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# LIST OF SYMBOLS

$A_c$	Area of a column
$A_s$	Area of a sample
$H_c$	Height of a column
$H_s$	Height of a sample
$V_c$	Volumes of a column
$V_s$	Volumes of a sample
$D_c$	Diameter of a column
Si	Immediate settlement
Sc	Primary consolidation
τ	Shear strength of the soil
σ	Effective normal stress
$\phi$	Cohesion
$W_L$	Liquid limit
$W_p$	Plastic limit
$I_p$	Plastic Index
Wopt	Optimum water content
$q_u$	Deviator stress
$S_u$	Undrained shear stress
$\Delta S_u$	Improvement undrained shear strength
$ ho_{d}$	Dry density
$R^2$	Correlation cohesion

# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACAA	American Coal Ash Association
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ASTM	American Society of Testing Material
BS	British Standard
BSCS	British Soil Classification System
EDS	Energy Dispersive Spectrometry
EPF	Employee Provided Fund
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
ML	Low Plasticity Silt
USCS	Unified Soil Classification System
USDA	US Department of Agriculture
WV	West Virginia
XRF	X-Ray Fluorescence