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# Asbestos-Containing Building Materials Assessment Report - 1st Avenue Substation



REPORT

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Golder Associates Ltd. (Golder) was retained by the City of Saskatoon (the Client) to conduct an asbestos-containing building materials assessment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Substation (the Site) located in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. This assessment report details our findings, conclusions and recommendations for the Site. A walkthrough of the Site was conducted on June 12, 2017 and the assessment was conducted on June 19, 2017 by Kody Henderson, OHS Project Manager. Asbestos-containing building materials were not identified within the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Substation during the assessment. Further information is provided in Section 3.0.

## 2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

In accordance with Tender 16-0844, Golder's scope of work included conducting an asbestos-containing building materials assessment of the Site to evaluate the quantities, locations, and conditions of asbestos-containing building materials.

Following the field work, Golder prepared this assessment report that includes laboratory analysis results, findings of the assessment, conclusions, and recommendations.

### 2.1 Asbestos-Containing Materials

The assessment involved a non-destructive inspection of the Site to assess the type and extent of suspect ACMs in the facility. The systems that were reviewed as part of the inspections included, but were not limited to:

- *Structural* - systems including: insulation between solid webbed joists, fireproofing, building envelope, and interior/exterior caulking around windows and doors;
- *Mechanical* - systems insulation including: hot water and steam system, condensate system, chilled water system, glycol system, domestic hot and cold water, emergency generator exhaust, boiler units, heat exchangers, and asbestos cement piping; and
- *Architectural* - systems including: texture coats, sheet flooring, vinyl floor tile, acoustical spray-applied materials, condensation control applications, ceiling tile, wall board, drywall joint compound, and asbestos sheet products.

Systematic sampling of suspect ACMs was conducted as part of the assessment. Samples were submitted under chain of custody to International Asbestos Testing Laboratory Inc. (IATL) and analyzed for asbestos type and percentage content using Polarized Light Microscopy (PLM) in accordance with EPA methodologies (EPA 600/R-93/116).

Further information related to the assessment and sample collection methods can be found in the Golder document *Golder Asbestos Assessment General Survey Plan and Protocol* provided to the Client.



### **3.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Substation consists of one large open area and was constructed in 1960. During the assessment, the entire building was treated as one functional space.

- The Laboratory Certificate of Analysis report for the bulk asbestos samples is included in Appendix A.
- A room by room spreadsheet outlining the locations, quantities, friability, and condition of identified asbestos-containing materials as well as additional information is provided in Appendix B.
- A floor plan is provided in Appendix C.
- Please refer to Sections 4.0 and 6.0 of this report for a summary of the limitations encountered.

#### **3.1 Asbestos-Containing Materials**

A total of two (2) samples of building materials were collected and tested for asbestos content during the assessment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Substation. None of the samples were found to contain asbestos.

##### **3.1.1 Non Asbestos-Containing Materials**

The following materials were sampled during this assessment and were found to not contain asbestos or were observed to be a non-suspect material:

- Brown mastic; and
- Brown firestop.

No further suspect asbestos-containing materials were observed during the assessment. The building was observed to have a metal floor.

Potential asbestos-containing materials may be located within the fire doors on Site.

### **4.0 EXCLUDED AREAS AND MATERIALS**

The following is a list of the areas and/or materials excluded during the assessment.

- The roof and associated components were not assessed by Golder during the assessment as per Tender 16-0844. If the roof and associated components are to be removed or impacted by future renovation or demolition activities, additional investigation and sampling of suspect materials may be required.
- Electrical components were not assessed by Golder during the assessment as per Tender 16-0844. If the electrical components are to be removed or impacted by future renovation or demolition activities, additional investigation and sampling of suspect materials may be required.
- The fire doors were not assessed by Golder during the assessment. If the fire doors are to be removed or impacted by future renovation or demolition activities, additional coring, investigation and sampling of suspect materials may be required.



## **5.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the visual assessment, the following project specific conclusions and recommendations are provided.

### **5.1 Asbestos-Containing Materials**

No suspect asbestos-containing materials were observed within the Substation.

If suspect asbestos-containing building materials are encountered during renovation or demolition activities, sampling should be undertaken to evaluate asbestos content.

## **6.0 SURVEY LIMITATIONS**

This report is based on data and information collected by Golder during the assessment conducted on June 19, 2017 and is based solely on site conditions encountered at the time of the assessment. Any use of this document or the findings, conclusions or recommendations provided in this report by any person other than the City of Saskatoon is at the sole risk of such user.

The conclusions and recommendations contained in this survey report are based upon professional opinions with regard to the subject matter. These opinions are in accordance with currently accepted environmental assessment standards and practices applicable to these locations and are subject to the following inherent limitations:

The data and findings presented in this report are valid as of the dates of the investigations. The passage of time, manifestation of latent conditions or occurrence of future events may warrant further exploration at the properties, analysis of the data, and re-evaluation of the findings, observations, and conclusions expressed in this report. No assurance is made regarding changes in conditions or practices subsequent to the time of the investigation. It was beyond the scope of this assessment to conduct a risk assessment and the potential health risks that may be associated with asbestos exposure for building occupants.

The data reported and the findings, observations and conclusions expressed in this report are limited by the Scope of Work. The Scope of Work was defined by Tender 16-0844 and the initial site walkthrough with the Client, the time and budgetary constraints imposed by the Client, and availability of access to the property.

Because of the limitations stated above, the findings, observations and conclusions expressed by Golder in this report are not, and must not be, considered an opinion concerning compliance of any past or present owner or operator of the site with any federal, provincial or local laws or regulations.

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## **7.0 CLOSURE**

We trust the information presented in this report meets your requirements. If you have any questions please contact Kody Henderson at (780) 483-3499 or email at [kody\\_henderson@golder.com](mailto:kody_henderson@golder.com). Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. We look forward to working with you again in the future.



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# **APPENDIX A**

## **Laboratory Certificate of Analysis**



## CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

**Client:** Golder Associates Ltd  
16820 107 Ave  
Edmonton AB T5P 4C3

**Report Date:** 7/4/2017  
**Report No.:** 539905 - PLM  
**Project:** City of Saskatoon - 1st Ave Substation  
**Project No.:** 1667963

**Client:** GOL572

### PLM BULK SAMPLE ANALYSIS SUMMARY

**Lab No.:** 6271188  
**Client No.:** A-001  
Percent Asbestos:  
*None Detected*

**Analyst Observation:** Brown Mastic  
**Client Description:** Brown Mastic  
Percent Non-Asbestos Fibrous Material:  
None Detected


**Location:** Room 100  
**Facility:**  
Percent Non-Fibrous Material:  
100

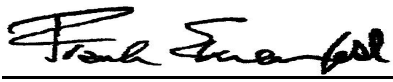
**Lab No.:** 6271189  
**Client No.:** A-002  
Percent Asbestos:  
*None Detected*

**Analyst Observation:** Clear Firestop  
**Client Description:** Brown Firestop  
Percent Non-Asbestos Fibrous Material:  
None Detected

**Location:** Exterior  
**Facility:**  
Percent Non-Fibrous Material:  
100

Analytical Method -US EPA 600, R93-116. Please refer to the Appendix of this report for further information regarding your analysis.

**Date Received:** 6/26/2017  
**Date Analyzed:** 07/04/2017  
**Signature:**   
**Analyst:** Tiffany Lowe

**Approved By:**   
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Laboratory Director

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### Appendix to Analytical Report

**Customer Contact:**

**Analysis:** US EPA 600, R93-116

This appendix seeks to promote greater understanding of any observations, exceptions, special instructions, or circumstances that the laboratory needs to communicate to the client concerning the above samples. The information below is used to help promote your ability to make the most informed decisions for you and your customers. Please note the following points of contact for any questions you may have.

**iATL Customer Service:** customerservice@iatl.com

**iATL Office Manager:** cdavis@iatl.com

**iATL Account Representative:** Pete Lesniak

**Sample Login Notes:** See Batch Sheet Attached

**Sample Matrix:** Bulk Building Materials

**Exceptions Noted:** See Following Pages

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#### Information Pertinent to this Report:

Analysis by US EPA 600 93-116: Determination of Asbestos in Bulk Building Materials by Polarized Light Microscopy (PLM).

#### Certifications:

- NIST-NVLAP No. 101165-0
- NY-DOH No. 11021
- AIHA-LAP, LLC No. 100188

Quantification at <0.25% by volume is possible with this method. (PC) Indicates Stratified Point Count Method performed. (PC-Trace) means that asbestos was detected but is not quantifiable under the Point Counting regimen. Analysis includes all distinct separable layers in accordance with EPA 600 Method. If not reported or otherwise noted, layer is either not present or the client has specifically requested that it not be analyzed (ex. analyze until positive instructions). Small asbestos fibers may be missed by PLM due to resolution limitations of the optical microscope. Therefore, PLM is not consistently reliable in detecting asbestos in non-friable organically bound (NOB) materials. Quantitative transmission electron microscopy (TEM) is currently the only method that can pronounce materials as non-asbestos containing.

Analytical Methodology Alternatives: Your initial request for analysis may not have accounted for recent advances in regulatory requirements or advances in technology that are routinely used in similar situations for other qualified projects. You may have the option to explore additional analysis for further information. Below are a few options, listed as the matrix followed by the appropriate methodology. Also included are links to more information on our website.

Bulk Building Materials that are Non-Friable Organically Bound (NOB) by Gravimetric Reduction techniques employing PLM and TEM: ELAP 198.6 (PLM-NOB), ELAP 198.4 (TEM-NOB)

Loose Fill Vermiculite Insulation, Attic Insulation, Zonolite (copyright), etc.: US EPA 600 R-4/004 (multi-tiered analytical process)  
Sprayed On Insulation/Fireproofing with Vermiculite (SOF-V): ELAP 198.8 (PLM-SOF-V)>

Soil, sludge, sediment, aggregate, and like materials analyzed for asbestos or other elongated mineral particles (ex. erionite, etc.): ASTM D7521, CARB 435, and other options available

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Asbestos in Surface Dust according to one of ASTM's Methods (very dependent on sampling collection technique – by TEM): ASTM D 5755, D5756, or D6480

Various other asbestos matrices (air, water, etc.) and analytical methods are available.

### Disclaimers / Qualifiers:

There may be some samples in this project that have a "NOTE:" associated with a sample result. We use added disclaimers or qualifiers to inform the client about something that requires further explanation. Here is a list with highlighted disclaimers that may be pertinent to this project. For a full explanation of these and other disclaimers, please inquire at [customerservice@iatl.com](mailto:customerservice@iatl.com).

- 1) Note: No mastic provided for analysis.
- 2) Note: Insufficient mastic provided for analysis.
- 3) Note: Insufficient material provided for analysis.
- 4) Note: Insufficient sample provided for QC reanalysis.
- 5) Note: Different material than indicated on Sample Log / Description.
- 6) Note: Sample not submitted.
- 7) Note: Attached to asbestos containing material.
- 8) Note: Received wet.
- 9) Note: Possible surface contamination.
- 10) Note: Not building material. 1% threshold may not apply.
- 11) Note: Recommend TEM-NOB analysis as per EPA recommendations.
- 12) Note: Asbestos detected but not quantifiable.
- 13) Note: Multiple identical samples submitted, only one analyzed.
- 14) Note: Analyzed by EPA 600/R-93/116. Point Counting detection limit at 0.080%.
- 15) Note: Analyzed by EPA 600/R-93/116. Point Counting detection limit at 0.125%.

### Recommendations for Vermiculite Analysis:

Several analytical protocols exist for the analysis of asbestos in vermiculite. These analytical approaches vary depending upon the nature of the vermiculite mineral being tested (e.g. un-processed gänge, homogeneous exfoliated books of mica, or mixed mineral composites). Please contact your client representative for pricing and turnaround time options available.

iATL recommends initial testing using the EPA 600/R-93/116 method. This method is specifically designed for the analysis of asbestos in bulk building materials. It provides an acceptable starting point for primary screening of vermiculite for possible asbestos.

Results from this testing may be inconclusive. EPA suggests proceeding to a multi-tiered analysis involving wet separation techniques in conjunction with PLM and TEM gravimetric analysis (EPA 600/R-04/004).

Further information on this method and other vermiculite and asbestos issues can be found at the following: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) [www.atsdr.cdc.gov](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov), United States Geological Survey (USGS) [www.minerals.usgs.gov/minerals/](http://www.minerals.usgs.gov/minerals/), US EPA [www.epa.gov/asbestos](http://www.epa.gov/asbestos). The USEPA also has an informative brochure "Current Best Practices for Vermiculite Attic Insulation" EPA 747F03001 May 2003, that may assist the health and remediation professional.

The following is a summary of the analytical process outlines in the EPA 600/R-04/004 Method:

- 1) **Analytical Step/Method:** Initial Screening by PLM, EPA 600R-93/116  
**Requirements/Comments:** Minimum of 0.1 g of sample. ~0.25% LOQ for most samples.
- 2) **Analytical Step/Method:** Wet Separation by PLM Gravimetric Technique, EPA R-04/004  
**Requirements/Comments:** Minimum 50g\*\* of dry sample. Analysis of "Sinks" only.
- 3) **Analytical Step/Method:** Wet Separation by PLM Gravimetric Technique, EPA R-04/004  
**Requirements/Comments:** Minimum 50g\*\* of dry sample. Analysis of "Floats" only.
- 4) **Analytical Step/Method:** Wet Separation by TEM Gravimetric Technique, EPA R-04/004  
**Requirements/Comments:** Minimum 50g\*\* of dry sample. Analysis of "Sinks" only.
- 5) **Analytical Step/Method:** Wet Separation by TEM Gravimetric Technique, EPA R-04/004  
**Requirements/Comments:** Minimum 50g\*\* of dry sample. Analysis of "Suspension" only.

LOQ, Limit of Quantitation estimates for mass and volume analyses.

\*With advance notice and confirmation by the laboratory.

\*\*Approximately 1 Liter of sample in double-bagged container (~9x6 inch bag of sample).



# **APPENDIX B**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Substation – ACM Inventory**

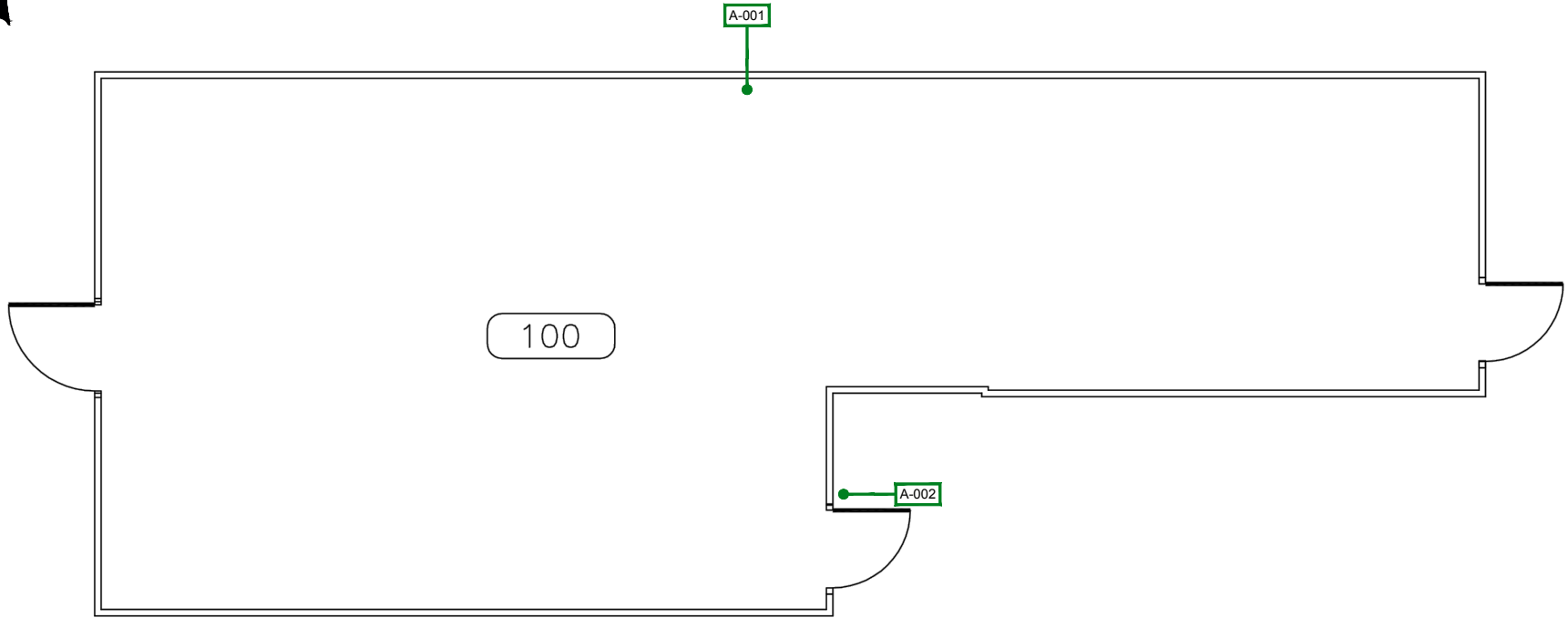
Appendix B  
1st Avenue Substation  
ACM Inventory

Included/Excluded	Floor	Room #	Area Description	Elements	Subelements	Material Description	Accessibility	Suspect?	Sampled?	Asbestos Containing Material?	Condition	Field Notes	Sample Type	Sample ID	Sample Date	Asbestos Type	ACM Product	% of asbestos	Friable	Sprayed-on	Maintenance	Inspection	Priority	Potential for Disturbance	Recommended Action	Quantity	Photograph ID	Labelling Type
Included	M	100	Open Area	Walls	Walls	Metal	High	No	No	No	Good																	
Included	M	100	Open Area	Walls	Walls	Fibreglass Panels	High	No	No	No	Good																	
Included	M	100	Open Area	Walls	Walls	Brown Fibreglass Panel Mastic	High	No	Yes	No	Good		Bulk	A-001	19-Jun-17													
Included	M	100	Open Area	Floor	Floor	Concrete	High	No	No	No	Good																	
Included	M	100	Open Area	Ceiling	Ceiling	Fibreglass Panels	High	No	No	No	Good																	
Included	M	100	Open Area	Doors	Suspect Fire Door	Suspect Fire Door	High	Yes	No	Potential	Good	Not sampled as damage to the door would affect it's operational requirement.													Inspect and sample if scheduled for removal.			
Excluded	M	100	Open Area	Electrical	Electrical Panels and Components	Electrical Panels and Components	High	Yes	No	Potential	Good	Not sampled due to safety concerns.													Inspect and sample if scheduled for removal.			
Included	E	Exterior	Open Area	Walls	Walls	Metal Cladding	High	No	No	No	Good																	
Included	E	Exterior	Open Area	Walls	Firestop	Brown Firestop	High	No	Yes	No	Good		Bulk	A-002	19-Jun-17													
Excluded	1	Exterior	Roof	Exterior Roof	Exterior Roof							Not assessed due to scope of work.																



# **APPENDIX C**

## **Floor Plan**



SCHEMATIC ONLY, NOT TO SCALE

**LEGEND**

ASBESTOS SAMPLE LOCATION

**NOTE(S)**

1. ASBESTOS IS A CARCINOGEN. DO NOT BREATHE ASBESTOS DUST.
2. ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS WERE NOT OBSERVED WITHIN THE BUILDING AT THE TIME OF THE ASSESSMENT.

**REFERENCE(S)**

PLAN OBTAINED FROM INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT CITY OF SASKATOON. DATED: 01/12/2016.

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PROJECT  
 ASBESTOS ASSESSMENT  
 1ST AVENUE SUBSTATION

TITLE  
**MAIN FLOOR**

PROJECT NO. 1667963	CONTROL 1000-HM-0001	REV. 0	FIGURE 1
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IF THIS MEASUREMENT DOES NOT MATCH WHAT IS SHOWN, THE SHEET SIZE HAS BEEN MODIFIED FROM ANSIA

26 mm

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