



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 2288
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CESAM-RD-I
PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2011-0198-SBC

March 15, 2011

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

PROPOSE IMPACTS TO NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE U.S. IN CONJUNCTION
WITH MAINTENANCE DREDGING
TOMBIGBEE RIVER, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 USC 403), and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT:

Cooper Marine Timberlands Corporation
Attention: Mr. Curt Anderson
Post Office Box 1484
Mobile, Alabama 36633

AGENT:

Cowles, Murphy, Glover, & Associates
Attention: Mr. Gary Cowles
457 St. Michael Street
Mobile, Alabama 36602

WATERWAY: Tombigbee River, River Mile 48.75, at Paul Bayou Road, Calvert, Washington County, Alabama. Section 56, Township 2 North, Range 1 East; Latitude 31.1642° North and Longitude -87.9736° West.

WORK: The applicant proposes to maintenance dredge an existing barge loading and unloading area at the Hook's Lake barge facility to depth of -12.0 feet NGVD by mechanical dredging methods. The proposed dredge area is approximately 725 feet in length and varies in width from approximately 120 feet to 200 feet. The total dredge area would be approximately 116,000 square feet, and up to 40,000 cubic yards of silt and sand would be dredged initially. An additional 10,000 cubic yards of silt/sand would be dredged from the site annually for maintenance of the loading/unloading facility. The purpose of the proposed dredging is to maintain an adequate depth for the loading and unloading of barges at the facility's dock. All dredged materials from the project would be placed in a contained upland disposal area at the project site. The area has been previously dredged under Department of the

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Army Permit Number AL97-2936-S. See the attached drawings for additional information.

The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Alabama in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and for coastal zone (CZ) consistency in accordance with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to WQ certification and CZ consistency will be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) can be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to effect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Although the extent of federal control and responsibility for

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these considerations are confined to the limits of the permit area for this particular project, the potential indirect effects that may occur to historic properties as a result of this undertaking are also being considered. We are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally-recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and concerned citizens regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Historic architectural or archaeological investigations may be necessary to ascertain the existence of such resources. Efforts will be made through the consultation process to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects to significant cultural and historic properties that may occur as a result of this undertaking. The district engineer remains the final decision authority.

Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate that the proposed activity will not affect listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat. Previous review by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that these project activities would have no significant adverse effects on wildlife resources.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number **SAM-2011-0198-SBC** and should be mailed to:

District Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile
Attention: Regulatory Division (RD-I-S)
Post Office Box 2288
Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001

with a copy furnished to:

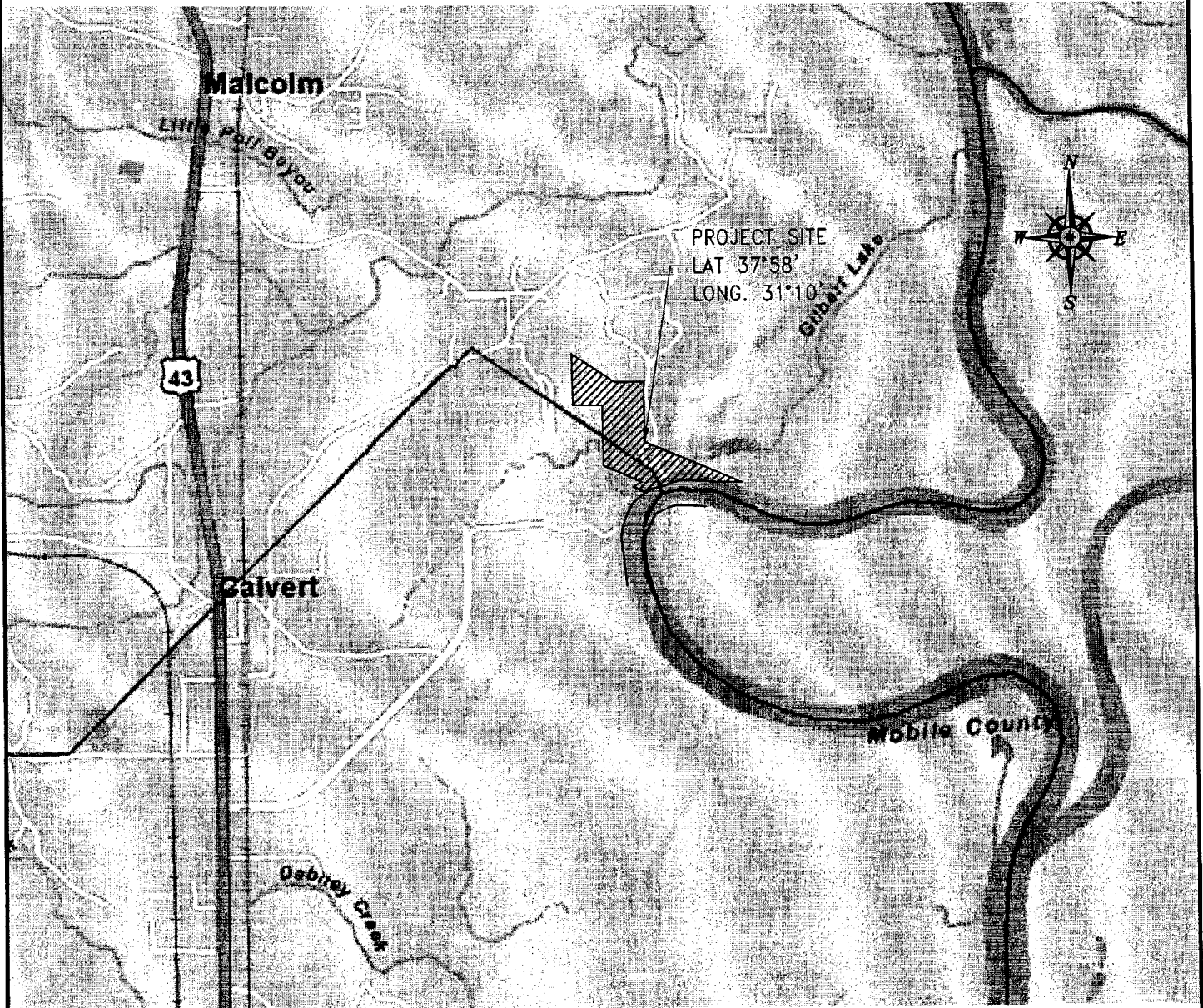
Alabama Department of Environmental Management
4171 Commanders Drive
Mobile, Alabama 36615

Comments should be received no later than **30 days** from the date of this Public Notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may also contact the project manager, Mr. S. Brad Crosson at telephone number (251) 694-3664 or steven.b.crosson@usace.army.mil. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/RD/reg, and please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey while you're there. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

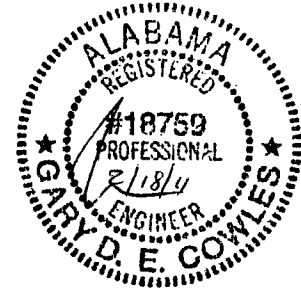
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Enclosures



VICINITY MAP

1"=4000'



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 HOOK'S LAKE FACILITY
 VICINITY MAP**

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WASHINGTON COUNTY
MOBILE COUNTY

1452
S67.0288°E

S.G. LLC
11191 KALIOKA RD
EIGHT MILE, AL 36613
APPROX. 1 MILE NORTH

1131.0745
S66.83°E
THYSSENKRUPP

THYSSENKRUPP STEEL USA, LLC
1 THYSSENKRUPP DR
PO BOX 456
CALVERT, AL 36513

266.64
S60.7333°W

180' STA 3+50
165' STA 0+25

350' STA 7+25

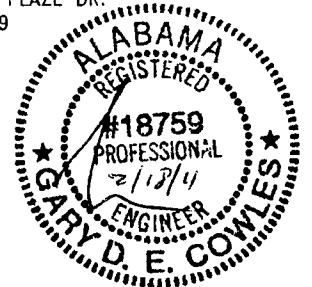
200'

DREDGE LIMITS

CHANNEL C

TOMBIGBEE RIVER
APPROX. TOE OF CHANNEL

TENSAW LAND & TIMBER CO.
3511 MONTIMAR PLAZE DR.
MOBILE, AL 36609

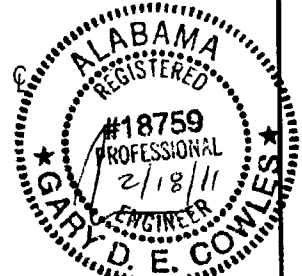
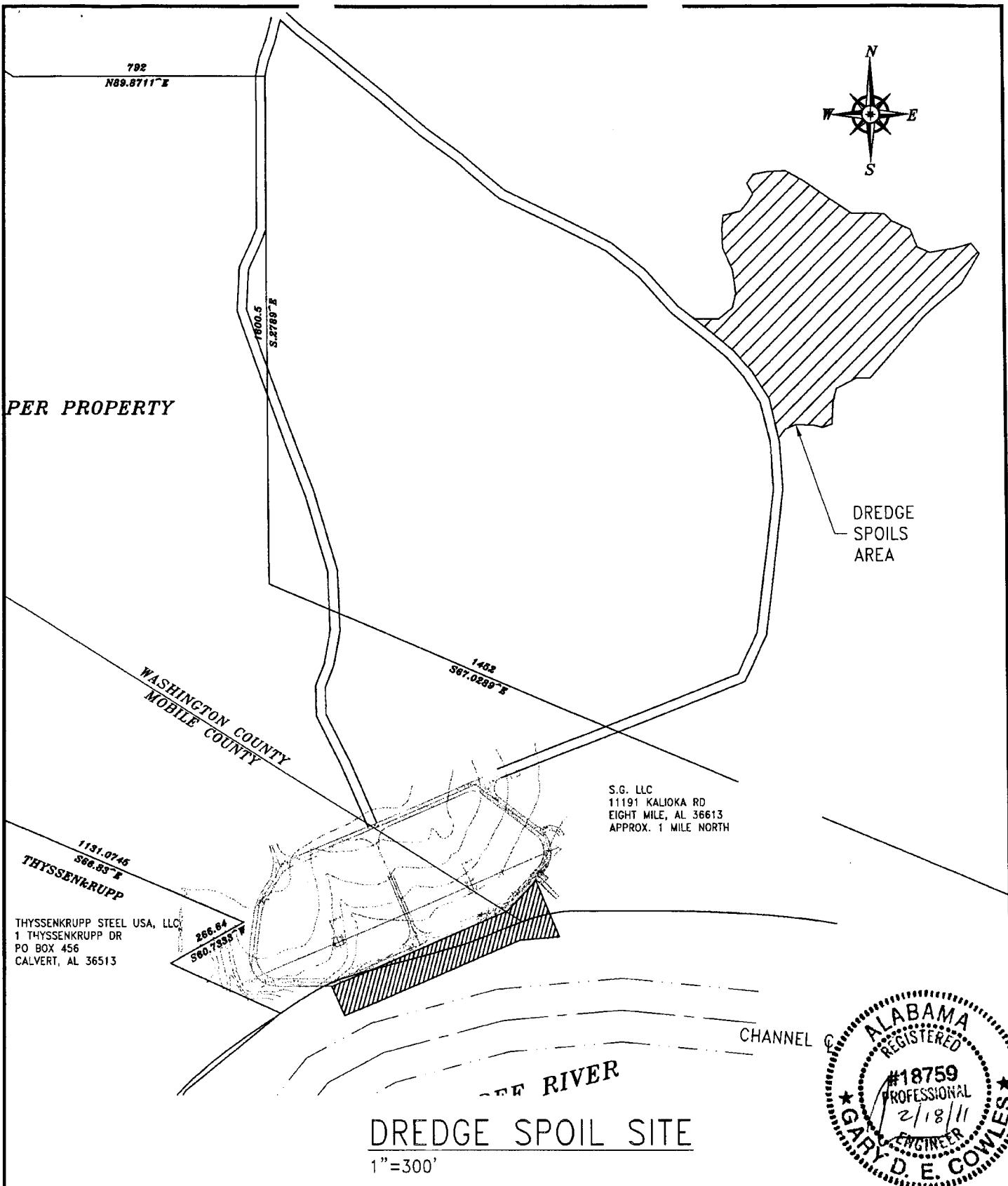


DREDGE SITE PLAN
1"=300'

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TOP OF BULKHEAD WALL
ELEV. +18.0 NGVD

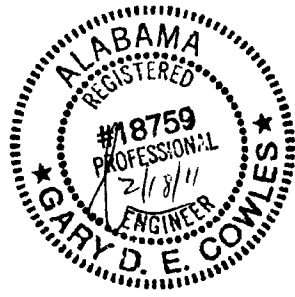
EXISTING BULKHEAD

ELEV. 0.0 NGVD

ELEV. -12.0 NGVD

DREDGE SECTION PLAN

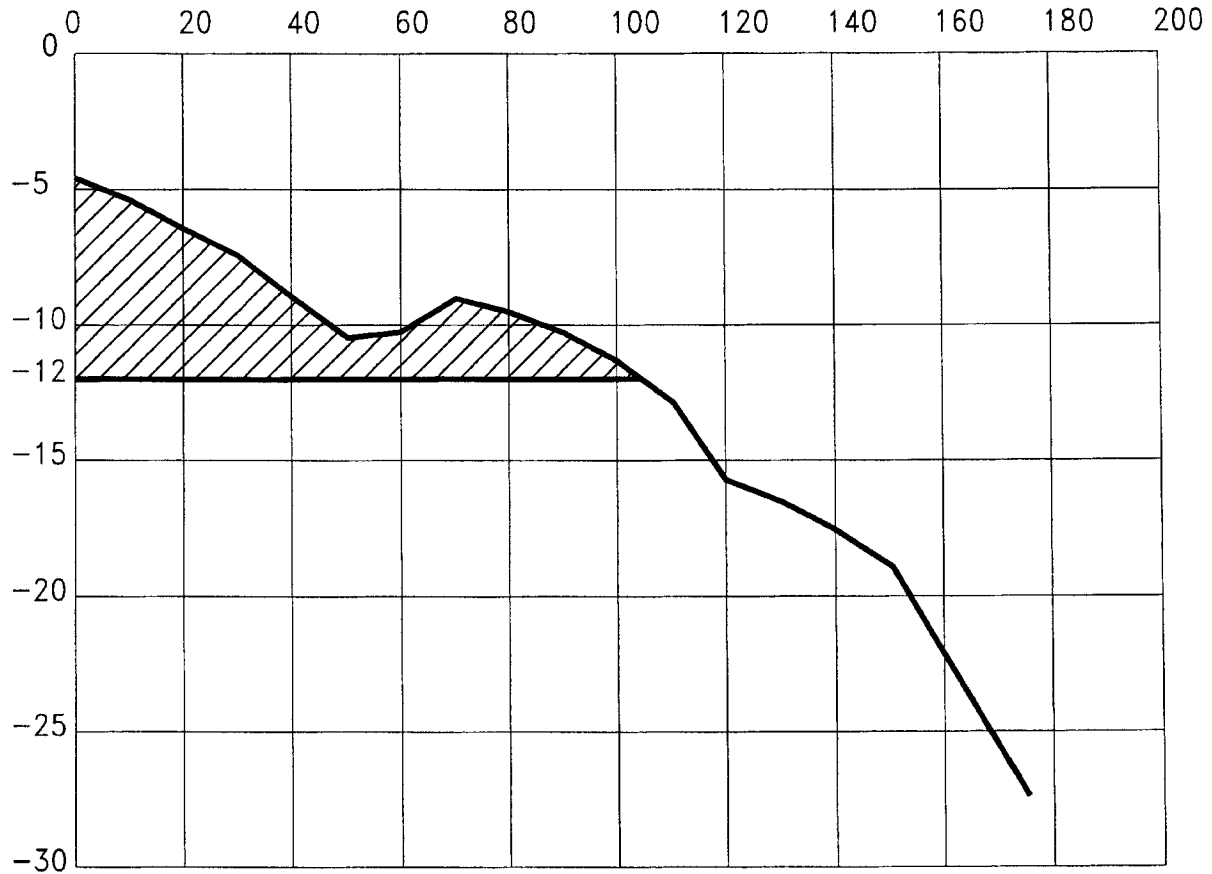
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STA 0+25

DREDGE SECTION STA 0+25

1"=40'



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DREDGE SECTION STA 3+50

1" = 40'



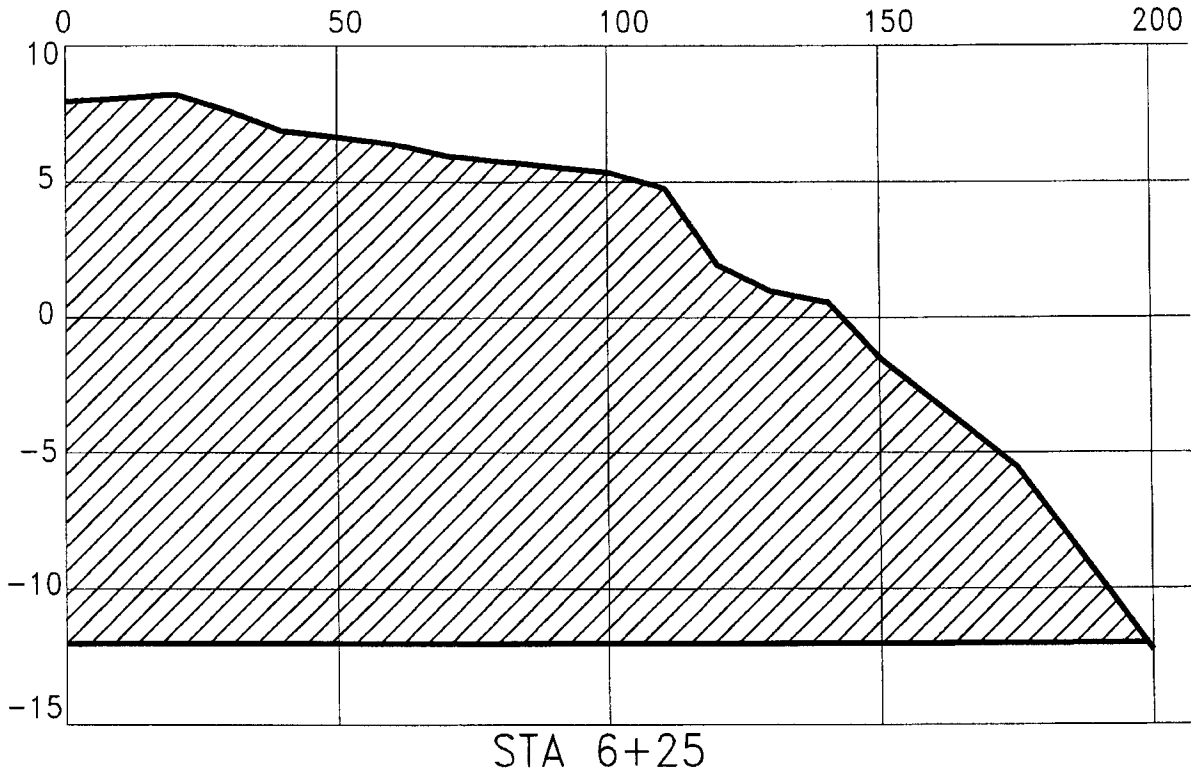
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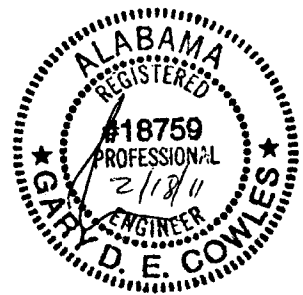
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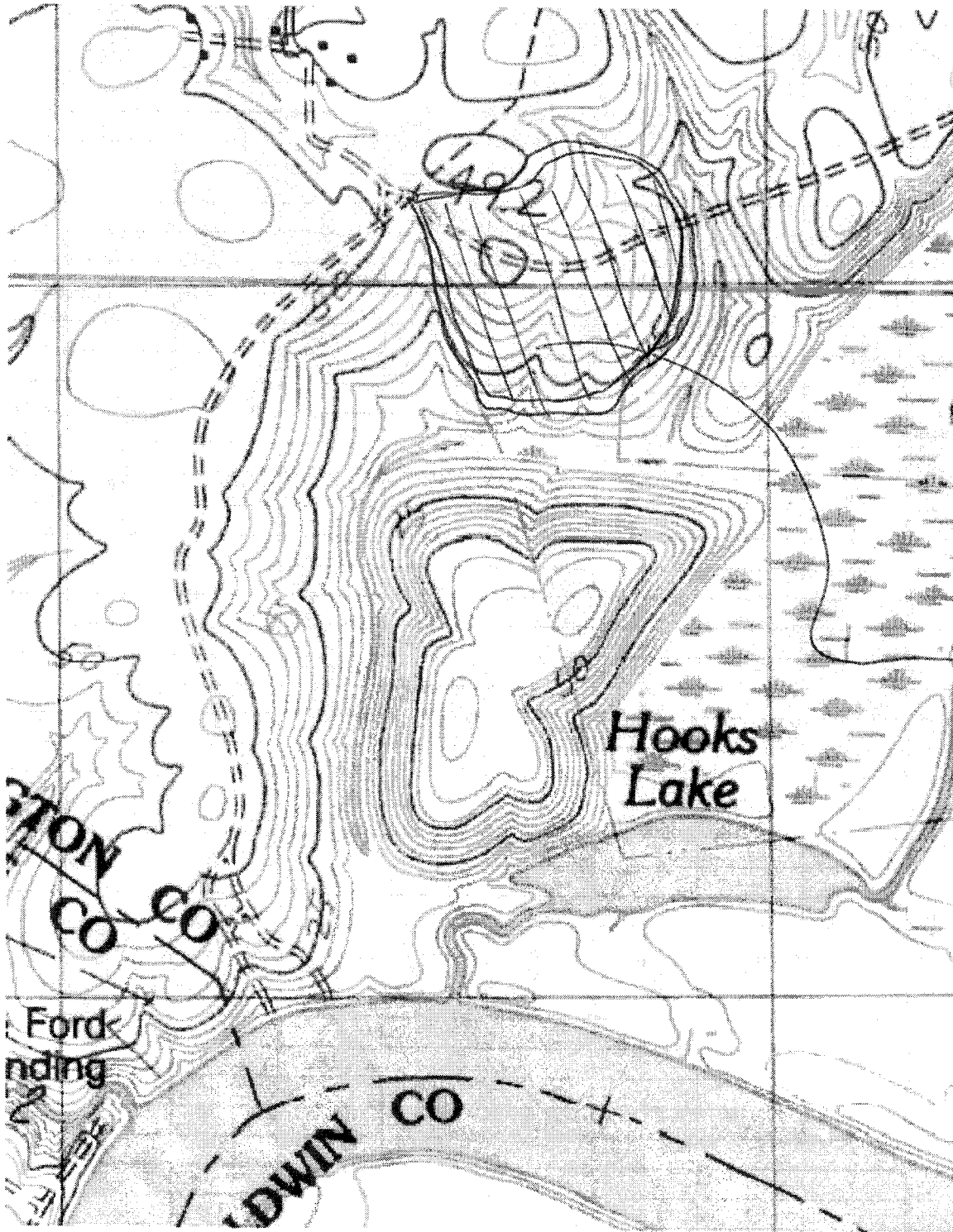
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1"=40'



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EXISTING SPILL SITE
AVAILABLE CAPACITY 40,000 GY. ±