

2 SITE WORKS

2.1 Site Clearing

- 2.1.1 The Site shall be cleared of all vegetation, rock, boulders, etc. and surface soil shall be removed as directed by the Consultant. The trees which are to be retained shall be protected from damage
- 2.1.2 Spreading, leveling and consolidating on site where required, shall be made with suitable surplus excavated material obtained from the Site. Other soils used for filling shall be approved by the Consultant
- 2.1.3 The Contractor shall dispose all unsuitable and surplus excavated material
- 2.1.4 The Contractor shall tidy up and leave the Site in a clean and sanitary condition at all times during the execution of the Works.

2.2 Excavation

- 2.2.1 Excavation shall be performed to the required depth as shown in the Drawings.
- 2.2.2 A survey of the existing site shall be made and the results of same submitted to the Consultant before commencement of the work
- 2.2.3 Excavation area shall be protected from any water flowing in. Sides of excavations shall be shored or inclined to retain excavation unless otherwise specified
- 2.2.4 Excavation near adjoining structures shall be executed with care so as not to damage those structures.
- 2.2.5 The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions during the excavation for the Works particularly those excavation which are adjoining existing buildings and shall protect such buildings from the damage or collapse by means of temporary or permanent shoring, strutting, sheet piling or underpinning or excavation in short lengths and/or other methods as he deems fit and also he shall properly support all foundations, trenches, walls, floors, etc. affecting the safety of the adjoining existing buildings.
- 2.2.6 The Contractor shall alter, adopt and maintain all such works described above for the whole period of the Contract and shall finally clear away and make good all damages done.
- 2.2.7 The construction and efficiency of the shoring, underpinning, strutting and the like for the purpose for which it is erected shall be the responsibility of the Contractor, should any subsidence or any other damage occur due to the inefficiency of the shoring, underpinning, strutting and the like or any other support provided, the damage shall be made good by the Contractor at his own expense and responsibility.
- 2.2.8 The shoring, strutting, piling and the like, shall be executed in such a manner as to cause as little inconvenience as possible to adjoining owners or the public and the Contractor shall be responsible for negotiating with the adjoining owners the means to safeguard their property and for the use of any portion of their land for the purpose of executing the excavations and no claims submitted on this ground will be entertained.
- 2.2.9 The Contractor shall be held solely responsible for the safety of the adjoining existing buildings, the sufficiency of all temporary or permanent shoring, underpinning, piling, and the like.

- 2.2.10 The Contractor shall keep the Consultant informed as to the manner in which he intends to proceed with the execution of the excavations and obtain his approval. Such approval if given shall not absolve the Contractor of his responsibility.
- 2.2.11 Excavation shall extend a sufficient distance from walls, footings, etc. to allow space for placing and removing shoring and formwork, for performing all work in the excavations and for the inspection of same.
- 2.2.12 Excavated material shall be deposited within specified areas as directed unless otherwise specified.
- 2.2.13 The Contractor is deemed to have inspected the site and to leave ascertained for himself as to the nature of the soil, etc. and also the areas where to collect and stack the materials for which necessary site clearance shall have to be made at his own cost.
- 2.2.14 Stacking or excavated materials shall be done at places approved by the Consultant and he shall have recorded the original ground levels of such places jointly with the Contractor before commencement of stacking operation.
- 2.2.15 Extra excavation and allied lead/lift required specifically for providing working space to workmen or shuttering to walls of basement etc. shall be measured for payment, no extra claim being allowed for such work incidental to development and executions of allied jobs. Only authorized excavation approved by the Consultant shall be paid for
- 2.2.16 Sufficient clear working space shall be left all around excavated area. The disposal of waste/unserviceable materials may be in filling and/or in embankment according to nature of place of disposal. The appropriate specifications for filling and/or embankment shall apply
- 2.2.17 All foundation trenches shall be excavated to the full widths and depths shown on the drawings or to such greater or smaller depths as may be found necessary in the opinion of the Consultant and so instructed by his representative.
- 2.2.18 Should any excavation be taken down below the specified levels, the Contractor shall fill in such excavation at his own cost with cement concrete specified for foundations, well rammed in position until it is brought up to the level.
- 2.2.19 The Contractor shall notify to the Consultant when the excavation is completed and no concrete or masonry shall be laid until the Consultant has inspected of the soil for each individual footing.
- 2.2.20 All foundation pits shall be refilled to the original surface of the ground with approved materials, which shall be well consolidated as instructed by the Consultant.
- 2.2.21 The Contractor shall erect temporary barricades around the excavations and if necessarily make provisions of red lamps.
- 2.2.22 The Contractor shall remove/maintain/restore all service lines like telephone, water supply, electricity etc. without any extra charges.
- 2.3 De-watering**
- 2.3.1 Where the excavation level is below the natural water table and it is necessary to pump continuously from the excavation or to install a specialist type of dewatering equipment around the perimeter of the site or excavation, the Contractor will be responsible for ensuring the safety and stability of all adjoining structures and services or utilities above or below ground level.
- 2.3.2 It will also be the responsibility of the Contractor that the equipment installed shall ensure that the excavation and subsequent construction is carried out in dry conditions.

- 2.3.3 Continuous or permanent de-watering of the excavation or Site may not be undertaken without the written approval of the Consultant and the methods to be employed shall also comply with Codes of Practice and Local Authority requirements.
- 2.3.4 The water pumped from the excavations or well points shall be pumped to disposal points or sumps approved by the Consultant and the Local Authority and if so required be passed through settling tanks before disposal.
- 2.3.5 Unless prior approval has been obtained no water must be disposed of in the Municipality's sewer systems.

2.4 Backfill

- 2.4.1 All earth used for filling shall unless otherwise stated, be selected hard dry material from the excavation the maximum dry density of the fill material shall be not less than 1600 kg/m³.
- 2.4.2 The backfill of excavations shall be placed in horizontal layers not exceeding 300mm in thickness. Each layer shall be compacted by hand or other mechanical means to the required density before the next layer is added
- 2.4.3 Care shall be taken when filling or back-filling to avoid any wedging action or eccentric action upon or against the structure of the work.
- 2.4.4 Before placing the fill, the surface of the sub-grade shall be compacted at optimum water content to the same percentage of maximum dry density required of subsequent lay.
- 2.4.5 The Consultant will inspect all compacting devices that the Contractor proposes and shall have the right to reject any device which he feels is unsuitable for the job.
- 2.4.6 Heavy equipment for spreading and compacting fill and backfills shall not be operated closer to walls than a distance to the difference in height between the top of the footings and the layer being compacted.
- 2.4.7 When back-filling behind retaining walls, basement walls and the like the said structures shall be kept propped during the complete operation. The hydraulic compaction of fill shall not be permitted and the back filling shall be carried out in layers not exceeding 150 mm thick.
- 2.4.8 Each layer shall be compacted to 90% of the modified compaction. No back filling shall be carried out until the wall concrete has achieved its full works cube strength and care shall be exercised so as not to damage the external tanking membrane and its protection.