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#### **SECTION 1.0 - GENERAL INFORMATION**

## 1.1 PURPOSE OF PROJECT

Stage Ia is the first of the staged embankments for the Mount Polley Mine Tailings Storage Facility. Stage Ia construction was started in June, 1996 and was completed to El. 927 m in December, 1996 after a shutdown period for winter freeze-up. The Stage Ia embankment will initially function as a water storage dam and will store sufficient runoff and make-up water to enable the milling operations to commence. The embankment is currently being raised to the Stage Ib El. 934 m to allow for tailings discharge into the impoundment in June, 1997. The Stage II El. 937 m expansion is scheduled for completion in 1998, with ongoing expansions as required to provide storage retention for tailings.

The principal requirements of the Stage Ia embankment and associated facilities are:

- Secure and total confinement of all water within an engineered storage facility.
- Transport of runoff from future waste rock storage areas to the facility.
- Provision of make-up water for mine start-up and as required during the winter months when runoff values are low, thereby facilitating a controlled water balance over the life of the project.



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• Inclusion of monitoring features for all aspects of the facility to ensure performance goals are achieved.

General features of the design are summarized below:

- (i) An earthfill Main Embankment to retain runoff and make-up water within the facility. The Main Embankment has a vertical chimney drain, with a longitudinal collection drain and three outlet drains.
- (ii) A foundation drainage system below the Main Embankment to prevent the build-up of pore pressures in foundation materials and to collect and convey any seepage away from the base of the embankment.
- (iii) A low permeability soil liner within the reservoir basin.
- (iv) A seepage collection pond excavated in low permeability soils downstream of the Main Embankment to store seepage and local runoff for recycle back into the facility.
- (v) Instrumentation in the embankment foundations, fill and drains including vibrating wire piezometers and survey monuments.
- (vi) A make-up water supply system comprising an intake on Polley Lake, with a pump and pipeline which discharges into the tailings storage facility.
- (vii) Additional make-up water provided as runoff from future waste rock storage areas. Runoff is conveyed in a collection ditch to the Southeast Sediment Pond, located below the waste rock storage area. From the Southeast Sediment Pond, water can be directed to either the Reclaim Booster Pump Station or the T2 Tailings Drop Box. Runoff water then flows by gravity to the storage facility.

The general arrangement for Stage Ia is shown on Drawing No. 1625.205 in Appendix A. The design basis and operating criteria are presented on Table 1.1.



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## 1.2 <u>DAM ACCESS INFORMATION</u>

The Mount Polley Mine is located in central British Columbia, approximately 60 km northeast of Williams Lake. The main access route is via the paved highway to Likely. The turn to the Mine is located approximately 1.5 km east of Morehead Lake. The Mine and Mill Site are located a further 11 km to the southeast, on the Bootjack Lake Forest Service Road.

Access to the Tailings Storage Facility is provided along the road for the tailings and reclaim pipelines which starts at the Mill Site. The Main Embankment is located approximately 5 km southeast of the Mine.

The Tailings Storage Facility can also be accessed from the Likely Highway by taking the Gavin Lake Forest Service Road which is approximately 14 km south of Morehead Lake. The Main Embankment is located at approximately km 16 on this road. The Gavin Lake Forest Service Road leads to Likely and a new section of the road was constructed, the Bootjack-Morehead Connector, where the previously existing road was crossed inside the Tailings Storage Facility.

The location of the Mine and access roads are shown on Figure 1.1.

#### 1.3 ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

The administrative structure for the operation, maintenance and surveillance of the Stage Ia Embankment and related structures is illustrated by the preliminary organizational flow chart shown on the following page.

The responsibility for the day to day operation, maintenance and surveillance of the facility lies with the Dam Co-ordinator. During an emergency, any decisions regarding the procedures to be carried are the responsibility of the Dam Co-ordinator. In the event that the Dam Co-ordinator is not available, the responsibility is then delegated to the Dam Operator.

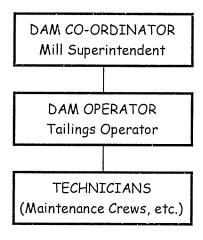


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The Dam Co-ordinator's responsibilities include the preparation of reports covering all aspects of the operation, maintenance and surveillance of the facility. This will serve as a permanent record of operations which may then be available to other persons operating the facility, the Design Engineer or regulatory authorities, as necessary. The reports shall include all records of maintenance, inspection and monitoring and shall be kept in a centralized location.



Note: This preliminary organizational flow chart will be updated during development of the overall Tailings Facility Operating, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual.

## 1.4 <u>INSPECTION FREQUENCIES AND COMMUNICATION</u>

The Dam Co-ordinator is responsible for organizing an Annual Inspection and Formal Report on the condition of the Tailings Storage Facility. The Dam Operator, under the direction of the Dam Co-ordinator, is required to conduct daily visual inspections of the facility. This is in addition to the requirements for surveillance described in Section 4.0. The annual inspection of the entire tailings storage facility will be by a suitably qualified Professional Engineer.

Communication will be achieved by means of radio contact from the Mill Site to the Tailings Storage Facility. Telephones are available for off-site communication at the Mill Site.



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A list of all parties and organizations involved in both the normal and emergency operation of the Tailings Storage Facility is included in Appendix C.

## 1.5 OTHER AGENCIES

Other relevant agencies involved in the operation, maintenance and surveillance of the Tailings Storage Facility include the Ministry of Employment and Investment (MEI), Ministry of Environment Lands and Parks (MELP), Ministry of Forests (MOF) and Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

## 1.6 TRAINING SCHEDULES

Training programs are required for the Dam Co-ordinator and Dam Operators or other person(s) involved in the operation, inspection and surveillance of the Tailings Storage Facility. The training program shall be conducted by a qualified Professional Engineer familiar with the design, operation, maintenance and inspection of all civil and mechanical works associated with the facility.

A refresher course shall be conducted once per year during the annual inspection by the Professional Engineer for all person(s) involved in the operation, maintenance and surveillance of the Tailings Storage Facility.

#### 1.7 <u>DATA REPORTING</u>

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A suitably qualified Professional Engineer shall provide Annual Inspection Reports for the Tailings Storage Facility. These reports shall be filed both at the Mount Polley Mine Site and with MELP, Water Management Branch. The Dam Coordinator and Dam Operators shall maintain a daily log of all visual inspections and readings, which shall be filed in the office at the Mine in a central location. This information should be available at all times for review by Government Agencies or other relevant parties.



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All instrumentation data, including piezometer, water level and flow meter readings, or others as prescribed in Section 4.0, shall be recorded on an on-going basis. These records shall be filed on-site in an organized manner to allow immediate access.

Details of instrumentation and data reporting are included in Section 4.0.

## 1.8 OPERATING LOG

An Operating Log shall be maintained for each of the components of the Tailings Storage Facility, including the following:

- Southeast Sediment Pond and Pipeline
- Polley Lake Pump Station
- Polley Lake Pipeline
- Tailings Pipeline
- T2 Dropbox
- Main Ernbankment
- Main Embankment Foundation Drain System
- Main Embankment Seepage Collection Pond

The log should contain a chronological record of all events in order to provide a continuing record of the operating activities, as well as to provide information on possible equipment problems or the development of unusual conditions for each of the components. The logged record shall be maintained by the Dam Co-ordinator or designated operating personnel.

#### 1.9 PUBLIC SAFETY

It is the duty of the person(s) operating the Tailings Storage Facility to report any unsafe working conditions or unsafe conditions relating to the operation of the facility to the Dam Co-ordinator.

Public access shall not be permitted to the tailings storage facility from the Mine and Mill Site. However, the Bootjack-Morehead Connector is a forestry road which



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passes along the downstream side of the Main Embankment Seepage Collection Pond. In the event that emergency services are required, the closest medical emergency station is at the Mill Site. Emergencies requiring medical evacuation will be by vehicle or helicopter to Williams Lake. Emergency procedures and protocol shall follow the procedures for the Mill Site, as prescribed by the Mount Polley Mining Corporation. The closest police station is in Williams Lake. Details of the medical and emergency facilities are included in the Communications Directory in Appendix C.

## 1.10 RESTRICTED AREAS

Certain areas are restricted to unauthorized workers and include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- T2 Tailings Dropbox
- Reclaim Pump Station
- Southeast Sediment Pond Sump
- Polley Lake Pump Station
- Stage Ia Main Embankment
- Main Embankment Drain Monitoring Sump
- Main Embankment Seepage Collection Pond and Seepage Recycle Sump
- Main Embankment Instrumentation Hut
- Reclaim Barge Pump Station

It is the responsibility of the Dam Co-ordinator to post restricted access signs in the appropriate areas, when and as required.

#### 1.11 SECURITY PLANS

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There are no security plans at present other than those required for Emergency Plans, included in Section 5.0.



## 1.12 <u>DISTRIBUTION OF MANUAL</u>

The following is the distribution list for the Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual:

- One (1) copy for Mount Polley Mining Corporation (Vancouver office)
- One (1) copy for Dam Co-ordinator's office
- One (1) copy for Dam Operator
- Three (3) copies for Comptroller of Water Rights
- One (1) copy for the Regional Water Manager (Williams Lake)
- Two (2) copies for the Director of the Provincial Emergency Program (P.E.P)
- One (1) copy for the MELP, Dam Safety Engineer
- One (1) copy for the MEI, Geotechnical Manager
- One (1) copy for Design Engineer of Record.

Mount Polley Mining Corporation is responsible for maintaining the record of the location of each copy of the Manual and to ensure all copies are updated as and when required.

#### 1.13 REVISIONS TO MANUAL

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This Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual will be updated and reissued in April, 1997, prior to the commencement of mining operations. It will form a part of the overall Tailings Storage Facility Operating Manual.

Reviews to the Manual will be conducted on an annual basis as per the Emergency Plan outlined in Section 5.0 and as part of the annual inspection for the Tailings Storage Facility. Revisions to the Manual will be made as and when required to reflect current operating, maintenance and surveillance practices. This Manual will be finalized one (1) year after the start of operations.



## 1.14 <u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS</u>

The following is a list of the relevant supporting documents and information to support the operation, maintenance and surveillance of Stage Ia of the facility:

- 1. Construction Drawings, Appendix A (Current "For Construction" Drawings are included. These Drawings will be updated with as-built information when Stage Ib construction is complete.
- 2. Design Basis and Operating Criteria, Table 1.1
- 3. Instrumentation Installations (see Drawings)
- 4. Facilities Security Plan, Provincial Emergency Program (P.E.P.)
- 5. Maintenance Procedures (see Section 3.0)
- 6. Communications Directory, Appendix C

## 1.15 <u>REFERENCE MATERIAL</u>

The following documents provide background information to support this manual.

- 1. Imperial Metals Corp., Mt. Polley Project, Report on Project Water Management, Ref. No. 1624/1, February 6, 1995.
- 2. Imperial Metals Corp., Mt. Polley Project, Groundwater Monitoring Program, Ref. No. 1624/2, June 3, 1996.
- 3. Imperial Metals Corp., Mt. Polley Project, Tailings Storage Facility, Design Report, Ref. No. 1625/1, May 26, 1995.
- 4. Imperial Metals Corp., Mt. Polley Project, Tailings Storage Facility, Site Inspection Manual, Ref. No. 1625/2, May 26, 1995.
- 5. Imperial Metals Corp., Mt. Polley Project, Response to Review Comments on Tailings Embankment Design, Ref. No. 1625/6, January 25, 1996.



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6. Imperial Metals Corp., Mt. Polley Project, Report on Geotechnical Investigations and Design of Open Pits and Waste Dumps, Ref. No. 1628/1, July 5, 1996.

The following additional reference documents are currently in progress:

- 7. Imperial Metals Corp., Mt. Polley Project, Tailings Storage Facility, Updated Design Report, Ref. No. 1627/2.
- 8. Imperial Metals Corp., Mt. Polley Project, 1996 Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation Program, Ref. No. 1628/4.

In addition, a Construction Report for the Tailings Storage Facility will be issued after Stage Ib construction has been completed.



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#### **SECTION 2.0 - OPERATION**

## 2.1 <u>GENERAL</u>

This section specifies the operating procedures and restrictions which must be followed for the operation of Stage Ia of the Tailings Storage Facility. The operating criteria for each component are summarized in Table 2.1.

The Stage Ia embankment will function as a water storage dam and will store sufficient runoff and make-up water to enable the milling operations to commence in June, 1997. The components for the facility are shown on the Drawings in Appendix A.

The consequence of failure of the Stage Ia embankment is considered to be significant due to the loss of storage, potential damage to downstream structures and possible impact on fisheries habitat due to erosion and siltation. Failure of the Stage Ia dam would not represent a significant threat to human life or property.

## 2.2 RESERVOIR LEVELS AND FLOOD OPERATION

#### (a) Freeboard and Reservoir Levels

The minimum operating and flood levels for the embankment are shown on Table 2.1 and on Figure 2.1. Adequate freeboard will be maintained so that the design storm event (24 hour PMP) can be contained within the facility. In addition, one metre of freeboard will be maintained above the PMP level for wave run-up. The embankment is currently being raised to El. 934 m (Stage Ib) as part of the initial construction program, thereby providing an additional contingency for ensuring that all inflows will be contained.

## (b) Normal Operation

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During normal operation of the facility, surface runoff from the tailings area catchment will flow into the facility and will be impounded against the Main Embankment. Make-up water originating from the Southeast Sediment Pond



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will flow through the tailings line via gravity and will be discharged into the facility through the tailings dump valve (Mark I) at the northwest corner of the facility. Additional make-up water from the Polley Lake Pump Station will enter the facility from the pipeline on the tailings access road above the Perimeter Embankment. This component of the make-up water will be pumped as required and the volume can therefore be controlled.

The Stage Ia embankment has a total storage capacity of 2,700,000 cubic metres at crest El. 927 m. The maximum volume of water that can be stored within the Stage Ia facility is approximately 1,400,000 cubic metres, corresponding to a pond level at El. 924.5 m. This level is based on the provision for 1 m for wave run-up and additional freeboard to contain the design storm event (24 hour PMP), which has a volume of 679,000 cubic metres. The water will be stored during the three (3) month period from March to June, 1997.

Details of the operation of Stage Ia of the Tailings Storage Facility are included in Appendix B.

## (c) Flood Operation

No special flood operating procedures are required for Stage Ia of the Tailings Storage Facility because there is sufficient capacity to store the design storm event within the facility at all times. As stated above, the Stage Ia embankment is currently being raised during Stage 1b construction which is scheduled for completion in March, 1997. In addition, the flow of make-up water from the Polley Lake Pump Station is controlled and can be stopped when and as required.

Provisions are included at the Tailings Storage Facility for storing the 24 hour Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) event for all stages of operations. Also, the Stage 1b crest elevation of 934 m includes an allowance to store 2.5 million cubic metres of make-up water in the facility.



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## 2.3 RESERVOIR FILLING AND DRAWDOWN

There are no restrictions on the filling of the facility with respect to dam safety. Also, there are no special provisions for emergency drawdown within the impoundment. The only time that the water level is expected to drop is during the commissioning of the mill, when the initial filling of the system occurs. In the event that an unusual or unexpected requirement for drawdown of the pond water is required, drawdown will be facilitated by pumping using the reclaim barge or the Polley Lake Pump which could be temporarily relocated to the tailings facility.

## 2.4 DISCHARGE FACILITIES

No discharge facilities have been incorporated in the design because the freeboard required to store the design storm event will be maintained within the facility at all times. Also, the Stage Ia embankment is currently being raised during Stage Ib construction, and will be complete in early 1997. In addition, the flow of make-up water from the Polley Lake Pump Station is controlled and can be stopped when and as required.



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#### **SECTION 3.0 - MAINTENANCE**

#### 3.1 GENERAL

Regularly scheduled maintenance is required for some facilities to ensure the serviceability and integrity of the Tailings Storage Facility. Maintenance is also required as defined by inspection requirements or by unsatisfactory performance.

## 3.2 MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

The maintenance requirements for Stage Ia of the Tailings Storage Facility, including all associated facilities and works, are the responsibility of the Mount Polley Mining Corporation.

The following facilities require regular inspection and maintenance to ensure ongoing safety and operation of the system:

- Runoff collection ditch at base of future waste rock storage area, including removal of slough or debris material.
- Southeast Sediment Pond, including decant tower and pipework.
- Tailings Pipeline and Pipe Containment Channel.
- Reclaim Sumps, valves and pipework.
- T2 dropbox and pipework.

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- Polley Lake Pump Station, including intake, pumps, flow monitor, and pipeline.
- Seepage collection sumps and pumping systems.



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Other items which require periodic maintenance, as determined by inspection and/or performance include:

- Survey control pins.
- Surface movement monuments.
- Piezometers and terminal panels.
- Drain Monitoring Sump.
- Dam slopes, including removal of debris and vegetation.
- Seepage Collection Pond slopes.
- Communication system.

A list of items requiring maintenance for dam safety is included in Table 3.1. Records shall be kept of all maintenance activities in accordance with this Manual so that they may be reviewed during each Annual Inspection or as required at any time during operations.



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## **SECTION 4.0 - SURVEILLANCE**

## 4.1 GENERAL

The continuing satisfactory and safe performance of the Tailings Storage Facility is determined by surveillance which includes detailed monitoring, inspection and testing. All components of the facility are designed for the required design loading conditions and as per the design criteria, relating to the hydrologic parameters and the flow control/release requirements and commitments.

The following subsections discuss the requirements for the surveillance of the embankment and its associated facilities, including inspections, monitoring, evaluation and correction of any deficiencies for the safe and effective operation of the facility.

## 4.2 <u>INSPECTIONS AND TESTS</u>

#### 4.2.1 General

To ensure the serviceability and integrity of the Tailings Storage Facility, all components required for the proper operation and monitoring of the embankment and associated structures shall be regularly inspected. The information obtained during the inspections is to be retained and filed for use in assessing the current condition of the facilities, to detect any deterioration or signs of deterioration, and to determine a program of regular or special maintenance and repair. If at any time an inspection reveals that structures or equipment are inoperative or in a condition which could jeopardize the safety or continued operation of the facility, prompt repair or replacement shall be carried out.

All components essential to the safe operation or to the continued monitoring of the facility shall be operated and/or tested on a regular basis to demonstrate their serviceability and reliability.



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The type and scope of inspections and testing requirements for each component of Stage Ia of the Tailings Storage Facility are outlined in the following subsections. The minimum frequency of inspections and tests is specified in Table 4.1. The frequency of monitoring for the instrumentation is included in Table 4.2.

## 4.2.2 Routine Inspections

Routine inspections provide, to the maximum extent practical, continuous surveillance of the facility. The inspections shall be carried out by a Dam Operator, under the direction of the Dam Co-ordinator, with sufficient training, experience and demonstrated understanding of the operation of the facilities to recognize abnormal and/or potentially dangerous conditions with respect to dam safety. The Operator shall have a working knowledge of the operational and design features of the system relevant to the inspection requirements.

Routine Inspection Checklists are to be used to ensure that all appropriate observations are made and abnormal conditions reported. Photographs should be taken of any abnormal conditions and filed with the inspection reports.

An Inspection Log Form is to be kept on-site at the office of the Dam Co-ordinator for routine inspections. The Log is to be signed by the Dam Operator following each inspection. If abnormal conditions are observed, it is the responsibility of the Dam Operator to identify the nature of the conditions in the Log and submit the completed checklist describing the conditions in detail to the Dam Co-ordinator. A copy of the checklist is to be sent to the Design Engineer and the Geotechnical Branch of the Ministry of Employment and Investment. The Dam Co-ordinator shall take appropriate action to resolve any abnormal conditions. Any changes or defects which could affect the safety of the facility are to be promptly reported to the Design Engineer, as outlined in the Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP).



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## 4.2.3 <u>Intermediate Inspections</u>

## (i) <u>Civil and Structural</u>

Inspections of the civil and structural works are to be carried out on an annual basis, or as required, if abnormal conditions or a particular hazard arises. The inspections shall be performed according to the schedules listed in Table 4.1.

The extent and detail of the Civil Inspections shall be sufficient to assess the integrity and performance of the civil and structural works and shall be carried out by a suitably qualified person. Civil Inspection Checklists are to be completed with appropriate comments and descriptions.

An inspection report summarizing the results of the inspection shall be prepared.

## (ii) Mechanical Equipment

Intermediate inspections shall be performed for all the mechanical equipment according to the schedule listed in Table 4.1. Equipment Inspection Checklists are to be used to ensure that appropriate observations are made and abnormal conditions reported.

The extent and detail of the Equipment Inspections shall be sufficient to assess the integrity and performance of the mechanical equipment and shall be carried out by a suitably qualified person. Intermediate Equipment Inspection Checklists are to be completed with appropriate comments and descriptions.

An inspection report summarizing the results of the inspection shall be prepared.



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4.2.4 Equipment Tests

(i) <u>Pumps:</u>

Any pumps (including backups) shall be operated or tested on a regular basis. These tests should be carried out prior to reservoir filling.

(ii) <u>Valves:</u>

Valves should be tested twice per year, or as required, to ensure effective operation.

4.2.5 Special Inspections

Special inspections will be required during initial reservoir filling and may be required following a major flood, earthquake or other event which may have affected the operation of the equipment or damaged the facilities. Special inspections may also be required to investigate a problem noted during any inspection or review, or to comply with EPP requirements.

4.3 <u>INSTRUMENTATION</u>

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Instrumentation is installed at the Tailings Storage Facility to monitor the performance of the embankment and associated structures, and to detect abnormal conditions relevant to dam safety. The instrumentation is to be maintained in a serviceable and operational state and includes the following:

- Piezometers in the foundation, drains and embankment fill to monitor pore water pressures.
- Individual outlet pipes for the embankment foundation drains for measuring flows and to enable the collection of water quality samples.



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• Surface movement monuments to monitor vertical and lateral movement of the earthfill dams.

Instrumentation records, and any additions or modifications to the instrumentation is the responsibility of the Dam Co-ordinator. All instrumentation is to be clearly marked and buried in trenches, as shown on the Drawings, to prevent damage. The frequency of readings for the instrumentation is shown in Table 4.2.

## 4.4 <u>INCREASED LEVELS OF SURVEILLANCE</u>

Increased levels of surveillance are required during the construction period, during initial reservoir filling, or during or following any major flood, earthquake, or other event which may affect the operation of the facility. Increased site surveillance shall also be initiated whenever immediate on-site observation is required for the following:

- To rapidly evaluate conditions and to initiate operational or remedial measures to ensure the safety of the facility.
- To implement the EPP.
- To monitor unusual operating conditions for future assessments.

The Design Engineer of Record shall be consulted and/or advised in the event that such circumstances arise requiring increased surveillance. The level of increased surveillance shall then be determined in direct consultation with the Design Engineer. In any case, increased site surveillance shall be maintained until the condition posing the safety concern has been assessed and it has been determined that there is no longer a danger to the facility.

Increased site surveillance will be required, but not limited to, the following conditions or circumstances:

## (i) <u>During Initial Reservoir Filling</u>

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## (ii) Floods

- Reservoir levels exceeding the specified maximum flood levels.
- Excessive rise in the reservoir levels.

## (iii) Earthquake

• Immediately following a major earthquake.

## (iv) <u>Unusual Observations</u>

- Abnormally high piezometric levels.
- Settlement, cracks and/or slumping of the embankment.
- Sinkholes along slope(s) of the embankment.
- Failure or substantial movement of reservoir slopes.
- Slope failure or seepage flows from the embankment slopes.
- Increased or contaminated flow from foundation drain outlet pipes.

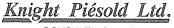
Damage to any component of the facility.

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## SECTION 5.0 - EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORY

#### 5.1 GENERAL

The Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP) facilitates mobilization of manpower and equipment, and allows emergency officials to establish warning and evacuation procedures for the protection of downstream facilities.

Due to the remote location of the Mount Polley Mine, there is no increased potential for loss of life to the public in the event of failure of the Tailings Storage Facility. As such, the primary intent of the EPP is to minimize environmental impacts associated with failure of the Embankment, and to minimize costs for remediation during operations. At closure the tailings surface will be revegetated and a wetlands area will be constructed, with a spillway to re-establish original flows.

Note: Details of the EPP will be finalized during the first year of operations and will form part of the overall emergency plan for the Mine.

## 5.2 <u>EMERGENCY PLAN</u>

The operation of the Tailings Storage Facility is the responsibility of the Dam Co-ordinator. During an emergency any decisions regarding the procedures to be carried out for the facility will be made by the Dam Co-ordinator. In the event that the Dam Co-ordinator is not available, responsibility is then delegated to the Dam Operator, General Foreman or other Supervisory Personnel.

The Dam Co-ordinator shall be responsible for briefing the Dam Operator, General Foreman and all Supervisory Personnel on the EPP, including relevant emergency procedures and protocol. The EPP shall be distributed as follows:

- One (1) copy for the Dam Co-ordinator's Office
- One (1) copy for the Office (near office radio and telephone)
- One (1) copy for the Dam Operator

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- Three (3) copies for the Comptroller of Water Rights
- One (1) copy for the Regional Water Manager (Williams Lake, B.C.)
- Two (2) copies for the Director of the EPP
- One (1) copy for the Manager of MELP, Water Branch
- One (1) copy for the Design Engineer of Record.

## 5.3 <u>EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND RESPONSES</u>

The emergency situations and corresponding responses and action measures to be taken for the Tailings Storage Facility are listed in Table 5.1. This list is subject to change and should be reviewed following the first year of operations.

## 5.4 COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND DIRECTORIES

The communication systems include a listing of all relevant Government Ministries, EPP Personnel, Police authorities and emergency assistance agencies which the Dam Co-ordinator and his supervisory office may need to contact in the event of an emergency. The Communications Directory is included in Appendix C.

Note: This directory is preliminary only and will need to be revised prior to issuing the overall Operations, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual for the tailings impoundment.

## 5.5 <u>CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS</u>

Construction equipment will be available at the Mine, approximately 5 km from the Tailings Storage Facility. The equipment will include, but will not be limited to, an excavator, a grader and a bulldozer. The equipment will be used to repair any slumped or scoured areas along embankment slopes, or to construct other key cuts or fills etc.

Materials will be available both at the Tailings Storage Facility and at the Mine for use in repairing or remediating any damaged areas. Local stockpiles of riprap, glacial till and sands and gravels will be available for periodic maintenance or for



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emergency use. Sources of cement, plastic sheeting, filter fabric, miscellaneous pipework and spare parts etc. will be available at the Mine, as required.

The tailings solids can also be used for mitigating and controlling seepage losses through foundation materials or fill zones if necessary. The tailings deposition requirement and contingency discharge measures will be outlined in the updated version of this document.

## 5.6 REVIEWS

Reviews of the Emergency Plan shall be administered by the Dam Co-ordinator on an annual basis as follows:

- Names and phone numbers of designated officials shall be verified and updated as required.
- All relevant personnel shall be given a refresher briefing on the EPP and routine inspection procedures, particularly with respect to any changes to the EPP or the inspection procedures.
- The EPP shall be reviewed for the adequacy following each inspection by the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, Water Management Branch (once every 2 years, or as required).



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## **TABLE 1.1**

# MOUNT POLLEY MINING CORPORATION MOUNT POLLEY PROJECT TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY STAGE Ia El. 927m

## **DESIGN BASIS AND OPERATING CRITERIA**

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1.0 GENER	AL DESIGN CRITERIA	
Item		Design Criteria
Scope		Generally applicable to all components and structures including those summarized in the sections that follow
Regulations		MEI D (IV
Codes and Standards		MELP (Water Management Branch)  NBC and related codes CAN/CSA HSRC (Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in B.C.) ASTM ACI ANSI
Design Life		14 Years
Operational		
Criteria:	General	NBC where relevant
	Rainfall/Precipitation:	Section 2.1 (Ref. No. 1625/1) and (Ref. No. 1624/1)
	Seismic:	)
	DBE (operations)	M = 6.5, A max. = 0.037 g
	MDE (closure)	M = 6.5, A max. = $0.065$ g







## DESIGN BASIS AND OPERATING CRITERIA

2.0 TAILINGS BASIN	
Item	Design Criteria
Site Selection	Section 4.0 (Ref. No. 1625/1) and (Ref. No. 1621/1)
	• Capacity and filling characteristics.
	<ul> <li>Hydrology and downstream water usage.</li> </ul>
	Hydrogeology and groundwater regime.
	Aesthetics and visual impact.
	• Foundation conditions.
	Construction requirement.
	• Closure and reclamation requirements.
	Capital and operating costs.
Geotechnical Conditions	Section 5.0 (Ref. No. 1625/1) and (Ref. No. 1623/1). Also, see
	Updated Design Report (Ref. No. 1627/2), soon to be issued.
Basin Liner	• Compacted glacial till with frost protection layer required in
	areas with <2 m in-situ glacial till.
	• Liner placed in 3 - 150 mm lifts.
	• Liner compacted to 95% Std. Proctor max. dry density (ASTM
	D698) at optimum moisture content minus 1% to plus 2%.
Embankment Foundation Drains	<ul> <li>Installed in Main Embankment Foundation.</li> </ul>
	• Geotextile wrapped 1m x 1m gravel/drain with 4" perforated
	CPT drain pipe.
	Drain conveyance pipes are HDPE.
	Discharge to seepage collection pond via drain monitoring
	sump.
Stripping	Required only at areas directly affected by construction
	(embankments, basin liners, seepage collection ponds, reclaim
	barge channel, stockpiles, roads etc.).
	Remove organic soil to topsoil stockpiles.

## **DESIGN BASIS AND OPERATING CRITERIA**

3.0 TAILINGS EMBANKME	ENT	
Item		Design Criteria
Function		<ul> <li>Storage of tailings and process water for design life.</li> <li>Provide storage for 24 hour PMP storm.</li> <li>Provision for routing PMF at closure.</li> </ul>
Embankment Crest Width		8 m starter dam and 8 m final dam.
Embankment Height (Max):	Starter	15 m (Crest El. 927 m)
	inal	53 m (Crest El. 965 m)
Embankment Crest Length: S	Starter	800 m
	Final	4500 m
Design Tonnage		6,500,000 tpy (17,808) tpd
Solids Content of Tailings Strea	m	• 35% (before Mill Site and waste dump runoff added to tailings stream)
	Operations	24 hour PMP event (679,000 m <sup>3</sup> ) plus 1.0m wave runup on 2.5 million m <sup>3</sup> operational storage pond.
	Closure	Sufficient to provide routing of PMF plus wave run-up.
Storage Capacity	Liosure	84.5 million tonnes.
	Year 1	1.1 t/m <sup>3</sup>
	Year 2	1.1 t/m <sup>3</sup>
	Tear 2-14	1.2 t/m <sup>3</sup>
Tailings Specific Gravity	Cai 3-14	2.78
Borrow Material Properties		1995 Site Investigation Report (Ref No 1623/1), plus Section 5.2 (Ref No
Borrow Waterian Properties		1625/1). Also, see Updated Design Report (Ref No 1627/2) soon to be issued.
Construction Diversion	****	Not required.
Emergency Spillway Flows: C	Operations	Not required.
C	Closure	Design flow for routing PMF event.
Filling Rate		Figure 6.3 (Ref. No. 1625/1). Also, see Updated Design Report (Ref. No. 1627/2), soon to be issued.
Fill Material Properties		Drg. No. 1625.212
Compaction Requirements		Drg. No. 1625.211
Geotechnical Data		1995 Site Investigation Report (Ref. No. 1623/1), plus Section 5.1 (Ref. No. 1625/1). Also, see Updated Design Report (Ref. No. 1627/2), soon to be issued.
Stability Analysis		Section 6.7 (Ref. No. 1625/1). Revised for Updated Design Report (Ref, No. 1627/2), soon to be issued.
Seepage Analysis		Section 7.0 (Ref. No. 1625/1). Revised for Updated Design Report (Ref, No. 1627/2), soon to be issued.
Sediment Control		Primary control from Main Embankment. Main Embankment Seepage Collection Pond provides secondary sediment control.
Seepage Control		Seepage collection pond and pumpback well system.
Seismic Parameters		Section 2.3, (Ref. No. 1625/1).
Spillway Discharge Capacity		Not required during operations.
Settlement		Section 6.0, (Ref. No. 1625/1).
Surface Erosion Protection		Revegetation with grasses on final embankment slope.

## **DESIGN BASIS AND OPERATING CRITERIA**

4.0 PIPEWORKS		
Item	Design Criteria	
4.1 Tailings Delivery and Discharge Pipework	Section 9.2 (Ref. No. 1625/1) and Drg. Nos. 1625.218, 225, 226, 227, 228.	
Function	Transport tailings slurry and mill site and waste dump runoff to Tailings Storage Facility (TSF).	
Tailings Pipeline	<ul> <li>Free draining, gravity flow pipeline.</li> <li>Butt fusion welded HDPE with 30" DR15.5, 22" DR17 and 24" DR15.5.</li> </ul>	
Spigots	Pipeline sectioned on tailings embankment crest.	
Flow Rate	<ul> <li>Design throughput 900 tonnes/hr dry solids.</li> <li>Slurry solids content 35%.</li> <li>Design flow 19.6 cfs (0.55m³/s). Increases to 23.8cfs (0.67m³/s) at 30% solids content with addition of 4.2cfs storm water runoff</li> <li>Waste dump runoff will be added to tailings stream, increasing flow and decreasing solids content (possibly Mill Site runoff also).</li> </ul>	
Spill Containment: - Mill site to Bootjack Creek	Pipeline laid in pipe containment channel. There is an overflow pond for the	
Bootjack Creek Crossing     Bootjack Creek to TSF     Millsite and Waste Dump Runoff	T2 dropbox.  Pipeline sleeved in pipe containment channel.  Pipeline laid in pipe containment channel.  Collected in sediment control ponds.  Added to tailings stream at in-line drop boxes.	
	• See Drg Nos. 1625.218, 225, 226, 227, 228.	
4.2 Reclaim Water System		
Function	Primary source of water for milling process. (Designed by Others.)	
Reclaim Barge	<ul> <li>Prefabricated pump station on barge in excavated channel in TSF.</li> <li>Local and remote control from millsite.</li> </ul>	
Reclaim Pipeline	• 24" pipeline with a steel section at the reclaim barge and HDPE with varying pressure ratings along length.	
Reclaim Booster Pump Station	<ul> <li>Prefabricated pump station located between TSF and mill site.</li> <li>Identical pumps, sensors and controls as reclaim barge for ease of maintenance.</li> </ul>	
Spill Containment	<ul><li>See Item 4.1 above, all same for pipelines.</li><li>Booster pump station has closed sump.</li></ul>	
4.3 Seepage Recycle System		
Function	Return seepage and foundation drain flows to TSF.	
Drain Monitoring Sumps	Flow quantity and water quality measurements on individual drains.	
Seepage Collection Ponds	<ul> <li>Sized to hold 10 times max. weekly flow quantity.</li> <li>Low permeability natural soil liner, operated as groundwater sink.</li> </ul>	
Seepage Recycle Pumps	<ul> <li>Set in vertical pump sumps.</li> <li>4" submersible pumps.</li> <li>Pumps discharge back to TSF via 4" HDPE pipes.</li> </ul>	

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5.0 MAKE-UP WATER SUPPLY		
Item	Design Criteria	
5.1 General		
Function	To direct runoff from the mill site and Southeast Sediment pond to the TSF, providing additional water for recycle to the mill. Also, to implement the Polley Lake Pump Station when and as required to meet the project Water Management Plan objectives.	
Reference	<ul> <li>Section 8 and Appendix A (Ref. No. 1615/1). Revised for Updated Design Report (Ref, No. 1627/2), soon to be issued.</li> <li>Dwg. Nos. 1625.114 and 1625.115.</li> </ul>	
5.2 Mill Site Sump		
Catchment Area	Approx. 20 ha direct catchment, plus pit dewatering.	
Design Storm	1.5 x 1 in 10 yr. 24 hour event runoff (6,000 m <sup>3</sup> )	
Sump Cross-Section	3:1 inside slope, 2:1 outside slope, 4m crest width. See Dwg. No. 1625.232.	
Normal Operating Level	1102.7 m	
Maximum Operating Level	1103.8 m	
Flow Control Structures	See Dwg. No. 1625.232 for layout details.	
Discharge Pipe	300 mm HDPE DR 21 to plant or tailings line.	
Flow Monitoring	None.	
5.3 Southeast Sediment Pond		
Catchment Area	Approx. 150 ha direct catchment.	
Design Storm	1 in 10 yr. 24 hour event runoff (25,000 m <sup>3</sup> )	
Sump Cross-Section	3:1 inside slope, 2:1 outside slope, 4m crest width. See Dwg. No. 1625.2324.	
Normal Operating Level	(to be confirmed when completed)	
Maximum Operating Level	(to be confirmed when completed)	
Flow Control Structures	See Dwg. No. 1625.232 for layout details.	
Discharge Pipe	250mm HDPE DR 21 to Reclaim sump or T2 dropbox	
Flow Monitoring	None.	
5.4 Polley Lake Pump Station	Report and Drawings soon to be issued.	
Max. Volume to be extracted	1,000,000 m <sup>3</sup> annually	
Period for water extraction	Freshet	
Max. Intake Velocity	0.11 m/s	
Intake Screen Opening	0.1 inch (No. 8 Mesh wire cloth)	
Spill Containment at Pump	Collection into a Holding Basin	
Discharge Pipe	22 ½ inch ID, 350 ft of 19 ½ inch ID and 5200 ft of 17 ½ inch ID pipe.	
Max. Flow	7,500 US GPM (to be determined after alignment finalized)	
Flow Monitoring	Water level on Polley Lake, pumping hours times measured flow rate.	
Security and Access	Signs for buried or submerged components, buoys attached to intake in Polley Lake.	

## **DESIGN BASIS AND OPERATING CRITERIA**

6.0 INSTRUMENTATION AND MONITORING		
Item	Design Criteria	
6.1 General		
Function	To quantify environmental conditions and performance characteristics of the	
	TSF to ensure compliance with design objectives.	
Reference	• Section 10.0 (Ref. No. 1625/1)	
	• Drg. Nos. 1625.202, 210, 220, 221	
6.2 Geotechnical I & M		
Piezometers	<ul> <li>Measure pore pressures in drains, foundations, fills and tailings.</li> </ul>	
	Vibrating wire piezometers.	
	Installed by qualified technical personnel.	
	Three instrumentation planes for Main Embankment and one for	
	Perimeter Embankment.	
Survey Monuments	Deformation and settlement monitoring of embankments.	
6.3 Flow Monitoring	To provide data for on-going water balance calculations.	
	Drain flows regularly monitored.	
	Reclaim and seepage pump systems flow meters.	
	Tailings output monitored at millsite.	
	Streamflow monitoring.	
6.4 Water Quality Monitoring	To ensure environmental compliance.	
	• Water quality samples taken at regular intervals from sediment ponds,	
	drains (at drain monitor sump), groundwater monitoring wells, seepage	
	ponds and tailings pond.	
6.5 Hydrometeorology	Upstream and downstream samples for impact analysis.	
0.5 Hydrometeorology	Operator weather station for input to water balance calculations.      President station (with an allowed)	
	Precipitation (rain and snow).      Evaporation	
	- Byaporation.	
6.6 Operational Monitoring	Tim quality monitoring (dust, etc.).	
	Quantity operation of tunings storage racinty.	
	<ul> <li>Rate of tailings accumulation in terms of mass and volume.</li> <li>Tailings characteristics and water recovery.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Supernatant pond (depth, area and volume).</li> </ul>	
L	1 - Supermatant pond (deput, area and volume).	



## **DESIGN BASIS AND OPERATING CRITERIA**

7.0 CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS	
Item	Design Criteria
7.1 General	Return impoundment to equivalent pre-mining use and productivity by establishing a wetland area adjacent to a final spillway and re-vegetating remainder of tailings surface with indigenous species of trees, shrubs and grasses adjacent to embankment grading to aquatic species along and adjacent to final pond.
7.2 Spillway	Two stage spillway with lower channel outlet designed to pass 1 in 200 yr. 24 hour flood event and upper wider outlet section designed to pass Probable Maximum Flood without overtopping embankments.

## Notes:

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#### DESIGN BASIS AND OPERATING CRITERIA

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#### **TABLE 4.1**

# MOUNT POLLEY MINING CORPORATION MOUNT POLLEY PROJECT TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY STAGE Ia El. 927m

#### MINIMUM FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS AND TESTS

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	INSPECTION	FREQUENCY
ITEM	Weekly	Annually
1. INSPECTIONS:		
a. Routine	x	
b. Intermediate		
- earthfills	x	
- pipelines	x	
- civil	x	
<ul> <li>mechanical equipment</li> </ul>		х
<ul> <li>electrical equipment</li> </ul>		x
2. TESTS:		
a. Portable Generators / Pumps		
- no load		x
- under full load		X
b. Valves / Flowmeters		
D. Valves / Flowmeters		х
3. EPP TESTS *:		
a. Communications Tests		x
a. Communications (CSIS		<b>x</b>
b. Operational Tests		x
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<sup>\*</sup> EPP = Emergency Preparedness Plan



#### **TABLE 4.2**

## MOUNT POLLEY MINING CORPORATION MOUNT POLLEY PROJECT TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY STAGE Ia El. 927m

#### FREQUENCY OF INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING

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INSTRUMENTATION	No.	No.	Frequency	Monitored	Comments
	Installed	Working	of Monitoring	By (3)	
1. PIEZOMETERS:					
Stage Ia Main Embankment					Additional piezometers
- Foundation	6	6	Weekly		to be installed when
- Drains	8	8	Weekly		construction re-starts.
- Embankment Fill	2	2	Weekly		
2. DRAIN OUTLETS:					
Stage Ia Main Embankment					Chimney Drain outlets
- Foundation Drains	4	4	Weekly		to be extended to Drain
- Chimney Drain Outlets	3	3	Weekly		Monitoring sump later.
2. SURFACE MOVEMENT MONUMENTS	3: <sup>(1)</sup>				Not yet installed.
Stage Ia Main Embankment	3		Twice per year		-
3. SURVEY CONTROL POINTS: (2)					To Be
Stage Ia Main Embankment			Twice per year		Determined
4. FLOW MONITORING					Not yet installed.
- Polley Lake Pump Station	1		Weekly		

#### Notes:

- 1. Surface movement monuments used to monitor lateral and vertical displacements along slopes and crests of dams not yet installed. As-Built survey of Stage Ia Main Embankment completed in December, 1996.
- 2. Survey control points to be established during construction and will act as survey control for surface monuments.
- 3. Instrumentation to be monitored during initial construction (by Design Engineer) and during operations (by Dam Co-ordinator).

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#### **TABLE 5.1**

# MOUNT POLLEY MINING CORPORATION MOUNT POLLEY PROJECT TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY STAGE Ia El. 927m

#### **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND RESPONSES**

#### I. <u>EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:</u>

#### **EMERGENCY**

#### RESPONSE (SEE BELOW)

1. <u>DAM BREACH</u>

Large and rapidly increasing uncontrolled release of water due to failure of the dam.

Steps 1 to 5 inclusive.

2. <u>POTENTIAL DAM BREACH</u>

Any condition that could result in dam failure and uncontrolled release of water from the reservoir.

Steps 1 to 5 inclusive.

3. <u>EARTHQUAKE</u>

An earthquake alert exists or if an earthquake is felt at the Mine Site.

The Dam Co-ordinator shall immediately direct a dam inspection and take the following action:

a. Severe Damage

b. Significant Damage

c. Minor Damage

d. No Damage

Steps 3 to 5 inclusive.

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File written report.

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#### 4. FLOODS

- Slumping of dam slopes.

Steps 1 to 5 inclusive.





#### TABLE 5.1 (CONT'D)

#### **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND RESPONSES**

Significant seepage or springs.

Steps 1 to 5 inclusive.

#### 5. <u>CRIMINAL ACTION</u>

Destruction or threat of Dam or associated structures.

The Dam Co-ordinator shall notify the R.C.M.P. and take action as required.

#### II. RESPONSE PROCEDURES:

Due to the remote location of the Tailings Storage Facility, the response procedures and all necessary remedial action shall be the entire responsibility of on-site personnel. The relevant Government Ministries and Officials shall be notified as soon as practically possible. The following is a preliminary listing of protocol to be followed in the event of an emergency, as detailed above:

#### STEP 1:

In the event of an emergency the Dam Co-ordinator shall be notified immediately by radio page or direct communication.

#### STEP 2:

The Dam Co-ordinator (Don Ingram) shall contact the following Supervisory Personnel:

#### Personnel:

#### Radio Call No.:

- (a) Dam Operator (Don Parsons or Ron Martel)
- (b) Technician (Eric Leneve)
- (c) Technician (Nick Foucard)
- (d) Technician (Andy Horton)



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#### TABLE 5.1 (CONT'D)

#### **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND RESPONSES**

#### STEP 3:

The designated Supervisory Personnel above, or other, shall contact the relevant offsite personnel, including Government Ministry representatives and Regional Authorities (e.g. R.C.M.P.), as necessary.

#### STEP 4:

The Dam Co-ordinator or Dam Operator, under instruction from the Dam Co-ordinator, shall complete a brief status report describing the nature of the emergency and recommendations for immediate action. If the nature or severity of the emergency is uncertain, or if there are any uncertainties regarding the action to be taken, then the following person(s) who have expertise in earthfill dams, should be contacted for assistance:

(a)	Ken Brouwer,	Office Ph:	604 - 685 - 0543
	Knight Piesold Ltd.	Home Ph:	

(b)	Bruce Brown,	Office Ph: 604 - 685 - 0543
	Knight Piesold I td	Home Ph:

(c) Jeremy Haile, Office Ph: 604 - 685 - 0543 Knight Piesold Ltd. Home Ph:

#### STEP 5:

If the Dam Co-ordinator, or designated replacement, considers the emergency to be serious and urgent, then he will advise the following personnel on the status of the emergency and of the action to be taken:





#### TABLE 5.1 (CONT'D)

#### **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND RESPONSES**

(a)	Regional Emergency Program	Ph:
(b)	Provincial Emergency Program	Ph:
(c)	MELP, Water Management Branc	h,
	Dam Safety Officer	Ph:
(d)	MEI, Geotechnical Branch	Ph: (250)952-0485 on CI
(e)	MEI, Mines Inspector	Ph: (250)565-4246
(f)	RCMP, Williams Lake, B.C.	Ph: (250)392-6211

#### III. POSSIBLE ACTION:

The necessary action to be taken in an emergency will depend on the type of emergency and may include, but not be limited to the following:

#### 1. <u>EVACUATION</u>

Require immediate evacuation of areas downstream of the Tailings Storage Facility in the event of Dam Breach or full reservoir.

#### 2. <u>EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS</u>

Require the immediate mobilization of all necessary equipment from the Mine Site to repair any damage, repair dam slopes or slumping areas, etc.

#### 3. RESERVOIR LOWERING

Require the immediate lowering of the reservoir by mobilizing and commissioning pump(s) as required. An emergency spillway may be permitted in natural ground on the left or right abutment. In no case shall the reservoir be lowered by excavating through the earthfill.





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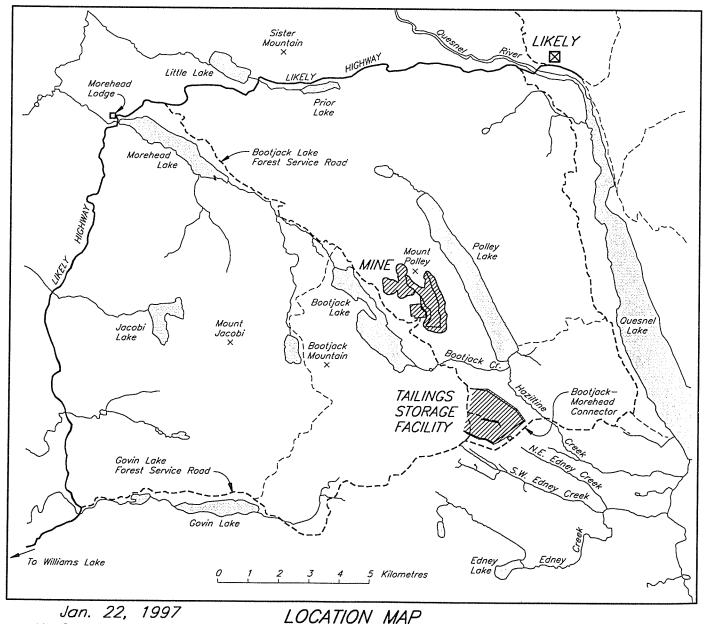
#### **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND RESPONSES**

#### 4. <u>INSPECTION</u>

Require a site inspection within 24 hours in the event of significant deterioration of embankment fill, or structures, etc. which may affect the integrity of the system.



FIGURE 1.1



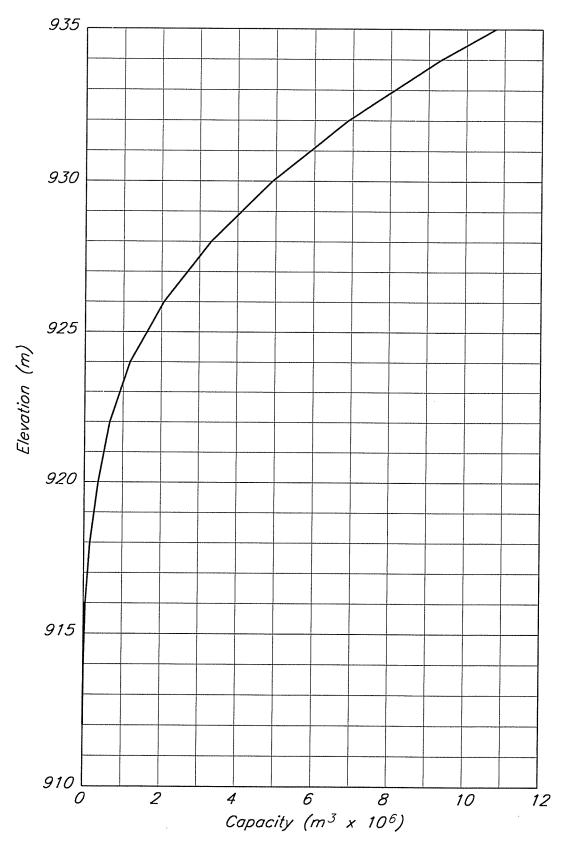
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FIGURE 2.1

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#### APPENDIX A

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#### TABLE A1

### $\frac{\textbf{TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY}}{\textbf{DRAWING LIST}}$

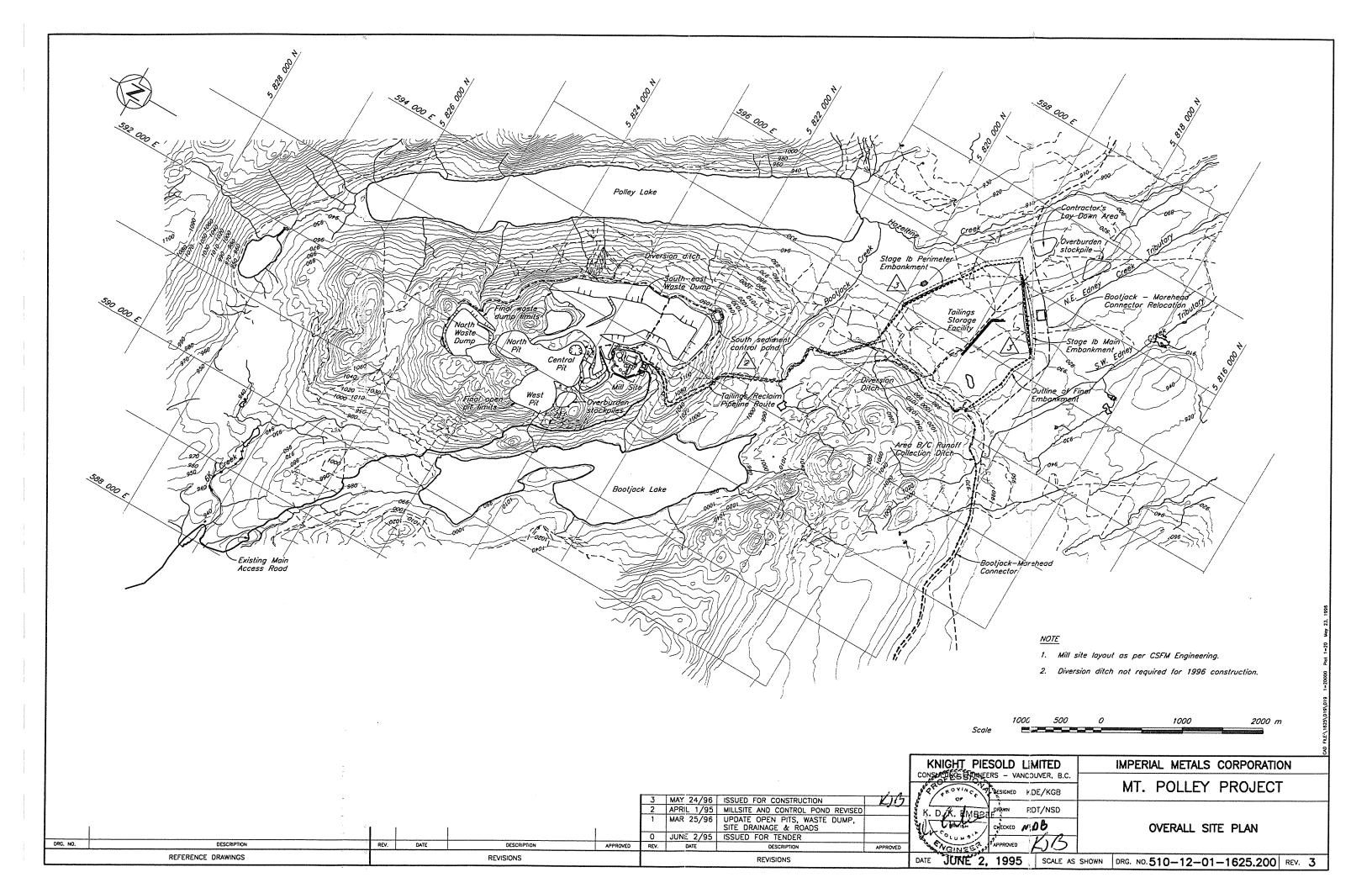
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1625.201	5	Tailings Storage Facility - Basin Preparation and Basin Liner
1625.202	5	Tailings Storage Facility - Foundation Preparation and Basin Liner -
		Sections and Details
1625.205	5	Tailings Storage Facility - Stage Ib Tailings Impoundment - General Arrangement
1625.206	0	Tailings Storage Facility - Reclaim Barge Channel Excavation Details
1625.207	0	Tailings Storage Facility - Tailings Dam Chimney Drain
1625.210	4	Tailings Storage Facility - Main and Perimeter Embankments - Plan
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		- Plan
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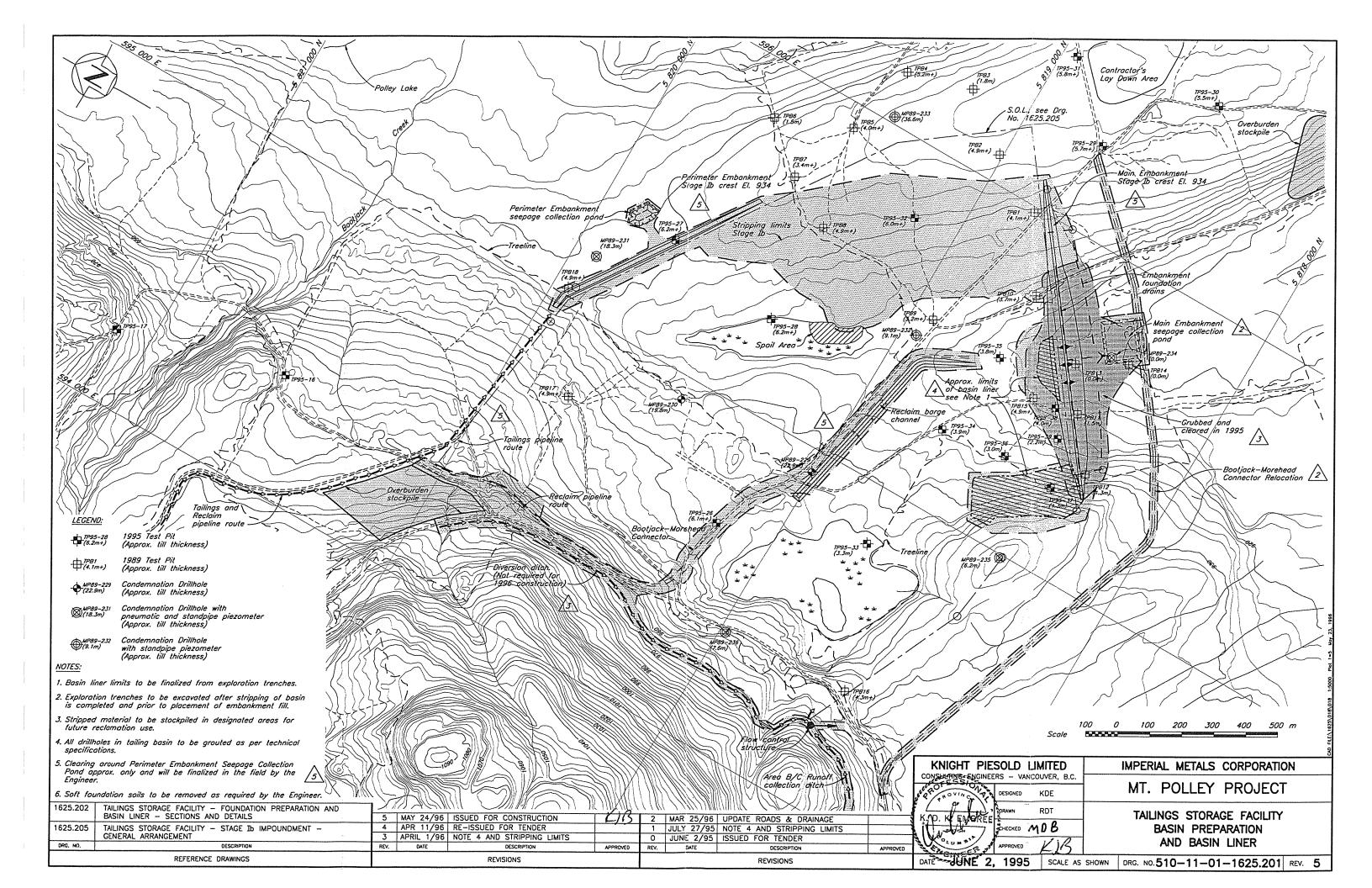


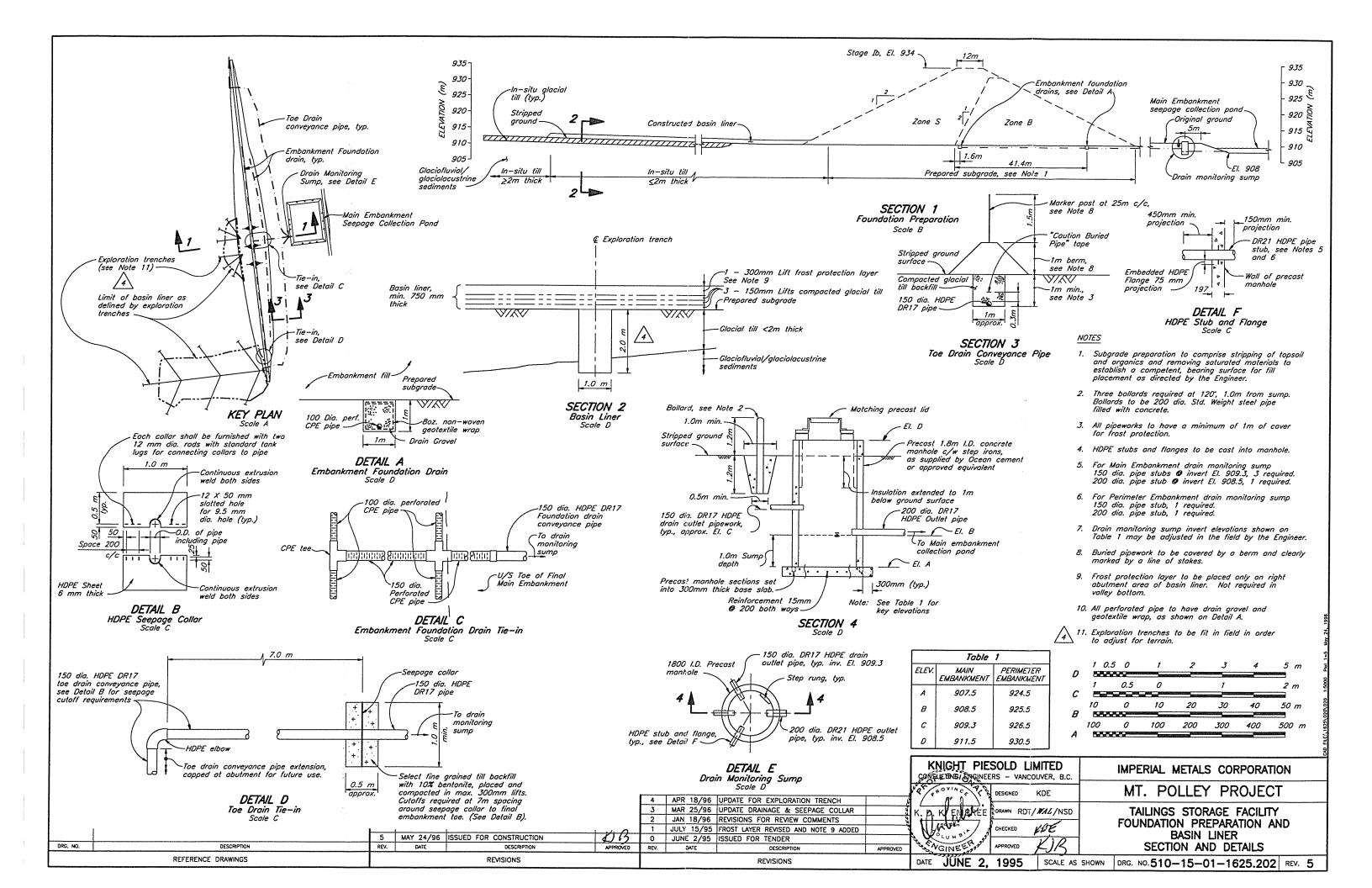
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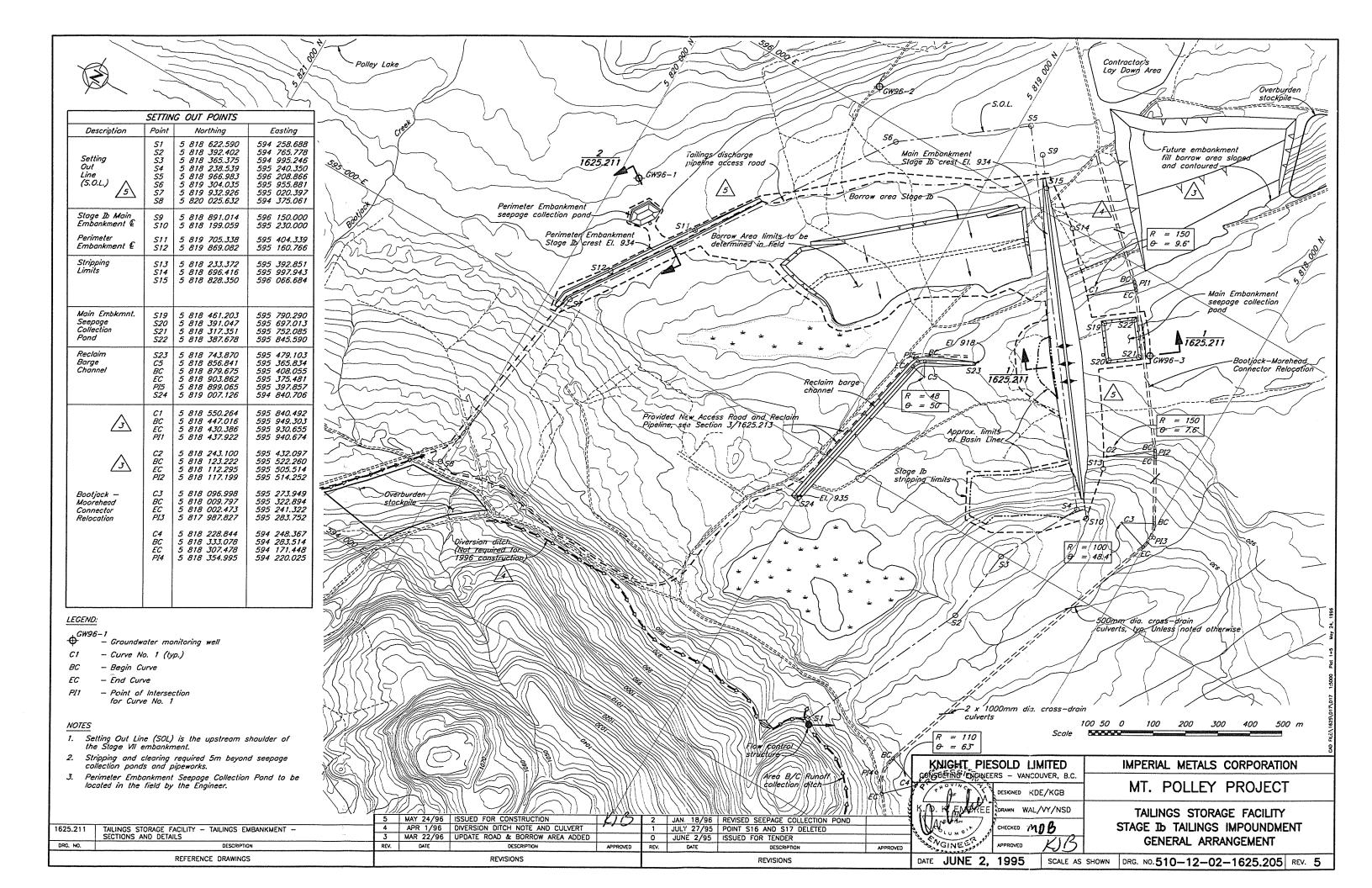
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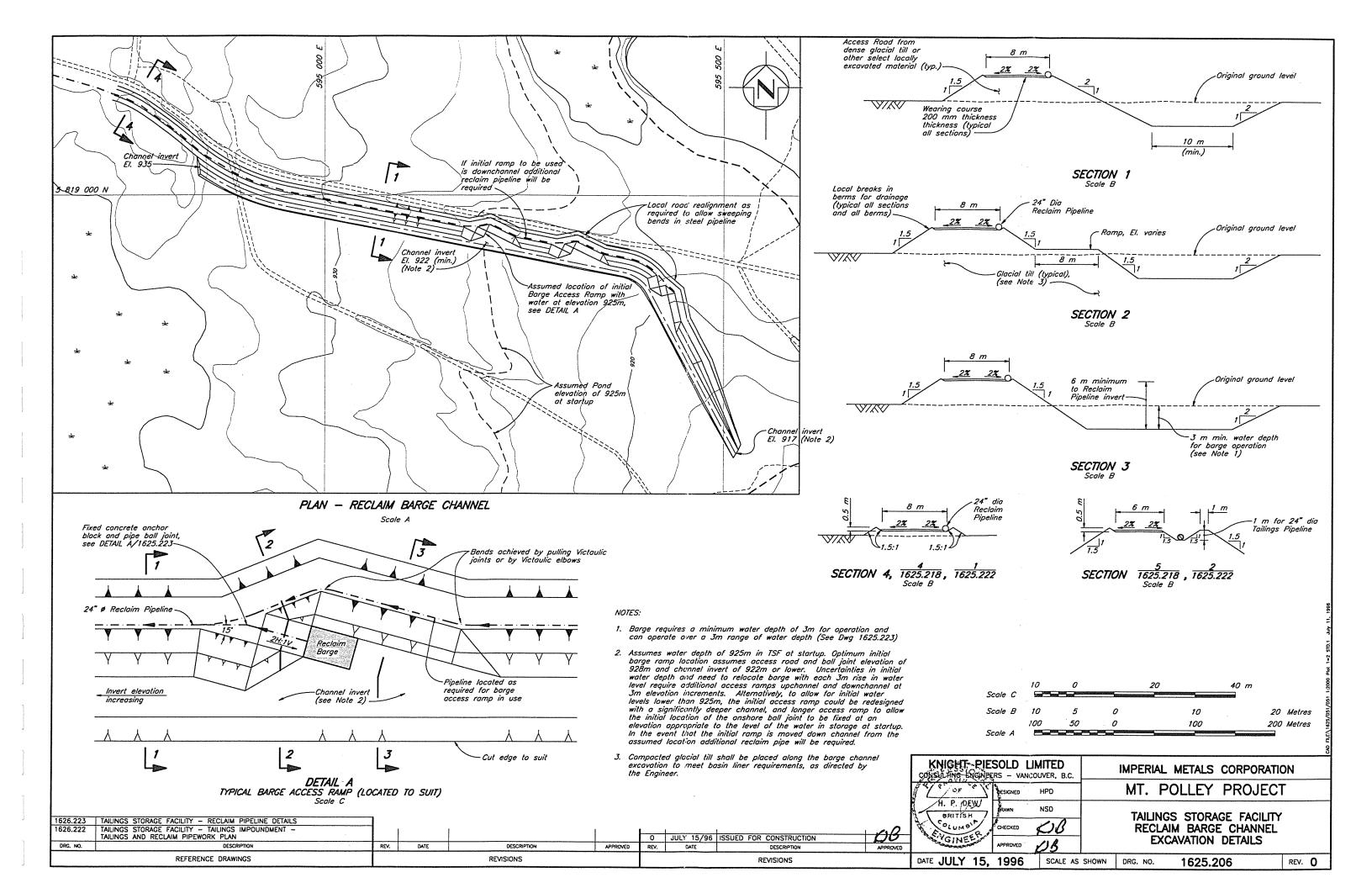
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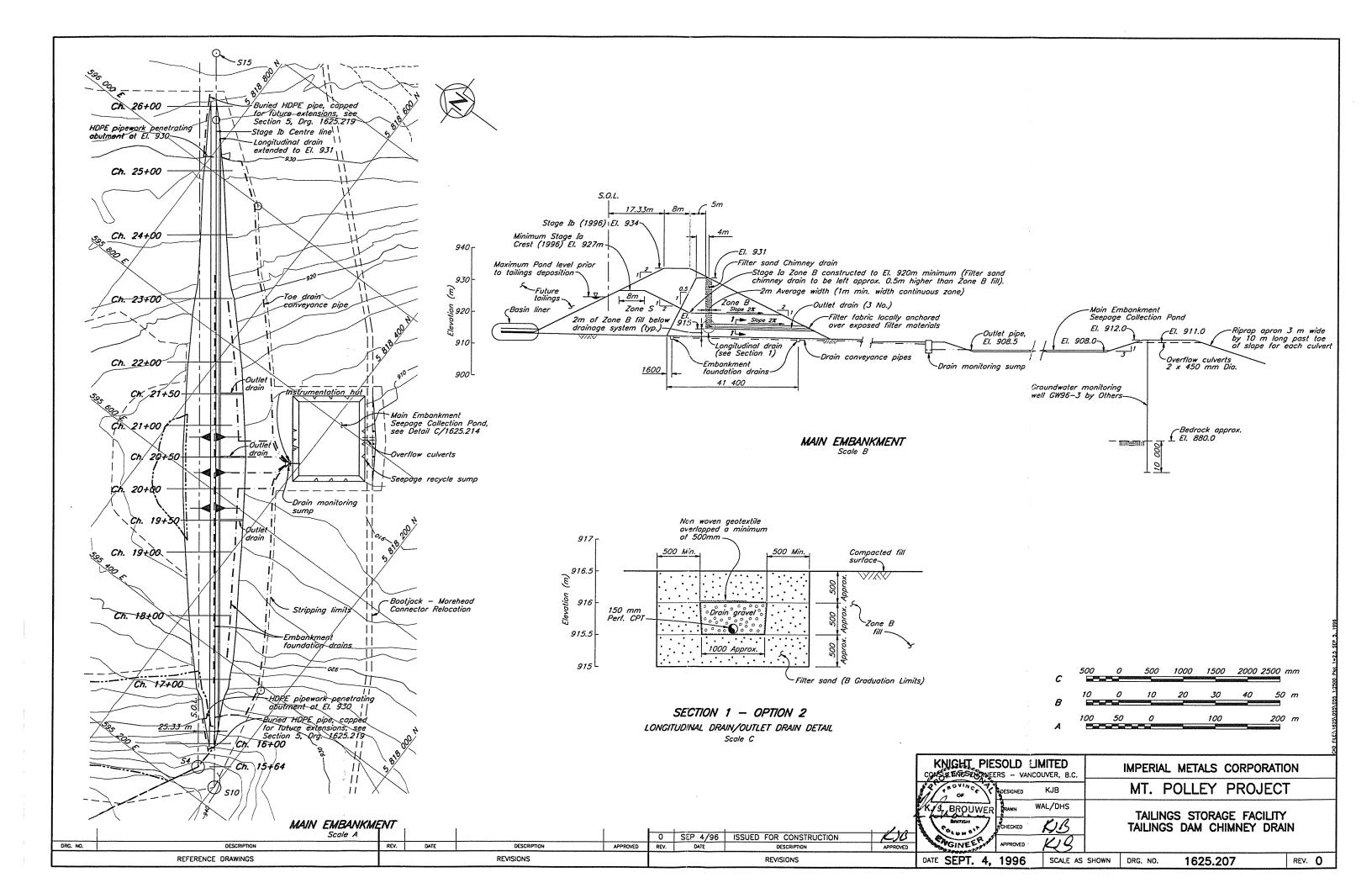


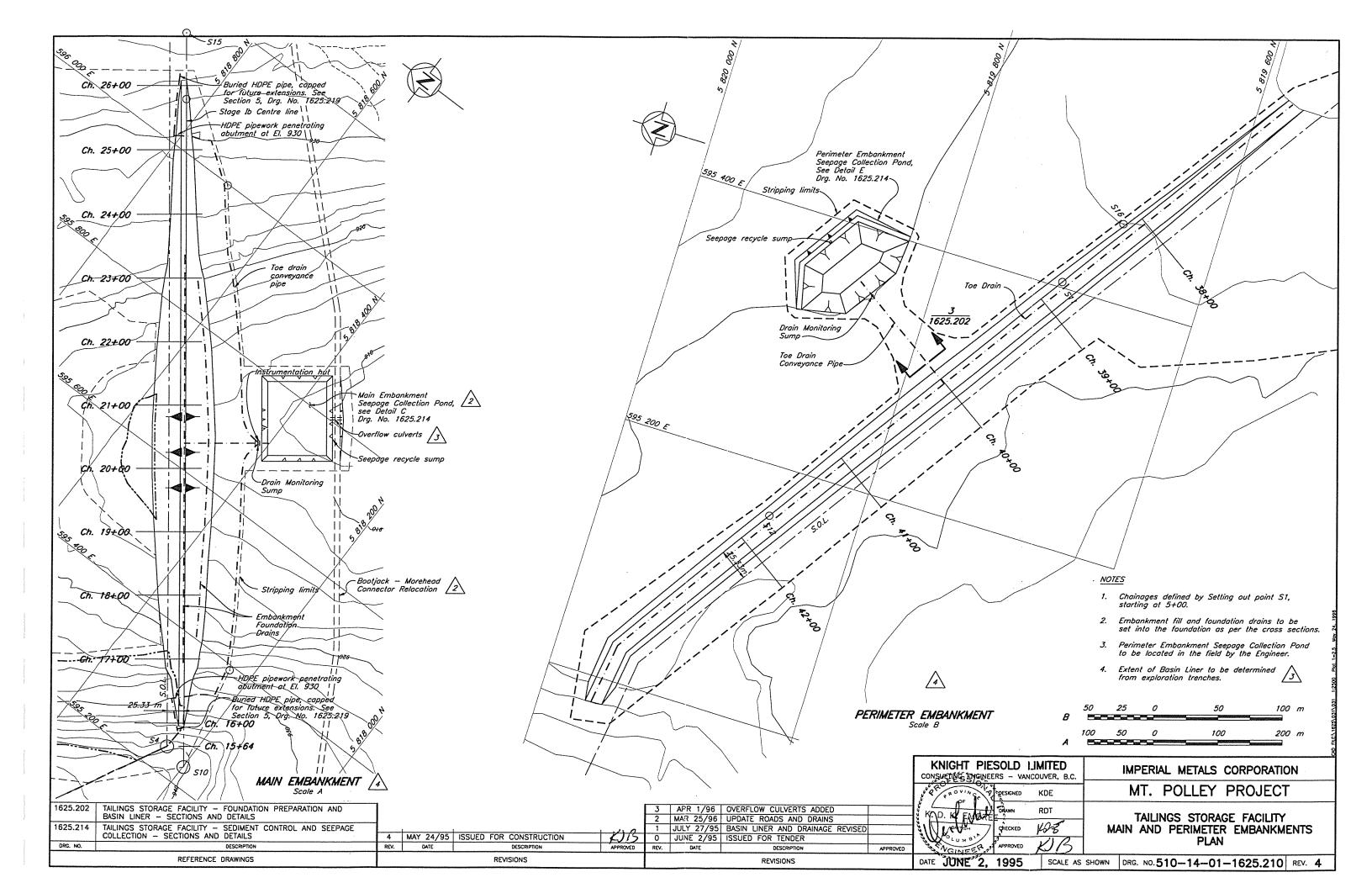


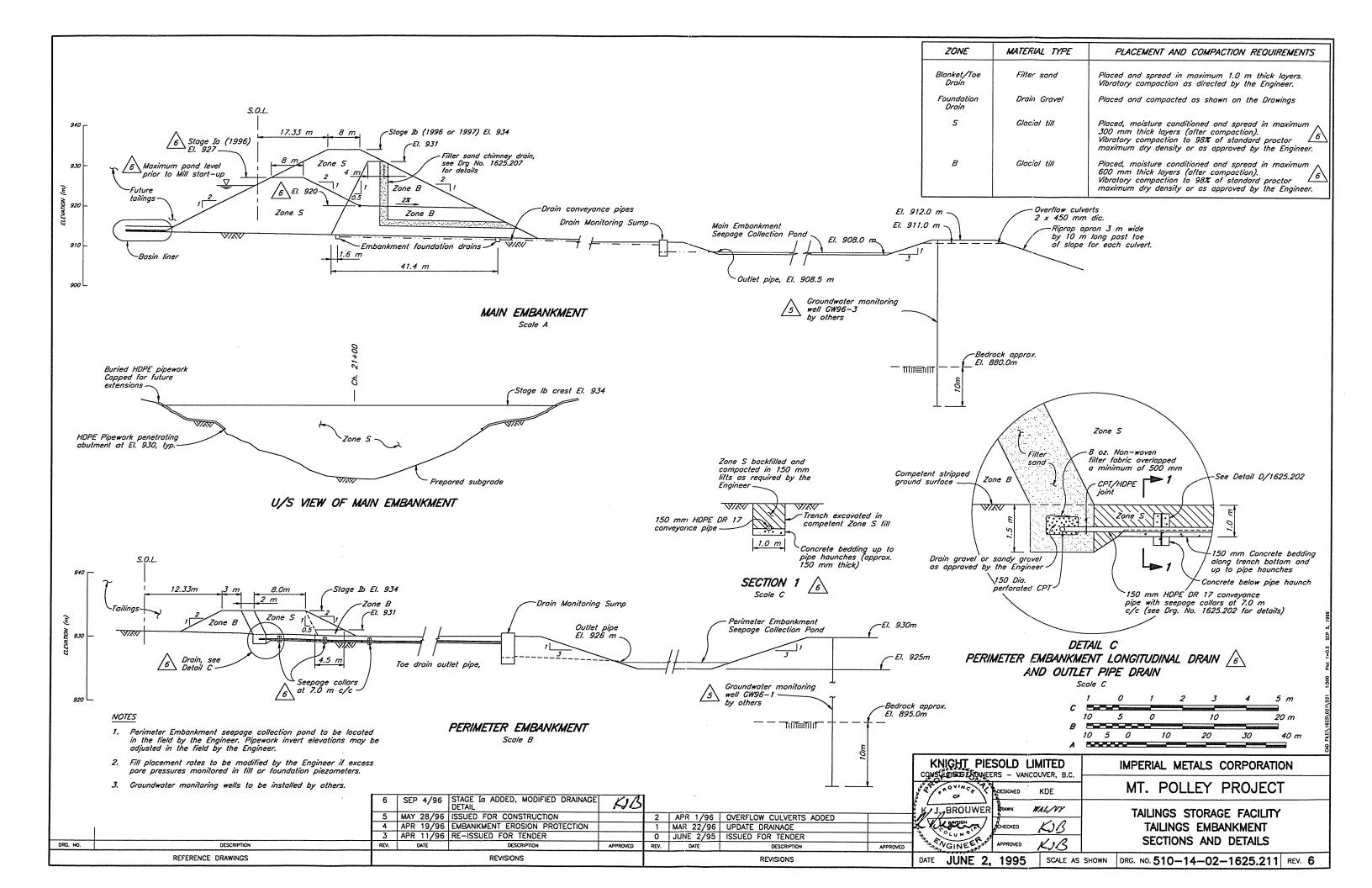


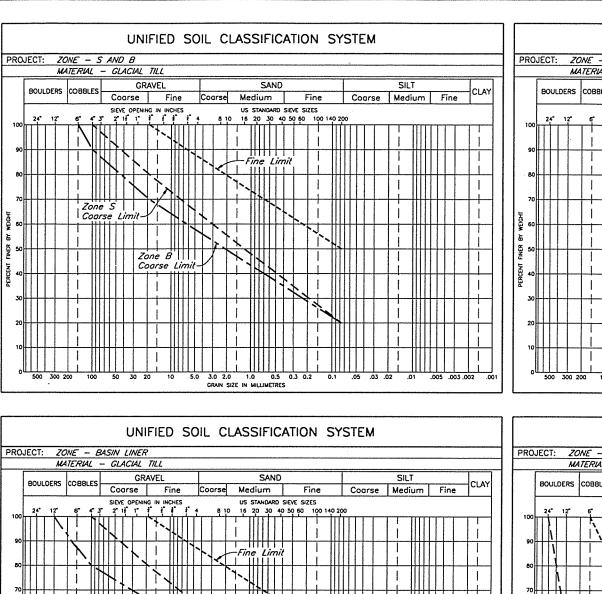


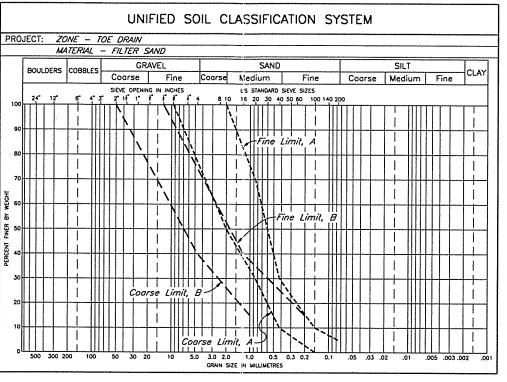


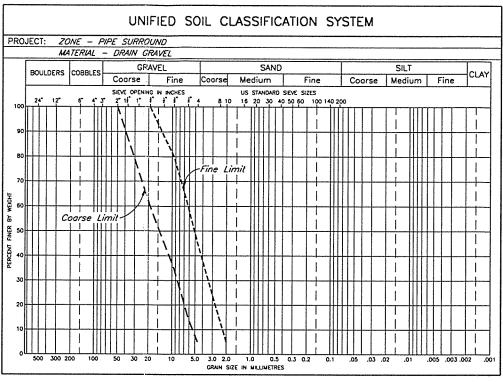


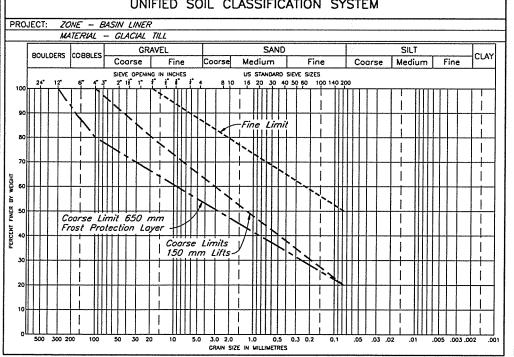


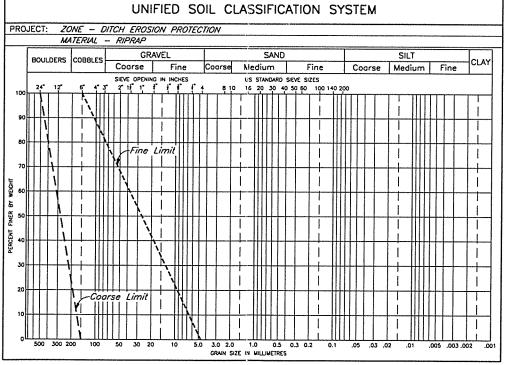


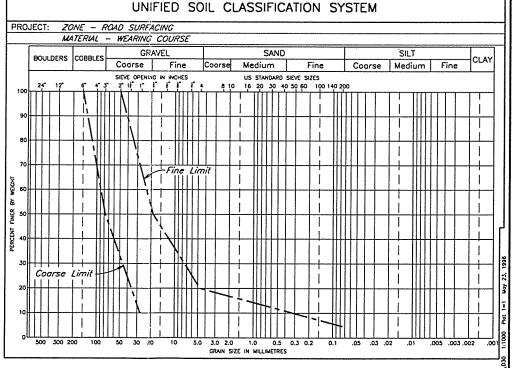








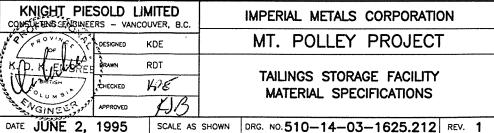


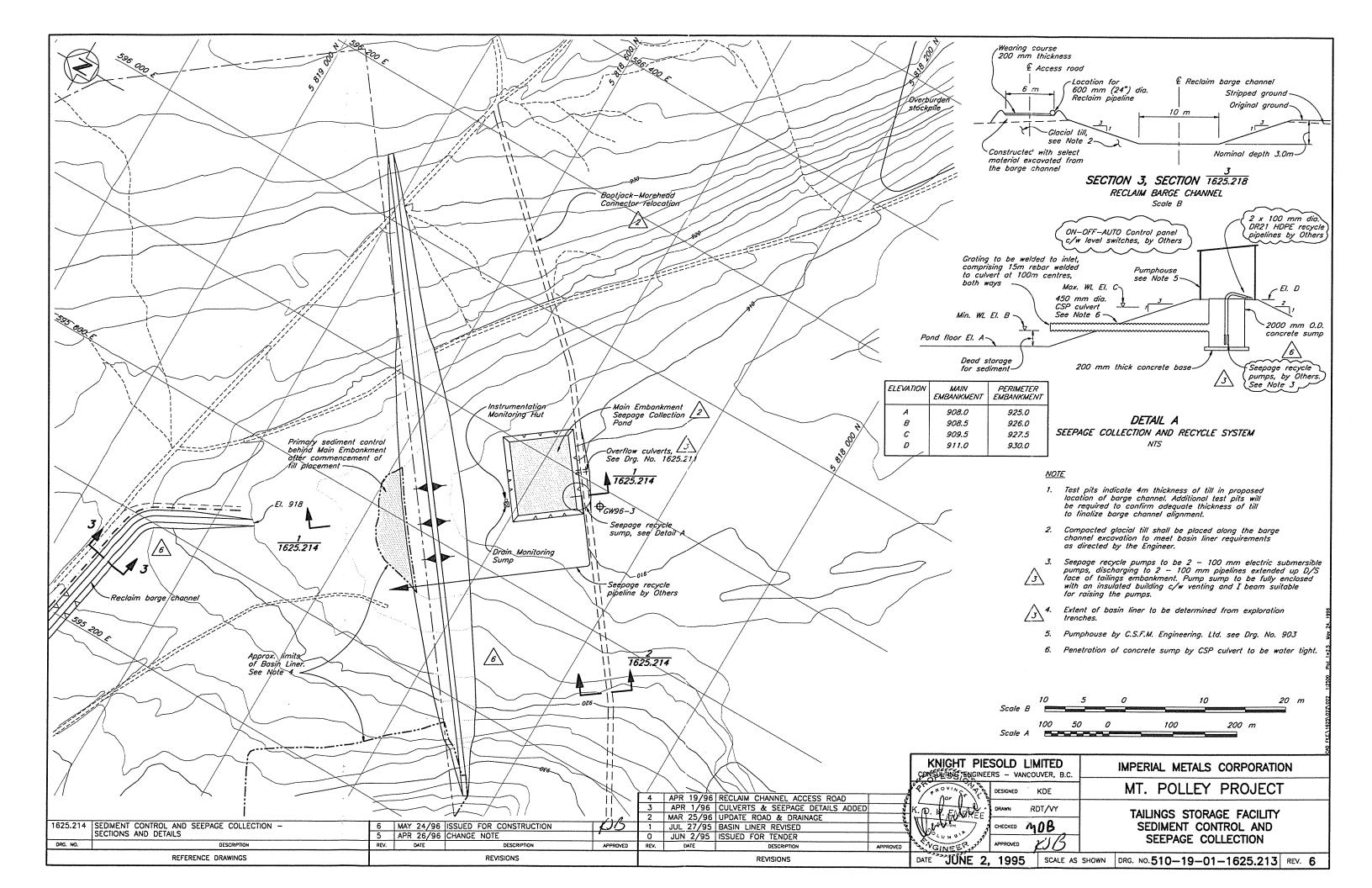


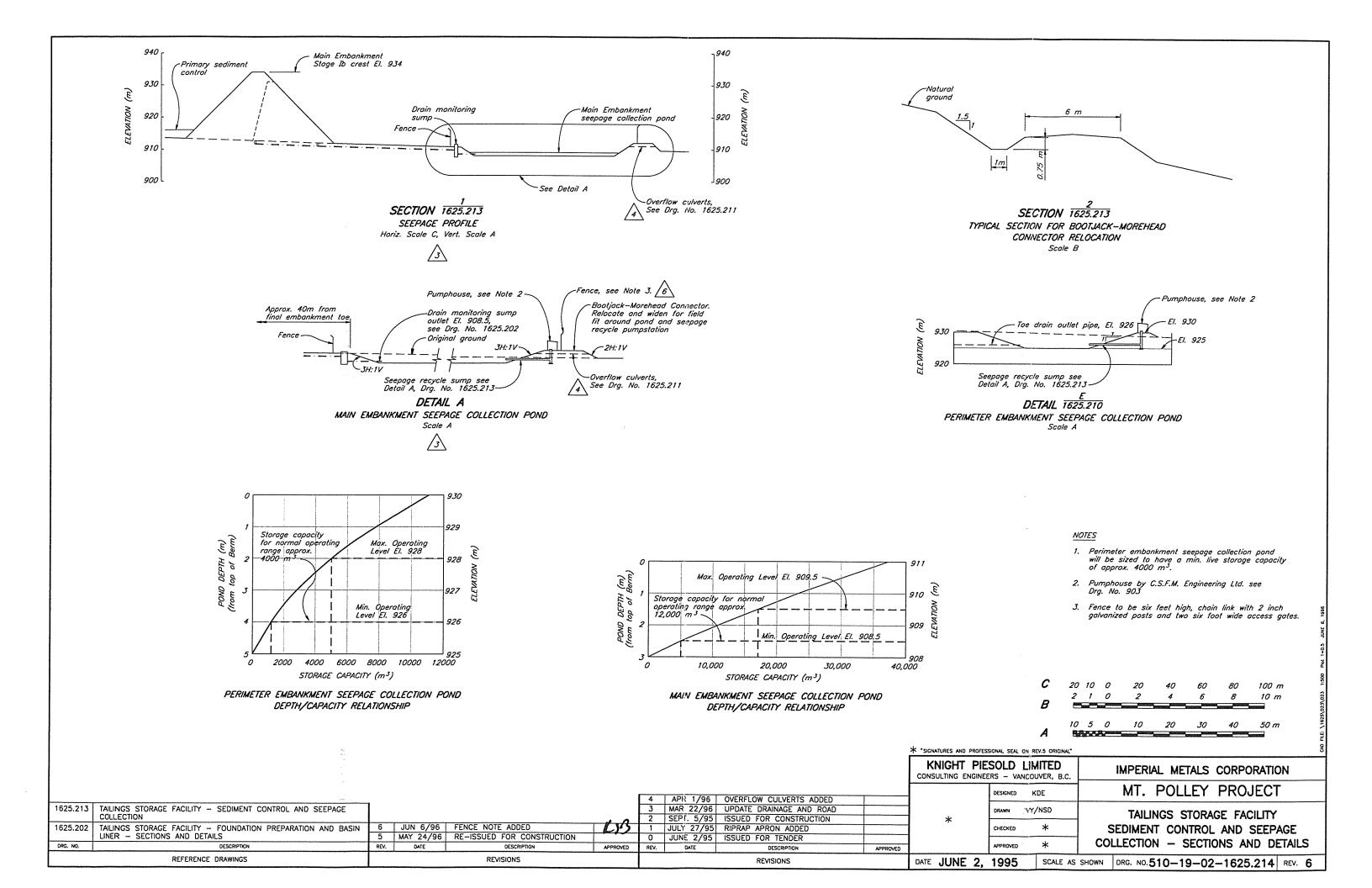
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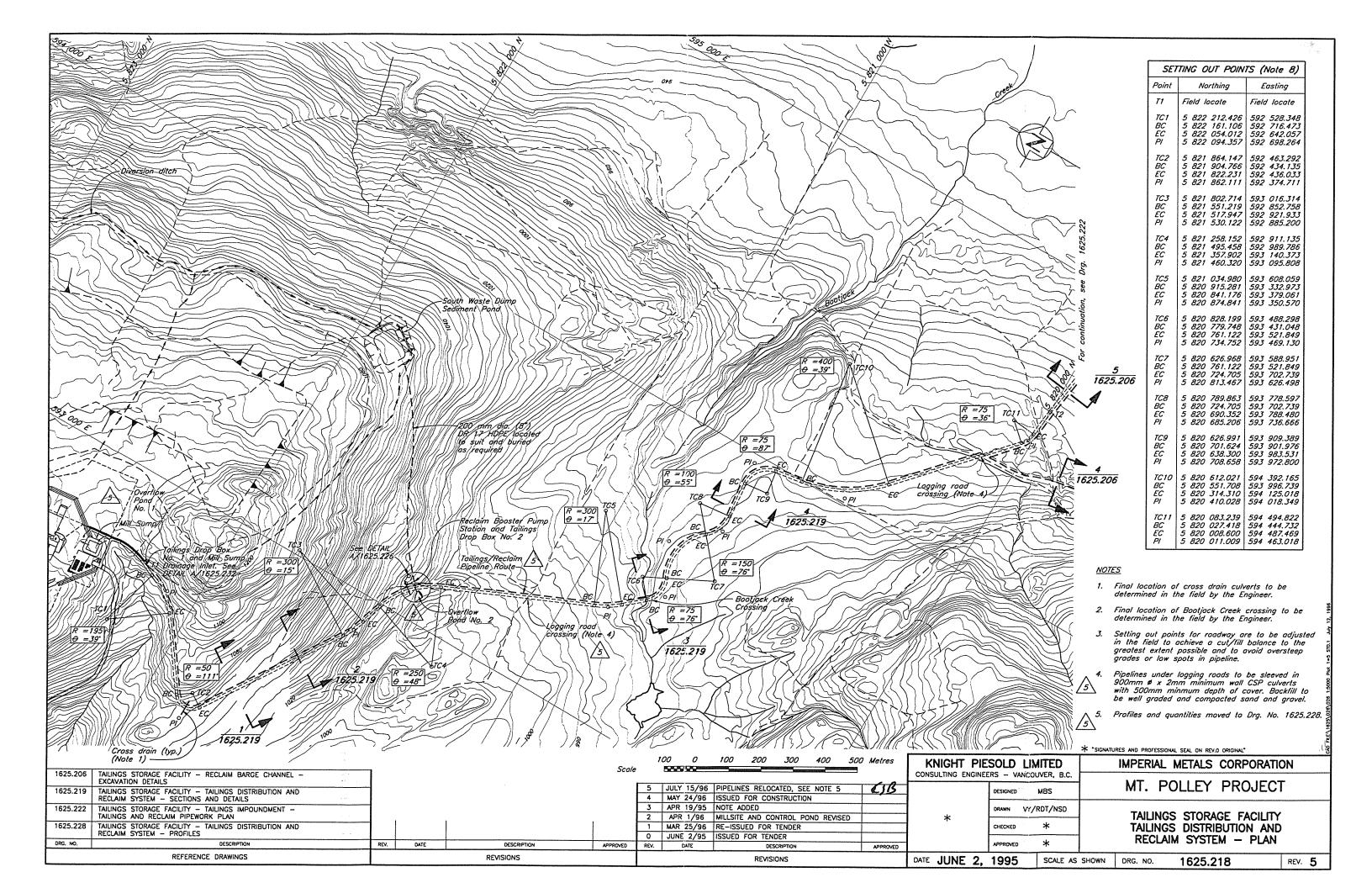
- No more than 10% of Zone S material shall be coarser than the Zone S Coarse Limit and such material shall be finer than the Zone B coarse limit. Zone S material which has a gradation between the Zone S and B coarse limits shall be well spaced out and shall not form continuous layers or sizeable lenses.
- For Filter sand, the portion passing the No. 40 sieve must have a plasticity index (PI) of zero.

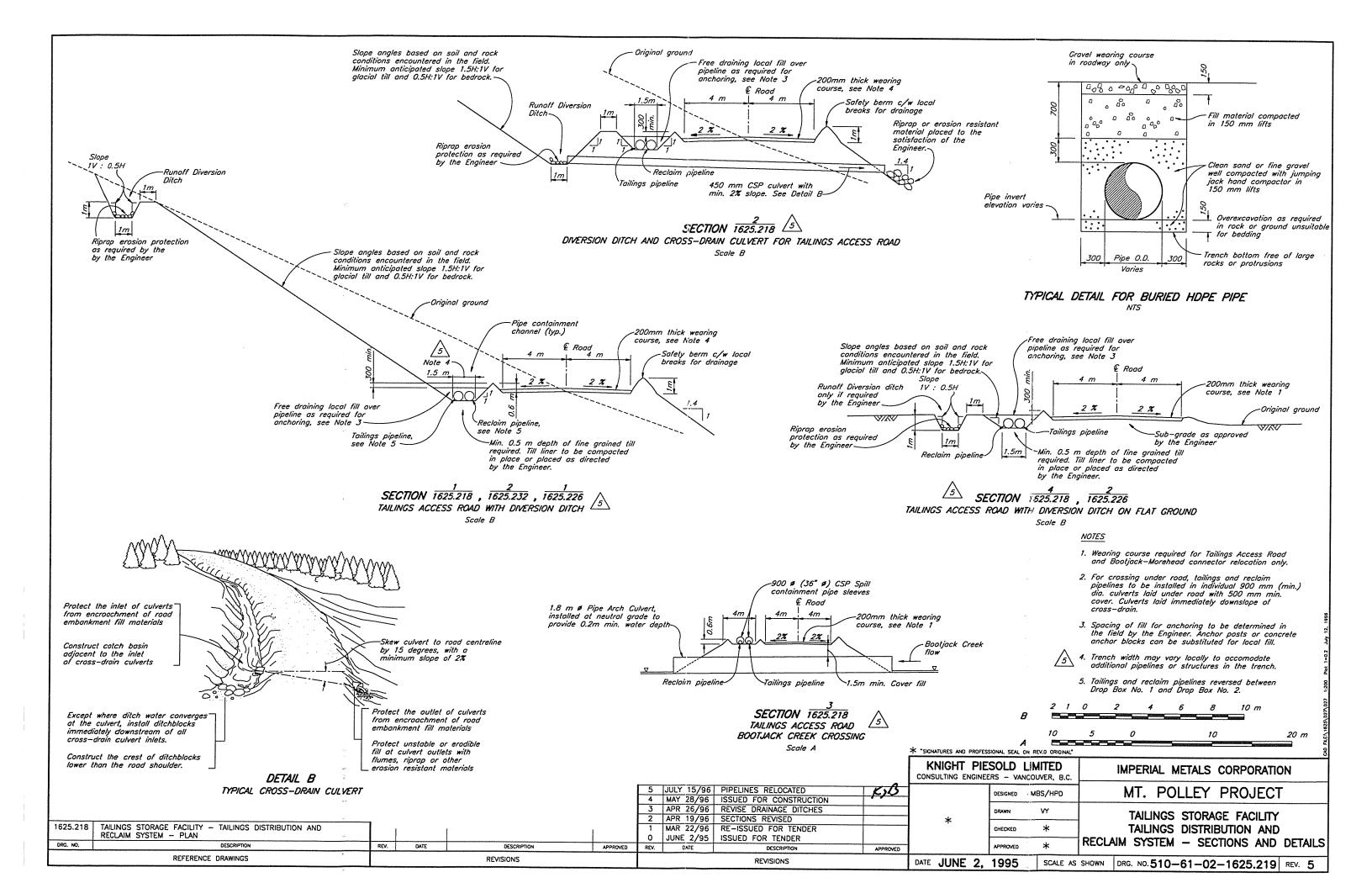
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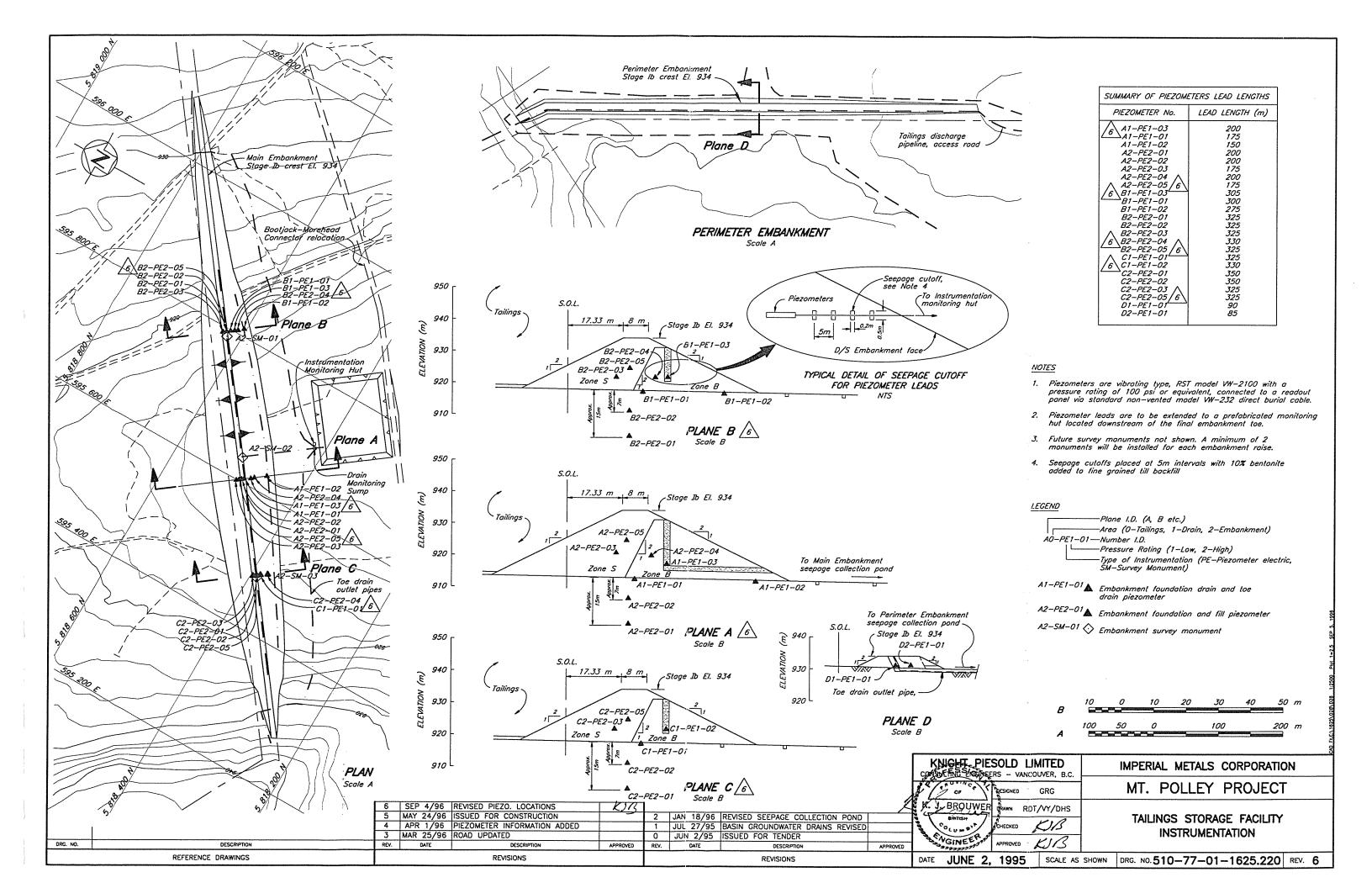


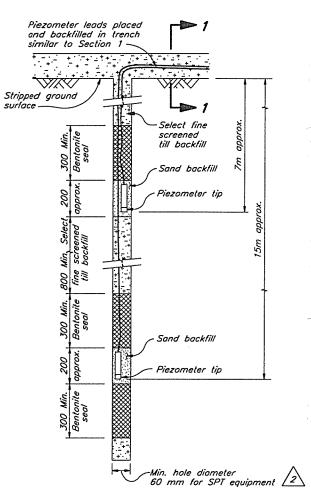




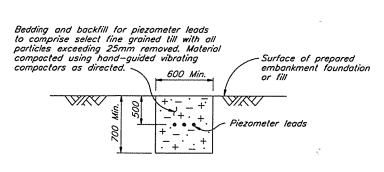








DETAIL A
INSTALLATION OF PIEZOMETERS
IN BOREHOLES



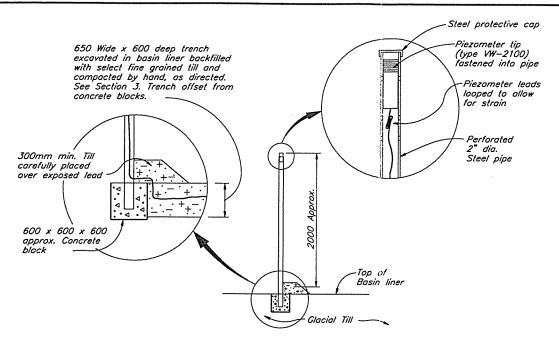
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OR IN ZONE S AND B FILL

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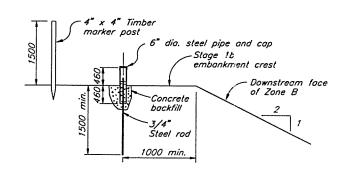
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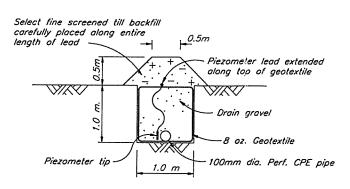
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VERTICAL SUPPORT FOR TAILINGS PIEZOMETERS

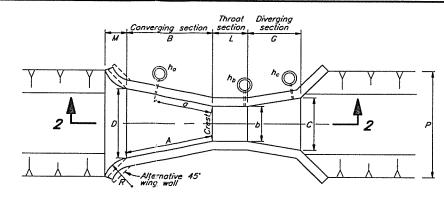


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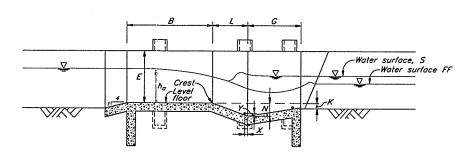


DETAIL C TYPICAL PIEZOMETER INSTALLATION IN EMBANKMENT FOUNDATION DRAIN OR TOE DRAIN

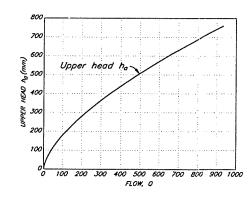
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PARSHALL FLUME (2 FT. SIZE) — PLAN DETAIL B/1625.215



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FLOW MEASUREMENT FOR INFLOWS TO TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY
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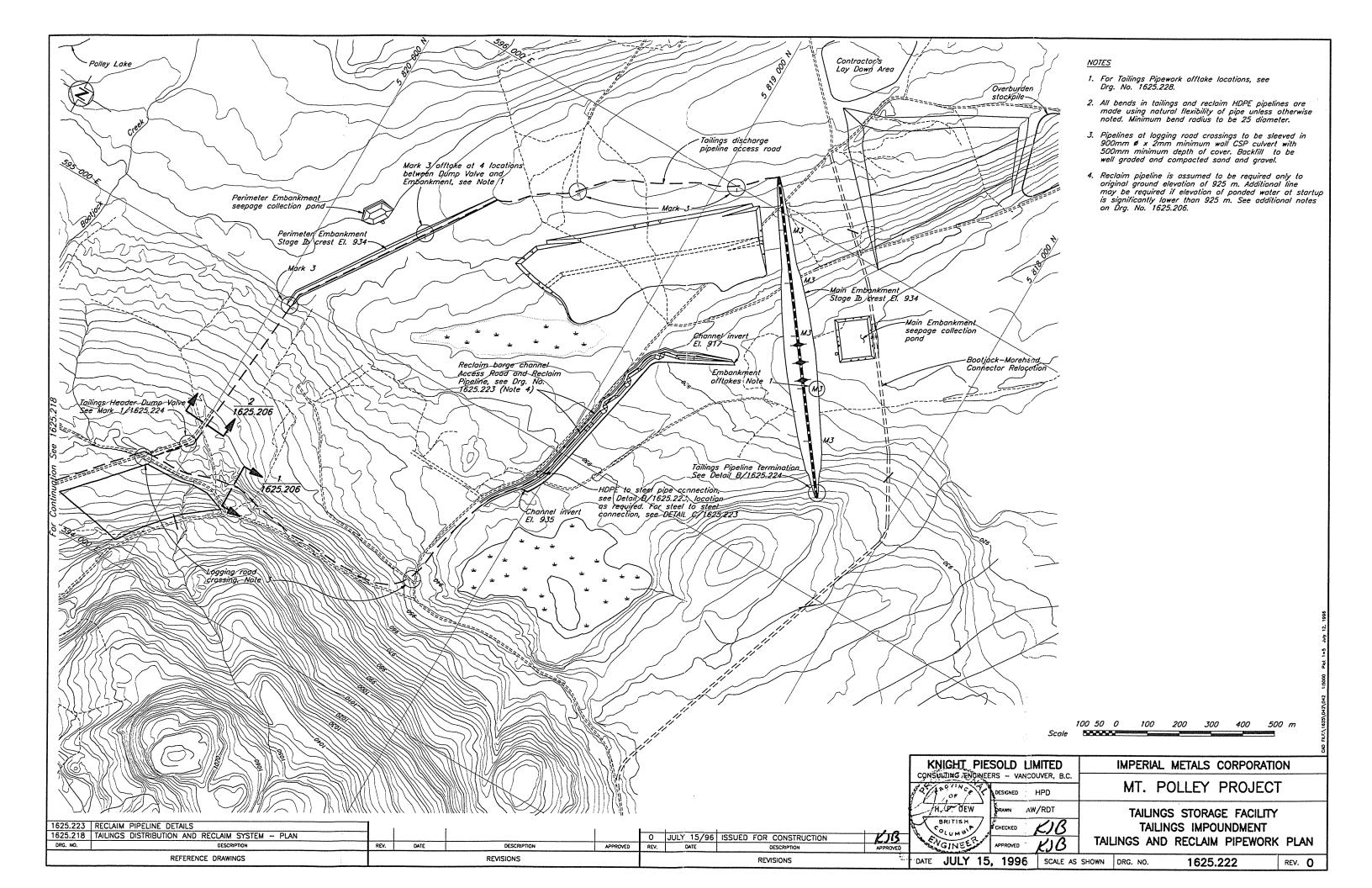


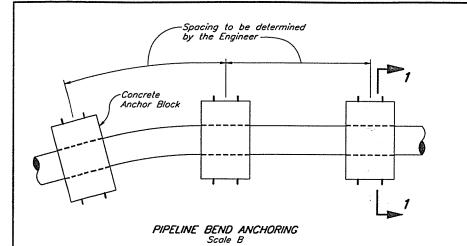
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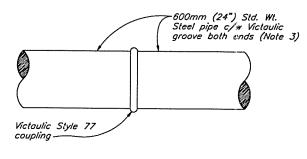
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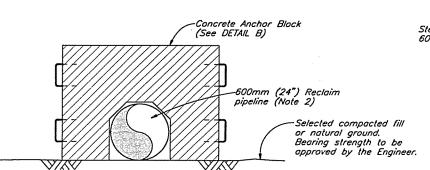
Steel pipe (typical)

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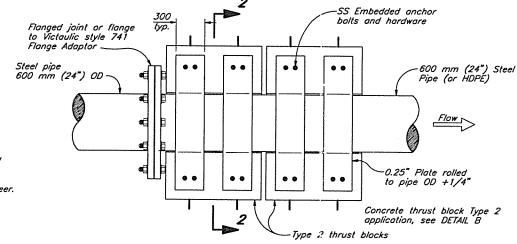
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STEEL RECLAIM PIPE CONNECTION
Scole A

DETAIL A , 1625.206 ONSHORE BALL JOINT Scole B

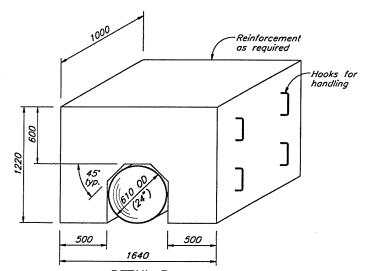


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CONCRETE ANCHOR BLOCK - TYPE 1 APPLICATION



DETAIL D, 1625.222

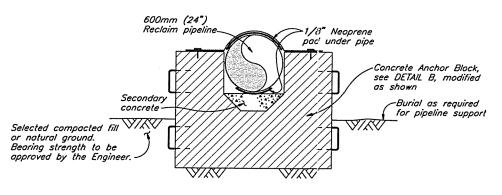
CONCRETE THRUST BLOCK - TYPE 2 APPLICATION
CONNECTION BETWEEN STEEL AND HDPE PIPE
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AND CONNECTION AT BARGE OFFTAKE BALL JOINT
Scale A



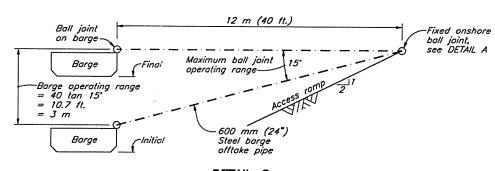
DETAIL B

TYPICAL PORTABLE CONCRETE BLOCK FOR 24" OD PIPE
(4.5 TONNE)

Scale A



SECTION 2
CONCRETE THRUST BLOCK - TYPE 2 APPLICATION
Scale A



DETAIL C BARGE OPERATING RANGE -- SCHEMATIC

#### <u>NOTES</u>

- Concrete anchoring blocks to be used at barge ball joint and at locations where pipeline changes from steel to HDPE.
- Anchor blocks may be used for reclaim or tailings pipeline as required by the Engineer. Modifications will be required for pipe diameter other than 24".
- Victaulic grooves to be rolled if pipe wall thickness is less than 0.375".

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1625.224 TAILINGS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM - DETAILS
1625.222 TAILINGS IMPOUNDMENT - TAILINGS AND RECLAIM PIPEWORK PLAN

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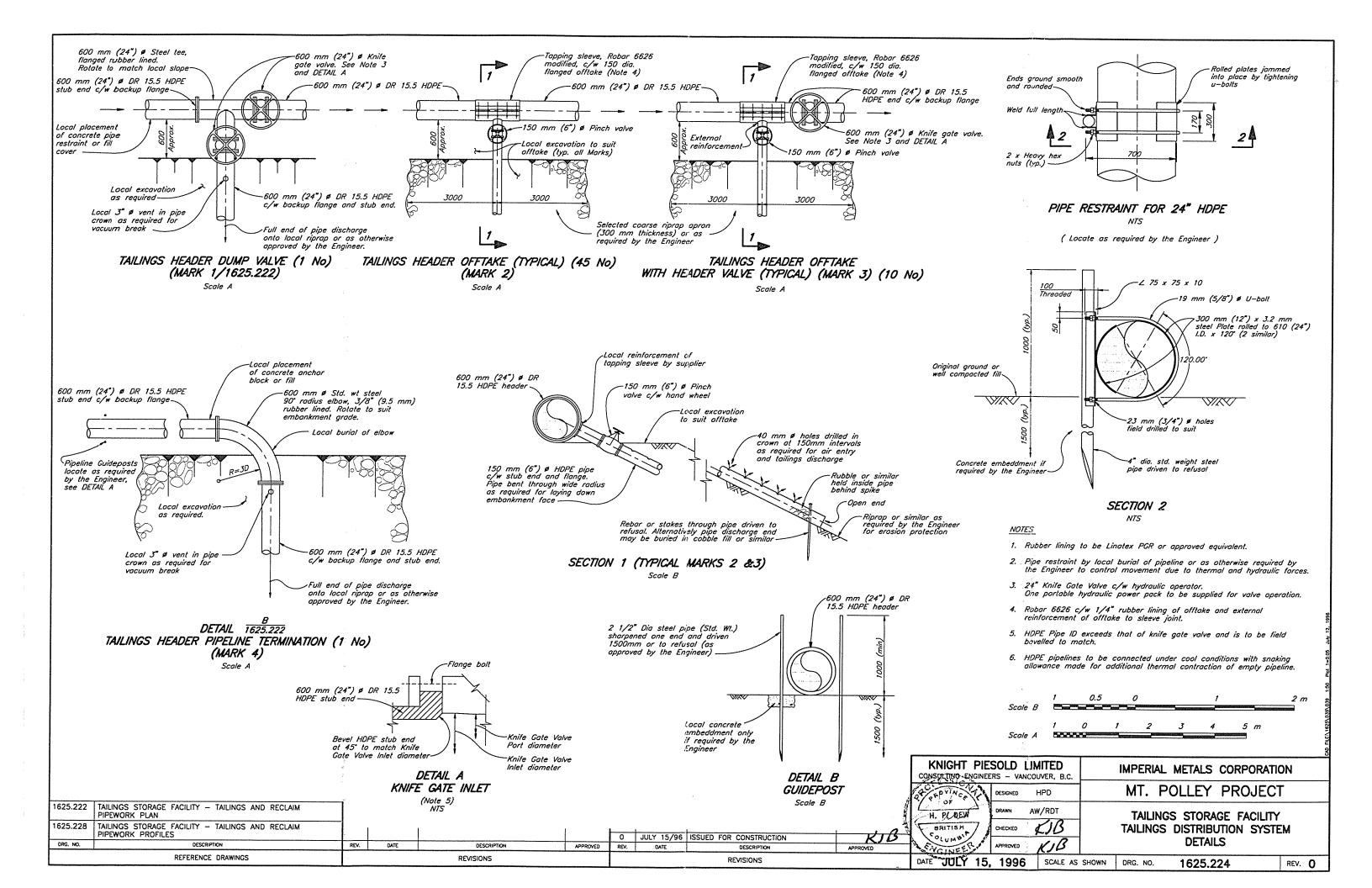
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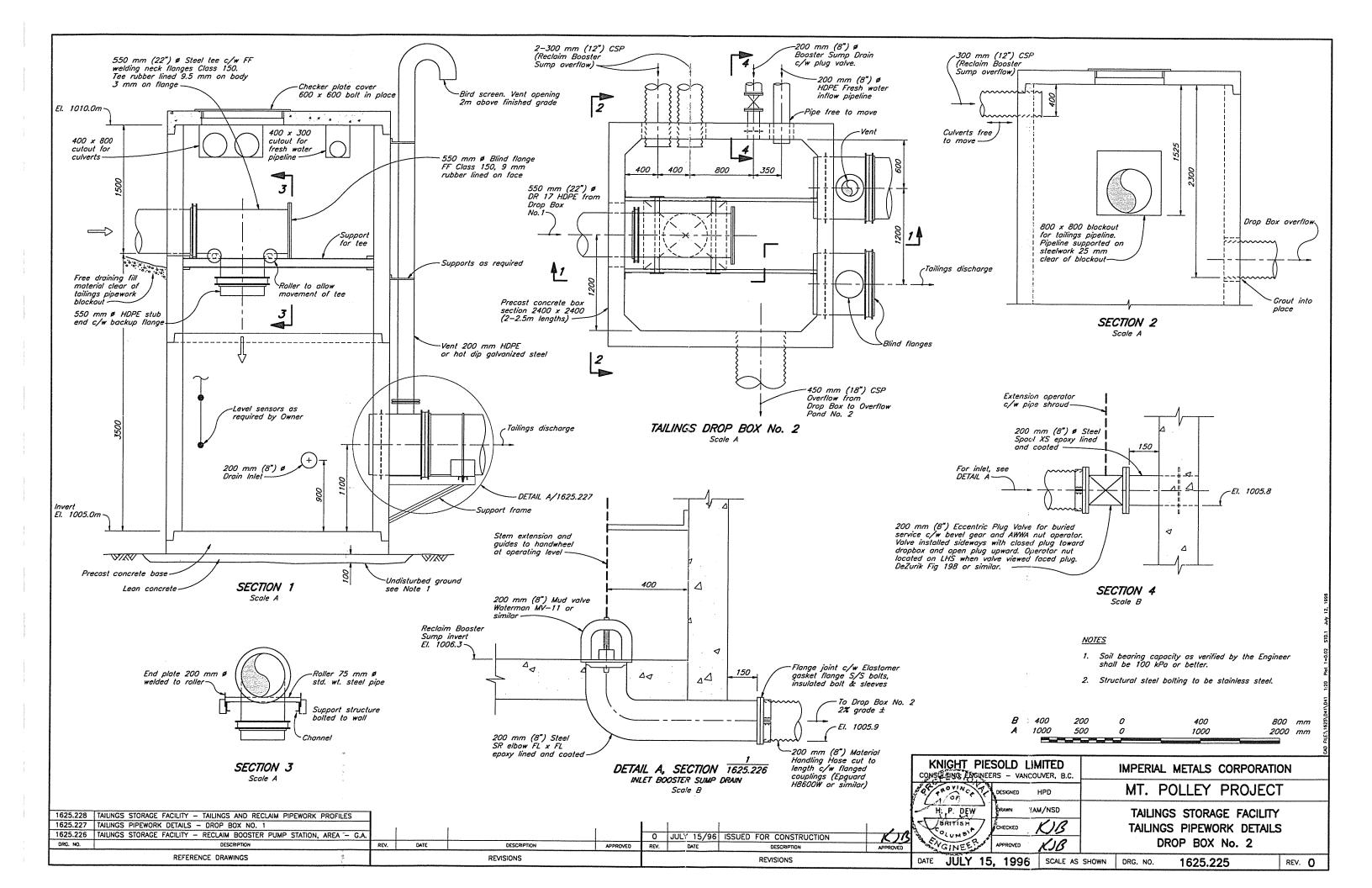
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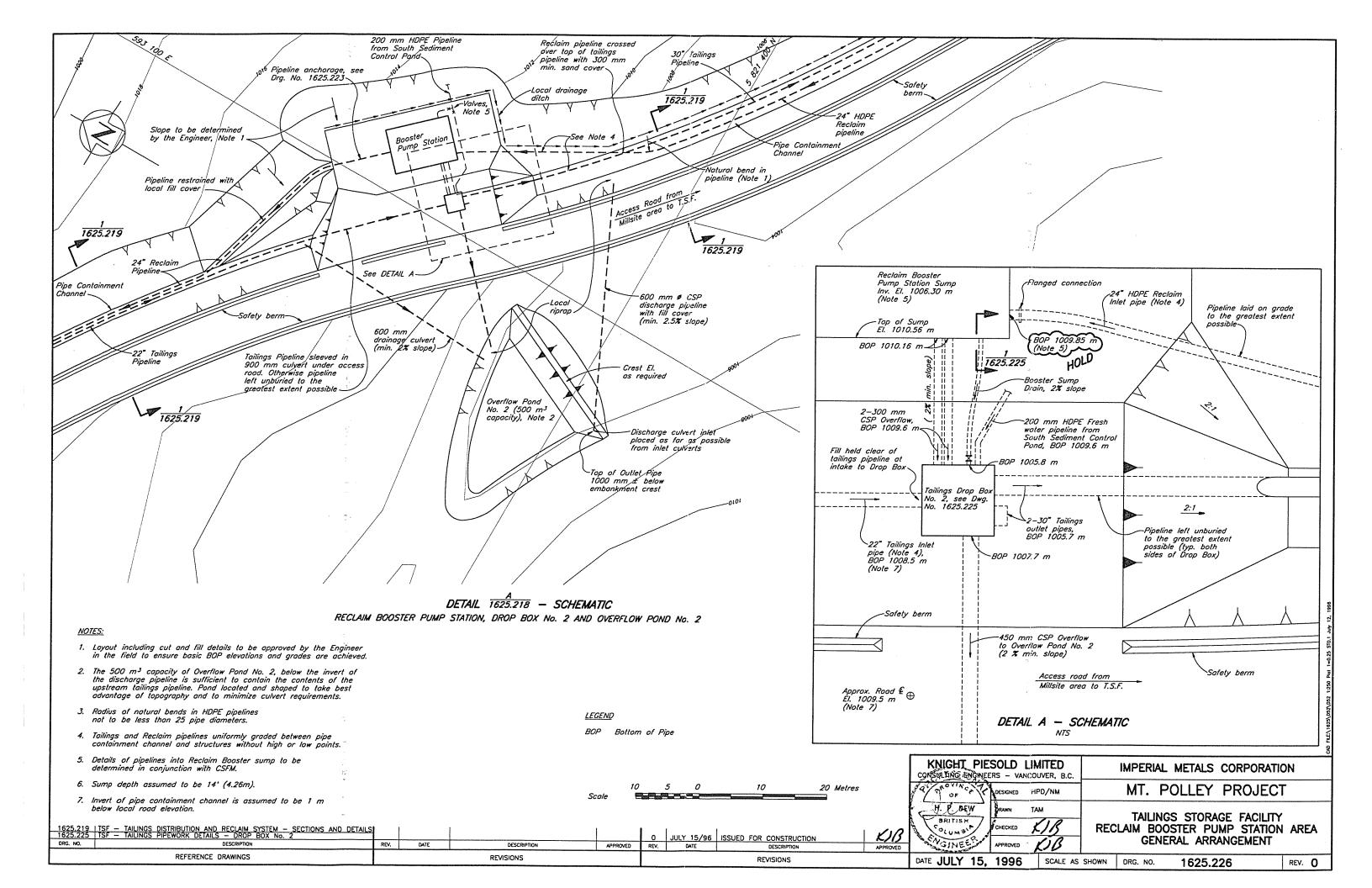
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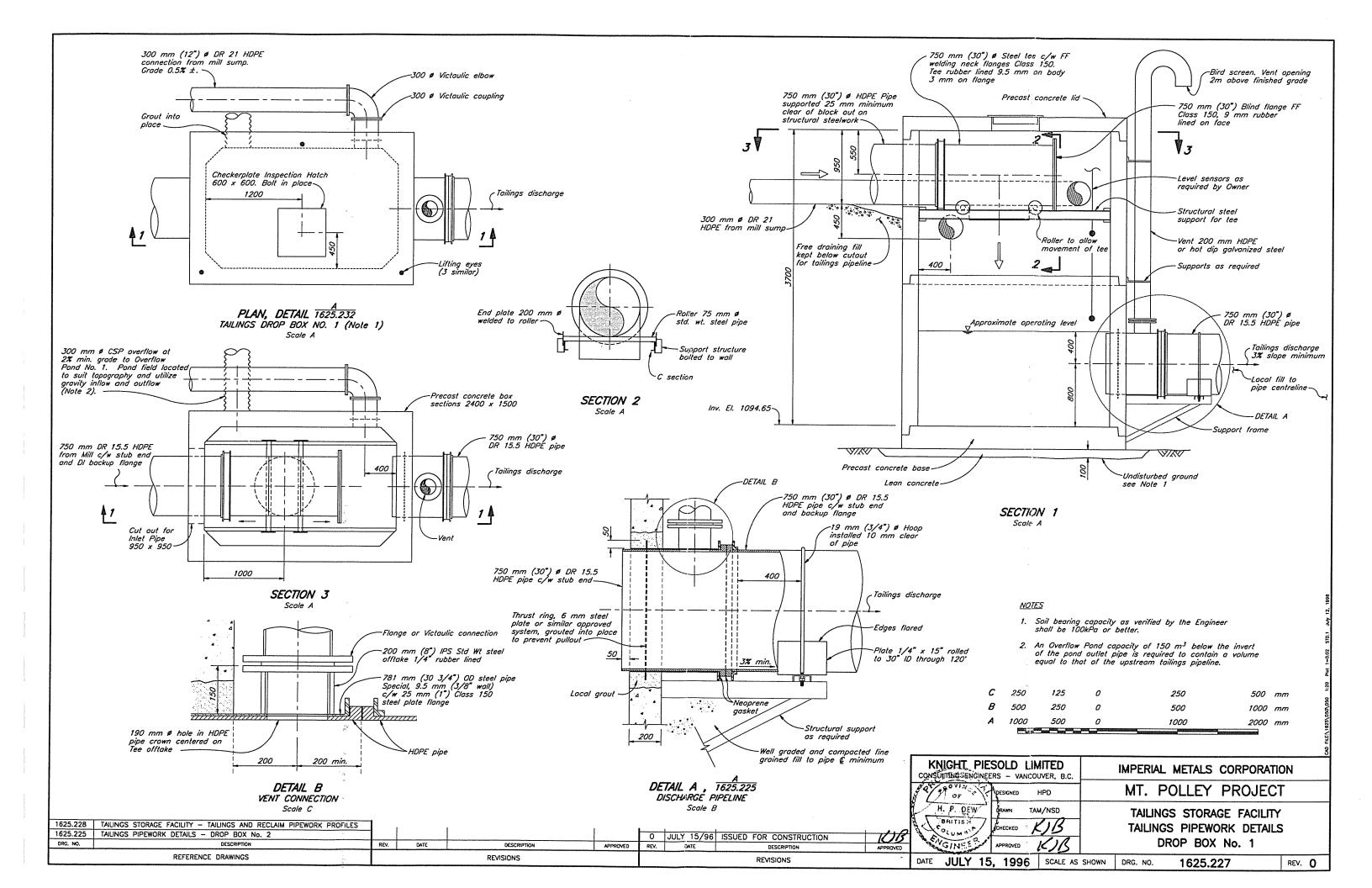
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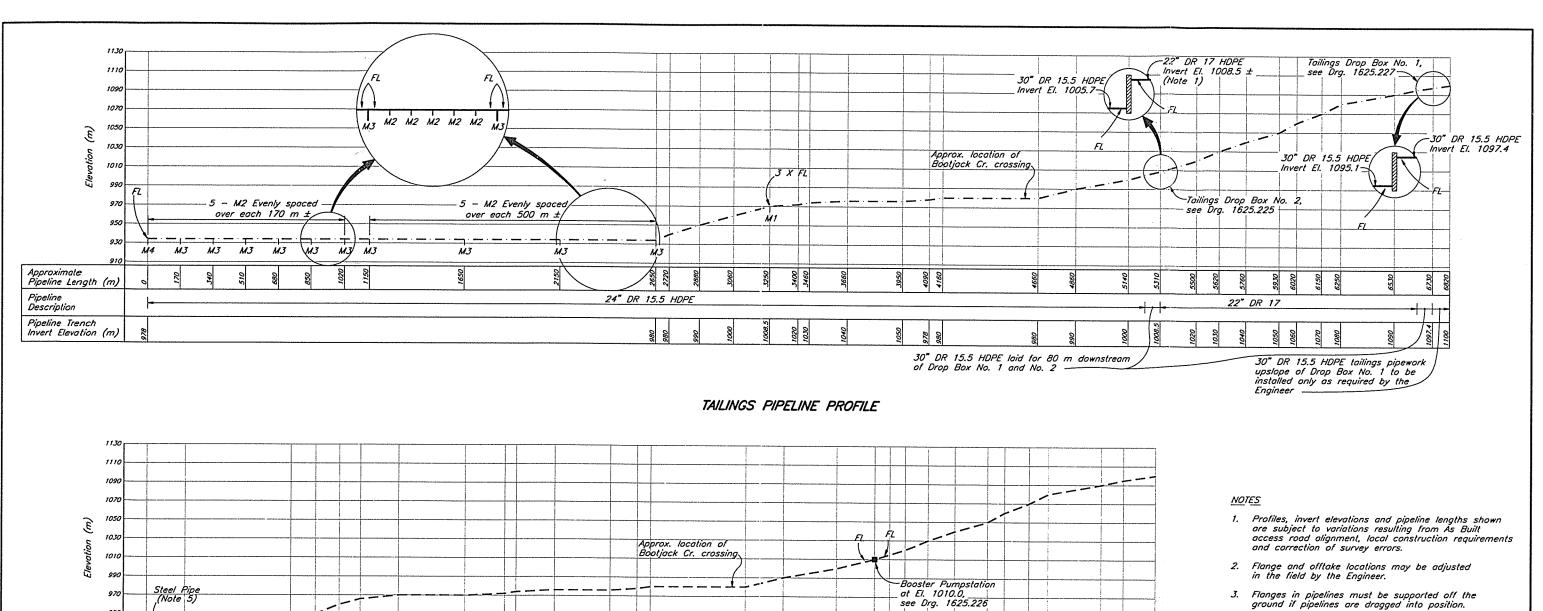
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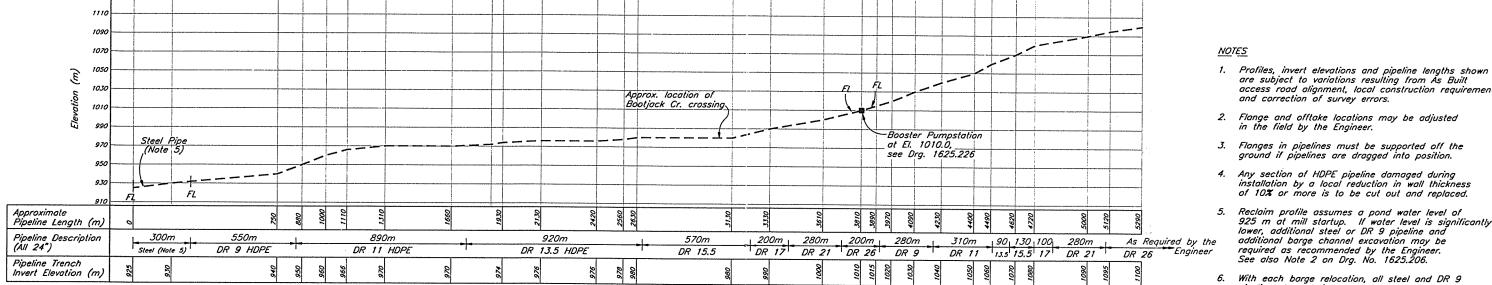












#### RECLAIM PIPELINE PROFILE

#### <u>LEGEND</u>

FL - Flange Joints (Minimum)

Mark 1 offtake (1 Required) Drg. 1625.224

M2 - Mark 2 offtake (45 Required) Drg. 1625.224

M3 - Mark 3 offtake (10 Required) Drg. 1625.224

Mark 4 offtake (1 Required) Drg. 1625.224

DR 9 - HDPE Pipe Dimensional Ratio (typical)

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of 10% or more is to be cut out and replaced.

lower, additional steel or DR 9 pipeline and additional barge channel excavation may be

required as recommended by the Engineer. See also Note 2 on Drg. No. 1625.206.

With each barge relocation, all steel and DR 9 pipeline also requires to be relocated.

Butt fusion joining of lower DR pipe to higher DR pipe requires end of lower DR pipe to be bevelled to same inside diameter as higher

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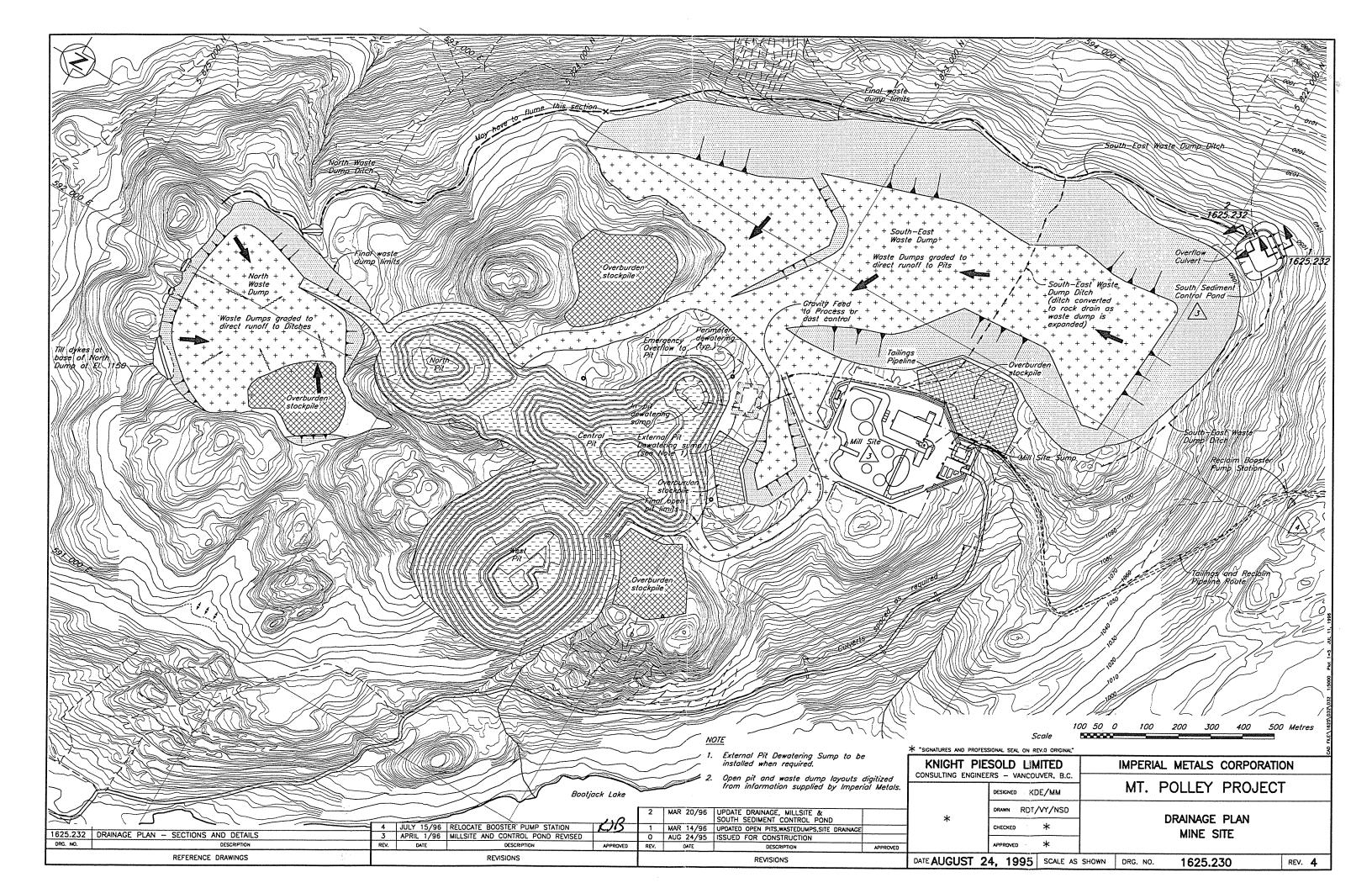
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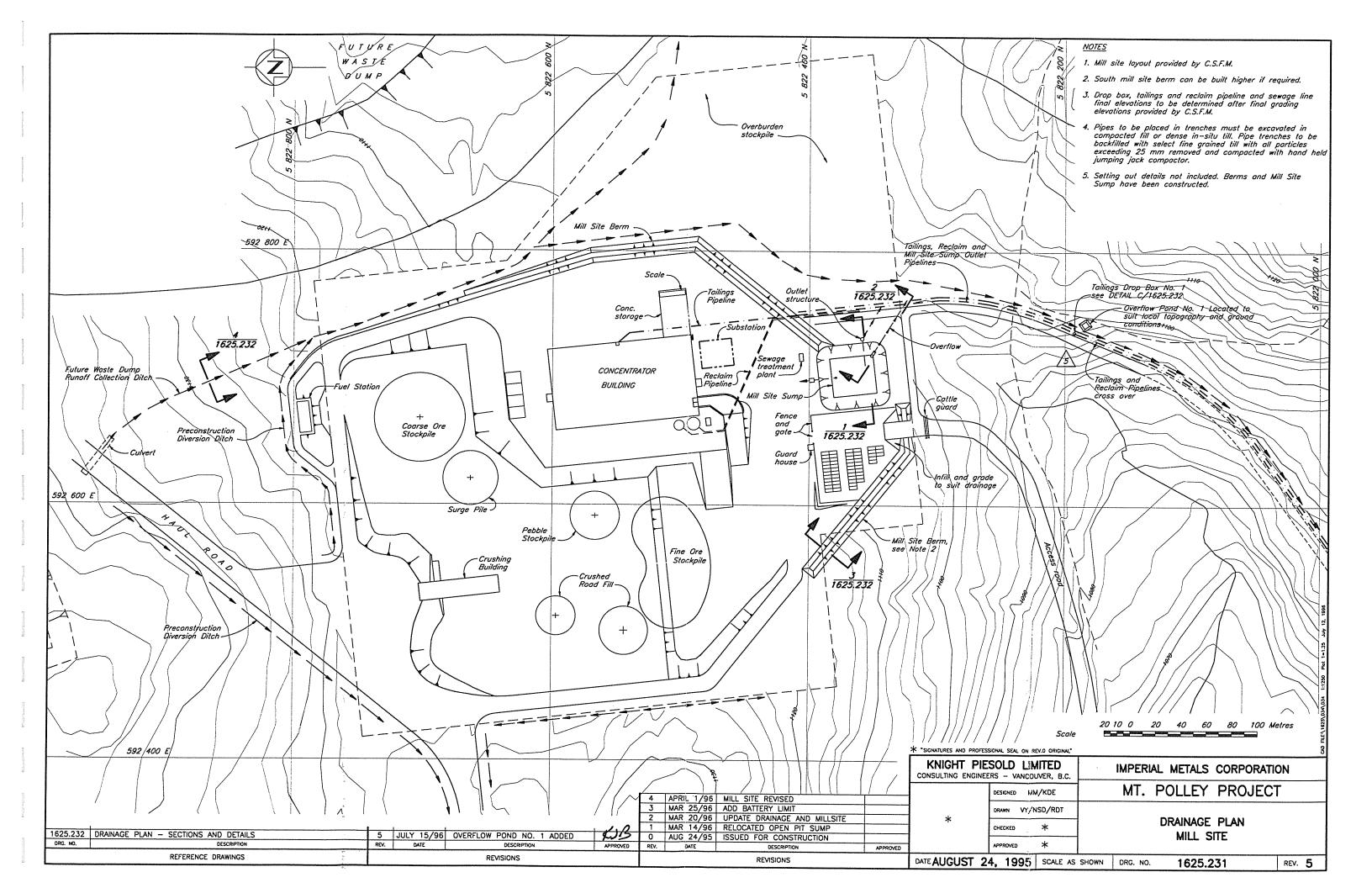
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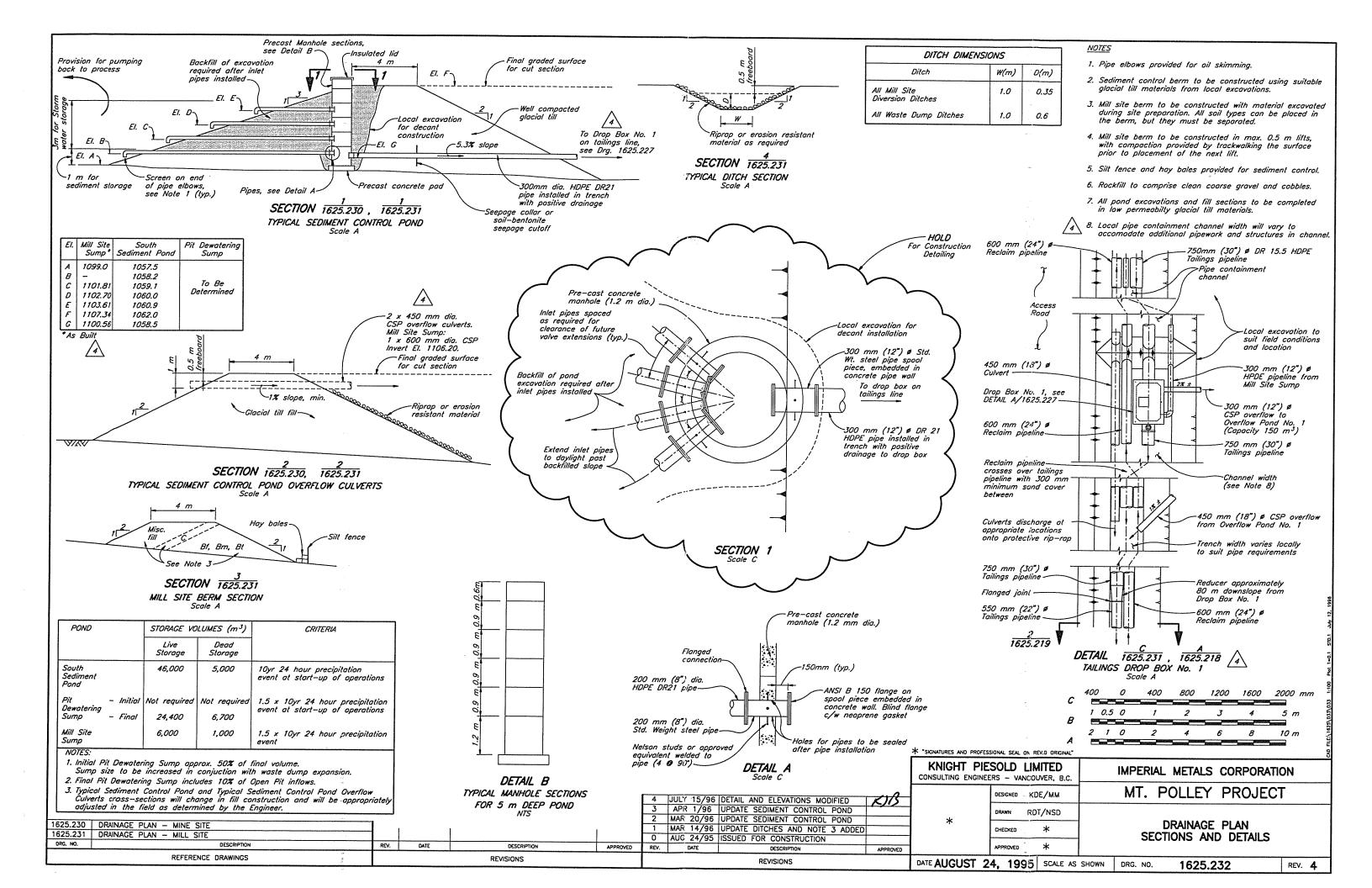
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#### APPENDIX B

INSPECTION CHECKLIST
(TO BE INCLUDED IN FINAL ISSUE OF STAGE 1B MANUAL)



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#### APPENDIX C

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORY





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#### **COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORY**

#### (to be determined)

NAME ADDRESS TELEPHONE

#### **SITE PERSONNEL:**

Dam Co-ordinator

Dam Operator

General Foreman

Sub-Foreman

Technician

#### **TECHNICAL ADVISORS:**

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Director of Provincial Emergency Program, Victoria, B.C.

B.C. Water Management, Regional Manager (Williams Lake)

MELP, Water Management Branch (Dam Safety Engineer), Victoria, B.C.

MEI, Geotechnical Branch, Victoria, B.C.

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