

July 31, 2025

Mr. Chris Hare Mattamy Homes 1210 Trinity Road, Suite 102 Raleigh, North Carolina 27607

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

Lot No. 44 – (176 Mendenhall Drive)

Riverfall Subdivision Angier, North Carolina Permit Number: 2506-0073

Project Number: 1852-10R (42865-00)

Order No.:

Dear Mr. Hare:

On July 8, 9, 17, and 18, 2025, 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.

**UES** returned on July 17, 2025 to perform a third-party footing inspection. The third-party footing inspection failed due to the minimum footing widths not being met at several locations. The contractor was informed and **UES** recommended excavating the footings in accordance with the specified plans provided onsite. We returned on July 18, 2025 and observed that the recommended remedial measures had been completed. 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 installed 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 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-orange, silty-sand and 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 18 inches below the existing foundation bearing elevation throughout the excavated footing. The contractor was informed and **UES** recommended over-excavating to firms soils throughout the entire footing, including the thickened slab sections and porches. **UES** returned on July 9, 2025 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 is desired, **UES** 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**.

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,

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Geotechnical Engineer

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