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Mayor and Council:

With respect to a question about the soil testing lab proposed for 980 Howe Street, which was asked by a councillor at referral of the application to public hearing, please see below a description of the soil testing activity which has been provided by the prospective tenant for the space, BGC Engineering:

"BGC has undertaken to create a lab in their new premises for Spring 2015. It has long been a desire and a need for some specialized space where staff can view rock and soil samples and to run some tests in a clean, safe environment (as opposed to a parkade or vacant boardroom which is the current space used for such tests).

These tests consist of:

Index testing for evaluation of moisture content, grain size, consistency limits and classification
Strength testing for evaluation of shear strength
Compressibility testing for settlement predictions

And we intend to use machinery such as:

Mechanical sieve shaker,
Laboratory oven,
Sample compression frame,
Benches, scales etc.

The team is also committed to continued academic learning and would like to use the lab space to demonstrate testing done by more experienced staff on the team. Geotechnical tests do not require the use of harmful or hazardous chemicals. We do not intend to work with toxic or harmful substances from areas such as the Oil Sands regions. Staff handling these samples and working in the lab are trained under WHMIS and have had extensive experience handling samples for testing at field site as well as through their academic training. Rock and soil samples are usually brought in by courier in large plastic containers or plastic sample bags. If the vehicle is too high to continue down to the 5th parkade level our staff will meet the courier at ground level and transport the samples via handcart through the parkade or by using the elevator to the 5th level.

I trust this is helpful.

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BGC ENGINEERING INC.
per:

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We appreciate Council's favourable consideration of our application.

Thank you in advance,

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