December 19, 2023

Mr. Johnny Byrd SBM Homes LLC PO Box #71 Raleigh, NC 27602



Summary of Foundation Bearing Material Evaluation & 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Inspection Lot No. 51 – (490 Ray Byrd Road)
Angier, North Carolina
Permit No.: 2311-0054

**SUMMIT Project Number: 9498.F0001 (39572-00)** 

Dear Mr. Byrd:

On December 15, 2023, a representative of SUMMIT Engineering, Laboratory and Testing, Inc. (**SUMMIT**) visited the subject site for the purpose of observing and evaluating the near surface foundation bearing materials and to perform a third-party 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 12 inches below the existing ground surface prior to our site visit. The exterior and interior wall foundations, thickened slab sections, and lugs were prepared per the onsite structural plans. Based on our measurements, the footings are in compliance with the signed and sealed project structural foundation plans provided onsite and Chapter 4 of the 2018 North Carolina Residential code. Additionally, we observed that the vapor barrier was in place and that the foundation insulation had been placed along the exterior wall foundations.

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 was 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 was 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 ½ inch diameter steel probe rod to check for soft areas at the surface intermediate of our hand auger boring locations.

The materials exposed at the bottom of excavations generally consisted of processed fill underlain by orange-brown, sandy-clay (residual soils). If additional testing for the purpose of estimating volumetric change (shrink/swell) potential or to estimate consolidation of the tested soils is desired, **SUMMIT** can provide these services.

Based on the results of our DCP testing, hand probing, and 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 and slab 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.

**SUMMIT** appreciates the opportunity to provide our professional services to you on this project. If you have any questions concerning the information in this report or if we can be of further service, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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