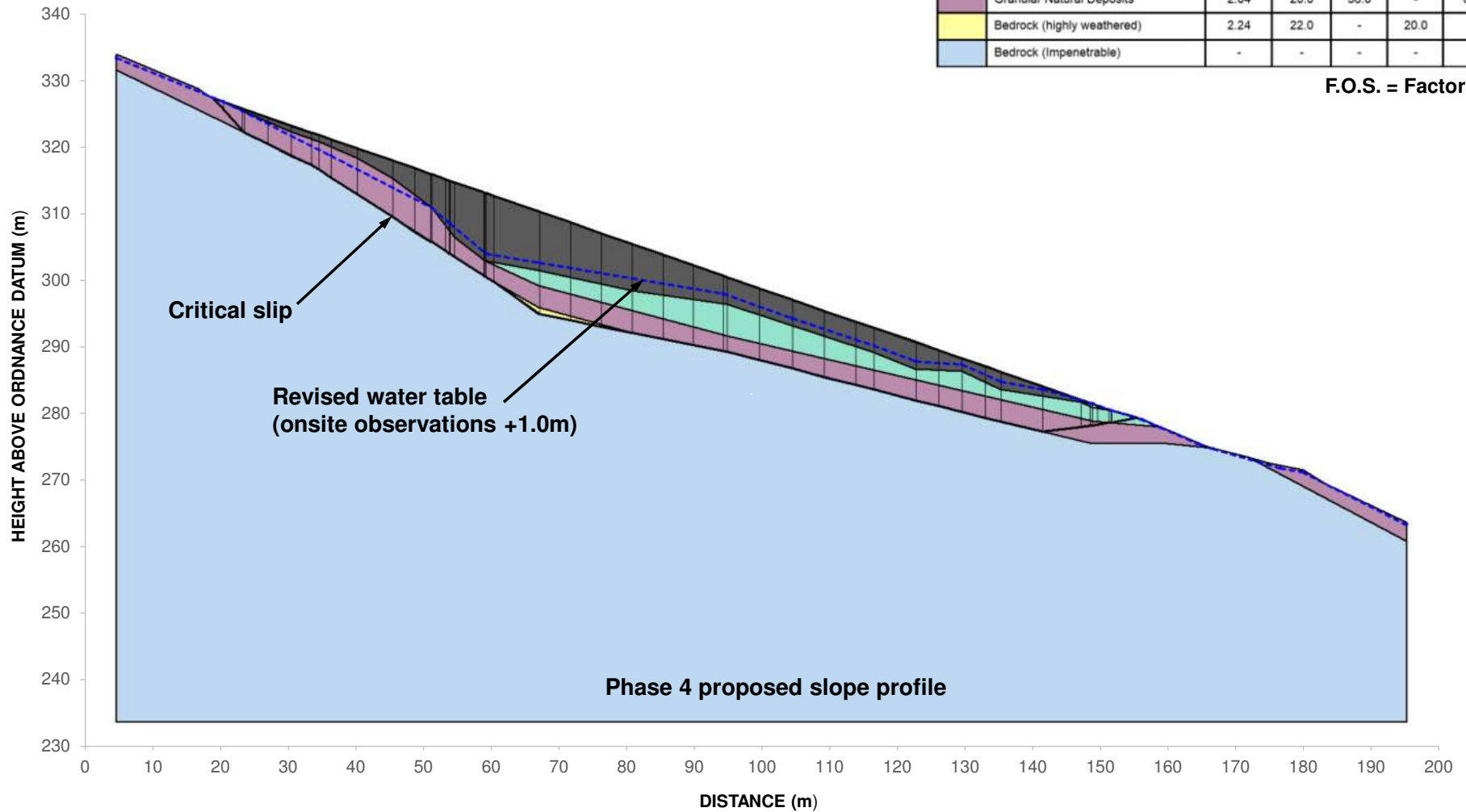


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Bedrock (Impenetrable)	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Granular Natural Deposits	2.04	20.0	36.0	-	0.0	-
Bedrock (highly weathered)	2.24	22.0	-	20.0	-	0.0
Bedrock (Impenetrable)	-	-	-	-	-	-

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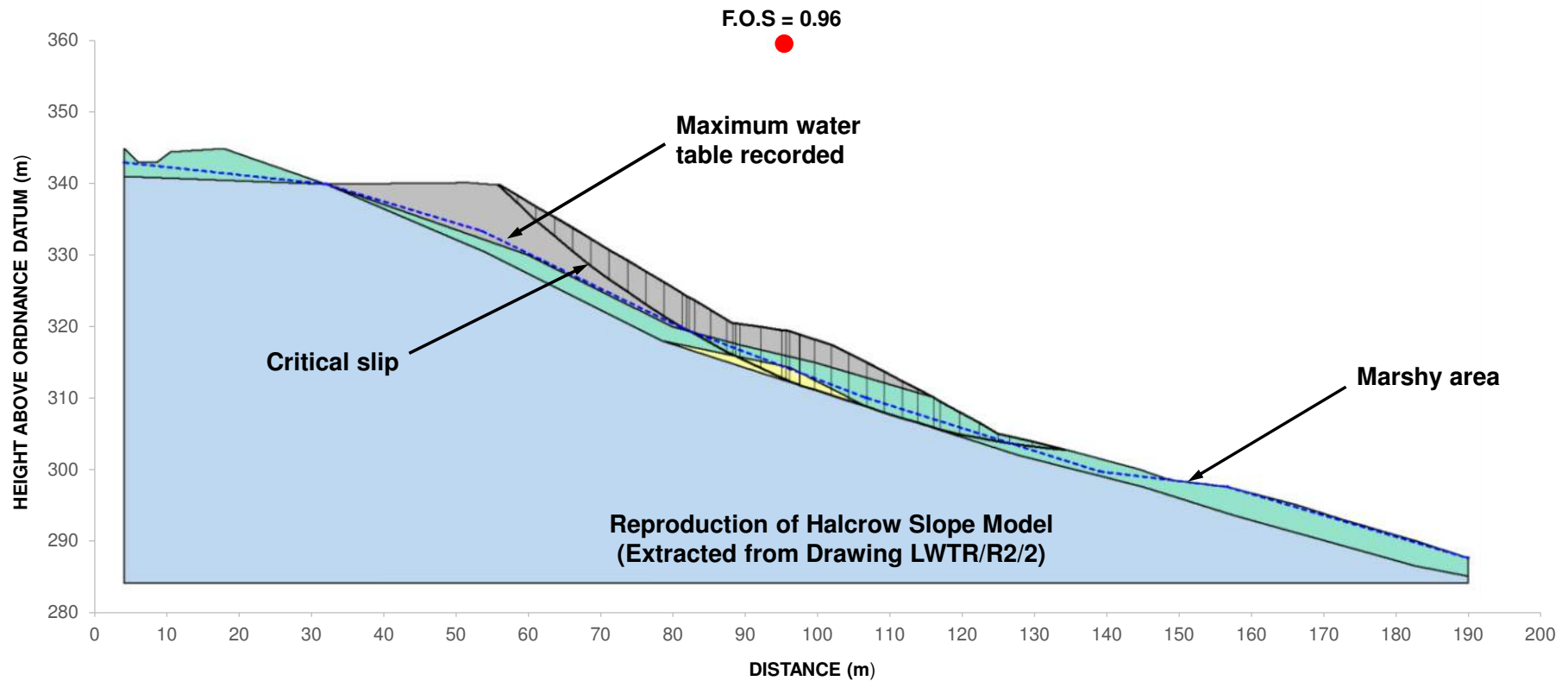
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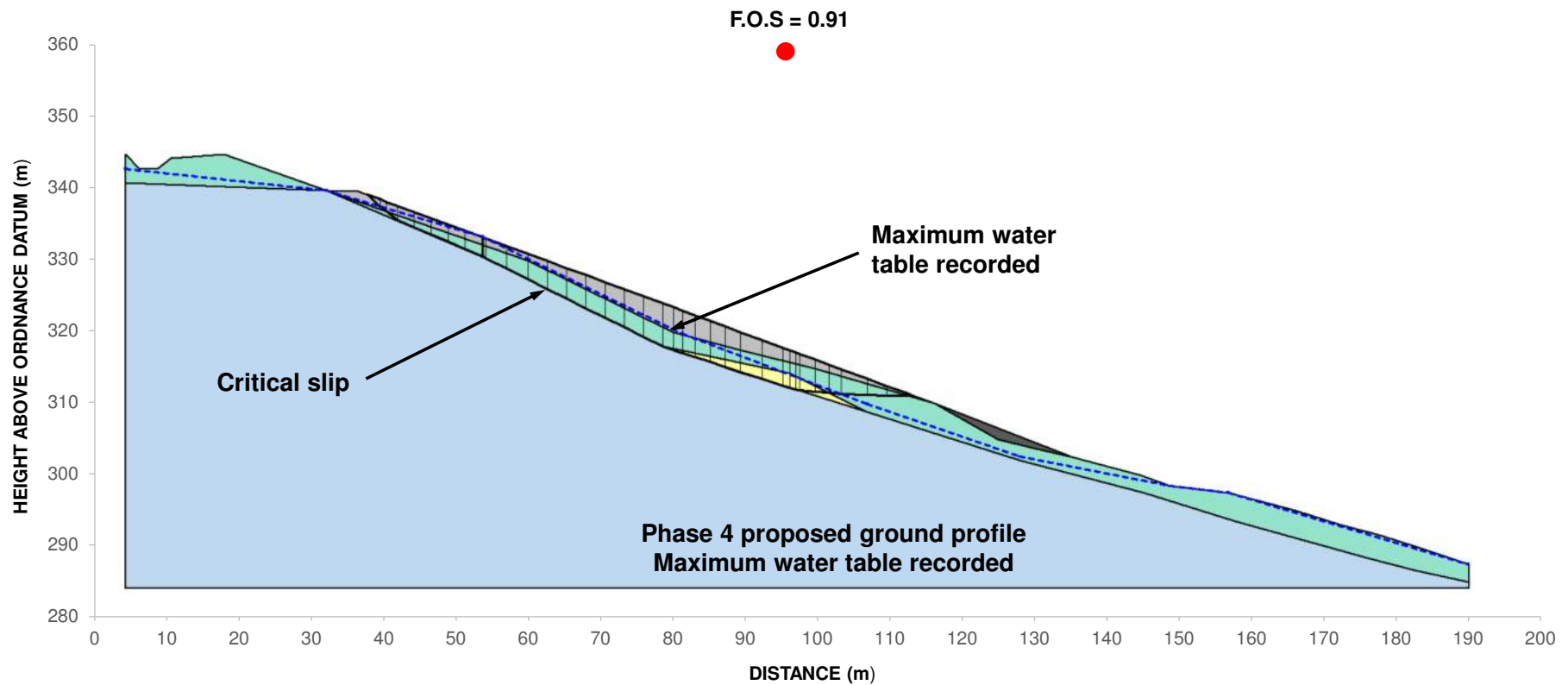


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Bedrock (highly weathered)	2.24	22.0	-	20.0	-	0.0
Bedrock (Impenetrable)	-	-	-	-	-	-

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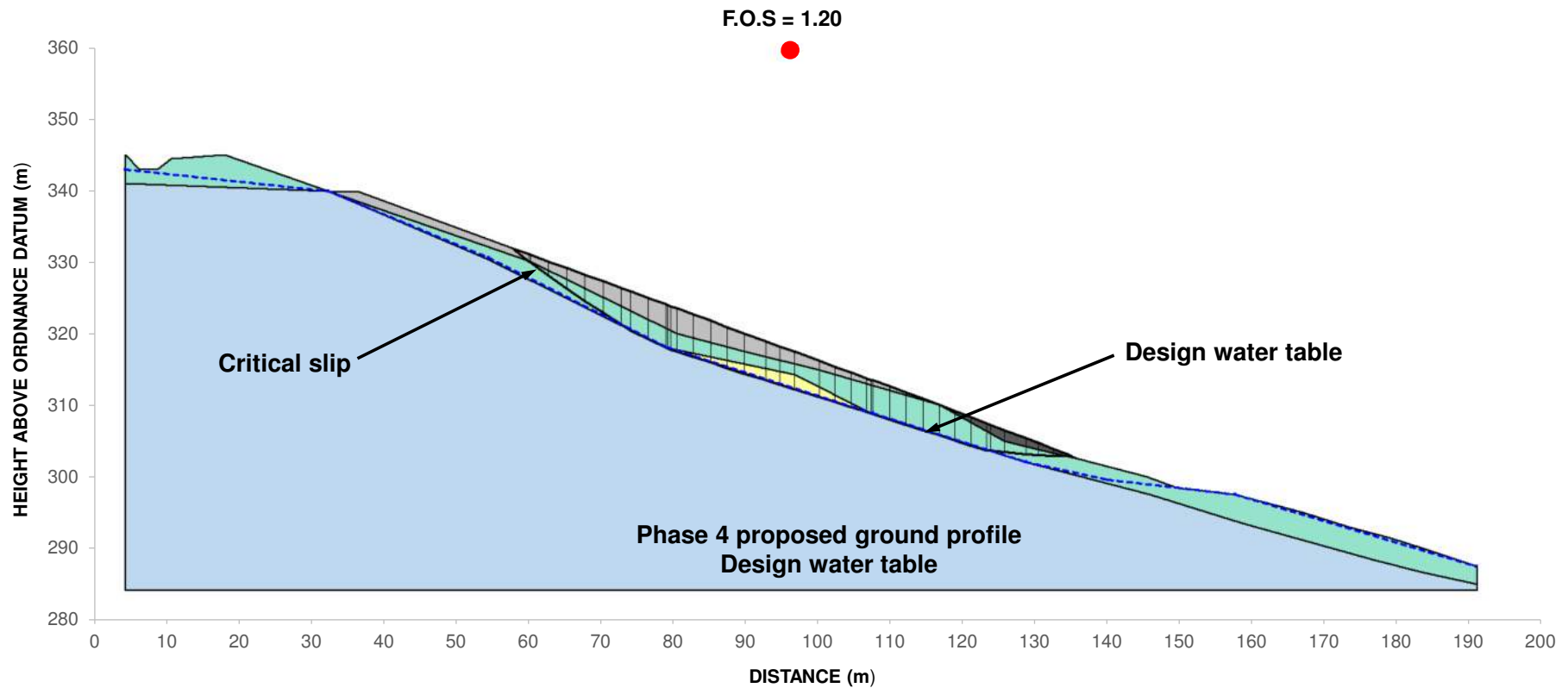


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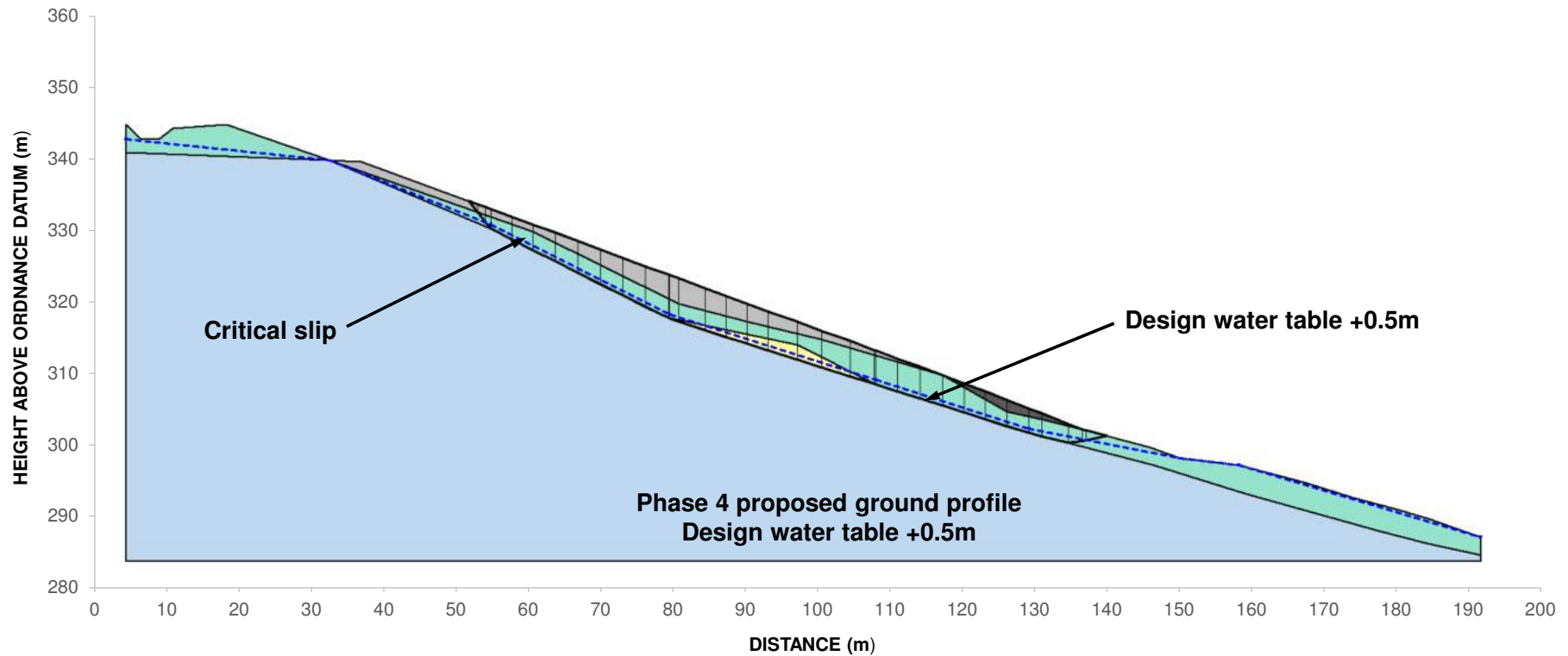
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Bedrock (Impenetrable)	-	-	-	-	-	-

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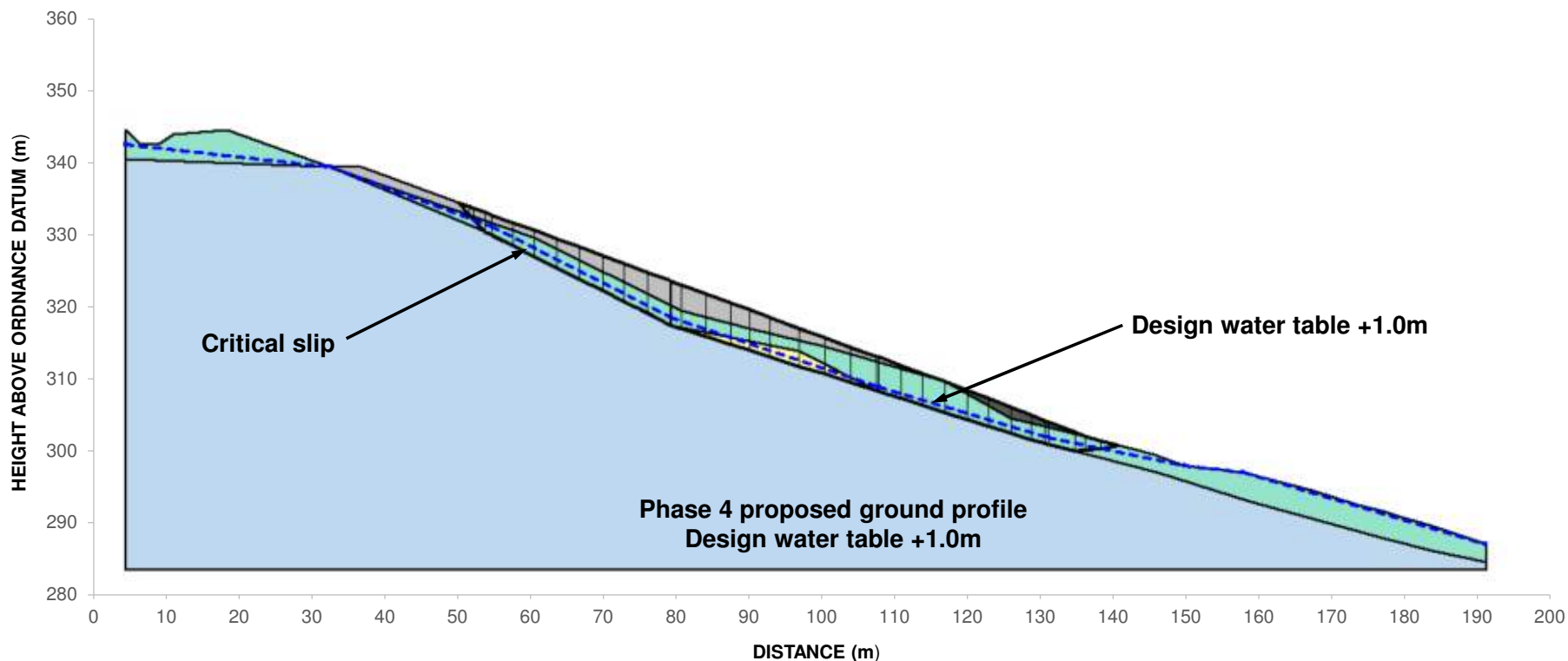
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Colliery Spoil (Peak)	1.94	19.0	33.5	-	6.0	-
Colliery Spoil (Residual)	1.94	19.0	-	26.5	-	3.0
Cohesive Natural Deposits	2.04	20.0	29.0	25.5	10.0	2.0
Granular Natural Deposits	2.04	20.0	32.0	-	0.0	-
Bedrock (highly weathered)	2.24	22.0	-	20.0	-	0.0
Bedrock (Impenetrable)	-	-	-	-	-	-

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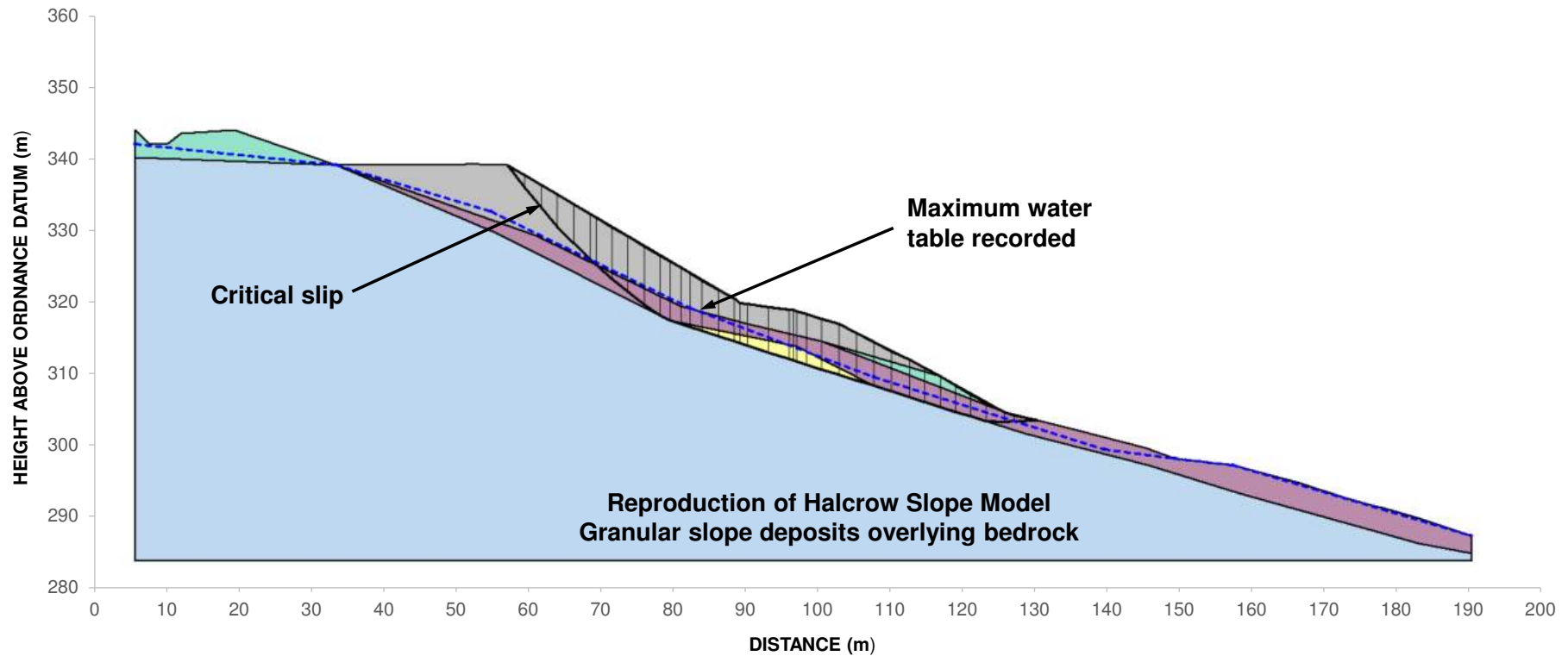


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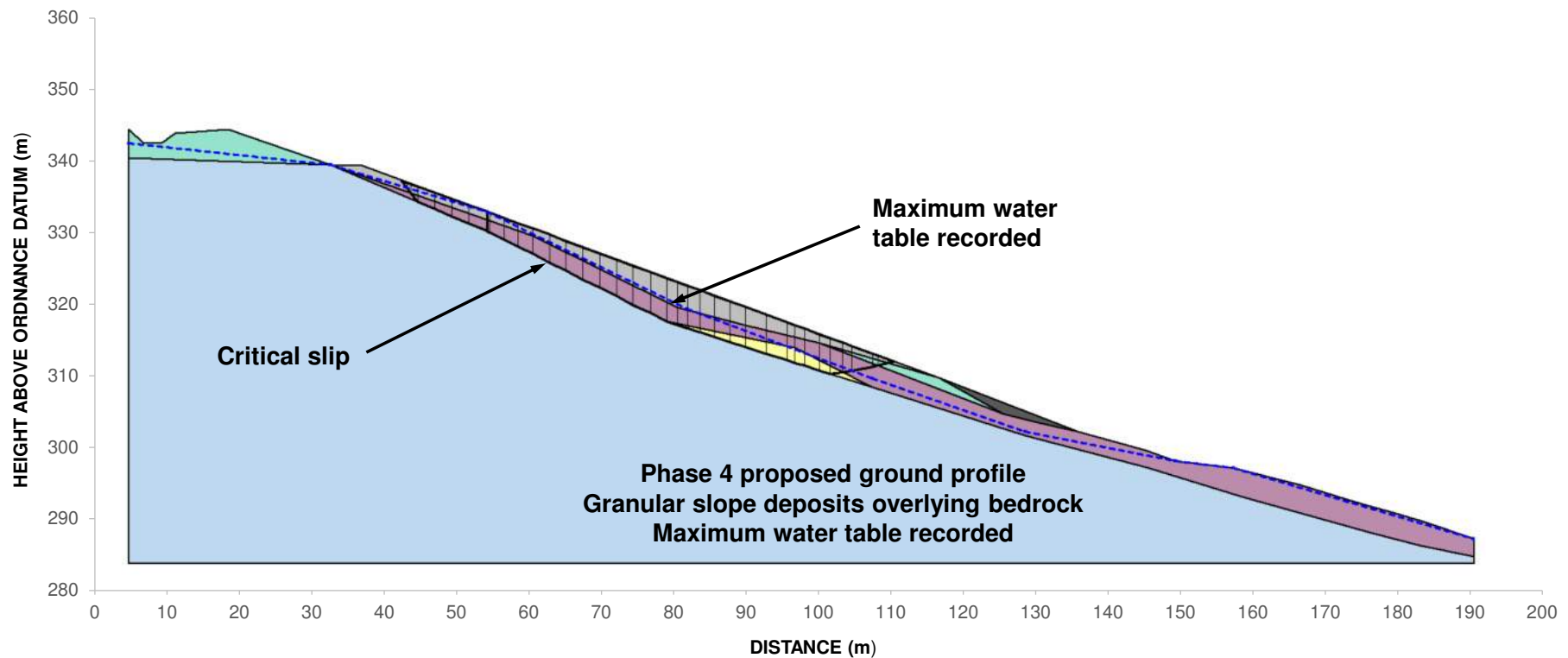
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Bedrock (Impenetrable)	-	-	-	-	-	-

F.O.S. = Factor of Safety

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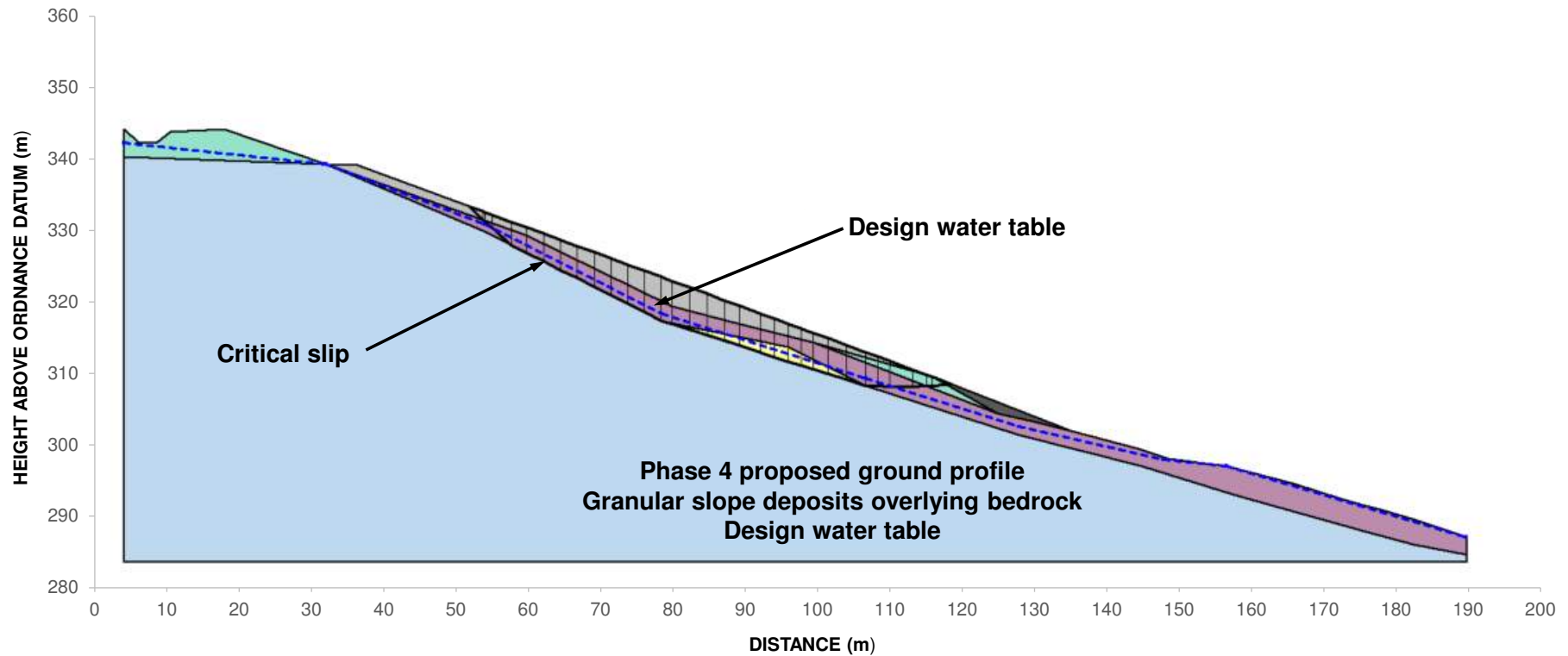


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Bedrock (highly weathered)	2.24	22.0	-	20.0	-	0.0
Bedrock (Impenetrable)	-	-	-	-	-	-

F.O.S = 1.26

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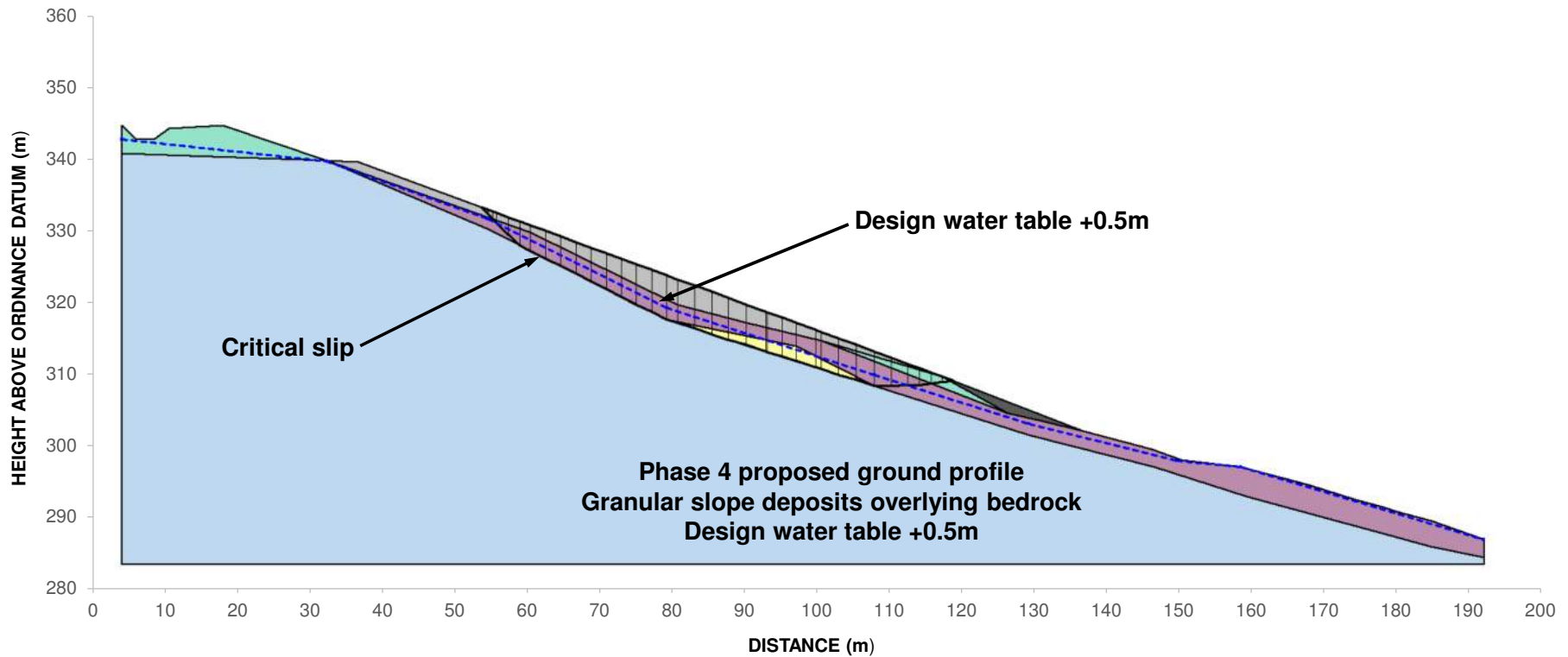


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Bedrock (highly weathered)	2.24	22.0	-	20.0	-	0.0
Bedrock (Impenetrable)	-	-	-	-	-	-

F.O.S = 1.18

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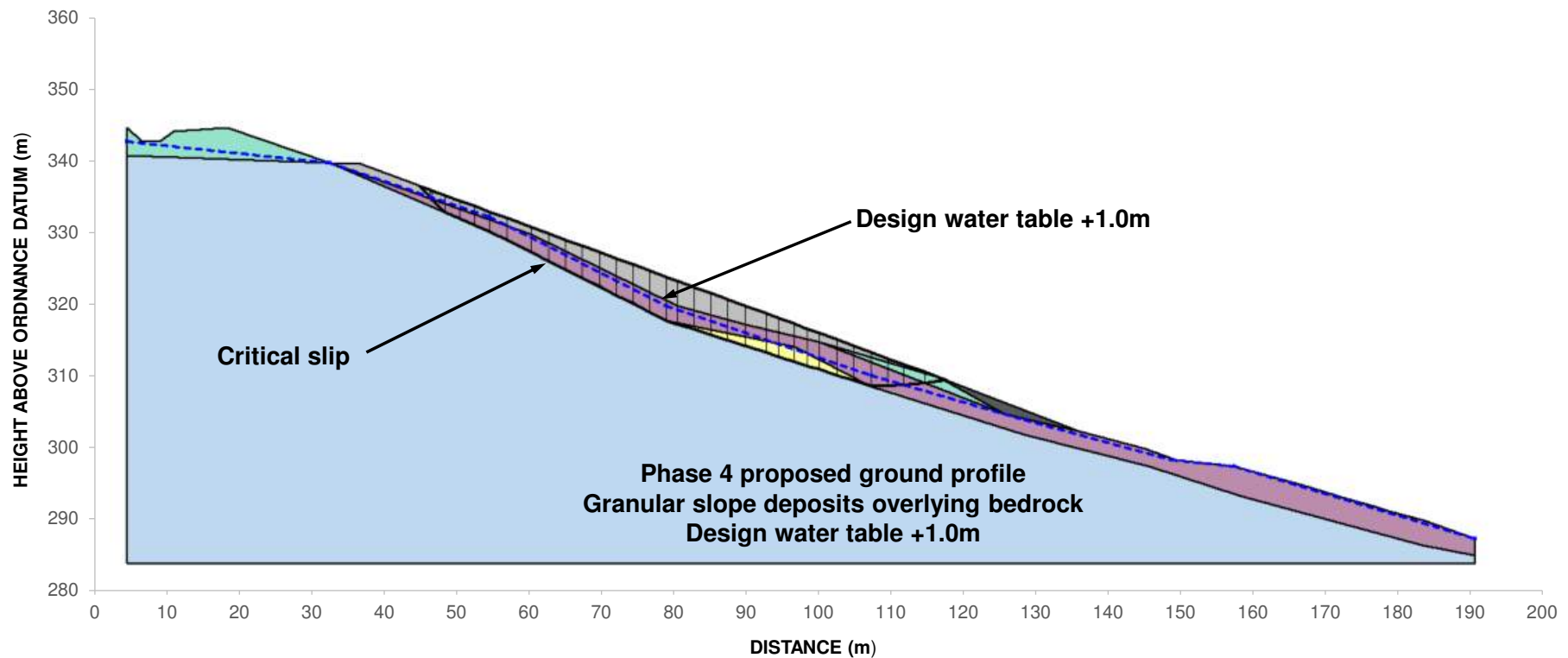
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Bedrock (Impenetrable)	-	-	-	-	-	-

F.O.S = 1.12



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APPENDIX A

Llanwonno Upper Tip (RH01)

Stability Statement, Capita, May 2020

Llanwonno Upper Tip (RH01) – Stability Statement

Background

On Sunday 16th February, Storm Dennis instigated the failure of Tylorstown Upper Tip (Llanwonno Tip and RH01). The initial larger (main) slip appears to have occurred overnight, upslope within the main tip complex and failed in a classical circular slip movement. A further landslide (video footage on internet on 16.02.2020), appears to show a secondary slip mechanism where water had accumulated and burst through (breached) the southern end of the slope and flowed down the hillside in a fully saturated state (wash out type failure).

Inspection of the wider environs surrounding the slip determined that water had entered the slip from two distinct locations.

Firstly, the viewpoint / parking spot / turning area on the mountain road at the northern end of a relatively level area where water from the mountainside above collected and was channelled beneath the road, at several locations. Each of these merges into a channel formed between the natural hillside and the rear of the upper tip, falling gradually to the south. At the southern end of the tip, this channel ends in a small pond and a small plastic overflow pipe takes excess water under the former tramway and into a further channel down the natural hillside. It should be noted that a lot of water was lost in the channel (not lined) and was diverted down the interface between original ground and the tip.

Secondly, the tramway follows the hillside falling south to north. Approximately 300m south of the southern end of the tip, a 'slack' meets the tramway and high groundwater levels have formed a series of spring-lines and overland flows. These flows converged and flowed down the tramway to meet the ponds at the toe of the tip.

The water entered the tips from the unlined channel to its rear, the tramway and spring-lines (third location) beneath the tip. Groundwater levels within the colliery spoil tip were raised quickly and in conjunction with the ponds present on the tip, groundwater pressures were not able to dissipate, and the lower part of the tip became saturated and flowed down the hillside.

The landslip debris flowed downslope and created a bow wave in the valley bottom, which in turn flattened trees and threw debris up, approximately 20m, onto the opposite side of the river embankment. This occurred at the northern end of the partly constructed overflow car park to the rear of the leisure centre.

Due to approximately 28,000m³ of slipped debris filling the valley bottom from the toe of slope outwards in an extremely low angled and widely distributed debris envelope, the river channel was filled, and its course diverted to the western side of the valley bottom. The displaced river has eroded the toe of the slope beneath the leisure centre overflow car park, creating an approximately 5m vertical unstable face.

A Welsh Water main sewer was damaged by the landslide, in at least one location, beneath the leisure centre, downstream of the landslide toe. It is also known that a significant Welsh Water main runs along the Railway Path (Eastern side of the river) below the landslip toe debris, which has been reported to not have been damaged. Additionally, overhead Western Power lines disrupted on the hillside part way down the slope, which were damaged by the debris flow.

Emergency Works Undertaken to Date

Immediately, post landslide, Walters were commissioned to install temporary drainage measures along Blaenllechau Road and at the spring-lines occurring along the tramway. These were effective at diverting large quantities of overland flow from the landslide area and remain effective in the short to medium term until a permanent remediation solution can be undertaken.

The reduction in water entering the tips and the recent dry weather has permitted access to the toe of the slip without significant risk of further failure under the current conditions.

A drone survey was undertaken through the Coal Authority and has been provided to RCTCBC for use in planning remedial works and has helped to model the current slope.

Emergency tree felling was undertaken on the slopes beneath the car park to help stabilise (prevent wind loading) the scoured slopes and permit access for repairs to be undertaken when conditions dictate.

A small ground investigation was undertaken on 20 April 2020 to determine the character of the slipped material. The investigation found that the slipped material is extremely wet (saturated), which makes excavation, transportation and engineering placement and compaction, very difficult to impossible. Laboratory testing of the material is underway to determine its engineering properties and chemical composition. These tests will provide crucial information on what can be done to the materials, i.e. processing and re-use, permit a human health risk assessment and determine its waste categorisation.

Welsh Water are currently repairing the sewer, which has been discharging raw sewage into the river for the past two months. These repair works need to be completed before any remediation works to the river embankment and landslip debris can proceed.

Issues Created by Landslide

The main issues to contend with post landslide are:

- (i) the scour of the embankment along the western side of the river,
- (ii) the reinstatement of the eastern side of the river to former ground levels (this is the location of a partially designed active travel route and a significant Welsh Water main) and
- (iii) the remediation of the tip material remaining on the hillside.

The current area of embankment scour has created an unstable slope, which will either regress with time or catastrophically fail. The area above the current scour is used as a footpath but there was a construction scheme planned to utilise the area as an overflow car park for the leisure centre, this has been put on hold. Scour will undoubtedly occur in a downstream direction if the river is not put back to its original position, and the embankment edge protected. The leisure centre and infrastructure could then potentially be at risk should this occur.

The Welsh Water main is present on the eastern side of the valley and is buried beneath a thickness of slipped material in excess of 5m depth. Welsh Water have requested this material is removed so

that the main is not under pressure and can be maintained in the future. Additionally, the track on the eastern side of the valley is a popular leisure walking route and was due to be purchased by RCTCBC and upgraded as part of a scheme to connect the valley.

This statement covers the overall stability of the tip complex as it now stands in order to be able to remediate the two lower issues (i & ii) and to assess the risk for construction works to commence.

Slope Stability Analysis

Capita were provided with a former slope stability assessment report prepared by Halcrow, which was used to assess the overall tip stability of RH01(upper tip) on behalf of RCTCBC. Capita have re-created Halcrow's stability models through RH01 to ensure continuity of analysis.

Capita then removed the slipped mass (difference between the Halcrow topographical slope model and the post slip drone model) and re-run the analysis using previous residual parameters and critical water table levels.

The tip as is now, comprises three distinct areas (i) rear backscarp and (ii) lower front colliery spoil slope, separated by (iii) a flattened section between the two (landslip bowl), which site inspection shows significant tension cracking and landslip features (back leaning trees).

Upper Slip (Rear Backscarp)

Slope stability analysis shows a factor of safety (FOS) of circa 0.6 when doing a like for like comparison, which cannot be the case as it would have failed. Further sensitivity analysis was then carried out by lowering the ground water table, which also shows little difference in overall stability. Therefore, the original model must have been very conservative and/or not quite correct in terms of the model i.e. the material deposit thicknesses. Following this initial phase, Capita have re-assessed the ground model coupled with site evidence and it is now clear that the rear back scarp feature comprises natural glacial materials not colliery spoil (original mountainside slope) with a capping of colliery spoil at the crest of the slope.

Capita have now re-assessed this rear backscarp slope and consider material parameters should be equal to peak and not residual strength parameters as previously analysed. Additionally, when substituting the colliery spoil for glacial deposits this brings the FOS closer to unity. However, more testing will be required to adequately assess the soil parameters but site evidence and the steepness of the rear slope suggest that either a higher component of cohesion is warranted to enable the slope to stand in its current position or that the slope contains a significant proportion of coarser material.

Lower Front (colliery Spoil) Slope

This slope is deemed to be the main risk to construction works below. Site evidence suggests that front slope material to comprise Colliery Spoil and like the rear scarp slope, Capita have re-analysed the current slope on this basis. However, Capita have had to lower the groundwater accordingly (as previous analysis would have had water levels above ground level on a like for like basis). Lowering of the groundwater table to below current ground levels (capita Model BB9) shows a FOS of 0.921. It is considered that in this case the water levels better reflect the current position, albeit the parameters are deemed to be slightly conservative.

A further factor to take into account when considering the failure of the lower part of the tip was that prior to and at the time of the failure ponds were located in this vicinity, which would have had a considerable detrimental contribution to the slip mechanism as the volume of water entering this area was substantial as the lower part of the tip got overwhelmed and breached. The additional water

captured in the upper slope would have also added considerable mass to the driving force of the slip, further destabilising the area.

The conditions (morphology) on site now are totally different and the more likely scenario in Capita's opinion is that the flatter section between the two slopes would become saturated (under extreme conditions and/or if surface water re-entered the area) and cause movement downslope onto the frontal section of the remaining tip (Lower Front Slope).

The stability undertaken to date shows that the materials left on the slope are at unity in terms of stability and will need to be removed in the longer term without remediation.

Slope Stability Summary

Under the initial emergency works, Walters have installed temporary water diversion drainage, which has effectively removed most of the surface water entering the slip complex and have also diverted some of the spring lines entering the area. Therefore, the overall stability of the tip has been enhanced by the introduction of the early surface water diversion works. Additionally, given that there is no longer any impounded water (ponds), the overall global stability is enhanced from previous pre-slipped conditions. Our current view is that the risk of further slippage of any significant magnitude in the short term are extremely low as a significant mass has been removed from the upper slopes removing the amount of material to slip, including the mass providing an additional driving force.

There will however be some 'minor' ravelling and slight regression of the upper tip surfaces and local areas where the slope has become over steep (side of the dry ravines and rear colliery spoil at the head of the slope for example) and will fail. However, it is considered that failed volumes will be of a relatively minor quantity (dry in nature) and relatively local in nature.

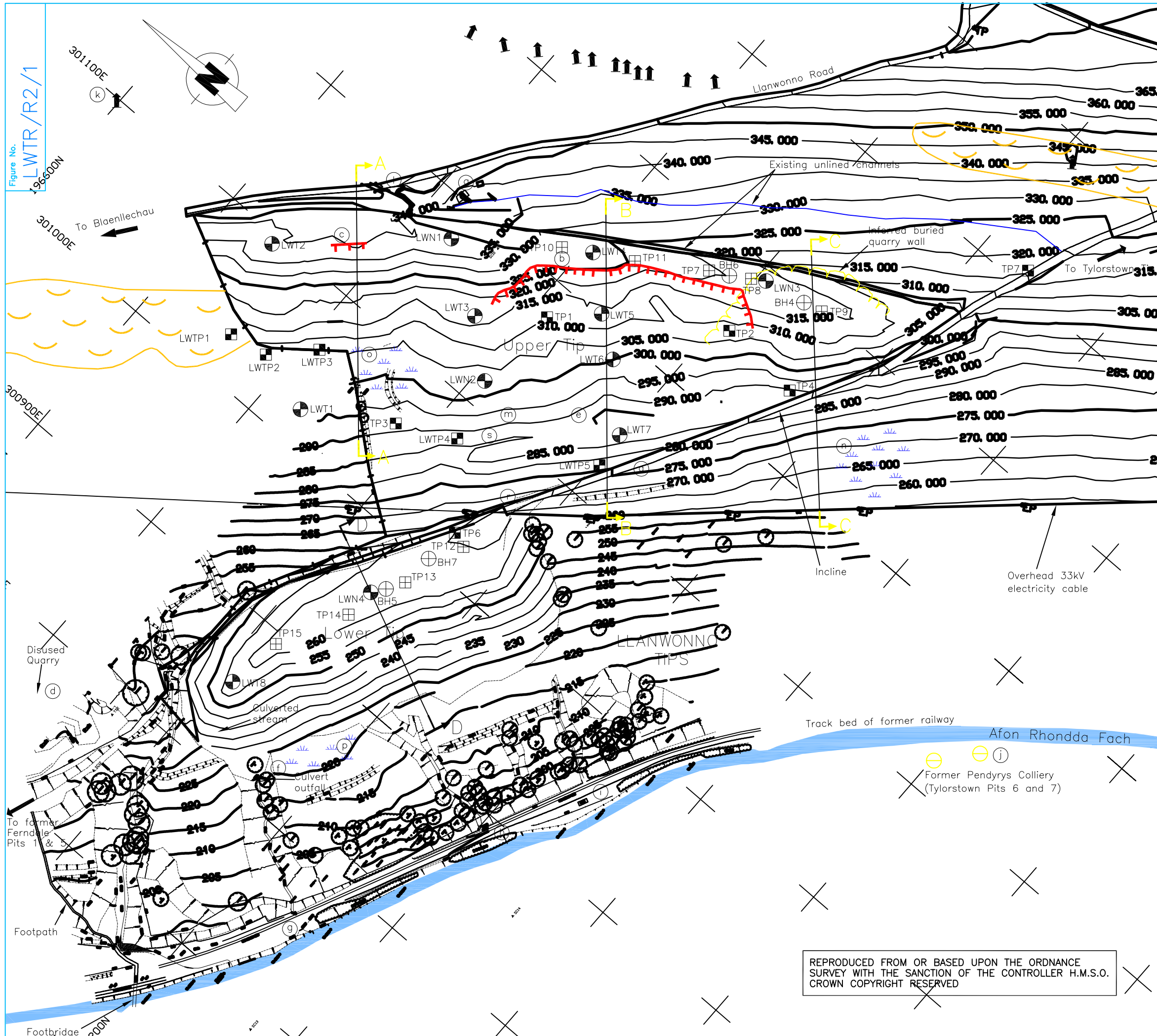
To ensure the risk is managed, whilst carrying out works to the toe debris and river embankment, it is deemed necessary that mitigation is put in place comprising:

1. Inspecting the site on a weekly basis and after any significant rainfall event.
2. During the remediation works to the lower area, a monitoring regime is put in place. Monitoring of key points on the upper slope should be undertaken throughout the working day (and first thing prior to works commencing) and a warning system in place if movement to any detection limits is reached at which point a geotechnical engineer should inspect to confirm if movement is related to a local or more significant slip.



APPENDIX B

Halcrow Figures



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	Known location of former mining adit
	Borehole BH5 (1993 Investigation)
	Trial Pit 15 (1993 Investigation)
	Borehole LWN2 (1996 Investigation)
	Trial Pit 4 (1996 Investigation)
	Borehole (2001 Investigation)
	Trial pit (2001 Investigation)
	Watercourse
	Approximate line of overtipped watercourse
	Boundary of Llanwonno Tips
	Tension crack
	Former shaft
	Area of shallow instability
	Section line
	Location referred to in text

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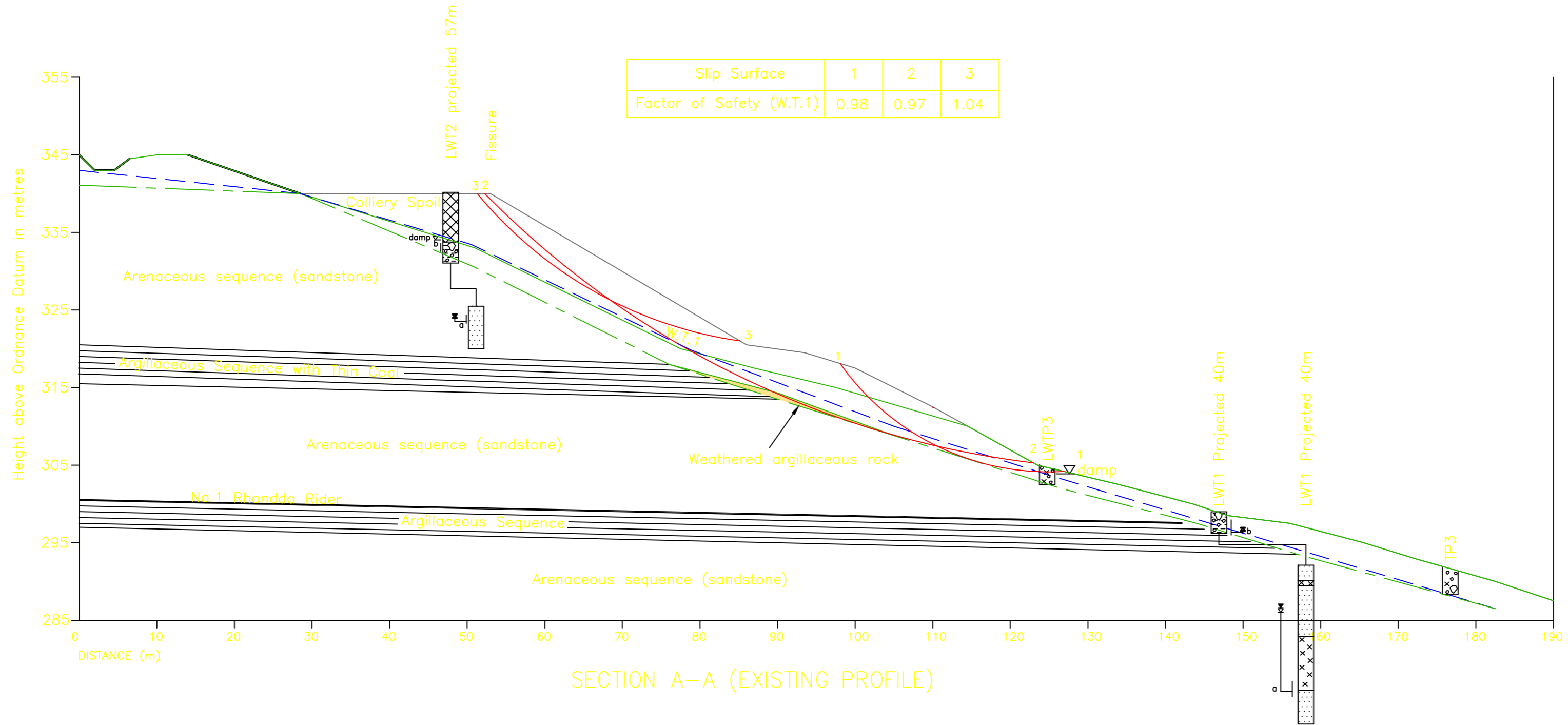


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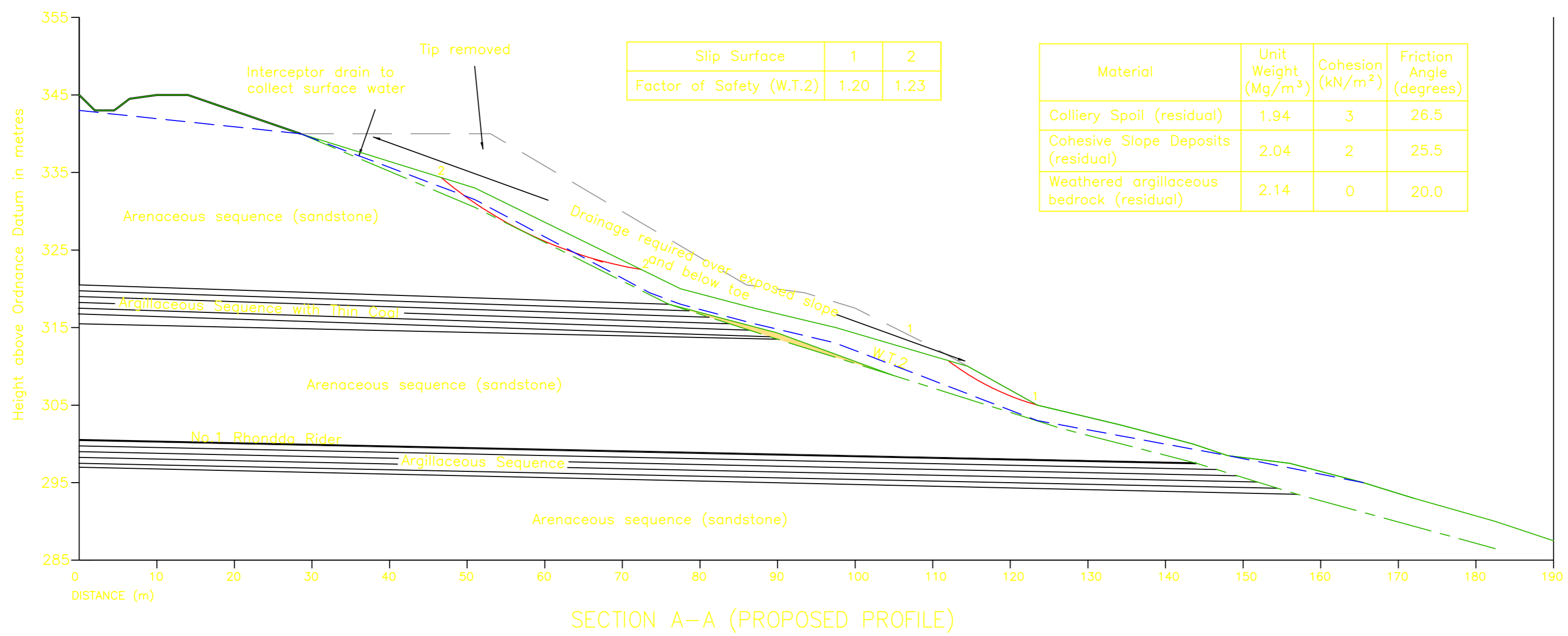
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KEY

- Slip Surface
- Surface of colliery spoil
- Original ground surface
- Rockhead
- Water table

- Colliery spoil
- Superficial deposits
- Weathered argillaceous rock
- Mudstone
- Sandstone
- Siltstone
- Maximum recorded water level
- Minimum recorded water level
- Piezometer and sand filter

W.T.1 Maximum recorded water table
 W.T.2 Design water table
 Weathered argillaceous rock



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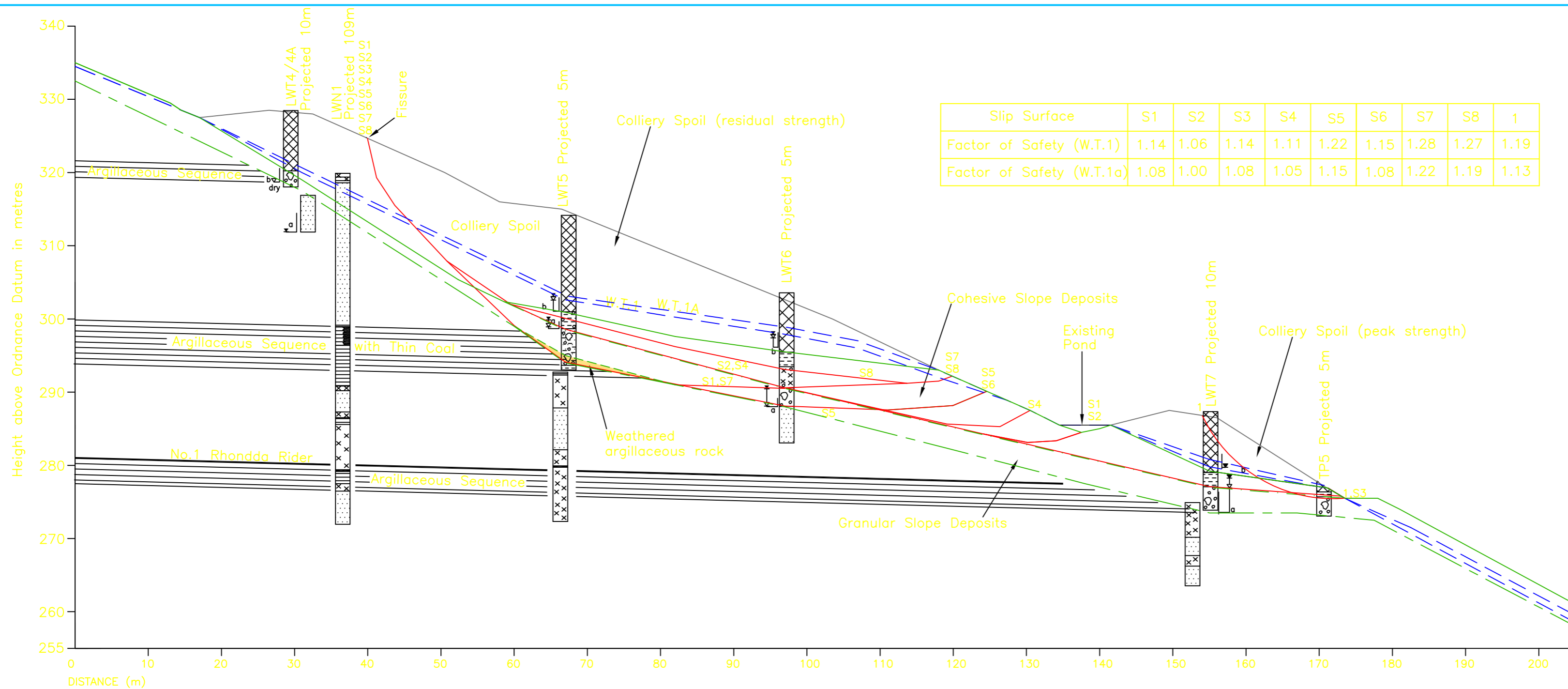
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 CROSS SECTION A-A

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Slip Surface	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	1
Factor of Safety (W.T.1)	1.14	1.06	1.14	1.11	1.22	1.15	1.28	1.27	1.19
Factor of Safety (W.T.1a)	1.08	1.00	1.08	1.05	1.15	1.08	1.22	1.19	1.13

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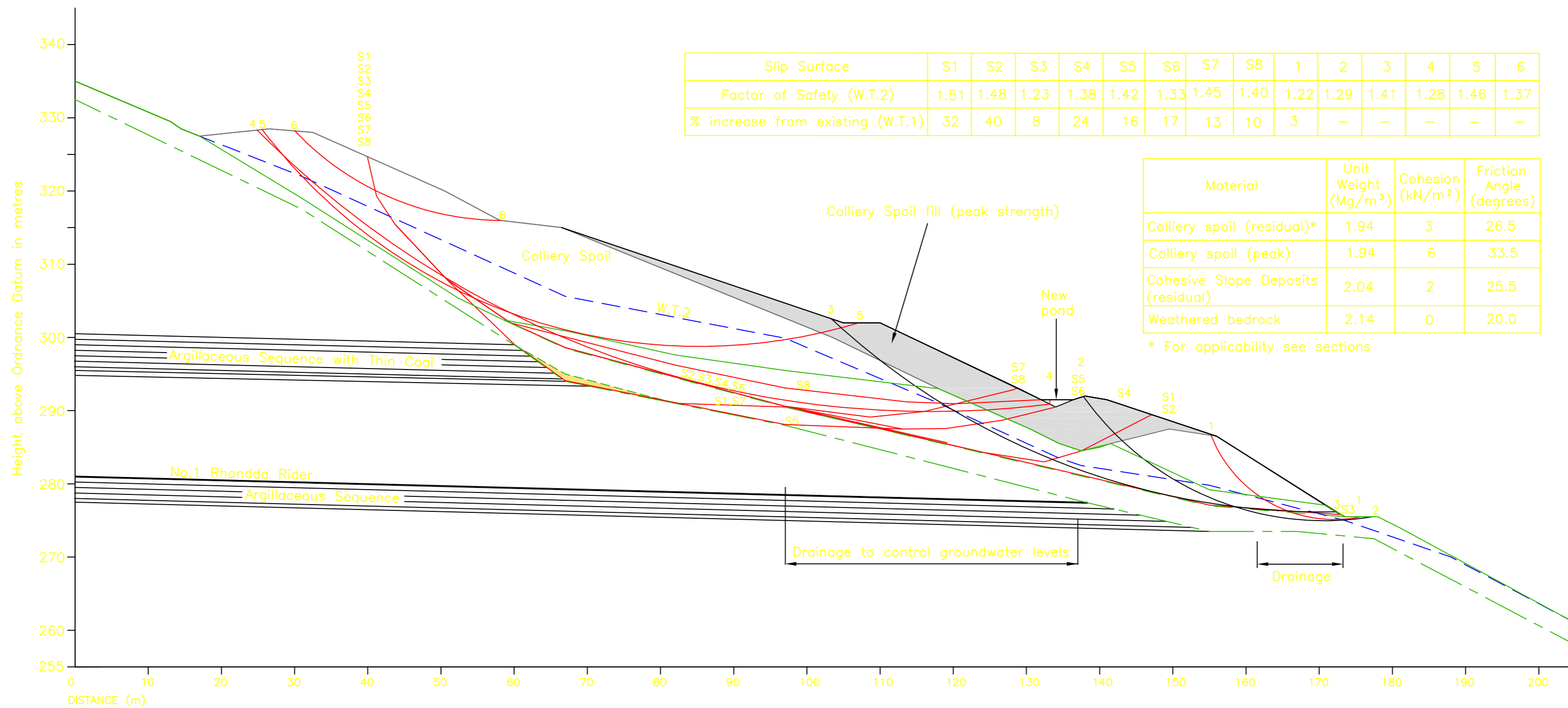
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- Rockhead
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- Mudstone
- Sandstone
- Siltstone
- Maximum recorded water level
- Minimum recorded water level
- Piezometer and sand filter

- W.T.1 Maximum recorded water table
- W.T.1A Maximum recorded water table + 1m
- W.T.2 Design water table

- Weathered argillaceous rock
- Proposed fill

SECTION B-B (EXISTING PROFILE)



Slip Surface	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	1	2	3	4	5	6
Factor of Safety (W.T.2)	1.51	1.48	1.23	1.38	1.42	1.33	1.45	1.40	1.22	1.29	1.41	1.28	1.46	1.37
% increase from existing (W.T.1)	32	40	8	24	16	17	13	10	3	-	-	-	-	-

Material	Unit Weight (Mg/m ³)	Cohesion (kN/m ²)	Friction Angle (degrees)
Colliery spoil (residual)*	1.94	3	26.5
Colliery spoil (peak)	1.94	6	33.5
Cohesive Slope Deposits (residual)	2.04	2	25.5
Weathered bedrock	2.14	0	20.0

* For applicability see sections

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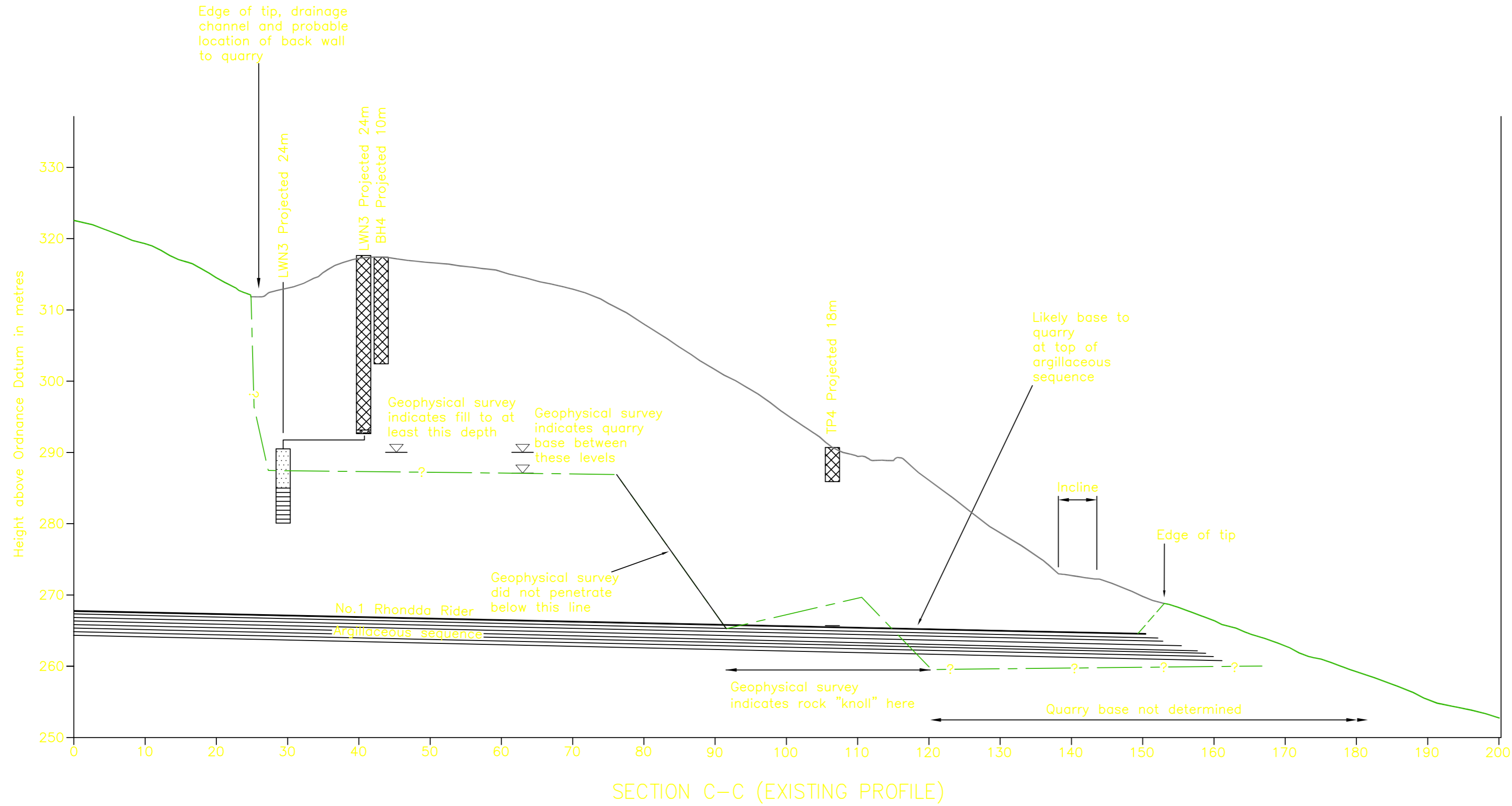
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APPENDIX C

Select Boreholes

Borehole Log



Exploration Associates

Drilled by Logged by Checked by		Equipment and Methods		Ground Level					
MJ CW SC		Rotary Open Hole 115 mm diameter from 0.00m to 3.50m, Rotary Cored 75 mm diameter from 3.50m to 23.50m using air flush.		+299.01 m OD E 30°024.01 N 106377.80					
Samples and Tests				Strata					
Depth	TCR SCR RQD	IF	Records	Date Casing	Time Water	Description	Depth Level (Thickness)	Legend	
				06/12/2001 0.00	dry				
						Boulder Clay, 14	(2.80)		
3.50 - 5.00m	31 03 57	N1 30 100				Moderately weak to moderately strong gray brown fine medium SANDSTONE. Highly weathered to non intact fracture discontinuity set 1 is subhorizontal closely spaced planar rough moderately open with some clay infilling and some carbonisation. Two subvertical fractures 80 - 80 degrees from 3.50m to 4.40m terminating on a subhorizontal fracture planar rough and open with sandy clay infill.	2.80 +299.21 (2.20)		
5.00 - 6.20m	88 54 31	N1 90				Very weak and weak dark grey SILTSTONE. Highly weathered. Fracture discontinuities are subhorizontal very closely spaced to non intact rough planar light with red ferrous staining and carbonisation.	5.00 +294.01 (0.70)		
6.20 - 7.70m	99 53 25	N6 70 100				From 6.40 to 6.90m non intact Recovered as highly weathered sandy GRAVEL of sandstone.	5.70 +293.21		
7.70 - 9.20m	98 04 03	N80 400 500				Strong gray fine medium SANDSTONE. Slightly weathered - with occasional iron staining. Fracture discontinuities are horizontal closely spaced rough planar and light with occasional carbonisation and occasional clay infill.	(6.50)		
9.20 - 11.00m	79 05 90	N1 150 300				From 7.50m Fracture discontinuities medium spaced are horizontal closely spaced rough planar and light, with occasional carbonisation and occasional clay infill.			
Groundwater Borehole wet at 6.70m.				Remarks					
				Standpipe piezometer installed, 19 mm diameter, response zone from 18.00m to 20.00m Hole backfill: 0.00m to 0.30m Concrete (C), 0.30m to 0.50m Gravel (G), 0.50m to 1.00m Bentonite (B), 1.00m to 3.50m Bentonite (B), 3.50m to 17.50m Gravel (G), 17.50m to 18.00m Bentonite (B), 20.00m to 23.50m Bentonite (B), 20.50m to 23.50m Gravel (G). Surface protection - Skip Lock Cover Standpipe Piezometer installed, 19mm diameter, response zone from 1.00m to 3.00m.					
Notes: For explanation of symbols and abbreviations see key sheet. All depths and reduced levels in metres. Stratum thickness given in brackets in depth column. Scale 1 : 50				Project Project no. Carried out for		LLANWONNO TIPS 151258 Rhodda Clynau Taff		Borehole LWT1 Sheet 1 of 3	

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Drilled by Checked by		Equipment and Methods		Ground Level			
GRAND CW SC		Cable Percussion 200 mm diameter from 0.20m to 2.30m. Rotary Cored 76mm diameter from 2.30m to 14.30m using air flush.		+340.15 m OD E 301167.39 N 199445.97			
Samples and Tests				Strata			
Depth	Type & No.	Records	Date Casing	Time Water	Description	Depth/Level (Thickness)	Legend
			28/11/2001 0.00				
1.20 - 1.50	B1	C.N#4 1,1/1,1,1,1	1.20				
2.00 - 2.45		C.N#9 1,1/2,2,2,2	28/11/2001 3.40	dry			
2.00 - 2.30	B2		29/11/2001 2.40	dry	From 2.40 to 3.00m becoming very clayey.		
3.00 - 3.45	B3	C.N#8 2,2/2,2,2,2	3.00	dry	MADE GROUND: Loose dark gray and black slightly clayey very sandy angular fine to coarse GRAVEL of mudstone and coal.	(0.40)	
4.00 - 4.45	B4	C.N#6 3,3/2,2,2,2	4.00	dry			
5.00 - 5.45	B5	C.N#9 2,1/2,2,2,2	5.00	dry			
6.00 - 6.45	B6	C.N#6 2,2/2,2,2,2	6.00	dry			
			30/11/2001 6.50	dry		5.40 +333.78	
7.00 - 7.45	B7	C.N#13 2,2/2,3,3,3	7.00	dry	Medium dense dark orange brown very clayey sandy slightly gravelly angular COBBLES of siltstone and sandstone. Gravel is fine to coarse and angular.	(0.70)	
8.00 - 8.45	B8	C.N#29 3,7/2,6,7,4	8.00	dry	Medium dense becoming dense dark orange brown slightly clayey sandy angular dominantly coarse GRAVEL with occasional subangular cobbles of siltstone and sandstone. Sand is fine to coarse.	(2.00)	
9.00 - 9.24	B9	C.S# 5,6/17,33 for 10mm	9.00 03/12/2001 9.00	dry	Strong grey fine medium grained SANDSTONE. Slightly weathered fractures discontinuous are subhorizontal closely spaced rough planar light with rare sandy silt infilling.	9.10 +321.98	
9.30 - 9.35	T5		05/12/2001 9.30	dry		(0.55)	
9.30 - 10.80m	T6	C.S# 25 for 40mm/50 for 10mm		dry			
Depth	100 200 300	if	Records	Date Casing	Time Water		
Groundwater				Remarks:			
Groundwater Not Encountered.				Standpipe piezometer installed, 19 mm diameter, response zone from 10.50m to 11.50m			
				Casing: 7.10m to 7.30m 30minutes. Chisel. 8.35m to 8.60m 30minutes. Chisel. 9.00m to 9.30m 40minutes. Chisel			
				Hole backfill: 0.50m to 0.55m Concrete (c), 0.50m to 5.00m Grout (g), 5.20m to 5.50m Bentonite (b), 4.50m to 7.00m Bentonite (b), 7.00m to 10.00m Grout (g), 10.00m to 10.50m Bentonite (b), 11.50m to 12.00m Bentonite (b), 12.00m to 14.75m Grout (g). Surface protection: Stop Cook Cover			
				Standpipe Piezometer installed, 19mm diameter, response zone from 5.50m to 6.50m.			
Notes: For explanation of symbols and abbreviations see key sheet. All depths and reduced levels in metres. Stratum thickness given in brackets in depth column. Scale 1 : 50			Project		Borehole		
			LLANWONNO TIPS		LWT2		
			Project no. 151258		Sheet 1 of 2		
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Drilled by Logged by Checked by		Equipment and Methods See sheet 1				Ground Level National Grid Coordinates	
JRM/J CW SC						+315.04 m OD E 361147.81 N 198315.12	
Samples and Tests				Strata			
Depth	Type & No.	Records	Date Casing	Time Water	Description	Depth, Level (Thickness)	Legend
10.00 - 10.40	B19	C 3 2, 1/2, 2, 1, 4 for 25mm	10.00	stone	As sheet 1	(10.75)	
10.80 - 11.00	B19	30 boxes 450mm recovered	10.00	dry	Very stiff slightly sandy slightly gravelly SILT. Sand is fine to coarse, gravel is angular to subangular fine to coarse of siltstone and sandstone.	10.75 +304.20	
11.00 - 11.50	U17					11.00 +304.04	
11.50	D18						
11.75 - 12.15	B19	C 50 5, 4, 4, 3, 14, 20 for 20mm	11.75	dry	Very stiff orange brown slightly sandy slightly gravelly SILT, with occasional subangular to subrounded cobbles of sandstone. Sand is fine to coarse, gravel is angular to subangular of siltstone and sandstone.	(1.50)	
12.50 - 12.84	B20	C 50 4, 11, 15, 20, 18 for 40mm	12.50	dry	Sandstone.**	12.50 +302.54	
			05/12/2001 13.00	dry		(0.50)	
13.40 - 13.50m		C 50 25 for 10mm, 50 for 10mm	07/12/2001 13.40	dry	Orange brown generally weak occasionally moderately weak SANDSTONE. Highly weathered, fracture discontinuities are extremely closely spaced randomly orientated generally non intact. Recovered as sandy angular fine to coarse GRAVEL.	13.00 +302.04	
13.40 - 13.42			06/12/2001 13.40	dry		(2.50)	
13.90 - 15.00m	47 NI 14 NI 0 40						
15.00 - 15.50m	00 D 0 D						
15.50 - 17.00m	07 35 0 NI 91 240					From 15.50 to 15.90m non intact: Recovered as very clayey sandy angular fine to medium GRAVEL of siltstone.	15.50 +299.54
17.00 - 18.50m	03 45 42		07/12/2001 18.50	dry		Very weak becoming moderately weak dark grey SILTSTONE. Moderately weathered fracture discontinuities are horizontal closely spaced planar smooth moderately open with some clay infill.	(3.00m)
						From 17.00 to 17.40m non intact: Recovered as clayey slightly sandy GRAVEL of siltstone.	
						EXPLORATORY HOLE ENDS AT 18.50 m.	18.50 +296.54
Depth	100 500 1000	11	Records	Date Casing		Time Water	
Groundwater No. Shuck Behaviour				Remarks TCR/SCR/RGD: 13.40m to 13.50m 10 Casing: 11.50m to 13.50m 105mm/145. Chart: 12.50m to 13.00m 75mm/105. Chart: 13.00m to 13.40m 50mm/145. Chart			
Notes: For explanation of symbols and abbreviations see key sheet. All depths and reduced levels in metres. Stratum thickness given in brackets in depth column. Scale 1:50				Project Project no. Carried out for		LLANWONNO TIPS 151258 Rhonda Cynon Tal	
				Borehole LWT3 Sheet 2 of 2			

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Contract : TYLORSTOWN AND LLANWONNO TIPS		Borehole No. LWN 1.	
Client : RHONDDA BOROUGH COUNCIL			
Dates : 13.12.95-20.12.95	Job Number: A50279	Ground Level : 339.66 m AOD	
Location : Llanwonno Tip	Engineer : SIR WILLIAM HALCROW & PTNS	Coordinates : 301175.00 E 196371.75 N	

Core Run	Run Details				Depth (Thickness)	STRATA		Red. Level G.L.	Legend	Water	Insert/Backfill
	TCR	SCR	RQD	FI		DESCRIPTION					
						Discontinuities	Main				
1											
2					15.00						
3											
4											
5					5.00			334.66			
6	40	0	0	NI	11.50		MADE GROUND... Dark grey brown angular to subangular fine to coarse gravel with some angular to subangular cobbles of moderately weathered siltstone and shale with some silt and sand				
7					6.50			333.16			
8	40	0	0	NI	1.00		MADE GROUND... Dark grey coarse sand to angular fine gravel with coal and shale with some angular medium gravel to cobbles of shale and mudstone				
9	35	0	0	NI	7.50			332.16			
10	58	0	0	NI	1.30		PROBABLE MADE GROUND... Dark grey completely weathered mudstone and siltstone, very weak				
11	38	6	0	NI	8.80			330.86			
12	63	9	0	NI		Highly fractured some at 25 deg to core axis, rough with orange brown iron stained silt and sand.	Light grey green highly weathered coarse SANDSTONE, moderately strong with orange brown iron staining and a piece of wood at 8.80 m, possible pit prop				

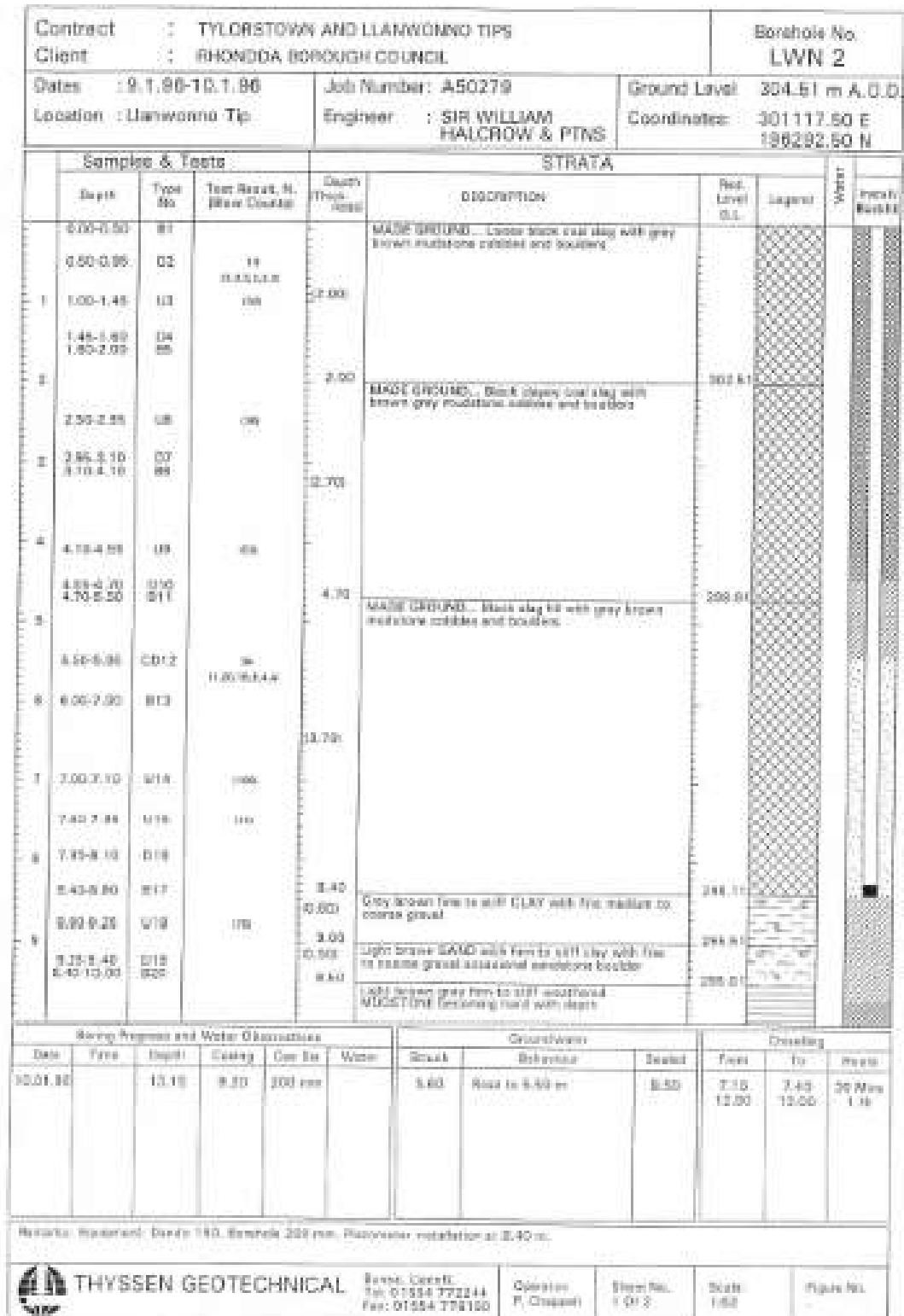
Drilling Progress and Water Observations						Groundwater		Flush	
Date	Time	Depth	Casing	Core Dia	Water	Struck	Standing	Type	Returns
13.12.95	1700	10.40	8.90	150				Air	0-100%
14.12.95	1700	18.75	10.40	155				Air	99%
15.12.95	1830	31.25	10.40	115		23.85	23.05	Air	99%
18.12.95	1700	42.50	10.40	116	23.42			Air	85%
19.12.95	1730	51.40	10.40	116				Air	90%
20.12.95	1700	55.45	10.40	115				Air	95%

Remarks: Equipment: Casagrande C6. Rotary Air Flush. SWF Core Barrel 5.0 m-10.40 m and 412 Core Barrel 10.40-55.45 m. Piezometer installation at 23.0 m.

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