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# **Challenges of Construction of Twin Bored** MRT Tunnels in Singapore

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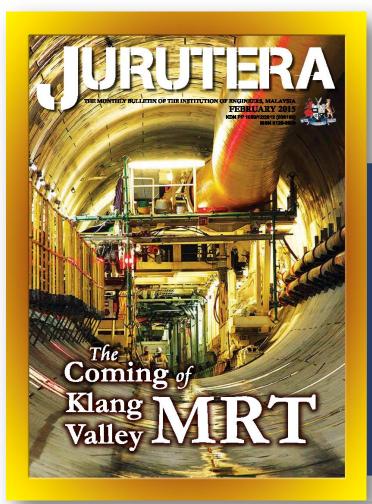


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#### Half-Day Seminar on Overview of Design & Construction of Deep Excavation & Tunnelling Projects in Singapore

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Visit to KVMRT Site on 25th July 2014

n 26° July 2014, the Tunnelling And Underground Space Technical Division (USTD) of EM organised a half-day seminar on "Overliew of Design & Construction of Deep Excavation and Tunneling Projects in Singapore" at Wisma (EM.

It attracted about 60 participants, including students from the ICE Student Chapter of University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus.

This seminar was made possible as the two speakers - Er. Dr Victor Ong Chee Wee and Er. David Ng Chew Chiat - made a



Er. David Ng delivering his lecture on deep excavation at the seminar



Er. Dr Viotor Ong delivering his lecture on



Some of the participants in the auditorium

special trip to visit KVMRT in Kuala Lumpur a day eatiers of that they could share their expertise and experience on the subject matter with members of IEM. The speakers are consultants based in Singapore and are involved in the MRT projects in both Malaysia and Singapore.

They elaborated on the design and construction of deep excavation and bored tunnelling projects in Singapore. They stessed that the design and construction of bored humelling and temporary works for deep excavation rely on moderately conservative ground parameters, robust design solutions and close engineers supervision to limit movements of both the temporary works system and surrounding ground or structures to within acceptable limits, which is particularly true when working in an urban environment.

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Instrumentation results also need to be precise and occurate to enable the construction works to proceed in a controlled manner and the instrumentation layout needs to be designed with controll obsideration of the excavation and each instrument located with a specific purpose.

The talk ended with an active Q&A session as well as interactive discussion on the various issues of design and construction of deep excavation and bored tunnelling. Certificates of appreciation as well as IEM heiting books were presented to fr. Dr. Victor Ong and Er. David Ng at the end of the session.

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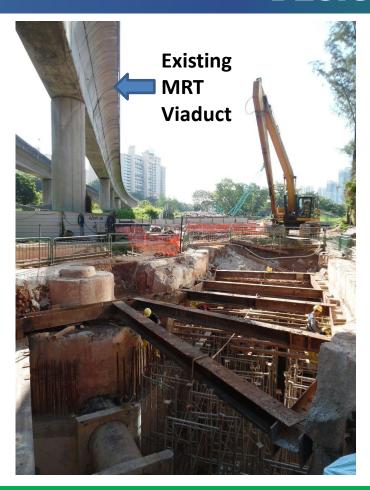


- Deep Excavation
- Basement Excavation
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- Reclaimation

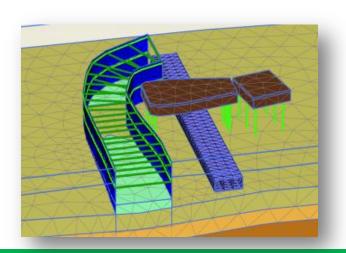
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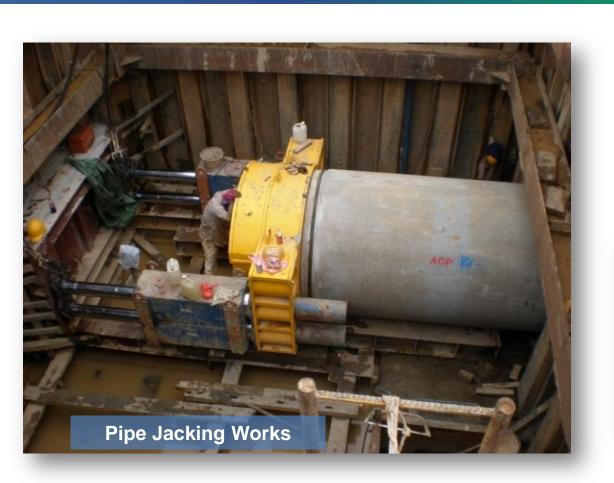


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   Interface



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- Sewerage Design
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# MALAYSIA UG1 MRT PROJECT (LINE 1)

- Contractor's Independent
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  (CICE) for Design of deep
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  Station,, Tunnel-Pile
  Interaction
- Main Contractor: MMC-Gamuda
- Contract Sum:
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Pasar Seni MRT Station Site



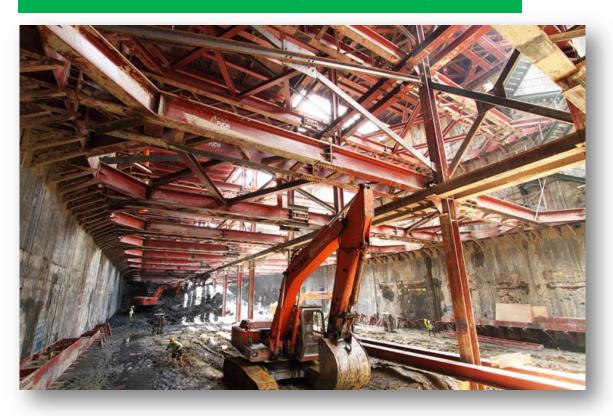
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# Preparation of Impact Analysis of 3 parts of infrastructure <u>within</u> MRT 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserves:

- On Jalan Cochrane Entrance Vehicular Ramp to MyTOWN
- On Jalan Cochrane Pedestrian Tunnel Between MyTOWN and MRT
- On Jalan Nakhoda Yusoff MEX Highway Off-ramp

# COCHRANE MRT STATION





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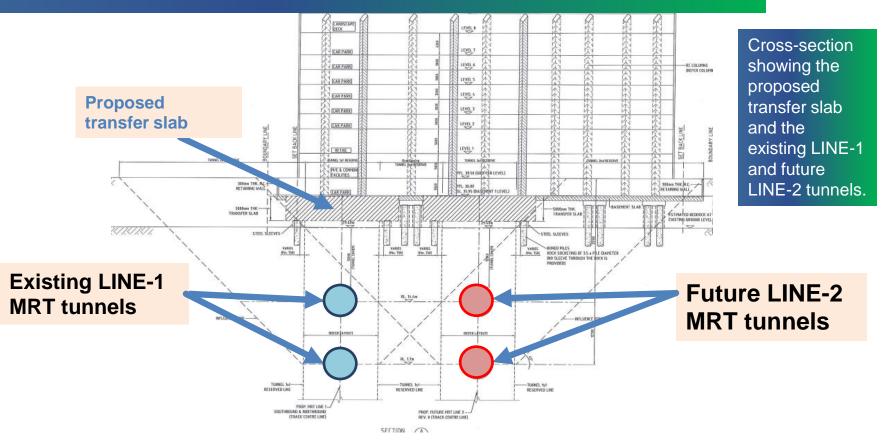








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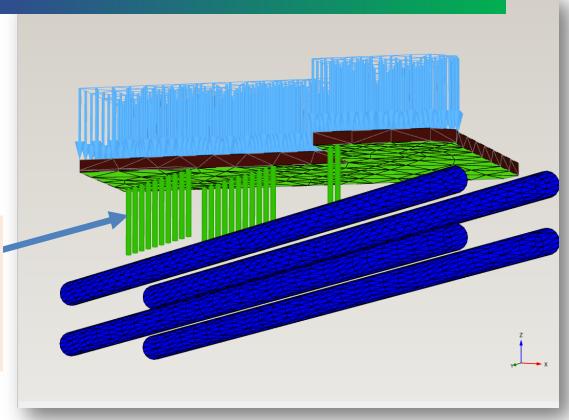
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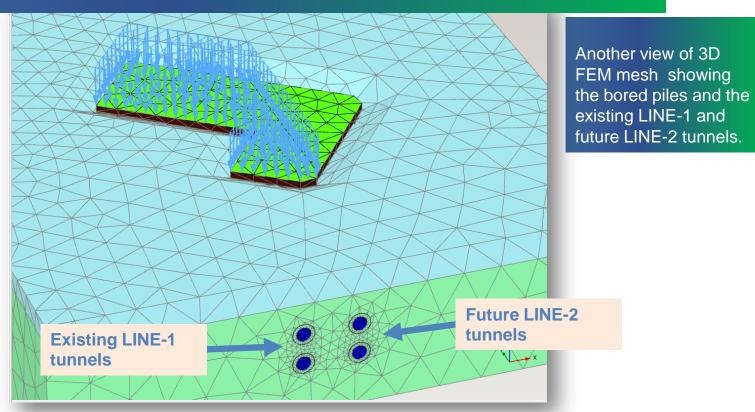
Corresponding 3D FEM mesh showing the bored piles and the existing LINE-1 and future LINE-2 tunnels.

Φ2.2m bored piles with pile toe @17mRL and 4.4m c/c spacing 1m outside the LINE-1 tunnel 1st Reserve Zone



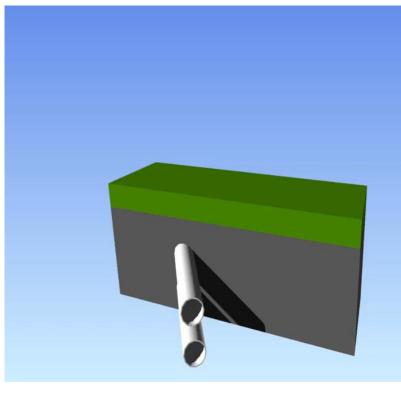


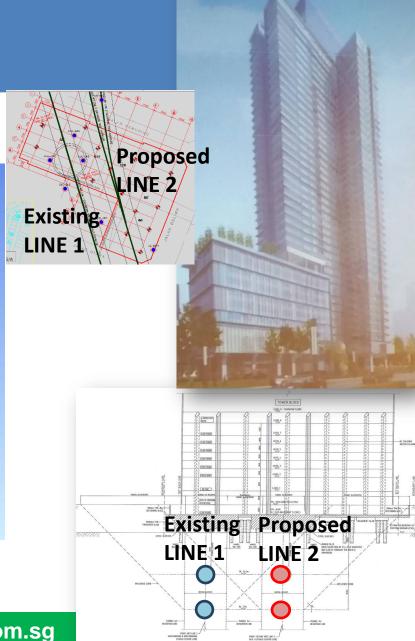
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# C902 (Promenade Interchange Station)

Scope:

Qualified Person (Civil) (Supervision)

Contract Sum: S\$231.9Million



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#### **TUNNELING**



# C933 (Bendemeer Station)

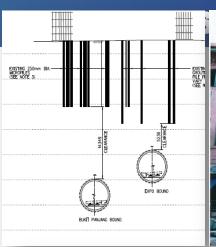
# Scope: Qualified Person (Civil) (Supervision)

# Contract Sum: S\$215.24Million



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## **TUNNELING BELOW EXISTING**













C933 (Bendemeer Station)

Scope:

Qualified Person (Civil) (Supervision)

Contract Sum: S\$215.24Million

Bored Tunnel: 2.27km x 2, 4 nos. of TBM

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# **TUNNELLING (60m deep)**

#### **SINGAPORE CABLE TUNNEL – CONTRACT NS2**



Contract No. 9120379

Design and Construction of
North-South Transmission

Cable Tunnel – Contract NS2

#### Notes:

- Consists of a single bored tunnel with an internal diameter of 6m in the Bukit Timah granitic rocks, residual soils and rock soil interface
- Excavation is approximately 70m deep.

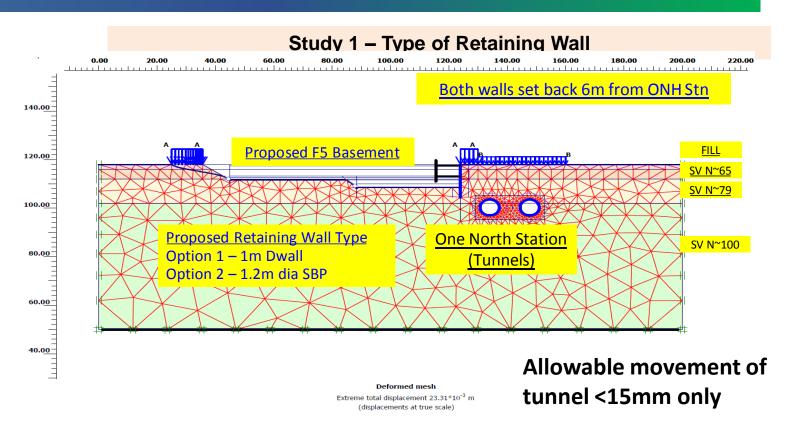
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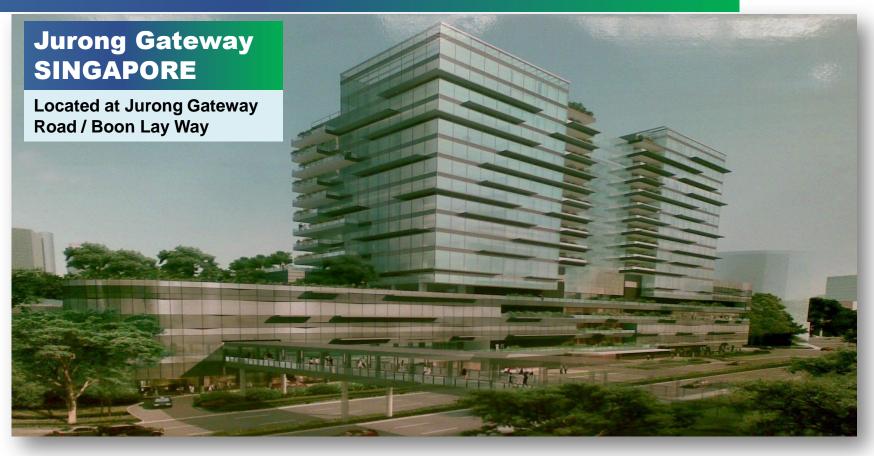


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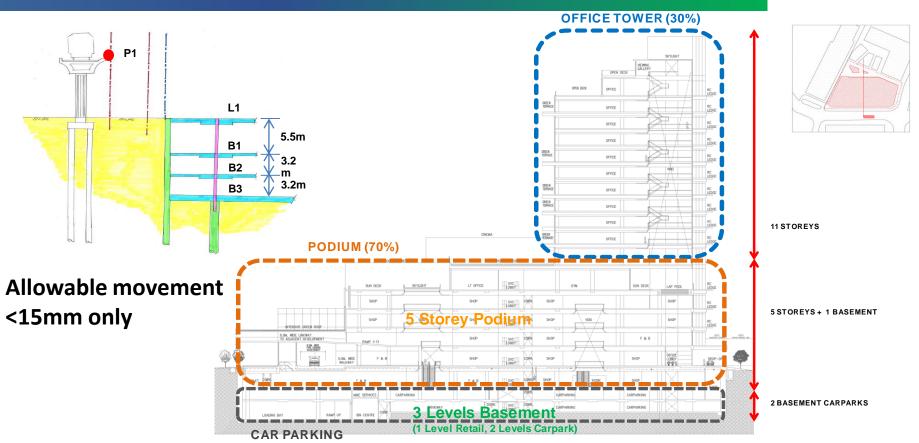
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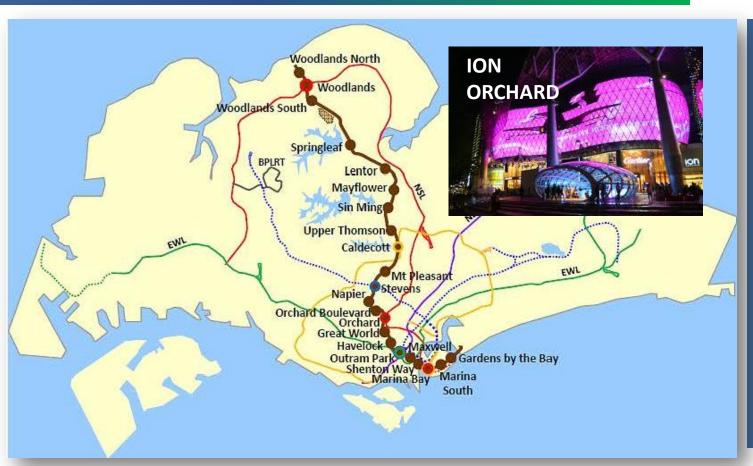
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#### **TUNNELING**



# SINGAPORE THOMSON LINE

- T203 (Woodlands)
- T213 (Caldecott)
- T219
   (Orchard)
- T220 (Great World)
- T221 (Havelock)





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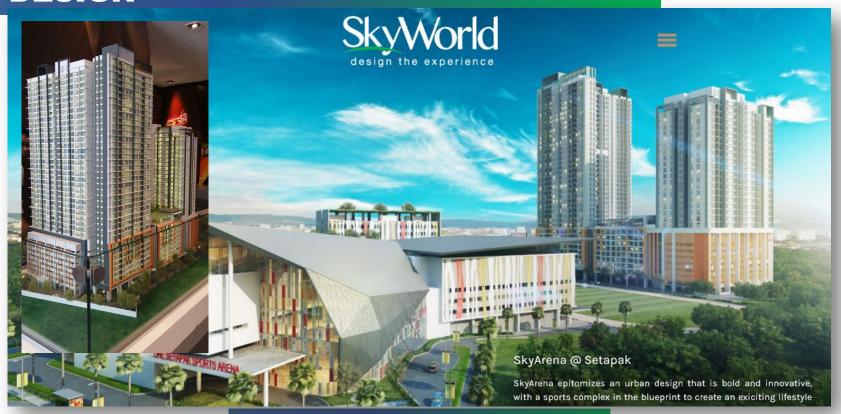


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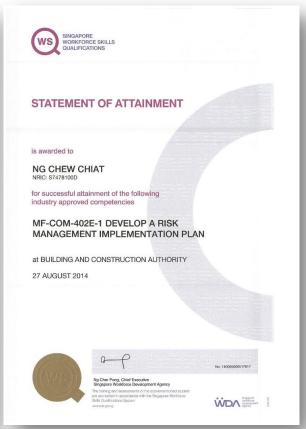
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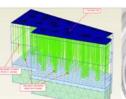


## **Content (3 Challenges)**

- Tunnelling in <u>close proximity</u> to existing steel
   H-pile of Shophouse
- 2. Tunnelling <u>under</u> a cluster of 6 units of Shophouses
- Overcoming of existing <u>pile obstructions</u> at demolished Shophouse















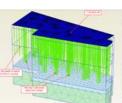




## Project Background

Bendemeer MRT Station (Downtown Line-3), Singapore







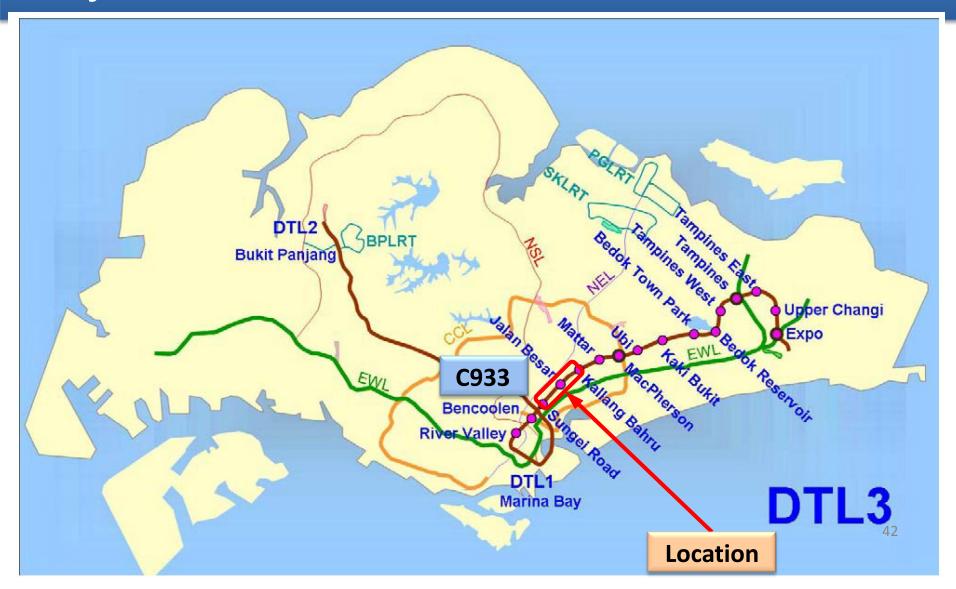






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#### **Project Information - Location**



#### Project 2 – C933 (Bendemeer Station DTL3)











#### LTA C933 – Artist Impression









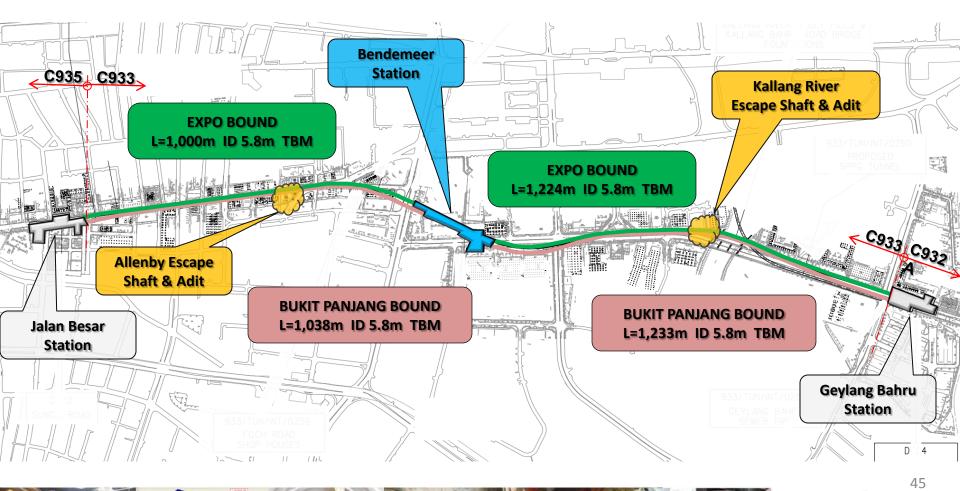
**Platform** 

**Concourse Ticketing** 

**Contract Sum** 

SGD 215,240,000.00

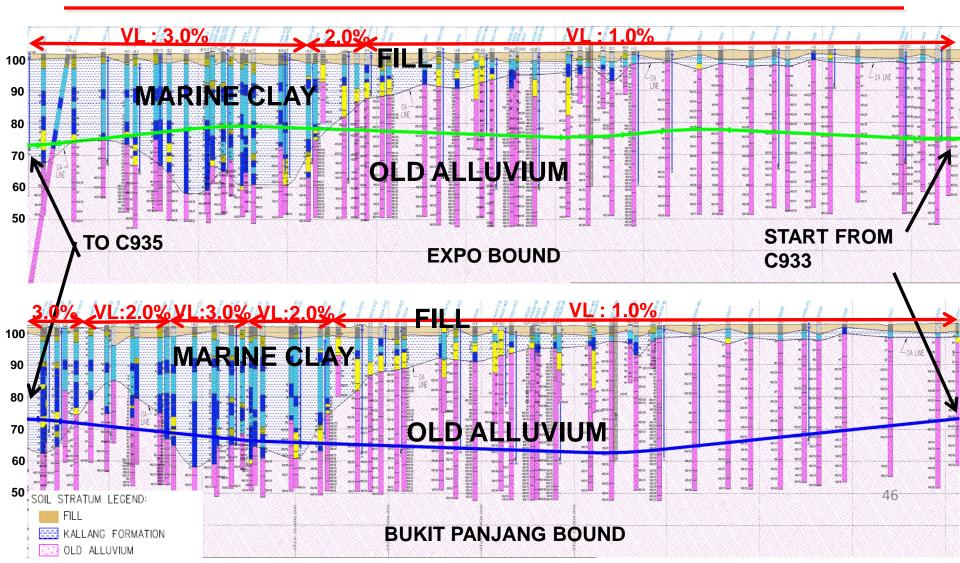
#### **Scope of Work: Overall**



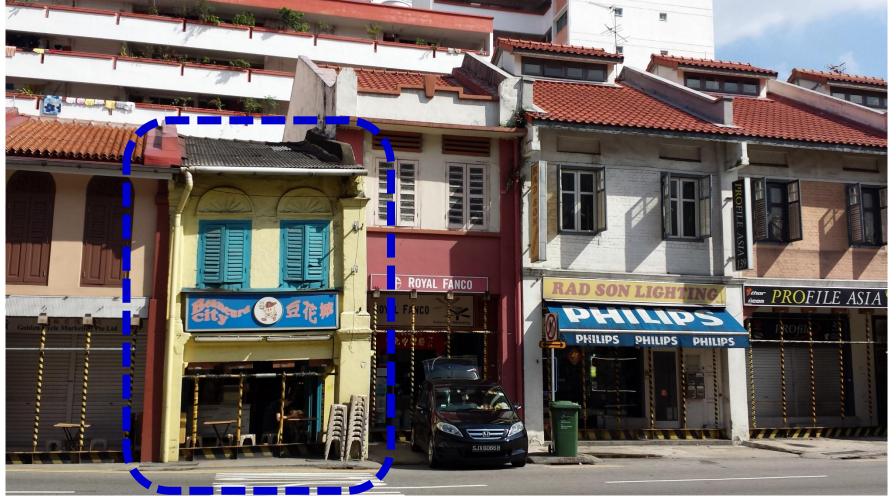


#### **Geological Profile/ Design Ground Volume Loss**





## Conserved Shophouses late 19th & early 20th centuries







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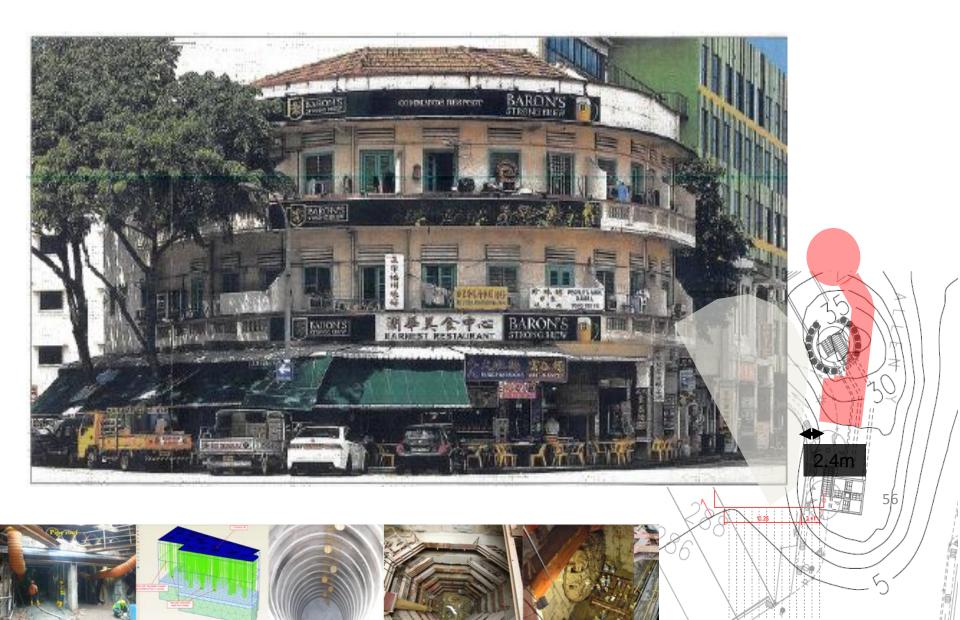








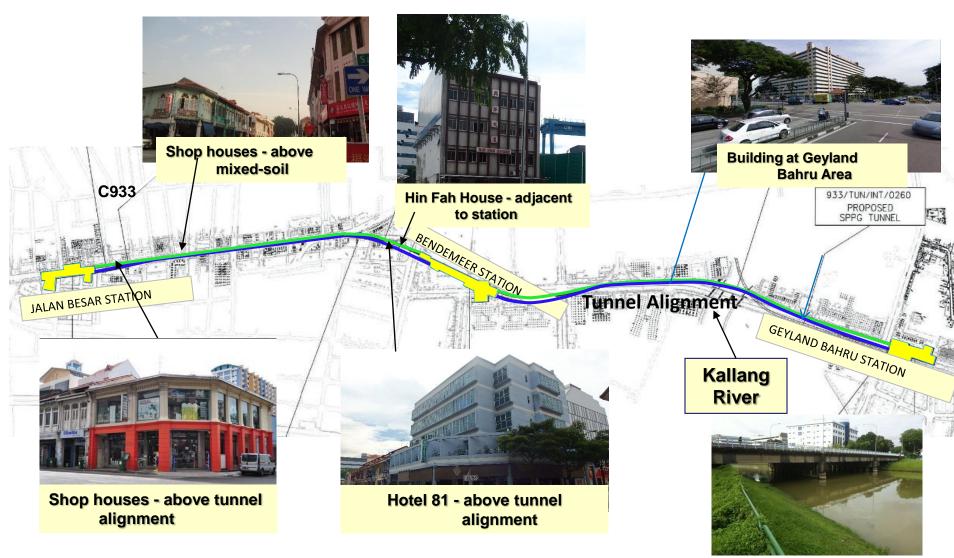
#### **C933 – ALLENBY ROAD SHOPHOUSE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT**



## **Potential Challenges**



Tunnel alignment passing through highly built-up areas



#### **C933 (Bendemeer Station DTL3)**

### **Tunneling Works**











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- Bored Tunnel: 2.27km x 2, 4 nos of TBM

## **C933 - Creativity/Innovation**



Qualified Person (Supervision) for DTL3 C933

Steel Fiber Reinforced Concrete (SFRC)Tunnel Segments, the project is a recipient of Singapore Concrete Institute (SCI) Excellence Award 2013



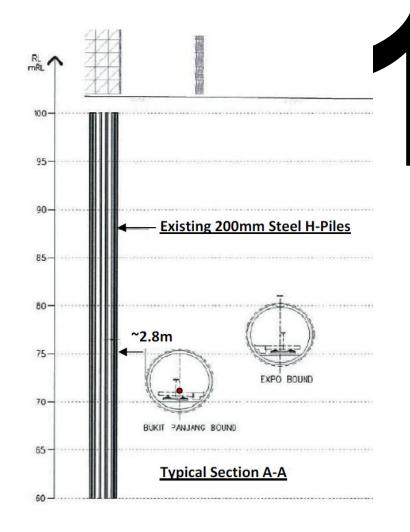


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## **Challenge 1**

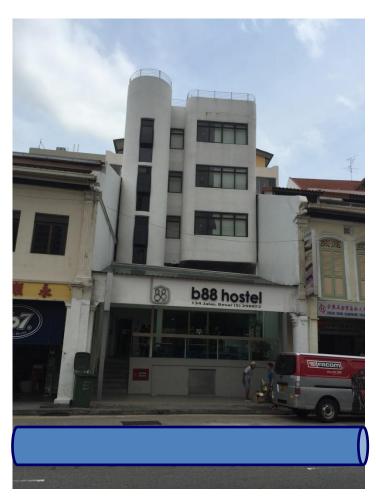
 Tunnelling in close proximity to existing steel H-pile of Shophouse

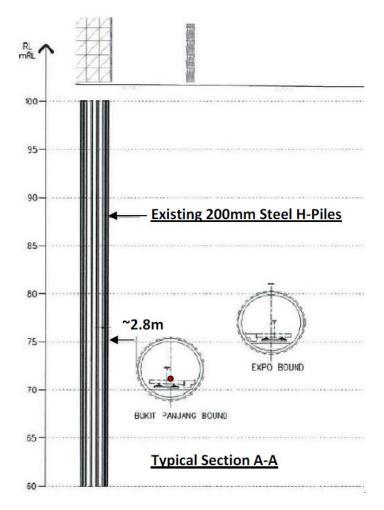






## **Tunnel-pile Interaction**







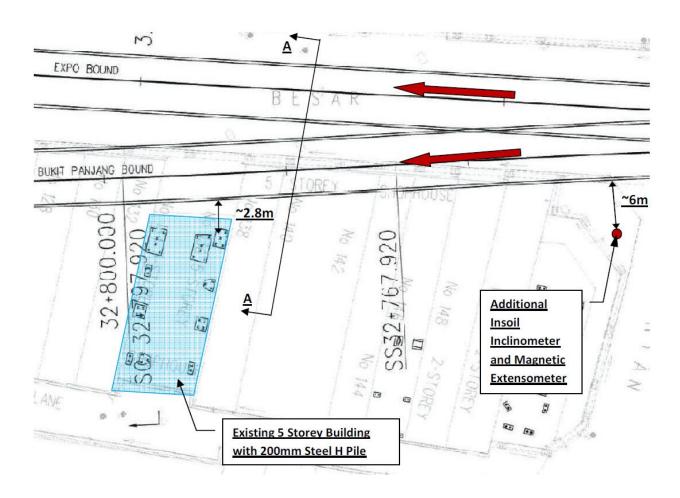






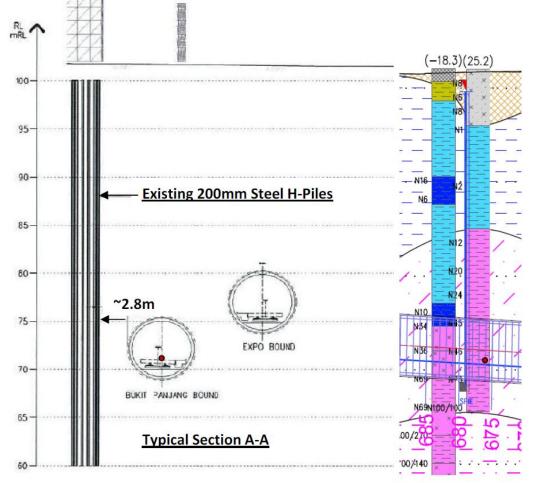


# Plan of Building with existing Steel H-Pile in close proximity to Bored Tunnel





# Typical Section of Building with existing H-Pile in close proximity to Bored Tunnel and Soil condition



The TBM face pressure was maintained at 48% higher than hydrostatic pressure during mining adjacent to the bored hole instruments.

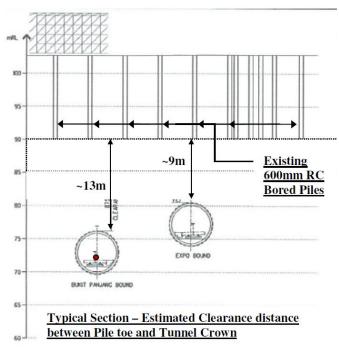
The monitoring readings have shown minor horizontal and vertical soil movement of maximum 3mm after the TBM crossed the bored hole instrument location.



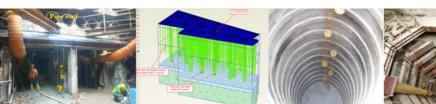


## **Challenge 2:**

 Tunnelling <u>under</u> a cluster of 6 units of Shophouses





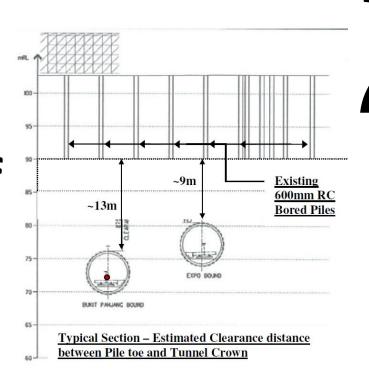




### **Challenge 2:**

#### Case 1

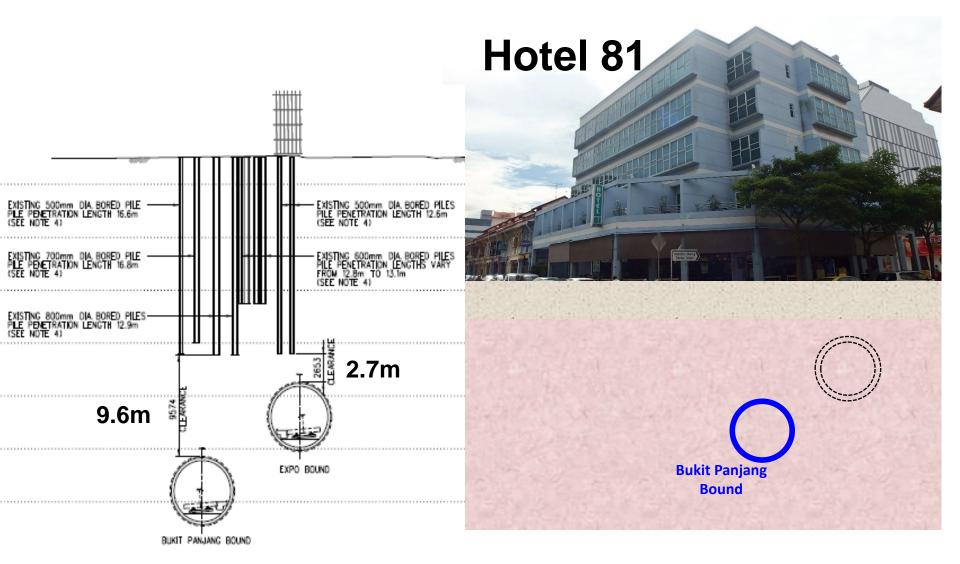
 Tunnelling under a cluster of 6 units of **Shophouses which** as-built pile depth information is available















### **Tunnel-Pile Interaction (HOTEL 81)**



Understanding of Soil Responses due to Tunnelling
3D Numerical Analysis and Case Study of
Bendemeer Station (DTL-3), Singapore

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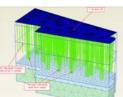
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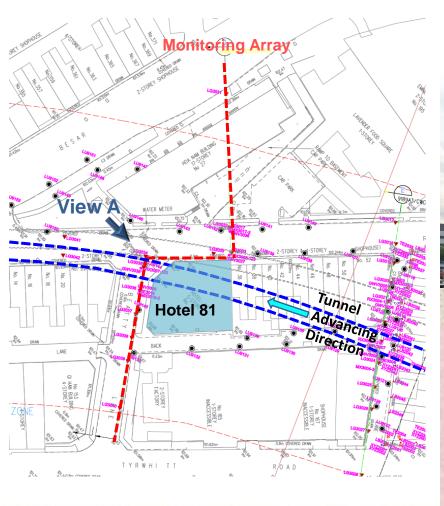




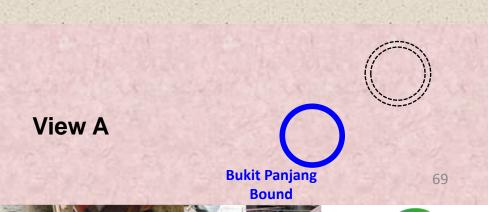




## **Ground Instrumentation Layout**



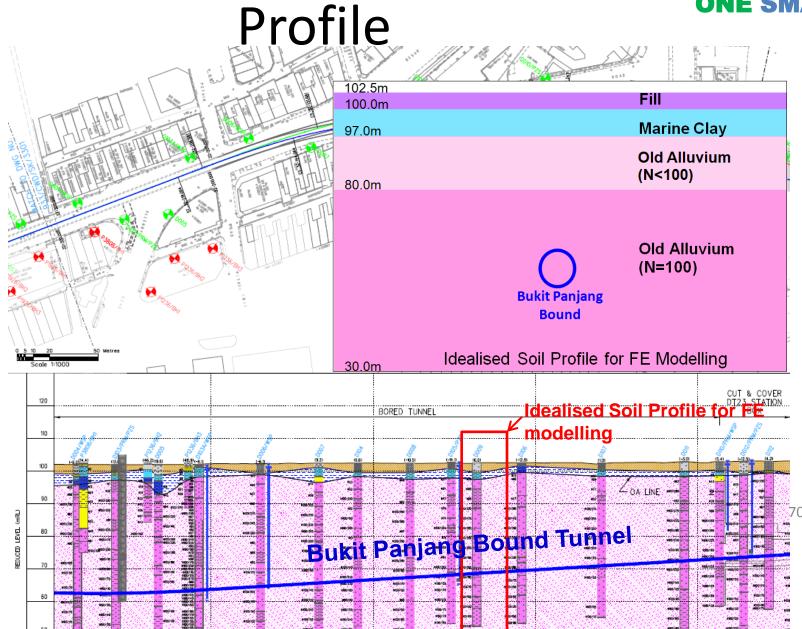






# Borehole Layout Plan & Soil





### **Instrumentation and Monitoring**



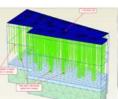














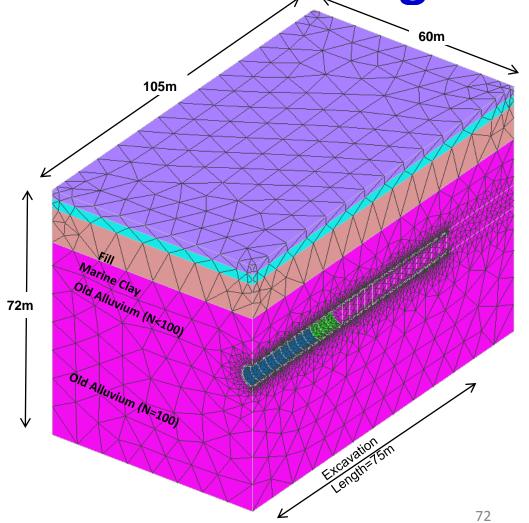




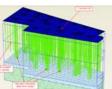


3-D Finite Element Modelling

- Tunnel Geometries
  - 6.6m tunnel diameter
  - 32.5m tunnel depth
  - H/D=5
- Stage-by-stage tunnel advancement
- Mohr-Coulomb soil model
- Coupled Consolidation Analysis









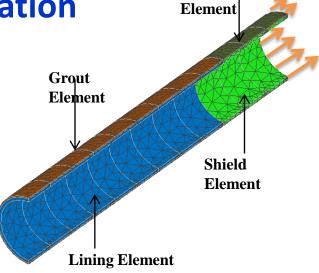






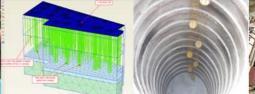
### Analysis Assumptions and Simulations

- 3-D FE analysis using GeoFEA software
- Full tunnel construction process are considered as follow;
  - Face Pressure Application
  - Shield Advancement
  - Overcutting
  - Tail Void Closure
  - Lining Installation



Overcut

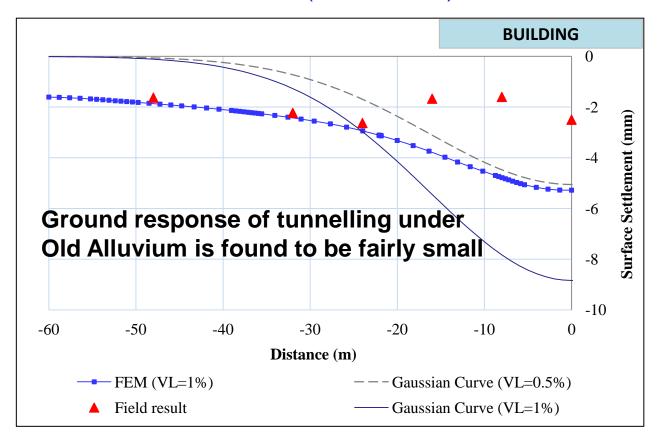






### **Results and Discussion**

☐ Surface Settlement (Transverse)



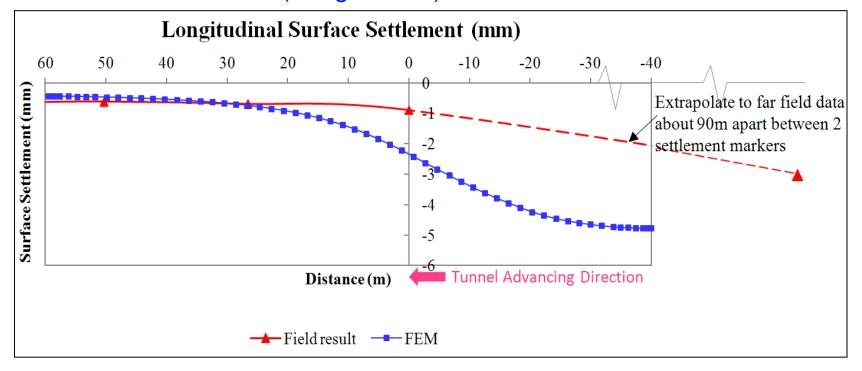
- □ Final settlement trough no longer follows Gaussian curve
- Possible Factors
  - Stiffening effect of the presence of existing building (Hotel 81)
  - Settlement markers installed on road pavement





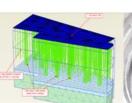
### **Results and Discussion**

☐ Surface Settlement (Longitudinal)



- Both field and FE results show similar trend
- Maximum transverse settlement (at 5D) = 2 x longitudinal settlement at tunnel face
- □ Cumulative probability curve [New and O'Reilly (1991)]





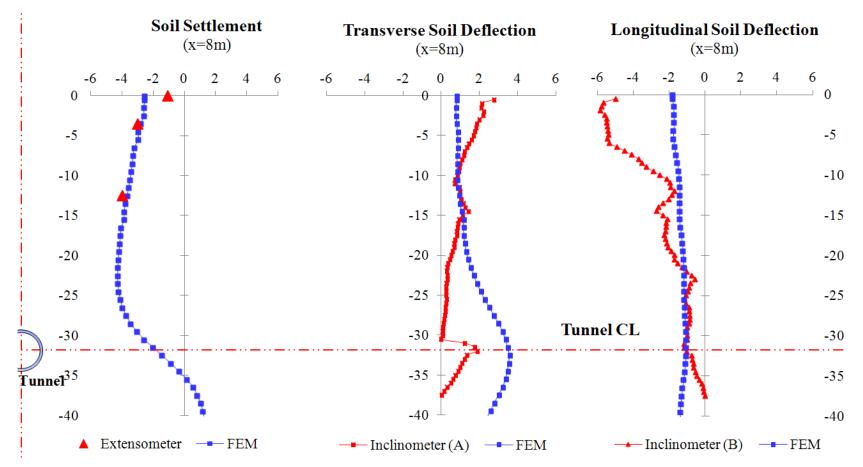








#### □ Soil Displacement versus Depth



- □ FEM predictions are comparable with the actual field data
- Longitudinal deflection cannot capture the correct behaviour up to 10m depth.

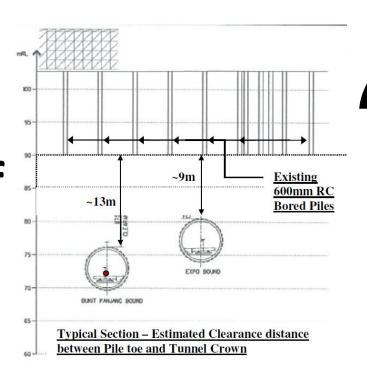




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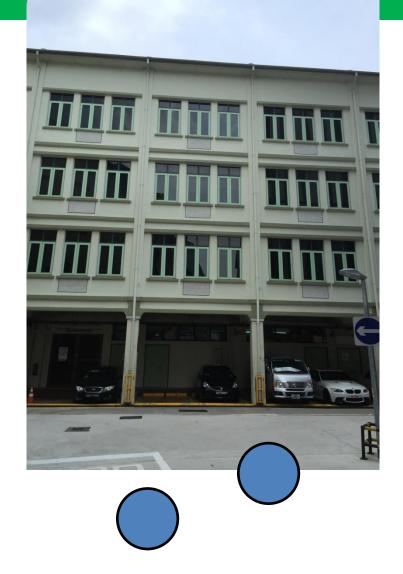
### Case 2

 Tunnelling under a cluster of 6 units of **Shophouses which** as-built pile depth information is unavailable

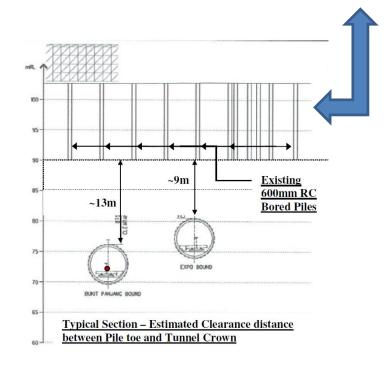








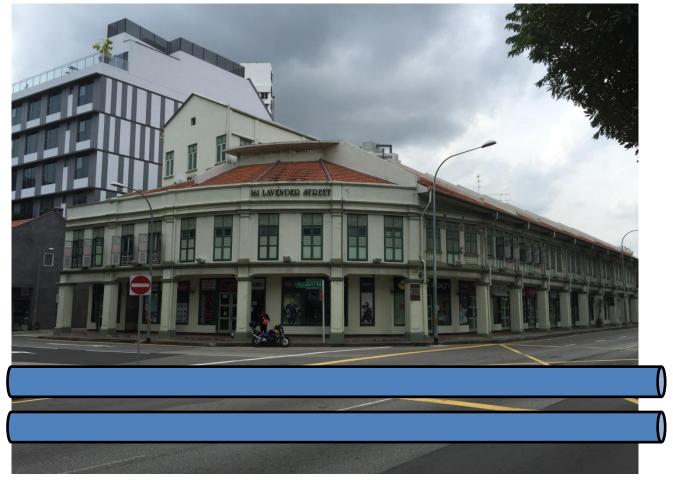
# As-built pile depth information is unavailable







### As-built pile depth information is <u>unavailable</u>

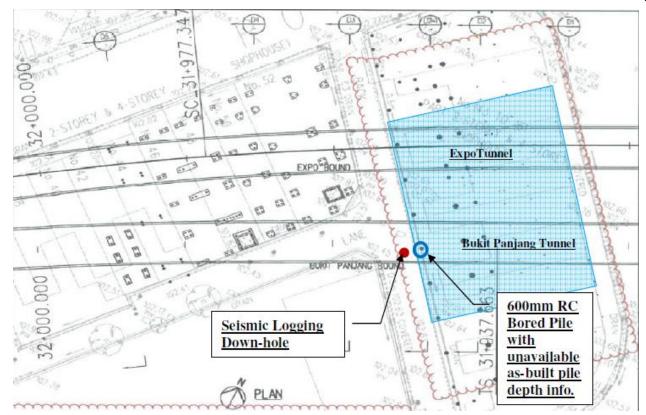












1)To detect any potential obstruction to TBMs due to existing Bored Pile foundation with unavailable as-built pile depth information.

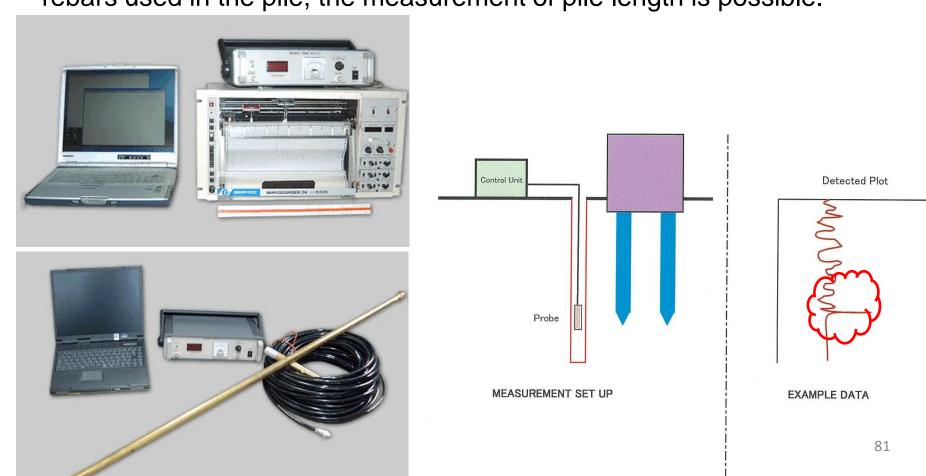
2)Seismic Logging was carried out to determine the length of the 600mm diameter Borepile and therefore the clearance from TBM crown to Bored pile toe





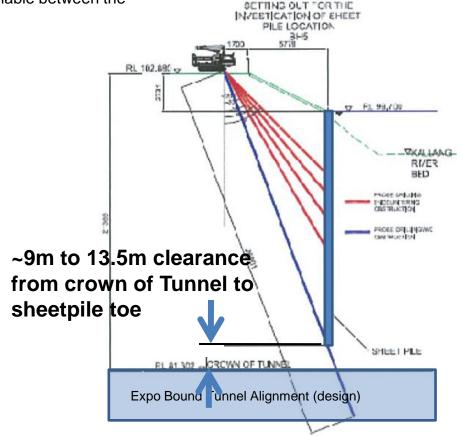
### Pile Length Investigation: Magnetic Logging

The Magnetic Logging detect the metal nearby the probe. By detecting rebars used in the pile, the measurement of pile length is possible.

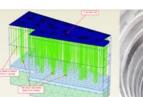


Photos of Magnetic Logging Apparatus

Physical Probing results shows that 9 to 13.5m clearance distance is available between the Tunnel to the pile toe.





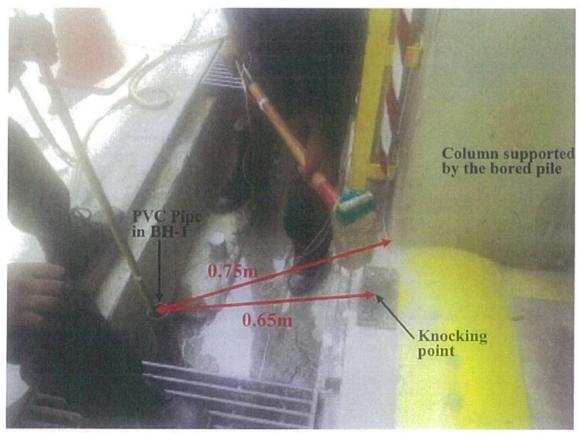








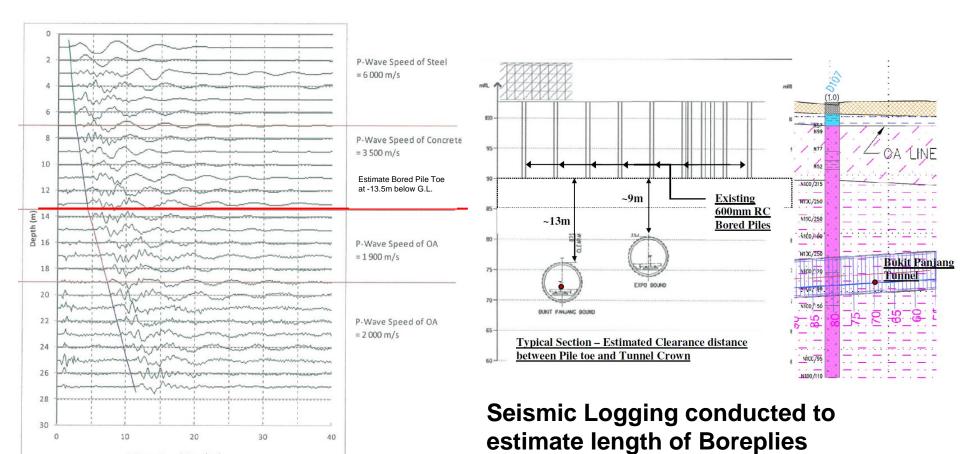




Seismic Logging conducted to estimate length of Boreplies







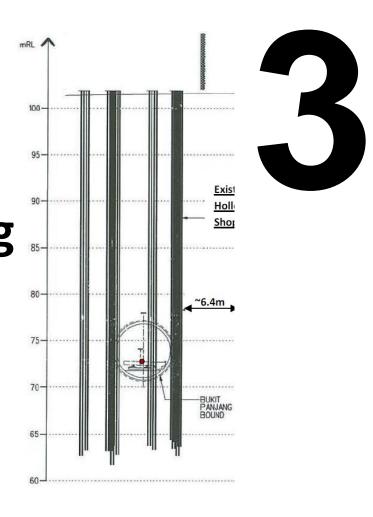
Seismic Logging results shows that the Toe of Bore Pile is approx. 13.5m b.g.l and therefore a ~9 m and 13m clearance distance is available between the Pile Toe and Expo Bound Tunnel and Bukit Panjang Bound Tunnel respectively

P-Wave Travel Time (ms)



### **Challenge 3:**

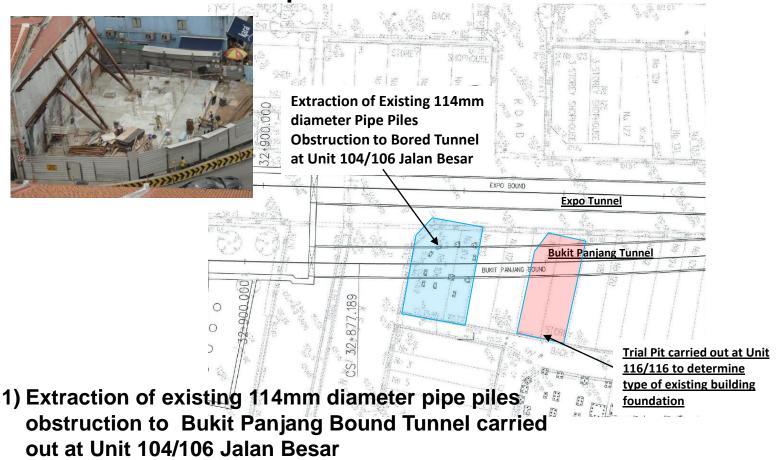
 Overcoming of existing pile obstructions at demolished Shophouse







### Advance verification of existing building foundation and removal of Pipe Piles obstruction to TBM



2) Trial Pit carried out at Unit 116/116 to determine type of existing building foundation

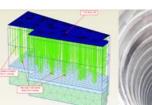




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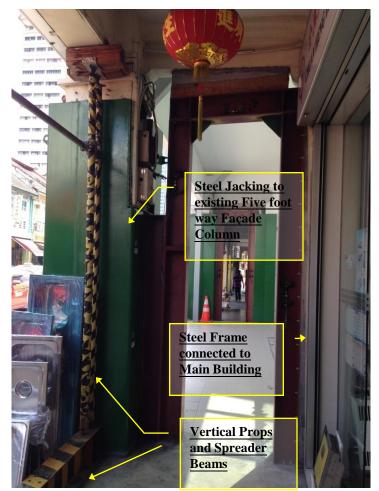








### **Building Protection Measures**



Steel Jacking and Steel Frame to connect existing Five-footway Column to the Main Building where the TBM undercrossed

Building settlement registered a range of 11mm to 24mm



Vertical Prop installed along the 5-footway façade of Shophouses



### **Building Protection Measures**









### **Extraction of Existing Steel Pipe Pile**









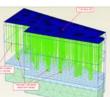


### **Extracted Steel Pipe Piles**











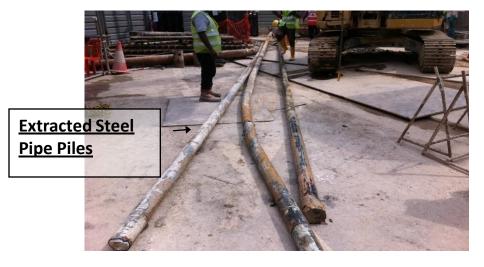






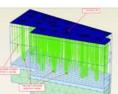
### Advance verification of existing building foundation and removal of Pipe Piles obstruction to TBM





Existing Pile extraction using temporary external steel casting and wash boring at Unit 104/106 Jalan Besar





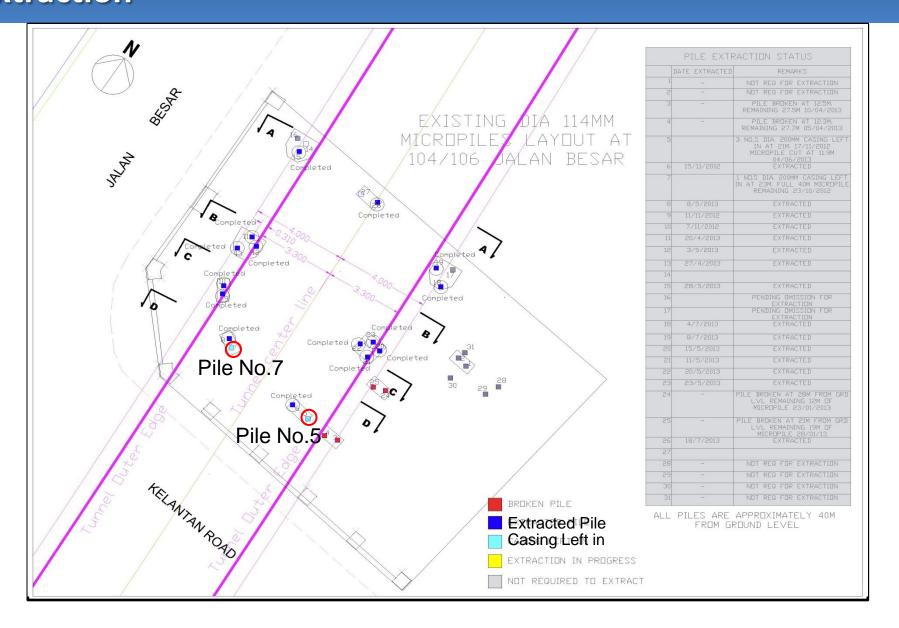




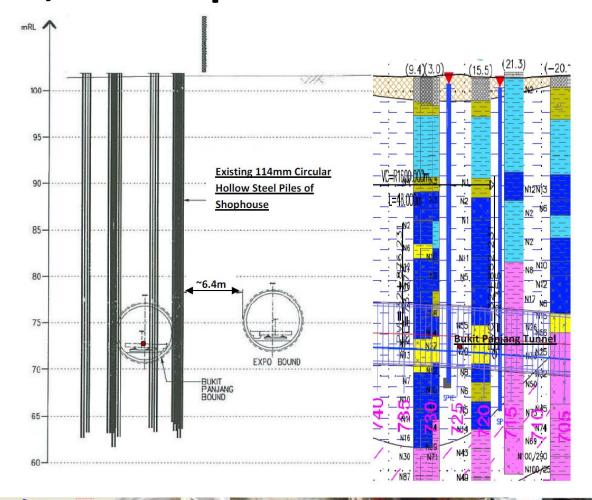




### Unit 104 / 106 Jalan Besar – Layout Plan and Status of Pile Extraction



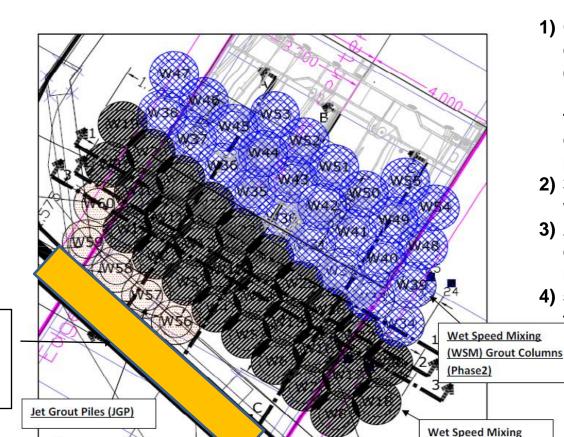
# Typical Elevation view of existing Steel Pipe Piles, tunnel position and Soil Condition





### Ground Improvement block to facilitate CHI for

### Change of Cuttertools & removal of potential obstruction



1) Ground Improvement Block comprising of Wet Speed Mixing (WSM) Grout Pile and Jet Grout Pile (JGP) were installed to facilitate CHI for change of cuttertool & removal of potential obstruction

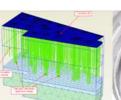
- 2) 3 rows of WSM Grout column was originally proposed
- 3) After review, the WSM Grout columns was extended to cover more of the TBM shield body
- 4) 5 nos of JGP were installed near to the existing Utilities corridor



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**Utilities** 

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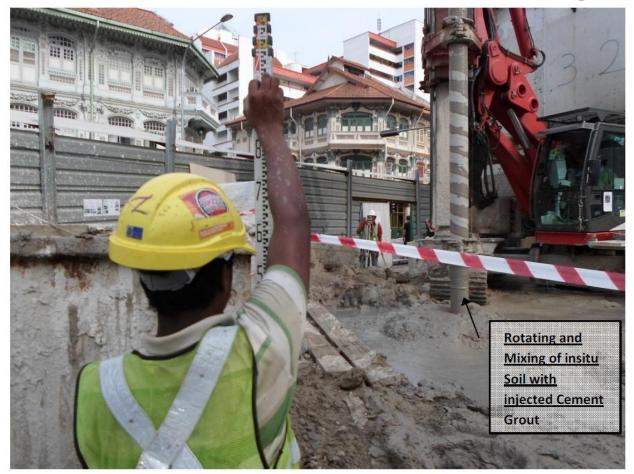


(WSM) Grout Columns

(Phase 1)



# Installation of Wet Speed Mixing (WSM) Grout Columns in Progress



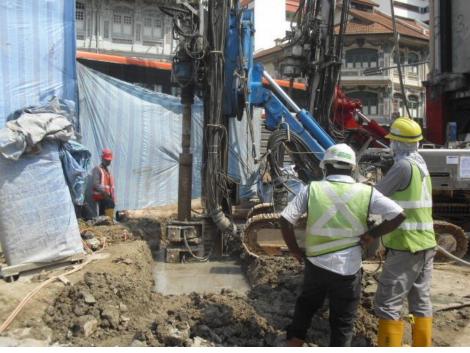






# Ground Improvement block to facilitate CHI for cuttertool change & potential obstruction removal

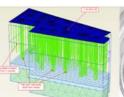




**Installation of WSM in progress** 

Installation of JGP in progress







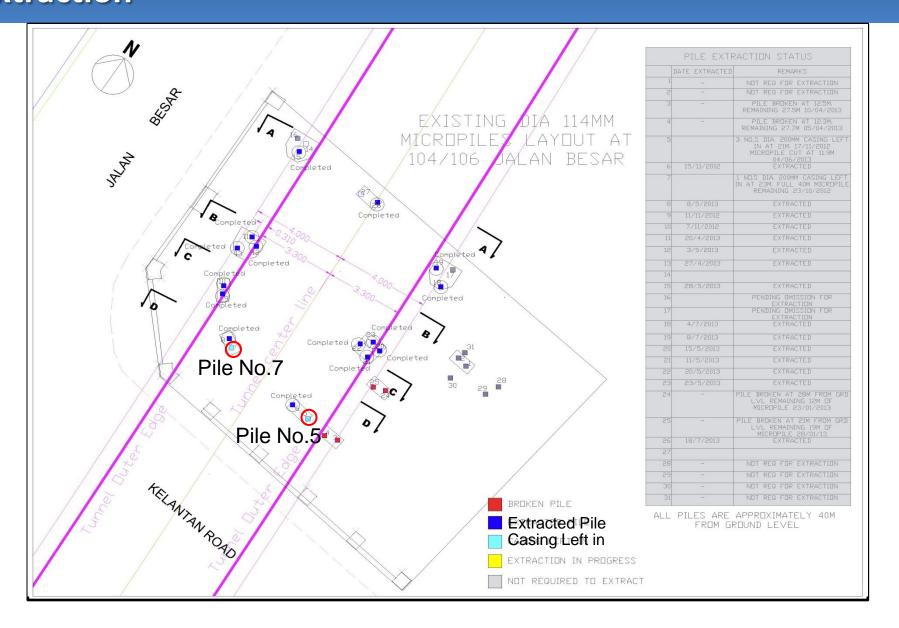




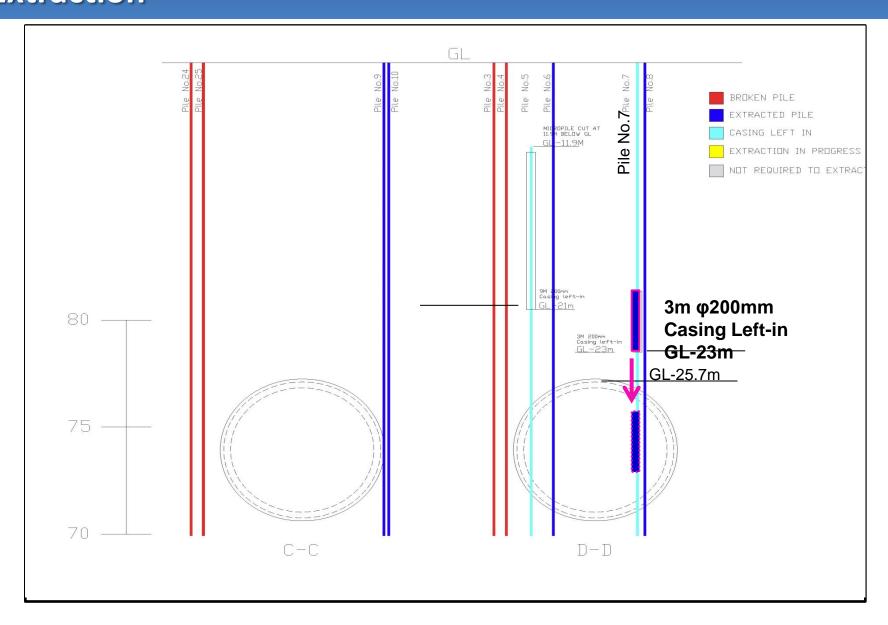




### Unit 104 / 106 Jalan Besar – Layout Plan and Status of Pile Extraction



### Unit 104 / 106 Jalan Besar — Section View for Status of Pile Extraction

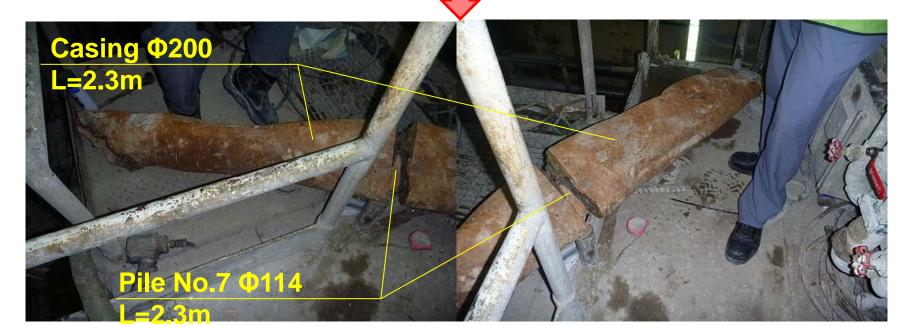


### **Existing Pile No. 7 Detection**



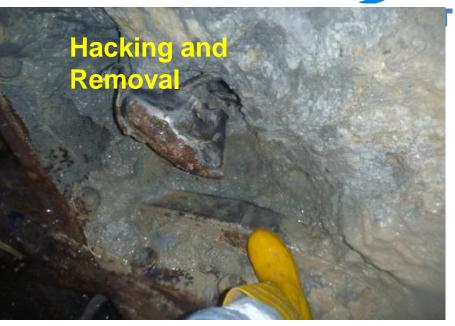


Removed from the front of cutter wheel



### **Existing Pile No. 7 Detection**







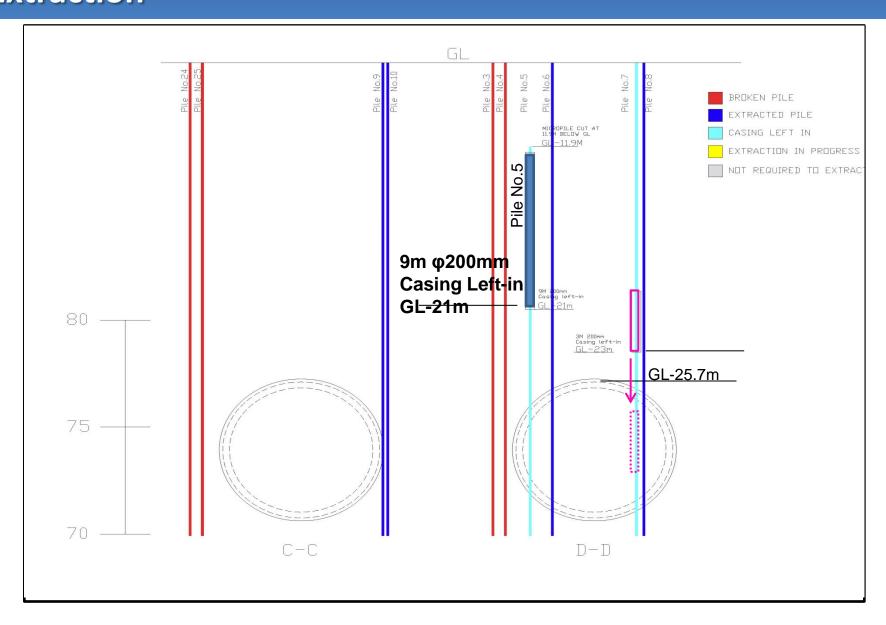
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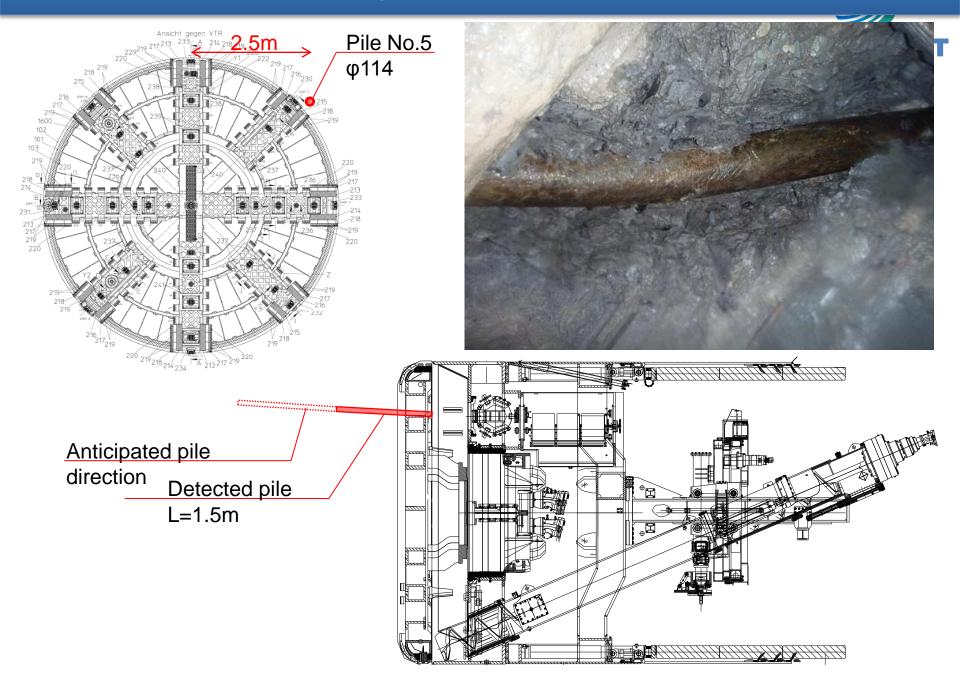


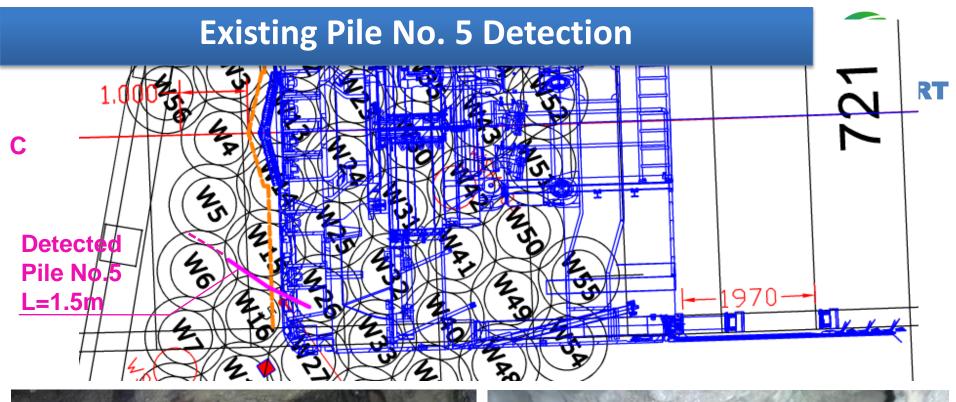
Casing Φ200 L=2.3m Pile No.7 Ф114 L=2.3m

### Unit 104 / 106 Jalan Besar – Section View for Status of Pile Extraction



### **Existing Pile No. 5 Detection**

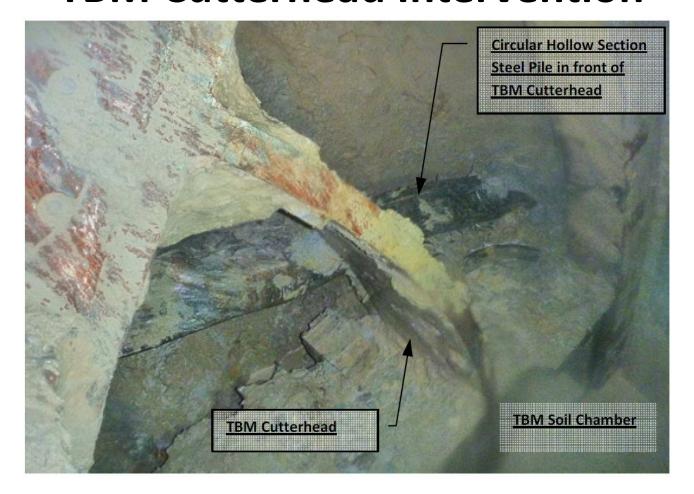








# Photo of Existing Steel Pile found during TBM Cutterhead Intervention





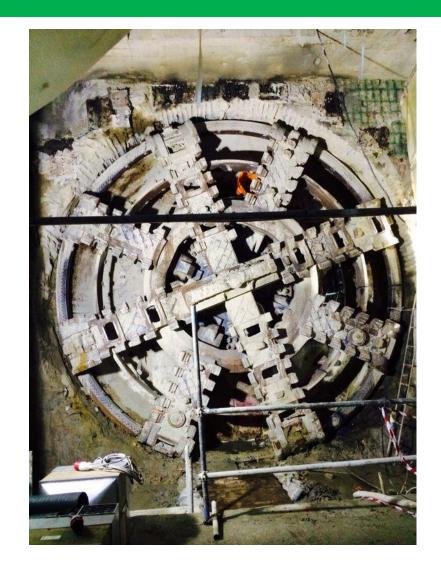




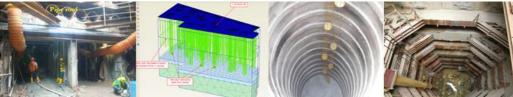


















# A section of the completed SFRC Tunnel





### ....you will see the light at the end of the tunnel



### **Needs:**

- Good design
- Good material selection
- Good moulds
- Correct casting & curing
- Careful handling
- Careful tunnelling
- Good build
- Good grouting

### Everything has to be right!











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