



October 1, 2024

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

**Subject: Summary of Foundation Bearing Material Evaluation & 3rd Party Inspection
788 Roberts Road
Sanford, North Carolina
Permit Number: 2408-0130
Project Number: 9498.F0003 (41373-00)**

Dear Mr. Byrd:

On September 23, 2024, a representative of UES PROFESSIONAL SOLUTIONS 29, INC. (**UES**) 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 structural foundation plans provided onsite and Chapter 4 of the 2018 North Carolina Residential code. Additionally, we observed that the vapor barrier was installed in the slab area 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 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 1/2 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 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, **UES** 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**.

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

UES 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,

UES PROFESSIONAL SOLUTIONS 29, INC.

Jeff A. Taylor, P.E.
Geotechnical Engineer



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam D. Perry".

Adam D. Perry, E.I.
Staff Professional

