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Appendix 5.4B Geotechnical Supplemental Memo



#### [EXTERNAL] FW: Final Viracocha Hill BESS Geotechnical Note

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Hi Jacobs Team,

Please see the Geotech memo from Burns & McDonell below.

Best,

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Hi Jorge and team,

As discussed this week, here is the final geotechnical note for you to utilize:

"The geotechnical engineering report for the wind turbine structures was based on soil borings at 20 different wind turbine locations. A general understanding of the soil characteristics across the wind turbine areas was extrapolated from the geotechnical report and used to determine a conceptual foundation and grading design for the CEC application BESS yard. However, due to the distance between the BESS yard and the closest wind turbine, the foundation and grading design for the BESS yard may vary from the EOR's conceptual design based on a BESS-specific geotechnical report."

While BWE is not able to add this note directly to our deliverables, we added an "Assumptions and Clarifications" section in the Design Basis document. This section addresses how the geotechnical information provided has been utilized in our design. I have included a screenshot below:

# 1.5 Design Assumptions and Clarifications

- Both the structural and civil design were based on the provided wind geotechnical report, "Design Level Geotech Investigation report - 33012 (7-14-23)". Per direction from Viracocha Wind LLC, BWE used boring logs and geotechnical recommendations from the report to extrapolate soil characteristics to determine a conceptual foundation and grading design for the BESS area.
- Based on the provided geotechnical report listed above, the grading design assumes that the sandstone is able to be excavated in the BESS area, and that excavated material will be able to be used as general fill or will be able to be processed if needed into engineered fill without importing additional materials.

Best,

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