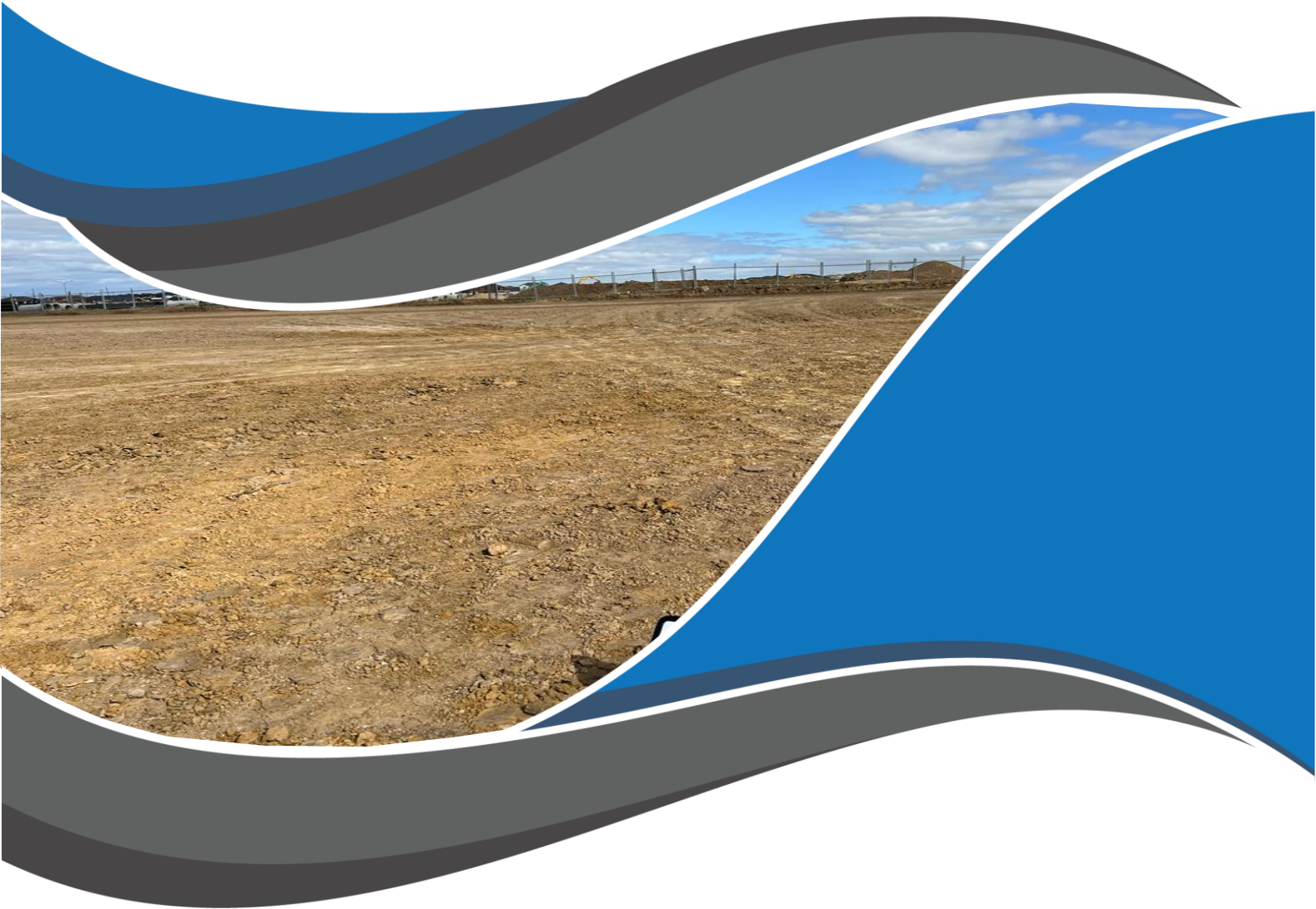


# **Merrifield Estate - Stage 43, Mickleham**

## **Level 1 Inspection & Testing Report**

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## 1 Introduction

This report presents the results of the Level 1 Inspection and Testing for the construction of the fill platforms located in Merrifield Estate - Stage 43, Mickleham.

## 2 Project Summary

It is understood that BMD Urban required the fill platforms within Merrifield Estate - Stage 43, Mickleham to be constructed under Level 1 Inspection and Testing undertaken by a Geotechnical Inspection and Testing Authority (GITA).

Level 1 Inspection and Testing, as defined in AS3798-2007 "Guidelines on Earthworks for Commercial and Residential Development," provides for full time inspection of the construction of controlled fill and field and laboratory testing in accordance with AS1289 "Methods of Testing Soils for Engineering Purposes".

The Level 1 inspection was undertaken by a Geotechnician from A&Y Associates over a period of five (5) working days from the **10<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**.

This report is applicable for fill placed by BMD Urban in Merrifield Estate - Stage 43, Mickleham, as shown in Appendix A – Site Plan.

A heat map indicating the amount of cut and fill prepared by JAC Surveyors dated 10th March 2022 has been attached in Appendix A along with the site plan.

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### 3 Project Specifications

No specification has been provided for the construction works in Merrifield Estate - Stage 43, Mickleham. The supervision and inspections were performed based on AS3798. A short summary of the requirements outlined in AS3798 is provided below:

- Material to be used for fill construction shall satisfy the requirements of AS3798-2007 "Guidelines on Earthworks for Commercial and Residential Developments". The material used shall be free of:
  - All filling in excess of 300mm depth within the building envelope of allotments shall be undertaken to specifications satisfying the requirements of AS3798;
  - Organic soils, such as topsoils, severely root affected subsoil and peat;
  - Contaminated soils;
  - Materials which undergo volume change or loss of strength when disturbed and exposed to moisture;
  - Silts, or materials that have deleterious engineering properties of silt;
  - Fill that contains wood, metal, plastic, boulders, or other deleterious material, in sufficient proportions to affect the required performance of fill;
  - The maximum particle size of any rocks or other lump, within the layer, has not exceeded two-thirds (2/3) of the compacted layer thickness.
- Compaction to achieve a dry density ratio of at least 95% Standard, as the project was classified as **Residential**.

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## 4 Subgrade Assessment

The subgrade was assessed by A&Y Associates following the topsoil removal and before any fill was placed. The subgrade assessment was undertaken on the **10<sup>th</sup> of February 2022** as mentioned in report *1120 0316-1-Rev1 (SSI1)*.

The exposed subgrade material comprised natural silty clay. No wet or soft patches were found during the inspection. No evidence of deleterious material was found during the inspection.

## 5 Earthworks

The earthworks for this project included stripping of topsoil, removing of tree roots, proof rolling the subgrade and placement and compaction of fill to construct engineered platforms.

Based on design plans and site inspection, it appears that the fill thickness placed is approximately 200mm-1000mm. The fill layers or thickness nominated in this report are provided as a guide on the amounts of fill placed and do not necessarily reflect an accurate survey of the fill levels.

## 6 Fill Material

The fill material used for the platform consisted of site derived material. The material was predominantly comprised of Silty Clay with gravel.

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## 7 Testing

Field density testing was undertaken on the compacted fill at a frequency of a minimum of 3 tests per lot (AS3798 Table 8.1).

Tests were performed using a Nuclear Density Gauge for field density determination as per AS 1289.5.8.1. Testing was completed at a minimum rate of 3 field density tests per day's production based on the minimum requirements of AS 3798-2007 and taken from each layer of fill placed.

A total of 15 field density tests were performed during the earthworks. All of the test results met the specified compaction requirement of 95% Standard Compaction.

The locations of the 15 field density tests are shown in Appendix B – Test Locations. A summary of the test results obtained from the field density testing is presented in Appendix C – Test Results Summary. The laboratory test reports of the field density tests are presented in Appendix D – NATA Test Results.

## 8 Finished Surface Levels

It should be noted that even though the final fill layer meets the specification requirements, over time, the material may be subject to adverse weather conditions resulting in either surface softening or drying and cracking. The top 150mm – 200mm of the fill will deteriorate with time and should be considered by the foundation engineer.

## 9 Exclusion

A&Y Associates was not involved in monitoring and testing the following works and as such are not included in the Level 1 report.

- Any trenches excavated and backfilled on site for the installation of underground services such as sewers, electrical conduits, water mains etc.
- Footpaths in front of the lots that may be excavated and filled after the Level 1 supervision conducted by A&Y Associates.
- Uncontrolled fill and topsoil that may have been placed as part of the landscaping of the site following the completion of the engineered fill construction.



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## **10 Conclusion**

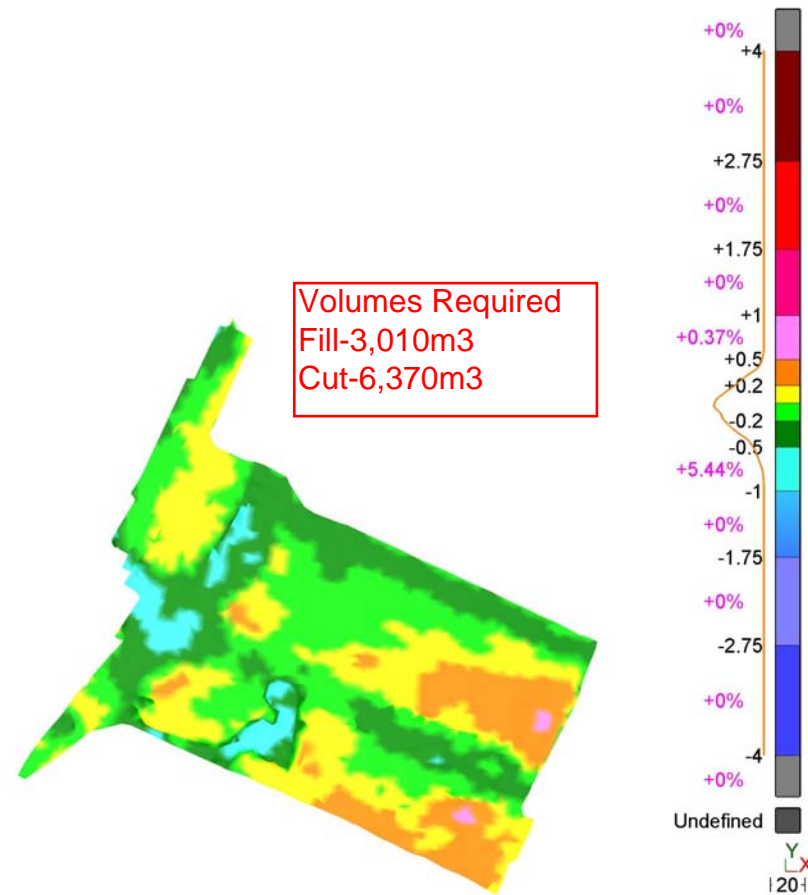
On the completion of the earthworks and after analysing the materials used, it has been concluded that the filling procedure conducted by BMD Urban appears to be consistent with the requirements of AS 3798 in regards to the placement of fill materials on a project under Level 1 Supervision and in accordance with the project specification as provided to A&Y Associates.

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## **Appendix A - Site Plan**



# Merrifield St43 Heatmap

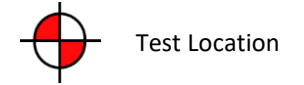



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## **Appendix B – Test Locations**



<b>PROJECT:</b> Merrifield Estate – Stage 43 (Level 1)	<b>CLIENT:</b> BMD Urban	<b>SITE PLAN SKETCH—NOT TO SCALE</b>	 <b>A&amp;Y ASSOCIATES</b> GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS
<b>LOCATION:</b> Mickleham	<b>PROJECT No:</b> 1120 0316-1		

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## **Appendix C – Test Results Summary**

Project No		1120 0316-1			Client	BMD Urban				
Project Name		Merrifield Estate - Stage 43 (Level 1)			Specification			Density Ratio $\geq$ 95% of Peak Wet Density		
Location		Mickleham								
Test No	Retest of Test	Date	Location	Layer	Oversize	Density Ratio	Moisture Ratio	Moisture Variation	Pass / Fail	Retest
#	#		Lot #	#	%	%	%	%		Pass / Fail
1	-	10/02/2022	-	1	4.5	97.0	99.0	-0.5	Pass	-
2	-	10/02/2022	-	1	4.8	96.0	98.0	-0.5	Pass	-
3	-	10/02/2022	-	1	4.5	96.5	97.0	-1.0	Pass	-
4	-	15/02/2022	-	2	3.5	98.5	97.0	-1.0	Pass	-
5	-	15/02/2022	-	2	4.5	98.0	98.0	-0.5	Pass	-
6	-	15/02/2022	-	2	4.2	97.5	96.0	-1.0	Pass	-
7	-	21/02/2022	-	3	4.8	96.0	98.0	-0.5	Pass	-
8	-	21/02/2022	-	3	4.3	95.0	98.5	-0.5	Pass	-
9	-	21/02/2022	-	3	4.2	95.0	99.0	-0.5	Pass	-
10	-	22/02/2022	-	4	3.6	98.0	98.0	-0.5	Pass	-
11	-	22/02/2022	-	4	4.1	98.5	98.5	-0.5	Pass	-
12	-	22/02/2022	-	4	5.5	96.5	95.5	-1.0	Pass	-
13	-	2/03/2022	-	5	4.0	95.0	98.5	-0.5	Pass	-
14	-	2/03/2022	-	5	3.8	95.5	99.5	0.0	Pass	-
15	-	2/03/2022	-	5	6.1	95.5	97.0	-0.5	Pass	-
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## **Appendix D – NATA Test Results**

## Field Density Test Results AS1289.5.7.1

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<b>Project:</b>	Merrifield Estate - Stage 43 (Level 1)			<b>Report:</b>	1		
<b>Location:</b>	Mickleham						

Sample No	1	2	3			
Date Tested	10/02/2022	10/02/2022	10/02/2022			
Time Tested	PM	PM	PM			

Test Location	Refer to Plan	Refer to Plan	Refer to Plan			
Level/Layer	Layer 1	Layer 1	Layer 1			
Layer Thickness	mm 200	mm 200	mm 200			
Test Depth	mm 175	mm 175	mm 175			
Field Wet Density	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.94	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.95	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.91			
Field Moisture Content	% 21.8	% 22.1	% 22.3			
Material:	Imported Clay	Imported Clay	Imported Clay			

Oversize Material	WET, % 4.5	WET, % 4.8	WET, % 4.5			
Sieve Size	mm 19	mm 19	mm 19			
Peak Converted Wet Density	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.99	t/m <sup>3</sup> 2.02	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.96			
Optimum Moisture Content	% 22	% 22.5	% 23			

<b>Moisture Ratio</b>	% 99	% 98	% 97			
<b>Moisture Variation</b>	% -0.5	% -0.5	% -1.0			
<b>from OMC</b>	Drier	Drier	Drier			
<b>Density Ratio</b>	% 97.0	% 96.0	% 96.5			

<b>Specification:</b>	95% STD	<b>Test Selection:</b>	N/A
<b>Notes:</b>	Ref : 1120 0316-1 (SI01)		
<b>Test Method</b>	AS1289 5.8.1, 5.7.1, 2.1.1, 1.1	<b>Sampling Method:</b>	AS 1289 1.2.1 6.4(b)



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<b>Location:</b>	Mickleham						

Sample No	4	5	6			
Date Tested	15/02/2022	15/02/2022	15/02/2022			
Time Tested	PM	PM	PM			

Test Location	Refer to Plan	Refer to Plan	Refer to Plan			
Level/Layer	Layer 2	Layer 2	Layer 2			
Layer Thickness	mm 200	mm 200	mm 200			
Test Depth	mm 175	mm 175	mm 175			
Field Wet Density	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.95	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.91	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.91			
Field Moisture Content	% 25.7	% 24.0	% 24.5			
Material:	Imported Clay	Imported Clay	Imported Clay			

Oversize Material	WET, %	3.5	4.5	4.2		
Sieve Size	mm	19	19	19		
Peak Converted Wet Density	t/m <sup>3</sup>	1.97	1.94	1.94		
Optimum Moisture Content	%	26.5	24.5	25.5		



  

<b>Moisture Ratio</b>	%	97	98	96		
<b>Moisture Variation</b>	%	-1.0	-0.5	-1.0		
<b>from OMC</b>		Drier	Drier	Drier		
<b>Density Ratio</b>	%	98.5	98.0	97.5		

<b>Specification:</b>	95% STD	<b>Test Selection:</b>	N/A
<b>Notes:</b>	Ref : 1120 0316-1 (SI02)		
<b>Test Method</b>	AS1289 5.8.1, 5.7.1, 2.1.1, 1.1	<b>Sampling Method:</b>	AS 1289 1.2.1 6.4(b)

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<b>Location:</b>	Mickleham						

Sample No	7	8	9			
Date Tested	21/02/2022	21/02/2022	21/02/2022			
Time Tested	AM	AM	AM			

Test Location	Refer to Plan	Refer to Plan	Refer to Plan			
Level/Layer	Layer 3	Layer 3	Layer 3			
Layer Thickness	mm 200	mm 200	mm 200			
Test Depth	mm 175	mm 175	mm 175			
Field Wet Density	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.97	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.93	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.91			
Field Moisture Content	% 23.5	% 22.1	% 21.3			
Material:	Imported Clay	Imported Clay	Imported Clay			

Oversize Material	WET, %	4.8	4.3	4.2		
Sieve Size	mm	19	19	19		
Peak Converted Wet Density	t/m <sup>3</sup>	2.05	2.02	2.00		
Optimum Moisture Content	%	24	22.5	21.5		

<b>Moisture Ratio</b>	%	98	98.5	99		
<b>Moisture Variation</b>	%	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5		
<b>from OMC</b>		Drier	Drier	Drier		
<b>Density Ratio</b>	%	96.0	95.0	95.0		

<b>Specification:</b>	95% STD	<b>Test Selection:</b>	N/A
<b>Notes:</b>	Ref : 1120 0316-1 (SI03)		
<b>Test Method</b>	AS1289 5.8.1, 5.7.1, 2.1.1, 1.1	<b>Sampling Method:</b>	AS 1289 1.2.1 6.4(b)



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<b>Location:</b>	Mickleham					
Sample No	10	11	12			
Date Tested	22/02/2022	22/02/2022	22/02/2022			
Time Tested	AM	AM	AM			
Test Location	Refer to Plan	Refer to Plan	Refer to Plan			
Level/Layer	Layer 4	Layer 4	Layer 4			
Layer Thickness	mm 200	mm 200	mm 200			
Test Depth	mm 175	mm 175	mm 175			
Field Wet Density	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.93	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.97	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.98			
Field Moisture Content	% 23.0	% 27.6	% 22.5			
Material:	Imported Clay	Imported Clay	Imported Clay			
Oversize Material	WET, % 3.6	WET, % 4.1	WET, % 5.5			
Sieve Size	mm 19	mm 19	mm 19			
Peak Converted Wet Density	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.96	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.99	t/m <sup>3</sup> 2.04			
Optimum Moisture Content	% 23.5	% 28	% 23.5			
<b>Moisture Ratio</b>	% 98	% 98.5	% 95.5			
<b>Moisture Variation</b>	% -0.5	% -0.5	% -1.0			
<b>from OMC</b>	Drier	Drier	Drier			
<b>Density Ratio</b>	% 98.0	% 98.5	% 96.5			

<b>Specification:</b>	95% STD	<b>Test Selection:</b>	N/A
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<b>Location:</b>	Mickleham					

Sample No	13	14	15			
Date Tested	02/03/2022	02/03/2022	02/03/2022			
Time Tested	PM	PM	PM			

Test Location	Refer to Plan	Refer to Plan	Refer to Plan			
Level/Layer	Layer 5	Layer 5	Layer 5			
Layer Thickness	mm 200	mm 200	mm 200			
Test Depth	mm 175	mm 175	mm 175			
Field Wet Density	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.95	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.92	t/m <sup>3</sup> 1.94			
Field Moisture Content	% 22.6	% 21.9	% 21.8			
Material:	Imported Clay	Imported Clay	Imported Clay			

Oversize Material	WET, %	4.0	3.8	6.1		
Sieve Size	mm	19	19	19		
Peak Converted Wet Density	t/m <sup>3</sup>	2.04	2.01	2.01		
Optimum Moisture Content	%	23	22	22.5		



  

<b>Moisture Ratio</b>	%	98.5	99.5	97		
<b>Moisture Variation</b>	%	-0.5	0.0	-0.5		
<b>from OMC</b>		Drier	OMC	Drier		
<b>Density Ratio</b>	%	95.0	95.5	95.5		

<b>Specification:</b>	95% STD	<b>Test Selection:</b>	N/A
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