March 6, 2024



Mr. Donnie Bentley Dan Ryan Builders – North Carolina, LLC 3131 RDU Center Drive, Suite 120 Morrisville, North Carolina 27560

Subject: Summary of Foundation Bearing Material Evaluation & 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Inspection

Lot No. 5 – (95 Shelby Meadow Lane)

Honeycutt Hills Subdivision Angier, North Carolina Permit Number: 2401-0053

**SUMMIT Project Number: 3241-14R (39952-00)** 

Order No.: 5281\_000722

Dear Mr. Bentley:

On March 1, 2024, 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 foundation inspection for the proposed residential structure. The following is a summary of our onsite observations and evaluation.

The residential footings were excavated approximately 16 inches wide and approximately 18 inches below the existing ground surface prior to our site visit. We observed that the exterior and interior wall foundations and lugs 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 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 tan-brown, sandy-clay (residual soils) and were free of significant quantities of organics and debris. It should be noted that soft soils were encountered to an approximate depth of 2 feet below the planned foundation bearing elevation at the right rear exterior wall foundation corner. The contractor was informed and **SUMMIT** recommended over-excavating to firm soils in the areas designated in marking paint. **SUMMIT** remained onsite to observe that the recommended over-excavations had been completed. We recommend backfilling the over-excavated areas with compacted clean washed stone (NCDOT No. 57 stone) wrapped in a woven geotextile (Mirafi 500x or equivalent) or place full depth concrete. 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, the completed remedial measures, 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**. The foundation bearing soils are in accordance with the HUD requirements.

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,

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

Adam D. Perry, E.I. Staff Professional