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201. EARTHWORKS

201.1 GENERAL

201.1.1 Scope

Earthworks under this Specification include excavation and backfill for road works, compacted fill and surfaces and other earthworks and works related thereto, as required in the Works.

201.1.2 Classification of Excavation

Unless specific items for Rock Excavation are included in the Bill of Quantities, earthwork will not be classified in accordance with the hardness of the excavated material and all excavation will be deemed to consist of Common Excavation, as defined hereafter, regardless of the actual hardness of the excavated material.

Where excavation is classified according to hardness of excavated materials, the following definitions shall apply:

- Rock excavation shall include hard and solid rock that cannot be broken up by mechanical excavating equipment, including a heavy tractor equipped with a rooter, but which necessitates the use of pneumatic tools or blasting for its loosening and removal. Rock excavation shall also include detached boulders exceeding one half of a cubic meter in volume.
- Common excavation shall include all material other than rock as defined above and also detached boulders less than one half of a cubic meter in volume.

No material, except the aforesaid, will be defined as rock and classified as such for the purpose of payment, whether actually loosened by blasting, pneumatic tools or otherwise.

The decision as to the classification of any excavation into "rock" or "common" shall be at the sole discretion of the Engineer's Representative, subject only to Clause 2 of the General Conditions of Contract.

Where specific items for Rock Excavation are included in the Bill of Quantities, the Contractor shall not be entitled to be paid for excavation in rock unless, at the time the excavation is open and visible, the Contractor shall give notice in writing to the Engineer's Representative that he claims to be paid for excavation in rock. After giving

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such notice the Contractor shall not fill in the excavation or otherwise prevent it from being inspected by the Engineer's Representative for the purpose of classification and determination of payline in respect of same.

201.1.3 *Natural Ground Levels*

The natural ground levels, as marked on the Drawings, shall form the basis of measurement for payment for excavation, fill and all other works where the site levels have bearing and no field surveys will be made. Natural ground levels at intermediate points shall be checked on the field by the Contractor.

The Contractor shall check the natural ground levels before the commencement of earthworks, and such checking shall be made by the Contractor at his own expense, in the presence of the Engineer. The results, approvals in writing by the Engineer, shall thereafter prevail.

The cost of checking natural ground levels shall be borne by the Contractor alone, whether checking is carried out at the Engineer's request or at the Contractor's own request. No allowance will be made for normal bulking or shrinking of the soil and the Contractor shall make allowance for this in his rates.

201.1.4 *Use of Explosives*

The Contractor shall use explosives only with the written express permission of the Engineer's Representative and all blasting shall be carried out by properly licensed and qualified workmen under experienced supervision. When using explosives, the Contractor shall abide by and conform to all the Laws pertaining to the purchase, transportation, storage and handling of explosives and shall obtain all required licenses from and make all necessary arrangements with the relevant authorities prior to commencing blasting operations.

When blasting operations are in progress, all precautions shall be taken to protect all persons and livestock, the Works, and any other property from injury or damage.

The Engineer's Representative shall have the power to regulate, restrict or prohibit blasting if in his opinion it is necessary to do so for the safety of persons or property, or to safeguard the foundations or sides of the excavation, and the Contractor shall have no claim against the Employer in respect of such regulations or prohibitions. Explosives shall not be used within 20 meters or any other distance as the Engineer's Representative may direct, of concrete in permanent structures.

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Notwithstanding anything said in this Sub-Section, the Contractor shall be held solely and entirely responsible for any injuries to persons and livestock and damage to public or private property.

201.1.5 Program and Methods of Work

In addition to the information furnished by the Contractor with his Tender, the Contractor shall, after award of Contract but no later than two weeks prior to commencement of Works, submit for the Engineer's approval detailed proposed methods of excavating, transporting and placing earthfill material, watering and compacting and any subsequent modifications thereof, together with a detailed list of quantities and type of plant to be used for all these operations. Amendments shall be made by the Contractor in accordance with any instructions issued by the Engineer before commencement of works and from time to time.

201.1.6 Excavated Materials - Handling and Disposal

As far as practicable and as determined by the Engineer's Representative, all suitable materials from excavations shall be used in the permanent construction required under the Contract.

The Contractor's operations in excavations shall be such as to yield the maximum of suitable materials for construction purposes, and shall be subject to the approval of the Engineer's Representative. Where practicable, and as determined by the Engineer's Representative, suitable materials shall be excavated separately from those considered unsuitable, and the suitable materials shall be segregated by loads during the excavation operations and shall be placed in the designated final locations either directly from the excavation, or shall be placed in temporary stockpiles for later placing in the designated locations, all as directed by the Engineer's Representative.

Excavated materials that are considered unsuitable or are in excess of those required for permanent construction, shall be removed from the Site. The Contractor shall be entirely responsible for the removal of all surplus excavated material from the Site to such disposal areas as he shall have obtained at his own cost and responsibility and shall keep the Employer indemnified against any claims, charges or proceedings arising out of the transportation and disposal of such surplus excavated material.

Spoil heaps shall be located where they will not interfere with the progress of the Works, or with the flow of water in natural streams or drainage courses, and where they will

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neither detract from the appearance of the completed project and environment, nor interfere with access to the structures. Spoil heaps shall be levelled and trimmed to reasonable regular lines, as determined by the Engineer's Representative.

The cost of complying with all requirements of this Sub-Section shall be deemed to be included by the Contractor in his unit rates for the various items in the Bill of Quantities and shall not be paid for separately.

201.1.7 Restoration of Waterways and Pipelines

The Contractor shall clean out and restore to their original condition all waterways or pipelines which may have been cut by the excavation or in any way damaged or silted up as a result of his operations.

Unless specific items are provided in the Bill of Quantities the cost of all additional work involved in crossing under or cutting through any waterways and pipelines and reinstating to their original condition shall be deemed to be included by the Contractor in his unit rates for the various items in the Bill of Quantities and shall not be paid for separately.

201.1.8 Restoration of Surfaces

The Contractor shall be responsible for the temporary and permanent restoration of all surfaces of roads, fields, paths, gardens, verges etc. whether public or private which are affected by his operations.

Temporary restoration shall be carried out immediately after the excavations have been refilled by returning the excavated material to the position from which it was removed and adding such suitable materials as may be required and consolidating the various materials as the work proceeds in order to provide a surface that is adequate for the purpose that the original surface fulfilled. Temporary surfaces shall be maintained in a condition satisfactory to the Engineer and responsible Authority until the permanent reinstatement is made.

The Contractor shall be responsible for the permanent reinstatement of all surfaces already described including asphalt surfaced public roads as specified in Section 201.3.

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Should, at any time, any trench become dangerous, the Engineer will be at liberty to call upon the Contractor to restore it to a proper condition at three hours' notice and, should the Contractor fail to carry out the work, have it done at the Contractor's expense.

The Contractor shall include in his rates for all materials and labour which he may have to employ in reinstating the trenches and surfaces to the satisfaction of the responsible Authority concerned.

Restoration shall be deemed to be included by the Contractor in his various unit rates for earthworks and shall not be paid for separately, except where specific items have been provided in the Bill of Quantities.

201.1.9 Equipment for Earthworks

Generally, equipment for earthworks, shall be of a modern type and of a design suited for each specific purpose. Only equipment and machinery approved by the Engineer shall be used in the Works.

Grading equipment shall be of any type of earthmoving equipment the Contractor may desire or has at his disposal, provided the equipment is in a satisfactory condition and of such capacity that the program can be maintained. The Contractor shall furnish, operate and maintain such equipment as is necessary to control uniform layers, section and smoothness of grade for compaction and drainage.

Compacting equipment shall be of a design, weight and quantity so as to obtain the required density.

Equipment, such as vibrating machines, may be used for compacting and consolidating the embankments, subgrades, and other areas, upon approval of the Engineer. Such equipment shall be routed over the area being compacted and shall be operated until the required density is obtained.

Watering shall be carried out by means of tank wagons, tank trucks, or distributors equipped with a suitable sprinkling device.

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201.2 CLEARING AND STRIPPING**201.2.1 Clearing**

The areas upon which new construction is to take place shall be cleared of all vegetation, shrubs and small and large trees, together with their roots, and from all other foreign and deleterious matter that may affect and interfere with the progress of the Works.

Trees and shrubs shall be cut or burnt down under strict control to ground level, the roots grubbed up to a depth of not less than 1.0m and removed from the area. All other scrub, vegetation, rubbish, etc., shall be cleared or burnt down to ground level and removed from the area to any distance.

All trees shall remain the property of the Employer and the Contractor shall collect these trees and store them until required by the Employer. All trees near to and about the Works except such as are to be removed, shall be carefully protected from damage by the Contractor during the period of maintenance and no trees shall be removed without the prior consent of the Engineer.

The Contractor shall take particular care at all times to prevent erosion on every site and elsewhere on land which may be affected by his operations and the Engineer may impose such reasonable limitations and restrictions upon the method of clearance and upon the timing and season of the year when clearance is carried out as the circumstances seem to him to warrant.

Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, clearing shall be measured by square meters. The unit rate shall include for all operations required under this Sub-Section, including removal of trees (see also Sub-Section 201.2.2 hereafter).

No clearing shall be carried out without prior written approval of the Engineer's Representative and only such areas approved or ordered to be cleared shall be measured and paid for.

201.2.2 Removal of Trees

Clearing as defined in Sub-Section 201.2.1 shall include the removal of small and of large trees. Trees of a girth of 40 cm or less when measured at a height of 1.0 m above ground shall be classified as small trees. Trees of a girth exceeding 40 cm when

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measured at a height of 1.0 m above ground shall be classified as large trees and shall be removed only at the express order of the Engineer's Representative.

The removal of large trees, except where a specific item is provided in the Bill of Quantities, and the removal of small trees will be deemed to be included in Clearing and will not be paid for separately.

Where a specific item is included in the Bill of Quantities for the removal of large trees, they will be measured for payment by number.

201.2.3 *Stripping*

Areas on which compacted fill is to be placed and areas of excavations from which material for fill is to be extracted, including borrow areas, shall be stripped of top soil containing organic or otherwise deleterious and objectionable matter to a depth of at least 15 cm. or to such greater depth as may be determined by the Engineer. The stripped soil shall be stored in separate dumps for subsequent re-use in covering the slopes of embankments or the borrow areas after excavation therein has been finished, or shall be otherwise disposed of as directed. Under no circumstances shall such stripped material be used as compacted fill.

Stripping shall not be carried out unless the Contractor is able to proceed immediately with the further earthworks upon the stripped areas. Overstripping shall be backfilled and compacted, at the Contractor's own expense, to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

Stripping shall be measured in cubic meters, computed by multiplying the area stripped by the depth of stripping. The unit rate shall include for all excavation, stacking-re-spreading and running excess to spoil.

No stripping shall be carried out without prior written approval of the Engineer's Representative and only such areas approved or ordered to be stripped shall be measured and paid for.

Unless otherwise specified, stripping of borrow areas shall not be measured for payment and the cost of such stripping shall be deemed to be included by the Contractor in his unit rates for earthwork in the Bill of Quantities.

201.3 ROAD REINSTATEMENT

a) **Cutting into Paved Areas**

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Where pipes have to be laid under existing paved areas such as roads or sidewalks, cutting into the pavement shall be done with appropriate tools, to ensure straight and neat cuts. The trench shall be vertical and its width across the top edges shall not exceed the following values:

MAXIMUM WIDTH OF THE TRENCHES AT THE TOP IN PAVED AREAS

(IN m)

Depth of trench from paved surface to pipe invert (m)	Maximum width of trench at the top in paved areas (m)
≤ 1.50	$O.D(*) + 0.55$
1.51 - 2.50	$O.D(*) + 0.85$
2.51 - 3.50	$O.D(*) + 1.15$
3.51 - 4.50	$O.D(*) + 1.45$
4.51 - 5.50	$O.D(*) + 1.85$
5.51 - 6.50	$O.D(*) + 2.25$
6.51 - 7.50	$O.D(*) + 3.00$

(*)O.D = Outer diameter of pipe barrel.

The Contractor shall take all necessary measures, such as shoring, bracing, etc. to keep the width of the trenches within the limits given in the table.

Cutting into paved areas will be measured for payment in linear metres of cut pavement.

b) Reinstatement of Surfaces

All surfaces whether public or private which are affected by the Works shall be reinstated in two stages, the first stage shall be carried-out in the first instance, and when the ground has consolidated fully the Contractor shall proceed with the second stage at the order of the Engineer.

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First stage and second stage reinstatement of all surfaces, affected by the operations of the Contractor shall be carried out and maintained to the satisfaction of the Engineer and the responsible authority or owner.

First stage reinstatement shall be carried out immediately the trenches are backfilled.

Second stage reinstatement shall not be carried out until the ground has consolidated completely. The Contractor shall inform the Engineer before carrying out this work. In the event of further settlement occurring after the completion of the second stage reinstatement the Contractor shall forthwith make good the reinstatement to the approval of the Engineer or responsible authority.

For the purposes of first and second stage reinstatement in bitumen and surfaced roads the surface width of trenches shall be increased by recutting 15cm on each side of the trench for a depth of 8 cm to provide a solid abutment for the surfacing material.

Reinstatement of surfaced roads shall be carried out to the approval of the relevant authority.

The responsible authority shall have the right to carry out final reinstatement at the Contractors expense.

Trenches in open ground shall be reinstated to the condition in which the ground was before excavation was commenced. The final surface of the trench shall be flush with the surrounding ground.

In verges and other grass surfaces and after the backfilling has been thoroughly consolidated the topsoil shall be relaid rolled and planted with grass or other vegetation as-directed by the Engineer as may be necessary and watered until the grass has become well established. Should the planting fail it shall be replanted as required until a satisfactory growth is obtained.

If at any time any reinstatement deteriorates the Contractor, shall restore it to a proper condition immediately.

Should the Contractor not remedy the defect to the Engineer's satisfaction forthwith any remedial work considered necessary may be undertaken by the Employer and/or the responsible authority at the Contractor's expense.

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All trees, shrubs and plants shall be carefully transplanted and shall be returned to their original location after the refilling of the excavations. Return of old or mature trees may be waived in cases where the age of the tree makes return impracticable.

Top soil shall be carefully set aside and replaced at the surface of the backfilling.

The trenches shall be refilled and rammed solid as specified in the Contract and shall not be topped up above the original surface level to allow for settlement.

If any trench becomes dangerous the Engineer may call upon the Contractor for its reinstatement at three hours' notice and failing this to have the work done by others at the Contractor's expense.

c) Safety of Excavation in Roads

Where the surface of the road (other than that which lies immediately above the trench) is damaged either by the concentration of traffic caused by an open trench, by subsidence or other causes arising from the operations of the Contractor, he shall permanently reinstate the whole of the surface so damaged to its original condition.

The Contractor shall ensure that trenches and reinstatement are maintained in a safe condition and shall take immediate action to remedy any deterioration which renders the works unsafe. If in the opinion of the Engineer any excavation or reinstatement is in a dangerous condition the Contractor shall immediately remedy the defect. Should the Contractor fail to carry out the reinstatement promptly the work may be carried out by others at the Contractor's expense.

d) First Stage Reinstatement

In all paved roads the trenches shall be refilled and compacted to the underside of the sub-base layer of the road at 48 cm below the road finished level.

A sub-base layer of 20 cm thick shall then be laid consisting of approved free draining granular material conforming to section 218.1.3 requirements.

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A base layer of 20 cm thick shall then be laid consisting of approved crushed limestone material conforming to section 218.1.3 requirements.

Prior to application of the first stage reinstatement the surface of the road foundation shall be cleared of all dust, debris and other deleterious matter and shall then be primed with one application of prime coat MC-70 or similar approved. All joints with adjacent road surfacing shall be cut straight and vertical and primed.

The road surfacing of the first stage consists of 5 cm thick of finished asphalted concrete layer.

The surface shall be maintained with the end of the period of Maintenance or until instructions are given for the final reinstatement to be carried out.

f) Reinstatement of unmade roads

In all unmade roads the trenches shall be refilled and compacted as specified in the Contract to within 15 cm of the surface.

The trench shall be surfaced with 15 cm compacted thickness of base layer material as specified above.

The surface shall be maintained until the end of the Period of Maintenance and shall not be topped up above the level of the original surface to allow for settlement.

e) Second Stage Reinstatement

Second and final reinstatement consists of a wearing course of 4 cm compacted thickness of 14 mm nominal size dense wearing course macadam. The laying and finishing of the coated macadam shall be carried out so as to achieve a dense, smooth and even surface using a roller of not less than 12 tons mass.