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# 1 General Information

D-GEO PIPELINE (formerly known as MDrill) has been developed especially for geotechnical engineers and mechanical engineers. D-GEO PIPELINE's graphical interactive interface requires just a short training period for novice users. This means that skills can focus directly on the input of geotechnical and engineering data and on the drilling fluid pressure calculations and strength pipeline calculations.

## 1.1 Preface

D-GEO PIPELINE is a graphical interactive Windows tool for designing pipelines installed by using one of the three following techniques:

- ◇ the horizontal directional drilling (HDD) technique
- ◇ the micro-tunneling technique
- ◇ the construction in trench technique

In case of HDD technique, D-GEO PIPELINE can be used to calculate the maximum allowable pressure of the drilling fluid and to assess whether this maximum pressure remains higher than the minimum required drilling pressure. The design is completed by means of a pipe stress analysis.

In case of micro-tunneling, D-GEO PIPELINE can be used to calculate the minimal face support pressure to prevent the possibility of collapse in of the soil in front of the micro tunneling shield and also the maximum face support pressure which should not be exceeded to prevent uplift of the soil above the micro tunneling machine or a blow out of drilling fluid towards the surface.

In case of installation in a trench, D-GEO PIPELINE can be used to check the uplift safety as the soil cover above the pipeline may be insufficient to withstand the buoyant force of an empty pipeline.

### Easy and efficient

D-GEO PIPELINE has proved to be a powerful tool in the everyday engineering practice of designing pipelines constructed by means of horizontal directional drilling, micro tunneling or trenching. D-GEO PIPELINE's graphical user interface allows both frequent and infrequent D-GEO PIPELINE users to evaluate the feasibility of pipeline configurations.

### Complete functionality

D-GEO PIPELINE provides the complete functionality for the design of pipelines installation.

### Product integration

D-GEO PIPELINE is an integrated component of the Deltares Systems. This means that relevant data with MGeoBase (central project database), D-GEO STABILITY formerly known as MStab (stability analysis), MSeep (seepage) and D-SETTLEMENT, formerly known as MSettle (settlements) can be exchanged. MGeobase is used to create and maintain a central project database containing data on the measurements, geometry and soil properties of several cross-sections.

D-GEO PIPELINE also interacts with Scia Pipeline program for advanced structural analysis of pipeline behavior by exporting the D-GEO PIPELINE results in a csv file.



## 1.2 Installation of pipelines

Pipelines are an important part of the linear infrastructure. They are the lifelines of our modern society. Successful operation of a pipeline system on long term is strongly related to the quality of the engineering works carried out before the installation of the pipeline.

The installation of pipelines is carried out in trenches from times immemorial. After excavation of the trench the pipeline is installed on the bottom of the trench and is subsequently covered by the excavated soil. Since the seventies, last century, other techniques for pipeline installation are introduced. These so called trench less techniques such as horizontal directional drilling and micro tunneling are applied on a large scale since the eighties. They provide a logical alternative when pipelines need to cross roads, railways, dikes, wetlands, rivers and other structures that have to remain intact. These techniques minimize the impact of installation activities in densely populated and economical sensitive areas.

The program D-GEO PIPELINE provides tools for the design of pipeline installation in a trench and trench less, by using the micro tunneling technique or the horizontal directional drilling technique. The tools allow the user to minimize the risks during and after installation.

### 1.2.1 Horizontal Directional Drilling technique

HDD technique D-GEO PIPELINE enables the fast design of a pipeline configuration, installed using the horizontal directional drilling technique. With the horizontal directional drilling technique, three installation stages are considered:

- ◇ Pilot drilling
- ◇ Reaming the initial pilot borehole
- ◇ Pulling back the pipeline

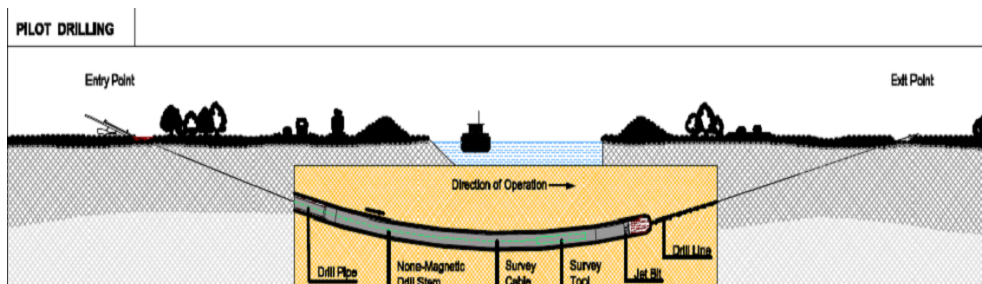


Figure 1.1: HDD / Pilot drilling (DCA-guidelines)

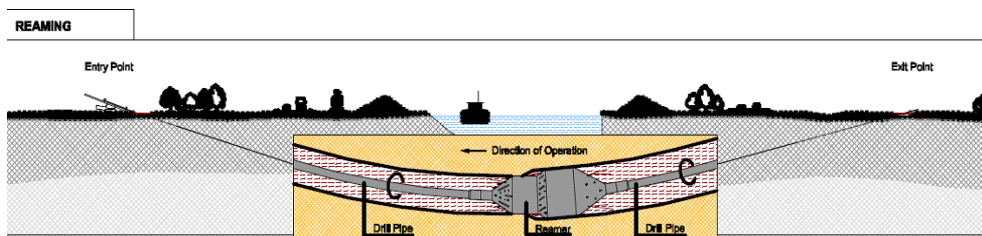
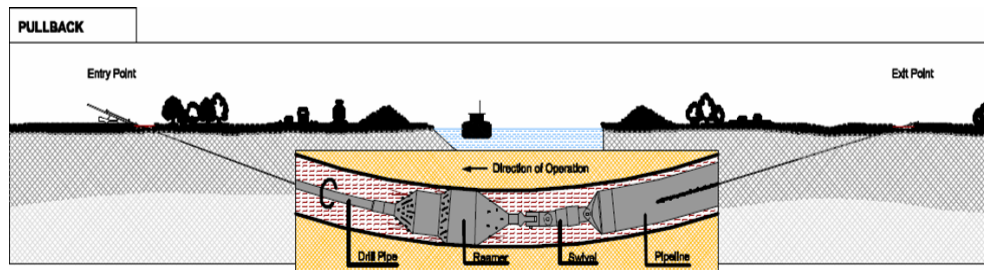


Figure 1.2: HDD / Pre-reaming (DCA-guidelines)





**Figure 1.3:** HDD / Pull back operation (DCA-guidelines)

During the final stage, a drilling is carried out, using a relatively small drill bit, under the object that has to be crossed – for example, a road, railway, waterway or a nature reserve. This initial borehole is called a pilot hole. The diameter of the pilot hole is then enlarged using a reamer. Depending on the required final borehole diameter, the borehole can be enlarged in several stages using reamers of increasing diameters. After reaming, the diameter of the borehole should be 1.3 to 1.5 times larger than the diameter of the pipeline. After preparing the pipeline near the exit point of the borehole, the pipeline is finally pulled into the borehole.



**Figure 1.4:** Reamer and cutting wheel

During all drilling stages, drilling fluid is pumped under pressure into the borehole. The main function of drilling fluid is to transport cuttings from the drilling head through the borehole and to the ground surface. A specific minimum pressure is required for the transport function of the drilling fluid. However, the fluid pressure in the borehole should not exceed a specific maximum value. The maximum value is related to the strength of the soil around the borehole. If the maximum fluid pressure is exceeded, a 'blow-out' may occur. Besides the pressure of the drilling fluid, other factors play a role in the design process. Both the strength of the pipeline during the pull back operation and the strength of the pipeline in operation need to be sufficient to withstand the forces acting on the pipeline.

### 1.2.2 Micro Tunneling

Micro tunneling is the technique which uses a micro tunneling boring machine (MTBM) to remove the soil. Micro tunneling usually starts horizontal at a certain level below the surface. Start and reception shafts are created for the micro tunneling machine. In the start shaft a

jacking frame and micro tunneling machine in front of pipe sections are installed. The jacks push the pipe elements section by section ahead towards the reception shaft. As the length of the advancing micro tunnel increases, the friction forces along the micro tunneling machine and the pipe segments will increase. Lubrication fluid may be applied to reduce the friction. Very often at the front of the Micro tunneling machine drilling fluid is used for soil removal and front stabilization.



*Figure 1.5: Jacking frame and micro tunneling machine in the start shaft*

### 1.2.3 Installation in trench

The majority of the underground pipelines are installed in a trench. After excavation of the trench the pipeline is installed on the bottom of the trench (Figure 1.6) and is subsequently covered by the excavated soil. The interaction between the pipe and the condition of the soil material, which is placed back in the trench plays an important role in the engineering of the pipe.



*Figure 1.6: Pipeline installation in a trench*

### 1.3 Features in standard module (HDD)

In the Netherlands, HDD technique has been used on a large scale since the 1980s. Since the 1970s, Deltares (formerly known as GeoDelft) has been involved in the development and execution of trench less technologies. Years of research have resulted in one of the first design codes for HDD, as well as in a computer program. Since the release of the first version in 1995, D-GEO PIPELINE provides users with the minimum and maximum drilling fluid pressure during the different phases of construction. D-GEO PIPELINE can also analyze the stresses in the pipeline during and after the installation for different pipeline materials.

This section contains an overview of D-GEO PIPELINE's options available for Horizontal Directional Drilling (standard module).

#### 1.3.1 Soil profile

- ◇ **Multiple layers.** The two-dimensional soil structure can be composed of several soil layers with an arbitrary shape and orientation. Each layer is connected to a particular soil type.
- ◇ **Verticals.** By placing verticals in the geometry, the coordinates for which output results will be displayed can be defined.
- ◇ **Soil properties.** The well-established constitutive models are based on common soil parameters for strength and deformation of behavior of specific soil types.

#### 1.3.2 Pipeline materials

D-GEO PIPELINE is capable of dealing with pipelines made of different materials: steel and polyethylene. For both pipe materials, a database containing the material data is available. The database enables a quick re-calculation for alternative material types and dimensions.

#### 1.3.3 Factors

D-GEO PIPELINE applies partial safety factors to the soil parameters (weight, cohesion, friction angle and Young's modulus) and to the loads according either to the NEN series or to the European Standard CEN.

#### 1.3.4 Results

Following the analysis, D-GEO PIPELINE can display results in long table and graphical form.

The tabular report contains:

- ◇ an echo of the input
- ◇ soil mechanical calculation results per vertical
- ◇ drilling fluid pressures calculation results per vertical
- ◇ pulling force in the pipeline per characteristic point
- ◇ strength pipeline calculation results
- ◇ settlement results per vertical

A graphical output of the drilling fluid pressures for all drilling stages and vertical stresses per vertical can also be viewed.



### Thrust force

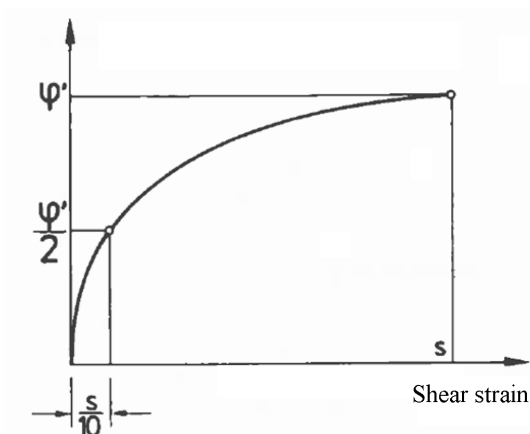
The micro tunneling machine is at the front of the advancing pipe sections. As the length of the advancing micro tunnel increases, the friction forces along the micro tunneling machine and the pipe segments increases. Lubrication fluid may be applied to reduce the friction. D-GEO PIPELINE compares the predicted thrust force with the maximum allowable thrust force of the pipeline.

### Surface subsidence

During the micro tunneling drilling process the volume of removed soil is generally larger than the volume of the tunnel (overcut). The volume difference will lead to soil movement towards the borehole, which in turn will lead to surface subsidence. The magnitude of the subsidence (trough) is also calculated.

### Arching effect

D-GEO PIPELINE applies a reduced neutral soil load to incorporate the effect of arching. The amount of reduction depends on the depth of the pipeline, diameter and the soil properties. For micro tunneling the effect of arching on the soil load is calculated. Due to the relative small overcut around the borehole arching is not completely developed.



**Figure 1.8:** Modelisation of the effect of arching

### Pipeline stress analysis

For pipe stress analysis very often special programs need to be used. These programs need an advanced set of soil mechanical parameters, provided by D-GEO PIPELINE. This will generate a complete spring model around the pipeline for further analysis.

#### 1.4.2 Trenching module

Installation in a trench is the most common way of pipeline installation. In case of pipeline installation in a trench the interaction between the pipe and the soil material, which is placed back in the trench plays an important role in the development of the soil load. Besides the condition of the soil material with which the trench is back-filled, the following parameters determine the soil load for a pipeline in a trench:

- ◇ Dimensions of the trench
- ◇ Soil type in which the trench is excavated
- ◇ Soil type with which the trench is back-filled

- ◇ Unit weight of the soil material with which the trench is back-filled
- ◇ The stiffness of the pipeline



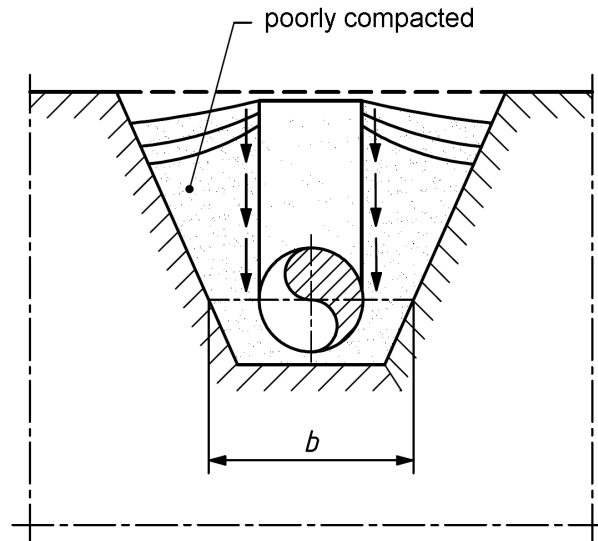
*Figure 1.9: Pipeline installation in trench*

### Features

- ◇ Graphical user interface for input of soil data.
- ◇ Advanced input of the ground water pressure distribution.
- ◇ Upheaval and Uplift check.
- ◇ Graphical output of the calculated uplift safety factor.
- ◇ Graphical output of the calculated upheaval safety.
- ◇ 3 dimensional pipeline configuration.
- ◇ Calculation of settlement of the soil layers below the pipeline.
- ◇ Output of soil mechanical parameters for an extensive pipeline stress analysis.

### Initial soil load

For advanced pipe stress analyses very often special programs need to be used. These programs need an advanced set of soil mechanical parameters, provided by D-GEO PIPELINE. The programs will generate a complete spring model around the pipeline for further analyses. The soil mechanical parameters include the initial soil load. In the period directly after the installation of the pipeline in the trench, the compaction of the fill plays an important role in the soil pipe interaction. The compaction of the fill leads to differential settlement of the fill above the pipe and adjacent to the pipe.



**Figure 1.10:** *Compaction of the fill after pipeline installation*

### **Uplift safety**

Pipeline installation in wet soft soil environments may lead to buoyant behavior of the pipeline. In case of superficial installation the soil cover above the pipeline may be insufficient to withstand the buoyant force of an empty pipeline.

## **1.5 History**

D-GEO PIPELINE is formerly known as MDrill until version 5.1. This program is a dedicated tool for designing pipelines constructed using the horizontal directional drilling technique (HDD), the micro tunneling or the construction in trench. Deltares has been developing D-GEO PIPELINE since 1992.

The first successful pipeline installation using the HDD technique Horizontal Directional Drilling was carried out under a river in the US. From 1979 onwards, the HDD technique gradually broke through internationally. The first application in The Netherlands was in 1983/1984 for the construction of a gas pipeline under the Buiten IJ in Amsterdam. Unlike conventional construction methods, the HDD technique can be used to construct pipelines without digging trenches and pits – for example, using sag pipes, pipe jacking or micro tunneling. And it also significantly shortens the construction time.

After the first application of the HDD technique, the NV Nederlandse Gasunie (Dutch Gas Corporation) took the initiative to form a research team to investigate the new construction technique. GeoDelft was a member of that research team, which investigated the construction of two pilot projects in the Netherlands.

The two pilot horizontal directional drillings were carried out in 1985. While the pipeline was being installed, measurements were taken to gain a greater understanding of the behavior of the soil around the borehole. The results of the research were used to define preliminary guidelines that must be taken into account when designing and constructing pipelines using the HDD method.

Since the first pilot projects, a large number of HDD's have been carried out, and the HDD technique has become a quick and reliable method for constructing cables and pipelines under

waterways and other objects.

Continuation of the research has led to a greater store of knowledge about soil behavior, the stresses in the pipes, and the fluid pressures in the borehole. The D-GEO PIPELINE computer program was developed on the basis of this knowledge.

**MDrill version 1.0** was first released in 1995. Some new features, such as the option for performing a strength calculation, were added in 1998.

**MDrill version 4.0** includes an adapted calculation of maximum allowable drilling fluid pressures and an adjusted strength calculation according to the NEN 3650 series.


**MDrill version 5.1** includes an adapted calculation of maximum allowable drilling fluid pressures and an adjusted strength calculation according to the new NEN 3650 series. Horizontal curves can be taken into account. The settlement calculation using the Koppejan or the Iso-tache models is also added. Bundled pipeline are now supported. A library with standard pipes for steel and polyethylene is available. The mud pressure charts have been improved. Exporting soil parameters in versatile format (\*.csv) is possible.

**D-GEO PIPELINE version 6.1 (2010)** includes two new techniques for pipeline installation: the *Micro tunneling* module ([section 1.2.2](#)) and the *Construction in trench* module ([section 1.2.3](#)). New tutorials (7 to 12) have been added to explain the use of both techniques. Small bugs have been solved: pulling forces for bundled pipes, (horizontal) projected length needed for vertical testing and mud pressure plots, default values for maximum deflection of Steel and PE have been exchanged, factor on modulus of subgrade reaction correctly used, in case of bundles the load angle and bedding angle are given by user (not automatically set to 30 degrees any more), the maximum test pressure is increased. Moreover some minor changes in the report have been made.

**D-GEO PIPELINE version 6.2 (2012)** includes an adaptation for dead end pipe ("Dead end" pipe has no production phase). Moreover some minor issues have been solved.

**D-GEO PIPELINE version 6.3 (2013)** includes the following changes: the changes in the Dutch norm NEN 3650:2012 series ([NEN, 2012a,b,c](#)) and NEN 3651:2012 ([NEN, 2012d](#)) are incorporated, it is possible to add traffic loads, safety factors from the European Standard CEN are added, the report is available in French, the temperature stresses are calculated, the known issue about thrusting forces is solved and the wrong usage of boundaries (for micro-tunneling) is solved.

**D-GEO PIPELINE version 14.1 (2014)** For micro tunneling, the calculation of the minimum and maximum face support pressures is updated so that the target value is between the minimum and maximum values. The "Check on calculated stresses for load combination 1 (HDD)" is now correctly performed. The linear settlement coefficient  $\alpha_g$  is now a user-defined value in the *Pipe Engineering* window ([section 4.6.3.1](#)). For HDD - Strength calculation, the load factor on installation  $f_{install}$  is used for the calculation of the axial bending stress  $\sigma_b$  ([Equation 23.23](#)).

**D-GEO PIPELINE version 15.1 (2015)** The default value of the allowable deflection of pipe for steel is changed to 15% (instead of 5%), as prescribed by the NEN. For bundle, the piggability is checked using the diameter of the considered pipe, not the equivalent diameter. A toggle button *Same scale X and Y axis*  is implemented in the *Input* and *Top View* windows ([Figure 2.1](#)), to switch between same scale for X and Y-axis and not same scale for X and Y-axis. A *Reset* button in the *Defaults* window ([Figure 4.43](#)) is added to get the default factors prescribed by the selected norm (NEN or CEN); when a factor differs from the norm, it is displayed in red.



**D-GEO PIPELINE version 16.1 (2016)** With this version, license(s) can be borrowed for a certain period allowing working without connection to the licence server (see [section 3.2.5](#) for more information).

## 1.6 Minimum System Requirements

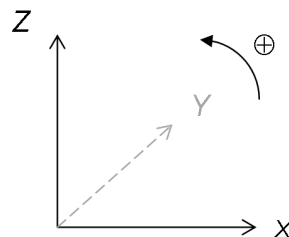
The following minimum system requirements are needed in order to run and install the D-GEO PIPELINE software, either from CD or by downloading from the Deltares website via MS Internet Explorer:

- ◇ Operating systems:
  - Windows 2003,
  - Windows Vista,
  - Windows 7 – 32 bits
  - Windows 7 – 64 bits
  - Windows 8
- ◇ Hardware specifications:
  - 1 GHz Intel Pentium processor or equivalent
  - 512 MB of RAM
  - 400 MB free hard disk space
  - SVGA video card, 1024 × 768 pixels, High colors (16 bits)
  - CD-ROM drive
  - Microsoft Internet Explorer version 6.0 or newer (download from [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com))

## 1.7 Definitions and Symbols

### Co-ordinate system

The horizontal axis is defined as the  $X$  axis. The vertical axis is defined to be the  $Z$ -direction. Upward is positive and downward negative. Perpendicular to the cross section is the  $Y$  direction. The  $L$  co-ordinate is the projection of the horizontal co-ordinate  $X$  along the pipeline trajectory.



**Figure 1.11:** Co-ordinate system

### Geometric data

$A$	Cross-section of the pipe: $A = \pi (r_o^2 - r_i^2)$	mm <sup>2</sup>
$D_o$	Outer diameter of the pipe	mm
$D_{eq}$	Equivalent diameter of the bundled pipeline	mm
$D_g$	Average diameter of the pipe: $D_g = D_o - d_n$	mm
$D_i$	Inner diameter of the pipe: $D_i = D_o - 2 d_n$	mm
$d$	Minimum wall thickness of the pipe: $d = d_n (1 - \delta_i/100)$	mm
$d_n$	Nominal wall thickness of the pipe	mm
$d_{n;eq}$	Equivalent nominal wall thickness of a bundled pipeline	mm
$I_b$	Moment of inertia of the pipe: $I_b = \pi (D_o^4 - D_i^4) / 64$	mm <sup>4</sup>

$I_w$	Moment of inertia of the wall: $I_w = d_n^3/12$	mm <sup>4</sup> /mm
$l_{\text{overcut}}$	Difference between the hole radius and the outer radius of the product pipe (micro tunneling)	mm
$r_0$	Outer radius of the pipe	mm
$r_g$	Average radius of the pipe	mm
$r_i$	Inner radius of the pipe	mm
$W_b$	Resisting moment of the pipe: $W_b = 2 I_b/D_o$	mm <sup>3</sup>
$W_w$	Resisting moment of the wall: $W_w = d_n^2/6$	mm <sup>3</sup> /mm
$\delta_t$	Negative wall thickness tolerance	%

### Pipe material data

$E_b$	Young's modulus of the pipe	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$R_{\text{eb}}$	Yield strength of the steel pipe	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$R_{\text{eb};\text{short}}$	Yield strength of the polyethylene pipe at sort term	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$R_{\text{eb};\text{long}}$	Yield strength of the polyethylene pipe at long term	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\gamma_b$	Unit weight of the pipe material	kN/m <sup>3</sup>

### Process data

$p_d$	Design pressure	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$p_t$	Test pressure	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\Delta t$	Temperature variation	K

### Pipeline configuration

$X_{\text{left}}$	X-coordinate of the left point	m
$Y_{\text{left}}$	Y-coordinate of the left point	m
$Z_{\text{left}}$	(Vertical) Z-coordinate of the left point	m
$X_{\text{right}}$	X-coordinate of the right point	m
$Y_{\text{right}}$	Y-coordinate of the right point	m
$Z_{\text{right}}$	(Vertical) Z-coordinate of the right point	m
$\varphi_{\text{left}}$	Left angle of the pipe	radians
$\varphi_{\text{right}}$	Right angle of the pipe	radians
$Z_{\text{lowest}}$	Lowest level of the pipe	m
$R_{\text{left}}$	Vertical bending radius of the pipe at the left side	m
$R_{\text{right}}$	Vertical bending radius of the pipe at the right side	m
$R_{\text{rol}}$	Bending radius of the rollers	m

### Soil properties

$a$	Adhesion	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$a$	Direct compression index acc. to Isotache model	–
$b$	Secular compression index acc. to Isotache model	–
$c$	Coefficient of secular compression rate acc. to Isotache model	–
$c$	Cohesion	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$c_u$	Undrained cohesion	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$C_p$	Primary compression coefficient below $P_c$	–
$C_p'$	Primary compression coefficient above $P_c$	–
$C_s$	Secondary compression coefficient below $P_c$	–
$C_s'$	Secondary compression coefficient above $P_c$	–
$E$	Young's modulus	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$G$	Shear modulus: $G = E / (2 (1 + \nu))$	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$OCR$	Over-consolidation ratio	–

$P_c$	Preconsolidation pressure	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$POP$	Pre-overburden pressure	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$\delta$	Friction angle between the soil and the pipeline	Radians
$\varphi$	Friction angle	Radians
$\gamma_{\text{unsat}}$	Unsaturated (dry) unit weight	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$\gamma_{\text{sat}}$	Saturated (wet) unit weight	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$\gamma_w$	Unit weight of water	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$\nu$	Poisson's ratio	–

**Soil mechanical data**

$a_{\text{lub fluid}}$	Adhesion of the lubrication fluid	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$B$	Width of the foundation element (= $D_o$ )	m
$B_1$	Half width of the covered ground column	m
$C$	Compression index (soil dependent constant)	–
$d_c$	Depth factor for the effect of the cohesion	–
$d_q$	Depth factor for the effect of the soil cover	–
$F_r$	Permanent friction due to arching effect	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$F_{\text{max}}$	Maximal adhesion	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$h$	Soil cover above the borehole	m
$h_p$	Soil cover above the borehole in the incompressible layer	m
$H$	Soil cover above the top of the pipe if the pipe is situated in a compressible layer or thickness of the compressible layer if the pipe is situated in an incompressible layer	m
$k_h$	Horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$k_{v,df}$	Modulus of subgrade reaction of the drilling fluid	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$k_{v;lub fluid}$	Modulus of subgrade reaction of the lubrication fluid (micro tunneling)	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$k_{v,pipe}$	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction of the pipe	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$k_{v,top}$	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction of the soil upward	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$k_{v,bottom}$	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction of the soil downward	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$K_a$	Active earth pressure ratio	–
$K_0$	Neutral earth pressure ratio: $K_0 = 1 - \sin \varphi$	–
$K_c$	Load coefficient according to Brinch Hansen	–
$K_q$	Load coefficient according to Brinch Hansen	–
$L$	Length of foundation element	m
$N_c$	Bearing capacity factor for the effect of the cohesion	–
$N_q$	Bearing capacity factor for the effect of the soil cover	–
$N_\gamma$	Bearing capacity factor for the effect of the effective weight of the soil under the foundation surface	–
$p_{\text{max}}'$	Maximum passive vertical stress	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$P_{we}$	Ultimate vertical bearing capacity	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$q_{he}$	Horizontal bearing capacity	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$q_{h,n}$	Neutral horizontal stress of the soil	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$q_{h,r}$	Neutral reduced horizontal stress of the soil	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$q_k$	Initial vertical stress of the soil	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$q_n$	Neutral vertical stress of the soil	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$q_{n,r}$	Reduced neutral vertical stress of the soil	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$q_{n,r,v}$	Reduced neutral vertical stress increased with a possible traffic load, including safety factors: $q_{n,r,v} = f_{Qn1} \times f_{Qn2} \times (q_{n,r} + f_{qv} \times q_v)$	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$q_p$	Passive vertical stress of the soil	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$q_{p,max}$	Maximum passive vertical stress	N/mm <sup>2</sup>

$q_v$	Traffic load	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$s_c$	Shape factor due to cohesion	–
$s_q$	Shape factor due to soil cover	–
$s_\gamma$	Shape factor due to effective weight of the soil under the foundation element	–
$W$	Maximal axial friction along the pipeline	kN/m
$z_{\max}$	Maximal displacement	m
$\delta_d$	Relative displacement of the soil column	m
$\delta_{\text{lub fluid}}$	Delta lubrication fluid	Radians
$\varphi_b$	Average friction angle over the height of the borehole	Radians
$\mu$	Percentage of compaction depending on the type of fill and type of compaction	–
$\sigma_0'$	Effective isotrope stress: $\sigma_0' = (\sigma_v' + \sigma_h') / 2$	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\sigma_c$	Vertical effective stress at the compressibility border	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\sigma_h'$	Effective horizontal stress at the pipe center: $\sigma_h' = K \times \sigma_v'$	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\sigma_v'$	Effective vertical stress at the pipe center	N/mm <sup>2</sup>

**Stress analysis data**

$f_1$	Factor of friction between pipe and pipe-rollers	–
$f_2$	Friction between pipe and drilling fluid	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$f_3$	Factor of friction between pipe and soil	–
$F_{rr}$	Direct re-rounding factor	–
$F_{rr}'$	Indirect re-rounding factor	–
$g_t$	Curved force	N/mm
$K_b$	Moment coefficient for directly transmitted stress at the bottom of the pipeline, depending on the bedding angle $\beta$	–
$K_b'$	Moment coefficient for indirectly transmitted stress at the bottom of the pipeline, depending on the bedding angle $\beta$	–
$K_t$	Moment coefficient for directly transmitted stress at the top of the pipeline, depending on the bedding angle $\beta$	–
$K_t'$	Moment coefficient for indirectly transmitted stress at the top of the pipeline, depending on the bedding angle $\beta$	–
$k_y$	Direct deflection factor depending on the bedding angle $\beta$	–
$k_y'$	Indirect deflection factor depending on the bedding angle $\beta$	–
$L_b$	Length of the curved part of the pipeline	mm
$L_{rol}$	Length of the pipeline on the roller-lane	mm
$L_{\text{total}}$	Length of the pipeline from the entry to the exit point	mm
$L_2$	Length of the pipeline in the straight part of the borehole	mm
$T$	Total pulling force in the pipeline	N
$T_1$	Pulling force due to friction of the pipeline on the roller-lane	N
$T_2$	Pulling force due to friction between pipe and drilling fluid	N
$T_{3a}$	Pulling force in the curved part of the borehole due to soil reaction	N
$T_{3b}$	Pulling force in the curved part of the borehole due to curved forces	N
$P_w$	Part of pipe filled with fluid during the pull-back operation	%
$q_r$	Soil reaction	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$Q$	Weight of the pipeline filled with water	N/mm
$Q_{\text{eff}}$	Effective weight of the pipeline	N/mm
$Q_{\text{filling}}$	Weight of the filling (water)	N/mm
$Q_{\text{uplift}}$	Uplift force	N/mm
$Q_{\text{pipe}}$	Weight of the pipeline	N/mm
$R$	Bending radius	mm
$y$	Maximum displacement	mm
$\alpha$	Load angle	Radians

$\alpha$	Alpha pipe material (for polyethylene)	–
$\beta$	Bedding angle	Radians
$\delta_y$	Calculated deflection of the pipe	%
$\delta_0$	Allowable deflection of the pipe	%
$\delta_1$	Allowable deflection of the pipe (piggability)	%
$\gamma_{\text{fill}}$	Unit weight of the filling fluid	N/mm <sup>3</sup>
$\lambda$	Characteristic stiffness pipeline-soil	mm <sup>-1</sup>
$\sigma_b$	Axial bending stress	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\sigma_{\text{pt}}$	Internal stress around the pipeline caused by test pressure $p_t$	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\sigma_{\text{px}}$	Axial internal stress	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\sigma_{\text{py}}$	Internal stress around the pipeline caused by design pressure $p_d$	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\sigma_{\text{qn}}$	Tangential stress (directly transmitted) as a result of the bending	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\sigma_{\text{qr}}$	Tangential stress (indirectly transmitted) as a result of the bending	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\sigma_t$	Axial stress due to pull-back	N/mm <sup>2</sup>

### Drilling fluid data

$dp/dz$	Flow resistance per unit length of borehole	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$f_{\text{loss}}$	Circulation loss factor	–
$h$	Height between drilling head and exit point of the drilling fluid	m
$L$	Distance in the borehole between the drilling head and the exit point of the drilling fluid	m
$p_{\text{max;d}}$	Maximum drilling fluid pressure for drained conditions	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$p_{\text{max;und}}$	Maximum drilling fluid pressure for undrained conditions	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$p_1$	Static pressure of the drilling fluid column	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$p_2$	Excess pressure necessary to maintain the annular flow of drilling fluid with cuttings in the borehole	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$Q$	Calculated flow rate	m <sup>3</sup> /s
$Q_{\text{ann}}$	Annular back-flow rate	m <sup>3</sup> /s
$Q_{\text{req}}$	Requested flow rate necessary to initiate flow of drilling fluid	m <sup>3</sup> /s
$R_b$	Radius of the borehole	m
$R_{\text{p,max}}$	Maximum allowable radius of the plastic zone	m
$u$	Pore pressure	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$\varepsilon_{\text{g,max}}$	Maximum deformation of the borehole	–
$\gamma_{\text{df}}$	Unit weight of the drilling fluid	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$\mu_{\text{df}}$	Plastic viscosity of the drilling fluid	kN.s/m <sup>2</sup>
$\tau_{\text{df}}$	Yield point of the drilling fluid	kN/m <sup>2</sup>

### Partial safety factors

$f_{\text{burst}}$	Safety factor on hydraulic heave	–
$f_{\text{silo}}$	Overburden factor on silo effect	–
$f_u$	Safety factor on water pressure $u$	–
$f_{\text{uplift}}$	Safety factor on uplift	–
$f_{\sigma_h}$	Safety factor on the horizontal effective stress	–
$N$	Stability ratio for the calculation of the minimal support pressure	–
$S$	Factor of importance	–
$\delta_0$	Maximum allowable deflection of the pipe	%
$\delta_1$	Maximum allowable deflection of the pipe for piggability	%
$\gamma_{\text{imp;long}}$	Safety factor on implosion at long term	–
$\gamma_{\text{imp;short}}$	Safety factor on implosion at short term	–
$\gamma_m$	Partial material factor (only for steel).	–
$\gamma_{\text{m;test}}$	Partial material factor test pressure (only for steel)	–

**Contingency factors**

$f_c$	Contingency factor on the cohesion ( $c$ or $c_u$ )	–
$f_{cover}$	Contingency factor on soil cover	–
$f_E$	Contingency factor on the Young's modulus $E$	–
$f_k$	Overall factor on bending moment: $f_k = f_M \times f_{install} \times f_R$	–
$f_{kv}$	Contingency factor on the bedding constant $k_v$	–
$f_M$	Contingency factor on the bending moment $M$	–
$f_{press;bore}$	Contingency factor on the pressure borehole	–
$f_{pull}$	Contingency factor on the pulling force $T$	–
$f_{Qn2}$	Contingency factor on the soil load $q_n$	–
$f_R$	Contingency factor on bending radius $R$	–
$f_{thrust}$	Contingency factor on thrust force	–
$f_\varphi$	Contingency factor on the tangent of the friction angle $\varphi$	–
$f_\gamma$	Contingency factor on the total unit weight $\gamma$	–

**Load factors**

$f_{install}$	Load factor on installation	–
$f_{pd}$	Load factor on design pressure $p_d$	–
$f_{pd;comb}$	Load factor on design pressure $p_d$ in combination	–
$f_{pt}$	Load factor on test pressure $p_t$	–
$f_{Qn1}$	Load factor on soil load $q_n$	–
$f_{temp}$	Load factor on stress due to the temperature variation $\Delta t$	–
$f_{qv}$	Load factor on traffic load $q_v$	–

**Abbreviations**

HDD	Horizontal Directional Drilling
MTBM	Micro Tunneling Boring Machine
PE	Polyethylene
LC	Load Combination

**1.8 Getting Help**

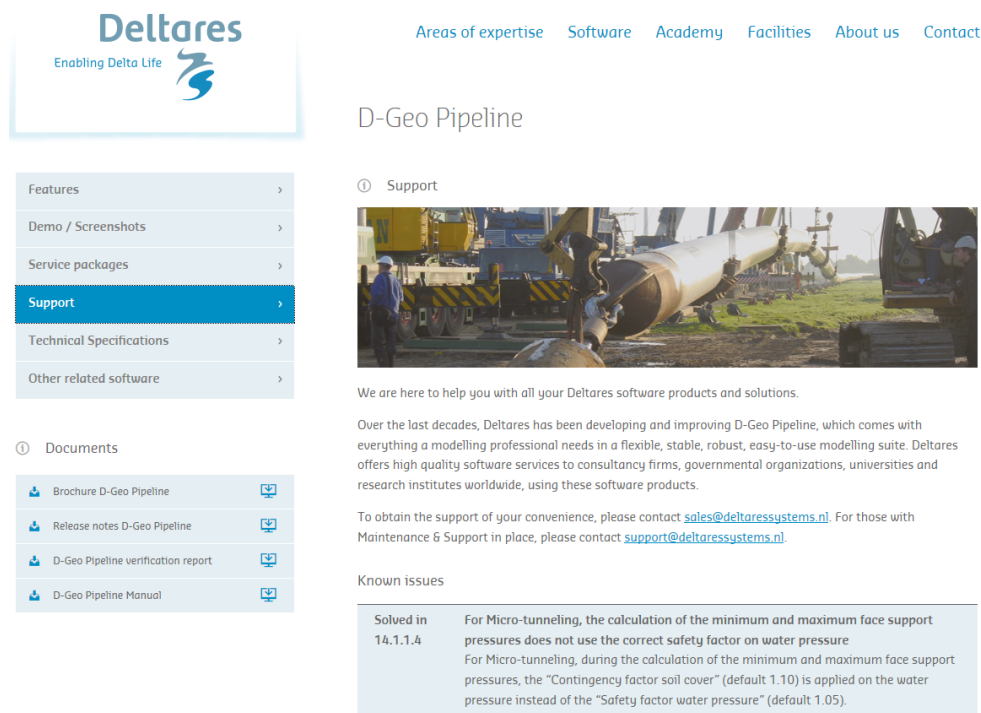
From the *Help* menu, choose the *Manual* option to open the User Manual of D-GEO PIPELINE in PDF format. Here help on a specific topic can be found by entering a specific word in the *Find* field of the PDF reader.

**1.9 Getting Support**

Deltares Systems tools are supported by Deltares. A group of 70 people in software development ensures continuous research and development. Support is provided by the developers and if necessary by the appropriate Deltares experts. These experts can provide consultancy backup as well.

If problems are encountered, the first step should be to consult the online Support at: [www.deltares.com](http://www.deltares.com) in menu 'Software'. Different information about the program can be found on the left-hand side of the window (Figure 1.12):

- ◇ In 'Support - Frequently asked questions' are listed the most frequently asked technical questions and their answers.
- ◇ In 'Support - Known issues' are listed the issues of the program.
- ◇ In 'Release notes D-Geo Pipeline' are listed the differences between an old and a new version.



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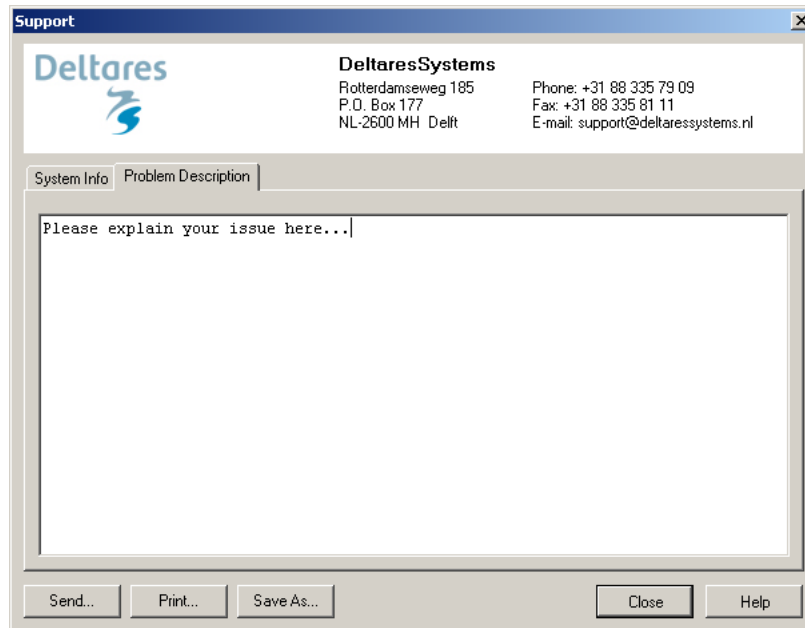
Known issues

Solved in 14.1.1.4	For Micro-tunneling, the calculation of the minimum and maximum face support pressures does not use the correct safety factor on water pressure For Micro-tunneling, during the calculation of the minimum and maximum face support pressures, the "Contingency factor soil cover" (default 1.10) is applied on the water pressure instead of the "Safety factor water pressure" (default 1.05).
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**Figure 1.12:** 'Products' menu of Deltares Systems website ([www.deltaresystems.com](http://www.deltaresystems.com))

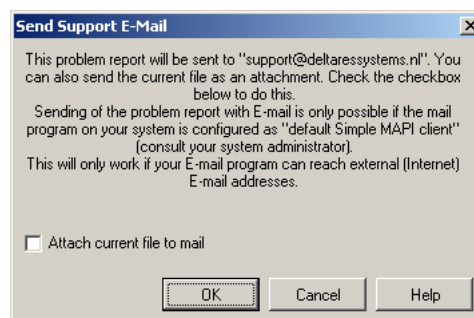
If the solution cannot be found there, then the problem description can be e-mailed (preferred) or faxed to the Deltares Systems support team. When sending a problem description, please add a full description of the working environment. To do this conveniently:

- ◇ Open the program.
- ◇ If possible, open a project that can illustrate the question.
- ◇ Choose the *Support* option in the *Help* menu. The *System Info* tab contains all relevant information about the system and the DSeries software. The *Problem Description* tab enables a description of the problem encountered to be added.



**Figure 1.13:** Support window, Problem Description tab

- ◇ After clicking on the *Send* button, the *Send Support E-Mail* window opens, allowing sending current file as an attachment. Marked or not the *Attach current file to mail* check-box and click *OK* to send it.



**Figure 1.14:** Send Support E-Mail window

The problem report can either be saved to a file or sent to a printer or PC fax. The document can be emailed to [geo.support@deltaresystems.nl](mailto:geo.support@deltaresystems.nl) or alternatively faxed to +31(0)88 335 8111.

## 1.10 Deltares

Since January 1st 2008, GeoDelft together with parts of Rijkswaterstaat /DWW, RIKZ and RIZA, WL |Delft Hydraulics and a part of TNO Built Environment and Geosciences are forming the Deltares Institute, a new and independent institute for applied research and specialist advice. Founded in 1934, GeoDelft was one of the world's most renowned institutes for geotechnical and environmental research. As a Dutch national Grand Technological Institute (GTI), Deltares role is to obtain, generate and disseminate geotechnical know-how. The institute is an international leader in research and consultancy into the behavior of soft soils (sand clay and peat) and management of the geo-ecological consequences which arise from these activities. Again and again subsoil related uncertainties and risks appear to be the key factors



in civil engineering risk management. Having the processes to manage these uncertainties makes Deltares the obvious partner in risk management for all parties involved in the civil and environmental construction sector. Deltares teams are continually working on new mechanisms, applications and concepts to facilitate the risk management process, the most recent of which is the launch of the concept "GeoQ" into the geotechnical sector.

For more information on Deltares, visit the Deltares website: [www.deltares.com](http://www.deltares.com).

### **1.11 Deltares Systems**

Deltares Systems (formerly known as Delft GeoSystems) converts Deltares's knowledge into practical geo-engineering services and software. Deltares Systems has developed a suite of software for geotechnical engineering. Besides software, Deltares Systems is involved in providing services such as hosting on-line monitoring platforms, hosting on-line delivery of site investigation, laboratory test results, etc. As part of this process Deltares Systems is progressively connecting these services to their software. This allows for more standardized use of information, and the interpretation and comparison of results. Most software is used as design software, following design standards. This however, does not guarantee a design that can be executed successfully in practice, so automated back-analyses using monitoring information are an important aspect in improving geotechnical engineering results. For more information about Deltares Systems' geotechnical software, including download options, visit [www.deltaessystems.com](http://www.deltaessystems.com).

### **1.12 On-line software (Citrix)**

Besides purchased software, Deltares Systems tools are available as an on-line service. The input can be created over the internet. Heavy duty calculation servers at Deltares guarantee quick analysis, while results are presented on-line. Users can view and print results as well as locally store project files. Once connected, clients are charged by the hour.

For more information, please contact the Deltares Sales team:

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## 2 Getting Started

This *Getting Started* chapter aims to familiarize the user with the structure and user interface of D-GEO PIPELINE. The Tutorial section which follows uses a selection of case studies to introduce the program's functions.

### 2.1 Starting D-GEO PIPELINE

To start D-GEO PIPELINE, click *Start* on the Windows menu bar and then find it under *Programs*, or double-click a D-GEO PIPELINE input file that was generated during a previous session.

For an D-GEO PIPELINE installation based on floating licenses, the *Modules* window may appear at start-up (section 3.2.5). Check that the correct modules are selected and click *OK*.

When D-GEO PIPELINE is started from the Windows menu bar, the last project that was worked on will open automatically, unless the program has been configured otherwise under *Tools: Program Options* (section 3.2).

### 2.2 Main window

When D-GEO PIPELINE is started, the main window is displayed (Figure 2.1). This window contains a menu bar (section 2.2.1), an icon bar (section 2.2.2), a *View Input* window (section 2.2.3) displaying the pre-selected or most recently accessed project, an info bar (section 2.2.4), a title panel (section 2.2.5) and a status bar (section 2.2.6).

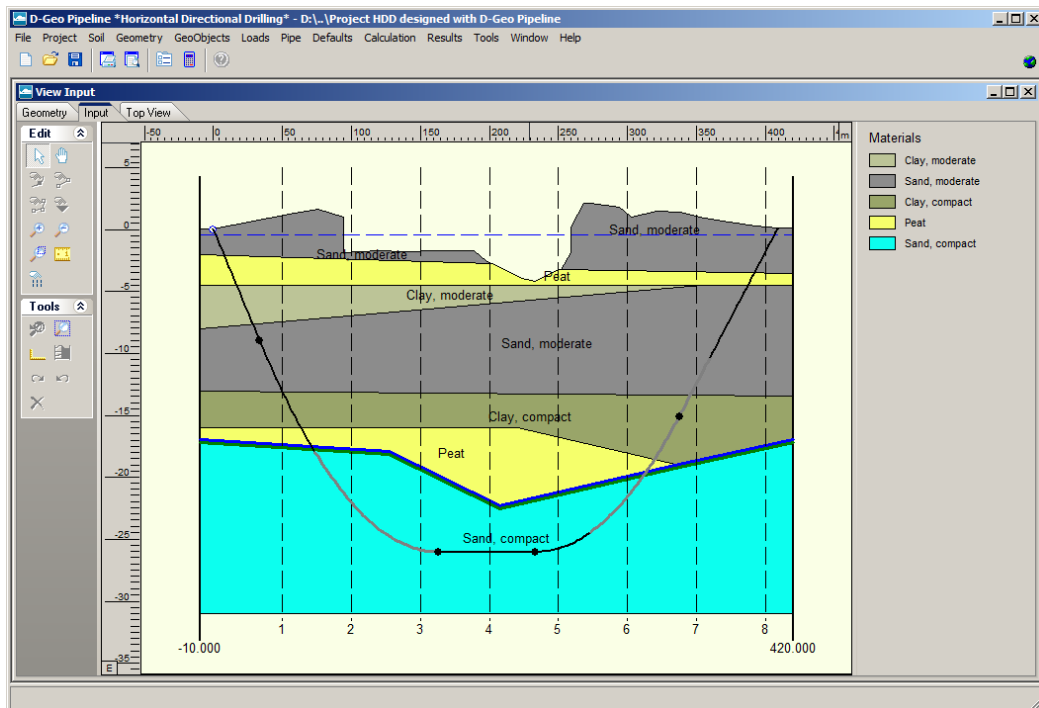


Figure 2.1: Main Window

The first time D-GEO PIPELINE is started after installation, the *View Input* window will be closed. When a new file is created, the default model is *Horizontal directional drilling* and the project name is *Project1*.

### 2.2.1 The menu bar

To access the D-GEO PIPELINE menus, click one of the items on the menu bar.



**Figure 2.2:** D-GEO PIPELINE menu bar

The menus contain the following functions:

File	Standard Windows options for opening, saving and sending files as well as several D-GEO PIPELINE options for exporting and printing the active window and reports ( <a href="#">section 3.1</a> ).
Project	Definition of the model types, options for <i>Project Properties</i> and <i>View Input File</i> ( <a href="#">section 4.1</a> ).
Soil	Definition of soil type properties ( <a href="#">section 4.2</a> ).
Geometry	Definition of layers, soil types and piezometric lines ( <a href="#">section 4.3</a> ).
GeoObjects	Definition of the border between compressible top layers and underlying non-compressible soil layers, the border between impermeable and permeable soil layers and definition of the verticals (X-coordinates) for which results will be shown ( <a href="#">section 4.4</a> ).
Loads	Definition of the traffic loads if present ( <a href="#">section 4.5</a> ).
Pipe	Definition of the pipeline configuration and input of pipeline parameters ( <a href="#">section 4.6</a> ).
Defaults	Input of factors ( <a href="#">section 4.7</a> ).
Calculation	A wide range of calculation options. Determine the settlements and stresses along the verticals ( <a href="#">chapter 5</a> ).
Results	Graphical or tabular output of the results ( <a href="#">chapter 6</a> ).
Tools	Options for editing D-GEO PIPELINE program default settings ( <a href="#">section 3.2</a> ).
Window	Default Windows options for arranging the D-GEO PIPELINE windows and choosing the active window.
Help	Online Help ( <a href="#">section 1.8</a> ).





### 2.2.2 The icon bar






The buttons on the icon bar can be used to quickly access frequently used functions (see below).



**Figure 2.3:** D-GEO PIPELINE icon bar

Click on the following buttons to activate the corresponding functions:

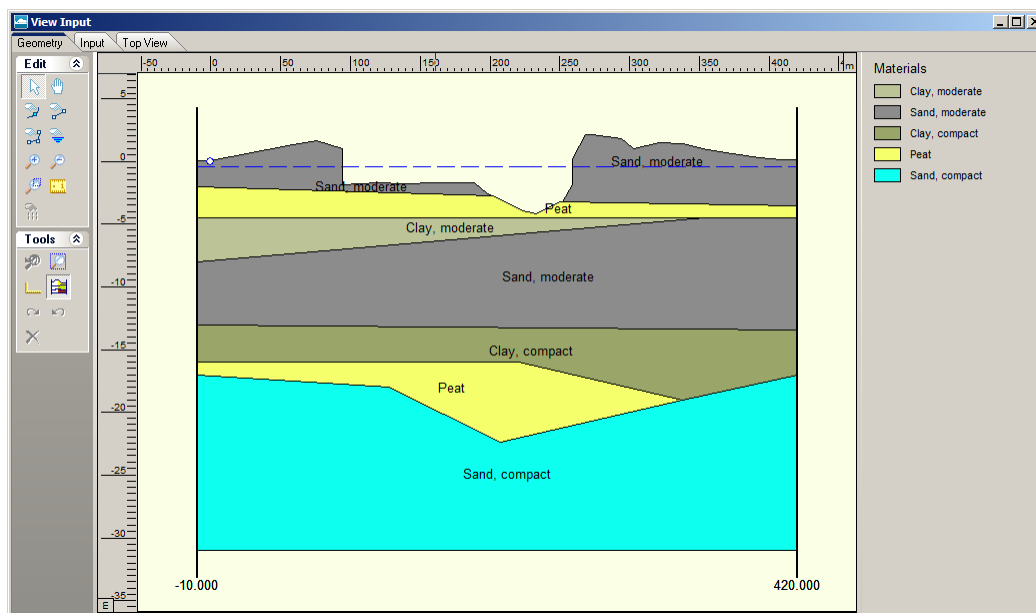
	Start a new D-GEO PIPELINE project.
	Open the input file of an existing project.
	Save the input file of the current project.
	Print the contents of the active window.

-  Display a print preview of the current contents of the *View Input* window.
-  Open the *Project Properties* window. Here the project title and other identification data can be entered, and the *View Layout* and *Graph Settings* for the project can be determined.
-  Start the calculation.
-  Display the contents of online Help.
-  Display the first page of the Deltares Systems website: [www.deltaresystems.com](http://www.deltaresystems.com)

### 2.2.3 View Input

The *View Input* window displays the geometry and additional D-GEO PIPELINE input for the current project. The window has three tabs:

- ◇ *Geometry*  
In this view (Figure 2.4), the positions and soil types of different layers can be defined, inspected and modified. For more information about these general options for geometrical modeling, see chapter 7. See also the description of the *Geometry* menu (section 4.3).



**Figure 2.4:** *View Input* window, *Geometry* tab

- ◇ *Input*  
In this view (Figure 2.5), the additional D-GEO PIPELINE-specific input can be defined, inspected and modified. See below in this section for more information about the various options.

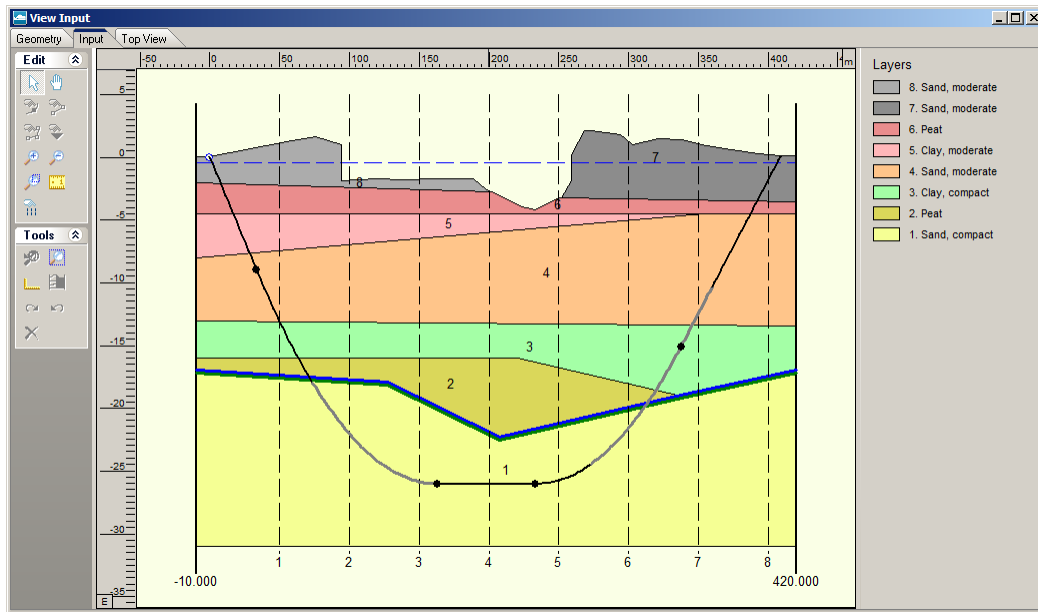


Figure 2.5: View Input window, Input tab

◇ Top View

In this view (Figure 2.6), the top view of the pipeline longitudinal cross section is shown.



Figure 2.6: View Input window, Top View tab

The panel on the left of the view includes buttons for entering data and manipulating the graphical view. Click the following buttons to activate the corresponding functions:

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	<p><i>Select and Edit mode</i></p> <p>In this mode, the left-hand mouse button can be used to select a previously-defined verticals or loads in the <i>View Input</i> mode. Item can then be deleted or modified by dragging or resizing, or by clicking the right-hand mouse button and choosing options from the menu displayed. Pressing the <i>Escape</i> key return the user to this <i>Select and Edit</i> mode.</p>
	<p><i>Pan</i> button</p> <p>Click this button to change the visible part of the drawing by clicking and dragging the mouse.</p>
	<p><i>Add point(s) to boundary / PL-line</i></p> <p>Click this button to add points to all types of lines (lines, polylines, boundary lines, PL-lines). By adding a point to a line, the existing line is split into two new lines. This provides more freedom when modifying the geometry.</p>
	<p><i>Add single lines(s)</i></p> <p>Click this button to add single lines. When this button is selected, the first left-hand mouse click will add the info bar of the new line and a “rubber band” is displayed when the mouse is moved. The second left-hand mouse click defines the end point (and thus the final position) of the line. It is now possible to either go on clicking start and end points to define lines, or stop adding lines by selecting one of the other tool buttons, or by clicking the right-hand mouse button, or by pressing the <i>Escape</i> key.</p>
	<p><i>Add polyline(s)</i></p> <p>Click this button to add poly-lines. When this button is selected, the first left-hand mouse click adds the starting point of the new line and a “rubber band” is displayed when the mouse is moved. A second left-hand mouse click defines the end point (and thus the final position) of the first line in the poly-line and activates the “rubber band” for the second line in the poly-line. Every subsequent left-hand mouse click again defines a new end point of the next line in the poly-line. It is possible to end a poly-line by selecting one of the other tool buttons, or by clicking the right-hand mouse button, or by pressing the <i>Escape</i> key.</p>
	<p><i>Add PL-line(s)</i></p> <p>Click this button to add a piezometric level line (PL-line). Each PL-line must start at the left limit and end at the right limit. Furthermore, each consecutive point must have a strictly increasing X co-ordinate. Therefore, a PL-line must be defined from left to right, starting at the left limit and ending at the right limit. To enforce this, the program will always relocate the first point clicked (left-hand mouse button) to the left limit by moving it horizontally to this limit. If trying to define a point to the left of the previous point, the rubber band icon indicates that this is not possible. Subsequently clicking on the left side of the previous point, the new point will be added at the end of the rubber band icon instead of the position clicked.</p>
	<p><i>Zoom in</i></p> <p>Click this button to enlarge the drawing, then click the part of the drawing which is to be at the center of the new image. Repeat if necessary.</p>
	<p><i>Zoom out</i></p> <p>Click this button, then click on the drawing to reduce the drawing size. Repeat if necessary.</p>
	<p><i>Zoom rectangle</i></p> <p>Click this button then click and drag a rectangle over the area to be enlarged. The selected area will be enlarged to fit the window. Repeat if necessary.</p>
	<p><i>Measure the distance between two points</i></p> <p>Click this button, then click the first point on the <i>View Input</i> window and place the cross on the second point. The distance between the two points can be read at the bottom of the <i>View Input</i> window. To turn this option off, click the escape key.</p>

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**Add calculation vertical**

Click this button to graphically define the position of a vertical.

**Undo zoom**

Click this button to undo the zoom. If necessary, click several times to retrace each consecutive zoom-in step that was made.

**Zoom limits**

Click this button to display the complete drawing.

**Same scale for X and Y axis**

Click this button to use the same scale for the horizontal and vertical directions.

**Automatic regeneration of geometry on/off**

When selected, the program will automatically try to generate a new valid geometry whenever geometry modifications require this. During generation, (poly)lines (solid blue) are converted to boundaries (solid black), with interjacent layers. New layers receive a default material type. Existing layers keep the materials that were assigned to them. Invalid geometry parts are converted to construction elements.

Automatic regeneration may slow down progress during input of complex geometry, because validity will be checked continuously.

**Undo**

Click this button to undo the last change(s) made to the geometry.


**Redo**

Click this button to redo the previous Undo action.

**Delete**

Click this button to delete a selected element. Note that this button is only available when an element is selected.

## 2.2.4 Info bar

This bar situated at the bottom of the *View Input* window displays the co-ordinates of the current position of the cursor and the distance between two points when the icon *Measure the distance between two points*  is selected from the *Edit* panel.

## 2.2.5 Title panel

This panel situated at the bottom of the main window displays the project titles, as entered on the *Identification* tab in the *Project Properties* window ([section 4.1.2](#)).

## 2.2.6 Status bar

This bar situated at the bottom of the main window displays a description of the selected icon of the icon bar ([section 2.2.2](#)) or of the *View Input* window ([section 2.2.3](#)).



## 2.3 Files

*.dri	Input file (ASCII): Contains the D-GEO PIPELINE specific input. After interactive generation, this file can be used in subsequent D-GEO PIPELINE analyses.
*.drd	Dump file (ASCII): Contains calculation results used for graphical output.
*.drs	Setting file (ASCII): Working file with settings data. This file does not contain any information that is relevant for the calculation, but only settings that apply to the representation of the data, such as the grid size.
*.drd	Dump file (ASCII): Contains calculation results used for graphical and report output.
*.geo	Input file (ASCII): Contains the geometry data that can be shared with other D-Series programs.
*.set	Working file (ASCII): Contains program settings data.
*.err	If there are any errors in the input, they are described in this file.
*.gef	Measurements data in self describing Geotechnical Exchange Format.

## 2.4 Tips and Tricks

### 2.4.1 Keyboard shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts given in [Table 2.5](#) are another way to reach the features of D-GEO PIPELINE directly without selecting it from the bar menu. These shortcuts are also indicated in the corresponding sub-menus.

**Table 2.5:** Keyboard shortcuts for D-GEO PIPELINE


Keyboard shortcut	Opened window
Ctrl + N	New
Ctrl + O	Open
Ctrl + S	Save
F12	Save As
Shift + Ctrl + C	Copy Active Window to Clipboard
Ctrl + P	Print Report
Ctrl + M	Model
Ctrl + T	Materials
F9	Start Calculation
Ctrl + R	Report
Ctrl + U	Drilling Fluid Pressures Plots

### 2.4.2 Exporting figures and reports

All figures in D-GEO PIPELINE such as top view and graphical output can be exported in WMF (Windows Meta Files) format. In the *File* menu, select the option *Export Active Window* to save the figures in a file. This file can be later imported in a Word document for example or added as annex in a report. The option *Copy Active Window to Clipboard* from the *File* menu can also be used to copy directly the figure in a Word document.

The report can be entirely exported as PDF (Portable Document Format) or RTF (Rich Text Format) file. To look at a PDF file Adobe Reader can be used. A RTF file can be opened and edited with word processors like MS Word. Before exporting the report, a selection of the relevant parts can be done with the option *Report Selection* (section 6.1).

### 2.4.3 Copying part of a table

It is possible to select and then copy part of a table in another document (an Excel sheet for example). If the cursor  is placed on the left-hand side of a cell of the table, the cursor changes in an arrow which points from bottom left to top right. Select a specific area by using the mouse (see a in Figure 2.7). Then, using the copy button (or ctrl+C) this area can be copied.

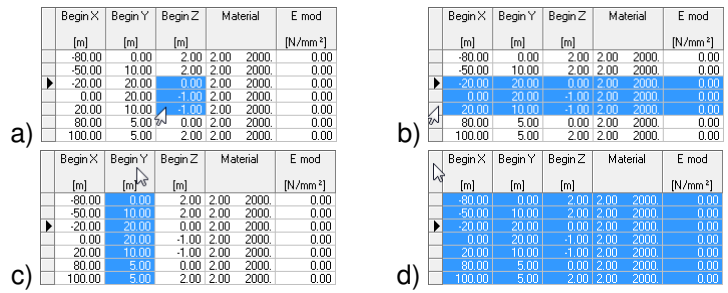


Figure 2.7: Selection of different parts of a table using the arrow cursor

To select a row, click on the cell before the row number (see b) in Figure 2.7). To select a column, click on the top cell of the column (see c) in Figure 2.7). To select the complete table, click on the top left cell (see d) in Figure 2.7).

In some tables the buttons *Cut*, *Copy*, and *Paste*    are also present at the left hand.

### 3 General

This chapter contains a detailed description of the available menu options for inputting data for a project, and for calculating and viewing the results. The examples in the Tutorial section provide a convenient starting point for familiarization with the program.

#### 3.1 File menu

##### 3.1.1 General options

Besides the familiar Windows options for opening and saving files, the *File* menu contains a number of options specific to D-GEO PIPELINE:

◇ **New**

Select this option to display the *New File* window (Figure 3.1). Three choices are available to create a new geometry:

- Select *New geometry* to display the *View Input* window, showing only the geometry limits (with their default values) of the geometry;
- Select *New geometry wizard* to create a new geometry faster and easier using the wizard option (involving a step-by-step process for creating a geometry, see section 4.3.2);
- Select *Import geometry* to use an existing geometry.

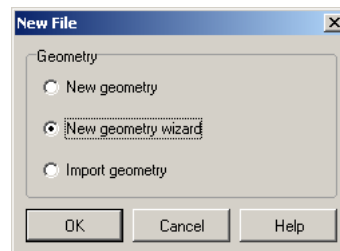


Figure 3.1: New File window

◇ **Copy Active Window to Clipboard**

Use this option to copy the contents of the active window to the Windows clipboard so that they can be pasted into another application. The contents will be pasted in either text format or Windows Meta File format.

◇ **Export Active Window**

Use this option to export the contents of the active window as a Windows Meta File (\*.wmf), a Drawing Exchange File (\*.dxf) or a text file (\*.txt).

◇ **Export Report**

This option allows the report to be exported in a different format, such as PDF or RTF.

◇ **Export Results as xml**

This option allows the inputs and results to be exported in an XML format.

◇ **Export Results as csv**

This option allows the inputs and results to be exported with the SCIA pipeline wizard in a csv format (Excel). For detailed information, refer to section 3.1.2.

- ◇ **Page Setup**  
This option allows definition of the way D-GEO PIPELINE plots and reports are to be printed. The printer, paper size, orientation and margins can be defined as well as whether and where axes are required for plots. Click *Autofit* to get D-GEO PIPELINE to choose the best fit for the page.
- ◇ **Print Preview Active Window**  
This option will display a print preview of the current contents of the *View Input* or *Results* windows.
- ◇ **Print Active Window**  
This option prints the current contents of the *View Input* or *Results* windows.
- ◇ **Print Preview Report**  
This option will display a print preview of the calculation report.
- ◇ **Print Report**  
This option prints the calculation report.

### 3.1.2 Option "Export Results as csv"

For advanced structural analyses, for example the SCIA Pipeline program ([Sci](#)) can be used or an other program. Such a program has advanced options for structural modeling and allows for accurate analyses of stress distribution ([Figure 3.2](#)). In order to do so, such a program for an advanced pipe stress analysis needs accurate soil mechanical parameters, which are supplied by D-GEO PIPELINE in a CSV (comma-separated values) format file by means of the option *Export Results as csv* from the *File* menu bar of D-GEO PIPELINE.

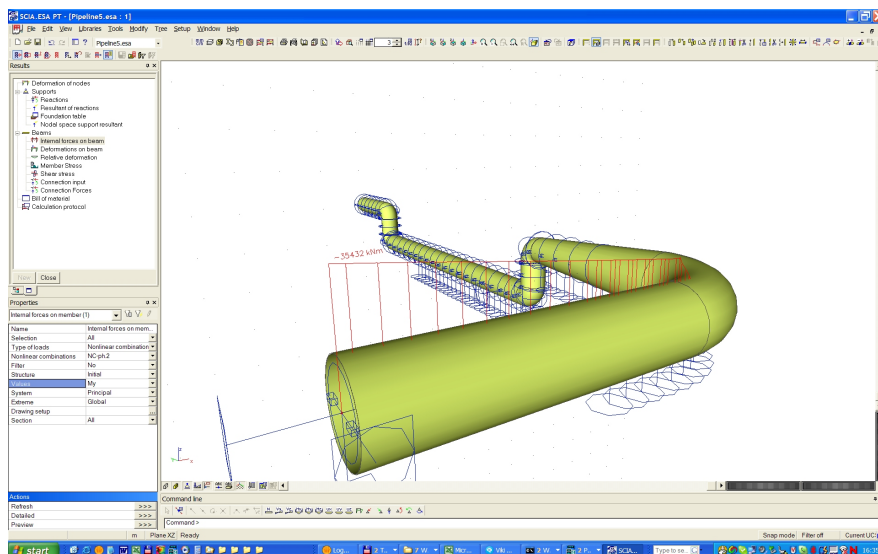


Figure 3.2: 3D configuration in SCIA Pipeline

The CSV file contains the following data's (calculated without safety factors).

#### General

Company	[-]	Name of the company who performed the calculation with D-GEO PIPELINE.
Software	[-]	Version number of D-GEO PIPELINE used.

Date	[yyyy/mm/dd]	Date of the calculation with D-GEO PIPELINE.
Time	[hh:mm:ss]	Time of the calculation with D-GEO PIPELINE.

### Pipeline data's

P1(x)	[m]	X co-ordinate of the begin point of the pipeline.
P1(y)	[m]	Y co-ordinate of the begin point of the pipeline.
P1(z)	[m]	Z co-ordinate of the begin point of the pipeline.
P2(x)	[m]	X co-ordinate of the end point of the pipeline.
P2(y)	[m]	Y co-ordinate of the end point of the pipeline.
P2(z)	[m]	Z co-ordinate of the end point of the pipeline.
Length Pipe	[m]	Length along the pipeline between the begin point P1 and the end point P2.
Pipe nr	[-]	
Diameter Tube	[mm]	Diameter of the pipe.
Thickness Tube	[mm]	Wall thickness of the pipe.
Material Tube	[-]	

**Note:** Pipeline data's are not calculated (only user inputted), but are needed in order to prepare the SCIA Pipeline file.



### Calculation verticals

Section nr	[-]	Number of the calculation vertical.
x	[m]	X co-ordinate of the calculation vertical.
y	[m]	Y co-ordinate of the calculation vertical.
z	[m]	Z co-ordinate of the calculation vertical.

### Horizontal soil mechanical data

From	[m]	Position along the pipeline.
Curved	[boolean]	Presence or not of curved part along the pipeline.
Delta	[m]	Horizontal position of the pipeline measured perpendicular from line P1-P2.
f	[m]	Horizontal settlement of the soil.
Qa	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Horizontal active soil pressure.
Qn	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Horizontal neutral soil pressure.
Qc	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Horizontal consolidation pressure.
Qp	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Horizontal passive soil pressure.
C1	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction of the soil.
C2	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction of the soil.
Gap	[mm]	Gap
UCF(XX)	[-]	Uncertainty on parameter XX.

**Note:** Horizontal soil mechanical data are given at both left and right sides of the pipe section.



### Vertical soil mechanical data

From	[m]	Position along the pipeline.
Curved	[boolean]	Presence or not of curved part along the pipeline.

Delta	[m]	Vertical position of the pipeline measured perpendicular from line P1-P2.
f	[m]	Vertical settlement of the soil.
Qa	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Vertical active soil pressure.
Qn	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Vertical neutral soil pressure.
Qc	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Vertical consolidation pressure.
Qp	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Vertical passive soil pressure.
C1	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction of the soil.
C2	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction of the soil.
Gap	[mm]	Gap
UCF(XX)	[-]	Uncertainty on parameter XX.



**Note:** Vertical soil mechanical data are given at both top and bottom sides of the pipe section.

### Water

Water height	[mm]	
C1	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Unit weight of water.
QP	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Water pressure.
UCF(XX)	[-]	Uncertainty on parameter XX.

### Axial soil data for friction

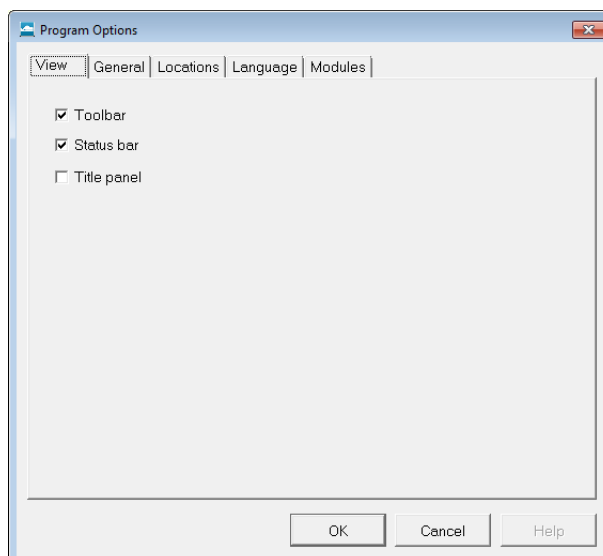
From	[m]	Position along the pipeline.
Coef_Mu_x	[-]	Friction coefficient in axial direction.
Cx	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Stiffness of the friction spring.
Coef_Mu_rx	[-]	Friction coefficient in axial direction.
Crx	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Stiffness of the friction spring.
Factor	[-]	Factor on friction.
UCF(XX)	[-]	Uncertainty on parameter XX.

## 3.2 Tools menu

On the menu bar, click *Tools* and then choose *Options* to open the *Program Options* window. In this window, the user can optionally define their own preferences for some of the program's default values through the following tabs:

- ◇ (section 3.2.1) *View* tab
- ◇ (section 3.2.2) *General* tab
- ◇ (section 3.2.3) *Locations* tab
- ◇ (section 3.2.4) *Language* tab
- ◇ (section 3.2.5) *Modules* tab

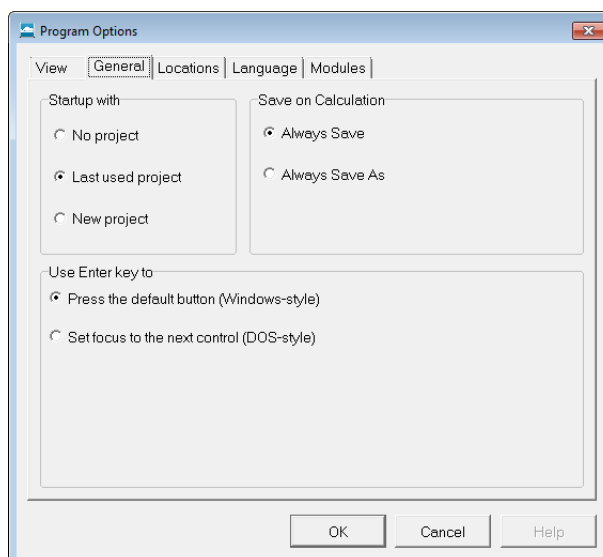
### 3.2.1 Program Options - View



**Figure 3.3:** Program Options window, View tab

<i>Toolbar</i>	Mark the relevant check-box to display the tool bar and/or status bar (section 2.2.6) each time D-GEO PIPELINE is started.
<i>Status bar</i>	
<i>Title panel</i>	Mark this check-box to display the project titles, as entered on the <i>Identification</i> tab of the <i>Project Properties</i> window (section 4.1.2), in the title panel (section 2.2.5) at the bottom of the <i>View Input</i> window.

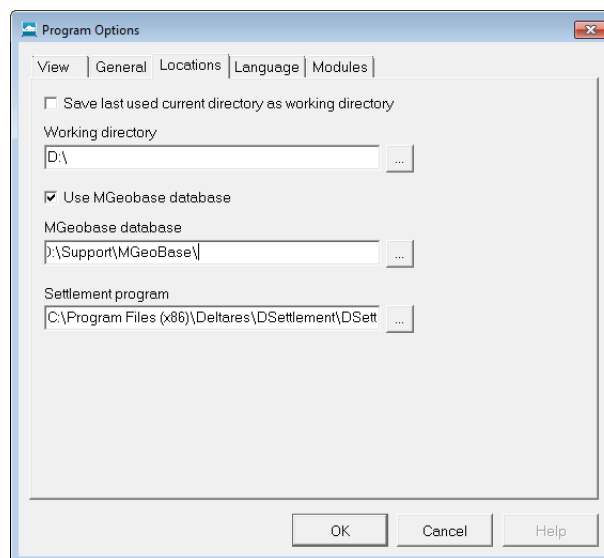
### 3.2.2 Program Options - General



**Figure 3.4:** Program Options window, General tab

<i>Startup with</i>	<p>Click one of these toggle buttons to determine how a project should be initiated each time D-GEO PIPELINE is started.</p> <p><i>No project</i>: Use the buttons in the toolbar or the options in the <i>File</i> menu to open an existing project or to start a new one.</p> <p><i>Last used project</i>: The last project to be worked on is opened automatically.</p> <p><i>New project</i>: A new project is created comprising a sheet pile wall with a "dummy" soil layer on both sides.</p> <p>Note that the <i>Startup with</i> option is ignored when D-GEO PIPELINE is started by double-clicking on an input file.</p>
<i>Save on Calculation</i>	<p>The toggle buttons determine how input data is saved prior to calculation. It can either be saved automatically, using the same file name each time, or a file name can be specified every time the data is saved.</p>
<i>Use Enter key to</i>	<p>Use the toggle buttons to determine the way the Enter key is used in D-GEO PIPELINE: either as an equivalent of pressing the default button (Windows style) or to shift the focus to the next item in a window (for users accustomed to the DOS version(s) of the program).</p>

### 3.2.3 Program Options - Locations

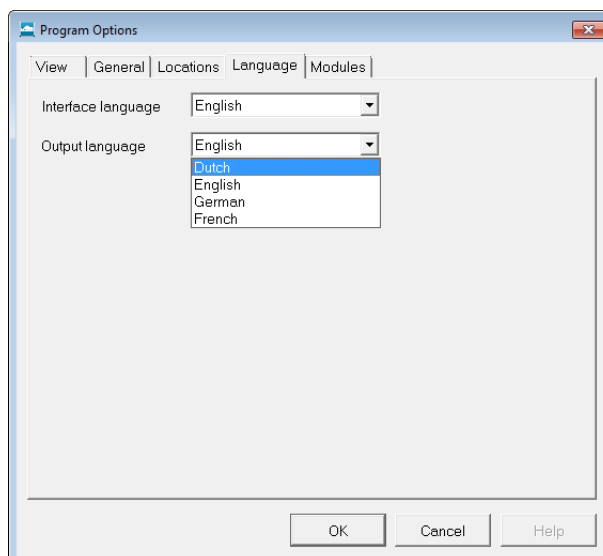


**Figure 3.5:** Program Options window, Locations tab

<i>Working directory</i>	<p>D-GEO PIPELINE will start up with a working directory for selection and saving of files. Either choose to use the last used directory, or specify a fixed path.</p>
<i>Use MGeobase database</i>	<p>Enable this check-box to specify the location of the MGeoBase database with material data, geometric data etc. Use of this option also requires once-off local installation of Interbase client software, assuming that the database is residing on a server on which server software has already been installed.</p>
<i>Settlement program</i>	<p>The calculation of the settlement of the soil layers below the pipeline is performed externally by D-SETTLEMENT (formerly known as MSettle), the settlement calculation program of the Deltares Systems tools. Therefore, the directory where the program is installed must be specified by clicking the <i>Browse</i> button.</p>



### 3.2.4 Program Options - Language



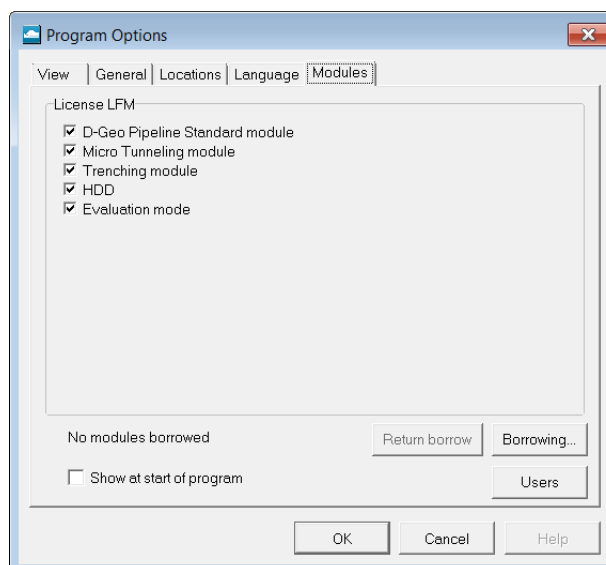
**Figure 3.6:** Program Options window, Language tab

<i>Interface language</i>	Currently, the only available interface language is English.
<i>Output language</i>	The output languages English, German, Dutch and French are supported. The selected output language will be used in all exported reports and output plots.



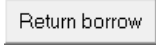
### 3.2.5 Program Options - Modules

For a D-GEO PIPELINE installation based on floating licenses, the *Modules* tab can be used to claim a license for the particular modules that are to be used. If the *Show at start of program* check-box is marked then this window will always be shown at start-up.

For a D-GEO PIPELINE installation based on a license dongle, the *Modules* tab will just show the modules that may be used.



**Figure 3.7:** Program Options window, Modules tab

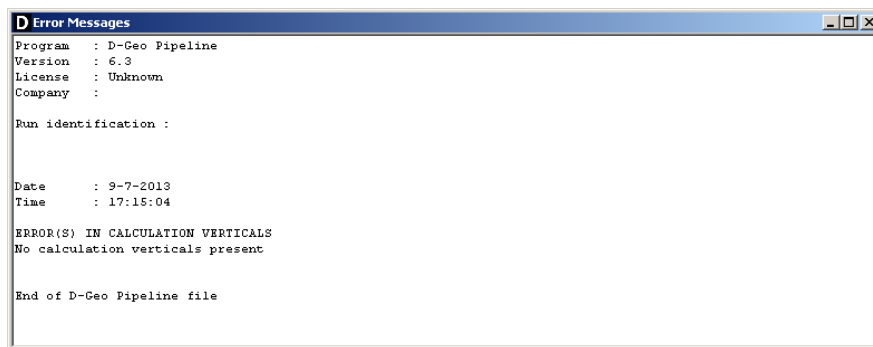
	Click this button to see which modules are (at this moment) in used and who (within the company) is using them.
	Click this button to borrow the selected modules for a certain period. The modules will be taken from the server pool and will be available on this computer even if no connection to the license server is available. Set the date and time for the expiration of the borrowing and press <i>OK</i> .
	Click this button to end the borrow immediately.

### 3.3 Help menu

The *Help* menu allows access to different options.

#### 3.3.1 Error Messages

If errors are found in the input, no calculation can be performed and D-GEO PIPELINE opens the *Error Messages* window displaying more details about the error(s). Those errors must be corrected before performing a new calculation. To view those error messages, select the *Error Messages* option from the *Help* menu. They are also written in the \*.err file. They will be overwritten the next time a calculation is started.



**Figure 3.8:** Error Messages window

#### 3.3.2 Manual

Select the *Manual* option from the *Help* menu to open the User Manual of D-GEO PIPELINE in PDF format. Here help on a specific topic can be found by entering a specific word in the *Find* field of the PDF reader.

#### 3.3.3 Deltares Systems Website

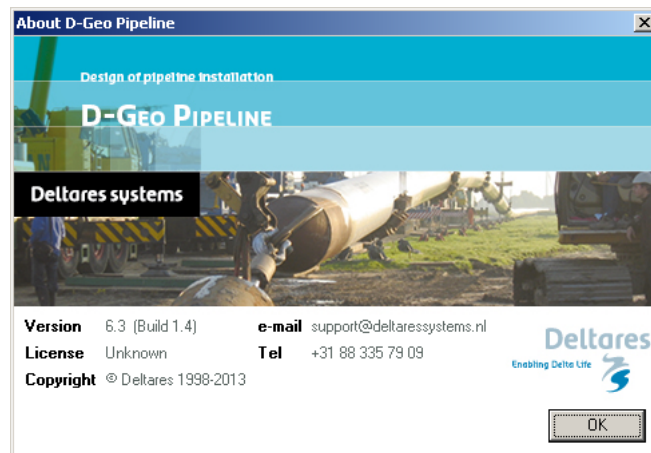
Select *Deltares Systems Website* option from the *Help* menu to visit the Deltares Systems website ([www.deltaresystems.com](http://www.deltaresystems.com)) for the latest news.

#### 3.3.4 Support

Use the *Support* option from the *Help* menu to open the *Support* window in which program errors can be registered. Refer to [section 1.9](#) for a detailed description of this window.

### 3.3.5 About D-GEO PIPELINE

Use the *About* option from the *Help* menu to display the *About D-GEO PIPELINE* window which provides software information (for example the version of the software).



**Figure 3.9:** *About D-GEO PIPELINE window*



## 4 Input

Before the design calculations can be started, data for the project needs to be input. The examples presented in the Tutorial section ([chapter 8](#)) can be a convenient starting point.

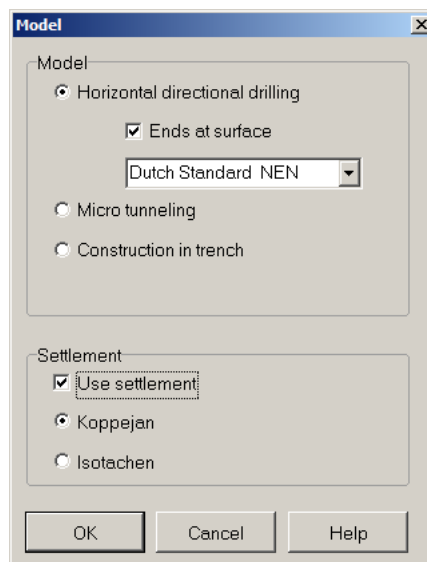
### 4.1 Project menu

On the menu bar ([section 2.2.1](#)), click *Project* to display the following menu options:

- ◇ ([section 4.1.1](#)) *Model* to select the required analysis model.
- ◇ ([section 4.1.2](#)) *Properties* to enter a project identification and change the default settings for viewing data.
- ◇ ([section 4.1.3](#)) *View Input File* to inspect the D-GEO PIPELINE ASCII input file.

#### 4.1.1 Model

On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Model* to open the *Model* window.



**Figure 4.1:** Model window

<i>Model</i>	Select the technique for pipeline installation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◇ <i>Horizontal directional drilling</i>, see <a href="#">section 1.3</a>;</li><li>◇ <i>Micro tunneling</i>, see <a href="#">section 1.4.1</a>;</li><li>◇ <i>Construction in trench</i>, see <a href="#">section 1.4.2</a>;</li></ul> If <i>Horizontal directional drilling</i> is selected, the safety factors according to either the <i>Dutch Standard NEN</i> or to the <i>European Standard CEN</i> can be applied. For more information, refer to <a href="#">section 4.7.1.1</a> .
<i>Ends at surface</i>	Enable this check-box if the pipeline ends at surface. In this case, D-GEO PIPELINE will automatically calculate the vertical co-ordinate Z of the exit point of the pipeline (see <a href="#">section 4.6.1</a> ).

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<i>Settlement</i>	<p>Enable the check-box <i>Use settlement</i> to calculate the vertical displacement of the soil below the pipeline due to installation. D-GEO PIPELINE will use the D-SETTLEMENT computer program. The required settlement model (<i>Koppejan</i> or <i>Isotache</i>) must be selected. For background information, see <a href="#">section 21.10.2</a> and <a href="#">section 21.10.1</a> respectively for <i>Koppejan</i> and <i>Isotache</i> models.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The check-box <i>Use settlement</i> is available only when the program D-SETTLEMENT (formerly known as MSettle) is installed, and when the location of the executable (DSettlement.exe) is specified in the <i>Locations</i> tab of the <i>Program Options</i> window (<a href="#">section 3.2.3</a>).</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The pipeline settlement can also be entered manually (if available) in the <i>Calculation Verticals</i> window (refer to <a href="#">section 4.4.2</a>).</p>
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#### 4.1.2 Project Properties

On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Properties* to open the input window. The *Project Properties* window has two tabs, which allow the settings for the current project to be changed:

- ◇ *Identification*, to specify project identification data.
- ◇ *View Input*, to define the appearance of items in the *View Input* window.

##### Project Properties - Identification

Use the *Identification* tab to specify the project identification data:

The screenshot shows the 'Project Properties' dialog box with the 'Identification' tab selected. The fields are as follows:

- Title 1: Project D-Geo Pipeline
- Title 2: HDD
- Title 3: (empty)
- Date: 9-7-2013, with a checked 'Use current date' checkbox.
- Drawn by: DSC
- Project ID: 012-23456
- Annex ID: 12

At the bottom of the dialog, there is a 'Save as default' checkbox (unchecked) and three buttons: 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help'.

**Figure 4.2:** Project Properties window, Identification tab

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<i>Titles</i>	Use <i>Title 1</i> to give the project a unique, easily recognizable name. <i>Title 2</i> and <i>Title 3</i> can be added to indicate specific characteristics of the calculation. The three titles will be included on printed output.
<i>Date</i>	The date entered here will be used on printouts and graphic plots for this project. Either mark the <i>Use current date</i> check-box to automatically use the current date on each printout, or enter a specific date.

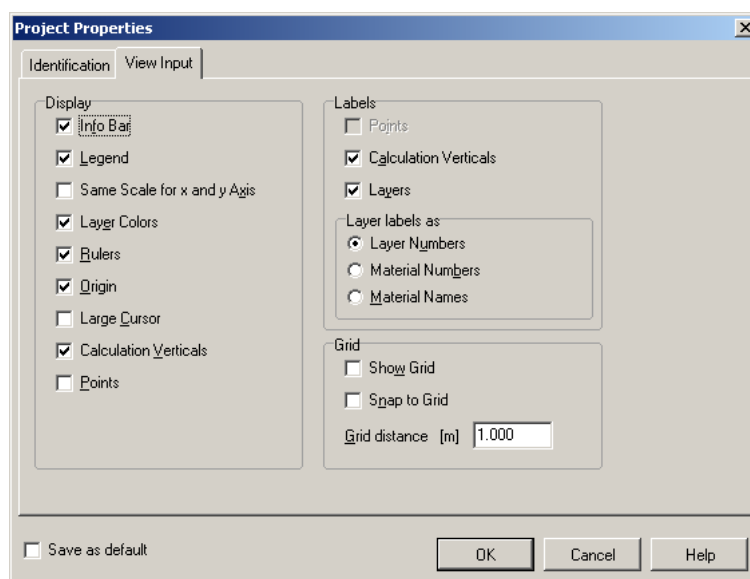
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<i>Drawn by</i>	Enter the name of the user performing the calculation or generating the printout.
<i>Project ID</i>	Enter a project identification number.
<i>Annex ID</i>	Specify the annex number of the printout.

Enable the check-box *Save as default* to use these settings every time D-GEO PIPELINE is started or a new project is created.

### Project Properties – View Input

Use the *View Input* tab to define the appearance of the *View Input* window (section 2.2.3).



**Figure 4.3:** Project Properties window, View Input tab

#### Display

<i>Info Bar</i>	Enable this check-box to display the information bar at the bottom of the <i>Outline View</i> window.
<i>Legend</i>	Enable this check-box to display the legend.
<i>Same scale for x and y axis</i>	Enable this check-box to display the x and y axis with the same scale.
<i>Layer colors</i>	Enable this check-box to display the layers in different colors.
<i>Rulers</i>	Enable this check-box to display the rulers.
<i>Origin</i>	Enable this check-box to draw a circle at the origin.
<i>Large Cursor</i>	Enable this check-box to use the large cursor instead of the small one.
<i>Calculation Verticals</i>	Enable this check-box to display the verticals.
<i>Points</i>	Enable this check-box to display the points.

#### Labels

<i>Points</i>	Enable this check-box to display the point labels.
<i>Calculation Verticals</i>	Enable this check-box to display the vertical labels.
<i>Layers</i>	Enable this check-box to display the layer labels.

**Layers labels as**

This choice is available only if the *Layers* check-box of the *Labels* sub-window is marked. There are three ways to display the legend of the layers:

<i>Layer Numbers</i>	The legend displays one box for each layer. Each layer (and therefore each box) is displayed in a different standard color. Next to each box, the layer number and the material name are displayed, corresponding to the color and number of the layer in the adjacent <i>Geometry</i> window.
<i>Material Numbers</i>	The legend displays one box for each material. Each material (and therefore each box) is displayed in a different color which can be changed by the user (see <a href="#">section 7.3.3</a> ). Next to each box, the material number and name are displayed, corresponding to the color and number of the material in the adjacent <i>Geometry</i> window.
<i>Material Names</i>	The legend displays one box for each material. Each material (and therefore each box) is displayed in a different color which can be changed by the user (see <a href="#">section 7.3.3</a> ). Next to each box, only the material name is displayed, corresponding to the color and name of the material in the adjacent <i>Geometry</i> window.


**Grid**

<i>Show grid</i>	Enable this check-box to display the grid points.
<i>Snap to Grid</i>	Enable this check-box to ensure that objects align to the grid automatically when they are moved or positioned in a graph.
<i>Grid distance</i>	Enter the distance between two grid points.

Enable the *Save as default* check-box to use the current settings every time D-GEO PIPELINE is started.

**4.1.3 View Input File**

On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *View Input File* to display an overview of the input data.

The data will be displayed in the D-GEO PIPELINE main window. Click on the *Print Active Window*  icon to print the file.

**4.2 Soil menu**

The *Soil* menu is used to enter the soil properties for the analysis. In the *Soil* menu, choose *Materials* to open the *Materials* input window in which the soil type properties can be defined. The Properties can either be imported directly from an MGeoBase database (*Database* tab), or be inputted manually (*Parameters* tab):

- ◇ Manual input of standard parameters ([section 4.2.1](#));
- ◇ Manual input of settlement parameters acc. to Koppejan ([section 4.2.2](#));
- ◇ Manual input of settlement parameters acc. to Isotache ([section 4.2.3](#));
- ◇ Import from database ([section 4.2.4](#)).



#### 4.2.1 Materials – Standard

If the *Use settlement* check-box in the *Model* window (section 4.1.1) is unmarked, the following window is displayed.

Material name	Total Unit Weight Above phreatic level [kN/m³]	Total Unit Weight Below phreatic level [kN/m³]	Cohesion [kN/m²]	Phi [deg.]	Cu top [kN/m²]	Cu bottom [kN/m²]	Emod top [kN/m²]	Emod bottom [kN/m²]	Adhesion [kN/m²]	Friction angle (Delta) [deg.]	Poisson ratio (Nu) [-]
Soft Clay	18.00	20.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00	1500.00	0.00	0.00	0.35
Medium Clay											
Stiff Clay											
Peat											
Loose Sand											
Dense Sand											
<b>Sand</b>											
Gravel											
Loam											
Muck											
Undetermined											

Figure 4.4: Materials window, Parameters tab

<i>Total Unit Weight Above phreatic level</i>	The unit weight of the unsaturated soil above the user-defined phreatic line.
<i>Total Unit Weight Below phreatic level</i>	The unit weight of the saturated soil below the user-defined phreatic line.
<i>Cohesion</i>	Cohesion of the soil.
<i>Phi</i>	Angle of internal friction of the soil.
<i>Cu top</i>	The apparent undrained cohesion $c_u$ at the top of the layer.
<i>Cu bottom</i>	The apparent undrained cohesion $c_u$ at the bottom of the layer.
<i>Emod top</i>	Young's modulus of the soil at the top of the layer.
<i>Emod bottom</i>	Young's modulus of the soil at the bottom of the layer.
<i>Adhesion</i>	Adhesion of the soil. The adhesion is only available if the <i>Construction in trench</i> or <i>Micro Tunneling</i> model have been selected in the <i>Model</i> window (section 4.1.1).
<i>Friction angle (Delta)</i>	Friction angle between soil and pipeline. The delta friction angle is only available if the <i>Construction in trench</i> or <i>Micro Tunneling</i> model have been selected in the <i>Model</i> window (section 4.1.1).
<i>Poisson ratio (Nu)</i>	Poisson ratio of the soil.

The Young's modulus  $E$  and the Poisson ratio  $\nu$  are used to calculate  $G$ , the shear modulus:

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)} \quad (4.1)$$

#### 4.2.2 Materials – Settlement Koppejan

If the *Use settlement* check-box in the *Model* window (section 4.1.1) is marked and the *Koppejan* model is selected, D-GEO PIPELINE will calculate the settlements according to the Koppejan model. Therefore, the Koppejan parameters need to be put in as shown in Figure 4.5. For background information, refer to section 21.10.2.

Material name	Parameter	Value
Soft Clay	Total Unit Weight Above phreatic level [kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	14.00
Medium Clay	Total Unit Weight Below phreatic level [kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	14.00
Stiff Clay	Cohesion [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	2.00
Peat	Phi [deg.]	18.00
Loose Sand	Cu top [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	10.00
Dense Sand	Cu bottom [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	15.00
Sand	Emod top [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	500.00
Gravel	Emod bottom [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	1000.00
Loam	Adhesion [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0.00
Muck	Friction angle (Delta) [deg.]	0.00
Undetermined	Poisson ratio (Nu) [-]	0.45
	Settlement Koppejan	
	Overconsolidation Ratio (OCR) [-]	1.30
	Primary compression coefficient	
	Below preconsolidation pressure (Cp) [-]	4.00E+01
	Above preconsolidation pressure (Cp') [-]	1.00E+01
	Secondary compression coefficient	
	Below preconsolidation pressure (Cs) [-]	1.60E+02
	Above preconsolidation pressure (Cs') [-]	3.50E+02

**Figure 4.5:** Materials window, Parameters tab (Settlement acc. to Koppejan)

<i>Over-consolidation Ratio (OCR)</i>	The Over-Consolidation Ratio ( <i>OCR</i> ) is defined as the ratio of pre-consolidation pressure and initial in situ vertical effective stress.
<i>Primary compression coefficient below preconsolidation pressure (Cp)</i>	The primary compression coefficient $C_p$ is used to calculate the primary settlement.
<i>Primary compression coefficient above preconsolidation pressure (Cp')</i>	The primary compression coefficient $C_p'$ is used to calculate the primary settlement.
<i>Secondary compression coefficient below preconsolidation pressure (Cs)</i>	The secondary compression coefficient $C_s$ is used to calculate the secondary (time dependent) settlement.
<i>Secondary compression coefficient above preconsolidation pressure (Cs')</i>	The secondary compression coefficient $C_s'$ is used to calculate the secondary (time dependent) settlement.

### 4.2.3 Materials – Settlement Isotache

If the *Use settlement* check-box in the *Model* window [section 4.1.1] is unmarked and the *Isotache* model is selected, D-GEO PIPELINE will calculate the settlements according to the Isotache model. Therefore, the Isotache parameters need to be put in as shown in Figure 4.6. For background information, see section 21.10.1.


Material name	Total Unit Weight	Cohesion	Phi	Cu top	Cu bottom	Emod top	Emod bottom	Adhesion	Friction angle (Delta)	Poisson ratio (Nu)	Settlement Isotachen
Soft Clay	Above phreatic level [kN/m³] 14.00	[kN/m²] 2.00	[deg.] 18.00	[kN/m²] 10.00	[kN/m²] 15.00	[kN/m²] 500.00	[kN/m²] 1000.00	[kN/m²] 0.00	[deg.] 0.00	[-] 0.45	Direct compression index (a) [-] 1.000E-02
Medium Clay	Below phreatic level [kN/m³] 14.00										Secular compression index (b) [-] 1.000E-01
Stiff Clay											Coefficient of secular compression rate (c) [-] 5.000E-03
Peat											Pre-overburden pressure (POP) [kN/m²] 10.00
Loose Sand											Overconsolidation ratio (OCR) [-] 1.30
Dense Sand											
Sand											
Gravel											
Loam											
Muck											
Undetermined											

Figure 4.6: Materials window, Parameters tab (Settlement acc. to Isotache)

<i>Direct compression index (a)</i>	The direct compression index $a$ relates natural strain during re-compression or swell to the change of vertical effective stress.
<i>Secular compression index (b)</i>	The secular compression index $b$ relates natural strain during virgin loading to the change of vertical effective stress.
<i>Coefficient of secular compression rate (c)</i>	The coefficient of secular compression rate $c$ relates natural strain to the change of time. A zero value indicates non-creeping soil.
<i>Pre-overburden pressure (POP)</i>	The Pre-Overburden Pressure ( $POP$ ) is defined as the pre-consolidation pressure minus the initial in situ vertical effective stress.
<i>Overconsolidation ratio (OCR)</i>	The Over-Consolidation Ratio ( $OCR$ ) is defined as the ratio of pre-consolidation pressure and initial in situ vertical effective stress.

#### 4.2.4 Materials – Database

The *Database* tab in the *Materials* window is only available if a location of an MGeobase database was specified in the *Locations* tab of the *Program Options* window (section 3.2.3).

Select the *Database* tab in the *Materials* window to see the available soil types. Select a soil type, and use the *Import* button  to import the soil type with associated properties.

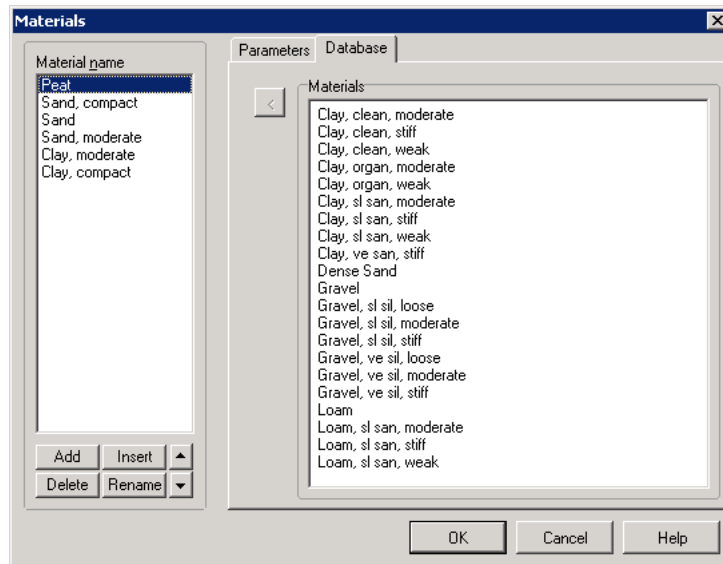


Figure 4.7: Materials window, Database tab

### 4.3 Geometry menu

On the menu bar, click *Geometry* to display the menu options. These options are explained in the following sections.

- ◇ *New* (section 4.3.1). Start creating a new geometry manually.
- ◇ *New Wizard* (section 4.3.2). Create a new geometry using a wizard.
- ◇ *Import* (section 4.3.3). Import a geometry file in the D-series exchange format.
- ◇ *Import geometry from database* (section 4.3.4). Import geometry from a database.
- ◇ *Export* (section 4.3.5). Save a geometry file for exchange with other Deltares Systems programs.
- ◇ *Export as Plaxis/Dos* (section 4.3.6). Save a geometry file in a different format.
- ◇ *Limits* (section 4.3.7). Set the range of the horizontal coordinates.
- ◇ *Points* (section 4.3.8). Add or manipulate points.
- ◇ *Import PL-line* (section 4.3.9). Import a PL-line file in the D-Series exchange format.
- ◇ *PL-lines* (section 4.3.10). Add or manipulate piezometric level lines.
- ◇ *Phreatic line* (section 4.3.11). Define phreatic level lines.
- ◇ *Layers* (section 4.3.12). Define or modify layer boundaries and corresponding soil types.
- ◇ *PL-lines per layer* (section 4.3.13). Select the piezometric level line at the bottom and top of each layer.
- ◇ *Check geometry* (section 4.3.14). Check the validity of the geometry.

### 4.3.1 New

Select this option to display the *View Input (Geometry)* window, showing only the geometry limits (with their default values) of the geometry. It is possible to now start modeling the geometry (for more information on this subject, see [chapter 7](#)). However, it is possible to create a new geometry faster and easier using the *Geometry Wizard* ([section 4.3.2](#)). This wizard involves a step-by-step process for creating geometry.

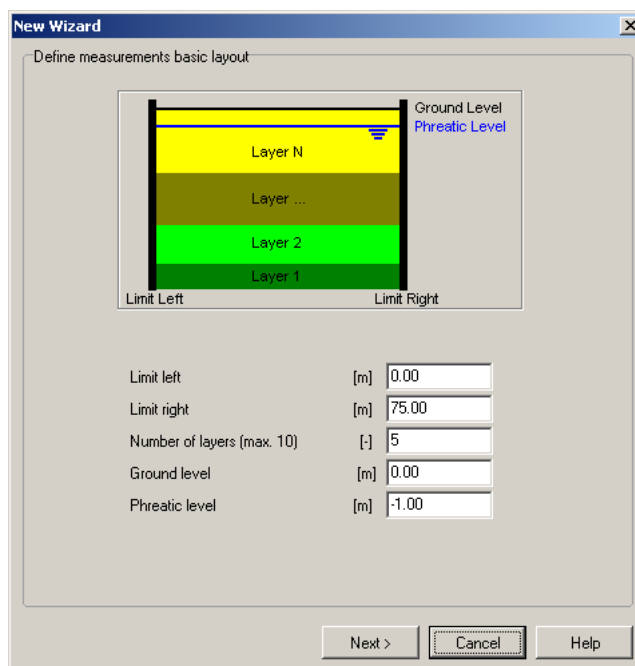
### 4.3.2 New Wizard

The *New Wizard* is usually the fastest and easiest way to start creating new geometry. The wizard uses predefined shapes and soil types.

To use the geometry wizard, click the *Geometry* menu and choose *New Wizard*. This wizard provides the following step-by-step guidance:

- ◇ Basic layout
- ◇ Shape selection
- ◇ Shape definition
- ◇ Material types
- ◇ Summary

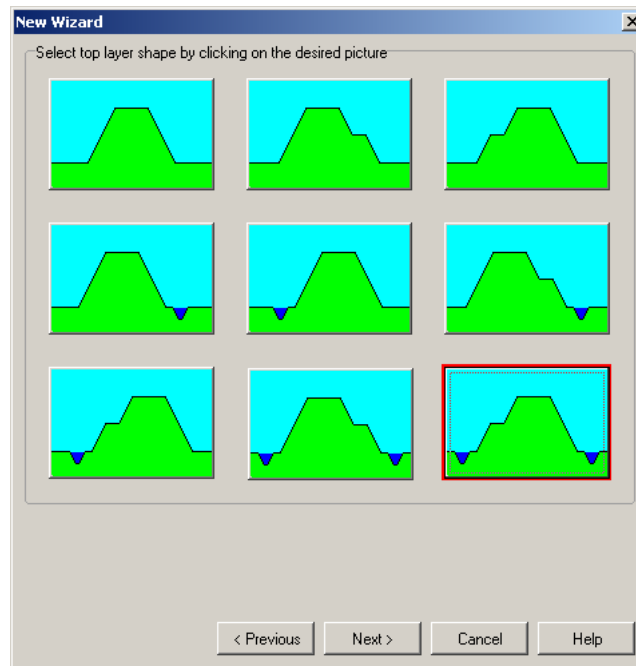
#### New Wizard – Basic Layout



**Figure 4.8:** New Wizard window (Basic Layout)

In the *Basic Layout* window ([Figure 4.8](#)), the basic framework within which the project is defined can be entered. The graphic at the top of the window explains the required input. When satisfied with the input, just click the *Next* button to display the next input screen.

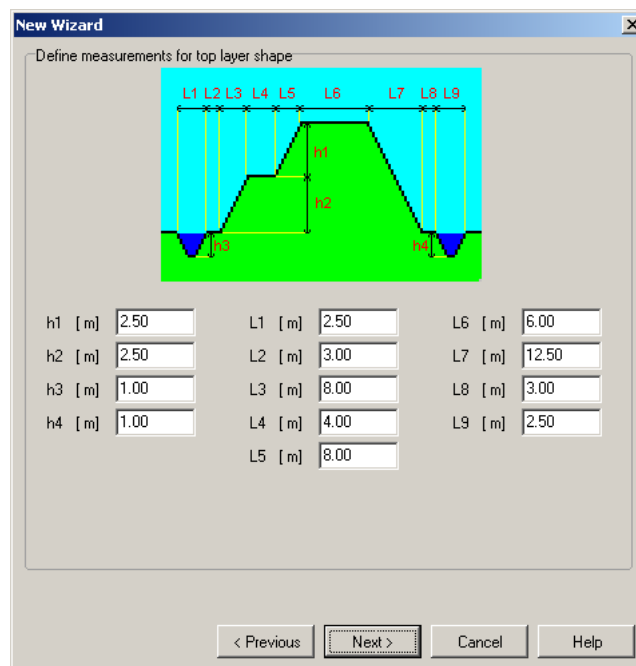
### New Wizard – Shape Selection



**Figure 4.9:** New Wizard window (Top Layer Shape)

In the *Top Layer Shape* window (Figure 4.9), one of nine default top-layer shapes can be selected. A red frame indicates the selected shape. Click the *Previous* button to return to the *Basic Layout* screen, or the *Next* button to display the next input screen with shape-specific input data.

### New Wizard – Shape definition



**Figure 4.10:** New Wizard window (Top Layer Specification)

The *Top Layer Specification* window (Figure 4.10) enables to specify the sizes of the selected top layer shape.

### New Wizard – Material Types

**Figure 4.11:** New Wizard window (Material Types)

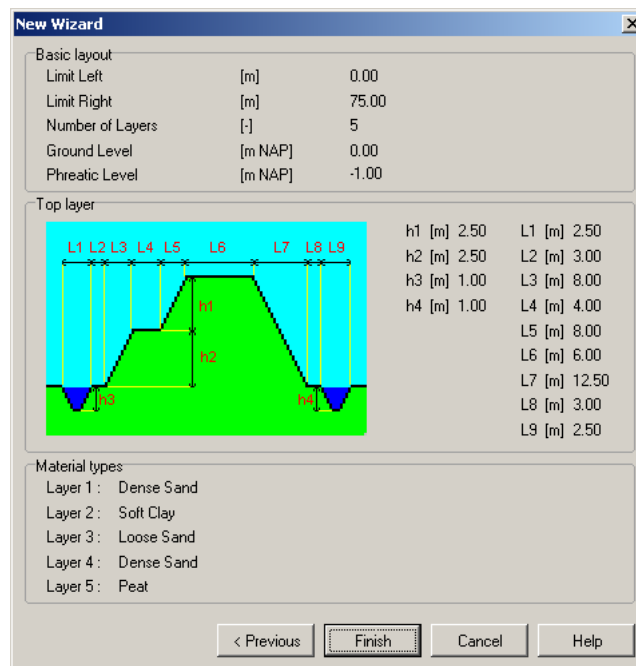
In the *Material Types* window (Figure 4.11), the materials used for the layers in the project can be specified. The number of layers was defined in the first screen (Basic Layout). The materials that can be chosen from are predefined (see Table 4.10).

**Table 4.10:** Unsaturated and saturated weight of the predefined materials

Material type	Unsaturated weight [kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Saturated weight [kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]
Soft Clay	14	14
Medium Clay	17	17
Stiff Clay	19	19
Loose Sand	17	19
Dense Sand	19	21
Loose Aggregate	17	19
Dense Aggregate	19	21
Peat	12	12

The materials for each layer can be selected individually (using the selection boxes at the left-hand side of the screen) or one material for each layer at once can be selected (using the selection box at the top right of the screen). The parameters of each material can also be reviewed.

## New Wizard – Summary



**Figure 4.12:** New Wizard window (Summary)

The *Summary* window (Figure 4.12) displays an overview of the data entered in the previous wizard screens. If necessary, click *Previous* to go back to any screen and change the data as required. Clicking *Finish* will confirm the input and display the geometry in the *View Input Geometry* window. In this window, the geometry can be edited or completed graphically as described in chapter 7. Of course, the *Geometry* menu options can also be used for this purpose (section 4.3).

### 4.3.3 Import

This option displays a standard file dialog in which an existing geometry can be selected stored in a geometry file, or in an existing input file for D-GEO STABILITY (formerly known as MStab), D-SETTLEMENT (formerly known as MSettle), MSeep and D-SHEET PILING (formerly known as MSheet). For a full description of these programs and how to obtain them, visit [www.deltaressystems.com](http://www.deltaressystems.com).

When selecting the geometry, it is imported into the current project, replacing the current geometry. The imported geometry is displayed in the *View Input (Geometry)* window. It is also possible to use this option to analyze the settled geometry at different stages, as all other input is retained.

### 4.3.4 Import geometry from database

To be able to import a geometry from a database, this option has to be provided with the purchased version of D-GEO PIPELINE.

To import a geometry from a database do the following:

- ◇ Click *Import from Database* in the *Geometry* menu.
- ◇ The *Select Geometry* dialog will appear.



Again, the imported geometry will replace the current one and will be displayed in the *View Input (Geometry)* window.

**Note:** This option is only available when the correct database directory has been specified using the *Locations* tab in the *Program Options* menu (see [section 3.2.3](#)). For more information on MGeoBase, visit [www.deltaessystems.com](http://www.deltaessystems.com).



#### 4.3.5 Export

This option displays a standard *Save As* dialog that enables the user to choose a directory, a file name and a format in which to save the current geometry to a file. The file will be saved in the standard geometry format for the Deltares Systems programs (\*.geo). Files in this format can be used in a multitude of Deltares Systems programs, such as D-GEO STABILITY (formerly known as MStab), D-SETTLEMENT (formerly known as MSettle), MSeep and D-SHEET PILING (formerly known as MSheet). For a full description of these programs and how to obtain them, visit [www.deltaessystems.com](http://www.deltaessystems.com).

#### 4.3.6 Export as Plaxis/DOS

This option displays the *Save As Plaxis/DOS* dialog that enables the user to choose a directory and a file name in which to save the current geometry. The file will be saved using the old DOS-style geometry format for the Deltares Systems programs. Files in this format can be used by the finite element program Plaxis and in old DOS-based versions of Deltares Systems programs such as D-GEO STABILITY (DOS) and MZet (DOS).

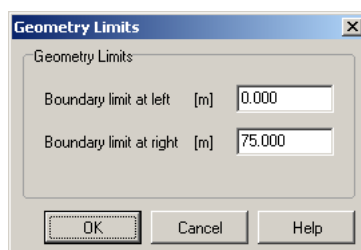
Saving files of this type will only succeed, however, if the stringent demands imposed by the old DOS style are satisfied:

- ◇ number of layers  $\leq 20$
- ◇ number of PL-lines  $\leq 20$
- ◇ number of lines per boundary  $< 50$
- ◇ total number of points  $\leq 500$

To be able to differentiate between an old DOS-style file and a normal geometry file, the file dialog that prompts for a new file name for the old DOS-style geometry file suggests a default file name, prefixing the current name with a 'D'.

#### 4.3.7 Limits

Use this option to edit the geometry limits.



**Figure 4.13:** *Geometry Limits* window

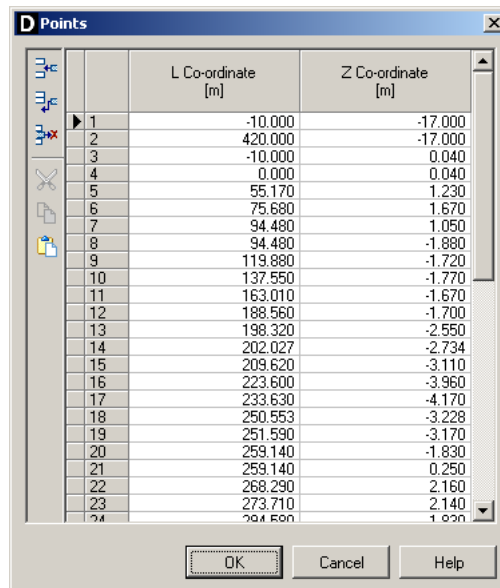
A limit is a vertical boundary defining the 'end' at either the left or right side of the geometry. It is defined by an X-coordinate only.



**Note:** This is the only type of element that cannot be deleted. Moreover, the values entered here are ignored if they resulted in an invalid geometry.

#### 4.3.8 Points

Use this option to add or edit points that can be used as part of layer boundaries or PL-lines. A point is a basic geometry element defined by its coordinates. Since the geometry is restricted to two dimensions, it is allowed to define an  $L$  and  $Z$  co-ordinates only.

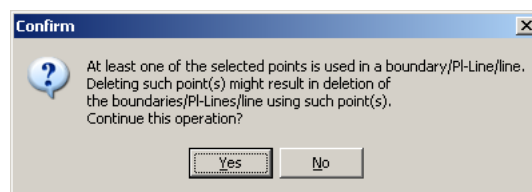


**Figure 4.14:** Points window

<i>L Co-ordinate</i>	Projection of the horizontal co-ordinate along the pipeline trajectory.
<i>Z Co-ordinate</i>	Vertical co-ordinate.



**Note:** When a point is to be deleted, the system will check whether the point is used as part of a PL-line or layer boundary. If so, a message will be displayed.



**Figure 4.15:** Confirm window for deleting used points

When Yes is clicked, all layer boundaries and/or PL-lines using the point will also be deleted.

Every change made using this window (Figure 4.14) will only be displayed in the underlying *View Input (Geometry)* window after closing this window using the *OK* button. When this button is clicked, a validity check is performed on the geometry. Any errors encountered during this check are displayed in a separate window. These errors must be corrected before

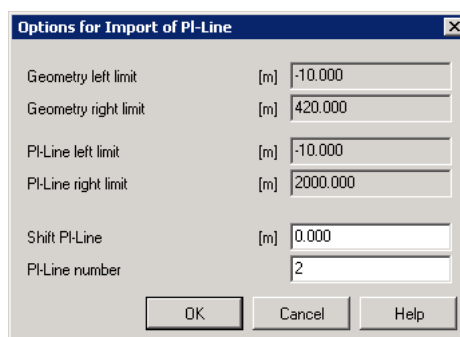
closing this window by clicking the *OK* button. Of course, it is always possible to close the window using the *Cancel* button, but this will discard all changes.

#### 4.3.9 Import PL-line

This option displays a standard file dialog in which an existing PL-line, created with the program WATEX and stored in a PL-line file (\*.mpl), can be selected.

WATEX (Deltares, 2004) is a reliable prediction tool to assess the pore pressure behavior. It consists of transient analytical solutions, put together by the conditions of continuity of head and discharge. The user specifies a number of locations, where the pore pressure response is required.

When a PL-line file is selected, the *Options for Import of PL-line* window (Figure 4.16) is displayed. When clicking the *OK* button, then the PL-line is added to the current PL-lines in the project.



The dialog box 'Options for Import of PL-Line' contains the following fields and values:

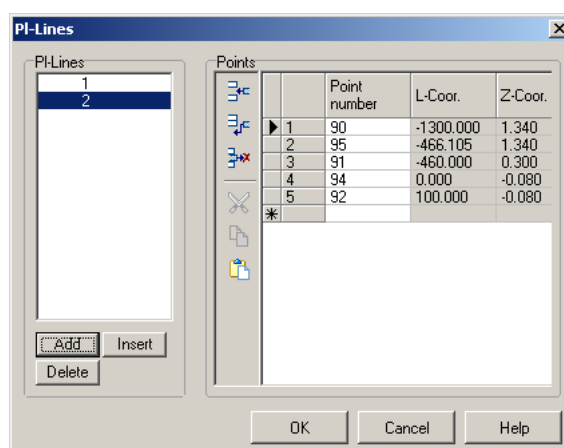
Geometry left limit	[m]	-10.000
Geometry right limit	[m]	420.000
PL-Line left limit	[m]	-10.000
PL-Line right limit	[m]	2000.000
Shift PL-Line	[m]	0.000
PL-Line number		2

Buttons: OK, Cancel, Help

Figure 4.16: Options for Import of PL-line window

#### 4.3.10 PL-Lines

Use this option to add or edit Piezometric Level lines (PL-lines) to be used in the geometry. A PL-line represents the hydraulic head of the water in the pores of the soil. A PL-line can be defined for the top and bottom of each soil layer (see section 4.3.13). The bottom soil layer is assumed to be infinitely thick. Here, therefore, only one PL-line is necessary for the top of that layer. Pore pressures in this layer are hydrostatic with increasing depth.



The 'PL-Lines' dialog box shows a list of PL-lines and a table of points.

PL-Lines list:

- 1
- 2

Buttons: Add, Insert, Delete

Points table:

	Point number	L-Coord.	Z-Coord.
1	90	-1300.000	1.340
2	95	-466.105	1.340
3	91	-460.000	0.300
4	94	0.000	-0.080
5	92	100.000	-0.080

Buttons: OK, Cancel, Help

Figure 4.17: PL-Lines window

In the lower part of the window, the buttons *Add*, *Insert* and *Delete* PL-lines can be used. The selection box on the left can be used to navigate between PL-lines that have already been defined. Use the table to add/edit the points identifying the PL-lines. It is only possible to select points that are not attached to layer boundaries ([section 4.3.12](#)).

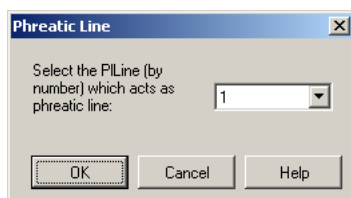


**Note:** It is only possible to manipulate the *Point number* column – that is, the coordinate columns are purely for informative purposes. To edit the coordinates of the points, choose the *Points* option from the *Geometry* menu (see [section 4.3.8](#)).

Every change made using this window will only be displayed in the underlying *View Input (Geometry)* window after closing this window using the *OK* button. When clicking this button, a validity check is performed on the geometry. Any errors encountered during this check are displayed in a separate window. These errors must be corrected before closing this window using the *OK* button. Of course, it is always possible to close the window using the *Cancel* button, but this will discard all your changes.

#### 4.3.11 Phreatic Line

Use this option to select the PL-line that acts as a phreatic line. The phreatic line (or ground-water level) is used to mark the border between dry and wet soil.



**Figure 4.18:** Phreatic Line window

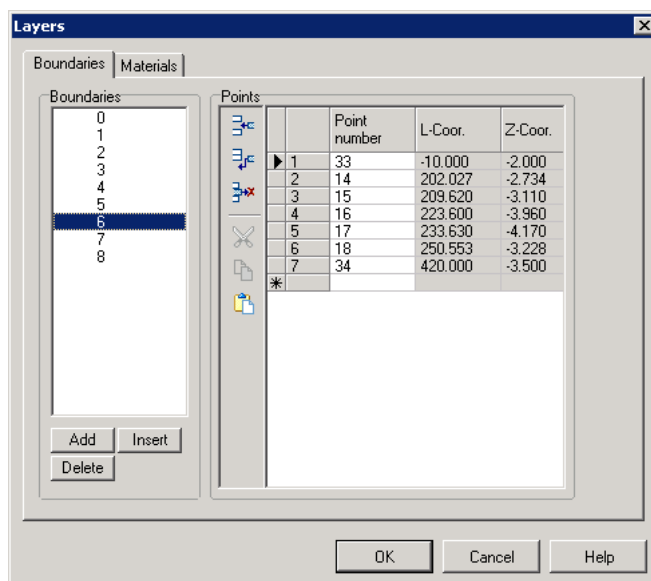
Select the appropriate line number from the drop-down list and click the *OK* button.



**Note:** At least one PL-line has to be defined to be able to pick a phreatic line from the drop-down list.


#### 4.3.12 Layers


This option enables to add or edit layers to be used in the geometry. A layer is defined by its boundaries and its material. Use the *Boundaries* tab to define the boundaries for all layers by choosing the points that identify each boundary.




**Figure 4.19:** Layers window, Boundaries tab

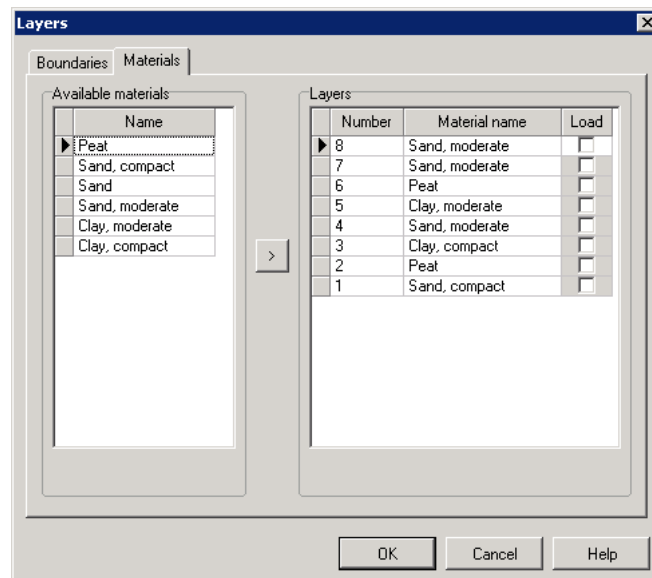
On the left-hand side of the window, it is possible to add, insert, delete or select a boundary. In the table on the right, it is possible to modify or add the points that identify the selected boundary.

**Note:** It is only possible to select points that are not attached to PL-lines ([section 4.3.10](#)). 

**Note:** It is only possible to manipulate the *Point number* column, because the coordinate columns are purely for informative purposes. To manipulate the coordinates of the points, choose the *Points* option in the *Geometry* menu (see [section 4.3.8](#)). 


**Note:** When inserting or adding a boundary, all points of the previous boundary (if this exists) are automatically copied. By default, the material of a new layer is set equal to the material of the existing layer just beneath it. 

The *Materials* tab enables to assign materials to the layers.



**Figure 4.20:** Layers window, Materials tab

On the left of the screen, a list containing all defined materials (see the *Materials* option in the *Soil* menu in [section 4.2.1](#)) is displayed. On the right, a list of all defined layers together with their assigned materials (if available) is displayed.

To assign a material to a layer, first select that layer on the right of the window. Then select the required material on the left of the window. Finally, click the *Assign* button .

In case of settlement calculation using the Koppejan or the Isotache model ([section 4.1.1](#)), the loading is defined by marking the *Load* check-box of one or several layers. D-GEO PIPELINE assumes that those layers are non-uniform loads.

Every change made using this window will only be displayed in the underlying *View Input (Geometry)* window after closing this window by clicking the *OK* button. When clicking this button, a validity check is performed on the geometry. If errors are encountered, a dialog window asks if auto-correction should be tried. Remaining errors are reported and can be corrected manually. The error correction is confirmed by clicking the *OK* button and discarded by clicking the *Cancel* button.

#### 4.3.13 PL-lines per Layer

Use this option to define the top and bottom PL-lines for the defined layers. The PL-lines represent the pore pressure in a soil layer. For each soil layer (except the deepest layer), two PL-line numbers can be entered – one that corresponds to the top of the soil layer, and one that corresponds to the bottom. Therefore, different PL-lines can be defined for the top and bottom of each soil layer. To do this, select the appropriate *PL-line at top / PL-line at bottom* field and enter the appropriate number.

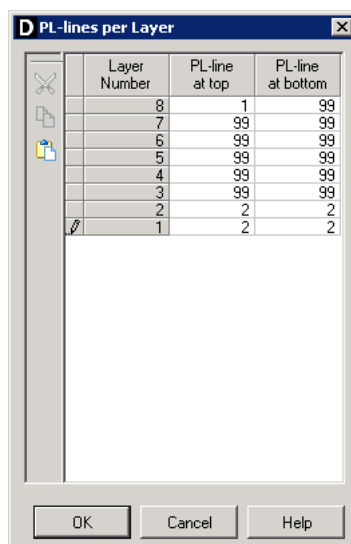



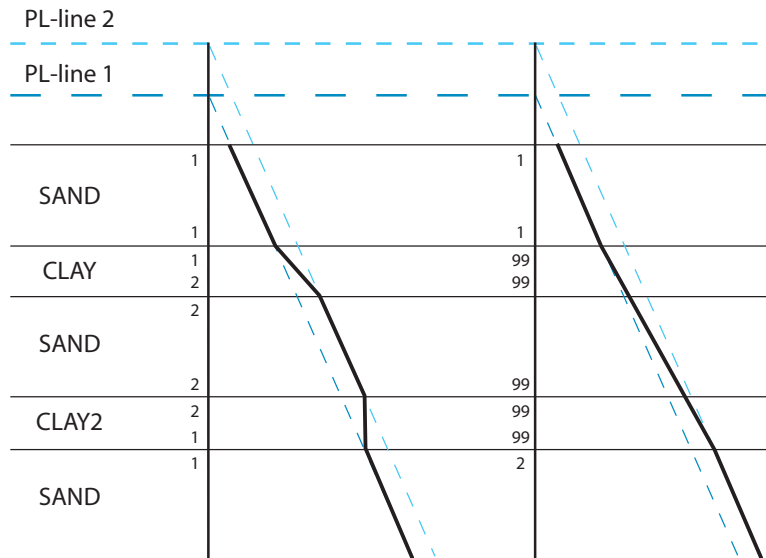
Figure 4.21: PL-line per Layer window

**Note:** For the deepest soil layer, no second PL-line number is required. For this layer a hydrostatic increase of the pore pressure is automatically assumed from the pore pressure at the top of the layer downwards. 

The following values can be used as PL-line numbers (N):

$0 < N < 99$	The number corresponds to one of the PL-lines defined during the geometry input. Capillary water pressures are not used – that is, if a negative water pressure is calculated for a point above the phreatic line, the water pressure in that point is defined as 0.
$N = 0$	Each point within the layer has a water pressure equal to 0 (define 0 for PL-line at top of layer).
$N = 99$	It is possible to have a number of overlying soil layers with a non-hydrostatic pore pressure (for example, a number of layers consisting of cohesive soil). In this case, a large number of PL-lines would have to be calculated, one or two for each layer. To avoid this, D-series software is able to interpolate across layer boundaries. For layers with a non-hydrostatic pore pressure, 99 can be entered as the PL-line number. For this layer, the interpolation will take place between the PL-line belonging to the first soil layer above with a real PL-line number, and the PL-line belonging to the first soil layer below with a real PL-line number. The first and the last soil layer must therefore always have a real PL-line number. <b>Note:</b> A real PL-line number is not equal to 99.

Water pressures above the phreatic line are set to zero. An example using two different PL-lines is given in [Figure 4.22](#) showing how the pore pressure varies in the vertical.

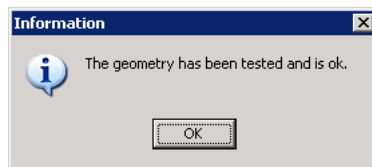


**Figure 4.22:** PL-lines and vertical pressure distribution

When clicking the *OK* button, the program performs a validity check on the geometry. Any errors encountered during this check are reported. A dialog window enables to disregard or correct the errors. The error correction is confirmed by clicking the *OK* button and discarded by clicking the *Cancel* button.

#### 4.3.14 Check Geometry

When this option is selected, the program checks the validity of the geometry (section 7.2) with respect to the requirements. If the geometry complies with all the requirements, a message will confirm this.



**Figure 4.23:** Information window to confirm a valid geometry

If any errors are encountered during this check, they are displayed in a separate window.

#### 4.4 GeoObjects menu



#### 4.4.1 Boundaries Selection

Click *GeoObjects* on the menu bar and select *Boundaries Selection* to define the boundaries between compressible top layers and under laying non-compressible layers and the boundary between drained (i.e. cohesive) top layers and under laying non-cohesive (i.e. undrained) layers (Figure 4.24). This is done by choosing the layer number of the underlying layer.

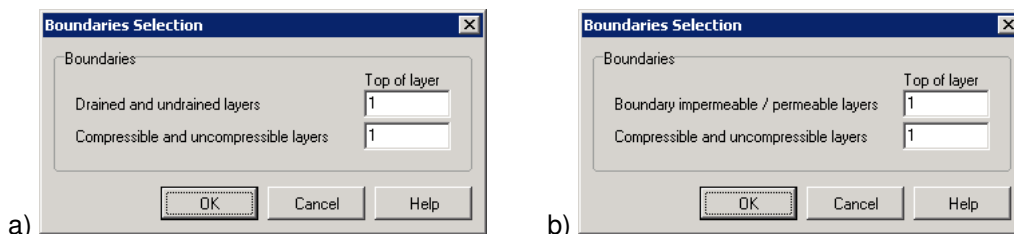



Figure 4.24: Boundaries Selection window for (a) HDD/Micro-tunneling and (b) Trenching

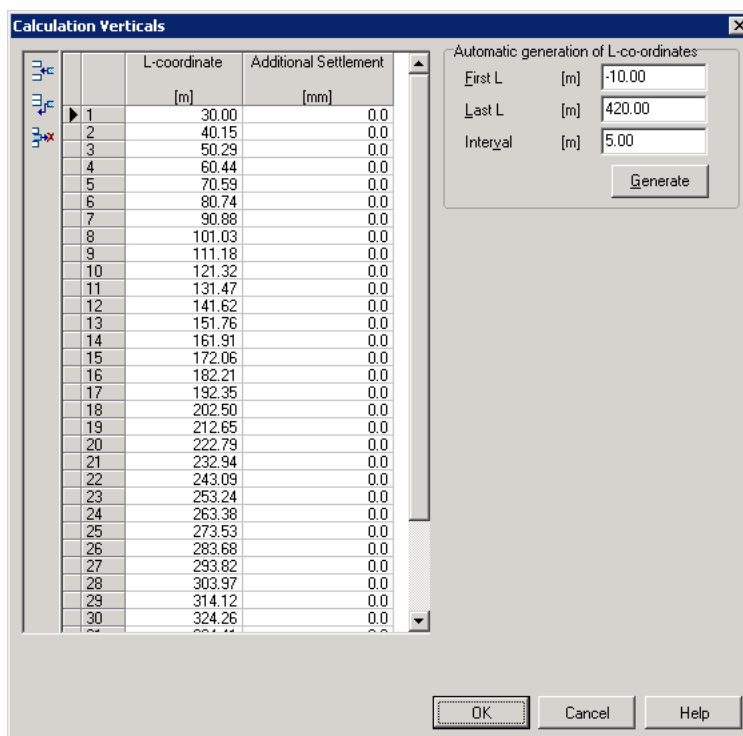
The boundary between compressible and non-compressible layers is drawn as a blue bold line and the boundary between drained and undrained layers (i.e. impermeable and permeable layers) is drawn as a black bold line in the *Input* tab of the *View Input* window (see section 2.2.3).

#### 4.4.2 Calculation Verticals

Click *GeoObjects* on the menu bar and select *Calculation Verticals* to define the L-coordinate for each vertical. D-GEO PIPELINE will perform calculations along each of these verticals. At least one vertical is necessary to perform any calculation.

The verticals must be placed within the left and right project limits. For an accurate impression of the change in drilling fluid pressure along the pipeline, it is advised to use at least 10-15 verticals.

It is possible to generate a number of verticals using the *Auto generation of L co-ordinates* option and clicking the *Generate* button . D-GEO PIPELINE will generate verticals between the *First* and *Last* co-ordinates with a fixed width, entered in the *Interval* field.



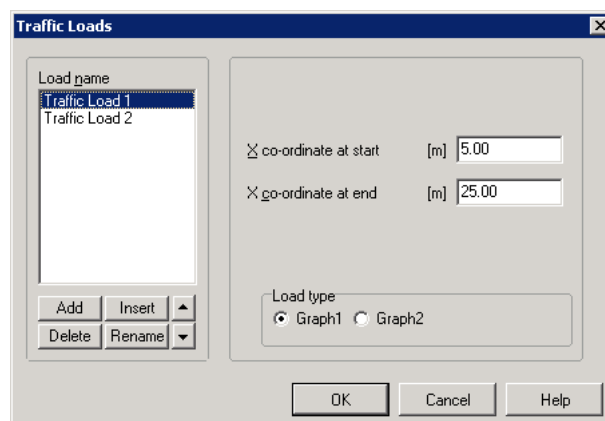
**Figure 4.25:** Calculation Verticals window

<i>L-coordinate</i>	Defines the locations in geometry in the $L$ direction where the calculations are performed. $L$ represents distance along the pipe line projection in the horizontal plane incremented with the entry coordinate. The L-coordinate value must increase with each vertical.
<i>Additional Settlement</i>	Enter an additional settlement for the selected vertical. This settlement will be added to the calculated settlement (according to Koppejan or Isotache) in the table of the <i>Deformation</i> section of the <i>Report</i> window ( <a href="#">section 6.2.2</a> ).
<i>First L</i>	$L$ co-ordinate of the starting point of generated verticals.
<i>Last L</i>	$L$ co-ordinate of the ending point of generated verticals.
<i>Interval</i>	Interval between generated verticals.
<i>Generate</i>	Click this button to generate automatically verticals from <i>First</i> to <i>Last L</i> with the mentioned <i>Interval</i> .

## 4.5 Loads menu

### 4.5.1 Traffic Loads

On the menu bar, click *Loads* and then choose *Traffic Loads* to open the corresponding input window in which the positions of traffic loads can be defined. Traffic loads will have an influence on the calculated soil load stress, only for the calculation verticals situated



**Figure 4.26:** Traffic Loads window

<i>X co-ordinate at start</i>	Enter the $X$ co-ordinate of the starting point of the selected traffic load.
<i>X co-ordinate at end</i>	Enter the $X$ co-ordinate of the ending point of the selected traffic load.
<i>Load type</i>	<p>According to article C.5.1 of NEN 3650-1 (<a href="#">NEN, 2012a</a>), two load models are considered, depending on the type of road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ For dual carriageways and regional roads, Graph I (i.e. 'Load Model 3' of European standard EN NEN-1991-2) is assumed;</li> <li>◇ For other roads, Graph II (i.e. 'Fatigue Load Model 2, Lorry 4' of European standard EN NEN-1991-2) is assumed. This load model covers the 'set of frequent lorries' which can occur on European roads, such as described in EN NEN-1991-2, with exception of the special transports).</li> </ul> <p>For more information, refer to <a href="#">section 21.14</a>.</p>

## 4.6 Pipe menu

### 4.6.1 Pipeline Configuration

On the menu bar, click *Pipe* and then choose *Pipeline Configuration* to open the corresponding input window in which the geometric characteristics of the pipeline can be defined. The *Pipeline Configuration* window displayed depends on the selected model.

#### 4.6.1.1 Pipeline Configuration for HDD

If the *Horizontal directional drilling* option in the *Model* window ([section 4.1.1](#)) is selected, the *Pipeline Configuration* window shown in [Figure 4.27](#) is displayed.

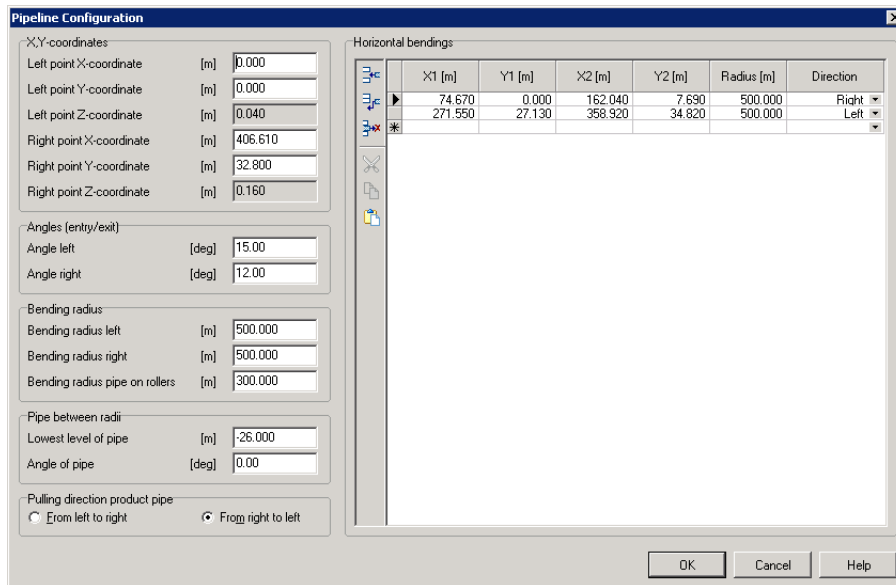
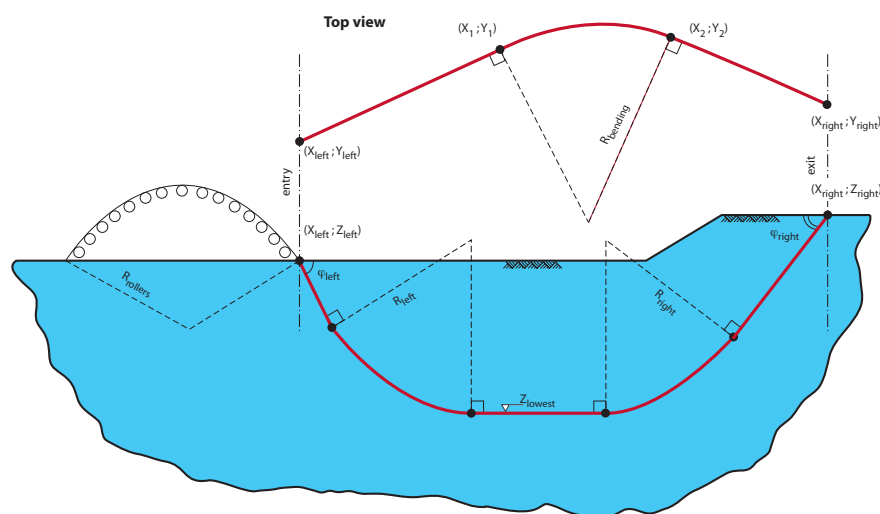


Figure 4.27: Pipeline Configuration window (for HDD)

<i>Left point X-coordinate</i>	X-coordinate of the left point which corresponds whether the entry or the exit point of the pipeline (called $X_{left}$ in Figure 4.28).
<i>Left point Y-coordinate</i>	Y-coordinate of the left point which corresponds whether the entry or the exit point of the pipeline (called $Y_{left}$ in Figure 4.28).
<i>Left point Z-coordinate</i>	Z-coordinate (i.e. vertical level) of the left point which corresponds whether the entry or the exit point of the pipeline (called $Z_{left}$ in Figure 4.28). This coordinate corresponds with the surface level for $X = X_{left}$ and is automatically calculated by the program.
<i>Right point X-coordinate</i>	X-coordinate of the right point which corresponds whether the entry or the exit point of the pipeline (called $X_{right}$ in Figure 4.28).
<i>Right point Y-coordinate</i>	Y-coordinate of the right point which corresponds whether the entry or the exit point of the pipeline (called $Y_{right}$ in Figure 4.28).
<i>Right point Z-coordinate</i>	Z-coordinate of the right point which corresponds whether the entry or the exit point of the pipeline (called $Z_{right}$ in Figure 4.28). This coordinate corresponds with the surface level for $X = X_{right}$ and is automatically calculated by the program.
<i>Angle left</i>	Left angle of the pipe (called $\varphi_{left}$ in Figure 4.28).
<i>Angle right</i>	Right angle of the pipe (called $\varphi_{right}$ in Figure 4.28).
<i>Bending radius left</i>	Bending radius of the pipe at the left side (called $R_{left}$ in Figure 4.28).
<i>Bending radius right</i>	Bending radius of the pipe at the right side (called $R_{right}$ in Figure 4.28).
<i>Bending radius pipe on rollers</i>	Only available for HDD model. Bending radius on the pipe roller, depending on the diameter of the product pipe (called $R_{rollers}$ in Figure 4.28).
<i>Lowest level of pipe</i>	Lowest level of the pipe (called $Z_{lowest}$ in Figure 4.28).
<i>Angle of pipe</i>	Horizontal angle of the lowest straight part of the configuration.
<i>Pulling direction product pipe</i>	The pulling force at characteristics points can be calculated for a pulling direction <i>From left to right</i> (i.e. the left point is the entry point) and <i>From right to left</i> (i.e. the right point is the entry point).
<i>X1</i>	X co-ordinate of the beginning point of the horizontal bending (see Figure 4.28).

$Y1$	Y co-ordinate of the beginning point of the horizontal bending (see <a href="#">Figure 4.28</a> ).
$X2$	X co-ordinate of the ending point of the horizontal bending (see <a href="#">Figure 4.28</a> ).
$Y2$	Y co-ordinate of the ending point of the horizontal bending (see <a href="#">Figure 4.28</a> ).
<i>Radius</i>	Radius of the horizontal bending (called $R_{\text{bending}}$ in <a href="#">Figure 4.28</a> ).
<i>Direction</i>	From the drop-down menu, select the direction of the horizontal bending ( <i>Left</i> or <i>Right</i> ). For example, the horizontal bending of <a href="#">Figure 4.28</a> has a left direction.



**Figure 4.28:** Schematization of the pipeline (HDD)

Needless to say, the coordinates must be defined properly. For example, the X-coordinate of the right point must have a higher value than the coordinate of the left point.

The pipeline configuration is given at the center of the pipe. It is assumed that during all drilling stages (pilot, drill and pullback) the defined center of the pipeline is the same. From each pipe, the diameter of the pipe as well as the diameter of the hole must be known.

#### 4.6.1.2 Pipeline Configuration for Micro tunneling

If the *Micro tunneling* option in the *Model* window ([section 4.1.1](#)) is selected, the *Pipeline Configuration* window shown in [Figure 4.29](#) is displayed.

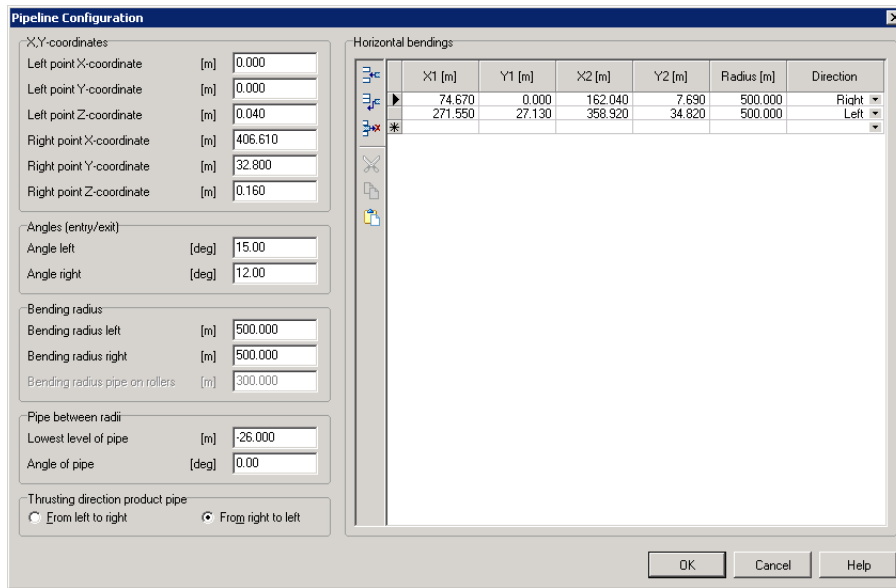


Figure 4.29: Pipeline Configuration window (for Micro tunneling)

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*Thrusting direction product pipe*      The thrusting force can be calculated for a pulling direction *From left to right* (i.e. the left point is the entry point) and *From right to left* (i.e. the right point is the entry point).

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Refer to the table above for the definition of the other parameters

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**Note:** To model a horizontal micro-tunneling, enter an *Angle left* and an *Angle right* of 0.

#### 4.6.1.3 Pipeline Configuration for Construction in trench

If the *Construction in trench* option in the *Model* window (section 4.1.1) is selected, the *Pipeline Configuration* window shown in Figure 4.30 is displayed. Different pipe materials can be defined along the pipeline.

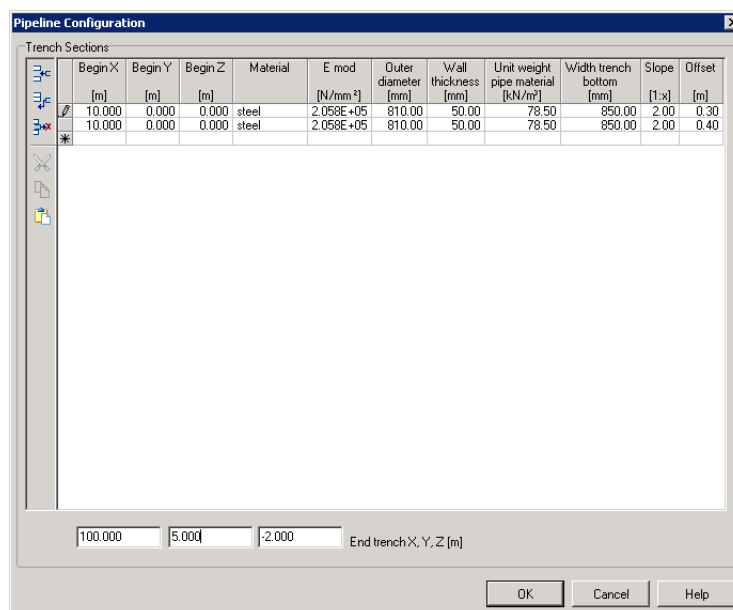
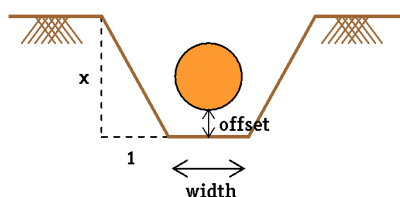


Figure 4.30: Pipeline Configuration window (Construction in trench)

<i>Begin X</i>	X co-ordinate of the begin point of the trench section.
<i>Begin Y</i>	Y co-ordinate of the begin point of the trench section.
<i>Begin Z</i>	Z co-ordinate of the begin point of the trench section.
<i>Material quality</i>	Description of the material quality. The data in this field is used in the report.
<i>Outer diameter</i>	Outer diameter of the pipe in mm.
<i>Wall thickness</i>	Wall thickness of the pipe in mm.
<i>Unit weight pipe material</i>	Unit weight of the pipe material.
<i>Width trench bottom</i>	Width of the trench bottom.
<i>Slope 1:x</i>	Slope of the trench.
<i>Offset</i>	Distance between the bottom of the trench and the bottom of the pipeline.



<i>End trench X</i>	X co-ordinate of the end point of the last trench section.
<i>End trench Y</i>	Y co-ordinate of the end point of the last trench section.
<i>End trench Z</i>	Z co-ordinate of the end point of the last trench section.

#### 4.6.2 Product Pipe Material Data

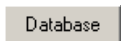
#### 4.6.2.1 Product Pipe Material Data for HDD

If the *Horizontal directional drilling* option in the *Model* window (section 4.1.1) is selected, click *Pipe* on the menu bar and then choose *Product Pipe Material Data* to open the *Product Pipe Material Data* window in which the characteristics of the pipe material can be entered. This data will be used for the strength calculation. Depending on the choice between steel and polyethylene, different values for the parameters need to be specified.

#### Steel pipe


Different types of steel pipes can be selected from the database (see Figure 4.31). User-defined values can also be defined for a steel pipeline.

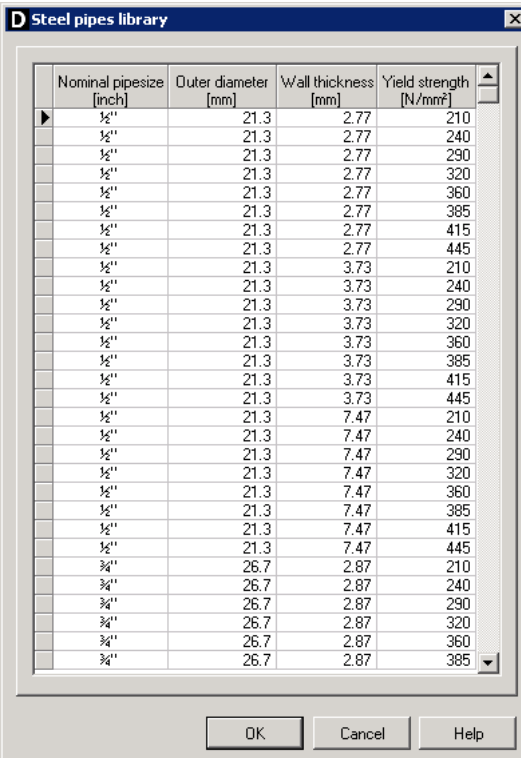
Figure 4.31: Product Pipe Material Data window (Steel)

<i>Pipe material</i>	Choice between steel or polyethylene.
	Click this button to import the name, the outer diameter, the wall thickness and the yield strength of a pipe material from the D-GEO PIPELINE library (see Figure 4.31).
<i>Material quality</i>	Description of the steel quality. The data in this field is used in the report.
<i>Negative wall thickness tolerance</i>	Tolerance on the wall thickness of the pipe ( $\delta_t$ ) in %. This value is used to determine the minimum wall thickness in the strength calculation.
<i>Yield strength</i>	Yield strength of the pipe ( $R_{\text{eb}}$ ) in $\text{N/mm}^2$ .
<i>Partial material factor</i>	Partial material factor of the pipe ( $\gamma_m$ ). The default value is 1.1.
<i>Partial material factor test pressure</i>	Partial material factor of the pipe used for the calculation of the stresses caused by test pressure ( $\gamma_{m,\text{test}}$ ). The default value is 1.



<i>Young's modulus</i>	Modulus of elasticity of the pipe ( $E_b$ ) in N/mm <sup>2</sup> . For steel, the default value is 205800 N/mm <sup>2</sup> . It is used to determine the stresses in the pipeline in a strength calculation.
<i>Outer diameter product pipe (Do)</i>	Outer diameter of the product pipe ( $D_o$ ) in mm.
<i>Wall thickness</i>	Wall thickness of the pipe ( $d_n$ ) in mm.
<i>Unit weight pipe material</i>	Unit weight of the pipe material ( $\gamma_b$ ), used to determine the pulling force in the pipeline. For steel, the default value is 78.5 kN/m <sup>3</sup> .
<i>Design pressure</i>	Design pressure ( $p_d$ ) in Bar, used to determine the stresses caused by internal pressure in LC 2 (section 23.5.3) and in LC 4 (section 23.5.5).
<i>Test pressure</i>	Test pressure ( $p_t$ ) in Bar, used to determine the stresses caused by test pressure in LC 2 (section 23.5.3) and in LC 4 (section 23.5.5).
<i>Temperature variation</i>	Temperature variation ( $\Delta t$ ) in °C, used to determine the stresses caused by temperature variation in LC 4 (section 23.5.5).

When clicking the *Database* button , the *Steel pipes library* window appears (Figure 4.32) in which the material quality (i.e. nominal pipe size), the outer diameter, the wall thickness and the yield strength of different steel pipes can be imported.



Nominal pipesize [inch]	Outer diameter [mm]	Wall thickness [mm]	Yield strength [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]
1/2"	21.3	2.77	210
1/2"	21.3	2.77	240
1/2"	21.3	2.77	290
1/2"	21.3	2.77	320
1/2"	21.3	2.77	360
1/2"	21.3	2.77	385
1/2"	21.3	2.77	415
1/2"	21.3	2.77	445
1/2"	21.3	3.73	210
1/2"	21.3	3.73	240
1/2"	21.3	3.73	290
1/2"	21.3	3.73	320
1/2"	21.3	3.73	360
1/2"	21.3	3.73	385
1/2"	21.3	3.73	415
1/2"	21.3	3.73	445
1/2"	21.3	7.47	210
1/2"	21.3	7.47	240
1/2"	21.3	7.47	290
1/2"	21.3	7.47	320
1/2"	21.3	7.47	360
1/2"	21.3	7.47	385
1/2"	21.3	7.47	415
1/2"	21.3	7.47	445
3/4"	26.7	2.87	210
3/4"	26.7	2.87	240
3/4"	26.7	2.87	290
3/4"	26.7	2.87	320
3/4"	26.7	2.87	360
3/4"	26.7	2.87	385


Figure 4.32: Steel pipes library window

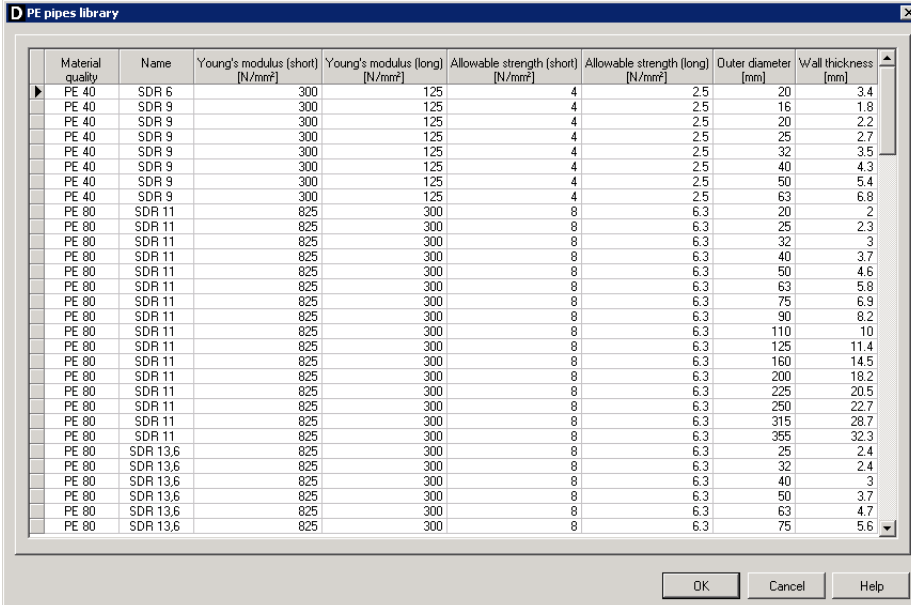
### Polyethylene pipe

Different types of polyethylene pipes can be selected from the database (see Figure 4.34). User-defined values can also be defined for a PE pipeline.

Figure 4.33: Product Pipe Material Data window (Polyethylene)

<i>Pipe material</i>	Choice between steel or polyethylene.
<input type="button" value="Database"/>	Click this button to import the name, the outer diameter, the wall thickness and the yield strength of a pipe material from the D-GEO PIPELINE library (see <a href="#">Figure 4.34</a> ).
<i>Material quality</i>	Description of the polyethylene quality. The data in this field is used in the report.
<i>Young's modulus (short)</i>	Modulus of elasticity of the pipe ( $E_b$ ) at short term in $\text{N/mm}^2$ .
<i>Young's modulus (long)</i>	Modulus of elasticity of the pipe ( $E_b$ ) at long term in $\text{N/mm}^2$ .
<i>Allowable strength (short)</i>	Yield strength of the pipe at short term ( $R_{eb,short}$ ) in $\text{N/mm}^2$ .
<i>Allowable strength (long)</i>	Yield strength of the pipe at long term ( $R_{eb,long}$ ) $\text{N/mm}^2$ .
<i>Tensile factor</i>	The tensile factor $a$ (also called alpha pipe material) is the relation between the allowable tensile strength and the allowable bending strength. The default value is 0.65.
<i>Outer diameter product pipe (Do)</i>	Outer diameter of the product pipe ( $D_o$ ) in mm.
<i>Wall thickness</i>	Wall thickness of the pipe ( $d_n$ ) in mm, used to determine the stresses in a strength calculation.
<i>Unit weight pipe material</i>	Unit weight of the pipe material ( $\gamma_b$ ), used to determine the pulling force in the pipeline. For PE, the default value is $9.54 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .
<i>Design pressure</i>	Design pressure ( $p_d$ ) in Bar, used to determine the stresses caused by internal pressure in LC 2 ( <a href="#">section 23.5.3</a> ) and in LC 4 ( <a href="#">section 23.5.5</a> ).
<i>Test pressure</i>	Test pressure ( $p_t$ ) in Bar, used to determine the stresses caused by test pressure in LC 2 ( <a href="#">section 23.5.3</a> ) and in LC 4 ( <a href="#">section 23.5.5</a> ).
<i>Temperature variation</i>	Temperature variation ( $\Delta t$ ) in $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , used to determine the stresses caused by temperature variation in LC 4 ( <a href="#">section 23.5.5</a> ).

When clicking the *Database* button , the *PE pipes library* window appears ([Figure 4.34](#)) in which the material quality, the Young's modulus (short and long), the allowable strengths (short and long), the outer diameter and the wall thickness of different PE pipes can be imported.

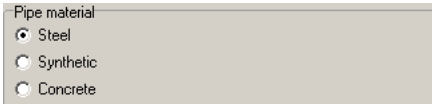


Material quality	Name	Young's modulus (short) [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	Young's modulus (long) [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	Allowable strength (short) [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	Allowable strength (long) [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	Outer diameter [mm]	Wall thickness [mm]
PE 40	SDR 6	300	125	4	2.5	20	3.4
PE 40	SDR 9	300	125	4	2.5	16	1.8
PE 40	SDR 9	300	125	4	2.5	20	2.2
PE 40	SDR 9	300	125	4	2.5	25	2.7
PE 40	SDR 9	300	125	4	2.5	32	3.5
PE 40	SDR 9	300	125	4	2.5	40	4.3
PE 40	SDR 9	300	125	4	2.5	50	5.4
PE 40	SDR 9	300	125	4	2.5	63	6.8
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	20	2
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	25	2.3
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	32	3
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	40	3.7
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	50	4.6
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	63	5.8
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	75	6.9
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	90	8.2
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	110	10
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	125	11.4
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	160	14.5
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	200	18.2
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	225	20.5
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	250	22.7
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	315	28.7
PE 80	SDR 11	825	300	8	6.3	355	32.3
PE 80	SDR 13.6	825	300	8	6.3	25	2.4
PE 80	SDR 13.6	825	300	8	6.3	32	2.4
PE 80	SDR 13.6	825	300	8	6.3	40	3
PE 80	SDR 13.6	825	300	8	6.3	50	3.7
PE 80	SDR 13.6	825	300	8	6.3	63	4.7
PE 80	SDR 13.6	825	300	8	6.3	75	5.6

**Figure 4.34:** PE pipes library window

#### 4.6.2.2 Product Pipe Material Data for Micro tunneling

If the *Micro tunneling* option in the *Model* window ([section 4.1.1](#)) is selected, click *Pipe* on the menu bar and then choose *Product Pipe Material Data* to open the *Product Pipe Material Data* window in which the characteristics of the pipe material can be entered. Depending on the choice between steel, synthetic and concrete ([Figure 4.35](#)), different parameters need to be specified.



Pipe material

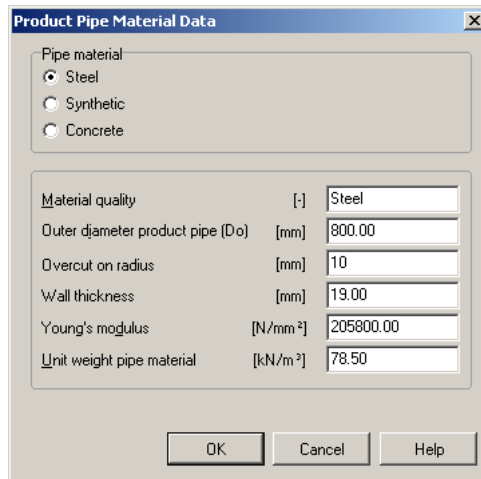
Steel

Synthetic

Concrete

**Figure 4.35:** Product Pipe Material Data window, Pipe material sub-window

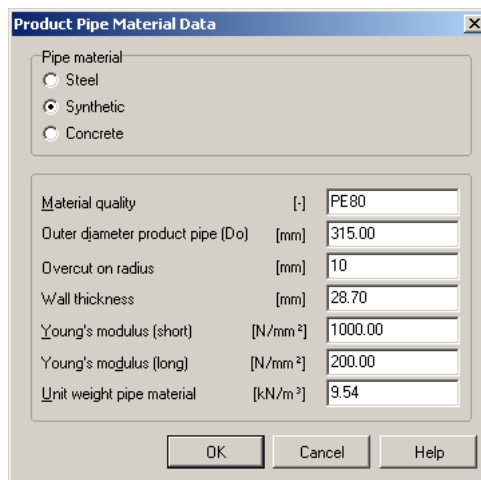
#### Steel or Concrete pipe



**Figure 4.36:** Product Pipe Material Data window (Steel or Concrete pipe, Micro Tunneling model)

<i>Material quality</i>	Description of the material quality. The data in this field is used in the report.
<i>Outer diameter product pipe (Do)</i>	Outer diameter of the product pipe ( $D_o$ ) in mm.
<i>Overcut on radius</i>	Difference between the hole radius and the outer radius of the product pipe ( $l_{overcut}$ ) in mm.
<i>Wall thickness</i>	Wall thickness of the pipe ( $d_n$ ) in mm.
<i>Young's modulus</i>	Modulus of elasticity of the pipe ( $E_b$ ) in $N/mm^2$ .
<i>Unit weight pipe material</i>	Unit weight of the pipe material ( $\gamma_b$ ) in $kN/m^3$ . Default values are 78.5 and 26 $kN/m^3$ respectively for <i>Steel</i> and <i>Concrete</i> pipe.

**Synthetic pipe**



**Figure 4.37:** Product Pipe Material Data window (Synthetic pipe, Micro tunneling model)

<i>Material quality</i>	Description of the material quality. The data in this field is used in the report.
<i>Outer diameter product pipe (Do)</i>	Outer diameter of the product pipe ( $D_o$ ) in mm.

<i>Overcut on radius</i>	Difference between the hole radius and the outer radius of the product pipe ( $l_{\text{overcut}}$ ) in mm.
<i>Wall thickness</i>	Wall thickness of the pipe ( $d_n$ ) in mm.
<i>Young's modulus (short)</i>	Modulus of elasticity of the pipe ( $E_b$ ) at short term in N/mm <sup>2</sup> .
<i>Young's modulus (long)</i>	Modulus of elasticity of the pipe ( $E_b$ ) at long term in N/mm <sup>2</sup> .
<i>Unit weight pipe material</i>	Unit weight of the synthetic material ( $\gamma_b$ ) in kN/m <sup>3</sup> . The default value is 9.54 kN/m <sup>3</sup> .

### 4.6.3 Engineering Data

In the *Pipe* menu, choose the *Engineering Data* option to open the *Engineering Data* window. The window displayed depends on the selected model.

#### 4.6.3.1 Engineering Data for HDD

If the *Horizontal directional drilling* option in the *Model* window (section 4.1.1) is selected, the *Engineering Data* window shown in Figure 4.38 is displayed in which data on the strength calculation of the pipe can be defined (see chapter 23 for background information).

**Figure 4.38:** Engineering Data window (HDD)

<i>Standard/Advanced</i>	Select <i>Advanced</i> to display and modify some of the Miscellaneous parameters ( <i>Relative displacement, Compression index, Modulus of subgrade reaction of drilling fluid, Phi drilling fluid, Cohesion drilling fluid</i> ). If <i>Standard</i> is selected, then D-GEO PIPELINE will use the default values for the five mentioned parameters).
<i>Pipe filled with water on rollers</i>	Mark this check-box if the pipe is filled with water on rollers.
<i>Pipe always filled (implosion)</i>	Mark this check-box if the pipe is filled with water in all stages. If the pipe is completely filled, the filling fluid gives an internal fluid pressure called filling resistance $p_{fill}$ , see <a href="#">Equation 23.68</a> in <a href="#">section 23.8.1</a> .
<i>Part of pipe filled with fluid during pull back</i>	Part of the cross-section of the pipe filled with fluid ( $P_w$ ) in %. Uplift forces resulting from buoyancy of the product pipe can be reduced by filling a part of the cross-section with water. This will reduce the pulling force.
<i>Unit weight fluid</i>	Unit weight of the fluid filling ( $\gamma_{fill}$ ).
<i>Bedding angle</i>	The bedding angle $\beta$ (see <a href="#">Figure 4.39</a> ). The default value is $120^\circ$ .
<i>Load angle</i>	The load angle $\alpha$ (see <a href="#">Figure 4.39</a> ). The default value is $180^\circ$ .
<i>Relative displacement</i>	Relative displacement between soil columns, necessary for full development of friction ( $\delta_d$ ). The default value is 10 mm.
<i>Compression index</i>	Average compression index of the layers in which the pipe is installed ( $C$ ). The default value for a very compressible soil sequence is 6.
<i>Linear settlement coeff. (alpha_g) for steel</i>	Linear settlement coefficient $\alpha_g$ for steel (average over the temperature variation $\Delta t$ ). The default value for steel is $0.0000117 \text{ (mm/mm)K}^{-1}$ .
<i>Linear settlement coeff. (alpha_g) for PE</i>	Linear settlement coefficient $\alpha_g$ for PE (average over the temperature variation $\Delta t$ ). The default value for PE is $0.00018 \text{ (mm/mm)K}^{-1}$ .
<i>Modulus of subgrade reaction of drilling fluid (Kv)</i>	The modulus of subgrade reaction (also called bedding constant) of the drilling fluid after stiffening ( $k_{v,df}$ ). The default value is $500 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .
<i>Phi drilling fluid</i>	Angle of internal friction of the stiffened drilling fluid ( $\varphi_{df}$ ). The default value is $15^\circ$ .
<i>Cohesion drilling fluid</i>	Cohesion of the stiffened drilling fluid ( $c_{df}$ ). The default value is $5 \text{ kN/m}^2$ .
<i>Factor of friction pipe-roller (f1)</i>	Factor of friction between the product pipe and the rollers on the pipe-roller ( $f_1$ ). During the pullback operation this part of the pulling force will decrease. The default value is 0.1.
<i>Friction pipe-drilling fluid (f2)</i>	Friction between the drilling fluid and the pipeline ( $f_2$ ). The default value is $0.00005 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .
<i>Factor of friction pipe-soil (f3)</i>	Factor of friction between the product pipe and the soil ( $f_3$ ). The friction between pipe and soil is influenced by buoyancy of the pipeline in the drilling fluid. The default value is 0.2.

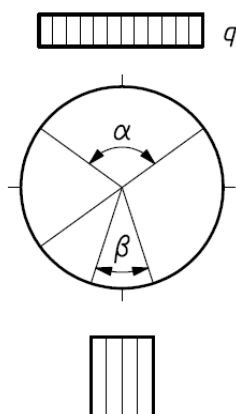


Figure 4.39: Definition of the bedding angle  $\beta$  and the load angle  $\alpha$

#### 4.6.3.2 Engineering Data for Micro tunneling

If the *Micro tunneling* option in the *Model* window (section 4.1.1) is selected, the *Engineering Data* window shown in Figure 4.40 is displayed. See chapter 24 for background information.

Figure 4.40: Engineering Data window (Micro tunneling)

<i>Standard/Advanced</i>	Select <i>Advanced</i> to display and modify some of the Miscellaneous parameters (Relative displacement, Compression index, Modulus of subgrade reaction of the stiffened drilling fluid, Phi drilling fluid, Cohesion drilling fluid). If <i>Standard</i> is selected, then D-GEO PIPELINE will use the default values for the five mentioned parameters).
<i>Allowable thrust force</i>	The maximum allowable thrust force is usually specified by the manufacturer of the pipe.
<i>Volume loss as percentage of overcut area</i>	The volume loss determines the subsidence at the surface (i.e. the excess soil removed by the Micro Tunneling Boring Machine).

<i>Relative displacement</i>	Relative displacement between soil columns, necessary for full development of friction ( $\delta_d$ ). The default value is 10 mm.
<i>Compression index</i>	Average compression index of the layers in which the pipe is installed ( $C$ ). The default value for a very compressible soil sequence is 6.
<i>Modulus of subgrade reaction of lubrication fluid</i>	The modulus of subgrade reaction (also called bedding constant) of the lubrication fluid ( $k_{v, \text{lub fluid}}$ ). The default value is 500 kN/m <sup>3</sup> .
<i>Phi lubrication fluid</i>	Angle of internal friction of the lubrication fluid ( $\varphi_{\text{lub fluid}}$ ). The default value is 15°.
<i>Adhesion lubrication fluid</i>	Adhesion of the lubrication fluid ( $a_{\text{lub fluid}}$ ). The default value is 5 kN/m <sup>2</sup> .
<i>Factor phi for reduced soil load</i>	Safety factor applied on the reduced soil stress. The default value is 0.5.
<i>Delta lubrication fluid</i>	Delta angle of the lubrication fluid. The default value is 7.5°.
<i>Friction with injection of lubricant</i>	The friction between the soil and the pipe in case of injection of lubricant ( $M$ ) used for the calculation of the thrust forces $F_m$ (see Equation 24.8 in section 24.1.4).
<i>Friction without injection of lubricant</i>	The friction between the soil and the pipe in case of no injection of lubricant ( $M$ ) used for the calculation of the thrust forces $F_m$ (see Equation 24.8 in section 24.1.4).

#### 4.6.3.3 Engineering Data for Construction in trench

If the *Construction in trench* option in the *Model* window (section 4.1.1) is selected, the *Engineering Data* window shown in Figure 4.41 is displayed. In this window, information about the filling can be entered and will be used to determine the value of the percentage of compaction  $\mu$  used in the calculation of the initial (or actual) vertical stress, see section 21.4 for background information.

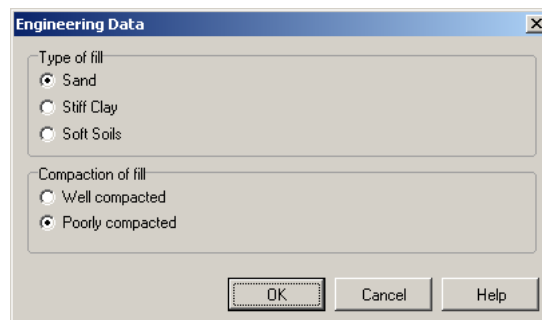


Figure 4.41: Engineering Data window (Construction in trench)

<i>Type of fill</i>	Select the type of fill used for the filling of the trench: <i>Sand</i> , <i>Stiff Clay</i> or <i>Soft Soils</i> .
<i>Compaction of fill</i>	Select the type of compaction of the filling soil: <i>Well compacted</i> or <i>Poorly compacted</i> .



#### 4.6.4 Drilling Fluid Data

In the *Pipe* menu, choose the *Drilling Fluid Data* option to open the *Drilling Fluid Data* window in which the drill pipe and borehole dimensions, the characteristics of drilling fluid flow, and the properties of the drilling fluid can be defined. For background information, see [chapter 22](#).

Drill pipe and bore hole dimensions		
Outer diameter pilot hole	[m]	0.250
Outer diameter pilot pipe	[m]	0.114
Outer diameter pre-ream hole	[m]	0.600
Outer diameter drill pipe	[m]	0.114
Outer diameter borehole	[m]	0.900
Outer diameter product pipe (Do)	[m]	0.512

Characteristics of drilling fluid flow		
Annular back flow rate pilot boring	[Liter/minute]	200.0
Annular back flow rate pre-reaming	[Liter/minute]	400.0
Annular back flow rate ream and pull-back	[Liter/minute]	300.0
Circulation loss factor pilot boring	[-]	0.30
Circulation loss factor pre-reaming	[-]	0.20
Circulation loss factor ream and pull-back	[-]	0.20

Properties of drilling fluid		
Unit weight ( $\gamma$ )	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	11.1
Yieldpoint ( $\tau$ )	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0.014
Elastic viscosity ( $\mu$ )	[kN.s/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0.000040

Buttons: OK, Cancel, Help

Figure 4.42: Drilling Fluid Data window

<i>Outer diameter pilot hole</i>	Outer diameter of the hole during the pilot hole drilling [m].
<i>Outer diameter pilot pipe</i>	Outer diameter of the pipe during the pilot hole drilling [m].
<i>Outer diameter pre-ream hole</i>	Outer diameter of the hole during the pre-reaming of the product pipeline [m].
<i>Outer diameter drill pipe</i>	Outer diameter of the pipe during the pre-reaming of the product pipeline [m].
<i>Outer diameter borehole</i>	Outer diameter of the hole during the pullback of the product pipeline [m].
<i>Outer diameter product pipe (Do)</i>	Outer diameter of the (bundled) pipe during the pullback of the product pipeline. This value is automatically calculated by the program using the pipe diameters of the different pipes as inputted in the <i>Product Pipe Material Data</i> window (see <a href="#">section 4.6.2.1</a> ). The following formula is used:
	$D_{eq} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n D_{o,i}^2}$
<i>Annular back flow rate pilot boring</i>	Annular back flow rate ( $Q_{ann}$ ) during the pilot hole drilling, in liter/minute.
<i>Annular back flow rate pre-reaming</i>	Annular back flow rate ( $Q_{ann}$ ) during the pre-reaming stage, in liter/minute.
<i>Annular back flow rate ream and pullback</i>	Annular back flow rate ( $Q_{ann}$ ) during the pullback stage, in liter/minute.
<i>Circulation loss factor pilot boring</i>	Circulation loss factor ( $f_{loss}$ ) during the pilot-hole drilling. The default value is 0.3.

<i>Circulation loss factor pre-reaming</i>	Circulation loss factor ( $f_{loss}^p$ ) during the pre-reaming stage. The default value is 0.2.
<i>Circulation loss factor ream and pull-back</i>	Circulation loss factor ( $f_{loss}^r$ ) during the pullback stage. The default value is 0.2.
<i>Unit weight (<math>\gamma</math>)</i>	Unit weight of the drilling fluid ( $\gamma_{df}$ ). The default value is 11.1 kN/m <sup>3</sup> .
<i>Yield point (<math>\tau</math>)</i>	Yield point of the drilling fluid ( $\tau_{df}$ ). The default value is 0.014 kN/m <sup>2</sup> .
<i>Plastic viscosity (<math>\mu</math>)</i>	Plastic viscosity of the drilling fluid ( $\mu_{df}$ ). The default value is 0.00004 kN.s/m <sup>2</sup> .

The annular back-flow depends mainly on the size of the borehole and the pump system on the type of drilling rig used. The circulation loss factor depends on the soil layers through which the drilling is performed. The circulation loss factor indicates the loss of the drilling fluid in the soil surrounding the borehole.

The properties of the drilling fluid ( $\gamma_{df}$ ,  $\tau_{df}$  and  $\mu_{df}$ ) can be obtained from the drilling fluid manufacturer.

## 4.7 Defaults menu

### 4.7.1 Factors

In the *Defaults* menu, choose the *Factor* option to open the *Factor* input window. The content of the window depends on the model:

- ◇ Refer to [section 4.7.1.1](#) for HDD
- ◇ Refer to [section 4.7.1.2](#) for Micro tunneling
- ◇ Refer to [section 4.7.1.3](#) for Construction in trench

#### 4.7.1.1 Factors for HDD


If the *Horizontal directional drilling* option in the *Model* window ([section 4.1.1](#)) is selected, the factors for loads and strength parameters according to either the Dutch standard NEN 3650 or the European standard CEN can be specified in the *Factors* window. Depending on the choice of the type of material (steel or polyethylene), different factors need to be specified.

#### Factors for HDD – Dutch standard NEN – Polyethylene pipe

If the Dutch standard NEN was selected in the *Model* window ([section 4.1.1](#)) and if a polyethylene material was selected in the *Product Pipe Material Data* window ([section 4.6.2.1](#)), the window in [Figure 4.43](#) is displayed.

**Figure 4.43:** Factors window (HDD) for polyethylene pipe, acc. to the Dutch standard NEN

<i>Implosion at long term</i>	Safety factor on implosion at long term ( $\gamma_{imp;long}$ ). The default value is 3, as prescribed in paragraph 8.5.5.1 of NEN 3650-3 (NEN, 2012c).
<i>Implosion at short term</i>	Safety factor on implosion at short term ( $\gamma_{imp;short}$ ). The default value is 1.5, as prescribed in paragraph 8.5.5.1 of NEN 3650-3 (NEN, 2012c).
<i>Total unit weight</i>	Contingency factor on the total unit weight above and below the phreatic level ( $f_{\gamma}$ ). The default value is 1.1, as prescribed in Table B.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a).
<i>Cu/cohesion</i>	Contingency factor on the cohesion for drained and undrained conditions ( $f_c$ ). The default value is 1.4, as prescribed in Table B.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a).
<i>Angle of internal friction (Phi)</i>	Contingency factor on the angle of internal friction ( $f_{\phi}$ ). The default value is 1.1, as prescribed in Table B.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a).
<i>E-modulus</i>	Contingency factor on the Young's modulus ( $f_E$ ). The default value is 1.25, as prescribed in Table B.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a).
<i>Pulling force</i>	Contingency factor on pulling forces ( $f$ ), to take into account the stochastic distribution in the value of the different friction components and the uncertainty on the model. The default value is 1.4, as prescribed in paragraph E.1.2.1 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a). <b>NOTE:</b> According to the NEN 3650-1 (article E.1.2.3), the contingency factor on the pulling force for bundled pipelines should be increased to 1.8 because due to the pull back of the bundled pipelines the risk on higher pulling forces than calculated is present.
<i>Modulus of subgrade reaction</i>	Contingency factor on the modulus of subgrade reaction ( $f_{kv}$ ). The default value is 1.6.
<i>Soil load Qn</i>	Contingency factor on the reduced neutral soil stress $Q_{n,r}$ ( $f_{Qn1}$ ), used for the strength calculation of the pipeline (see section 23.5). The default value is 1.1, as prescribed in Table B.3 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a).
<i>Pressure borehole</i>	Contingency factor on the pressure borehole ( $f_{press;bore}$ ), used to check the equilibrium between drilling fluid pressure and pore pressure, see section 22.4. The default value is 1.1.

<i>Bending moment (Steel)</i>	Contingency factor on the bending moment ( $f_M$ ) for steel. In paragraph E.1.3 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a), an overall factor on bending moment ( $f_k$ ) of 1.4 is prescribed. As this overall factor includes different contingency factors (i.e. $f_k = f_M \times f_{\text{install}} \times f_R$ ) and as $f_{\text{install}} = 1.1$ and $f_R = 1.1$ , a default factor of 1.15 should be inputted for $f_M$ to get $f_k = 1.4$ as prescribed by NEN.
<i>Bending moment (PE)</i>	Contingency factor on the bending moment ( $f_M$ ) for PE. In paragraph E.1.3 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a), an overall factor on bending moment ( $f_k$ ) of 1.4 is prescribed. As this overall factor includes different contingency factors (i.e. $f_k = f_M \times f_{\text{install}} \times f_R$ ) and as $f_{\text{install}} = 1$ and $f_R = 1$ , a default factor of 1.4 should be inputted for $f_M$ to get $f_k = 1.4$ as prescribed by NEN.
<i>Factor of importance (S)</i>	Factor of importance ( $S$ ). The default value is 1 (for HDD), as prescribed in paragraph 6.5 of NEN 3651 (NEN, 2012d).
<i>Allowable deflection of pipe (Steel)</i>	Maximum allowable deflection of the pipe ( $\delta_0$ ). The default value is 15% of the pipe diameter for steel, as prescribed in paragraph 11.1.5 of NEN 3651 (NEN, 2012d).
<i>Piggability (Steel)</i>	Maximum allowable deflection of the pipe for piggability ( $\delta_1$ ). If this value is exceeded, the pig (i.e. tool or vehicle that moves through the interior of the pipeline for purposes of inspecting, dimensioning, or cleaning) can be damaged or stuck. The default value is 5% of the pipe diameter.
<i>Allowable deflection of pipe (PE)</i>	Maximum allowable deflection of the pipe ( $\delta_0$ ). The default value is 8% of the pipe diameter for PE, as prescribed in paragraph 11.4.1.1 of NEN 3651 (NEN, 2012d).
<i>Piggability (PE)</i>	Maximum allowable deflection of the pipe for piggability ( $\delta_1$ ). If this value is exceeded, the pig (i.e. tool or vehicle that moves through the interior of the pipeline for purposes of inspecting, dimensioning, or cleaning) can be damaged or stuck. The default value is 5% of the pipe diameter.
<i>Unit weight water</i>	Unit weight of water ( $\gamma_w$ ). The default value is 10 kN/m <sup>3</sup> .
<i>Safety factor cover (drained layer)</i>	The ratio between the maximum allowable radius of the plastic zone $R_{p,\text{max}}$ and the soil cover $H$ (vertical distance between the ground level and the pipe center) for the calculation of the maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure in drained layer (i.e. sand), see Equation 22.28 in section 22.2.2. The default value is 0.5, as prescribed in paragraph E.2.2.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a): $R_{p,\text{max}} = 0.5 H$ .
<i>Safety factor cover (undrained layer)</i>	The ratio between the maximum allowable radius of the plastic zone $R_{p,\text{max}}$ and the soil cover $H$ (vertical distance between the ground level and the pipe center) for the calculation of the maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure in undrained layer (i.e. clay and peat), see Equation 22.22 in section 22.2.1. The default value is 0.5, as prescribed in paragraph E.2.2.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a): $R_{p,\text{max}} = 0.5 H$ .
	Click this button to reset all values to the default values prescribed in the Dutch Standard NEN. <b>NOTE:</b> If the input values in the <i>Factors</i> window differ from the default values prescribed by NEN, the value appears in red color.

### Factors for HDD – Dutch standard NEN – Steel pipe

If the Dutch standard NEN was selected in the the *Model* window (section 4.1.1) and if a steel material was selected in the *Product Pipe Material Data* window (section 4.6.2.1), the window in Figure 4.44 is displayed. Load factors are used for the strength calculation of the pipeline (see section 23.5).

Contingency factors		Load factors	
Total unit weight (NEN)	[ ] 1.10	Design pressure	[ ] 1.25
Cu/cohesion (NEN)	[ ] 1.40	Design pressure (combination)	[ ] 1.15
Angle of internal friction (Phi) (NEN)	[ ] 1.10	Test pressure	[ ] 1.10
E-modulus (NEN)	[ ] 1.25	Installation	[ ] 1.10
Pulling force (NEN)	[ ] 1.40	Soil load Qn	[ ] 1.50
Modulus of subgrade reaction (NEN)	[ ] 1.60	Temperature	[ ] 1.10
Soil load Qn (NEN)	[ ] 1.10	Traffic load	[ ] 1.35
Pressure borehole (NEN)	[ ] 1.10	Miscellaneous	
Bending radius (NEN)	[ ] 1.10	Factor of importance (S)	[ ] 1.00
Bending moment (Steel)	[ ] 1.15	Allowable deflection of pipe (Steel)	[ % ] 15.00
Bending moment (PE)	[ ] 1.40	Piggability (Steel)	[ % ] 5.00
		Allowable deflection of pipe (PE)	[ % ] 8.00
		Piggability (PE)	[ % ] 5.00
		Unit weight water	[ kN/m³ ] 10.00
		Safety factor cover (drained layer)	[ ] 0.50
		Safety factor cover (undrained layer)	[ ] 0.50

Figure 4.44: Factors window (HDD) for steel pipe, acc. to the Dutch standard NEN

<i>Total unit weight</i>	Contingency factor on the total unit weight above and below the phreatic level ( $f_\gamma$ ). The default value is 1.1, as prescribed in Table B.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a).
<i>Cu/cohesion</i>	Contingency factor on the cohesion for drained and undrained conditions ( $f_c$ ). The default value is 1.4, as prescribed in Table B.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a).
<i>Angle of internal friction (Phi)</i>	Contingency factor on the angle of internal friction ( $f_\phi$ ). The default value is 1.1, as prescribed in Table B.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a).
<i>E-modulus</i>	Contingency factor on the Young's modulus ( $f_E$ ). The default value is 1.25, as prescribed in Table B.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a).
<i>Pulling force</i>	Contingency factor on pulling forces ( $f$ ), to take into account the stochastic distribution in the value of the different friction components and the uncertainty on the model. The default value is 1.4, as prescribed in paragraph E.1.2.1 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a). <b>NOTE:</b> According to the NEN 3650-1 (article E.1.2.3), the contingency factor on the pulling force for bundled pipelines should be increased to 1.8 because due to the pull back of the bundled pipelines the risk on higher pulling forces than calculated is present.
<i>Modulus of subgrade reaction</i>	Contingency factor on the modulus of subgrade reaction ( $f_{kv}$ ). The default value is 1.6.
<i>Soil load Qn</i>	Contingency factor on the reduced neutral soil stress $Q_{n,r}$ ( $f_{Qn,r}$ ), used for the strength calculation of the pipeline (see section 23.5). The default value is 1.1, as prescribed in Table B.3 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a).
<i>Pressure borehole</i>	Contingency factor on the pressure borehole ( $f_{press;bore}$ ), used to check the equilibrium between drilling fluid pressure and pore pressure, see section 22.4. The default value is 1.1.

<i>Bending radius</i>	Contingency factor on the bending radius ( $f_R$ ) used for the determination of the axial stress in the strength calculation, see <a href="#">section 23.5</a> . The default value is 1.1.
<i>Bending moment (Steel)</i>	Contingency factor on the bending moment ( $f_M$ ) for steel. In paragraph E.1.3 of NEN 3650-1 ( <a href="#">NEN, 2012a</a> ), an overall factor on bending moment ( $f_k$ ) of 1.4 is prescribed. As this overall factor includes different contingency factors (i.e. $f_k = f_M \times f_{\text{install}} \times f_R$ ) and as $f_{\text{install}} = 1.1$ and $f_R = 1.1$ , a default factor of 1.15 should be inputted for $f_M$ to get $f_k = 1.4$ as prescribed by NEN.
<i>Bending moment (PE)</i>	Contingency factor on the bending moment ( $f_M$ ) for PE. In paragraph E.1.3 of NEN 3650-1 ( <a href="#">NEN, 2012a</a> ), an overall factor on bending moment ( $f_k$ ) of 1.4 is prescribed. As this overall factor includes different contingency factors (i.e. $f_k = f_M \times f_{\text{install}} \times f_R$ ) and as $f_{\text{install}} = 1$ and $f_R = 1$ , a default factor of 1.4 should be inputted for $f_M$ to get $f_k = 1.4$ as prescribed by NEN.
<i>Design pressure</i>	Load factor on the design pressure ( $f_{pd}$ ). The default value is 1.25 as prescribed in Table 2 of NEN 3650-2 ( <a href="#">NEN, 2012b</a> ).
<i>Design pressure (combination)</i>	Load factor on the design pressure when used in combination ( $f_{pd;\text{comb}}$ ). The default value is 1.15 as prescribed in Table 2 of NEN 3650-2 ( <a href="#">NEN, 2012b</a> ).
<i>Test pressure</i>	Load factor on the test pressure ( $f_{pt}$ ). The default value is 1.1 as prescribed in Table 2 of NEN 3650-2 ( <a href="#">NEN, 2012b</a> ).
<i>Installation</i>	Load factor on the installation ( $f_{\text{install}}$ ). The default value is 1.1 as prescribed in Table 2 of NEN 3650-2 ( <a href="#">NEN, 2012b</a> ).
<i>Soil load <math>Q_n</math></i>	Load factor on the reduced neutral soil stress $Q_{n,r}$ ( $f_{Qn2}$ ). The default value is 1.5.
<i>Temperature</i>	Load factor on the stress due to temperature variation ( $f_{\text{temp}}$ ). The default value is 1.1 as prescribed in Table 2 of NEN 3650-2 ( <a href="#">NEN, 2012b</a> ).
<i>Traffic load factor</i>	The load factor on the traffic load $f_{qv}$ , see <a href="#">section 21.14</a> . The default value is 1.35, as prescribed in Table 2 of NEN 3650-2 ( <a href="#">NEN, 2012b</a> ).
<i>Factor of importance (S)</i>	Factor of importance ( $S$ ). The default value is 1 (for HDD), as prescribed in paragraph 6.5 of NEN 3651 ( <a href="#">NEN, 2012d</a> ).
<i>Allowable deflection of pipe (Steel)</i>	Maximum allowable deflection of the pipe ( $\delta_0$ ). The default value is 15% of the pipe diameter for steel, as prescribed in paragraph 11.1.5 of NEN 3651 ( <a href="#">NEN, 2012d</a> ).
<i>Piggability (Steel)</i>	Maximum allowable deflection of the pipe for piggability ( $\delta_1$ ). If this value is exceeded, the pig (i.e. tool or vehicle that moves through the interior of the pipeline for purposes of inspecting, dimensioning, or cleaning) can be damaged or stuck. The default value is 5% of the pipe diameter.
<i>Allowable deflection of pipe (PE)</i>	Maximum allowable deflection of the pipe ( $\delta_0$ ). The default value is 8% of the pipe diameter for PE, as prescribed in paragraph 11.4.1.1 of NEN 3651 ( <a href="#">NEN, 2012d</a> ).
<i>Piggability (PE)</i>	Maximum allowable deflection of the pipe for piggability ( $\delta_1$ ). If this value is exceeded, the pig (i.e. tool or vehicle that moves through the interior of the pipeline for purposes of inspecting, dimensioning, or cleaning) can be damaged or stuck. The default value is 5% of the pipe diameter.
<i>Unit weight water</i>	Unit weight of water ( $\gamma_w$ ). The default value is 10 kN/m <sup>3</sup> .

<i>Safety factor cover (drained layer)</i>	The ratio between the maximum allowable radius of the plastic zone $R_{p,max}$ and the soil cover $H$ (vertical distance between the ground level and the pipe center) for the calculation of the maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure in drained layer (i.e. sand), see <a href="#">Equation 22.28</a> in <a href="#">section 22.2.2</a> . The default value is 0.5, as prescribed in paragraph E.2.2.2 of NEN 3650-1 ( <a href="#">NEN, 2012a</a> ): $R_{p,max} = 0.5 H$ .
<i>Safety factor cover (undrained layer)</i>	The ratio between the maximum allowable radius of the plastic zone $R_{p,max}$ and the soil cover $H$ (vertical distance between the ground level and the pipe center) for the calculation of the maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure in undrained layer (i.e. clay and peat), see <a href="#">Equation 22.22</a> in <a href="#">section 22.2.1</a> . The default value is 0.5, as prescribed in paragraph E.2.2.2 of NEN 3650-1 ( <a href="#">NEN, 2012a</a> ): $R_{p,max} = 0.5 H$ .
<input type="button" value="Reset"/>	Click this button to reset all values to the default values prescribed in the Dutch Standard NEN. <b>NOTE:</b> If the input values in the <i>Factors</i> window differ from the default values prescribed by NEN, the value appears in red color.

### Factors for HDD – European standard CEN – Polyethylene pipe

If the European standard CEN was selected in the the *Model* window ([section 4.1.1](#)) and if a polyethylene material was selected in the *Product Pipe Material Data* window ([section 4.6.2.1](#)), the window in [Figure 4.45](#) is displayed.

Safety factors on implosion (PE)		Miscellaneous			
Implosion at long term	[-]	3.0	Factor of importance (S)	[-]	1.00
Implosion at short term	[-]	1.5	Allowable deflection of pipe (Steel)	[%]	15.00
Contingency factors		Piggability (Steel)	[%]	5.00	
Total unit weight (CEN)	[-]	1.10	Allowable deflection of pipe (PE)	[%]	8.00
Cu/cohesion (CEN)	[-]	1.40	Piggability (PE)	[%]	5.00
Angle of internal friction (Phi) (CEN)	[-]	1.10	Unit weight water	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	10.00
E-modulus (CEN)	[-]	1.25	Safety factor cover (drained layer)	[-]	0.50
Pulling force (CEN)	[-]	1.40	Safety factor cover (undrained layer)	[-]	0.50
Modulus of subgrade reaction (CEN)	[-]	1.30			
Soil load Q <sub>n</sub> (CEN)	[-]	1.10			
Pressure borehole (CEN)	[-]	1.10			

**Figure 4.45:** Factors window (HDD) for polyethylene pipe, acc. to the European standard CEN

For the definition of the parameters refer to the window for the Dutch standard NEN (see [Figure 4.43](#)), only the default values are different.

Click the  button to reset all values to the default values prescribed in the European standard CEN. If the input values in the *Factors* window differ from the default values prescribed by CEN, the value appears in red color.

### Factors for HDD – European standard CEN – Steel pipe

If the European standard CEN was selected in the the *Model* window (section 4.1.1) and if a steel material was selected in the *Product Pipe Material Data* window (section 4.6.2.1), the window in Figure 4.46 is displayed.

Contingency factors		Miscellaneous	
Total unit weight (CEN)	[ ] 1.10	Factor of importance (S)	[ ] 1.00
Cu/cohesion (CEN)	[ ] 1.40	Allowable deflection of pipe (Steel)	[ % ] 15.00
Angle of internal friction (Phi) (CEN)	[ ] 1.10	Piggability (Steel)	[ % ] 5.00
E-modulus (CEN)	[ ] 1.25	Allowable deflection of pipe (PE)	[ % ] 8.00
Pulling force (CEN)	[ ] 1.40	Piggability (PE)	[ % ] 5.00
Modulus of subgrade reaction (CEN)	[ ] 1.30	Unit weight water	[ kN/m³ ] 10.00
Soil load Qn (CEN)	[ ] 1.10	Safety factor cover (drained layer)	[ ] 0.50
Pressure borehole (CEN)	[ ] 1.10	Safety factor cover (undrained layer)	[ ] 0.50
Bending radius (CEN)	[ ] 1.10		

**Figure 4.46:** Factors window (HDD) for steel pipe, according to the European standard CEN

For the definition of the parameters refer to the window for the Dutch standard NEN (see Figure 4.44), only the default values are different.

Click the  button to reset all values to the default values prescribed in the European standard CEN. If the input values in the *Factors* window differ from the default values prescribed by CEN, the value appears in red color.

#### 4.7.1.2 Factors for Micro tunneling

If the *Micro tunneling* option in the *Model* window (section 4.1.1) is selected, the *Factors* window of Figure 4.47 is displayed in which the safety factors for soil parameters can be specified.

(Partial) safety factors		Miscellaneous	
Cu -cohesion	[ ] 1.40	Contingency factor soil cover	[ ] 1.10
Angle of internal friction	[ ] 1.10	Overburden factor silo effect	[ ] 2.00
Horizontal effective stress	[ ] 1.50	Stability ratio N	[ ] 3.00
Safety factor water pressure	[ ] 1.05	Unit weight water	[ kN/m³ ] 10.00
Safety factor uplift	[ ] 1.00		

**Figure 4.47:** Factors window (Micro tunneling)



<i>Cu/cohesion</i>	The safety factor on the cohesion for drained and undrained conditions ( $f_c$ ). The default value is 1.4, as prescribed in Table B.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a).
<i>Angle of internal friction (Phi)</i>	The safety factor on the angle of internal friction ( $f_\varphi$ ). The default value is 1.1, as prescribed in Table B.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a).
<i>Horizontal effective stress</i>	The safety factor on the horizontal effective stress ( $f_{\sigma_h}$ ). The default value is 1.5.
<i>Safety factor water pressure</i>	The safety factor on the water pressure $u$ ( $f_u$ ). The default value is 1.05.
<i>Safety factor uplift</i>	The safety factor on uplift ( $f_{\text{uplift}}$ ). The default value is 1.
<i>Contingency factor soil cover</i>	The contingency factor on soil cover ( $f_{\text{cover}}$ ). The default value is 1.1.
<i>Overburden factor silo effect</i>	The overburden factor on silo effect ( $f_{\text{silo}}$ ). The default value is 2.
<i>Stability ratio N</i>	The stability ratio ( $N$ ). The default value is 3. This ratio is used for the calculation of the minimal support pressure in undrained conditions, see Equation 24.2 in section 24.1.2.
<i>Unit weight water</i>	The unit weight of water ( $\gamma_w$ ). The default value is 10 kN/m <sup>3</sup> .
<input type="button" value="Reset"/>	Click this button to reset all values to the default values. <b>NOTE:</b> If the input values in the <i>Factors</i> window differ from the default values, the value appears in red color.

#### 4.7.1.3 Factors for Construction in trench

If the *Construction in trench* option in the *Model* window (section 4.1.1) is selected, the *Factors* window of Figure 4.48 is displayed in which the safety factor for uplift and the unit weight of water can be specified.

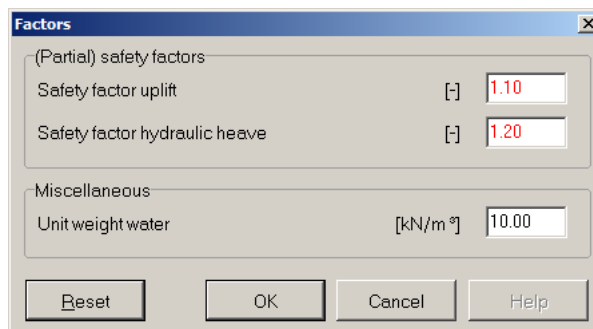


Figure 4.48: Factors window (Construction in trench)

<i>Safety factor uplift</i>	The safety factor on uplift ( $f_{\text{uplift}}$ ). The default value is 1.
<i>Safety factor hydraulic heave</i>	The safety factor on hydraulic heave ( $f_{\text{burst}}$ ). The default value is 1.
<i>Unit weight water</i>	Unit weight of water ( $\gamma_w$ ). The default value is 10 kN/m <sup>3</sup> .
<input type="button" value="Reset"/>	Click this button to reset all values to the default values. <b>NOTE:</b> If the input values in the <i>Factors</i> window differ from the default values, the value appears in red color.

## 4.7.2 Special Stress Analysis

If the *Horizontal directional drilling* option in the *Model* window (section 4.1.1) is selected, the *Special Stress Analysis* window of Figure 4.49 is displayed when selecting *Special Stress Analysis* from the *Defaults* menu. In this window, it is possible to choose between three types of stress analysis: a standard, a per vertical or a special analysis, as explained below.

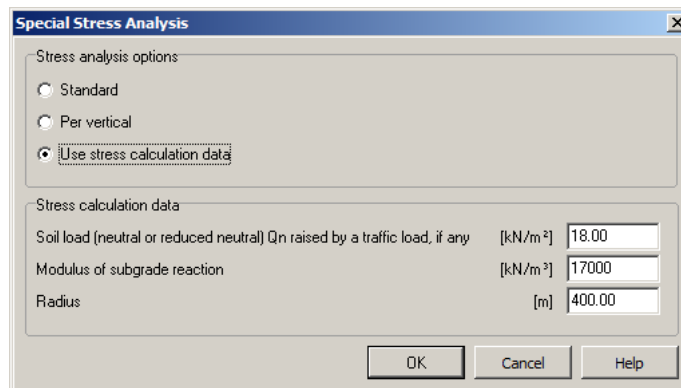


Figure 4.49: Special Stress Analysis window (HDD)

<i>Stress analysis options</i>	<p>Three types of stress analysis are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A <i>Standard</i> stress analysis, performed from the <i>Start</i> option of the <i>Calculation</i> menu (see section 5.1), which uses the maximum reduced neutral soil stress and the maximum modulus of subgrade reaction of the soil calculated by D-GEO PIPELINE between all the verticals and the minimum bending radius present in the pipeline configuration.</li> <li>• A stress analysis <i>Per vertical</i>, performed from the <i>Start</i> option of the <i>Calculation</i> menu (see section 5.1), which uses the reduced neutral soil stress and the modulus of subgrade reaction of the soil calculated by D-GEO PIPELINE per vertical and the bending radius of the pipeline trajectory cut by the vertical.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If the vertical cut a straight part of the pipeline trajectory, D-GEO PIPELINE assumes a very large bending radius of 100000 m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A “Special Stress Analysis”, performed from the <i>Special Stress Analysis</i> option of the <i>Calculation</i> menu (see section 5.2) using <i>Stress calculation data</i> (i.e user-defined values for the reduced neutral soil stress, for the modulus of subgrade reaction of the soil and for the bending radius).</li> </ul>
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If the option *Use stress calculation data* is selected, the following values must be inputted:

<i>Soil load (neutral or reduced neutral) Qn raised by a traffic load if any</i>	Enter the user-defined reduced neutral soil stress (in kN/m <sup>2</sup> ), used for a <i>Special Stress Analysis</i> (section 5.2).
<i>Modulus of subgrade reaction</i>	Enter the user-defined modulus of subgrade reaction of the soil (in kN/m <sup>3</sup> ), used for a <i>Special Stress Analysis</i> (section 5.2).

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<i>Radius</i>	Radius of the pipeline in the ground, which is used for the calculation of the pulling force. During a standard calculation, D-GEO PIPELINE assumes the maximum present radius. With the <i>Special Stress Analysis</i> ( <a href="#">section 5.2</a> ), an other radius can be chosen by the user.
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## 5 Calculations

### 5.1 Start Calculation

On the menu bar, click *Start* in the *Calculation* menu to perform the following calculations:

◇ **Calculation of soil mechanical data**

The passive, neutral and reduced vertical stresses of the soil, the vertical coefficient of subgrade reaction, and the ultimate bearing capacity for each vertical are calculated and written to a report file (see [section 6.2.4](#)). For background information, see [chapter 21](#)].

◇ **Calculation of drilling fluid pressures (only for HDD)**

In directional drilling first a bore hole is made by a pilot drilling. This bore hole has a relatively small diameter. During the second drilling stage the initial bore hole is enlarged by pre-reaming. When the requested diameter is reached the product pipe is pulled into the bore hole. During all drilling stages a minimum required drilling fluid pressure is necessary. The bore fluid pressure induces a return flow of drilling fluid from the drilling head to the entry or exit point. The return flow transports loosened soil material. The necessary fluid pressure depends on:

- The difference in elevation between the bore hole and the exit point of the return flow;
- The minimum required pressure necessary to cause a return flow (soil material included) over a certain distance.

When the entry and exit points are not on the same level, the minimum required drilling fluid pressure depends on the direction of the drilling (from left to right or from right to left). D-GEO PIPELINE calculates the minimum required drilling fluid pressure for both cases.

The maximum allowable pressure depends on the strength of the soil around the bore-hole. When the required drilling pressure is higher than the maximum allowable pressure, there is a risk a blow out may occur. In that case, the pipeline configuration must be changed. For instance, by choosing a lower pipe level or by moving the entry or exit point.

The calculations of the minimum and maximum drilling fluid pressures for the three stages (pilot, pre-ream and pull-back) are performed in the user defined verticals. The results of the calculations are written to a report file (see [section 6.2.1](#)). For background information, see [chapter 22](#).

◇ **Pipe stress analysis (only for HDD)**

In the pipe stress analysis, the pulling forces during the pull-back operation, the maximum acting stresses in the pipe material and the deflection of the pipeline are calculated. The calculated stresses are compared to the allowable short and long term stresses for a PE pipeline, while for a steel pipeline a total stress is calculated and compared with the allowable stress. With this option, the strength calculation is performed with the calculated reduced neutral soil load and bedding constant after the soil mechanical data has been calculated. The results of the calculations are written to a report file (see [section 6.2.5](#) and [section 6.2.6](#)). For background information, see [chapter 23](#).

◇ **Settlements**

The settlements of soil layers below the pipeline are calculated. For Micro Tunneling model, the subsidence are also calculated. The results of the calculations are written to a report file (see [section 6.2.2](#) and [section 6.2.3](#)). For background information, see [section 21.10](#) and [section 24.3](#).



### ◇ Operation parameters

- the uplift check and the hydraulic heave check for Trenching; for background information, see [chapter 25](#).
- the uplift check, the face support pressures and the thrust forces for Micro tunneling; for background information, see [section 24.1](#) and [section 24.2](#).

The results of the calculations are written to a report file (see [section 6.2.7](#) and [section 6.2.8](#)).

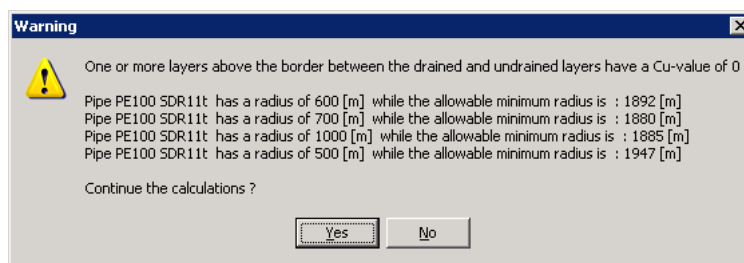
## 5.2 Special Stress Analysis (only for HDD)

On the menu bar, click *Special Stress Analysis* in the *Calculation* menu to perform a pipe stress calculation with the user-defined values for the reduced neutral soil stress, the modulus of subgrade reaction and the bending radius, specified in the *Special Stress Analysis* window ([section 4.7.2](#)) instead of the calculated values. D-GEO PIPELINE will not apply safety factors on those three specified values, assuming they are already included. A special stress analysis must always be started separately.

## 5.3 Warning and Error messages

### 5.3.1 Warning messages

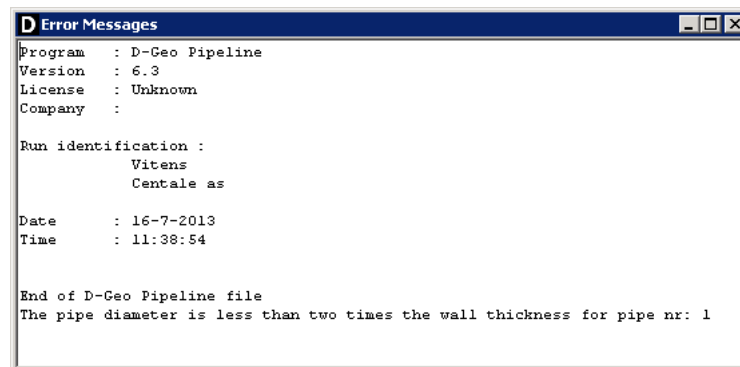
Before calculation, warning messages might be displayed in the *Warning* window after starting the calculation. The calculation will be paused. If clicking *Yes* the calculations will continue, whereas if clicking *No* the calculations will be aborted. [Figure 5.1](#) gives an example of warning messages displayed when an undrained layer has an undrained cohesion  $c_u$  of 0 and when determining the allowable curve radius in accordance with [section 20.1.4](#).



**Figure 5.1:** Warning window (before calculation) about allowable radius

### 5.3.2 Error messages

If errors are found in the input, no calculation can be performed and D-GEO PIPELINE opens the *Error Messages* window displaying more details about the error(s). Those errors must be corrected before performing a new calculation. To view those error messages, select the *Error Messages* option from the *Help* menu ([section 3.3.1](#)). They are also writing in the \*.err file. They will be overwritten the next time a calculation is started.



```
D Error Messages
Program : D-Geo Pipeline
Version : 6.3
License : Unknown
Company :

Run identification :
          Vicens
          Centale as

Date      : 16-7-2013
Time      : 11:38:54

End of D-Geo Pipeline file
The pipe diameter is less than two times the wall thickness for pipe nr: 1
```

**Figure 5.2:** Error Messages window





## 6 View Results

### 6.1 Report selection

On the menu bar, click *Results* and then choose *Report Selection* to open the corresponding input window in which the content of the final report can be selected.

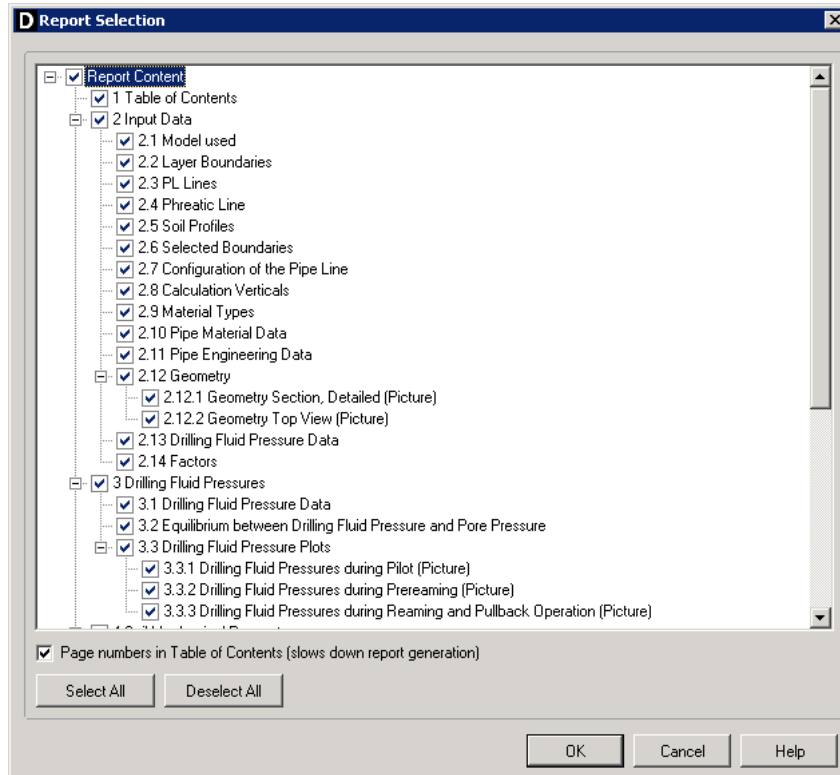


Figure 6.1: Report Selection window

### 6.2 Report

On the menu bar, click *Results* and then choose *Report* to open the *Report* window displaying the selected results (section 6.1) of the calculation. This window displays the contents of the ASCII file with extension '.drd'.

Click the *Print active window* button  on the icon bar to print the report.

Use the *Export Report* option in the *File* menu to export the report in RTF, PDF, TXT or HTML format.

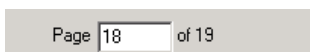
The report has its own toolbar:



Those four buttons enable the user to zoom in, to zoom out, to zoom the full page or to zoom the page width.



Those four buttons enable the user to browse through the report by respectively moving to first page, moving to previous page, moving to next page or moving to last page.



Another way of quickly browsing through the report is by entering a page number in the input field on the toolbar and pressing the *Enter* key.

The output file consists of:

- ◇ First page
  - Date and time of report
  - File name
  - Project identification (as inputted in [section 4.1.2](#))
- ◇ *Table of Contents*
- ◇ *Input Data* chapter gives an echo of the input
- ◇ *Drilling Fluid Pressures* chapter gives the results (plots and tables) of the drilling fluid pressures calculation for the three stages of the HDD technique ([section 6.2.1](#))
- ◇ *Deformations* chapter gives:
  - the settlements of soil layers below the pipeline ([section 6.2.2](#))
  - the subsidence for *Micro Tunneling* model ([section 6.2.3](#))
- ◇ *Soil mechanical parameters* chapter which gives the soil mechanical data ([section 6.2.4](#))
- ◇ *Data for Stress analysis* chapter includes buoyancy control and pulling forces calculation of the HDD technique ([section 6.2.5](#))
- ◇ *Stress analysis* chapter gives the stress results for the 5 load combinations (1A, 1B, 2, 3 and 4) of the HDD technique ([section 6.2.6](#))
- ◇ *Operation Parameters* chapter gives:
  - the uplift check and the hydraulic heave check for *Trenching* ([section 6.2.7](#))
  - the uplift check, the face support pressures and the thrust forces for *Micro Tunneling* ([section 6.2.8](#))

The following sections describe the output in more detail. The calculation process can be aborted, after which a message is appended to the output file and the file is closed. All results until the moment the calculation was stopped remain in the file.

### 6.2.1 Report – Drilling Fluid Pressure

### 6.2.1.1 Report – Drilling Fluid Data

In the *Drilling Fluid Data* section, the results of the drilling fluid pressures calculation for the three stages (pilot hole drilling, pre-reaming of the borehole and pullback of the product pipe) are displayed.

3 Drilling Fluid Pressures				
3.1 Drilling Fluid Data				
Vertical nr.	Drilling fluid pressures pilot [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]			
	Max, deformation	Max, soil cover	Min, left	Min, right
1	121	209	35	157
2	364	631	162	247
3	494	829	245	292
4	532	887	284	293
5	524	874	298	270
6	441	748	275	210
7	259	472	207	103

Vertical nr.	Drilling fluid pressures preream [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]			
	Max, deformation	Max, soil cover	Min, left	Min, right
1	121	165	32	35
2	364	631	147	162
3	494	829	219	237
4	532	887	245	249
5	524	874	248	238
6	441	748	210	189
7	259	472	103	94

Vertical nr.	Drilling fluid pressures pull back [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]			
	Max, deformation	Max, soil cover	Min, left	Min, right
1	121	165	35	32
2	364	631	164	147
3	494	829	237	219
4	532	887	249	245
5	524	874	238	248
6	441	748	189	212
7	259	472	94	104

The minimum required drilling fluid pressure is calculated and can be compared with the calculated maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure. The maximum pressure based on deformation indicates the formation of cracks around the borehole, while the maximum pressure based on soilcover indicates a frac-out towards the surface.

**Figure 6.2:** Report window, Drilling Fluid Data section

The following is an explanation of the column headings:

<i>Vertical nr.</i>	[-]	Number of the calculation vertical.
<i>Max, deformation</i> <i>Max, soil cover</i>	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Maximum drilling fluid pressure: refer to <a href="#">Equation 22.28</a> in <a href="#">section 22.2.2</a> for drained layers and to <a href="#">Equation 22.22</a> in <a href="#">section 22.2.1</a> for undrained layers. For drained layers, the determination of the maximum allowable radius of the plastic zone ( $R_{p;max}$ ), can be related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ either to the deformation of the bore hole: <math display="block">R_{p;max} = \sqrt{\frac{R_b^2}{Q}} \times 2\varepsilon_{g;max};</math> </li> <li>◇ or to the soil cover: <math>R_{p;max} = 0.5 H</math></li> </ul> (Refer to <a href="#">section 22.2</a> for the definition of the parameters.)
<i>Min, left</i>	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Minimum drilling fluid pressure assuming that the drilling of the pilot is from left to right (see <a href="#">section 22.1</a> for background information).

<i>Min, right</i>	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Minimum drilling fluid pressure assuming that the drilling of the pilot is from right to left (see <a href="#">section 22.1</a> for background information).
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### 6.2.1.2 Report – Equilibrium between Drilling Fluid Pressure and Pore Pressure

In the *Equilibrium between Drilling Fluid Pressure and Pore Pressure* section, the static drilling fluid  $p_1$  is calculated and compared with the calculated pore pressure  $u$ , for each vertical. The ratio  $p_1/u$  yields the safety factor, which should be higher than the (user-defined) requested safety factor.

Vertical nr.	Static column pressure			Result
	Drilling fluid [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Water [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Safety [-]	
1	152	127	1.20	sufficient
2	255	216	1.18	sufficient
3	299	254	1.18	sufficient
4	301	256	1.18	sufficient
5	298	253	1.18	sufficient
6	250	212	1.18	sufficient
7	145	120	1.20	sufficient
8	23	14	1.61	sufficient

The static drilling fluid pressure is calculated and can be compared with the calculated groundwater pressure. The quotient of the drilling fluid pressure and the groundwater pressure yields the safety factor, which should be higher than the requested factor of safety of 1.10.

**Figure 6.3:** Report window, *Equilibrium between Drilling Fluid Pressure and Pore Pressure* section

The following is an explanation of the column headings:

<i>Vertical nr.</i>	[-]	Number of the calculation vertical.
<i>Drilling fluid</i>	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Static column pressure of the drilling fluid ( $p_1$ ), see <a href="#">Equation 22.2</a> in <a href="#">section 22.4</a> .
<i>Water</i>	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Calculated pore pressure $u$ , see <a href="#">Equation 26.4</a> in <a href="#">section 26.5</a> .
<i>Safety</i>	[-]	Calculated safety factor: ratio between the static drilling fluid pressure and the pore pressure.
<i>Result</i>		If the calculated safety factor is higher than the required safety factor, then the drilling fluid pressure is <i>Sufficient</i> , otherwise it is <i>Not sufficient</i> . <b>NOTE:</b> The required safety factor is defined in the <i>Factors</i> window under the field <i>Contingency factor – Pressure borehole</i> , see <a href="#">section 4.7.1.1</a> .

## 6.2.2 Report – Settlements of soil layers below the pipeline

This section is available only if the *Use settlement* option in the *Model* window ([section 4.1.1](#)) has been selected before performing a calculation.

4 Deformations			
4.1 Settlements of soil layers below the Pipeline			
Vertical nr. [-]	Settlement [mm]	Additional settlement [mm]	dv [mm]
1	1524	5	1529
2	1483	10	1493
3	1339	20	1359
4	702	50	752
5	397	50	447
6	659	20	679
7	1473	10	1483
8	1522	5	1527

**Figure 6.4:** Report window, Settlements of soil layers below the pipeline section

The following is an explanation of the column headings:

<i>Vertical nr.</i>	[-]	Number of the calculation vertical.
<i>Settlement</i>	[mm]	Settlement calculated with the selected model, Koppejan or Iso-tache ( <a href="#">section 4.1.1</a> ). For background information, see <a href="#">section 21.10</a> .
<i>Additional settlement</i>	[mm]	Additional settlement as inputted in the <i>Calculation Verticals</i> window ( <a href="#">section 4.4.2</a> ).
<i>dv</i>	[mm]	Total settlement (sum of the <i>Settlement</i> and the <i>Additional settlement</i> columns).

## 6.2.3 Report – Subsidence

This section is available only if the *Micro tunneling* option in the *Model* window ([section 4.1.1](#)) has been selected. Due to the overcut surface subsidence occurs. Subsidence is calculated for each vertical at different horizontal distances of the  $z$ -axis (i.e. 0 until  $3W$ , where  $W$  is the vertical distance between the surface level and the pipe center). For background information, refer to [Equation 24.14](#) in [section 24.3](#). Results are given in tables and in graphs.

**5 Deformations**

**5.1 Subsidence**

Due to the overcut surface, subsidence occurs. The subsidence is calculated using a volume loss percentage on the overcut area. For the calculations 15.0 percent is used.

Outer diameter product pipe 1000 [mm]  
 Overcut on radius 200 [mm]  
 Volume loss 113097.3 [mm<sup>3</sup>]

**5.1.2 Table of subsidence data**

Vertical nr.	Subsidence in [mm] at a horizontal distance of z axe:										
	0 [mm]	0.1 W [mm]	0.2 W [mm]	0.4 W [mm]	0.7 W [mm]	1.0 W [mm]	1.3 W [mm]	1.6 W [mm]	2.0 W [mm]	2.5 W [mm]	3.0 W [mm]
1	22	21	21	20	16	12	8	5	2	0	0
2	7	7	7	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
3	4	4	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	4	4	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	3	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	6	6	6	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
8	10	10	9	8	5	2	1	0	0	0	0

**Figure 6.5:** Report window, Subsidence section

**6.2.4 Report – Soil Mechanical Data**

Depending on the selected model in the *Model* window [section 4.1.1](#), the soil mechanical parameters are different.

**6.2.4.1 Soil Mechanical Parameters for HDD**

**4 Soil Mechanical Parameters**

**4.1 Soil Mechanical Parameters (Pipe: 1)**

The list with data and issues is shown hereafter:  
Note: safety factors not applied

Pv,p	Passive soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Pv,n	Neutral soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Ph,n	Neutral horizontal soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Pv,r,n	Reduced neutral soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
kv,top1	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction (bilinear) upward	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
kv,top2	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction upward	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
dv	Vertical displacement	mm
kv	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction downward	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Pv,e	Vertical bearing capacity	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
kh	Horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Ph,e	Horizontal bearing capacity	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
tmax	Maximal friction pipe-drilling fluid	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
dmax	Displacement at maximal friction	mm

Vertical nr.	Pv,p [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Pv,n [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Ph,n [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Pv,r,n [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	kv,top [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]
1	24	19	12	19	253
2	74	24	16	24	188
3	582	114	35	53	3871
4	913	156	39	59	9140
5	2006	442	34	52	8287
6	1610	346	71	107	10516
7	284	155	102	155	184
8	204	83	55	83	233

Vertical nr.	dv [mm]	kv [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Pv,e [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	kh [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Ph,e [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	tmax [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	dmax [mm]
1	5	190	442	133	99	0.35	8
2	10	2365	196	1655	115	0.35	8
3	20	12208	3332	8546	794	0.35	8
4	40	13024	4449	9117	1020	0.35	8
5	80	9074	21154	6352	2006	0.35	8
6	60	7949	16672	5564	1610	0.35	8
7	50	309	1233	216	284	0.35	8
8	35	166	831	116	211	0.35	8

Maximum soil load	: Pv,n, max = 442 kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Maximum reduced soil load	: Pv,r,n, max = 155 kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Maximum vertical modulus of subgrade reaction (without safety factor)	: kv, max = 13024 kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Maximum vertical modulus of subgrade reaction (with safety factor)	: kv, max = 20468 kN/m <sup>2</sup>

**Figure 6.6:** Report window – Soil Mechanical Parameters section (for HDD)

The following is an explanation of the column headings:

<i>Vertical nr.</i>	[-]	Number of the calculation vertical.
<i>Pv,p</i>	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Passive soil load (see <a href="#">Equation 21.2</a> in <a href="#">section 21.2</a> ).
<i>Pv,n</i>	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Neutral vertical soil load (see <a href="#">Equation 21.1</a> in <a href="#">section 21.1</a> ).
<i>Ph,n</i>	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Neutral horizontal soil load (see <a href="#">Equation 21.12</a> in <a href="#">section 21.5.1</a> ).
<i>Pv,r,n</i>	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Reduced neutral soil load (see <a href="#">Equation 21.4</a> and <a href="#">Equation 21.8</a> in <a href="#">section 21.3</a> ).
<i>kv,top</i>	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction at the top of the pipe (see <a href="#">Equation 21.14</a> in <a href="#">section 21.6.1</a> ).
<i>dv</i>	[mm]	Vertical displacement (see <a href="#">section 21.10</a> ).
<i>kv</i>	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction at the bottom of the pipe (see <a href="#">Equation 21.14</a> in <a href="#">section 21.6.1</a> ).
<i>Pv,e</i>	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Vertical bearing capacity (see <a href="#">Equation 21.26</a> in <a href="#">section 21.8</a> ).
<i>kh</i>	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction (see <a href="#">Equation 21.24</a> in <a href="#">section 21.7.1</a> ).

$Ph,e$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Horizontal bearing capacity (see <a href="#">Equation 21.28</a> in <a href="#">section 21.9.1</a> ).
$tmax$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Maximal axial friction along the pipeline (see <a href="#">section 21.11.1</a> ).
$dmax$	[mm]	Displacement necessary to develop the maximal axial friction along the pipeline (see <a href="#">section 21.12.1</a> ).

### 6.2.4.2 Soil Mechanical Parameters for Micro tunneling

**3 Soil Mechanical Data**

**3.1 Soil Mechanical Parameters**

The list with data and issues is shown hereafter:  
 Note: safety factors not applied

$Pv,p$	Passive soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$Pv,n$	Neutral soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$Ph,n$	Neutral horizontal soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$Pv,r,n$	Reduced neutral soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$kv,top1$	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction (bilinear) upward	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$kv,top2$	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction upward	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$dv$	Vertical displacement	mm
$kv$	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction downward	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$Pv,e$	Vertical bearing capacity	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$kh$	Horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction	kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$Ph,e$	Horizontal bearing capacity	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$tmax$	Maximal friction along pipe	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$dmax$	Displacement at maximal friction	mm

Vertical nr.	$Pv,p$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$Pv,n$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$Ph,n$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$Pv,r,n$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$kv,top$ [kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]
1	24	19	14	19	253
2	74	24	18	24	188
3	582	114	57	61	3871
4	913	156	78	76	9140
5	2006	442	188	75	8287
6	1610	346	148	148	10516
7	284	155	115	155	184
8	204	83	62	83	233

Vertical nr.	$dv$ [mm]	$kv$ [kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	$Pv,e$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$kh$ [kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	$Ph,e$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$tmax$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$dmax$ [mm]	mat [-]
1	5	190	442	133	184	12.55	12	Peat
2	10	2365	196	1655	93	12.40	12	Peat
3	20	12208	3332	8546	1507	16.39	5	Clay
4	40	13024	4449	9117	2177	18.32	5	Clay
5	80	9074	21154	6352	11957	22.72	2	Sand
6	60	7949	16672	5564	6609	25.79	2	Sand
7	50	309	1233	216	533	26.56	12	Peat
8	35	166	831	116	419	19.30	12	Peat

Maximum soil load	: $Pv,n$ , max = 442 kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Maximum reduced soil load	: $Pv,r,n$ , max = 155 kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Maximum vertical modulus of subgrade reaction (without safety factor)	: $kv$ , max = 13024 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
Maximum vertical modulus of subgrade reaction (with safety factor)	: $kv$ , max = 20468 kN/m <sup>3</sup>

Figure 6.7: Report window – Soil Mechanical Parameters section (for Micro tunneling)

The following is an explanation of the column headings:

$Vertical\ nr.$	[-]	Number of the calculation vertical.
$Pv,p$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Passive soil load (see <a href="#">Equation 21.2</a> in <a href="#">section 21.2</a> ).
$Pv,n$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Neutral vertical soil load (see <a href="#">Equation 21.1</a> in <a href="#">section 21.1</a> ).
$Ph,n$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Neutral horizontal soil load (see <a href="#">Equation 21.13</a> in <a href="#">section 21.5.2</a> ).
$Pv,r,n$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Reduced neutral soil load (see <a href="#">section 21.3</a> ).
$kv;top$	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction upward (see <a href="#">Equation 21.14</a> in <a href="#">section 21.6.1</a> ).
$dv$	[mm]	Vertical displacement (see <a href="#">section 21.10</a> ).



$k_v$	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction downward (see <a href="#">Equation 21.14</a> in <a href="#">section 21.6.1</a> ).
$P_{v,e}$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Vertical bearing capacity (see <a href="#">Equation 21.26</a> in <a href="#">section 21.8</a> ).
$kh$	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction (see <a href="#">Equation 21.24</a> in <a href="#">section 21.7.1</a> ).
$Ph,e$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Horizontal bearing capacity (see <a href="#">Equation 21.29</a> in <a href="#">section 21.9.2</a> ).
$t_{max}$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Maximal axial friction along the pipeline (see <a href="#">Equation 21.52</a> in <a href="#">section 21.11.2</a> ).
$d_{max}$	[mm]	Displacement at maximal friction (see <a href="#">section 21.12.2</a> ).
$mat$	[-]	The corresponding type of material (see <a href="#">section 21.13</a> ).

### 6.2.4.3 Soil Mechanical Parameters for Construction in trench

**3 Soil Mechanical Data**

**3.1 Soil Mechanical Parameters**

The list with data and issues is shown hereafter:  
 Note: safety factors not applied

$P_{v,p}$	Passive soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$P_{v,n}$	Neutral soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$Ph,n$	Neutral horizontal soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$P_{v,a}$	Actual soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$k_{v,top1}$	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction (bilinear) upward	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$k_{v,top2}$	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction upward	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$dv$	Vertical displacement	mm
$k_{v1}$	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction downward, first branch	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$k_{v2}$	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction downward, second branch	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$P_{v,e}$	Vertical bearing capacity	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$kh$	Horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$Ph,e$	Horizontal bearing capacity	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$t_{max}$	Maximal friction along pipe	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$d_{max}$	Displacement at maximal friction	mm

Vertical nr.	$P_{v,p}$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$P_{v,n}$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$Ph,n$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$P_{v,a}$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$k_{v,top1}$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$k_{v,top2}$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]
1	1	1	0	1	1	6
2	9	5	4	6	37	85
3	99	31	13	99	158781	2.31E+05
4	95	23	12	95	129743	1.72E+05
5	23	13	13	16	76	170
6	10	8	6	8	12	57

Vertical nr.	$dv$ [mm]	$k_{v1}$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$k_{v2}$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$P_{v,e}$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$kh$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$Ph,e$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$t_{max}$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$d_{max}$ [mm]	$mat$ [-]
1	5	1621	324	64	2970	36	24	12	Peat
2	10	7876	1575	261	3699	59	7	15	Peat
3	20	39240	7848	1622	15130	448	13	2	Sand
4	80	31186	6237	733	10301	234	10	5	Clay
5	50	813	163	52	1217	23	14	15	Peat
6	35	3692	591	363	4095	53	26	12	Peat

**Figure 6.8:** Report window – Soil Mechanical Parameters section (for Construction in trench)

The following is an explanation of the column headings:

<i>Vertical nr.</i>	[-]	Number of the calculation vertical.
$P_{v,p}$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Passive soil load (see <a href="#">Equation 21.2</a> in <a href="#">section 21.2</a> ).
$P_{v,n}$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Neutral vertical soil load (see <a href="#">Equation 21.1</a> in <a href="#">section 21.1</a> ).
$Ph,n$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Neutral horizontal soil load (see <a href="#">Equation 21.13</a> in <a href="#">section 21.5.2</a> ).
$P_{v,a}$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Initial soil load, also called actual soil load (see <a href="#">Equation 21.9</a> in <a href="#">section 21.4</a> ).

$k_{v;top1}$	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction upward (see <a href="#">section 21.6.2</a> ).
$k_{v;top2}$	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction upward (see <a href="#">section 21.6.2</a> ).
$dv$	[mm]	Vertical displacement (see <a href="#">section 21.10</a> ).
$k_{v1}$	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction downward of the first and second branch (see <a href="#">section 21.6.2</a> ).
$k_{v2}$	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction downward of the first and second branch (see <a href="#">section 21.6.2</a> ).
$P_{v;e}$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Vertical bearing capacity (see <a href="#">Equation 21.26</a> in <a href="#">section 21.8</a> ).
$kh$	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction (see <a href="#">Equation 21.25</a> in <a href="#">section 21.7.2</a> ).
$P_{h;e}$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Horizontal bearing capacity (see <a href="#">Equation 21.29</a> in <a href="#">section 21.9.2</a> ).
$t_{max}$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Maximal axial friction along the pipeline (see <a href="#">Equation 21.52</a> in <a href="#">section 21.11.2</a> ).
$d_{max}$	[mm]	Displacement at maximal friction (see <a href="#">section 21.12.2</a> ).
$mat$	[-]	The corresponding type of material (see <a href="#">section 21.13</a> ).

## 6.2.5 Report – Data for Stress Analysis

### Buoyancy Control

The magnitude of the pulling force is caused in part by friction between the soil around the borehole and the product pipe. In turn, the magnitude of the friction is dependent on the degree of buoyancy of the pipeline in the drilling fluid. Uplift forces resulting from buoyancy can be neutralized by filling the pipeline with water. The optimum volume of water placed in the pipeline provides the most advantageous distribution of buoyant forces. If the resulting force is a positive value, the pipeline will move upwards. If the resulting force is a negative value the pipeline will move downwards.

5.2 Buoyancy Control			
The friction between soil and pipe is partially caused by buoyancy of the pipeline in the drilling fluid. Uplift forces resulting from buoyancy can be neutralized by filling the pipeline. The optimal volume of water placed in the pipe provides the most advantageous distribution of buoyant forces.			
Buoyancy of the pipeline when filled with water for 15%			
Uplift forces	:	2297	[kg/m]
Weight of pipeline (including filling)	:	1288	[kg/m]
Result	:	1009	[kg/m] (Pipeline moves upwards)

**Figure 6.9:** Report window, Buoyancy Control section

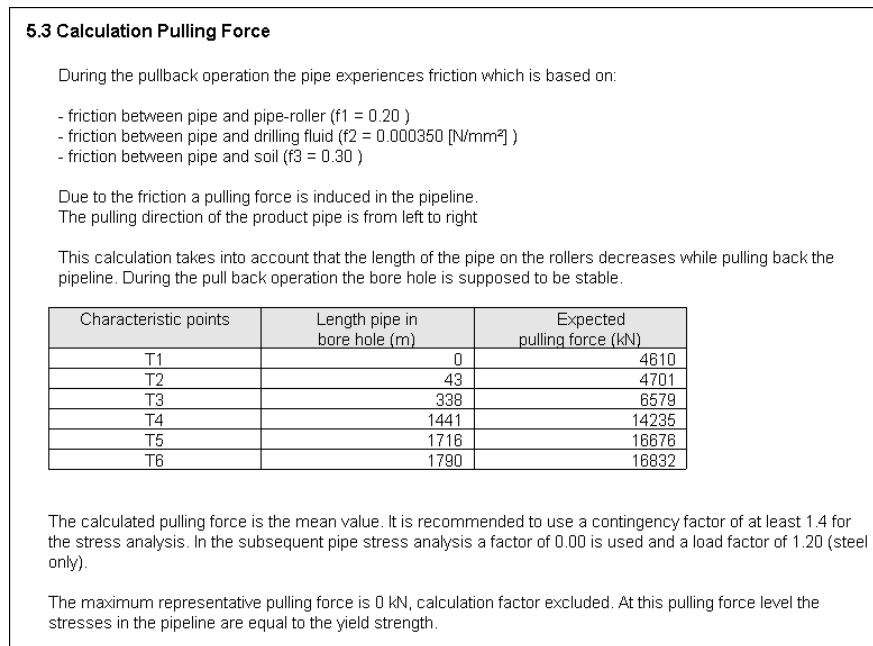
The following is an explanation of the content:

<i>Uplift forces</i>	Weight of the drilling fluid in kg/m (see <a href="#">Equation 23.1</a> in <a href="#">section 23.1</a> ).
<i>Weight of pipeline (including filling)</i>	Weight of the pipeline filled with water in kg/m (see <a href="#">Equation 23.4</a> in <a href="#">section 23.1</a> ).
<i>Resulting</i>	Effective weight of the pipeline in kg/m (see <a href="#">Equation 23.5</a> in <a href="#">section 23.1</a> ).

See [section 23.1](#) for background information on buoyancy control.

### Calculation pulling forces

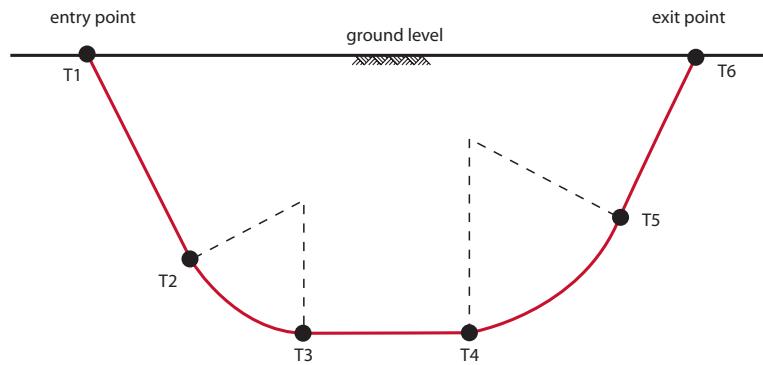
This part of the report displays the calculated pulling forces (without applying a contingency factor), for characteristic locations along the drilling line. In a case without horizontal bending, six characteristic points are calculated. Their location is given in [Figure 6.11](#). In case of horizontal bending, the beginning and ending points of each horizontal bending will be defined as characteristic points.



**Figure 6.10:** Report window, Calculation pulling force section

The following is an explanation of the column headings:

<i>Characteristic points</i>	Points at different locations along the drilling line (see <a href="#">Figure 6.11</a> ). T1 and T6 are the entry and exit points, respectively.
<i>Length pipe in borehole</i>	Length of the pipe between the entry point and the characteristic point.
<i>Expected pulling force</i>	Calculated pulling forces without using a contingency factor (see <a href="#">Equation 23.6</a> in <a href="#">section 23.2</a> ).



**Figure 6.11:** Locations of the characteristic points T1 to T6

## 6.2.6 Report – Stress Analysis

### 6.2.6.1 Stress Analysis HDD

#### Load Combination 1A: Start pull-back operation

This part of the report displays the calculated axial and tangential stresses at the start of the pull-back operation. See [section 23.5.1](#) for background information.

6.2.1 Load Combination 1A: Start Pullback Operation			
Axial stress:			
$\text{Sigma}_b = Mb/Wb = (E \cdot Ib)/(0.77 \cdot Rrol \cdot Wb)$	=	304	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]
$\text{Sigma}_t = T1/A$	=	50	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]
Maximum axial stress $\text{Sigma}_{a,max}$	=	354	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]
In this load combination the tangential stress is negligible.			

**Figure 6.12:** Report window, Stress analysis for load combination 1A

$\text{Sigma}_b$	Axial bending stress in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.23</a> .
$\text{Sigma}_t$	Axial stress due to friction of the pipeline on the roller-lane, in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.25</a> .
$\text{Sigma}_{a,max}$	Maximum axial stress in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.26</a> .

#### Load Combination 1B: End pull-back operation

This part of the report displays the calculated axial and tangential stresses at the end of the pullback operation. See [section 23.5.2](#) for background information.

6.2.2 Load Combination 1B: End Pullback Operation			
Axial stress:			
$\text{Sigma}_b = Mb/Wb = (E \cdot Ib)/(0.77 \cdot R_{min} \cdot Wb)$	=	347	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\text{Sigma}_t = T_{max}/A$	=	183	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Maximum axial stress $\text{Sigma}_{a,max}$	=	530	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Tangential stress:			
Load qr on pipeline due to reaction of soil in bends (according to NEN 3650-1 annex 5 D3.3):			
$qr = k_v \cdot Y = (0.322 \cdot \text{Lambda}^2 \cdot E \cdot I)/(0.77 \cdot Do \cdot R)$			
$\text{Lambda} = (k_v \cdot Do / (4 \cdot E \cdot I))^{0.25}$	=	1.8E-4	mm <sup>-1</sup>
qr	=	0.0977	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\text{Sigma}_{qr} = k' \cdot qr \cdot (rg/Ww) \cdot Do$	=	39	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Maximum tangential stress $\text{Sigma}_{t,max}$	=	39	N/mm <sup>2</sup>

**Figure 6.13:** Report window, Stress analysis for load combination 1B

$\text{Sigma}_b$	Axial bending stress in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.27</a> .
$\text{Sigma}_t$	Axial stress due to pull-back in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.28</a> .
$\text{Sigma}_{a,max}$	Maximum axial stress in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.29</a> .
$\text{Lambda}$	Characteristic stiffness between the pipeline and the soil in mm <sup>-1</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.13</a> .
qr	Soil reaction in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.11</a> .
$\text{Sigma}_{qr}$	Stress due to soil reaction in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.31</a> .
$\text{Sigma}_{t,max}$	Maximum tangential stress in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.32</a> .

### Load Combination 2: Application internal pressure

This part of the report displays the calculated stresses when the internal pressure is applied. See [section 23.5.3](#) for background information.

6.2.3 Load Combination 2: Application Internal Pressure			
Due to internal pressure :			
$\text{Sigma}_{py} = pd \cdot (Do - t)/(2 \cdot t)$	=	15	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\text{Sigma}_{px} = 0.5 \cdot \text{Sigma}_{py}$	=	8	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\text{Sigma}_{ptest} = sf \cdot pt \cdot (Do - t)/(2 \cdot t)$	=	23	N/mm <sup>2</sup>

**Figure 6.14:** Report window, Stress analysis for load combination 2

$\text{Sigma}_{py}$	Internal stress due to design pressure in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.33</a> for thin pipe and <a href="#">Equation 23.35</a> for thick pipe.
$\text{Sigma}_{px}$	Internal axial stress due to design pressure in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.37</a> .
$\text{Sigma}_{ptest}$	Internal stress due to test pressure in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.34</a> for thin pipe and <a href="#">Equation 23.36</a> for thick pipe.

### Load Combination 3: In operation (situation without pressure)

This part of the report displays the calculated axial and tangential stresses when the pipe is in operation without internal pressure. See [section 23.5.4](#) for background information.

6.2.4 Load Combination 3: In Operation (Situation without Pressure)			
Axial stress:			
$\text{Sigma}_b = Mb/Wb = (E \cdot lb)/(0.77 \cdot Rmin \cdot Wb)$	=	347	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Maximum axial stress $\text{Sigma}_{a,max}$	=	347	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Tangential stress:			
$\text{Sigma}_{qr} = k' \cdot qr \cdot (rg/Ww) \cdot Do$	=	39	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\text{Sigma}_{qn} = k \cdot qn \cdot (rg/Ww) \cdot Do$	=	182	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Maximum tangential stress $\text{Sigma}_{t,max}$	=	220	N/mm <sup>2</sup>

**Figure 6.15:** Report window – Stress analysis for load combination 3

$\text{Sigma}_b$	Axial bending stress in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.38</a> .
$\text{Sigma}_{a,max}$	Maximum axial stress in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.39</a> .
$\text{Sigma}_{qr}$	Stress due to soil reaction in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.40</a> .
$\text{Sigma}_{qn}$	Stress due to reduced vertical load in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.41</a> .
$\text{Sigma}_{t,max}$	Maximum tangential stress in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.42</a> .

### Load Combination 4: In operation (with internal pressure)

This part of the report displays the calculated axial and tangential stresses when the pipe is in operation with internal pressure. See [section 23.5.5](#) for background information.

6.2.3 Load Combination 4: In Operation (with Internal Pressure)			
Axial stress:			
$\text{Sigma}_b = Mb/Wb = (E \cdot lb)/(0.77 \cdot Rrol \cdot Wb)$	=	347	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Due to internal pressure :			
$\text{Sigma}_{py} = pd \cdot (Do - t)/(2 \cdot t)$	=	18	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\text{Sigma}_{px} = 0.5 \cdot \text{Sigma}_{py}$	=	9	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\text{Sigma}_{ptest} = sf \cdot pt \cdot (Do - t)/(2 \cdot t)$	=	23	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\text{Sigma}_{Temp} = Dt \cdot \text{gamma}_t \cdot \alpha \cdot g \cdot E$	=	15	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Maximum axial stress $\text{Sigma}_{a,max}$	=	371	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Tangential stress:			
$\text{Sigma}_{qr} = k' \cdot qr \cdot (rg/Ww) \cdot Do$	=	39	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$\text{Sigma}_{qn} = k \cdot qn \cdot (rg/Ww) \cdot Do$	=	182	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Rerounding factor $Frr$	=	0.947	
Rerounding factor $F'r$	=	0.974	
$\text{Sigma}_{t,max} = \text{Sigma}_{py} + ((F'r \cdot \text{Sigma}_{qr}) + (Frr \cdot \text{Sigma}_{qn}))$			
Maximum tangential stress $\text{Sigma}_{t,max}$	=	228	N/mm <sup>2</sup>

**Figure 6.16:** Report window, Stress analysis for load combination 4

$\text{Sigma}_b$	Axial bending stress in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.43</a> .
$\text{Sigma}_{py}$	Ring stress due to internal design pressure in N/mm <sup>2</sup> , see <a href="#">Equation 23.44</a> .

$\sigma_{px}$	Axial stress due to internal design pressure in $\text{N/mm}^2$ , see <a href="#">Equation 23.47</a> .
$\sigma_{ptest}$	Ring stress due to internal test pressure in $\text{N/mm}^2$ , see <a href="#">Equation 23.45</a> for steel and <a href="#">Equation 23.46</a> for PE.
$\sigma_{Temp}$	Axial stress due to temperature variation in $\text{N/mm}^2$ , see <a href="#">Equation 23.48</a> .
$\sigma_{a,max}$	Maximum axial stress in $\text{N/mm}^2$ , see <a href="#">Equation 23.49</a> .
$\sigma_{qr}$	Stress due to soil reaction in $\text{N/mm}^2$ , see <a href="#">Equation 23.50</a> .
$\sigma_{qn}$	Stress due to reduced vertical load in $\text{N/mm}^2$ , see <a href="#">Equation 23.51</a> .
$F_{rr}$	Direct re-rounding factor in $\text{N/mm}^2$ , see <a href="#">Equation 23.53</a> .
$F_{rr}'$	Indirect re-rounding factor in $\text{N/mm}^2$ , see <a href="#">Equation 23.54</a> .
$\sigma_{t,max}$	Maximum tangential stress in $\text{N/mm}^2$ , see <a href="#">Equation 23.52</a> .

### Check on calculated stresses (Steel)

This part of the report displays a table in which the calculated combined stresses of the different load combinations are compared to the maximum allowable stress (see [section 23.6.1.1](#) for background information).

**6.3 Check on Calculated StressesPipe: 1**

According to NEN 3650-2 art.5 D.3.1 the calculated stresses for the load combinations, must meet the following conditions (note:  $Re = 200 \text{ [N/mm}^2\text{]}$ ):

Load combinations 1, 3 and 4  
 $-\sigma_{vmax} \leq 0.85(Re + Re_{20deg}) / \Gamma_{m}$

Load combination 2  
 $-\sigma_{ptest} \leq Re / \Gamma_{test}$   
 $-\sigma_{py} \leq Re / \Gamma_{m}$   
 $-\sigma_{pm} \leq 1.1 \cdot Re / \Gamma_{m}$

In load combination 1A/1B/3/4 stresses are NOT allowable.

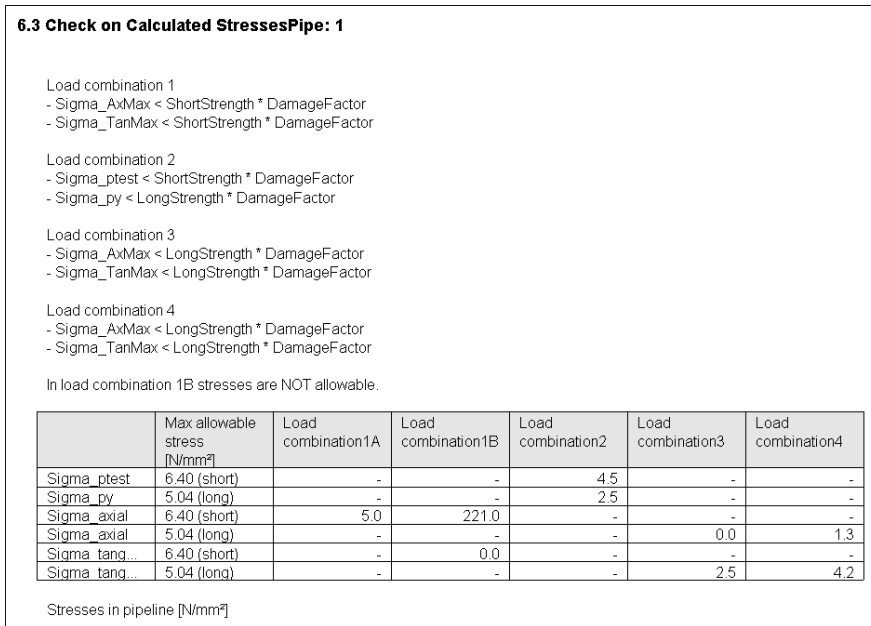
	Max allowable stress [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	Load combination 1A	Load combination 1B	Load combination 2	Load combination 3	Load combination 4
$\sigma_{ptest}$	173.91	-	-	23	-	-
$\sigma_{py}$	153.85	-	-	15	-	-
$\sigma_{pm}$	169.23	-	-	13	-	-
$\sigma_{vmax}$	261.54	354	550	-	495	486

Stresses in pipeline [N/mm<sup>2</sup>]

**Figure 6.17:** Report window, Check on calculated stresses section (steel pipe)

### Check on calculated stresses (PE)

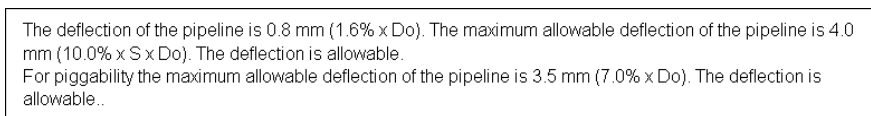
This part of the report displays a table in which the calculated combined stresses of the different load combinations are compared to the maximum allowable stress (see [section 23.6.1.2](#) for background information).



**Figure 6.18:** Report window, Check on calculated stresses section (PE pipe)

**Check on deflection**

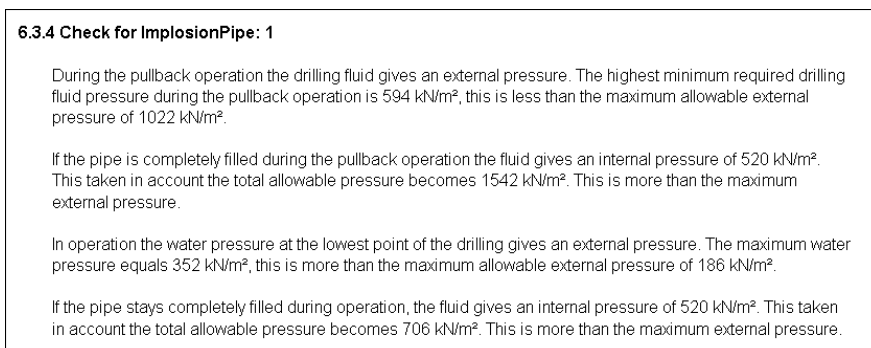
This part of the report displays the calculated deflection of the pipeline and compares it to the maximum allowable deflection (see section 23.7 for background information).



**Figure 6.19:** Report window, Check on deflection section

**Check for implosion (only for PE pipe)**

This calculation is performed only for a polyethylene pipe. The maximum allowable external pressure is calculated (see section 23.8 for background information) in the short and long term for the pullback operation (Stage 2) and the pipeline in operation (Stage 3a), respectively.



**Figure 6.20:** Report window, Check for implosion section

**6.2.7 Report – Operation Parameters (Trenching)**



## Uplift Check

Due to buoyancy of an empty pipeline below the groundwater table, the uplift should be checked. Results are given per vertical in a table (Figure 6.21) and in graphs.

4.1 Uplift Check			
Due to buoyancy of the pipeline below the groundwater table, the uplift should be checked. In the subsequent calculation the safety factor for uplift is calculated based on an empty pipe.			
4.1.1 Uplift Factors			
Vertical nr.	Safety factor calculated [-]	Safety factor required [-]	
1	999.00	1.00	
2	999.00	1.00	
3	999.00	1.00	
4	7.73	1.00	
5	4.28	1.00	
6	2.38	1.00	
7	6.79	1.00	
8	8.29	1.00	
9	50.03	1.00	
10	999.00	1.00	
11	999.00	1.00	

Figure 6.21: Report window, Uplift Check section

<i>Vertical nr.</i>	[-]	Number of the calculation vertical.
<i>Safety factor calculated</i>	[-]	The calculated safety factor for uplift, see Equation 25.5 in section 25.1.
<i>Safety factor required</i>	[-]	The required safety factor for uplift as specified by the user in the Factors window (section 4.7.1.3).

## Hydraulic Heave Check

In case of trenching in soil layers which cover an aquifer with high pore pressures, bursting of the bottom of the trench can be an installation risk which needs to be checked. Results are given per vertical in a table (Figure 6.22) and in graphs.

4.2 Hydraulic Heave Check			
In case of high groundwater pressures in a water bearing soilayer below the trench the safety factor for heave of the trench bottom should be evaluated. Subsequently, the safety factors for heave are based on groundwater pressures at the top of layer:1 ( Silty Sand ) are calculated			
4.2.1 Hydraulic heave of the trench bottom			
Vertical nr.	Safety factor calculated [-]	Safety factor required [-]	
1	0.73	1.00	
2	0.73	1.00	
3	0.60	1.00	
4	0.55	1.00	
5	0.51	1.00	
6	0.51	1.00	
7	0.53	1.00	
8	0.55	1.00	
9	0.58	1.00	
10	0.73	1.00	
11	0.73	1.00	

Figure 6.22: Report window, Hydraulic Heave Check section

<i>Vertical nr.</i>	[-]	Number of the calculation vertical.
<i>Safety factor calculated</i>	[-]	The calculated safety factor for hydraulic heave, see Equation 25.7 in section 25.2.

<i>Safety factor required</i>	[-]	The required safety factor for hydraulic heave as defined by the user in the <i>Factors</i> window ( <a href="#">section 4.7.1.3</a> ).
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## 6.2.8 Report – Face Support Pressures and Thrust Forces (Micro tunneling)

Results are given per vertical in a table ([Figure 6.23](#)) and in graphs.

4.1 Face Support Pressure and Thrust Forces					
4.1.1 Results table					
The maximum allowable face support pressure and the minimum required face support pressure are calculated for the current soil conditions. The maximum allowable face support pressure should not be exceeded in order to prevent a frac-out. The minimum required face support pressure should not fall below the critical value in order to prevent surface subsidence. The neutral pressure is the pressure which yields minimal soil deformations during drilling.					
Vertical nr.	Face Support Pressure			Thrust Forces	
	$P_{max}$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$P_{min}$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	$P_{neutral}$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Lubricated [kN]	Normal [kN]
1	191	68	135	435	530
2	191	68	135	1001	1284
3	191	68	135	1566	2038
4	191	68	135	2132	2792
5	191	68	135	2697	3546
6	191	68	135	3263	4300
7	191	68	135	3828	5054
8	191	68	135	4394	5808
9	191	68	135	4959	6562
10	191	68	135	5525	7316
11	191	68	135	6090	8069
12	191	68	135	6656	8823
13	191	68	135	7221	9577
14	191	68	135	7787	10331

**Figure 6.23:** Report window, Operation Parameters section for Micro tunneling

The following is an explanation of the column headings:

<i>Vertical nr.</i>	[-]	Number of the calculation vertical.
<i>P<sub>max</sub></i>	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	<i>P<sub>max</sub></i> is the maximum allowable face support pressure which should not be exceeded in order to prevent the following possible failure mechanisms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Soil failure due to pushing a soil wedge in upward direction</li> <li>◇ A blow out to the surface due to hydraulic fracturing</li> <li>◇ Horizontal hydraulic fracturing at the transition of soil layers.</li> </ul> Refer to <a href="#">Equation 24.7</a> in <a href="#">section 24.1.3</a> .
<i>P<sub>min</sub></i>	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	<i>P<sub>min</sub></i> is the minimum face support pressure required for stable conditions of the soil adjacent to the micro tunneling machine. Refer to <a href="#">Equation 24.2</a> for undrained layers and to <a href="#">Equation 24.4</a> for drained layers, in <a href="#">section 24.1.2</a> .
<i>P<sub>neutral</sub></i>	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	<i>P<sub>neutral</sub></i> is the target pressure, i.e. the total neutral horizontal soil pressure. Refer to <a href="#">Equation 24.1</a> in <a href="#">section 24.1.1</a> .
<i>Thrust Forces</i>	[kN]	The thrust force is the force required to install a micro tunnel or pipeline in between the launch pit and the reception pit. Thrust forces are calculated in both cases: injection of lubricant ( <i>Lubricated</i> ) or not ( <i>Normal</i> ). Refer to <a href="#">Equation 24.8</a> in <a href="#">section 24.1.4</a> .

### 6.3 Drilling Fluid Pressures Plots

Only available if the *Horizontal directional drilling* model in the *Model* window (section 4.1) is selected. In the *Results* menu, choose the *Drilling Fluid Pressures Plots* option to display the following plots for the three boring stages (pilot, pre-ream and pullback):

- **Maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure (plastic zone related to deformation bore hole)**  
Refer to Equation 22.28 in section 22.2.2 for drained layers and to Equation 22.22 in section 22.2.1 for undrained layers. For drained layers, the determination of the maximum allowable radius of the plastic zone  $R_{p,max}$  is related to the deformation of the bore hole:  
$$R_{p,max} = \sqrt{\frac{R_b^2}{Q} \times 2\varepsilon_{g,max}}$$
- - - **Maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure (plastic zone related to soil cover)**  
Refer to Equation 22.28 in section 22.2.2 for drained layers and to Equation 22.22 in section 22.2.1 for undrained layers. For drained layers, the determination of the maximum allowable radius of the plastic zone is related to the soil cover:  
$$R_{p,max} = 0.5 H$$
- - - **Minimum drilling fluid pressure assuming that the pilot is drilled from the left side to the right side**  
Refer to section 22.1 for background information.
- - - **Minimum drilling fluid pressure assuming that the pilot is drilled from the right side to the left side**  
Refer to section 22.1 for background information.

To select the stage, click on one of the three tabs of the *Drilling Fluid Pressures Plots* window (Figure 6.24): *Pilot*, *Prereaming* or *Reaming and pullback operation*.

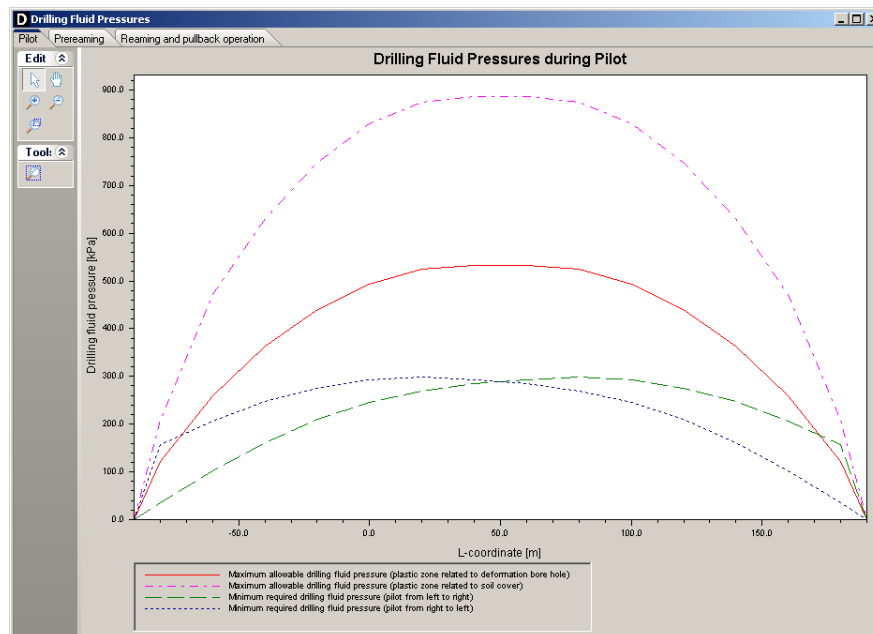


Figure 6.24: Drilling Fluid Pressures Plots window

Use the *Pan*  and *Zoom*  buttons to select the part to be viewed in detail.

## 6.4 Operation Parameter Plots

In the *Results* menu, choose the *Operation Parameter Plots* option. The content of the *Operation Parameter Plots* window depends on the selected model:

- ◇ Refer to [section 6.4.1](#) for Micro tunneling;
- ◇ Refer to [section 6.4.2](#) for Construction in trench.

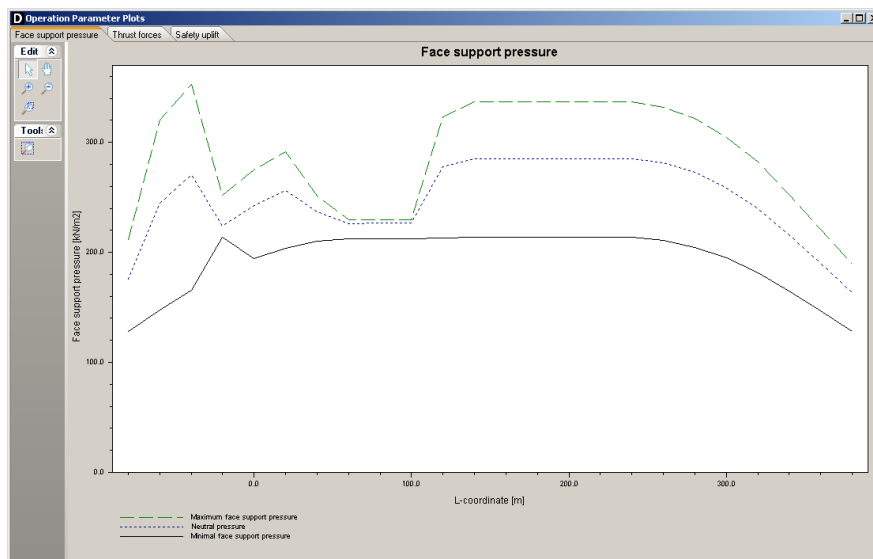
### 6.4.1 Operation Parameter Plots for Micro Tunneling

For *Micro tunneling* model, the *Operation Parameter Plots* window displays three different plots by clicking on one of the three tabs:

- ◇ the face support pressures at the micro tunneling machine ([Figure 6.25](#));
- ◇ the thrust pressures along the micro tunnel or pipe segments ([Figure 6.26](#));
- ◇ the uplift safety factor along the micro tunneling ([Figure 6.27](#)).

Use the *Pan*  and *Zoom*  buttons to select the part to be viewed in detail.

For background information, refer to [chapter 24](#).



**Figure 6.25:** *Operation Parameter Plots* window, *Face support pressures* tab

#### *Maximum face support pressure*

The maximum allowable face support pressure which should not be exceeded in order to prevent the following possible failure mechanisms:

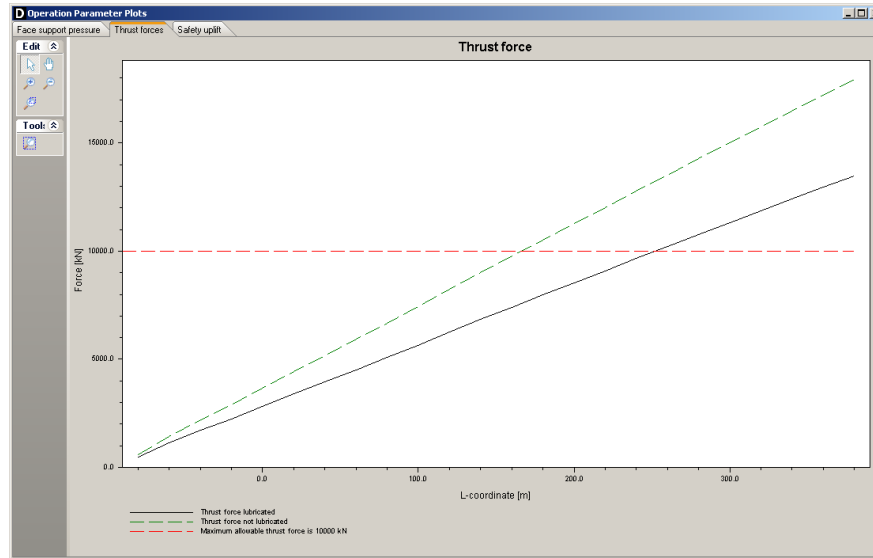
- ◇ Soil failure due to pushing a soil wedge in upward direction
- ◇ A blow out to the surface due to hydraulic fracturing
- ◇ Horizontal hydraulic fracturing at the transition of soil layers.

For background information, refer to [section 24.1.3](#).

#### *Neutral pressure*

The neutral pressure is the pressure with the lowest soil deformation, i.e. the total neutral horizontal soil pressure. For background information, refer to [section 24.1.1](#).

**Minimum face support pressure** The minimum face support pressure is the pressure required for stable conditions of the soil adjacent to the micro tunneling machine. For background information, refer to [section 24.1.2](#).



**Figure 6.26:** Operation Parameter Plots window, Thrust pressures tab

**Thrust force lubricated** The thrust force lubricated is the force required to install a micro tunnel in between the launch pit and the reception pit in case of injection of lubricant. For background information, refer to [section 24.1.4](#).

**Thrust force not lubricated** The thrust force not lubricated is the force required to install a micro tunnel in between the launch pit and the reception pit in case of no injection of lubricant. For background information, refer to [section 24.1.4](#).

**Maximum allowable thrust force** The maximum allowable thrust force is usually given by the manufacturer of the pipe and specified in the *Engineering Data* window ([section 4.6.3](#)).

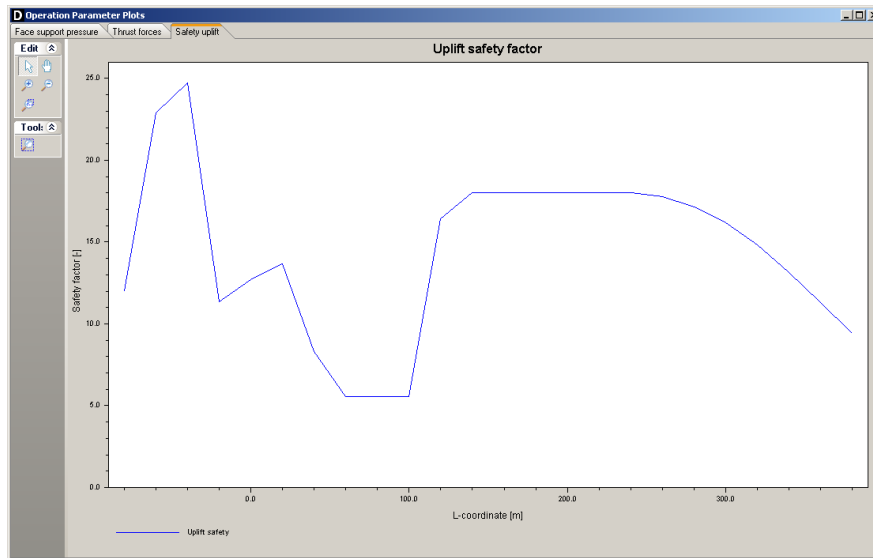


Figure 6.27: Operation Parameter Plots window, Safety uplift tab

#### 6.4.2 Operation Parameter Plots for Construction in trench

For *Construction in trench* model, the *Operation Parameter Plots* window displays two different plots by clicking on one of the two tabs:

- ◇ the safety factor for uplift along the bottom of the trench (Figure 6.28);
- ◇ the safety factor for hydraulic heave along the bottom of the trench (Figure 6.30);

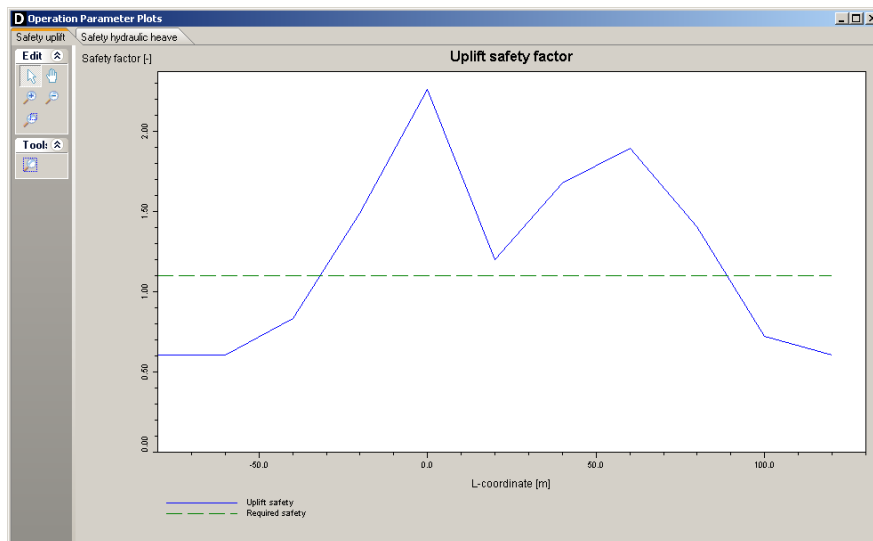


Figure 6.28: Operation Parameter Plots window, Safety uplift tab

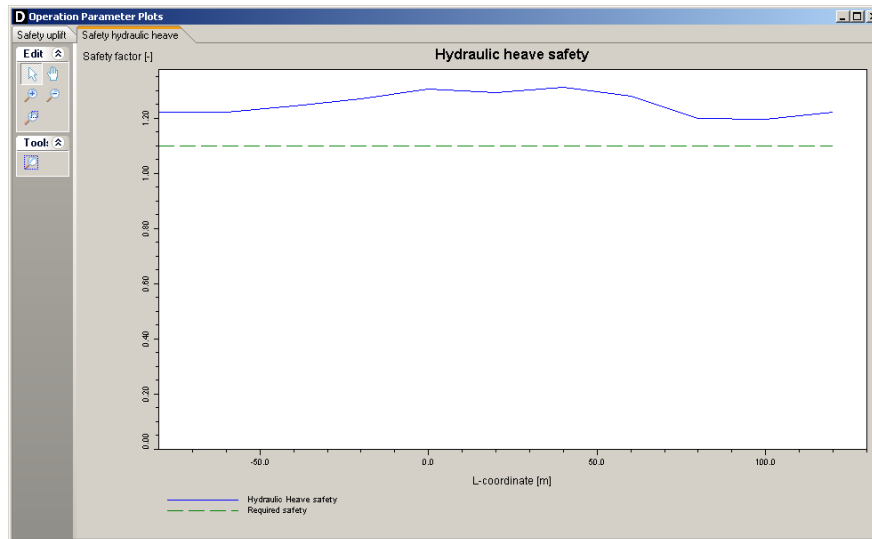


Figure 6.29: Operation Parameter Plots window, Safety hydraulic heave tab

## 6.5 Stresses in Geometry

In the *Results* menu, choose the *Stresses in Geometry* option to display the vertical stress per vertical drawn in the geometry. The blue part represents the water pressure and the dark green part represents the additional effective stress. Use the *Pan* and *Zoom* buttons to select the part to be viewed in detail.

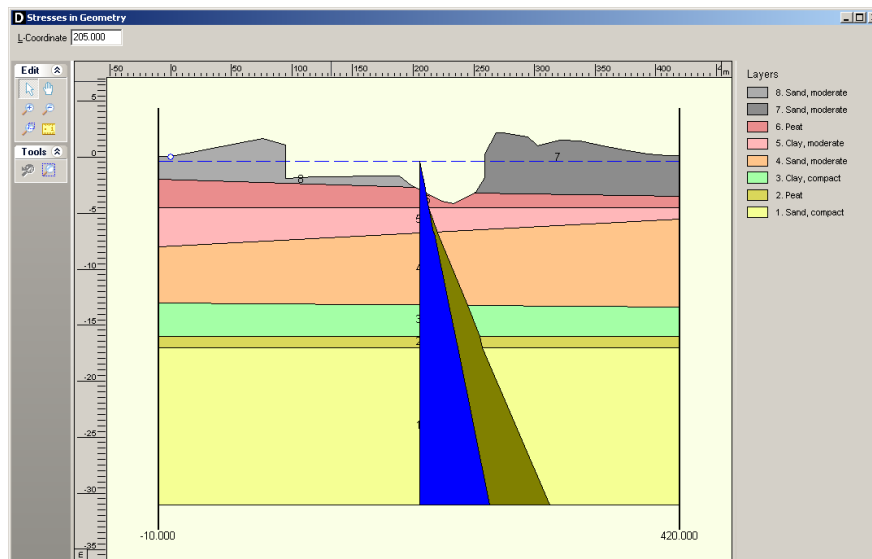
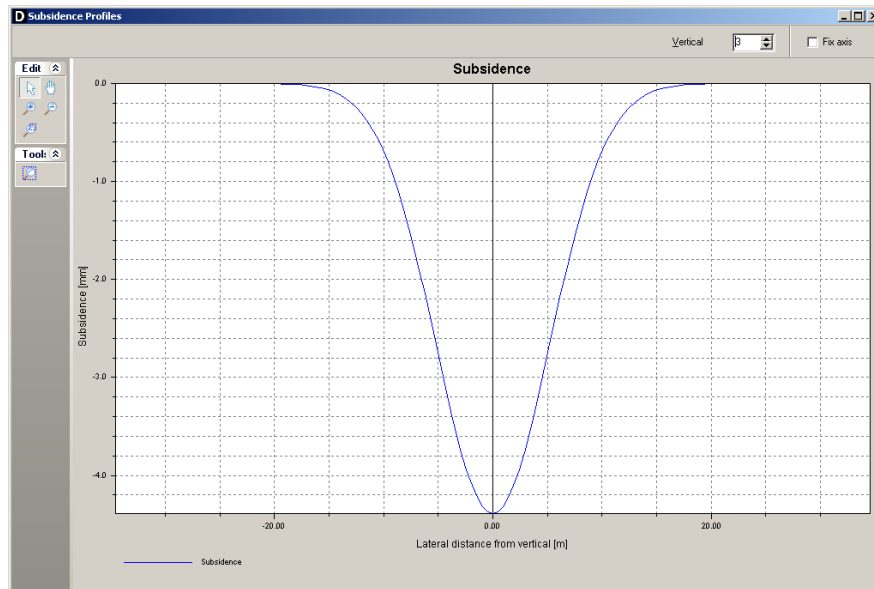



Figure 6.30: Stresses in Geometry window

## 6.6 Subsidence Profiles

Only available if the *Micro tunneling* model in the *Model* window (section 4.1) is selected. In the *Results* menu, choose the *Subsidence Profiles* option to display the calculation results for the subsidence trough as apparent at surface. Subsidence is related to the volume loss due to the tunnel excavation, e.g. the excess soil removed by the Micro Tunneling Boring Machine (MTBM). The subsidence mechanism is described in detail in section 24.3.



**Figure 6.31:** Subsidence Profiles window

<i>Vertical</i>	Type the vertical number that must be displayed or click the arrow-up and arrow-down keys  to scroll through the available verticals.
<i>Fix axis</i>	Enable this check-box to fix the range of the vertical axis of the graph of subsidence whatever the selected time step.

Use the *Pan*  and *Zoom*     buttons to select the part to be viewed in detail.



## 7 Graphical Geometry Input

This chapter explains how to define the soil layers in a two-dimensional cross section by drawing, using the shared D-Series options for geometry modeling.

- ◇ [section 7.1](#) introduces the basic geometrical elements that can be used.
- ◇ [section 7.2](#) lists the restrictions and assumptions that the program imposes during geometry creation.
- ◇ [section 7.3](#) gives an overview of the functionality of the *View Input* window.
- ◇ [section 7.4](#) describes the creation and [section 7.5](#) describes the manipulation of general graphical geometry using the *View Input* window.

Besides graphical input, the geometry can also be imported or tabular forms can be used (see [section 4.3.2](#)). See the MGeoBase manual for a description of special features to create cross-section geometry semi-automatically from CPT and/or boring records.

### 7.1 Geometrical objects

Geometry can be built step-by-step through the repetitive use of sketching, geometry creation and geometry manipulation. Each step can be started by using line-shaped construction elements ([section 7.1.2](#)) to add line drawings. After converting these drawings to valid geometry parts, the specific geometry elements created can be manipulated ([section 7.1.1](#)).

#### 7.1.1 Geometry elements

Geometry can be composed from the following geometry elements:

Points	A point is a basic geometry element defined by its co-ordinates. As stated earlier, the geometry is restricted to two dimensions, allowing to define X and Z co-ordinates only.
Boundary lines	A boundary line is a straight line piece between two points and is part of a boundary.
Boundaries	A boundary is a collection of connected boundary lines that forms the continuous boundary between layers.
PL-lines	A piezometric level line is a collection of connected straight line pieces defining a continuous piezometric level.
Phreatic line	This is a PL-line that acts as phreatic line. The phreatic line (or groundwater level) is used to mark the border between saturated and unsaturated soil.
Layers	A layer is the actual soil layer. Its geometrical shape is defined by its boundaries, and its soil type is defined by its material.
Materials	A material defines the actual soil material (or soil type). It contains the parameters belonging to the soil type, such as its unsaturated weight and its saturated weight. A material can be connected to a layer in order to define the soil type of the layer.
Limits	A limit is a vertical boundary defining the 'end' at either the left or right side of the geometry. It is defined by an X co-ordinate only. Note that this is the only type of element that cannot be deleted.

Adding, moving and deleting the above-mentioned elements are subject to the conditions for a valid geometry (see [section 7.2](#)). For example, while dragging selected geometry elements, the program can perform constant checks on the geometry validity ([section 7.4.4](#)). Invalid parts will be shown as construction elements (thick blue lines).



### 7.1.2 Construction elements

Besides the D-Series geometry elements ([section 7.1.1](#)), special construction elements can also be used for sketching the geometry graphically. These elements are not a direct part of the geometry and the restrictions on editing (adding, moving, and deleting); these elements are therefore far less rigid. The only restriction that remains is that these elements cannot be moved and/or defined beyond the limits of the geometry.

Lines	A line Construction consists of a starting point and end point, both defined by a left-hand mouse click in the graphic input screen.
Poly-lines	A poly-line Construction consists of a series of connected lines, all defined by a left-hand mouse click in the graphic input screen.

Construction elements will be displayed as solid blue lines. Valid constructions elements are converted to geometry elements as soon as the geometry is (re-) generated. For more information on adding lines and poly-lines, see [section 7.4](#).

## 7.2 Assumptions and restrictions

During geometrical modeling, the program uses the following assumptions.

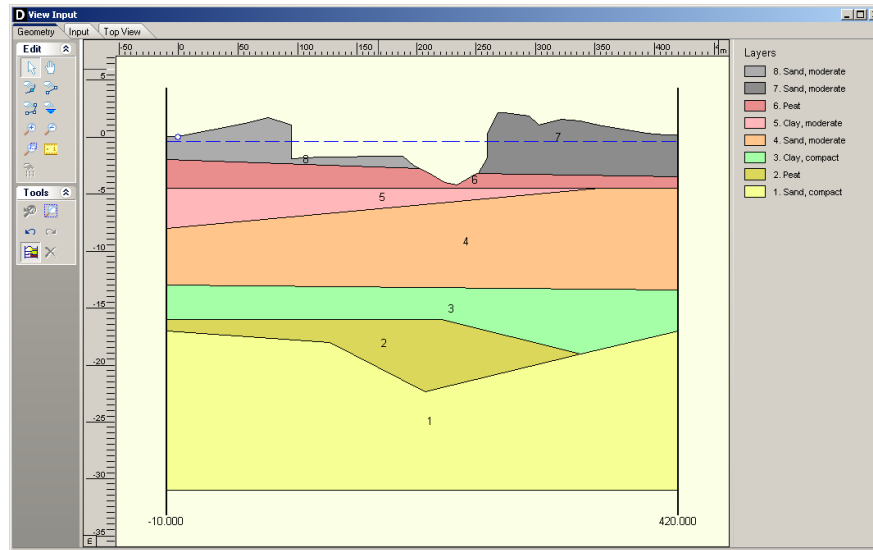
- ◇ Boundary number 0 is reserved for the base.
- ◇ A soil layer number is equal to the boundary number at the top of the layer.
- ◇ The boundary with the highest number defines the soil top surface.
- ◇ A material (soil type) must be defined for each layer – except for layer 0 (base). Different layers can use the same material.
- ◇ All the boundaries must start and end at the same horizontal co-ordinates.
- ◇ Boundaries should not intersect, but they may coincide over a certain length.
- ◇ All horizontal co-ordinates on a boundary must be ascending – that is, the equation  $X[i + 1] \geq X[i]$  must be valid for each following pair of  $X$  co-ordinates (vertical parts are allowed).
- ◇ PL-lines may intersect and may coincide with each other over a certain length.
- ◇ PL lines and layer boundaries may intersect.
- ◇ All PL-lines must start and end at the same horizontal co-ordinate.
- ◇ All  $X$  co-ordinates on a PL-line must be strictly ascending – that is, the equation  $X[i + 1] > X[i]$  must be valid for each following pair of  $X$  co-ordinates (no vertical parts allowed).

One way for inputting geometry data is through the *Geometry* menu, as explained in the *Reference* section ([section 4.3](#)). This section describes another way to create and manipulate geometry graphically using the tool buttons of the *View Input* window.

## 7.3 View Input Window

### 7.3.1 General

To use the *View Input* option, click the *Geometry* tab to activate it in the regular *View Input* window or use the menu to select it.



**Figure 7.1:** *View Input* window, *Geometry* tab

When the *Geometry* tab in the *View Input* window is selected, it displays a graphical representation of only the geometrical data. On the left of the window, the *Edit* and *Tools* buttons are displayed (section 7.3.2). On the right, the legend belonging to the geometry is displayed (section 7.3.3). At the bottom of the window, the title panel and the info bar are displayed. The title panel displays the project titles defined using the *Properties* option in the *Project* menu. The info bar provides information (from left to right) about the current cursor position, the current mode and the object currently selected. The legend, title panel and info bar are optional and can be controlled using the *Properties* option in the *Project* menu.

It is possible to use three different modes when working in the *Geometry* tab of the *View Input* window:

<i>Select</i>	The <i>Select</i> mode is the default mode and enables the user to select existing elements in the window.
<i>Add</i>	The <i>Add</i> mode allows the addition of elements using one of the <i>Add</i> buttons. By selecting one of these buttons, one switches to the <i>Add</i> mode. As long as this mode is active, the user can add the type of element which is selected.
<i>Zoom</i>	The <i>Zoom</i> mode allows the user to view the input geometry in different sizes. By selecting one of the <i>Zoom</i> buttons or the <i>Pan</i> button, one activates the <i>Zoom</i> mode. While in this mode, the user can repeat the zoom or pan actions without re-selecting the buttons.

It is possible to change modes in the following ways. When in *Add* or *Zoom* mode, it is possible to return to the *Select* mode by clicking the right-hand mouse button, or by pressing the *Escape* key, or by clicking the *Select mode* button. To activate the *Add* mode, select one of the *Add* buttons. To activate the *Zoom* mode, select one of the *Zoom* buttons or the *Pan* button.

**Note:** The current mode is displayed on the info bar at the bottom of the *View Input* window.



### 7.3.2 Buttons

*Edit panel:*



#### *Select and Edit mode*

In this mode, the left-hand mouse button can be used to graphically select a previously defined grid, load, geotextile or forbidden line. Items can then be deleted or modified by dragging or resizing, or by clicking the right-hand mouse button and choosing an option from the menu displayed. Pressing the *Escape* key will return the user to this *Select and Edit* mode.



#### *Pan*

Click this button to change the visible part of the drawing by clicking and dragging the mouse.



#### *Add point(s) to boundary / PL-line*

Click this button to add points to all types of lines (lines, poly-lines, boundary lines, PL-lines). By adding a point to a line, the existing line is split into two new lines. This provides more freedom when modifying the geometry.



#### *Add single lines(s)*

Click this button to add single lines. When this button is selected, the first left-hand mouse click will add the info bar of the new line and a “rubber band” is displayed when the mouse is moved. The second left-hand mouse click defines the end point (and thus the final position) of the line. It is now possible to either go on clicking start and end points to define lines, or stop adding lines by selecting one of the other tool buttons, or by clicking the right-hand mouse button, or by pressing the *Escape* key.









#### *Add polyline(s)*

Click this button to add poly-lines. When this button is selected, the first left-hand mouse click adds the starting point of the new line and a “rubber band” is displayed when the mouse is moved. A second left-hand mouse click defines the end point (and thus the final position) of the first line in the poly-line and activates the “rubber band” for the second line in the poly-line. Every subsequent left-hand mouse click again defines a new end point of the next line in the poly-line. It is possible to end a poly-line by selecting one of the other tool buttons, or by clicking the right-hand mouse button, or by pressing the *Escape* key. This also stops adding poly-lines altogether.

A different way to end a poly-line is to double-click the left-hand mouse button. Then the poly-line is extended automatically with an ‘end line’. This end line runs horizontally from the position of the double-click to the limit of the geometry in the direction the last line of the poly-line was added. Therefore, if the last line added was defined left to right, the ‘end line’ will stop at the right limit. Note that by finishing adding a poly-line this way, it is possible to start adding the next poly-line straight away.






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	<p><i>Add PL-line(s)</i></p> <p>Click this button to add a piezometric level line (PL-line). Each PL-line must start at the left limit and end at the right limit. Furthermore, each consecutive point must have a strictly increasing X co-ordinate. Therefore, a PL-line must be defined from left to right, starting at the left limit and ending at the right limit. To enforce this, the program will always relocate the first point clicked (left-hand mouse button) to the left limit by moving it horizontally to this limit. If trying to define a point to the left of the previous point, the rubber band icon indicates that this is not possible. Subsequently clicking on the left side of the previous point, the new point will be added at the end of the rubber band icon instead of the position clicked.</p> <p>As with poly-lines, it is also possible to end a PL-line by double-clicking the left-hand mouse button. In this case, the automatically added 'end line' will always end at the right limit.</p> <p>To stop adding PL-lines, select one of the other tool buttons, or click the right-hand mouse button, or press the <i>Escape</i> key.</p>
	<p><i>Zoom in</i></p> <p>Click this button to enlarge the drawing, then click the part of the drawing which is to be at the center of the new image. Repeat if necessary.</p>
	<p><i>Zoom out</i></p> <p>Click this button, then click on the drawing to reduce the drawing size. Repeat if necessary.</p>
	<p><i>Zoom rectangle</i></p> <p>Click this button then click and drag a rectangle over the area to be enlarged. The selected area will be enlarged to fit the window. Repeat if necessary.</p>
	<p><i>Measure the distance between two points</i></p> <p>Click this button, then click the first point on the View Input window and place the cross on the second point. The distance between the two points can be read at the bottom of the View Input window. To turn this option off, click the escape key.</p>
	<p><i>Add calculation vertical</i></p> <p>Click this button to graphically define the position of a vertical.</p>

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*Tools panel:*


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	<p><i>Undo zoom</i></p> <p>Click this button to undo the zoom. If necessary, click several times to retrace each consecutive zoom-in step that was made.</p>
	<p><i>Zoom limits</i></p> <p>Click this button to display the complete drawing.</p>
	<p><i>Same scale for X and Y axis</i></p> <p>Click this button to use the same scale for the horizontal and vertical directions.</p>
	<p><i>Automatic regeneration of geometry on/off</i></p> <p>When selected, the program will automatically try to generate a new valid geometry whenever geometry modifications require this. During generation, (poly)lines (solid blue) are converted to boundaries (solid black), with interjacent layers. New layers receive a default material type. Existing layers keep the materials that were assigned to them. Invalid geometry parts are converted to construction elements.</p> <p>Automatic regeneration may slow down progress during input of complex geometry, because validity will be checked continuously.</p>
	<p><i>Undo</i></p> <p>Click this button to undo the last change(s) made to the geometry.</p>

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**Redo**

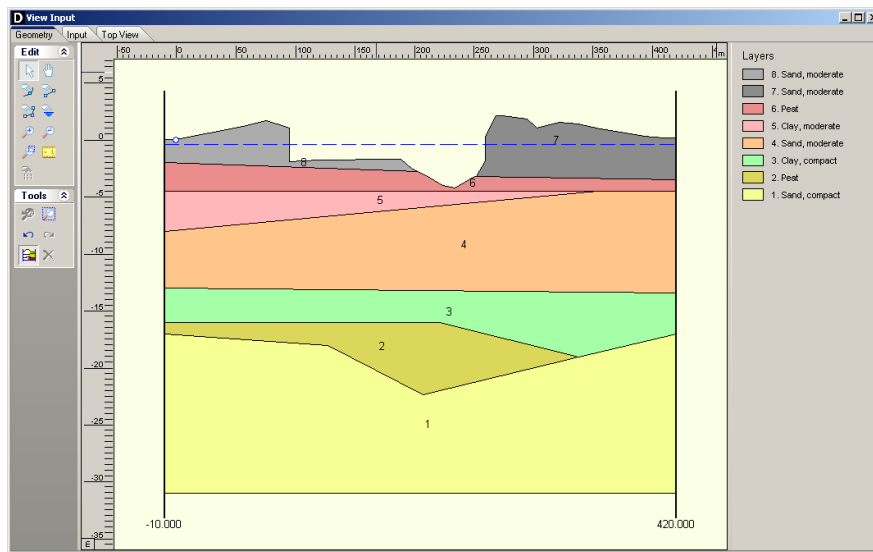
Click this button to redo the previous Undo action.

**Delete**

Click this button to delete a selected element. Note that this button is only available when an element is selected. See [section 7.5.2](#) for more information on how using this button.

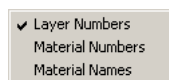
### 7.3.3 Legend

At the right side of the *View Input* window ([Figure 7.2](#)) the legend belonging to the geometry is shown. This legend is present only if the *Legend* check-box in the *View Input* tab of the *Project Properties* window is activated (see [section 4.1.2](#)).



**Figure 7.2:** *View Input* window, *Geometry* tab (legend displayed as *Layer Numbers*)

In the *Geometry* tab of the *View Input* window, it is possible to change the type of legend. When a soil type box in the legend is right clicked, the menu from [Figure 7.3](#) is displayed.

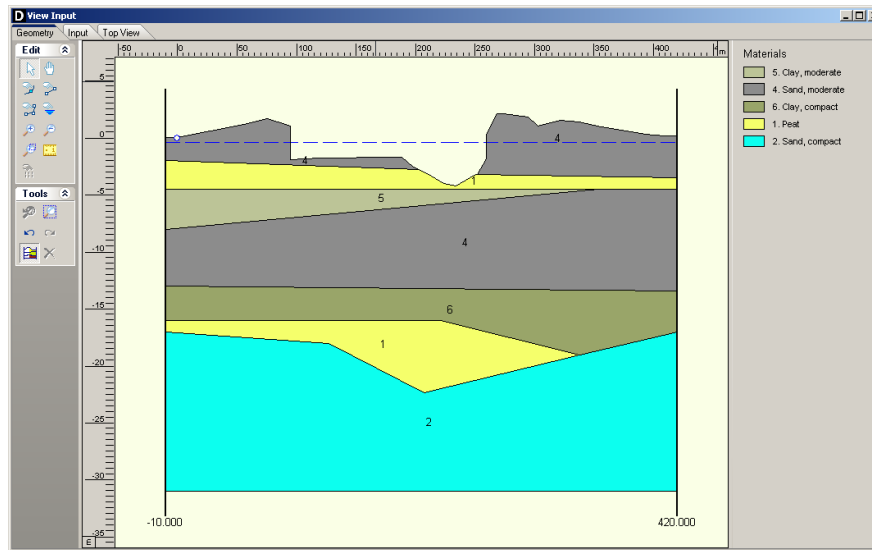


**Figure 7.3:** *Legend*, *Context menu*

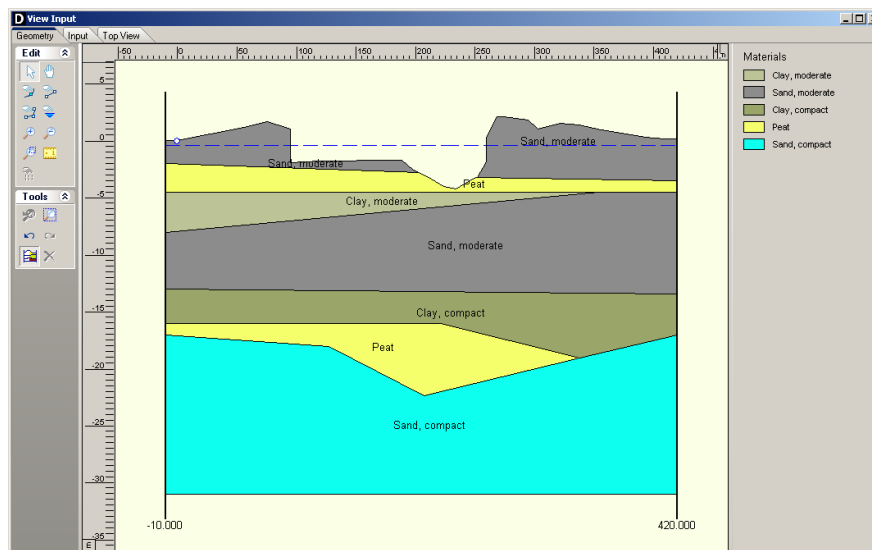
With this menu, there are three ways to display the legend of the layers:

- ◇ As *Layer Numbers*: the legend displays one box for each layer. Each layer (and therefore each box) is displayed in a different standard color. Next to each box, the layer number and the material name are displayed, corresponding to the color and number of the layer in the adjacent *Geometry* window (see [Figure 7.2](#)).
- ◇ As *Material Numbers*: the legend displays one box for each material. Each material (and therefore each box) is displayed in a different color which can be changed by the user (see below). Next to each box, the material number and name are displayed, corresponding to the color and number of the material in the adjacent *Geometry* window (see [Figure 7.4](#)).

- ◇ As *Material Names*: the legend displays one box for each material. Each material (and therefore each box) is displayed in a different color which can be changed by the user (see below). Next to each box, only the material name is displayed, corresponding to the color and name of the material in the adjacent *Geometry* window (see [Figure 7.5](#)).

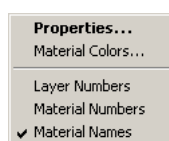


**Figure 7.4:** View Input window, Geometry tab (legend displayed as Material Numbers)



**Figure 7.5:** View Input window, Geometry tab (legend displayed as Material Names)

Unlike the standard colors used to display layers with their layer colors, it is possible to define different colors used when displaying materials. To change the color assigned to a material, right click the material box. The menu from [Figure 7.6](#) is displayed.



**Figure 7.6:** Legend, Context menu (for legend displayed as Materials)

When selecting *Material Colors* the *Color* window appears (Figure 7.7), in which the user can pick a color or even define customized colors himself (by clicking the *Define Custom Colors* button).

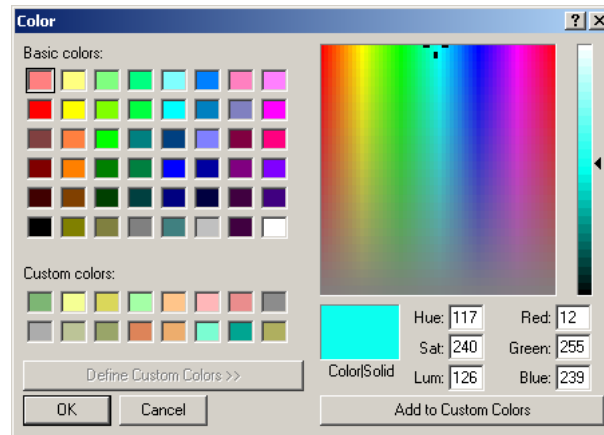


Figure 7.7: Color window

## 7.4 Geometry modeling

### 7.4.1 Create a new geometry

There are two ways to create a new geometry without the wizard:

- ◇ Open the *Geometry* menu and choose *New*.
- ◇ Open the *File* menu and choose *New*. In the *New File* window displayed, select *New Geometry* and click *OK* (see section 4.3.2).

In both cases, the *Geometry* tab of the *View Input* window is displayed (Figure 7.8) with the default limits of the geometry (from 0 to 100 m).

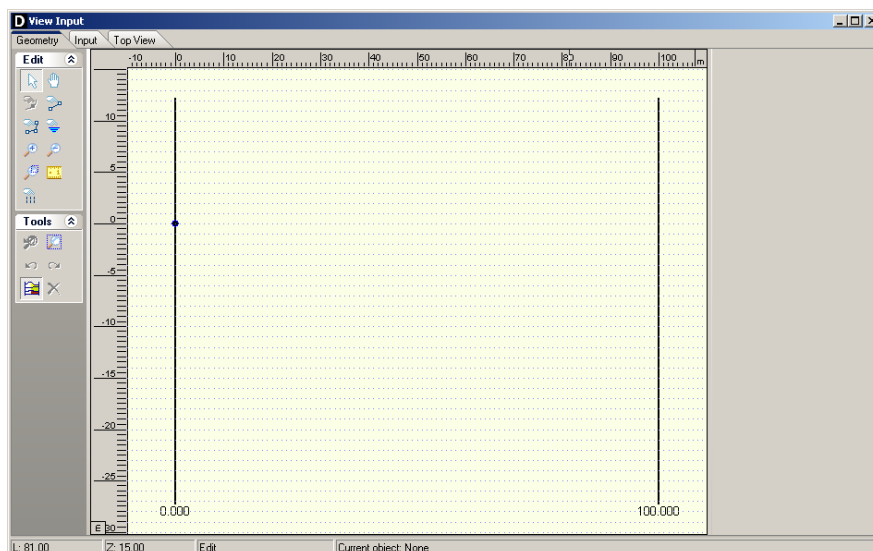


Figure 7.8: View Input window, Geometry tab



### 7.4.2 Set limits

The first thing to do when creating new geometry is to set the model limits. This is possible by selecting and then dragging the limits to their proper place one by one. It is also possible to select a limit and edit its value by clicking the right-hand mouse button after selecting the limit and then choosing the *Properties* option in the pop-up menu. The property window belonging to the selected limit is displayed (Figure 7.9), enabling to define the new X co-ordinate for this limit.

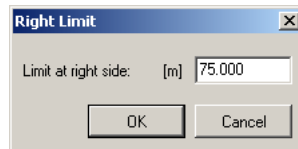


Figure 7.9: Right Limit window

### 7.4.3 Draw layout

It is possible to use the *Add single line(s)*, *Add polyline(s)* and *Add point(s) to boundary / PL-line* buttons to draw the layout of the geometry. See section 7.3.2 for more information's on how using those buttons.

**Add single line(s)**  and **Add polyline(s)** 

Each (poly)line is displayed as a solid blue line, and each point as a small black rectangle (Figure 7.10).

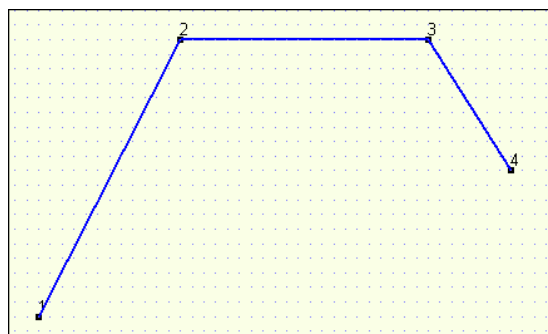
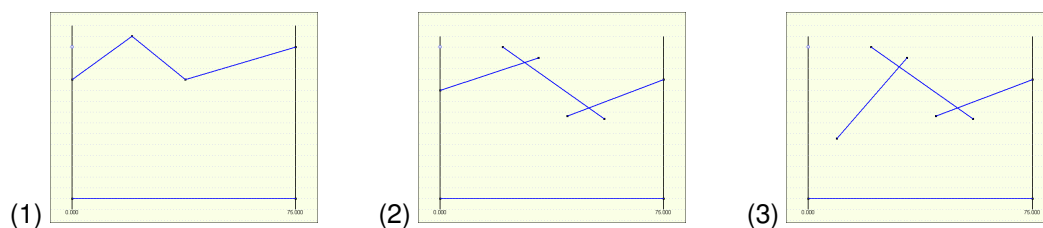


Figure 7.10: Representation of a polyline

The position of the different points of a (poly)line can be modified by dragging the points as explained in section 7.5.4 or by editing the (poly)line. This is done by clicking the right-hand mouse button after selecting the (poly)line and then choosing the *Properties* option in the pop-up menu.

The underlying grid helps the user to add and edit (poly)lines. Use the *Properties* option in the *Project* menu to adjust the grid distance and force the use of the grid by activating *Snap to grid*. When this option is activated, each point is automatically positioned at the nearest grid point.

The specified line pieces must form a continuous line along the full horizontal width of the model. This does not mean that each line piece has to be connected exactly to its predecessor and/or its successor. Intersecting line pieces are also allowed, as shown in the examples of Figure 7.11.



**Figure 7.11:** Examples of configurations of (poly)lines

- ◇ Configuration (1) is allowed. The different lines are connected and run from boundary to boundary
- ◇ Configuration (2) is also allowed. The different are connected. They are defined as being connected because they intersect. The line construction runs from boundary to boundary.
- ◇ Configuration (3) is illegal, as there is no connection with the left boundary.


#### Add point(s) to boundary / PL-line

Use this button to add extra points to lines (lines, polylines, boundary lines, PL-lines). By adding a point to a line, the existing line is split into two new lines. This provides more freedom when modifying the geometry.



**Note:** When the *Add point(s) to boundary/PL-line* button is clicked, each left-hand mouse click adds a new point to the nearest line until one of the other tool buttons is selected, or click the right-hand mouse button, or press the *Escape* key.

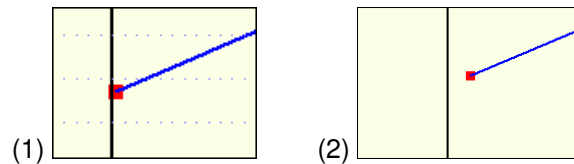
#### 7.4.4 Generate layers

Use the *Automatic regeneration of geometry on/off* button  to start or stop the automatic conversion of construction elements to actual boundaries and layers. Valid (poly)lines are converted to boundaries, which are displayed as black lines. Invalid lines remain blue.

Layers are generated between valid boundaries, and default soil types are assigned.

It is possible to modify the soil type assigned to a layer by first selecting the layer and then clicking the right-hand mouse button and choosing the *Layer Properties* option in the pop-up menu to display the *Layer* window (see [Figure 7.19](#) in [section 7.5.3](#)). Once a material has been assigned to a layer, this material will continue to be associated to that layer in subsequent conversions of construction elements as long as the layer is not affected by those conversions.


The most common cause of invalid (poly)lines is that they are not part of a continuous poly-line running from limit to limit. Sometimes, lines appear to start/end at a limit without actually being on a limit. [Figure 7.12](#) gives an example: on the left geometry (1), the end of the line seems to coincide with the boundary. However, zooming in on the point (geometry (2) on the right) reveals that it is not connected to the boundary. Therefore the geometry is considered invalid.



**Figure 7.12:** Example of invalid point not connected to the left limit

It is possible to correct this by dragging the point to the limit while the specific area is zoomed in or by selecting the point, clicking the right-hand mouse button, choosing the *Properties* option in the pop-up menu (section 7.5.3) and making the X co-ordinate of the point equal to the X co-ordinate of the limit.

#### 7.4.5 Add piezometric level lines

It is possible to use the *Add PL-line(s) to add PL-lines*  button. When adding a PL-line, D-GEO PIPELINE imposes the limitation that the subsequent points of the PL-line have an increasing X co-ordinate. Furthermore the first point of a PL-line is to be set on the left boundary and the last point on the right boundary.

It is possible to change the position of the different points of a PL-line by dragging the points as explained in section 7.5.4 or by editing the PL-line. This is done by selecting the PL-line, clicking the right-hand mouse button and choosing the *Properties* option in the pop-up menu (section 7.5.3).

### 7.5 Graphical manipulation

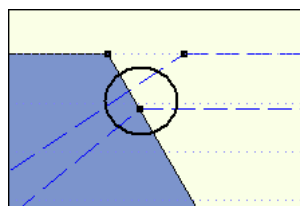
#### 7.5.1 Selection of elements

After selecting a geometry element it is possible to manipulate it. In order to be able select a geometry element, the select mode should be active. Then it is possible to select an element by clicking the left-hand mouse button. To select a layer, click on the layer number, material number or material name, depending on the option chosen in the *Properties* dialog in the *Project* menu. When successfully selected, the element will be displayed highlighted (for example, a point will be displayed as a large red box instead of a small black box).

The following remarks are relevant to selection accuracy and ambiguity.

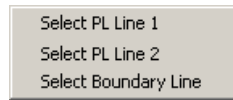
#### Ambiguous selection

A selection of geometrical elements can be ambiguous. Figure 7.13 gives an example: a user may want to select a point, a boundary line, a PL-line. As several elements are in close proximity to each other, D-GEO PIPELINE does not automatically select an element.



**Figure 7.13:** Selection accuracy as area around cursor

In this case D-GEO PIPELINE requires the user to assign the element that is to be selected by displaying a pop-up menu (Figure 7.14) with the available types of elements within the range of the selection click. It is possible to select the element from this menu.




**Figure 7.14:** Selection accuracy as area around cursor

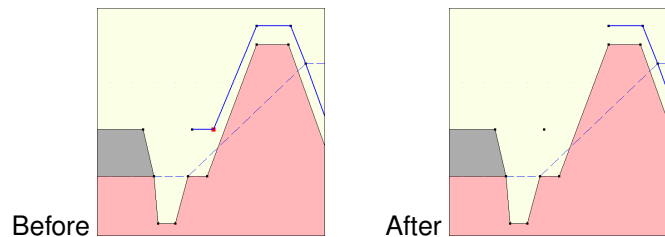
### Clear selection

It is possible to clear a selection by clicking in an area without geometry elements in the direct area.

### 7.5.2 Deletion of elements

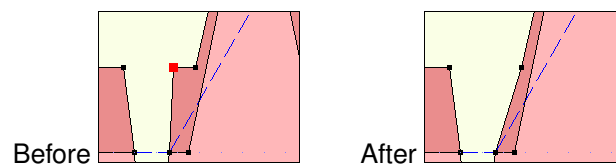
Click the *Delete* button  to delete a selected element. This button is only available when an element is selected.

When a point is selected and deleted, it and all lines connected to it are deleted as shown in Figure 7.15.



**Figure 7.15:** Example of deletion of a point

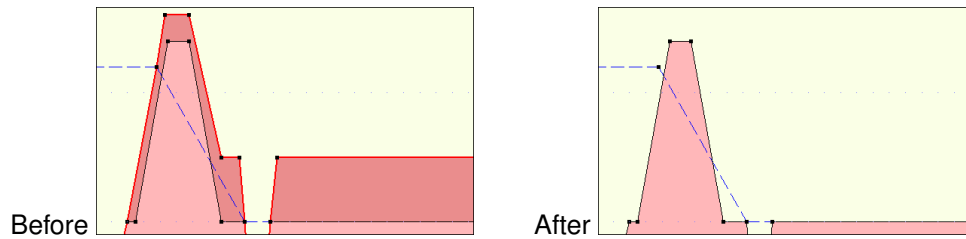
When a geometry point (a point used in a boundary or PL-line) is selected and deleted, the program deletes the point and its connected boundary lines as shown in Figure 7.16. It then inserts a new boundary that reconnects the remaining boundary lines to a new boundary.



**Figure 7.16:** Example of deletion of a geometry point

Deletion of a geometry element (boundary, boundary line, geometry point, PL-line) can result in automatic regeneration of a new valid geometry, if the *Automatic regeneration* option is switched on.

When a line is selected and then deleted, the line and its connecting points are deleted as shown in Figure 7.17. In addition the layer just beneath that boundary is deleted. All other line parts that are not part of other boundaries will be converted to construction lines.

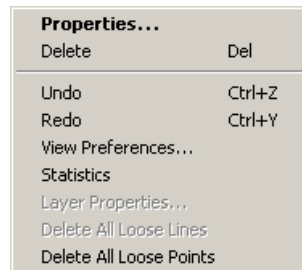


**Figure 7.17:** Example of deletion of a line

### 7.5.3 Using the right-hand mouse button

When using the mouse to make geometrical manipulations, the right mouse button enables full functionality in a pop-up menu, while the left button implies the default choice. The options available in the pop-up menu depend on the selected geometrical element and the active mode.

When the *Select* mode is active and the right-hand mouse button is clicked, the pop-up menu of [Figure 7.18](#) is displayed.

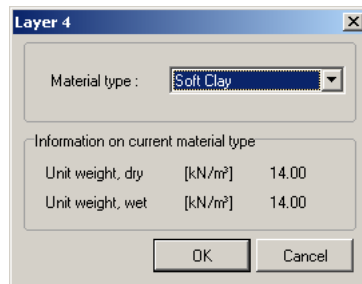


**Figure 7.18:** Pop-up menu for right-hand mouse menu (*Select* mode)

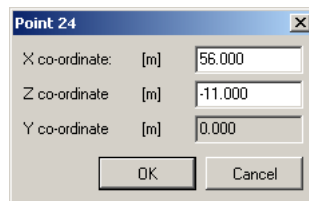
<i>Properties...</i>	When this option is clicked, the property editor for the selected object is displayed. This procedure is performed by first selecting an object by clicking on it with the left-hand mouse button. Then clicking the right-hand mouse button anywhere in the graphic window will display the pop-up menu. It is possible to use the property editor to quickly adapt the values (properties) of the selected object. Each type of element requires its own properties and therefore its own property editor as shown from <a href="#">Figure 7.20</a> to <a href="#">Figure 7.23</a> below.
<i>Delete</i>	This option deletes the element that has been selected (see the comments for the <i>Delete</i> button in <a href="#">section 7.5.2</a> ).
<i>Undo</i>	This option will undo the last change(s) made to the geometry.
<i>Redo</i>	This option will redo the previous <i>Undo</i> action.
<i>View Preferences...</i>	This option opens the <i>Properties</i> dialog in the <i>Project</i> menu as displayed in.
<i>Statistics</i>	It is possible to use this option to view a window displaying all the vital statistics of the input data. Note that in the window construction lines are called free lines.
<i>Layer Properties...</i>	This option is a special feature that edits the material properties of layers. It is possible to click anywhere in a layer and directly choose this option to edit its properties ( <a href="#">Figure 7.19</a> ). Clicking outside the geometry layers will display the menu with the <i>Layer Properties</i> option disabled, as there is no layer for which properties can be displayed.

*Delete All Loose Lines* This option will delete all loose lines. Loose lines are actually construction lines that are not part of the boundaries or PL-lines (therefore, all lines displayed as solid blue lines). With this option, it is possible to quickly erase all the “leftover bits” of loose lines that may remain after converting lines to a geometry.

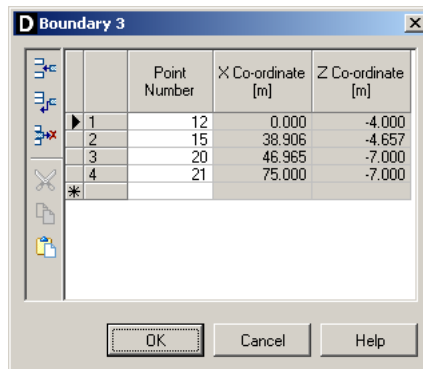
*Delete All Loose Points* This option will delete all loose points.



**Figure 7.19:** Layer window (Property editor of a layer)



**Figure 7.20:** Point window (Property editor of a point)



**Figure 7.21:** Boundary window (Property editor of a polyline)

**Boundary Line 1**

Point 5  
 X co-ordinate [m] 6.362  
 Z co-ordinate [m] -1.053

Point 6  
 X co-ordinate [m] 41.400  
 Z co-ordinate [m] -0.716

Length [m] 35.040  
 Slope [%] 1.0

OK Cancel


**Figure 7.22:** Boundary window (Property editor of a line)

**D PL-Line 3**

	Point Number	X Co-ordinate [m]	Z Co-ordinate [m]
1	42	0.000	-1.826
2	43	75.000	-1.991

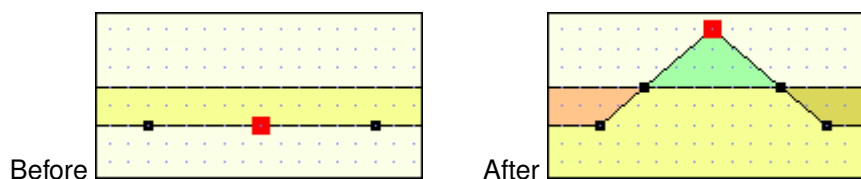
OK Cancel Help

**Figure 7.23:** PL-line window (Property editor of a PL-line)

**Note:** In the *Boundary* and *PL-line* properties windows, only the point's number can be modified, not the X and Z co-ordinates. 

#### 7.5.4 Dragging elements

One way to modify elements is to drag them to other locations. To drag an element, first select it. Once the element has been selected, it is possible to drag it by pressing and holding down the left-hand mouse button while relocating the mouse cursor. Dragging of geometry elements can result in automatic regeneration of geometry, if this option is switched on (section 7.4.4) as shown in the example of Figure 7.24: when the selected point is moved upwards, a new geometry will be created. D-GEO PIPELINE creates new layers according to this new geometry.



**Figure 7.24:** Example of dragging of a point





## 8 Tutorial 1: Calculation and assessment of the drilling fluid pressure

This first exercise considers installation of a steel pipeline by using the horizontal directional drilling technique. The exercise focuses on the calculation of the minimal required drilling fluid pressure which is necessary to perform a horizontal directional drilling and the maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure, which depends on the strength and deformability of the soil through which the drilling is carried out.

The objectives of this tutorial are:

- ◇ To learn how to start up a calculation in D-GEO PIPELINE;
- ◇ To calculate the minimum required drilling fluid pressure;
- ◇ To calculate the maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure;
- ◇ Assessment of the calculated drilling fluid pressures.

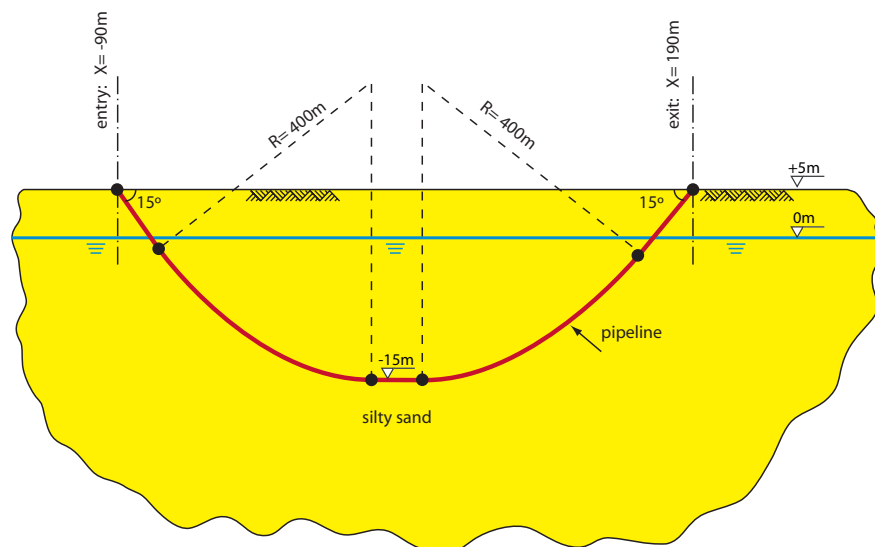
The following module is needed:

- ◇ D-GEO PIPELINE Standard module (HDD)

This tutorial is presented in the file Tutorial-1.dri.

### 8.1 Introduction to the case

The horizontal directional drilling technique is used to install a steel pipeline in a silty sand layer. The pipeline configuration is shown in [Figure 8.1](#). The soil properties are provided in [Table 8.1](#).



**Figure 8.1:** Pipeline configuration for Tutorial 1

**Table 8.1:** Properties of the silty sand layer (Tutorial 1)

Dry unit weight	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	18
Wet unit weight	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	20
Cohesion	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0
Angle of internal friction	[°]	30
Undrained strength top	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0
Undrained strength bottom	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0
E modulus top	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	10000
E modulus bottom	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	15000
Poisson's ratio	[-]	0.35

The pipeline material used in this tutorial is a steel 240 and its properties are given in [Table 8.2](#).

**Table 8.2:** Properties of steel material (Tutorial 1)

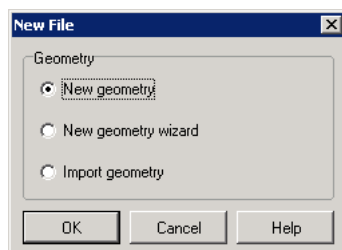
Material quality		Steel 240
Negative wall thickness tolerance	[%]	0
Yield strength	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	240
Partial material factor	[-]	1.1
Partial material factor test pressure	[-]	1
Young's modulus	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	205800
Outer diameter	[mm]	323.9
Wall thickness	[mm]	7
Unit weight pipe material	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	78.50
Design pressure	[Bar]	8
Test pressure	[Bar]	9
Temperature variation	[°C]	5

## 8.2 Project

### 8.2.1 Start

To create a new project, follow the steps described below:

1. Start D-GEO PIPELINE from the Windows task-bar (Start/Programs/Deltares Systems/ D-GEO PIPELINE).
2. Click *File* and choose *New* on the menu bar to start a new project.
3. In the *New File* window, select the option *New geometry* to start ([Figure 8.2](#)).

**Figure 8.2:** New File window

This will result in the empty geometry window shown in [Figure 8.3](#).

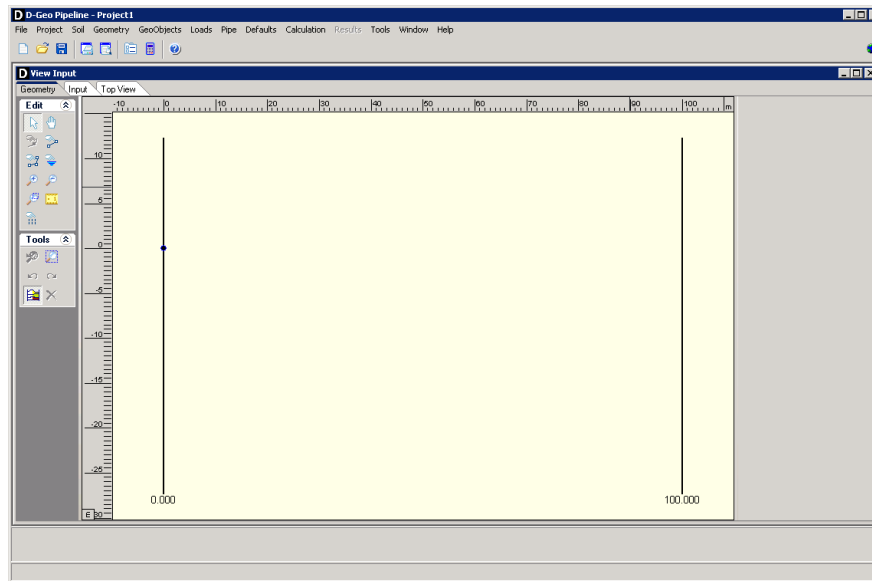


Figure 8.3: View Input window

4. Save the project by clicking *Save As* in the *File* menu and by entering <Tutorial-1> as project name.
5. Click *Save* to close this window.

### 8.2.2 Project Properties

To give the project a meaningful description, follow the steps described below:

6. On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Properties* to open the *Project Properties* window (Figure 8.4).

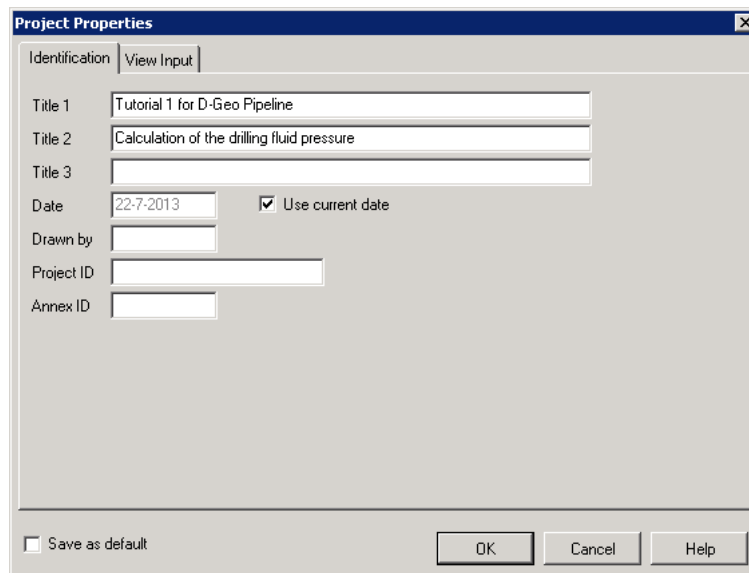


Figure 8.4: Project Properties window, Identification tab

7. Fill in <Tutorial 1 for D-GEO PIPELINE > and <Calculation of the drilling fluid pressure> for *Title 1* and *Title 2* respectively in the *Identification* tab.

In the other tab of the *Project Properties* window, some default values are modified in order to make the graphical geometry more understandable.

8. Select the *View Input* tab (Figure 8.5) to change the settings of the *View Input* window.

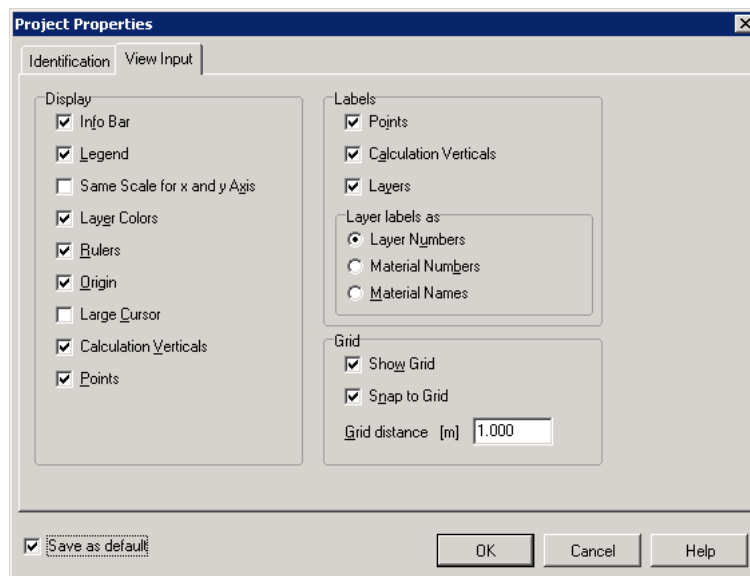


Figure 8.5: Project Properties window, View input tab

9. Mark the *Points* check-box of the *Labels* sub-window in order to display the point's number.
10. Mark the *Snap to grid* check-box in order to ensure that objects align to the grid automatically when they are moved or positioned.
11. Before closing the *Project Properties* window, mark the *Save as default* check-box to use the settings previously inputted every time D-GEO PIPELINE is started, which means for the other tutorials.
12. Click *OK* to confirm.

### 8.2.3 Model

The horizontal directional drilling technique is used in this first tutorial.

13. Select *Model* from the *Project* menu bar to open the *Model* window (Figure 8.6).
14. Check that the *Horizontal directional drilling* model is selected (default model).
15. Click *OK* to confirm.

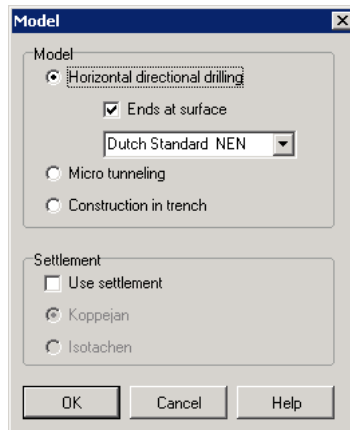


Figure 8.6: Model window

### 8.3 Geometry

Firstly, the geometry of Figure 8.1 needs to be put in D-GEO PIPELINE. In order to do this, the following actions should be performed:

16. First enlarge the dimensions of the geometry window by selecting the left boundary by clicking the left mouse button, then click the right button and select *Properties*. This will result in the coordinate window for the left boundary as shown in Figure 8.7. Enter coordinate  $X$  of  $\langle -100 \text{ m} \rangle$ .

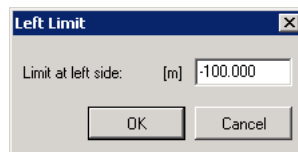





Figure 8.7: Left Limit window

17. Repeat the previous described actions for the right boundary and shift the boundary to coordinate  $X$  of  $\langle 200 \text{ m} \rangle$ . The width in between the left and the right boundary is now 300 m.
18. Choose the drawing option *Zoom limits*  from the *Tools* section so that the drawn geometry appears in the center of the screen.
19. Choose the drawing option from the edit-window *Add single line*  to draw the surface line of the longitudinal cross section of the horizontal directional drilling and position the straight surface line at  $Z = 5 \text{ m}$ . Use the right mouse button to finish the line.
20. Choose the drawing option *Add single line* to draw the lower boundary of the longitudinal cross section of the horizontal directional drilling and position the straight lower boundary line at  $Z = -40 \text{ m}$ .
21. Choose the drawing option from the *Tools* section *Automatic regeneration of geometry* so that the geometry as shown in Figure 8.8 appears. If the *Automatic regeneration* option already is selected, click on the *Edit* icon to regenerate the geometry.
22. Choose the drawing option from the edit-window *Add pl-line(s)*  and position the level of the groundwater at coordinate  $Z = 0 \text{ m}$ . The blue dashed line represents the groundwater line (PL line).

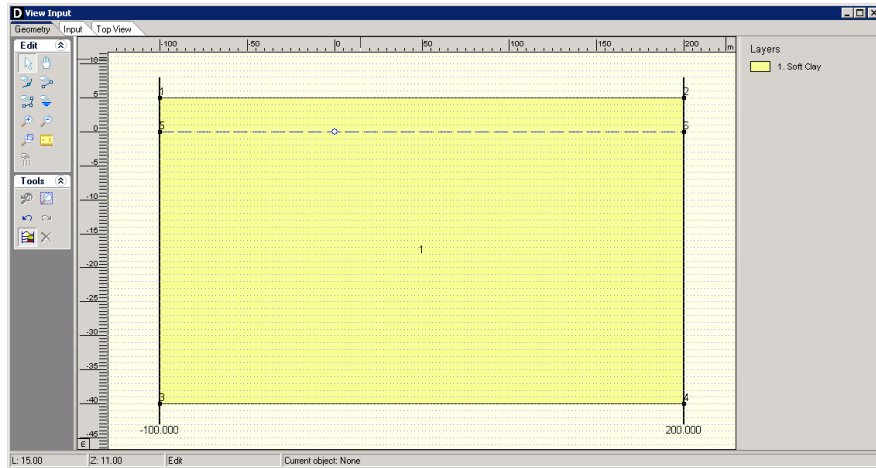


Figure 8.8: View Input window, Geometry tab

### 8.3.1 Soil layer properties

The properties of the soil layers should be specified in the menu materials which can be entered by clicking soil. In this tutorial only one soil layer is considered.

23. Click *Soil* and select *Materials* on the menu bar to open the *Materials* window (Figure 8.9) and enter the soil data.
24. Add a new material by choosing *Add* button below the materials list on the left side of the window with the new <Silty Sand>.
25. Enter the soil data as given in Table 8.1.
26. Finish the input of soil data by clicking *OK*.

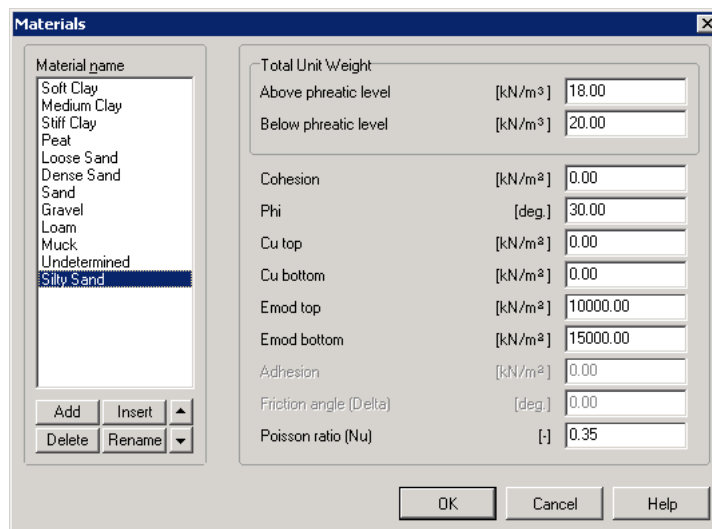


Figure 8.9: Materials window

The defined soil properties and the groundwater level have to be assigned to the drawn geometry of the longitudinal cross section. The assignments can be carried out by clicking geometry and choosing the subsequent described options on the menu bar.

### 8.3.2 Phreatic Line

27. On the *Geometry* menu, select *Phreatic Line* to open *Phreatic Line* window (Figure 8.10) in which the phreatic line for calculation of the groundwater pressures can be selected.
28. Choose PL-line nr. <1> (only one phreatic line is available) and click *OK*.

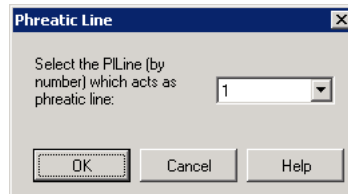


Figure 8.10: Phreatic Line window

### 8.3.3 Layers

29. Click *Geometry* and select *Layers* on the menu bar to assign the soil properties to the soil layers in the longitudinal cross section. To assign a material to a layer, select the *Material* tab.
30. Assign the properties of the defined layer *Silty Sand* to layer number one in the longitudinal cross section. The available soil layers with defined properties are shown in left column of the materials window. The layers in the longitudinal cross section are shown in the right column of the materials window. The defined properties are assigned to layer nr 1 by clicking the arrow in between the columns. This will result in the *Material* tab shown in Figure 8.11.

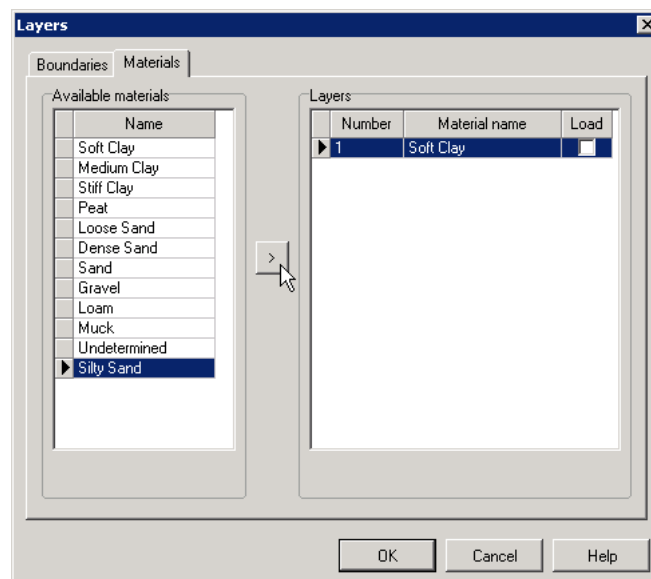


Figure 8.11: Layers window, Materials tab

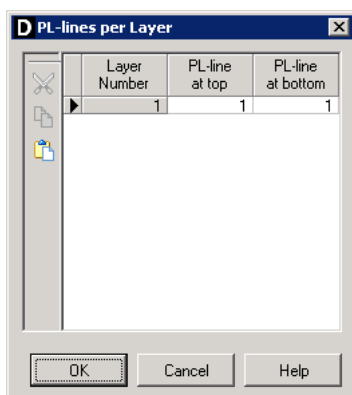
31. Click *OK* to quit the window and return to the geometry window to watch the change of layer name in the legend.

### 8.3.4 PL-Lines per Layers

32. Click *Geometry* and select *PL-lines per Layers* on the menu bar to open the *PL-lines per Layer* window (Figure 8.12) in which the defined PL-lines to the soil layers in the longitudinal cross section can be defined. This window contains the information for the

calculation of the groundwater pressure distribution. In this tutorial only one PL–line is defined. The groundwater pressure at the top of the silty sand layer and the bottom of this layer should be calculated based on the hydraulic head of PL–line 1.

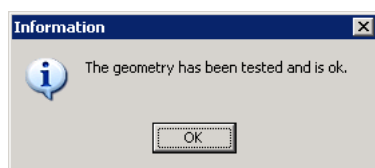
33. Click *OK* to close the window.



**Figure 8.12:** *PL-lines per Layers window*

### 8.3.5 Check Geometry

34. The geometry can be tested by clicking *Geometry* and selecting *Check Geometry* on the D-GEO PIPELINE menu bar. If the geometry is entered properly, the message shown in [Figure 8.13](#) appears.
35. Click *OK* to close the window.



**Figure 8.13:** *Check Geometry window*

## 8.4 Pipeline Configuration

36. Click *Pipe* and select *Pipeline Configuration* on the menu bar to open the *Pipeline configuration* window in which the pipeline configuration can be put in.
37. Enter the values given in [Figure 8.1](#) of the introduction.
38. Select a *Pulling direction product pipe* <From left to right> as indicated in [Figure 8.14](#).



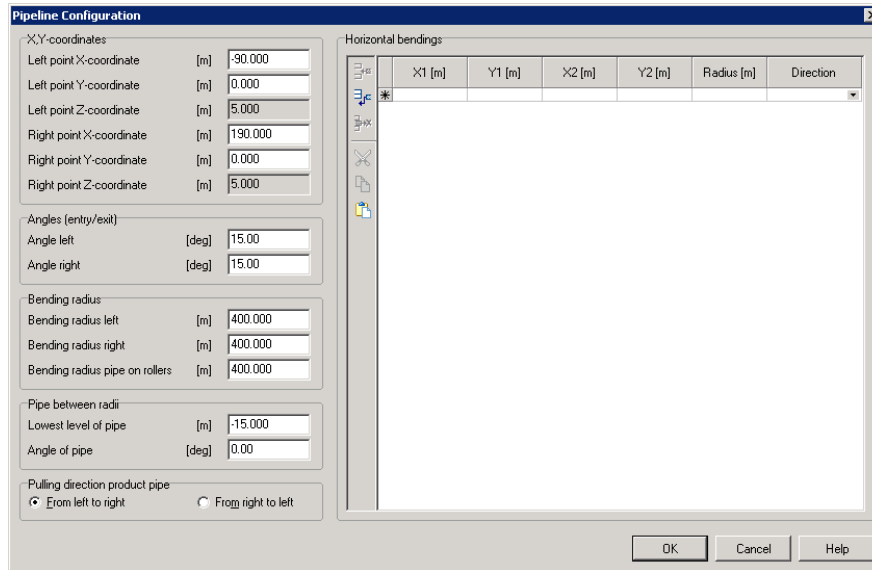


Figure 8.14: Pipeline Configuration window

39. Confirm by clicking *OK*.
40. Watch the entered pipeline configuration on the *Input* tab of the *View Input* window (Figure 8.15).

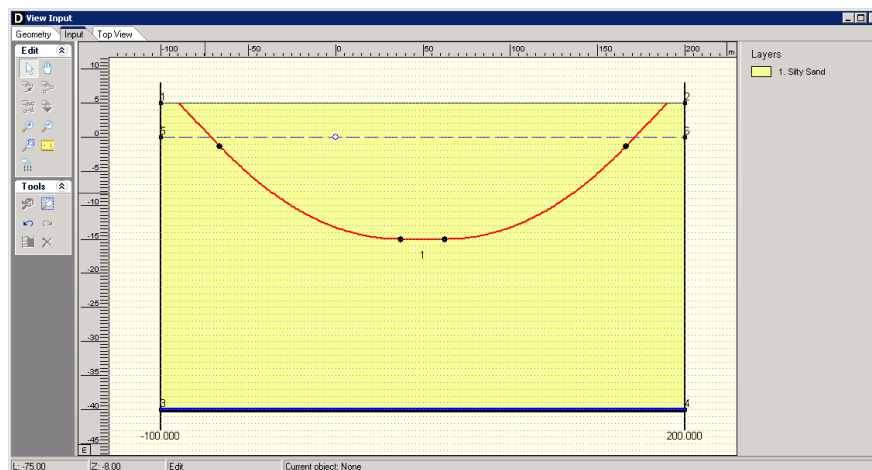


Figure 8.15: View Input window, Input tab

## 8.5 Soil behavior

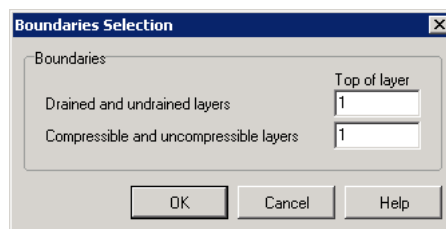
When the borehole is created, the drilling fluid will exert pressure on the borehole wall and the soil next to the borehole. When the pressure rises above a certain value, plastic deformation of the soil will occur, initially adjacent to the borehole. When the pressure is increased further beyond this value, the zone with plastic deformation will increase. If the zone with plastic deformation reaches the surface a blow-out will occur. Besides the growth of the plastic zone due to high drilling fluid pressures, formation of cracks in the borehole wall in granular soils will take place before the plastic zone reaches its maximum expansion. The formation of cracks around the borehole in granular soils is dependent on the strain of the bore hole wall which occurs when the drilling fluid pressure is increasing and the borehole is expanding.

Crack formation and growth of the plastic zone are dependent upon soil characteristics. Soil layers with a very high strength and/or a very high stiffness are suitable for drilling with high

drilling fluid pressures.

Strength of soil layers is dependent on the drained or undrained behavior of soil layers during application the drilling fluid pressure on the bore hole wall. Depending on the permeability of the soil layer, the soil will behave drained or undrained. The coarser granular soils are usually well permeable so that the excess water pressure due to the drilling fluid pressures will dissipate easily. The strength of the soil which exhibits this drained behavior can be calculated using the drained (effective) strength parameters effective cohesion ( $c$ ) and angle of internal friction ( $\varphi$ ). In case of undrained behavior, which usually occurs in very fine grained cohesive soils, the strength of the soil should be calculated using the undrained cohesion ( $c_u$ ).

41. Click *GeoObjects* and select *Boundaries Selection* on the menu bar to select the input window specification of the soil behavior. This will result in the *Boundaries Selection* window shown in [Figure 8.16](#).
42. Choose the boundary between the undrained and drained layer on top of layer nr 1. This choice results in drained behavior of layer nr 1. The other in the boundaries window mentioned boundary in between compressible and incompressible layers can be chosen on top of layer nr 1 (see tutorial 3 for explanation about this compressibility boundary).



**Figure 8.16:** *Boundaries Selection* window

## 8.6 Calculation Verticals

The locations in the longitudinal cross section at which a calculation should be carried out must be specified by the user. The user is able to perform calculations at uniform distances along the longitudinal cross section but is also able to perform more calculations at short distances at areas of interest.

43. Click *GeoObjects* and select *Calculation Verticals* on the menu bar to select the *Calculation Verticals* window for specification of the calculation locations along the longitudinal cross section.
44. Choose the *Automatic generation of L co-ordinates* option on the right side of the window and choose the following values:  $\langle -80 \text{ m} \rangle$  for *First*,  $\langle 180 \text{ m} \rangle$  for *Last* and  $\langle 20 \text{ m} \rangle$  for *Interval*.
45. Click on the *Generate* button and watch the result of automatic vertical generation on the left side of the *Calculation Verticals* window. This will result in the window shown in [Figure 8.17](#).
46. Click *OK* to confirm the selected verticals and switch to the input window to watch the location of the verticals in the longitudinal cross section.

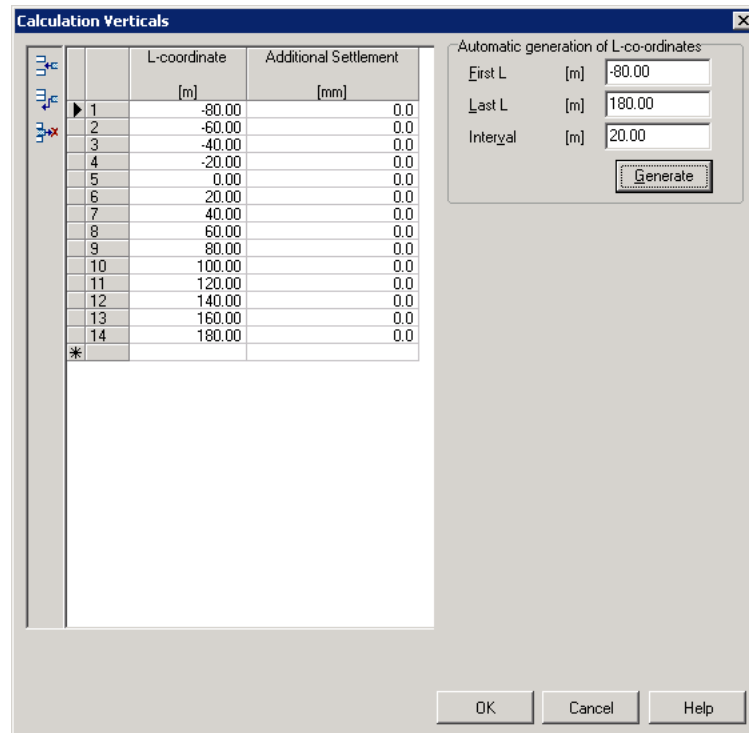


Figure 8.17: Calculation Verticals window

### 8.7 Product Pipe Material Data

The dimensions and the properties of the product pipe which should be installed in the reamed borehole should be specified. Especially the outer diameter is important for the calculation of the drilling fluid pressures during the pull back operation.

47. Click *Pipe* and select *Product Pipe Material Data* on the menu bar to open the *Product Pipe Material Data* window for specification of the dimensions and properties of the product pipe.
48. Click on the button *Add* on the left side of the window to declare a pipeline with the name <Pipe 1>.
49. Enter the values given in [Table 8.2](#) for *Pipe 1* in the fields on the right side of the window as shown in [Figure 8.18](#).
50. Click *OK* to confirm.

Figure 8.18: Product Pipe Material Data window

## 8.8 Drilling Fluid Data

Various types of drilling fluids exist; the drilling fluid has properties to transport the cuttings from the borehole to the surface. The flow behavior, which depends on the drilling fluid properties, is an important characteristic for the development of drilling fluid pressure during the different drilling stages.

Generally, the flow behavior of drilling fluid can be described with the Bingham model. The Bingham model is used in D-GEO PIPELINE and describes the fluid by means of a viscosity term and a threshold term from which flow is initialized. The threshold is called the yield point. D-GEO PIPELINE calculates the required minimum fluid pressure at the calculation verticals.

During all stages of the drilling process, a pipe is present in the borehole, drill pipe or product pipe. The return flow of drilling fluid with cuttings occurs in the annulus between the borehole wall and the pipe. The required fluid pressure to initiate flow depends on the width of the annulus (radius borehole minus radius drill pipe), the properties of the drilling fluid and the required annular fluid flow rate.

The properties of the drilling fluid and the operation parameter values should be specified in D-GEO PIPELINE.

51. Click *Pipe* on the menu bar and select *Drilling Fluid Data* to open the *Drilling Fluid Data* window for specification of properties of the drilling fluid and the operation parameter values.
52. Enter the values given in [Figure 8.19](#).
53. Click *OK* to confirm the input.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Drilling Fluid Data" with three main sections of input fields:

- Drill pipe and bore hole dimensions:**
  - Outer diameter pilot hgle [m]: 0.250
  - Outer diameter pilot pipe [m]: 0.114
  - Outer diameter pre-ream hole [m]: 0.450
  - Outer diameter drillpipe [m]: 0.114
  - Outer diameter borehole [m]: 0.450
  - Outer diameter product pipe (Do) [m]: 0.324
- Characteristics of drilling fluid flow:**
  - Annular back flow rate pilotboring [Liter/minute]: 300.0
  - Annular back flow rate pre-reaming [Liter/minute]: 600.0
  - Annular back flow rate ream and pull-back [Liter/minute]: 400.0
  - Circulation loss factor pilotboring [-]: 0.30
  - Circulation loss factor pre-reaming [-]: 0.20
  - Circulation loss factor ream and pull-back [-]: 0.20
- Properties of drilling fluid:**
  - Unit weight ( $\gamma$ ) [kN/m<sup>3</sup>]: 11.1
  - Yieldpoint ( $\tau$ ) [kN/m<sup>2</sup>]: 0.014
  - Elastic viscosity ( $\mu$ ) [kN.s/m<sup>2</sup>]: 0.000040

At the bottom of the window are three buttons: "OK", "Cancel", and "Help".

Figure 8.19: Drilling Fluid Data window

## 8.9 Factors

D-GEO PIPELINE performs the calculations of the maximum allowable drilling fluid pressures according to the Dutch regulations described in the NEN 3650 and 3651. The safety philosophy described in the NEN 3650-1 Annex B and D (NEN, 2012a) is applied on the calculations.

54. Click *Defaults* on the menu bar and select *Factors* to open the *Factors* window in which the default values of the contingency and safety factors are shown and can be modified. Since the window shown in Figure 8.20 shows all factors according to the Dutch regulations adapting the values is not necessary.
55. Click *OK* to confirm.

Contingency factors	
Total unit weight (NEN)	[ ] 1.10
Cu/cohesion (NEN)	[ ] 1.40
Angle of internal friction (Phi) (NEN)	[ ] 1.10
E-modulus (NEN)	[ ] 1.25
Pulling force (NEN)	[ ] 1.40
Modulus of subgrade reaction (NEN)	[ ] 1.60
Soil load Qn (NEN)	[ ] 1.10
Pressure borehole (NEN)	[ ] 1.10
Bending radius (NEN)	[ ] 1.10
Bending moment (Steel)	[ ] 1.15
Bending moment (PE)	[ ] 1.40

Load factors	
Design pressure	[ ] 1.25
Design pressure (combination)	[ ] 1.15
Test pressure	[ ] 1.10
Installation	[ ] 1.10
Soil load Qn	[ ] 1.50
Temperature	[ ] 1.10
Traffic load	[ ] 1.35

Miscellaneous	
Factor of importance (S)	[ ] 1.00
Allowable deflection of pipe (Steel)	[ % ] 15.00
Piggability (Steel)	[ % ] 5.00
Allowable deflection of pipe (PE)	[ % ] 8.00
Piggability (PE)	[ % ] 5.00
Unit weight water	[ kN/m <sup>3</sup> ] 10.00
Safety factor cover (drained layer)	[ ] 0.50
Safety factor cover (undrained layer)	[ ] 0.50

Figure 8.20: Factors window

## 8.10 Results

The calculation of the drilling fluid pressures during the three stages of installation of the steel pipe using the horizontal directional drilling technique can be started from the D-GEO PIPELINE menu.

56. Click *Calculation* and select *Start* on the menu bar to start the calculation or press the function key F9. D-GEO PIPELINE automatically saves the file during the calculation.
57. Click *Results* and select *Drilling fluid pressure plots* on the menu bar to watch the results of the drilling fluid pressure calculations for the pilot drilling. The window shown in [Figure 8.21](#) will appear. The graph shows the maximum allowable pressures (upper limit related to soil cover and lower limit related to deformation of the borehole) and the minimal required drilling fluid pressure for transportation of the cuttings.

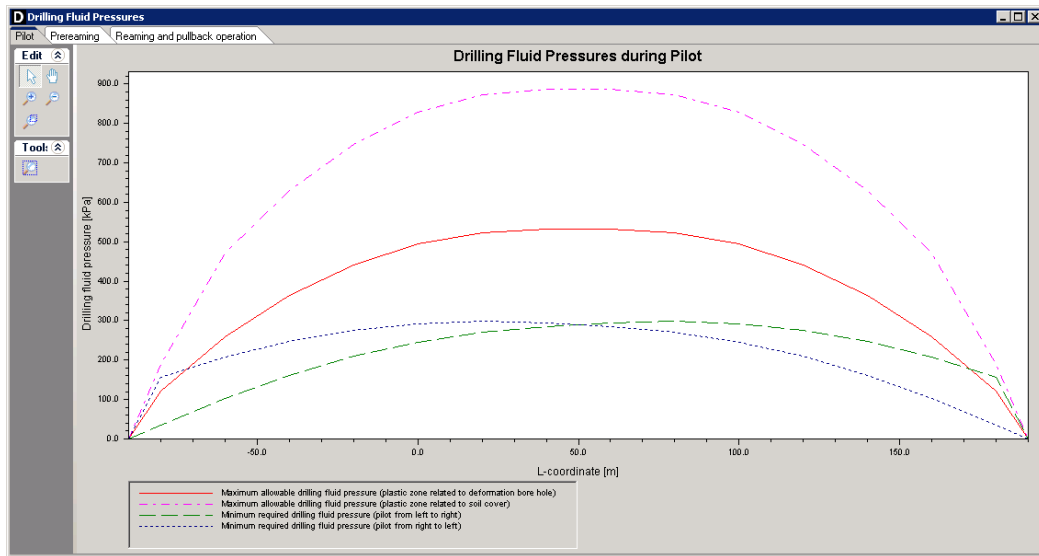


Figure 8.21: Drilling Fluid Pressures window

58. Click on the tabs *Prereaming* and *Reaming and pullback* to watch the results of the other drilling stages.
59. Close the window to return to the main window.

Notice that the minimal required drilling fluid pressure is lower than the maximal allowable drilling fluid pressure in the pilot drilling stage. The risk on a blow out is therefore very small. Of course, due to the decreasing soil cover, the last meters of the pilot drilling the minimal required drilling fluid pressure is higher than the allowable drilling fluid pressure, but in this situation the distance where the minimal required drilling fluid is higher than the maximum allowable pressure is very small.

### 8.11 Conclusion

Various input windows are used to enter the details of a project that is to be modeled and analyzed. Once these details have been put in, they can be used to calculate a range of results, including drilling fluid pressures during the three stages of the HDD technique. One way to view these results is to display them graphically on the screen.





## 9 Tutorial 2: Stress analysis of steel pipes and polyethylene pipes

This second exercise considers installation of a steel pipeline and installation of a polyethylene pipeline by using the technique horizontal directional drilling. The exercise focuses on the stress analysis for the different installation stages, which is required to assess whether installation of the pipeline according the design is executable or not.

The objectives of this tutorial are:

- ◇ To calculate the pulling force on the pipeline during the pull back operation.
- ◇ To calculate the stresses in the pipeline during the different installation stages.
- ◇ Assessment of the calculated stresses in the pipeline.
- ◇ To perform a Special Stress Analysis.
- ◇ To perform a calculation for a polyethylene pipe.

The following module is needed:

- ◇ D-GEO PIPELINE Standard module (HDD)

This tutorial is presented in the files Tutorial-2a.dri, Tutorial-2b.dri and Tutorial-2c.dri.

### 9.1 Introduction to the case

The pipeline configuration and the soil type is the same as those modeled in the first tutorial (Figure 9.1).

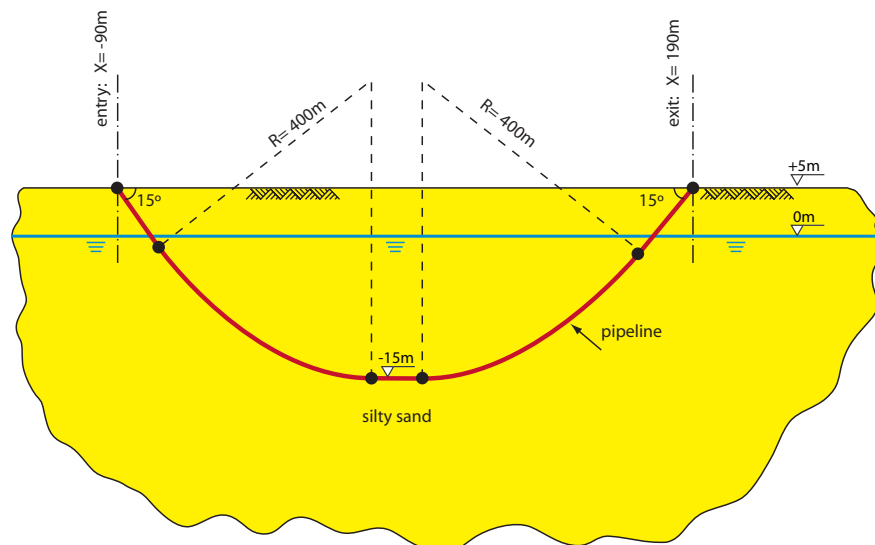


Figure 9.1: Pipeline configuration for Tutorial 2

Different calculations will be performed using two pipe materials:

- ◇ A steel pipe with the properties given in Table 9.1 (Tutorial 2a),
- ◇ The same pipe as Tutorial 2a, but performing a *Special Stress Analysis* (Tutorial 2b).
- ◇ A polyethylene pipe with the properties given in Table 9.1 (Tutorial 2c).

**Table 9.1: Pipe properties (Tutorial 2)**

		<b>Tutorials 2a / 2b</b>	<b>Tutorial 2c</b>
Pipe material		Steel	Polyethylene
Material quality		Steel 355	PE 100
Negative wall thickness tolerance	[%]	0	n.a.
Young's modulus	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	205800	1200
Young's modulus (long term)	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	n.a.	300
Allowable/Yield strength	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	355	10
Allowable strength (long term)	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	n.a.	8
Partial material factor	[-]	1.1	n.a.
Partial material factor test pressure	[-]	1	n.a.
Tensile factor	[-]	n.a.	0.65
Outer Diameter	[mm]	323.9	400
Wall thickness	[mm]	8	36.4
Unit weight pipe material	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	78.5	9.54
Design pressure	[Bar]	8	4
Test pressure	[Bar]	9	5
Temperature variation	[°C]	5	5

In the first tutorial, the assessment whether the proposed drilling line and borehole dimensions according to the design is executable or not was performed. The second tutorial considers the assessment of stresses in the pipeline during the different installation stages and after installation.

In D-GEO PIPELINE it is assumed that the pipeline remains fixed at the specified location and that settlement of the soil layers below the pipeline does not influence the pipeline. Therefore a relative simple pipe stress analysis can be performed.

The first installation stage at which the stresses in the pipeline are considered is the start of the pull back operation. The pipeline with the connected pullback equipment is situated on the rollers. Often the pipeline is not filled with water on the rollers in order to reduce the required pulling force to pull the pipeline over the rollers. Of course when the pipeline enters the borehole filling of a part of the pipeline (percentage of the cross section area) is sometimes useful.

In this stage a pulling force is exerted on the pipe, which results in axial stress in the pipeline. Near the exit point, the rollers are often configured with a certain bending radius (the so-called overbend), so that additional axial stresses occur due to bending. The tangential stresses for the pipeline on the rollers are negligible.

The second stage at which the stresses in the pipeline are considered is the maximum pulling force situation during the pull back operation. At the end of the pull back operation the pulling force usually reaches the maximum pulling force. The pulling force is calculated according to the Dutch regulations described in NEN 3650 and is mainly based on the normal forces of the pipeline perpendicular to the borehole wall. The normal forces are caused by the buoyant weight of the pipeline and soil reaction forces due to the bending moment in the pipeline in the bends of the drilling line. In the second stage both the axial stresses due to pulling and bending are calculated and the tangential stresses due to soil reaction forces are calculated.

The third stage at which the stresses in the pipeline are considered is the long term stage after installation. When the pipeline is installed, a situation without internal pressure and a situation with internal pressure are considered. In this final stage the drilling fluid in the borehole is

assumed to be consolidated, so that the contribution of soil pressure on the pipeline is taken into account for the calculation of the tangential stress.

The stresses in the pipeline are calculated for the different installation stages. According to NEN 3650 an additional calculation is made for application of internal pressure on the pipeline. Therefore in the stress analysis according to NEN 3650, four Load Combinations (LC) are considered:

- ◇ LC 1A: start of the pullback operation
- ◇ LC 1B: end of the pullback operation
- ◇ LC 2: application of internal pressure on the pipeline
- ◇ LC 3: pipeline after installation, without internal pressure
- ◇ LC 4: pipeline after installation, with internal pressure

The calculated stresses are assessed according to NEN 3650 for the steel pipelines and according to NEN 3652 for the polyethylene pipelines.

## 9.2 Project Properties

This tutorial is based on continuation of the file used in Tutorial 1 ([chapter 8](#)).

1. Click *File* and select *Open* on the menu bar to select the *Open* window for the choice of the D-GEO PIPELINE file created at the end of tutorial 1.
2. Select *Tutorial-1* and click the *Open* button to open the file.
3. Click *File* and select *Save as* on the menu bar to select the save file window and rename the file into <Tutorial-2a>.
4. Click the *Save* button to save the file for Tutorial 2a.
5. On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Properties* to open the *Project Properties* window.
6. Fill in <Tutorial 2 for D-GEO PIPELINE > and <Stress analysis of steel and polyethylene pipes> for *Title 1* and *Title 2* respectively in the *Identification* tab.
7. Click *OK*.

## 9.3 Product Pipe Material Data

The dimensions and the properties of the product pipe which should be installed in the reamed borehole should be specified for a pipe stress analysis.

8. Click *Pipe* on the menu bar and select *Product Pipe Material Data* to open the *Product Pipe Material Data* window for specification of the dimensions and properties of the product pipe.
9. For *Pipe 1*, enter the values given in [Figure 9.2](#).
10. Click *OK* to confirm the specified product pipe material data.

Figure 9.2: Product Pipe Material Data window

#### 9.4 Engineering Data

The first step of the pipe stress analysis is the calculation of the pulling force. The magnitude of the pulling force plays an important role in the stress distribution in the pipe during the pull back operation. The pulling force is calculated according the specifications described in NEN 3650.

During the pull back operation the moving pipeline contacts the wall of the borehole and pushes with a certain forces perpendicular to the wall of borehole. These perpendicular forces (normal forces) determine the magnitude of the shear force in axial direction during the pull back operation.

In order to reduce the normal forces on the borehole wall the pipeline is sometimes ballasted during the pull back operation. In the part of the HDD without significant bends, the distribution of the normal forces on the bore hole wall is determined by the effective weight of the pipeline. The effective weight is defined as follows:

$$g_{\text{eff}} = g - g_{\text{uplift}} \quad (9.1)$$

with:

$$g_{\text{uplift}} = \pi \times r_e^2 \times \gamma_{\text{df}} \quad (9.2)$$

where:

- $r_e$  is the outer radius of the pipeline, in m;
- $g_{\text{uplift}}$  is the upward force of the pipeline, in kN/m;
- $g$  is the weight of the ballasted pipeline, in kN/m;
- $\gamma_{\text{df}}$  is the unit weight of the drilling fluid, in kN/m<sup>3</sup>.

Using the above described equation it can be calculated that filling the product pipe for 22 % results in a nearly weightless pipe in the bore hole. Of course it is wise not to fill the product pipe on the rollers so that the pulling force during the first part of the pull back operation can be reduced.

11. Click *Pipe* and select *Engineering Data* on the menu bar to open the *Engineering Data* window.
12. Do not mark the *Pipe filled with water on rollers* check-box and enter the values given in [Figure 9.3](#).
13. Click on the *OK* button to confirm the input of the specified values.

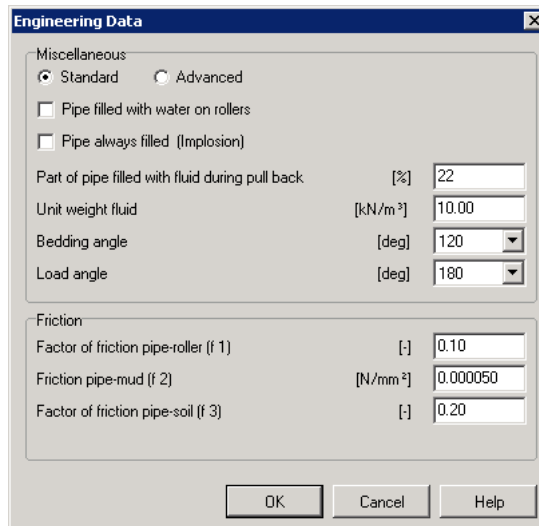


Figure 9.3: Engineering Data window

The bedding ( $\beta$ ) and the load angle ( $\alpha$ ) are shown in [Figure 9.4](#). The values are used in the pipe stress analysis to determine the moment coefficients.

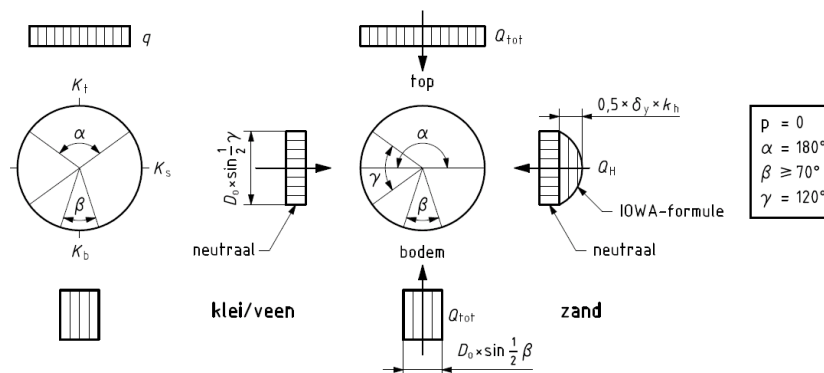


Figure 9.4: Bedding and load angles on the pipeline (according to Figure D.2 of NEN 3650-1)

### 9.5 Factors

D-GEO PIPELINE performs the calculations for the pipe stress analysis according the Dutch regulations described in the NEN 3650 and 3651. The safety philosophy described in Annex B and D of the NEN 3650-1 ([NEN, 2012a](#)) is applied on the calculations.

14. Click *Defaults* on the menu bar and select *Factors* to open the *Factors* window for watching the default values or for alternating these values. Since the window shown in [Figure 9.5](#) shows all factors according the Dutch regulations adapting the values is not necessary.
15. Click *OK* to confirm.

Section	Parameter	Unit	Value
Contingency factors	Total unit weight (NEN)	[-]	1.10
	Cu/cohesion (NEN)	[-]	1.40
	Angle of internal friction (Phi) (NEN)	[-]	1.10
	E-modulus (NEN)	[-]	1.25
	Pulling force (NEN)	[-]	1.40
	Modulus of subgrade reaction (NEN)	[-]	1.60
	Soil load Qn (NEN)	[-]	1.10
	Pressure borehole (NEN)	[-]	1.10
	Bending radius (NEN)	[-]	1.10
	Bending moment (Steel)	[-]	1.15
	Bending moment (PE)	[-]	1.40
Load factors	Design pressure	[-]	1.25
	Design pressure (combination)	[-]	1.15
	Test pressure	[-]	1.10
	Installation	[-]	1.10
	Soil load Qn	[-]	1.50
	Temperature	[-]	1.10
	Traffic load	[-]	1.35
Miscellaneous	Factor of importance (S)	[-]	1.00
	Allowable deflection of pipe (Steel)	[%]	15.00
	Piggability (Steel)	[%]	5.00
	Allowable deflection of pipe (PE)	[%]	8.00
	Piggability (PE)	[%]	5.00
	Unit weight water	[kN/m³]	10.00
	Safety factor cover (drained layer)	[-]	0.50
	Safety factor cover (undrained layer)	[-]	0.50

**Figure 9.5:** Factors window

## 9.6 Calculation and Results (Tutorial-2a)

The results of the pulling force calculation are shown in the D-GEO PIPELINE report which is created automatically after finishing the calculations.

16. To start the calculations click *Calculation* and select *Start* on the menu bar or press the function key F9.

### 9.6.1 Results of the pulling force calculation

17. Click *Results* and select *Report* on the menu bar to look at the results of the pulling force calculation. The results can be found in paragraph 5.3 ([Figure 9.6](#)).

**5.3 Calculation Pulling Force**

During the pullback operation the pipe experiences friction which is based on:

- friction between pipe and pipe-roller ( $f_1 = 0.10$ )
- friction between pipe and drilling fluid ( $f_2 = 0.000050$  [N/mm<sup>2</sup>])
- friction between pipe and soil ( $f_3 = 0.20$ )

Due to the friction a pulling force is induced in the pipeline.  
The pulling direction of the product pipe is from left to right

This calculation takes into account that the length of the pipe on the rollers decreases while pulling back the pipeline. During the pull back operation the bore hole is supposed to be stable.

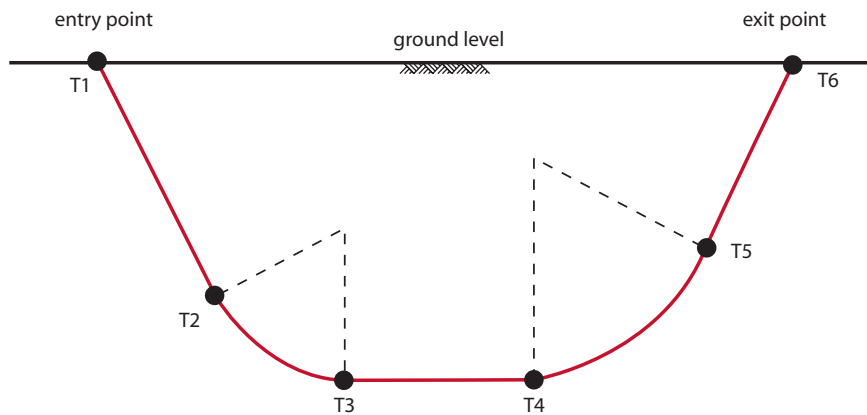
Characteristic points	Length pipe in bore hole (m)	Expected pulling force (kN)
T1	0	18
T2	25	18
T3	129	35
T4	155	35
T5	259	53
T6	284	54

The calculated pulling force is the mean value. It is recommended to use a contingency factor of at least 1.4 for the stress analysis. In the subsequent pipe stress analysis a factor of 1.40 is used and a load factor of 1.10 (steel only).

The maximum representative pulling force is 3434 kN, calculation factor excluded. At this pulling force level the stresses in the pipeline are equal to the yield strength.

**Figure 9.6:** Report window, Calculation pulling force (filling percentage = 22%)

18. In [Figure 9.7](#) the characteristic locations along the drilling line at which the pulling force is calculated are shown. Notice that the maximum pulling force is 54 kN.



**Figure 9.7:** Schematic overview of the characteristic points

19. Switch back and click *Pipe* and select *Engineering Data* on the menu and alter the *Part of pipe filled with fluid during pull back* to <0%>.
20. Start the calculations again by clicking *Calculation* and select *Start* on the menu bar or by pressing the function key F9.
21. Click *Results* and select *Report* on the menu bar to watch the results of the pulling force calculation. Notice that the pulling force has increased to 64 kN ([Figure 9.8](#)).

**5.3 Calculation Pulling Force**

During the pullback operation the pipe experiences friction which is based on:

- friction between pipe and pipe-roller (f1 = 0.10 )
- friction between pipe and drilling fluid (f2 = 0.000050 [N/mm<sup>2</sup>])
- friction between pipe and soil (f3 = 0.20 )

Due to the friction a pulling force is induced in the pipeline.  
The pulling direction of the product pipe is from left to right

This calculation takes into account that the length of the pipe on the rollers decreases while pulling back the pipeline. During the pull back operation the bore hole is supposed to be stable.

Characteristic points	Length pipe in bore hole (m)	Expected pulling force (kN)
T1	0	18
T2	25	19
T3	129	39
T4	155	41
T5	259	62
T6	284	64

The calculated pulling force is the mean value. It is recommended to use a contingency factor of at least 1.4 for the stress analysis. In the subsequent pipe stress analysis a factor of 1.40 is used and a load factor of 1.10 (steel only).

The maximum representative pulling force is 3434 kN, calculation factor excluded. At this pulling force level the stresses in the pipeline are equal to the yield strength.

**Figure 9.8:** Report window, Calculation pulling force (filling percentage = 0%)

**9.6.2 Results of the pipe stress analysis of the steel pipe**

The pipe stress analysis is described in the report. For each load combination the axial and tangential stresses in the product pipe are calculated. The stresses are used to calculate the maximum combined stress in the pipeline.

22. Click *Results* and select *Report* on the menu bar to watch the results of the calculated axial and tangential stresses for each load combination/installation stage in paragraph 6.2 (see [Figure 9.9](#)).

**6.2 Results Stress Analysis of Pipe: Pipe 1**

In the calculation 5 load combinations are considered:

- Load combination 1A: start pull-back operation
- Load combination 1B: end of pull-back operation
- Load combination 2: application internal pressure
- Load combination 3: pipeline in operation, no inner pressure
- Load combination 4: pipeline in operation, pressure applied

The nominal wall thickness is 8.0 mm. The calculation hereafter will prove that the pipeline wall thickness is sufficient. The calculations are in accordance with NEN 3650 and NEN 3651.

**6.2.1 Load Combination 1A: Start Pullback Operation**

Axial stress:

Sigma_b = Mb/Wb = f_k.E.Ib/(Rrol.Wb)	=	96	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]
Sigma_t = f_pull * T1/A	=	3	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]
Maximum axial stress Sigma_a,max	=	99	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]

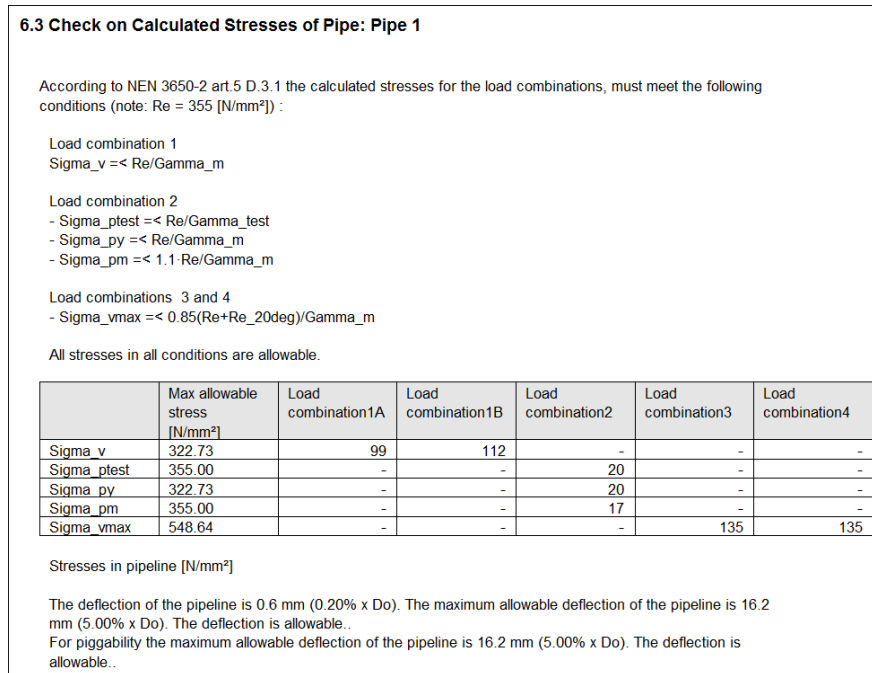
In this load combination the tangential stress is negligible.

**Figure 9.9:** Report window, Results Stress Analysis (Tutorial-2a)

23. Continue looking at the report and scroll down to paragraph 6.3. In the table in paragraph 6.3, the stress assessment is carried out: the calculated stresses are compared with the yield strength of steel according to the specifications described in NEN 3650. Below the stress assessment table, the results of the deflection calculation are given (see



Figure 9.10).



**Figure 9.10:** Report window, Check on calculated stresses (Tutorial-2a)

24. Notice that the calculated stresses for all load combinations are allowable. The deflection is lower than the allowable value.
25. Look at the calculated soil load and the calculated modulus of subgrade reaction on paragraph 4.1.

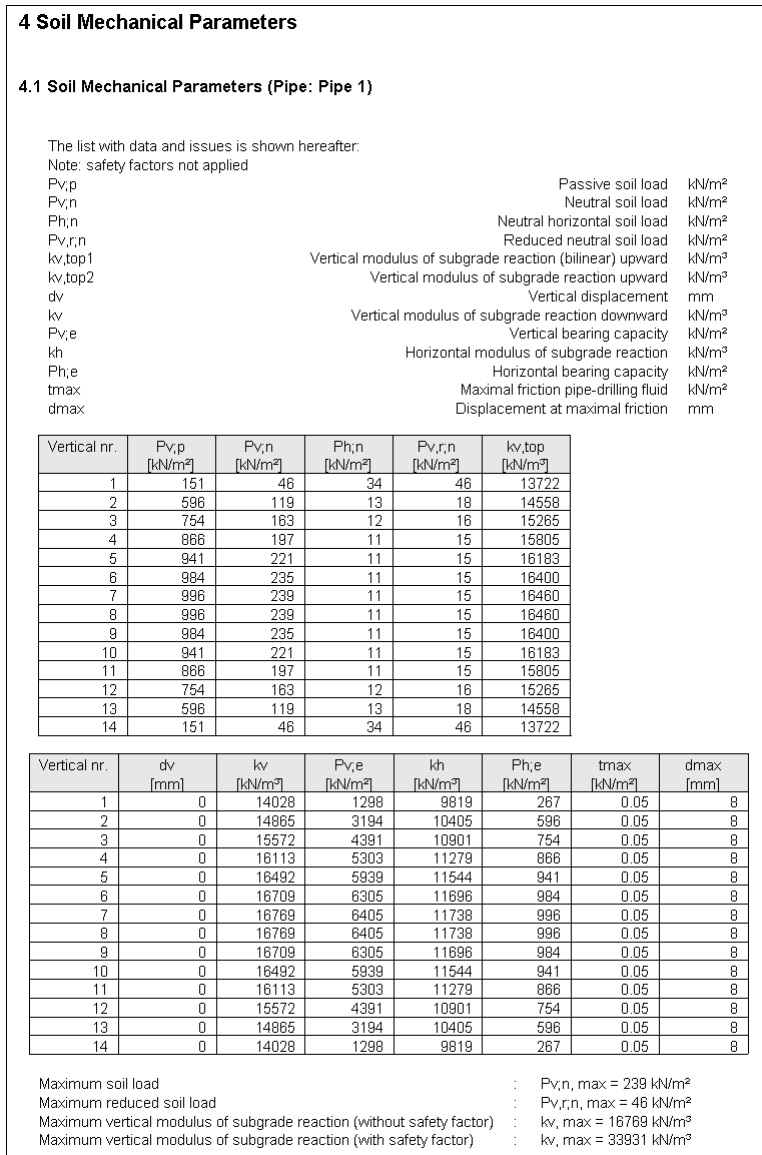


Figure 9.11: Report window, Soil Mechanical Parameters (Tutorial-2a)

**9.7 Special Pipe Stress Analysis (Tutorial-2b)**

The option special stress analysis can be used for a pipe stress analysis in case of additional loads at certain location along the longitudinal cross section. Additional loads can for example be induced by traffic or by constructions.

Assume that vertical 1 is located below a highway which will result in an additional load on the pipeline. The load induced by soil stress is already calculated by D-GEO PIPELINE and is assessed in the report (see section 9.6.2). The additional load at the depth of the pipeline can be determined using load distribution theories.

26. Click *File* and select *Save As* on the menu bar to select the *Save As* window and rename the file into <Tutorial-2b>.
27. Click the *Save* button to save the file for Tutorial-2b.
28. Click *Defaults* and select *Special Stress* on the menu bar to open the *Special Stress Analysis* window and enter the data for the special pipe stress analysis. In this window (Figure 9.12), the soil load enhanced with the traffic load should be specified. The reduced

soil load equals  $<18 \text{ kN/m}^2>$  and the modulus of subgrade reaction is independent of the load and remains  $<17000 \text{ kN/m}^3>$ . The radius is the same as defined in the pipeline configuration  $<400 \text{ m}>$ .

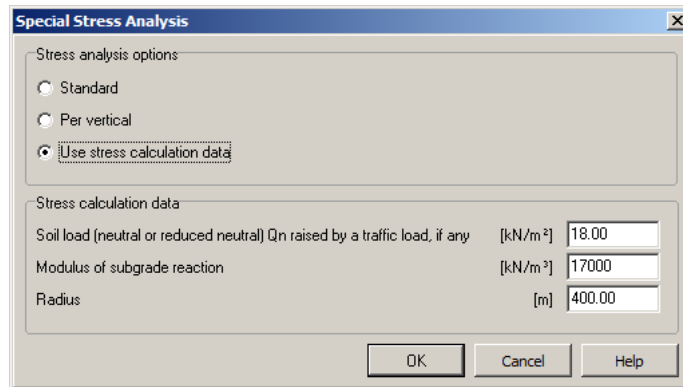


Figure 9.12: Special Stress Analysis window

29. Click *OK* to confirm.
30. Click *Calculation* and select *Special Stress Analysis* on the menu bar to start the calculation.
31. Click *Results* and select *Report* on the menu bar to look at the results on paragraph 4.3 (see Figure 9.13). Notice the difference with Figure 9.10 for Tutorial-2a.

**4.3 Check on Calculated Stresses of Pipe: Pipe 1**

According to NEN 3650-2 art.5 D.3.1 the calculated stresses for the load combinations, must meet the following conditions (note:  $Re = 355 \text{ [N/mm}^2\text{]}$ ):

Load combination 1  
 $\text{Sigma}_v \leq Re/\text{Gamma}_m$

Load combination 2  
 -  $\text{Sigma}_{p\text{test}} \leq Re/\text{Gamma}_{\text{test}}$   
 -  $\text{Sigma}_{py} \leq Re/\text{Gamma}_m$   
 -  $\text{Sigma}_{pm} \leq 1.1 \cdot Re/\text{Gamma}_m$

Load combinations 3 and 4  
 -  $\text{Sigma}_{v\text{max}} \leq 0.85(Re+Re_{20\text{deg}})/\text{Gamma}_m$

All stresses in all conditions are allowable.

	Max allowable stress [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	Load combination1A	Load combination1B	Load combination2	Load combination3	Load combination4
Sigma v	322.73	99	110	-	-	-
Sigma ptest	355.00	-	-	20	-	-
Sigma py	322.73	-	-	20	-	-
Sigma pm	355.00	-	-	17	-	-
Sigma vmax	548.64	-	-	-	111	112

Stresses in pipeline [N/mm<sup>2</sup>]

The deflection of the pipeline is 0.3 mm (0.09% x Do). The maximum allowable deflection of the pipeline is 16.2 mm (5.00% x Do). The deflection is allowable.  
 For piggability the maximum allowable deflection of the pipeline is 16.2 mm (5.00% x Do). The deflection is allowable..

Figure 9.13: Report window, Check on calculated stresses (Tutorial-2b)

### 9.8 Polyethylene Product Pipe (Tutorial-2c)

Besides a pipe stress analysis on steel pipes a pipe stress analysis on PE-pipes can be carried out using D-GEO PIPELINE.

32. Click *File* and select *Save As* on the menu bar to select the *Save As* window and rename the file into  $<\text{Tutorial-2c}>$ .

33. Click the *Save* button to save the file for Tutorial-2c.
34. Click *Pipe* and select *Product Pipe Material Data* on the menu bar to open the *Product Pipe Material Data* window for specification of the dimensions and properties of the product pipe.
35. Select *Polyethylene* as *Pipe material* for Pipe 1.
36. Enter the values given in [Table 9.1](#).
37. Click *OK* to confirm.

Parameter	Value
Material quality (P)	PE100
Young's modulus (short) [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	1200.00
Young's modulus (long) [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	300.00
Allowable strength (short) [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	10.00
Allowable strength (long) [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	8.00
Tensile factor [-]	0.65
Outer diameter product pipe (Do) [mm]	400.00
Wall thickness [mm]	36.40
Unit weight pipe material [kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	9.54
Design pressure [Bar]	4.00
Test pressure [Bar]	5.00
Temperature Variation [Deg C]	5.00

**Figure 9.14:** Product Pipe Material Data window (Tutorial-2c)

38. To start the calculations, click *Calculation* and select *Start* on the menu bar or press the function key F9.
39. Click *Results* and select *Report* on the menu bar to look at the results of the calculated axial and tangential stresses for each load combination/installation stage in paragraph 6.2.
40. Continue looking at the report and scroll down to paragraph 6.3. In the table ([Figure 9.15](#)), the stress assessment is carried out: the calculated stresses are compared with allowable stresses according to the specifications described in the NEN 3650 series.

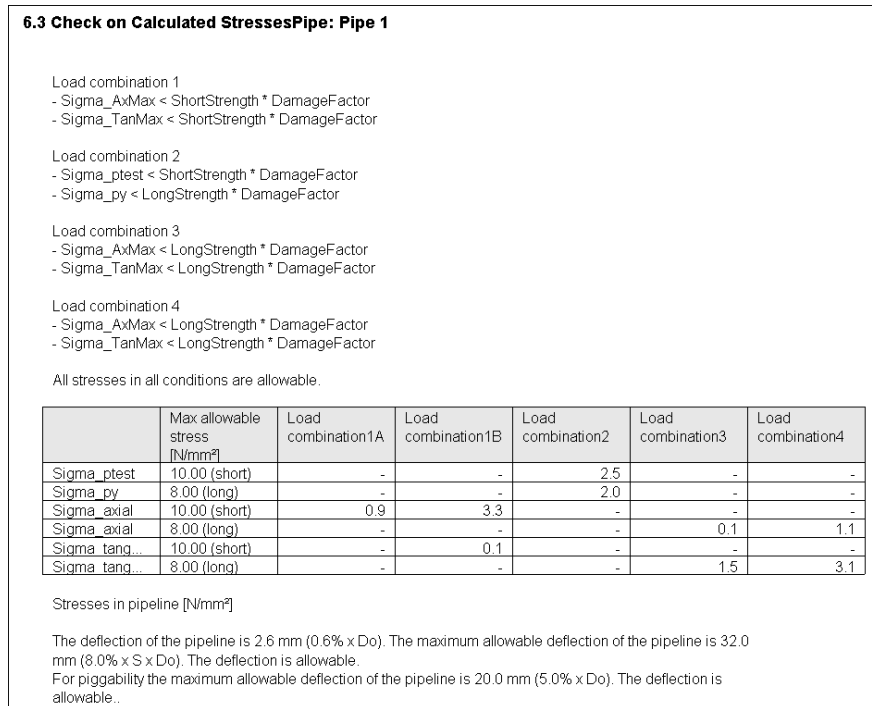


Figure 9.15: Report window, Check on calculated stresses (Tutorial-2c)

41. Below the assessment table in paragraph 6.3, a check on short term and long term implosion is described (see paragraph 6.4 in Figure 9.16). Notice that the short term implosion check is based on the drilling fluid pressure during the pull back operation. The long term implosion check is based on the water pressure at the level of the pipeline.

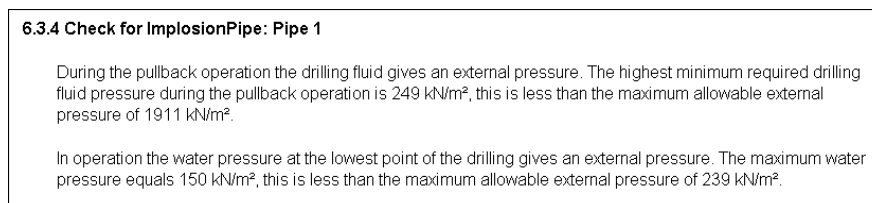


Figure 9.16: Report window, Check for Implosion (Tutorial-2c)

## 9.9 Conclusion

This second tutorial analyzes the strength calculations during different stages of the HDD technique for steel and polyethylene pipes. In both cases, the report shows that all stresses for the different stages are allowable.



## 10 Tutorial 3: Influence of soil behavior on drilling fluid pressures and soil load on the pipe

This third exercise considers installation of a polyethylene pipeline by using the technique horizontal directional drilling. The exercise focuses on the soil behavior and elucidates the effect of drained and undrained soil layers on the calculation of the drilling fluid pressures and elucidates the effect of compressible and incompressible layers on the calculation of the soil load on the pipeline.

The objectives of this tutorial are:

- ◇ To calculate the drilling fluid pressures for a layered soil sequence;
- ◇ To calculate the soil load for a layered soil sequence;
- ◇ Schematization of a layered soil sequence with artesian groundwater.

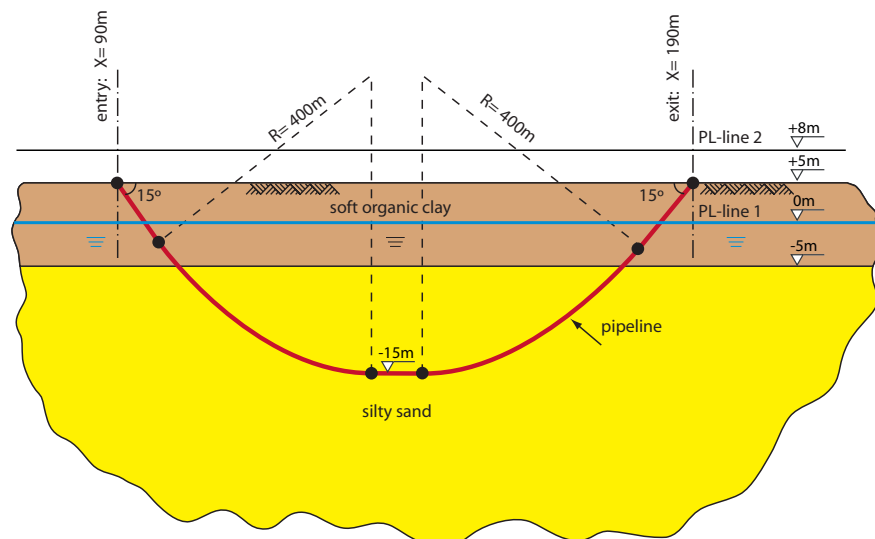
The following module is needed:

- ◇ D-GEO PIPELINE Standard module (HDD)

This tutorial is presented in the file Tutorial-3.dri.

### 10.1 Introduction to the case

This tutorial is based on continuation of the file used in Tutorial-2c ([chapter 9](#)). The steel pipe is the same but the layered soil sequence is different as shown in [Figure 10.1](#). The properties of the two layers are given in [Table 10.1](#).



**Figure 10.1:** Pipeline configuration for Tutorial 3

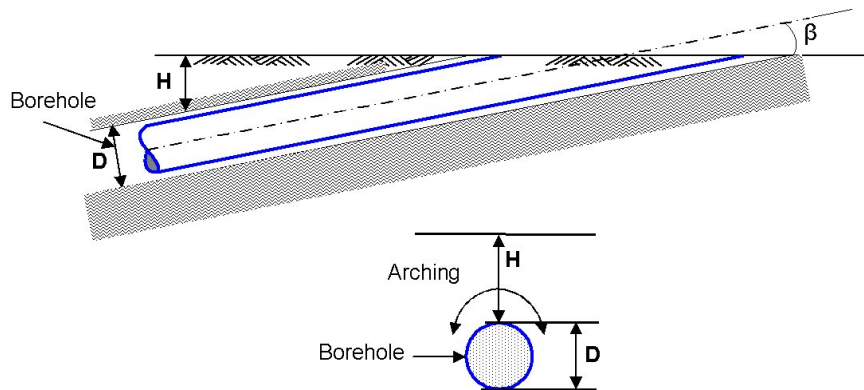
**Table 10.1:** Layer properties (Tutorial 3)

		Coarse sand	Soft organic clay
Dry unit weight	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	18	13
Wet unit weight	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	20	13
Cohesion	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	2
Angle of internal friction	[°]	35	18
Undrained strength top	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	10
Undrained strength bottom	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	30
E modulus top	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	15000	500
E modulus bottom	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	25000	1000
Poisson's ratio	[-]	0.35	0.45

During drilling a borehole is protected from collapsing by filling it with drilling fluid. However, arching in the surrounding soil contributes to the stability of the borehole. As a result, arching also reduces the total amount of soil load acting on the installed pipe.

For an ideal granular stratum, Terzaghi's derivation has up until now been considered to be appropriate for the situation where arching occurs and is accordingly incorporated in Dutch pipeline standard NEN 3650 series. However, for cohesive soil layers consolidation may occur over a period of time and this will result in a reduction of the arching effect, thereby increasing the vertical load on the installed pipe. The latter process is added to the Dutch pipeline standard.

For the development of arching a certain depth diameter ratio is required (Figure 10.2). At shallow depths near the exit and entry point, the soil cover is not sufficient for turning off the soil load above the borehole to the soil layers next to the borehole.

**Figure 10.2:** Arching around the borehole

During the pilot drilling the highest drilling fluid pressures occur. The risk on a blow out to the surface or the formation of cracks around the borehole often exists. This risk is related to the strength of the soil layers around the borehole. The strength of soil layers is dependent on the drained or undrained behavior of soil layers during application the drilling fluid pressure on the bore hole wall. Depending on the permeability of the soil layer, the soil will behave drained or undrained. The coarser granular soils are usually well permeable so that the excess water pressure due to the drilling fluid pressures will dissipate easily. The strength of the soil which exhibits this drained behavior can be calculated using the drained (effective) strength



parameters. In case of undrained behavior, which usually occurs in very fine grained cohesive soils, the strength of the soil should be calculated using the undrained strength parameters.

1. Click *File* and select *Open* on the menu bar to open the *Open* window.
2. Select *Tutorial-2c* and click the *Open* button to open the file.
3. Click *File* and select *Save as* on the menu bar to open the *Save As* window and rename the file into <Tutorial-3>.
4. Click the *Save* button to save the file for Tutorial 3.
5. On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Properties* to open the *Project Properties* window.
6. Fill in <Tutorial 3 for D-GEO PIPELINE > and <Influence of soil behavior> for *Title 1* and *Title 2* respectively in the *Identification* tab.
7. Click *OK*.

## 10.2 Geometry of the longitudinal cross section

This tutorial considers a layered soil sequence. The typical Dutch soil sequence of a soft organic clay layer on top of a coarse sand layer will be considered. The organic clay layer is compressible and exhibits a low permeability, while the sand layer is assumed incompressible and exhibits a high permeability. The new soil layers should be specified in the geometry window.

8. In the *View Input* window, switch to the *Geometry* tab to edit the existing soil layer sequence
9. Click the *Add single line* icon from the *Edit* sub-window to draw an additional top line of a soil and position the straight line at  $Z = -5$  m.
10. Click the *Automatic regeneration of geometry on/off* icon to regenerate the geometry.
11. Click the *Add pl-line(s)* icon from the *Edit* sub-window and position the level of the artesian groundwater at coordinate  $Z = 8$  m. The blue dashed line, which appears in the longitudinal cross section, represents the second groundwater line (PL line). The second groundwater line is used to specify the water pressure distribution in the sand aquifer.

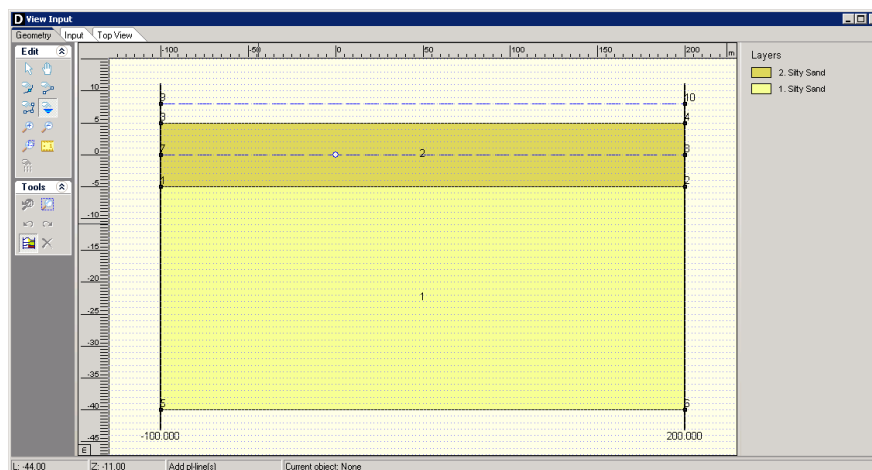




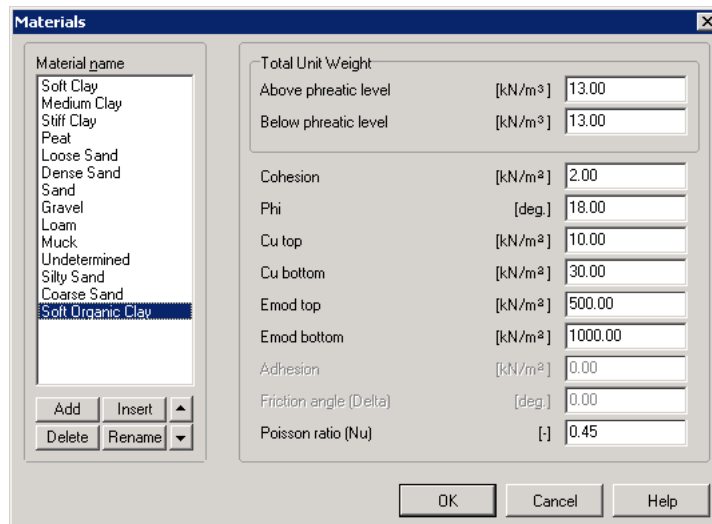
Figure 10.3: View Input window, Geometry tab

## 10.3 Soil layer properties

The properties of the soil layers in the layered soil sequence should now be specified.

12. Click *Soil* and select *Materials* on the menu bar to enter the soil data.

13. Add a new material by choosing the *Add* button  below the materials list on the left side of the window. Enter the soil material <Coarse Sand>.
14. Enter the soil data as given in [Table 10.1](#).
15. Add a new material by choosing the *Add* button  below the materials list on the left side of the window. Enter the soil material <Soft Organic Clay>.
16. Enter the soil data given in [Table 10.1](#).
17. Finish the input of soil data by clicking *OK*.

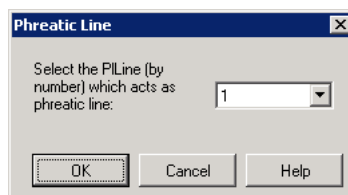


**Figure 10.4:** Materials window

#### 10.4 Finishing the geometry of the longitudinal cross section

The defined soil properties and the groundwater levels have to be assigned to the drawn geometry of the longitudinal cross section. The assignments can be carried out in the *Geometry* menu.

18. Click *Geometry* and select *Phreatic Line* on the menu bar to open the *Phreatic Line* window ([Figure 10.5](#)) and select PL-line <1> as phreatic line for calculation of the groundwater pressures.
19. Click *OK*.



**Figure 10.5:** Phreatic Line window

20. Click *Geometry* and select *Layers* on the menu bar to open the *Layers* window. Select the *Materials* tab ([Figure 10.6](#)) to assign the soil properties to the soil layers in the longitudinal cross section.

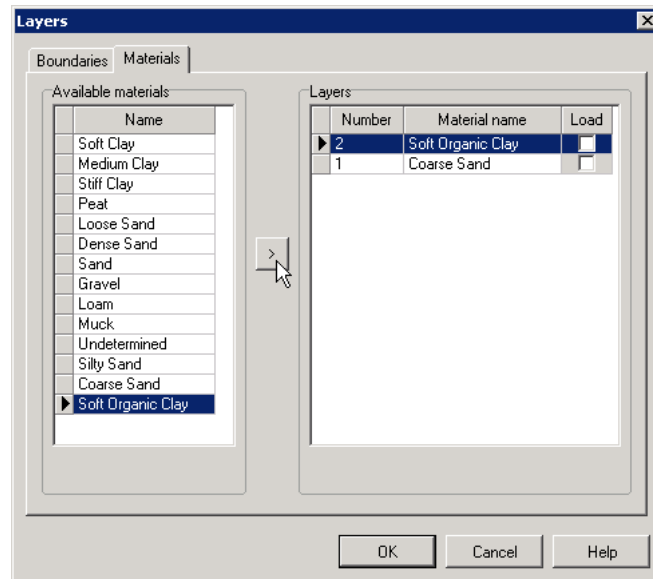




Figure 10.6: Layers window, Materials tab

21. Assign the properties of the defined layer *Coarse Sand* to layer *Number 1* in the longitudinal cross section. The available soil layers with defined properties are shown in left column of the materials window. The layers in the longitudinal cross section are shown in the right column of the materials window. The defined properties are assigned to layer *Number 1* by clicking the *Assign* icon  in between the left and the right columns.
22. Assign the properties of the defined layer *Soft Organic Clay* to layer number 2 in the longitudinal cross section. The defined properties of *Soft Organic Clay* are assigned to layer *Number 2* by clicking the *Assign* icon  in between the left and the right column.
23. Click on the *OK* button to quit the window and return to the *Geometry* tab of the *View Input* window to look at the change of layers name in the legend (Figure 10.7).

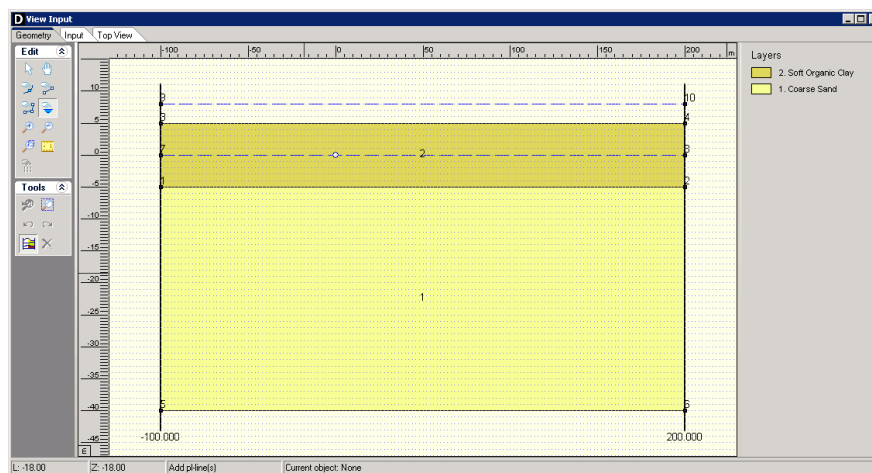
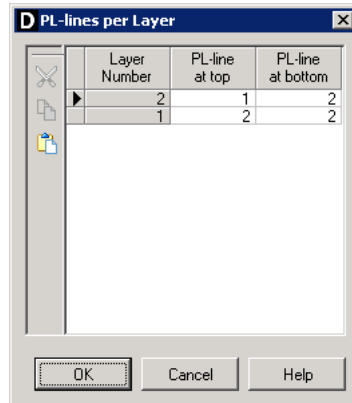


Figure 10.7: View Input window, Geometry tab

24. Click *Geometry* and select *PL-lines per Layers* on the menu bar to open the *PL-lines per Layers* window to assign the defined PL–lines to the soil layers in the longitudinal cross section. Those information’s are used for the calculation of the groundwater pressure distribution.
25. The groundwater pressure at the top of the *Soft Organic Clay* layer should be calculated based on the hydraulic head of PL–line 1, the phreatic line (Figure 10.1). Since the *Coarse*

*Sand* layer is an aquifer with an enhanced artesian groundwater pressure, the groundwater pressure at the bottom of the clay layer should be calculated based on the hydraulic head of PL-line 2. Of course the water pressure at the top and at the bottom of the coarse sand layer should be calculated based on the hydraulic head of PL-line 2. This will result in the *PL-lines per layer* window shown in [Figure 10.8](#).



**Figure 10.8:** *PL-lines per Layer* window

26. Click *OK* to confirm.
27. The geometry can be tested by clicking *Geometry* on the menu bar and selecting *Check Geometry*. If the geometry is entered properly, the message *Geometry has been tested and is OK* appears.
28. Click *OK* to close this window.

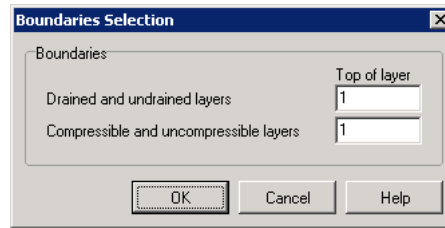
## 10.5 Soil behavior

Strength of soil layers is dependent on the drained or undrained behavior of soil layers during application the drilling fluid pressure. Depending on the permeability of the soil layer, the soil will behave drained or undrained. The *Coarse Sand* layer is well permeable so that the excess water pressure due to the drilling fluid pressures will dissipate easily. The strength of this soil layer can be calculated using the drained (effective) strength parameters effective cohesion ( $c$ ) and angle of internal friction ( $\varphi$ ). In case of undrained behavior in the impermeable *Soft Organic Clay* layer, the strength of the soil can be calculated using the undrained strength parameter undrained cohesion ( $c_u$ ).

The soil load on the pipeline after finishing the installation is dependent on the soil pipeline interaction, which is in turn largely dependent on the soil behavior. In D-GEO PIPELINE it is assumed that the pipeline remains fixed at the specified location and that there's no settlement of the soil layers below the pipeline. This assumption allows D-GEO PIPELINE to perform a relative simple pipe stress analysis based on a reduced soil load due to arching. As described in [section 10.2](#), arching develops completely in incompressible soil layers, while in compressible layers the reduced soil load on the pipeline is higher due to compression of the soil next to the pipeline.

29. Click *GeoObjects* and select *Boundaries Selection* on the menu bar to open the *Boundaries Selection* window for specification of the soil behavior.
30. Choose the boundary between the undrained and drained layer on top of layer number <1> ([Figure 10.9](#)). This choice results in drained behavior of layer number 1.
31. Choose the boundary between the compressible and incompressible layer on top of layer number <1>. This choice results in full development of arching in layer number 1 while in layer number 2 arching is not fully developed.

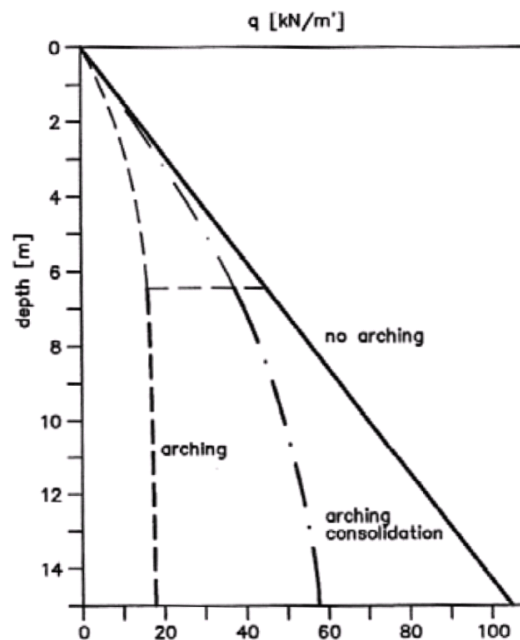
32. Click *OK* to close this window.



**Figure 10.9:** Boundaries Selection window

### 10.6 Calculated reduced soil load for pipe stress analysis

The layered soil sequence results in a different reduced neutral soil load at different depths. Due to the compressible top layer, the reduced neutral soil load increases considerable with increasing depth (Figure 10.10). In the sand layer, the reduced neutral soil load reduces due to the full development of arching.



**Figure 10.10:** The effect of arching with increasing depth (Meijers and De Kock, 1995)

33. To start the calculations, click *Calculation* and select *Start* on the menu bar or press the function key F9.
34. Click *Results* and select *Report* on the menu bar to look at the results of the pipe stress analysis.

### 5.3 Calculation Pulling Force

During the pullback operation the pipe experiences friction which is based on:

- friction between pipe and pipe-roller ( $f_1 = 0.10$  )
- friction between pipe and drilling fluid ( $f_2 = 0.000050$  [N/mm<sup>2</sup> ] )
- friction between pipe and soil ( $f_3 = 0.20$  )

Due to the friction a pulling force is induced in the pipeline.  
The pulling direction of the product pipe is from left to right

This calculation takes into account that the length of the pipe on the rollers decreases while pulling back the pipeline. During the pull back operation the bore hole is supposed to be stable.

Characteristic points	Length pipe in bore hole (m)	Expected pulling force (kN)
T1	0	11
T2	25	17
T3	129	44
T4	155	49
T5	259	78
T6	284	83

The calculated pulling force is the mean value. It is recommended to use a contingency factor of at least 1.4 for the stress analysis. In the subsequent pipe stress analysis a factor of 0.00 is used and a load factor of 1.10 (steel only).

The maximum representative pulling force is 393 kN, calculation factor excluded. At this pulling force level the stresses in the pipeline are equal to the maximum allowable stress.

**Figure 10.11:** Report window, Calculation Pulling Force

## 10.7 Calculated drilling fluid pressures

The existence of soft organic soil layer with low strength and high deformability characteristics influences the results of the maximal allowable drilling fluid pressures.

35. Click *Results* and select *Drilling Fluid Pressure Plots* on the menu bar to open the *Drilling Fluid Pressure* window (Figure 10.12) and to look at the results of the drilling fluid pressure calculations for the pilot drilling.

The graph shows the maximum allowable pressures (upper limit related to soil cover and lower limit related to deformation of the borehole) and the minimal required drilling fluid pressure for transportation of the cuttings. Notice that for the pilot stage the minimal allowable drilling fluid pressure is higher than the maximal allowable drilling fluid pressure at the last part of the upward bend of the drilling. This means that the risk of a blow out is present, so that measures are required.

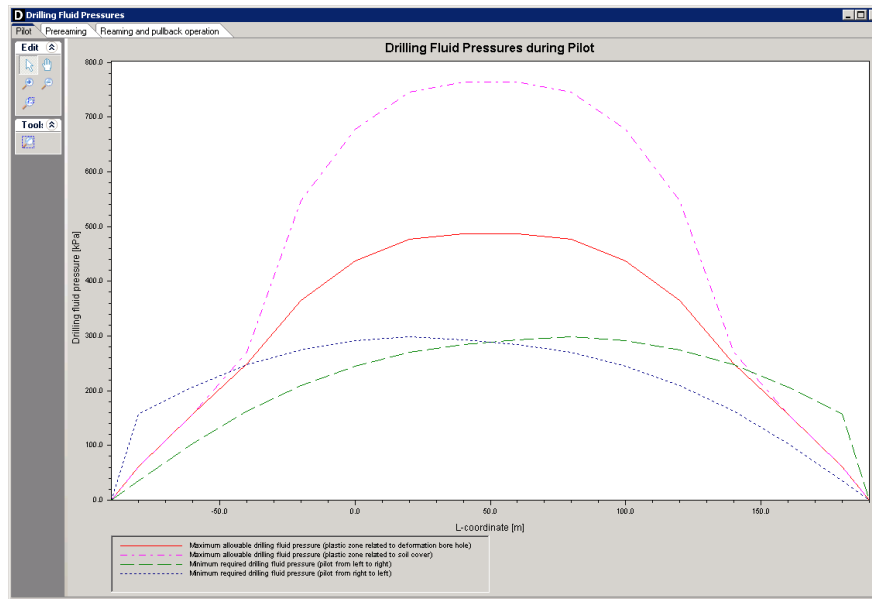


Figure 10.12: Drilling Fluid Pressures window

36. Click on the tabs *Prereaming* and *Reaming and pullback operation* to look at the results of the other drilling stages.
37. Close the window to return to the main menu.

### 10.8 Drilling fluid pressure and groundwater pressure

During the stages of horizontal directional drilling the borehole is filled with drilling fluid. The drilling fluid has a certain unit weight, which is largely dependent on the initial unit weight of the drilling fluid and the amount of cut soil material in the drilling fluid. If the borehole is located in soil layers with an artesian water pressure (aquifers), the risk of leakage of groundwater through the borehole to the surface exists. The leakage of groundwater will result in flow of water through the borehole, which in turn will lead to borehole instability (when the drilling fluid is flown out of the borehole located in coarser granular layers). This risk is automatically assessed when a D-GEO PIPELINE calculation is performed.

38. Click *Results* and select *Report* on the menu bar to watch the results of leakage assessment in paragraph 3.2 (equilibrium between drilling fluid pressure and pore pressure). Notice that the artesian water pressure is higher than the drilling fluid pressure so that measures against leakage are required (Figure 10.13).

## 3.2 Equilibrium between Drilling Fluid Pressure and Pore Pressure

Vertical nr.	Static column pressure			Result
	Drilling fluid [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Water [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Safety [-]	
1	30	0	-	sufficient
2	89	78	1.14	sufficient
3	138	155	0.89	not sufficient
4	176	189	0.93	not sufficient
5	203	213	0.95	not sufficient
6	218	226	0.96	not sufficient
7	222	230	0.97	not sufficient
8	222	230	0.97	not sufficient
9	218	226	0.96	not sufficient
10	203	213	0.95	not sufficient
11	176	189	0.93	not sufficient
12	138	155	0.89	not sufficient
13	89	78	1.14	sufficient
14	30	0	-	sufficient

The static drilling fluid pressure is calculated and can be compared with the calculated groundwater pressure. The quotient of the drilling fluid pressure and the groundwater pressure yields the safety factor, which should be higher than the requested factor of safety of 1.10.

**Figure 10.13:** Report window, *Equilibrium between drilling fluid pressure and pore pressure*

## 10.9 Conclusion

In this tutorial, a layered soil sequence has been modeled and the drilling fluid pressures have been calculated. Using the table called *Equilibrium between drilling fluid pressure and pore pressure* in the D-GEO PIPELINE report, it can be concluded if the drilling fluid pressures are or are not sufficient.



## 11 Tutorial 4: Exporting soil mechanical data for an extended stress analysis

This exercise considers the installation of a polyethylene pipeline by using the horizontal directional drilling technique. The exercise focuses on the calculation of soil mechanical parameters for an extended pipe stress analysis. A settlement calculation forms also part of the exercise.

The objectives of this tutorial are:

- ◇ To calculate the soil mechanical parameters for an extended pipe stress analysis;
- ◇ To perform a settlement calculation;
- ◇ To export the soil mechanical parameters.

The following module is needed:

- ◇ D-GEO PIPELINE Standard module (HDD)
- ◇ License for D-SETTLEMENT (formerly known as MSettle)

This tutorial is presented in the file Tutorial-4.dri.

### 11.1 Introduction to the case

In D-GEO PIPELINE it is assumed that the pipeline remains fixed at the specified location and that there's no settlement of the soil layers below the pipeline. No temperature effects are taken into account in D-GEO PIPELINE. Therefore a relative simple pipe stress analysis can be performed.

In case compressible soil layers are present below the pipeline and an additional load is carried out on these compressible soil layers, settlement can be expected. If settlement of the layers below the pipeline occurs in most cases, an extended pipe stress analysis is required. The extended pipe stress analysis can not be performed using D-GEO PIPELINE, but should be carried out using other software. For instance SCIA pipeline can be used for such an analysis.

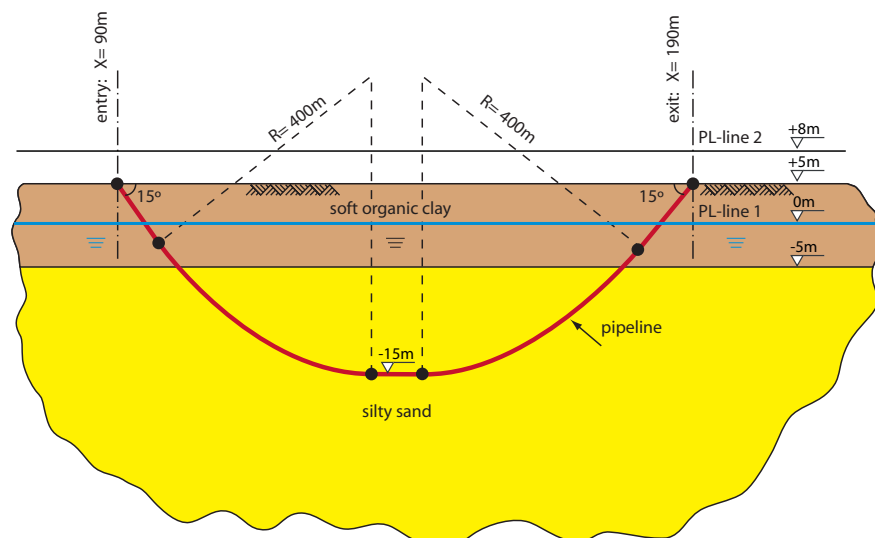


Figure 11.1: Pipeline configuration for Tutorial 4

Vertical displacement of soil below and around the pipeline that occurs after installation is an important factor in assessing the stresses in the pipeline. Settlement may be entered manually if the vertical settlements results are available. For more accurate results, D-GEO PIPELINE can use the D-SETTLEMENT computer program (formerly known as MSettle) without additional input. Settlement deals with soil compaction due to imposed loading. In D-GEO PIPELINE the loading consists of an extra layer as created in the geometry. The calculation of the settlement is performed externally by D-SETTLEMENT, the settlement calculation program of the Deltares Systems tools. Details on the calculation of settlement are beyond the scope of this manual, a thorough description can be found in the user manual of D-SETTLEMENT ([Deltares](#)).

**Table 11.1:** Settlement parameters (acc. Koppejan) of the soil layers (Tutorial 4)

	Coarse sand	Soft organic clay
Over-consolidation ratio	1.3	1.3
Primary compression coefficient below $P_c$	$10^9$	40
Primary compression coefficient above $P_c$	$10^9$	10
Secondary compression coefficient below $P_c$	$10^9$	160
Secondary compression coefficient above $P_c$	$10^9$	35

This tutorial is based on continuation of the file used in Tutorial 3 ([chapter 10](#)).

1. Click *File* and select *Open* on the menu bar to open the *Open* window.
2. Select the file *Tutorial-3* and click the *Open* button.
3. Click *File* and select *Save as* on the menu bar to open the *Save As* window and rename the file into <Tutorial-4>.
4. Click the *Save* button to save the file for Tutorial 4.
5. On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Properties* to open the *Project Properties* window.
6. Fill in <Tutorial 4 for D-GEO PIPELINE > and <Exporting soil mechanical data> for *Title 1* and *Title 2* respectively in the *Identification* tab.
7. Click *OK*.

## 11.2 Settlement model

Settlement calculations can be performed using the in the Netherlands often used Koppejan model or the more recent developed Isotache model which is based on Terzaghi's settlement model.

8. Click *Project* and select *Model* on the menu bar to open the *Model* window ([Figure 11.2](#)).
9. Select the *Horizontal directional drilling* method and mark the *Use settlement* check-box.
10. Select the *Koppejan* model.
11. Click *OK* to confirm the choice.

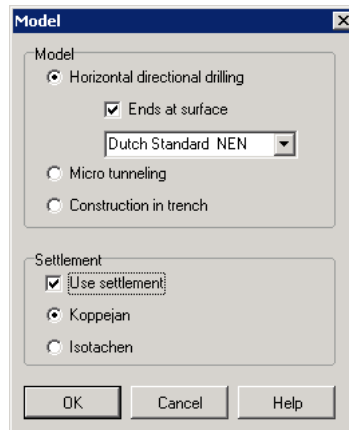


Figure 11.2: Model window

### 11.3 Geometry of the longitudinal cross section

This tutorial considers a layered soil sequence described in Tutorial 3 (chapter 10). In the longitudinal cross section, a load (soil mass) has to be defined.


12. Switch to the *Geometry* tab in the *View Input* window to edit the existing soil layer sequence.
13. Select the *Add polyline* icon  from the *Edit* sub-window to draw an additional layer (soil mass) on top of the existing soil layers with coordinates given in Table 11.2.

Table 11.2: Coordinates of the top of the soil mass

X coordinate [m]	Z coordinate [m]
-75	5
-60	10
30	10
45	5

14. Quit editing by clicking the right mouse button.
15. To check or modify the added points, select a point by clicking the left mouse button. The point will become a red square.
16. Click the right-hand mouse button and select *Properties*. In the window displayed (Figure 11.3), the co-ordinates can be checked and modified if needed.

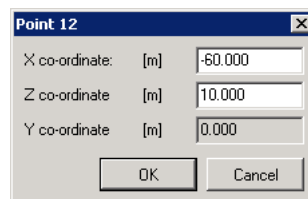




Figure 11.3: Point window

17. Select the *Automatic regeneration of geometry on/off* icon  from the *Tools* sub-window so that the geometry as shown in Figure 11.4 appears. If the *Automatic regeneration of geometry* icon already is selected, click on the *Edit*  icon to regenerate the geometry. Notice that the soil mass is located on the left side above the section where the pipeline is located in the *Soft Organic Clay* layer.

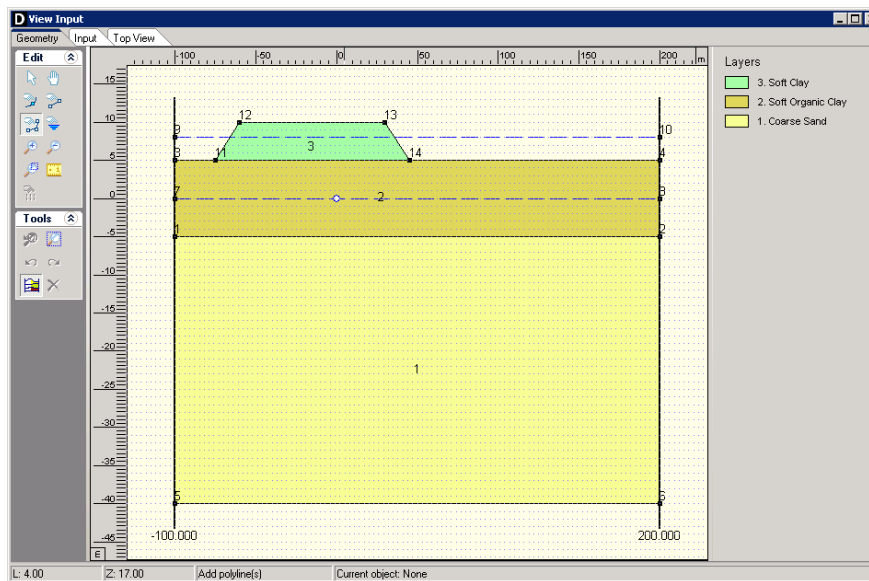


Figure 11.4: View Input window, Geometry tab

#### 11.4 Soil layer properties

The settlement properties of the soil layers in the layered soil sequence should now be specified. The properties of the soil mass should be entered too.

18. Click *Soil* and select *Materials* on the menu bar to open the *Materials* window.
19. Select the soil name *Silty Sand* in the left column of the *Materials* window and enter the properties given in [Figure 11.5](#).
20. Select the soil name *Coarse Sand* and enter the *Settlement Koppejan* data given in [Table 11.1](#).
21. Select the soil name *Soft Organic Clay* and enter the *Settlement Koppejan* data given in [Table 11.1](#).
22. Finish the input of soil data by clicking *OK*.

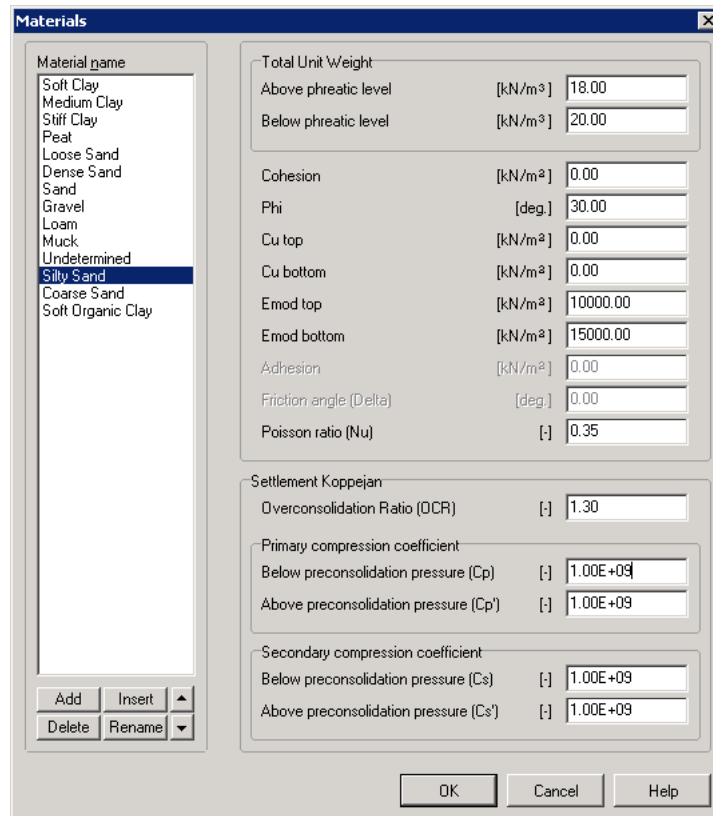
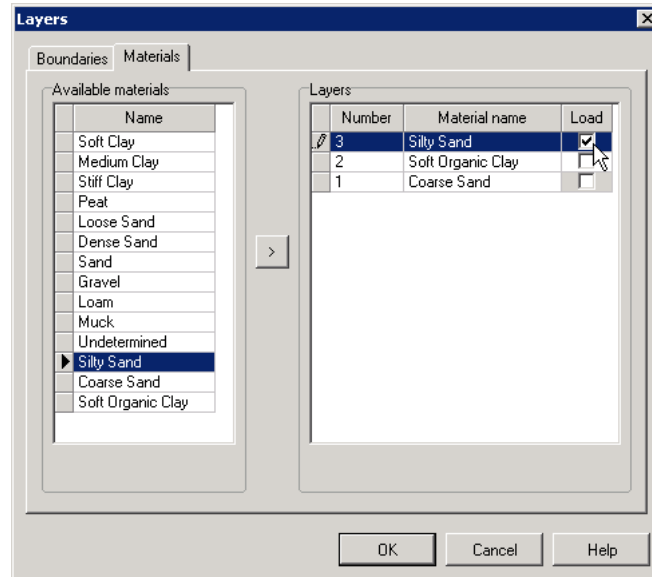


Figure 11.5: Materials window

### 11.5 Finishing the geometry of the longitudinal cross section

The defined soil properties have to be assigned to the drawn geometry of the longitudinal cross section (groundwater levels are assigned already). The assignments can be carried out by clicking geometry and choosing the subsequent described options on the menu bar.

23. Click *Geometry* and select *Layers* on the menu bar to open the *Layers* window to assign the soil properties to the soil layers in the longitudinal cross section.
24. Click on the tab *Materials*.
25. Assign the soil properties given in [Figure 11.6](#).
26. Click *OK* to confirm the assignments.

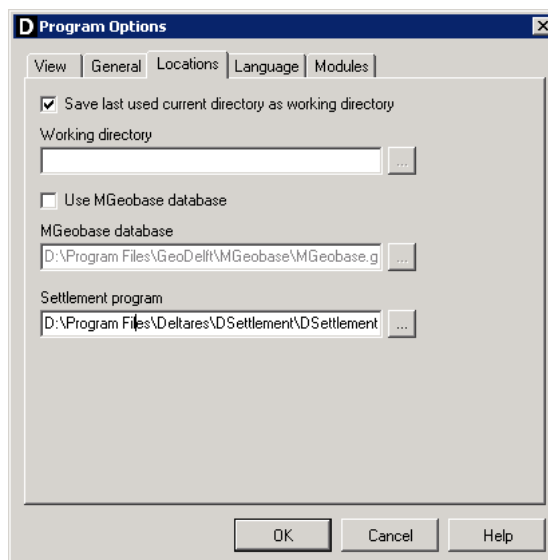


**Figure 11.6:** Layers window, Materials tab

### 11.6 Calculated soil mechanical parameters in export file

The calculation of the settlement of the soil layers below the pipeline is performed externally by D-SETTLEMENT (formerly known as MSettle), the settlement calculation program of the Deltares Systems tools. Therefore, the directory where the program is installed must be given:

27. Click *Tools* on the menu bar and select *Program Options* to open the *Program Options* window. Then select the *Locations* tab (Figure 11.7).
28. If needed, change the directory where the *Settlement program* is installed by clicking the *Browse* button.
29. Click *OK* to confirm.



**Figure 11.7:** Program Options window, Locations tab

The other soil mechanical parameters are calculated automatically in D-GEO PIPELINE.

30. To start the calculations click *Calculation* and select *Start* on the menu bar to or press the function key F9. Ignore the message of Cu values of 0 above the drained undrained boundary.
31. Click *Results* and select *Report* on the menu bar to look at the results of the settlement calculation in paragraph 3.1 (Figure 11.8) and the calculation of the soil mechanical parameters in paragraph 4.1.

4 Deformations			
4.1 Settlements of soil layers below the Pipeline			
Vertical nr. [-]	Settlement [mm]	Additional settlement [mm]	dv [mm]
1	58	0	58
2	735	0	735
3	0	0	0
4	0	0	0
5	0	0	0
6	0	0	0
7	0	0	0
8	0	0	0
9	0	0	0
10	0	0	0
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
13	0	0	0
14	0	0	0

Figure 11.8: Report window, Settlements along pipeline

32. Click *File* and select *Export Results as csv. . .* on the menu bar to create an export file with the soil mechanical parameters.
33. Click on the *Save* button. The export file is saved on the same directory as Tutorial 4 and can be opened using the Excel program for example (see Figure 11.9).

Company	Software	Date	Time	P1(x)	P1(y)	P1(z)	P2(x)	P2(y)	P2(z)	Length	Pipe nr	Diameter	Thickness	Material T	Section nr	x	y	z	From	Curved	D	
[-]	[-]	[yyyy/mm/dd]	[hh:mm:ss]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[-]	[mm]	[mm]	[-]	[-]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[m]	[boolean]	[m]
D-Geo Pipe	22-7-2013	23:06:10	-80	0	2.32	180	0	2.32	284.06	1	400	36.4	Polyethene	1	-80	0	2.32	10.35	ToDoBoo			
D-Geo Pipe	22-7-2013	23:06:10	-80	0	2.32	180	0	2.32	284.06	1	400	36.4	Polyethene	2	-60	0	-2.99	31.04	ToDoBoo			
D-Geo Pipe	22-7-2013	23:06:10	-80	0	2.32	180	0	2.32	284.06	1	400	36.4	Polyethene	3	-40	0	-7.46	51.54	ToDoBoo			
D-Geo Pipe	22-7-2013	23:06:10	-80	0	2.32	180	0	2.32	284.06	1	400	36.4	Polyethene	4	-20	0	-10.87	71.83	ToDoBoo			
D-Geo Pipe	22-7-2013	23:06:10	-80	0	2.32	180	0	2.32	284.06	1	400	36.4	Polyethene	5	0	0	-13.26	91.98	ToDoBoo			
D-Geo Pipe	22-7-2013	23:06:10	-80	0	2.32	180	0	2.32	284.06	1	400	36.4	Polyethene	6	20	0	-14.63	112.03	ToDoBoo			
D-Geo Pipe	22-7-2013	23:06:10	-80	0	2.32	180	0	2.32	284.06	1	400	36.4	Polyethene	7	40	0	-15	132.03	ToDoBoo			
D-Geo Pipe	22-7-2013	23:06:10	-80	0	2.32	180	0	2.32	284.06	1	400	36.4	Polyethene	8	60	0	-15	152.03	ToDoBoo			
D-Geo Pipe	22-7-2013	23:06:10	-80	0	2.32	180	0	2.32	284.06	1	400	36.4	Polyethene	9	80	0	-14.63	172.04	ToDoBoo			
D-Geo Pipe	22-7-2013	23:06:10	-80	0	2.32	180	0	2.32	284.06	1	400	36.4	Polyethene	10	100	0	-13.26	192.03	ToDoBoo			
D-Geo Pipe	22-7-2013	23:06:10	-80	0	2.32	180	0	2.32	284.06	1	400	36.4	Polyethene	11	120	0	-10.87	212.23	ToDoBoo			
D-Geo Pipe	22-7-2013	23:06:10	-80	0	2.32	180	0	2.32	284.06	1	400	36.4	Polyethene	12	140	0	-7.46	232.52	ToDoBoo			
D-Geo Pipe	22-7-2013	23:06:10	-80	0	2.32	180	0	2.32	284.06	1	400	36.4	Polyethene	13	160	0	-2.99	253.02	ToDoBoo			
D-Geo Pipe	22-7-2013	23:06:10	-80	0	2.32	180	0	2.32	284.06	1	400	36.4	Polyethene	14	180	0	2.32	273.71	ToDoBoo			

Figure 11.9: Content of the export file for Tutorial 4

The export file contains:

- ◇ Horizontal soil data
- ◇ Vertical soil data
- ◇ Soil data for friction
- ◇ Data of pipeline

For more information, refer to [section 3.1.2](#).

## 11.7 Conclusion

A pipe stress and settlement analysis has been performed for a polyethylene pipe in a layered soil. The inputs and results of this calculation have been exported in a csv file in order to perform an extended stress analysis using an other program such as SCIA pipeline.



## 12 Tutorial 5: Drilling with a horizontal bending radius

This fifth exercise considers installation of a polyethylene pipeline by using the technique horizontal directional drilling. The exercise focuses on a horizontal bending radius in the design of the drilling line.

The objectives of this tutorial are:

- ◇ To schematize a horizontal bending;
- ◇ To calculate pulling forces in the horizontal bending;
- ◇ To perform a pipe stress analysis for the design with a horizontal bending radius.

The following module is needed:

- ◇ D-GEO PIPELINE Standard module (HDD)

This tutorial is presented in the file Tutorial-5.dri.

### 12.1 Introduction to the case

A horizontal bending radius in the design drilling line is observed more frequent. Often the horizontal bend is part of one of the vertical bending radii. In case the horizontal bending radius coincides with part of a vertical bending radius, a combined 3-dimensional bending radius is formed. For the design of the horizontal directional drilling line, the pull back force and the strength calculation it is necessary to determine the value of the 3 dimensional bending radius.

The value of the three dimensional bending radius can be calculated as follows:

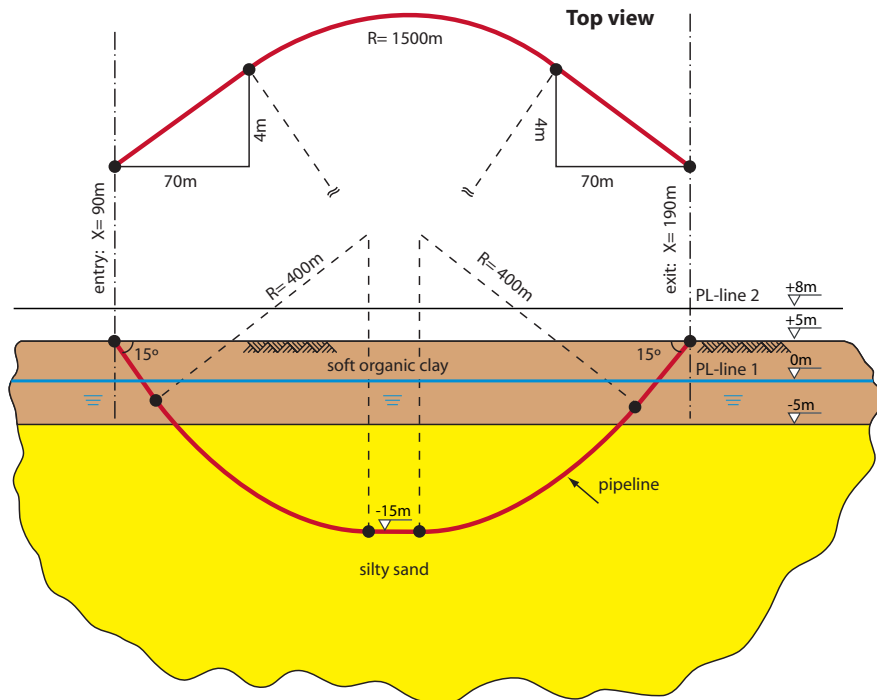
$$R_{\text{combi}} = \sqrt{\frac{R_h^2 \times R_v^2}{R_h^2 + R_v^2}} \quad (12.1)$$

where:

- $R_{\text{combi}}$  is the combined bending radius, in m;
- $R_h$  is the horizontal bending radius, in m;
- $R_v$  is the vertical bending radius, in m.

The combined bending radius is used to calculate the pulling force during the pull back operation and is used in the pipe stress analysis in D-GEO PIPELINE.





**Figure 12.1:** Pipeline configuration of Tutorial 5

This tutorial is based on continuation of the file used in Tutorial 3 ([chapter 10](#)).

1. Click *File* and select *Open* on the menu bar to open the *Open* window.
2. Select *Tutorial-3* and click the *Open* button to open the file.
3. Click *File* and select *Save as* on the menu bar to open the *Save As* window and rename the file into <Tutorial-5>.
4. Click the *Save* button to save the file for Tutorial 5.
5. On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Properties* to open the *Project Properties* window.
6. Fill in <Tutorial 5 for D-GEO PIPELINE > and <Drilling with a horizontal bending radius> for *Title 1* and *Title 2* respectively in the *Identification* tab.
7. Click *OK*.

## 12.2 Pipeline Configuration

The horizontal bend must be specified in the pipeline configuration window.

8. Click *Pipe* and select *Pipeline Configuration* on the menu bar to open the *Pipeline Configuration* window.

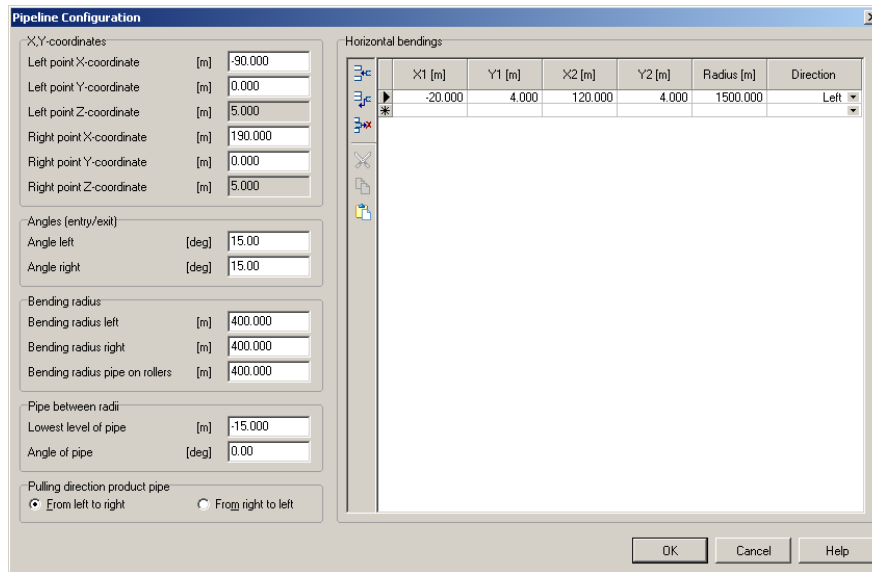


Figure 12.2: Pipeline Configuration window

9. Enter the values given in Figure 12.1.
10. Click *OK* to confirm.
11. Look at the entered horizontal bending on the *Top View* tab of the *View Input* window (Figure 12.3).
12. Look at the longitudinal cross section on the *Input* tab of the *View Input* window and notice the elongation of the longitudinal cross section. Therefore it is recommended to check, in case of projects with changing 3D pipeline configurations, if the soil layer sequence in the longitudinal cross section is still reliable (according to the soil investigation data).

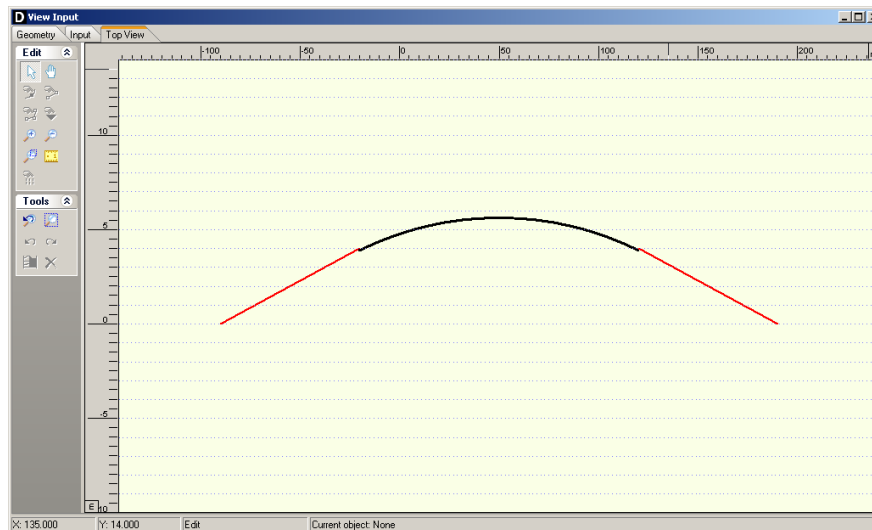


Figure 12.3: View Input window, Top View tab

**Note:** The horizontal bending is indicated with a black bold line in the longitudinal cross section (Figure 12.4).



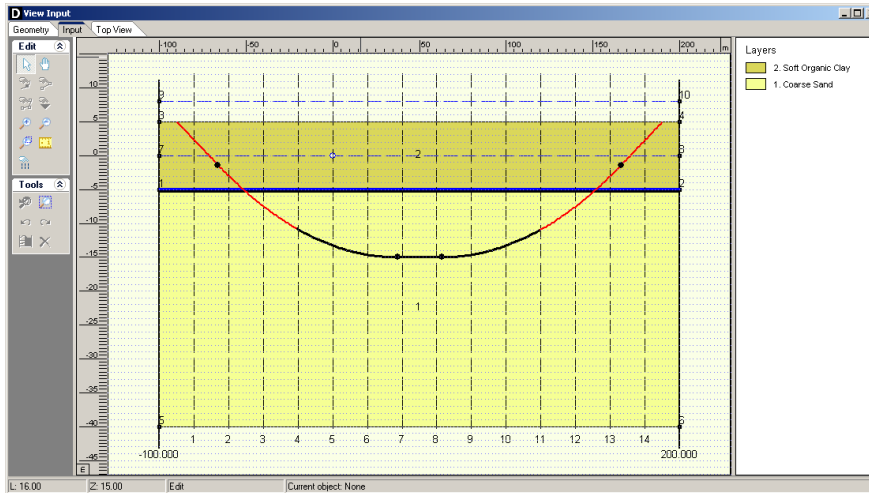


Figure 12.4: View Input window, Input tab

### 12.3 Calculation of the pulling force and pipe stress analysis

The results of the pulling force calculation are shown in the D-GEO PIPELINE report which is created automatically after finishing the calculations.

13. To start the calculations click *Calculation* and select *Start* on the menu bar or press the function key F9.
14. Click *Results* and select *Report* in the menu bar to look at the results of the pulling force calculations. The results can be found on paragraph 5.3 (Figure 12.5).

Note the increase in pulling force due the horizontal bending radius compare to the case without bending (see results of Tutorial 3 in Figure 10.11).

**5.3 Calculation Pulling Force**

During the pullback operation the pipe experiences friction which is based on:

- friction between pipe and pipe-roller ( $f_1 = 0.10$  )
- friction between pipe and drilling fluid ( $f_2 = 0.000050$  [N/mm<sup>2</sup>] )
- friction between pipe and soil ( $f_3 = 0.20$  )

Due to the friction a pulling force is induced in the pipeline.  
The pulling direction of the product pipe is from left to right

This calculation takes into account that the length of the pipe on the rollers decreases while pulling back the pipeline. During the pull back operation the bore hole is supposed to be stable.

Characteristic points	Length pipe in bore hole (m)	Expected pulling force (kN)
T1	0	11
T2	25	17
T3	129	44
T4	155	50
T5	260	79
T6	284	85

The calculated pulling force is the mean value. It is recommended to use a contingency factor of at least 1.4 for the stress analysis. In the subsequent pipe stress analysis a factor of 0.00 is used and a load factor of 1.10 (steel only).

The maximum representative pulling force is 392 kN, calculation factor excluded. At this pulling force level the stresses in the pipeline are equal to the maximum allowable stress.

Figure 12.5: Report window, Calculation Pulling Force

In paragraph 5.1 (Figure 12.6), the data for the pipe stress analysis is given. The value of the

minimal bending radius is equal to  $R_{\min} = 386$  m.

5.1 General Data	
Pipeline diameter	: Do = 400.00 mm
Wall thickness	: t = 36.4 mm
Unit weight pipeline material	: gamma_s = 9.54 kN/m³
Unit weight drilling fluid pullback operation	: gamma_b = 11.10 kN/m³
Minimum bending radius	: R = 386 m
Friction coefficient pipe/rollers	: f1 = 0.10
Friction between pipe and drilling fluid	: f2 = 0.000050 N/mm²
Friction coefficient pipe / soil	: f3 = 0.20
Maximal modulus of subgrade reaction	: kv, max = 62287 kN/m³

**Figure 12.6:** Report window, General Data

The minimum bending radius is used to calculate the stresses in the pipeline. In the assessment table in paragraph 6.3 of the report, the influence of a smaller bending radius is visible: higher axial and tangential stresses in both the installation stages and the operational stage after installation.

## 12.4 Conclusion

This tutorial models a horizontal bending in the pipeline configuration. The calculated pulling forces increase compare to the case without horizontal bending presented in Tutorial 3.



## 13 Tutorial 6: Installation of bundled pipelines

This sixth tutorial considers installation of a bundle consisting of five polyethylene pipelines by using the technique horizontal directional drilling. The exercise focuses on the background of the automatic bundle calculation in D-GEO PIPELINE.

The objectives of the exercise are:

- ◇ To calculate the drilling fluid pressures for the pull back operation;
- ◇ To calculate the pulling force on the bundled pipelines during the pull back operation;
- ◇ To perform an automatic pipe stress analysis for the pipelines in the bundle.

The following module is needed:

- ◇ D-GEO PIPELINE Standard module (HDD)

This tutorial is presented in the file Tutorial-6.dri.

### 13.1 Introduction to the case

The calculations required for the installation of bundled pipelines using the horizontal directional drilling technique are rather similar to those for the installation of a single pipeline. Differences exist in the calculations:

- ◇ For the minimal required drilling fluid pressure during the pull back operation
- ◇ For the pulling force during the pull back operation
- ◇ For the pipe stress analysis (differences in assumptions)

Ad 1) Of course the available space for the back flow of the drilling fluid is different in case of a bundled pipeline. For calculation of the minimal required drilling fluid pressure, D-GEO PIPELINE assumes flow of the drilling fluid

- ◇ through the space in between the bundle and the borehole wall
- ◇ and through the space in the bundle, in between the pipelines.

Ad 2) Important parameters for the calculation of the pulling force during the pullback operation are the total effective weight of the (filled) pipelines in the bundle and the total stiffness of the bundle which determines the soil reaction force in curved sections of the drilling line. In D-GEO PIPELINE the pulling force is calculated for an equivalent pipeline with the weight and stiffness parameters of the bundled pipelines.

$$EI_{\text{eq}} = \sum_n^{i=1} E_i I_i \quad (13.1)$$

$$G_{\text{tot}} = \sum_n^{i=1} \left( \frac{\pi}{4} D_{o,i}^2 - \frac{\pi}{4} (D_{o,i} - 2d_{n,i})^2 \right) \times \gamma_i \quad (13.2)$$

where:

- $n$  is the total number of pipelines in the bundle;
- $D_{o,i}$  is the outer diameter of pipeline  $i$ , in m;
- $d_{n,i}$  is the wall thickness of pipeline  $i$ , in m;
- $\gamma_i$  is the unit weight of pipeline  $i$ , in  $\text{kN/m}^3$ ;
- $E_i$  is the Young's modulus of pipeline  $i$ , in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;



$I_i$  is the moment of inertia of pipeline  $i$ , in  $m^4$ ;  
 $I_{eq}$  is the moment of inertia of the bundle, in  $m^4$ .

The calculated pulling force is acting on all the pipelines in the bundle. The magnitude of the pulling force of a pipeline in the bundle is derived by dividing the total pulling force over the cross section area of the wall of the pipelines with equal stiffness.

In case the stiffness of the pipeline materials is significantly different (for example a combined bundle of steel and PE pipelines), a different approach is applied. In addition to the previous described dividing procedure, the total pulling force is assigned to the stiffer pipeline (steel pipeline).

Ad 3) The pipe stress analysis for a pipeline in the bundle is quite similar to the pipe stress analysis for a single pipeline in the bore hole. The only difference in the pipe stress analysis is the contact between the pipeline and the surrounding soil (single pipeline) and the contact between the pipeline and the adjacent pipelines (bundle). Therefore the load angle and the bedding angle should be adapted in case of a bundled pipeline. In this tutorial angle values of 30 degrees are assumed and entered manually.

**Table 13.1: Pipes properties (Tutorial 6)**

		Pipe 1	Pipe 2
Material quality		PE80	PE80
Young's modulus (short term)	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	1000	1000
Young's modulus (long term)	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	200	200
Allowable strength (short term)	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	10	10
Allowable strength (long term)	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	8	8
Tensile factor	[-]	0.65	0.65
Outer Diameter	[mm]	400	160
Wall thickness	[mm]	36.4	12.3
Unit weight pipe material	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	9.54	9.54
Design pressure	[Bar]	4	4
Test pressure	[Bar]	5	5
Temperature variation	[°C]	5	5

This tutorial is based on continuation of the file used in Tutorial 5 ([chapter 12](#)).

1. Click *File* and select *Open* on the menu bar to open the *Open* window.
2. Select *Tutorial-5* and click the *Open* button to open the file.
3. Click *File* and select *Save as* on the menu bar to open the *Save As* window and rename the file into <Tutorial-6>.
4. Click the *Save* button to save the file for Tutorial 6.
5. On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Properties* to open the *Project Properties* window.
6. Fill in <Tutorial 6 for D-GEO PIPELINE > and <Installation of bundled pipelines> for *Title 1* and *Title 2* respectively in the *Identification* tab.
7. Click *OK*.




### 13.2 Product Pipe Material Data

The dimensions and the properties of the product pipes in the bundle should be specified.

8. Click *Pipe* and select *Product Pipe Material Data* on the menu bar to open the *Product Pipe Material Data* window for specification of the dimensions and properties of the product pipes in the bundle.
9. Change the following values for *Pipe 1* in the fields on the right side of the window (Figure 13.1).

**Figure 13.1:** Product Pipe Material Data window

10. Click on the *Add* button  on the left side of the window to declare a pipeline with the name <Pipe 2>.
11. Enter the values for Pipe 2 (Table 13.1), in the fields on the right side of the window.
12. Click on the *Add* button on the left side of the window three times to add three more pipes. Notice that the material properties of Pipe 2 are automatically copied to these pipes.
13. Use the *Rename* button on the left side of the window to rename the new pipes into <Pipe 3>, <Pipe 4> and <Pipe 5>.
14. Click on *OK* to confirm the specified product pipe material data.

The bundle now consists of five pipes:

- ◇ Pipe nr. 1: 400 mm SDR 11 PE 80
- ◇ Pipe nr. 2: 160 mm SDR 13 PE 80
- ◇ Pipe nr. 3: 160 mm SDR 13 PE 80
- ◇ Pipe nr. 4: 160 mm SDR 13 PE 80
- ◇ Pipe nr. 5: 160 mm SDR 13 PE 80

### 13.3 Drilling Fluid Data

The properties of the drilling fluid and the operation parameter values should be specified for the bundle.

15. Click *Pipe* and select *Drilling Fluid Data* on the menu bar to open the *Drilling Fluid Data* window for specification of properties of the drilling fluid.
16. Enter the values of [Figure 13.2](#) for installation of the bundle. The bedding and the load angle are 30 degrees since contacts in between the pipelines are expected. These values are used in the pipe stress analysis to determine the moment coefficients. The values for the special pipe stress analysis do not have to be entered.
17. Click on the *OK* button to confirm the input of the specified value.



**Note:** The equivalent diameter of the bundle is calculated automatically. The equivalent diameter amounts to  $D_{eq} = \sqrt{0.4^2 + 4 \times 0.16^2} = 0.512$  m.

Drill pipe and bore hole dimensions		
Outer diameter pilot hole	[m]	0.250
Outer diameter pilot pipe	[m]	0.114
Outer diameter pre-ream hole	[m]	0.600
Outer diameter drillpipe	[m]	0.114
Outer diameter borehole	[m]	0.900
Outer diameter product pipe (Do)	[m]	0.512

Characteristics of drilling fluid flow		
Annular back flow rate pilotboring	[Liter/minute]	200.0
Annular back flow rate pre-reaming	[Liter/minute]	400.0
Annular back flow rate ream and pull-back	[Liter/minute]	300.0
Circulation loss factor pilotboring	[-]	0.30
Circulation loss factor pre-reaming	[-]	0.20
Circulation loss factor ream and pull-back	[-]	0.20

Properties of drilling fluid		
Unit weight ( $\gamma$ )	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	11.1
Yieldpoint ( $\tau$ )	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0.014
Elastic viscosity ( $\mu$ )	[kN.s/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0.000040

Buttons: OK, Cancel, Help

**Figure 13.2:** *Drilling Fluid Data* window

### 13.4 Engineering Data

Since the engineering properties for a bundle are different from single pipeline installation properties, values of the engineering properties have to be changed.

18. Click *Data* and select *Engineering data* on the menu bar to select the *Engineering Data* window. This will result in the window shown in [Figure 13.3](#).
19. Do not fill the pipe on the rollers and enter the values of [Figure 13.3](#) in the standard input window.
20. Click on the *OK* button to confirm the input of the specified values.

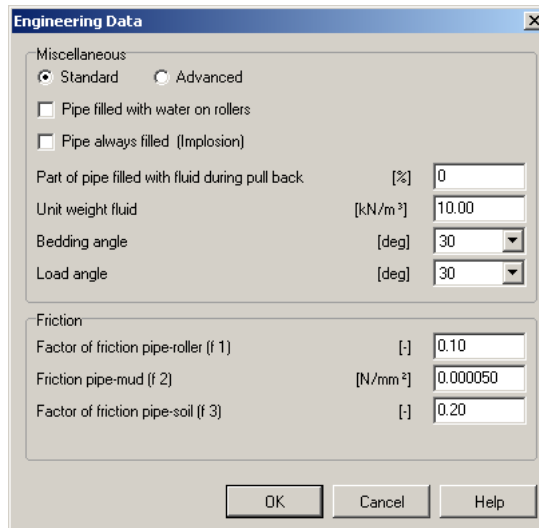


Figure 13.3: Engineering Data window

### 13.5 Factors

D-GEO PIPELINE performs the calculations of the drilling fluid pressures according to the Dutch regulations described in the NEN 3650 series (NEN, 2012a,b,c) and in NEN 3651 (NEN, 2012d). The safety philosophy described in the NEN 3650-1 Annex B and D is applied on the calculations.

21. Click *Defaults* and select *Factors* on the menu bar to select the contingency and safety factors window for watching the default values or adapting this values.
22. Due to the pull back of the bundled pipelines the risk on higher pulling forces than calculated is present. According to the NEN 3650-1 (article E.1.2.3), the contingency factor on the pulling force should be 1.8. Change this value into <1.8> as shown in Figure 13.4.
23. Click *OK* to confirm.

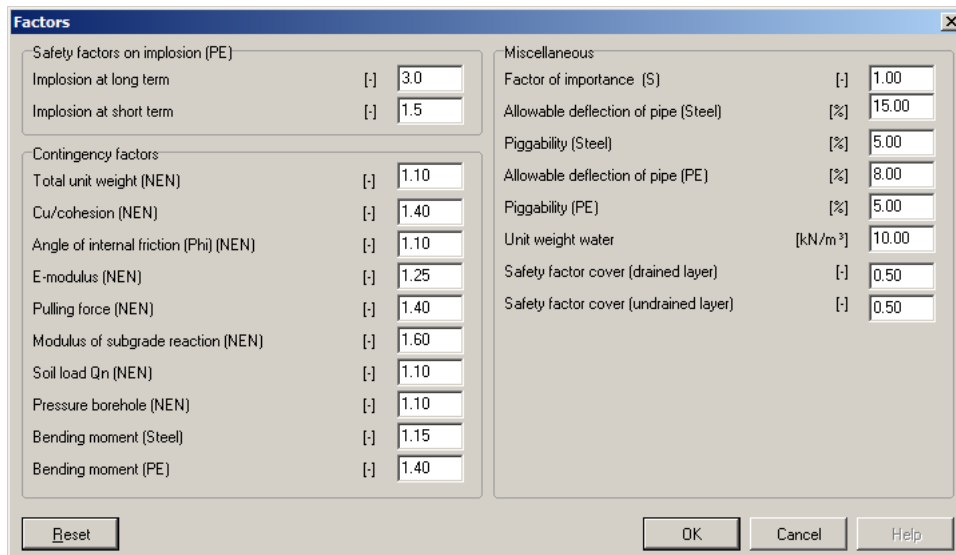
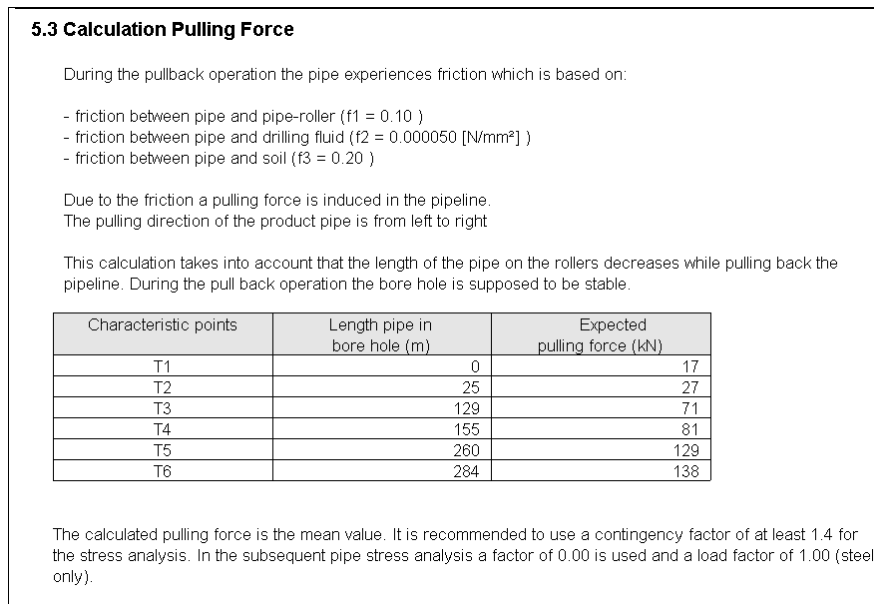


Figure 13.4: Factors window

## 13.6 Results

The results of the pulling force calculation are shown in the report which is created automatically after finishing the calculations.

24. To start the calculations click *Calculation* and select *Start* on the menu bar to start the calculation or press the function key F9.
25. Click *Results* and select *Report* on the menu bar to view the results of the pulling force calculations. The results can be found in paragraph 5.3 (Figure 13.5).



**Figure 13.5:** Report window, Calculation Pulling Force

Notice that the total pulling force is divided over the pipelines in the bundle for pipe stress analysis purposes. The pipe stress analysis per pipeline is described in the paragraphs 6 to 10.

## 14 Tutorial 7: Face support pressure for micro tunneling

This seventh tutorial considers installation of a gas pipeline crossing underneath a railway by using micro-tunneling. The gas pipeline consists of steel pipe sections. The exercise focuses on the basic calculation set up for micro-tunneling in D-GEO PIPELINE.

The objectives of the exercise are:

- ◇ To make a schematization of the pipeline installation by micro tunneling;
- ◇ To evaluate the minimal required and maximal allowable shield pressure at the face of the tunneling machine.

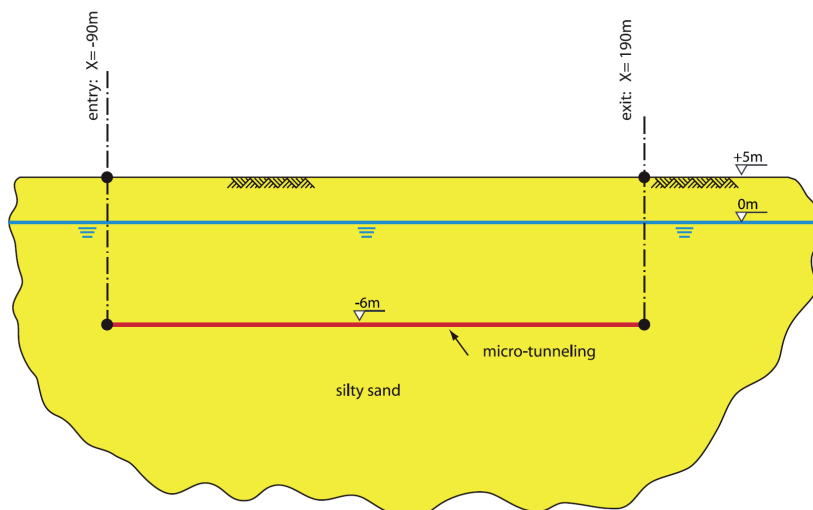
The following modules are needed:

- ◇ D-GEO PIPELINE Standard module (HDD)
- ◇ Micro Tunneling module

The result of this tutorial is presented in the file Tutorial-7.dri.

### 14.1 Introduction to the case

Micro-tunneling in general uses a remote controlled micro tunnel boring machine (MTBM). The micro tunnel usually starts horizontal at a certain level below the surface. Drive and reception shafts are created for the MTBM. In the drive shaft a jacking frame and MTBM are installed. The jacks will push the pipe section elements section by section ahead towards the reception shaft. The MTBM is at the front of the advancing micro tunnel. As the length of the advancing micro tunnel increases so do the friction forces along the pipe segments. Lubrication fluid may be applied for lubrication.



**Figure 14.1:** Pipeline configuration for Tutorial 7

Very often at the face of the MTBM drilling fluid is used for, soil removal and front stabilization. Careful planning and monitoring of the face support pressures is required: When the pressure is excessive this may cause a blow out; if the pressure is too low collapse of the soil in at the drilling front may cause excessive subsidence. The pipeline configuration is shown in [Figure 14.1](#).



The soil properties of the silty sand layer are provided in [Table 14.1](#).

**Table 14.1:** Properties of the silty sand layer (Tutorial 7)

Dry unit weight	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	18
Wet unit weight	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	20
Cohesion	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0
Angle of internal friction	[°]	30
Undrained strength top	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0
Undrained strength bottom	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0
E modulus top	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	10000
E modulus bottom	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	15000
Adhesion	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0
Friction angle (Delta)	[°]	20
Poisson's ratio	[-]	0.35

The pipeline material used in this tutorial is a steel 240 with the properties given in [Table 14.2](#).

**Table 14.2:** Properties of steel material (Tutorial 7)

Pipe material		Steel 240
Outer diameter	[mm]	1200
Overcut	[mm]	15
Wall thickness	[mm]	22.4
Young's modulus	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	205800
Unit weight pipe material	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	78.50

This tutorial starts with the selection of the pipeline installation model.

## 14.2 Model selection

The micro tunneling model must be selected to carry out the current tutorial.

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1. Click *File* and choose *New* on the menu bar to start a new project.
2. In the *New File* window select the option *New geometry* to start. This will result in an empty geometry.
3. Save the project by clicking *Save As* in the *File* menu and by entering <Tutorial-7> as project name.
4. Click *Save* to close this window.
5. On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Model* to open the *Model* window ([Figure 14.2](#)).
6. Select *Micro tunneling* and click *OK*.

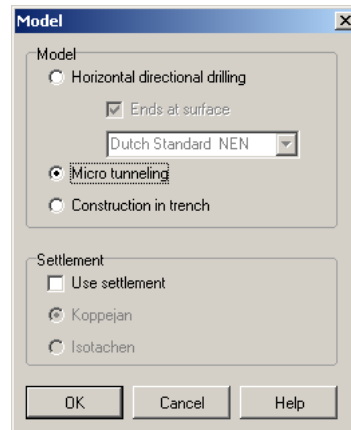


Figure 14.2: Model window

7. On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Properties* to open the *Project Properties* window.
8. Fill in <Tutorial 7 for D-GEO PIPELINE > and <Gas pipeline installation by micro tunneling> for *Title 1* and *Title 2* respectively in the *Identification* tab.
9. In the other tab of the *Project Properties* window, modify (if not already done) some defaults values according to Figure 14.3 in order to make the graphical geometry more understandable.
10. Click *OK*.

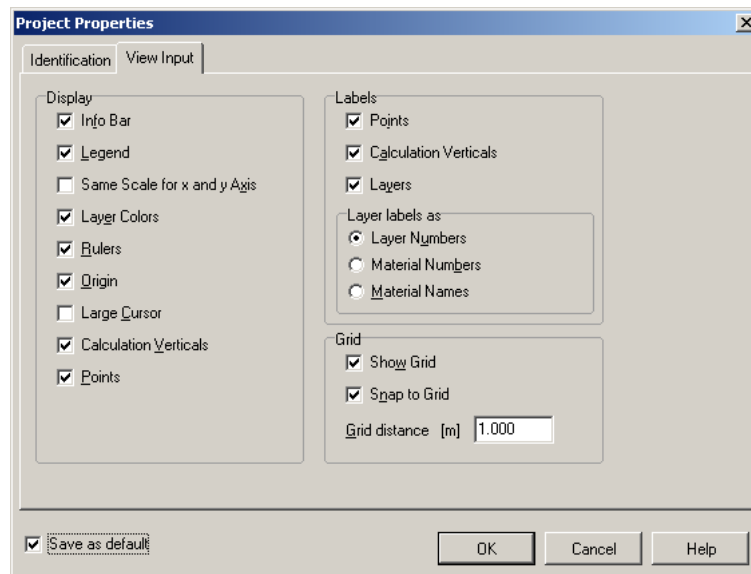
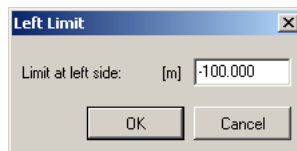


Figure 14.3: Project Properties window, View input tab

### 14.3 Geometry

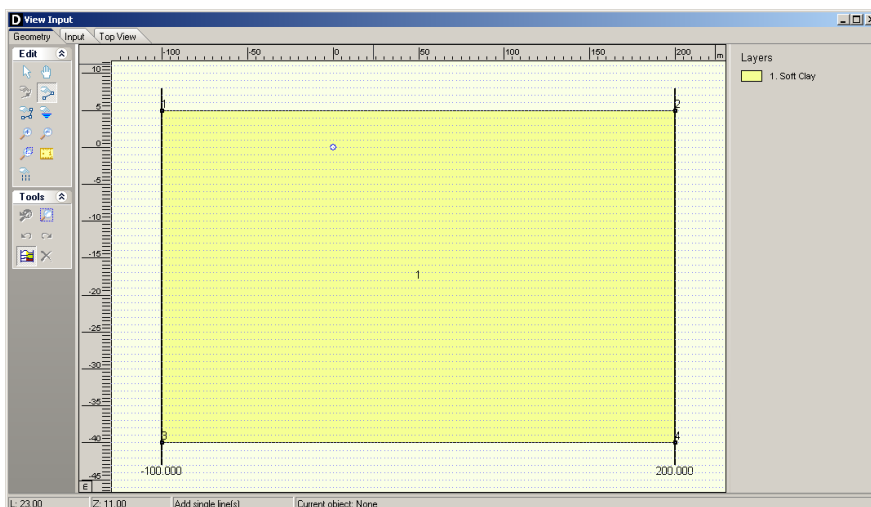
Firstly, the geometry of [Figure 14.1](#) needs to be given in D-GEO PIPELINE. In order to do this, the following actions should be performed:

11. First enlarge the dimensions of the geometry window by selecting the left boundary by clicking the left mouse button, then click the right button and select *Properties*. This will result in the coordinate window for the left boundary as shown in [Figure 14.4](#). Enter coordinate  $X$  of  $\langle 100 \text{ m} \rangle$ .



**Figure 14.4:** Left Limit window

12. Repeat the previous described actions for the right boundary and shift the boundary to coordinate  $X$  of  $\langle 200 \text{ m} \rangle$ . The width in between the left and the right boundary is now 300 m.
13. Select the drawing button *Zoom limits* from the *Tools* panel so that the drawn geometry appears in the center of the screen.
14. Unselect the drawing button *Automatic regeneration of geometry on/off* from the *Tools* panel.
15. Select the drawing button from the *Edit* panel *Add single line* to draw the surface line of the longitudinal cross section of the horizontal directional drilling and position the straight surface line at  $Z = 5 \text{ m}$ . Use the right mouse button to finish the line.
16. Select again the drawing button *Add single line* to draw the lower boundary of the longitudinal cross section of the horizontal directional drilling and position the straight lower boundary line at  $Z = -40 \text{ m}$ . Use the right mouse button to finish the line.
17. Select the drawing button *Automatic regeneration of geometry on/off* from the *Tools* panel so that the geometry as shown in [Figure 14.5](#) appears.
18. Select the drawing button *Add pl-line(s)* from the *Edit* panel and position the level of the groundwater at coordinate  $Z = 0 \text{ m}$ . Use the right mouse button to finish the line. The blue dashed line represents the groundwater line (PL line).



**Figure 14.5:** View Input window, Geometry tab



### 14.3.1 Soil layer properties

The properties of the soil layers should be specified in the menu materials, which can be entered by clicking soil. In this tutorial only one soil layer is considered.

19. Click *Soil* and select *Materials* on the menu bar to open the *Materials* window (Figure 14.6) and enter the soil data.
20. Add a new material by choosing *Add* button below the materials list on the left side of the window with the new <Silty Sand>.
21. Enter the soil data as given in Table 14.1.
22. Finish the input of soil data by clicking *OK*.

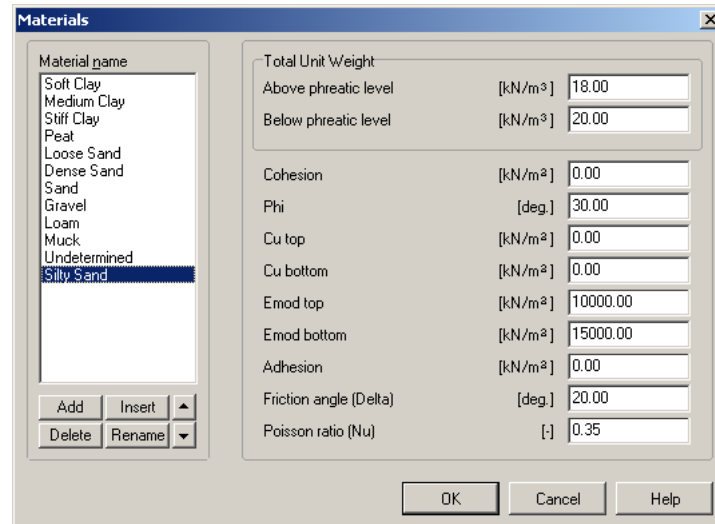


Figure 14.6: Materials window

The defined soil properties and the groundwater level have to be assigned to the drawn geometry of the longitudinal cross section. The assignments can be carried out by clicking geometry and choosing the subsequent described options on the menu bar.

### 14.3.2 Phreatic Line

23. On the *Geometry* menu, select *Phreatic Line* to open *Phreatic Line* window (Figure 14.7) in which the phreatic line for calculation of the groundwater pressures can be selected.
24. Choose PL-line nr. <1> (only one phreatic line is available) and click *OK*.

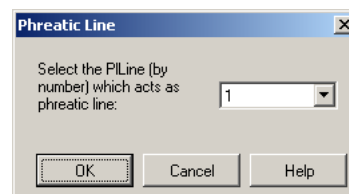
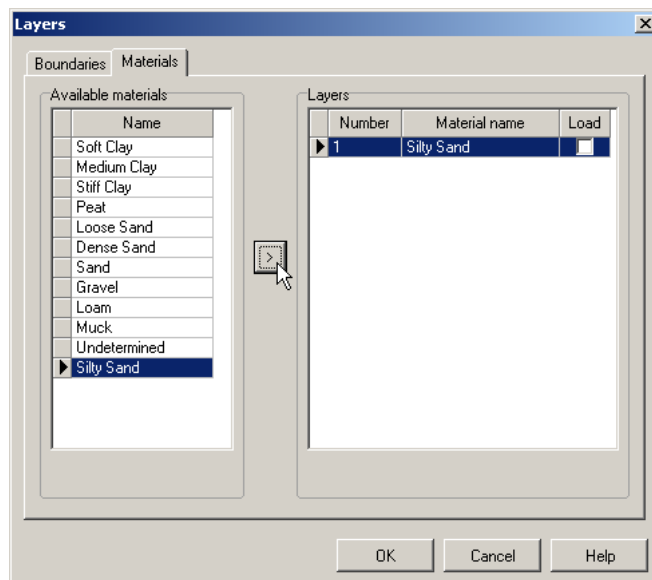


Figure 14.7: Phreatic Line window

### 14.3.3 Layers

25. Click *Geometry* and select *Layers* on the menu bar to assign the soil properties to the soil layers in the longitudinal cross section. To assign a material to a layer, select the *Material* tab.

26. Assign the properties of the defined layer *Silty Sand* to layer nr 1 in the longitudinal cross section. The available soil layers with defined properties are shown in left column of the materials window. The layers in the longitudinal cross section are shown in the right column of the materials window. The defined properties are assigned to layer nr 1 by clicking the arrow in between the columns. This will result in the *Material* tab shown in [Figure 14.8](#).

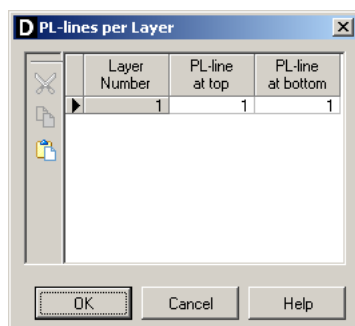


**Figure 14.8:** Layers window, Materials tab

27. Click *OK* to quit the window and return to the geometry window to watch the change of layer name in the legend.

#### 14.3.4 PL-Lines per Layers

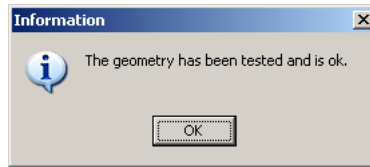
28. Click *Geometry* and select *PL-lines per Layers* on the menu bar to open the *PL-lines per Layer* window ([Figure 14.9](#)) in which the defined PL-lines to the soil layers in the longitudinal cross section can be defined. This window contains the information for the calculation of the groundwater pressure distribution. In this tutorial only one PL-line is defined. The groundwater pressure at the top of the silty sand layer and the bottom of this layer should be calculated based on the hydraulic head of PL-line 1.
29. Click *OK* to close the window.



**Figure 14.9:** PL-lines per Layers window

### 14.3.5 Check Geometry

30. The geometry can be tested by clicking *Geometry* and selecting *Check Geometry* on the menu bar. If the geometry is entered properly, the message shown in [Figure 14.10](#) appears.
31. Click *OK* to close the window.

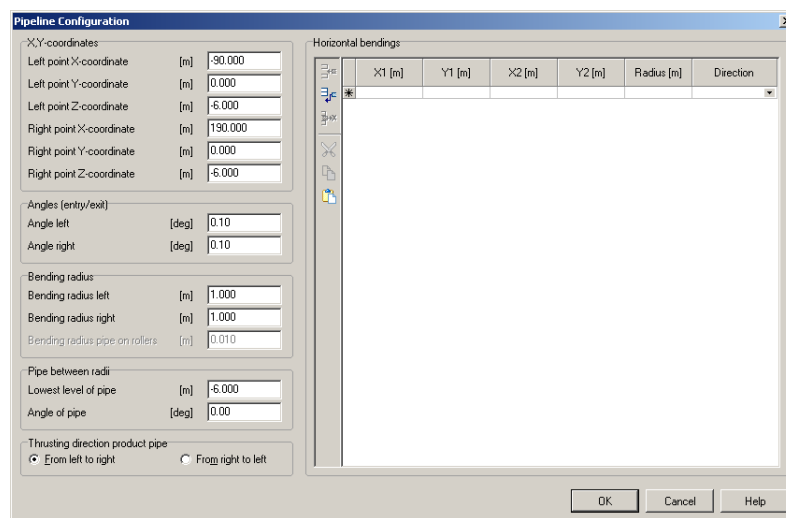


**Figure 14.10:** Check Geometry window

### 14.4 Pipeline Configuration

The pipe is installed in the silty sand layer starting and ending at respectively the start and reception shaft at a level 11 m below surface. As the pipe trajectory is horizontal, the smallest angle of entry allowed by D-GEO PIPELINE is defined, i.e. 0.1 degree. A small bending radius restricts the curved part of the pipe near the entry and exit of the pipe, thus the rest of the pipe will be exact along the lowest level of the pipe.

32. Click *Pipe* from the menu and select *Pipeline Configuration* to open the *Pipeline Configuration* window.
33. Enter the values as presented in [Figure 14.11](#).



**Figure 14.11:** Pipeline Configuration window

34. Click *OK* to confirm.
35. Now examine the micro tunnel trajectory in the *Input* tab ([Figure 14.12](#)) and *Top View* tab of the *View Input* window.

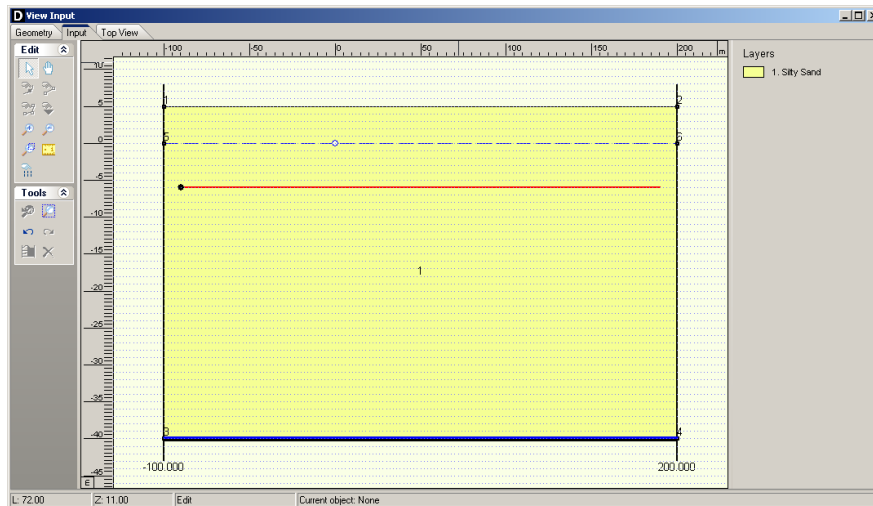


Figure 14.12: View Input window, Input tab

## 14.5 Pipe Material Data

The pipe material of the pipe which will be installed by micro tunneling is chosen. The characteristics of the pipe must be specified as well.

36. Click *Pipe* from the menu and select *Product Pipe Material Data* to open the *Product Pipe Material Data* window.
37. Enter the values as presented in [Figure 14.13](#).

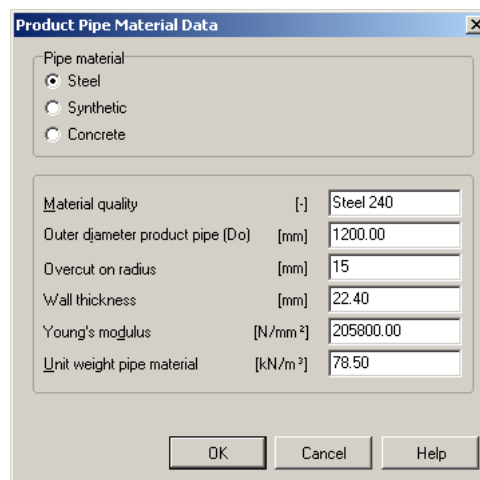


Figure 14.13: Product Pipe Material Data window

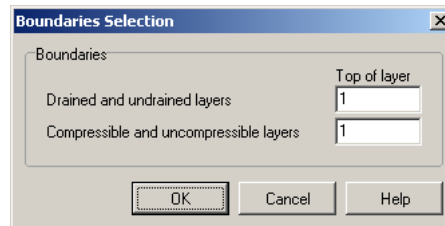
The effect of the overcut on the radius of the pipe is explained in tutorial 9 ([chapter 16](#)).

## 14.6 Soil behavior

The strength of soil layers is dependent on the drained or undrained behavior of soil layers during application the drilling fluid pressure at the front of the MTBM. Depending on the permeability of the soil layer, the soil will behave drained or undrained. A Sand layer is a well permeable so called drained frictional material. The strength of this soil layer can be calculated using the drained (effective) strength parameters effective cohesion ( $c$ ) and angle of internal friction ( $\varphi$ ). In case of undrained behavior in other soil types, the strength of the soil

can be calculated using the undrained strength parameter undrained cohesion ( $c_u$ ).

38. Click *GeoObjects* and select *Boundaries Selection* on the menu bar to open the *Boundaries Selection* window for specification of the soil behavior.
39. Choose the boundary between the undrained and drained layer on top of layer nr <1> (Figure 14.14). This choice results in drained behavior of layer nr 1.
40. Choose the boundary between the compressible and incompressible layer on top of layer nr <1>. This choice results is used for the calculation of the soil mechanical parameters. Compressible layers yield higher soil loads on the pipeline due to incomplete arching.
41. Click *OK* to close this window.



**Figure 14.14:** Boundaries Selection window

## 14.7 Calculation Verticals

The locations in the longitudinal cross section at which a calculation should be carried out must be specified by the user. The user is able to perform calculations at uniform distances along the longitudinal cross section but is also able to perform more calculations at short distances at locations of interest.

42. Click *GeoObjects* and select *Calculation Verticals* on the menu bar to select the *Calculation Verticals* window for specification of the calculation locations along the longitudinal cross section.
43. Choose the *Automatic generation of L co-ordinates* option on the right side of the window and choose the following values: <-80 m> for *First*, <180 m> for *Last* and <20 m> for *Interval*.
44. Click on the *Generate* button and watch the result of automatic vertical generation on the left side of the *Calculation Verticals* window. This will result in the window shown in Figure 14.15.
45. Click *OK* to confirm the selected verticals and switch to the input window to watch the location of the verticals in the longitudinal cross section.

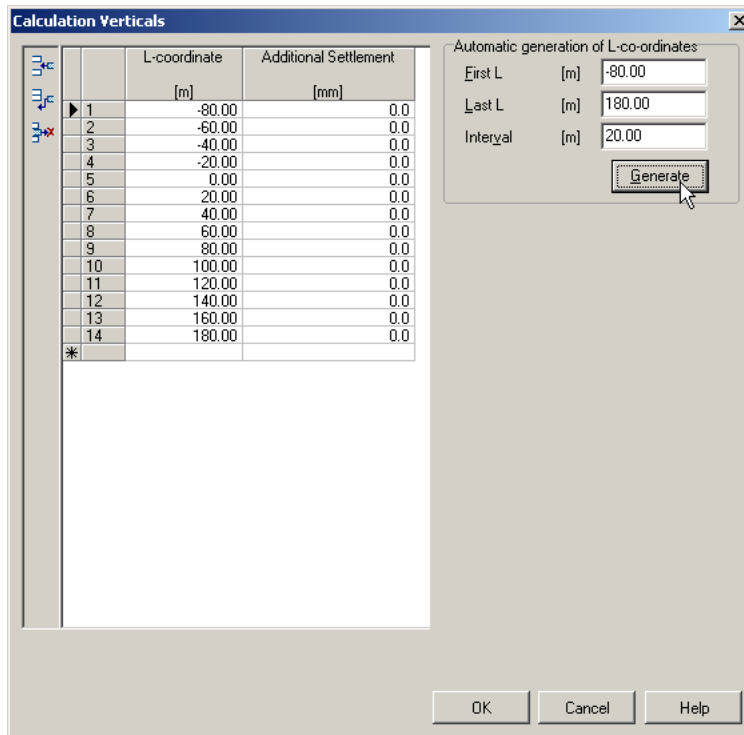


Figure 14.15: Calculation Verticals window

### 14.8 Engineering Data

46. Select *Engineering Data* from the *Pipe* menu bar to open the *Engineering Data* window.
47. Enter the values as given in Figure 14.16.

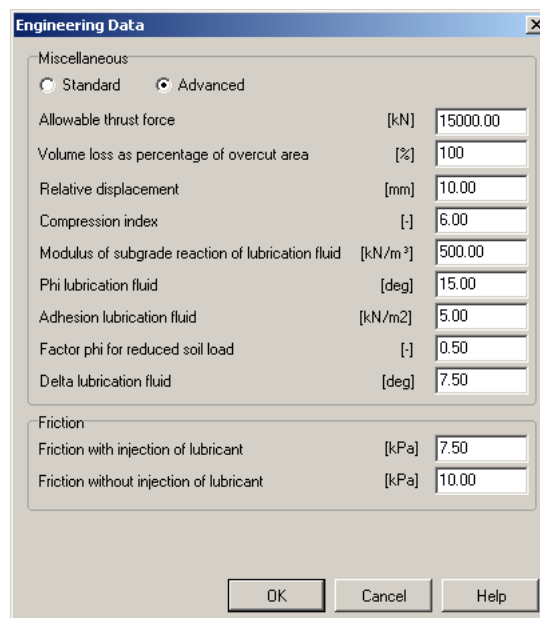
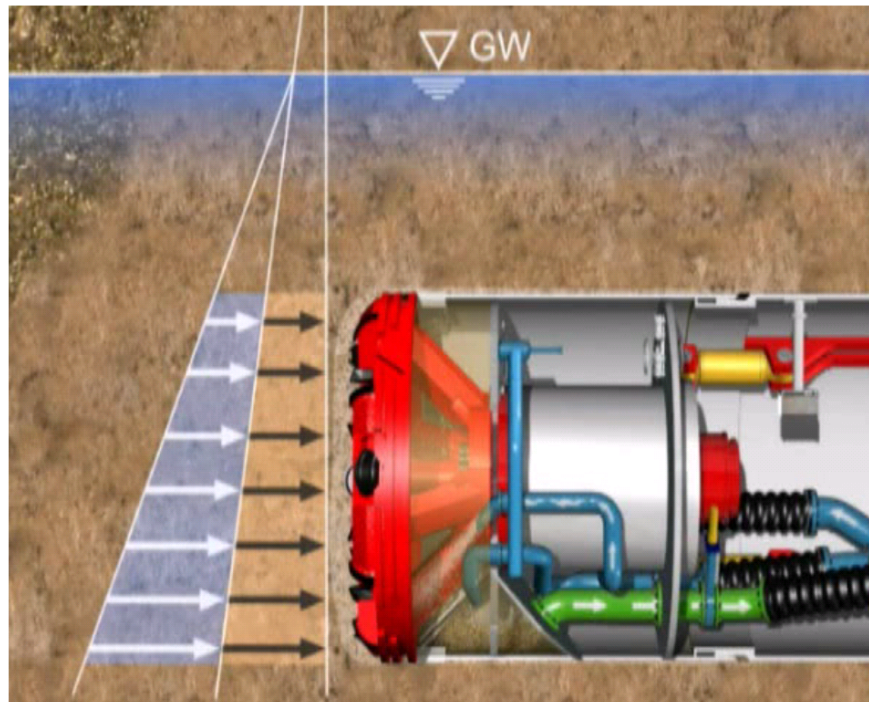


Figure 14.16: Engineering Data window

The maximum allowable thrust force is usually specified by the manufacturer of the pipe. The volume loss determines the subsidence at the surface.

### 14.9 Results: Operation Parameter Plots

The micro-tunneling machine changes the stress conditions in the soil. The deviations from the original stress conditions (Figure 14.17) are largely determined by the size of the overcut and the applied shield. Small deviations from the original conditions are acceptable as the stability of soil adjacent to the micro-tunneling machine is maintained. A relative low face support pressure may lead to collapse of the soil in front of the shield, which in turn may lead to subsidence of the surface or to settlement of soil layers below a construction or pipeline. A relatively high face support pressure can lead to a blow out of drilling fluid or may lead to heave of the surface.

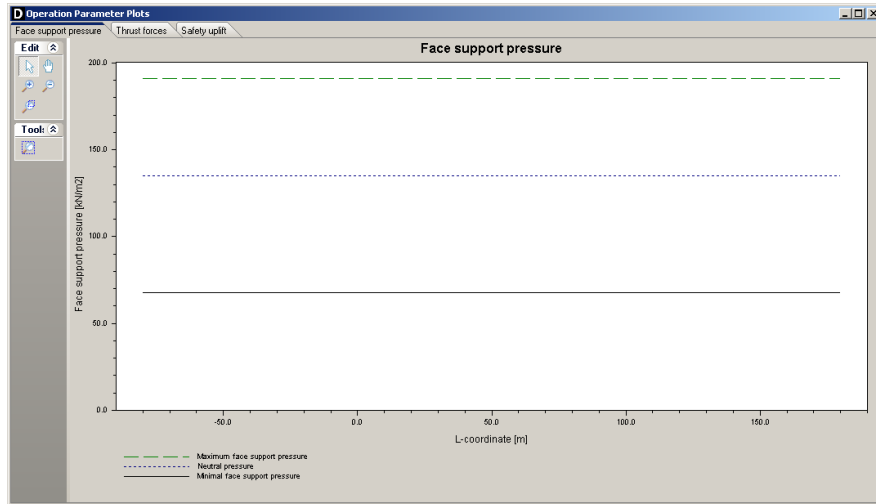


**Figure 14.17:** Schematization of stress condition for micro-tunneling

While drilling the shield pressures have to be kept between certain limits. To prevent the possibility of collapse in of the soil in front of the micro tunneling shield, causing subsidence, the soil at the front is kept stable by maintaining a minimal face pressure. Depending on the soil type the minimal support pressure can be calculated using Jancsecz and Steiner theory (drained behavior of the soil) (Jancsecz and Steiner, 1994), or Broms and Bennermark theory (undrained behavior of the soil) (Broms and Bennermark, 1967). In this tutorial the soil layer which consists of silty sand exhibits drained soil behavior.

A maximum support pressure should not be exceeded to prevent uplift of the soil above the micro-tunneling machine or a blow out of drilling fluid towards the surface. The support pressure, at which the soil deformations are minimal during drilling should be in between the two limits. At the neutral pressure, the face support pressure is in equilibrium with the current horizontal soil pressure.

48. To start the calculations click *Calculation* and select *Start* on the menu bar or press the function key F9.
49. Click *Results* and select *Operation Parameter Plots* from the menu bar to open the *Operation Parameter Plots* window.



**Figure 14.18:** Operation Parameter Plots window, Face support pressure tab

From the graph (Figure 14.18) it can be observed that for this simple tutorial situation the target face support pressure during the pipeline installation should be between the determined limits of the maximum allowable face support pressure and the minimum required face support pressure. At the neutral pressure the face support pressure is in equilibrium with the current horizontal soil pressure.



## 15 Tutorial 8: Uplift and thrust forces for micro tunneling

This tutorial concentrates on the installation of a pipeline by using the micro-tunneling technique and is a continuation of the previous tutorial. It considers installation of a gas pipeline consisting of welded steel pipes. The pipeline crosses underneath a railway by using micro-tunneling.

The objectives of the exercise are:

- ◇ To evaluate the thrust force;
- ◇ To perform a check on the uplift safety.

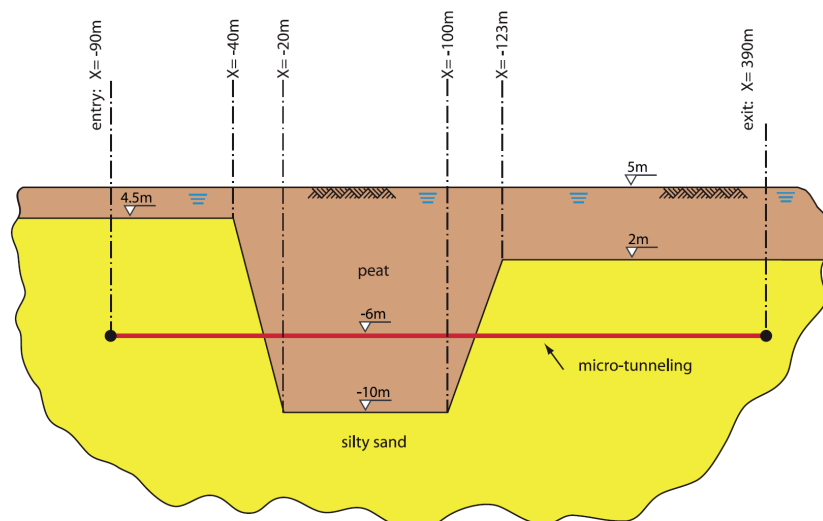
The following modules are needed:

- ◇ D-GEO PIPELINE Standard module (HDD)
- ◇ Micro Tunneling module

This tutorial is presented in the file Tutorial-8.dri.

### 15.1 Introduction to the case

This tutorial considers a peat layer on top of the existing silty sand layer. The risk on uplift of the empty pipeline in the peat layer is evaluated. The possibility of an alternative, longer, micro tunneling trajectory is evaluated in this tutorial. A longer pipe string yields increased friction forces which could possibly exceed the maximum allowable thrust force of the pipeline or the jacking frame.



**Figure 15.1:** Soil layers and pipeline configuration for Tutorial 8

The soil properties are provided in [Table 15.1](#).

**Table 15.1:** Properties of the layers (Tutorial 8)


		<b>Silty Sand</b>	<b>Peat</b>
Dry unit weight	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	18	10.2
Wet unit weight	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	20	10.2
Cohesion	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	2
Angle of internal friction	[°]	30	15
Undrained strength top	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	10
Undrained strength bottom	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	20
E modulus top	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	10000	1000
E modulus bottom	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	15000	1500
Adhesion	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	2
Friction angle (Delta)	[°]	20	5
Poisson's ratio	[-]	0.35	0.45

This tutorial is based on continuation of the file used in Tutorial 7 ([chapter 14](#)).

1. Click *File* and select *Open* on the menu bar to open the *Open* window.
2. Select *Tutorial-7* and click the *Open* button to open the file.
3. Click *File* and select *Save as* on the menu bar to open the *Save As* window and rename the file into <Tutorial-8>.
4. Click the *Save* button to save the file for Tutorial 8.
5. On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Properties* to open the *Project Properties* window.
6. Fill in <Tutorial 8 for D-GEO PIPELINE > and <Micro tunneling: uplift and thrust forces> for *Title 1* and *Title 2* respectively in the *Identification* tab.
7. Click *OK*.

## 15.2 Geometry of the longitudinal cross section

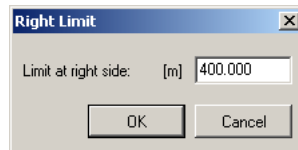
This tutorial considers a layered soil sequence. The typical Dutch soil sequence of a peat layer on top of a silty sand layer will be considered. The peat layer is compressible and exhibits a low permeability, while the sand layer is assumed incompressible and exhibits a high permeability. The new soil layers should be specified in the geometry window.

8. In the *View Input* window, switch to the *Geometry* tab to edit the existing soil layer sequence.
9. Click the *Add polyline(s)*  button from the *Edit* panel to draw an additional line which represents the lower boundary of the peat layer on top of the silty sand layer. The coordinates of the cursor are given in the lower left side of the geometry window. Make the polyline by clicking on the subsequent co-ordinates ([Figure 15.2](#)). Click the right mouse button to escape from the polyline drawing.


	L Co-ordinate [m]	Z Co-ordinate [m]
1	-100.000	4.500
2	-40.000	4.500
3	-20.000	-10.000
4	100.000	-10.000
5	123.000	2.000
6	200.000	2.000

**Figure 15.2:** Co-ordinates of the lower boundary of the Peat layer (before enlarging the right limit)

10. After finishing the polyline, mis-clicks can be corrected using the *Edit* button: select points of the polyline by clicking on it with the left mouse button. Once the point is selected (indicated with a red color), use the right mouse button to select the option *Properties...* and to correct the co-ordinates of the lower boundary of the peat layer.
11. Change the position of the phreatic groundwater: select both points of the PL line (i.e. blue dashed line) by clicking on it with the left mouse button, then select the option *Properties...* and change the co-ordinate into  $Z = 5$  m.
12. Enlarge the dimensions of the geometry window by selecting the right boundary by clicking the right mouse button, then click the right button and select *Properties...* This will result in the coordinate window for the right boundary as shown in [Figure 15.3](#). Enter coordinate  $X$  of  $\langle 400 \text{ m} \rangle$ .



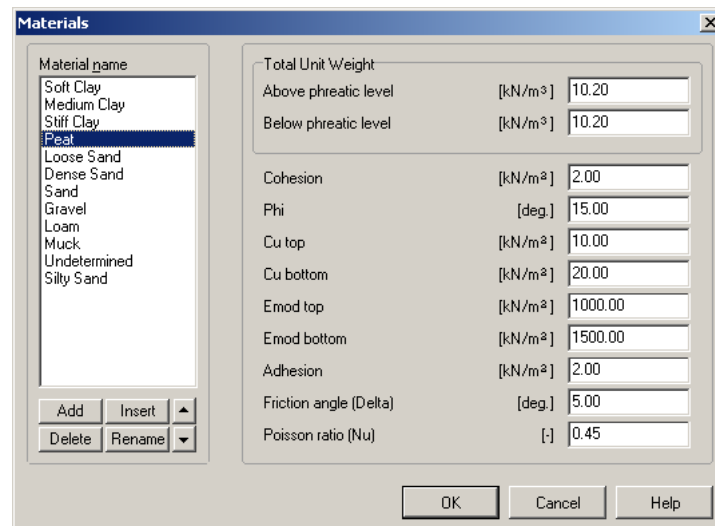
**Figure 15.3:** Right Limit window

13. Click the *Zoom limits*  button from the *Tools* panel so that the drawn geometry appears in the center of the screen.

### 15.3 Soil layer properties

The properties of the soil layers in the layered soil sequence should now be specified.

14. Click *Soil* and select *Materials* on the menu bar to enter the soil data.
15. Select the existing soil material *Peat*.
16. Enter the soil data as given in [Table 15.1](#).
17. Click *OK*.



**Figure 15.4:** Materials window

The defined soil properties have to be assigned to the drawn geometry of the longitudinal cross section. The assignments can be carried out in the *Geometry* menu.

18. Click *Geometry* and select *Layers* on the menu bar to open the *Layers* window.

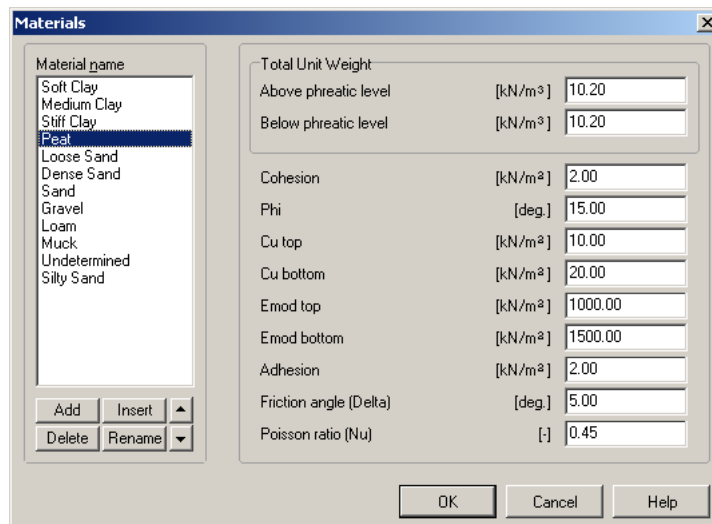



Figure 15.5: Layers window, Materials tab

19. Select the *Materials* tab.
20. Assign the properties of the defined layer *Peat* to layer number 2 in the longitudinal cross section by clicking the *Assign* icon  in between the left and the right column.
21. Click on the *OK* button to quit the window and return to the *Geometry* tab of the *View Input* window to look at the change of layers name in the legend (Figure 15.6).

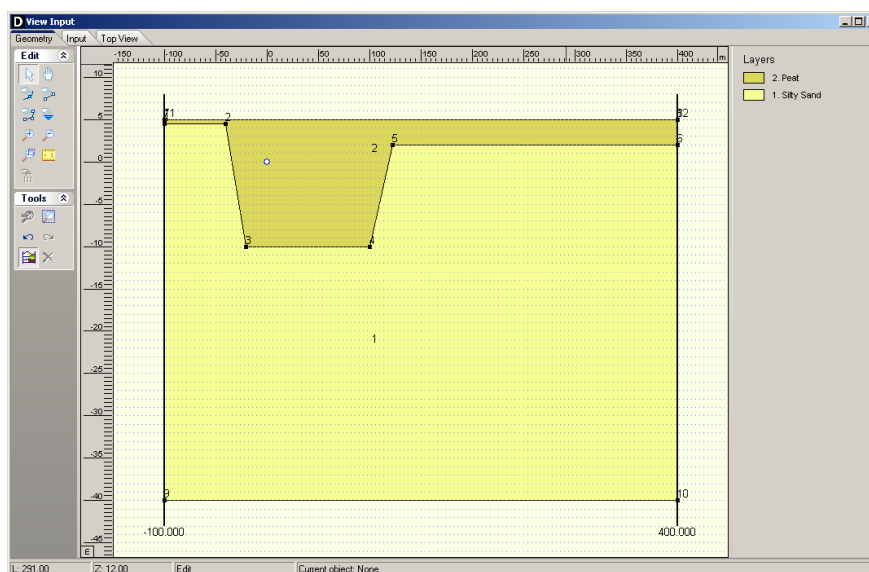


Figure 15.6: View Input window, Geometry tab

22. The geometry can be tested by clicking *Geometry* on the menu bar and selecting *Check Geometry*. If the geometry is entered properly, the message *Geometry has been tested and is OK* appears.
23. Click *OK* to close this window.

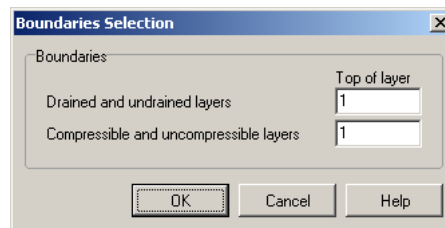
#### 15.4 Soil behavior

Strength of soil layers is dependent on the drained or undrained behavior of soil layers during application the drilling fluid pressure. Depending on the permeability of the soil layer, the soil will behave drained or undrained. The *Silty Sand* layer is well permeable so that the behavior

of the silty sand layer is drained. The strength of this soil layer can be calculated using the drained (effective) strength parameters effective cohesion ( $c$ ) and angle of internal friction ( $\varphi$ ). In case of undrained behavior in the impermeable *Peat* layer, the strength of the soil can be calculated using the undrained strength parameter undrained cohesion ( $c_u$ ).

The soil load on the pipeline after finishing the installation is dependent on the soil pipeline interaction, which is in turn largely dependent on the soil behavior. As described in [section 10.2](#) arching develops completely in incompressible soil layers, while in compressible layers the reduced soil load on the pipeline is higher due to compression of the soil next to the pipeline.

24. Click *GeoObjects* and select *Boundaries Selection* on the menu bar to open the *Boundaries Selection* window for specification of the soil behavior.
25. Choose the boundary between the *Drained and undrained layers* on top of layer number <1> ([Figure 15.7](#)). This choice results in drained behavior of layer number 1.
26. Choose the boundary between the *Compressible and uncompressible layers* on top of layer number <1>. This choice results in full development of arching in layer number 1 while in layer number 2 arching is not fully developed.
27. Click *OK* to close this window.



**Figure 15.7:** *Boundaries Selection* window

## 15.5 Pipeline Configuration

The tunneling length will be increased by changing the entry and exit locations.

28. Click *Pipe* and select *Pipeline Configuration* from the menu bar to open the *Pipeline Configuration* window.
29. Change the X-coordinates of the left and right points to respectively <-90> and <390> as shown in [Figure 15.8](#).
30. Click *OK*.

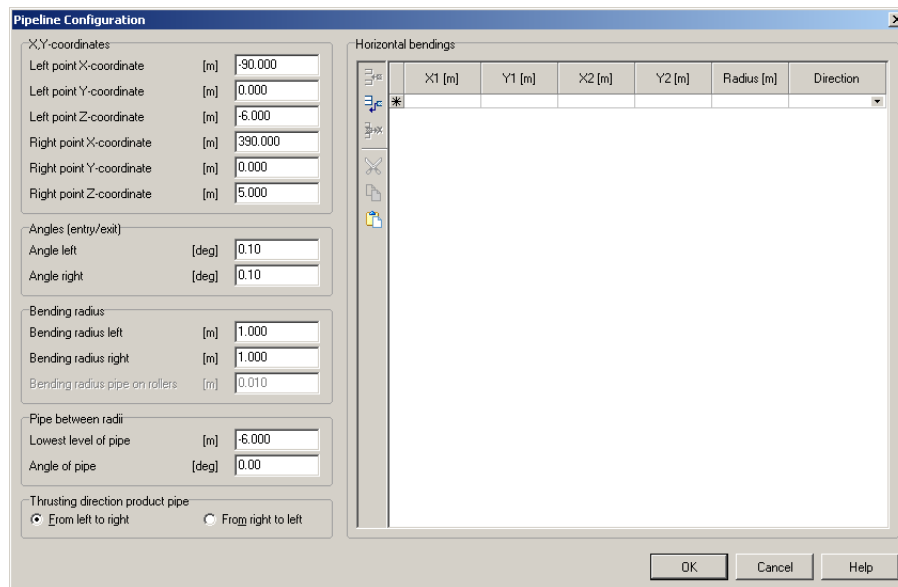


Figure 15.8: Pipeline Configuration window

## 15.6 Calculation Verticals

The locations in the longitudinal cross section at which a calculation should be carried out must be specified by the user. The user is able to perform calculations at uniform distances along the longitudinal cross section but is also able to perform more calculations at short distances at areas of interest.

31. Click *GeoObjects* and select *Calculation Verticals* on the menu bar to select the *Calculation Verticals* window for specification of the calculation locations along the longitudinal cross section. This will result in the window shown in [Figure 15.9](#).
32. Choose the *Automatic generation of L co-ordinates* option on the right side of the window and choose the following values: <-80 m> for *First*, <380 m> for *Last* and <20 m> for *Interval*.
33. Click on the *Generate* button and watch the result of automatic vertical generation on the left side of the *Calculation Verticals* window.
34. Click *OK* to confirm the selected verticals and switch to the input window to watch the location of the verticals in the longitudinal cross section.

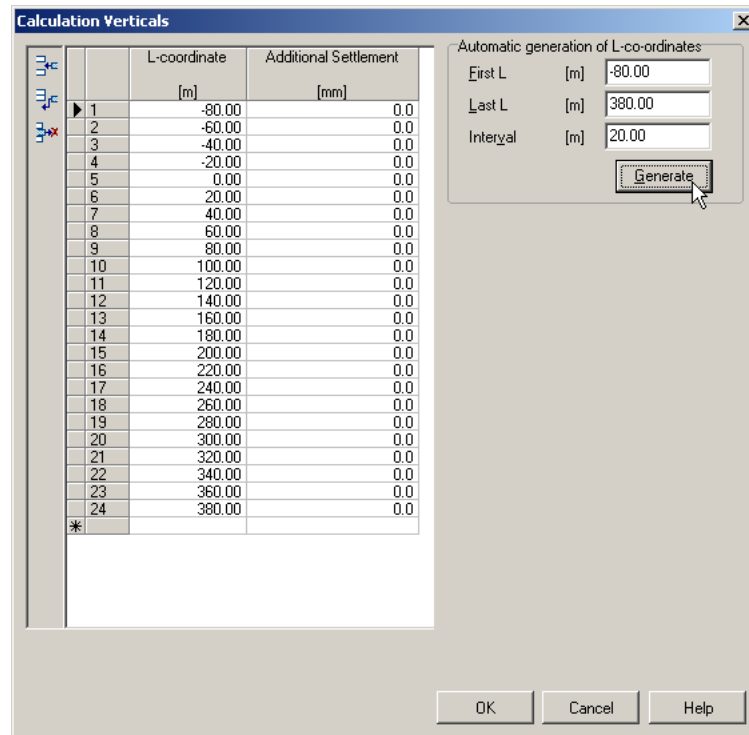


Figure 15.9: Calculation Verticals window

### 15.7 Engineering Data

35. Select *Engineering Data* from the *Pipe* menu bar to open the *Engineering Data* window.
36. Enter the values as given in [Figure 15.10](#).
37. Click *OK*.

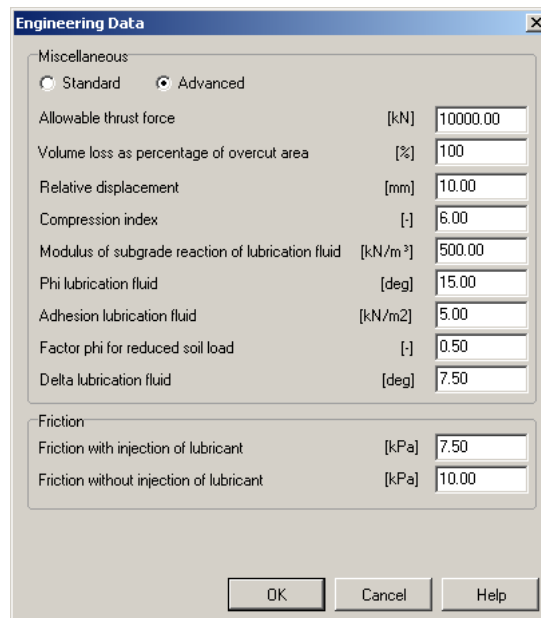


Figure 15.10: Engineering Data window

## 15.8 Results

The schematization of the longitudinal cross section along the pipeline which will be installed by using micro tunneling is changed. A calculation can now be performed.

38. To start the calculations click *Calculation* and select *Start* on the menu bar or press the function key F9.

### 15.8.1 Thrust Force

39. Open the *Operation Parameter Plots* window from the *Results* menu and select the *Thrust forces* tab (Figure 15.11).

This graph shows the calculated thrust force versus the length of pipe jacked into the sub-surface. It is easily recognized that the lubricated as well as the dry thrust force exceed the maximum allowable thrust force as indicated by the manufacturer of the pipe sections.

It should be mentioned that the capacity of the jacks is limited as well. In general the maximum capacity is about 600 ton (6000 kN) so that for larger lengths intermediate jacks are required.

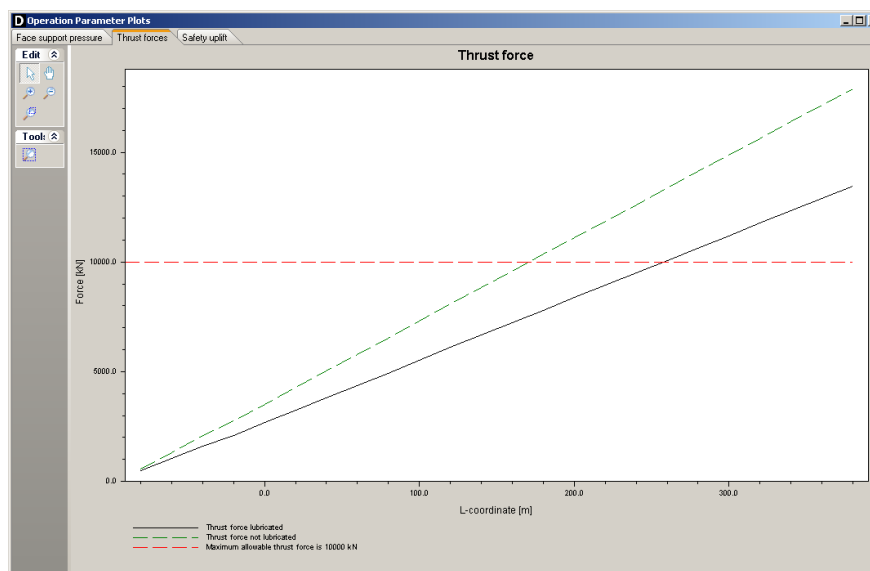


Figure 15.11: Operation Parameter Plots window, Thrust Force tab

### 15.8.2 Uplift safety

Since the pipeline is installed in a soft soil layer with a relative low wet density. The uplift behavior of the empty pipeline should be evaluated. D-GEO PIPELINE calculates the uplift safety factor  $f_{\text{uplift}}$  using the following formula:

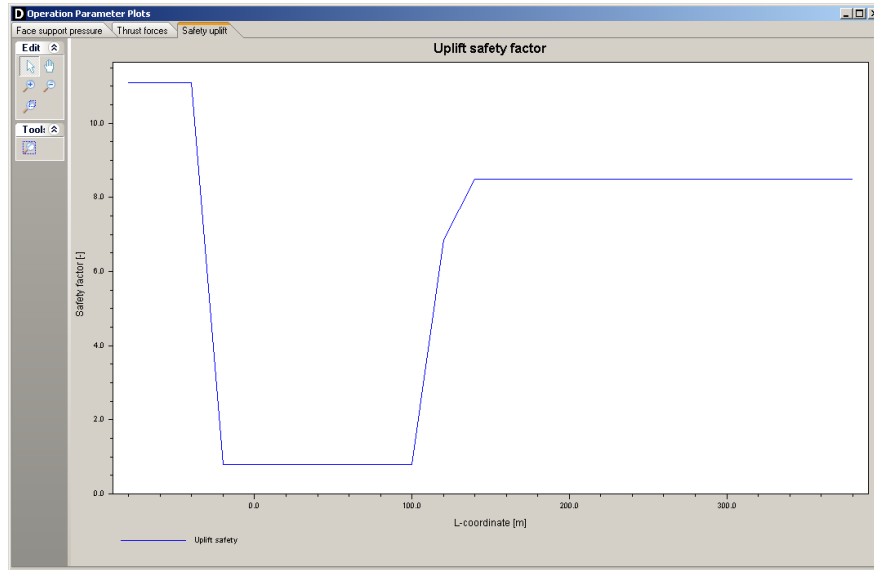
$$f_{\text{uplift}} = \frac{\sigma'_v + g_{\text{pipe}}}{g_{\text{uplift}}} \quad (15.1)$$

where:

- $\sigma'_v$  is the vertical effective stress;
- $g_{\text{pipe}}$  is the buoyancy of the pipe depending on the diameter of the pipeline and the water level. Partial submerging is taken into account by D-GEO PIPELINE;
- $g_{\text{uplift}}$  is the uplift force.



40. Select the *Safety uplift* tab. As can be seen in [Figure 15.12](#), the uplift safety is more than the required safety factor of 1.



**Figure 15.12:** Operation Parameter Plots window, Safety uplift tab

The uplift safety appears to be insufficient in the peat layer. The uplift safety factor equals 0.8. The safety factors are shown in the report in paragraph 4.2.1. The reported table is shown subsequently.

**4.2 Uplift Check**

Due to buoyancy of the pipeline below the groundwater table, the uplift should be checked. In the subsequent calculation the safety factor for uplift is calculated based on an empty pipe.

**4.2.1 Uplift Factors**

Vertical nr.	Safety factor calculated [-]	Safety factor required [-]
1	11.09	1.00
2	11.09	1.00
3	11.09	1.00
4	0.80	1.00
5	0.80	1.00
6	0.80	1.00
7	0.80	1.00
8	0.80	1.00
9	0.80	1.00
10	0.80	1.00
11	6.86	1.00
12	8.49	1.00
13	8.49	1.00
14	8.49	1.00
15	8.49	1.00
16	8.49	1.00
17	8.49	1.00
18	8.49	1.00
19	8.49	1.00
20	8.49	1.00
21	8.49	1.00
22	8.49	1.00
23	8.49	1.00
24	8.49	1.00

**Figure 15.13:** Report window, Uplift Factors section





- ◇ reduced vertical soil load
- ◇ vertical modulus of sub grade reaction
- ◇ horizontal modulus of sub grade reaction
- ◇ ultimate vertical bearing capacity
- ◇ ultimate horizontal bearing capacity
- ◇ neutral horizontal soil load
- ◇ vertical displacement
- ◇ maximal axial friction
- ◇ friction displacement

Vertical displacement of soil below and around the pipeline that occurs after installation is an important factor in assessing the stresses in the pipeline. Settlement may be entered manually if the vertical settlements results are available. For more accurate results, D-GEO PIPELINE can use the D-SETTLEMENT computer program (formerly known as MSettle) without additional input. Settlement deals with soil compaction due to imposed loading. In D-GEO PIPELINE the loading consists of an extra layer as created in the geometry. The calculation of the settlement is performed externally by D-SETTLEMENT, the settlement calculation program of the Deltares Systems tools. Details on the calculation of settlement are beyond the scope of this manual, a thorough description can be found in the user manual of D-SETTLEMENT ([Deltares](#)).

**Table 16.1:** Settlement parameters (acc. Koppejan) of the soil layers (Tutorial 9)

	Coarse Sand	Silty Sand	Peat
Over-consolidation ratio ( $OCR$ )	1	1.3	1.3
Primary compression coeff. below $P_c$ ( $C_p$ )	$10^9$	$10^9$	40
Primary compression coeff. above $P_c$ ( $C_p'$ )	$10^9$	$10^9$	10
Secondary compression coeff. below $P_c$ ( $C_s$ )	$10^9$	$10^9$	160
Secondary compression coeff. above $P_c$ ( $C_s'$ )	$10^9$	$10^9$	35

This tutorial is based on the geometry made in Tutorial 8.

1. Click *File* and select *Open* on the menu bar to open the *Open* window.
2. Select *Tutorial-8* and click the *Open* button to open de file.
3. Click *File* and select *Save as* on the menu bar to open the *Save As* window and rename the file into <Tutorial-9>.
4. Click the *Save* button to save the file for Tutorial 9.
5. On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Properties* to open the *Project Properties* window.
6. Fill in <Tutorial 9 for D-GEO PIPELINE > and <Micro tunneling: settlement and soil mech. param.> for *Title 1* and *Title 2* respectively in the *Identification* tab.
7. Click *OK*.

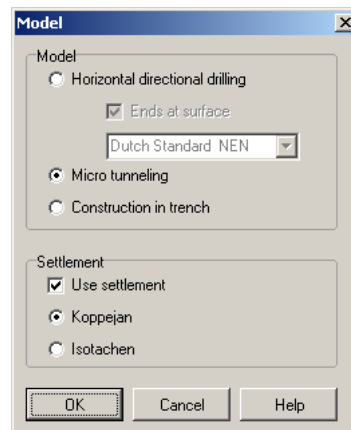
## 16.2 Settlement

For calculation of settlement a license for D-SETTLEMENT is required. If this license and software is available the model option *Settlement* will be available in D-GEO PIPELINE. For this purpose an embankment that will act as a load is introduced.

Settlement calculations can be performed using the in the Netherlands often used Koppejan model or the more recent developed Isotache model which is based on Terzaghi's settlement model.

8. Click *Project* and select *Model* on the menu bar to open the *Model* window.


9. Mark the *Use settlement* check-box and select the *Koppejan* model (Figure 16.2).
10. Click *OK* to confirm the choice.



**Figure 16.2:** Model window

### 16.3 Geometry of the longitudinal cross section

This tutorial considers a layered soil sequence described in Tutorial 8 (chapter 15). In the longitudinal cross section, a load (soil mass) has to be defined.

11. Switch to the *Geometry* tab in the *View Input* window to edit the existing soil layer sequence.
12. Select the *Add polyline* icon  from the *Edit* sub-window to draw an additional layer (soil mass) on top of the existing soil layers with coordinates given in Table 16.2.

**Table 16.2:** Coordinates of the top of the soil mass

X co-ordinate [m]	Z co-ordinate [m]
-75	5
-60	10
30	10
45	5

13. Quit editing by clicking the right mouse button.
14. To check or modify the added points, select a point by clicking the left mouse button. The point will become a red square.
15. Click the right-hand mouse button and select *Properties...* In the window displayed (Figure 16.3), the co-ordinates can be checked and modified if needed.

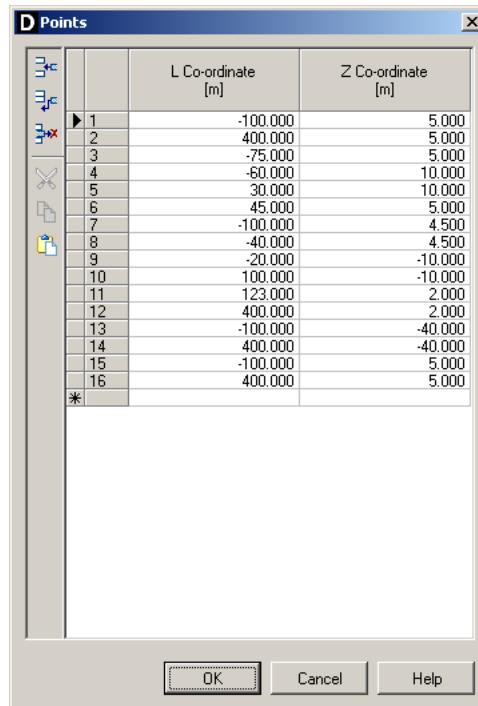





Figure 16.3: Points window

16. Click the *Zoom limits* button  from the *Tools* panel so that the drawn geometry appears in the center of the screen.
17. Select the *Automatic regeneration of geometry on/off* icon  from the *Tools* sub-window so that the geometry as shown in Figure 16.4. If the *Automatic regeneration of geometry* icon already is selected, click on the *Edit* icon  to regenerate the geometry. Notice that the soil mass is located on the left side above the section where the pipeline is located in the peat layer.

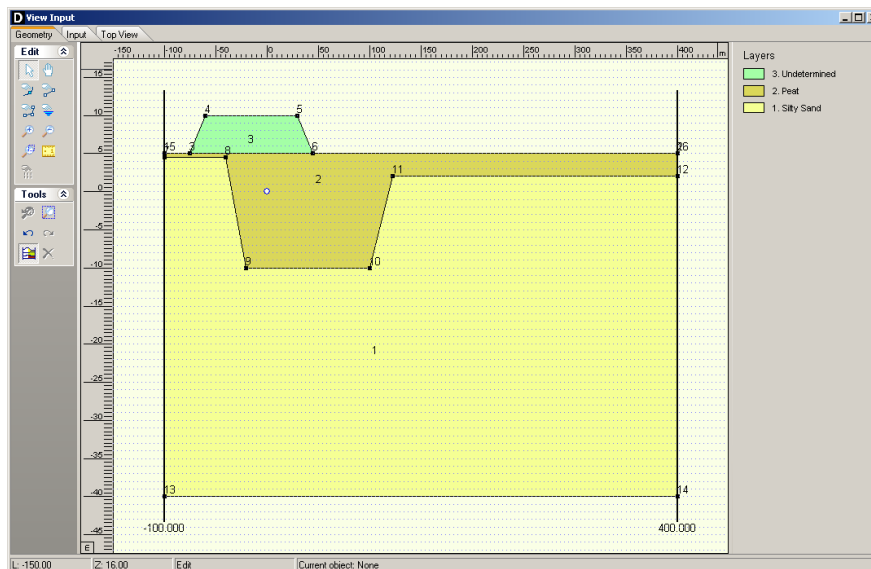


Figure 16.4: View Input window, Geometry tab

### 16.4 Soil layer properties

The settlement properties of the soil layers in the layered soil sequence should now be specified. The properties of the soil mass should be entered too.

18. Click *Soil* and select *Materials* on the menu bar to open the *Materials* window.
19. Select the soil name *Undetermined* in the left column of the *Materials* window and rename it with <Coarse Sand>. Enter the properties given in [Figure 16.5](#).

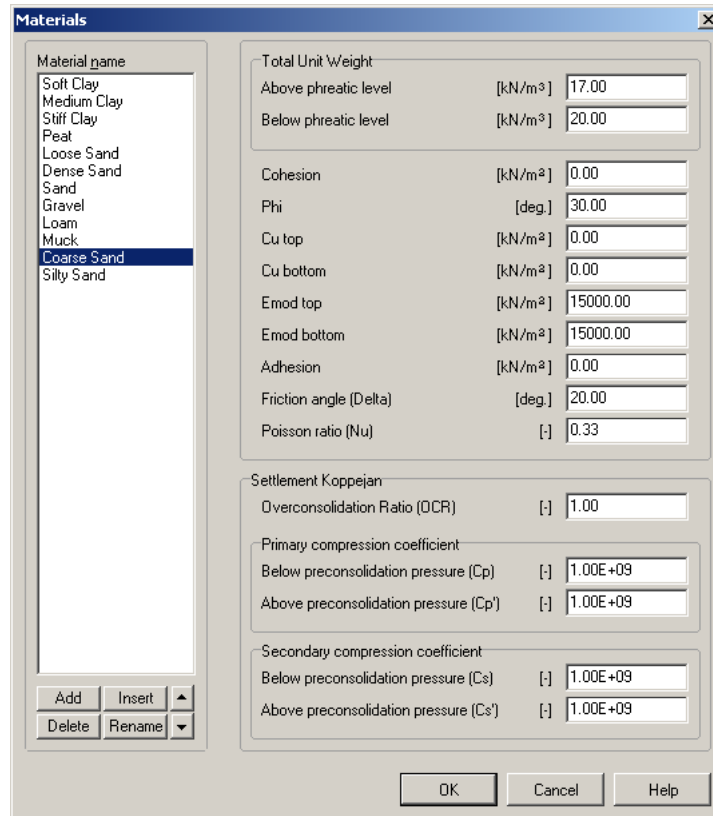


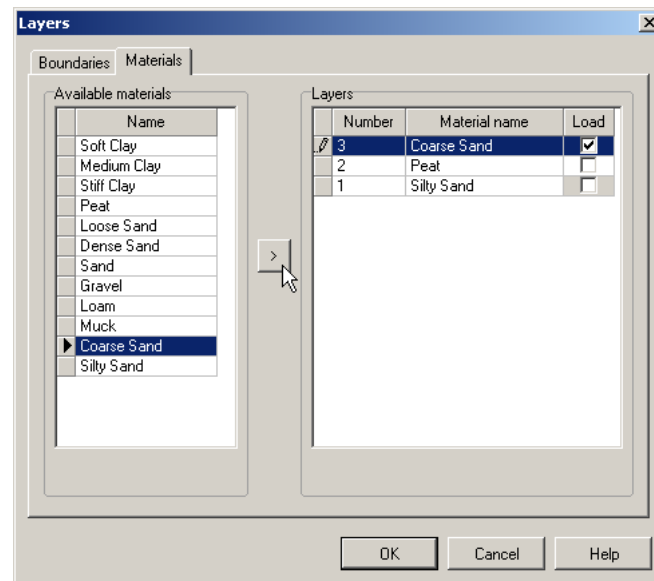
Figure 16.5: Materials window

20. Select the soil name *Silty Sand* and enter the *Settlement Koppejan* data given in [Table 16.1](#).
21. Select the soil name *Peat* and enter the *Settlement Koppejan* data given in [Table 16.1](#).
22. Finish the input of soil data by clicking *OK*.

### 16.5 Finishing the geometry of the longitudinal cross section

The defined soil properties have to be assigned to the drawn geometry of the longitudinal cross section (groundwater levels are assigned already). The assignments can be carried out by clicking geometry and choosing the subsequent described options on the menu bar.

23. Click *Geometry* and select *Layers* on the menu bar to open the *Layers* window to assign the soil properties to the soil layers in the longitudinal cross section.
24. Click on the tab *Materials*.
25. Assign the soil properties given in [Figure 16.6](#).
26. Click *OK* to confirm the assignments.

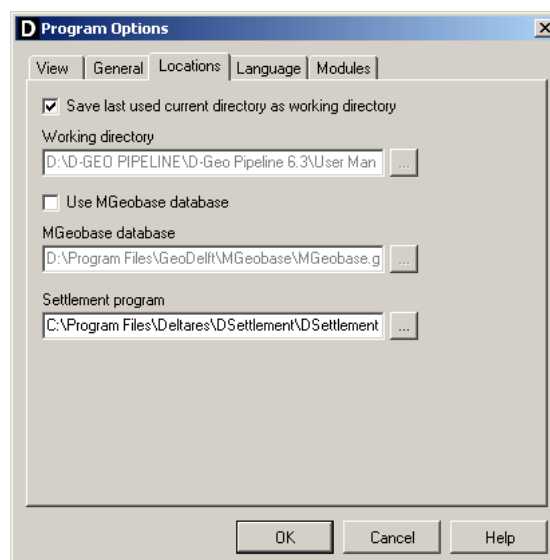


**Figure 16.6:** Layers window, Materials tab

## 16.6 Calculated soil mechanical parameters in export file

The calculation of the settlement of the soil layers below the pipeline is performed externally by D-SETTLEMENT (formerly known as MSettle), the settlement calculation program of the Deltares Systems tools. Therefore, the directory where the program is installed must be given:

27. Click *Tools* on the menu bar and select *Program Options* to open the *Program Options* window. Then select the *Locations* tab (Figure 16.7).
28. If needed, change the directory where the *Settlement program* is installed by clicking the *Browse* button.
29. Click *OK* to confirm.



**Figure 16.7:** Program Options window, Locations tab

The other soil mechanical parameters are calculated automatically in D-GEO PIPELINE.



30. To start the calculations click *Calculation* and select *Start* on the menu bar to or press the function key F9. Ignore the message of Cu values of 0 above the drained undrained boundary.
31. Click *Results* and select *Report* on the menu bar to look at the results of the settlement calculation in paragraph 5.1 (Figure 16.8) and the calculation of the Soil Mechanical Parameters in paragraph 3.1 (Figure 16.9).

**5 Deformations**

**5.1 Settlements of Soil Layers below the Pipeline**

Vertical nr. [-]	Settlement [mm]	Additional settlement [mm]	dv [mm]
1	0	0	0
2	0	0	0
3	0	0	0
4	1910	0	1910
5	1891	0	1891
6	1864	0	1864
7	1192	0	1192
8	30	0	30
9	3	0	3
10	1	0	1
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
13	0	0	0
14	0	0	0
15	0	0	0
16	0	0	0
17	0	0	0
18	0	0	0
19	0	0	0
20	0	0	0
21	0	0	0
22	0	0	0
23	0	0	0
24	0	0	0

**Figure 16.8:** Report window, Settlements of soil layers below the pipeline

**3.1 Soil Mechanical Parameters**

The list with data and issues is shown hereafter:  
 Note: safety factors not applied

Pv,p	Passive soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Pv,n	Neutral soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Ph,n	Neutral horizontal soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Pv,r,n	Reduced neutral soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
kv,top1	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction (bilinear) upward	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
kv,top2	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction upward	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
dv	Vertical displacement	mm
kv	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction downward	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Pv,e	Vertical bearing capacity	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
kh	Horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Ph,e	Horizontal bearing capacity	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
tmax	Maximal friction along pipe	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
dmax	Displacement at maximal friction	mm

Vertical nr.	Pv,p [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Pv,n [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Ph,n [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Pv,r,n [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	kv,top [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]
1	358	100	50	50	3982
2	807	185	93	70	3982
3	807	185	93	70	3982
4	189	87	65	76	457
5	189	87	65	76	457
6	189	87	65	76	457
7	87	30	23	27	457
8	8	2	2	2	457
9	8	2	2	2	457
10	8	2	2	2	457
11	215	61	30	38	3735
12	270	76	38	44	3884
13	270	76	38	44	3884
14	270	76	38	44	3884
15	270	76	38	44	3884
16	270	76	38	44	3884
17	270	76	38	44	3884
18	270	76	38	44	3884
19	270	76	38	44	3884
20	270	76	38	44	3884
21	270	76	38	44	3884
22	270	76	38	44	3884
23	270	76	38	44	3884
24	270	76	38	44	3884

Figure 16.9: Report window, Soil Mechanical Parameters

- Click *File* and select *Export Results as csv. . .* on the menu bar to create an export file with the soil mechanical parameters.
- Click on the *Save* button. The export file is saved on the same directory as Tutorial 9 and can be opened using the Excel program for example (see Figure 16.10).

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB			
1																														
2																														
3																														
4																														
5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
6	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header	Header		
7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
9	Company	Software	Date	Time	P100	P101	P102	P200	P201	P202	Length	Pipe	Pipe	Diameter	Thickness	Material	T	Section nr	x	y	z	From	Cum'd	Delta	F	Qa	On	Qc	Qp	C1
10	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
11	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	2	-80	0	-6	10	Topsoil	0	0	0	10.04	0	1170.03	2907.83	0	2344.66	3007.83
12	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	2	-80	0	-6	30	Topsoil	0	0	0	12.98	0	2244.66	3007.83	0	2244.66	3007.83
13	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	3	-80	0	-6	90	Topsoil	0	0	0	12.98	0	2244.66	3007.83	0	2244.66	3007.83
14	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	4	-20	0	-6	70	Topsoil	0	0	0	11.32	0	277.99	1378.2	0	277.99	1378.2
15	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	5	0	0	-6	90	Topsoil	0	0	0	11.32	0	277.99	1378.2	0	277.99	1378.2
16	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	6	20	0	-6	110	Topsoil	0	0	0	11.32	0	277.99	1378.2	0	277.99	1378.2
17	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	7	40	0	-6	130	Topsoil	0	0	0	5.78	0	108.01	1378.2	0	108.01	1378.2
18	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	8	60	0	-6	150	Topsoil	0	0	0	2.17	0	27.05	1378.2	0	27.05	1378.2
19	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	9	80	0	-6	170	Topsoil	0	0	0	2.17	0	27.05	1378.2	0	27.05	1378.2
20	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	10	100	0	-6	190	Topsoil	0	0	0	2.17	0	27.05	1378.2	0	27.05	1378.2
21	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	11	120	0	-6	210	Topsoil	0	0	0	4.48	0	738.55	2914.04	0	738.55	2914.04
22	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	12	140	0	-6	230	Topsoil	0	0	0	9.11	0	697.32	2952.28	0	697.32	2952.28
23	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	13	160	0	-6	250	Topsoil	0	0	0	9.11	0	697.32	2952.28	0	697.32	2952.28
24	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	14	180	0	-6	270	Topsoil	0	0	0	9.11	0	697.32	2952.28	0	697.32	2952.28
25	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	15	200	0	-6	290	Topsoil	0	0	0	9.11	0	697.32	2952.28	0	697.32	2952.28
26	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	16	220	0	-6	310	Topsoil	0	0	0	9.11	0	697.32	2952.28	0	697.32	2952.28
27	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	17	240	0	-6	330	Topsoil	0	0	0	9.11	0	697.32	2952.28	0	697.32	2952.28
28	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	18	260	0	-6	350	Topsoil	0	0	0	9.11	0	697.32	2952.28	0	697.32	2952.28
29	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	19	280	0	-6	370	Topsoil	0	0	0	9.11	0	697.32	2952.28	0	697.32	2952.28
30	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	20	300	0	-6	390	Topsoil	0	0	0	9.11	0	697.32	2952.28	0	697.32	2952.28
31	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	21	320	0	-6	410	Topsoil	0	0	0	9.11	0	697.32	2952.28	0	697.32	2952.28
32	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	22	340	0	-6	430	Topsoil	0	0	0	9.11	0	697.32	2952.28	0	697.32	2952.28
33	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	23	360	0	-6	450	Topsoil	0	0	0	9.11	0	697.32	2952.28	0	697.32	2952.28
34	D-Geo Pipeline 6.3	26.7.2019	13:42:20	-80	0	-6	380	0	-6	12125.07	1	1200	22.4	Steel	24	380	0	-6	470	Topsoil	0	0	0	9.11	0	697.32	2952.28	0	697.32	2952.28

Figure 16.10: Content of the CSV export file for Tutorial 9

The export file contains the following data's:

- General data about the D-GEO PIPELINE project
- Pipeline data
- Horizontal soil mechanical data at the left and right of the pipe
- Vertical soil mechanical data at the top and bottom of the pipe

- ◇ Water data
- ◇ Axial soil data for friction

For more information, refer to [section 3.1.2](#).

## 16.7 Conclusion

A pipe stress and settlement analysis has been performed for a polyethylene pipe in a layered soil. The inputs and results of this calculation have been exported in a csv file in order to perform an extended stress analysis using an other program.



## 17 Tutorial 10: Subsidence after micro tunneling

This tutorial provides some detail on subsidence calculations in D-GEO PIPELINE. Subsidence is related to surface level changes due to excavation of the subsurface by the micro tunneling machine.

The objectives of the exercise are:

- ◇ To enter a non linear bore path;
- ◇ To evaluate the subsidence along the pipeline.

The following modules are needed:

- ◇ D-GEO PIPELINE Standard module (HDD)
- ◇ Micro Tunneling module

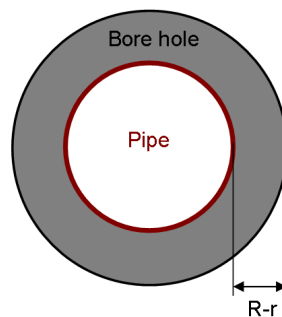
This tutorial is presented in the file Tutorial-10.dri.

### 17.1 Introduction to the case

#### 17.1.1 Volume loss along the tunnel excavation

Subsidence is related to the volume loss along the tunnel excavation, e.g. the excess soil removed by the Micro Tunneling Boring Machine (MTBM). The subsidence mechanism is described in detail in [section 24.3](#).

To reduce the friction between pipe and wall of the drilling hole, and allow the optional use of friction reducing fluids, the drilling diameter ( $R$ ) is usually somewhat larger than the pipe diameter ( $r$ ).



**Figure 17.1:** Bore hole section

The space created between pipe and wall is called *overcut*: the distance  $R - r$ . See [section 4.6.2.2](#) for entering the *overcut*. The *overcut* is generally filled by lubrication fluid depending on the type of lubrication fluid the amount of filling may reduce during or after installation:

- ◇ Part of the soil above subsides during operation
- ◇ Compaction/consolidation of the lubrication fluid after installation

The volume loss as percentage of the *overcut* area is defined as.

$$V_s = v \pi (R^2 - r^2) \quad (17.1)$$





**Note:** If one wants to model subsidence due to drilling with a low face support pressure or to model the influence of densification of granular soils this value may be set above 100%.

The volume loss causing subsidence is in D-GEO PIPELINE based on the expected overcut of the soil.

$$V_s = \frac{v \pi}{4} \left( (D_o + 2 l_{\text{overcut}})^2 - D_o^2 \right) \quad (17.2)$$

where:

- $v$  is the percentage volume loss, in %;
- $V_s$  is the differential volume, in  $\text{m}^3/\text{m}$ ;
- $D_o$  is the pipe diameter, in m;
- $l_{\text{overcut}}$  is the overcut on radius, in m.

The volume created by the over cut is initially filled with lubrication fluid. Within a time period the lubrication fluid will consolidate and the overburden will subside into space created by consolidation. The subsidence  $w$  at the surface is calculated as follows:

$$w = \frac{V_s}{\sqrt{2\pi i^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2i^2}\right), \quad z < z_0 \quad (17.3)$$

where:

- $i$  is the distance in between the center of the tunnel or pipeline and the inflection point of the trough, in m;
- $z_0$  is the depth of the center of the pipeline or tunnel, in m;
- $z$  is the depth at which the settlement is calculated, in m;
- $V_s$  is the differential volume, in  $\text{m}^3/\text{m}$ .

For detail on the shape factor  $i$ , see [section 24.3](#).

### 17.1.2 Modification of the drilling line

A vertical and a horizontal bending radius in the design drilling line for micro tunneling is a possibility. In this tutorial the drilling line is modified in order to avoid drilling through the peat layer.



6. Fill in <Tutorial 10 for D-GEO PIPELINE > and <Subsidence after micro tunneling> for *Title 1* and *Title 2* respectively in the *Identification* tab.
7. Click *OK*.
8. In the *Model* window from the *Project* menu, unselect the option *Use settlement*.
9. Click *OK*.

## 17.2 Pipeline Configuration

The horizontal and vertical curves must be specified in the pipeline configuration window.

10. Click *Pipe* and select *Pipeline Configuration* on the menu bar to open the *Pipeline Configuration* window.
11. Enter the values given in [Figure 17.3](#).
12. Click *OK* to confirm.

The screenshot shows the 'Pipeline Configuration' dialog box. It is divided into several sections:

- X,Y-coordinates:**
  - Left point X-coordinate [m]: -90.000
  - Left point Y-coordinate [m]: 0.000
  - Left point Z-coordinate [m]: -6.000
  - Right point X-coordinate [m]: 390.000
  - Right point Y-coordinate [m]: 0.000
  - Right point Z-coordinate [m]: -6.000
- Angles (entry/exit):**
  - Angle left [deg]: 5.00
  - Angle right [deg]: 5.00
- Bending radius:**
  - Bending radius left [m]: 1200.000
  - Bending radius right [m]: 1200.000
  - Bending radius pipe on rollers [m]: 0.010
- Pipe between radi:**
  - Lowest level of pipe [m]: -15.000
  - Angle of pipe [deg]: 0.00
- Horizontal bendings:** A table with the following data:
 

X1 [m]	Y1 [m]	X2 [m]	Y2 [m]	Radius [m]	Direction
-10.000	2.000	200.000	3.000	5000.000	Left

Buttons for 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help' are located at the bottom right of the window.

**Figure 17.3:** Pipeline Configuration window

13. Look at the entered horizontal bending on the *Top View* tab of the *View Input* window ([Figure 17.4](#)).
14. Look at the longitudinal cross section on the *Input* tab of the *View Input* window and notice the elongation of the longitudinal cross section. Therefore it is recommended to check, in case of projects with changing 3D pipeline configurations, if the soil layer sequence in the longitudinal cross section is still reliable (according to the soil investigation data).



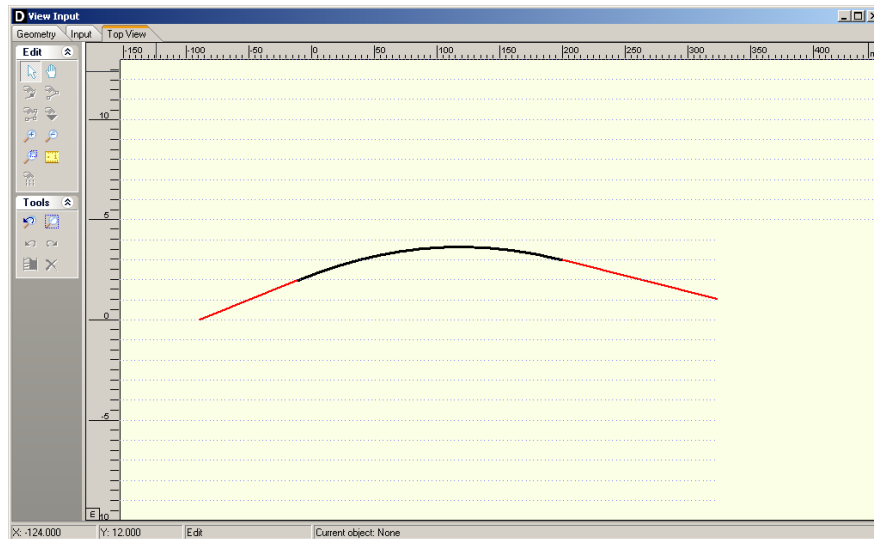


Figure 17.4: View Input window, Top View tab

**Note:** The horizontal bending is indicated with a black bold line in the top view (Figure 17.4).

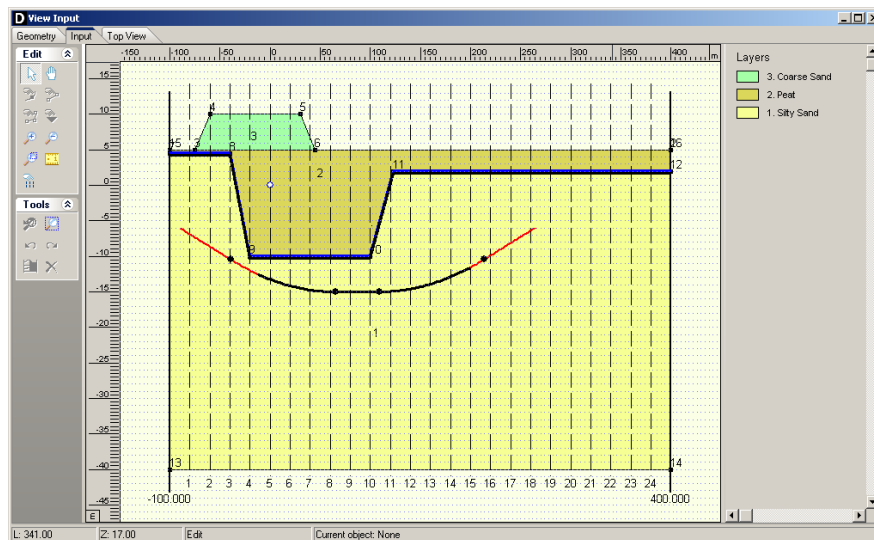
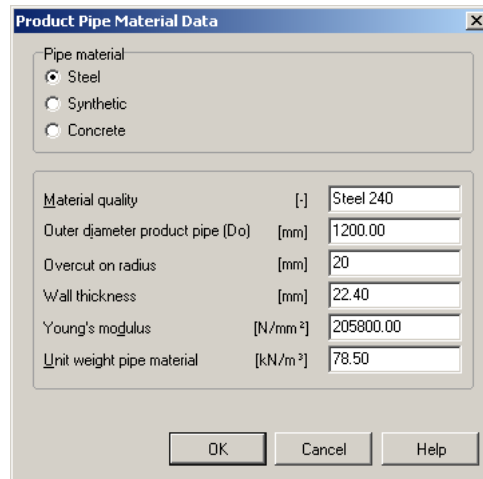


Figure 17.5: View Input window, Input tab

### 17.3 Material data

After the input of the drilling line, the pipe material is chosen.

15. Click *Pipe* from the menu and select *Product Pipe Material Data* to open the *Product Pipe Material Data* window.
16. Enter the values as presented in Figure 17.6.



The 'Product Pipe Material Data' window contains the following fields and values:

Field	Unit	Value
Pipe material		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Steel <input type="radio"/> Synthetic <input type="radio"/> Concrete
Material quality	[-]	Steel 240
Outer diameter product pipe (Do)	[mm]	1200.00
Overcut on radius	[mm]	20
Wall thickness	[mm]	22.40
Young's modulus	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	205800.00
Unit weight pipe material	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	78.50

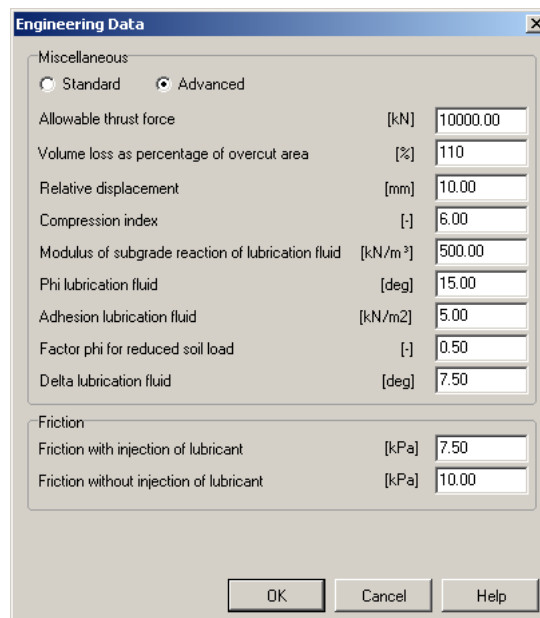
**Figure 17.6:** Product Pipe Material Data window

The overcut on the radius amounts to 20 mm, which equals 40 mm on the diameter of the pipeline.

#### 17.4 Engineering Data

The percentage of volume loss is specified in the *Engineering Data* window. In this tutorial a value of 110 % is chosen, so that the effect of drilling with a relative low face pressure (lower than the neutral face pressure) is incorporated.

17. Select *Engineering Data* from the *Pipe* menu bar to open the *Engineering Data* window.
18. Enter the values as given in [Figure 17.7](#).



The 'Engineering Data' window contains the following fields and values:

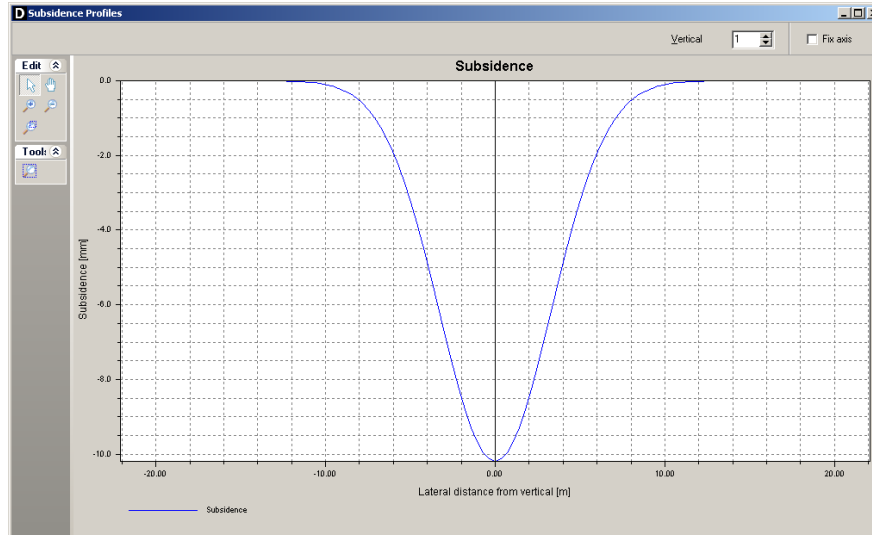
Field	Unit	Value
Miscellaneous		<input type="radio"/> Standard <input checked="" type="radio"/> Advanced
Allowable thrust force	[kN]	10000.00
Volume loss as percentage of overcut area	[%]	110
Relative displacement	[mm]	10.00
Compression index	[-]	6.00
Modulus of subgrade reaction of lubrication fluid	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	500.00
Phi lubrication fluid	[deg]	15.00
Adhesion lubrication fluid	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	5.00
Factor phi for reduced soil load	[-]	0.50
Delta lubrication fluid	[deg]	7.50
Friction		
Friction with injection of lubricant	[kPa]	7.50
Friction without injection of lubricant	[kPa]	10.00

**Figure 17.7:** Engineering Data window

## 17.5 Results: Subsidence

To view the calculation results for the subsidence trough as apparent at surface:

19. To start the calculations click *Calculation* and select *Starton* the menu bar or press the function key F9.
20. Click *Results* and select *Subsidence Profiles* from the menu bar to open the *Subsidence Profiles* window (Figure 17.8).
21. Check the box labeled “Fix axis”, click on the vertical number edit box. Now move through the verticals by using the up/down arrows on the key board.



**Figure 17.8:** Subsidence Profiles window for vertical 1





**Table 18.1:** Layer properties (Tutorial 11)

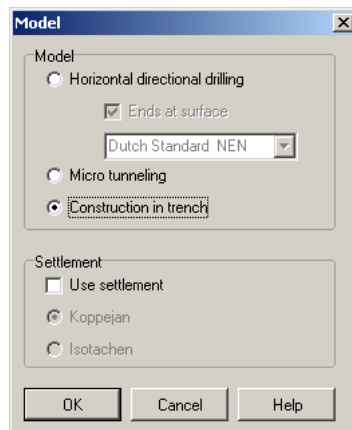
		<b>Silty Sand</b>	<b>Soft Organic Clay</b>
Dry unit weight	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	18	13
Wet unit weight	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	20	13
Cohesion	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	2
Angle of internal friction	[°]	10	18
Undrained strength top	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	10
Undrained strength bottom	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	30
E modulus top	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	10000	500
E modulus bottom	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	15000	1000
Adhesion	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	2
Friction angle	[0]	20	9
Poisson's ratio	[-]	0.35	0.45

4. Click the *Save* button to save the file for Tutorial 11.
5. On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Properties* to open the *Project Properties* window.
6. Fill in <Tutorial 11 for D-GEO PIPELINE > and <Installation of pipeline in a trench> for *Title 1* and *Title 2* respectively in the *Identification* tab.
7. Click *OK*.

## 18.2 Model





Since this tutorial considers an installation of the pipeline in a trench the model trench should be selected.

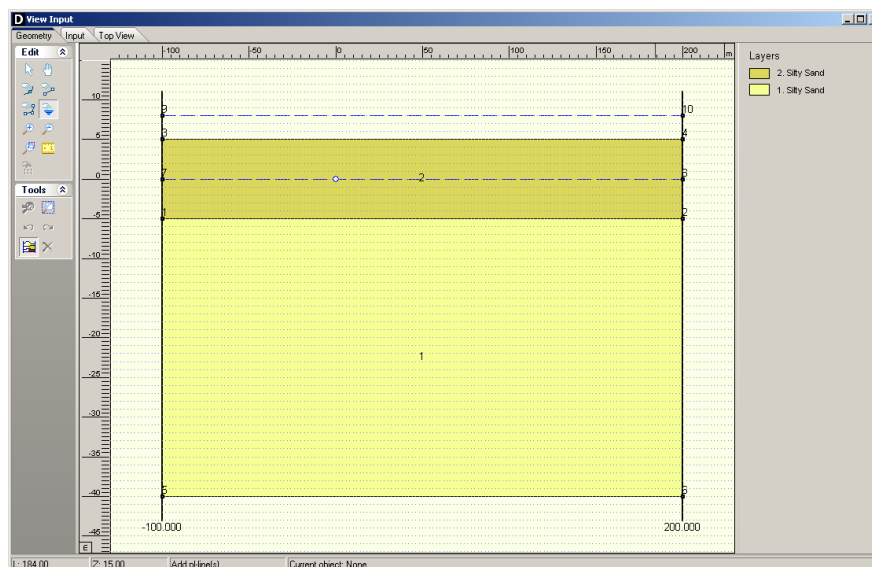
8. On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Model* to open the *Model* window.
9. Select *Construction in trench*, and click *OK*.

**Figure 18.2:** Model window

### 18.3 Geometry of the longitudinal cross section

This tutorial considers a layered soil sequence. The typical Dutch soil sequence of a soft organic clay layer on top of a coarse sand layer will be considered. The organic clay layer is compressible and exhibits a low permeability, while the sand layer is assumed incompressible and exhibits a high permeability. The new soil layers should be specified in the geometry window.


10. In the *View Input* window, switch to the *Geometry* tab to edit the existing soil layer sequence.
11. Click the *Add single line*  icon from the *Edit* sub-window to draw an additional top line of a soil and position the straight line at  $Z = -5$  m.
12. Click the *Automatic regeneration of geometry on/off*  icon from the *Tools* sub-window so that the geometry as shown in [Figure 18.3](#) appears. If the *Automatic regeneration of geometry* icon is already selected, click on the *Edit* icon  to regenerate the geometry.
13. Click the *Add pl-line(s)*  icon from the *Edit* sub-window and position the level of the artesian groundwater at coordinate  $Z = 8$  m. The blue dashed line, which appears in the longitudinal cross section, represents the second groundwater line (PL line 2). This second groundwater line will be used in [section 18.5.3](#) to specify the water pressure distribution in the sand aquifer.



**Figure 18.3:** *View Input* window, *Geometry* tab

### 18.4 Soil layer properties

The properties of the soil layers in the layered soil sequence should now be specified.

14. Click *Soil* and select *Materials* on the menu bar to enter the soil data.
15. Add a new material by choosing the *Add* button  below the materials list on the left side of the window. Enter the soil material name <Soft Organic Clay>.
16. Enter the soil data given in [Table 18.1](#).
17. Finish the input of soil data by clicking *OK*.

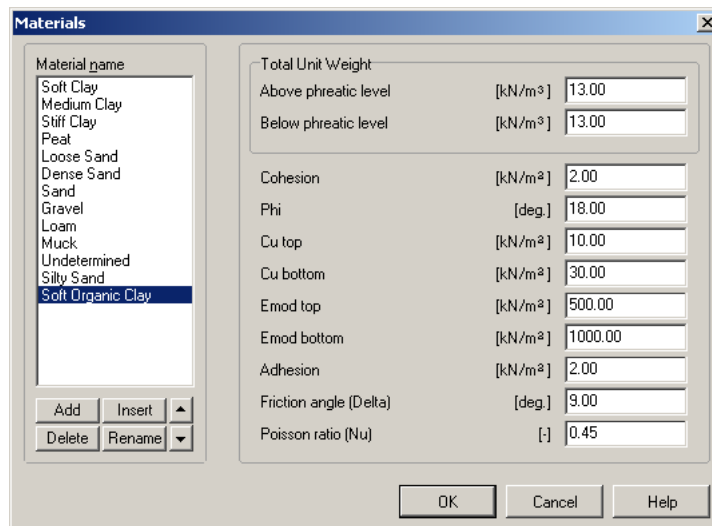


Figure 18.4: Materials window

## 18.5 Finishing the geometry of the longitudinal cross section

The defined soil properties and the groundwater levels have to be assigned to the drawn geometry of the longitudinal cross section. The assignments can be carried out in the *Geometry* menu.

### 18.5.1 Phreatic Line

18. Click *Geometry* and select *Phreatic Line* on the menu bar to open the *Phreatic Line* window (Figure 18.5) and select PL-line <1> as phreatic line for calculation of the groundwater pressures.
19. Click *OK*.

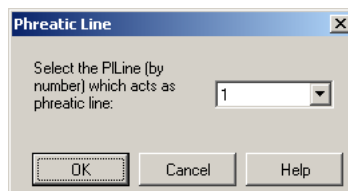



Figure 18.5: Phreatic Line window

### 18.5.2 Layers

20. Click *Geometry* and select *Layers* on the menu bar to open the *Layers* window. Select the *Materials* tab to assign the soil properties to the soil layers in the longitudinal cross section.
21. Assign the properties of the defined layer *Soft Organic Clay* to layer number 2 in the longitudinal cross section. The defined properties of *Soft Organic Clay* are assigned to layer *Number 2* by clicking the *Assign* icon  in between the left and the right column (Figure 18.6).



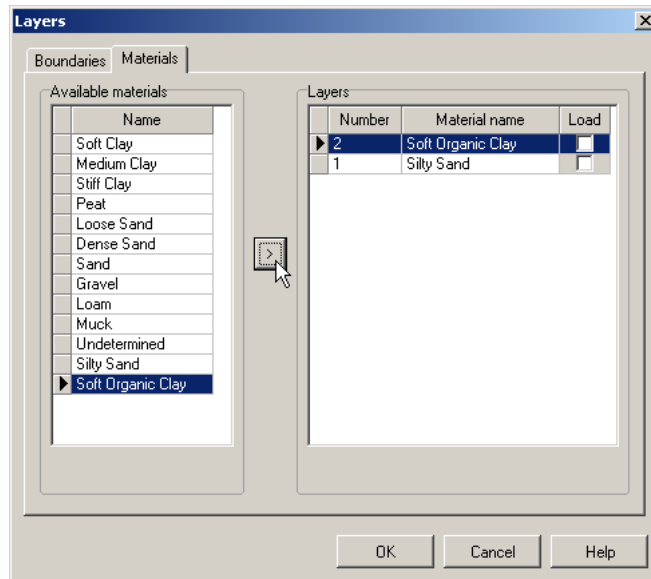


Figure 18.6: Layers window, Materials tab

- Click on the *OK* button to quit the window and return to the *Geometry* tab of the *View Input* window to look at the change of layers name in the legend (Figure 18.7).

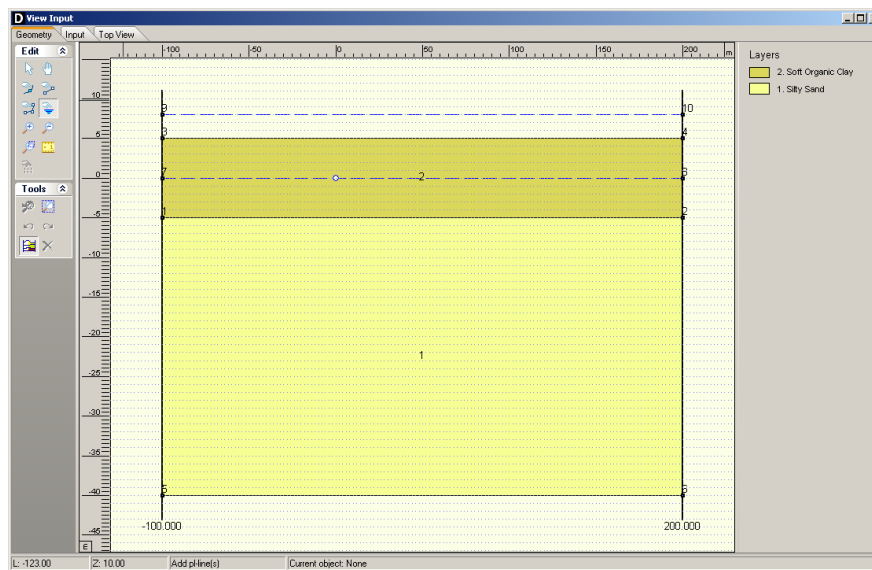
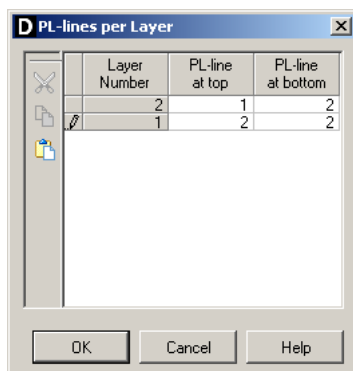


Figure 18.7: View Input window, Geometry tab

### 18.5.3 PL-Lines per Layer

- Click *Geometry* and select *PL-lines per Layers* on the menu bar to open the *PL-lines per Layer* window to assign the defined *PL*-lines to the soil layers in the longitudinal cross section. Those information's are used for the calculation of the groundwater pressure distribution.
- The groundwater pressure at the top of the *Soft Organic Clay* layer should be calculated based on the hydraulic head of *PL*-line 1, the phreatic line (Figure 18.5). Since the *Coarse Sand* layer is an aquifer with an enhanced artesian groundwater pressure, the groundwater pressure at the bottom of the clay layer should be calculated based on the hydraulic head of *PL*-line 2. Of course the water pressure at the top and at the bottom of the coarse sand layer should be calculated based on the hydraulic head of *PL*-line 2. This will result in the

PL-lines per layer window shown in [Figure 18.8](#).





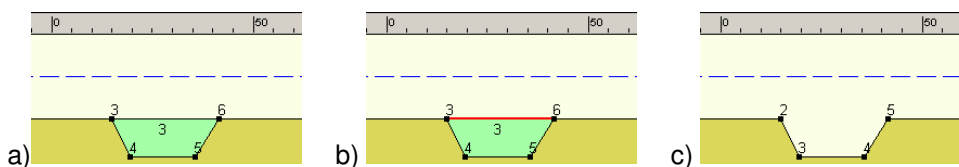
**Figure 18.8:** PL-lines per Layer window

25. Click *OK* to confirm.
26. The geometry can be tested by clicking *Geometry* on the menu bar and selecting *Check Geometry*. If the geometry is entered properly, the message *Geometry has been tested and is OK* appears.
27. Click *OK* to close this window.

## 18.6 Adding a waterway

A small waterway will now be drawn in the geometry.

28. Select the *Geometry* tab and select the *Add poly line(s)* button .
29. Draw a profile line as in [Figure 18.9a](#). Remove points that are not required by clicking the right mouse button and selecting the option *Delete All Loose Lines*.
30. Select the top line (between points 3 and 6 as shown in [Figure 18.9b](#)).
31. Click the *Delete* button . This should result in [Figure 18.9c](#).



**Figure 18.9:** View Input window, *Geometry* tab (steps for drawing a waterway)

Now give the exact location of the waterway:

32. Check and enter the exact coordinates of the points by opening the *Points* window from the *Geometry* menu.
33. Enter correct values for points 2, 3, 4 and 5 as shown in [Figure 18.10](#).

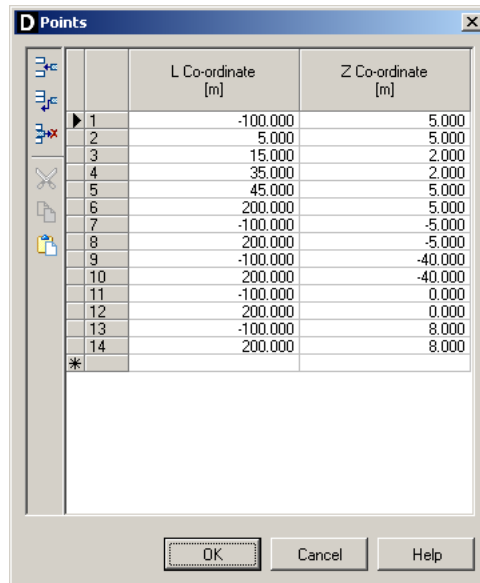


Figure 18.10: Points window

### 18.7 Calculation Verticals

In the subsequent table the verticals for the location of the calculations are given.

34. Open the *Calculation Verticals* window.
35. Enter <-70> and <130> for the *First* and *Last L* values and an *Interval* of <20>.
36. Click the *Generate* button.

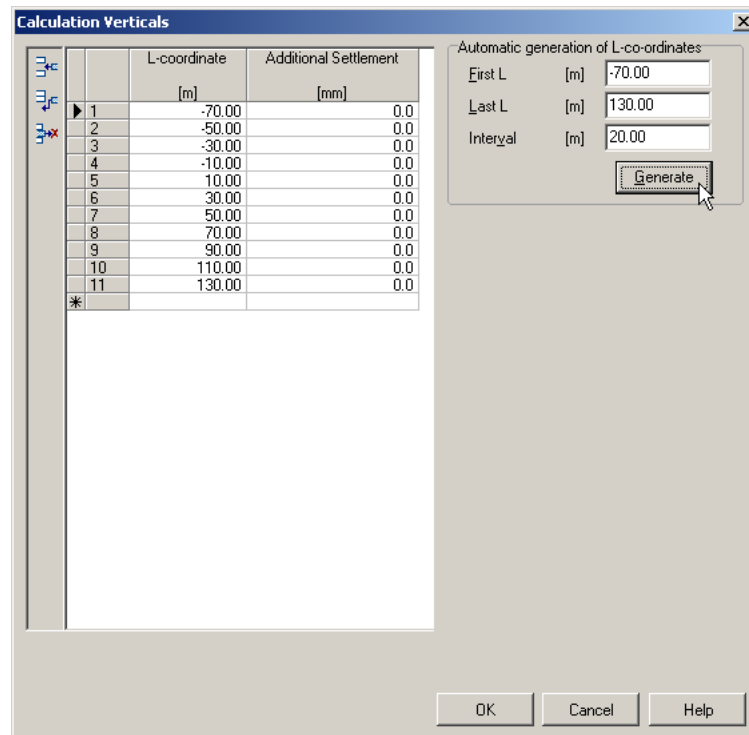


Figure 18.11: Calculation Verticals window

## 18.8 Boundaries Selection

To indicate the boundary compressible/uncompressible layers and impermeable/permeable layers, the top of a specific layer is used. In this case it is evident that this is the top of the coarse sand layer.

37. From the main menu click *GeoObjects* and select *Boundaries Selection*.
38. Select *Top of layer <1>* as both boundaries.
39. Click OK.

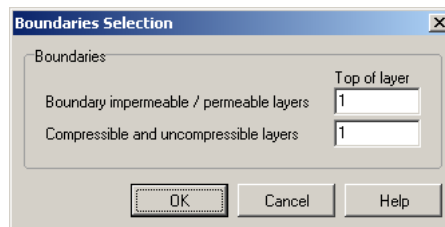


Figure 18.12: Boundaries Selection window

## 18.9 Trench configuration and pipe material

As the trench passes a small waterway, for practical reasons it has to subduct. An initial distance of about 1.5 meter is chosen between trench and bottom waterway.

40. Click *Pipe* and select *Pipeline Configuration* from the menu bar to open the *Pipeline Configuration* window.
41. Enter the values as presented in [Figure 18.13](#).
42. Click *OK* to accept the entries.

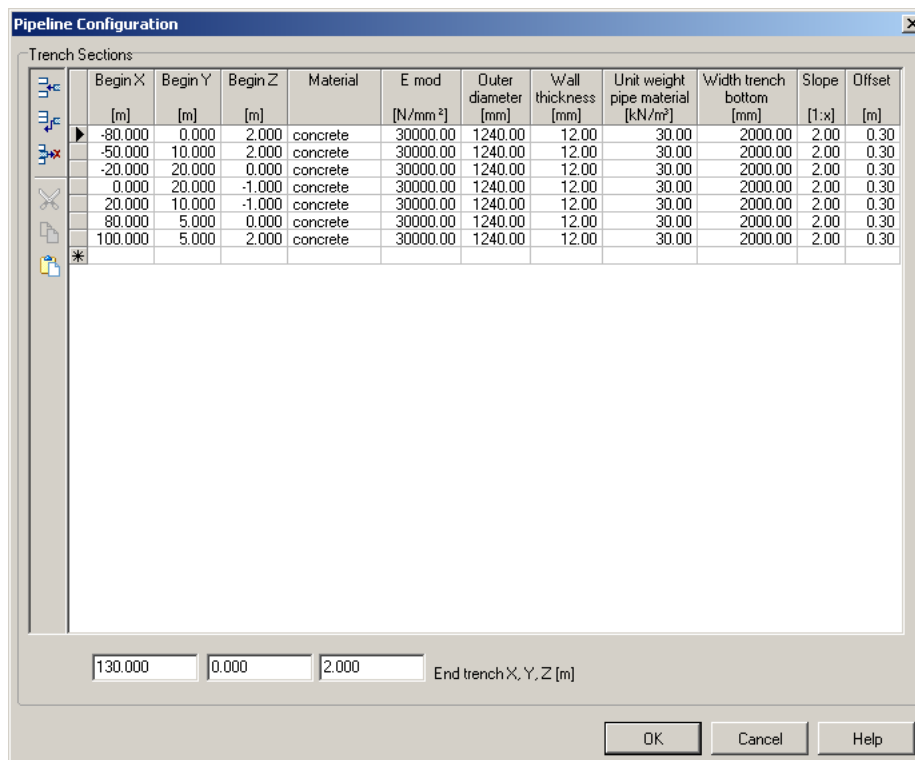


Figure 18.13: Pipeline Configuration window

43. Now examine the trench trajectory in the *Input* (Figure 18.14) and *Top View* (Figure 18.15) tabs of the *View Input* window.

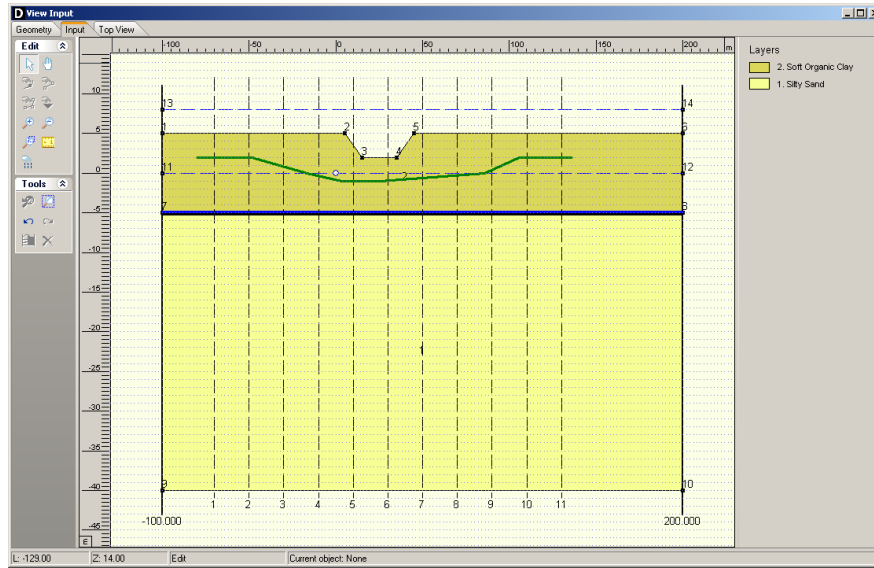


Figure 18.14: View Input window, Input tab

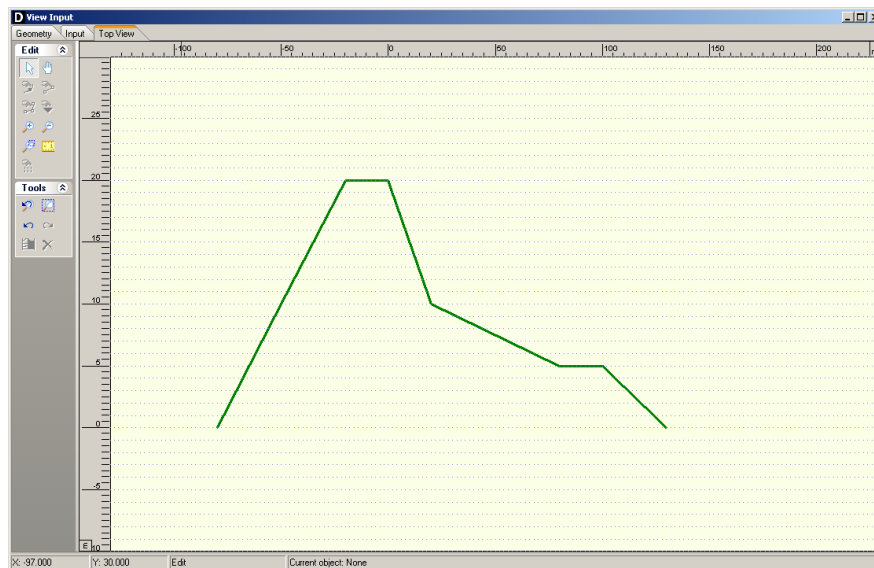
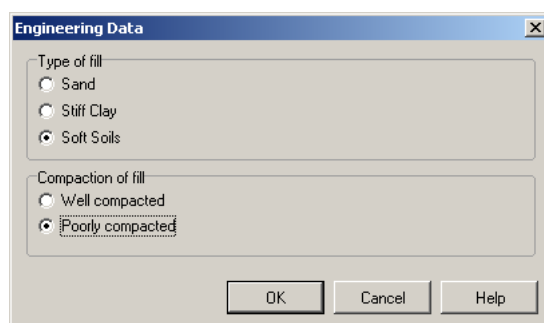


Figure 18.15: View Input window, Top View tab

### 18.10 Engineering Data

Next the engineering data is added. The trench is excavated in organic clay, and filled with the excavated material, the fill is poorly compacted.

44. Click *Pipe* from the menu bar and select *Engineering Data* to open the *Engineering Data* window.
45. Select <Soft Soils> as *Type of fill* and <Poorly compacted> as *Compaction of fill*.
46. Click *OK* to confirm.



**Figure 18.16:** *Engineering Data* window

### 18.11 Results: Soil Mechanical Parameters

47. To start the calculations click *Calculation* and select *Start* on the menu bar or press the function key F9.
48. Open the *Report* window from the *Results* menu to view the results of the *Soil Mechanical Parameters*. The results can be found in paragraph 3.1 ([Figure 18.17](#)).

Since the fill of the trench is assigned the property “poorly compacted” a relatively high initial soil load on the pipe is expected.

**3.1 Soil Mechanical Parameters**

The list with data and issues is shown hereafter:  
 Note: safety factors not applied

Pv,p	Passive soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Pv,n	Neutral soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Ph,n	Neutral horizontal soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Pv,a	Actual soil load	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
kv,top1	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction (bilinear) upward	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
kv,top2	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction upward	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
dv	Vertical displacement	mm
kv1	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction downward, first branch	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
kv2	Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction downward, second branch	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Pv,e	Vertical bearing capacity	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
kh	Horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Ph,e	Horizontal bearing capacity	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
tmax	Maximal friction along pipe	kN/m <sup>2</sup>
dmax	Displacement at maximal friction	mm

Vertical nr.	Pv,p [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Pv,n [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Ph,n [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Pv,a [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	kv,top1 [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	kv,top2 [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]
1	50	33	23	41	33	94
2	50	33	23	41	33	94
3	87	48	33	71	97	215
4	133	63	44	110	214	407
5	77	39	27	62	105	211
6	33	20	14	26	24	64
7	141	64	44	117	248	451
8	130	62	43	108	205	392
9	102	53	37	84	132	274
10	50	33	23	41	33	94
11	50	33	23	41	33	94

Vertical nr.	dv [mm]	kv1 [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	kv2 [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Pv,e [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	kh [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Ph,e [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	tmax [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	dmax [mm]	mat [°]
1	n.a	1566	251	331	3632	121	7	8	Clay
2	n.a	1566	251	331	3632	121	7	8	Clay
3	n.a	1904	305	447	4390	176	9	8	Clay
4	n.a	1800	288	487	4403	207	9	8	Clay
5	n.a	798	128	279	2673	112	5	8	Clay
6	n.a	396	63	141	1518	50	3	8	Clay
7	n.a	1860	266	463	4088	198	8	8	Clay
8	n.a	1843	295	494	4498	209	9	8	Clay
9	n.a	1930	309	476	4623	197	9	8	Clay
10	n.a	1566	251	331	3632	121	7	8	Clay
11	n.a	1566	251	331	3632	121	7	8	Clay

Figure 18.17: Report window, Soil Mechanical Parameters section

The initial soil load Pv;a may be reduced by changing the fill property to “well compacted” (see Equation 21.9 in section 21.4). Note that in reality this requires an extra compaction treatment after installation of the pipe. In the software this can be adjusted in the *Engineering Data* window under the *Pipe* menu.







**Table 19.1:** Layer properties (Tutorial 12)

		<b>Silty Sand</b>	<b>Peat</b>	<b>Soft Organic Clay</b>
Dry unit weight	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	18	10.2	13
Wet unit weight	[kN/m <sup>3</sup> ]	20	10.2	13
Cohesion	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	2	2
Angle of internal friction	[°]	10	15	18
Undrained strength top	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	10	10
Undrained strength bottom	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	20	30
E modulus top	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	10000	1000	500
E modulus bottom	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	15000	1500	1000
Adhesion	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	0	2	2
Friction angle	[°]	20	5	9
Poisson's ratio	[-]	0.35	0.45	0.45

This tutorial is based on continuation of the file used in Tutorial 11 ([chapter 18](#)).

1. Click *File* and select *Open* on the menu bar, and select Tutorial-11.
2. Click *File* and select *Save as* on the menu bar to open the *Save As* window and rename the file into <Tutorial-12a>.
3. Click the *Save* button to save the file for Tutorial 12a.
4. On the menu bar, click *Project* and then choose *Properties* to open the *Project Properties* window.
5. Fill in <Tutorial 12 for D-GEO PIPELINE > and <Trenching: uplift and heave> for *Title 1* and *Title 2* respectively in the *Identification* tab.

## 19.2 Materials

The soil investigation showed presence of peat layers instead of organic clay. First, peat is added to the material list.

6. Click *Soil* and select *Materials* on the menu bar to open the *Materials* window.
7. Select the existing *Peat* material in the left side of the window and enter the values as given in [Table 19.1](#).
8. Click *OK*.

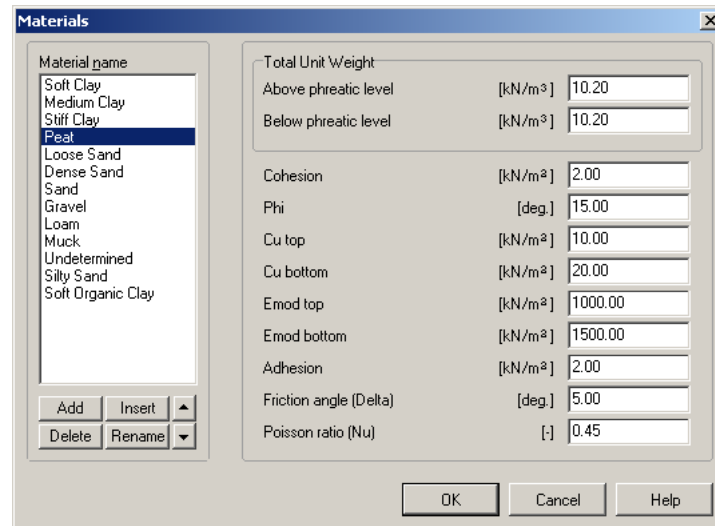



Figure 19.2: Materials window

Assign this material type to the top layer:

9. Click *Geometry* and select *Layers* on the menu bar.
10. To assign a material to a layer, select the *Material* tab. Select <Peat> as well as layer number <2> and via the arrow button  assign the soil to the layer (Figure 19.3).
11. Accept the input and return to the main window by clicking *OK*.

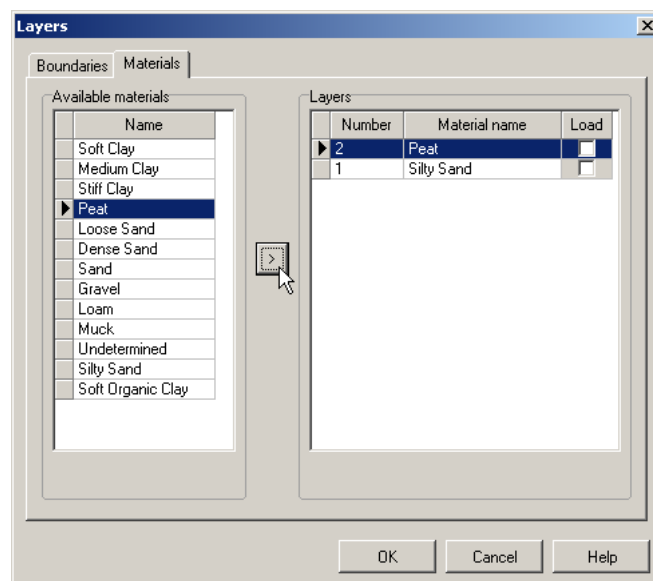



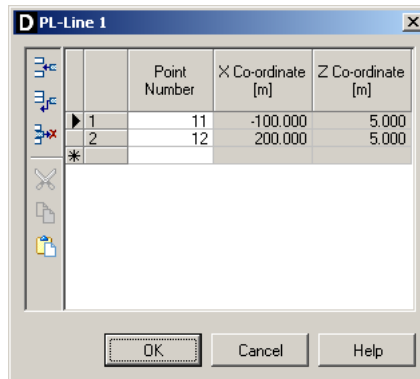
Figure 19.3: Layers window, Materials tab

### 19.3 Phreatic level

The phreatic line (groundwater table) is located at the surface level in this tutorial.

12. In the *Geometry* tab of the *View Input* window, select the *Edit* button  and click on the PL line 1 in order to select the phreatic line by choosing *Select PL Line 1*.
13. Once the PL line 1 has been selected, drag it to the surface level by pressing and holding down the left-hand mouse button while relocating the mouse cursor.

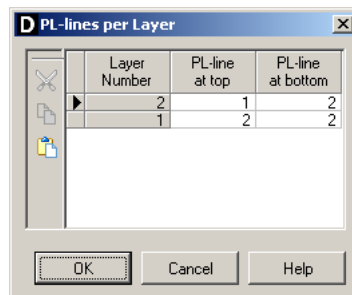
14. Check and possibly correct the level of the line as shown in [Figure 19.4](#).



**Figure 19.4:** PL-Line 1 window

Now the PL-line levels are defined at the correct levels, they have to be assigned to the correct layers.

15. Open the *PL-lines per Layer* window from the *Geometry* menu.  
 16. Enter the PL-line numbers as given in [Figure 19.5](#).



**Figure 19.5:** PL-lines per Layer window

## 19.4 Calculation Verticals

In the subsequent table the verticals for the location of the calculations are given.

17. Open the *Calculation Verticals* window.  
 18. Enter <-80> and <180> for the *First* and *Last L* values and an *Interval* of <20>.  
 19. Click the *Generate* button.

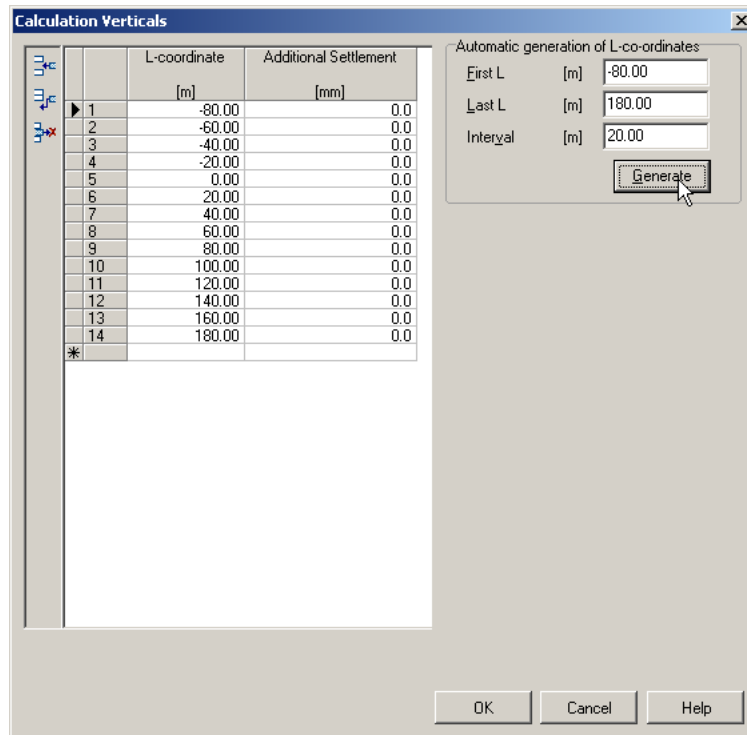


Figure 19.6: Calculation Verticals window

- Click *OK* and select the *Input* tab of the *View Input* window to view the new inputs (Figure 19.7).

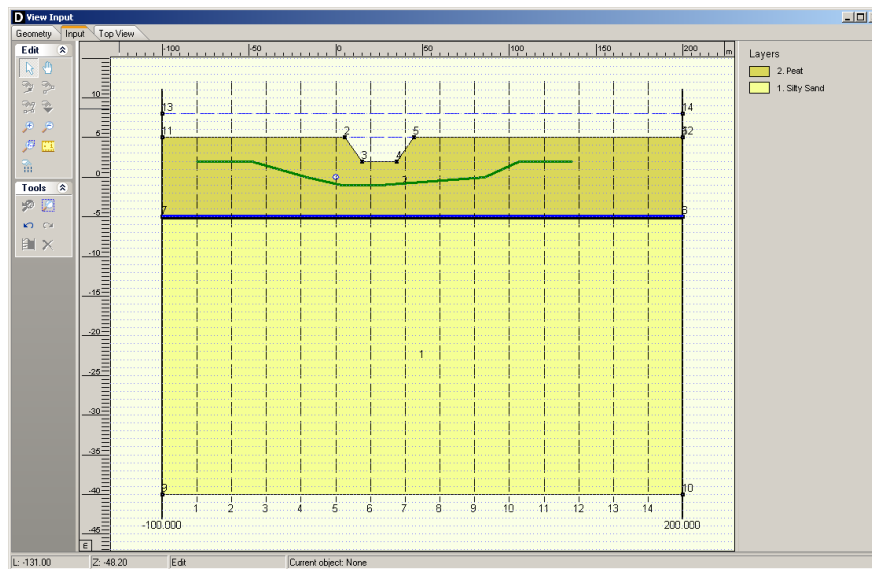


Figure 19.7: View Input window, Input tab (Tutorial-12a)

## 19.5 Factors

The required safety factors must be specified to evaluate the risk on bursting or heave of the bottom of the trench.

21. Open the *Factors* window from the *Defaults* menu.
22. Enter <1.1> and <1.2> for the *Safety factor uplift* respectively *Safety factor heave* values.
23. Click *OK*.

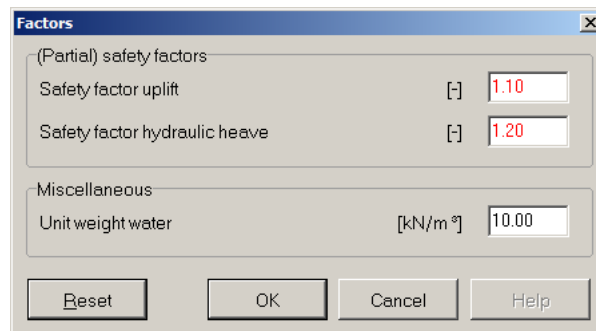


Figure 19.8: Factors window

## 19.6 Results

Now the calculations can be performed.

24. To start the calculations click *Calculation* and select *Start* on the menu bar or press the function key F9.

### 19.6.1 Uplift safety for trenching in Peat layer (Tutorial-12a)

To examine the risk of uplift the graph with the uplift safety factor can be opened

25. Open the *Operation Parameters Plots* window from the *Results* menu.

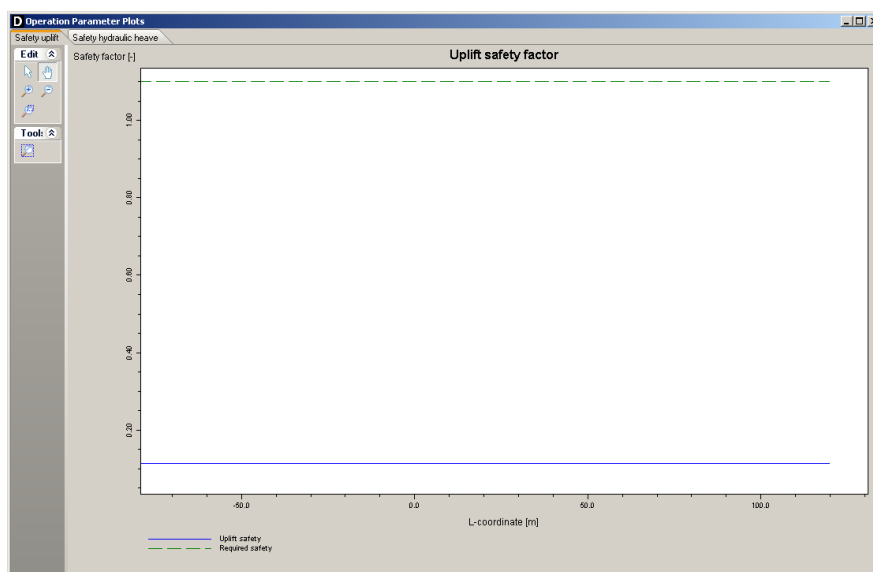


Figure 19.9: Operation Parameter Plots window, Safety uplift tab (Tutorial-12a)

For a detailed examination, refer to paragraph 4.1.1 of the *Report* window (Figure 19.10). As can be seen, the uplift safety of the trenched pipe is not OK as the calculated uplift factor (0.12) is lower than the required uplift factor (1.1).

**4 Operation Parameters**

**4.1 Uplift Check**

Due to buoyancy of the pipeline below the groundwater table, the uplift should be checked. In the subsequent calculation the safety factor for uplift is calculated based on an empty pipe.

**4.1.1 Uplift Factors**

Vertical nr.	Safety factor calculated [-]	Safety factor required [-]
1	0.12	1.10
2	0.12	1.10
3	0.12	1.10
4	0.12	1.10
5	0.12	1.10
6	0.12	1.10
7	0.12	1.10
8	0.12	1.10
9	0.12	1.10
10	0.12	1.10
11	0.12	1.10

Figure 19.10: Report window, Uplift Factors section (Tutorial-12a)

**19.6.2 Uplift safety for trenching in Soft Organic Clay layer (Tutorial-12b)**

The trench fill should be modified. The low density of the peat causes uplift problems. The effect of filling the trench with organic clay can easily be checked by changing the soil sequence.

26. Click *File* and select *Save as* on the menu bar to open the *Save As* window and rename the file into <Tutorial-12b>.
27. Click the *Save* button to save the current project as Tutorial 12b.
28. Click *Geometry* and select *Layers* on the menu bar to open the *Layers* window. Select the *Materials* tab (Figure 19.11) to assign the soil properties to the soil layers in the longitudinal cross section.

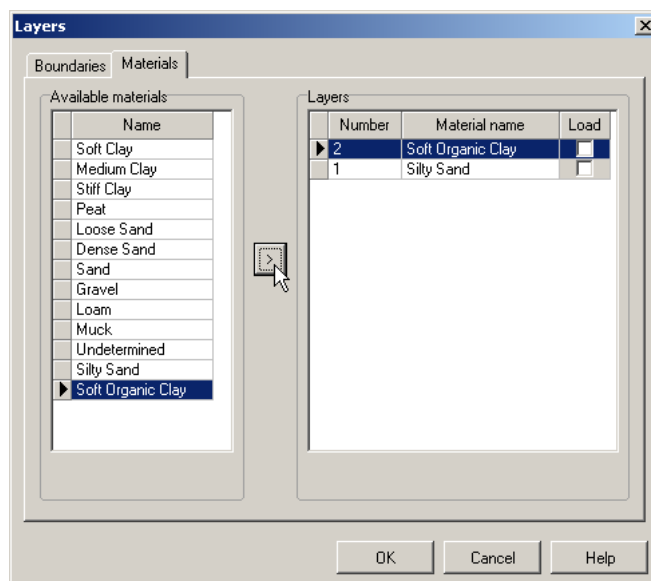



Figure 19.11: Layers window, Materials tab (Tutorial-12b)

29. Assign the properties of the defined layer *Soft Organic Clay* to layer *Number 2* in the longitudinal cross section. The defined properties of *Soft Organic Clay* are assigned to layer *Number 2* by clicking the *Assign* icon  in between the left and the right column.
30. Click on the *OK* button to quit the window and return to the *Geometry* tab of the *View Input* window to look at the change of layers name in the legend.
31. To start the calculations again click *Calculation* and select *Start* on the menu bar or press the function key F9.
32. Open the *Operation Parameters Plots* window from the *Results* menu.
33. Open the *Report* window from the *Results* menu.
34. Go to paragraph 4.1.1 of the report (Figure 19.12). As can be seen, the uplift safety of the trenched pipe is still not OK as the calculated uplift factor (0.12) is lower than the required uplift factor (1.1).

4 Operation Parameters			
4.1 Uplift Check			
Due to buoyancy of the pipeline below the groundwater table, the uplift should be checked. In the subsequent calculation the safety factor for uplift is calculated based on an empty pipe.			
4.1.1 Uplift Factors			
Vertical nr.	Safety factor calculated [-]		Safety factor required [-]
1	0.12		1.10
2	0.12		1.10
3	0.12		1.10
4	0.12		1.10
5	0.12		1.10
6	0.12		1.10
7	0.12		1.10
8	0.12		1.10
9	0.12		1.10
10	0.12		1.10
11	0.12		1.10

**Figure 19.12:** Report window, Uplift Factors section (Tutorial-12b)

### 19.6.3 Hydraulic Heave Safety

To examine the risk of heave of the trench bottom the graph with the heave safety factor can be opened.

35. Select the *Safety hydraulic heave* tab of the *Operation Parameters Plots* window (Figure 19.13).



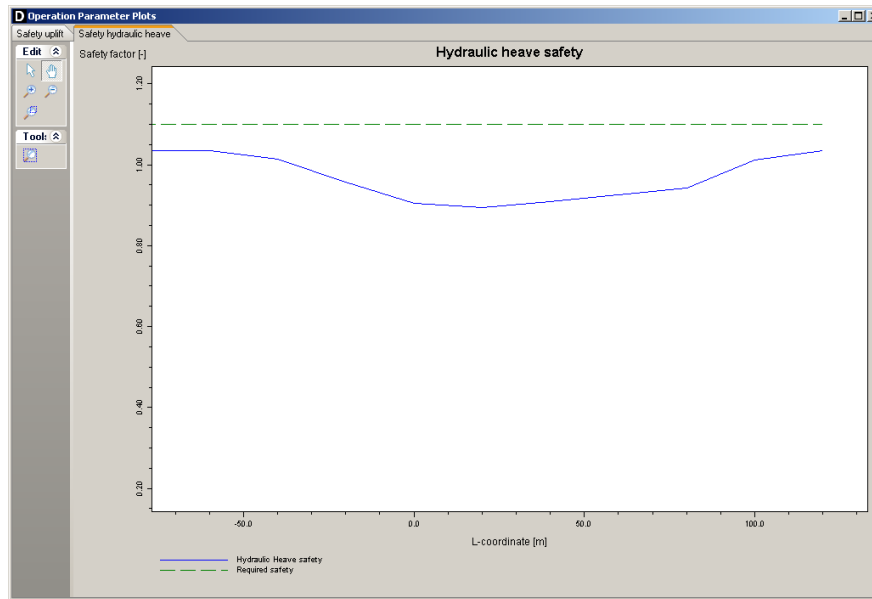


Figure 19.13: Operation Parameter Plots window, Safety hydraulic heave tab (Tutorial-12b)

#### 4.2 Hydraulic Heave Check

In case of high groundwater pressures in a water bearing soil layer below the trench the safety factor for heave of the trench bottom should be evaluated. Subsequently, the safety factors for heave are based on groundwater pressures at the top of layer:1 ( Silty Sand ) are calculated

##### 4.2.1 Hydraulic heave of the trench bottom

Vertical nr.	Safety factor calculated [-]	Safety factor required [-]
1	1.03	1.20
2	1.03	1.20
3	1.01	1.20
4	0.96	1.20
5	0.90	1.20
6	0.89	1.20
7	0.91	1.20
8	0.93	1.20
9	0.94	1.20
10	1.01	1.20
11	1.03	1.20

Figure 19.14: Report window, Hydraulic heave of the trench bottom section (Tutorial-12b)

**Note:** In the report (Figure 19.14) the hydraulic heave safety of the trenched pipe is not OK for all verticals, the calculated safety factors are lower than the required safety factor specified at the default factors. Especially below the waterway the risk on bursting or heave of the bottom of the trench is relatively high.




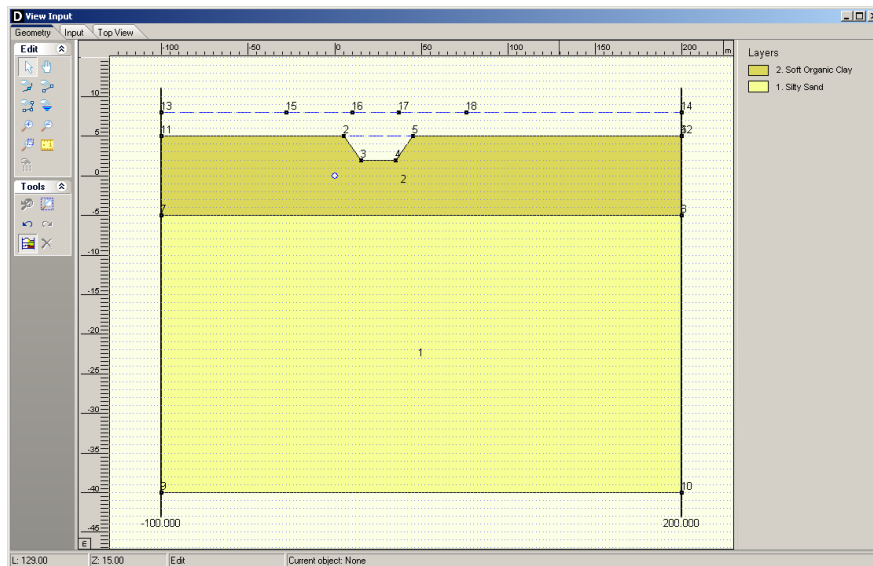
#### 19.7 Lowering the hydraulic head (Tutorial-12c)

The problem of heave of the bottom of the trench can be solved by drainage of the subsequent silty sand layer. By dewatering the silty sand layer, the hydraulic head can be lowered to the required level. Lowering the level of the hydraulic head in the silty sand layers can be done as follows:

36. Click *File* and select *Save as* on the menu bar to open the *Save As* window and rename

the file into <Tutorial-12c>.

37. Click the **Save** button to save the current project as Tutorial 12c.
38. Return to the *Geometry* tab of the *View Input* window and select the button *Add point(s) to boundary / PL-line* .
39. Click the four additional points on PL-line 2 as shown in [Figure 19.15](#) (points 15 to 18).
40. Click the *Geometry* option from the menu bar and select the option *Points*. In the *Points* window, enter the co-ordinates of points 15 to 18 (i.e. PL-line number 2 for the hydraulic head in the sand layer) as given in [Figure 19.16](#).



**Figure 19.15:** View Input window, Geometry tab (Tutorial 12c)

	L Co-ordinate [m]	Z Co-ordinate [m]
1	-100,000	5,000
2	5,000	5,000
3	15,000	2,000
4	35,000	2,000
5	45,000	5,000
6	200,000	5,000
7	-100,000	-5,000
8	200,000	-5,000
9	-100,000	-40,000
10	200,000	-40,000
11	-100,000	5,000
12	200,000	5,000
13	-100,000	6,000
14	200,000	6,000
15	-50,000	6,000
16	0,000	4,000
17	50,000	4,000
18	100,000	6,000
*		

**Figure 19.16:** Points window (Tutorial 12c)

Now the results can be checked:

41. Start the calculations by clicking *Start* on the *Calculation* menu bar or by pressing the function key F9.

42. Open the *Operation Parameter Plots* window from the *Results* menu and select the *Safety hydraulic heave* tab.

From the plots (Figure 19.17), it is clear that the drainage yields a higher calculated safety factor for hydraulic heave safety.

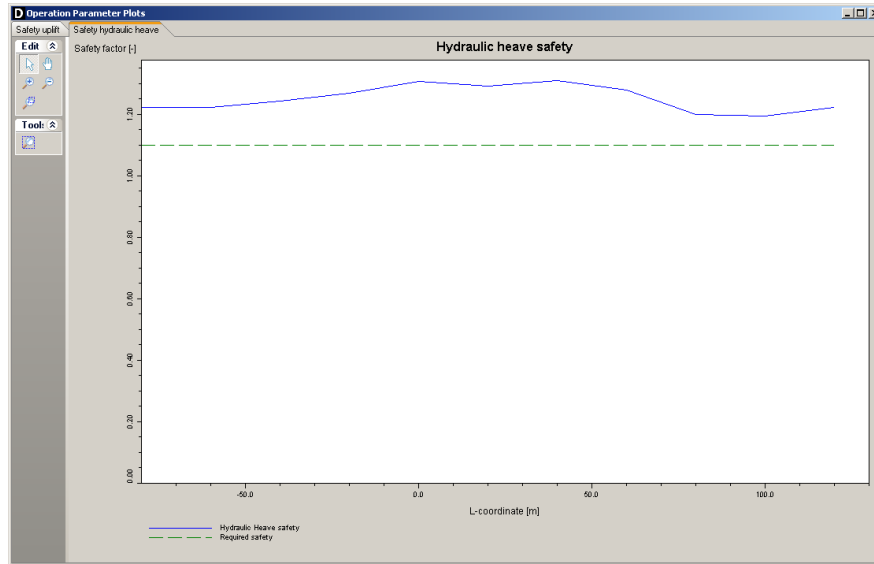


Figure 19.17: Operation Parameter Plots windows, Safety hydraulic heave tab (Tutorial 12c)

43. Open the *Report* window to look at the calculated values (Figure 19.18): the minimum calculated safety factor for *Hydraulic Heave* is 1.46 which is more than the required factor of 1.20.

**4.2 Hydraulic Heave Check**

In case of high groundwater pressures in a water bearing soilayer below the trench the safety factor for heave of the trench bottom should be evaluated. Subsequently, the safety factors for heave are based on groundwater pressures at the top of layer:1 ( Silty Sand ) are calculated

**4.2.1 Hydraulic heave of the trench bottom**

Vertical nr.	Safety factor calculated [-]	Safety factor required [-]
1	1.22	1.20
2	1.22	1.20
3	1.24	1.20
4	1.27	1.20
5	1.31	1.20
6	1.29	1.20
7	1.31	1.20
8	1.28	1.20
9	1.20	1.20
10	1.20	1.20
11	1.22	1.20

Figure 19.18: Report windows, Hydraulic heave of the trench bottom section (Tutorial 12c)



## 20 Design of a pipeline

D-GEO PIPELINE can be used for designing a pipeline using four different techniques:

- ◇ the HDD technique ([section 20.1](#))
- ◇ the micro-tunneling technique ([section 20.2](#))
- ◇ the trench technique ([section 20.3](#))

### 20.1 Design of a pipeline crossing using the HDD technique

The horizontal directional drilling technique is used to install pipelines. A pipe is installed from one point in a geometry with soil materials to another by means of horizontal directional drilling. D-GEO PIPELINE can be used for the design of pipelines or the assessment of preliminary designs of pipelines constructed by means of horizontal directional drilling. Calculations are based on the pipeline configuration, the drill pipe and borehole dimensions and the drilling fluid data. D-GEO PIPELINE calculates the maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure and the minimum drilling fluid pressure at user-specified calculation verticals.

The configuration of a proposed pipeline that has to cross an object is determined by:

- ◇ the location of the entry and exit points ([section 20.1.1](#))
- ◇ the entry and exit angles ([section 20.1.2](#))
- ◇ the limitations of the object to be crossed, specified by the owner of the objects concerned ([section 20.1.3](#))
- ◇ the minimum value of curve radius ([section 20.1.4](#))
- ◇ the value of the combined bending radius ([section 20.1.5](#))

#### 20.1.1 Location of entry and exit points

The entry point is the location where the drilling rig is positioned during the pilot drilling. The exit point is located at the other side of the object that has to be crossed. When the locations of the entry and exit points are determined, it must be taken into account that a minimum distance is required to the object in order to cross the object at a sufficient depth.

#### 20.1.2 Inclination at the entry and exit points

The magnitude of the entry and exit angle is usually between  $6^\circ$  and  $15^\circ$ . The angle can be larger for small drilling rigs. The greater the bending stiffness of the pipeline is, the smaller the entry and exit angles are. Before starting to drill the curved parts of the drilling line, the first 30 to 40 m (3 to 4 drill pipes) must be drilled in a straight line. The magnitude of the exit angle influences the pull-back operation of the pipe through the borehole. The larger the exit angle, the higher the pipeline has to be lifted in order to pull it into the borehole. A small exit angle increases the risk that a blow-out will occur.

#### 20.1.3 The limitations of the object to be crossed

The owner or manager of the object to be crossed may have certain requirements with regard to the crossing depth of the pipeline. Such requirements can be related to the presence of sheet piles or foundation piles. Another reason for special requirements can involve the building plans of structures on piles. Such points are boundary conditions for preparing the pipeline configuration.



#### 20.1.4 Determination of allowable curve radius

The borehole containing a pipeline is usually characterized by an upward and a downward curve. Sometimes a horizontal or combined radius forms part of the drilling line. The smallest possible radius of such a curve depends on the bending stiffness and the yield stress of the pipeline or the drill pipes. For pipes with a relatively small bending stiffness, such as PE pipes, the stiffness of the drill pipes is often the determining factor for the minimum radius of curved sections in the drilling line.

##### **Allowable curve radius for steel pipes**

The design radius should be checked for strength:

$$R \geq \frac{\gamma \times E_b}{R_{eb}} \times \frac{D_o}{2} \quad (20.1)$$

where:

- $E_b$  is the modulus of elasticity of the pipe material, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>;
- $D_o$  is the outer diameter of the pipe, in m;
- $\gamma$  is the partial safety factor for the bending moment;
- $R_{eb}$  is the minimum specified yield strength, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>.

(For a pipeline with the following properties:  $E_b = 210000 \text{ N/mm}^2$ ;  $R_{eb} = 240 \text{ N/mm}^2$ ;  $\gamma = 1.1$ , about half the strength of the steel is available for bending stresses, while the remaining half is used for stresses due to pulling force, internal pressure, etc. . . )

The design radius  $R$  for steel pipes should also be checked for soil reaction pressure due to bending, according to article E.1.4 of NEN 3650-1:

$$R \geq 1000 \times D_o \quad \text{for small pipe diameter } (D_o \leq 0.4 \text{ m}) \quad (20.2)$$

$$R \geq C \times \sqrt{D_o \times d_n} \quad \text{for large pipe diameter } (D_o > 0.4 \text{ m}) \quad (20.3)$$

where  $C$  is a constant (without dimension) depending on the soil type as shown in [Table 20.2](#).

**Table 20.2:** Values of constant  $C$  (according to table E.1 of NEN 3650-1)

Soil type	$C$ [-]
Dense packed sand	8500
Moderate packed sand	9400
Loose packed sand	10200
Stiff Clay	10500
Medium stiff clay	11500
Soft clay and Peat	12500

In D-GEO PIPELINE, the soil type is a function of the cohesion and the friction angle of the soil, as shown in [Table 20.3](#).

**Table 20.3:** Soil type as a function of the cohesion and the friction angle

Soil type	$\varphi$ [°]	$c$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Constant $C$ [-]
Dense sand	$\varphi > 32.5$	$c \leq 0.5$	8500
Medium dense sand	$\varphi > 32.5$	$c > 0.5$	9400
Medium dense sand	$30 < \varphi \leq 32.5$		9400
Loose sand	$25 < \varphi \leq 30$	$c \leq 1$	10200
Stiff sandy clay	$25 < \varphi \leq 30$	$c > 1$	10500
Stiff sandy clay	$22.5 < \varphi \leq 25$	$c > 5$	10200
Clayey sand	$22.5 < \varphi \leq 25$	$c \leq 5$	10500
Stiff clay	$20 < \varphi \leq 22.5$	$c > 10$	10500
Medium stiff clay	$20 < \varphi \leq 22.5$	$c \leq 10$	11500
Stiff clay	$17 < \varphi \leq 20$	$c > 10$	10500
Medium stiff clay	$17 < \varphi \leq 20$	$5 < c \leq 10$	11500
Soft clay	$17 < \varphi \leq 20$	$c \leq 5$	12500
Peat /organic clay	$\varphi \leq 17$		12500

In the case of a layered sub-soil, the highest  $C$ -value of a layer with a significant thickness is normative. In the case of a sub-soil with an alternation of layers with relative small thicknesses, a weighted interpolation can be performed to determine the  $C$ -value:

$$C_d = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ C_i \times \frac{d_i}{d_{\text{total}}} \right] \quad \text{with} \quad d_{\text{total}} = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i \quad (20.4)$$

where:

- $n$  is the total number of layers in the curve;
- $C_i$  is the  $C$ -value of layer  $i$ ;
- $d_i$  is the thickness of layer  $i$ , in m;
- $d_{\text{total}}$  is the total thickness of all layers in the curve, in m.

#### **Allowable curve radius for polyethylene pipes**

According to article 8.6.4 of NEN 3650-3 (NEN, 2012c), the minimal curve-radius for PE pipes is equal to the bending factor as given in Table 20.5 times the diameter.

**Table 20.5:** Bending factor (acc. to table 6 of NEN 3650-3)

Diameter in mm	Bending factor
63 → 160	50
200 → 250	75
315 → 355	100
400 → 630	100
710 → 800	125

### 20.1.5 Determination of combined bending radius

In case the horizontal bending radius coincides with part of a vertical bending radius, a combined 3-dimensional bending radius is formed. For the design of the horizontal directional drilling line, the pull back force and the strength calculation it is necessary to determine the value of the 3-dimensional bending radius. This value can be determined as follows:

$$R_{\text{combi}} = \sqrt{\frac{R_h^2 \times R_v^2}{R_h^2 + R_v^2}} \quad (20.5)$$

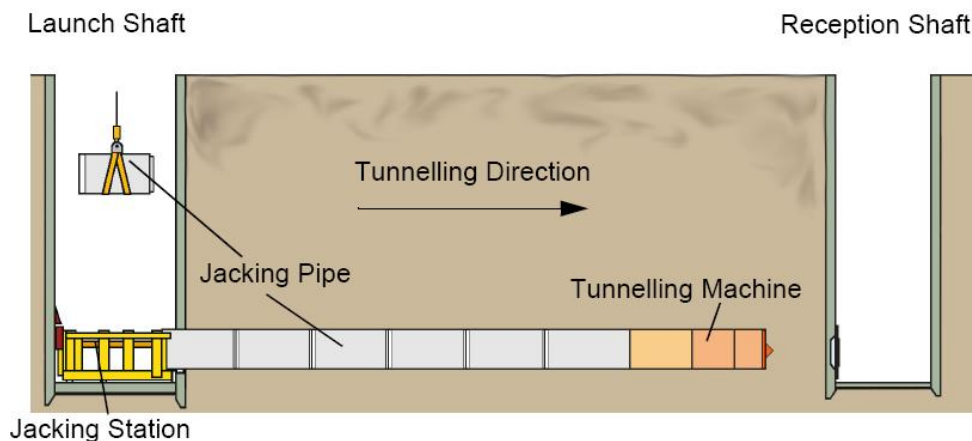
where:

$R_{\text{combi}}$  is the combined bending radius, in m;  
 $R_h$  is the horizontal bending radius, in m;  
 $R_v$  is the vertical bending radius, in m.

### 20.2 Design of a pipeline crossing using the micro tunneling technique

The micro tunneling technique is often used for installation of pipelines and small tunnels in densely populated areas. Micro tunneling usually starts horizontal at a certain level below the surface in a so-called launch shaft. The pipe segments included in the micro tunneling machine are placed behind the tunneling machine and pushed in the direction of the reception shaft by means of a jacking frame (Figure 20.1).

The so-called thrust force which has to be provided by the jacking frame is an important parameter in the design of tunnels and pipelines installed by means of micro tunneling. Of course the jacking frame must be able to produce this force.



**Figure 20.1:** Launch and reception shafts of the micro tunneling machine

### 20.3 Design of a pipeline using a trench

Very often, under normal circumstances, pipelines are installed in an excavated trench. In the not very densely populated areas such as agricultural areas and not developed areas, the slopes of the trenches can often be excavated under.

The main risk associated with trenching is instability of the slopes of the trench. This risk is can not be considered in D-GEO PIPELINE. Use of other computer programs such as D-GEO STABILITY is recommended to evaluate this risk.



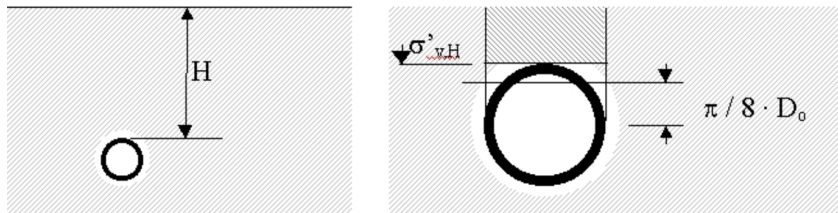
## 21 Calculation of soil mechanical data

This section includes background information on the calculation of:

- ◇ neutral vertical stress ([section 21.1](#))
- ◇ passive vertical stress ([section 21.2](#))
- ◇ reduced vertical stress ([section 21.3](#))
- ◇ actual vertical stress ([section 21.4](#))
- ◇ neutral horizontal stress ([section 21.5](#))
- ◇ vertical modulus of subgrade reaction ([section 21.6](#))
- ◇ horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction ([section 21.7](#))
- ◇ ultimate vertical bearing capacity ([section 21.8](#))
- ◇ ultimate horizontal bearing capacity ([section 21.9](#))
- ◇ vertical displacement ([section 21.10](#))
- ◇ maximal axial friction and friction displacement ([section 21.11](#))
- ◇ displacement at maximal friction ([section 21.12](#))
- ◇ global determination of the soil type ([section 21.13](#))
- ◇ traffic load ([section 21.14](#))

If the definition of some parameters in the equations of this chapter is missing, refer to [section 1.7](#).

### 21.1 Neutral vertical stress



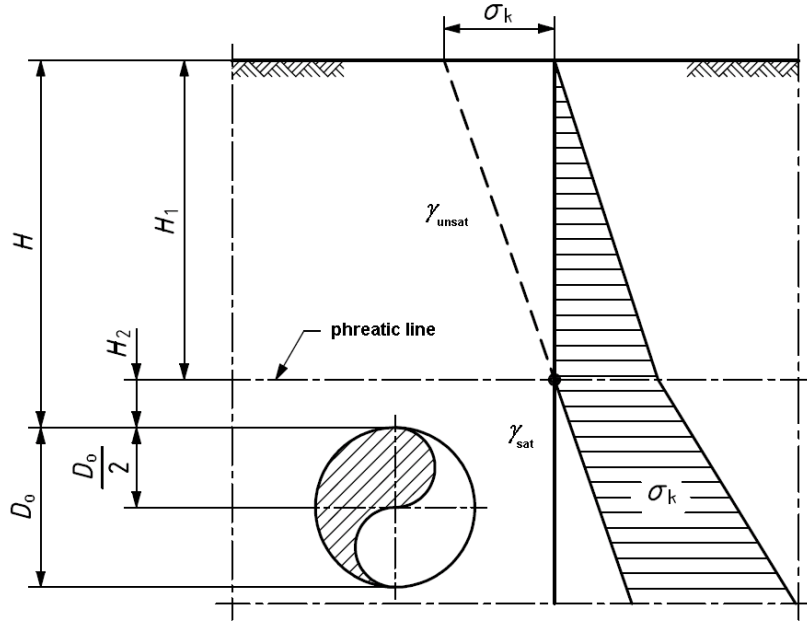
**Figure 21.1:** Schematic diagram for calculation of the neutral vertical stress

According to article C.4.2.2 of NEN 3650-1 ([NEN, 2012a](#)), the neutral vertical stress  $q_n$  is defined as ([Figure 21.1](#)):

$$q_n = \sigma'_v(H) + (0.5 - \pi/8) \times \gamma' \times D_o \quad (21.1)$$

where:

- $\sigma'_v(H)$  is the vertical effective stress at depth  $H$ , in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ :  
 $\sigma'_v(H) = \gamma_{\text{unsat}} \times H_1 + (\gamma_{\text{sat}} - \gamma_w) \times H_2$  (see [Figure 21.2](#) for the definition of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ ).
- $H$  is the soil cover above the top of the pipe, in m (see [Figure 21.2](#)).
- $\gamma'$  is the effective unit weight of the soil, in  $\text{kN/m}^3$ :  $\gamma' = \gamma_{\text{unsat}}$  above the phreatic line and  $\gamma' = \gamma_{\text{sat}} - \gamma_w$  below the phreatic line.



**Figure 21.2:** Schematic diagram for the definition of parameters  $H_1$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $\gamma_{unsat}$  and  $\gamma_{sat}$  (Figure C.5 of NEN 3650-1)

## 21.2 Passive vertical stress

According to article C.4.2.4.2 of NEN 3650-1, the passive vertical stress  $q_p$  is defined as:

$$q_p = q_n \times \left( 1 + 0.3 \frac{H}{D_o} \right) \leq p'_{max} \quad (21.2)$$

with:

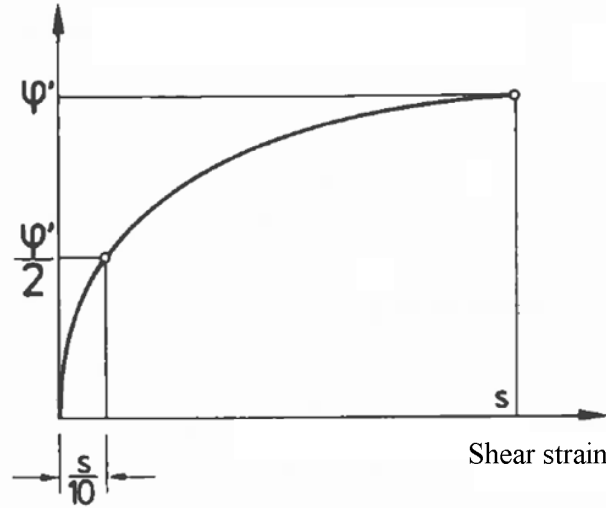
$$p'_{max} = (p'_i + c \times \cot \varphi) \times \left[ \left( \frac{0.5 \times D_o}{0.5 \times D_o + H} \right)^2 + q \right]^{\frac{-\sin \varphi}{1 + \sin \varphi}} - c \times \cot \varphi \quad (21.3)$$

where:

- $p'_{max}$  is the maximum passive vertical stress, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>;
- $p'_i$  is  $\sigma'_0 (1 + \sin \varphi) + c \times \cos \varphi$ , in kN/m<sup>2</sup>;
- $q$  is  $(\sigma'_0 \times \sin \varphi + c \times \cos \varphi) / G$ , in kN/m<sup>2</sup>;
- $\sigma'_0$  is the effective isotrope stress, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>:  $\sigma'_0 = (\sigma'_v + \sigma'_h) / 2$ ;
- $\sigma_{v,h}'$  is the vertical respectively horizontal effective stress;
- $c, \varphi, G$  are the soil parameters at the pipe center.

### 21.3 Reduced neutral vertical stress

In case a drilling technique is used for the installation of the pipeline, the vertical soil load is reduced due to arching. A pipeline installed using the horizontal directional drilling technique is loaded by a strongly reduced soil loads due to arching. For micro tunneling the effect of arching on the soil load is calculated by D-GEO PIPELINE as well. Due to the relative small borehole arching is not completely developed. The relatively small available strain yields incomplete mobilization of the shear strength. The soil load in case of micro tunneling should therefore be calculated using half the value of the angle of internal friction.



**Figure 21.3:** The mobilization of the angle of internal friction in the development of the arching mechanism

#### 21.3.1 Reduced neutral vertical stress in compressible soil layers

According to article C.4.8.3 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a), in compressible soil layers (i.e. clay and peat), the reduced neutral vertical stress  $q_{n,r}$  is defined as:

$$q_{n,r} = \begin{cases} h \times \gamma' - F_r/2B_1 & \text{if } z > 8B_1 \\ q_n & \text{if } z \leq 8B_1 \end{cases} \quad (21.4)$$

with:

$$F_r = \frac{0.9 F_{\max}}{1 + \frac{B_1 \times (3H - 2h) \times \alpha}{2C \times H \left( \delta_d + \frac{F_{\max}}{2B_1 \times k_{v, \text{drill fluid}}} \right)}} \quad (21.5)$$

$$F_{\max} = 2B_1 \times (h \times \gamma' - q_{n,r1}) \quad (21.6)$$

$$q_{n,r1} = \frac{B_1 \times \left( \gamma' - \frac{c}{B_1} \right)}{K \times \tan \varphi} \times \left[ 1 - \exp \left( \frac{-K \times \tan \varphi \times h}{B_1} \right) \right] \quad (21.7)$$

where:

- $B_1$  is the half width of the covered ground column, in m:  
 $B_1 = 0.5D_o + D_o \times \tan(45^\circ - \varphi_b/2) \geq R$ ;
- $\varphi_b$  is the average friction angle over the height of the borehole, in degree;
- $h$  is the soil cover above the borehole, in m (see Figure 21.4);
- $c, \varphi, \gamma'$  are the average soil parameters between the surface and the pipe center;
- $F_r$  is the permanent friction due to arching effect, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>;

- $F_{\max}$  is the maximal adhesion, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>;  
 $q_{n,r1}$  is the reduced neutral vertical stress on the pipe, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>;  
 $H$  is the thickness of the compressible layers, in m (see Figure 21.4);  
 $\alpha$  is a dimensionless factor:  $\alpha = \ln(h/h_{\text{ref}})$  with  $h_{\text{ref}} = 1$  m;

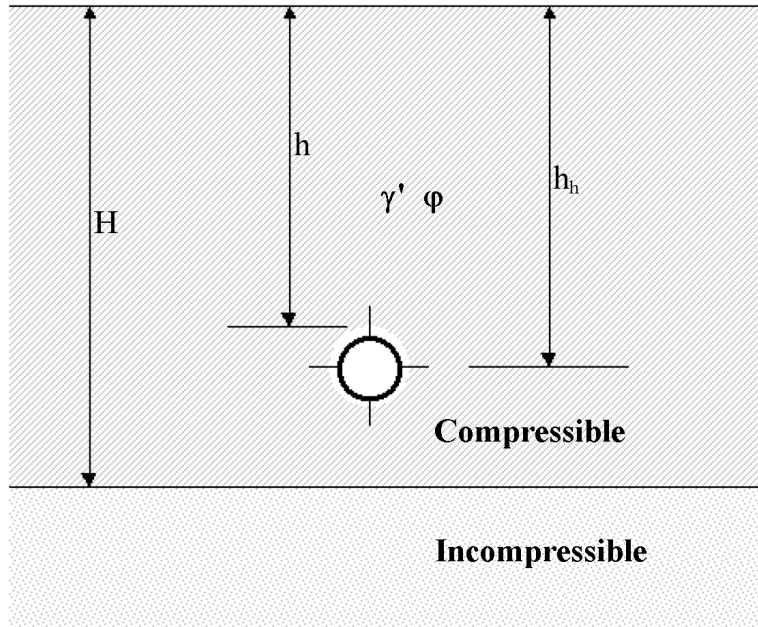


Figure 21.4: Definitions of  $H$ ,  $h$  and  $h_h$

### 21.3.2 Reduced neutral vertical stress in non-compressible soil layers

According to articles C.4.8.3 and C.4.8.4 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a), in incompressible soil layers (i.e. sand) situated below compressible soil layers, the reduced neutral vertical stress  $q_{n,r}$  is defined as (if  $h > 8B_1$ ):

$$q_{n,r} = \frac{B_1 \times \gamma'}{K \times \tan \varphi} \left[ 1 - \exp \left( \frac{-K \cdot \tan \varphi \cdot h_p}{B_1} \right) \right] + \sigma_c \exp \left( \frac{-K \times \tan \varphi \times h_p}{B_1} \right) \quad (21.8)$$

where:

- $\gamma'$  is the average effective unit weight of the soil between the compressibility border and the pipe center, in kN/m<sup>3</sup>;  
 $h_p$  is the soil cover above the borehole in the incompressible layers (see Figure 21.5), in m;  
 $\varphi$  is the average friction angle between the compressibility border and the pipe center, in degrees;  
 $\sigma_c$  is the vertical effective stress at the compressibility border, in kN/m<sup>2</sup> (see Figure 21.5).

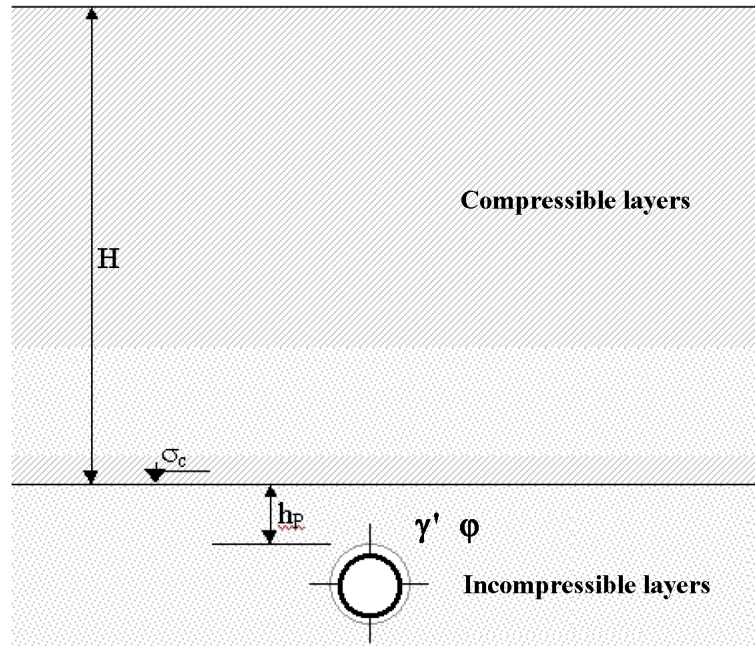


Figure 21.5: Schematic diagram of  $H$  and  $h_p$

If  $h_p < 8B_1$ , Equation 21.8 is not applicable for the determination of  $q_{n,r}$ . In such case, the following applies:

- 1)  $0 < h_p < 2B_1$ :  $q_{n,r}$  is constant and equal to  $q_{n,r}$ -border, see section 21.3.1;
- 2)  $2B_1 \leq h_p \leq 4B_1$ : interpolation between  $q_{n,r}$ -border and  $q_{n,r}$ -incompressible for  $h_p = 4B_1$ ;
- 3)  $h_p \geq 4B_1$ :  $q_{n,r}$ -incompressible as a function of  $h_p$ .

If  $q_{n,r}$ -incompressible ( $h_p = 4B_1$ ) is larger than  $q_{n,r}$ -border, then 1) is prescribed and 2) is applicable for  $0 < h_p < 4B_1$ .

#### 21.4 Initial vertical stress

According to article C.4.2.3 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a), the initial vertical stress  $q_k$  (also called actual vertical stress) for construction in trench is defined as:

$$q_k = q_n + k_{v,tot} \times \mu \times D_o \leq q_p \quad (21.9)$$

with:

$$\frac{1}{k_{v,tot}} = \frac{1}{k_{v,top}} + \frac{1}{k_{v,pipe}} + \frac{1}{k_{v,bottom}} \quad (21.10)$$

$$k_{v,pipe} = \frac{EI_w}{k_y \times D_o \times D_g^3} \quad (21.11)$$

where:

- $q_n$  is the neutral vertical stress of the soil, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ , see Equation 21.1;
- $q_p$  is the passive vertical stress of the soil, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ , see Equation 21.2;
- $k_{v,tot}$  is the vertical modulus of subgrade reaction upward, in  $\text{kN/m}^3$ , see Equation 21.15;

- $k_{v,bottom}$  is the minimum vertical modulus of subgrade reaction downward, in  $\text{kN/m}^3$ , calculated according to [section 21.6.2](#);
- $k_{v,pipe}$  is the vertical modulus of subgrade reaction of the pipe, in  $\text{kN/m}^3$ ;
- $\mu$  is the percentage of compaction depending on the type of fill and type of compaction as shown in [Table 21.7](#).

**Table 21.7:** Values of parameter  $\mu$  according to NEN 3650-1

Compaction	Type of fill		
	Soft soil	Stiff clay	Sand
Poorly	0.20	0.15	0.075
Well	0.10	0.075	0.02

## 21.5 Neutral horizontal stress

### 21.5.1 Pipelines installed using the HDD technique

According to article C.4.8.6 of NEN 3650-1, the neutral reduced horizontal soil load  $q_{h,r}$  for a pipeline installed using the horizontal drilling technique can be calculated using the following equation:

$$q_{h,r} = q_{n,r} \times (1 - \sin \varphi_{df}) \quad (21.12)$$

where:

- $q_{n,r}$  is the reduced neutral vertical stress of the soil, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ , as calculated in [section 21.3](#);
- $\varphi_{df}$  is the angle of internal friction of the drilling fluid, as defined in the *Engineering Data* window ([section 4.6.3.1](#)). The default value is  $15^\circ$ .

### 21.5.2 Pipelines installed in a trench or using micro tunneling

The neutral horizontal soil load  $q_{h,n}$  for a pipeline installed in a trench or using the micro tunneling technique can be calculated using the following equation:

$$q_{h,n} = q_n \times (1 - \sin \varphi_b) \quad (21.13)$$

where:

- $q_n$  is the neutral vertical stress of the soil, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ , as calculated in [Equation 21.1](#) in [section 21.1](#);
- $\varphi_b$  is the average angle of internal friction of the soil over the height of the borehole.

In micro tunneling the space in between the pipeline or tunnel is usually relatively small, moreover the space in between the bore hole wall and the pipeline or tunnel is often filled with grout after installation.

## 21.6 Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction

Due to the soil-pipe interaction, induced by either the pipe or the soil, soil deformations and pipe displacement will occur. The deformations lead to increase or decrease of the soil load on the pipe. This soil reaction behavior is modeled by using a spring model. By locating springs around the pipe, the displacement and related stress changes can be calculated (Figure 21.6). The increase or decrease of the soil reaction stress is usually calculated by linear or bi-linear springs. The stiffness of the spring is expressed as a modulus of subgrade reaction.

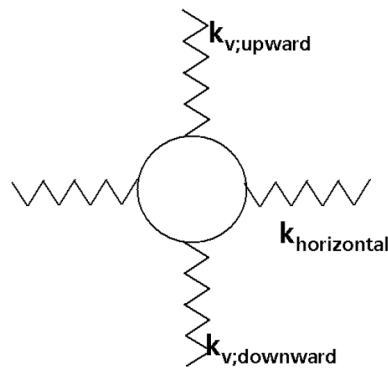


Figure 21.6: Pipe soil interaction modeled by springs

Since the soil-pipe interaction is influenced by the installation method, different calculation methods to determine the moduli of subgrade reaction exist:

- ◇ For installation using a drilling technique (HDD or micro tunneling), refer to [section 21.6.1](#);
- ◇ For Installation in a trench, refer to [section 21.6.2](#);

### 21.6.1 Pipelines installed using a drilling technique

According to article C.4.3.3 c) of NEN 3650-1, the stiffness of the spring below ( $k_{v,bottom}$ ) and above the pipe ( $k_{v,top}$ ) is:

$$k_v = \frac{f_E \times E}{m \times (1 - \nu^2) \times \sqrt{A}} \quad (21.14)$$

with:

$$m = \frac{52.31 + \ell/b}{51.90 + 3.596 \times \ell/b}$$

$$\ell = \pi/\lambda$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt[4]{k_v \times f_{kv} \times \frac{D_o}{4 E_b \times I_b}}$$

where:

- $E, \nu$  are the average parameters of the soil along a distance of  $5 D_o$  above the top of the pipeline for  $k_{v,top}$  and below the bottom of the pipeline for  $k_{v,bottom}$ ;
- $A$  is  $\ell \times b =$  support area, in  $m^2$ ;
- $b$  is the minimum support width, in m:  $b = D_o$ ;
- $\ell$  is the minimum support length, in m;
- $\lambda$  is the characteristic stiffness pipeline-soil, in  $m^{-1}$ ;

$I_b$  is the moment of inertia of the pipeline, in  $m^4$ :  $I_b = \frac{\pi}{64} [D_o^4 - (D_o - 2d_n)^4]$   
 $m$  is the shape coefficient, depending on  $\ell/b$ .

## 21.6.2 Pipelines installed in a trench

### **Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction upward**

According to article C.4.3.2 of NEN 3650-1, the vertical modulus of subgrade reaction upward are:

$$v_{\text{top}} = \frac{q_p - q_n}{z_{\text{max}}} \quad (21.15)$$

$$k_{v,\text{top,max}} = \frac{q_p}{z_{\text{max}}} \quad (21.16)$$

with:

$$z_{\text{max}} = \frac{0.25 \times D_o}{E^{1.5} \times \sqrt{\frac{H}{D_o}}} \quad \text{for clay and peat} \quad (21.17)$$

$$z_{\text{max}} = \frac{0.20 \times D_o}{E^{0.5} \times \sqrt{\frac{H}{D_o}}} \quad \text{for sand} \quad (21.18)$$

where:

- $q_p$  is the passive vertical soil load, see [Equation 21.2](#);
- $q_n$  is the neutral vertical soil load, see [Equation 21.1](#);
- $z_{\text{max}}$  is the maximum displacement, in m;
- $E$  is the average Young's modulus of the soil along a distance of  $5 D_o$  above the top of the pipeline, in MPa;
- $H$  is the soil cover above the top of the pipe, in m.

### **Vertical modulus of subgrade reaction downward**

The vertical modulus of subgrade reaction downward is characterized by a bi-linear spring.  $k_{v,1}$  is the modulus of subgrade reaction in between 0 and 2/3 of the vertical bearing capacity, while  $k_{v,2}$  is the modulus of subgrade reaction in between 2/3 of the vertical bearing capacity and the vertical bearing capacity.

For clay and peat, the modules of subgrade reaction downward are:

$$k_{v,1} = 0.25 \times c_u \times \frac{P_{we}}{D_o} \quad (21.19)$$

$$k_{v,2} = 0.04 \times c_u \times \frac{P_{we}}{D_o} \quad (21.20)$$

For sand, the modules of subgrade reaction downward are:

$$k_{v,1} = 0.5 \times E \times \frac{P_{we}}{D_o} \quad (21.21)$$

$$k_{v,2} = 0.1 \times E \times \frac{P_{we}}{D_o} \quad (21.22)$$



where  $c_u$  and  $E$  (in  $\text{kN/m}^2$  respectively  $\text{MN/m}^2$ ) are the average parameters of the soil along a distance of  $5 D_o$  below the bottom of the pipeline and  $P_{we}$  is the vertical bearing capacity determined according to [section 21.8](#).

If  $c_u$  is nil, a fictive undrained cohesion is used by the program:

$$c_{u,\text{fictive}} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + K_0) \times \sigma'_h \times \sin \varphi + c \times \cos \varphi \quad (21.23)$$

## 21.7 Horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction

### 21.7.1 Pipelines installed using a drilling technique

The horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction is:

$$k_h = 0.7 k_{v,\text{bottom}} \quad (21.24)$$

where  $k_{v,\text{bottom}}$  is the vertical modulus of subgrade reaction at the bottom of the pipe as determined in [Equation 21.14](#).

### 21.7.2 Pipelines installed in a trench

According to article C.4.3.4.1 of NEN 3650-1, the horizontal modulus of subgrade reaction upward is:

$$k_h = \frac{q_{he}}{y_{\max}} \times \frac{(1 - 0.3 \times B)}{A} \quad (21.25)$$

where:

- $q_{he}$  is the ultimate horizontal bearing capacity, see [Equation 21.29](#);
- $y_{\max}$  is the maximal displacement, in m:  $y_{\max} = D_o \times \left[ 0.05 + 0.03 \times \left( \frac{Z}{D_o} + 0.5 \right) \right]$
- $A$  is a constant ( $A = 0.145$ );
- $B$  is a constant ( $B = 0.855$ ).

## 21.8 Ultimate vertical bearing capacity

According to article C.4.4.2 of NEN 3650-1 ([NEN, 2012a](#)), the ultimate vertical bearing capacity is:

$$P_{we} = 0.95 [0.5 \gamma' B N_\gamma S_\gamma d_\gamma + S_q N_q d_q (q_n + c \times \cot \varphi) - c \times \cot \varphi] \quad (21.26)$$

where:

- $c, \varphi, \gamma'$  are the average soil parameters along the sliding plane;
- $B$  is the width of the foundation element, in m (for pipeline:  $B = D_o$ );
- $Z$  is the depth until the pipe, in m:  $Z = H + D_o/2$ ;
- $H$  is the soil cover above the pipe, in m;
- $L$  is the length of the foundation element, in m:  $L = 10 B$ ;
- $N_\gamma$  is the bearing capacity factor for the effect of the effective weight of the soil under the foundation surface:  $N_\gamma = 1.5 \times (N_q - 1) \times \tan \varphi$
- $s_\gamma$  is the shape factor for the effect of effective weight of the soil under the foundation surface:  $s_\gamma = 1 - 0.4B/L$ ;
- $d_\gamma$  is the depth factor for the effect of the effective weight ( $d_\gamma = 1$ );

- $N_q$  is the bearing capacity factor for the effect of the soil cover:  
 $N_q = \exp^{\pi \times \tan \varphi} \times \tan^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\varphi}{2} \right)$ ;  
 $s_q$  is the shape factor for the effect of soil cover:  $s_q = 1 + \sin \varphi \times B/L$ ;  
 $d_q$  is the depth factor for the effect of the soil cover:  
 $d_q = 1 + 2 \tan \varphi (1 - \sin \varphi)^2 \arctan (Z/B)$ .

If  $\varphi = 0$ , the ultimate vertical bearing capacity is:

$$P_{we} = 0.95 [\sigma'_v + c (\pi + 2) \times (1 + s_c + d_c)] \quad (21.27)$$

where:

- $s_c$  is the shape factor for the effect of cohesion:  $s_c = 0.2B/L = 0.02$ ;  
 $d_c$  is the depth factor for the effect of cohesion:  $d_c = 0.4 \arctan (Z/B)$ .

## 21.9 Ultimate horizontal bearing capacity

### 21.9.1 Pipelines installed using the HDD technique

The horizontal bearing capacity  $q_{he}$  is of equal magnitude as the maximum vertical passive soil load  $p'_{max}$  (see [Equation 21.3](#)) and is therefore defined as:

$$q_{he} = p'_{max} = (p'_f + c \times \cot \varphi) \times \left[ \left( \frac{0.5 D_o}{0.5 D_o + H} \right)^2 + q \right]^{\frac{-\sin \varphi}{1 + \sin \varphi}} - c \times \cot \varphi \quad (21.28)$$

Refer to [section 21.2](#) for the definition of the parameters.

Similar to the determination of the maximum vertical passive soil load, for shallow depth of the pipeline ( $H < 5D_o$ ) the soil load should be calculated according the formula for the horizontal bearing capacity for trench or micro tunneling.

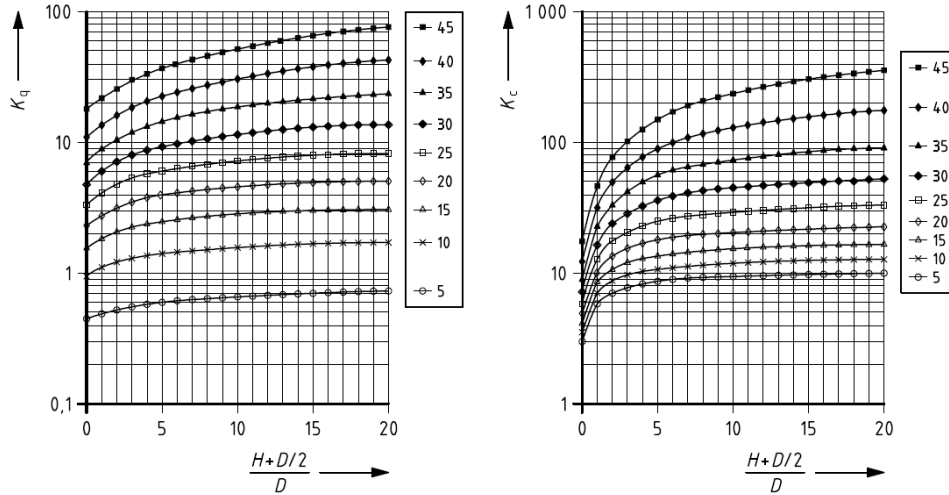
### 21.9.2 Pipelines installed in a trench or using micro tunneling

According to article C.4.4.3a, the horizontal bearing capacity  $q_{he}$  of a pipeline in a trench or using the micro tunneling technique is calculated as follows:

$$q_{he} = K_q \times \sigma'_v + 0.7 \times \alpha \times K_c \times c \quad (21.29)$$

where:

- $K_q$  is the load coefficient according to Brinch Hansen, see [Figure 21.7](#) and [Equation 21.30](#);  
 $K_c$  is the load coefficient according to Brinch Hansen, see [Figure 21.7](#) and [Equation 21.31](#);  
 $\sigma'_v$  is the effective vertical stress at the pipe center, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>;  
 $\alpha$  is a coefficient:  $\alpha = 0.6$  for trench and  $\alpha = 1$  for micro tunneling.



**Figure 21.7:** Values  $K_q$  and  $K_c$  according to Brinch Hansen (Figure C.14 of the NEN 3650-1)

The angle of internal friction  $\varphi$  and the cohesion  $c$  for the calculation of the load coefficients  $K_q$  and  $K_c$  is determined for the soil layers  $2.5 D_o$  above and  $2.5 D_o$  below the axis of the pipeline. The minimum value is used. According to Brinch Hansen (Brinch Hansen, 1970), the load coefficients are:

$$K_q = \frac{K_q^0 + K_q^\infty \times \alpha_q \times \frac{D}{B}}{1 + \alpha_q \times \frac{D}{B}} \quad (21.30)$$

$$K_c = \frac{K_c^0 + K_c^\infty \times \alpha_c \times \frac{D}{B}}{1 + \alpha_c \times \frac{D}{B}} \quad (21.31)$$

where:

$$K_q^0 = \exp \left[ \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \varphi \right) \times \tan \varphi \right] \times \cos \varphi \times \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\varphi}{2} \right) - \exp \left[ \left( -\frac{\pi}{2} + \varphi \right) \times \tan \varphi \right] \times \cos \varphi \times \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\varphi}{2} \right)$$

$$K_c^0 = \left\{ \exp \left[ \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \varphi \right) \times \tan \varphi \right] \times \cos \varphi \times \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\varphi}{2} \right) - 1 \right\} \times \cot \varphi$$

$$K_q^\infty = K_c^\infty \times K_0 \times \tan \varphi$$

$$K_c^\infty = N_c \times d_c^\infty$$

$$d_c^\infty = 1.58 + 4.09 \times \tan^4 \varphi$$

$$N_c = \left[ \exp \left( \pi \times \tan \varphi \right) \times \tan^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\varphi}{2} \right) - 1 \right] \times \cot \varphi$$

$$K_0 = 1 - \sin \varphi$$

$$\alpha_q = \frac{K_q^0}{K_q^\infty - K_q^0} \times \frac{K_0 \times \sin \varphi}{\sin \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\varphi}{2} \right)}$$

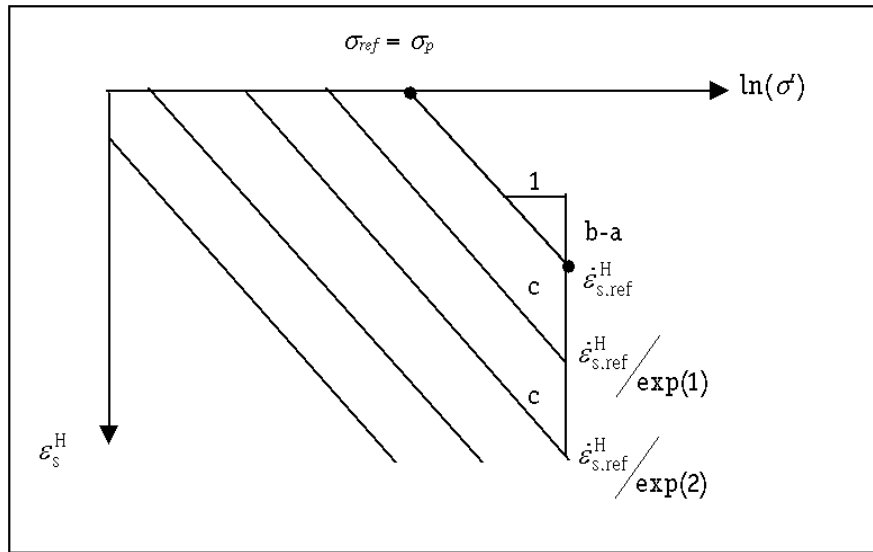
$$\alpha_c = \frac{K_c^0}{K_c^\infty - K_c^0} \times 2 \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\varphi}{2} \right)$$

## 21.10 Vertical displacement

The vertical displacement of the soil layers below the pipeline due to an increased load on these layers can be calculated using the Isotache method or the Koppejan method. In addition to the calculated vertical displacement by D-GEO PIPELINE, a given value for vertical displacement can be entered manually (see [section 4.4.2](#)).

### 21.10.1 Isotache model

Creep Isotaches are lines of equal rate (speed, velocity) of secular (visco-plastic) strain  $\dot{\varepsilon}_s^H$  in a plot of (natural) strain versus (natural) logarithm of vertical effective stress. These are displayed in the [Figure 21.8](#).



**Figure 21.8:** Creep Isotache pattern

The Isotaches are all parallel with slope  $b-a$ . The Isotache  $a$  parameter determines the direct (elastic) strain component  $\varepsilon_d^H$ . The  $b$  and  $c$  parameters determine the secular (visco-plastic) creep component  $\dot{\varepsilon}_s^H$ .

$$b - a = \frac{d\varepsilon_s^H}{d \ln \sigma'} \quad (21.32)$$

$$c = -\frac{d\varepsilon_s^H}{d \ln (\dot{\varepsilon}_s^H)} \quad (21.33)$$

$$a = \frac{d\varepsilon_d^H}{d \ln \sigma'} \quad (21.34)$$

$$\varepsilon^H = \varepsilon_s^H + \varepsilon_d^H \quad (21.35)$$

The reference Isotache starts at pre-consolidation stress  $\sigma_{ref} = \sigma_p$  and is characterized by a reference creep strain rate  $\dot{\varepsilon}_{s,ref}^H$ .

The secular creep rate is given by:

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_s^H = \dot{\varepsilon}_{s,ref}^H \exp \left( \frac{(b-a) \ln \left( \frac{\sigma'}{\sigma_p} \right) - \varepsilon_s^H}{c} \right) \quad (21.36)$$

It can be shown that the secular creep rate is related to a so-called intrinsic time  $\tau$ , which is related to the common time  $t$  by a time shift  $t_{\text{shift}}$ .

$$\dot{\epsilon}_s^H = \frac{c}{\tau} \quad \text{with} \quad \tau = t - t_{\text{shift}} \quad (21.37)$$

This time shift in fact represents the creep history of the soil.

The total rate of strain is the sum of the elastic and secular rates:

$$\dot{\epsilon}^H = \dot{\epsilon}_s^H + \dot{\epsilon}_d^H \quad (21.38)$$

Time integration of Equation 21.38 finally yields Equation 21.39.

$$\epsilon^H = a \ln \left( \frac{\sigma'}{\sigma_0} \right) + c \ln \left[ 1 + \int_0^t \left( \frac{\sigma'}{\sigma_p} \right)^{\frac{b-a}{c}} \frac{d\tau}{\tau_0} \right] \quad (21.39)$$

The reference time  $\tau_0$  is set by default to 1 day.

$$\tau_0 = 1 \text{ day} \quad (21.40)$$

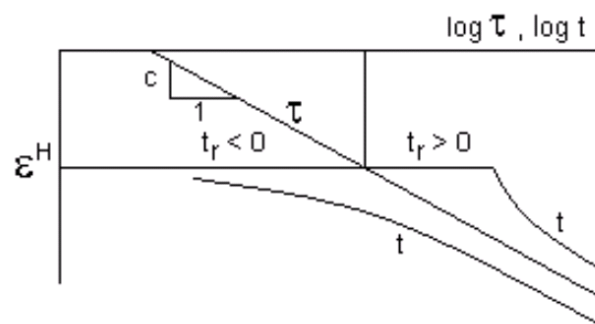
During a constant stress period after virgin loading, Equation 21.39 simplifies to:

$$\epsilon^H = a \ln \frac{\sigma_p}{\sigma_0} + b \ln \frac{\sigma'}{\sigma_p} + c \ln \frac{\tau}{\tau_0} \quad (21.41)$$

This equation applies to the creep tail when  $\sigma'$  has become constant, and this is the familiar relation for one-dimensional creep, with strain depending on logarithm of time.

Here, however, apart from using natural strain, the time to use is the intrinsic time  $\tau$ . This removes the age-old difficulty of defining the origin of time to use in the compression law, e.g. years A.D. (Buisman: dykes of Marken island), time after loading, time after last loading stage, etc.

Figure 21.9 illustrates the effect of the  $t_{\text{shift}} = t_r$  parameter (denoted by  $t_r$ ) on the creep tail.



**Figure 21.9:** Influence of the  $t_{\text{shift}} = t_r$  parameter on the creep tail

While  $\epsilon^H - \log t$  plots can be either steepening or flattening, the  $\epsilon^H - \log \tau$  plot is linear. Steepening occurs for relatively small load increments, and is due to changing the origin of time to the start of the new increment. Flattening occurs for relatively large load increments. The linear relationship with intrinsic time therefore allows a more accurately identification and interpretation of the creep tail.

## 21.10.2 Koppejan model

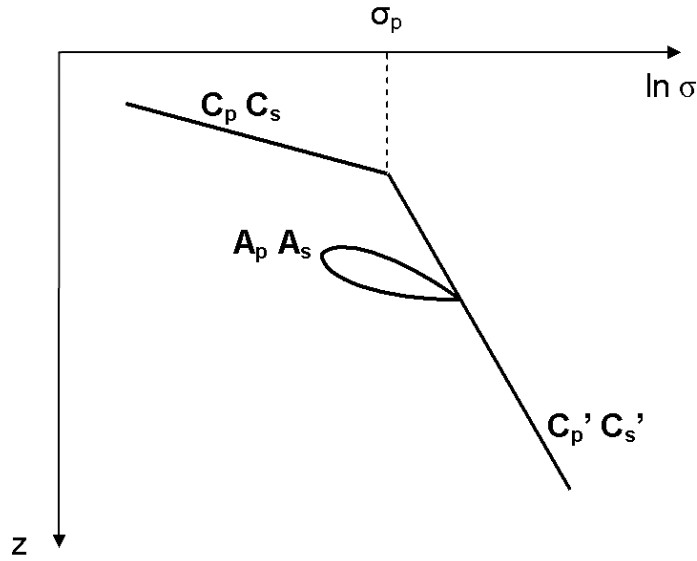


Figure 21.10: Koppejan settlement

Four different situations can be distinguished for Koppejan:

- ◇ If the vertical effective stress is smaller than the pre-consolidation pressure, the primary settlement can be calculated from:

$$\frac{\Delta h_{\text{prim}}}{h_0} = \frac{1}{C_p} \ln \left( \frac{\sigma'}{\sigma_0} \right), \sigma_0 < \sigma' < \sigma_p \quad (21.42)$$

- ◇ If the vertical effective stress is larger than the pre-consolidation pressure, the primary settlement can be calculated from:

$$\frac{\Delta h_{\text{prim}}}{h_0} = \frac{1}{C_p} \ln \left( \frac{\sigma_p}{\sigma_0} \right) + \frac{1}{C_p'} \ln \left( \frac{\sigma'}{\sigma_0} \right), \sigma_0 < \sigma_p < \sigma' \quad (21.43)$$

- ◇ If vertical effective stress is smaller than the pre-consolidation pressure, the secondary settlement for one loading can be calculated from:

$$\frac{\Delta h_{\text{sec}}}{h_0} = \frac{1}{C_s} \log \left( \frac{t}{t_0} \right) \ln \left( \frac{\sigma'}{\sigma_0} \right), \sigma_0 < \sigma' < \sigma_p \quad (21.44)$$

- ◇ If the vertical stress is larger than the pre-consolidation pressure, the secondary settlement for one loading can be calculated using [Equation 21.45](#):

$$\frac{\Delta h_{\text{sec}}}{h_0} = \frac{1}{C_s} \log \left( \frac{t}{t_0} \right) \ln \left( \frac{\sigma_p}{\sigma_0} \right) + \frac{1}{C_s'} \log \left( \frac{t}{t_0} \right) \ln \left( \frac{\sigma'}{\sigma_p} \right), \sigma_0 < \sigma_p < \sigma' \quad (21.45)$$

where:

$C_p$  is the primary compression coefficient below pre-consolidation pressure;

$C_p'$	is the primary compression coefficient above pre-consolidation pressure;
$C_s'$	is the secondary compression coefficient below pre-consolidation pressure;
$C_s'$	is the secondary compression coefficient above pre-consolidation pressure;
$\Delta h_{\text{prim}}$	is the primary settlement contribution of a layer, in m;
$h_0$	is the initial layer thickness, in m;
$\sigma_0$	is the initial vertical effective stress, in kN/m <sup>2</sup> ;
$\sigma_p$	is the pre-consolidation pressure, in kN/m <sup>2</sup> ;
$\Delta h_{\text{sec}}$	is the secondary settlement contribution of a layer, in m;
$t$	is the time, in days;
$t_0$	is the reference time, in days.

### 21.11 Maximal axial friction

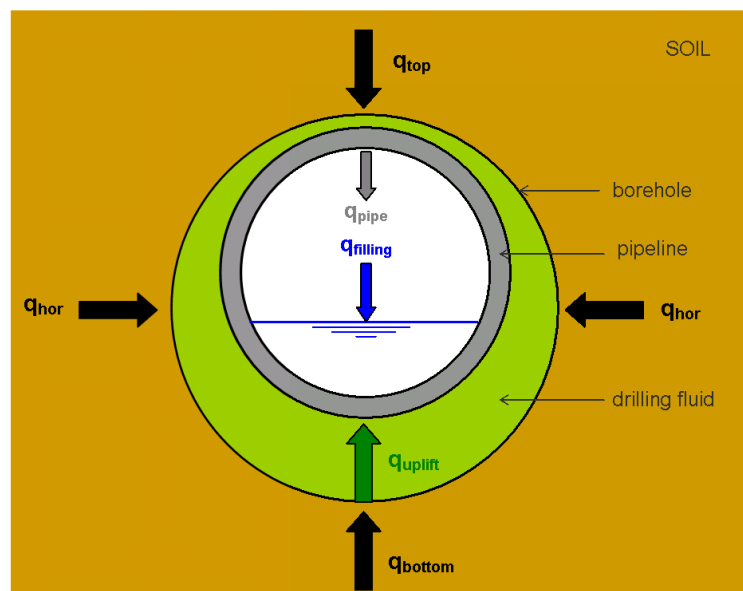
The friction between the pipe wall and the surrounding soil depends on the relative displacement between the pipe wall and the soil. When the relative displacement between the soil and the pipe reaches a maximal value, the friction does not increase anymore. The friction depends on:

- ◇ The stresses around the pipe
- ◇ The adhesion between the soil and the pipe wall
- ◇ The roughness of the pipe wall
- ◇ The angle of friction of the soil

#### 21.11.1 Pipelines installed using the HDD technique

The maximal axial friction along the pipeline can be put in the *Engineering Data* window (section 4.6.3) as parameter  $f_2$  (friction between pipe – drilling fluid). The conditions directly after the installation are considered as critical.

#### 21.11.2 Pipelines installed in a trench or using micro tunneling



**Figure 21.11:** Schematization of the forces acting on the pipe

The following forces are acting on the pipe (Figure 21.11):

a) **Uplift force:**

$$q_{\text{uplift}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \times D_o^2 \times \gamma_{\text{df}} \quad (21.46)$$

b) **Weight of the pipeline:**

$$q_{\text{pipe}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \times (D_o^2 - D_i^2) \times \gamma_b \quad (21.47)$$

c) **Weight of the filling (water):**

$$q_{\text{filling}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \times D_i^2 \times \gamma_w \times P_w \quad (21.48)$$

d) **Stress at the top of the pipe:**

$$q_{\text{top}} = \begin{cases} \max [q_n; \min (-q_{\text{eff}}; q_p)] & \text{for trenching} \\ \max [q_{n,r}; \min (-q_{\text{eff}}; q_p)] & \text{for micro tunneling} \end{cases} \quad (21.49)$$

e) **Stress at the bottom of the pipe:**

$$q_{\text{bottom}} = \begin{cases} \max (q_n + q_{\text{eff}}; P_{\text{we}}) & \text{for trenching} \\ \max (q_{n,r} + q_{\text{eff}}; P_{\text{we}}) & \text{for micro tunneling} \end{cases} \quad (21.50)$$

The effective weight of the pipeline is defined as:

$$q_{\text{eff}} = q_{\text{pipe}} + q_{\text{filling}} - q_{\text{uplift}} \quad (21.51)$$

where:

$q_n$	is the neutral vertical stress, see <a href="#">Equation 21.1</a> in <a href="#">section 21.1</a> ;
$q_p$	is the passive vertical stress, see <a href="#">Equation 21.2</a> in <a href="#">section 21.2</a> ;
$q_{n,r}$	is the reduced neutral vertical stress, see <a href="#">section 21.3</a> ;
$P_{\text{we}}$	is the vertical bearing capacity, see <a href="#">Equation 21.26</a> in <a href="#">section 21.8</a> .

The maximal axial friction along the pipeline is defined as follows:

$$W = W_{\text{top}} + W_{\text{bottom}} + 2W_{\text{hor}} \quad (21.52)$$

with:

$$W_t = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4} D_o (q_t \times \tan \delta_t + 0.6 \times a_t) & \text{for trenching} \\ \frac{\pi}{4} D_o (q_t \times \tan \delta_{\text{lub fluid}} + a_{\text{lub fluid}}) & \text{for micro tunneling} \end{cases}$$

$$W_b = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4} D_o (q_b \times \tan \delta_b + 0.6 \times a_b) & \text{for trenching} \\ \frac{\pi}{4} D_o (q_b \times \tan \delta_{\text{lub fluid}} + a_{\text{lub fluid}}) & \text{for micro tunneling} \end{cases}$$

$$W_{\text{hor}} = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4} D_o (K_0 \times \sigma'_v \times \tan \delta_m + 0.6 \times a_m) & \text{for trenching} \\ \frac{\pi}{4} D_o (K_a \times \sigma'_v \times \tan \delta_{\text{lub fluid}} + a_{\text{lub fluid}}) & \text{for micro tunneling} \end{cases}$$

where:

$W$	is the maximal friction, in kN/m;
$a_t, a_b, a_m$	are the adhesion's of the soil at the top, respectively bottom and middle of the pipe, in kN/m <sup>2</sup> ;



$\delta_t, \delta_b, \delta_m$	are the delta friction angles of the soil at the top, respectively bottom and middle of the pipe, in radians. For sand, $\delta$ can be approximated by $2/3 \varphi$ , while in clay and peat the value of the friction angle can be neglected ( $\delta = 0$ ).
$a_{\text{lub fluid}}$	is the adhesion of the lubrication fluid, in $\text{kN/m}^2$ , as defined in the <i>Engineering Data</i> window ( <a href="#">section 4.6.3.2</a> );
$\delta_{\text{lub fluid}}$	is the delta lubrication fluid, in radians, as defined in the <i>Engineering Data</i> window ( <a href="#">section 4.6.3.2</a> );
$K_0$	is the neutral earth pressure ratio: $K_0 = 1 - \sin \varphi$ ;
$K_a$	is the active earth pressure ratio: $K_a = \left( \frac{\cos \varphi}{1 + \sin \varphi} \right)^2$ ;
$\varphi$	is the friction angle of the soil at the middle of the pipe, in radians;
$\sigma_v'$	is the effective vertical stress at the middle of the pipe, in $\text{kN/m}^2$ .

## 21.12 Displacement at maximal friction

### 21.12.1 Pipelines installed using the HDD technique

The displacement necessary to develop the maximal axial friction along the pipeline is estimated between 6 and 9 mm. D-GEO PIPELINE uses an average value of 7.5 mm.

### 21.12.2 Pipelines installed in a trench or using micro tunneling

The displacement necessary to develop the maximal axial friction along the pipeline is determined using [Table 21.19](#).

**Table 21.19:** Friction displacement

Soil type	$\varphi$ [°]	$c$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Friction displacement [mm]
Dense sand	$\varphi > 32.5$	$c \leq 0.5$	1-3
Medium dense sand	$30 < \varphi \leq 32.5$	$c \leq 0.5$	3-5
Stiff clay	$\varphi > 30$	$c > 0.5$	2-4
Loose sand	$25 < \varphi \leq 30$	$c < 1$	5-8
Stiff sandy clay	$25 \leq \varphi \leq 30$	$c \geq 1$	4-6
Clayey sand	$22.5 < \varphi < 25$	$c < 5$	5-8
Stiff sandy clay	$\varphi \geq 22.5$	$c \geq 5$	2-4
Stiff clay	$\varphi > 17$	$c \geq 10$	2-4
Medium stiff clay	$20 < \varphi \leq 22.5$		4-6
Medium stiff clay	$17 \leq \varphi \leq 20$	$c \geq 5$	4-6
Soft clay	$17 \leq \varphi \leq 20$	$c < 5$	6-10
Peat /organic clay	$\varphi < 17$		10-15

### 21.13 Global determination of the soil type

The global soil type in which the pipeline is installed is used for the determination of safety factors which are required for a pipe stress analysis. The classification of global soil types given in [Table 21.20](#) is applied in D-GEO PIPELINE.

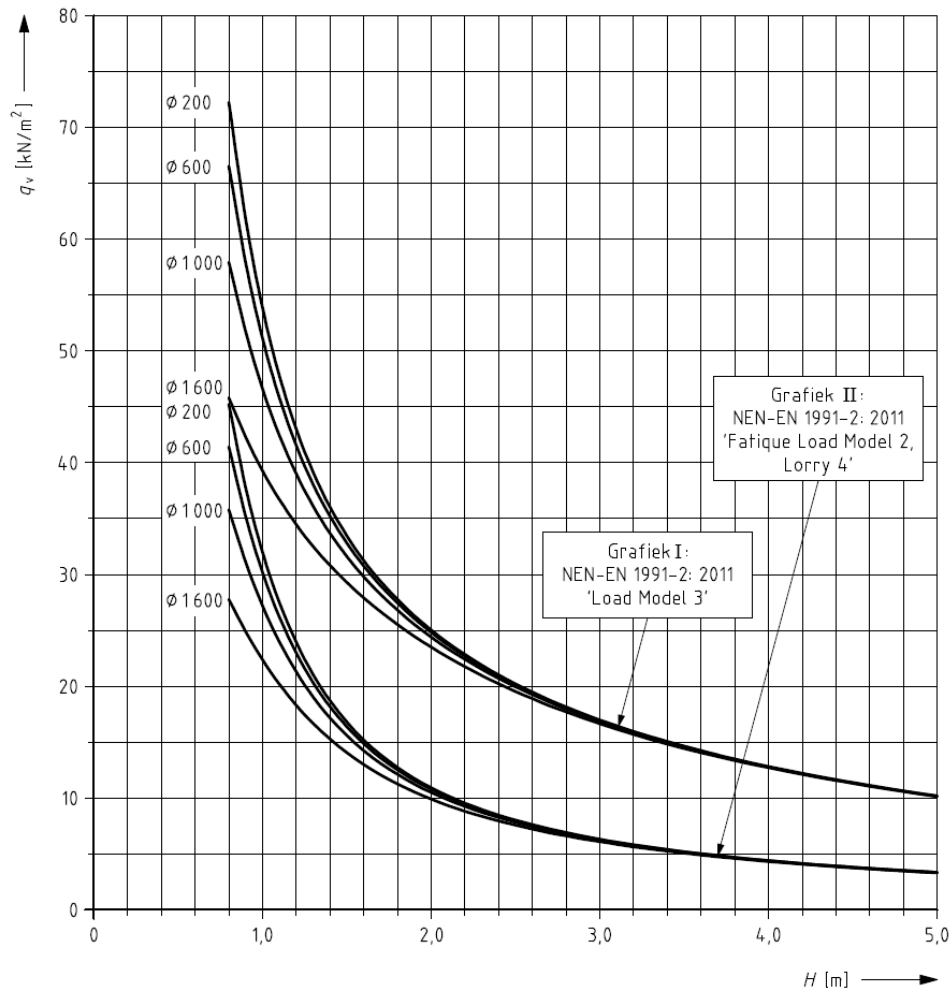
**Table 21.20:** Classification of the soil type

Global soil type	$\varphi$ [°]	$c$ [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]
Sand	$\varphi > 32.5$	$c \leq 0.5$
Sand	$30 < \varphi \leq 32.5$	$c \leq 0.5$
Clay	$\varphi > 30$	$c > 0.5$
Sand	$25 < \varphi \leq 30$	$c < 1$
Clay	$25 \leq \varphi \leq 30$	$c \geq 1$
Sand	$22.5 < \varphi < 25$	$c < 5$
Clay	$\varphi \geq 22.5$	$c \geq 5$
Clay	$\varphi > 17$	$c \geq 10$
Clay	$20 < \varphi \leq 22.5$	
Clay	$17 \leq \varphi \leq 20$	$c \geq 5$
Clay	$17 \leq \varphi \leq 20$	$c < 5$
Peat	$\varphi < 17$	

### 21.14 Traffic load

According to C.5.1 of NEN 3650-1 ([NEN, 2012a](#)) two load models are considered, depending on the type of road:

- ◇ For dual carriageways and regional roads, 'Load Model 3' (i.e. Graph I) according to EN NEN-1991-2 (this concerns special transports) is assumed;
- ◇ For other roads, the 'Fatigue Load Model 2, Lorry 4' (i.e. Graph II) is assumed according to EN NEN-1991-2 (this load model covers the 'set of frequent lorries' which can occur on European roads, such as described in EN NEN-1991-2, with exception of the special transports).



**Figure 21.12:** Traffic load as a function of the depth and the pipe diameter, for both load models, according to NEN 3650-1

For both load models (Graph I and Graph II), the spreading of the traffic load  $q_v$  along the depth is given in [Figure 21.12](#) for four pipe diameters: 200, 600, 1000 and 1600 mm. Intermediary diameters are linearly interpolated. D-GEO PIPELINE uses the following formulas to calculate  $q_v$  as a function of the depth  $Z$ , derived from [Figure 21.12](#):

- ◇ For **Graph I:**
  - For  $\varnothing$  200 mm:  $q_v = 53.988 \times Z^{-1.058}$
  - For  $\varnothing$  600 mm:  $q_v = 51.403 \times Z^{-1.016}$
  - For  $\varnothing$  1000 mm:  $q_v = 46.522 \times Z^{-0.94}$
  - For  $\varnothing$  1600 mm:  $q_v = 39.448 \times Z^{-0.804}$
- ◇ For **Graph II:**
  - For  $\varnothing$  200 mm:  $q_v = 31.716 \times Z^{-1.457}$
  - For  $\varnothing$  600 mm:  $q_v = 29.501 \times Z^{-1.4}$
  - For  $\varnothing$  1000 mm:  $q_v = 26.776 \times Z^{-1.324}$
  - For  $\varnothing$  1600 mm:  $q_v = 21.963 \times Z^{-1.172}$



## 22 Drilling fluid pressures calculation

This section includes background information on the calculation of the following drilling fluid pressures:

- ◇ Minimum required drilling fluid pressure ([section 22.1](#))
- ◇ Maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure ([section 22.2](#))

### 22.1 Minimum required drilling fluid pressure

Drilling fluid consists of a mixture of water and bentonite or may have another composition (polymers) . This mixture has some special properties. The flow behavior of the fluid is an important characteristic for the development of drilling fluid pressure during the different drilling stages. Various types of drilling fluids exist. Generally, the flow behavior of drilling fluid can be described with the Bingham model. The Bingham model describes the fluid by means of a viscosity term and a threshold term from which flow is initialized. The threshold is called the yield point.

D-GEO PIPELINE calculates the required minimum fluid pressure at predefined locations. In these calculations, the flow properties of the drilling fluid (density, viscosity and yield point) play an important role.

During all stages of the drilling process, a pipe is present in the borehole, drill pipe or product pipe. The return flow of drilling fluid with cuttings occurs in the annulus between the borehole wall and the pipe. The required fluid pressure to initiate flow depends on the width of the annulus (radius borehole minus radius drill pipe), the properties of the drilling fluid and the required annular fluid flow rate.

To obtain the minimum required pressure  $p_{\text{mud};\text{min}}$ , the following pressure values must be calculated and added up:

$$p_{\text{mud};\text{min}} = p_1 + p_2 \quad (22.1)$$

where:

- $p_1$  is the static pressure of the drilling fluid column, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ .
- $p_2$  is the excess pressure necessary to maintain the annular flow of drilling fluid with cuttings in the borehole, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ .

#### 22.1.1 Static pressure of the drilling fluid column $p_1$

As the drilling head is at a lower level than the exit point of the drilling fluid, a pressure difference has to be overcome which is equal to the difference in height times the unit weight of the drilling fluid:

$$p_1 = \gamma_{\text{df}} \times (Z_{\text{exit}} - Z) \quad (22.2)$$

where:

- $\gamma_{\text{df}}$  is the unit weight of the drilling fluid, in  $\text{kN/m}^3$ ;



- $Z_{\text{exit}}$  is the vertical co-ordinate of the exit point of the drilling fluid, in m, depending on the direction of the drilling:
- ◇ If the drilling is from left to right, then the exit point of the drilling fluid is the left point:  $Z_{\text{exit}} = Z_{\text{left}}$ ;
  - ◇ If the drilling is from right to left, then the exit point of the drilling fluid is the right point:  $Z_{\text{exit}} = Z_{\text{right}}$
- Refer to [section 4.6.1.1](#) for the definitions of  $Z_{\text{left}}$  and  $Z_{\text{right}}$ .
- $Z$  is the vertical co-ordinate at pipe center, in m.

### 22.1.2 Excess pressure to maintain flow of drilling fluid $p_2$

To initiate the flow of drilling fluid, a specific shear resistance in the fluid must be overcome. The drilling fluid flows through an annulus. The required excess fluid pressure depends on the width of the annulus (difference between borehole and drill pipe or product pipe radius), the flow properties of the drilling fluid, and the required flow rate.

The required excess pressure necessary to maintain the annular flow of drilling fluid with cuttings in the borehole  $p_2$  is obtained by multiplying the pressure per unit length with the length of the borehole in which the drilling fluid is flowing:

$$p_2 = \frac{dp}{dz} \times L \quad (22.3)$$

where:

- $dp/dz$  is the flow resistance per unit length of borehole, in kN/m<sup>3</sup>;
- $L$  is the distance in the borehole between the boring front and the exit point of the drilling fluid, in m.

#### Flow resistance $dp/dz$

The minimum required pressure  $dp/dz$  is the optimal value for which the calculated flow rate  $Q$  is equal to the requested flow rate  $Q_{\text{req}}$  (necessary to initiate flow of drilling fluid).

#### Calculated flow rate $Q$

The calculated flow rate  $Q$  is the contribution of five components:

$$Q = Q_{1,1} + Q_{1,2} + Q_2 + Q_{3,1} + Q_{3,2} \quad (22.4)$$

with:

$$Q_{1,1} = -2\pi \left[ -\frac{\tau_{\text{df}} R_0^3}{3\mu_{\text{df}}} - \frac{dp}{dz} \frac{R_1^2}{4\mu_{\text{df}}} \left( \left( \frac{R_0^4}{4R_1^2} \right) - \lambda^2 \left( R_0^2 \ln \left( \frac{R_0}{R_1} \right) - \frac{1}{2} R_0^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} C_2 R_0^2 \right) \right] \quad (22.5)$$

$$Q_{1,2} = 2\pi \left[ -\frac{\tau_{\text{df}} r_0^3}{3\mu_{\text{df}}} - \frac{dp}{dz} \frac{R_1^2}{4\mu_{\text{df}}} \left( \left( \frac{r_0^4}{4R_1^2} \right) - \lambda^2 \left( r_0^2 \ln \left( \frac{r_0}{R_1} \right) - \frac{1}{2} r_0^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} C_2 r_0^2 \right) \right] \quad (22.6)$$

$$Q_2 = \pi \left( r_1^2 - r_0^2 \right) \left[ -\frac{\tau_{\text{df}}}{\mu_{\text{df}}} r_0 - \frac{dp}{dz} \frac{R_1^2}{4\mu_{\text{df}}} \left( \left( \frac{r_0}{R_1} \right)^2 - 2\lambda^2 \ln \left( \frac{r_0}{R_1} \right) + C_2 \right) \right] \quad (22.7)$$

$$Q_{3,1} = -2\pi \left[ \frac{\tau_{\text{df}}}{3\mu_{\text{df}}} r_1^3 - \frac{dp}{dz} \frac{R_1^2}{4\mu_{\text{df}}} \left( \left( \frac{r_1^4}{4R_1^2} \right) - \lambda^2 \left( r_1^2 \ln \left( \frac{r_1}{R_1} \right) - \frac{1}{2} r_1^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} C_4 r_1^2 \right) \right] \quad (22.8)$$

$$Q_{3,2} = 2\pi \left[ \frac{\tau_{\text{df}}}{3\mu_{\text{df}}} R_1^3 - \frac{dp}{dz} \frac{R_1^4}{8\mu_{\text{df}}} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \lambda^2 + C_4 \right) \right] \quad (22.9)$$

where:

- $\tau_{df}$  is the yield point of the drilling fluid, as defined in the *Drilling Fluid Data* window (section 4.6.4), in kN/m<sup>2</sup>;
- $\mu_{df}$  is the plastic viscosity of the drilling fluid, as defined in the *Drilling Fluid Data* window (section 4.6.4), in kN.s/m<sup>2</sup>.

The constants are:

$$\lambda^2 = \frac{2\tau_{df} \times r_0}{R_1^2 \times \frac{dp}{dz}} + \left(\frac{r_0}{R_1}\right)^2 \quad (22.10)$$

$$C_2 = \frac{4\tau_{df}}{R_1^2 \times \frac{dp}{dz}} \times \left[ r_0 \times \ln\left(\frac{R_0}{R_1}\right) - R_0 \right] - \left(\frac{R_0}{R_1}\right)^2 + 2 \left(\frac{r_0}{R_1}\right)^2 \times \ln\left(\frac{R_0}{R_1}\right) \quad (22.11)$$

$$C_4 = \frac{4\tau_{df}}{R_1 \times \frac{dp}{dz}} - 1 \quad (22.12)$$

$$r_1 = \frac{2\tau_{df}}{\frac{dp}{dz}} + r_0 \quad (22.13)$$

$r_0$  is the solution to the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\tau_{df}^2}{\frac{dp}{dz}} + \tau_{df} r_0 \left[ 1 + \ln\left(\left(\frac{2\tau_{df}}{\frac{dp}{dz}} + r_0\right) \frac{R_0}{r_0 R_1}\right) \right] - \tau_{df} (R_0 + R_1) + \frac{1}{4} \frac{dp}{dz} (R_1^2 - R_0^2) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \frac{dp}{dz} r_0^2 \ln\left[\left(\frac{2\tau_{df}}{\frac{dp}{dz}} + r_0\right) \frac{R_0}{r_0 R_1}\right] = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (22.14)$$

### Requested flow rate $Q_{req}$

The requested flow rate  $Q_{req}$  is equal to:

$$Q_{req} = Q_{ann} \times (1 - f_{loss}) \quad (22.15)$$

where:

- $f_{loss}$  is the circulation loss factor;
- $Q_{ann}$  is the annular back flow rate, in kN/m<sup>3</sup>.

### 22.1.3 Minimum drilling fluid pressure for Stage 1 (pilot pipe in the pilot hole)

For the first drilling stage of the horizontal directional drilling process, the minimum drilling fluid pressure is calculated for the drilling direction from the left and the right, using the following formulas:

$$p_{min,left}^{pilot} = p_1 + L_{left} \times \left(\frac{dp}{dz}\right)_{pilot} \quad (22.16)$$

$$p_{min,right}^{pilot} = p_1 + (L - L_{left}) \times \left(\frac{dp}{dz}\right)_{pilot} \quad (22.17)$$

where:

- $L_{\text{left}}$  is the distance in the borehole between the drilling head and the left exit point of the drilling fluid, in m;  
 $L$  is the total length of the borehole, in m.

#### 22.1.4 Minimum drilling fluid pressure for Stage 2 (drill pipe in the pre-ream hole)

$$p_{\text{min, left}}^{\text{pre-ream}} = \min \left[ P_{\text{min, right}}^{\text{pilot}}; p_1 + L_{\text{left}} \times \left( \frac{dp}{dz} \right)_{\text{pre-ream}} \right] \quad (22.18)$$

$$p_{\text{min, right}}^{\text{pre-ream}} = \min \left[ P_{\text{min, left}}^{\text{pilot}}; p_1 + (L - L_{\text{left}}) \times \left( \frac{dp}{dz} \right)_{\text{pre-ream}} \right] \quad (22.19)$$

#### 22.1.5 Minimum drilling fluid pressure for Stage 3 (product pipe in the borehole)

$$p_{\text{min, left}}^{\text{pull}} = \min \left[ P_{\text{min, right}}^{\text{pre-ream}}; p_1 + L_{\text{left}} \times \left( \frac{dp}{dz} \right)_{\text{pull}} \right] \quad (22.20)$$

$$p_{\text{min, right}}^{\text{pull}} = \min \left[ P_{\text{min, left}}^{\text{pre-ream}}; p_1 + (L - L_{\text{left}}) \times \left( \frac{dp}{dz} \right)_{\text{pull}} \right] \quad (22.21)$$

### 22.2 Maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure

In the borehole, an excess drilling fluid pressure is maintained to enable sufficient outflow of drilling fluid and cuttings. At high pressures, the borehole will fail through uncontrolled expansion. The cavity expansion theory describes the definition of the maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure at which the wall of the borehole becomes unstable. Such limit pressure is the highest pressure that can be sustained by a cavity in the soil. Logically, this forms an upper boundary for the drilling fluid pressure in the borehole.

When the borehole is created, the drilling fluid will exert pressure on the soil. When the pressure rises above a certain value, plastic deformation of the soil will occur, initially adjacent to the borehole. When the pressure is increased further beyond this value, the zone with plastic deformation will increase. If the zone with plastic deformation reaches the surface a blow-out will occur.

In granular materials (drained soil layers), the drilling fluid pressure may lead to development of cracks around the borehole when the pressure exceeds a certain maximal value which is related to the strain of the borehole wall.

In order to prevent blow-outs or damage to structures close to the borehole, care should be taken that the plastic zone remains within a safe radius around the hole. Therefore the pressure that creates a plastic zone that does not extend beyond the established safe radius must be determined.

To determine the maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure, different formulas are used, depending on the soil material sequence above the pipeline.



### 22.2.1 Maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure in undrained layers

In undrained layers, the maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure  $p_{\max;\text{und}}$  is:

$$p_{\max;\text{und}} = \sigma'_0 + C_{u,f} \left[ 1 - \ln \left( \frac{C_{u,f}}{G_f} + \left( \frac{R_0}{R_{p;\max}} \right)^2 \right) \right] + u \leq 0.9 p_{\text{lim};\text{und}} \quad (22.22)$$

with:

$$p_{\text{lim};\text{und}} = \sigma'_0 + C_{u,f} \left[ 1 - \ln \left( \frac{C_{u,f}}{G_f} \right) \right] + u \quad (22.23)$$

$$\sigma'_0 = \frac{3 \sigma'_v}{4 f_\gamma} \quad (22.24)$$

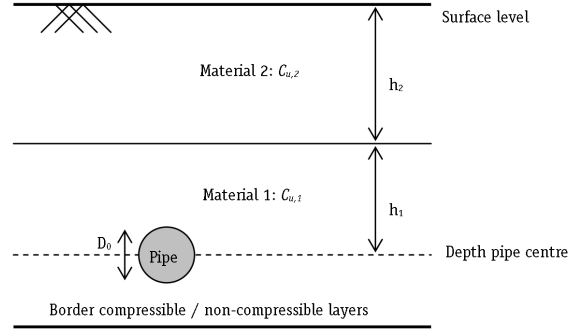
where:

- $p_{\text{lim};\text{und}}$  is the limit drilling fluid pressure, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $C_{u,f}$  is the average factorized undrained cohesion, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ :  $C_{u,f} = C_u / f_c$ ;
- $f_c$  is the partial safety factor on the cohesion. The default value is set to 1.4;
- $c_u$  is the average undrained cohesion, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $\sigma'_0$  is the initial effective stress, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $\sigma'_v$  is the vertical effective stress at the pipe center, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $f_\gamma$  Partial safety factor on the unit weight.
- $G_f$  is the average factorized shear modulus, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ :  $G_f = \frac{E}{f_E \times 2(1+\nu)}$ ;
- $f_E$  is the partial safety factor on Young modulus;
- $R_b$  is the radius of the hole, in m;
- $R_{p;\max}$  is the maximum allowable radius of the plastic zone, in m:  $R_{p;\max} = 0.5 H$ . The default ratio between  $R_{p;\max}$  and the soil cover  $H$  (default 0.5) can be defined by the user in the *Factors* window (section 4.7.1.1) under the field *Safety factor cover (Undrained layer)*;
- $H$  is the vertical distance between the ground level and the pipe center, in m;
- $u$  is the pore pressure at pipe center, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ , see Equation 26.4.

**Note:** Parameters  $C_{u,f}$  and  $G_f$  are determined using the distance depth average between the ground level and the pipe centre. For example, the weight average undrained cohesion in the configuration in Figure 22.1 is:



$$c_u = \frac{C_{u,2} \times \left( \frac{1}{h_1} - \frac{1}{h_1+h_2} \right) + C_{u,1} \times \left( \frac{1}{0.5D_0} - \frac{1}{h_1} \right)}{\frac{1}{0.5D_0} - \frac{1}{h_1+h_2}} \quad (22.25)$$



**Figure 22.1:** Schematization of  $h_1$  and  $h_2$

In case no data about the undrained strength of the soil is available, an estimated  $c_u$  value can be obtained using the subsequent formula:

$$c_u = c \times \cos \varphi + p \times \sin \varphi \quad (22.26)$$

with:

$$p = \frac{\sigma'_v + \sigma'_h}{2} \quad (22.27)$$

### 22.2.2 Maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure in drained layers

According to article E.2.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a), the maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure in non-compressible drained layers  $p_{\max;d}$  is:

$$p_{\max;d} = (p'_f + c_f \times \cot \varphi_f) \left[ \left( \frac{R_b}{R_{p;\max}} \right)^2 + Q \right]^{\frac{-\sin \varphi_f}{1+\sin \varphi_f}} - c_f \times \cot \varphi_f + u \leq 0.9 p_{\lim;d} \quad (22.28)$$

with:

$$p_{\lim;d} = (p'_f + c_f \times \cot \varphi_f) \times Q^{\frac{-\sin \varphi_f}{1+\sin \varphi_f}} - c_f \times \cot \varphi_f + u \quad (22.29)$$

$$p'_f = \sigma'_0 \times (1 + \sin \varphi_f) + c_f \times \cos \varphi_f \quad (22.30)$$

where:

- $p_{\lim;d}$  is the limit drilling fluid pressure, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $p'_f$  is the effective drilling fluid pressure at which the first plastic deformation appears, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $\sigma'_0$  is the initial effective stress of the soil, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ :  $\sigma'_0 = \frac{3}{4} \sigma'_v / f_\gamma$ ;
- $\varphi_f$  is the factorized friction angle, in  $^\circ$ :  $\varphi_f = \arctan(\tan \varphi / f_\varphi)$ ;
- $c_f$  is the average factorized cohesion, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ :  $c_f = c / f_c$ ;
- $R_b$  is the radius of the borehole, in m;
- $Q$  is  $(\sigma'_0 \times \sin \varphi_f + c_f \times \cos \varphi_f) / G_f$ ;
- $G_f$  is the average factorized shear modulus between the border of compressible/non-compressible layers and the pipe center, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ :  $G_f = \frac{E}{f_E \times 2(1+\nu)}$ ;

$R_{p;\max}$  is the maximum allowable radius of the plastic zone, in m. The plastic zone can be related:

◇ either to the soil cover:  $R_{p;\max} = 0.5 H$

◇ or to the deformation of the bore hole:  $R_{p;\max} = \sqrt{\frac{R_b^2}{Q} \times 2 \varepsilon_{g;\max}}$

The calculation of the maximum drilling fluid pressure is performed using values determined by both methods for the calculation of the maximum allowable radius of the plastic deformation zone  $R_{p;\max}$ , after which the minimum value for the maximum allowable drilling fluid pressure is taken.

$u$  is the pore pressure at pipe center, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>;

$H$  is the distance between the border of compressible/non-compressible layers and the pipe center, in m;

$\varepsilon_{g;\max}$  is the maximum deformation of the borehole. For sand,  $\varepsilon_{g;\max} = 0.05$ .

For the definition of the other symbols, refer to [section 23.5.2](#).


Parameters  $c$ ,  $\varphi$  and  $G$  are determined using two methods:

- ◇ Linear weighted average between the ground level and the pipe center;
- ◇ Distance depth average between the ground level and the pipe center.

### 22.3 Equivalent diameter for a bundled pipeline

In case of a bundled pipeline, the following equivalent diameter is used for the calculation of the drilling fluid pressures during the pull back operation:

$$D_{\text{eq}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n D_{o,i}^2} \quad (22.31)$$

**Note:** This equivalent diameter is calculated by D-GEO PIPELINE in the *Drilling Fluid Data* window of the *Pipe* menu. 

### 22.4 Equilibrium between drilling fluid pressure and pore pressure

The ratio between the static pressure of the drilling fluid column  $p_1$  and the pore pressure  $u$  yields the safety factor, which should be higher than the (user-defined) requested safety factor, which writes:

$$f = \frac{p_1}{u} \geq f_{\text{press;bore}} \quad (22.32)$$

where:

$p_1$  is the static pressure of the drilling fluid column (i.e. pressure due to the difference of level between the drilling head and the exit point of the drilling fluid), in kN/m<sup>2</sup>, see [Equation 22.2](#) in [section 22.1.1](#):

$$p_1 = \gamma_{\text{df}} \times (Z_{\text{exit}} - Z);$$

$u$  is the calculated pore pressure (see [Equation 26.4](#) in [section 26.5](#));

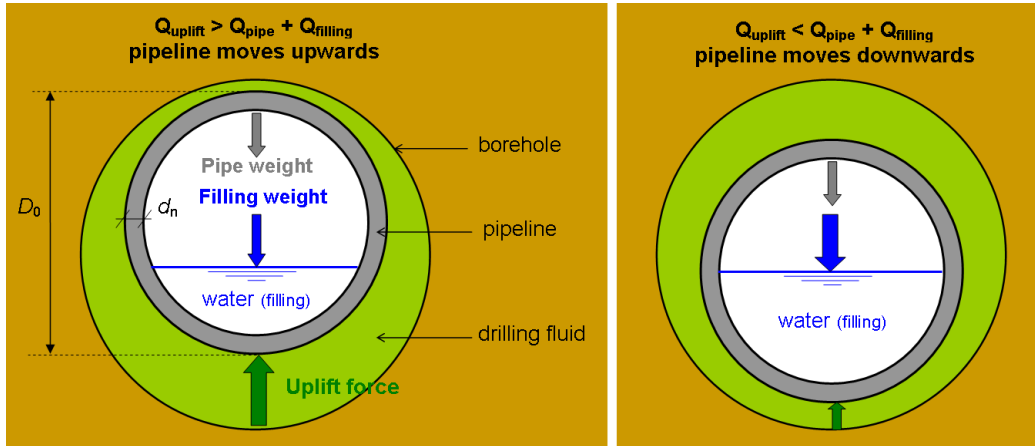
$f_{\text{press;bore}}$  is the required safety factor, as defined in the *Factors* window under the field *Contingency factor – Pressure borehole*, see [section 4.7.1.1](#).



## 23 Strength pipeline calculation

### 23.1 Buoyancy control

The friction between soil and pipe is partially caused by buoyancy of the pipeline in the drilling fluid. Uplift forces resulting from buoyancy can be neutralized by filling the pipeline. The optimal volume of water ( $P_w$ ) placed in the pipe provides the most advantageous distribution of buoyant forces, as illustrated in [Figure 23.1](#).



**Figure 23.1:** Schematization of the buoyancy control

The forces acting on the pipeline are:

a) **Uplift force:**

$$Q_{\text{uplift}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \times D_o^2 \times \gamma_{\text{df}} \quad (23.1)$$

b) **Weight of the pipeline:**

$$Q_{\text{pipe}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \times (D_o^2 - D_i^2) \times \gamma_b \quad (23.2)$$

c) **Weight of the filling (water):**

$$Q_{\text{filling}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \times D_i^2 \times \gamma_w \times P_w \quad (23.3)$$

The weight of the pipeline filled with water is therefore:

$$Q = Q_{\text{pipe}} + Q_{\text{filling}} \quad (23.4)$$

and the effective weight of the pipeline is defined as:

$$Q_{\text{eff}} = |Q - Q_{\text{uplift}}| \quad (23.5)$$

## 23.2 Pulling force in a flexible pipeline

According to article E.1.2.1 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a), the total pulling force is the contribution of five components:

$$T = T_1 + T_2 + T_{3a} + T_{3b} + T_{3c} \quad (23.6)$$

### 23.2.1 Roller-lane

According to article E.1.2.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a), the design pulling force due to friction of the pipeline on the roller-lane  $T_1$  is:

$$T_1 = f_{\text{install}} \times L_{\text{rol}} \times Q \times f_1 \quad (23.7)$$

where:

- $f_{\text{install}}$  is the total factor for stochastic variation and model uncertainty, called *Load factor installation* in the *Factors* window (section 4.7.1.1). The default value is set to 1.1;
- $L_{\text{rol}}$  is the length of the pipeline on the roller-lane, in mm;
- $Q$  is the weight of the pipeline filled with water, in N/mm, see Equation 23.4;
- $f_1$  is the factor of friction of the roller-lane, defined in the *Engineering Data* window, see section 4.6.3.1. The default value is set to 0.1.

### 23.2.2 Straight part of the borehole

According to article E.1.2.3 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a), the pulling force in the straight part of the borehole due to friction between pipe and drilling fluid is:

$$T_2 = f_{\text{install}} \times L_2 \times (\pi D_o \times f_2 + Q_{\text{eff}} \times f_3) \quad (23.8)$$

where:

- $f_{\text{install}}$  is the total factor for stochastic variation and model uncertainty, called *Load factor installation* in the *Factors* window (section 4.7.1.1). The default value is set to 1.1;
- $L_2$  is the length of the pipeline in the straight part of the borehole, in mm;
- $f_2$  is the friction between the pipeline and the drilling fluid, in N/mm<sup>2</sup>, defined in the *Engineering Data* window, see section 4.6.3.1. The default value is set to 0.00005 N/mm<sup>2</sup>;
- $Q_{\text{eff}}$  is the effective weight of the pipeline, in N/mm, see Equation 23.5;
- $f_3$  is the factor of friction between the pipeline and the borehole wall, defined in the *Engineering Data* window, see section 4.6.3.1. The default value is set to 0.2.

### 23.2.3 Curved part of the borehole

According to article E.1.2.4.1 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a), the pulling force in the curved part of the borehole due to friction between pipe and drilling fluid  $T_{3a}$  is:

$$T_{3a} = f_{\text{install}} \times L_b \times (\pi D_o \times f_2 + Q_{\text{eff}} \times f_3) \quad (23.9)$$

where:

- $L_b$  is the length of the pipeline in the curved part of the borehole, in mm.
- For the definition of the other symbols, refer to section 23.5.2.

### 23.2.4 Friction due to soil reaction in the curved part

According to article E.1.2.4.2 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a), the pulling force in the curved part of the borehole due to soil reaction  $T_{3b}$  is:

$$T_{3b} = f_{\text{install}} \times 4 \times \frac{q_r}{2} \times D_o \times \frac{\pi}{\lambda} \times f_3 \quad (23.10)$$

with:

$$q_r = k_v \times y \quad (23.11)$$

$$y = \frac{0.3224 \times \lambda^2 \times E_b \times I_b}{D_o \times R} \quad (23.12)$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt[4]{f_{kv} \times k_v \times \frac{D_o}{4E_b I_b}} \quad (23.13)$$

where:

- $q_r$  is the maximum soil reaction, in N/mm<sup>2</sup>;
- $k_v$  is the vertical modulus of subgrade reaction, in N/mm<sup>3</sup>;
- $y$  is the maximum displacement, in mm;
- $\lambda$  is the characteristic stiffness pipeline-soil, in mm<sup>-1</sup>;
- $f_{kv}$  is the contingency factor on the modulus of subgrade reaction. The default value is 1.6;
- $E_b$  is the Young's modulus of the pipe, in N/mm<sup>2</sup>;
- $I_b$  is the moment of inertia of the pipe, in mm<sup>4</sup>;
- $R$  is the bending radius, in mm;
- $f_3$  is the factor of friction between the pipeline and the borehole wall, defined in the *Engineering Data* window, see [section 4.6.3.1](#). The default value is set to 0.2.

### 23.2.5 Friction due to curved forces

According to article E.1.2.4.3 of NEN 3650-1 (NEN, 2012a), the pulling force in the curved part of the borehole due to curved forces  $T_{3c}$  is:

$$T_{3c} = f_{\text{install}} \times L_b \times g_t \times f_3 \quad (23.14)$$

where:

- $L_b$  is the length of the curve, in mm:  $L_b = 2 \times R \times 2\pi \times \alpha/360$ ;
- $\alpha$  is the half angle of the curved part, in degrees;
- $g_t$  is the curved force, in N/mm:  $g_t = (2 T \sin \alpha) / L_b$ ;
- $T$  is the total pulling force in the pipeline, in N, see [Equation 23.6](#).

### 23.3 Maximum representative pulling force

The maximum representative pulling force  $T_{\max;\text{rep}}$  in a single pipeline is:

- ◇ For steel pipe:

$$P_{\max;\text{rep}} = A \times \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( -\sigma_{\text{qr}} + \sqrt{\sigma_{\text{qr}}^2 - 4(-2.25 R_{\text{eb}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{qr}}^2)} \right) - \sigma_{\text{b}} \right] \quad (23.15)$$

- ◇ For polyethylene pipe:

$$P_{\max;\text{rep}} = A \times (R_{\text{eb};\text{short}} - \alpha \times \sigma_{\text{b}}) \quad (23.16)$$

where:

- $A$  is the cross-section of the pipe, in  $\text{mm}^2$ :  $A = \pi \times (r_0^2 - r_i^2)$ ;
- $R_{\text{eb}}$  is the allowable strength for steel, in  $\text{N/mm}^2$ , as defined in the *Product Pipe Material Data* window (see [section 4.6.2.1](#));
- $R_{\text{eb};\text{short}}$  is the allowable strength at short term for PE, in  $\text{N/mm}^2$ , as defined in the *Product Pipe Material Data* window (see [section 4.6.2.1](#));
- $\alpha$  is the tensile factor, as defined in the *Product Pipe Material Data* window (see [section 4.6.2.1](#));
- $\delta_{\text{t}}$  is the negative wall thickness tolerance, in %, as defined in the *Product Pipe Material Data* window (see [section 4.6.2.1](#));
- $\sigma_{\text{qr}}$  is the maximum tangential stress in LC 1B, in  $\text{N/mm}^2$ , see [Equation 23.31](#);
- $\sigma_{\text{b}}$  is the axial stress in LC 1B, in  $\text{N/mm}^2$ , see [Equation 23.27](#).

### 23.4 Pulling force for a bundled pipeline

Important parameters for the pullback operation are the total weight of the (filled/ not filled) pipelines with respect to drilling fluid, which determines the soil reaction force on the bore hole wall in straight sections of the drilling line and the total stiffness of the bundled pipeline, which determines the soil reaction force in curved sections of the drilling line. The pulling force is calculated for an equivalent pipeline with the parameters of the bundle.

$$EI_{\text{eq}} = \sum_{i=1}^n EI_i \quad (23.17)$$

$$G_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{4} \pi D_{0;i}^2 - \frac{1}{4} \pi (D_{0;i} - 2d_{n;i})^2 \right) \times \gamma_i \quad (23.18)$$

$$D_{\text{eq}} = f \times \sum_{i=1}^n D_{0;i} \quad (23.19)$$

The equivalent diameter can be used to determine the equivalent wall thickness of the pipeline:

$$\frac{G_{\text{tot}}}{\gamma_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{1}{4} \pi (D_{\text{eq}}^2 - (D_{\text{eq}} - 2d_{n;\text{eq}})^2) \quad (23.20)$$



$$d_{n;eq} = \frac{D_{eq} - \sqrt{D_{eq}^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n D_{0;i}^2 - (D_{0;i} - 2d_{n;i})^2}}{2} \quad (23.21)$$

where:

- $n$  is the number of pipelines in bundle;
- $D_{0;i}$  is the outer diameter of pipeline number  $i$ , in m;
- $D_{eq}$  is the equivalent diameter of the pipeline, in m;
- $d_{n;i}$  is the wall thickness of pipeline number  $i$ , in m;
- $d_{n;eq}$  is the equivalent wall thickness of the pipeline, in m;
- $\gamma_i$  is the unit weight of the material of pipeline number  $i$ , in kN/m<sup>3</sup>;
- $\gamma_{eq}$  is the equivalent unit weight of the pipeline material, in kN/m<sup>3</sup>;
- $f$  is a factor:  $f = 1/n^{0.3}$ .

The calculated pulling force is acting on all the pipelines in the bundle. The magnitude of the pulling force of a single pipeline can be determined as follows:

$$T_i = \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{4} D_{0;i}^2 - \frac{\pi}{4} (D_{0;i} - 2d_{n;i})^2\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\pi}{4} D_{0;i}^2 - \frac{\pi}{4} (D_{0;i} - 2d_{n;i})^2\right)} \times T_{total} \quad (23.22)$$

In case the stiffness of the pipeline materials is significantly different (for example a combined bundle of steel and PE pipelines), a different approach is applied. In addition to the previous align, the total pulling force is divided over the stiff steel pipelines. The PE pipelines are then considered as single pulled in pipelines.

## 23.5 Strength calculation

In order to consider the strength of the pipeline, calculations for five load combinations are carried out according to NEN 3650:


- ◇ Load combination 1A: start of the pullback operation ([section 23.5.1](#))
- ◇ Load combination 1B: end of the pullback operation ([section 23.5.2](#))
- ◇ Load combination 2: application of internal pressure ([section 23.5.3](#))
- ◇ Load combination 3: pipeline in operation, without internal pressure ([section 23.5.4](#))
- ◇ Load combination 4 : pipeline in operation, with internal pressure ([section 23.5.5](#))

### 23.5.1 Strength calculation for Load Combination 1A: start of the pullback operation

#### Axial stress:

At start of the pull back operation, the axial bending stress  $\sigma_b$  is:

$$\sigma_b = \frac{M_b}{W_b} = \frac{f_k \times E_b \times I_b}{R_{rol} \times W_b} \quad (23.23)$$

**Note:**  $f_k$  is the overall safety factor on moment, as prescribed in article E.1.3 of NEN 3650-1. 

In D-GEO PIPELINE, this overall factor is indeed the contribution of three safety factors:

$$f_k = \frac{f_M \times f_{\text{install}}}{f_R} \quad (23.24)$$

where:

$f_M$  is the contingency factor on moment: 1.27 for steel pipe and 1.4 for PE pipe;  
 $f_R$  is the contingency factor on bending radius: 1.1 for steel pipe and 1 for PE pipe;  
 $f_{\text{install}}$  is the load factor on installation: 1.1 for steel pipe and 1 for PE pipe.

The axial stress due to pull-back is:

$$\sigma_t = f_{\text{pull}} \times \frac{T_1}{A} \quad (23.25)$$

where:

$T_1$  is the design pulling force due to friction of the pipeline on the roller-lane, see [Equation 23.7](#).

For the definition of the other symbols, refer to [section 23.5.2](#).

The maximum axial stress is:

$$\sigma_{a,\text{max}} = \max(|\sigma_t + \alpha \times \sigma_b|; |\sigma_t - \alpha \times \sigma_b|) \quad (23.26)$$

### **Tangential stress:**

At start of the pull back operation, the pipeline is situated on the rollers, the tangential stress is negligible.

## **23.5.2 Strength calculation for Load Combination 1B: end of the pullback operation**

### **Axial stresses:**

At the end of the pull back operation, the axial bending stress:

$$\sigma_b = \frac{M_b}{W_b} = \frac{f_k \times E_b \times I_b}{R_{\text{min}} \times W_b} \quad (23.27)$$

The axial stress due to pull-back is:


$$\sigma_t = f_{\text{pull}} \times \frac{T_{\text{max}}}{A} \quad (23.28)$$

The maximum axial stress is:

$$\sigma_{a,\text{max}} = \max(|\sigma_t + \alpha \times \sigma_b|; |\sigma_t - \alpha \times \sigma_b|) \quad (23.29)$$

where:

$R_{\min}$  is the minimum bending radius of the pipeline configuration (i.e. minimum between  $R_{\text{left}}$ ,  $R_{\text{right}}$  and the horizontal bending radius), in m. In case of a combined 3-dimensional bending radius, see [Equation 20.5](#).  
 $T_{\max}$  is the maximum pulling force, in kN (see [section 23.2](#)).

**Note:**  $f_k$  is the overall safety factor on moment, as prescribed in article E.1.3 of NEN 3650-1. In D-GEO PIPELINE, this overall factor is indeed the contribution of three safety factors: 

$$f_k = \frac{f_M \times f_{\text{install}}}{f_R} \quad (23.30)$$

### Tangential stresses:

The tangential stress (indirectly transmitted) as a result of the bending is:

$$\sigma_{qr} = \max(\sigma_{qr;b}; \sigma_{qr;t}) \quad (23.31)$$

with:

$$\sigma_{qr;b} = K'_b \times q_r \times \frac{r_g}{W_w} \times D_o \quad (\text{at the bottom of the pipe})$$

$$\sigma_{qr;t} = K'_t \times q_r \times \frac{r_g}{W_w} \times D_o \quad (\text{at the top of the pipe})$$

where:

$q_r$  is the soil reaction, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>, see [Equation 23.11](#) with  $R$  = the minimum bending radius;

$K'_b$  is the moment coefficient for indirectly transmitted stress at the bottom of the pipeline, depending on the bedding angle  $\beta$  as shown in [Table 23.12](#);

$K'_t$  is the moment coefficient for indirectly transmitted stress at the top of the pipeline, depending on the bedding angle  $\beta$  as shown in [Table 23.12](#);

$W_w$  is the wall resisting moment in m<sup>3</sup>/m:  $W_w = d_n^2/6$ .

For the definition of the other symbols, refer to [section 23.5.2](#).

The maximum tangential stress is:

$$\sigma_{t;\max} = \sigma_{qr} \quad (23.32)$$

### 23.5.3 Strength calculation for Load Combination 2: application of internal pressure

According to article 8.5.2.1 of NEN 3651 ([NEN, 2012d](#)), the ring stresses around the pipeline  $\sigma_{py}$  and  $\sigma_{pt}$  caused by design ( $p_d$ ) respectively test ( $p_t$ ) internal pressure are:

◇ For pipes with a thin wall ( $D_g/d < 20$ ):

$$\sigma_{py} = f_{pd} \times p_d \times \frac{D_g}{2 \times d} \quad (23.33)$$

$$\sigma_{pt} = f_{pt} \times p_t \times \frac{D_g}{2 \times d} \quad (23.34)$$

**Table 23.12:** Moment and deflection coefficients for indirectly and directly transmitted stress as a function of the bedding angle  $\beta$ , according to Table D.2 of NEN 3650-1

Load angle $\beta$	Direct coefficients			Indirect coefficients		
	$K_t$	$K_b$	$k_y$	$K'_t$	$K'_b$	$k'_y$
0°	0.150	0.294	0.116	0.080	0.239	0.074
30°	0.148	0.235	0.113	0.078	0.179	0.071
60°	0.143	0.189	0.105	0.073	0.134	0.064
70°	0.141	0.178	0.102	0.071	0.122	0.061
90°	0.137	0.157	0.096	0.067	0.102	0.055
120°	0.131	0.138	0.089	0.061	0.083	0.048
150°	0.126	0.128	0.085	0.056	0.073	0.043
180°	0.125	0.125	0.083	0.055	0.070	0.042

◇ For piles with a thick wall ( $D_g/d \geq 20$ ):

$$\sigma_{py} = f_{pd} \times p_d \times \frac{r_o^2 + r_i^2}{r_o^2 - r_i^2} \quad (23.35)$$

$$\sigma_{pt} = f_{pt} \times p_t \times \frac{r_o^2 + r_i^2}{r_o^2 - r_i^2} \quad (23.36)$$

The axial internal stress  $\sigma_{px}$  is:

$$\sigma_{px} = \nu \times \sigma_{pt} = 0.5 \times \sigma_{pt} \quad (23.37)$$

### 23.5.4 Strength calculation for Load Combination 3: pipeline in operation, without internal pressure

#### Axial stresses:

When the pipeline is in operation, the axial bending stress  $\sigma_b$  is:

$$\sigma_b = \frac{M_b}{W_b} = \frac{f_k \times E_b \times I_b}{R_{min} \times W_b} \quad (23.38)$$

The maximum axial stress is:

$$\sigma_{a,max} = \alpha \times \sigma_b \quad (23.39)$$

#### Tangential stresses:

The tangential stress (indirectly transmitted) as a result of the bending is:

$$\sigma_{qr} = \max(\sigma_{qr;b}; \sigma_{qr;t}) \quad (23.40)$$

with:

$$\sigma_{qr;b} = K'_b \times q_r \times \frac{r_g}{W_w} \times D_o \quad (\text{at the bottom of the pipe})$$

$$\sigma_{qr;t} = K'_t \times q_r \times \frac{r_g}{W_w} \times D_o \quad (\text{at the top of the pipe})$$

The tangential stress (directly transmitted) as a result of the bending is:

$$\sigma_{qn} = \max(\sigma_{qn;b}; \sigma_{qn;t}) \quad (23.41)$$

with:

$$\sigma_{qn;b} = K_b \times q_{n,r,v} \times \frac{r_g}{W_w} \times D_o \quad (\text{at the bottom of the pipe})$$

$$\sigma_{qn;t} = K_t \times q_{n,r,v} \times \frac{r_g}{W_w} \times D_o \quad (\text{at the top of the pipe})$$

$$q_{n,r,v} = f_{Qn1} \times f_{Qn2} \times (q_{n,r} + q_v)$$

The maximum tangential stress is:

$$\sigma_{t;\max} = \alpha \times \max(|\sigma_{qr;b} + \sigma_{qn;b}|; |\sigma_{qr;t} + \sigma_{qn;t}|) \quad (23.42)$$

where:

$f_{Qn1}$  is the load factor on soil stress  $q_n$ , as defined in the *Factors* window (see [section 4.7.1.1](#)). The default value is set to 1.5 for steel and 1 for polyethylene;

$f_{Qn2}$  is the contingency factor on soil stress  $q_n$ , as defined in the *Factors* window (see [section 4.7.1.1](#)). The default value is set to 1.1;

$K_b$  is the moment coefficient for directly transmitted stress at the bottom of the pipeline, depending on the bedding angle  $\beta$  as shown in [Table 23.12](#);

$K_t$  is the moment coefficient for directly transmitted stress at the top of the pipeline, depending on the bedding angle  $\beta$  as shown in [Table 23.12](#);

$q_{n,r,v}$  is the (maximum) reduced vertical stress  $q_{n,r}$  increased with a possible traffic load  $q_v$ , including safety factors, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;

$q_{n,r}$  is the neutral reduced soil stress, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ , see [section 21.3](#);

$q_v$  is the traffic load, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ , see [section 21.14](#);

For the definition of the other symbols, refer to [section 23.5.2](#).

### 23.5.5 Strength calculation for Load Combination 4: pipeline in operation, with internal pressure

#### Axial stresses:

The axial bending stress  $\sigma_b$  is:

$$\sigma_b = \frac{M_b}{W_b} = \frac{f_k \times E_b \times I_b}{R_{\min} \times W_b} \quad (23.43)$$

The ring stresses around the pipeline caused by design internal pressure and  $\sigma_{py}$  and test internal pressure  $\sigma_{pt}$  are

$$\sigma_{py} = f_{pd;\text{comb}} \times p_d \times \frac{D_o - d}{2 \times d} \quad (23.44)$$

$$\sigma_{pt} = f_{pt} \times p_t \times \frac{D_o - d}{2 \times d} \quad \text{for steel} \quad (23.45)$$

$$\sigma_{pt} = f_{pt} \times p_t \times \frac{r_0^2 + r_i^2}{r_0^2 - r_i^2} \quad \text{for polyethylene} \quad (23.46)$$

The axial internal stress  $\sigma_{px}$  is:

$$\sigma_{px} = \nu \times \sigma_{py} = 0.5 \sigma_{py} \quad (23.47)$$

The axial internal stress due to temperature variation  $\sigma_{temp}$  is, according to article D.2.2 of NEN 3650-1:

$$\sigma_{temp} = \Delta t \times \alpha_g \times E_b \quad (23.48)$$

where:

$\Delta t$  is the temperature variation in °C, as defined in the *Product Pipe Material Data* window, see [section 4.6.2.1](#);

$\alpha_g$  is the linear settlement coefficient, in (mm/mm)K<sup>-1</sup>, as defined in the *Engineering Data* window, see [section 4.6.3.1](#);

$E_b$  is the Young's modulus of the pipe (at long term for polyethylene), in kN/m<sup>2</sup>.

The maximum axial stress is:

$$\sigma_{a,max} = \alpha \times \sigma_b + \sigma_{px} \quad (23.49)$$

### Tangential stresses:

The tangential stress (indirectly transmitted) as a result of the bending is:

$$\sigma_{qr} = \max(\sigma_{qr;b}; \sigma_{qr;t}) \quad (23.50)$$

with:

$$\sigma_{qr;b} = K'_b \times q_r \times \frac{r_g}{W_w} \times D_o \quad (\text{at the bottom of the pipe})$$

$$\sigma_{qr;t} = K'_t \times q_r \times \frac{r_g}{W_w} \times D_o \quad (\text{at the top of the pipe})$$

The tangential stress (directly transmitted) as a result of the bending is:

$$\sigma_{qn} = \max(\sigma_{qn;b}; \sigma_{qn;t}) \quad (23.51)$$

with:

$$\sigma_{qn;b} = K_b \times q_{n,r,v} \times \frac{r_g}{W_w} \times D_o \quad (\text{at the bottom of the pipe})$$

$$\sigma_{qn;t} = K_t \times q_{n,r,v} \times \frac{r_g}{W_w} \times D_o \quad (\text{at the top of the pipe})$$

$$q_{n,r,v} = f_{Qn1} \times f_{Qn2} \times (q_{n,r} + q_v)$$

Refer to [section 23.5.4](#) for the definition of the symbols.

The maximum tangential stress is:

$$\sigma_{t,max} = \sigma_{py} + \alpha \times (F'_{rr} \times \sigma_{qr} + F_{rr} \times \sigma_{qn}) \quad (23.52)$$

with:

$$F_{rr} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2p_d \times r_g^3 \times k_y}{E_b \times I_w}} \quad (23.53)$$

$$F'_{rr} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2p_d \times r_g^3 \times k'_y}{E_b \times I_w}} \quad (23.54)$$

where:

$F_{rr}$  is the direct re-rounding factor;

$F'_{rr}$  is the indirect re-rounding factor;

$I_w$  is the moment of inertia of the wall, in  $m^3$ :  $I_w = d_n^3/12$ ;

$k_y$  is the direct deflection factor depending on the bedding angle  $\beta$  as shown in [Table 23.12](#);

$k'_y$  is the indirect deflection factor depending on the bedding angle  $\beta$  as shown in [Table 23.12](#);

For the definition of the other symbols, refer to [section 23.5.2](#).

## 23.6 Check of calculated stresses

### 23.6.1 Check of calculated stresses according to the Dutch standard NEN

#### 23.6.1.1 Check of calculated stresses acc. to the Dutch standard NEN: Steel pipe

According to article D.3.1 of NEN 3650-2 ([NEN, 2012b](#)), the calculated stresses (for the load combinations) must meet the following conditions:

##### ◇ For Load Combinations 1A and 1B:

$$\sigma_V \leq R_{eb}/\gamma_m \quad (23.55)$$

##### ◇ For Load Combination 2:

$$\sigma_{py} \leq R_{eb}/\gamma_m \quad (23.56)$$

$$\sigma_{pt} \leq R_{eb}/\gamma_{m;test} \quad (23.57)$$

$$\sigma_{pm} \leq 1.1 R_{eb}/\gamma_m \quad (23.58)$$

##### ◇ For Load Combinations 3 and 4:

$$\sigma_{V;max} \leq 0.85 (R_{eb} + R_{e;20^\circ})/\gamma_m \quad (23.59)$$

with:

$$\sigma_V = \sqrt{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 - \sigma_x \times \sigma_y} \quad (23.60)$$

$$\sigma_{V;i} = \sqrt{\sigma_{x;i}^2 + \sigma_{y;i}^2 - \sigma_{x;i} \times \sigma_{y;i}} \quad (23.61)$$

$$\sigma_{pm} = \sqrt{\sigma_{px}^2 + \sigma_{py}^2 - \sigma_{px} \times \sigma_{py}} \quad (23.62)$$

where:

$\sigma_{V;max}$  is the maximum acting stress, in  $kN/m^2$ :  $\sigma_{V;max} = \max(\sigma_{V;1}; \sigma_{V;2}; \sigma_{V;3}; \sigma_{V;4})$ ;

- $\sigma_{V,i}$  is the calculated acting stress, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ :
- $i=1$  ( $\sigma_{V,1}$ ) corresponds to the primary membrane stress
  - $i=2$  ( $\sigma_{V,2}$ ) corresponds to the total primary stress
  - $i=3$  ( $\sigma_{V,3}$ ) corresponds to the total membrane stress
  - $i=4$  ( $\sigma_{V,4}$ ) corresponds to the resultant of primary and secondary stresses.
- For the determination of  $\sigma_{V,i}$ , four combinations of ( $\sigma_{x,i}$ ;  $\sigma_{y,i}$ ) are tested (top and bottom of the pipe combined with inside or outside), and the maximum value is used for the check. Those four combinations are given in [Table 23.17](#) to [Table 23.20](#);
- $\sigma_{py}$  is the tangential stress due to design pressure, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $\sigma_{ptest}$  is the tangential stress due to test pressure, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $\sigma_{x,i}$  is the axial stress, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $\sigma_{y,i}$  is the tangential stress, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $\gamma_m$  is the partial material factor, as defined in the *Product Pipe Material Data* window (see [section 4.6.2.1](#));
- $\gamma_{m,test}$  is the partial material factor for test pressure, as defined in the *Product Pipe Material Data* window (see [section 4.6.2.1](#));
- $R_{eb}$  is the yield strength, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ , as defined in the *Product Pipe Material Data* window (see [section 4.6.2.1](#));
- $R_{e,20}$  is the yield strength at a temperature of  $20^\circ\text{C}$ , in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ .

**Table 23.17:** Set for calculation of the maximum stresses for load combination 1A

	Top outside	Top inside	Bottom inside	Bottom outside
$\sigma_x$	$\sigma_t - \alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\sigma_t - \alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\sigma_t + \alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\sigma_t + \alpha \times \sigma_b$
$\sigma_y$	0	0	0	0

**Table 23.18:** Set for calculation of the maximum stresses for load combination 1B

	Top outside	Top inside	Bottom inside	Bottom outside
$\sigma_x$	$\sigma_t - \alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\sigma_t - \alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\sigma_t + \alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\sigma_t + \alpha \times \sigma_b$
$\sigma_y$	$-\sigma_{qr,t}$	$\sigma_{qr,t}$	$\sigma_{qr,b}$	$-\sigma_{qr,b}$


**Table 23.19:** Set for calculation of the maximum stresses for load combination 3


	Top outside	Top inside	Bottom inside	Bottom outside
$\sigma_{x,2}$	0	0	0	0
$\sigma_{y,2}$	$-\sigma_{qr,t}$	$\sigma_{qr,t}$	$\sigma_{qr,b}$	$-\sigma_{qr,b}$
$\sigma_{x,3}$	$-\alpha \times \sigma_b$	$-\alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\alpha \times \sigma_b$
$\sigma_{y,3}$	0	0	0	0
$\sigma_{x,4}$	$-\alpha \times \sigma_b$	$-\alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\alpha \times \sigma_b$
$\sigma_{y,4}$	$-\sigma_{qr,t} - \sigma_{qn,t}$	$\sigma_{qr,t} + \sigma_{qn,t}$	$\sigma_{qr,b} + \sigma_{qn,b}$	$-\sigma_{qr,b} - \sigma_{qn,b}$



**Table 23.20:** Set for calculation of the maximum stresses for load combination 4

	Top outside	Top inside	Bottom inside	Bottom outside
$\sigma_{x;1}$	$\sigma_{px}$	$\sigma_{px}$	$\sigma_{px}$	$\sigma_{px}$
$\sigma_{y;1}$	$\sigma_{py}$	$\sigma_{py}$	$\sigma_{py}$	$\sigma_{py}$
$\sigma_{x;2}$	$\sigma_{px}$	$\sigma_{px}$	$\sigma_{px}$	$\sigma_{px}$
$\sigma_{y;2}$	$\sigma_{py} - F_{rr} \times \sigma_{qn;t}$	$\sigma_{py} + F_{rr} \times \sigma_{qn;t}$	$\sigma_{py} + F_{rr} \times \sigma_{qn;b}$	$\sigma_{py} - F_{rr} \times \sigma_{qn;b}$
$\sigma_{x;3}$	$\sigma_{px} - \alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\sigma_{px} - \alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\sigma_{px} + \alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\sigma_{px} + \alpha \times \sigma_b$
$\sigma_{y;3}$	$\sigma_{py}$	$\sigma_{py}$	$\sigma_{py}$	$\sigma_{py}$
$\sigma_{x;4}$	$\sigma_{px} - \alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\sigma_{px} - \alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\sigma_{px} + \alpha \times \sigma_b$	$\sigma_{px} + \alpha \times \sigma_b$
$\sigma_{y;4}$	$\sigma_{py} - \alpha(F_{rr} \times \sigma_{qn;t} + F'_{rr} \times \sigma_{qr;t})$	$\sigma_{py} + \alpha(F_{rr} \times \sigma_{qn;t} + F'_{rr} \times \sigma_{qr;t})$	$\sigma_{py} + \alpha(F_{rr} \times \sigma_{qn;b} + F'_{rr} \times \sigma_{qr;b})$	$\sigma_{py} - \alpha(F_{rr} \times \sigma_{qn;b} + F'_{rr} \times \sigma_{qr;b})$

**Note:**  $\alpha$  is the tensile factor (only used for polyethylene), as defined in the *Product Pipe Material Data* window (see [section 4.6.2.1](#)). 

**Note:** For load combination 4, the acting stresses  $\sigma_{V;1}$  to  $\sigma_{V;4}$  are calculated with a load factor “in combination” ( $f_{pd;comb}$ ) for the design pressure. 

### 23.6.1.2 Check of calculated stresses acc. to the Dutch standard NEN: Polyethylene pipe

The calculated stresses must meet the following conditions:

$$\sigma \leq S \times R_{eb;short} \quad \text{for LC 1 and 2 (test pressure)} \quad (23.63)$$

$$\sigma \leq S \times R_{eb;long} \quad \text{for LC 2 (internal pressure), 3 and 4} \quad (23.64)$$

where:

- $\sigma$  is the calculated stress, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $R_{eb;short}$  is the allowable strength at short term, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $R_{eb;long}$  is the allowable strength at long term, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $S$  is the factor of importance, as defined in the *Factors* window (see [section 4.7.1.1](#)).

## 23.7 Deflection of the pipe

According to article D.4.2 (case 5 - HDD) of NEN 3650-1 ([NEN, 2012a](#)), the deflection of the pipeline is:

$$\delta_y = \frac{D_o \times r_g^3}{E_b \times I_w} \times (k_y \times q_{n,r,v} + 0.083 \times q_{h,r} + k'_y \times q_r) \quad (23.65)$$

where:

- $q_{n,r,v}$  is the corrected neutral reduced vertical stress  $q_{n,r}$  (see [section 21.3](#)) increased with a possible traffic load  $q_v$  (see [section 21.14](#)), including safety factors, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ :  
 $q_{n,r,v} = f_{Qn1} \times f_{Qn2} \times (q_{n,r} + q_v)$ ;
- $q_{h,r}$  is the neutral reduced horizontal stress in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ , see [Equation 21.12](#);
- $q_r$  is the soil reaction in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ , see [Equation 23.11](#) with  $R$  = the minimum bending radius.
- $k_y$  is the direct deflection coefficient depending on the bedding angle  $\beta$ , see [Table 23.12](#);
- $k'_y$  is the indirect deflection coefficient depending on the bedding angle  $\beta$ , see [Table 23.12](#);

- $f_{Qn1}$  is the load factor on soil stress  $q_n$ , as defined in the *Factors* window (see [section 4.7.1.1](#)). The default value is set to 1.5 for steel and 1 for polyethylene;
- $f_{Qn2}$  is the contingency factor on soil stress  $q_n$ , as defined in the *Factors* window (see [section 4.7.1.1](#)). The default value is set to 1.1;
- $E_b$  is the Young's modulus of the pipe. For PE, the modulus at long term is used.

### 23.8 Implosion of the polyethylene pipe

According to article 8.5.5.1 of NEN 3650-3 for polyethylene, the maximum allowable external pressure  $p_0$  is:

$$p_0 = \frac{1}{\gamma_{\text{imp}} (1 - \nu^2)} \times \frac{24 \times E_b \times I_w}{D_g^3} \quad (23.66)$$

where:

- $E_b$  is the Young's modulus of the polyethylene pipe, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $\nu$  is the Poisson ratio of polyethylene:  $\nu = 0.4$ ;
- $\gamma_{\text{imp}}$  is the safety factor on implosion, as defined in the *Factors* window (see [section 4.7.1.1](#)).

For the definition of the other symbols, refer to [section 23.5.2](#).

The check on implosion is performed during the pull-back operation ([section 23.8.1](#)) and at serviceability limit state when the pipe is in operation ([section 23.8.2](#)).

#### 23.8.1 Check on implosion during the pull-back operation

During the pull-back operation, the drilling fluid pressure gives an external pressure on the pipe. The highest minimum required drilling fluid pressure should not exceed the maximum allowable external pressure. This writes:

$$\max(p_{\text{mud};\text{min}}) \leq p_0 \quad (23.67)$$

where  $\gamma = 1.5$  and  $E$  is the module at short term, for the calculation of  $p_0$ .

If the pipe is completely filled, the filling fluid gives an internal fluid pressure called filling resistance  $p_{\text{fill}}$  of:

$$p_{\text{fill}} = (\min(Z_{\text{left}}; Z_{\text{right}}) - Z_{\text{bottom}}) \times \gamma_{\text{fill}} \quad (23.68)$$

The maximum allowable external pressure becomes therefore  $p_0 + p_{\text{fill}}$  and the check on implosion becomes:

$$\max(p_{\text{mud};\text{min}}) \leq p_0 + p_{\text{fill}} \quad (23.69)$$

#### 23.8.2 Check on implosion when the pipe is in operation

In operation, the water pressure at the lowest point of the drilling gives an external pressure on the pipe. This maximum pore pressure should not exceed the maximum allowable external pressure. This writes:

$$u_{\text{max}} \leq p_0 \quad (23.70)$$

where  $\gamma = 3$  and  $E$  is the module at long term, for the calculation of  $p_0$ .

If the pipe is completely filled, the maximum allowable external pressure becomes  $p_0 + p_{\text{fill}}$  and the check on implosion becomes:

$$u_{\text{max}} \leq p_0 + p_{\text{fill}} \quad (23.71)$$



## 24 Micro tunneling

### 24.1 Support pressures and thrust forces

Drilling through the soil changes the stress conditions in the soil. The deviations from the original stress conditions are largely determined by the size of the overcut and the face support pressure of the applied shield. Small deviations from the original stress conditions are acceptable as the stability of soil adjacent to the micro tunneling machine is maintained. A relative low support pressure may lead to settlement in front of the tunneling machine which in turn may lead to settlement of the surface or to settlement of soil layers below a construction or pipeline. A relative high support pressure can lead to a blow out of drilling fluid or may lead to heave of the surface.

#### 24.1.1 Target support pressure

In order to minimize the effect on the stress conditions, the drilling should be performed using a target support pressure  $\sigma_{T;ac}$  which is close to the neutral horizontal pressure:

$$\sigma_{T;ac} = \sigma'_{h,n} + u \quad (24.1)$$

where:

- $u$  is the pore pressure, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$  at the shield center, see [Equation 26.4](#).
- $\sigma'_{h,n}$  is the horizontal effective pressure at the shield center, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ :  
 $\sigma'_{h,n} = \sigma'_v \times (1 - \sin \varphi_b)$ ;
- $\sigma'_v$  is the vertical effective stress at the shield center, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ , see [Equation 26.5](#);
- $\varphi_b$  is the average angle of internal friction of the soil over the height of the shield.

#### 24.1.2 Minimal support pressure

Under normal circumstances, a relative low support pressure is usually sufficient for stable conditions of the soil adjacent to the micro tunneling machine. The minimal required support pressure is often a little higher than the water pressure. The relative low required minimal support pressure is determined by the type of soil in front of the tunneling machine.

##### Minimal support pressure in undrained conditions

In case of micro tunneling in an undrained soil type, according to Broms & Bennermark 1967 ([Broms and Bennermark, 1967](#)), the minimal support pressure  $\sigma_{\min;und}$  is determined by the undrained strength of the soil:

$$\sigma_{\min;und} = f_{\text{cover}} \times \sigma'_v + f_u \times u - N \times \frac{s_u}{f_c} \geq f_u \times u \quad (24.2)$$

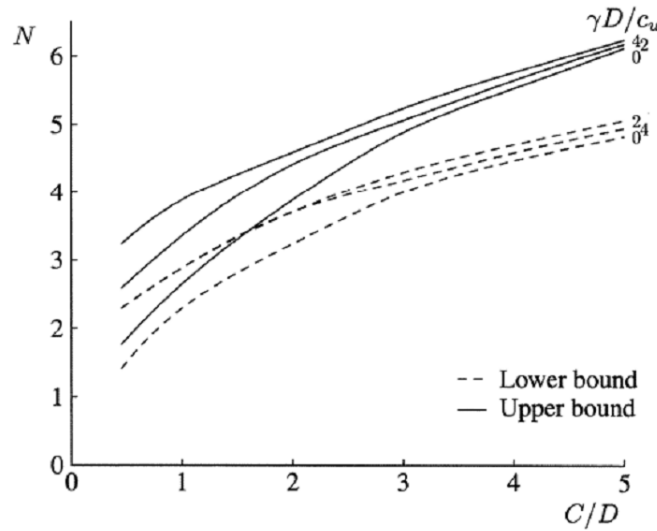
where:

- $s_u$  is the average undrained shear strength between the surface and the top of the shield of the micro tunneling machine, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;
- $f_c$  is the safety factor on cohesion as defined in the *Factors* window, see [section 4.7.1.2](#) (default is 1.4).
- $f_{\text{cover}}$  is the contingency factor on soil cover as defined in the *Factors* window, see [section 4.7.1.2](#) (default is 1.1);
- $f_u$  is the safety factor on water pressure as defined in the *Factors* window, see [section 4.7.1.2](#) (default is 1.05);
- $N$  is the face stability ratio as defined in the *Factors* window, see [section 4.7.1.2](#);



$\sigma'_v$  is the vertical effective stress at the shield center, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>, see [Equation 26.5](#);  
 $u$  is the pore pressure, see [Equation 26.4](#).

The required stability index  $N$  depends upon the depth/diameter ratio of the tunneling machine. In [Figure 24.1](#) the upper and lower boundaries according to ([Davis et al., 1980](#)) are described.



**Figure 24.1:** Upper and lower bound for the stability ratio  $N$  ([Davis et al., 1980](#))

### Minimal support pressure in drained conditions

In granular soils which behave drained during drilling, the minimal support pressure based on 3 dimensional effects can be calculated using the method which is developed by ([Jancesz and Steiner, 1994](#)). The minimal effective stress required for stability of the soil next to the shield is defined as follows:

$$\sigma'_h = f_{\sigma h} \times K_{A3} \times \sigma'_v \tag{24.3}$$

The total minimal support pressure in drained layers  $\sigma_{\min;d}$  can be calculated as follows:

$$\sigma_{\min;d} = f_{\sigma h} \times K_{A3} \times \sigma'_v + f_u \times u \tag{24.4}$$

where:

- $f_u$  is the safety factor on water pressure as defined in the *Factors* window, see [section 4.7.1.2](#) (default is 1.05);
- $f_{\sigma h}$  is the safety factor on horizontal effective stress as defined in the *Factors* window, see [section 4.7.1.2](#) (default is 1.5);
- $K_{A3}$  is a 3 dimensional coefficient of active earth pressure, see [Equation 24.5](#);
- $u$  is the pore pressure, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>, see [Equation 26.4](#);
- $\sigma'_h$  is the effective horizontal soil pressure at the shield center, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>;
- $\sigma'_v$  is the effective vertical stress at the shield center, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>, see [Equation 26.5](#). In case of arching effect over the depth  $C_1$  (i.e.  $C_1/D_o > f_{\text{silto}}$ ), the vertical effective stress  $\sigma'_v$  is reduced to  $\sigma'_{v;1}$  as explained below (see [Equation 24.6](#)).

The 3 dimensional coefficient of active earth pressure is calculated as follows:

$$K_{A3} = \frac{\sin \beta \times \cos \beta - \cos^2 \beta \times \tan \varphi - \frac{2}{3} K \times \alpha \times \cos \beta \times \tan \varphi}{\cos \beta \times \sin \beta + \tan \varphi \times \sin^2 \beta} \quad (24.5)$$

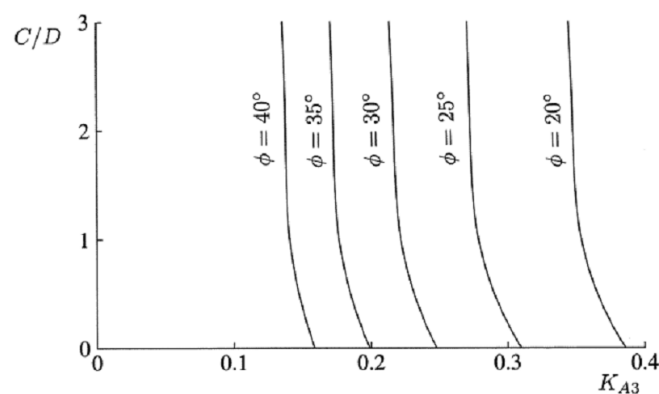
with:

$$\alpha = \frac{1 + 3 \frac{C_1}{D_0}}{1 + 2 \frac{C_1}{D_0}}$$

where:

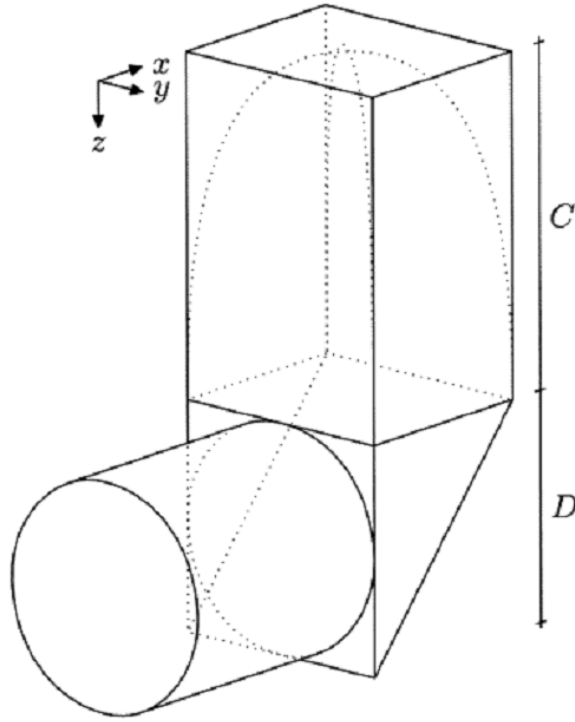
- $C_1$  is the distance between the drained/undrained border and the top of the shield of the micro tunneling machine, in m;
- $\beta$  is the angle of the slip surface of the active wedge, in degree;
- $\varphi$  is the angle of internal friction, in degree.

In the subsequent figure the values for different angles of internal friction for a series of depth/diameter ratios are shown.



**Figure 24.2:** Values for  $K_{A3}$

The method described by Jancsecz and Steiner [Jancsecz and Steiner \(1994\)](#) has the opportunity to take the effect of vertical stress reduction due to arching in account. In [Figure 24.3](#), the arching over the depth  $C$  can reduce the vertical stress on the active wedge which determines the minimal support pressure. It should be noticed that the arching can only occur if a relative small soil deformation (settlement of the soil column above the active soil wedge) is allowed.



**Figure 24.3:** Active soil wedge with soil column (Broere, 1994)

For a layered soil the following equation can be used to calculate the effect of two dimensional arching according to Terzaghi (Terzaghi, 1943) on the active wedge:

$$\sigma'_{v;1} = \frac{A}{K_0 \times \tan \varphi_d} \left[ 1 - \exp \left( -\frac{O}{A} \times C_2 \times K_0 \times \tan \varphi_d \right) \right] + \frac{D_o}{2} \times \gamma'_b \quad (24.6)$$

with:

$$\frac{O}{A} = \frac{2 \left[ 1 + \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \beta \right) \right]}{D_o \times \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \beta \right)}$$

where:

- $A$  is the area of the soil column, in  $m^2$ ;
- $c_d$  is the cohesion of the slip surface of the active wedge (i.e. average between the drained/undrained border and the top of the shield of the micro tunneling machine), in  $kN/m^2$ ;
- $C_2$  is the distance between the ground level and the top of the shield of the micro tunneling machine, in m;
- $K_0$  is the coefficient of neutral earth pressure:  $K_0 = 1 - \sin \varphi_d$ ;
- $O$  is the circumference of the soil column, in m;
- $\varphi_d$  is the average angle of internal friction between the drained/undrained border and the top of the shield of the micro tunneling machine, in degrees;
- $\gamma'$  is the average effective unit weight between the ground level and the top of the shield of the micro tunneling machine, in  $kN/m^3$ ;
- $\gamma'_b$  is the average effective unit weight between the top and the center of the shield of the micro tunneling machine, in  $kN/m^3$ .



### 24.1.3 Maximal support pressure

In case of a high support pressure, several possible failure mechanism may occur:

- ◇ Soil failure due to pushing a soil wedge in upward direction
- ◇ A blow out to the surface due to hydraulic fracturing
- ◇ Horizontal hydraulic fracturing at the transition of soil layers

The maximal allowable support pressure  $\sigma_{\max}$  for micro tunneling can be determined as follows:

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{\sigma'_v}{f_{\text{cover}}} + u \times f_u \quad (24.7)$$

where:

- $\sigma'_v$  is the effective vertical stress (see [Equation 26.5](#));
- $u$  is the pore pressure, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ , see [Equation 26.4](#);
- $f_{\text{cover}}$  is the contingency factor on soil cover as defined in the *Factors* window, see [section 4.7.1.2](#) (default is 1.1).
- $f_u$  is the safety factor on water pressure as defined in the *Factors* window, see [section 4.7.1.2](#) (default is 1.05);

Obviously the total allowable support pressure is equal to the sum of the allowable effective support pressure and the water pressure at the drilling line.

### 24.1.4 Thrust force

The thrust force which is required to install a pipeline or micro tunnel in between the launch pit and the reception pit. The magnitude of the thrust force is determined by the pressure on the shield (head of the tunneling machine) and friction along the circumference of the tunnel or pipeline. The thrust force due to pressure on the shield is relative small compared to the force due to friction and can therefore be neglected. The thrust force  $F_m$  due to friction can be calculated as follows:

$$F_m = \pi \times D_o \times L \times M \quad (24.8)$$

where:

- $D_o$  is the diameter of the pipeline or the tunnel, in m;
- $L$  is the length, in m;
- $M$  is the friction between the soil and the pipe per surface area, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ . The friction  $M$  is defined in the *Engineering Data* window ([section 4.6.3.3](#)) where two cases are considered: friction with or without injection of lubricant.

The friction per surface area is partly determined by the soil type, through which the micro tunneling is carried out, but is mainly determined by the overcut and the usage of lubricants, which reduce the friction in between the tunnel or pipeline and the surrounding soil. Since the bending radii of the curves in a micro tunneling drilling line are generally smooth the soil reaction forces in the curves are not considered in D-GEO PIPELINE.

## 24.2 Uplift Safety

Due to buoyancy of the pipeline below the groundwater table, the uplift should be checked:

$$f_{\text{uplift}} < f_{\text{uplift;all}} \quad (24.9)$$

where  $f_{\text{uplift;all}}$  is the allowable safety factor on uplift, as defined in the *Factors* window, see [section 4.7.1.2](#).

The forces acting on the pipeline are:

- ◇ the uplift force:

$$g_{\text{uplift}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \times D_o^2 \times \gamma_w \quad (24.10)$$

- ◇ the weight of the pipeline:

$$g_{\text{pipe}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \times [D_o^2 - (D_o - 2d_n)^2] \times \gamma_b \quad (24.11)$$

The effective weight of the pipeline is defined as:

$$g_{\text{eff}} = g_{\text{pipe}} - g_{\text{uplift}} \quad (24.12)$$

and the uplift safety factor  $f_{\text{uplift}}$  is:

$$f_{\text{uplift}} = \frac{g_{\text{eff}}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma'_i \times d_i} \quad (24.13)$$

where:

- $\gamma'_i$  is the buoyant unit weight of soil layer  $i$ , in kN/m<sup>3</sup>;
- $n$  is the number of soil layers;
- $d_i$  is the thickness of soil layer  $i$  above the pipeline, in m.

## 24.3 Subsidence

The drilling process micro tunneling leads to a larger amount of removed soil material than the volume of the installed tunnel or pipeline (Overcut). Of course injection of lubricants may lead to a reduction of the differential volume of removed soil and installed elements. The differential volume will lead to soil movement towards the bore hole, which in turn will lead to subsidence. The magnitude of the subsidence  $w$  (trough shaped) can be calculated as follows:

$$w = \frac{V_s}{\sqrt{2\pi i^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2i^2}\right) \quad z < z_0 \quad (24.14)$$

with:

$$V_s = \frac{V_{\text{loss}}}{100} \times \left[ \left( \frac{D_o + 2 l_{\text{overcut}}}{2} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{D_o}{2} \right)^2 \right]$$

where:

- $i$  is the shape factor, see below;

$l_{\text{overcut}}$	is the overcut in radius, in m;
$r$	is the horizontal distance in between the center of the tunnel or pipeline and the inflection point of the trough, in m;
$z_0$	is the depth of the center of the pipeline or tunnel, in m;
$z$	is the depth at which the settlement is calculated, in m;
$V_{\text{loss}}$	is the volume loss as percentage of overcut area, in %, as defined in the <i>Engineering Data</i> window, see <a href="#">section 4.6.3.2</a> ;
$V_s$	is the differential volume, in m <sup>3</sup> /m.

The shape factor  $i$  depends upon the soil behavior above the tunnel or pipeline and is there dependent upon the soil properties of the upper soil layers. The factor  $i$  can empirically be determined based on differences in soil sequences. The empirical method is described by O Reilly ([O' Reilly and New, 1982](#)):

$i = 0.43 D_{\text{bas}} + 0.28 D_{\text{top}} + 1.1$	for incompressible granular soil on compressible soil
$i = 0.43 D_{\text{bas}} + 1.1$	for compressible soil
$i = 0.23 D_{\text{bas}} + 0.43 D_{\text{top}} - 0.1$	for compressible soil on incompressible granular soil
$i = 0.28 D_{\text{bas}} - 0.1$	for incompressible granular soil

where:

$D_{\text{bas}}$	is the thickness of the Basal layer above the tunnel or pipeline, in m;
$D_{\text{top}}$	is the thickness of the upper layer above the tunnel or pipeline, in m.



## 25 Trenching

Installation of the pipeline in a trench is the oldest and a relatively easy method. One of the main installation risk associated with trenching is instability of the slopes of the trench. This risk can not be considered in D-GEO PIPELINE. Use of other computer programs such as D-GEO STABILITY (formerly known as MStab) is recommended.

In case of installed pipelines with a relatively thin soil cover in a wet environment, uplift can be an installation risk ([section 25.1](#)). In case of trenching in soil layers which cover an aquifer with high pore pressures, bursting of the bottom of the trench (heaving) can be an installation risk ([section 25.2](#)).

### 25.1 Uplift Safety

Due to buoyancy of the pipeline below the groundwater table, the uplift should be checked:

$$f_{\text{uplift}} < f_{\text{uplift};\text{all}} \quad (25.1)$$

where  $f_{\text{uplift};\text{all}}$  is the allowable safety factor on uplift, as defined in the *Factors* window, see [section 4.7.1.3](#).

The forces acting on an empty pipe are:

◇ the uplift force:

$$g_{\text{uplift}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \times D_o^2 \times \gamma_w \quad (25.2)$$

◇ the weight of the pipeline:

$$g_{\text{pipe}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \times [D_o^2 - (D_o - 2d_n)^2] \times \gamma_b \quad (25.3)$$

The effective weight of the pipeline is defined as:

$$g_{\text{eff}} = g_{\text{pipe}} - g_{\text{uplift}} \quad (25.4)$$

and the uplift safety factor  $f_{\text{uplift}}$  is:

$$f_{\text{uplift}} = \frac{g_{\text{eff}}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma'_i \times d_i} \quad (25.5)$$

where:

- $\gamma'_i$  is the buoyant unit weight of soil layer  $i$ , in  $\text{kN/m}^3$ ;
- $n$  is the number of soil layers;
- $d_i$  is the thickness of soil layer  $i$  above the pipeline, in m.



## 25.2 Bursting of the trench bottom (heaving)

The check of the bursting of the trench bottom is performed according to paragraph 14.3.1 of the Dutch standard NEN 6740:2006 (NEN, 2006). The calculated safety factor  $f_{burst}$  should not exceed the allowable safety factor on hydraulic heave  $f_{burst;all}$ , as defined in the *Factors* window, see section 4.7.1.3.

$$f_{burst;all} > f_{burst} \quad (25.6)$$

The safety factor on bursting  $f_{burst}$  is:

$$f_{burst} = \frac{W_{tot}}{p_{z;d}} \quad (25.7)$$

where:

$p_{z;d}$  is the upward water pressure, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ , see Equation 25.11.

$W_{tot}$  is the total weight above the aquifer, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ , see Equation 25.8;

### Total weight above the aquifer

$$W_{tot} = W_{tot;1} + W_{tot;2} \quad (25.8)$$

$$W_{tot;1} = f \times \gamma_{1;d} \times d_{1;d} \quad (25.9)$$

$$W_{tot;2} = \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_{j;d} \times d_{j;d} \quad (25.10)$$

with:

$$f = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{b}{a} \right) \times \arctan \left( \frac{d_{2;d}}{a+b} \right) - \frac{b}{a} \times \arctan \frac{d_{2;d}}{b} \right]$$

where:

$a$  is the width (horizontally) of the slope of the trench, in m;

$b$  is the depth of the slope of the trench, in m;

$d_{1;d}$  is the sum of the thickness of the layers above the excavation level, in m;

$d_{2;d}$  is the sum of the thickness of the layers below the pipe (excavation level) and above the aquifer, in m.

$f$  is the factor for the contribution of the layers above the excavation level according to Figure 25.2;

$W_{tot;1}$  is the weight of the soil layers above the trench bottom, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;

$W_{tot;2}$  is the weight of the overburden soil layers below the trench bottom, in  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ;

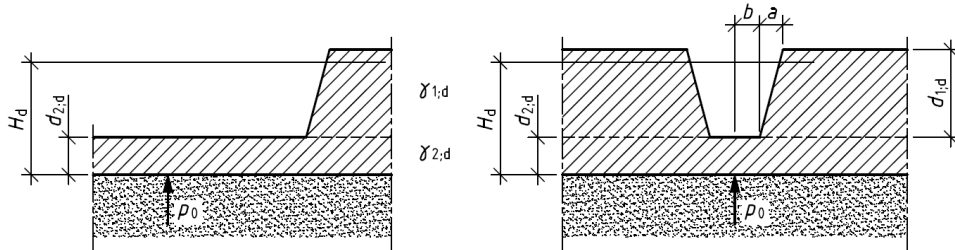
$\gamma_{1;d}$  is the average unit weight of the layers above the excavation level, in  $\text{kN/m}^3$ ;

### Upward water pressure

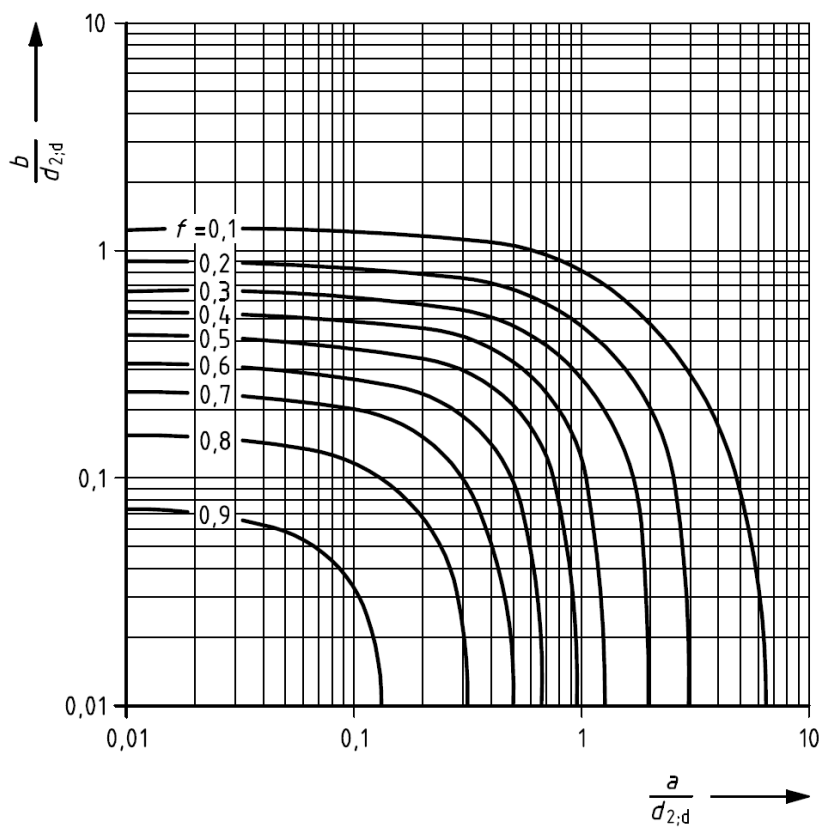
$$p_{z;d} = H_d \times \gamma_w \quad (25.11)$$

where:

- $H_d$  is the hydraulic head with respect to the upper boundary of the aquifer, calculated according to [section 26.1](#);
- $\gamma_w$  is the unit weight of water, in  $\text{kN/m}^3$ .



**Figure 25.1:** Definition of parameters  $H_d$ ,  $d_{1;d}$  and  $d_{2;d}$  (Figure 18 of NEN 6740:2006)



**Figure 25.2:** Factor  $f$  for the contribution of the layers above the bottom of the excavation (Figure 19 of NEN 6740:2006)

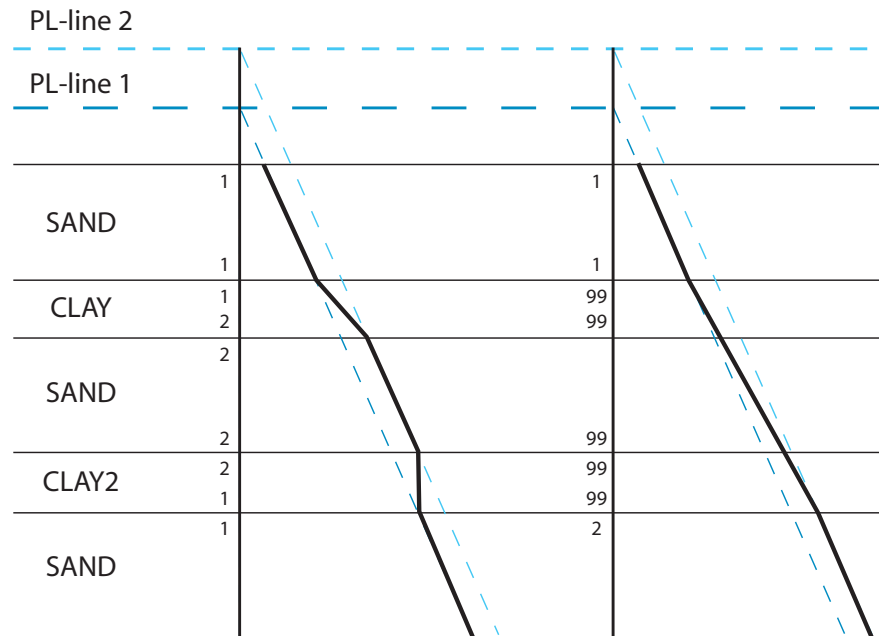




## 26 Effective Stress and Pore Pressure

### 26.1 Hydraulic head from piezometric level lines

A piezometric level line (PL-line) represents the initial and transient hydraulic water heads in the soil, excluding the excess component. Several PL-lines can be defined in the *PL-Lines* window (section 4.3.10). A PL-line for the top and bottom of each soil layer can be defined in the *PL-lines per Layer* window (section 4.3.13).



**Figure 26.1:** Pore pressure as a result of piezometric level lines

D-GEO PIPELINE calculates the hydraulic pore pressure along a vertical in the following way:

The pore pressure inside a layer is calculated by linear interpolation between the pore pressures at the top and bottom. The pore pressure at the top or bottom is equal to the vertical distance between this point and the position of the PL-line that belongs to this layer, multiplied by the unit weight of water.

If PL-line number 99 is specified for the top and/or bottom of any soil layer, at that boundary D-GEO PIPELINE will use the PL-line of the nearest soil layer above or below, which has a thickness larger than zero and a PL-line number not equal to 99. If the interpolation point is located above the phreatic line, the pore pressure is assumed to be zero or a capillary pressure, depending on the sign of the PL-line number. The following options are available, therefore, for PL-line numbers:

- ◇ **Positive integer:**  
Capillary pore pressures are not used – that is, if negative pore pressures are calculated for points above the phreatic line they become zero;
- ◇ **Zero:**  
All points within the layer obtain a pore pressure of 0 kN/m;
- ◇ **99:**  
The pore pressure depends on the first layer above and/or below the point with a PL-line

number unequal to 99.

## 26.2 Phreatic line

The phreatic line (or groundwater level) marks the border between dry and wet soil. The phreatic line is treated as if it was a PL-line, and can also be used as such. The PL-line acting as the phreatic line is determined while the geometry is being defined. If no phreatic line is entered, then all the soil is assumed to be dry.

## 26.3 Stress by soil weight

The total stress at depth  $z$  due to soil weight is:

$$\sigma_{\text{soil}}(z) = \begin{cases} \gamma_{\text{unsat}} \times z & \text{if } z > z_{\text{water}} \\ \gamma_{\text{unsat}} \times z_{\text{water}} + \gamma_{\text{sat}} \times (z_{\text{water}} - z) & \text{if } z \leq z_{\text{water}} \end{cases} \quad (26.1)$$

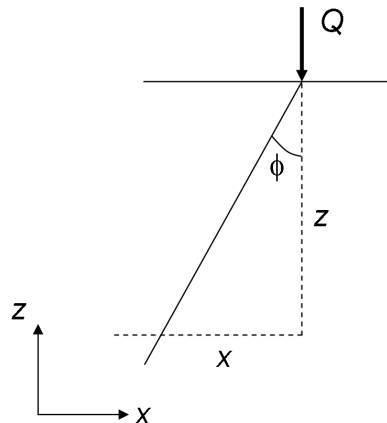
where:

- $\gamma_{\text{unsat}}$  is the unit weight of soil above phreatic level, in  $\text{kN/m}^3$ ;
- $\gamma_{\text{sat}}$  is the unit weight of soil below phreatic level, in  $\text{kN/m}^3$ ;
- $z$  is the vertical co-ordinate, in m;
- $z_{\text{water}}$  is the vertical co-ordinate of the phreatic level, in m.

## 26.4 Distribution of stress by loading

D-GEO PIPELINE uses Boussinesq's formula (Boussinesq, 1885) to determine the additional vertical stress due to the surcharge loads.

### 26.4.1 Stress increment caused by a line load



**Figure 26.2:** Stress distribution under a load column

The vertical stress increment  $\Delta\sigma_z$  due to a line load  $Q$  is:

$$\Delta\sigma_z = \frac{2Q}{\pi z} \cos^4 \phi \quad (26.2)$$

where:

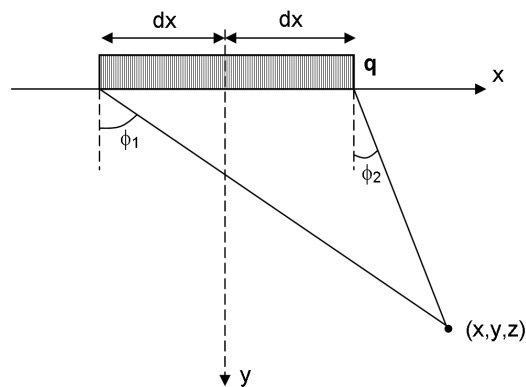
- $z$  is the depth, in m;

- $Q$  is the line load, in kN;  
 $\phi$  is the angle with the vertical, in radians.

### 26.4.2 Stress increment caused by a strip load

The stress increments in a point  $(x, y)$  due to a strip load can be found by integration of the line load along the width  $2 dx$  of the strip load in [Equation 26.2](#):

$$\Delta\sigma_{\text{load}} = \frac{q}{\pi} [(\phi_1 - \phi_2) + \sin \phi_1 \cos \phi_1 - \sin \phi_2 \cos \phi_2] \quad (26.3)$$



**Figure 26.3:** Stress distribution under a load column

### 26.5 Effective stress and pore pressure

The pore pressure  $u$  at vertical position  $z$  is defined as:

$$u(z) = \sigma_{\text{water}}(z) - \max[h(z) - z; 0] \times \gamma_w \quad (26.4)$$

The effective stress  $\sigma'$  at vertical position  $z$  is defined as:

$$\sigma'(z) = \sigma_{\text{soil}}(z) + \Delta\sigma_{\text{load}}(z) - u(z) \quad (26.5)$$

with:

$$\sigma_{\text{water}}(z) = \max(z_{\text{water}} - z_{\text{surface}}; 0) \times \gamma_w$$

where:

- $z$  is the vertical co-ordinate, in m;
- $z_{\text{water}}$  is the vertical position of the phreatic level, in m;
- $z_{\text{surface}}$  is the vertical position of the ground level, in m;
- $h$  is the user-defined hydraulic head in the *PI-lines per Layer* window ([section 4.3.13](#)), see [section 26.1](#);
- $\sigma_{\text{soil}}$  is the stress due to soil weight, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>, see [Equation 26.1](#);
- $\sigma_{\text{water}}$  is the stress due to a water level above the soil surface, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>;
- $\Delta\sigma_{\text{load}}$  is the incremental stress due to loads, in kN/m<sup>2</sup>, see [Equation 26.3](#).



## 27 Benchmarks

Deltares Systems commitment to quality control and quality assurance has led them to develop a formal and extensive procedure to verify the correct working of all of their geotechnical engineering tools. An extensive range of benchmark checks have been developed to check the correct functioning of each tool. During product development these checks are run on a regular basis to verify the improved product. These benchmark checks are provided in the following sections, to allow the user to overview the checking procedure and verify for themselves the correct functioning of D-GEO PIPELINE. The benchmarks are subdivided into five separate groups as described below.

- ◇ **Group 1 – Benchmarks from literature (exact solution)** Simple benchmarks for which an exact analytical result is available from literature.
- ◇ **Group 2 – Benchmarks from literature (approximate solution)** More complex benchmarks described in literature for which an approximate solution is known.
- ◇ **Group 3 – Benchmarks from spread sheets** Benchmarks which test program features specific to D-GEO PIPELINE.
- ◇ **Group 4 – Benchmarks generated by D-GEO PIPELINE** Benchmarks for which the reference results are generated using D-GEO PIPELINE.
- ◇ **Group 5 – Benchmarks compared with other programs** Benchmarks for which the results of D-GEO PIPELINE are compared with the results of other programs.

The number of benchmarks in group 1 may grow in the future. The benchmarks in this chapter are well documented in literature. There are no exact solutions available for these problems, however in the literature estimated results are available. When verifying the program, the results should be close to the results found in the literature. The number of benchmarks in group 2 will grow as new versions of the program are released. These benchmarks are designed so that (new) features specific to the program can be verified. The benchmarks are kept as simple as possible so that only one specific feature is verified from one benchmark to the next. As much as software developers would wish they could, it is impossible to prove the correctness of any non-trivial program. Re-calculating all the benchmarks, and making sure the results are as they should be, proves to some degree that the program works as it should. Nevertheless, there will always be combinations of input values that will cause the program to crash or to produce wrong results. Hopefully by using the verification procedure the number of ways this can occur will be limited. The benchmarks are all described in details in the *Verification Report* available in the installation directory of the program.





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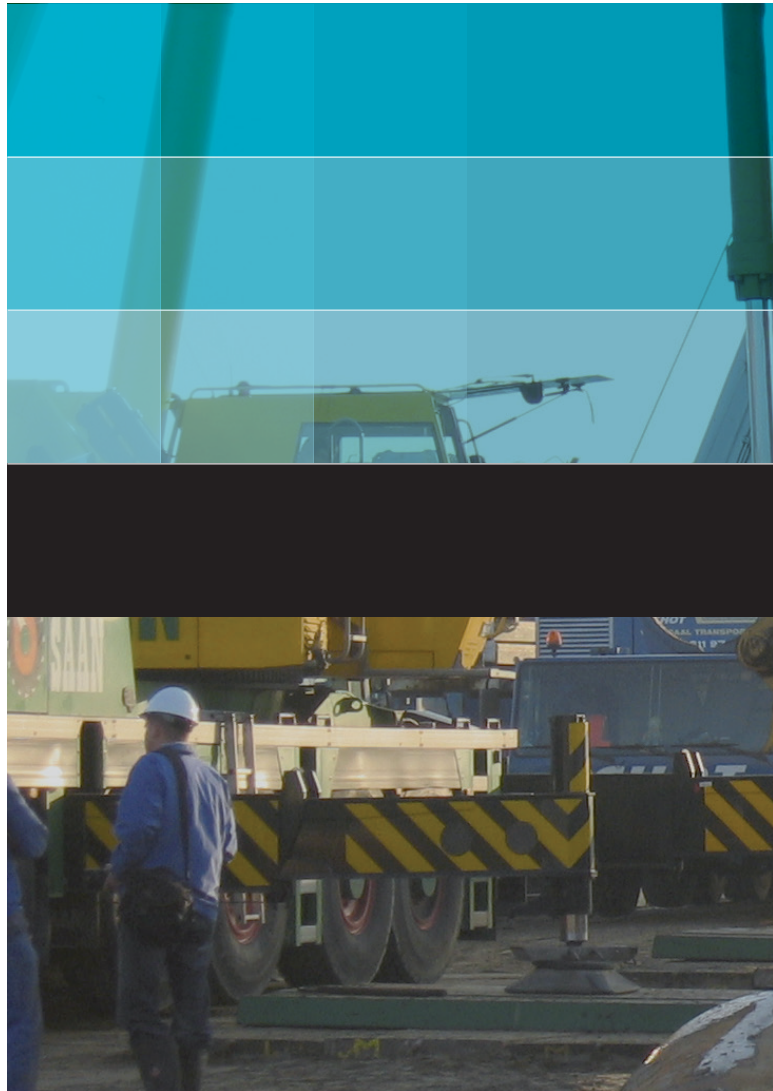
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