

CAIRNS SHIPPING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement

APPENDIX J: Assessment of Materials Proposed for Dredging Report (2016)





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ADDITIONAL STUDIES - DREDGED MATERIALS

Cairns Shipping Development Project

REPORT



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Flanagan Consulting Group (FCG) previously commissioned Golder Associates Pty Ltd (Golder) to provide geotechnical advice as part of the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Cairns Shipping Development (CSD) Project. Geotechnical input related to the assessment of the values and constraints associated with the materials proposed to be dredged included the following:

- Assessment of subsurface conditions likely to be encountered in the proposed dredging;
- Assessment of the geotechnical properties of the materials to be dredged;
- Assessment of the ASS properties of the materials to be dredged.
- Preparation of a 3D model of ground conditions relevant to the proposed dredging.

The results of the previous studies were presented in Golder report 1546223-006-R-Rev1 in October 2016. Subsequent to the studies Golder was commissioned to re-assess the materials likely to be encountered during dredging based on revised channel design information provided by Ports North.

This report presents the results of our assessment. Note that this report should be read in conjunction with our previous report, and that where relevant this report supersedes the previous report.

2.0 GROUND MODEL

As outlined in our previous report an interpreted 3-dimensional (3D) model of ground conditions was developed using the VulcanTM geological modelling software. The main feature of the model was the top of stiff clay, with this boundary surface being equivalent to the base of soft clay where a soft clay layer is present or, coincident with the sea bed where stiff clay occurs at sea bed level.

The modelled surface of the stiff clay was used in combination with the bathymetric survey information and channel design information provided to estimate the expected volumes of different materials for maintenance and capital dredging.

The initial model was based on the following:

- Bathymetric survey – “Composite survey data.dxf” provided by email to Golder by BMT JFA on 2 August 2016;
- Capital Channel design – “Rev B Revised Draft EIS Channel design Model.dxf” provided by email to Golder by BMT JFA on 2 August 2016;
- Maintenance Channel design – “Existing channel design 2016-08-02.dxf” provided to Golder by BMT JFA on 2 August 2016;

The model has been revised based on the following:

- Post 2016 bathymetry – provided by email from Ports North on 27 October 2016; and
- Ports North mark up of channel cross sections prepared by Golder at 250 m intervals along the channel – provided in emails from Ports North on 28 November, 30 November and 12 December, 2016.

Based on the revised model, plans showing where dredging is proposed and the materials expected to be encountered in the proposed capital dredging are shown on Figures F001 to F002.

Cross sections of the channel showing the design dredging profiles and the materials expected to be encountered in the dredging are shown on Figures F003 to F012.



3.0 VOLUMES AND DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

Based on the revised model the re-calculated volumes of materials to be dredged are summarised below.

Table 1: Volumes of Materials to be Dredged

Material Type	Volume (m ³)
Soft clays	698,755
Stiff clays	92,309
Total	791,064

The distribution of materials within the capital dredging was also calculated by chainage and is summarised below.

Table 2: Distribution of Materials to be Dredged by Chainage

Chainage	Volume of Soft Clays (m ³)	Volume of Stiff Clays (m ³)	Total Volume (m ³)
11000-11500	42558	2783	45340
11500-12000	356	0	356
12000-12500	880	2316	3196
12500-13000	21346	2160	23506
13000-13500	13812	579	14391
13500-14000	3337	1923	5260
14000-14500	6419	9541	15960
14500-15000	12923	30687	43610
15000-15500	31136	1280	32416
15500-16000	44424	15965	60390
16000-16500	47187	2997	50184
16500-17000	34641	380	35021
17000-17500	43571	6213	49784
17500-18000	57749	12499	70248
18000-18500	89979	2382	92361
18500-19000	77999	43	78041
19000-19500	71070	485	71555
19500-20000	34862	1	34863
20000-20500	16182	16	16198
20500-21000	18504	57	18562
21000-21500	10539	2	10541
21500-22000	8018	0	8018
22000-22500	4516	0	4516
22500-23000	1192	0	1192
23000-23500	1478	0	1478
23500-24000	3007	0	3007
24000-24500	1071	0	1071
Totals	698755	92309	791064



4.0 ACID SULFATE SOILS (ASS)

Our previous report indicated the following with regards to ASS materials that may be encountered in the capital dredging:

- The soft clays have potential acidity (chromium reducible sulfur) levels which would classify them as PASS. The total volume of these materials has been re-calculated as 698,755 m³.
- Most of the PASS materials have sufficient neutralising capacity to classify them as self-neutralising PASS (SNP). The volume of these SNP materials has been re-calculated as 450,863 m³.
- The locations where PASS materials (without sufficient neutralising capacity) have been identified are summarised below. The volume of these materials has been re-calculated as 247,892 m³ made up as follows:
 - Main Swing Basin – 42,914 m³
 - Crystal Swing Basin – 8,456 m³
 - CH14750-CH15250 - 31,136 m³
 - CH15250-CH16250 - 91,611 m³
 - CH17500-CH18000 - 73,775 m³

PASS was also detected at isolated investigation locations beyond CH19250 but at depths of 2m to 3m below the base of the channel. These results have not been considered further as these materials will not be disturbed by the proposed capital dredging. The stiff clays have been confirmed as non-ASS.

5.0 STIFF CLAYS

As indicated in Figures F001 to F002 and in Table 2, the locations where more significant volumes of stiff clays are likely to be encountered in the capital dredging are summarised below:

- CH14000-CH14500 – 9,541 m³
- CH14500-CH15000 – 30,687 m³
- CH15500-CH16000 – 15,965 m³
- CH17000-CH17500 – 6,213 m³
- CH17500-CH18000 – 12,499 m³

The volume of stiff clays encountered during capital dredging in the outer channel beyond CH18500 is likely to be ~600m³.

6.0 SANDS

As outlined in our previous report, sands were encountered at a number of inner harbour investigation locations (i.e. G1, G3, G4, G5 and G21), plus at CH 17500 (i.e. G10). The depth of the sands ranged from about 0.2 to 0.75 m, however the extent of the sands has not been assessed. It is noted that shell contents within the sands were inferred to range from about 20 to 40 % of the total mass based on visual observations.



7.0 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Your attention is drawn to the document – “Important information relating to this report” which is included as an Appendix to this report. The statements presented in this document are intended to advise you of what your realistic expectations of this report should be. The document is not intended to reduce the level of responsibility accepted by Golder Associates, but rather to ensure that all parties who may rely on this report are aware of the responsibilities each assumes in so doing. We would be pleased to answer any questions about this important information from the reader of this report.

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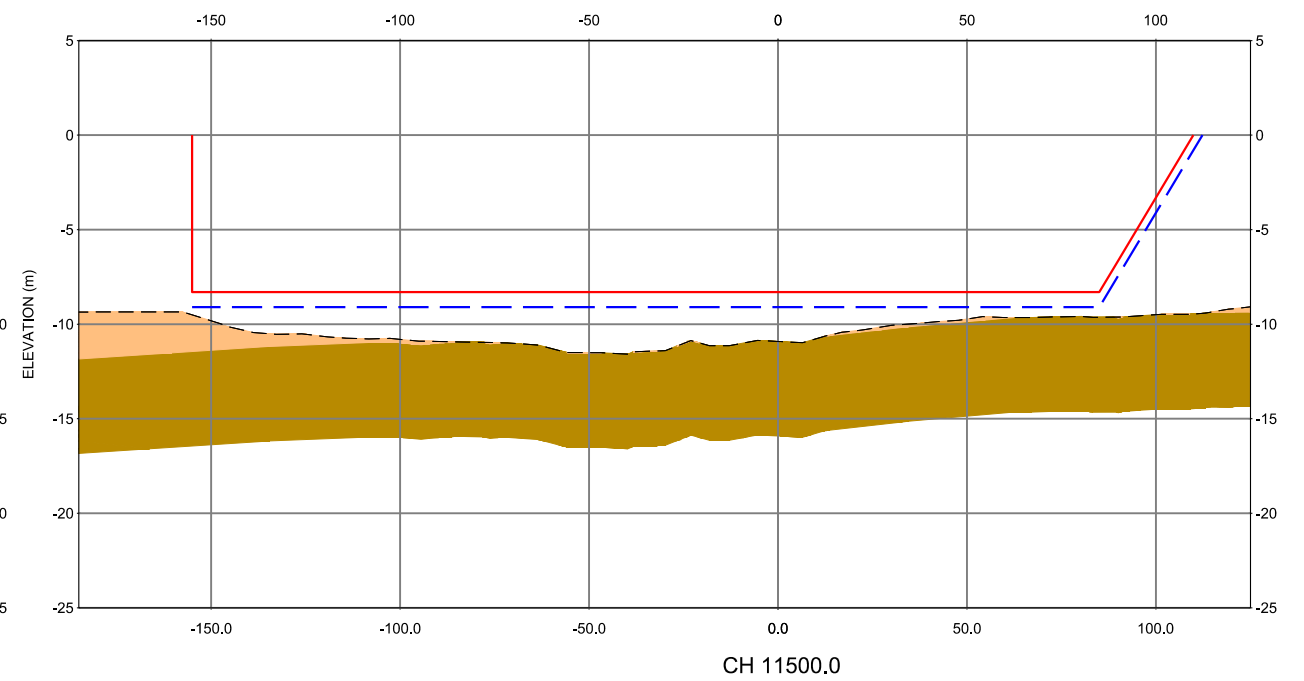
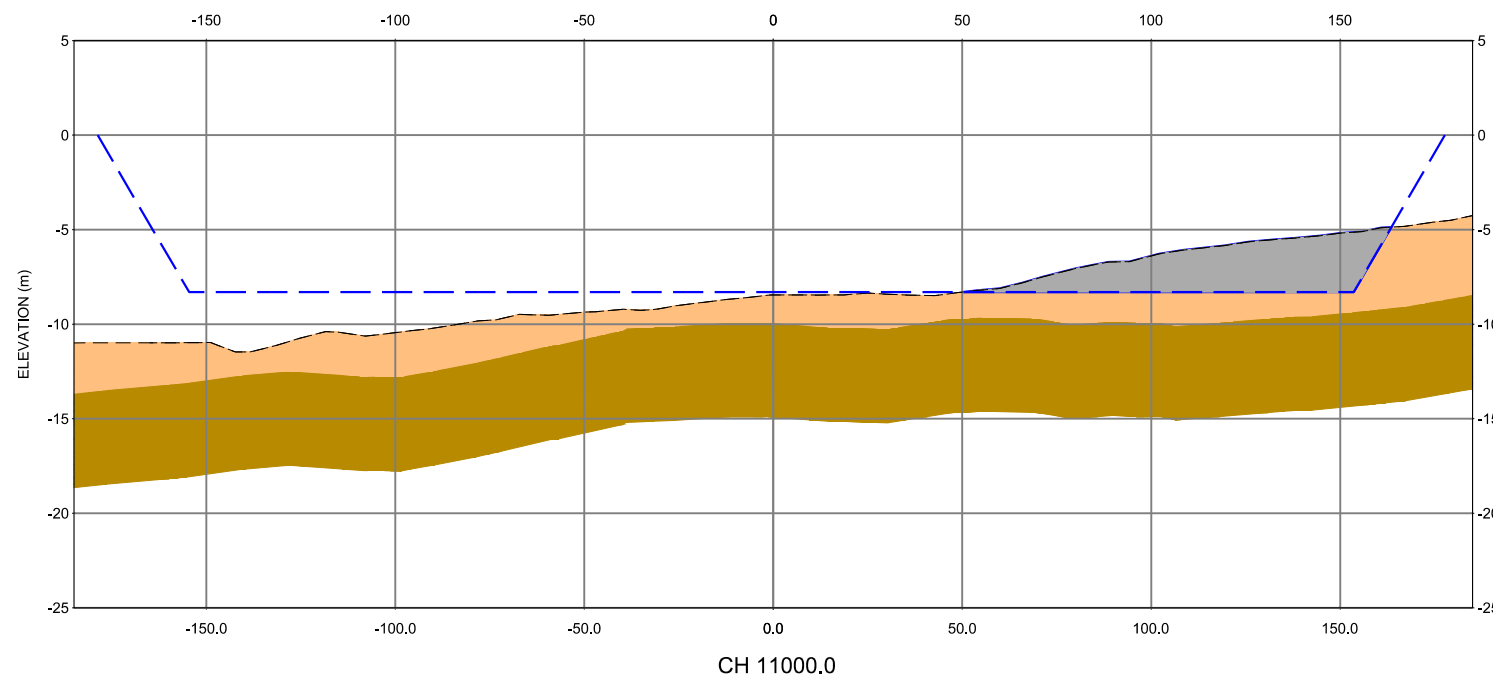
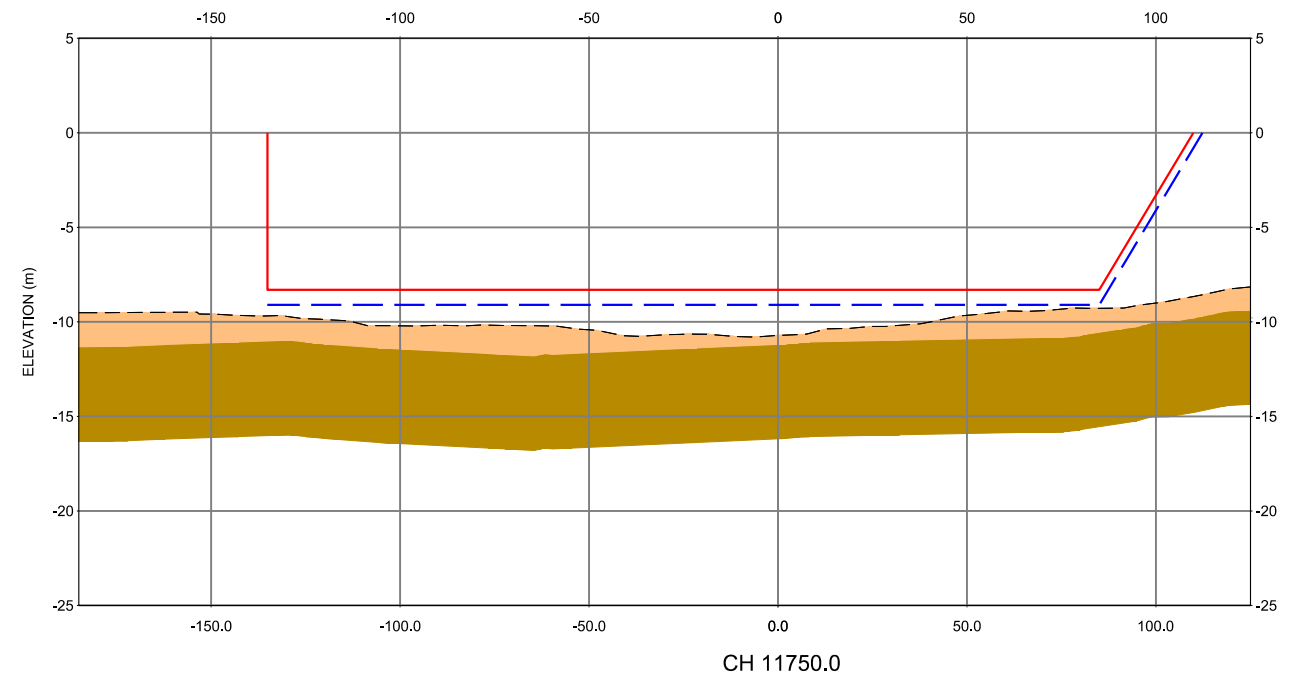
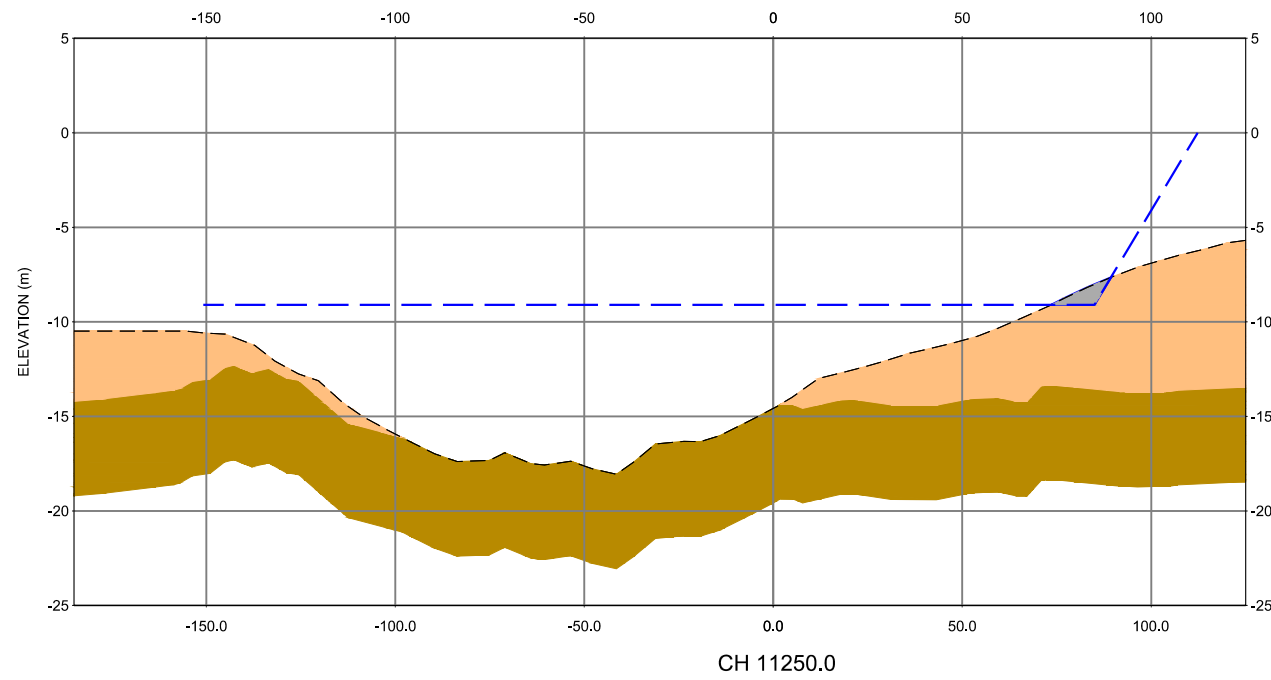
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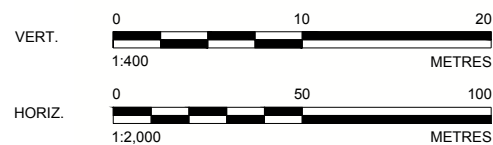
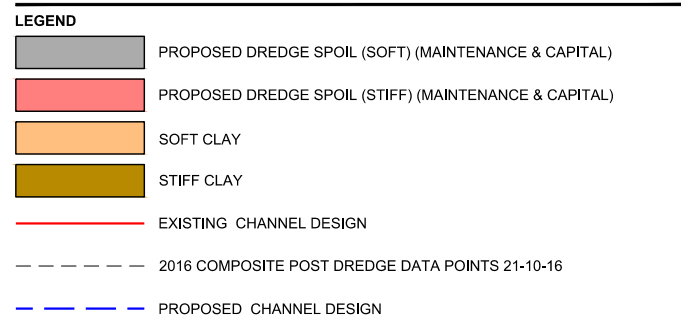
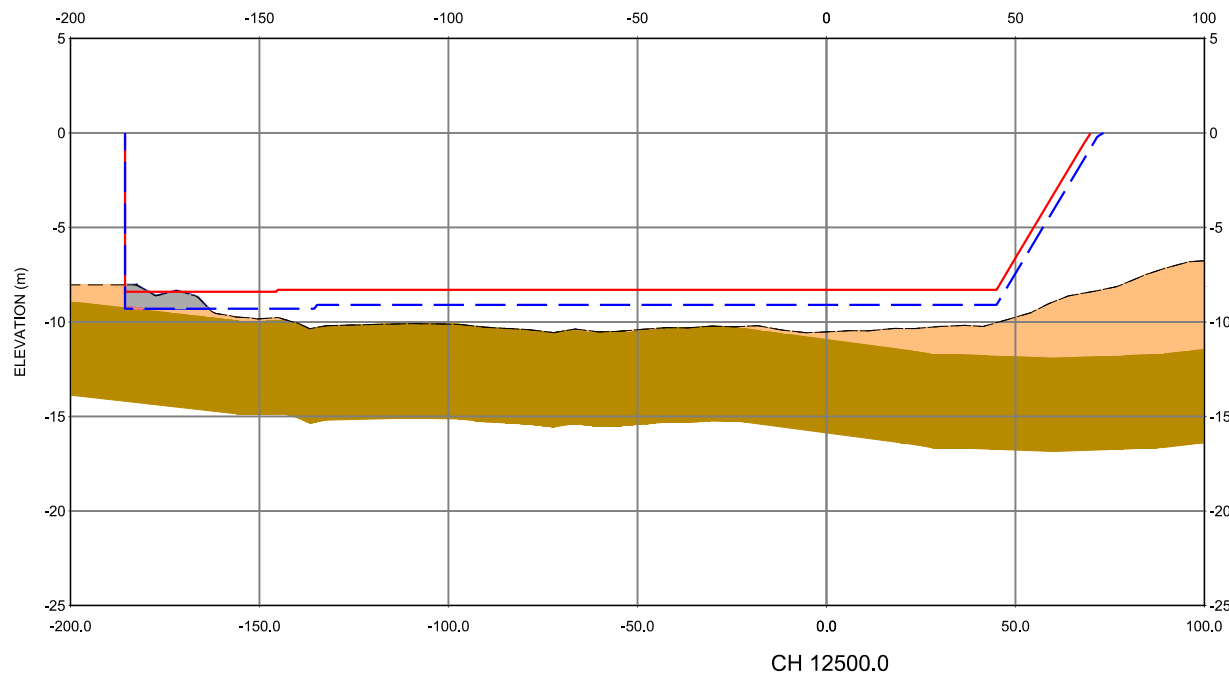
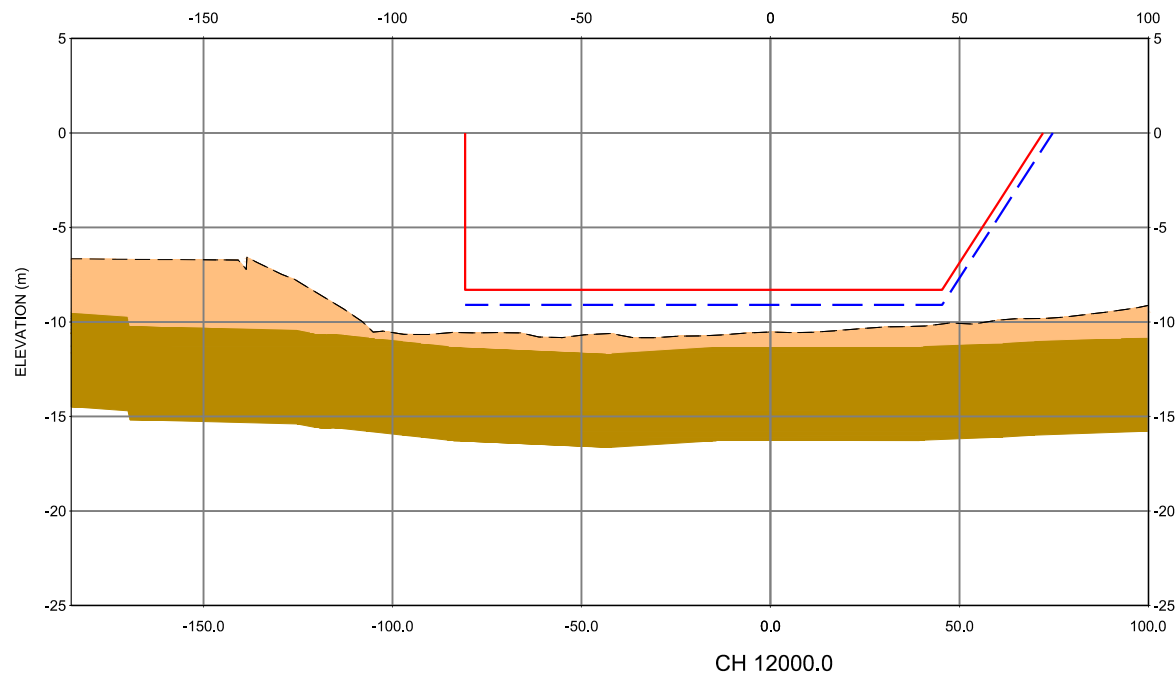
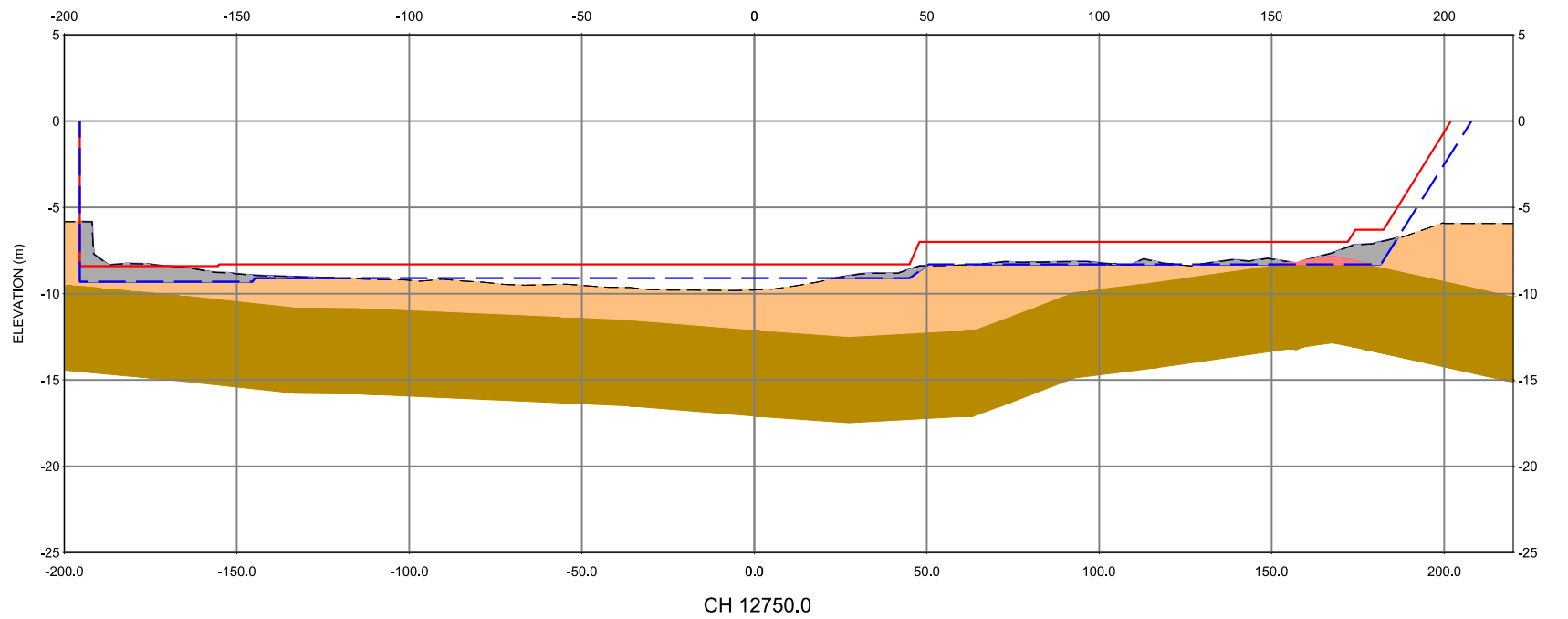
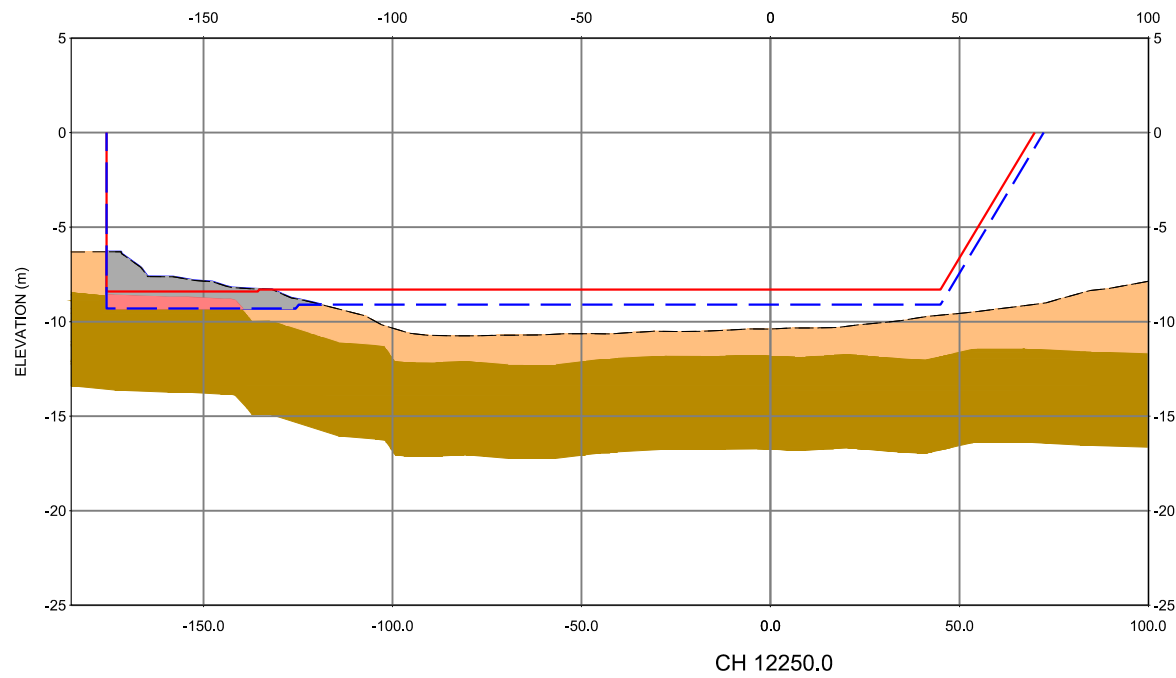
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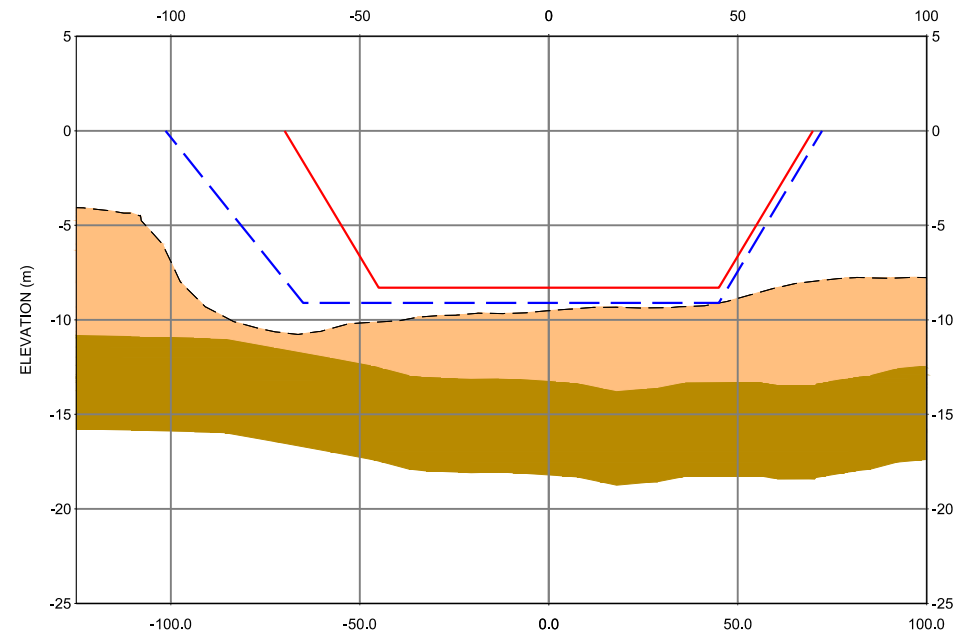
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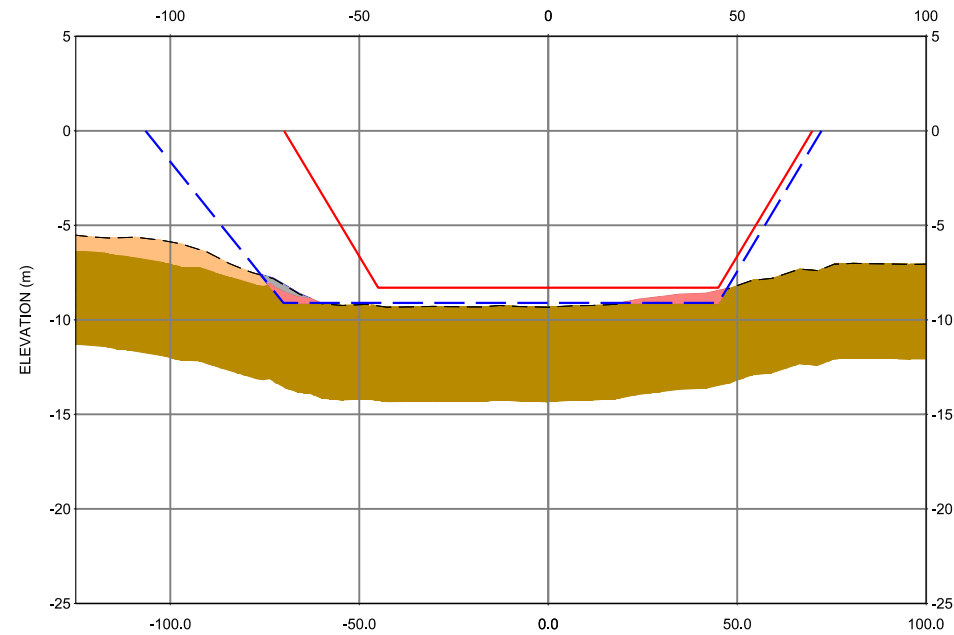
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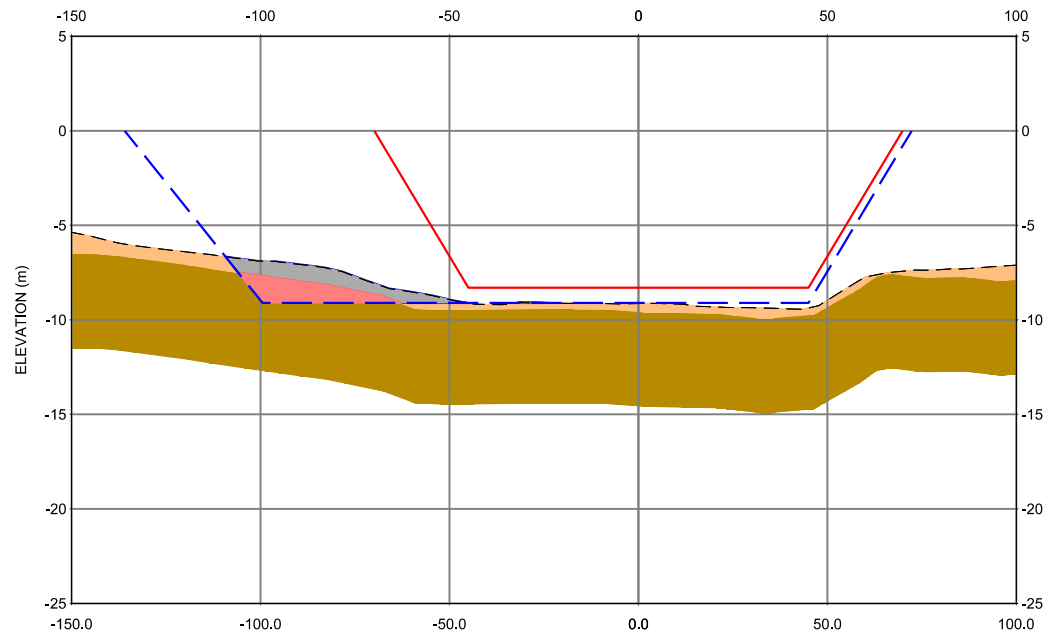
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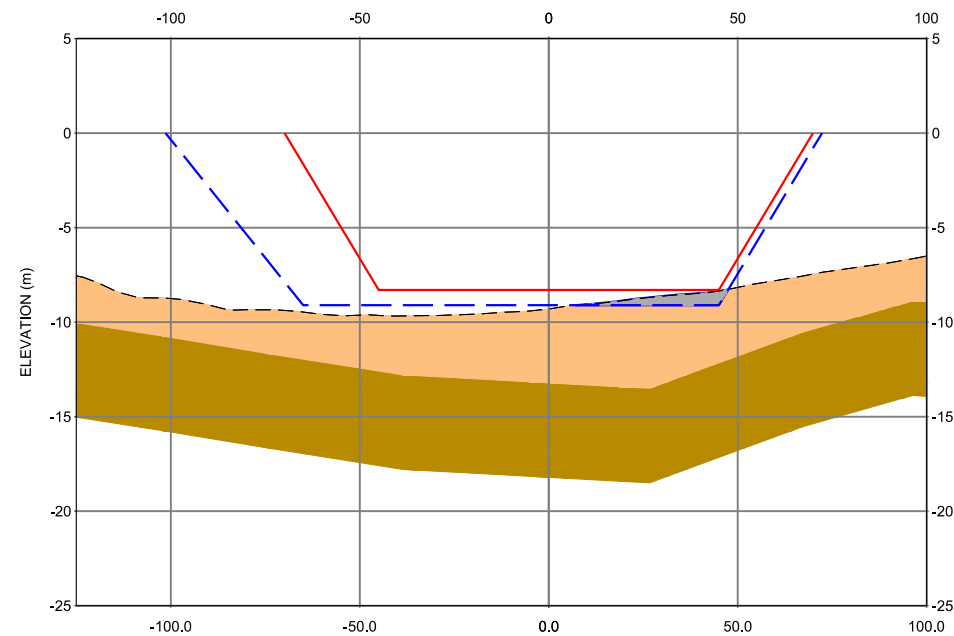
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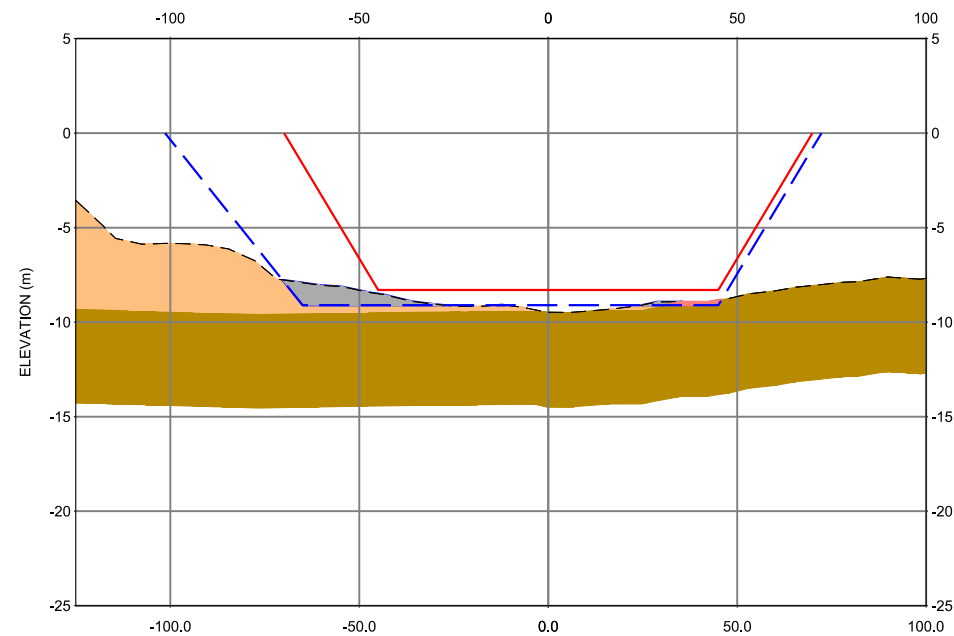
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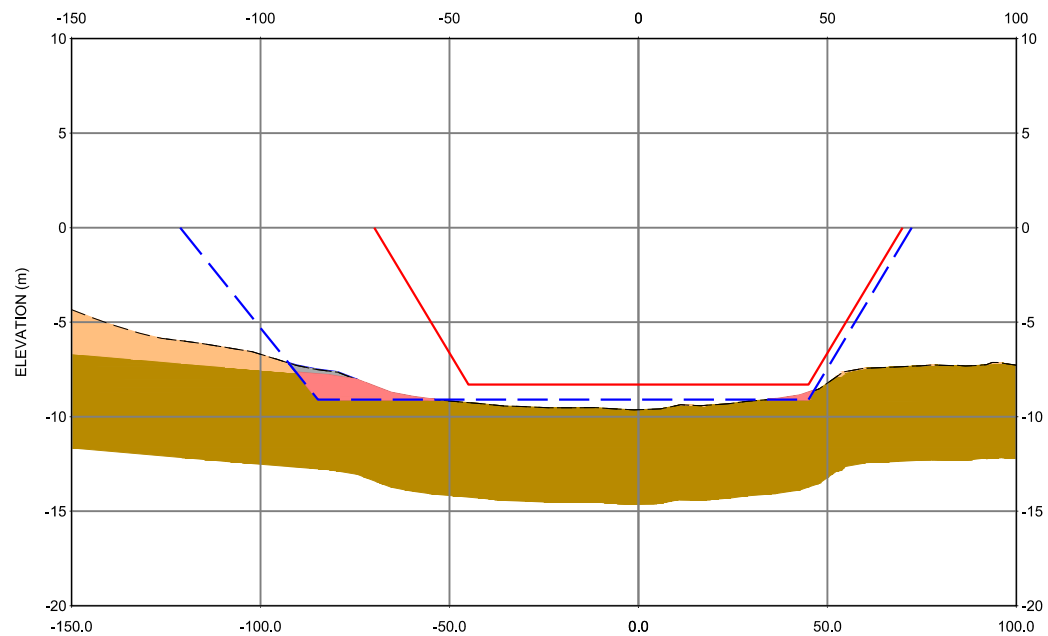
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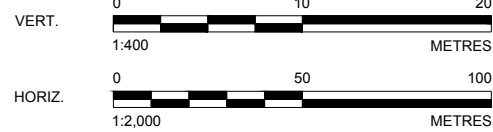
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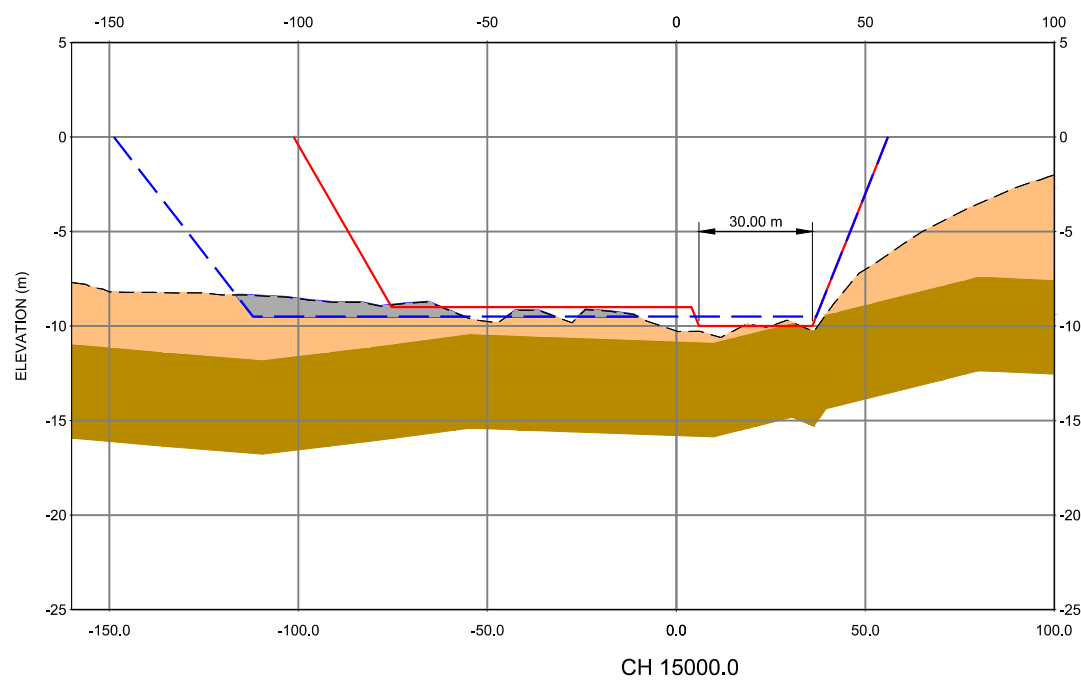
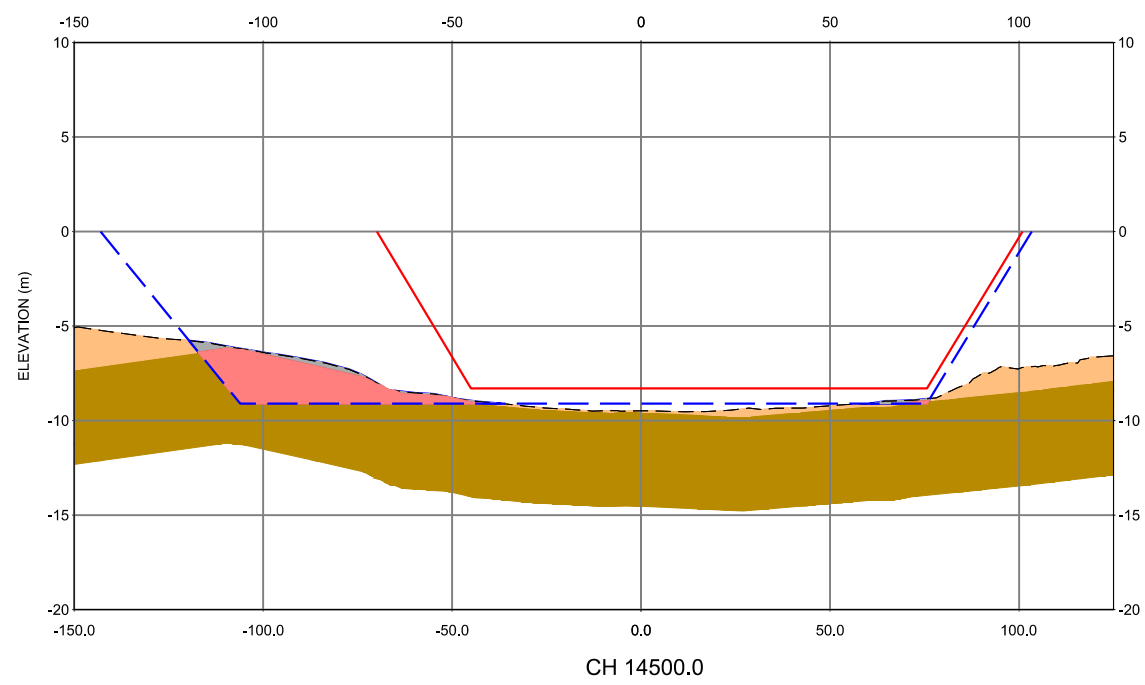
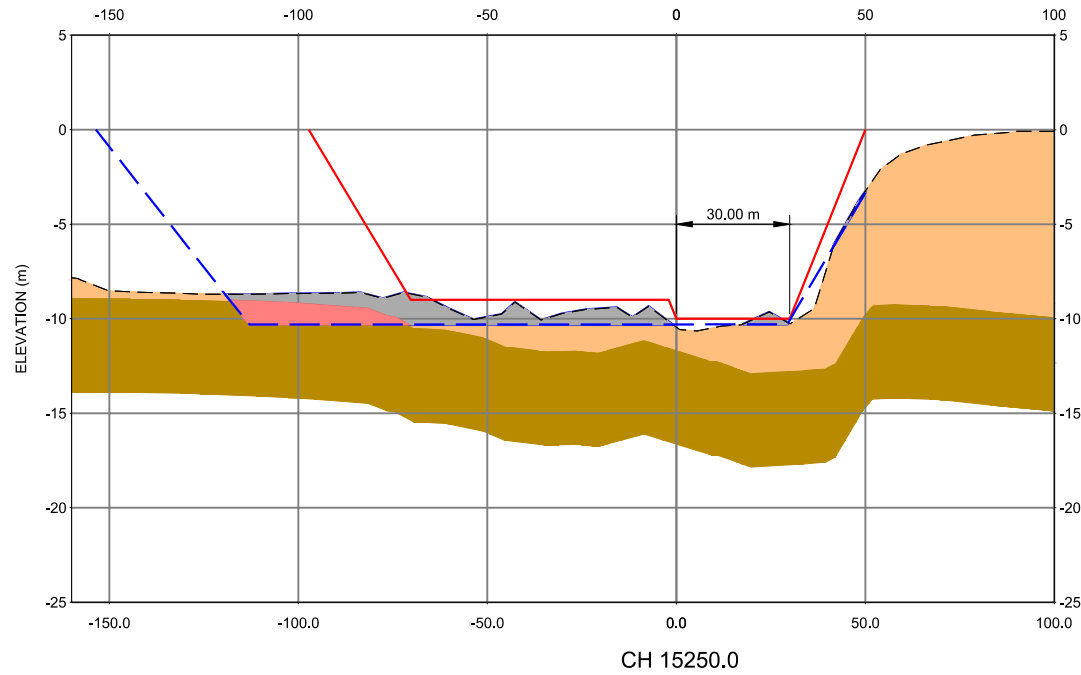
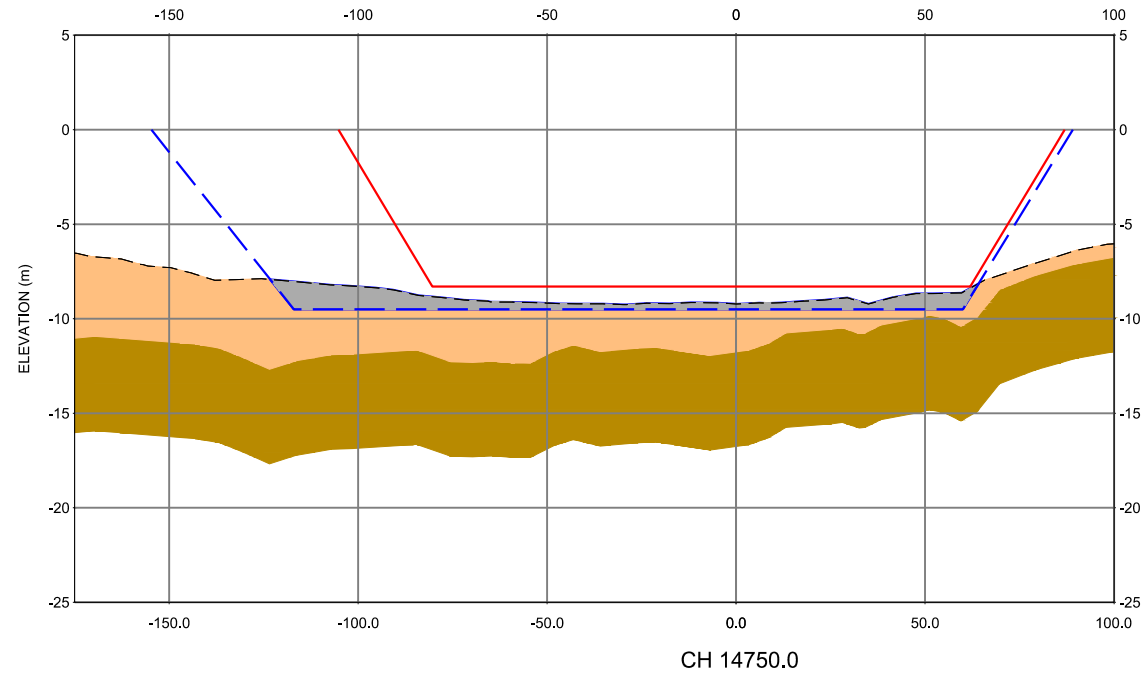
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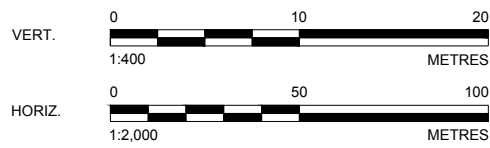
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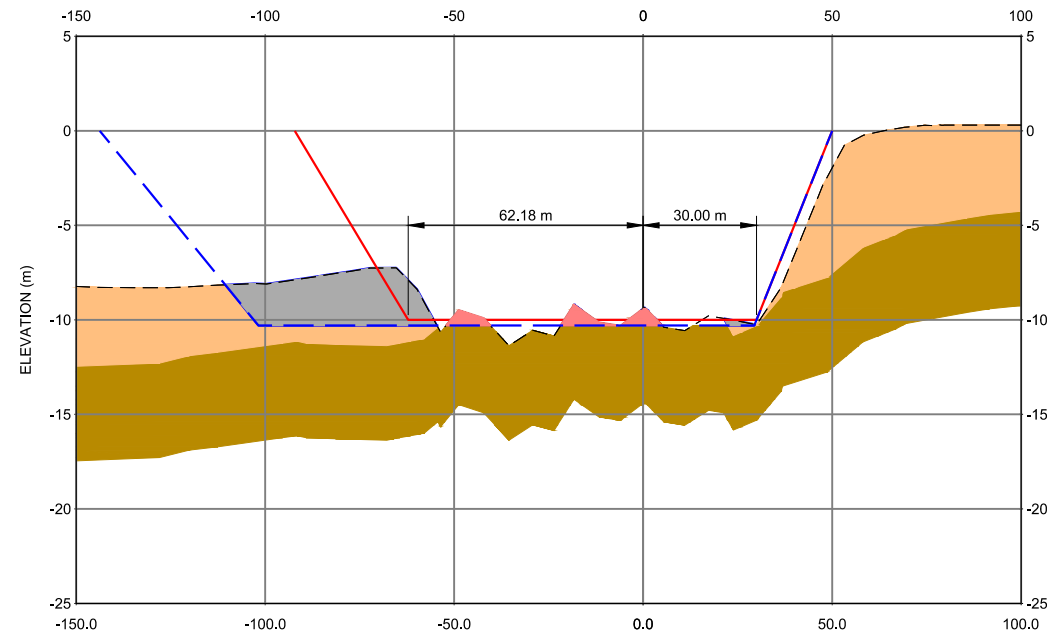
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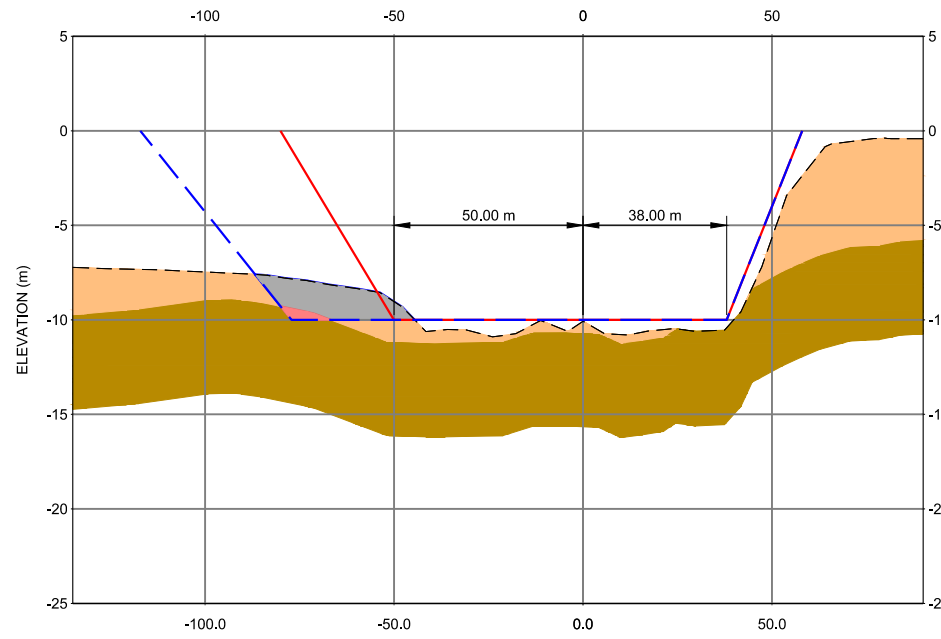
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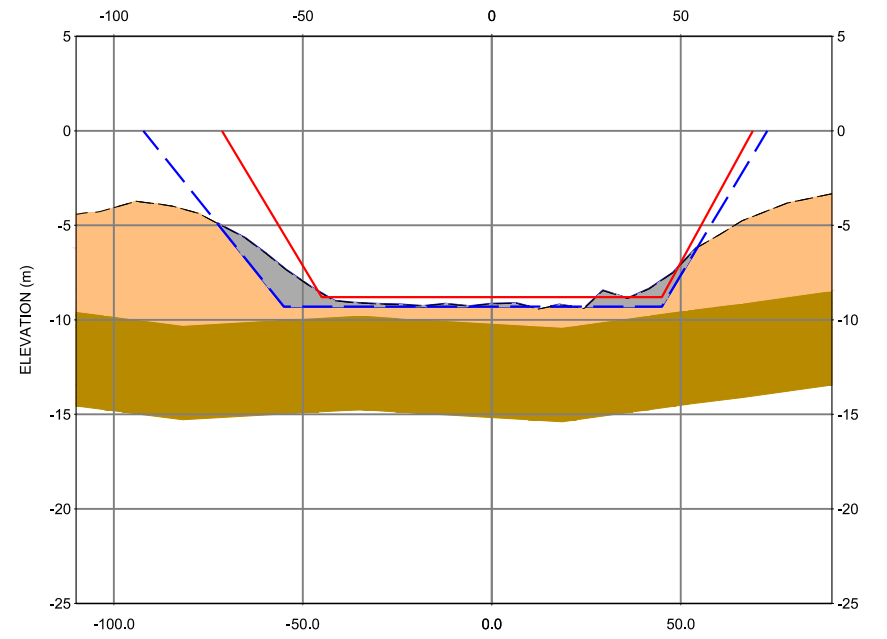
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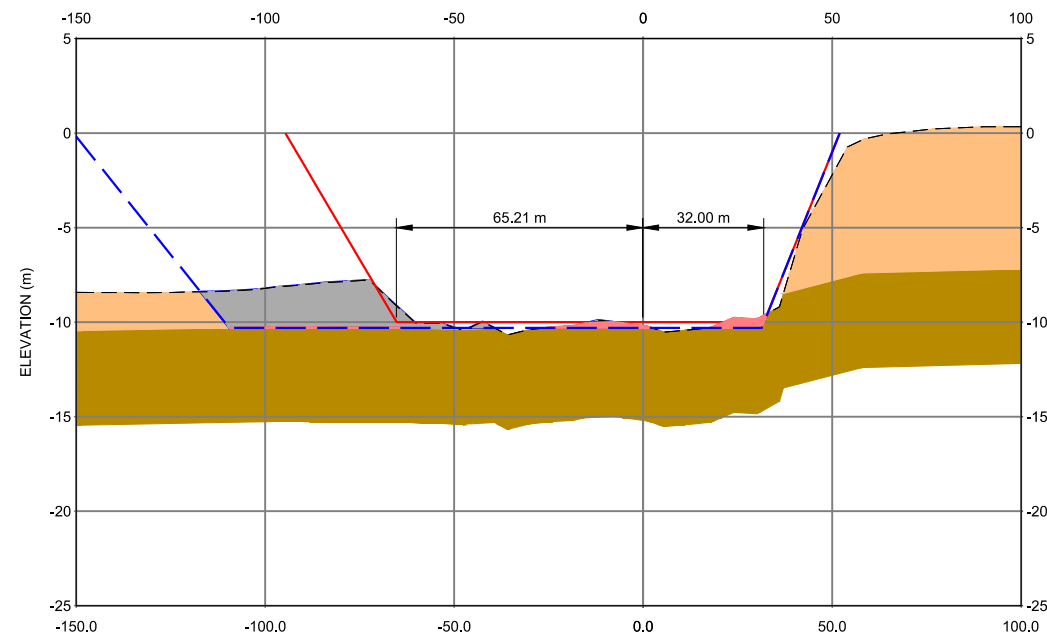
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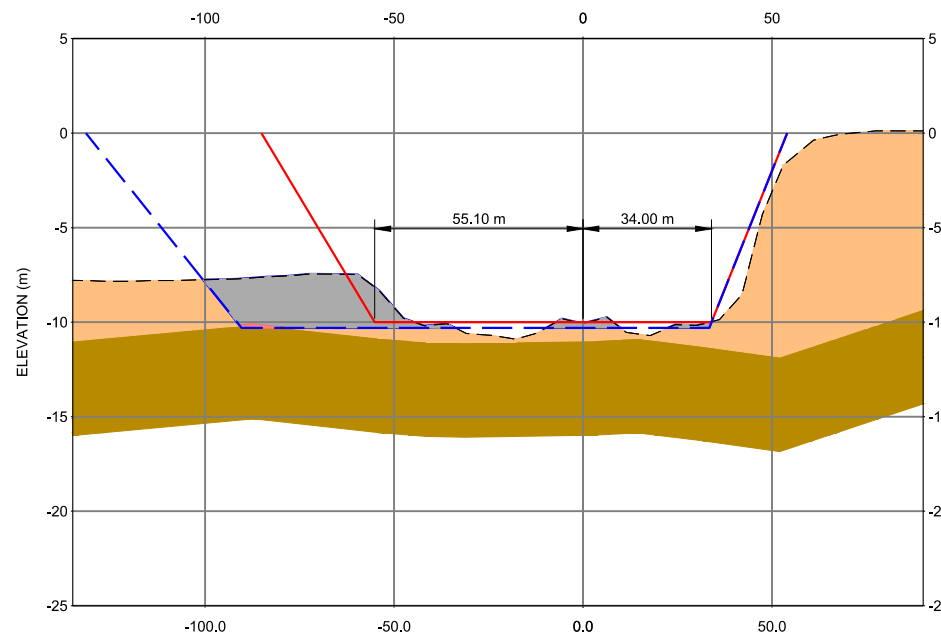
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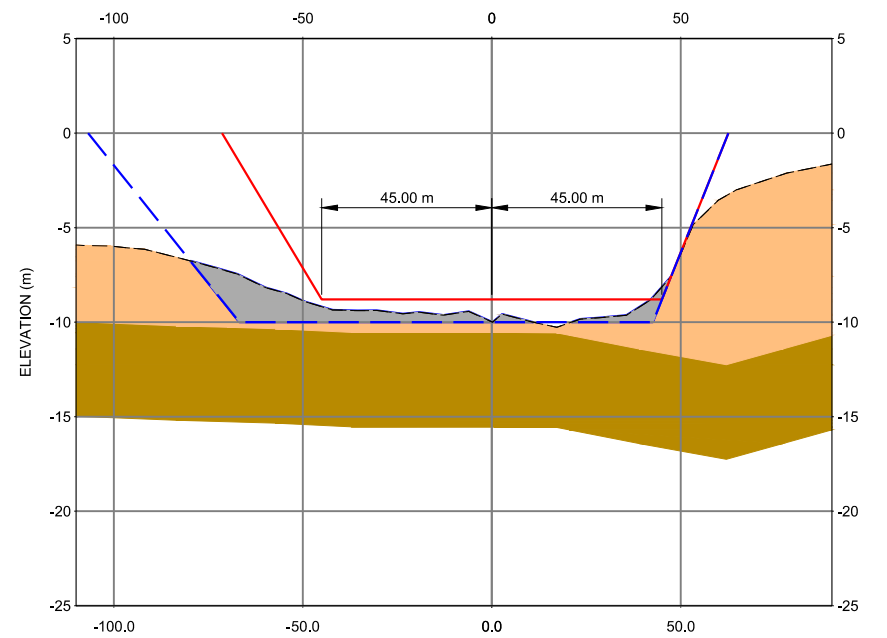
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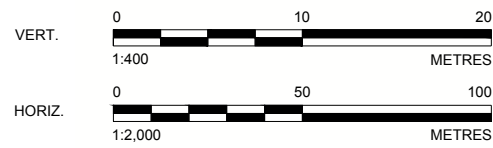


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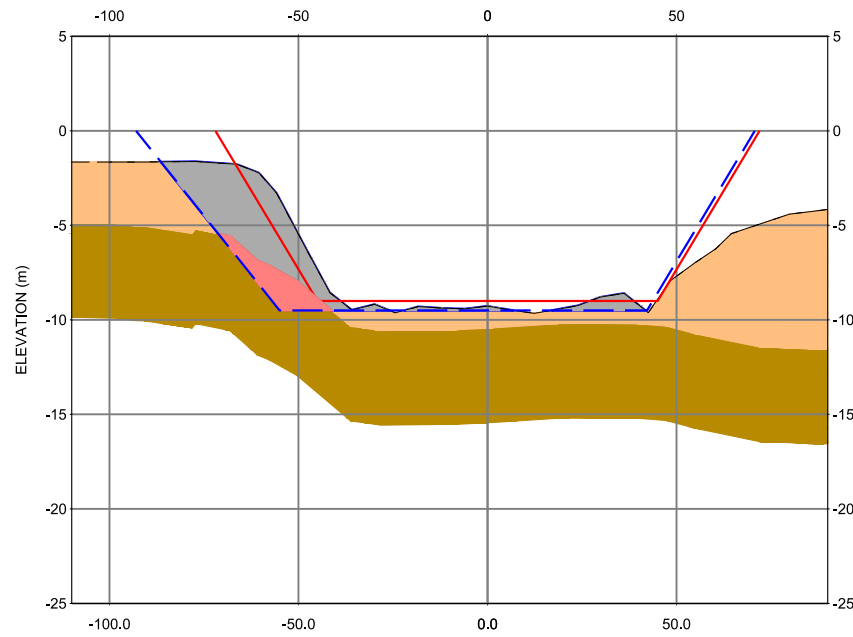
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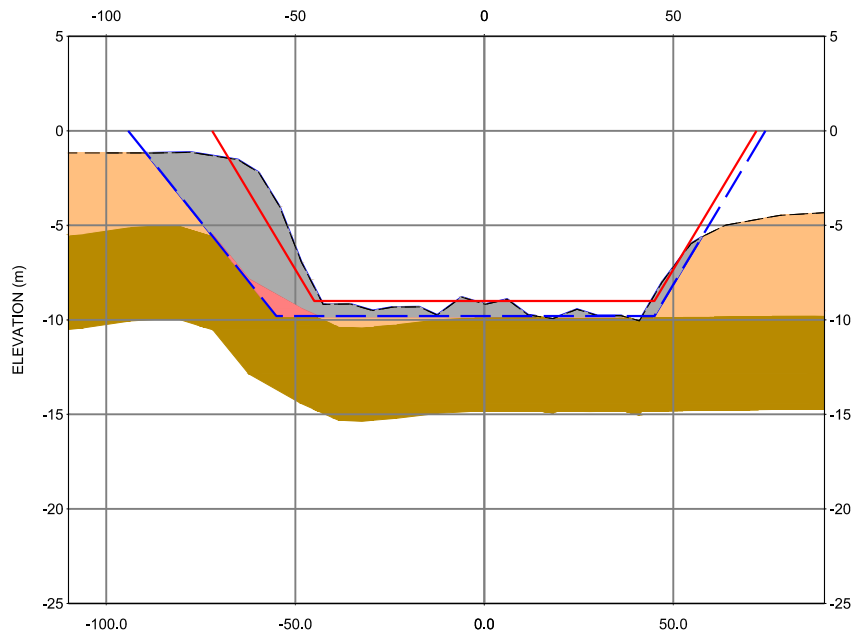
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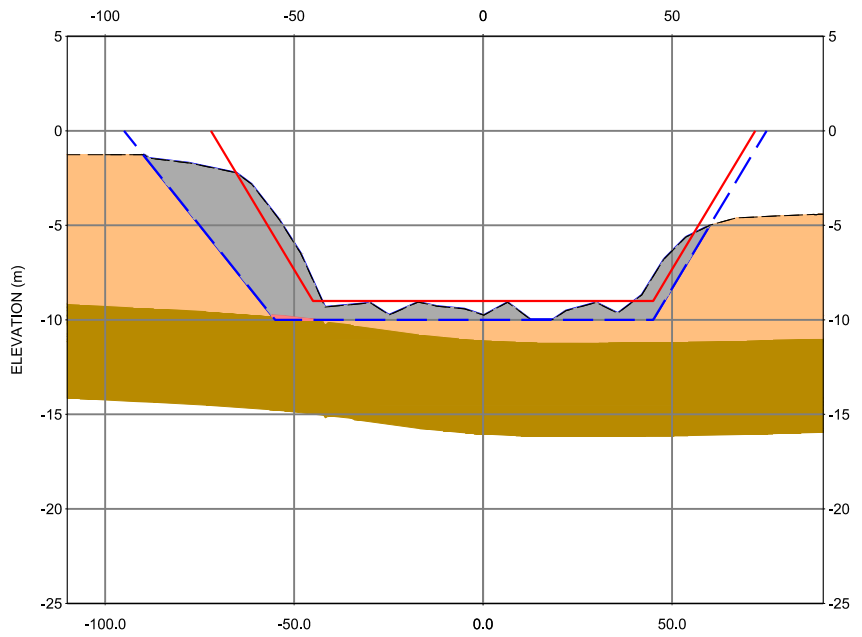
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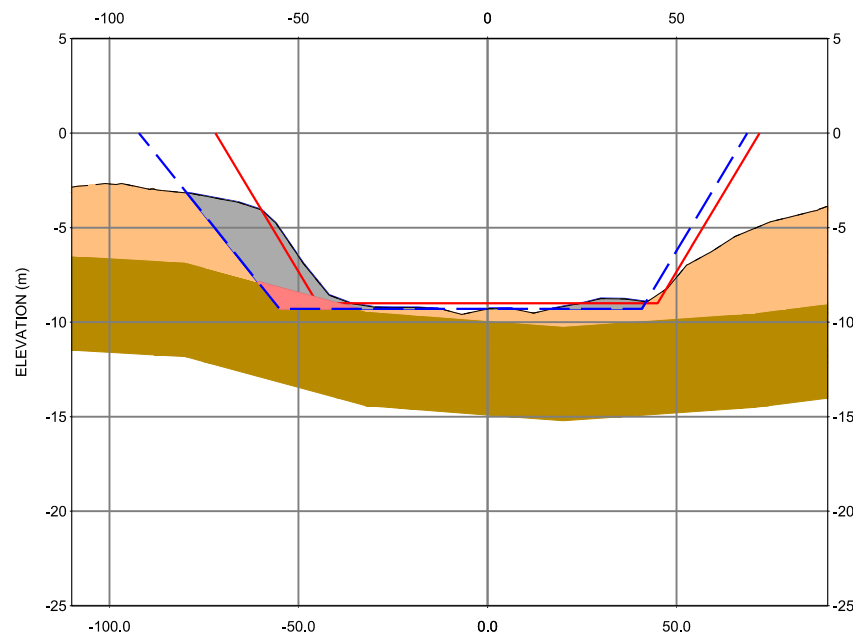
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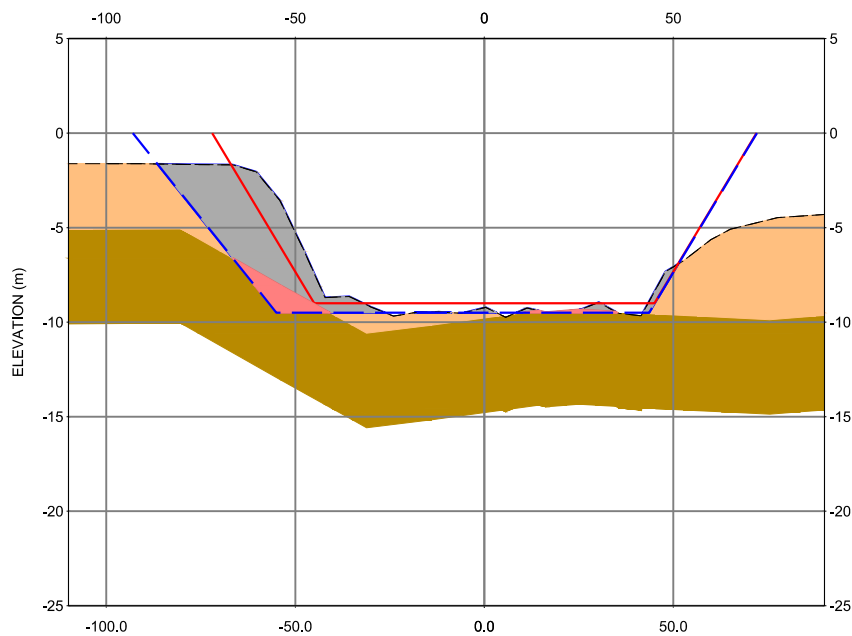
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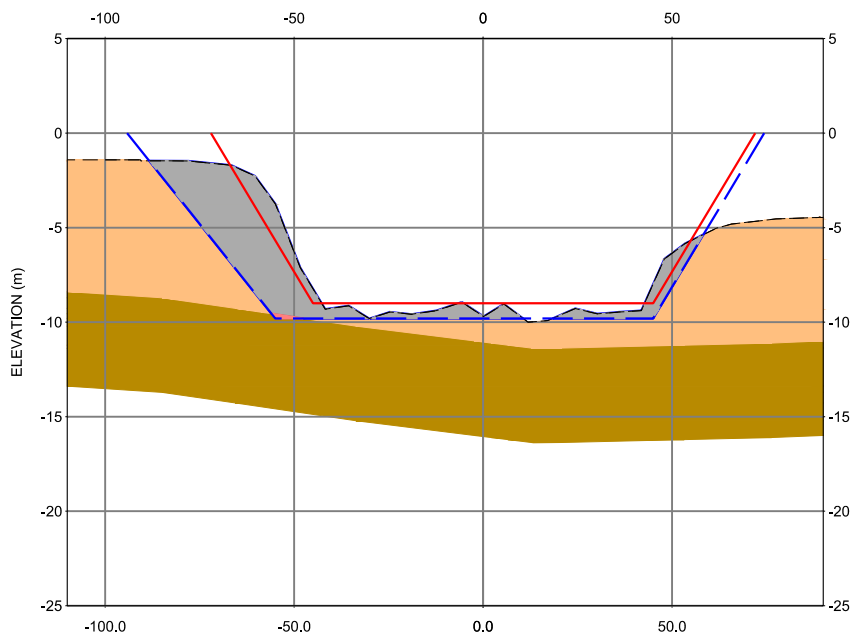
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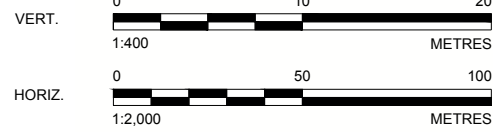


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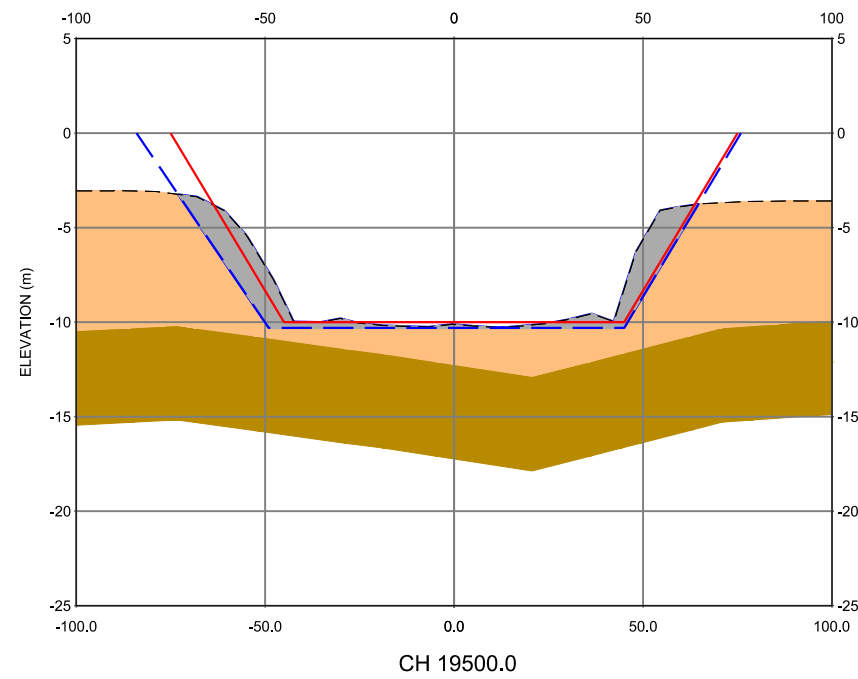
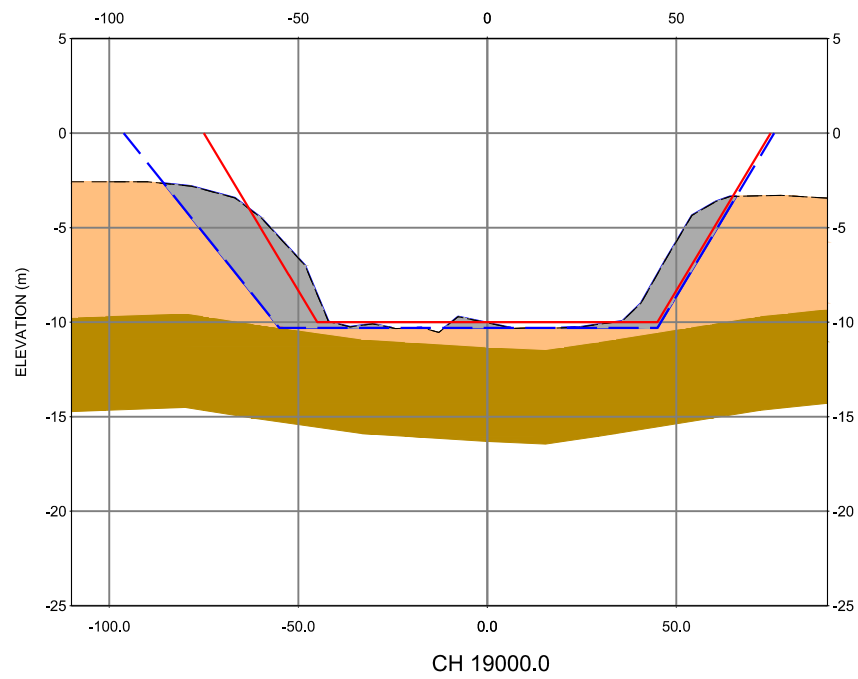
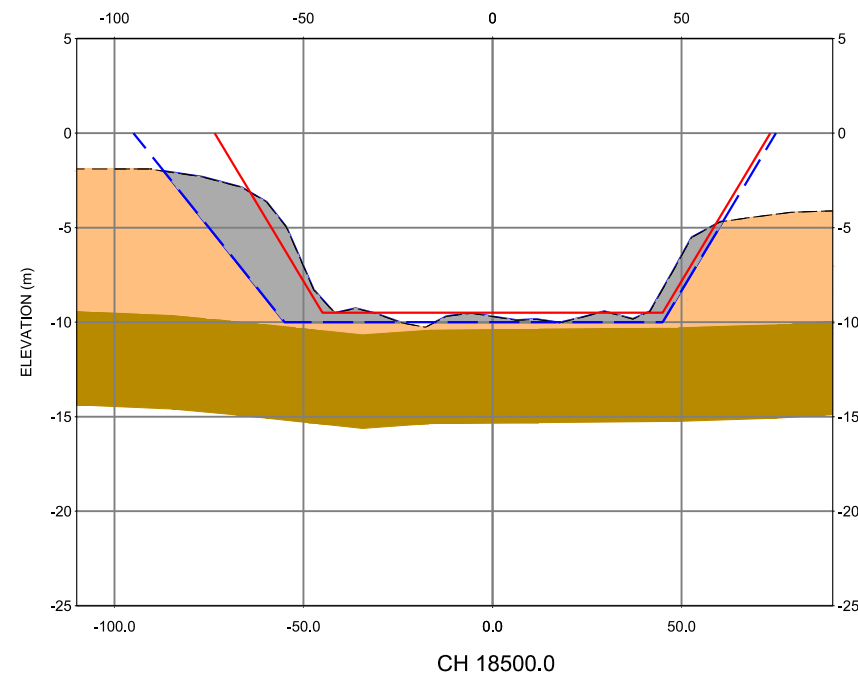
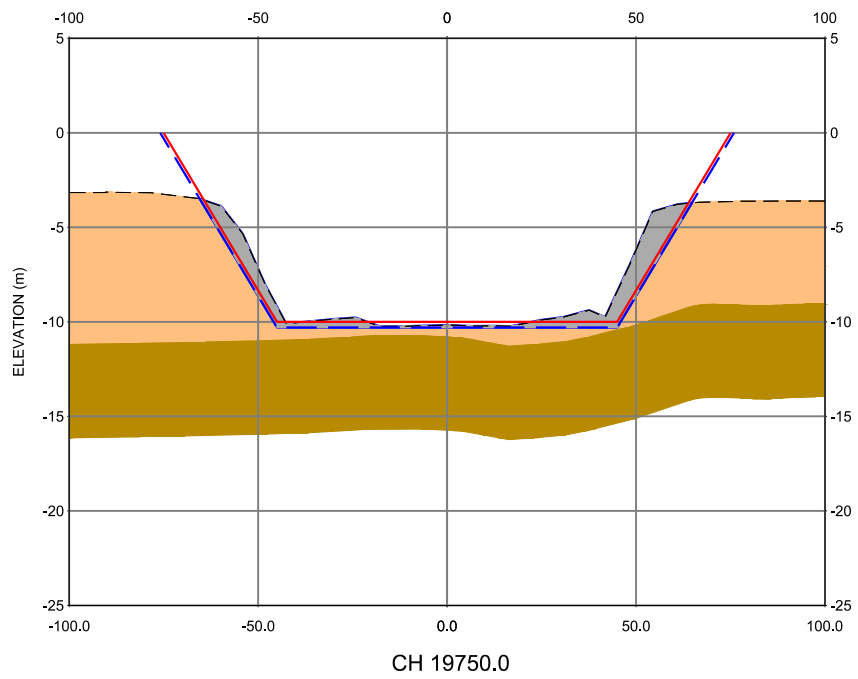
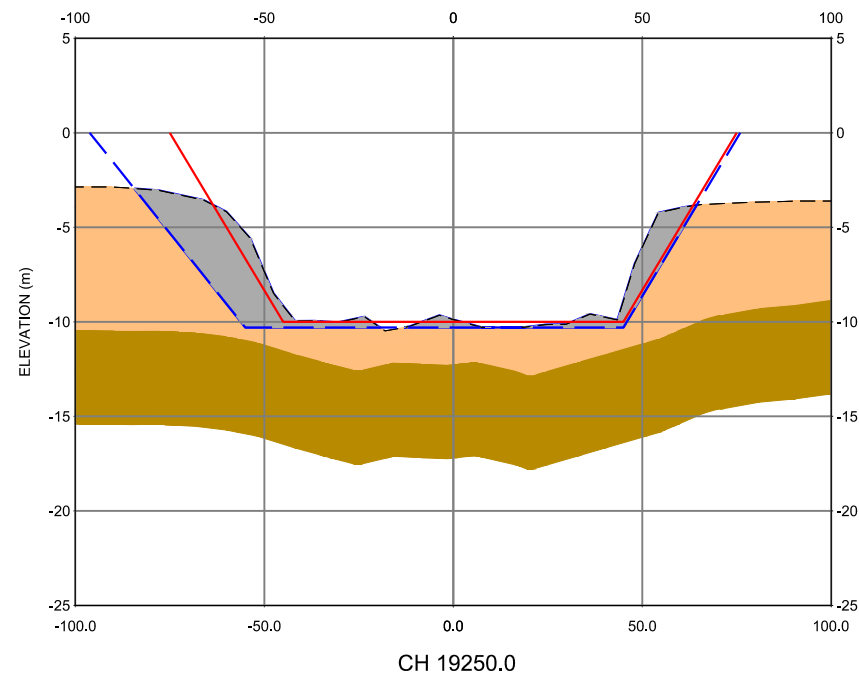
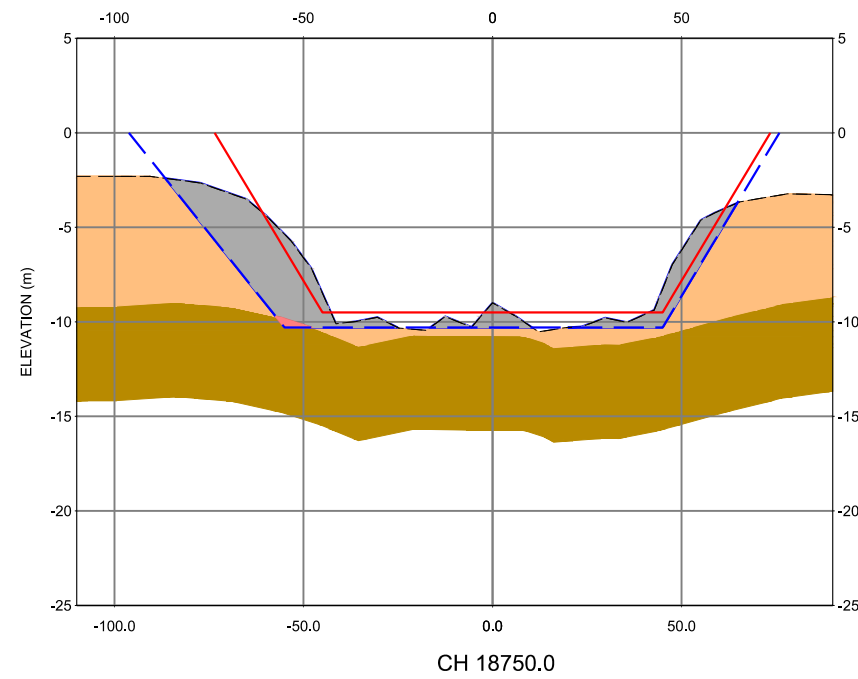
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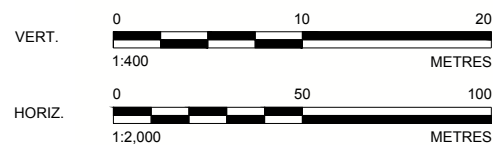
SOFT CLAY

STIFF CLAY

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PROPOSED CHANNEL DESIGN



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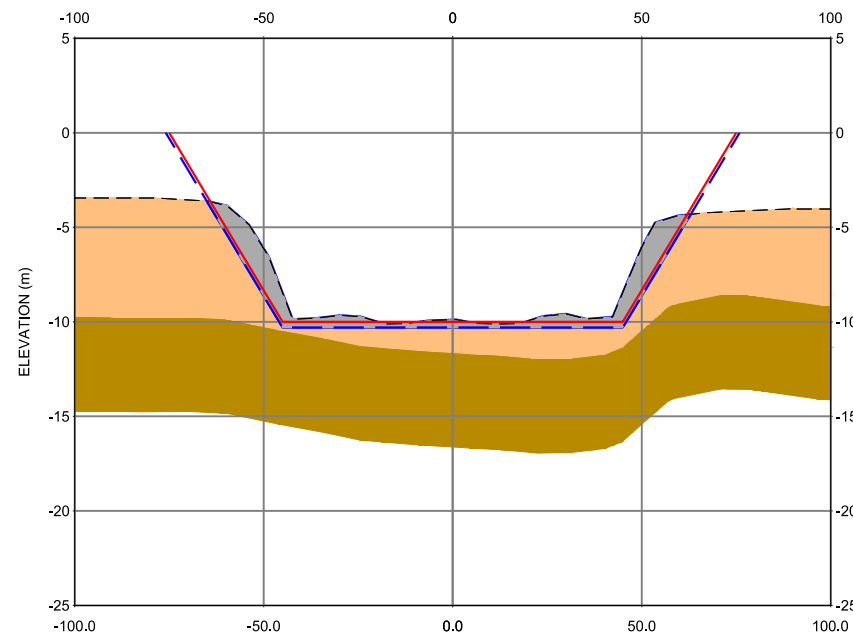
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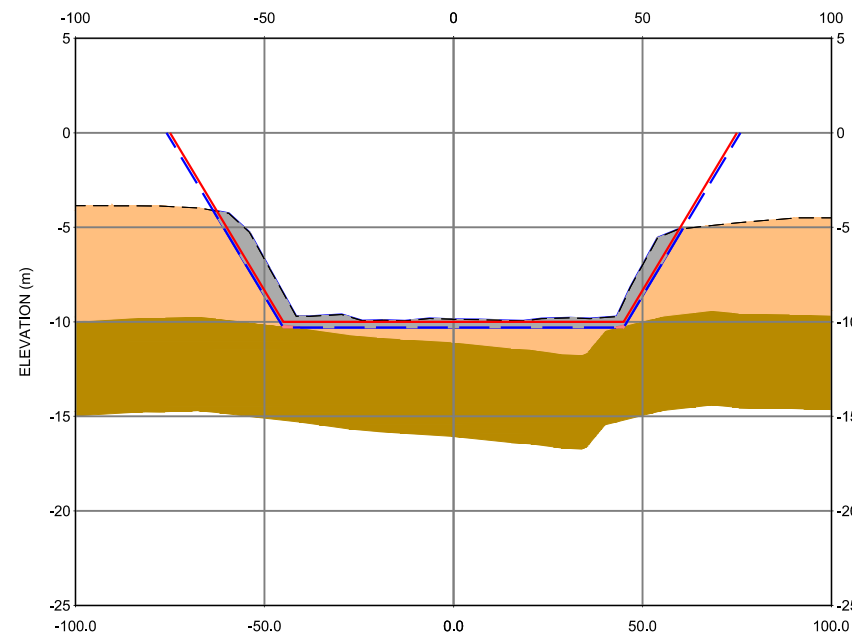
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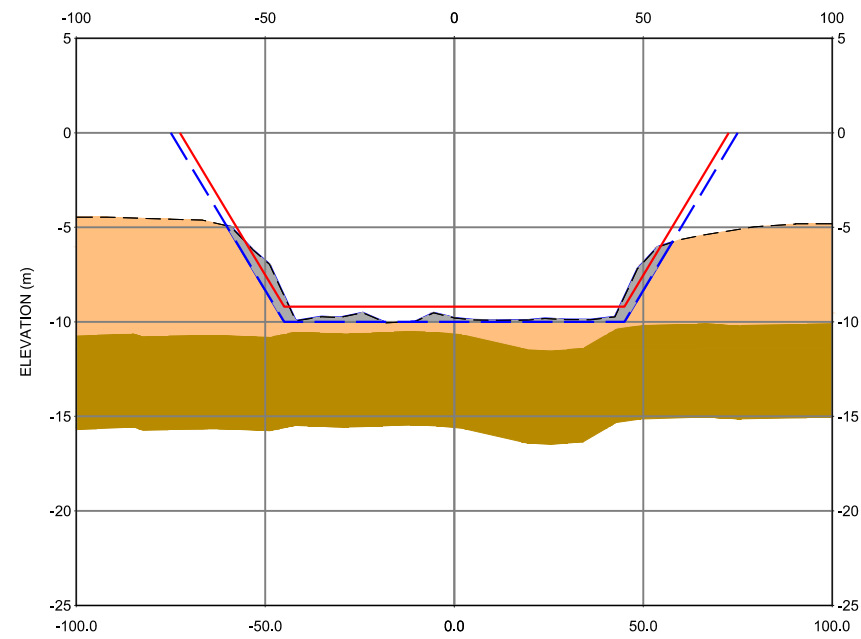
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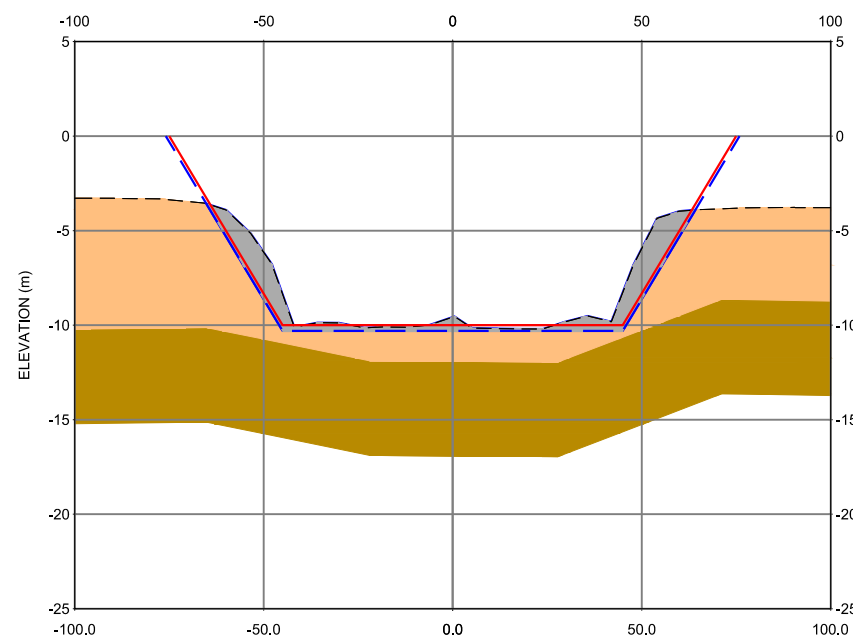
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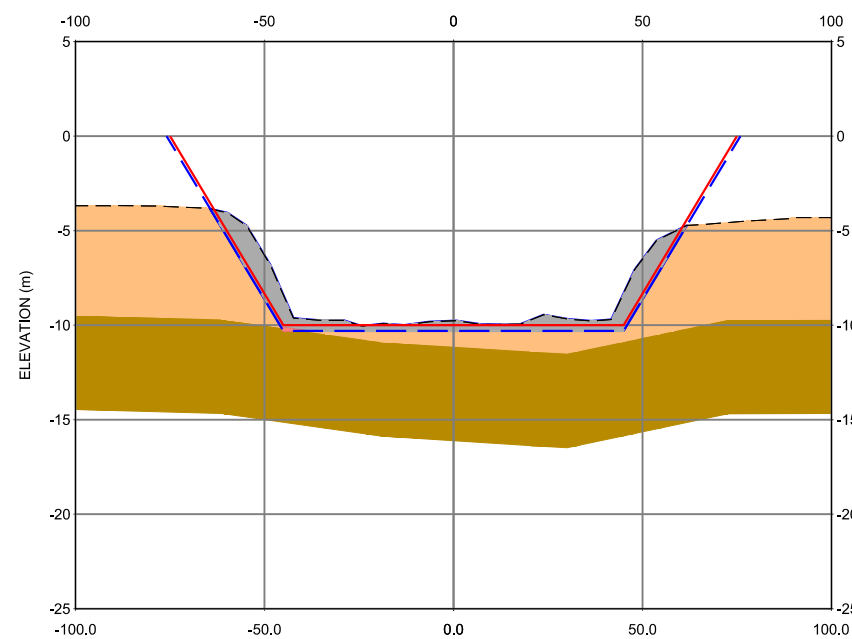
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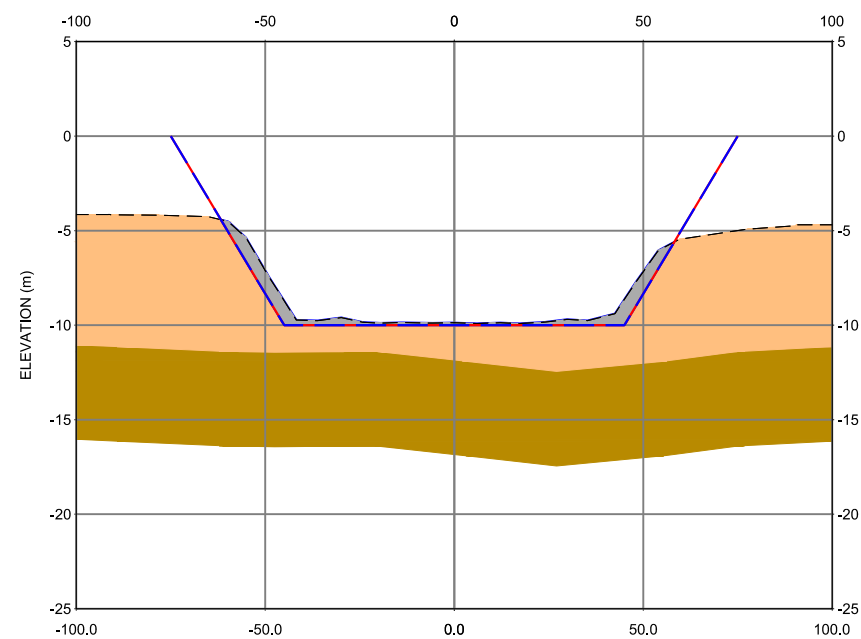
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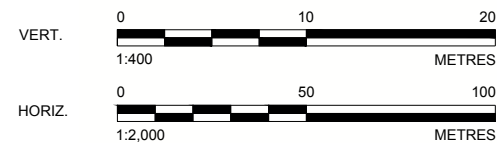
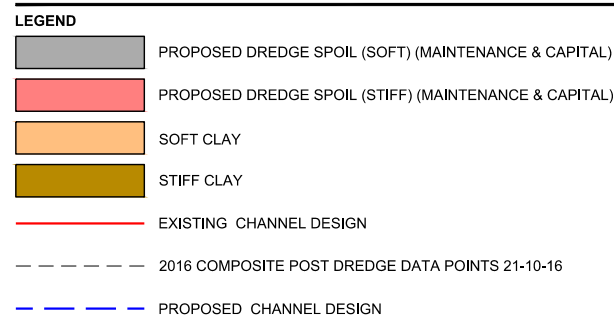
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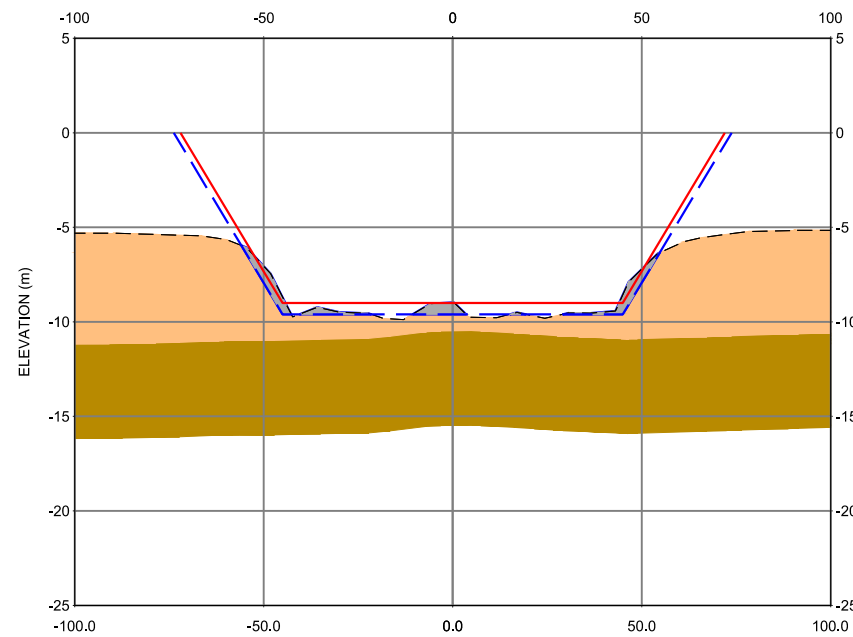
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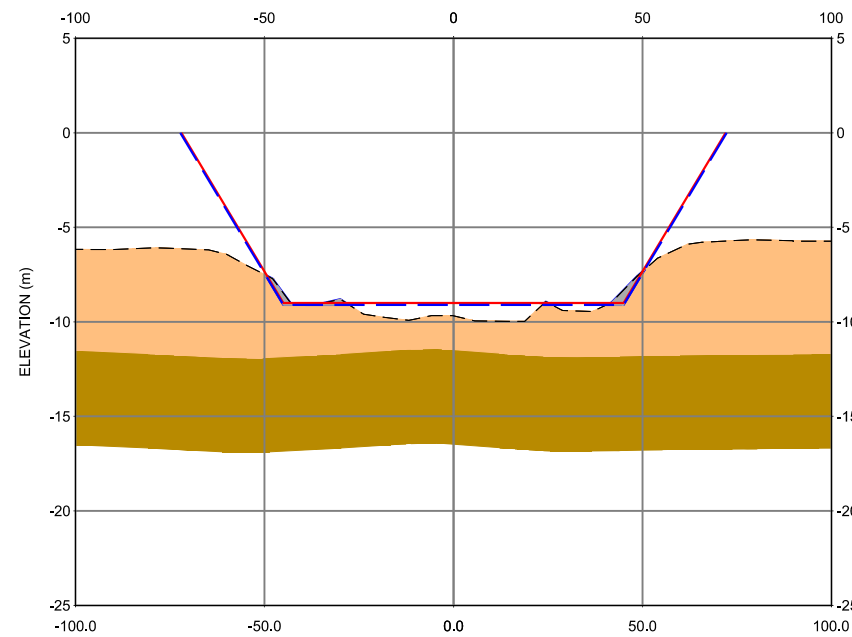
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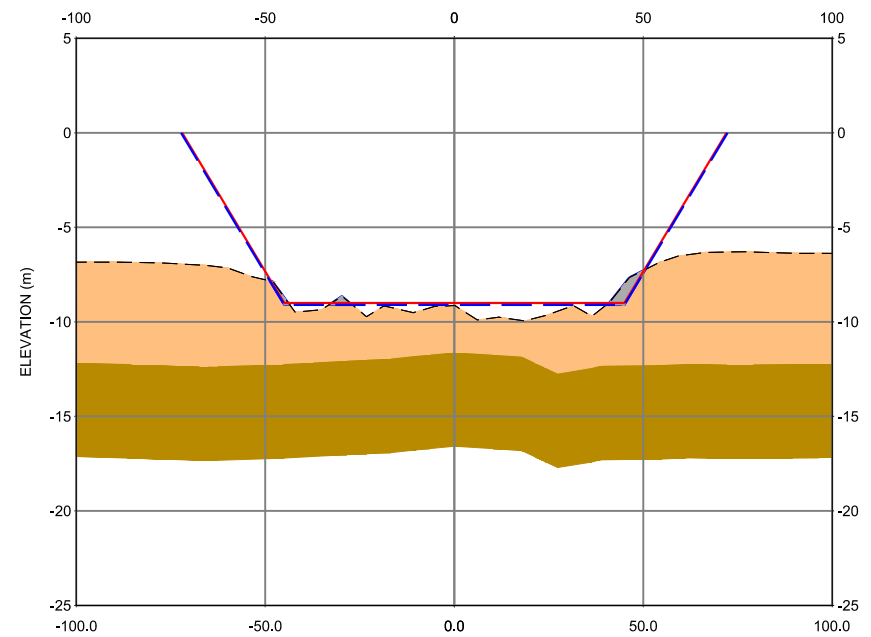
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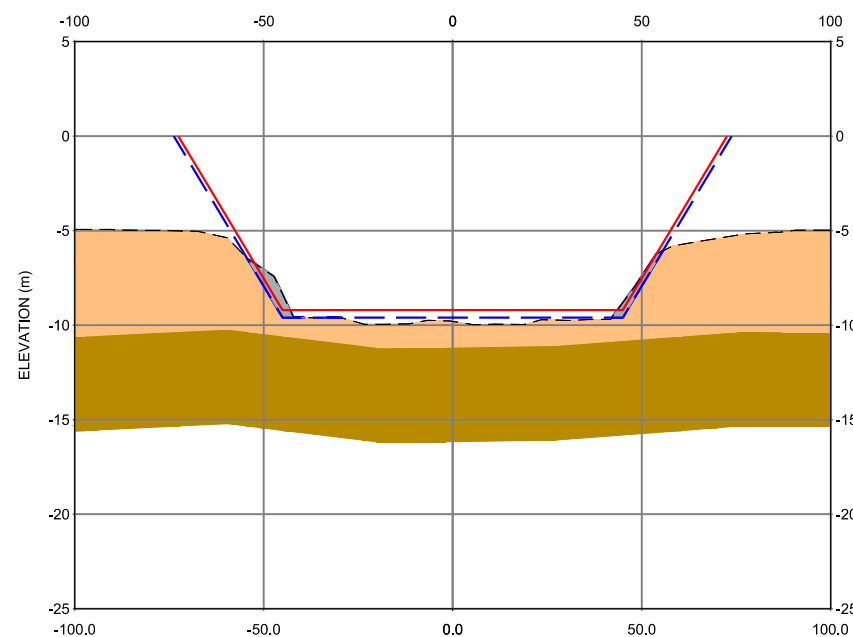
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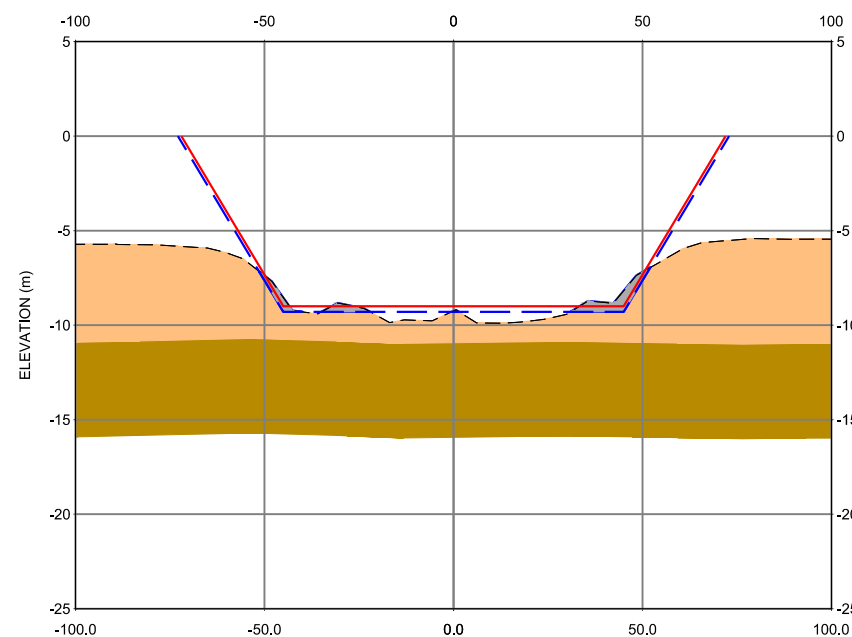
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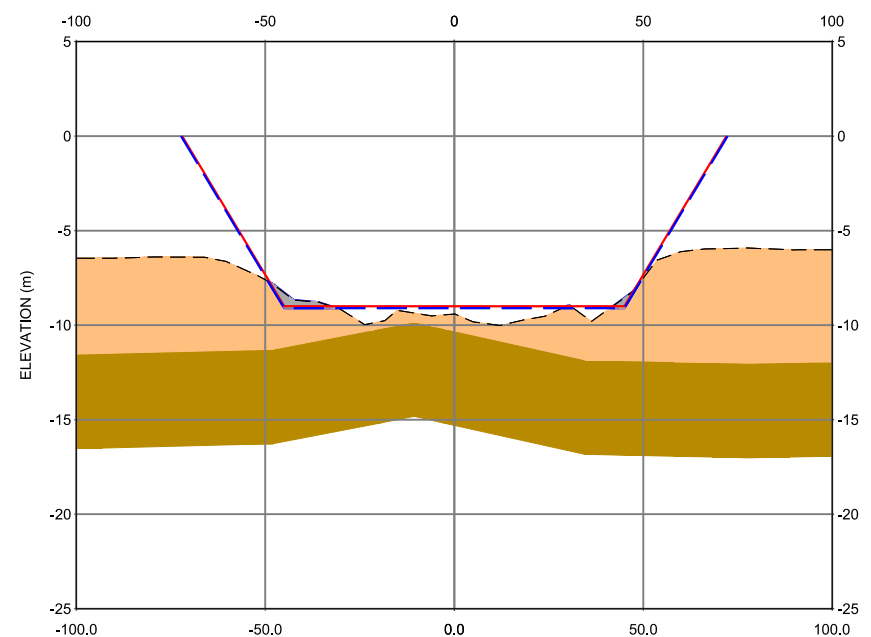
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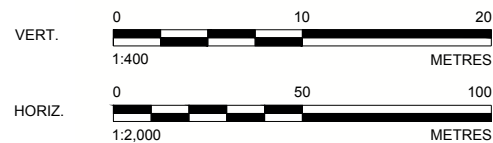
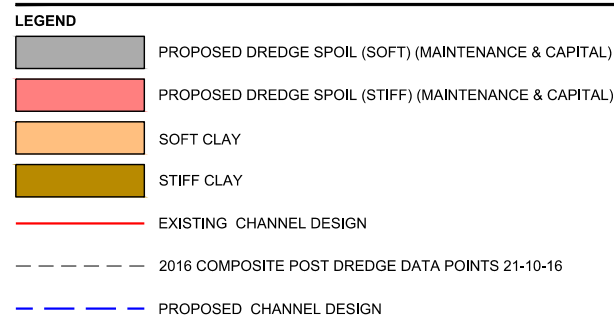
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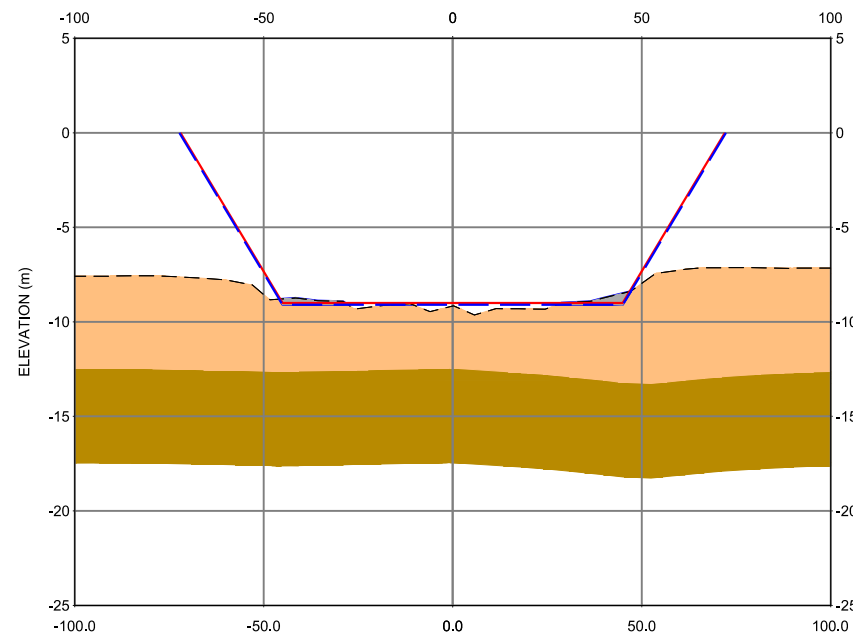
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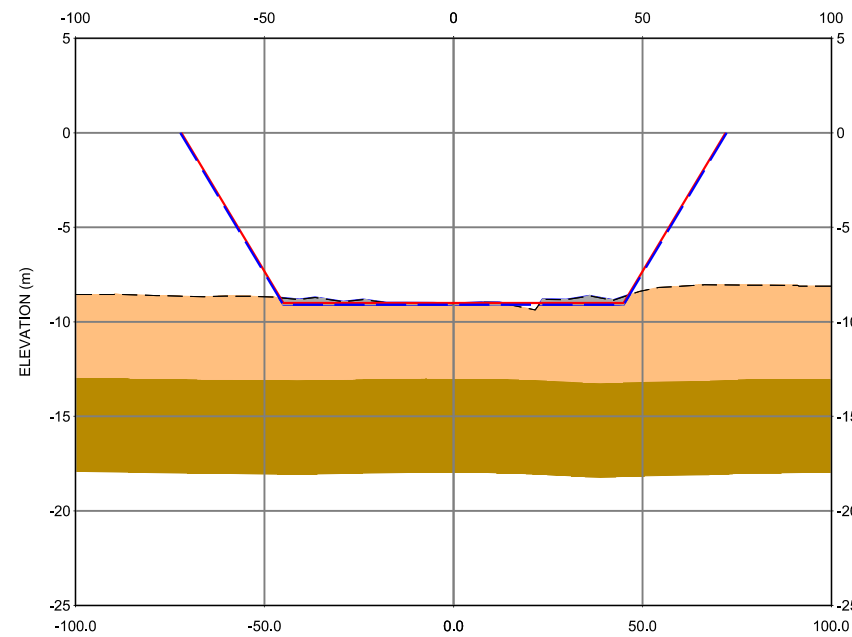
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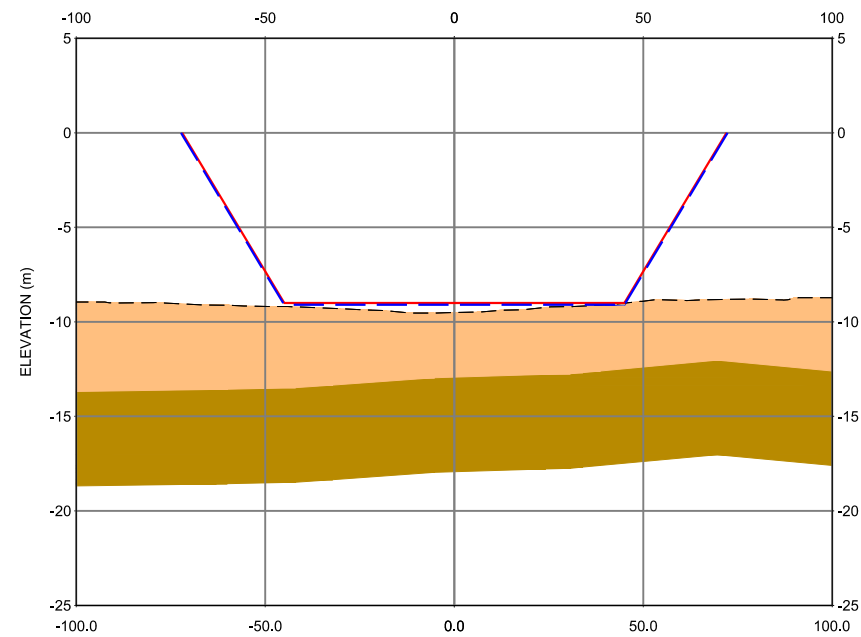
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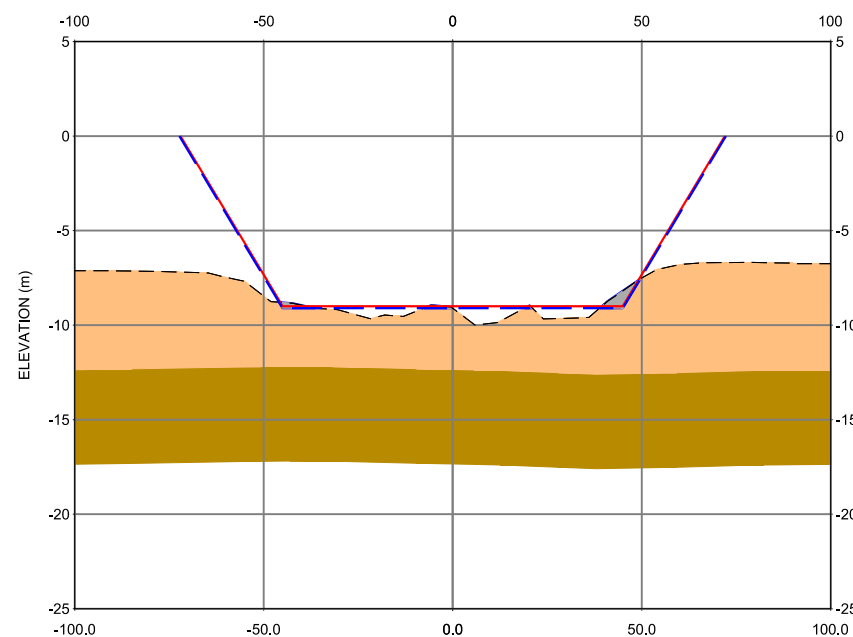
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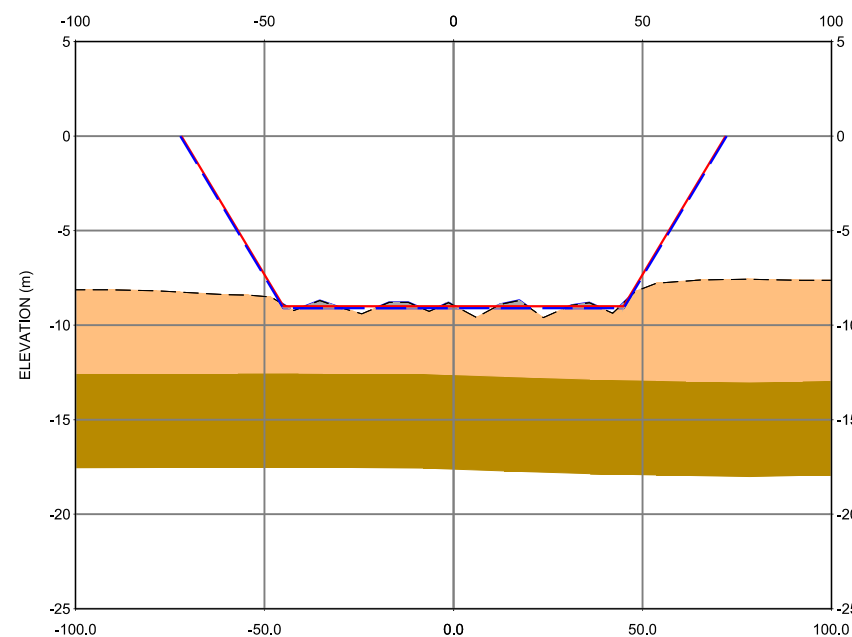
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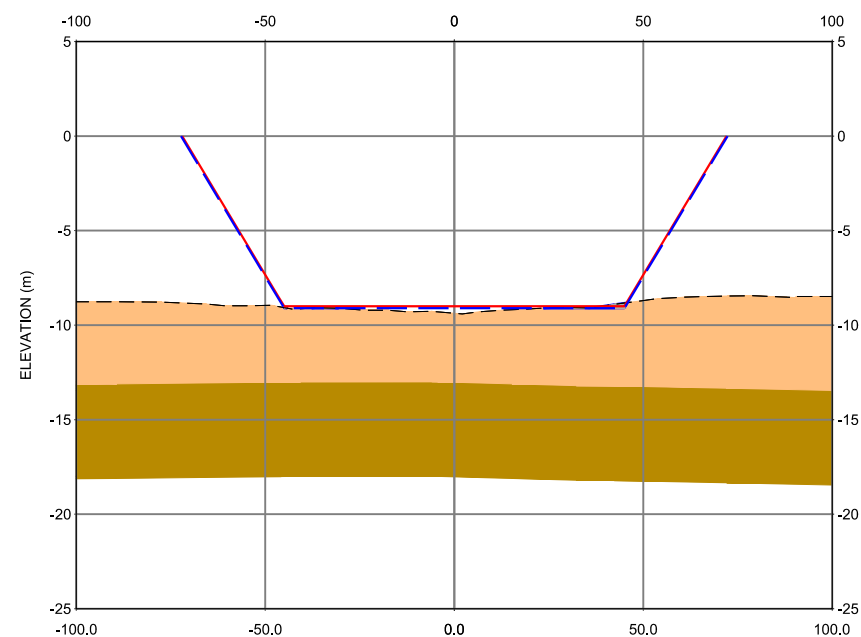
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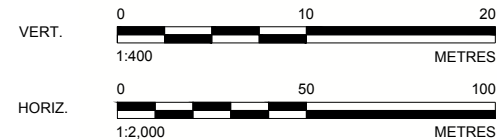


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