ENGINEERING GEOLOGY OF ALLUVIAL DEPOSITS IN YANGON AREA

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Abstract

Two-thirds of the Yangon area is covered by alluvial deposits, which are weak in their strength and highly permeable. As Yangon area has undergone very rapid development and expansion, its expansion of new satellite towns is mostly built on the alluvial deposit. Engineering geology study of alluvial deposits in Yangon area is therefore needed to ascertain the nature and properties of alluvial deposits at different locations and at various depths. The distribution of alluvial deposits in Yangon river and Hlaing river. The alluvial deposits are categorized into valley fill, marine, and flat plain types. The most common deposit types are CL, CH, SM, SC, ML according to the Unified Soil Classification. Standard Penetration Test (SPT) is performed for this research and samples collected from boreholes are tested in the laboratory. Based on the SPT value and the laboratory results, the bearing capacity calculations are made for the foundation condition. Groundwater level is noted on each bore holes for the hydrological characteristics. The ultimate bearing capacity of valley fill deposits are more than 200 kPa in Ahlon Township but the ultimate bearing capacity of most marine alluvium in Hlaingtharyar and N. Okkalarpa Townships are less than 100 kPa.

Keywords: Alluvial deposits, Bearing capacity, Engineering geology, Yangon area

Introduction

Alluvium is the general term for the detrital deposits made by rivers or streams or found on alluvial fans, flood plains, etc. It consists of a variety of materials, including fine particles of silt and clay and larger particles of sand and gravel and often contains organic matter that makes it a fertile soil. It does not include the subaqueous sediments of lakes and seas [1]. Otherwise all those deposits that are laid down by running water are called alluvial deposits. They are younger than the rock on which it lands and can cause confusion as to the age of the rock underneath and in the surrounding area [2]. Yangon is the largest trade city in Myanmar. Today Yangon has undergone very rapid development and expansion because of its socio-economic cum political significance. Therefore, it is required to expand the new satellite town. New satellite town are mostly built on the alluvial deposit. Moreover, the existing downtown areas are also built on alluvial deposits. Many existing structures in downtown are reconstructed as they are in dangerous condition. It is aware that close interrelation exists between the natural environment and area development. Therefore, engineering geology of alluvial deposits in Yangon area is needed to take up to ascertain the nature and properties of alluvial soil available at different locations of site at various depths. Alluvial deposits are mostly distributed in Yangon area. Two-third of the total area of Yangon is covered by alluvial deposits. Yangon is located in Lower Myanmar at the confluence of the Yangon and Bago rivers about 30 km away from the Gulf of Martaban .It is located between North Latitude 16° 45' and 17° 00' and East Longitude 96° 00' and 96° 17', which refers to the map index 94 D/1. Its standard time zone is UTC/GMT +6:30 hours.



Figure 1. Location and township map of Yangon area [3]

There are thirty-four townships in Yangon area. Location and township map of Yangon is shown in Figure 1.

Research Method

For this research, Standard Penetration Test (SPT) is performed firstly and samples are collected from boreholes. The samples are tested in the laboratory for the physical and geotechnical properties of alluvial deposits in the Yangon area. Based on the SPT value and the laboratory results, the bearing capacity calculations are made for the foundation condition. Groundwater level is noted on each bore holes for the hydrological characteristics. This research will give many engineering characteristics of soils which are very valuable in determining the suitable foundation condition. It is also help in deciding regional planning and preparing the building code. Moreover, it can point out the groundwater potential, earthquake hazards and flood prone areas. Bore holes location map for study is shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2. Bore holes location map of study area

Distribution of Alluvial Deposits in Yangon Area

There are residual soil, alluvial (transported) soil and rock outcrop according to the topography and geological condition of Yangon area. Residual soil and rock outcrop mostly occurs along the Shwedagon- Mingalardon Ridge. They have good engineering properties and suitable for high – rise building. The alluvial deposits are weak in strength and high permeability because they are recent deposits. The alluvial deposits are widely distributed in Yangon area. The distribution of alluvial deposits starts from Kyaukmyinthar area to the Letkikkone and along the flood plain of Yangon river and Hlaing river. The lateral extent is about 130 km at Taikkyi section and about 210 km at the central Yangon section. The distribution of alluvial deposits in Yangon area is shown in Figure 3. The alluvial deposit in Yangon area is categorized into valley fill alluvial deposits, marine alluvial deposits, and flat plain alluvial deposits. Valley fill alluvial deposits are found in Insein, Hlaing Kamayut, Ahlon, Kyauktada and Botahtaung, Lanmadaw, Sanchaung Townships, Flat plain alluvial deposits are found in North Okkalapa, South Okkalapa, Dagon Myothit, Thingangyun, Thaketa, Dawbon Townships. Marine alluvial deposits are found in Simalaik, Bayintnaung, Shwepyithar, Hlaingtharyar, Hlagwa, Htatabin, Dala, Tharkata, and Dagon Seikkan Townships.



Figure 3. Distribution of alluvial deposits in Yangon area

Hydrological Characteristics of Alluvial Deposits in Yangon Area

Groundwater in Flat Plain Deposits

Groundwater is found in the unconsolidated layer of alluvial deposits along the Ngamoeyeik creek and surrounding area. Length of alluvial deposits is about 29 km in north- south direction and about 3 to 10 km in east –west direction.

Alluvial deposits are mainly composed of fine to medium grained sand, blunish grey silt and clays. According to the well log data, the thickness is about 2 to 20 m varying from one place to another. Water from these deposits gives low yield and has been highly contaminated. Most of the wells are hand dug wells. Water table of this aquifer is found at 1.0 m to 7.5 m below the surface. At nearby area along the Ngamoeyeik creek, hand-dug wells are not usually dug due to poor quality of water.

Groundwater in Valley Fill Deposits

Generally, the best aquifers are observed in the valley fill deposits situated on the western flank of the Shwedagon ridge which serve as main aquifer of groundwater. The length of the valley fill deposits from north to south varies about 2 to 3.5 km.

The valley fill deposits consist mainly of fine to coarse sands and gravel. Clays lens may interrupt these beds. These deposits have the vertical succession of coarse sand to gravel near the bottom to silt and clay at the top [4]. These deposits are principal aquifers in the western Yangon. The depth of the aquifer is generally noted as 12 m to 36 m in this area.

The valley filled deposits serve as good aquifer. In general, thickness of water bearing horizon ranges from 12 m to 31 m. Water tapped from the shallow horizon of this aquifer (less than 40 m) yield relatively high, being in the range of 120 to 410 gpm for 8 inches diameter well in Botahtaung. In Lanmadaw Township, the water bearing horizon is encountered at 30 m. In Ahlon, the groundwater yield from this horizon range 1000 gph to 11000gph. In Sanchaung, the depth of the water bearing horizon is 6000 gph to 10000 gph. In Hlaing, the depth of the water bearing horizon ranges from 12 m to 39 m with the thickness of 6 m to 18 m and water yields from this horizon is 6000 gph to 10000 gph. In Hlaing, the depth of the water bearing horizon ranges from 12 m to 45 m and the thickness of the horizon is within the range of 6 m to 30 m.

Groundwater in Marine Alluvial Deposits

Composition of marine alluvial deposits consists of marine clay, silty clay with high organic content from decaying vegetation. In Hlaingtharyar, water bearing horizon is found at the depth of 75 m with the thickness 12 m which yields 1000 gph. Also found shallow aquifer at the depth of 24 m to 42 m which yield 200 gph to 3000gph. In some places of Hlaingtharyar, salt water intrusion is found along the Hlaing and Panhlaing rivers.

Geotechnical Characteristics of Alluvial Deposits in Yangon Area

As alluvial deposits are widely distributed in Yangon area, they have different physical and geotechnical properties since the depositional background are different. To know the geotechnical properties, Standard Penetration Test (SPT) is performed firstly and samples are collected. The density test, moisture content, grain size distribution, hydrometer analysis, Atterberg limits, and direct shear tests are performed in the laboratory to evaluate the geotechnical properties of alluvial soil. Moreover, Standard Penetration Test N- value has to make correction since the Standard Penetration Test can have many uncertainties.

Geotechnical Characteristics of Valley Fill Deposits

Valley fill deposits occupy the synclinal valley which is situated to the west of the Yangon ridge. These were probably deposited by the Proto Hlaing river in Pleistocene and sub-recent time as a channel deposit. At present, they have been partially uplifted along the margin of the anticline [4]. They consist of a thick sequence of loose, highly pervious, interbedded sands and fine to very coarse gravels. SW, SM and CL soil types a mostly occurred in the valley fill alluvium. In the upper part of these deposits, the percentage of sand and silt are high. At the deeper portion, sand is mostly abundant sometimes with very little amount of gravel is observed. Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 show the summary of geotechnical characteristics of valley fill deposits in Yangon area.

	•					At	tterbe	rg	Moisture	She	ar
		Wet	Dry	SPT]	Limits		Content	Strei	ıgth
No.	Depth	Unit	Unit	Ν	Lithology	$\mathbf{L}.\mathbf{L}$	P.L	P.I	(%)	с	φ
	(m)	Weight	Weight	Value		%	%			kPa	(°)
		kN/m ³	kN/m ³								
DU 1	0-2	17.3	13.8	8-15	clayey silt	-	-	-	23-27	-	-
DH-1	2-4	18.2	14.6	16-18	clayey silt	43	24	19	22-23	1.2	15
	4-6	18.9	15.6	18-20	clayey silt	46	25	21	19-22	1.6	14
	6-8	19.3	16.3	20-21	clayey silt	45	23	22	18-20	2	14
	8-10	19.4	16.5	21	sandy silt	45	24	21	20	2	13
рц э	0-2	17.4	14	10-15	silty sand	-	-	-	23-26	-	-
DП- 2	2-4	18.2	15	15-18	silty sand	39	23	16	20-23	1.0	20
	4-6	19	16	19-20	Silty	45	25	20	18-20	1.4	16
					Sand						
	6-8	19.2	16.3	20-21	clayey silt	46	25	21	17-18	1.0	23
	8-10	19.5	16.3	22	clayey silt	46	25	21	17	1.4	25

Table 1. Summary of Geotechnical Characteristics of Valley Fill Deposits inKamaryut Township in Yangon Area

 Table 2. Summary of Geotechnical Characteristics of Valley Fill Deposits in Insein

 Township in Yangon Area

		Wet	Drv	SPT		At	tterbei Limits	rg	Moisture Content	She Strei	ar nøth
No.	Depth (m)	Unit Weight kN/m ³	Unit Weight kN/m ³	N Value	Lithology	L.L %	P.L %	P.I	(%)	c kPa	φ (°)
DII 1	0-2	17.4	13.6	8-13	sandy silt	-	-	-	23-24	-	-
вн-1	2-4	17.6	14	16	clayey silt	43	24	19	21-23	1.0	21
	4-6	17.8	14.5	12-14	clayey silt	45	23	22	20-21	1.0	18
	6-8	17	13.4	16	clayey silt	45	23	22	20-21	1.4	15
	8-10	17.9	14.6	16	clayey silt	39	23	16	22	1.3	16
вн 2	0-2	17.1	13.7	11-15	sandy silt	-	-	-	23-28	-	-
DII-2	2-4	17.5	14.3	16-17	clayey silt	44	24	20	23-24	1	6
	4-6	18.1	13.7	19	clayey silt	43	22	21	25-27	1	6
	6-8	19.3	15.7	18	clayey silt	42	22	20	23-27	1.1	6
	8-10	18.6	15.3	17	clayey silt	-	-	-	25	1.3	10

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No.	Depth (m)	Wet Unit Weight kN/m ³	Dry Unit Weight kN/m ³	SPT N Value	Lithology	A1] L.L %	tterber Limits P.L %	rg P.I	Moisture Content (%)	She Stren c kPa	ar ngth ¢ (°)
BH-1	0-2	16.86	13.26	4-5	silty sand	-	-	-	28.3	10	8
	2-4	16.76	13.33	3-6	sandy and clayey silt	43	24	19	23-27	13	13
	4-6	18.3	14.77	3-16	clayey silt	42	23	19	22-24	20	7
	6-8	18.72	15.49	17-18	clayey silt	42	24	18	20-21	29	8
	8-10	18.55	15.23	18	clayey silt	44	23	21	21-22	30	8
рц 2	0-2	17.91	14.3	12-18	clayey silt	-	-	-	22-27	28	5
DII-2	2-4	18.5	15.2	18	clayey and sandy silt	49	25	24	21-23	25	6
	4-6	18.4	15	18	clayey and sandy silt	47	24	23	20-23	30	3
	6-8	19	15.9	19	clayey silt	49	25	24	19-21	33	4
	8-10	19.2	16.1	20	clayey silt	51	26	25	19	33	4

Table 3. Summary of Geotechnical Characteristics of Valley Fill Deposits in AhlonTownship in Yangon Area

Table 4. Summary of Geotechnical Characteristics of Valley Fill Deposits inKyauktada Township in Yangon Area

No.	Dep th (m)	Wet Unit Weight kN/m ³	Dry Unit Weight kN/m ³	SPT N Value	Lithology	At] L.L %	tterbei Limits P.L %	rg P.I	Moisture Content (%)	She Strei c kPa	ear ngth φ (°)
DU 1	0-2	17.5	13.3	4-8	sandy silt	-	-	-	25.6	4	28
DII-1	2-4	17.8	13.6	8-13	sandy silt	41	24	17	23.8	6	29
	4-6	18.2	14.9	16	clayey silt	42	24	18	22.6	21	15
	6-8	19	15.7	19	clayey silt	42	24	18	20.3	24	8
	8-10	19.4	16.4	20	clayey silt	43	25	18	19	29	14
	0-2	17.4	13.5	6-10	clayey silt	-	-	-	25.9	21	14
BH-2	2-4	17.8	14.5	16	clayey silt	41	24	17	23.4	6	31
	4-6	17.5	14	12	clayey silt	-	-	-	25	21	16
	6-8	17.7	13.9	13	sandy silt	39	23	16	26.7	5	27
	8-10	17.8	14.4	14	silty sand	-	-	-	24.5	4	30

Geotechnical Characteristics of Marine Alluvial Deposits

Marine alluvial deposits are also found in the coastal planes, the river valleys and the deltas of the plateau region. Most of marine alluvial deposits are marine clay, silty clay with high organic content from decaying vegetation [5]. Tables 5 and 6 show the summary of geotechnical characteristics of marine alluvial deposits in Yangon area.

						A	tterbei	g	Moisture	She	ear
		Wet Unit	Dry	SPT			Limits		Content	Strei	ngth
No.	Dept	Weight	Unit	N	Lithology	L.L	P.L	P. I	(%)	C LD	¢
	h	kN/m ³	Weight	Value		%	%			kPa	(°)
	(m)		KIN/M ⁵								
	0-2	17.9	13	5	lean clay	-	-	-	37	-	-
BH-	2-4	17.9	13	5	lean clay	39	24	15	37	-	-
1	4-6	17.8	13	3	lean clay	-	-	-	37	-	-
	6-8	17.4	15.7	5	lean clay	43	24	19	42	-	-
	8-10	18	12.6	5	sandy silt	-	-	-	37	-	-
	20-30	19.2	16	16-25	silty sand	-	-	-	24	-	-
	30-40	18.5	13.8	9-26 sandy clay		-	-	-	29	-	-
	40-50	19.7	15.5	14-42	silty sand	43	18	25	25	-	-
	60-70	21	14	16-50	fat clay	43	25	18	23	-	-
	0-2	18.14	13.5	5	clay	-	-	-	34	-	-
BH-	2-4	17	16.6	5	clay	-	-	-	46	-	-
2	4-6	18	13	3	lean clay	43	22	21	40	-	-
	6-8	18.3	13.4	11	lean clay	-	-	-	34	-	-
	8-10	17.6	15	14	lean clay	-	-	-	36	-	-
	10-15	21	17.5	11-33	silty sand	-	-	-	15	-	-
	20-30	18.5	14	19-37	silty sand	37	24	13	25	-	-
	30-40	19.4	15	26-45	clayey	-	-	-	29	-	-
					sand						
	40-45	20.2	15.6	26-43	silty sand	55	25	30	19.5	-	-
	45-60	18.8	16	19-45	fat clay	63	32	31	36	-	-

Table 5. Summary of Geotechnical Characteristics of Marine Alluvium in DagonSeikkan Township in Yangon Area

Table 6. Summary of Geotechnical Characteristics of Marine Alluvium inHlaingtharyar Township in Yangon Area

			Deres	CDT		A	tterbei	rg	Moisture	She	ear
No.	Denth	Wet Unit Weight	Dry Unit	SP1 N	Lithology	1	Limits		(%)	Strei	ngtn
110	(m)	kN/m ³	Weight kN/m ³	Value	Litilologj	L.L %	P.L %	P.I	(,,,)	c kPa	ф (°)
	0-2	19	13	2	lean clay	-	-	-	37	-	-
BH-	2-4	17.9	12.7	4	lean clay	74	37	37	37	12	2
1	4-6	17.1	11.6	2	fat clay	68	31	37	37	10	1
	6-8	17.2	11.9	4	fat clay	43	24	19	42	6	1
	8-10	17.6	12.2	3	fat clay	70	31	39	37	7	1
	10-13	17.3	12.2	9	fat clay	61	29	32	27	5	1
	16-20	16.8	11.9	13	fat clay	60	32	28	24	8	1
	20-23	17	11.5	7 fat clay		62	30	32	29	7	1
	23-26	19.4	14.9	12	12 fat clay		24	20	25	22	1
	26-30	19.36	15.8	42	Clayey	-	-	-	28	15	19
					sand						
	0-2	18.1	13.35	1	lean clay	-	-	-	34	-	-
BH-	2-4	18.1	13.35	3	lean clay	60	23	37	35	9	1
2	4-6	17.5	12.5	4	lean clay	52	26	26	39	6	1
	6-8	17.2	12	3	lean clay	53	27	26	42	5	1
	8-10	17.5	12.5	4	fat clay	53	21	32	40	8	1
	10-13	17.11	11.9	8	fat clay	56	28	28	43	6	1
	16-20	16.8	12.5	14	fat clay	57	26	31	36	6	1
	20-23	16.8	14.6	6	fat clay	44	21	23	47	5	1
	23-26	18.4	14.5	17	fat clay	34	19	15	27	8	1
	26-30	18.6	15.3	60	silty sand	-	-	-	21	1	16
	30-40	19	16	65	silty sand	-	-	-	18	1.5	30

Geotechnical Characteristics of Flat Plain Deposit

Flat plain Deposits were deposited in recent time and form blankets in the delta area. They occupy the areas which are caused by tidal action. It is estimated to be about thirty-metre-thick with variation according to depositional environments. This formation consists essentially of yellowish grey silt and clay. It also contains organic matter. Traces of sand are found scattered throughout the deposits. Table 7 and 8 show the summary of geotechnical characteristics of flat plain deposit in Yangon area.

No.	Depth	Wet Unit	Dry Unit	SPT N	Lithology	At 1	tterbe Limits	rg	Moisture Content (%)	She Strei	ear ngth
	(m)	Weight kN/m ³	Weight kN/m ³	Value		L.L %	P.L %	P.I		c kPa	ф (°)
DII 1	0-2	17.6	14	10-15	sandy silt	-	-	-	24-28	-	-
рц-1	2-4	17.9	14.6	16-17	clayey silt	43	23	20	22-23	1.1	10
	4-6	18	14.8	18-21	clayey silt	42	22	20	20-23	1.0	20
	6-8	19	15.2	18-19	clayey silt	40	23	17	20-22	1.3	15
	8-10	19.2	15.4	20	clayey silt	40	23	17	20	1.4	18
BH-2	0-2	16.5	13.4	3-13	Clayey sand	-	-	-	25-33	-	-
	2-4	17.8	14.5	15-16	sandy and clayey silt	43	23	20	22-24	1.0	18
	4-6	17.9	14.6	16-17	clayey silt	44	24	20	21-24	1.0	18
	6-8	18	15	17	clayey silt	45	24	21	20-21	1.2	9
	8-10	18.3	15.6	18	clayey silt	45	24	21	21	1.2	12

 Table 7. Summary of Geotechnical Characteristics of Flat Plain Deposit, Yakin

 Township in Yangon Area

 Table 8. Summary of Geotechnical Characteristics of Flat Plain Deposits, North

 Okkalapa, in Yangon Area

		W.A	Dur	CDT		Α	tterbe	rg	Moisture	She	ear
No.	Depth (m)	Unit Weight kN/m ³	Unit Weight kN/m ³	N N Value	Lithology	L.L %	P.L %	P.I	(%)	c kPa	φ (°)
Р Ц 1	0-2	16.3	12.9	9-10	clayey silt	45	24	21	23-26	1.0	10
DII-1	2-4	18.2	14.8	10	clayey silt	46	25	21	22-24	1.2	11
	4-6	18.5	15	10	Sandy and clayey silt	48	25	23	22-23	1.3	13
	6-8	18.6	15.4	10	Sandy and clayey silt	49	25	24	20-22	1.5	8
	8-10	19	15.7	12	clayey silt	49	25	24	22	1.5	10
BH-2	0-2	16.3	13	9	Silty sand with clay	44	24	20	25-26	1.2	11
	2-4	18.2	14.8	9-10	Clayey silt	46	25	21	23-25	1.3	13
	4-6	18.5	15.1	10-11	Clayey silt	48	25	23	23-24	1.5	8
	6-8	18.6	15.2	11-12	Clayey silt	49	25	24	22-23	1.7	11
	8-10	19.2	16	13	Clayey silt	49	25	24	23	2.0	13

Analysis of Geotechnical Properties of Alluvial Deposits

Bearing capacity of soil is defined as a unit load which can be produced safely without detrimental deformation to the structure on the surface of soil [6]. Bearing capacity may also be defined as the capacity of soil to withstand building without undergoing excessive settlement or shear failure. It is the most important field property that needs firm evaluation before any construction program is proposed over a soil. Geotechnical investigations are performed to obtain data on physical characteristics and mechanical properties of soil around a site to evaluate the bearing capacity of soil for the foundation analysis. From the borehole data, the recorded SPT values are corrected by using the following equation to obtain the exact information for foundation analysis.

$$N_{60} = 1.67 E_m C_b C_r N$$

Where,

- E_m = correction for hammer efficiency (0.6 for a safety hammer, 0.45 for donut hammer)
- $C_b = \text{ correction for borehole diameter (1.0 for 65mm < D < 115 mm, 1.05 for D = 150 mm, 1.15 for D = 200 mm)}$
- $C_r = \mbox{ correction for drill rod length (1.0 for $L > 10m$, 0.95 for $6m < L < 10m$, 0.85 for $4m < L < 6m$, 0.75 for $L < 4m$)}$
- N = measured SPT blow count

The corrected value should be adjusted using an overburden correction that compensate for the effective stress. By using the following equation, the corrected N (N₆₀) value change into (N₁) 60 to calculate the bearing capacity of soil [7].

(N1) 60 = C_n x N60
where, C_n =
$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{\sigma'\nu}}$$

C_n = overburden correction
 $\delta'\nu$ = effective overburden pressure

The ultimate bearing capacity is calculated by using the equation:

$$Q_{ult} = (N_1)_{60} \times 12 \text{ kPa}$$

Geotechnical Properties of Valley Fill Deposits

Table 9, 10, 11, and 12 show the ultimate bearing capacity of valley fill deposits.

Table 9.	Ultimate	Bearing	Capacity	v of Vallev	Fill De	posits in	Kamaryut	Townshir)
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No.	Depth _(m)	Em	Cb	Cr	Ν	N ₆₀	γ (kN/m ³)	δν	δ'ν	C _N	(N ₁) ₆₀	$Q_{ult(kPa)}$
BH-1	0	0.45	1	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DITT	1	0.45	1	0.75	8	4.5	16.8	16.8	16.8	2	9.018	108.22
	2	0.45	1	0.75	11	6.2	17.4	34.8	34.8	1.66	10.28	123.34
	3	0.45	1	0.75	15	8.5	17.8	7.8	42.6	1.5	12.67	152.02
	4	0.45	1	0.85	16	10	18	16	50.8	1.37	14.02	168.29
	5	0.45	1	0.85	17	11	18.2	24.6	59.4	1.27	13.78	165.36
	6	0.45	1	0.95	18	13	18.6	34.4	69.2	1.18	15.11	181.3
	7	0.45	1	0.95	19	14	19.1	45.5	80.3	1.09	14.8	177.65
	10	0.45	1	0.95	21	15	19.4	75.2	110	0.93	13.98	167.76

 Table 9. (Continued)

No.	Depth _(m)	Em	Cb	Cr	N	N60	γ (kN/m ³)	δν	δ'ν	CN	(N1)60	Qult(kPa)
	0	0.45	1	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BH-2	1	0.45	1	0.75	11	6.2	17.3	17.1	17.1	2	12.4	148.8
	2	0.45	1	0.75	14	7.9	17.4	35.8	35.8	1.63	12.9	154.77
	3	0.45	1	0.75	15	8.5	17.6	52.8	52.8	1.35	11.38	136.55
	4	0.45	1	0.85	16	10	18	72	72	1.15	11.78	141.36
	5	0.45	1	0.85	17	11	18.2	91	91	1.03	11.13	133.6
	6	0.45	1	0.95	18	13	18.8	8.8	99.8	0.98	12.58	150.97
	7	0.45	1	0.95	19	14	19.1	18.2	109.2	0.94	12.7	152.34
	10	0.45	1	0.95	17	12	19.3	46.5	137.5	0.83	10.12	121.47

 C_n = overburden correction

 $\delta' v$ = effective overburden pressure

 δv = overburden pressure

Table 10. Ultimate Bearing Capacity of Valley Fill Deposits in Insein Township

No.	Depth(m)	Em	Cb	Cr	Ν	N60	γ (kN/m ³)	δν	δ'ν	CN	(N1)60	Qult(kPa)
	0	0.45	1	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BH-1	1	0.45	1	0.75	8	4.5	17.4	17.4	17.4	2	9.018	108.2
	2	0.45	1	0.75	13	7.3	17.6	7.6	25	1.96	14.33	172
	3	0.45	1	0.75	16	9	17.9	15.8	33.2	1.7	15.31	183.7
	4	0.45	1	0.75	12	6.8	17.4	22.2	39.6	1.55	10.51	126.1
	5	0.45	1	0.85	9	5.7	17.4	29.6	47	1.43	8.201	98.42
	6	0.45	1	0.85	16	10	17	35	52.4	1.35	13.81	165.7
	7	0.45	1	0.85	16	10	17.9	47.4	64.8	1.21	12.42	149
	8	0.45	1	0.85	16	10	17.9	55.3	72.7	1.15	11.72	140.7
	9	0.45	1	0.95	16	11	17.9	63.2	80.6	1.09	12.44	149.3
	10	0.45	1	0.95	16	11	17.9	71.1	88.5	1.04	11.88	142.5
	0	0.45	1	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DILO	1	0.45	1	0.75	11	6.2	17.1	17.1	17.1	0.24	1.499	17.99
DП- 2	2	0.45	1	0.75	14	7.9	17.5	5.25	22.4	0.21	1.669	20.03
	3	0.45	1	0.75	15	8.5	17.5	12.8	29.9	0.18	1.547	18.57
	4	0.45	1	0.75	16	9	18	21.6	38.7	0.16	1.45	17.4
	5	0.45	1	0.85	17	11	18.1	30	47.1	0.15	1.583	18.99
	6	0.45	1	0.85	18	11	18.1	38.1	55.2	0.13	1.548	18.58
	7	0.45	1	0.85	19	12	18.8	50.2	67.3	0.12	1.48	17.76
	8	0.45	1	0.85	18	11	19.3	62.3	79.4	0.11	1.29	15.48
	9	0.45	1	0.95	17	12	18.6	66.2	83.3	0.11	1.33	15.96
	10	0.45	1	0.95	17	12	18.6	74.8	91.9	0.1	1.266	15.19

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No.	Depth _(m)	Em	Cb	Cr	Ν	N60	γ (kN/m ³)	δν	δ'ν	CN	(N1)60	Qult(kPa)
	1	0.45	1	0.75	5	2.82	16.98	16.98	16.98	2	5.6	67.63
	2	0.45	1	0.75	4	2.25	16.83	6.83	23.81	2	4.5	54.22
BH-1	3	0.45	1	0.75	4	2.25	16.77	13.54	30.52	1.77	4.0	47.89
	4	0.45	1	0.85	6	3.83	16.64	19.92	36.9	1.61	6.2	74.05
	5	0.45	1	0.85	16	10.2	17.9	31.6	48.58	1.4	14.3	172.09
	6	0.45	1	0.95	17	12.1	18.11	40.55	57.53	1.29	15.6	187.79
	7	0.45	1	0.95	18	12.9	18.22	49.32	66.3	1.2	15.4	185.22
	8	0.45	1	0.95	19	13.6	18.58	60.06	77.04	1.11	15.1	181.37
	9	0.45	1	0.95	18	12.9	19.05	72.4	89.38	1.03	13.2	159.52
	10	0.45	1	0.95	18	12.9	18.38	75.42	92.4	1.02	13.0	156.9
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Table 11. (Continued)

No.	Depth _(m)	Em	Cb	Cr	Ν	N60	γ (kN/m ³)	δν	δ'ν	CN	(N1)60	$Q_{ult(kPa)}$
	1	0.45	1	0.75	12	6.76	17.6	5.32	5.32	2	13.53	162.32
BH-2	2	0.45	1	0.75	13	7.33	17.71	13.11	18.43	2	14.65	175.85
	3	0.45	1	0.75	18	10.1	18.44	22.79	28.11	1.84	18.71	224.58
	4	0.45	1	0.85	18	11.5	18.54	31.6	36.92	1.61	18.51	222.09
	5	0.45	1	0.85	17	10.9	18.13	38.21	43.53	1.48	16.1	193.16
	6	0.45	1	0.95	18	12.9	18.4	47.88	53.2	1.34	17.23	206.77
	7	0.45	1	0.95	19	13.6	18.52	57.08	62.4	1.24	16.79	201.52
	8	0.45	1	0.95	19	13.6	18.54	65.76	71.08	1.16	15.74	188.82
	9	0.45	1	0.95	19	13.6	19.17	79.78	85.1	1.06	14.38	172.57
	10	0.45	1	0.95	20	14.3	19.35	90.7	96.02	1	14.25	171.01

 Table 12. Ultimate Bearing Capacity of Valley Filled Deposits in Kuauktada

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No.	Depth _(m)	Em	Cb	Cr	Ν	N60	γ(κN/m ³)	δν	δ'ν	C _N	(N1)60	Qult(kPa)
DII 1	0	0.45	1	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BH-1	1	0.45	1	0.75	4	2.25	17.25	16.98	17	2	4.51	54.108
	2	0.45	1	0.75	6	3.38	17.69	5.383	22.4	2	6.76	81.162
	3	0.45	1	0.75	8	4.51	17.75	13.18	30.2	1.78	8.03	96.365
	4	0.45	1	0.85	13	8.3	17.89	21.3	38.3	1.58	13.1	157.51
	5	0.45	1	0.85	16	10.2	18.13	30.08	47.1	1.43	14.6	174.85
	6	0.45	1	0.95	16	11.4	18.3	39.01	56	1.31	14.9	179.16
	7	0.45	1	0.95	17	12.1	18.63	49.19	66.2	1.2	14.6	175.1
	8	0.45	1	0.95	20	14.3	19.04	60.57	77.5	1.11	15.9	190.29
	9	0.45	1	0.95	20	14.3	19.31	71.69	88.7	1.04	14.8	177.96
	10	0.45	1	1	21	15.8	19.37	81.52	98.5	0.99	15.6	186.62
рц 2	1	0.45	1	0.75	10	5.64	17.44	2.232	5.32	2	11.3	135.27
DII-2	2	0.45	1	0.75	6	3.38	17.28	9.464	14.8	2	6.76	81.162
	3	0.45	1	0.75	12	6.76	17.58	17.43	22.8	2.05	13.9	166.4
	4	0.45	1	0.85	16	10.2	17.97	26.3	31.6	1.74	17.8	213.3
	5	0.45	1	0.85	16	10.2	17.98	34.31	39.6	1.55	15.9	190.53
	6	0.45	1	0.95	13	9.28	17.55	40.02	45.3	1.45	13.5	161.77
	7	0.45	1	0.95	12	8.57	17.56	47.63	52.9	1.34	11.5	138.17
	8	0.45	1	0.95	13	9.28	17.6	55.48	60.8	1.25	11.6	139.69
	9	0.45	1	0.95	14	9.99	17.74	64.24	69.6	1.17	11.7	140.64
	10	0.45	1	1	14	10.5	17.81	72.63	78	1.11	11.7	139.85

Geotechnical Properties of Flat Plain Deposits

Table 13 and 14 show the ultimate bearing capacity of flat plain deposits.

Table 13. Ultimate Bearin	g Capacity of Flat Plain De	eposits in Yakin Township

No.	Depth _(m)	Em	Cb	Cr	Ν	N ₆₀	γ(κN/m ³)	δν	δ'ν	C _N	(N ₁) ₆₀	$Q_{ult(kPa)}$
BH-1	0	0.45	1	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DII-1	1	0.45	1	0.75	5	2.82	19.6	19.6	19.6	2	5.64	67.635
	2	0.45	1	0.75	5	2.82	19.6	9.6	29.2	2	5.64	67.635
	3	0.45	1	0.75	9	5.07	19.6	19.2	38.8	1.57	7.96	95.573
	5	0.45	1	0.85	6	3.83	19.6	38.4	58	1.28	4.92	59.062
	7	0.45	1	0.95	5	3.57	19.6	57.6	77.2	1.11	3.97	47.68
	8	0.45	1	0.95	5	3.57	19.6	67.2	86.8	1.05	3.75	44.966
	9	0.45	1	0.95	6	4.28	19.6	76.8	96.4	1	4.27	51.202
	10	0.45	1	0.95	6	4.28	19.65	86.9	106	0.95	4.06	48.725

Table 13. (Continued)

No.	Depth _(m)	Em	Cb	Cr	Ν	N60	$\gamma(\kappa N/m^3)$	δν	δ'ν	CN	(N1)60	$Q_{ult(kPa)}$
BH-2	0	0.45	1	0.75	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
	1	0.45	1	0.75	3	1.69	19.7	19.7	19.7	2	3.38	40.581
	2	0.45	1	0.75	3	1.69	19.4	9.4	29.1	1.81	3.07	36.786
	3	0.45	1	0.75	5	2.82	19.4	18.8	38.5	1.58	4.44	53.303
	4	0.45	1	0.85	6	3.83	19.4	28.2	47.9	1.41	5.42	64.991
	5	0.45	1	0.85	7	4.47	19.4	37.6	57.3	1.29	5.78	69.325
	6	0.45	1	0.95	10	7.14	19.4	47	66.7	1.2	8.55	102.59
	7	0.45	1	0.95	14	9.99	19.4	56.4	76.1	1.12	11.2	134.46
	8	0.45	1	0.95	18	12.9	19.4	65.8	85.5	1.06	13.6	163.1
	9	0.45	1	0.95	24	17.1	19.4	75.2	94.9	1	17.2	206.42
	10	0.45	1	0.95	28	20	20.4	93.6	113	0.92	18.4	220.4

 Table 14. Ultimate Bearing Capacity of Flat Plain Deposits in N.Okkalarpa Township

No.	Depth _(m)	Em	Cb	Cr	Ν	N60	$\gamma(kN/m^3)$	δν	δ'ν	CN	(N1)60	Qult(kPa)
DU 1	0	0.45	1	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DII-I	1	0.45	1	0.75	8	4.51	17.4	17.4	17.4	2	9.018	108.22
	2	0.45	1	0.75	13	7.33	17.6	7.6	25	2	14.33	171.98
	3	0.45	1	0.75	16	9.02	17.9	15.8	33.2	1.7	15.31	183.68
	4	0.45	1	0.75	12	6.76	17.4	22.2	39.6	1.6	10.51	126.14
	5	0.45	1	0.85	9	5.75	17.4	29.6	47	1.4	8.201	98.415
	6	0.45	1	0.85	16	10.2	17	35	52.4	1.4	13.81	165.7
	7	0.45	1	0.85	16	10.2	17.9	47.4	64.8	1.2	12.42	149
	8	0.45	1	0.85	16	10.2	17.9	55.3	72.7	1.1	11.72	140.68
	9	0.45	1	0.95	16	11.4	17.9	63.2	80.6	1.1	12.44	149.32
	10	0.45	1	0.95	16	11.4	17.9	71.1	88.5	1	11.88	142.5
	0	0.45	1	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DΠ- 2	1	0.45	1	0.75	11	6.2	17.1	17.1	17.1	0.2	1.499	17.991
	2	0.45	1	0.75	14	7.89	17.5	5.25	22.4	0.2	1.669	20.029
	3	0.45	1	0.75	15	8.45	17.5	12.8	29.9	0.2	1.547	18.569
	4	0.45	1	0.75	16	9.02	18	21.6	38.7	0.2	1.45	17.395
	5	0.45	1	0.85	17	10.9	18.1	30	47.1	0.1	1.583	18.994
	6	0.45	1	0.85	18	11.5	18.1	38.1	55.2	0.1	1.548	18.576
	7	0.45	1	0.85	19	12.1	18.8	50.2	67.3	0.1	1.48	17.758
	8	0.45	1	0.85	18	11.5	19.3	62.3	79.4	0.1	1.29	15.483
	9	0.45	1	0.95	17	12.1	18.6	66.2	83.3	0.1	1.33	15.955

Geotechnical Properties of Marine Alluvial Deposits

Table 15 and 16 show the ultimate bearing capacity of marine alluvial deposits.

Table 15.	Ultimate]	Bearing (apacity	of Marine	Alluvium in	Hlaingthar	var Town	shin
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No.	Depth _(m)	Em	C _b	Cr	Ν	N60	γ(κN/m ³)	δν	δ'ν	C _N	(N ₁) ₆₀	Qult(kPa)
BH-1	0	0.45	1	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0.45	1	0.75	1	0.56	17.9	5.53	5.53	2	1.13	13.53
	2	0.45	1	0.75	2	1.13	17.9	13.43	18.96	2	2.25	27.05
	4	0.45	1	0.75	4	2.25	17.9	29.23	34.76	2	4.51	54.11
	6	0.45	1	0.85	2	1.28	17.2	41.04	46.57	1.4	1.83	21.97
	8	0.45	1	0.85	4	2.56	17.2	55.44	60.97	1.3	3.2	38.4
	10	0.45	1	0.95	3	2.14	17.6	73.72	79.25	1.1	2.35	28.24
	20	0.45	1	1	13	9.77	16.8	134	139.5	0.8	8.09	97.08
	30	0.45	1	1	42	31.6	19.36	278	283.5	0.6	18.3	220

Table 15. (Continued)

No.	Depth _(m)	Em	Cb	Cr	Ν	N60	$\gamma(\kappa N/m^3)$	δν	δ'ν	C _N	(N1)60	$Q_{ult(kPa)}$
BH-2	0	0.45	1	0.75	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
	1	0.45	1	0.75	0	0	18.14	18.14	18.14	2	0	0
	2	0.45	1	0.75	1	0.56	18.14	8.14	26.28	1.9	1.08	12.9
	4	0.45	1	0.75	3	1.69	18.1	24.3	42.44	1.5	2.54	30.46
	6	0.45	1	0.85	4	2.56	17.5	37.5	55.64	1.3	3.35	40.2
	8	0.45	1	0.85	3	1.92	17.2	50.4	68.54	1.2	2.26	27.17
	10	0.45	1	0.95	4	2.86	17.5	67.5	85.64	1.1	3.02	36.22
	20	0.45	1	1	14	10.5	16.8	129.2	147.3	0.8	8.48	101.7
	30	0.45	1	1	60	45.1	18.6	249.4	267.5	0.6	27	323.5

 Table 16. Ultimate Bearing Capacity of Marine Alluvial Deposits in Dagon Seikkan

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No.	Depth _(m)	Em	Cb	Cr	N	N60	γ(κN/m ³)	δν	δ'ν	C _N	(N1)60	$Q_{ult(kPa)}$
BH-1	2	0.45	1	0.75	5	2.82	17.9	7.9	25.8	1.9	5.43	65.113
DIIII	3	0.45	1	0.75	5	2.82	17.9	16	33.7	1.7	4.75	56.973
	4	0.45	1	0.85	5	3.19	17.9	23.7	41.6	1.5	4.84	58.115
	5	0.45	1	0.85	3	1.92	17.8	31.2	49.1	1.4	2.67	32.096
	6	0.45	1	0.95	3	2.14	17.4	37	54.9	1.3	2.83	33.924
	7	0.45	1	0.95	5	3.57	17.4	44.4	62.3	1.2	4.42	53.076
	10	0.45	1	0.95	5	3.57	18.8	79.2	97.1	1	3.54	42.514
	30	0.45	1	1	20	15	18.1	235	252.8	0.6	9.25	110.94
	40	0.45	1	1	26	19.5	18.5	332	349.4	0.5	10.2	122.68
	80	0.45	1	1	59	44.3	20.3	814	831.6	0.3	15	180.44
BH_2	0	0.45	1	0.75	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
DII-2	1	0.45	1	0.75	0	0	18.14	18.1	18.14	2	0	0
	2	0.45	1	0.75	5	2.82	18.14	36.3	36.28	1.6	4.58	54.909
	3	0.45	1	0.75	5	2.82	17	7	25.14	2	5.5	65.963
	4	0.45	1	0.85	3	1.92	18	16	34.14	1.7	3.21	38.491
	5	0.45	1	0.85	1	0.64	18	24	42.14	1.5	0.96	11.548
	6	0.45	1	0.95	1	0.71	18.2	32.8	50.94	1.4	0.98	11.739
	7	0.45	1	0.95	13	9.28	18.2	41	59.14	1.3	11.8	141.64
	8	0.45	1	0.95	11	7.85	18.3	49.8	67.94	1.2	9.32	111.82
	9	0.45	1	0.95	11	7.85	17.6	53.2	71.34	1.2	9.09	109.12
	10	0.45	1	0.95	33	23.6	21	88	106.1	0.9	22.4	268.38
	20	0.45	1	1	22	16.5	20.5	189	207.1	0.7	11.2	134.82
	30	0.45	1	1	20	15	19	252	270.1	0.6	8.94	107.32
	40	0.45	1	1	26	19.5	20.6	403	420.9	0.5	9.31	111.77
	50	0.45	1	1	37	27.8	20.3	494	512.5	0.4	12	144.14
	60	0.45	1	1	19	14.3	18.8	510	528.5	0.4	6.07	72.889
	70	0.45	1	1	36	27.1	17.7	524	541.7	0.4	11.4	136.41
	80	0.45	1	1	48	36.1	17.5	585	603.1	0.4	14.4	172.38

Conclusions and Recommendation

Alluvium refers to loose soil or sediments that have been eroded and reshaped by moving water and moved to another. The running water carries the alluvial soil to a flood plan, where it spreads out and changes the flow of water around it. Therefore, in order to analyze the foundation of engineering structure, soil classification schemes in relation to mechanical properties of alluvial deposits are required to test before the construction.

In Yangon area, the alluvial deposits are widely distributed. Mostly about two-third of Yangon area is covered by the alluvial deposits. The alluvial deposit in Yangon area is categorized into valley fill alluvial deposits, marine alluvial deposits, and flat plain alluvial deposits. The valley fill alluvium is found in Kamayut, Gyogon, Insein, Bahosi, Lammadaw, Hlaing, Ahlon, Kyauktada, and Botahtaung Townships. The marine alluvium is found in Simalaik, Bayintnaung, Shwepyithar, Hlaingtharyar, Hlagya, Htatabin and Dala Townships. The flat plain deposit is found in Yakin, North Okkalapa, South Okkalapa, Dagon Myothit, Thingangyun, Dawbon, and Phaunggyi Townships etc. The ultimate bearing capacity of valley fill deposits are more than 200 kPa in Ahlon and Kyauktada Townships but less than 20 kPa in some parts of Insein. The ultimate bearing capacity of flat plain deposits in Yakin is more than 200 kPa but less than 20 kPa in North Okkalarpa. Ultimate bearing capacity of some of marine alluvium in Hlaingtharvar and Dagonseikkan Townships are more than 200 kPa but some are less than 50 kPa. Most of bearing capacity of Hlaingtharyar, Insein and North Okkalarpa are less than 50 kPa. The most common soil types of alluvial deposits are CL, CH, SM, SC, ML according to the Unified Soil Classification. The geotechnical characteristics of alluvial deposits are carefully evaluated especially the Hlaingtharyar and North Okkalarpa Townships.

In some part of Hlaingtharyar and North Okkalarpa Townships, the groundwater level is high and the ultimate bearing capacity is less than 50 kPa. Since the most abundance of alluvial deposits in Yangon area, liquefaction may occur in some township. So, liquefaction potential analysis should be performed before construction of high rise building. According to the earthquake zonation map, Yangon is earthquake prone area. Therefore, earthquake resistant design should be evaluated. Moreover, systematic drainage system and systematic ground improvement methods should be designed.

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