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Attention: Ivan Pasalich

Dear Sir,

### FLOW TRAIL REALIGNMENT, THREDBO, NSW GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Further to the approval to proceed issued by Mr Peter Fleming of Kosciuszko Thredbo Pty Ltd (KT) on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017, a Senior Principal Geotechnical Engineer (Mark Bartel) inspected the site on behalf of Asset Geotechnical Engineering P/L (Asset) on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The site inspection consisted of site walkover observations, in the company of Mr Peter Fleming.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the attached "Important Information about your Geotechnical Report". Attention is drawn to the limitations inherent in site investigations and the importance of verifying the subsurface conditions inferred herein.

#### 2. REGIONAL TOPOGRAPHY & GEOLOGY

The regional topography comprises moderately to steeply sloping terrain flanking the north-easterly flowing Thredbo River, with ground slopes generally ranging from 10° to 30° and some locally steeper sections on the land flanking the river, and more gentle slopes over the river shoulders. Numerous drainage depressions and watercourses flow towards the river, with some of the persistent watercourses carved several metres into the underlying granite bedrock.

The site lies within the G line as defined in DIPNR's "Geotechnical Policy – Kosciuszko Alpine Resorts", November 2003.

The 1:250,000 Tallangatta Geological Map indicates the site is underlain by Silurian aged intrusive granite.

#### 3. SITE INSPECTION

The site was inspected on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Section 3 of the flow trail re-alignment indicates where it intersects with the end of the N1 trail (refer report 4284-1-L1 dated 9 April 2017). There is an existing platform at this intersection which is to be replaced by a new bridge located immediately upslope. Details of the new bridge are shown on the plans by Grounded Structural Engineering and Drafting, Dwg No S01 rev 1 (2 sheets) dated 12/03/17.



The subsurface conditions are likely to comprise a mixture of slope wash and colluvial soils derived from weathered granite, overlying residual soils and variably weathered granite. Some minor filling (less than about 0.5m deep) is also anticipated, because of previous minor cut-to-fill earthworks for tracks in the vicinity.

Numerous scattered granite boulders are present across the landform.

Groundwater conditions are unknown, but it is expected that intermittent groundwater would be present within the soils overlying the weathered granite.

#### 4. **CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

The relatively minor earthworks and relatively shallow footing excavations for the platform would not be expected to present a geotechnical constraint to the proposed development. However, the following recommendations should be followed to minimise the geotechnical risks:

- 1. Good earthworks practices should be followed for the minor cut-to-fill earthworks, involving keying of fill into suitable residual soils or weathered granite, placing and compacting fill in layers not more than 250mm loose thickness, and providing batter slopes no steeper than 2H:1V with appropriate erosion protection. Steeper slopes (1.5H:1V) could be considered for extremely weathered granite slope formations, increasing to 0.25H:1V for slightly weathered to fresh granite cuts.
- 2. Footings for platforms should be taken into the decomposed granite (dense medium to coarse sand), and may be designed for a maximum allowable bearing pressure of 200 kPa.
- 3. Rock excavation, where required, should be carried out using relatively low vibration / impact methods such as rock hammering or low-energy explosive charges in drill holes filled with water.
- 4. If poor subgrade materials (e.g. soft and / or wet soils) are encountered, or significant seepage is encountered which cannot be controlled by diversion drains, a qualified and experienced Geotechnical Engineer should be consulted for further advice.

The suitably completed Form 4 – Minimal Impact Certification - is attached.

#### 5. LIMITATIONS

In addition to the limitations inherent in site investigations (refer to the attached Information Sheets), it must be pointed out that the recommendations in this report are based on assessed subsurface conditions from limited investigations. In order to confirm the assessed soil and rock properties in this report, further investigation would be required such as coring and strength testing of rock, and should be carried out if the scale of the development warrants, or if any of the properties are critical to the design, construction or performance of the development.

It is recommended that a qualified and experienced Geotechnical Engineer be engaged to provide further input and review during the design development; including site visits during construction to verify the site conditions and provide advice where conditions vary from those assumed in this report. Development of an appropriate inspection and testing plan should be carried out in consultation with the Geotechnical Engineer.

This report may have included geotechnical recommendations for design and construction of temporary works (e.g. temporary batter slopes or temporary shoring of excavations). Such temporary works are



expected to perform adequately for a relatively short period of time only, which could range from a few days (for temporary batter slopes) up to six months (for temporary shoring). This time period depends on a range of factors including but not limited to: site geology; groundwater conditions; weather conditions; design criteria; and level of care taken during construction. If there are factors which prevent temporary works from being completed and/or which require temporary works to function for periods longer than originally designed, further advice must be sought from the Geotechnical Engineer and Structural Engineer.

The attached document "Important Information about your Geotechnical Report" provides additional information about the uses and limitations of this report.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this report or if you require further assistance.

For and on behalf of

**Asset Geotechnical Engineering Pty Ltd** 

Mark Bartel

#### **Mark Bartel**

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Encl: Site Plan

Form 4 – Minimal Impact Certification

Important Information about your Geotechnical Report

**Explanation Sheets** 

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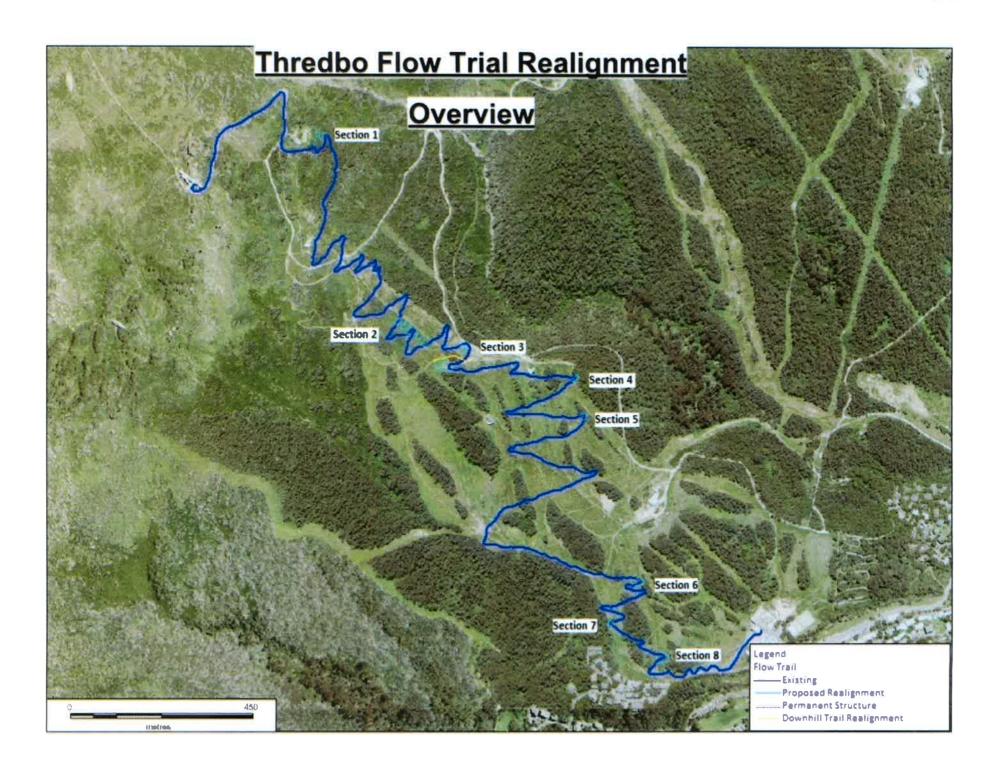
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maps. A geotechnical engineer or engineering geo	elected within the 'G' line area of the geotechnical logist must inspect the site and/or review the elif the proposed development requires a ne development application. Where the geotechnical red then they must complete this form and attach of form 4 with design recommendation, if required,
Please contact the Alpine Resorts Assessments Phone 02 6456 1733.	Team in Jindabyne for further information.
To complete this form, please place a cross in the box	es  and fill out the white sections.
Declaration made by geotechnica in relation to a nil or minimal geof site classification	
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Mr Ms Mrs Dr Other	
Mark Andrew	Family name
	Bartel
OF	
Company/organisation	
Asset Geotechnical Engineering Pty Ltd	
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certify that I am a geotechnical engineer /eng and I have inspected the site and reviewed the	ineering geologist as defined by the "Policy" ne proposed development known as
Flow Trail Re-alignment, Thredbo	
As a result of my site inspection and review of	of the following documentation
(List of documentation reviewed)	
Plan titled 'Thredbo Flow Trail Realignment - C	overview'
Grounded Structural Engineering and Drafting, Dwg	No S01 rev 1 (2 sheets) dated 12/03/17
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I have determined that;

- the current load-bearing capacity of the existing building will not be exceeded or adversely impacted by the proposed development, and
- the proposed works are of such a minor nature that the requirement for geotechnical advice in the form of a geotechnical report, prepared in accordance with the "Policy", is considered unnecessary for the adequate and safe design of the structural elements to be incorporated into the new works, and
- in accordance with AS 2870.1 Residential Slabs and Footings, the site is to be classified as a type

(insert classification type)

Class S, subject to recommendations in attached letter

☑ I have attached design recommendations to be incorporated in the structural design in accordance with this site classification.

I am aware that this declaration shall be used by the Department as an essential component in granting development consent for a structure to be erected within the "G" line area (as identified on the geotechnical maps) of Kosciuszko Alpine Resorts without requiring the submission of a geotechnical report in support of the development application.

# Signature Signature Chartered professional status CPEng (35641) NER Date Mark Bartel 9th April 2017

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#### Important Information about your Geotechnical Report



#### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The geotechnical report ("the report") has been prepared in accordance with the scope of services as set out in the contract, or as otherwise agreed, between the Client and Asset Geotechnical Engineering Pty Ltd ("Asset"), for the specific site investigated. The scope of work may have been limited by a range of factors such as time, budget, access and/or site disturbance constraints.

The report should not be used if there have been changes to the project, without first consulting with Asset to assess if the report's recommendations are still valid. Asset does not accept responsibility for problems that occur due to project changes if they are not consulted.

#### **RELIANCE ON DATA**

Asset has relied on data provided by the Client and other individuals and organizations, to prepare the report. Such data may include surveys, analyses, designs, maps and plans. Asset has not verified the accuracy or completeness of the data except as stated in the report. To the extent that the statements, opinions, facts, information, conclusions and/or recommendations ("conclusions") are based in whole or part on the data, Asset will not be liable in relation to incorrect conclusions should any data, information or condition be incorrect or have been concealed, withheld, misrepresented or otherwise not fully disclosed to Asset.

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Geotechnical engineering is based extensively on judgment and opinion. It is far less exact than other engineering disciplines. Geotechnical engineering reports are prepared for a specific client, for a specific project and to meet specific needs, and may not be adequate for other clients or other purposes (e.g. a report prepared for a consulting civil engineer may not be adequate for a construction contractor). The report should not be used for other than its intended purpose without seeking additional geotechnical advice. Also, unless further geotechnical advice is obtained, the report cannot be used where the nature and/or details of the proposed development are changed.

#### **LIMITATIONS OF SITE INVESTIGATION**

The investigation program undertaken is a professional estimate of the scope of investigation required to provide a general profile of subsurface conditions. The data derived from the site investigation program and subsequent laboratory testing are extrapolated across the site to form an inferred geological model, and an engineering opinion is rendered about overall subsurface conditions and their likely behavior with regard to the proposed development. Despite investigation, the actual conditions at the site might differ from those inferred to exist, since no subsurface exploration program, no matter how comprehensive, can reveal all subsurface details and anomalies.

The engineering logs are the subjective interpretation of subsurface conditions at a particular location and time, made by trained personnel. The actual interface between materials may be more gradual or abrupt than a report indicates.

Therefore, the recommendations in the report can only be regarded as preliminary. Asset should be retained during the project implementation to assess if the report's recommendations are valid and whether or not changes should be considered as the project proceeds,

#### SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS ARE TIME DEPENDENT

Subsurface conditions can be modified by changing natural forces or man-made influences. The report is based on conditions that existed at the time of subsurface exploration. Construction operations adjacent to the site, and natural events such as floods, or ground water fluctuations,

may also affect subsurface conditions, and thus the continuing adequacy of a geotechnical report. Asset should be kept appraised of any such events, and should be consulted to determine if any additional tests are necessary.

#### **VERIFICATION OF SITE CONDITIONS**

Where ground conditions encountered at the site differ significantly from those anticipated in the report, either due to natural variability of subsurface conditions or construction activities, it is a condition of the report that Asset be notified of any variations and be provided with an opportunity to review the recommendations of this report. Recognition of change of soil and rock conditions requires experience and it is recommended that a suitably experienced geotechnical engineer be engaged to visit the site with sufficient frequency to detect if conditions have changed significantly.

#### REPRODUCTION OF REPORTS

This report is the subject of copyright and shall not be reproduced either totally or in part without the express permission of this Company. Where information from the accompanying report is to be included in contract documents or engineering specification for the project, the entire report should be included in order to minimize the likelihood of misinterpretation from logs.

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The report as a whole presents the site assessment, and must not be copied in part or altered in any way.

Logs, figures, drawings, test results etc. included in our reports are developed by professionals based on their interpretation of field logs (assembled by field personnel) and laboratory evaluation of field samples. These data should not under any circumstances be redrawn for inclusion in other documents or separated from the report in any way.

#### **PARTIAL USE OF REPORT**

Where the recommendations of the report are only partially followed, there may be significant implications for the project and could lead to problems. Consult Asset if you are not intending to follow all of the report recommendations, to assess what the implications could be. Asset does not accept responsibility for problems that develop where the report recommendations have only been partially followed if they have not been consulted.

#### OTHER LIMITATIONS

Asset will not be liable to update or revise the report to take into account any events or emergent circumstances or fact occurring or becoming apparent after the date of the report.

#### Soil and Rock Explanation Sheets (1 of 2)



#### LOG ABBREVIATIONS AND NOTES

METHOD					
borehole logs		excavation logs			
AS	auger screw *	NE	natural excavation		
AD	auger drill *	HE	hand excavation		
RR	roller / tricone	вн	backhoe bucket		
W	washbore	EX	excavator bucket		
CT	cable tool	DZ	dozer blade		
HA	hand auger	R	ripper tooth		
D	diatube				
В	blade / blank bit				
V	V-bit				
Т	TC-bit				
* bit shown by suffix e.g. ADV					

coring

NMLC, NQ, PQ, HQ

SUPPORT borehole logs exca			vation logs
N	nil	N	nif
М	mud	S	shoring
C	casing	В	benched
NQ	NQ rods		

#### CORE—LIFT

Ш	casing installed
$\Box$	harrel withdraw

#### **NOTES, SAMPLES, TESTS**

D	disturbed
В	bulk disturbed
U50	thin-walled sample

U50 thin-walled sample, 50mm diameter HP hand penetrometer (kPa)

SV shear vane test (kPa)

DCP dynamic cone penetrometer (blows per 100mm penetration)

SPT standard penetration test
N\* SPT value (blows per 300mm)
\* denotes sample taken
Nc SPT with solid cone
R refusal of DCP or SPT

#### **USCS SYMBOLS**

GW Well graded gravels and gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines.
GP Poorly graded gravels and gravel-sand mixtures, little or no

fines.

GM Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures.

GC Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures.

SW Well graded sands and gravelly sands, little or no fines.Poorly graded sands and gravelly sands, little or no fines.

SM Silty sand, sand-silt mixtures.

SC Clayey sand, sand-clay mixtures.

ML Inorganic silts of low plasticity, very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands.

CL Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays.

OL Organic silts and organic silty clays of low plasticity.

MH Inorganic silts of high plasticity.
CH Inorganic clays of high plasticity.

OH Organic clays of medium to high plasticity.

PT Peat muck and other highly organic soils.

#### MOISTURE CONDITION

D	dry
M	moist
W	wet
Wp	plastic limit
WI	liquid limit

friable

CONSISTENCY		DENS	DENSITY INDEX		
VS	very soft	VL	very loose		
S	soft	L	loose		
F	firm	MD	medium dense		
St	stiff	D	dense		
12V	very stiff	VD	very dense		
н	hard				

#### **GRAPHIC LOG**

Soil		Rock	Other
$\boxtimes$	Fill	Sandstone	Asphalt
	Peat, Topsoil	Shale	Concrete
	Clay	Clayey Shale	Brick
	Silty Clay	Sittstone	
//	Gravelly Clay	Conglomerate	Water
//	Sandy Clay	Claystone	Level
	Silt	Dolerite, Basalt	
	Sandy Silt	Granite	Outflow (partial)
X	Clayey Silt	Limestone	VF /
0	Gravelly Silt	Tuff	Boundaries
00	Gravel	Porphyry	Known
8	Sandy Gravel	Pegmatite	Possible
36	Clayey Gravel	Gneiss, Schist	
4.0	Sitty Gravel	Quartzile	
	Sand	Coal	
00,	Gravelly Sandy		
	Silty Sand		
/	Clayey Sand		

WEATHERING		STRENGTH	
XW	extremely weathered	EL	extremely low
HW	highly weathered	VL	very low
MW	moderately weathered	L	low
SW	slightly weathered	M	medium
FR	fresh	Н	high
		VH	very high
		EH	extremely high

#### RQD (%

sum of intact core pieces > 2 x diameter x 100 total length of section being evaluated

#### DEFECTS:

type		coatii	<u>18</u>
JT	joint	cl	clean
PT	parting	st	stained
SZ	shear zone	ve	veneer
SM	seam	co	coating
<u>shape</u>		rougi	
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JIIUPC		, o ag	77-600
pl	planar	ро	polished
cu	curved	sl	slickensided
un	undulating	sm	smooth
st	stepped	ro	rough
îr	irregular	vr	very rough

#### inclination

measured above axis and perpendicular to core

#### Soil and Rock Explanation Sheets (2 of 2)



#### AS1726-1993

Soils and rock are described in the following terms, which are broadly in accordance with AS1726-1993.

#### SOIL

#### **MOISTURE CONDITION**

Term Description

Dry Looks and feels dry. Cohesive and cemented soils are hard, friable or powdery. Un-cemented granular soils run freely through the hand.

Moist Feels cool and darkened in colour. Cohesive soils can be moulded.

Granular soils tend to cohere.

Wet As for moist, but with free water forming on hands when handled. Moisture content of cohesive soils may also be described in relation to plastic limit ( $W_P$ ) or liquid limit ( $W_L$ ) [>> much greater than, > greater than, < less than, << much less than].

#### **CONSISTENCY OF COHESIVE SOILS**

Term_	Su (kPa)	<u>Term</u>	Su (kPa)
Very soft	< 12	Very Stiff	100 - 200
Soft	12 - 25	Hard	> 200
Firm	25 - 50	Friable	(€
Stiff	50 - 100		

#### **DENSITY OF GRANULAR SOILS**

<u>Term</u>	Density Index (%)	<u>Term</u>	Density Index (%)
Very Loose	< 15	Dense	65 - 85
Loose	15 - 35	Very Dense	>85
Medium Dense	35 - 65		

#### **PARTICLE SIZE**

Name Boulders	Subdivision	Size (mm) > 200
Cobbles		63 - 200
Gravel	coarse	20 - 63
	medium	6 – 20
	fine	2.36 - 6
Sand	coarse	0.6 - 2.36
	medium	0.2 - 0.6
	fine	0.075 - 0.2
Silt & Clay		< 0.075

#### MINOR COMPONENTS

<u>Term</u>	Proportion by Ma	ss:
	coarse grained	fine grained
Trace	= 5%	= 15%
Some	5 – 2%	15 - 30%

#### **SOIL ZONING**

Layers Continuous exposures.

Lenses Discontinuous layers of lenticular shape.

Pockets Irregular inclusions of different material.

#### SOIL CEMENTING

Weakly Easily broken up by hand.

Moderately Effort is required to break up the soil by hand.

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#### **ROCK**

#### SEDIMENTARY ROCK TYPE DEFINITIONS

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Rock Type	Definition (more than 50% of rock consists of)	
Conglomerate	gravel sized (>2mm) fragments.	
Sandstone	sand sized (0.06 to 2mm) grains.	
Siltstone	silt sized (<0.06mm) particles, rock is not laminated.	
Claystone	clay, rock is not laminated.	

... silt or clay sized particles, rock is laminated.

#### **LAYERING**

Shale

Term	<u>Description</u>
Massive	No layering apparent.
Poorly Developed	Layering just visible. Little effect on properties.
Well Developed	Layering distinct. Rock breaks more easily parallel
	to layering

#### STRUCTURE

Term	Spacing (mm)	Term	Spacing
Thinly laminated	<6	Medium bedded	200 - 600
Laminated	6 – 20	Thickly bedded	600 - 2,000
Very thinly bedded	20 - 60	Very thickly bedded	> 2,000
Thinly bedded	60 - 200		

#### STRENGTH (NOTE: Is50 = Point Load Strength Index)

<u>ls50 (MPa)</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Is50 (MPa)</u>
<0.03	High	1.0 - 3.0
0.03 - 0.1	Very High	3.0 - 10.0
0.1 - 0.3	Extremely High	>10.0
0.3 - 1.0		
	<u>Is50 (MPa)</u> <0.03 0.03 - 0.1 0.1 - 0.3	<ul> <li>&lt;0.03 High</li> <li>0.03 - 0.1 Very High</li> <li>0.1 - 0.3 Extremely High</li> </ul>

WEATHERING	
Term	Description
Residual Soil	Soil derived from weathering of rock; the mass structure and substance fabric are no longer evident.
Extremely	Rock is weathered to the extent that it has soil properties (either disintegrates or can be remoulded). Fabric of original rock is still visible.
Highly	Rock strength usually highly changed by weathering; rock may be highly discoloured.
Moderately	Rock strength usually moderately changed by weathering; rock may be moderately discoloured.
Slightly	Rock is slightly discoloured but shows little or no change of strength from fresh rock.
Fresh	Rock shows no signs of decomposition or staining.

#### DEFECT DESCRIPTION

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Joint	A surface or crack across which the rock has little or no
	tensile strength. May be open or closed.
Parting	A surface or crack across which the rock has little or no
	tensile strength. Parallel or sub-parallel to layering/bed
	ding. May be open or closed.
Sheared Zone	Zone of rock substance with roughly parallel, near pla-
	nar, curved or undulating boundaries cut by closely
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nar, curved or undulating boundaries cut by closely spaced joints, sheared surfaces or other defects.

Seam Seam with deposited soil (infill), extremely weathered insitu rock (XW), or disoriented usually angular fragments of the host rock (crushed).

#### <u>Shape</u>

Planar	Consistent orientation.
Curved	Gradual change in orientation.
Undulating	Wavy surface.
Stepped	One or more well defined steps.
Irregular	Many sharp changes in orientation.
Roughness	
Polished	Shiny smooth surface

Polished Shiny smooth surface.
Slickensided Grooved or striated surface, usually polished.
Smooth Smooth to touch. Few or no surface irregularities.
Rough Many small surface irregularities (amplitude generally <1mm). Feels like fine to coarse sandpaper.
Very Rough Many large surface irregularities, amplitude generally

>1mm. Feels like very coarse sandpaper.

 Coating

 Clean
 No visible coating or discolouring.

 Stained
 No visible coating but surfaces are discolored.

 Veneer
 A visible coating of soil or mineral, too thin to measure;

may be patchy

Coating Visible coating =1mm thick. Thicker soil material described as seam.