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Foreword

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ISO 22475-1 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Sampling methods and groundwater measurements*:

- *Part 1: Technical principles for execution*
- *Part 2: Qualification criteria for enterprises and personnel*
- *Part 3: Conformity assessment of enterprises and personnel by third party*

Introduction

ISO 22475-1 specifies the technical principles for the execution of sampling and groundwater measurements for geotechnical purposes.

The quality of these services can be proven by:

- a) a declaration of conformity by a contractor (first party control);
- b) a declaration of conformity by a client (second party control);
- c) a declaration of conformity by a conformity assessment body (third party control).

Every enterprise or individual may decide, if and how they will prove the fulfilment of the technically related criteria: by first, second or third party control because no part of ISO 22475 requires such a declaration.

ISO/TS 22475-2 specifies the qualification criteria for enterprises and personnel that perform sampling and groundwater measurements according to ISO 22475-1.

The conformity assessment by third party control can be made according to the technical principles for execution of sampling and groundwater measurements specified in ISO 22475-1, as indicated in ISO/TS 22475-2, and in the conformity assessment procedure given in ISO/TS 22475-3.

Geotechnical investigation and testing — Sampling methods and groundwater measurements —

Part 1: Technical principles for execution

1 Scope

This part of ISO 22475 deals with the technical principles of sampling of soil, rock and groundwater, and with groundwater measurements, in the context of geotechnical investigation and testing, as described in EN 1997-1 and EN 1997-2.

The aims of such ground investigations are:

- a) to recover soil and rock samples of a quality sufficient to assess the general suitability of a site for geotechnical engineering purposes and to determine the required soil and rock characteristics in the laboratory;
- b) to obtain information on the sequence, thickness and orientation of strata and joint system and faults;
- c) to establish the type, composition and condition of strata;
- d) to obtain information on groundwater conditions and recover water samples for assessment of the interaction of groundwater, soil, rock and construction material.

The quality of a sample is influenced by the geological and hydrogeological conditions, the choice and execution of the drilling and/or the sampling method, handling, transport and storage of the samples.

This part of ISO 22475 does not cover soil sampling for the purposes of agricultural and environmental soil investigation.

NOTE 1 Soil sampling for these purposes is to be found in ISO 10381.

Water sampling for the purposes of quality control, quality characterisation, and identification of sources of pollution of water, including bottom deposits and sludges is not covered.

NOTE 2 Water sampling for these purposes is to be found in ISO 5667.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 791, *Drill rigs — Safety*

EN 996, *Piling equipment — Safety requirement*

EN 1997-1, *Eurocode 7: Geotechnical design — Part 1: General rules*

EN 1997-2, *Eurocode 7: Geotechnical design — Part 2: Design assisted by laboratory testing*

ISO 22476-3, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Field testing — Part 3: Standard penetration test*

ISO 14688-1, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Identification and classification of soil — Part 1: Identification and description*

ISO 14689-1, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Identification and classification of rock — Part 1: Identification and description*

ISO 3551-1, *Rotary core diamond drilling equipment — System A — Part 1: Metric units*

ISO 3552-1, *Rotary core diamond drilling equipment — System B — Part 1: Metric units*

GUM: *Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement*, BIPM/IEC/IFCC/ISO/OIML/IUPAC/IUPAP

ISO 10097-1, *Wireline diamond core drilling equipment — System A — Part 1: Metric units*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1997-1, EN 1997-2, ISO 14688-1 and ISO 14689-1 and the following apply.

NOTE Additional terms and definitions can be found in the books and literature listed in the Bibliography.

3.1 Site investigation methods

3.1.1

trial pit

open excavation constructed to examine the ground conditions *in situ*, recover samples or carry out field testing

3.1.2

shaft

open vertical or steeply inclined excavation, typically more than 5 m deep, constructed to examine the ground conditions *in situ*, recover samples or carry out field testing

3.1.3

heading

adit

small tunnel driven horizontally or with a slight inclination from a shaft or into sloping ground to examine the ground conditions *in situ*, recover samples and carry out field testing

3.1.4

borehole

hole of any predetermined diameter and length formed in any geological formation or man-made material by drilling

NOTE Investigations carried out in such a hole can be to recover rock, soil or water samples from a specified depth or to carry out *in situ* tests and measurements.

3.1.5

drilling

process by which a borehole is produced in any geological formation by rotary, rotary percussive, percussive or thrust methods and in any predetermined direction in relation to the drill rig

3.1.6

small diameter drilling

drilling in the soil with a diameter greater than 30 mm but less than 80 mm