APPENDIX 2.4.2 Meeter Geophysical Survey Report of Drehid Site by APEX Geoser vices Ltd.



APEX Geoservices Ltd. Geophysical & Geological Consultants

FINAL REPORT ON THE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

FOR THE PROPOSED LANDFILL SITE, DREHID, CO. KILDARE FOR Dure FOR Dure to the former to

> 4 Sandyford Office Park Sandyford Industrial Estate Co. Dublin

> Tel.
> 01-2940057
>
>
> Mobile:
> 087-9365000
>
>
> Fax:
> 01-2121093
>
>
> Email:
> oconfam@indigo.ie

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

THE FINDINGS OF THIS REPORT ARE THE RESULT OF A GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY USING INDIRECT, NON-INVASIVE SURVEY TECHNIQUES CARRIED OUT AT THE GROUND SURFACE. INTERPRETATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS INCLUDED IN THE REPORT ARE BASED ON A KNOWLEDGE OF THE GROUND CONDITIONS, TYPICAL GEOPHYSICAL RESPONSES OF KNOWN MATERIALS AND THE EXPERIENCE OF THE AUTHOR. APEX GEOSERVICES LTD. HAS PREPARED THIS REPORT IN LINE WITH BEST CURRENT PRACTICE AND WITH AND REASONABLE SKILL, CARE AND DILIGENCE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE LIMITS IMPOSED BY THE SURVEY TECHNIQUES USED AND THE RESOURCES DEVOTED TO IT BY AGREEMENT WITH THE CLIENT. THE INTERPRETATIVE BASIS OF THE CONCLUSIONS CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ANY FUTURE USE OF THE REPORT.

ATIL JTUBEL Longent of convience of the section Percent

Author	CHECKED	REPORT STATUS	DATE
YVONNE O'CONNELL M.SC (GEOPHYSICS)	PETER O'CONNOR P.GEO., M.Sc (GEOPHYSICS), DIP EIA MGT.	FINAL	12 [™] March 2003

Consent for inspection purpose only: any other use.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. INTRODUC	INTRODUCTION				
Survey Objectives			1		
Survey Methodolog	IY		1		
Site Background &	Geological Setting		1		
Report Outline			1		
2. RESULTS			2		
January 2002 & Nov	vember 2002 VLF-Resistivity		2		
January 2002 & Nov	vember 2002 2D-Resistivity		3		
January 2002 Seisn	nic Refraction		3		
January 2002 Peat	Probing		4		
Integrated Interpret	ation		5		
REFERENCES	FOT VIE		6		
Table 1 Table 2 Table 3 Table 4	VLF-Resistivity Values 2D-Resistivity Values Seismic Refraction Values Zones of overburden thicknesses				
Map 1 Map 2 Map 3 Map 4 Map 5 Map 6 Map 7	Survey Area Locations of Geophysical Readings VLF-R Apparent Resistivity Contours VLF-R Phase Angle Contours Interpreted Overburden Thickness Interpreted Bedrock Resistivity Summary Map	1:50,000 1:10,000 1:10,000 1:10,000 1:10,000 1:10,000 1:10,000			
Appendix I Appendix II Appendix III Appendix IV Appendix V	Geophysical Methodology January 2002 2D-Resistivity Profiles November 2002 2D-Resistivity Profiles January 2002 Seismic Profiles January 2002 Peat Thickness Contour Plot				

1. INTRODUCTION

APEX Geoservices Ltd. was requested by TES Consulting Engineers to carry out a geophysical survey for a proposed landfill at Drehid, Co. Kildare. A draft geophysical report was made in November 2002 with recommendations for borehole locations. Six boreholes and twenty one trial pits were carried out by TES Consulting Engineers in December 2002. Data from a previous investigation carried out in the area by Fehily Timoney & Company in January 2002 comprising a geophysical report and direct investigation data was also provided. This final report combines the results of both reports and the findings of the direct investigation.

Survey Objectives

The objectives of the survey were:

- To indicate type and thickness of overburden, lateral variation of overburden, geotechnical properties, bedrock profile, bedrock lithology, presence of fault or fracture zones, possible karstified or dolomitized zones
- To assist in the selection of the most suitable area for further investigation.

Survey Methodology

The following program of geophysical surveying was carried out:

- VLF Resistivity to determine overburden resistivity to investigate variations in overburden type and thickness, outline bedrock lithology, indicate possible fault or fracture zones and locate possible occurrences of karstified or dolomitised investore.
- Supplementary 2D-Resistivity Profiling to estimate overburden type and thickness, bedrock resistivity and investigate possible high permeability zones.

Site Background & Geological Setting

The site lies approximately 2km west of Timahoe, Co. Kildare and comprises approximately 1650 hectares of cutaway bog. The survey was carried out across a combined area of approximately 350 hectares of the cutaway bog.

The geological map for the area (Geology of Kildare-Wicklow, Sheet 16, 1:100,000) indicates that the site lies on the north-western limb of a Waulsortian Limestone anticline with a transition to Allenwood Formation thick-bedded limestone occurring east of the survey area. Boston Hill nodular and muddy limestone and shale is shown along the axis of the anticline to the southwest.

Report Outline

- The survey results are discussed in Section 2.
- The locations of the geophysical readings are shown on Map 2.
- The processed VLFR data are shown on Maps 3 to 6
- The results of the geophysical survey are summarised on Map 7.
- An account of the geophysical methods, equipment used and data processing is contained in Appendix I.
- Appendix II contains the January 2002 Interpreted 2D Resistivity Profiles.
- Appendix III contains the November 2002 Interpreted 2D Resistivity Profiles.
- Appendix IV contains the January 2002 Seismic Profiles.
- Appendix V contains the January 2002 Peat Thickness Contour Plot.

2. RESULTS

January 2002 & November 2002 VLF-Resistivity

The combined 2001 and 2002 VLF-R data have been processed to produce four plots; recorded apparent resistivity; recorded phase angle; calculated overburden thickness; and calculated bedrock resistivity (Maps 3 to 6).

The recorded apparent resistivity (Map 3) indicates that the northwest of the surveyed area is dominated by high apparent resistivity values (400-1400 ohm-m) and low phase angles (8-31 degrees) interpreted as thin overburden (<10m) over Waulsortian Limestone.

To the east and southeast of the survey area apparent resistivity values from 200-400 ohm-m, and low phase angles (9-27 degrees) have been interpreted as indicating thick overburden (10-15m) over Waulsortian Limestone.

To the southwest of the survey area apparent resistivity values from 250-600 ohm-m, and phase angles from 16-24 degrees have been interpreted as indicating 5-10m overburden over Boston Hill Formation limestone and shale.

Through the centre of the survey area a SSW trending zone of low apparent resistivity values (<200 ohm-m) and high phase angles (26-52 degrees) have been interpreted as indicating a channel in the JO n Dosesonty: any off bedrock with overburden thicknesses ranging to in excess of 50 m (which is the maximum range of the VLFR method in the channel fill material).

Apparent Resistivity (ohm-m)	Interpretation		
200-600	10-25m Overburden over Waulsortian (west of channel)		
600-1400	Waulsortian (west of channel)		
70-200	15->50m Overburden (channel)		
200-400	10-15m Overburden over Waulsortian Limestone (east)		
400-800	5-10m Overburden over Waulsortian (east of channel)		
200-600	5-10m Overburden over Boston Hill Limestone & Shale		

Table 1: VLF-Resistivity Values

The overburden thicknesses have been calculated from the VLF-R data in conjunction with the 2D Resistivity data. The results can be seen on Map 5. Thicknesses show good agreement with the 2D Resistivity data and borehole data. Some localised zones of increased overburden thickness/possible karstification have also been identified (Summary Map 7).

The calculated bedrock resistivities (Map 6) were found to be generally higher than those recorded on the 2D resistivity profiles. This is due to the greater depth of penetration of the VLFR compared to the 2D Resistivity profiles and indicates that Waulsortian in this area is thick and persists at depth. The zone interpreted as being underlain by Boston Hill Fm. Limestone and shale has generally lower interpreted bedrock resistivity values (generally <2000 ohm-m) than the zones interpreted as underlain by Waulsortian Limestone (typically >2000 ohm-m).

January 2002 & November 2002 2D-Resistivity

Fifteen 2D-resistivity profiles were recorded in January 2002 and nine in November 2002 at locations based on the results of the VLFR survey. Their locations are indicated on Map 2. The spatial distribution of the November 2002 profiles was decided upon in consultation with the client.

The November 2002 2D Resistivity profiles have been interpreted on the following basis (Sections 1-9):

Resistivity (ohm-m)	Interpretation
50-100	Peat/Clay/Silt
50-126	Tertiary Clay (Channel Fill Material)
100-250	Gravelly Clay
250-1600	Waulsortian Limestone

Table 2: 2D-Resistivity Values

Note: The 2D-Resistivity values vary from the VLF-Resistivity values as the 2D-Resistivity values are modelled resistivities while the VLF-Resistivity values are apparent resistivity values and the depth range of the VLF-R is greater than the 2D-Resistivity and takes into account the effects of deeper layers than the 2D-Resistivity

The resistivity values of 50 - 100 ohm-m for the Peat/Clay/Silt layer and 100-250 ohm-m for the gravelly clay are typical values for these materials. The resistivity values of 50 - 126 ohm-m for the Tertiary Clay would be typical of gravelly silt/clay material. Watlsortian Limestone would typically have a higher range of resistivity values than those interpreted from November 2002 2D Resistivity Profile 1 (250-1600 ohm-m). This may be due to the effect of dolomitisation especially in the upper 5-10 m of interpreted bedrock. The significance of this dolomitisation in terms of increased bedrock permeability should be investigated.

The threshold of values of the January 2002 2D Resistivity profiles varied slightly, however, values were within 50 ohm-m.

All 2D Resistivity profiles were interpreted as indicating a thin layer of peat/silt/clay underlain by gravelly clay over Limestone. On January 2002 Profiles 1, 2 and 5 and November 2002 Profiles 1 and 4 the gravelly clay has been interpreted as being underlain by low resistivity Tertiary Clay. January 2002 Profiles 1, 2, 5, 8, 11 and 15 and November 2002 Profiles 1, 2, 4 and 9 indicate the boundaries of the SSW trending bedrock channel. The western end of January 2002 Profile 1 and the eastern end of January 2002 Profile 5 at depths >30m bgl indicate the presence of a possible ridge of bedrock at depth through the centre of the channel.

Small bedrock depressions were indicated on some profiles (eg. January 2002 Profiles 7 and 13 and November 2002 Profiles 7 and 8) but the 2D Resistivity data indicate that these do not persist at depth.

January 2002 Seismic Refraction

Ten seismic spreads were recorded in January 2002 along the 2D-resistivity profiles. Up to 4 velocity layers were indicated by the seismic data. The spreads were interpreted on the following as follows:

Seismic Velocity (m/s)	Interpretation
268-550	Soft-firm Peat/Clay/Silt
1176-2105	Firm-stiff Gravelly Clay (with occasional gravel)
3196-3839	Waulsortian Limestone
2223-2720	Very stiff Tertiary Clay

Table 3: Seismic Refraction Values

The velocities of the Peat/Clay/Silt and Gravelly Clay layers are typical values for these materials. The velocities of the bedrock are at the lower end of the range typically recorded for thickly bedded massive Waulsortian Reef Limestone. This indicates a higher level of discontinuities in the rock probably associated with the dolomitisation of the limestone referred to previously. This may have the effect of increasing permeability in the upper levels of the limestone bedrock. No significant changes in bedrock topography of the type associated with karstification and collapse of the limestone bedrock were apparent on the seismic records.

The velocity data for the Tertiary clay is within the range that would be expected for a very stiff to hard, over-consolidated clay. The seismic data for this material is limited and only of fair quality in places due to its depth and the poor velocity contrast with the overlying stiff gravelly clay.

The seismic depths and velocities have been drawn on the January 2002 2D Resistivity profiles and Formspection Put Uniperior Participal are contained in Appendix IV.

January 2002 Peat Probing

Peat probing was carried out in January 2002 at 205 locations across the survey area to assist in the interpretation of the VLFR data. Peat hicknesses in the cut-away area range from 0.4 to 2.3 m. Samples from the base of each proper indicated that the peat is underlain by grey-brown clay/silt at 145 locations and is underlain by clay and gravel at 12 locations. The probes refused at 48 locations without recovering a sample from the base of the peat possibly due to wood or other obstruction. These locations occur randomly through out the survey area.

The contoured plot of peat thickness is contained in Appendix V.

Integrated Interpretation

The interpretation of the geophysical data has allowed the subdivision of the site into the following zones (Summary Map 7):

Zone	Description2
Α	0-5m Overburden over Waulsortian Limestone
В	5-10m Overburden over Waulsortian Limestone
С	10-15m Overburden over Waulsortian Limestone
D	10-25m Overburden over Waulsortian Limestone
E	15-25m Overburden over Waulsortian Limestone
F	25-50m Overburden in SSW trending Channel
G	>50m Overburden in SSW trending Channel
Н	10-15m Overburden over Boston Hill Formation
1	5-10m Overburden over Boston Hill Formation

Table 4: Zones of overburden thicknesses

It is likely that the permeability of the Peat/Clay/Site Permeability of the Tertiary Clay will be low, with the Gravelly Clay having low to medium permeability. Permeability of the bedrock is likely to be increased where dolomitisation has occurred.

REFERENCES

APEX Geoservices Ltd., 2001; 'Draft Report on the Geophysical Survey of a Proposed Landfill Site, Drehid, Co. Kildare for Fehily Timoney & Co. and Kildare Co.Co.', Wexford, Ireland.

Campus Geophysical Instruments, 2000; 'RES2DINV ver. 3.4 Users Manual', Birmingham, England.

Geonics, 1980; 'EM16/16R Users Manual'.

Golden Software, 2001; 'Surfer 7 Surface Mapping System Users Manual', Golden Software, CO., USA.

McConnell, B., Philcox, M.E., MacDermot, C.V. & Sleeman, A.G. 1995; 'Geology of Kildare-Wicklow, Sheet 16', *GSI, Ireland.*

Consent of copyright owner required for any other use.











APPENDIX I GEOPHYSICAL METHODLOGY

M1.	Methods Used
1.1	VLF – Resistivity Surveying
1.2	2D-Resistivity Profiling
1.3	Seismic Refraction Profiling
1.4	Peat Probing
M2.	Equipment Used
2.1	VLF – Resistivity Surveying
2.2	2D-Resistivity Profiling
2.3	Seismic Refraction Profiling
2.4	Peat Probing
МЗ.	Field Procedure
M3. 3.1	Field Procedure Juse VLF – Resistivity Surveying offeet use
M3. 3.1 3.2	Field ProcedureHereVLF – Resistivity Surveying0100000000000000000000000000000000000
M3. 3.1 3.2 3.3	Field ProcedureInsertionVLF – Resistivity Surveying02D-Resistivity Profiling0Seismic Refraction Profiling0Seismic Refraction Profiling0
M3. 3.1 3.2 3.3 3.4	Field Procedure use VLF – Resistivity Surveying onternet 2D-Resistivity Profiling onternet Seismic Refraction Profiling profiling Peat Probing profiling
M3. 3.1 3.2 3.3 3.4 M4.	Field Procedure VLF – Resistivity Surveying 2D-Resistivity Profiling Seismic Refraction Profiling Peat Probing Data Processing
M3. 3.1 3.2 3.3 3.4 M4. 4.1	Field Procedure VLF – Resistivity Surveying 2D-Resistivity Profiling Seismic Refraction Profiling Peat Probing Data Processing VLF – Resistivity Surveying
M3. 3.1 3.2 3.3 3.4 M4. 4.1 4.2	Field Procedure VLF – Resistivity Surveying 2D-Resistivity Profiling Seismic Refraction Profiling Peat Probing Data Processing VLF – Resistivity Surveying 2D-Resistivity Profiling

4.4 Peat Probing

M1. **Methods Used**

1.1 VLF – Resistivity Surveying

The VLF-R method determines subsurface apparent resistivity values by measuring the horizontal magnetic and vertical electrical components of waves transmitted by high-power military communications transmitters which operate in the 15-25kHz frequency band.

1.2 **2D-Resistivity Profiling**

The resistivity surveying technique used for the survey makes use of the Wenner resistivity array whereby four electrodes are placed in a line in the ground and a current is passed through the two outer electrodes. The potential difference is measured across the two inner electrodes. The measured potential is divided by the current value to obtain the resistance. The resistivity is determined from the resistance using the following formula: Resistivity = Resistance* 2 * Pi * Spacing.

The 2D-Resistivity profiling method records a large number of resistivity readings in order to map lateral and vertical changes in material types. The 2D-Resistivity profiling method involves the use of 32 to 64 electrodes connected to a resistivity meter, using computer software to control the process of data collection and storage.

1.3 **Seismic Refraction Profiling**

150. This method measures the velocity of refracted seismic waves through the overburden and rock material and allows an assessment of the thickness and quality of the materials present to be made. Stiffer and stronger materials usually have higher seismic velocities while soft, loose or fractured materials have lower velocities. Readings are taken using geophones connected via inspection purp N. OWNEELECTION multi-core cable to a seismograph.

1.4 **Peat Probing**

The thickness of the peat is measured as the steel rods are pushed to refusal in the overburden. Consent of cop.

M2. **Equipment Used**

2.1 **VLF – Resistivity Surveying**

The VLF-R survey was carried out from the 26th November to the 12th December, 2001 and the 11th to the 13th November, 2002 using a Geonics EM-16R VLF meter and a 10m shielded cable. All readings were surveyed to give Irish National Grid Co-ordinates using a handheld Garmin 12XL .

2.2 **2D-Resistivity Profiling**

The profiles were recorded from the 5th to the 8th December, 2001 and the 12th to the 14th November, 2002 using a Tigre resistivity meter, imaging software, two 32 takeout multicore cables and 64 stainless steel electrodes. The recorded data were processed and viewed immediately after the survey.

2.3 **Seismic Refraction Profiling**

The data were recorded using a Geode 12 channel seismograph with geophone spacings of 5m and 10m. The sources used to generate the seismic waves were a sledgehammer and plate and a buffalo gun. A total of eleven seismic spreads were recorded from the 10th to the 14th December, 2001.

2.4 **Peat Probing**

15^{0.} Loe , the pre-, the pre-, the pre-, the pre-to inspection putposes on the distance of the pre-consent of copyright owner required for the pre-consent of copyright owner required for the pre-to inspection putposes of the pre-poses of the pre-to inspection putposes of the pre-to inspect Peat thicknesses were measured using a Hillerborer probe with \$35cm sampler at the base. This enabled recovery of a 35 cm sample from the base of the probe. The probing was carried out from the 28^{th} to the 6^{th} Decembe, 2001r.

EPA Export 26-07-2013:00:57:19

M3. Field Procedure

3.1 VLF – Resistivity Surveying

Readings were taken at 50m intervals along three 1.5km long lines. After assessing the results obtained for the three lines a further two lines of data, 0.75km in length were recorded with readings at 50m intervals. VLFR readings were taken at a total of 120 locations.

To obtain the readings the 10m shielded cable is attached to the VLF-R meter and aligned towards the transmitter (GBR). A 'null' is obtained by adjusting controls to determine the subsurface resistivity and phase shift. Local conditions and variations were noted.

3.2 2D-Resistivity Profiling

Profiles were recorded at locations based on the findings of the VLF-R survey.

Profi le	Electrodes	Spacing	Length	Depth of Investigation	Azimuth
No.	No.	(m)	(m)	(m)	
1	64	5	315	50,5 ⁰	NW-SE
2	32	5	155	08%	NW-SE
3	32	5	155	only and 30	NW-SE
4	64	5	315	ed 40	NW-SE
5	32	5	155 1150	30	NW-SE
6	32	5	15510 net	30	SE-NW
7	32	5	11955	30	NW-SE
8	32	5	¥ 155	30	NW-SE
9	32	5	م 155	20	NW-SE

The 2D-Resistivity profiles have the following recording parameters:

3.3 Seismic Refraction Profiling

Profiles were recorded at locations based on the findings of the VLF-R and 2D-Resisitivty surveys and on the available geological data. At least five shots were recorded per seismic spread. The geophone spacings of 5m and 10m and shot offsets were determined by the depth to rock as indicated by the VLF-R and 2D-Resisitivty data.

3.4 Peat Probing

Probes were carried out on a 100m x 100m grid at a total of 205 locations.

M4. **Data Processing**

4.1 VLF – Resistivity Surveying

The 2-layer Greissman-Reitmayer algorithm was applied to the recorded resistivity and phase shift values to calculate the overburden thickness and bedrock resistivity. Possible material types and properties were assigned based on the geophysical and geological data and on surveying experience.

Contoured plots of interpreted overburden thickness and bedrock resistivity were produced. The results are shown on Maps 3 to 6.

4.2 **2D-Resistivity Profiling**

The field readings were stored in computer files and inverted using the RES2DINV package (Campus Geophysical Instruments, 1997) with up to 5 iterations of the measured data carried out for each profile to obtain a 2D-Depth model of the resistivities.

The inverted 2D-Resistivity models and corresponding interpreted geology are displayed in Appendices II and III. The chainage is indicated along the horizontal axis of the profile and the depth below ground level is indicated on the vertical axis. All profiles have been contoured using the same contour intervals and colour codes.

It is important to note that the data displayed on the 2D-Resistivity profiles is real physical data to however interpretation of the geophysical results is required to transform the resistivities directly into geological layers.

Seismic Refraction Profiling 4.3

First breaks are picked and the traveltimes adjusted. This data is then processed and interpreted using software that applies the ray-tracing and intercept time methods to determine the subsurface Insp layer thicknesses and velocities.

Possible material types and properties are assigned based on the geophysical and geological data and on surveying experience. Scaled plates are produced for each spread showing the interpreted depth section with a corresponding geological interpretation.

The results are contained in Appendix IV and the thickness estimates are also plotted at the relevant locations on January 2002 2DRES1-15.

4.4 Peat Probing

The peat thicknesses as indicated by the probes were incorporated into the VLF-R calculations to obtain a ground model of the site. A contour plot of peat thickness across the site is contained in Appendix V.

APPENDIX II JANUARY 2002 2D RESISTIVITY PROFILES

Consent for inspection purposes only: any other use.

2DRES PROFILE 1

APPENDIX III NOVEMBER 2002 2D RESISTIVITY PROFILES

Consent for inspection purposes only: any other use.

APPENDIX IV JANUARY 2002 SEISMIC PROFILES

Consent for inspection purposes only: any other use.

APPENDIX V JANUARY 2002 PEAT THICKNESS CONTOURS

Consent for inspection purposes only: any other use.

