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## **Abstract**

The aim of this thesis is intended to investigate some of the engineering properties of Tiya soil. Tiya is a megalithic site located at about 80km south of Addis Ababa in the Soddo area on the road to Butajira.

In addition to being tourist center, investors are also attracted to construct buildings and roads in Tiya town and the nearby areas. However, the engineering properties of the soil in the town are not yet studied. This research is therefore directed to the study of the physical and mechanical properties of soils i.e. investigating the index properties, consolidation characteristic, and shear strength, identifying the characteristics of the soil and preparing a tentative soil map of the town.

After visiting the proposed site, ten test pit points were selected. Representative disturbed and undisturbed soil samples were collected from open pits by direct manual excavation. The laboratory tests that were carried out include index properties, one dimensional consolidation, shear strength tests. The tests yielded a specific gravity ranging from 2.42 to 2.67, plasticity index ranging from 18 to 51%, clay fraction ranging from 17.08 to 55.51%, free swell values from 34 to 102.5%.

From one-dimensional consolidation test conducted on undisturbed soil samples, compression index,  $C_c$ , ranges from 0.218 to 0.246 and measured swelling pressure of 250kPa.

The unconfined compression strength tests gave value that range from 84 to 313 kPa at natural water content ranging from 27.25 to 49.07 %.

The types of soils which are conducted in the research are CH, MH, ML and CL for the depth of 0.7m, 1.5m & 3m that is shown on the soil map. Low, Marginal and Highly potentially expansion soils according to free swell tests are presented on the tentative soil map.

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**SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

AASHTO - American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials

ASTM - American Society for Testing Materials standard

Cc - Compression index

CL – Lean clay

e - Void ratio

LL - Liquid limit

MH – Inorganic Elastic silt

ML – Inorganic Silt

NMC - Natural moisture content

OCR - Over-consolidation ratio

Pc – Pre-consolidation pressure

Po - Over burden pressure

PI - Plastic Index

PL - Plastic limit

SM – Silty sand

TP – Test pit

USCS - Unified Soil Classification System

$\gamma_d$  - Dry unit weight

$\gamma_w$  - Wet unit weight

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## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1. Back ground of the problem**

A geotechnical engineer determines and designs the type of foundation, earthwork, and/or pavement sub grades required for the intended man-made structures to be built. Foundations are designed and constructed for the structures of various sizes such as high-rise buildings, bridges, medium to large commercial buildings, and smaller structures where the soil conditions do not allow code-based design .

Investigation of the underground conditions at a site is prerequisite to the economical design of the substructure elements. It is also necessary to obtain sufficient information for feasibility and economic studies of the proposed project. Public building officials may require soil data together with the recommendations of the geotechnical consultant prior to issuing a building permit, particularly if there is a chance that the project will endanger the public health or safety or degrade the environment [1].

In a country like Ethiopia which is developing at high growth rate and which needs many construction works in the future, geotechnical investigation on the engineering property of soil is very essential. These data are very important for civil engineers in preliminary design and in designing foundation, pavement, retaining structures, etc. for future construction projects in the country.

The town of Tiya has adequate land for expansion and being an important commercial, educational and tourist center in the region. Due to its tourist attraction and proximity distance from Addis Ababa, investors and tourists are attracted to construct buildings or roads in Tiya town and the nearby areas. However, the engineering properties of the soil in the town are not yet studied. This research is therefore directed to the study of the physical and mechanical properties of soils i.e. investigating the index property and consolidation characteristic, identifying the characteristics of the soil and preparing tentative soil map of the town.

## **1.2. Objectives of the Study**

The objectives of this thesis work are the following:

- To investigate some of the index properties of the Tiya soil like Natural moisture content, specific gravity, consistency limits, grain size analysis etc.
- To investigate shear strength of Tiya soil in different parts of the town.
- To investigate the consolidation characteristics of the study area.

## **1.3. Methodology**

To achieve the above mentioned objectives ten sampling areas were selected. From the selected sampling areas pits were excavated to a depth of around three meters. Disturbed and undisturbed samples of soils were collected for laboratory testing.

In the field GPS reading was taken to locate the co-ordinate of sampling area. Field density and natural moisture content tests were done in the field.

The procedure used to perform the laboratory tests were AASHETO and ASTM standard. Analysis was made for soil classification after the test results were collected by using based on USCS and AASHETO classification.

From the samples collected, the following laboratory tests were done.

- Specific gravity test
- Atterberg limit tests
  - Liquid limit
  - Plastic limit
- Grain size analysis
  - Sieve analysis(wet method)
  - Hydrometer
- Free swell test

- One-dimensional consolidation test

All the above tests were done according to American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) standard.

#### **1.4. Scope of the Study**

Nineteen samples of soil from ten pits were collected. The scope of this study is limited to investigating the index properties, and consolidation characteristic. Due to the budget constraint, the depth of investigation in this research is limited to the maximum depth of three meters.

#### **1.5. Structure of the Thesis**

This thesis work is divided in to nine Chapters, each covering a specific topic of the research work. In this introductory Chapter the background of the problem, objective, methodology and scope of the thesis work and structure of the thesis are presented. Chapter two deals with a brief literature review. Chapter three deals with the description of area in which this research is done. The fourth Chapter deals with the types of laboratory tests conducted and results obtained. The discussion on the laboratory results obtained from this work is covered in Chapter five. In Chapter six the conclusions and recommendations drawn from the research are presented. In Chapter seven soil map of Tiya Town was prepared based on information collected from GPS and laboratory data. Detailed tests are given in Appendix and references are presented in chapter eight and nine respectively.

## 2. Literature review

### 2.1 General

For engineering purposes, soil is defined as the uncemented aggregate of mineral grains and decayed organic matter (solid particles) with liquid and gas in the empty spaces between the solid particles. Soil is used as a construction material in various civil engineering projects, and it supports structural foundations. Thus, civil engineers must study the properties of soil, such as its origin, grain-size distribution, ability to drain water, compressibility, shear strength, and load-bearing capacity. Soil mechanics is the branch of science that deals with the study of the physical properties of soil and the behavior of soil masses subjected to various types of forces. Soils engineering is the application of the principles of soil mechanics to practical problems.

Geotechnical engineering is the subdiscipline of civil engineering that involves natural materials found close to the surface of the earth. It includes the application of the principles of soil mechanics and rock mechanics to the design of foundations, retaining structures, and earth structures.

To describe soils by their particle size, several organizations have developed particle-size classifications Table 2.1 shows the particle-size classifications developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. In this table, the MIT system is presented for illustration Purposes only. This system is important in the history of the development of the size limits of particles present in soils; however, the Unified Soil Classification System is now almost universally accepted and has been adopted by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).[2]

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Table 2.1 Particle-Size Classifications

Name of organization	Grain size (mm)			
	Gravel	sand	Silt	clay
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	>2	2 to 0.06	0.06 to 0.002	<0.002
U.S .Department of Agriculture (USDA)	>2	2 to 0.05	0.05 to 0.002	<0.002
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials ( AASHTO)	76.2 to 2	2 to 0.075	0.075 to 0.002	<0.002
Unified Soil Classification System (U.S Army Corps of Engineers U.S. Bureau of Reclamation ,and American Society for Testing and Materials)	76.2 to 4.75	4.75 to 0.075	Fines (i.e., silts and clays) <0.075	

## **2.2. Soil formation and soil deposits**

Soils are formed by the process of weathering of the parent rock. The weathering of the rocks might be by mechanical disintegration, and/or chemical decomposition. The properties of the soil materials depend upon the properties of the rocks from which they are derived [3].

The variety of soil materials encountered in engineering problems is almost limitless, ranging from hard, dense, large pieces of rock through to gravel, sand, silt, and clay to organic deposits of soft compressible peat. To compound the complexity, all of these materials may occur over a range of densities and water contents. At any given site, a number of different soil types may be present, and the composition may vary over intervals of a little as a few inches [4].

It has long been appreciated that the engineering classification of soils is greatly facilitated by taking into account the soil-forming processes by which nature has created the various types of soil conditions. Similar combinations of soil-forming processes in different parts of the world have been found to lead to materials of similar index properties and similar engineering characteristics [5].

### **2.2.1. Parent materials**

There are two main variables in parent materials that affect soils: grain size and composition. Grain size is the main determinant of soil texture. Texture influences the soil structure, consistency, cation exchange capacity, profile drainage, moisture retaining capacity and organic content [6].

### **2.2.2. Topography and Drainage**

Topography has a major influence on drainage characteristics which in turn is known to have major effect on soil mineralogy. Its control over soil properties is particularly strong in tropical environment reflecting the importance of lateral movement of water and soil materials [5].

### **2.2.3. Climate**

Climate is the principal factor governing the rate and type of soil formation. The two important components of climate are the amount and distribution of precipitation, and temperature.

The two main rain fall parameters most widely available are the mean annual total and the length of the dry season. The amount and distribution of precipitation affects the availability of moisture and the relative humidity of the soil atmosphere; it influences the concentration or chemical activities of solutions in the system [7].

## **2.3. General types of soils**

According to their grain size, soil particles are classified as cobbles, gravel, sand, silt and clay. Grains having diameters in the range of 4.75 to 76.2 mm are called gravel. If the grains are visible to the naked eye, but are less than about 4.75 mm in size the soil is described as sand. The lower limit of visibility of grains for the naked eyes is about 0.075 mm. Soil grains ranging from 0.075 to 0.002 mm are termed as silt and those that are finer than 0.002 mm as clay. This classification is purely based on size which does not indicate the properties of fine grained materials .[3]

## **2.4. Soil particle size and shape**

The size of particles may range from gravel to the finest size possible. Their characteristics vary with the size. Soil particles coarser than 0.075 mm are visible to the naked eye or may be examined by means of a hand lens. They constitute the coarser fractions of the soils. The coarser fractions of soils consist of gravel and sand. The individual particles of gravel, which are fragments of rock, are composed of one or more minerals, whereas sand grains contain mostly one mineral which is usually quartz. The individual grains of gravel and sand may be angular, sub angular, sub-rounded, rounded or well-rounded. Gravel may contain grains which may be flat. Some sands contain a fairly high percentage of mica flakes that give them the property of elasticity. Silt and clay constitute the finer fractions of the soil. Any one grain of this fraction generally consists of only one mineral. The particles may be angular, flake-shaped or sometimes needle-like. [3]

## **2.5. Laboratory Tests**

A wide variety of laboratory tests can be performed on soils to measure a wide variety of soil properties. Some soil properties are intrinsic to the composition of the soil matrix and are not affected by sample disturbance, while other properties depend on the structure of the soil as well as its composition, and can only be effectively tested on relatively undisturbed samples. Some soil tests measure direct properties of the soil, while other measure “index properties” which provide useful information about the soil without directly measuring the properties property desired. The main index properties of coarse grained soils are particle size and relative density. For fine grained soils, the main index properties are Atterberg limits and consistency. [2]

## **2.5.1. Index property tests**

### **2.5.1.1. Natural moisture content**

For most soils, the water content may be an important index used for establishing the relationship between the way a soil behaves and its properties. The consistency of a fine grained soil largely depends on its water content. The water content is also used in expressing the phase relationships of air, water, and solids in a given volume of soil [4].

### **2.5.1.2. Atterberg limits**

Atterberg Limits are defined as water contents at certain limiting or critical stages in soil behavior. They, along with the natural water content, are the most important items in the description of fine grained soils. They are used in classification of fine grained soils, and they are useful because they correlate with the engineering properties and engineering behavior of fine-grained soils. The liquid limit and plastic limit of soils (along with the shrinkage limit) are collectively referred to as the Atterberg Limits. The liquid limit is arbitrarily defined as the water content, in percent, at which a part of soil in a standard cup and cut by a groove of standard dimensions will flow together at the base of the groove for a distance of 13 mm when subjected to 25 shocks from the cup being dropped 10 mm in a standard liquid limit apparatus operated at a rate of two shocks per second. The plastic limit is the water content, in percent, at which a soil can no longer be deformed by rolling into 3.2 mm diameter threads without crumbling. The term shrinkage limit, expressed as moisture content in percent, represents the amount of water required just to fill all of the voids of a given cohesive soil at its minimum void ratio obtained by oven drying. The shrinkage limit can be used to evaluate the shrinkage potential, crack development potential, and swell potential of earthwork involving cohesive soils [8].

### 2.5.1.3. Specific gravity

A soil's specific gravity largely depends on the density of the minerals making up the individual soil particles. However, as a general guide, some typical values for specific soil types are as follows. [2]

I) the specific gravity of the solid substance of most inorganic soils varies between 2.6 and 2.9.

II) Sand particles composed of quartz have a specific gravity ranging from 2.64 to 2.66.

III) Inorganic clays generally range from 2.7 to 2.9.

IV) Soils with large amount of organic matter or porous particle (such as diatomaceous earth) have specific gravity below 2.6. Some ranges as low as 2.0.

### 2.5.1.4. Free swell

Both the amount of swelling and the magnitude of swelling pressure are known to be dependent on the clay minerals, the soil mineralogy and structure, fabric and several Physico-chemical aspects of the soil. Among clay minerals montmorillonite influences the magnitude of swelling maximally as compared to Illites and Kaolinites [9].

To study the swelling property of the soils, the simplest test conducted is free swell test. This test is performed by slowly pouring 10ml of oven dry soil which has passed the No.40(0.425mm) sieve in to 100 ml graduated cylinder filled with distilled (tap) water. After 24 hours, final volume of the suspension being read. Hence, free swell is defined as:

$$\text{Free swell Index(FSI)} = \frac{\text{Final volume} - \text{Initial volume of the soil} \times 100\%}{\text{Initial volume}} \quad (4.1)$$

### 2.5.1.5. Soil classification

A soil classification system is an arrangement of different soils into groups having similar properties. The purpose of soil classification is to make possible the estimation of soil properties by association with soils of the same class whose properties are known and to provide the engineer with accurate method of soils description. The soils under investigation have been classified according to AASHTO M-145 and UCSC. [10]

#### 2.5.1.5.1 Unified classification system (USCS)

This system describes a system for classifying minerals and organo-mineral soils for engineering purposes based on laboratory determination of particle-size characteristics, liquid limit, and plasticity index and shall be used when precise classification is required [8]

#### 2.5.1.5.2. AASHTO classification system

The AASHTO system uses similar techniques as that of USC but the dividing line has an equation of the form  $PI = LL - 30$ . It generally classifies a soil broadly into granular material and silt-clay material. The granular material is further divided into three groups which are called A-1, A-2 and A-3. The silt-clay material is in turn divided into four groups namely, A-4, A-5, A-6 and A-7.

The AASHTO system further uses a group index (GI) to rate a soil qualitatively within a group. The equation for the GI is

$$GI = (F - 35) [0.2 + 0.005(LL - 40)] + 0.01(F - 15) (PI - 10)$$

Where F = percent passing No. 200 sieve

LL = Liquid Limit, in percent

PI = Plasticity Index, in percent

The lower the GI value of a soil, the better as sub grade material. As GI value goes up to 20 and

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above it is not suitable as sub grade material. [9]

Thus, based on the AASHTO system of classification, Tiya investigated soils are generally not suitable as subgrade material. [13]

### 2.5.1.5.3. Classifications of soils based on Activity chart

#### i) Activity Number

The Atterberge limit of a given cohesive soil is controlled by the type and amount of clay mineral present in it. Skempton considers that the significant change in volume of a clay soil during shrinking or swelling is a function of plasticity index and the quantity of colloidal clay particles present in the soil. Hence, Activity number has been used as an index property to determine the swelling potential of clays. The activity of clay is expressed as: [10]

$$\text{Activity (A)} = \text{Plasticity index (PI)} / \text{Percentage of clay fraction by weight (C)} \quad (4.2)$$

#### ii) Liquidity Index

The Relative consistency of a cohesive soil can be defined by a ratio called liquidity index LI. It is defined as :

$$LI = (W_n - PL) / (I_p) \quad (4.3)$$

Where, PI Plasticity Index,

LI Liquidity index,

PL Plastic Limit,

W<sub>n</sub> Natural moisture content.

For a natural soil deposit that is in plastic state (i.e.,  $LL > W_n > PL$ ), the value of the liquidity index varies between 1 and 0. A natural soil deposit with  $W_n > LL$  will have a liquidity index greater than 1. In an undisturbed state, these soils may be stable; however, a sudden shock may transform them into liquid state. Such soils are called sensitive clay.

## 2.5.1.6. Consolidation test

### 2.5.1.6.1. General

Structures are built on soils. They transfer loads to the subsoil through the foundations.

The effect of the loads is felt by the soil normally up to a depth of about two to three times the width of the foundation. The soil within this depth gets compressed due to the imposed stresses. The compression of the soil mass leads to the decrease in the volume of the mass which results in the settlement of the structure.

The displacements that develop at any given boundary of the soil mass can be determined on a rational basis by summing up the displacements of small elements of the mass resulting from the strains produced by a change in the stress system. The compression of the soil mass due to the imposed stresses may be almost immediate or time dependent according to the permeability characteristics of the soil.

The compressibility characteristics of a soil mass might be due to any or a combination of the following factors:

- I. Compression of the solid matter.
- II. Compression of water and air within the voids.
- III. Escape of water and air from the voids.

It is quite reasonable and rational to assume that the solid matter and the pore water are relatively incompressible under the loads usually encountered in soil masses. The change in volume of a mass under imposed stresses must be due to the escape of water if the soil is saturated. But if the soil is partially saturated, the change in volume of the mass is partly due to the compression and escape of air from the voids and partly due to the dissolution of air in the pore water [3]. A study of the compressibility of soils is necessary to be able to forecast the settlement of structures on different type of soils.

Generally, the volume change in a soil deposit can be divided in to three stages: [11]

- Initial consolidation
- Primary consolidation
- Secondary consolidation

Consolidation is a process of compression by gradual reduction of pores under a steady applied pressure. When structures are built on saturated soils, the load is presumed to be carried initially by incompressible water within the soil voids. Due to the additional load on the soil, water will tend to be squeezed out from the voids causing a reduction in void volume and consequently settlement of the structure.

In soils of high permeability (coarse grained soils), this process takes a relatively short time for completion, with the result that almost all of the settlement will occur during the construction period. These rarely cause major problems. In low permeability soils (clays), this process takes place slowly and continuously over a long period of time - months, years and even decades - after completion of construction.

#### **2.5.1.6.2. Pre-consolidation pressure**

A soil may have been pre-consolidated during the geologic past by the weight of an ice which has melted away, or by other geologic overburden or and structural loads which no longer exist. For example, thick layers of overburden soil may have been eroded or excavated away or heavy structures may have been torn down. Also capillary pressures which may have acted on the clay layers in the past may have been removed for one reason or another. The practical significance of the pre-consolidation load appears in calculating settlements of structures [12].

There are a few graphical methods for determining the pre-consolidation pressure based on laboratory test data. No suitable criteria exist for appraising the relative merits of the various methods. The earliest and the most widely used method is the one proposed by Casagrande [3]. The method involves locating the point of maximum curvature, B, on the laboratory e-log p curve of an undisturbed sample as shown in Fig 4.10. From B, a tangent is drawn to the curve and a horizontal line is also constructed. The angle between these two lines is then bisected. The abscissa of the point of intersection of this bisector with the upward extension of the inclined straight part corresponds to the pre-consolidation pressure,  $P_c$  [3].

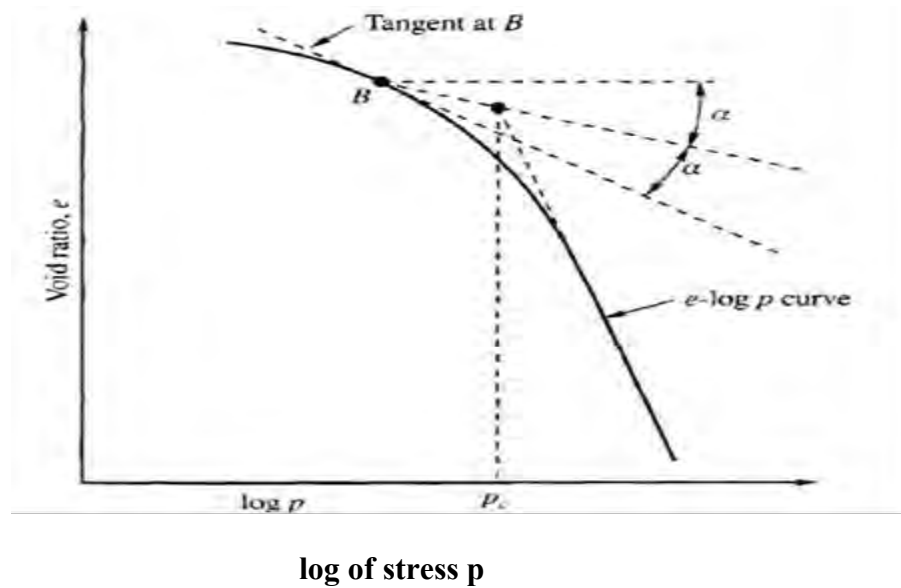


Fig 2.1 Method of determining  $P_c$  according to Casagrande [3]  
 The relative amount of pre-consolidation is usually reported as the over-consolidation ratio (OCR) defined as

$$OCR = \frac{P_c}{P_o} \quad (4.2)$$

where:  $P_c$  pre-consolidation pressure  
 $P_o$  over burden pressure

### 2.5.1.6.3. Compression index

The compression index,  $C_c$ , is equal to the slope of the linear portion of the void ratio versus log pressure plot. Thus:

$$C_c = \frac{\Delta e}{\log\left(1 + \frac{\Delta P}{P_o}\right)} \quad (4.3)$$

Where:  $C_c$  compression index  
 $P_o$  over burden pressure  
 $\Delta e$  Change in void ratio  
 $\Delta p$  change in pressure

The compression index is useful for the determination of the settlement in the field.

### **2.5.1.7. Shear strength test**

#### **2.5.1.7.1 General**

The shear strength of soils is an important aspect in many foundation engineering problems such as the bearing capacity of shallow foundations and piles, the stability of the slopes of dams and embankments, and lateral earth pressure on retaining walls. [13]

The main objectives of shear strength test in soil engineering, is generally to determine the shear strength parameters (i.e., the cohesion and angle of internal friction) in terms of total or effective stresses under known test condition.

Some of the inter particle forces which are believed to contribute to soil cohesion includes:

- (a) Valence forces associated with surface
- (b) Ionic forces associated with ions dissociated from polar materials
- (c) Dipole forces and moments associated with polar materials
- (d) Molecular attraction or van der Waal's forces.

The angle of internal friction includes the effect of interlocking. The interlocking effect itself is affected to some degree by the shape of particles and the grain-size distribution.

The interlocking action varies with the density and the angle of internal friction increases with increase in density. The two parameters cohesion ( $c$ ) and angle of friction ( $\phi$ ) depend on the following factors; grading, particle shape and void ratio. The cohesion also depends on degree of saturation. [13]

#### **2.5.1.7.2. Unconfined compression test (UC)**

The UC test is the simplest and quickest test used to determine the shear strength of a cohesive soil. An undisturbed or remolded sample of cylindrical shape, about 38 mm in diameter and 76 mm in height is subjected to uni-axial compression until the soil fails. Hence the sample is laterally unconfined, only cohesive soils can be tested. The sample is tested quickly and there is no drainage. Therefore, it is a special case of the UU test in which in which the confining pressure is zero.

The strength of a soil determined by this test is influenced by the length to diameter ratio of the sample and the rate of strain. It is generally accepted that ratios of length to diameter of 2 to 2.5 are satisfactory. Similarly, satisfactory rates of strain are 0.5 to 2.0% per minute [13].

For the current investigation, length to diameter ratio of 2 and a strain rate of 2% per minute (about 1.5 mm per minute) is used.


### 3. DESCRIPTION OF THE STUDY AREA

#### 3.1. General

Tiya with its historical site is located in the Ethiopian highlands, about 80 km south of Addis Ababa in the Soddo area on the road to Butajira. Butajira is a town and separate woreda in south-central Ethiopia located about 40 km from Tiya. The exact history of the monuments is unknown, but it is thought that they are the remains of medieval Ethiopia culture apparently dated back to the 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> centuries. The stelae from the Soddo region, with their enigmatic configuration, are highly representative of an expression of the Ethiopian megalithic period. Soddo lies to the south of Addis Ababa, beyond the Aouache river. Among the most important of the roughly 160 archaeological sites discovered so far in the Soddo region is Tiya, lying 38 km south of the river, which is also one of the most representatives.

Tiya is one of nine megalithic pillar sites in the Gurage Zone. As of 1997, 118 stelae were reported in the area. Along with the stelae in the Hadiya Zone, the structures are identified by local residents as *Yeგრagn Dingay* or "Gran's stone", in reference to Imam Ahmad ibn Ibrahim al-Ghazi (Ahmad "Gurey" or "Gran"), ruler of the Adal Sultanate.[14]

Even though Tiya is one of UNESCO World heritage Sites, and is expanding, the engineering properties of the site have not yet been not studied.

Coordinates:  <b>8°26'N, 38°37'E</b>	
<b>Country</b>	<u>Ethiopia</u>
<b>Region</b>	<u>Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region</u>
<b>Zone</b>	<u>Gurage</u>

#### UNESCO World Heritage Site

<b>Official name</b>	Tiya
<b>Type</b>	Cultural
<b>Designated</b>	1980 (4th <u>session</u> )
<b>Region</b>	<u>Africa</u>

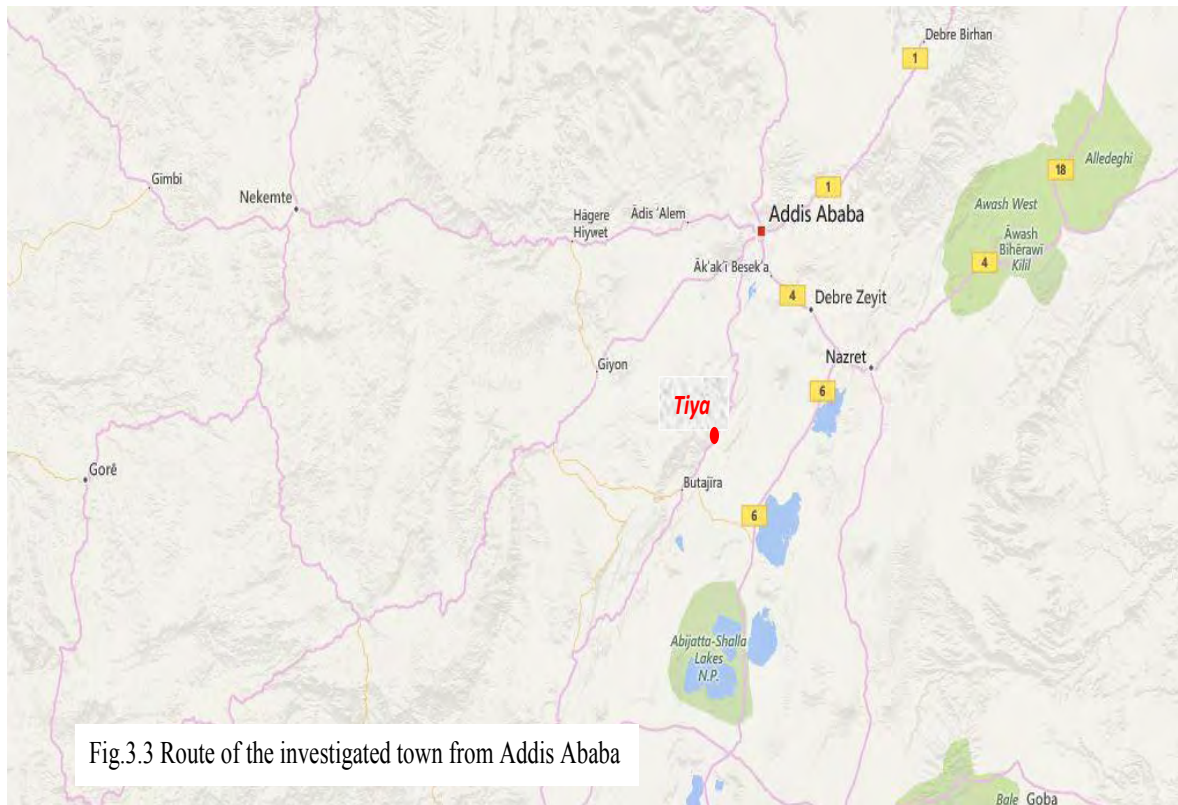
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Fig.3.2 Location of SNNP region on map of Ethiopia.

Fig. 3.1 Location of the research area on the map of Ethiopia.

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Fig.3.4 Archeological site of Tiya.

## 3.2. Soil and Geology

The geology of Ethiopia underlies by rock types range in age from the geology of the country underlies by rock types range in age from Precambrian to Recent. These rocks are categorized into the following geological formations: - [15]

1. Precambrian rocks
2. Paleozoic – Mesozoic sedimentary rocks
3. Cenozoic volcanic rocks and associated sediments

### 3.2.1. Precambrian rocks of Southern and Southwestern Ethiopia

The Precambrian rocks of southern and southwestern Ethiopia were traditionally divided into lower, middle and upper complex based on the variation in grade of metamorphism. The metamorphic grade was thought to decrease from the Lower to the Upper Complex. These authors also noted that the Lower Complex is Archean whereas the Upper Complex is Neoproterozoic in age. The high-grade gneisses and granulites of the Lower Complex may correlate with the high-grade granulites of Uganda. In southwestern Ethiopia the lithological boundaries and structural trends are transected by the granulite isograd. They conclude that the granulite facies metamorphism represented a younger event in the metamorphic evolution of the region. The high-grade gneiss and granulites are old Archean lithosphere similar to those found in Uganda. The high-grade gneisses and granulites are not necessarily older than the low-grade volcano-sedimentary rocks.

The Precambrian of south and southwestern Ethiopia comprises both high-grade gneissic terrain of the Mozambique Belt and low-grade metavolcano-sedimentary sequences of the Arabian-Nubian Shield. Various models have been proposed to explain the relationship between the Mozambique Belt and the Arabian-Nubian Shield. The high-grade rocks of the Mozambique belt extend beneath the low-grade rocks of the Arabian-Nubian Shield forming a basement-cover relationship. The N-trending structures in southern Ethiopia are the roots of northward expulsion of the Arabian-Nubian Shield from the Mozambique Belt, following a Tibetan-type continent-continent collision between east and west Gondwana along the Mozambique Belt after the consumption of the Mozambique Ocean. Age data indicate that magmatism and possibly metamorphism and deformation in southern Ethiopia occurred between about 900 and 500 Ma. However, detrital zircon ages of 1657 Ma from a meta-rhyolite and ages between 1300 and 2050 Ma from diorite gneiss are evidence for the existence of Archean to Mesoproterozoic continental lithospheric component in southern Ethiopia. [15]

## 4. In-situ Properties and Laboratory tests results

### 4.1. In-situ properties

#### 4.1.1. Identification of Soil in the Study Area

Before selecting sampling areas, visual site investigation and information from resident, and construction firms were collected to consider the different soil types and to take sample evenly in the whole town. Accordingly, ten sampling areas were selected from different locations of the town. Pits were excavated to the maximum depth of three meters, but in one pit intact rock was encountered making the digging difficult. Disturbed and undisturbed samples were taken.

Tiya municipality office is refused to give structural map of the town and as a result of the test pits are located on the map taken from Google earth.

The global coordinates of sampling locations i.e. northing, easting and elevations are shown in Table 4.1 and the locations also presented in the attached Google map.

Table 4.1 coordinates of sample location

<b>Designation</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Northing</b>	<b>Easting</b>	<b>Elevation (m)</b>
TP-1	Tiya market	0456983	0932161	2323
TP-2	Around Tiya Stele(2)	0456533	0932248	2319
TP-3	IN front of Tiya School	0457272	0933226	2325
TP-4	Meserete Kirestos	0456587	0932609	2328
TP-5	Noc	0457159	0932784	2322
TP-6	Around Tiya Stele(1)	0456839	0932124	2318
TP-7	Entrance to Amawete	0456308	0931966	2305
TP-8	World Vision	0456922	1932929	2320
TP-9	Sutan Market	0456866	0931483	2311
TP-10	Saint Mariam Church	0456228	0932878	2343

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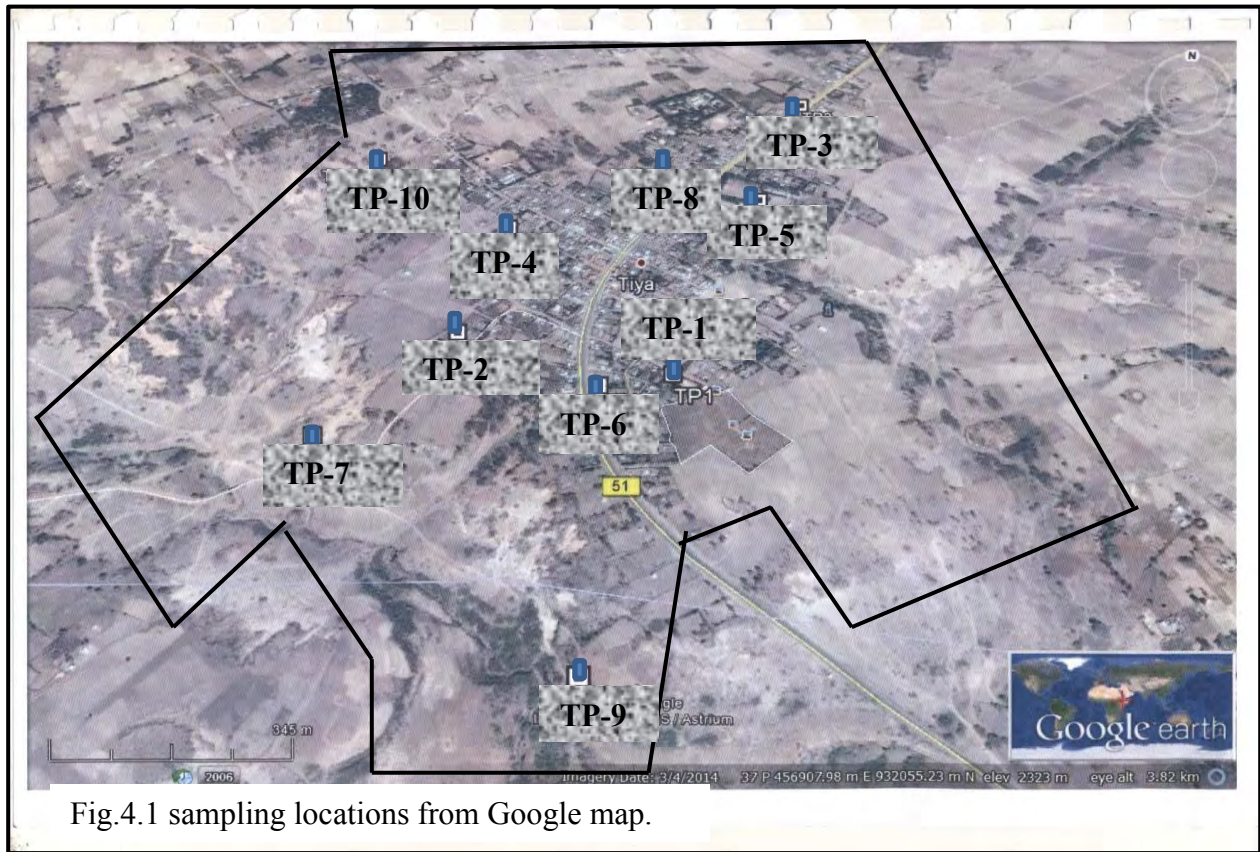


Fig.4.1 sampling locations from Google map.

## 4.1.2. In-situ properties Description

### 4.1.2.1. Natural moisture content procedure and test result

Since it was difficult to bring undisturbed samples to the laboratory, this test was done by taking moisture can and balance to the field. In the site, the weight of the moisture can and the weight of can with moist soil was measured. Then the sample was brought to the laboratory and put it in to drying oven at a temperature of 105°C for 24 hours. Then after, the natural moisture content was determined. The natural moisture content of the ten pits for each profile is shown in Table 4.2.

### 4.1.2.2. In situ density procedure and test result

The bulk density is the ratio of mass of moist soil to the volume of the soil sample, and the dry density is the ratio of the mass of the dry soil to the volume the soil sample. The in-place density of soils is used to determine density of compacted soils used in the construction of structural fills, highway embankments, or earth dams.

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Table 4.2 In-situ density and natural moisture contents of soil samples.

<i>Test Pit No</i>	<i>Depth(m)</i>	<i>Natural moisture content (%)</i>	<i>In-situ density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)</i>	<i>Dry density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)</i>
<i>TP-01</i>	<i>0.70</i>	<i>28.76</i>	<i>19.60</i>	<i>15.22</i>
	<i>1.60</i>	<i>28.00</i>	<i>19.57</i>	<i>15.29</i>
<i>TP-02</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>45.25</i>	<i>17.6</i>	<i>12.12</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>39.33</i>	<i>17.78</i>	<i>12.76</i>
<i>TP-03</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>24.19</i>	<i>20.00</i>	<i>16.10</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>32.74</i>	<i>18.62</i>	<i>14.03</i>
<i>TP-04</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>26.47</i>	<i>19.51</i>	<i>15.43</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>44.35</i>	<i>17.55</i>	<i>12.16</i>
<i>TP-05</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>30.40</i>	<i>19.26</i>	<i>14.77</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>33.19</i>	<i>19.36</i>	<i>14.54</i>
<i>TP-06</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>38.60</i>	<i>17.83</i>	<i>12.86</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>35.98</i>	<i>17.83</i>	<i>13.11</i>
<i>TP-07</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>47.49</i>	<i>17.13</i>	<i>11.61</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>37.25</i>	<i>17.67</i>	<i>12.87</i>
<i>TP-08</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>28.61</i>	<i>18.86</i>	<i>14.66</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>49.07</i>	<i>16.93</i>	<i>11.36</i>
<i>TP-09</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>32.83</i>	<i>17.19</i>	<i>12.94</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>37.38</i>	<i>14.67</i>	<i>10.68</i>
<i>TP-10</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>27.25</i>	<i>18.02</i>	<i>14.16</i>
	<i>3.00</i>			<i>Rock</i>

## 4.2. Laboratory test procedure and results

### 4.2.1. General

A bulk of soil, as it exists in nature, is more or less randomly assembled soil particles, water and air. The properties of soils are complex and variable. Every civil engineering work involves the determination of soil type and its associated engineering application; certain properties are more significant than others. The common problems faced by civil engineers are related to bearing capacity and compressibility of soil and seepage through the soil. The possible solution to these problems is arrived at based on the study of the physical and index properties of the soil [11].

Soil is a heterogeneous material. The properties and characteristics of soils vary from point to point. The tests required for determination of engineering properties are generally elaborate and time consuming. Sometimes the geotechnical engineer is interested to have some rough assessment of the engineering properties without conducting elaborate tests. This is possible if index properties are determined. The properties of soils which are indicative of the engineering properties are called index properties [11].

## 4.2.2. Specific gravity

Specific gravity is the ratio of the mass of unit volume of soil at a stated temperature to the mass of the same volume of gas-free distilled water at a stated temperature. The specific gravity of a soil is used in the phase relationship of air, water, and solids in a given volume of the soil [4].

The specific gravity of the soil samples for the 10 test pits are given in Table 4.3. The detailed test procedure is presented in Appendix G.

Table 4.3 Specific Gravity of the Soil of the Study Area.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Depth(M)</i>	<i>Specific Gravity</i>
<i>Tiya Market(TP-1)</i>	<i>0.70</i>	<i>2.59</i>
	<i>1.60</i>	<i>2.44</i>
<i>Around Tiya stele(2)(TP-2)</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>2.52</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>2.53</i>
<i>Infront of Tiya School(TP-3)</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>2.46</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>2.59</i>
<i>Meserete Kirestos(TP-4)</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>2.51</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>2.57</i>
<i>NOC(TP-5)</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>2.47</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>2.43</i>
<i>Around Tiya stele(1)(TP-6)</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>2.67</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>2.42</i>
<i>Entrance to Amawete(TP-7)</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>2.46</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>2.53</i>
<i>World Vision(TP-8)</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>2.52</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>2.49</i>
<i>Sutan Market(TP-9)</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>2.57</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>2.51</i>
<i>Mariam Church(TP-10)</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>2.58</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>Rock</i>

### 4.2.3. Grain-size distribution of soil

The procedure followed to run this test is according to ASTM standard with designations D422-63 and D1140-97.[8]

According to ASTM D422-63 the distribution of particles, finer than 75 $\mu$ m can be done by hydrometer test and courser than 75 $\mu$ m by mechanical sieve. The detailed test procedure is presented in Appendix c.

The combined grain size distribution curves are shown in Fig 4.2 and 4.3 respectively. The gradation of soils in the study area varies considerably (Table 4.4). From the grain size analysis result clay content ranging from 17.08 to 55.51 %, silt fraction 34.79 to 75.52%, sand fraction 6.20 to 35% and gravel content from 0.0 to 0.5%.

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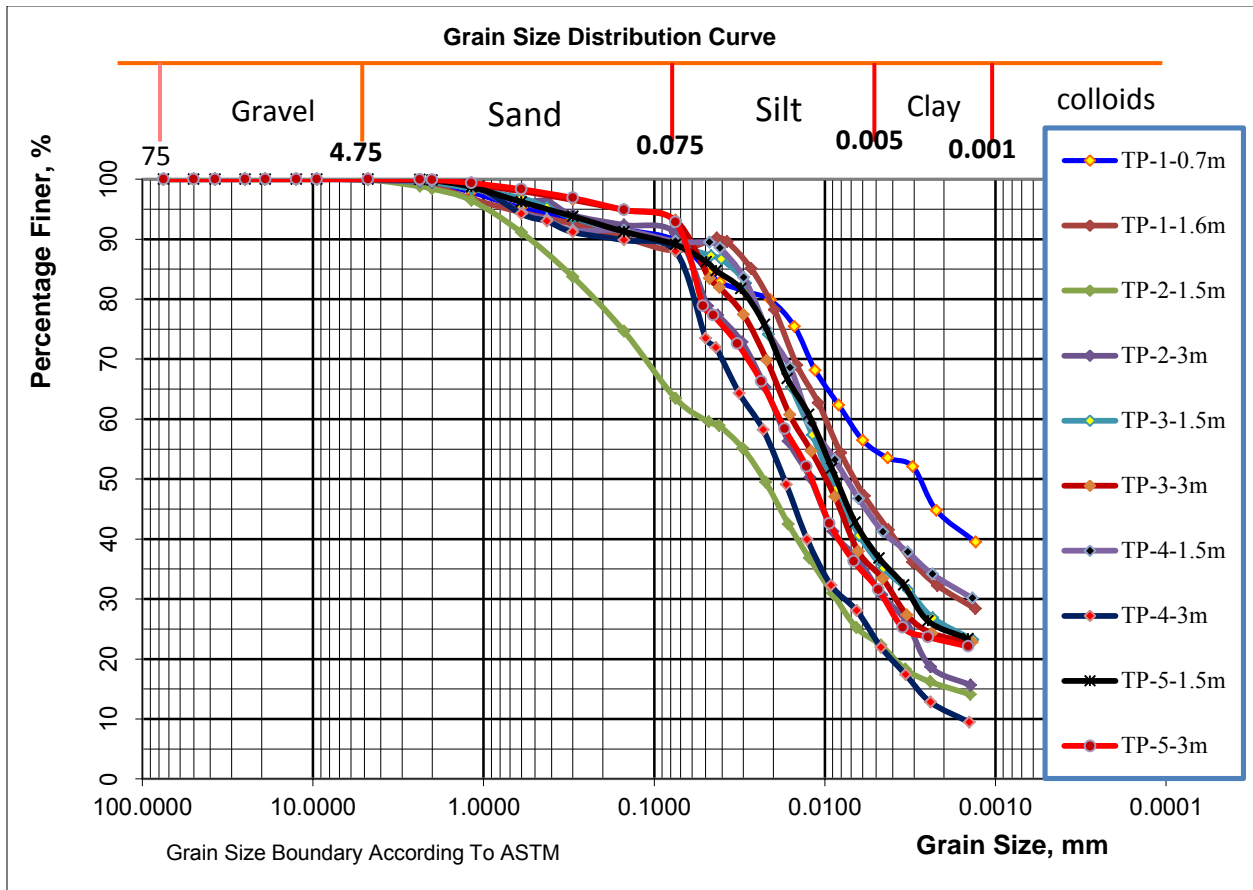


Fig 4.2 Grain size distribution cure for samples from test pits 1 to 5

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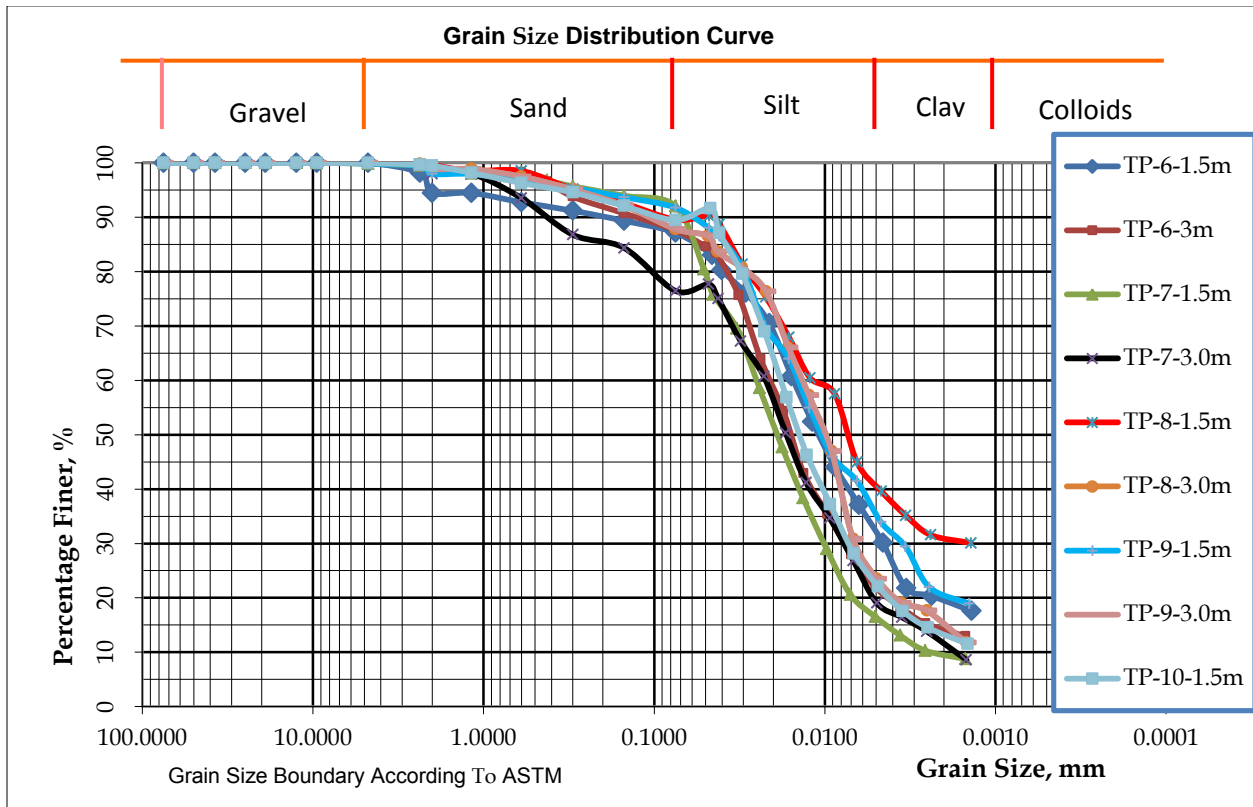


Fig 4.3 Grain size distribution cure for samples from test pits 6 to 10

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Table 4.4 Summary of grain size analysis result using ASTM.

<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>Depth(M)</i>	<i>Gravel (%)</i>	<i>Sand (%)</i>	<i>Silt (%)</i>	<i>Clay (%)</i>
<i>TP-1</i>	<i>0.70</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9.70</i>	<i>34.79</i>	<i>55.51</i>
	<i>1.60</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11.00</i>	<i>43.76</i>	<i>45.24</i>
<i>TP-2</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>35.00</i>	<i>40.65</i>	<i>24.25</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>8.40</i>	<i>58.99</i>	<i>32.51</i>
<i>TP-3</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10.50</i>	<i>46.06</i>	<i>43.44</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6.60</i>	<i>58.76</i>	<i>34.64</i>
<i>TP-4</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10.20</i>	<i>47.15</i>	<i>42.65</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11.80</i>	<i>65.00</i>	<i>23.20</i>
<i>TP-5</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10.70</i>	<i>51.63</i>	<i>37.67</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7.08</i>	<i>61.32</i>	<i>31.60</i>
<i>TP-6</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7.30</i>	<i>55.42</i>	<i>37.28</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11.80</i>	<i>65.72</i>	<i>22.48</i>
<i>TP-7</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>7.30</i>	<i>75.52</i>	<i>17.08</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>57.44</i>	<i>21.06</i>
<i>TP-8</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>49.06</i>	<i>40.94</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>64.35</i>	<i>24.55</i>
<i>TP-9</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>56.57</i>	<i>37.13</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>65.29</i>	<i>24.31</i>
<i>TP-10</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>67.39</i>	<i>22.61</i>

#### 4.2.4. Atterberg limits

Atterberg Limits were determined for oven-dried samples. It was done based on the Standard Reference: ASTM D 4318-98 –Standard Test Method for Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit, and Plasticity Index of Soils. The oven dried samples at a temperature of 105 °c after 24hrs which passed No.40 (0.425mm) sieve were used for the preparation of the sample for this test. [8]

The Atterberg Limits for soil in Tiya town are summarized in Table 4.5 .The details are presented in Appendix B. From this we can observe that liquid limit ranges from 44 – 83%, plastic limit ranges from 18 – 37% and plasticity index from 18 – 51%.

Table 4.5 Atterberg Limit Result.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Depth(m)</i>	<i>Liquid Limit</i>	<i>Plastic Limit</i>	<i>Plasticity Index</i>
<i>TP-1</i>	<i>0.70</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>42</i>
	<i>1.60</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>38</i>
<i>TP-2</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>31</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>41</i>
<i>TP-3</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>30</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>41</i>
<i>TP-4</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>32</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>TP-5</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>37</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>43</i>
<i>TP-6</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>48</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>TP-7</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>24</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>TP-8</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>43</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>TP-9</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>51</i>
	<i>3.00</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>42</i>
<i>TP-10</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>41</i>
	<i>3.00</i>			<i>Rock</i>

#### 4.2.5. Free swell

Free swell test results for oven dried samples at a temperature of 105 °c are summarized in Table 4.7. From the test result one can see that the free swell of the soil under investigation ranges from 34% to 102.5%.

Those soils having a free swell greater than 200% are described as very high .FSI between 50 and 100 are described as high .FSI between 50 and 100 are described as medium. FSI less than 50 are described as low degree of expansion. [16]

Table 4.6 Free swell test results of the study area.

Location	Depth(M)	Free swell (%)
Tiya Market(TP-1)	0.70	92.5
	1.60	82.5
Around tiya stela(2)(TP-2)	1.50	97.5
	3.00	102.5
In front of tiya school(TP-3)	1.50	52.5
	3.00	95.0
Meserete Kirestos(TP-4)	1.50	69.5
	3.00	60.0
Noc( TP-5)	1.50	55.0
	3.00	87.5
Around tiya stela(1) (TP-6)	1.50	70.0
	3.00	100.0
Entrance to Amawete(TP-7)	1.50	67.5
	3.00	34.0
World Vision(TP-8)	1.50	87.5
	3.00	45.5
Sutan Market(TP-9)	1.50	89.5
	3.00	87.0
St.Mariam church (TP-10)	1.50	82.5
	3.00	Rock

## 4.2.6. Classification of the Soils

### 4.2.6.1 Classification of soils based on Unified soil classification (USC) system

The soils under investigation have been classified according to AASHTO M-145 and UCSC.[10].This system describes a system for classifying minerals and organo-mineral soils for engineering purposes based on laboratory determination of particle-size characteristics, liquid limit, and plasticity index and shall be used when precise classification is required[8].The classification of the soils are presented in Table 4.7 and Fig 4.5.

Table 4.7 Classifications of soils based on USCS Classification system.

Location	Depth (m)	Percent amount of particle size				LL (%)	PI (%)	Classification USCS
		Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Silt (%)	Clay (%)			
TP-1	0.70	0	9.7	45.16	45.14	73	42	CH
	1.60	0	11	55.95	33.05	65	38	CH
TP-2	1.50	0.1	35	47.12	17.78	64	31	MH
	3.00	0.1	8.4	72.44	19.06	78	41	MH
TP-3	1.50	0	10.5	62.08	27.42	55	30	CH
	3.00	0	6.6	68.98	24.42	78	41	MH
TP-4	1.50	0	10.2	55.39	34.41	60	32	CH
	3.00	0	11.8	75.14	13.06	56	29	CH
TP-5	1.50	0	10.7	62.61	26.69	57	37	CH
	3.00	0	7.08	69.29	23.63	74	43	CH
TP-6	1.50	0	7.3	66.76	25.94	69	48	CH
	3.00	0	11.8	72.42	15.78	67	48	CH
TP-7	1.50	0.1	7.3	81.68	10.92	51	24	CH
	3.00	0	21.5	62.58	15.92	44	23	CL
TP-8	1.50	0	10	57.86	32.14	66	43	CH
	3.00	0	11.1	70.23	18.67	47	18	ML
TP-9	1.50	0.1	6.2	69.76	23.94	83	51	CH
	3.00	0.5	9.9	70.97	18.63	76	42	CH
TP-10	1.50	0	10	74.87	15.13	59	41	CH
	3.00				rock			Rock

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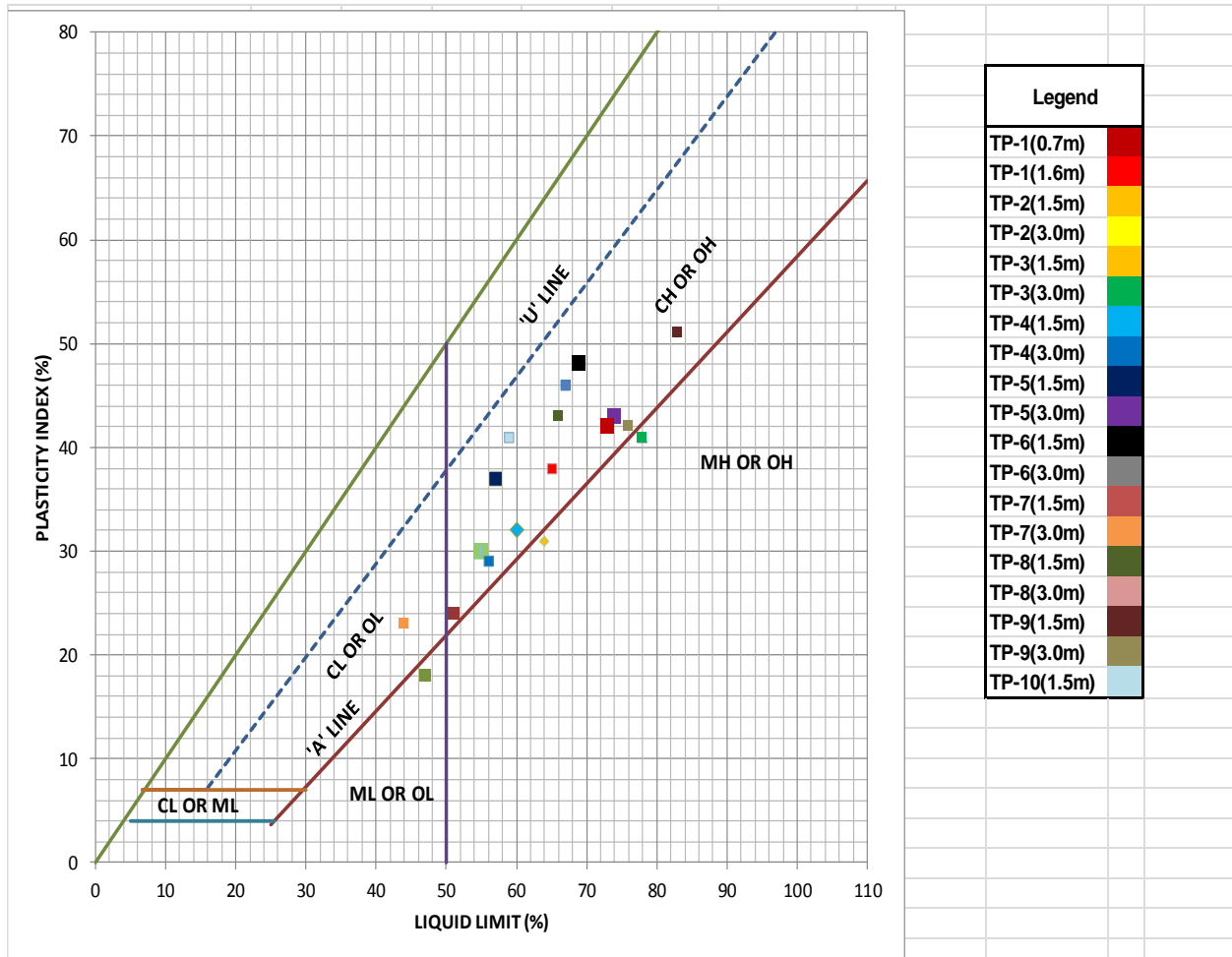


Fig.4.4 Plasticity Chart of the study area according to Unified soil classification System.

#### **4.2.6.2 Classifications of soils based on AASHTO Classification system**

The AASHTO system uses similar techniques as that of USC but the dividing line has an equation of the form  $PI = LL - 30$ . It generally classifies a soil broadly into granular material and silt-clay material. The granular material is further divided into three groups which are called A-1, A-2 and A-3. The silt-clay material is in turn divided into four groups namely, A-4, A-5, A-6 and A-7.

As it can be observed from AASHTO Classification system (Fig.4.6 and Table 4.10) ,the usual types of significant constituent materials are clayey soil. The group classification of all the samples are A-7-5 and A-7-6 which are clayey soils.

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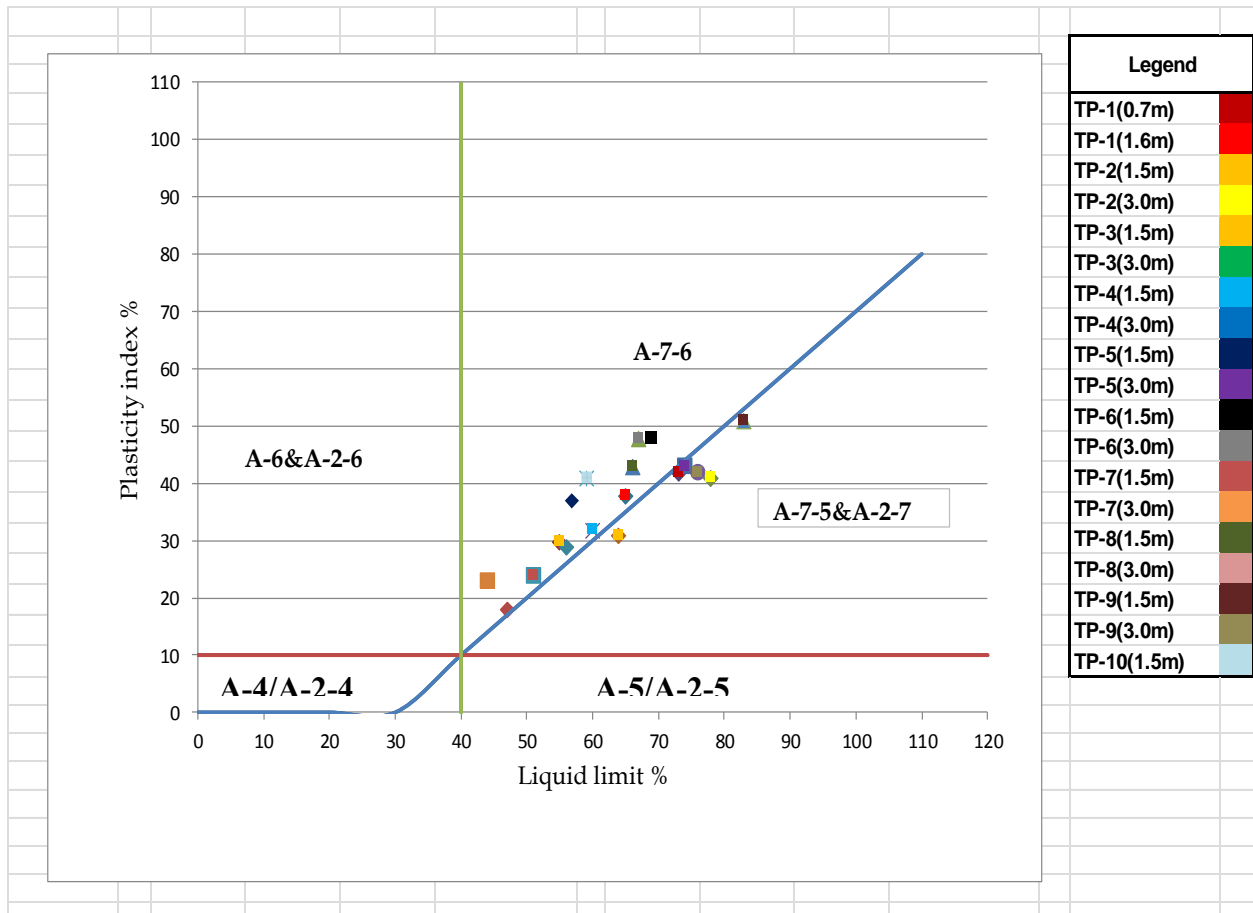


Fig 4.5 Plasticity Chart of soil in the study area according to AASHTO system of classification.

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Table 4.8 Classifications of soils based on AASHTO Classification system.

Location	Depth (m)	Percent passing on sieve			GROUP INDEX	LL (%)	PI (%)	Classification AASHTO	Usual types of significant constituent materials	General rating as sub-grade materials
		No.10	No.40	No.200						
TP-1	0.70	99.5	95.2	90.3	20(max)	73	42	A-7-5(44)	Clayey soils	poor
	1.60	99.1	94.5	89	20(max)	65	38	A-7-6(38)	Clayey soils	poor
TP-2	1.50	98.4	91.1	64.9	20(max)	64	31	A-7-5(20)	Clayey soil	poor
	3.00	99.4	96.3	91.5	20(max)	78	41	A-7-5(46)	Clayey soils	poor
TP-3	1.50	99.5	95.3	89.5	20(max)	55	30	A-7-6(30)	Clayey soils	poor
	3.00	99.8	98	93.4	20(max)	78	41	A-7-5(47)	Clayey soil	poor
TP-4	1.50	99.8	93.3	89.8	20(max)	60	32	A-7-6(33)	Clayey soils	poor
	3.00	99.8	93	88.2	20(max)	56	29	A-7-6(29)	Clayey soils	poor
TP-5	1.50	99.8	96.2	89.3	20(max)	57	37	A-7-6(36)	Clayey soils	poor
	3.00	99.9	98.3	92.92	20(max)	74	43	A-7-5(47)	Clayey soils	poor
TP-6	1.50	94.5	92.8	92.7	20(max)	69	48	A-7-6(49)	Clayey soils	poor
	3.00	99.4	96.6	88.2	20(max)	67	48	A-7-6(46)	Clayey soils	poor
TP-7	1.50	99.3	96.8	92.6	20(max)	50	24	A-7-6(25)	Clayey soils	poor
	3.00	98	93.5	78.5	20(max)	44	23	A-7-6(18)	Clayey soils	poor
TP-8	1.50	99.6	97	90	20(max)	66	43	A-7-6(43)	Clayey soils	poor
	3.00	98.9	97.5	88.9	20(max)	47	18	A-7-5(17)	Clayey soils	poor
TP-9	1.50	98	96.7	93.7	20(max)	83	51	A-7-5(57)	Clayey soils	poor
	3.00	96.1	93.1	89.6	20(max)	76	42	A-7-5(45)	Clayey soils	poor
TP-10	1.50	99.5	96.3	90	20(max)	59	41	A-7-6(39)	Clayey soils	poor
	3.00								ROCK	

#### 4.2.6.3. Classifications of soils based on Activity chart

The clay soil can be classified inactive, normal or active. With this observation Skempton defined a parameter A called Activity. Activity has been used as an index property to determine the swelling potential of expansive clays. [13]

Table 4.9 Activity for different type of soils.

S/N	Activity	Soil type
1	<0.75	In active
2	0.75-1.25	Normal
3	>1.25	Active

The respective values for the investigated soils are presented in Table 4.10 and Fig. 4.7

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Table 4.10 Activity values of the investigated soils.

Location	Depth	PI	% Clay	Ac
Tiya Market	0.70	42	55.51	0.76
	1.60	38	45.24	0.84
Around Tiya Stele(2)	1.50	31	32.51	0.95
	3.00	41	32.51	1.26
In front of Tiya School	1.50	30	43.44	0.69
	3.00	41	34.64	1.18
Meserte kiristos	1.50	32	42.65	0.75
	3.00	29	23.20	1.25
Noc	1.50	37	37.67	0.98
	3.00	43	31.60	1.36
(1) Around Tiya stele	1.50	48	37.28	1.29
	3.00	48	22.48	2.14
Entrance to Amawete	1.50	24	17.08	1.41
	3.00	23	21.06	1.09
World vision	1.50	43	40.94	1.05
	3.00	18	24.55	0.73
Sutan market	1.50	51	37.13	1.37
	3.00	42	24.31	1.73
St. Mariam church	1.50	41	22.61	1.81
	3.00			rock

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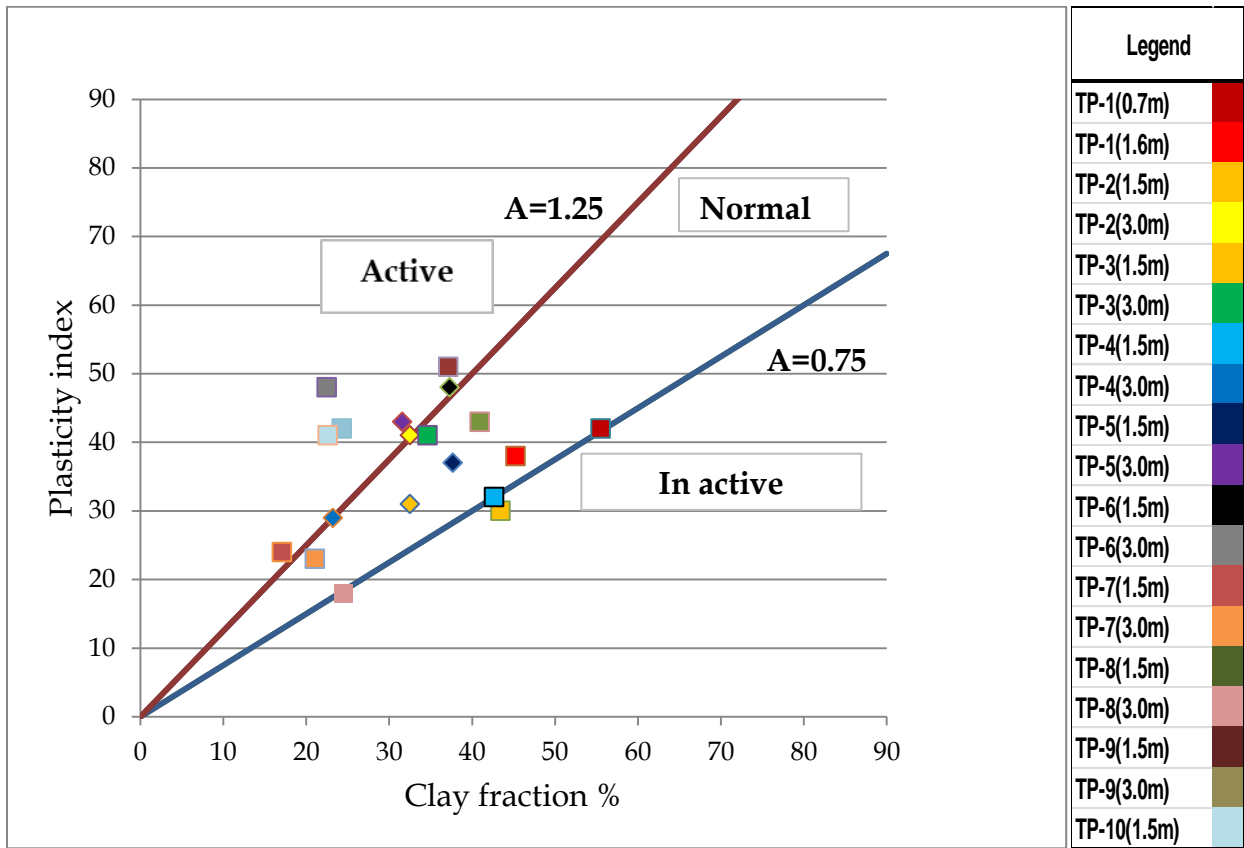


Fig 4.6 soil classification system of the study area according to Activity Chart.

#### 4.2.7. Consolidation

This test was done according to the procedure called standard test method for one-dimensional consolidation properties of soils on the ASTM standard, Designation D2435-96.[8]

After carefully trimming undisturbed sample at its top and bottom, it is placed inside the metal ring with porous stone at its top and bottom(Fig 4.8). A setting load of 7 kPa is applied until the soil is fully saturated. Load was applied through the lever arm and compression dial reading was taken at a time interval of 0.1,0.25,0.5,1, 2,4,8,15,30minutes and 1,2,4,8, and 24hours. The load is doubled every 24 hours starting from 25kPa to1600kPa. This procedure was followed for all the samples. Plots of void ratio versus logarithm of pressure for all the samples are done. (See Appendix C for detail calculations of the consolidation test result.)

Consolidation tests for selected three sites are presented in Appendix C. The summary of the test results are presented in Table 4.13

Table 4.13 Summary of the consolidation test results.

Test pit Designation	Depth (m)	Natural moisture content	Total unit wt (kPa)	Pressure p (kPa)	Void Ratio $e_r$	Comp. Index $C_c$	Over burden press. $P_o$	Pre-conso Press. $P_c$	Over cons. Ratio OCR
TP-3	3.00	32.74	18.62	7	0.27	0.224	55.95	150.0	2.7
				50	0.25				
				100	0.23				
				200	0.19				
				400	0.14				
				800	0.08				
				1600	0.01				
TP-7	3.00	37.25	17.13	7	1.09	0.218	51.39	330.0	6.4
				50	1.08				
				100	1.07				
				200	1.06				
				400	1.04				
				800	1.00				
				1600	0.93				
TP-8	3.00	49.07	16.77	7	1.06	0.246	50.31	350.0	7.0
				50	1.05				
				100	1.04				
				200	1.01				
				400	0.98				
				800	0.93				
				1600	0.86				

#### 4.2.8. Unconfined compression test (UC)

Unconfined compressive strength is calculated the same as for any material, with an additional calculation of the area change from bulging. [10]

Since soils tend to deform much more (say, than concrete), the area of the specimen changes through the test to maintain constant volume. Thus, the average cross sectional area at a particular deformation during the test is calculated using:

$$A = A_o / (1 - \varepsilon) \quad (4.5)$$

Where; A = corrected cross sectional area (m<sup>2</sup>)

A<sub>o</sub> = original cross sectional area (m<sup>2</sup>)

ε = axial strain (mm/mm), ε = ΔL/L<sub>o</sub>

The shear strength is defined as half the compressive strength.

Where the equation is given as:

$$q_u = \frac{P}{A} \quad (4.4)$$

Where, q<sub>u</sub> = unconfined compressive strength (kPa)

P = Compressive force (kN)

A = cross sectional area (m<sup>2</sup>)

Typical values of q<sub>u</sub> for different consistencies are presented in Table 4.14

Table 4.14 Consistency & unconfined compression strength of clays.

Consistency	(unconfined compressive strength ) q <sub>u</sub> (kN/m <sup>2</sup> )
Very soft	0-24
Soft	24-48
Medium	48-96
Stiff	96-192
Very stiff	192-383
Hard	>383

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The laboratory investigations of UCS tests are conducted on undisturbed samples collected from six different areas of Tiya town.

The detailed test results of samples from 6 pits are presented in Appendix A. The summary of the results are given in Table 4.15

Table 4.15 Unconfined strength of soils of the Tiya town.

Location	Designation	Depth (m)	UCS (kPa)	NMC (%)	USCS Classification Group	State of Consistency
Around Tiya stele(1)	TP-6	3.00	178.00	35.98	MH	Stiff
Entrance to Amawete	TP-7	1.50	108.00	47.49	CL	Stiff
World Vision	TP-8	3.00	84	49.07	ML	Medium
Sutan Market	TP-9	1.50	122.00	32.83	CH	Stiff
	TP-9	3.00	313	37.38	CH	Very Stiff
St. Mariam Church	TP-10	1.50	119.00	27.25	CH	Stiff

## 5. Discussions of the laboratory test results and Comparisons with previously done research

- Index tests conducted in soil laboratory are indicating that the minimum types of soils that are available in Tiya Town. Simply free swell test are conducted to evaluate the expansiveness of the investigated soil. Investigated soils which are found in the town are:

### 1. High plastic clay soils (CH)

- Highly plastic clay soils with high degree of expansiveness are investigated at TP-6 for the depth of 3m is under this category.
- Highly plastic clay soils with marginal degree of expansiveness are investigated at TP-1, TP-4, TP-3, TP-5, and TP-9 at depth of 1.5m and 3m; TP-3, TP-6, TP-7, TP-8 and TP-10 only for a depth of 1.5 are under this category.

### 2. Low plastic clay soils (CL)

- Low plastic clay soils with low degree of expansiveness are investigated at TP-7 for the depth of 3m is under this category.

### 3. High plastic silt soils (MH)

- Highly plastic silt soil with high degree of expansiveness is investigated at TP-2 for the depth of 3m is under this category.
- A highly plastic silt soil with Marginal degree of expansiveness is investigated at TP-2 for of a depth of 1.5m and TP-3 of a depth of 1.5 m is under this category.

### 4. Low plastic silt soils (ML)

- Low plastic silt soils with low degree of expansiveness are investigated at TP-8 for the depth of 3m is under this category.

### 5. Rock

- Intact rock is investigated around Saint Mary church which is made digging difficult to take a sample. Soils are investigated at TP-10 for the depth of 3m is under this category.

From the plasticity Chart, of according to the Unified Soil Classification System, one observes that the soil under investigation lies below the A-line in the region of inorganic silt and inorganic

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elastic silt. That means inorganic silt with low to high plasticity. This chart also shows that all samples located above A-line. In USCS classification CL, CH, MH & ML are to describe:

C = Clay, M=Silt L and H are show liquid limits less than or greater than 50% respectively.

Classifications of soils according to AASHTO Classification system it can be observed that soil in the study area is classified in group A-7-5 and A-7-6. It shows that Usual types of significant constituent materials are clayey soil.

The unconfined compression strength test conducted for selected undisturbed samples of soils for Tiya are between medium to very stiff state of consistency i.e. 84-313 kPa at natural water content ranging from 27.25 to 49.07 %.

The compression index of the soils is calculated from the straight portions of the loading e-logp curves. This calculation shows that the compression index,  $C_c$ , ranges from 0.218-0.246. Swelling pressure measured 250kPa in the study area.

Over-consolidation ratios(OCR) of the soils are more than one, so the soil in the study area is over consolidated in its natural state.

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Table 5.1 Summary of degree of expansiveness for the study area.

Location	Depth(M)	Degree of expansiveness
Tiya Market(TP-1)	0.70	Marginal
	1.60	Marginal
Around Tiya stele(2)(TP-2)	1.50	Marginal
	3.00	High
In front of Tiya school(TP-3)	1.50	Marginal
	3.00	Marginal
Meserete Kirestos(TP-4)	1.50	Marginal
	3.00	Marginal
Noc( TP-5)	1.50	Marginal
	3.00	Marginal
Around Tiya stele(1) (TP-6)	1.50	Marginal
	3.00	High
Entrance to Amawete(TP-7)	1.50	Marginal
	3.00	Low
World Vision(TP-8)	1.50	Marginal
	3.00	Low
Sutan Market(TP-9)	1.50	Marginal
	3.00	Marginal
St.Mariam church (TP-10)	1.50	Marginal
	3.00	Rock

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Finally the test results obtained from this research are compared to Durame Soil which is found in Southern Nations, Nationalities and People Region by other previous researcher. The comparison is shown in Table 5.2.

Table 5.2 Comparisons with previously done researcher.

	Previous Research Fitsum ,M.(2013)	Current Research
Location	Durame	Tiya
Clay Content (%)	15-75	17.08-55.51
Activity	0.24-1.23	0.69-2.14
Liquid Limit (%)	44-79	44-83
Plasticity Index (%)	16-42	18-51
Free swell (%)	20-70	34.0-102.5
Specific gravity	2.52-2.97	2.42-2.67
From plasticity chart	MH and CH	CH, MH,CL,ML
UCS	121-302	84-313

## **6. Tentative soil map of Tiya town**

- Soil map of Tiya Town was prepared based on information collected from GPS data, field visual observation of different areas and laboratory test results.
- Test pits are excavated to a maximum depth of 3m.
- Investigated soil types at a depth of 3 meter are CH, MH, ML and rock.
- All investigated soils at a depth of 1.5m are CH.
- Index tests conducted in soil laboratory are indicating that the minimum types of soils that are available in Tiya Town. Simply free swell test are conducted to evaluate the expansiveness of the investigated soil.

Investigated soils which are found in the town are:

### 1. High plastic clay soils (CH)

- Highly plastic clay soil with high degree of expansiveness.

### 2. Low plastic clay soils (CL)

- Low plastic clay soil with Low degree of expansiveness.

### 3. High plastic silt soils (MH)

- Highly dominantly plastic silt soil with highly expansive to low degree of expansiveness.

### 4. Low plastic silt soils (ML)

- Low plastic silt soil with low degree of expansiveness.

### 5. Rock

- Intact rock is investigated around Saint Mary church which is difficult to take a sample.

The degree of expansiveness for investigated soils is shown in Table 7.1.

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Table 6.1 Degree of expansiveness for investigated soil of the study area.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Depth(M)</b>	<b>Degree of expansiveness</b>
<b>Tiya Market(TP-1)</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
	<b>1.60</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
<b>Around Tiya stele(2)(TP-2)</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
	<b>3.00</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>In front of Tiya school(TP-3)</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
	<b>3.00</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
<b>Meserete Kirestos(TP-4)</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
	<b>3.00</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
<b>Noc( TP-5)</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
	<b>3.00</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
<b>Around Tiya stele(1) (TP-6)</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
	<b>3.00</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Entrance to Amawete(TP-7)</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
	<b>3.00</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>World Vision(TP-8)</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
	<b>3.00</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Sutan Market(TP-9)</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
	<b>3.00</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
<b>St.Mariam church (TP-10)</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
	<b>3.00</b>	<b>Rock</b>

Finally a tentative soil map of the study area is attached for layers 1.5meter and 3.0 meter are presented respectively in Fig.6.1 and Fig.6.2

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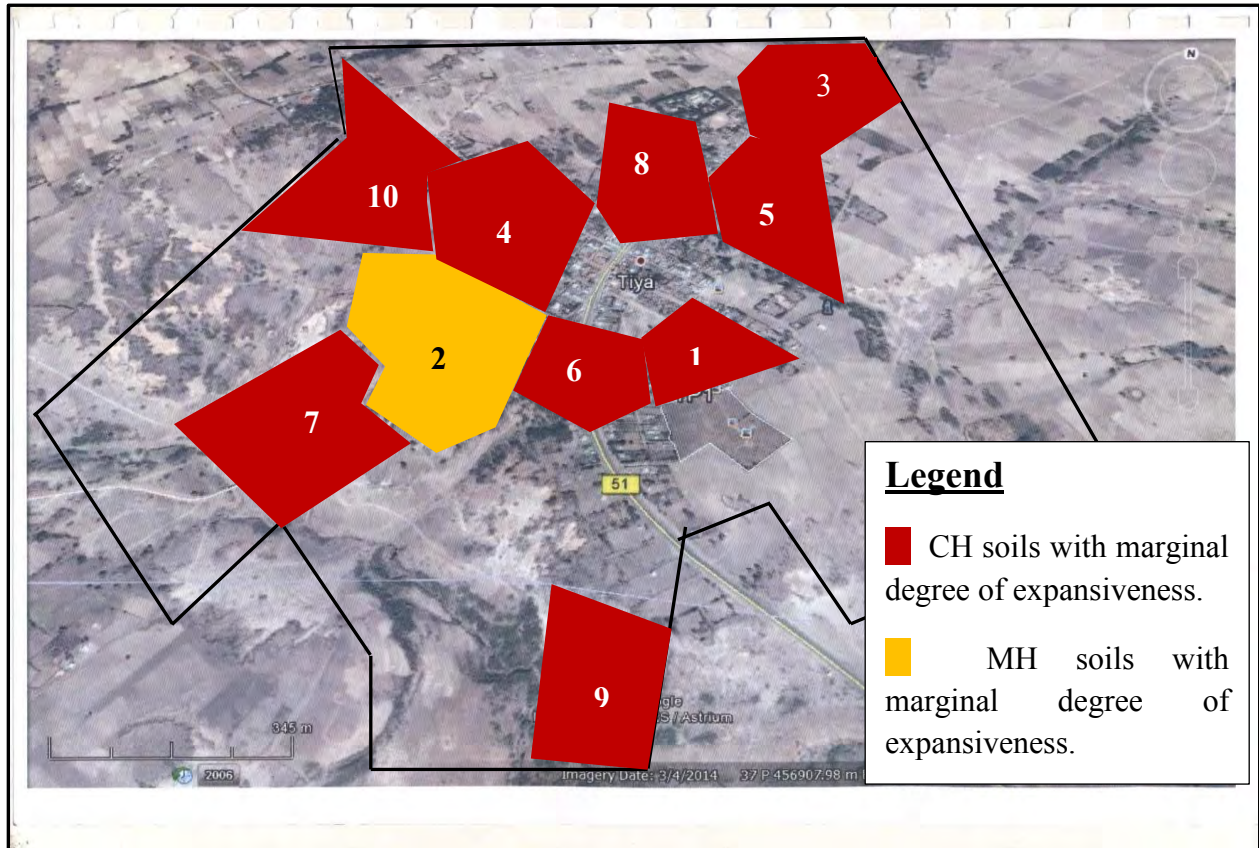


Fig 6.1 Tentative soil map nearly at top surface to 1.5m.

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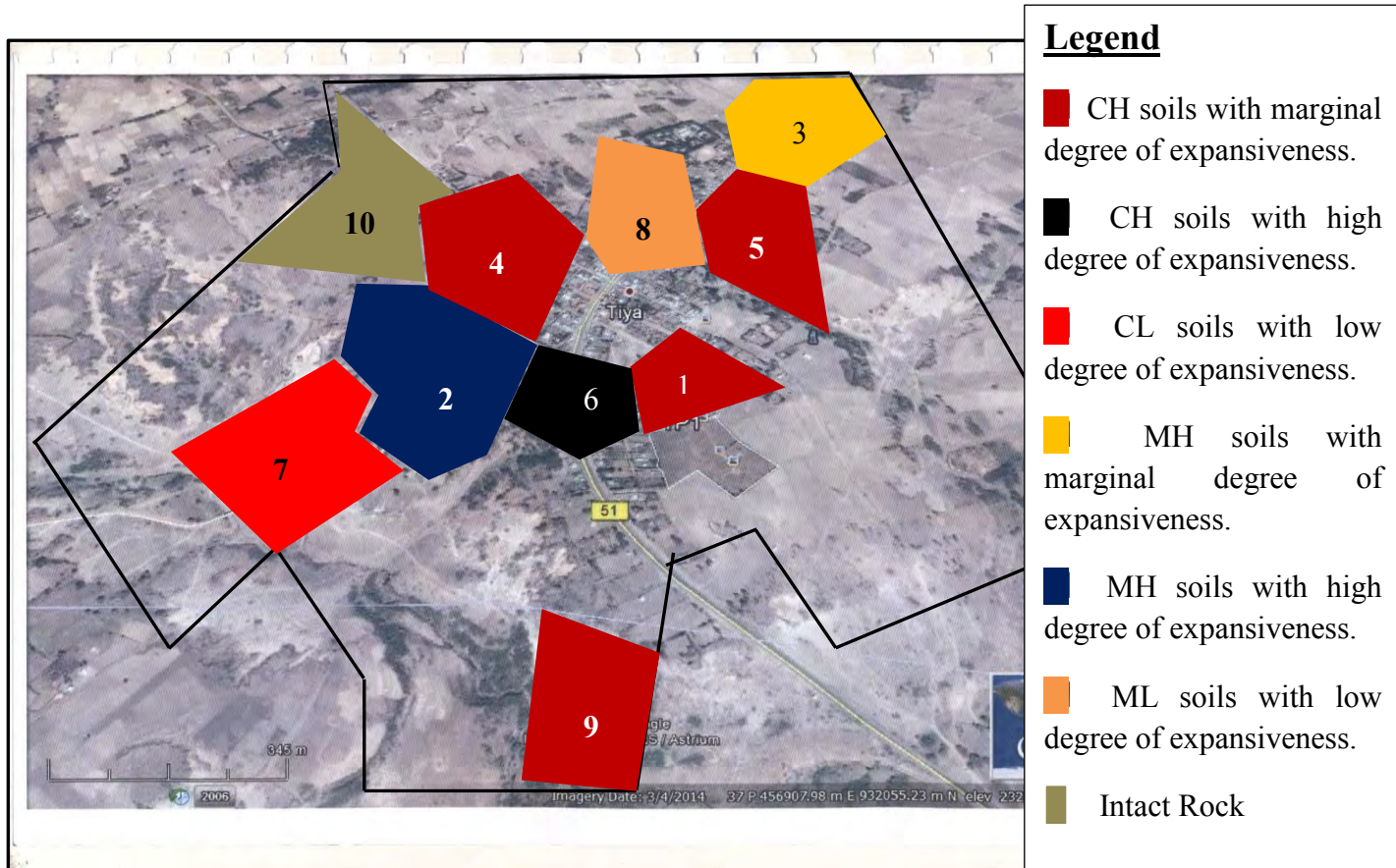


Fig.6.2 Tentative soil map at depth of 3m.

## **7. Conclusion and recommendation**

### **7.1. Conclusion**

1. Grain size analysis tests revealed that, starting from few centimeters below the ground level to the depth of investigation which is three meters, the soil in Tiya town is mostly clay and silt soil in which the percentage of clay ranges from 17.08 to 55.51%, silt from 40.65 to 75.52%, sand from 6.2 to 35% and gravel 0.0 to 0.5%. A tentative soil map is presented in Fig 6.2 and Fig 6.3.

2. The specific gravity of Tiya soil is ranges from 2.42 to 2.67

3. The samples show free swell value between 34% to 102.5%. This show in the study area is ranges from low to very high expansive soils.

4. From consistency limit test results the liquid limit of the area ranges from 44 to 83%, plastic limit rages from 18 to 37% %and plastic index from 18 to 51%.

5. As determined from the one-dimensional consolidation test conducted from undisturbed soil samples, compression index,  $C_c$ , ranges from 0.218 to 0.246, and measured swelling pressure of 250kPa.

The unconfined compression strength test conducted for selected undisturbed samples of soils for Tiya are between medium to very stiff state of consistency i.e. 84 to 313 kPa at natural water content ranging from 27.25 to 49.07 %.

### **7.2. Recommendation**

1. In this research samples of soil were collected only from ten test pits, by increasing the number of sampling additional investigation should be done in future.

2. Detail investigation has to be done for the soil profile along the depths. The maximum depth for this investigation was 3 m.

3. This study didn't include x-ray diffraction test. Therefore this test should be done to identify and characterize the minerals of the soils under investigation.

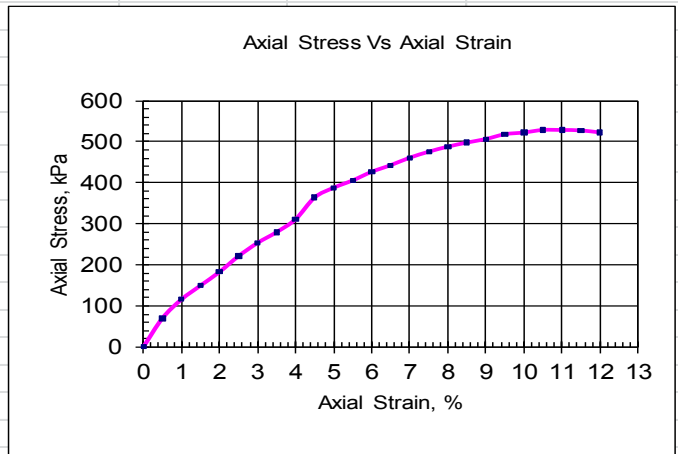
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<b>Appendix A</b>		<b>Unconfined Compression Test</b>	
<b>Location of project:</b>		<b>Around Tiya Stele(1)</b>	
<b>Test Pit No</b>			
Test Pit Depth , m	<b>1.5m</b>	Ring Calibration Factor, kN/div	0.00133
Diameter of sample , mm	38	Moisture content, %	<b>38.60</b>
Length of sample , mm	76	Wet unit weight, kN/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>16.93</b>

<b>Sample 1</b>					
Axial Deformation [mm]	Axial Strain [%]	Proving Ring Reading [div]	Axial Load [kN]	Corrected Area [m <sup>2</sup> ]	Axial Stress [kPa]
0	0.00	0	0.0000	0.00113	0
0.5	0.66	60	0.0798	0.00114	69.91
1	1.32	100	0.1330	0.00115	115.74
1.5	1.97	130	0.1729	0.00116	149.46
2	2.63	160	0.2128	0.00116	182.72
2.5	3.29	195	0.2594	0.00117	221.18
3	3.95	225	0.2993	0.00118	253.47
3.5	4.61	250	0.3325	0.00119	279.71
4	5.26	280	0.3724	0.00120	311.11
4.5	5.92	330	0.4389	0.00121	364.12
5	6.58	354	0.4708	0.00121	387.87
5.5	7.24	373	0.4961	0.00122	405.81
6	7.89	395	0.5254	0.00123	426.70
6.5	8.55	413	0.5493	0.00124	442.96
7	9.21	433	0.5759	0.00125	461.06
7.5	9.87	450	0.5985	0.00126	475.69
8	10.53	465	0.6185	0.00127	487.96
8.5	11.18	478	0.6357	0.00128	497.92
9	11.84	490	0.6517	0.00129	506.64
9.5	12.50	505	0.6717	0.00130	518.25
10	13.16	513	0.6823	0.00131	522.50
10.5	13.82	523	0.6956	0.00132	528.65
11	14.47	527	0.7009	0.00133	528.63
11.5	15.13	530	0.7049	0.00134	527.55
12	15.79	529	0.7036	0.00135	522.47
12.5	16.45	525	0.6983	0.00136	514.47
13	17.11	520	0.6916	0.00137	505.56

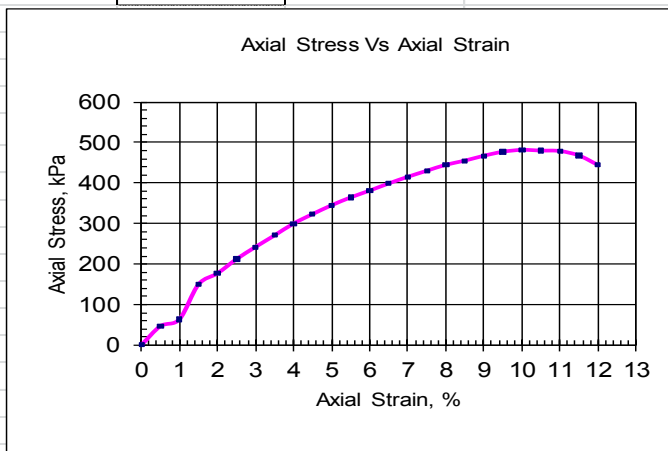


Unconfined Compressive Strength( $q_u$ ),kPa = **529**

Undrained Shear Strength ( $c_u$ ), kPa = **264**

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Unconfined Compression Test					
Location of project:		Infront of tiya school			
<b>Test Pit No</b>					
Test Pit Depth , m	3.0m	Ring Calibration Factor, kN/div		0.00133	
Diameter of sample , mm	38	Moisture content, %		32.74	
Length of sample , mm	76	Wet unit weight, kN/m3		18.62	
<b>Sample 1</b>					
Axial Deformation [mm]	Axial Strain [%]	Proving Ring Reading [div]	Axial Load [kN]	Corrected Area [m2]	Axial Stress [kPa]
0	0.00	0	0.0000	0.00113	0
0.5	0.66	40	0.0532	0.00114	46.60
1	1.32	55	0.0732	0.00115	63.66
1.5	1.97	130	0.1729	0.00116	149.46
2	2.63	155	0.2062	0.00116	177.01
2.5	3.29	187	0.2487	0.00117	212.11
3	3.95	215	0.2860	0.00118	242.21
3.5	4.61	242	0.3219	0.00119	270.76
4	5.26	270	0.3591	0.00120	300.00
4.5	5.92	293	0.3897	0.00121	323.29
5	6.58	315	0.4190	0.00121	345.14
5.5	7.24	335	0.4456	0.00122	364.47
6	7.89	353	0.4695	0.00123	381.33
6.5	8.55	372	0.4948	0.00124	398.98
7	9.21	390	0.5187	0.00125	415.28
7.5	9.87	407	0.5413	0.00126	430.24
8	10.53	424	0.5639	0.00127	444.94
8.5	11.18	437	0.5812	0.00128	455.21
9	11.84	452	0.6012	0.00129	467.35
9.5	12.50	465	0.6185	0.00130	477.20
10	13.16	473	0.6291	0.00131	481.76
10.5	13.82	475	0.6318	0.00132	480.13
11	14.47	477.5	0.6351	0.00133	478.97
11.5	15.13	470	0.6251	0.00134	467.82
12	15.79	450	0.5985	0.00135	444.44

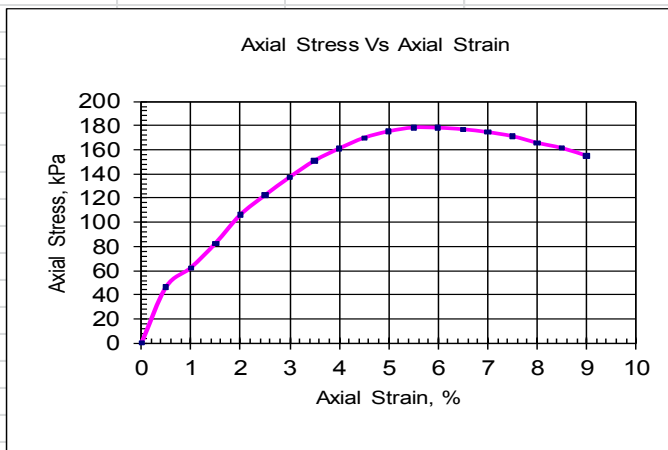


Unconfined Compressive Strength( $q_u$ ),kPa = 482

Undrained Shear Strength ( $c_u$ ), kPa = 241

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<b>Unconfined Compression Test</b>					
<b>Location of project:</b>		<b>Around Tiya Stele(1)</b>			
<b>Test Pit No</b>					
Test Pit Depth , m	<b>3.0m</b>	Ring Calibration Factor, kN/div	0.00133		
Diameter of sample , mm	38	Moisture content, %	<b>35.98</b>		
Length of sample , mm	76	Wet unit weight, kN/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>17.83</b>		
<b>Sample 1</b>					
Axial Deformation [mm]	Axial Strain [%]	Proving Ring Reading [div]	Axial Load [kN]	Corrected Area [m <sup>2</sup> ]	Axial Stress [kPa]
0	0.00	0	0.0000	0.00113	0
0.5	0.66	40	0.0532	0.00114	46.60
1	1.32	54	0.0718	0.00115	62.50
1.5	1.97	72	0.0958	0.00116	82.78
2	2.63	93	0.1237	0.00116	106.20
2.5	3.29	108	0.1436	0.00117	122.50
3	3.95	122	0.1623	0.00118	137.44
3.5	4.61	135	0.1796	0.00119	151.04
4	5.26	145	0.1929	0.00120	161.11
4.5	5.92	154	0.2048	0.00121	169.92
5	6.58	160	0.2128	0.00121	175.31
5.5	7.24	164	0.2181	0.00122	178.43
6	7.89	165	0.2195	0.00123	178.24
6.5	8.55	165	0.2195	0.00124	176.97
7	9.21	164	0.2181	0.00125	174.63
7.5	9.87	162	0.2155	0.00126	171.25
8	10.53	158	0.2101	0.00127	165.80
8.5	11.18	155	0.2062	0.00128	161.46
9	11.84	150	0.1995	0.00129	155.09

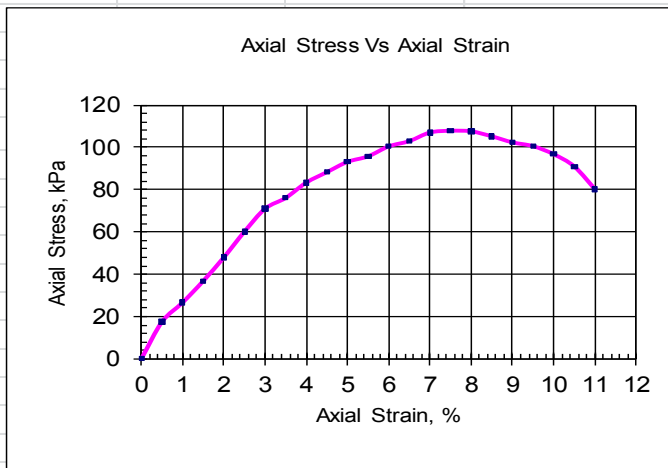


Unconfined Compressive Strength( $q_u$ ),kPa = **178**

Undrained Shear Strength ( $c_u$ ), kPa = **89**

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<b>Unconfined Compression Test</b>					
<b>Location of project:</b>		<b>Entrance to Amawete</b>			
<b>Test Pit No</b>					
Test Pit Depth , m	<b>1.5m</b>	Ring Calibration Factor, kN/div		0.00133	
Diameter of sample , mm	38	Moisture content, %		<b>47.49</b>	
Length of sample , mm	76	Wet unit weight, kN/m3		<b>17.13</b>	
<b>Sample 1</b>					
Axial Deformation [mm]	Axial Strain [%]	Proving Ring Reading [div]	Axial Load [kN]	Corrected Area [m <sup>2</sup> ]	Axial Stress [kPa]
0	0.00	0	0.0000	0.00113	0
0.5	0.66	15	0.0200	0.00114	17.48
1	1.32	23	0.0306	0.00115	26.62
1.5	1.97	32	0.0426	0.00116	36.79
2	2.63	42	0.0559	0.00116	47.96
2.5	3.29	53	0.0705	0.00117	60.12
3	3.95	63	0.0838	0.00118	70.97
3.5	4.61	68	0.0904	0.00119	76.08
4	5.26	75	0.0998	0.00120	83.33
4.5	5.92	80	0.1064	0.00121	88.27
5	6.58	85	0.1131	0.00121	93.13
5.5	7.24	88	0.1170	0.00122	95.74
6	7.89	93	0.1237	0.00123	100.46
6.5	8.55	96	0.1277	0.00124	102.96
7	9.21	100.5	0.1337	0.00125	107.01
7.5	9.87	102	0.1357	0.00126	107.82
8	10.53	102.5	0.1363	0.00127	107.56
8.5	11.18	101	0.1343	0.00128	105.21
9	11.84	99	0.1317	0.00129	102.36
9.5	12.50	98	0.1303	0.00130	100.57
10	13.16	95	0.1264	0.00131	96.76
10.5	13.82	90	0.1197	0.00132	90.97
11	14.47	80	0.1064	0.00133	80.25

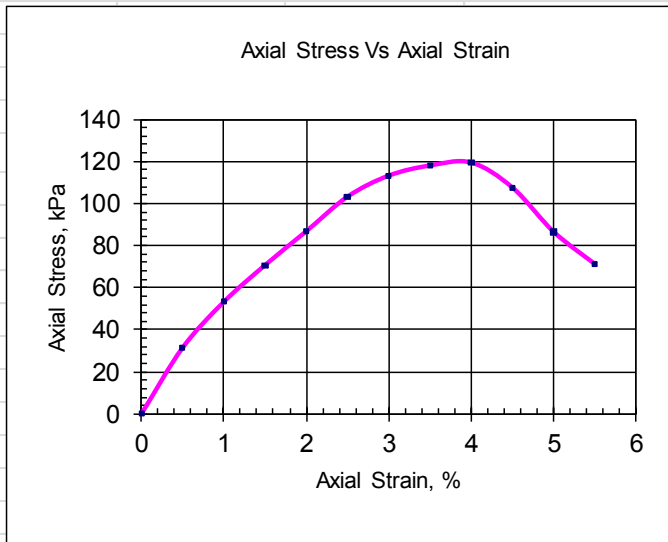


Unconfined Compressive Strength( $q_u$ ), kPa = **108**

Undrained Shear Strength ( $c_u$ ), kPa = **54**

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Unconfined Compression Test					
Location of project:		Mariam Church			
Test Pit No					
Test Pit Depth , m		1.5m	Ring Calibration Factor, kN/div		0.00133
Diameter of sample , mm		38	Moisture content, %		27.25
Length of sample , mm		76	Wet unit weight, kN/m <sup>3</sup>		18.02
Axial Deformation [mm]	Axial Strain [%]	Proving Ring Reading [div]	Axial Load [kN]	Corrected Area [m <sup>2</sup> ]	Axial Stress [kPa]
0	0.00	0	0.0000	0.00113	0
0.5	0.66	27	0.0359	0.00114	31.46
1	1.32	46	0.0612	0.00115	53.24
1.5	1.97	61.5	0.0818	0.00116	70.71
2	2.63	76	0.1011	0.00116	86.79
2.5	3.29	91	0.1210	0.00117	103.22
3	3.95	100.5	0.1337	0.00118	113.22
3.5	4.61	105.5	0.1403	0.00119	118.04
4	5.26	107.5	0.1430	0.00120	119.44
4.5	5.92	97.5	0.1297	0.00121	107.58
5	6.58	79	0.1051	0.00121	86.56
5.5	7.24	65.5	0.0871	0.00122	71.26

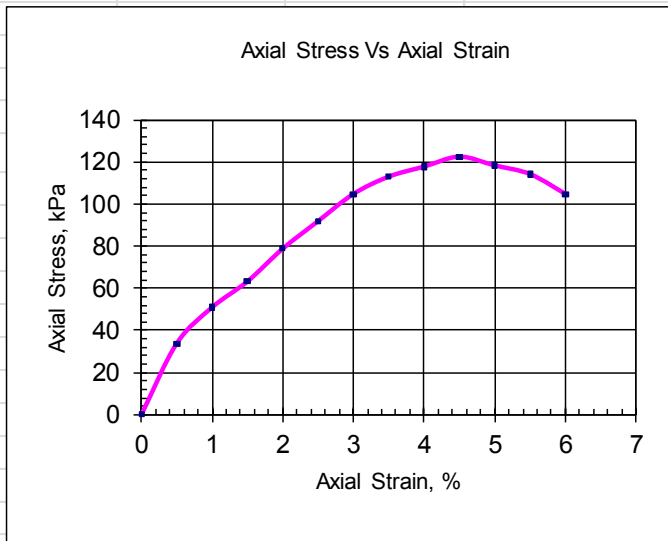


Unconfined Compressive Strength ( $q_u$ ), kPa = 119

Undrained Shear Strength ( $c_u$ ), kPa = 60

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Unconfined Compression Test					
Location of project:		Sutan Market			
Test Pit No					
Test Pit Depth , m		1.5m	Ring Calibration Factor, kN/div		0.00133
Diameter of sample , mm		38	Moisture content, %		32.83
Length of sample , mm		76	Wet unit weight, kN/m3		17.19
Axial Deformation [mm]	Axial Strain [%]	Proving Ring Reading [div]	Axial Load [kN]	Corrected Area [m2]	Axial Stress [kPa]
0	0.00	0	0.0000	0.00113	0
0.5	0.66	29	0.0386	0.00114	33.79
1	1.32	44	0.0585	0.00115	50.93
1.5	1.97	55	0.0732	0.00116	63.23
2	2.63	69	0.0918	0.00116	78.80
2.5	3.29	81	0.1077	0.00117	91.88
3	3.95	93	0.1237	0.00118	104.77
3.5	4.61	101	0.1343	0.00119	113.00
4	5.26	106	0.1410	0.00120	117.78
4.5	5.92	111	0.1476	0.00121	122.48
5	6.58	108	0.1436	0.00121	118.33
5.5	7.24	105	0.1397	0.00122	114.24
6	7.89	97	0.1290	0.00123	104.78



Unconfined Compressive Strength( $q_u$ ),kPa = 122

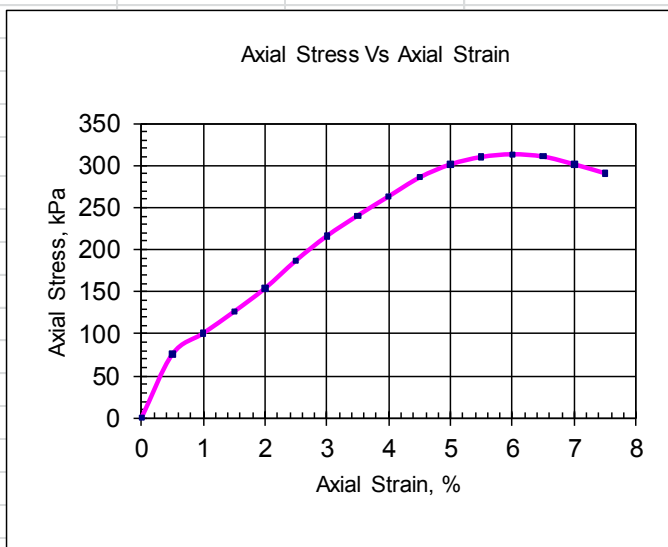
Undrained Shear Strength ( $c_u$ ), kPa = 61

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Unconfined Compression Test			
Location of project:	Sutan market		
Test Pit No			
Test Pit Depth , m	3.0m	Ring Calibration Factor, kN/div	0.00133
Diameter of sample , mm	38	Moisture content, %	37.38
Length of sample , mm	76	Wet unit weight, kN/m3	14.67

**Sample 1**

Axial Deformation [mm]	Axial Strain [%]	Proving Ring Reading [div]	Axial Load [kN]	Corrected Area [m2]	Axial Stress [kPa]
0	0.00	0	0.0000	0.00113	0
0.5	0.66	65	0.0865	0.00114	75.73
1	1.32	87	0.1157	0.00115	100.69
1.5	1.97	110	0.1463	0.00116	126.47
2	2.63	135	0.1796	0.00116	154.17
2.5	3.29	165	0.2195	0.00117	187.15
3	3.95	192	0.2554	0.00118	216.30
3.5	4.61	215	0.2860	0.00119	240.55
4	5.26	237	0.3152	0.00120	263.33
4.5	5.92	259	0.3445	0.00121	285.78
5	6.58	275	0.3658	0.00121	301.31
5.5	7.24	285	0.3791	0.00122	310.07
6	7.89	290	0.3857	0.00123	313.27
6.5	8.55	289.5	0.3850	0.00124	310.50
7	9.21	283	0.3764	0.00125	301.34
7.5	9.87	275	0.3658	0.00126	290.70



Unconfined Compressive

Strength( $q_u$ ), kPa = 313

Undrained Shear

Strength ( $c_u$ ), kPa = 157

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**Appendix B**

**Around tiya stele(1) 1.5m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.00	45.40	40.40	35	67.57	67.92
2	33.70	44.90	40.30	28	69.70	68.93
3	32.60	44.30	39.50	22	69.57	70.03
4	32.70	44.90	39.80	15	71.83	71.78
5	33.50	40.90	39.60		21.31	
6	33.20	40.00	38.80		21.43	

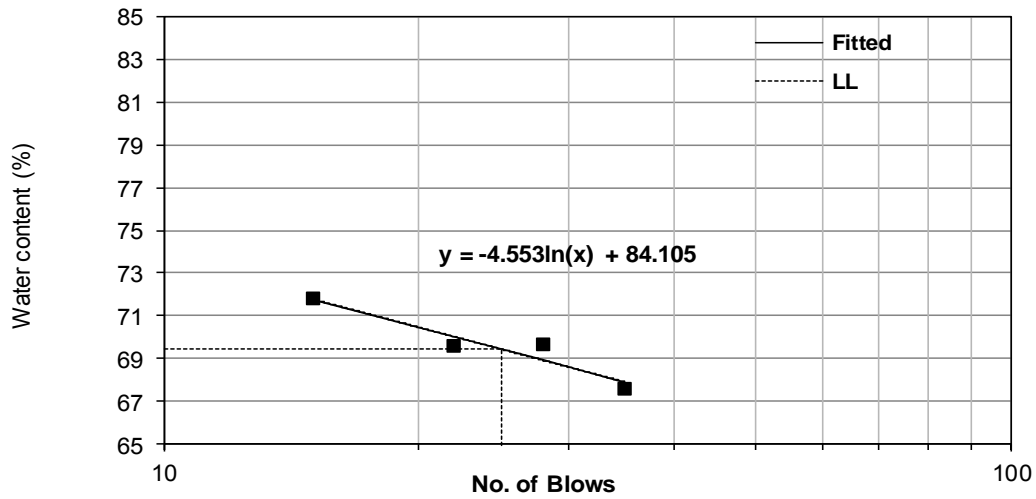
Slope of flow line = 0.065

Liquid limit (%) = 69.45

Plastic limit (%) = 21.37

plasticity index = 48.08

**Flow Curve**



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**Around tiya stela(1) 3m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.60	49.30	43.10	35	65.26	65.61
2	32.80	51.90	44.20	26	67.54	67.16
3	33.60	50.00	43.30	20	69.07	68.53
4	33.20	51.60	44.10	17	68.81	69.38
5	33.40	38.80	37.90		20.00	
6	33.00	39.20	38.20		19.23	

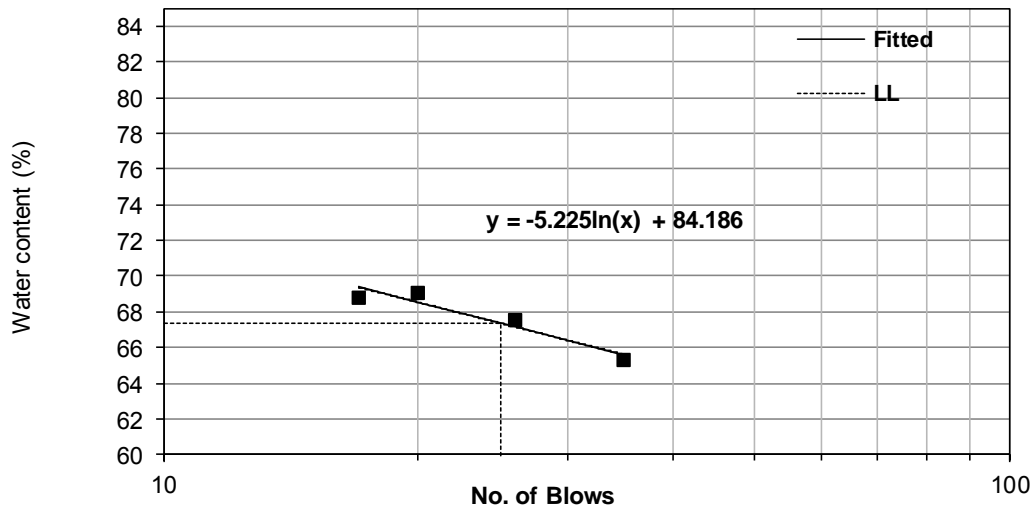
Slope of flow line = 0.078

Liquid limit (%) = 67.37

Plastic limit (%) = 19.62

plasticity index = 47.75

**Flow Curve**



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**Around tiya stele (2)1.5m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.20	48.60	42.70	33	62.11	62.38
2	33.80	49.50	43.40	27	63.54	63.32
3	32.70	50.80	43.70	22	64.55	64.28
4	33.30	48.20	42.30	16	65.56	65.77
5	32.90	39.30	37.70		33.33	
6	29.50	40.60	37.90		32.14	

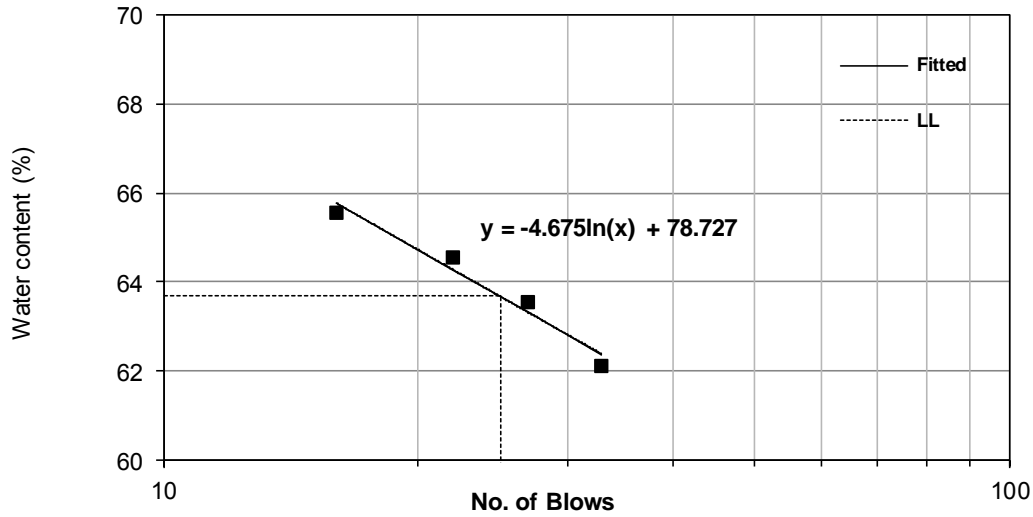
Slope of flow line = 0.073

Liquid limit (%) = 63.68

Plastic limit (%) = 32.74

plasticity index = 30.94

**Flow Curve**



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**Around tiya stele 3m(2)**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.50	48.60	42.10	34	75.58	75.12
2	33.20	46.70	40.80	27	77.63	77.64
3	32.90	47.60	41.10	21	79.27	80.38
4	33.50	46.80	40.70	15	84.72	84.06
5	32.70	39.40	37.60		36.73	
6	33.60	39.80	38.10		37.78	

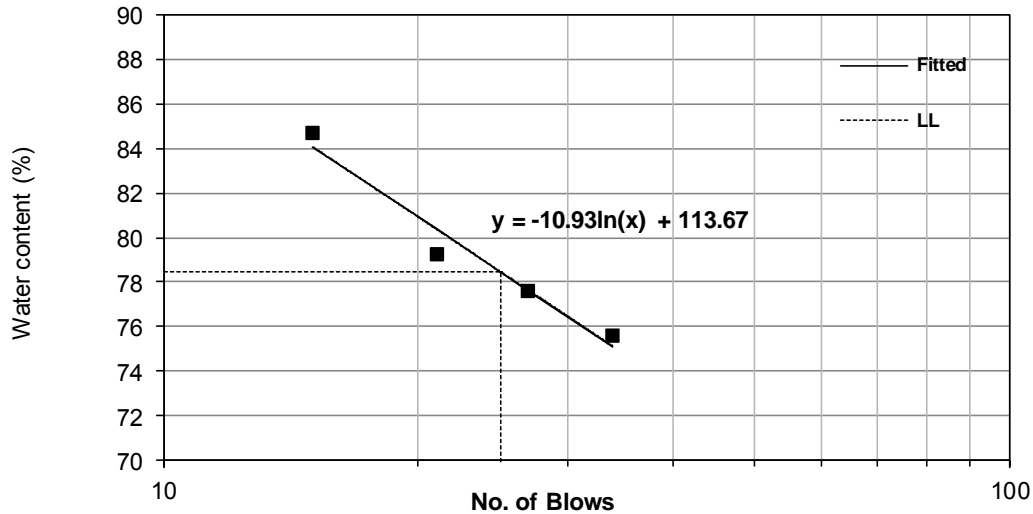
Slope of flow line = 0.136

Liquid limit (%) = 78.48

Plastic limit (%) = 37.26

plasticity index = 41.22

**Flow Curve**



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**Entrance to Amawete 1.5m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.60	49.30	44.10	35	49.52	49.76
2	32.80	48.30	43.10	26	50.49	50.52
3	33.40	48.90	43.60	20	51.96	51.19
4	32.60	48.50	43.10	15	51.43	51.92
5	33.40	41.90	40.10		26.87	
6	33.30	42.50	40.60		26.03	

Slope of flow line = 0.050

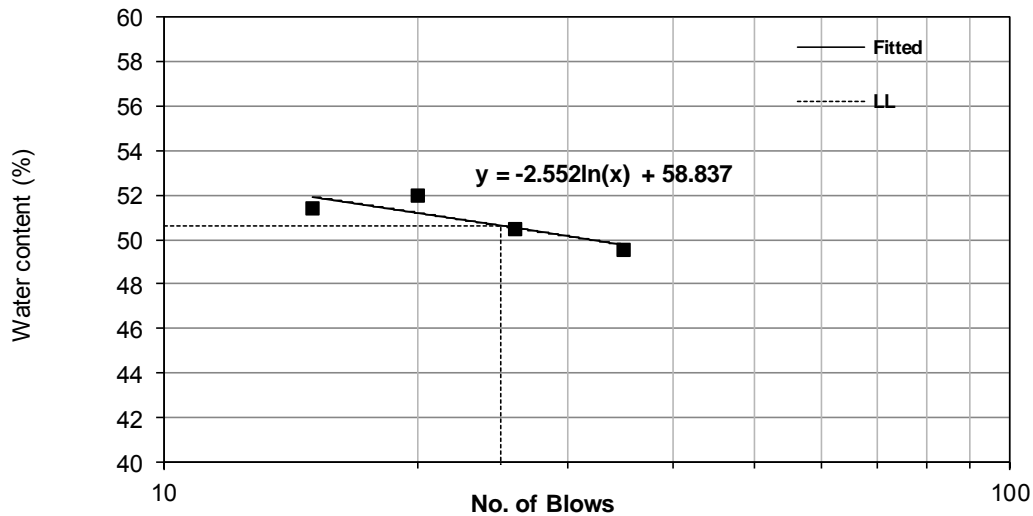
Liquid limit (%) = 50.62

Plastic limit (%) = 26.45

plasticity index =

24.17

**Flow Curve**



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Entrance to Amawete 3m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	32.90	51.10	45.80	35	41.09	41.29
2	32.90	49.20	44.30	27	42.98	43.16
3	32.90	50.80	45.20	22	45.53	44.64
4	32.80	52.80	46.50	17	45.99	46.49
5	33.80	41.80	40.40		21.21	
6	33.40	40.90	39.60		20.97	

Slope of flow line = 0.165

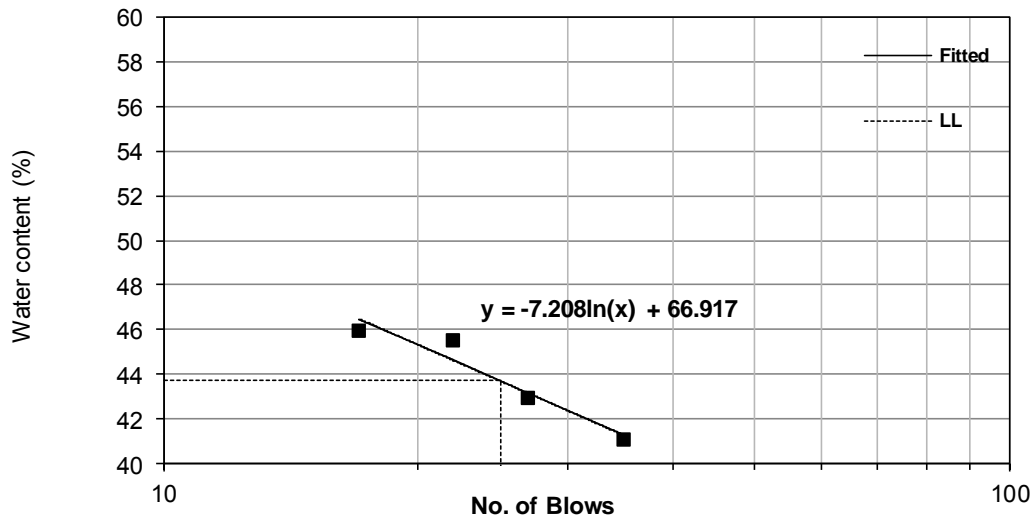
Liquid limit (%) = 43.72

Plastic limit (%) = 21.09

plasticity index =

22.63

**Flow Curve**



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Infront of tiya school 1.5m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	32.90	48.50	43.10	36	52.94	52.58
2	32.70	50.00	43.90	27	54.46	54.78
3	33.60	49.20	43.60	22	56.00	56.35
4	33.30	48.30	42.70	15	59.57	59.28
5	33.70	41.20	39.70		25.00	
6	32.90	41.50	39.80		24.64	

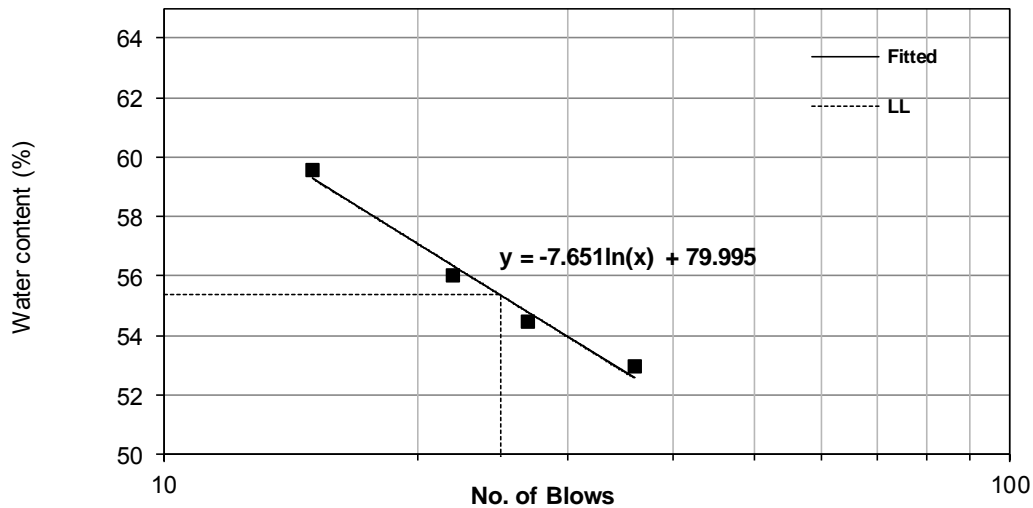
Slope of flow line = 0.136

Liquid limit (%) = 55.37

Plastic limit (%) = 24.82

plasticity index = 30.55

**Flow Curve**



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**Infront of tiya school 3m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.40	50.40	43.00	34	77.08	77.19
2	33.00	50.30	42.70	26	78.35	78.22
3	32.70	52.40	43.70	21	79.09	79.04
4	33.80	50.00	42.80	16	80.00	80.08
5	32.80	41.10	38.90		36.07	
6	33.00	41.30	39.00		38.33	

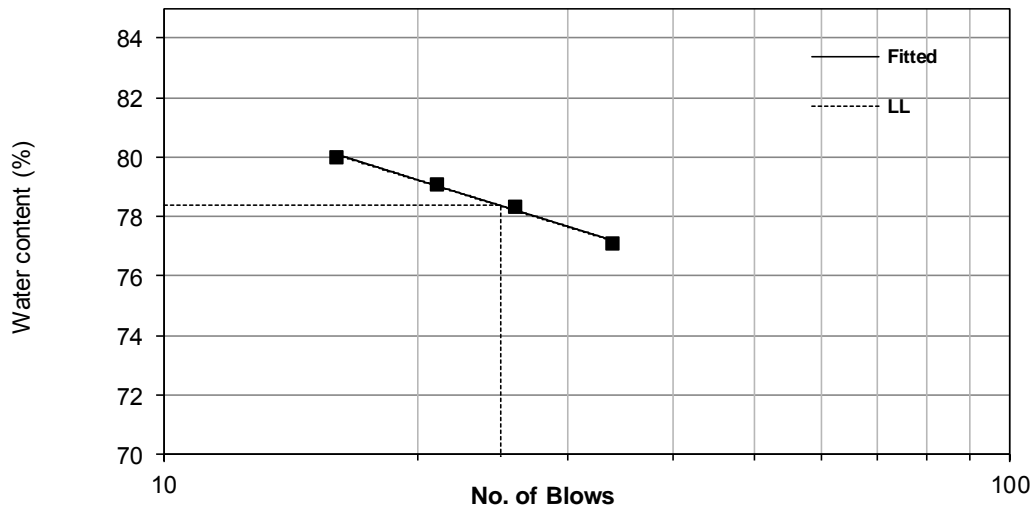
Slope of flow line = 0.049

Liquid limit (%) = 78.37

Plastic limit (%) = 37.20

plasticity index = 41.17

**Flow Curve**



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Meserete Kirestos 1.5m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.30	48.30	42.80	35	57.89	57.97
2	33.10	47.40	42.10	28	58.89	59.16
3	32.80	41.50	38.20	22	61.11	60.44
4	32.50	41.40	38.00	16	61.82	62.14
5	33.70	39.10	37.90		28.57	
6	33.60	40.10	38.70		27.45	

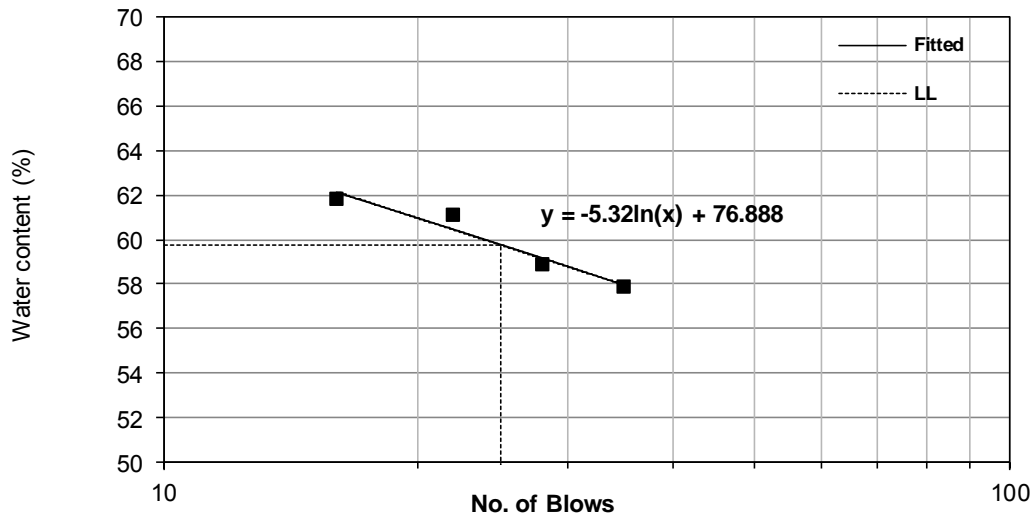
Slope of flow line = 0.089

Liquid limit (%) = 59.76

Plastic limit (%) = 28.01

plasticity index = 31.75

**Flow Curve**



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Meserete Kirestos 3m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.30	55.20	47.50	36	54.23	53.77
2	32.60	55.60	47.50	28	54.36	55.04
3	33.70	54.60	47.10	23	55.97	56.03
4	33.60	61.80	51.50	18	57.54	57.26
5	33.00	44.90	42.30		27.96	
6	33.50	44.40	42.10		26.74	

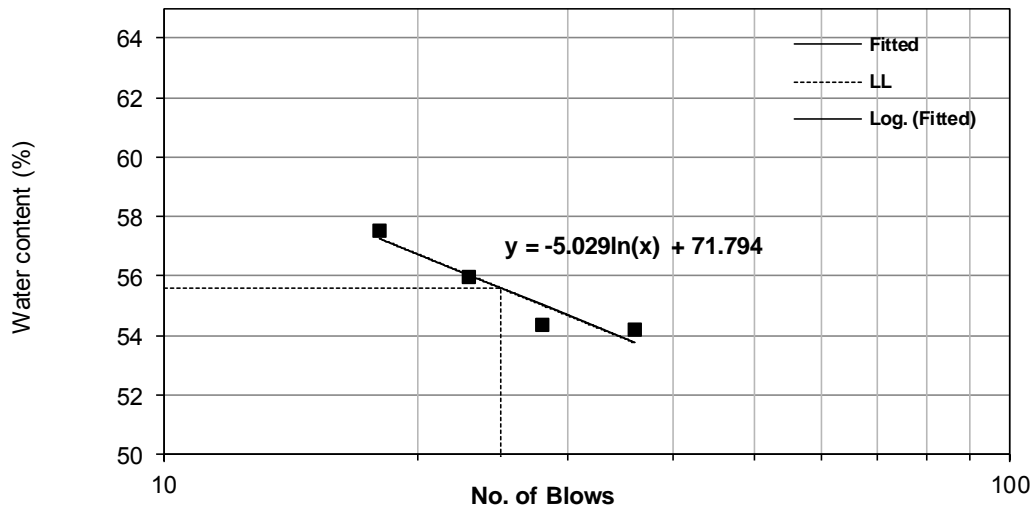
Slope of flow line = 0.090

Liquid limit (%) = 55.61

Plastic limit (%) = 27.35

plasticity index = 28.26

**Flow Curve**



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Mariam Church 1.5m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.40	45.70	41.40	36	53.75	53.85
2	33.10	49.20	43.30	28	57.84	57.25
3	33.00	47.60	42.10	20	60.44	61.80
4	33.80	52.10	44.90	17	64.86	64.00
5	33.70	40.10	39.10		18.52	
6	33.60	39.40	38.50		18.37	

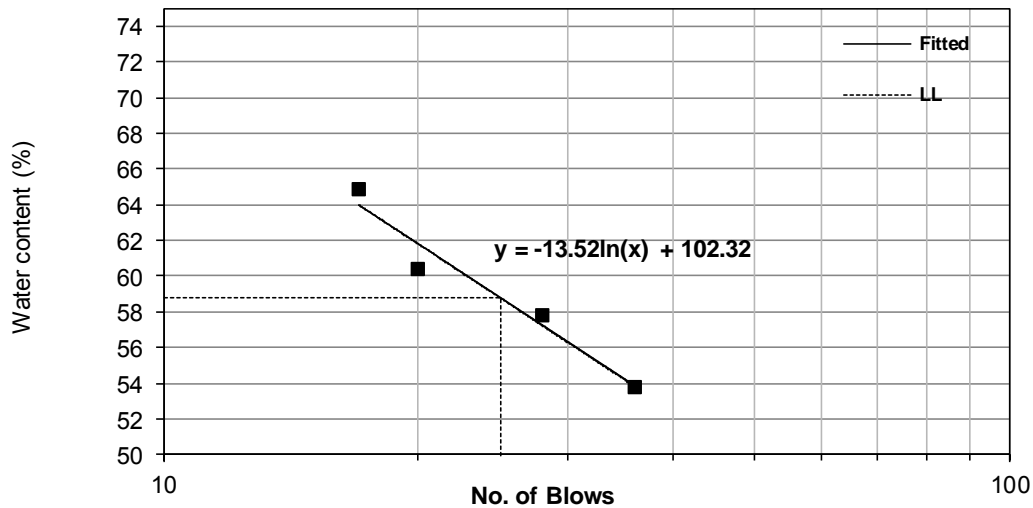
Slope of flow line = 0.229

Liquid limit (%) = 58.78

Plastic limit (%) = 18.44

plasticity index = 40.34

**Flow Curve**



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Noc 1.5m**

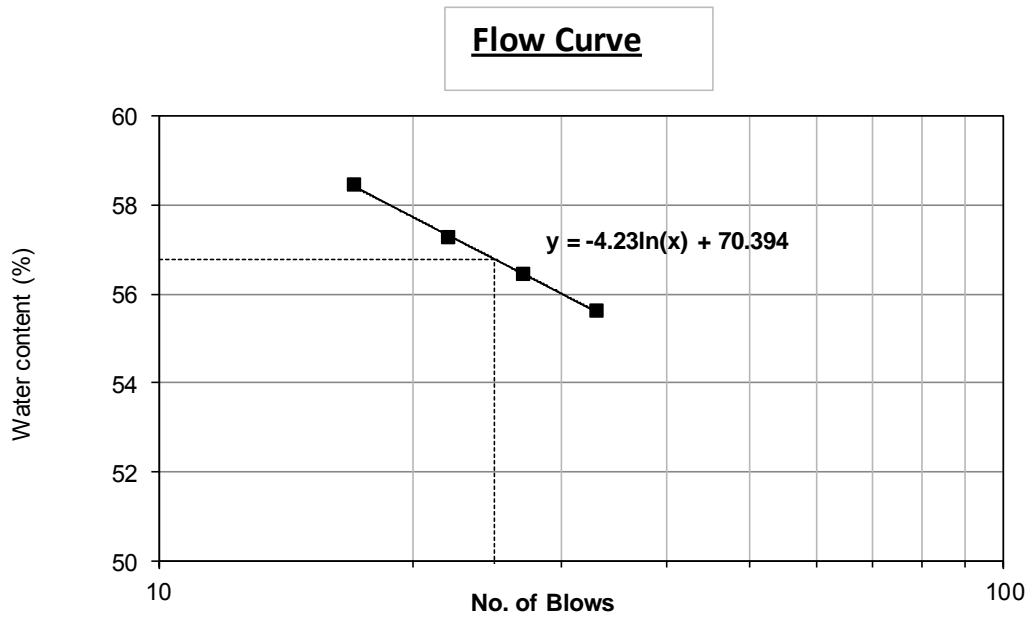
Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.00	60.70	50.80	33	55.62	55.60
2	32.90	55.90	47.60	27	56.46	56.45
3	33.40	52.90	45.80	22	57.26	57.32
4	33.40	57.80	48.80	17	58.44	58.41
5	32.70	43.40	41.60		20.22	
6	33.70	42.50	41.00		20.55	

Slope of flow line = 0.074

Liquid limit (%) = 56.78

Plastic limit (%) = 20.39

plasticity index = 36.39



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Noc 3m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	32.80	53.30	44.70	35	72.27	72.70
2	33.70	53.70	45.20	28	73.91	73.29
3	33.80	57.30	47.30	21	74.07	74.06
4	32.80	55.30	45.70	17	74.42	74.62
5	32.80	42.90	40.50		31.17	
6	32.80	41.40	39.40		30.30	

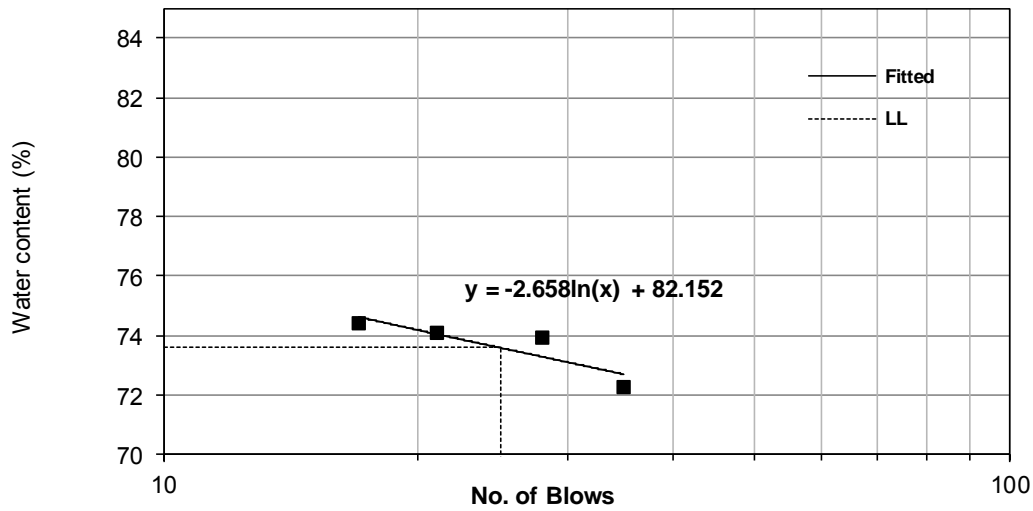
Slope of flow line = 0.036

Liquid limit (%) = 73.60

Plastic limit (%) = 30.74

plasticity index = 42.86

**Flow Curve**



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Sutan Market 1.5m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.50	48.70	41.90	34	80.95	80.64
2	33.40	48.00	41.40	26	82.50	82.55
3	32.90	48.10	41.20	21	83.13	84.07
4	33.50	48.40	41.50	17	86.25	85.58
5	33.50	39.70	38.20		31.91	
6	32.70	40.00	38.20		32.73	

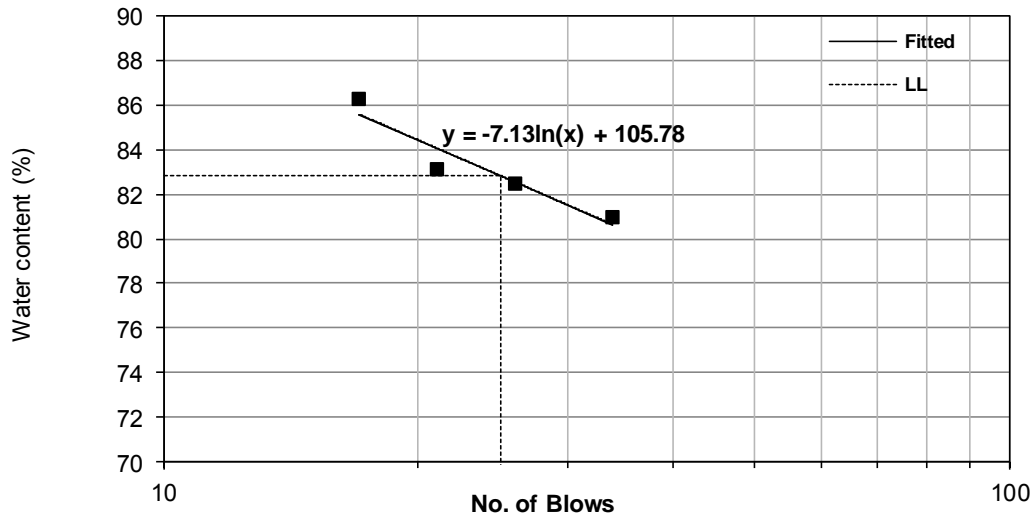
Slope of flow line = 0.085

Liquid limit (%) = 82.83

Plastic limit (%) = 32.32

plasticity index = 50.51

**Flow Curve**



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Sutan Market 3m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.20	48.30	41.90	35	73.56	74.07
2	33.30	48.60	42.00	27	75.86	75.47
3	33.00	47.40	41.10	20	77.78	77.08
4	32.90	47.50	41.10	15	78.05	78.63
5	33.70	41.30	39.40		33.33	
6	34.00	41.50	39.60		33.93	

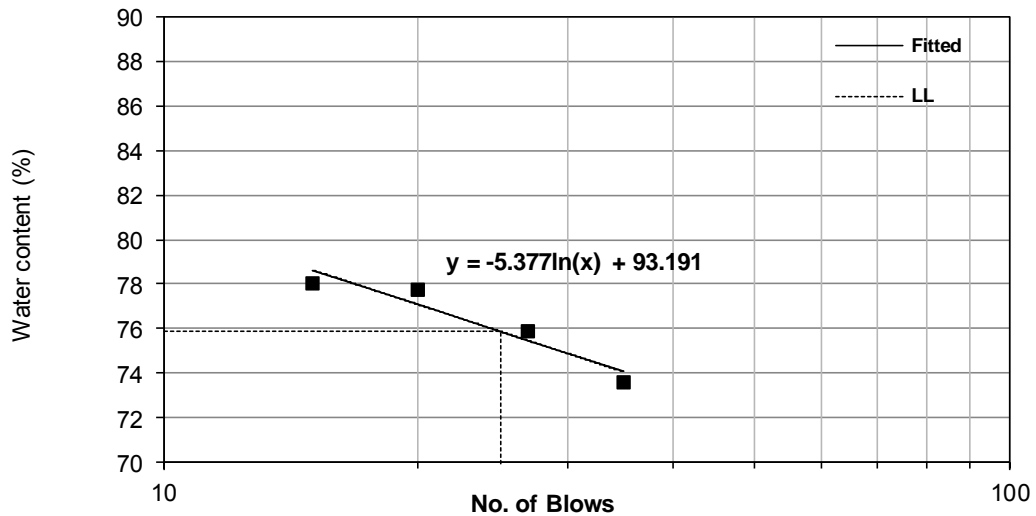
Slope of flow line = 0.071

Liquid limit (%) = 75.88

Plastic limit (%) = 33.63

plasticity index = 42.25

**Flow Curve**



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Tiya market 0.7m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.10	56.40	46.70	35	71.32	71.23
2	33.10	53.80	45.10	28	72.50	72.43
3	33.50	54.30	45.50	22	73.33	73.74
4	33.00	56.50	46.40	17	75.37	75.13
5	33.40	44.50	41.90		30.59	
6	33.40	45.90	42.90		31.58	

Slope of flow line = 0.074

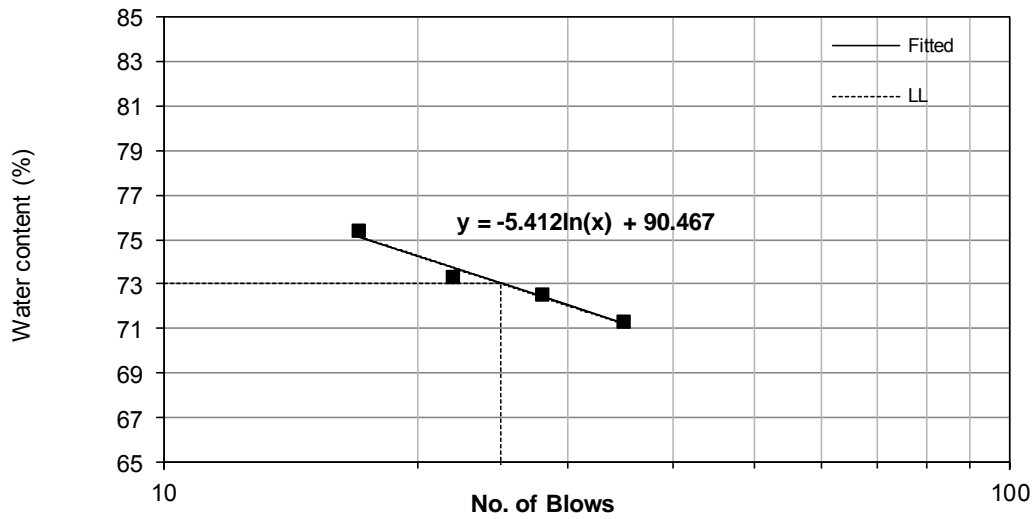
Liquid limit (%) = 73.05

Plastic limit (%) = 31.08

plasticity index =

41.96

**Flow Curve**



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Tiya market 1.6m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.40	42.60	39.00	36	64.29	64.05
2	33.50	42.90	39.20	28	64.91	65.00
3	33.60	42.70	39.10	21	65.45	66.10
4	33.50	41.20	38.10	17	67.39	66.90
5	33.60	41.50	39.80		27.42	
6	33.70	41.30	39.70		26.67	

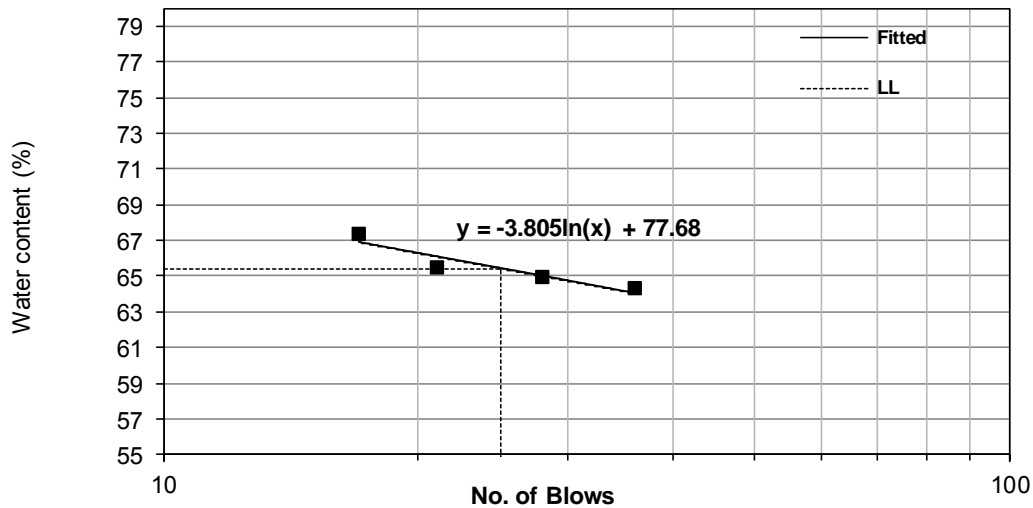
Slope of flow line = 0.058

Liquid limit (%) = 65.43

Plastic limit (%) = 27.04

plasticity index = 38.39

**Flow Curve**



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**World Vision 1.5i**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.70	50.80	44.10	35	64.42	64.24
2	33.30	50.80	43.90	27	65.09	65.40
3	32.70	50.50	43.40	22	66.36	66.31
4	33.60	48.20	42.30	16	67.82	67.74
5	33.30	41.30	39.80		23.08	
6	33.20	40.70	39.30		22.95	

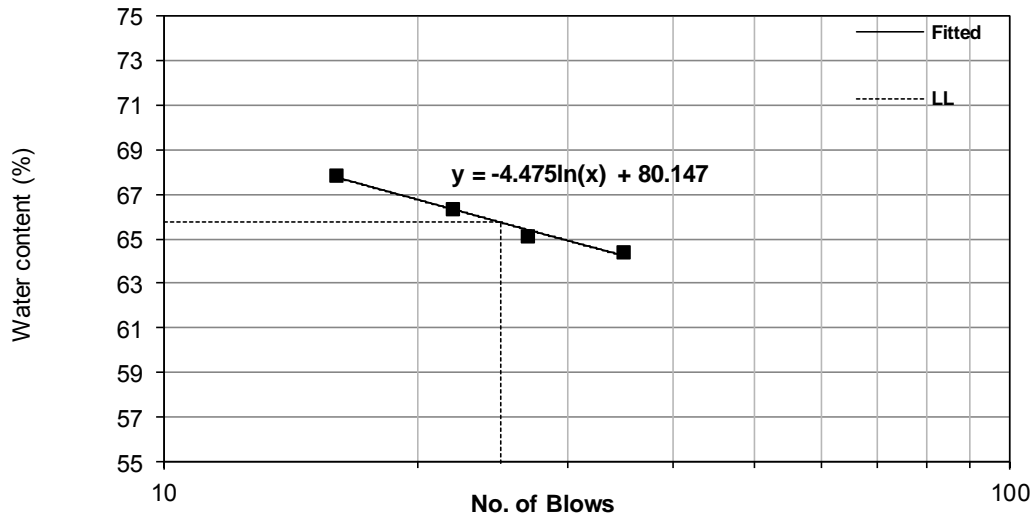
Slope of flow line = 0.068

Liquid limit (%) = 65.74

Plastic limit (%) = 23.01

plasticity index = 42.73

**Flow Curve**



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**World Vision 3m**

Set number	Tare mass (g) Wc	Tare with wet soil (g) Ww	Tare with dry soil (g) Wd	Blow count N	Water content (%) w	Water content fitted (%)
1	33.20	51.20	45.60	34	45.16	45.38
2	33.30	49.00	44.00	27	46.73	46.63
3	33.20	51.30	45.40	21	48.36	47.99
4	33.40	50.60	44.90	15	49.57	49.81
5	33.50	41.00	39.30		29.31	
6	33.60	40.60	39.00		29.63	

Slope of flow line = 0.114

Liquid limit (%) = 47.05

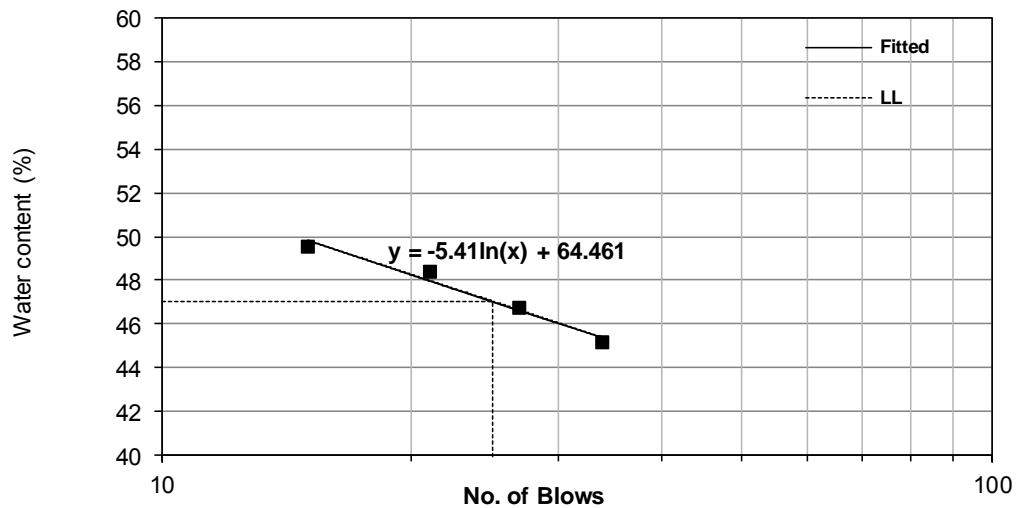
Plastic limit (%) =

29.47

plasticity index =

17.58

**Flow Curve**



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**Appendix C**

**Location:** Infront of Tiya School

**Test Pit**

**No** 3

**Depth, m** 3.00

**[A] In the beginning of the test**

Sample type : Undisturbed  
 Ring Area, cm<sup>2</sup>: 19.63  
 Height of sample, mm: 20  
 Seating Load, kPa: 7  
 Initial Void Ratio, e<sub>0</sub>: 0.27  
 Initial moisture content, %: 50.07  
 Specific Gravity: 2.59  
 Wet density, g/cm<sup>3</sup>: 3.09

**[B] In the end of the test**

Final Moisture Content, %: 40.06  
 Dry specimen wt. (m<sub>s</sub>), gm: 86.62  
 Dry density, g/cm<sup>3</sup>: 2.56  
 Height of Solids (H<sub>s</sub>), mm: 17.04  
 Final Void Ratio, e<sub>f</sub>: 0.08

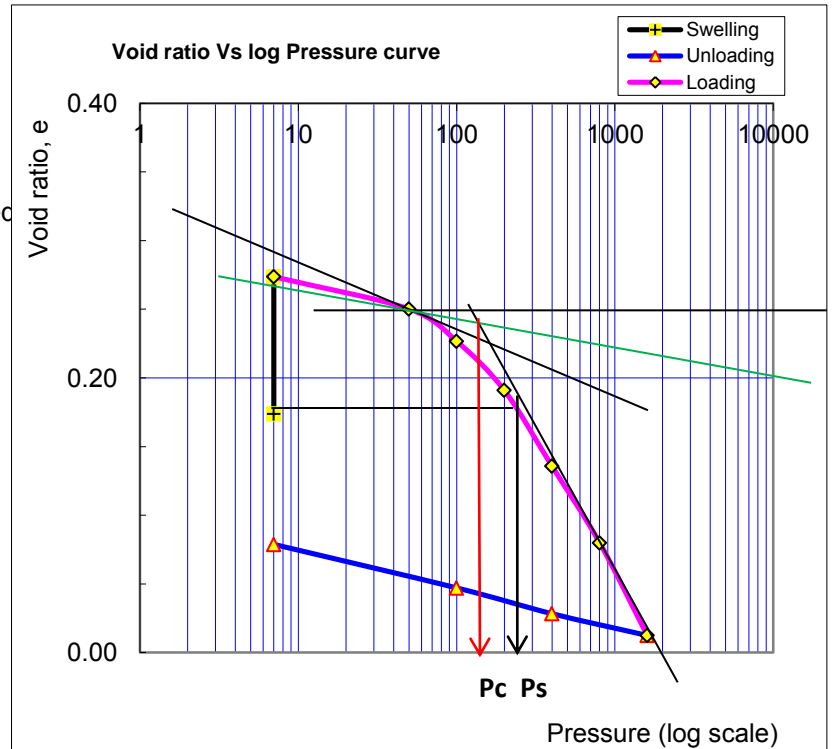


Fig 4.10 e vs log p

**[C] Calculation table:**

Table:4.10

Applied pressure P (kPa)	Final Dial Reading (mm)	Change In Specimen Height (mm)	Final Specimen Height (mm)	Void Height, H <sub>v</sub> (mm)	Void Ratio, E
<b>Loading</b>					
7	5.000	0.00	20.00	2.96	0.17
7	6.700	1.70	21.70	4.66	0.27
50	6.300	1.30	21.30	4.26	0.25
100	5.900	0.90	20.90	3.86	0.23
200	5.290	0.29	20.29	3.25	0.19
400	4.350	-0.65	19.35	2.31	0.14
800	3.400	-1.60	18.40	1.36	0.08
1600	2.250	-2.75	17.25	0.21	0.01
<b>Unloading</b>					
1600	2.250	-2.75	17.25	0.21	0.01
400	2.520	-2.48	17.52	0.48	0.03
100	2.840	-2.16	17.84	0.80	0.05
7	3.380	-1.62	18.38	1.34	0.08
Measured swelling pressure (kPa)			250.00		
Preconsolidation Pressure (kPa)			150.00		
Compression Index, Cc			0.224		

**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

Location **World Vision**  
 Test Pit  
 No **TP-8**  
 Depth, m **3.00**

**[A] In the beginning of the test**

Sample type : **Undisturbed**  
 Ring Area, cm<sup>2</sup>: **19.63**  
 Height of sample, mm: **20**  
 Seating Load, kPa: **7**  
 Initial Void Ratio, e<sub>0</sub>: **1.06**  
 Initial moisture content, %: **44.68**  
 Specific Gravity: **2.49**  
 Wet density, g/cm<sup>3</sup>: **1.66**

**[B] In the end of the test**

Final Moisture Content, %: **46.70**  
 Dry specimen wt. (M<sub>s</sub>), gm.: **45.4**  
 Dry density, g/cm<sup>3</sup>: **1.34**  
 Height of Solids (H<sub>s</sub>), mm: **9.29**  
 Final Void Ratio, e<sub>f</sub>: **0.89**

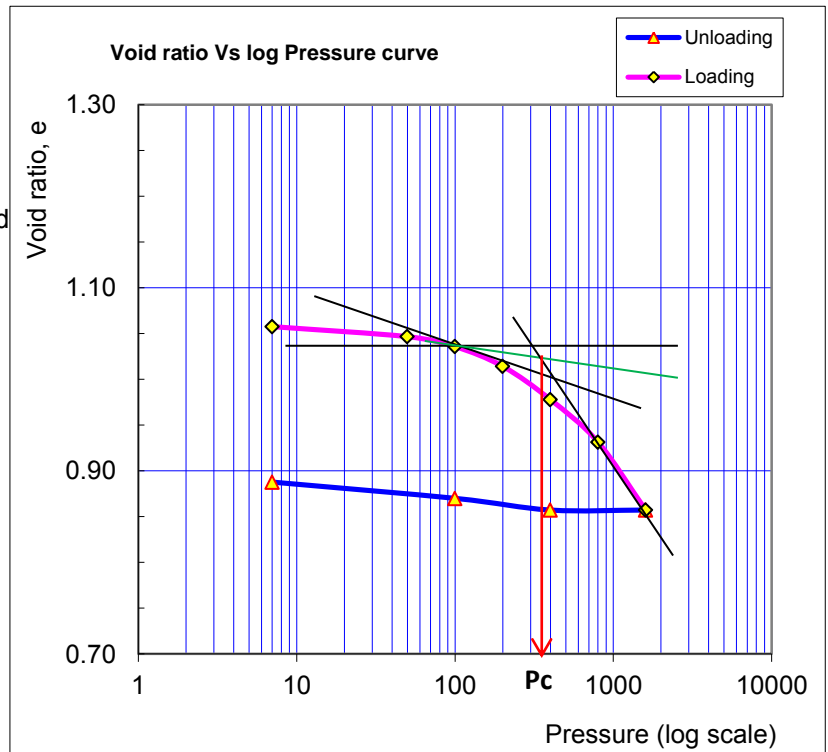


Fig 4.11 e vs log p

**[C] Calculation table:**

Table: 4.11

Applied pressure P (kPa)	Final Dial Reading (mm)	Change In Specimen Height (mm)	Final Specimen Height (mm)	Void Height, H <sub>v</sub> (mm)	Void Ratio, E
<b>Loading</b>					
7	14.800	0.00	20.00	10.71	1.15
7	13.911	-0.89	19.11	9.82	1.06
50	13.809	-0.99	19.01	9.72	1.05
100	13.708	-1.09	18.91	9.62	1.04
200	13.508	-1.29	18.71	9.42	1.01
400	13.171	-1.63	18.37	9.08	0.98
800	12.739	-2.06	17.94	8.65	0.93
1600	12.050	-2.75	17.25	7.96	0.86
<b>Unloading</b>					
1600	12.050	-2.75	17.25	7.96	0.86
400	12.050	-2.75	17.25	7.96	0.86
100	12.169	-2.63	17.37	8.08	0.87
7	12.334	-2.47	17.53	8.25	0.89
Preconsolidation Pressure (kPa)			350.00		
Compression Index, C <sub>c</sub>			0.246		

**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

Location Entrance to Amawete  
 Test Pit TP-7  
 No  
 Depth, m 3.00

**[A] In the beginning of the test**  
 Sample type Undisturbed  
 Ring Area, cm<sup>2</sup>: 19.63  
 Height of sample, mm: 20  
 Seating Load, kPa 7  
 Initial Void Ratio, e<sub>0</sub>: 1.09  
 Initial moisture content, % 42.78  
 Specific Gravity: 2.53  
 Wet density, g/cm<sup>3</sup> 1.70

**[B] In the end of the test**  
 Final Moisture Content, % 44.87  
 Dry specimen wt. (M<sub>s</sub>), gm.: 46.8  
 Dry density, g/cm<sup>3</sup> 1.31  
 Height of Solids (H<sub>s</sub>), mm 9.42  
 Final Void Ratio, e<sub>f</sub>: 0.96

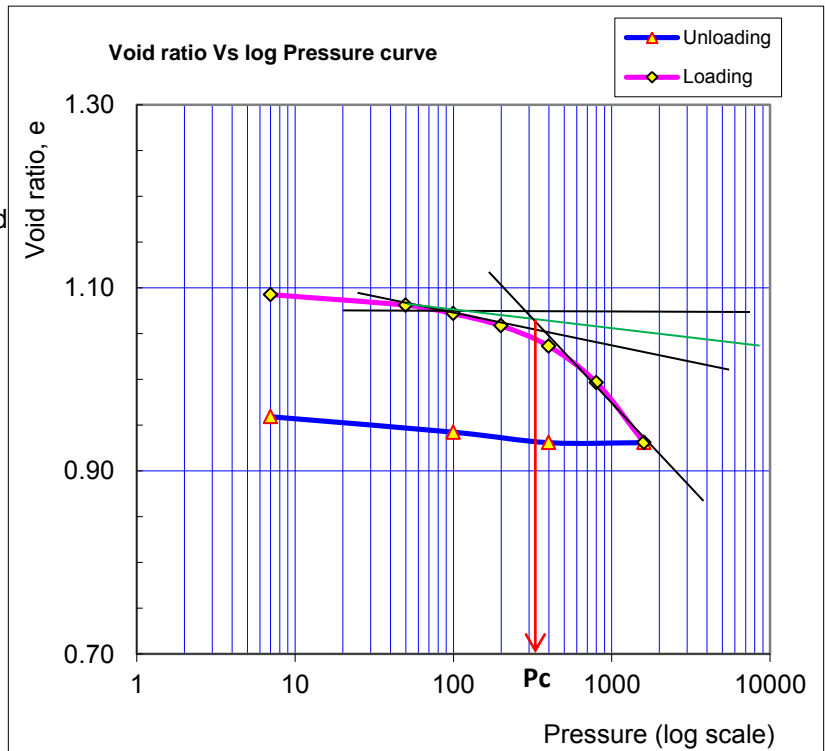


Fig 4.12 e vs log p

**[C] Calculation table:**  
 Table 4.12

Applied pressure P (kPa)	Final Dial Reading (mm)	Change In Specimen Height (mm)	Final Specimen Height (mm)	Void Height, H <sub>v</sub> (mm)	Void Ratio, E
<b>Loading</b>					
7	14.870	0.00	20.00	10.58	1.12
7	14.589	-0.28	19.72	10.30	1.09
50	14.480	-0.39	19.61	10.19	1.08
100	14.392	-0.48	19.52	10.10	1.07
200	14.268	-0.60	19.40	9.97	1.06
400	14.058	-0.81	19.19	9.76	1.04
800	13.683	-1.19	18.81	9.39	1.00
1600	13.065	-1.81	18.20	8.77	0.93
<b>Unloading</b>					
1600	13.065	-1.81	18.20	8.77	0.93
400	13.065	-1.81	18.20	8.77	0.93
100	13.173	-1.70	18.30	8.88	0.94
7	13.332	-1.54	18.46	9.04	0.96
Preconsolidation Pressure (kPa)			330.00		
Compression Index, C <sub>c</sub>			0.218		

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**Appendix D**

**Determination of natural moisture content**

<u>Location</u>	Tiya Market				
<u>Depth</u>	0.7m		<u>Depth</u> : 1.6m		
Determination No.	1	2	Determination No.	1	2
Container No.	115	121	Container No.	127	101
Mass of container, gm	33.60	32.90	Mass of container, gm	33.20	33.40
Mass of container +wet soil, gm	77.20	81.50	Mass of container +wet soil, gm	82.70	59.60
Mass of container +dry soil, gm	67.50	70.60	Mass of container +dry soil, gm	72.00	53.80
Mass of water, gm	9.70	10.90	Mass of water, gm	10.70	5.80
Mass of dry soil, gm	33.90	37.70	Mass of dry soil, gm	38.80	20.40
Water content, %	28.61	28.91	Water content, %	27.58	28.43
Average water content, %	28.76		Average water content, %	28.00	

<u>Location</u>	(2)Around Tiya Stele				
<u>Depth</u> :1.5m			<u>Depth</u> :3.0m		
Determination No.	1	2	Determination No.	1	2
Container No.	37	77	Container No.	128	130
Mass of container, gm	33.70	34.00	Mass of container, gm	32.90	33.30
Mass of container +wet soil, gm	83.10	55.20	Mass of container +wet soil, gm	71.20	40.80
Mass of container +dry soil, gm	67.70	48.60	Mass of container +dry soil, gm	60.30	38.70
Mass of water, gm	15.40	6.60	Mass of water, gm	10.90	2.10
Mass of dry soil, gm	34.00	14.60	Mass of dry soil, gm	27.40	5.40
Water content, %	45.29	45.21	Water content, %	39.78	38.89
Average water content, %	45.25		Average water content, %	39.33	

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<u>Depth :1.5m</u>			<u>Depth :3.0m</u>		
<u>Loction</u>					
	<b>Infront of Tiya School</b>				
Determination No.	1	2	Determination No.	1	2
Container No.	97	76	Container No.	161	81
Mass of container, gm	33.10	32.70	Mass of container, gm	33.10	33.20
Mass of container +wet soil, gm	82.80	54.60	Mass of container +wet soil, gm	73.90	61.00
Mass of container +dry soil, gm	73.20	50.30	Mass of container +dry soil, gm	63.90	54.10
Mass of water, gm	9.60	4.30	Mass of water, gm	10.00	6.90
Mass of dry soil, gm	40.10	17.60	Mass of dry soil, gm	30.80	20.90
Water content, %	23.94	24.43	Water content, %	32.47	33.01
Average water content, %	24.19		Average water content, %	32.74	

<u>Location</u>					
	<b>Meserete Kirestos</b>				
<u>Depth</u>	1.5m		<u>Depth :3.0m</u>		
Determination No.	1	2	Determination No.	1	2
Container No.	141	91	Container No.	179	117
Mass of container, gm	33.40	33.20	Mass of container, gm	33.20	33.40
Mass of container +wet soil, gm	71.60	76.30	Mass of container +wet soil, gm	80.60	58.20
Mass of container +dry soil, gm	63.50	67.40	Mass of container +dry soil, gm	66.00	50.60
Mass of water, gm	8.10	8.90	Mass of water, gm	14.60	7.60
Mass of dry soil, gm	30.10	34.20	Mass of dry soil, gm	32.80	17.20
Water content, %	26.91	26.02	Water content, %	44.51	44.19
Average water content, %	26.47		Average water content, %	44.35	

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<u>Location</u>	NOC				
<u>Depth</u>	1.5m		<u>Depth :3.0m</u>		
Determination No.	1	2	Determination No.	1	2
Container No.	194	167	Container No.	180	140
Mass of container, gm	33.40	32.60	Mass of container, gm	32.90	33.00
Mass of container +wet soil, gm	82.10	59.30	Mass of container +wet soil, gm	68.00	75.80
Mass of container +dry soil, gm	70.70	53.10	Mass of container +dry soil, gm	59.20	65.20
Mass of water, gm	11.40	6.20	Mass of water, gm	8.80	10.60
Mass of dry soil, gm	37.30	20.50	Mass of dry soil, gm	26.30	32.20
Water content, %	30.56	30.24	Water content, %	33.46	32.92
Average water content, %	30.40		Average water content, %	33.19	

<u>Depth :1.5m</u>			<u>Depth :3.0m</u>		
<u>Location</u>	Around Tiya Stele (1)				
Determination No.	1	2	Determination No.	1	2
Container No.	124	161	Container No.	180	149
Mass of container, gm	32.8	33.1	Mass of container, gm	32.90	33.2
Mass of container +wet soil, gm	74.8	71.2	Mass of container +wet soil, gm	65.60	61.00
Mass of container +dry soil, gm	63.2	60.5	Mass of container +dry soil, gm	57.00	53.60
Mass of water, gm	11.6	10.7	Mass of water, gm	8.60	7.40
Mass of dry soil, gm	30.4	27.4	Mass of dry soil, gm	24.10	20.40
Water content, %	38.16	39.05	Water content, %	35.68	36.27
Average water content, %	38.60		Average water content, %	35.98	

**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

<u>Location</u>	Entrance to Amawete				
<u>Depth</u>	1.5m		<u>Depth :3.0m</u>		
Determination No.	1	2	Determination No.	1	2
Container No.	154	183	Container No.	128	37
Mass of container, gm	33.5	32.9	Mass of container, gm	32.90	33.70
Mass of container +wet soil, gm	70.7	69.3	Mass of container +wet soil, gm	75.00	78.20
Mass of container +dry soil, gm	58.7	57.6	Mass of container +dry soil, gm	63.50	66.20
Mass of water, gm	12	11.7	Mass of water, gm	11.50	12.00
Mass of dry soil, gm	25.2	24.7	Mass of dry soil, gm	30.60	32.50
Water content, %	47.62	47.37	Water content, %	37.58	36.92
Average water content, %	47.49		Average water content, %	37.25	

<u>Location</u>	World vision				
<u>Depth</u>	1.5m		<u>Depth :3.0m</u>		
Determination No.	1	2	Determination No.	1	2
Container No.	94	104	Container No.	195	185
Mass of container, gm	33.60	32.80	Mass of container, gm	33.20	33.70
Mass of container +wet soil, gm	59.50	67.20	Mass of container +wet soil, gm	54.70	65.70
Mass of container +dry soil, gm	53.70	59.60	Mass of container +dry soil, gm	47.60	55.20
Mass of water, gm	5.80	7.60	Mass of water, gm	7.10	10.50
Mass of dry soil, gm	20.10	26.80	Mass of dry soil, gm	14.40	21.50
Water content, %	28.86	28.36	Water content, %	49.31	48.84
Average water content, %	28.61		Average water content, %	49.07	

**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

<u>Location</u>	Sutan Market				
<u>Depth</u>	1.5m		<u>Depth :3.0m</u>		
Determination No.	1	2	Determination No.	1	2
Container No.	85	115	Container No.	157	179
Mass of container, gm	33.3	33.6	Mass of container, gm	33.5	33.2
Mass of container +wet soil, gm	67.60	69.70	Mass of container +wet soil, gm	88.10	75.30
Mass of container +dry soil, gm	59.10	60.80	Mass of container +dry soil, gm	73.30	63.80
Mass of water, gm	8.50	8.90	Mass of water, gm	14.80	11.50
Mass of dry soil, gm	25.80	27.20	Mass of dry soil, gm	39.80	30.60
Water content, %	32.95	32.72	Water content, %	37.19	37.58
Average water content, %	32.83		Average water content, %	37.38	

<u>Location</u>	Mariam Church	
<u>Depth</u>	1.5m	
Determination No.	1	2
Container No.	152	127
Mass of container, gm	32.90	33.20
Mass of container +wet soil, gm	66.70	72.30
Mass of container +dry soil, gm	59.40	64.00
Mass of water, gm	7.30	8.30
Mass of dry soil, gm	26.50	30.80
Water content, %	27.55	26.95
Average water content, %	27.25	

**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Appendix E**

**Free swell test results**

Location	Around Tiya Market		Depth	0.7m
Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)		
10	19.5	19	19.25	92.5

Location	Around Tiya Market		Depth	1.6m
Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)		
10	18	18.5	18.25	82.5

Location	(2)Around tiya stele		Depth	1.5m
Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)		
10	19.5	20	19.75	97.5

Location	(2)Around Tiya stele		Depth	3m
Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)		
10	20	20.5	20.25	102.5

Location	Infront of Tiya School		Depth	1.5m
Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)		
10	15	15.5	15.25	52.5

Location	Infront of Tiya School		Depth	3.0m
Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)		
10	19	20	19.5	95

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Location		Meserete Kiristos Church		Depth	1.5m
Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)	
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)			
10	16.9	17	16.95	69.5	

Location		Meserete Kirsitos Church		Depth	3m
Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)	
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)			
10	16	16	16	60	

Location		NOC		Depth	1.5m
Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)	
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)			
10	16	15	15.5	55	

Location		NOC		Depth	3m
Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)	
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)			
10	19	18.5	18.75	87.5	

Location		(1)Around Tiya stele		Depth	1.5m
Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)	
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)			
10	16	18	17	70	

Location		(1)Around Tiya stele		Depth	3.0m
Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)	
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)			
10	19	21	20	100	

**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Location** Entrance to Amawete **Depth** 1.5m

Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)		
10	17	16.5	16.75	67.5

**Location** Entrance to Amawete **Depth** 3.0m

Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)		
10	13.3	13.5	13.4	34

**Location** World Vision **Depth** 1.50m

Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)		
10	18.5	19	18.75	87.5

**Location** World Vision **Depth** 3.0m

Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)		
10	15.1	14	14.55	45.5

**Location** Sutan Market **Depth** 1.5m

Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)		
10	19	18.9	18.95	89.5

**Location** Sutan Market **Depth** 3.0m

Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)		
10	18.9	18.5	18.7	87

**Location** St.Mariam Church **Depth** 1.5m

Initial volume(cc)	Final volume		Average volume(cc)	Free swell (%)
	Sample 1(cc)	Sample 2 (cc)		
10	18.5	18	18.25	82.5

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Appendix F

Grain size analysis results

Location Around Tiya market

Depth 0.7m

Grain Size Analysis(At 0.7m)

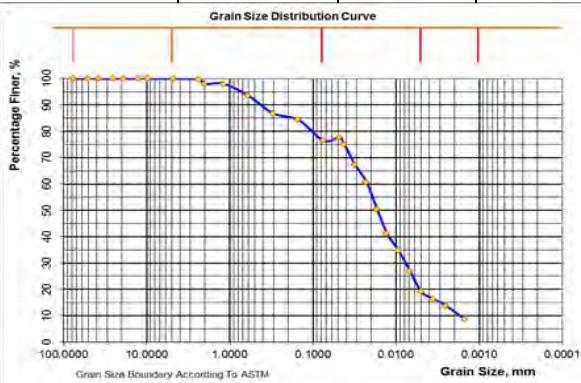
Total mass of sample, gm 500

Sieve No	Sieve opening (mm)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained(g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 4	4.75	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 8	2.36	1.4	0.3	0.3	99.7
No 10	2	1.1	0.22	0.5	99.5
No 20	0.85	8.4	1.7	2.2	97.8
No 40	0.425	13.0	2.6	4.8	95.2
No 60	0.25	9.9	2.0	6.8	93.2
No 100	0.15	8.1	1.6	8.4	91.6
No 200	0.075	9.2	1.8	10.2	89.8
pan	-----	448.9	89.8	100	0

Hydrometer Analysis

Specific Gravity of soil = 2.59 Test Temperature, 20

Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0315	-0.0027	1.0288	8.68	0.01386	0.0472	93.83	84.24
1	1.0310					0.0411	92.20	82.77
2	1.0305					0.0293	90.57	81.31
4	1.0300					0.0209	88.94	79.85
8	1.0285					0.0151	84.05	75.46
15	1.0260					0.0114	75.91	68.15
30	1.0240					0.0083	69.39	62.30
60	1.0220					0.0060	62.88	56.45
120	1.0210					0.0043	59.62	53.53
240	1.0205					0.0030	57.99	52.06
480	1.0180					0.0022	49.85	44.75
1440	1.0162					0.0013	43.98	39.49



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Location**

**Around Tiya Market**

**Depth**

**1.6m**

**Grain Size Analysis(At 1.6m)**

Total mass of sample, gm

500

Sieve No	Sieve opening (mm)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained(g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 4	4.75	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 8	2.36	2.9	0.6	0.6	99.4
No 10	2	1.7	0.3	0.9	99.1
No 20	0.85	11.7	2.3	3.3	96.7
No 40	0.425	11.4	2.3	5.5	94.5
No 60	0.25	9.6	1.9	7.5	92.5
No 100	0.15	11.5	2.3	9.8	90.2
No 200	0.075	10.7	2.1	11.9	88.1
pan	-----	440.5	88.1	100	0

**Hydrometer Analysis**

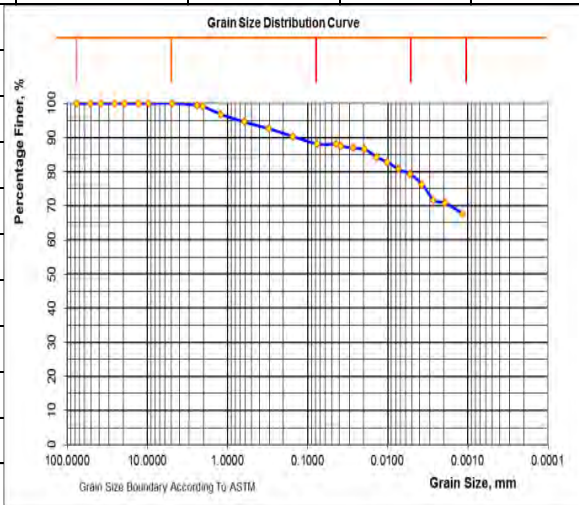
Gravity of soil =

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Test Temperature, deg.c

22

Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0318	-0.0023	1.0295	8.50	0.01290	0.0434	99.97	88.08
1	1.0316					0.0377	99.29	87.48
2	1.0314					0.0268	98.62	86.88
4	1.0313					0.0190	98.11	86.43
8	1.0305					0.0136	95.57	84.19
15	1.0300					0.0100	93.87	82.70
30	1.0295					0.0072	91.50	80.61
60	1.0290					0.0051	89.81	79.12
120	1.0280					0.0037	86.42	76.13
240	1.0265					0.0027	81.33	71.65
480	1.0260					0.0019	80.32	70.76
1440	1.0255					0.0011	76.59	67.47





**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Location** (2)Around Tiya stele  
**Depth** 3m

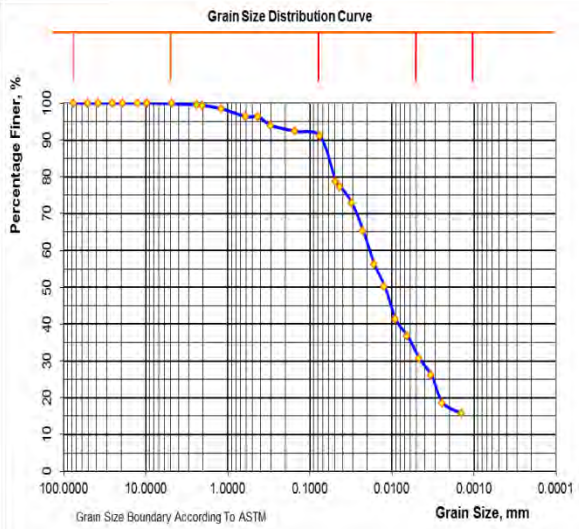
**Grain Size Analysis(At 3m)**

Total mass of sample, gm					500
Sieve No	Sieve opening (mm)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained (g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 4	4.75	0.7	0.1	0.1	99.9
No 8	2.36	1.6	0.3	0.5	99.5
No 10	2	0.7	0.1	0.6	99.4
No 20	0.85	4.7	0.9	1.5	98.5
No 40	0.425	10.6	2.1	3.7	96.3
No 60	0.25	11.7	2.3	6.0	94.0
No 100	0.15	8.2	1.6	7.6	92.4
No 200	0.075	6.9	1.4	9.0	91.0
pan	-----	454.9	91.0	100.0	0

**Hydrometer Analysis**

Specific Gravity of soil = 2.53      Test Temperature, 22

Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0285	-0.0023	1.0262	9.37	0.01374	0.0486	86.65	78.83
1	1.0280					0.0424	84.99	77.33
2	1.0265					0.0306	80.03	72.81
4	1.0240					0.0223	71.77	65.29
8	1.0210					0.0164	61.84	56.27
15	1.0190					0.0122	55.23	50.25
30	1.0160					0.0089	45.31	41.22
60	1.0145					0.0064	40.35	36.71
120	1.0125					0.0046	33.73	30.69
240	1.0110					0.0033	28.77	26.18
480	1.0085					0.0024	20.50	18.66
1440	1.0075					0.0014	17.20	15.65



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Location** Infront of Tiya school  
**Depth** 1.5m

**Grain Size Analysis(At 1.5m)**

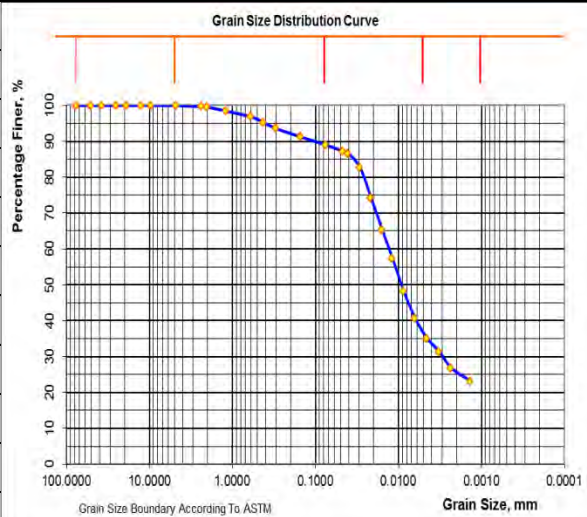
Total mass of sample, gm 500

Sieve No	Sieve opening (mm)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained(g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 4	4.75	0.2	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 8	2.36	1.4	0.3	0.3	99.7
No 10	2	0.7	0.1	0.5	99.5
No 20	0.85	5.7	1.1	1.6	98.4
No 40	0.425	7.8	1.6	4.7	95.3
No 60	0.25	8.5	1.7	6.4	93.6
No 100	0.15	11.8	2.4	8.8	91.2
No 200	0.075	11.3	2.3	11.0	89.0
pan	-----	444.8	89.0	100	0

**Hydrometer Analysis**

Specific Gravity of soil = 2.46 Test Temperature, 22

Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0313	-0.0027	1.0286	8.73	0.01360	0.0464	96.38	87.24
1	1.0311					0.0403	95.70	86.63
2	1.0298					0.0291	91.32	82.67
4	1.0270					0.0214	81.89	74.12
8	1.0241					0.0157	72.12	65.28
15	1.0215					0.0118	63.35	57.35
30	1.0185					0.0086	53.24	48.20
60	1.0160					0.0063	44.82	40.57
120	1.0142					0.0045	38.75	35.08
240	1.0130					0.0032	34.71	31.42
480	1.0115					0.0023	29.65	26.84
1440	1.0103					0.0014	25.61	23.18



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Location** Infront of Tiya school  
**Depth** 3.0m

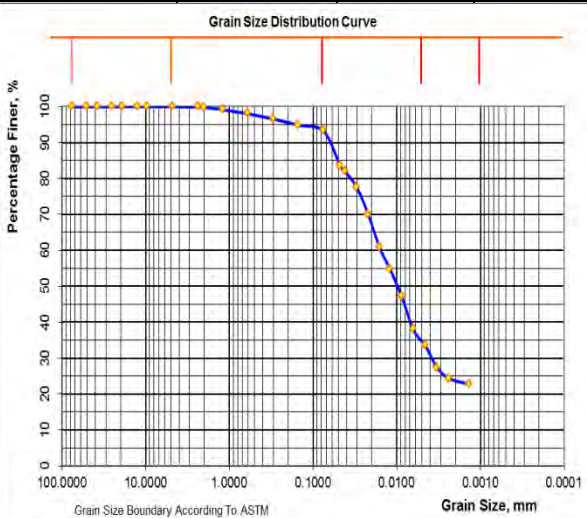
**Grain Size Analysis(At 3.0m)**

Total mass of sample, gm					500	
Sieve No	Sieve opening (mm)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained(g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)	
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
No 4	4.75	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
No 8	2.36	0.7	0.1	0.1	99.9	
No 10	2	0.4	0.08	0.2	99.8	
No 20	0.85	3.4	0.7	0.9	99.1	
No 40	0.425	5.5	1.1	2.0	98.0	
No 60	0.25	7.3	1.5	3.5	96.5	
No 100	0.15	8.4	1.7	5.1	94.9	
No 200	0.075	8.5	1.7	6.8	93.2	
pan	-----	465.8	93.2	100.0	0	

**Hydrometer Analysis**

Specific Gravity of soil = 2.59 Test Temperature, 21

Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0300	-0.0025	1.0275	9.03	0.01369	0.0475	89.59	83.46
1	1.0295					0.0414	87.96	81.95
2	1.0280					0.0299	83.08	77.39
4	1.0255					0.0219	74.93	69.81
8	1.0225					0.0161	65.16	60.70
15	1.0205					0.0120	58.64	54.63
30	1.0180					0.0087	50.50	47.04
60	1.0150					0.0064	40.72	37.94
120	1.0135					0.0046	35.84	33.39
240	1.0115					0.0033	29.32	27.32
480	1.0105					0.0024	26.06	24.28
1440	1.0100					0.0014	24.43	22.76



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Location** meserete kiristos  
**Depth** 1.5m

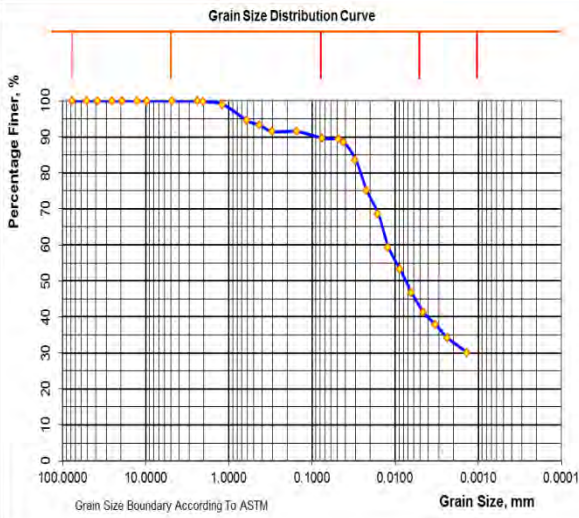
**Grain Size Analysis(At 1.5m)**

Total mass of sample, gm						500
Sieve No	Sieve opening (mm)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained(g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)	
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
No 4	4.75	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
No 8	2.36	0.6	0.1	0.1	99.9	
No 10	2	0.6	0.1	0.2	99.8	
No 20	0.85	3.9	0.8	1.0	99.0	
No 40	0.425	6.0	1.2	6.7	93.3	
No 60	0.25	9.0	1.8	8.5	91.5	
No 100	0.15	0.0	0.0	8.5	91.5	
No 200	0.075	9.1	1.8	10.4	89.6	
pan	-----	448.2	89.6	100	0	

**Hydrometer Analysis**

Specific Gravity of soil = 2.51      Test Temperature, 22

Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0318	-0.0027	1.0291	8.60	0.01397	0.0473	96.74	89.45
1	1.0315					0.0412	95.75	88.53
2	1.0299					0.0298	90.43	83.61
4	1.0271					0.0219	81.12	75.00
8	1.0250					0.0159	74.14	68.55
15	1.0220					0.0121	64.16	59.33
30	1.0200					0.0087	57.51	53.18
60	1.0179					0.0063	50.53	46.72
120	1.0161					0.0046	44.55	41.19
240	1.0150					0.0033	40.89	37.81
480	1.0138					0.0023	36.90	34.12
1440	1.0125					0.0014	32.58	30.12



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Location** meserete kiristos  
**Depth** 3m

**Grain Size Analysis(At 3m)**

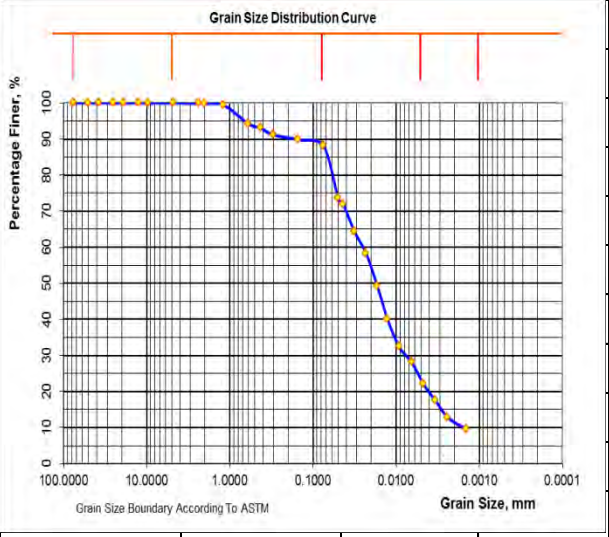
Total mass of sample, gm 500

Sieve No	Sieve opening(m m)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained(g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 4	4.75	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 8	2.36	0.5	0.1	0.1	99.9
No 10	2	0.3	0.1	0.2	99.8
No 20	0.85	2.5	0.5	0.7	99.3
No 40	0.425	6.1	1.2	7.0	93.0
No 60	0.25	9.2	1.8	8.8	91.2
No 100	0.15	6.7	1.3	10.2	89.8
No 200	0.075	9.3	1.9	12.0	88.0
pan	-----	439.8	88.0	100	0

**Hydrometer Analysis**

Specific Gravity of soil = 2.57 Test Temperature, 22

Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0270	-0.0029	1.0241	9.93	0.01370	0.0498	78.90	73.44
1	1.0265					0.0434	77.26	71.92
2	1.0240					0.0317	69.08	64.30
4	1.0220					0.0230	62.53	58.20
8	1.0190					0.0168	52.71	49.06
15	1.0160					0.0127	42.89	39.92
30	1.0135					0.0092	34.70	32.30
60	1.0115					0.0065	30.12	28.04
120	1.0095					0.0047	23.57	21.94
240	1.0080					0.0034	18.66	17.37
480	1.0065					0.0024	13.75	12.80
1440	1.0060					0.0014	10.15	9.45

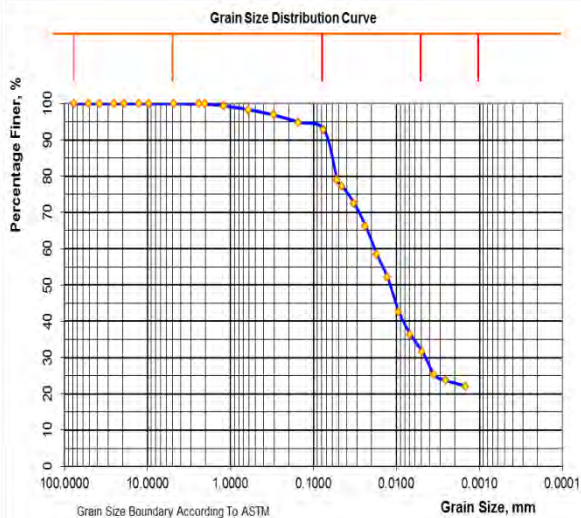




**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

Location		Noc			
Depth		3m			
<b>Grain Size Analysis(At 3m)</b>					
Total mass of sample, gm					<b>500</b>
Sieve No	Sieve opening (mm)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained(g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 4	4.75	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 8	2.36	0.4	0.1	0.1	99.9
No 10	2	0.2	0.04	0.1	99.9
No 20	0.85	2.6	0.5	0.6	99.4
No 40	0.425	5.2	1.0	1.7	98.3
No 60	0.25	7.3	1.5	3.1	96.9
No 100	0.15	10.0	2.00	5.14	94.86
No 200	0.075	10.2	2.04	7.18	92.82
pan	-----	464.1	92.8	100	0

Hydrometer Analysis								
Specific Gravity of soil =			2.43		Test Temperature, 21			
Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0275	-0.0025	1.0250	9.69	0.01438	0.0517	84.97	78.86
1	1.0270					0.0451	83.27	77.29
2	1.0255					0.0325	78.17	72.56
4	1.0235					0.0236	71.37	66.25
8	1.0210					0.0172	62.87	58.36
15	1.0190					0.0128	56.08	52.05
30	1.0160					0.0094	45.88	42.59
60	1.0140					0.0068	39.08	36.28
120	1.0125					0.0049	33.99	31.55
240	1.0105					0.0035	27.19	25.24
480	1.0100					0.0025	25.49	23.66
1440	1.0095					0.0014	23.79	22.08



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Location** (1)Around Tiya stele dengai  
**Depth** 1.5m

**Grain Size Analysis(At 1.5m)**

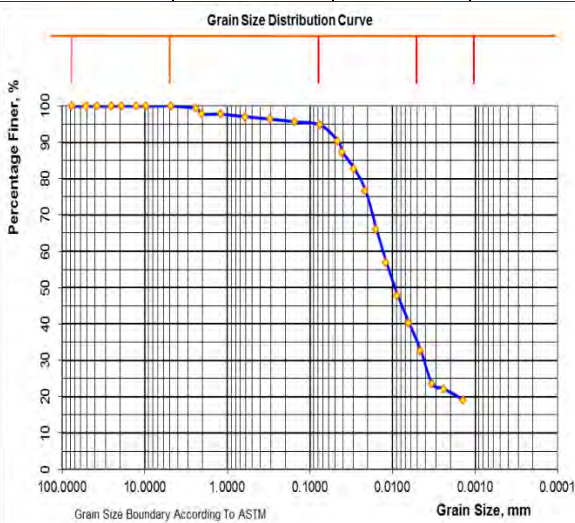
Total mass of sample, gm **500**

Sieve No	Sieve opening (mm)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained(g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 4	4.75	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 8	2.36	3.7	0.7	0.7	99.3
No 10	2	7.6	1.52	2.3	97.7
No 40	0.425	3.5	0.7	3.0	97.0
No 60	0.25	3.2	0.6	3.6	96.4
No 100	0.15	3.8	0.8	4.4	95.6
No 200	0.075	4.5	0.9	5.3	94.7
pan	-----	473.7	94.7	100	0

**Hydrometer Analysis**

Specific Gravity of soil = 2.67 Test Temperature, 20

Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0325	-0.0027	1.0298	8.42	0.01365	0.0457	95.29	90.28
1	1.0315					0.0402	92.09	87.25
2	1.0300					0.0291	87.29	82.70
4	1.0280					0.0212	80.90	76.64
8	1.0245					0.0157	69.71	66.04
15	1.0215					0.0119	60.11	56.95
30	1.0185					0.0087	50.52	47.86
60	1.0160					0.0063	42.53	40.29
120	1.0135					0.0046	34.53	32.72
240	1.0105					0.0033	24.94	23.63
480	1.0100					0.0024	23.34	22.11
1440	1.0090					0.0014	20.14	19.09



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Location** (1) Around Tiya stele dengai  
**Depth** 3m

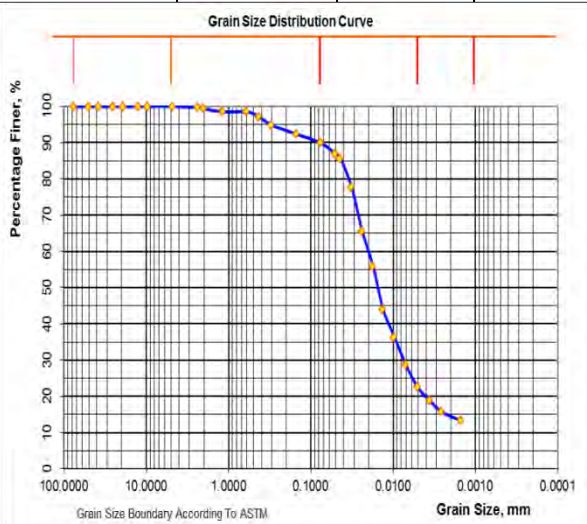
**Grain Size Analysis(At 3m)**

Total mass of sample, gm						500
Sieve No	Sieve opening (mm)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained(g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)	
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
No 4	4.75	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	
No 8	2.36	1.5	0.3	0.3	99.7	
No 10	2	0.7	0.1	0.6	99.4	
No 20	0.85	4.5	0.9	1.5	98.5	
No 40	0.425	6.9	1.4	2.9	97.1	
No 60	0.25	11.3	2.3	5.1	94.9	
No 100	0.15	12.4	2.5	7.6	92.4	
No 200	0.075	12.5	2.5	10.1	89.9	
pan	-----	450.2	90.0	100.2	0.0	

**Hydrometer Analysis**

Specific Gravity of soil = 2.42      Test Temperature, 20

Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0309	-0.0027	1.0282	8.84	0.01456	0.0500	96.12	86.83
1	1.0305					0.0435	94.75	85.60
2	1.0279					0.0320	85.89	77.60
4	1.0240					0.0238	72.60	65.59
8	1.0208					0.0175	61.69	55.73
15	1.0170					0.0133	48.74	44.03
30	1.0145					0.0097	40.22	36.33
60	1.0120					0.0070	31.70	28.64
120	1.0100					0.0050	24.88	22.48
240	1.0088					0.0036	20.79	18.78
480	1.0078					0.0026	17.38	15.70
1440	1.0070					0.0015	14.66	13.24



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Location** Entrance to Amawete  
**Depth** 1.5m

**Grain Size Analysis(At 1.5m)**

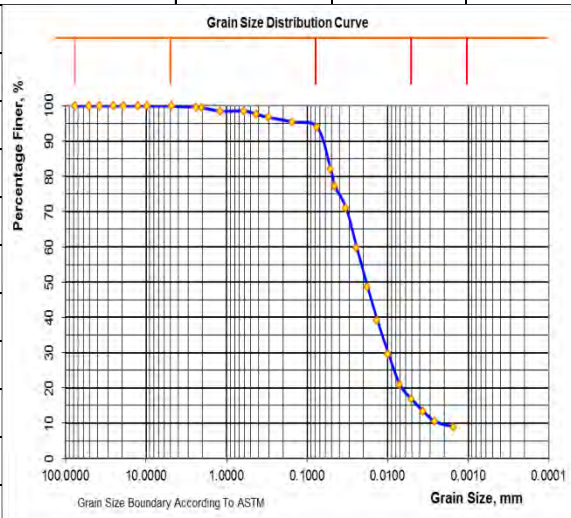
Total mass of sample, gm 500

Sieve No	Sieve opening (mm)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained(g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 4	4.75	0.4	0.1	0.1	99.9
No 8	2.36	1.5	0.3	0.4	99.6
No 10	2	0.8	0.2	0.5	99.5
No 20	0.85	4.7	0.9	1.5	98.5
No 40	0.425	4.70	0.9	2.4	97.6
No 60	0.25	4.2	0.8	3.3	96.7
No 100	0.15	6.6	1.3	4.6	95.4
No 200	0.075	7.3	1.5	6.0	94.0
pan	-----	469.8	94.0	100	0.0

**Hydrometer Analysis**

Specific Gravity of soil = 2.46 Test Temperature, 21

Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0285	-0.0027	1.0258	9.48	0.01438	0.0511	86.94	82.02
1	1.0270					0.0452	81.89	77.25
2	1.0250					0.0328	75.15	70.89
4	1.0215					0.0242	63.35	59.77
8	1.0180					0.0178	51.56	48.64
15	1.0150					0.0134	41.45	39.10
30	1.0120					0.0098	31.34	29.57
60	1.0093					0.0071	22.24	20.98
120	1.0080					0.0051	17.86	16.85
240	1.0069					0.0036	14.15	13.35
480	1.0060					0.0026	11.12	10.49
1440	1.0055					0.0015	9.44	8.90



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Location** Entrance to Amawete  
**Depth** 3m

**Grain Size Analysis(At 3m)**

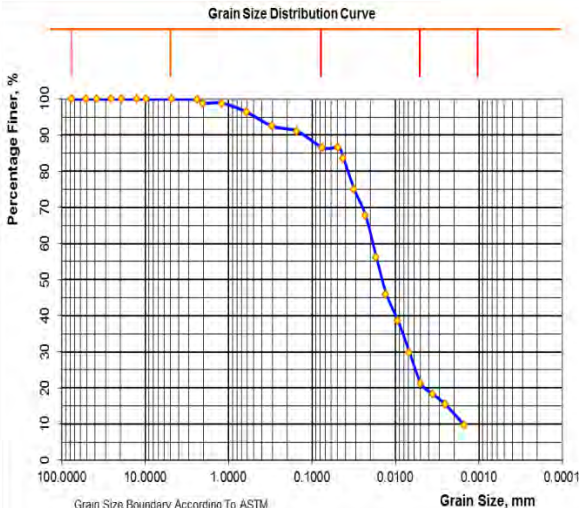
Total mass of sample, gm 500

Sieve No	Sieve opening (mm)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained(g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 4	4.75	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 8	2.36	0.8	0.2	0.2	99.8
No 10	2	4.8	1.0	1.1	98.9
No 40	0.425	12.8	2.6	3.7	96.3
No 60	0.25	19.1	3.8	7.5	92.5
No 100	0.15	7.0	1.4	8.9	91.1
No 200	0.075	22.7	4.5	13.4	86.6
pan	-----	432.8	86.6	100.0	0.0

**Hydrometer Analysis**

Specific Gravity of soil = 2.53 Test Temperature, 21

Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0325	-0.0027	1.0298	8.42	0.01431	0.0479	98.55	86.55
1	1.0315					0.0422	95.25	83.65
2	1.0285					0.0311	85.33	74.93
4	1.0260					0.0228	77.06	67.67
8	1.0220					0.0169	63.83	56.05
15	1.0185					0.0129	52.25	45.89
30	1.0160					0.0093	43.99	38.63
60	1.0130					0.0068	34.06	29.92
120	1.0100					0.0050	24.14	21.20
240	1.0090					0.0035	20.84	18.30
480	1.0080					0.0025	17.53	15.39
1440	1.0060					0.0015	10.91	9.58



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Location** World Vision  
**Depth** 1.5m

**Grain Size Analysis(At 1.5m)**

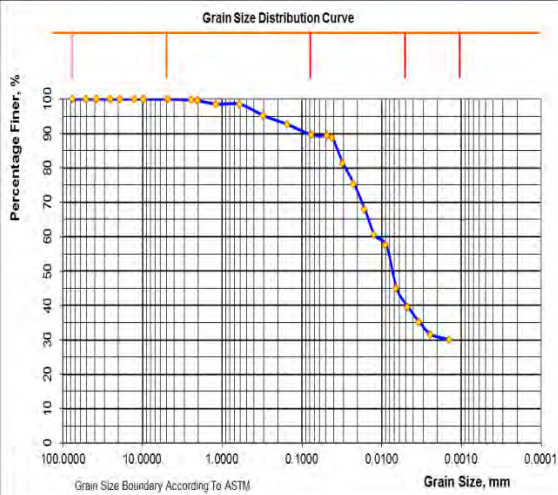
Total mass of sample, gm 500

Sieve No	Sieve opening (mm)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained(g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 4	4.75	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 8	2.36	1.0	0.2	0.2	99.8
No 10	2	0.3	0.1	0.3	99.7
No 20	0.85	4.2	0.8	1.1	98.9
No 40	0.425	6.1	1.2	2.3	97.7
NO 60	0.25	7.2	1.4	3.8	96.2
No 100	0.15	10.5	2.1	5.9	94.1
No 200	0.075	12.0	2.4	8.3	91.7
pan	-----	458.7	91.7	100.0	0.0

**Hydrometer Analysis**

Gravity of soil = 2.52 Test Temperature, deg.c 20

Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0327	-0.0027	1.0300	8.36	0.01431	0.0478	99.47	89.36
1	1.0325					0.0415	98.81	88.76
2	1.0300					0.0305	90.52	81.32
4	1.0280					0.0222	83.89	75.36
8	1.0255					0.0162	75.60	67.91
15	1.0230					0.0122	67.31	60.47
30	1.0220					0.0087	63.99	57.49
60	1.0178					0.0065	50.07	44.98
120	1.0160					0.0047	44.10	39.62
240	1.0145					0.0034	39.13	35.15
480	1.0133					0.0024	35.15	31.57
1440	1.0128					0.0014	33.49	30.08



**INVESTIGATION ON SOME OF THE ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SOILS IN TIYA TOWN, ETHIOPIA**

**Location** World Vision  
**Depth** 3m

**Grain Size Analysis(At 3m)**

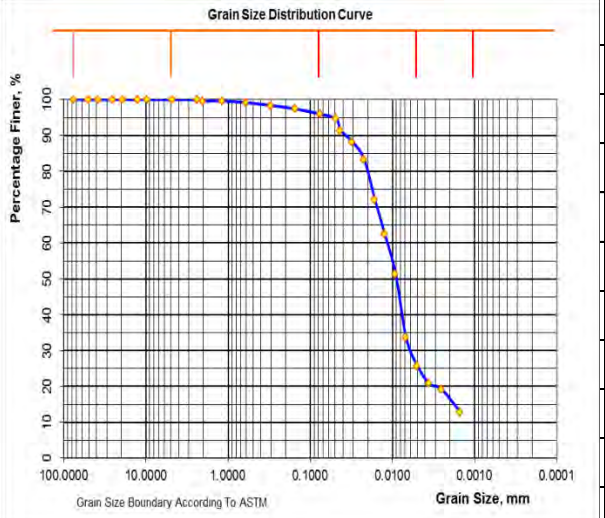
Total mass of sample, gm 500

Sieve No	Sieve opening (mm)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained(g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 4	4.75	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 8	2.36	0.3	0.1	0.1	99.9
No 10	2	1.6	0.32	0.4	99.6
No 40	0.425	2.3	0.5	0.8	99.2
No 60	0.25	3.9	0.8	1.6	98.4
No 100	0.15	5.0	1.0	2.6	97.4
No 200	0.075	7.2	1.4	4.1	95.9
pan	-----	479.7	95.9	100	0

**Hydrometer Analysis**

Specific Gravity of soil = 2.49 Test Temperature, 21

Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0320	-0.0025	1.0295	8.50	0.01438	0.0484	98.60	94.59
1	1.0310					0.0426	95.26	91.39
2	1.0300					0.0305	91.91	88.18
4	1.0285					0.0221	86.90	83.37
8	1.0250					0.0164	75.20	72.15
15	1.0220					0.0124	65.17	62.53
30	1.0185					0.0091	53.48	51.31
60	1.0130					0.0068	35.09	33.67
120	1.0105					0.0049	26.74	25.65
240	1.0090					0.0035	21.72	20.84
480	1.0085					0.0025	20.05	19.24
1440	1.0065					0.0015	13.37	12.83







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**Location** St.mariam church

**Depth** 1.5m

**Grain Size Analysis(At 1.5m)**

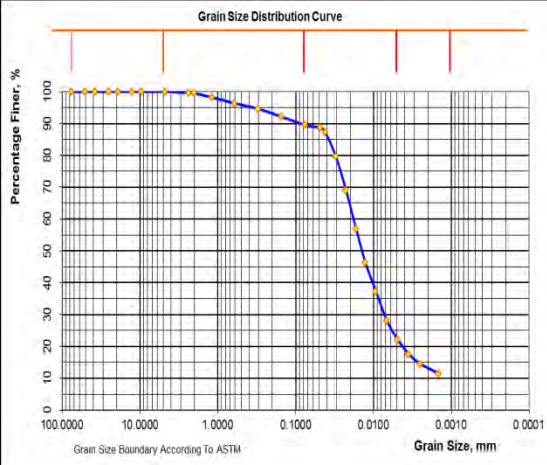
Total mass of sample, gm **500**

Sieve No	Sieve opening (mm)	Mass of retained soil (g)	Percentage retained(g)	Comm. Percentage retained(%)	Percentage passing(%)
3"	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
2"	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1.5"	37.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1"	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3/4"	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
1/2"	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
3.8"	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 4	4.75	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
No 8	2.36	1.5	0.3	0.3	99.7
No 10	2	0.6	0.1	0.4	99.6
No 20	0.85	5.4	1.1	1.5	98.5
No 40	0.425	7.8	1.6	3.1	96.9
No 60	0.25	7.2	1.4	4.5	95.5
No 100	0.15	10.3	2.1	6.6	93.4
No 200	0.075	10.8	2.2	8.7	91.3
pan	-----	456.4	91.3	100.0	0.0

**Hydrometer Analysis**

Specific Gravity of soil = 2.58 Test Temperature, 20

Elapsed Time (min)	Actual Hydrometer Reading	Composite Correction	Corrected Hydrometer Reading	Effective Depth (cm)	Coefficient K	Grain Size (mm)	Perc. Finer (%)	Perc. Finer Combined (%)
0.75	1.0320	-0.0027	1.0293	8.55	0.01408	0.0475	95.69	88.62
1	1.0315					0.0415	94.06	87.11
2	1.0290					0.0304	85.89	79.54
4	1.0255					0.0226	74.46	68.96
8	1.0215					0.0168	61.40	56.86
15	1.0180					0.0127	49.97	46.27
30	1.0150					0.0093	40.17	37.20
60	1.0120					0.0068	30.37	28.13
120	1.0100					0.0049	23.84	22.08
240	1.0085					0.0035	18.94	17.54
480	1.0075					0.0025	15.68	14.52
1440	1.0065					0.0015	12.41	11.49



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Appendix G

## Specific Gravity

**TP-1**

Depth=0.7m

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	143.00	145.3
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	158.30	160.70
Mass of soil(g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat\ to}$	2.58	2.60
to	23.00	23.20
k	0.9993689	0.9993048
Specific Gravity $G_{s\ at\ 20}$	2.58	2.60
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.59	

**TP-1**

Depth=1.6m

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	150.50	143.8
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	165.30	158.50
Mass of soil(g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat\ to}$	2.45	2.43
to	23.00	23.00
k	0.9993689	0.9993488
Specific Gravity $G_{s\ at\ 20}$	2.45	2.43
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.44	

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**TP-2**

**Depth=1.5m**

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	142.90	143.1
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	158.00	158.20
Mass of soil(g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.53	2.53
to	22.00	22.00
k	0.9995793	0.9995692
Specific Gravity $G_s$ at 20	2.52	2.52
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.52	

**TP-2**

**Depth=3m**

	Sample 1	Sample 2	
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	143.70	153.8	
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	158.85	168.90	
Mass of soil (g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00	
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.54	2.53	
to	22.00	22.30	
k	0.9995793	0.9995031	
Specific Gravity $G_s$ at 20	2.54	2.52	
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.53		

**TP-3**

**Depth=1.5m**

	Sample 1	Sample 2	
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	153.80	146.7	
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	168.60	161.60	
Mass of soil (g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00	
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.45	2.48	
to	23.00	23.00	
k	0.9993689	0.9993488	
Specific Gravity $G_s$ at 20	2.45	2.47	
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.46		

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**TP-3**

**Depth=3m**

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	143.00	145.3
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	158.30	160.70
Mass of soil (g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat\ to}$	2.58	2.60
to	22.50	22.80
k	0.9994741	0.9993929
Specific Gravity $G_{s\ at\ 20}$	2.58	2.60
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.59	

**TP-4**

**Depth=1.5m**

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	145.30	143
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	160.30	158.10
Mass of soil (g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat\ to}$	2.50	2.53
to	23.00	23.00
k	0.9993689	0.9993488
Specific Gravity $G_{s\ at\ 20}$	2.50	2.52
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.51	

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**TP-4**

Depth=3m

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	143.80	153.85
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	159.10	169.10
Mass of soil (g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.58	2.56
to	23.20	23.20
k	0.9993268	0.9993048
Specific Gravity $G_{s at 20}$	2.58	2.56
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.57	

**TP-5**

Depth=1.5m

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	144.30	146.8
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	159.20	161.70
Mass of soil (g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.48	2.48
to	22.00	22.00
k	0.9995793	0.9995692
Specific Gravity $G_{s at 20}$	2.47	2.47
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.47	

**TP-5**

Depth=3m

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	150.50	143.4
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	165.20	158.10
Mass of soil (g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.43	2.43
to	23.20	23.40
k	0.9993268	0.9992607
Specific Gravity $G_{s at 20}$	2.43	2.43
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.43	

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**TP-6**

Depth=1.5m

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	143.00	146.8
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	158.65	162.40
Mass of soil (g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.67	2.66
to	21.00	21.00
k	0.9997896	0.9997896
Specific Gravity $G_s$ at 20	2.67	2.66
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.67	

**TP-6**

Depth=3m

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	144.50	147.1
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	159.20	161.70
Mass of soil (g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.43	2.40
to	23.00	23.00
k	0.9993488	0.9993488
Specific Gravity $G_s$ at 20	2.43	2.40
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.42	

**TP-7**

Depth=1.5m

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	145.20	144.00
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	160.00	158.90
Mass of soil(g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.45	2.48
to	22.00	23.00
k	0.9995793	0.9993488
Specific Gravity $G_s$ at 20	2.45	2.47
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.46	

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**TP-7**

Depth=3m

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	143.50	153.8
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	158.60	168.95
Mass of soil (g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.53	2.54
to	21.00	21.00
k	0.9997896	0.9997896
Specific Gravity $G_s$ at 20	2.52	2.54
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.53	

**TP-8**

Depth=1.5m

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	150.30	153.7
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	165.40	168.75
Mass of soil(g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.53	2.51
to	23.00	23.00
k	0.9993689	0.9993488
Specific Gravity $G_s$ at 20	2.52	2.51
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.52	

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**TP-8**

Depth=3m

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	145.10	144.6
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	160.10	159.50
Mass of soil (g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.50	2.48
to	22.00	22.00
k	0.9995793	0.9995692
Specific Gravity $G_s$ at 20	2.50	2.47
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.49	

**TP-9**

Depth=1.5m

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	143.90	150.3
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	159.15	165.60
Mass of soil (g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.56	2.58
to	21.00	21.00
k	0.9997896	0.9997896
Specific Gravity $G_s$ at 20	2.56	2.58
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.57	

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**TP-9**

Depth=3m

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	145.30	144.7
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	160.40	159.70
Mass of soil(g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.53	2.50
to	22.00	22.00
k	0.9995793	0.9995692
Specific Gravity $G_{s \text{ at } 20}$	2.52	2.50
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.51	

**TP-10**

Depth=1.5m

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mass of flask and water (g) $M_{fw}$	142.90	143.1
Mass of flask, soil and water (g) $M_{fs}$	158.20	158.40
Mass of soil(g) $M_s$	25.00	25.00
Specific Gravity $G_{sat}$ to	2.58	2.58
to	22.00	22.00
k	0.9995793	0.9995692
Specific Gravity $G_{s \text{ at } 20}$	2.58	2.58
Average Specific Gravity $G_s =$	2.58	

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