

May 23, 2023

Mr. Jon Kent  
Herring Homes  
933 Old Knight Road  
Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

**Subject: Summary of Foundation Bearing Material Evaluation & 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Inspection  
Lot No. 15 – (98 Grand Griffon Way)  
Griffon Pointe Subdivision  
Lillington, North Carolina  
Permit Number: 2209-0079  
SUMMIT Project Number: 0040.F0001 (38172-00)**

Dear Mr. Kent:

On May 16, 2023, a representative of SUMMIT Engineering, Laboratory and Testing, Inc. (SUMMIT) visited the subject site for the purpose of observing the near surface foundation bearing materials and to perform a third-party footing inspection for the proposed residential structure. The following is a summary of our onsite observations and evaluation.

The residential foundations were excavated approximately 16 inches wide and approximately 18 inches below the existing ground surface. We observed that the exterior and interior wall foundations, lugs, and rear deck footings, were prepared per the structural plans provided onsite.

Our work included testing and bearing grade evaluations of the in-place soil at the bottom of the foundation excavations. Hand auger borings were incrementally advanced by manually twisting a sharpened steel auger into the soil at selected locations along the footing excavation. The soil consistency in the bottom of the excavation and at selected intervals below the bearing grade were evaluated by Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) testing. The conical point of the DCP was first seated to penetrate any loose cuttings and then driven three additional 1-3/4 inch increments with blows from a 15-pound hammer falling 20 inches. The soil's strength characteristics and foundation support capability were determined based on the average blows per increment (bpi) over the last two increments to achieve this penetration. Additionally, the entire excavated foundation was evaluated by hand probing using a 1/2 inch diameter steel probe rod to check for soft areas between our hand auger boring locations.

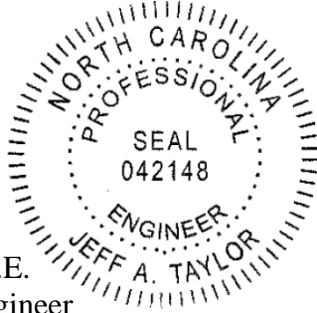
The materials exposed at the bottom of the foundation excavations generally consisted of brown-tan, sandy-clay (residual soils) and were free of significant quantities of organics and debris. If additional testing for the purpose of estimating volumetric change (shrink/swell) potential or to estimate consolidation is desired, SUMMIT can provide these services.

Based on the results of our DCP testing, hand probing, and our site observations, the soils encountered are suitable for support of the residential structure utilizing a net allowable soil bearing pressure of **2,000 pounds-per-square-foot**. Concrete is ready to be placed for the foundation areas.

If foundation bearing materials are exposed to inclement weather or adverse construction activities, **SUMMIT** should be contacted to re-evaluate the foundation bearing materials prior to concrete placement.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you during this phase of the project. If you need further assistance or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
**SUMMIT** Engineering, Laboratory and Testing, Inc.



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