



**ORKUSTOFNUN**  
NATIONAL ENERGY AUTHORITY  
HYDRO POWER DIVISION



**JARÐTÆKNISTOFAN HF**  
*JTS Geotechnical Services Ltd.*  
Águst Guðmundsson

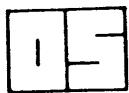
# BREIÐADALS- AND BOTNSHEIÐI TUNNEL

## Geological report

**OS-91006/VOD-02**

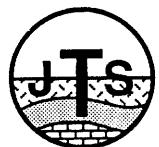
Reykjavík, February 1991

**Prepared for**  
**Public Roads Administration**



**ORKUSTOFNUN**  
NATIONAL ENERGY AUTHORITY  
HYDRO ENERGY DIVISION

GRENSÁSVEGUR 9,  
108 REYKJAVÍK ICELAND



**JARDTÆKNISTOFAN HF**  
*JTS Geotechnical Services Ltd.*

Ágúst Guðmundsson

# BREIÐADALS- AND BOTNSHEIÐI TUNNEL

## GEOLOGICAL REPORT

**OS-91006/VOD-02**  
Reykjavík, February 1991

**Prepared for**  
**Public Roads Administration**

Dags.

1991.02.21

Dags.

Tilv. vor

FS

Tilv. yðar

Vegagerð ríkisins  
b/t Hreinn Haraldsson  
Borgartúni 5 - 7  
105 Reykjavík

**Varðar:** Jarðfræðirannsókn vegna jarðgangagerðar á Vestfjörðum.

Fyrirliggjandi skyrsla, "Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði Tunnel. Geological Report" (Skyrsla Orkustofnunar: OS-91006/VOD-02), er samin af Ágústi Guðmundssyni í samræmi við samning Vegagerðar ríkisins og Orkustofnunar - Vatnsorkudeildar, frá 1989.07.05. Skýrslan fjallar um jarðfræðilegar aðstæður við lagningu vegganga undir Breiðadalsheiði og Botnsheiði. Hún byggir á jarðfræðikortlagningu á yfirborði og úrvinnslu borholugagna úr rannsóknarborunum á gangaleiðunum.

Áætluð veggöng myndu að mestu leyti liggja í gegnum basalthraunastafla frá Síð-Tertiér, sem hafa nokkuð mismunandi berggæði. Berglögum þessum hallar lítillega til suðausturs og er berglagastaflinn víða brotinn af óvirkum sprungum og misgengjum. Veggöng frá Breiðadal til Tungudals myndu skera í gegnum setlagastafla, sem fylgir mislægi, a.m.k. á einum stað, ef ekki tveimur. Setlög þessi eru undir 10 m að þykkt, en veik að burðum. Svipaðs setlagastafla er jafnvel að vænta á gangagreininni til Botnsdals, hafi misgengi orðið meiri en greina má með vissu á yfirborði.

Haukur Tómasson  
Haukur Tómasson  
Forstjóri Vatnsorkudeildar Orkustofnunar.

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

1.	INTRODUCTION .....	5
2.	GEOLOGICAL SETTING OF NORTHWESTERN ICELAND .....	5
3.	GEOLOGY OF THE BREIÐADALS- AND BOTNSHEIÐI AREA .....	7
3.1.	INTRODUCTION .....	7
3.2.	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHY .....	7
3.3.	GEOTHERMAL ALTERATION .....	8
3.4.	TECTONICS .....	8
3.5.	POSTGLACIAL GEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT .....	9
3.6.	REGIONAL HYDROGEOLOGY .....	9
4.	FIELD INVESTIGATIONS .....	10
4.1.	PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS .....	10
4.2.	GEOLOGICAL MAPPING .....	10
4.2.1.	PREVIOUS DATA .....	10
4.2.2.	FIELD PROFILING AND MAPPING .....	11
4.2.3.	INTERPRETATION OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS .....	11
4.3.	DRILLING AND SAMPLING.....	11
4.4.	LOGGING OF BOREHOLES .....	12
5.	FIELD TESTING.....	14
5.1.	WATER PRESSURE TESTING.....	14
5.2.	WATER TEMPERATURE IN BOREHOLES .....	14
6.	LABORATORY TESTING OF ROCK MATERIALS .....	15
7.	GEOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF THE ROCK MATERIALS.....	16
7.1.	BASALTS .....	16
7.1.1.	CLASSIFICATION OF BASALTS .....	16
7.1.2.	STRUCTURE OF LAVA FLOWS.....	18
7.2.	SEDIMENTARY INTERBEDS.....	19
7.3.	OVERBURDEN.....	20

8.	LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNITS .....	20
8.1.	SUITE 1 .....	20
8.2.	SUITE 2 .....	21
8.2.1.	SUBSUITE 2a .....	21
8.2.2.	SUBSUITE 2b .....	21
8.2.3.	SUBSUITE 2c .....	22
8.3.	SUITE 3 .....	22
8.3.1.	SUBSUITE 3a .....	22
8.3.2.	SUBSUITE 3b .....	23
8.4.	SUITE 4 .....	23
8.5.	SUITE 5 .....	23
9.	STRUCTURE.....	24
9.1.	BEDDING OF LAVA PILE.....	24
9.2.	LINEAMENTS.....	24
9.3.	FAULTS.....	24
9.4.	DYKE INTRUSIONS.....	25
9.5.	JOINTS .....	25
10.	GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS .....	26
11.	TUNNEL CONDITIONS.....	26
11.1.	BREIÐIDALUR TUNNEL ROUTE .....	27
11.2.	TUNGUDALUR TUNNEL ROUTE .....	28
11.3.	BOTNSDALUR TUNNEL ROUTE .....	28
11.4.	WATER INFLOW.....	29
12.	REFERENCES.....	30

## DRAWINGS

- 1 Iceland. Simplified geology
- 2 Northwestern Iceland. Location map
- 3 Tectonic and location map of tunnel area
- 4 Breiðidalur - Tungudalur - Tunnel. Schematic geological section
- 5 Botnsdalur - Tunnel. Schematic geological section
- 6 Breiðidalur Portal area. Schematic geological section
- 7 Tungudalur Portal area. Schematic geological section
- 8 Botnsdalur Portal area. Schematic geological section
- 9 Borehole BR-1. Graphic core log
- 10 Borehole BR-2. Graphic core log
- 11 Borehole BR-2. Graphic core log
- 12 Borehole BR-2. Graphic core log
- 13 Borehole BR-2. Graphic core log
- 14 Borehole BR-3. Graphic core log
- 15 Borehole BR-4. Graphic core log
- 16 Borehole BR-5. Graphic core log
- 17 Borehole BR-6. Graphic core log
- 18 Borehole BR-7. Graphic core log
- 19 Borehole BR-7. Graphic core log
- 20 Borehole BR-9. Graphic core log
- 21 Temperature measurements in boreholes

## **TABLES**

1	Coordinates, elevation and depth of drillholes	12
2	Number and thickness of observed rock units in drillholes	13
3	Average core recovery and joint frequency in drillholes	13
4	Summary of water pressure test results	14
5	Uniaxial compression test results	15
6	Comparision of typical characteristics of tholeiite and olivine basalts	18
7	Anticipated percentage and layer thicknesses on tunnel routes	27

## **APPENDICES**

1	Graphic core logs of drillholes BR-1 to BR-9 in Icelandic
2	Results of uniaxial compression tests (From the Building Research Institute)

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The planned Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði tunnel is a road tunnel, located in the mountainous peninsula of NW Iceland. The bedrock is essentially a pile of basaltic lavas of late Tertiary age, forming a highland plateau which was highly dissected into fjords and valleys during Glacial time.

This road tunnel will connect the valleys; Breiðidalur (in Önundarfjörður), Botnsdalur (in Súgandafjörður) and Tungudalur (close to the Ísafjörður town). The tunnel will be about 8.7 km in total length with three portals and tunnel junction under the eastern part of Botnsheiði.

Previous geological investigations in the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði were carried out in the years 1983-1985 by Vegagerð ríkisins (Public Roads Administration). Byggðastofnun (Institute of Regional Development) published feasibility report for the planned road tunnel 1987.

The purpose of the geological investigations reported here is to give more detailed description of the geological conditions of the strata in the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði tunnel area.

The investigations reported here were performed in the years 1988-1990 by Jarðtæknistofan (JTS Geotechnical Services Ltd.), Orkustofnun (National Energy Authority) and Vegagerð ríkisins (PRA). Scientists involved were Águst Guðmundsson JTS Ltd, formerly at NEA) and Björgvin Guðjónsson (PRA). All investigations reported here have been carried out on behalf of Vegagerð ríkisins (PRA) and directed by Hreinn Haraldsson (PRA). This report was prepared by Águst Guðmundsson and Björn A Harðarson JTS Ltd.

## **2. GEOLOGICAL SETTING OF NORTHWESTERN ICELAND**

Iceland is situated on the Mid-Atlantic ridge which marks the rifting plate boundary between the Eurasian and the North American plates. When the plates drift apart, the gap between them is constantly filled with extrusive and intrusive igneous rocks. At present a highly active volcanic zone runs across Iceland from southwest to northeast, from the Reykjanes Peninsula in the southwest to the Mývatn - Skjálfandaflói area in the north east (see Drawing 1).

The total thickness of the basaltic lava pile in the NW peninsula of Iceland is about 6-7 km and the strata dips gently 3-6° at sea level towards the SE. Locally the steepest dip is about 15° at Steingrímsfjörður in the SE part. The lava pile is 8 to over 15 million years old and comprises mainly tholeiitic flood basalt, intercalated with usually thin sedimentary interbeds. Few of the sedimentary interbeds represent a long volcanic quiescence. The average accumulation rate of the lava pile of the NW peninsula has been estimated to be in the order of 1 km/million years.

The NW peninsula comprises some extinct silicic volcanic centres, called "central volcanoes", showing signs of former intensive volcanism. The central volcanoes show great variations both in rock types and dip of lava flows. Intermediate and acidic rocks are more or less restricted to the central volcanoes and their immediate vicinity. The overall composition of the bedrock of NW Iceland is as follows:

- 85-90% basaltic lava flows.
- 3-5% acidic and intermediate (between acidic and basaltic) rocks.
- 5-10% sedimentary interbeds, mainly of consolidated tuffs and eolian soil, and to a lesser part of sandstones and conglomerates.

In Tertiary time, the NW peninsula of Iceland was a basaltic plateau with some central volcanoes, rising up to several hundred metres above the plateau. In late Tertiary time with gradually cooling climate, glaciers were presumably formed on the central volcanoes, and during Pleistocene they eroded the plateau, forming the present valleys and fjords, (e.g. Önundarfjörður, Súgandafjörður and Skutulsfjörður). The region shows at present a typical glacier morphology.

At present, the NW peninsula of Iceland is a mountainous area with mountains rising up to elevation of 1000 m. The retreating glaciers left the present deeply eroded valleys and fjords, with moraine and postglacial alluvial fills.

### **3. GEOLOGY OF THE BREIÐADALS- AND BOTNSHEIÐI AREA**

#### **3.1. INTRODUCTION**

The Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði tunnel area and surroundings that will be discussed here, extends over the subpeninsula between Önundarfjörður in the west, to Skutulsfjörður and Álftafjörður in Ísafjarðardjúp in the east (see Drawing 2). The tunnel will connect Breiðidalur and Tungudalur, (side valleys of Önundarfjörður and Skutulsfjörður respectively), and Botnsdalur, (a head valley of Súgandafjörður). The Icelandic words -dalur and -fjörður means valley and fjord respectively.

The Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði tunnel area is located within the lower part of the highly dissected basaltic lava pile of NW Iceland.

#### **3.2. LITHOSTRATIGRAPHY**

The bedrock in the Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði and the surrounding area was formed appr. 13 to over 15 million years ago. It consists of a 1200 - 1800 m thick sequence of basalt lava flows with interbedded sediments. The average accumulation rate of the lower part of the lava pile in NW peninsula (Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði area) has been in the order of 0.7 km/million years and the average time between eruptions seems to be in an order of 1800 years. There seems to be a great difference in the accumulation rate between the lowest part of the lava pile and the upper part and some sedimentary horizons are considered to correspond to temporal unconformities of lengthy durations.

The basalts in Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði area are classified according to Walker [9] into the three following main petrographic types ;

- tholeiite basalt
- olivine basalt
- porphyritic basalt

Sediments intercalating the lava flows are commonly thin, red, fine grained and tuffaceous beds but sometimes as thicker accumulations accompanying unconformities. Coarse grained sediments are very rare, but can be found specially at unconformities.

### 3.3. GEOTHERMAL ALTERATION

The basaltic lava pile of Iceland contains abundant secondary zeolites and other amygdale and joint filling minerals. These minerals have been found to have a well marked zonal distribution [10].

Alteration of basaltic rock in the tunnel route of Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði indicates the lower part of the Chabasite - Thomsonite zone and the upper part of the Analcime zone (or 500 - 900 m under the original surface of the basalt plateau).

The zeolitization is thought to have occurred during the accumulation up of the lava pile. The alteration zones of the Icelandic bedrock are defined and named according to the prevalent amygdale fillings, indicating the depth of burial in the lava pile.

It should be noted that this type of alteration, when it concerns the vesicles and amygdales of the basalts does not only significantly affect the technical properties of the rock mass, but as joints filling they are supposed to have stabilizing effects. This alteration also reduces the permeability of the rock.

### 3.4. TECTONICS

The lava pile of the Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði area can be represented as an isoclinal body dipping very gently towards SE. The overall attitude is 4-5° dip towards direction 135°.

The lava pile is affected by two relatively dense subvertical fault and dyke systems, major fault system striking NE-SW (along the strike) and a minor system striking in NW-SE direction.

Observed vertical displacement of faults range from less than 1 m up to 40 m in the tunnel area, but few km outside the tunnel area downthrow of up to 85 m has been observed. Some faults show a greater displacement in the lower part of the mountain sides than in the upper part, indicating continuing tectonic activity during piling up of the basaltic lava pile.

Faulted zones are typically 1 to 5 m wide, usually containing clayey crushed rock of low strength.

Dykes in the project area are of basaltic composition and are mainly heading NNE-SSW and NE-SW (along the strike). They are usually 2-8 m thick but dykes up to 20 m thick have been observed. Most of the dykes are highly jointed. In Botnsdalur in Súgandafjörður there is a dyke swarm heading NE - SW, but due to

poor outcrops in the bottom of the valley, it is very difficult to estimate the dyke intensity and tectonic activity there. Dyke intensity along the tunnel routes is expected to be 3 - 10%.

### 3.5. POSTGLACIAL GEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

In late Tertiary time and during Pleistocene, repeated extensive glaciation took place in Iceland. Ice caps are supposed to have covered the highland plateau of Central Iceland and as the ductile ice moved from the highland towards the shore, an extensive erosion of the underlying bedrock took place, forming valleys and fjords. On the outer peninsulas such as NW Iceland, much smaller ice caps are anticipated during Pleistocene and glacial erosional landscape of circque, and valley glaciers is most typical there.

### 3.6. REGIONAL HYDROGEOLOGY

The drainage pattern of the Breiðadalsheiði indicates a rather permeable rock above 350 - 400 m a.s.l. but below that altitude indicating a rather tight bedrock. This is confirmed by the numerous scattered springs (with low discharge) and streams originating midway up the mountain slopes.

Relevant water seepage in the different rock type constituting the lava pile is also possible along bedding and tectonical discontinuities, the rate of flow depending on their frequency, geometry and characteristics.

Most of the springs yield cold, unmineralized groundwater, but in some of the drillholes, low thermal water, most likely with low to medium mineralization has been observed. Thermal water has been encountered from a spring and drillholes located in Súgandafjörður and Bolungavík, some 5-6 km from the portal in Botnsdalur. Therefore thermal water (possibly up to 30 - 50° maximum) can be expected in the tunnel.

The layered structure of the lava pile and the fact that some joint systems are confined to individual lava flows suggest that several more or less independent aquifers separated by less permeable sediments exist within the lava pile.

## **4. FIELD INVESTIGATIONS**

### **4.1. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS**

Some geological investigations were performed in the NW peninsula of Iceland during the latter half of the 19th century and early in this century. Most of these investigations were concentrated on few thick sedimentary horizons containing lignite. Lignite mining was performed at several locations during the First World War.

In the years 1975-1976 continuous stratigraphical profiles were measured through the whole lava pile in the NW peninsula for determining the paleomagnetostratigraphy and geochronology of NW Iceland [6]. In this project geological mapping did not extend far beyond those profiles.

The National Energy Authority carried out in the years 1982-1984 a pilot study on the lignite-containing sedimentary horizons in NW Iceland [4].

In the years 1983-1985 a team from the Public Roads Administrations (PRA) of Iceland performed geological investigations at many possible tunnel routes in the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði area [3 and 5].

In 1986, the Institute of Regional Development made feasibility studies on some of the possible tunnel routes in the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði area [2].

In 1989 a team from NEA and PRA performed further geological investigations in the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði and surrounding area, concentrating on the present planned tunnel routes [1].

### **4.2. GEOLOGICAL MAPPING**

#### **4.2.1. Previous data**

Geological mapping with petrographical classification of basalt types and how some paleomagnetic suites are traceable over the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði area started in 1975 [6].

At the start of the geological mapping reported here, valuable geological results were available from work of scientists of the PRA and NEA [1 and 3]. Topographic maps of the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði highlands were only available in the scale 1:50.000 with 20 m contour intervals. Accuracy of such topographic maps is insufficient for locating geological informations with precision.

#### 4.2.2. Field profiling and mapping

The geological mapping was predominantly done by inspecting and describing rock layers along selected well exposed profiles.

Some almost continuous, well exposed profiles exist along streams and gullies, not far from the portal areas but generally there are poor outcrops in the bottom of the valleys and on the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði highland plateau.

The rocks were classified by inspection of handspecimen according to the classification scheme developed by Walker [11].

The thickness of individual layers was usually estimated, by using a Paulin altimeter but occasionally by a pocket clinometer.

Prominent lava flows and sedimentary layers, were often traceable between some of the profiles, permitting a simple geological modelling. Tectonic features like faults and dykes were inspected as far as they were accessible. Vertical displacement of faults was measured (usually with altimeter) or estimated using altimeter and clinometer.

#### 4.2.3. Interpretation of aerial photographs

Aerial photographs of the Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði area in the approximate scale of 1:36.000 and 1:40.000 are available. The aerial photographs were used to detect tectonic features such as dykes, faults or other lineaments in the surrounding area. It was also possible to trace some prominent lava flows on aerial photographs. Aerial photographs in the scale 1:14.000 were prepared for limited areas close to the portals and tunnel routes.

### 4.3. DRILLING AND SAMPLING

In the years 1989 and 1990 nine cored exploratory drillholes numbered BR-1 to BR-9 were drilled close to the planned tunnel portals and one deep cored hole, (BR-2) on the Botnsheiði plateau, located above the proposed tunnel junction.

Depth of the holes range from 23 to 400 m with a total core recovery of about 1200 m. Graphic core logs of the drillholes are shown on Drawings 9-20 and location of drillholes on Drawing 3. Drillhole BR-8 was drilled almost entirely into a dyke and is not shown on graphic core logs. The coordinates, elevation and depth of drillholes are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Coordinates, elevation and depth of drillholes BR-1 to BR-9.

Hole	X Coordinate	Y Coordinate	Elevation m a.s.l.	Depth m
BR-1	331088.289	530724.340	219.9	87.7
BR-2	329321.451	532724.808	469.5	400.0
BR-3	326645.675	530067.481	231.8	103.3
BR-4	331008.764	531036.657	219.9	110.7
BR-5	331181.847	530934.813	194.8	90.6
BR-6	331215.724	530842.603	176.9	23.4
BR-7	330493.717	531463.112	332.5	220.6
BR-8	329542.851	534584.390	179.4	100.0
BR-9	329508.138	534611.722	175.6	98.8

#### 4.4. LOGGING OF BOREHOLES

The core logs are shown on Drawings 9-20 and more details are shown on core logs in Icelandic in Appendix 1. The data for each borehole comprise a detailed borehole log, with information on:

- Lithology of rocks. The number of rock units (basalt, scoria and sediments) and the thickness of each unit in all the drillholes is shown in Table 2. For BR-2, the uppermost 170 m are omitted in the data shown in Tables 2 and 3.
- Description of discontinuities, with semi quantitative assessment of flow banding and vesicles.
- The core recovery and RQD measurements using the standard Deere's criteria of 10 cm. The RQD values were not determined on coring rounds but on the rock types. The average results for each borehole are shown in Table 3 along with the 30 cm and 50 cm criteria.
- The magnetic polarity of each lava flow (useful for correlation purposes).

- The location of samples for the uniaxial compressive test.
- The rock mass quality Q according to the method developed by Barton, Lien and Lunde (1974).

Table 2. Number and thickness of observed rock units in drillholes.

Borhole	Number of rock units	Thick. of observed lava pile	Average unit thickn.	Maxim. unit thickn.	Min. unit thickn.
BR-1	15	85.7	5.7	12.4	0.05
BR-2	59	230.3	3.9	19.8	0.03
BR-3	29	96.6	3.3	13.5	0.02
BR-4	17	109.3	6.4	23.4	0.30
BR-5	19	86.0	4.5	20.1	0.05
BR-6	2	20.0	10.0	17.9	2.10
BR-7	69	215.5	3.1	22.0	0.03
BR-9	30	96.9	3.2	18.4	0.03
Total	240	940.3	5.0	23.4	0.02

Table 3. Average core recovery and joint frequency in drillholes.

Borhole	Av. Core Recovery %	Av. RQD 10 cm %	Av. RQD 30 cm %	Av. RQD 50 cm %	Aver. Q Value	Aver. Joints num/m
BR-1	100	71	52	45	3.7	4.5
BR-2	97	91	85	76	5.3	1.4
BR-3	96	66	42	31	4.3	3.1
BR-4	91	67	53	37	5.1	5.8
BR-5	91	68	55	40	4.8	3.8
BR-6	96	77	33	7.5	2.1	
BR-7	95	71	53	46	4.4	5.1
BR-9	91	68	55	47	4.6	2.5
Total	95	75	60	50	4.7	3.5

## 5. FIELD TESTING

### 5.1. WATER PRESSURE TESTING

Water pressure tests were performed at a few intervals in the drillholes drilled 1989, using single packer device and 3-4 pressure interval steps (all below 10 bars) when possible. Pressure tests indicate heavy leakage at some faults, cracks and dykes but the rock mass in general showed low permeability. Table 4 shows summary of water pressure test results and depth to groundwater. The pervious zones observed in BR-2 are located above the planned tunnel routes.

Table 4. Summary of water pressure test results.

Hole	From m	To m	Interval m	Lugeon value LU	Depth to GWT m
BR-1	37	87	50	~ 1	12.6
BR-2	1	66	65	≥ 40	26
BR-2	51	165	114	≥ 40	
BR-2	78	165	87	≥ 40	
BR-2	356	400	44	~ 2	
BR-3	21	103	82	~ 1	5.8
BR-3	52	103	51	~ 1	
BR-4					artesian
BR-5					3 - 4
BR-6					3 - 4
BR-7					5 - 6
BR-8					4 - 5
BR-9	28	34	6	≥ 100	29

### 5.2. WATER TEMPERATURE IN BOREHOLES

Water temperature was measured in drillholes BR-3 and BR-4 and in the upper part of BR-1 and BR-2. The temperature profiles are shown on Drawing 21. Temperature in BR-3 and BR-4 indicates that water temperature of 15 - 30° (or even more) can be expected in the tunnel.

## **6. LABORATORY TESTING OF ROCK MATERIALS**

A total of 135 uniaxial compression tests were performed on drill cores from the drillholes. The tests were performed by the Building Research Institute in accordance with ASTM 2938-86. Detailed results are shown in Appendix 2. Summary of results are shown in Table 5.

**Table 5 Uniaxial compression tests results.**

Rock type	Number of tests	Average Uniaxial compressive strength (MPa)	Standard deviation (MPa)
Tholeiite basalt	47	128.2	71.1
Olivine basalt	17	124.1	51.9
Porphyritic basalt	38	115.6	51.6
All basalt	102	122.8	61.1
Scoriaceous breccia	33	28.8	20.5

No reliable test results were obtained for the sedimentary interbeds. The weakest sediments occurring along the tunnel route, i.e. the acidic tuffs and the reddish residual soils, could not be sampled because of their poor state in the core boxes; many of the layers in the boreholes had already disintegrated as a result of drying and wetting. These types of sediments have uniaxial compressive strength estimated to be < 5 MPa shortly after drilling and the material is expected to crumble quickly once exposed to atmospheric conditions. Other sediments, sandstones and conglomerates are expected to have uniaxial strength in the order of 10 - 30 MPa.

## 7. GEOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF THE ROCK MATERIALS

The rock types observed in the Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði area, will be described briefly in this chapter.

### 7.1. BASALTS

#### 7.1.1. Classification of basalts

Petrographically Icelandic basalts are of three different main types, as revealed by Walker [11]. The types are: Tholeiite basalt, Olivine basalt (correctly Olivine Tholeiite) and Porphyritic basalt. The three types constitute poles between which complete transitions exist. For that reason the petrographic determination in the field may sometimes be subject to varying interpretation. Another consequence of the transitions from one type into another is the almost undifferentiated engineering properties of the three types. In this report the name Transitional basalt means a basalt type lying somewhere between the standard rock types of the poles mentioned above.

Classification of the basalts is based partly on the determination of the amygdale-minerals whose composition is very sensitive to small variations in the composition of the rock [10].

**Tholeiite basalt;** very fine grained and non-porphyritic basalt containing not more than accessory amounts of olivine; commonly with quartz, chalcedony, and silicia rich-zeolites in amygdales. In lava pile of low alteration, like in the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði area, there is on average lesser amount of amygdale minerals in tholeiite basalts compared to olivine basalts.

A secondary type of tholeiite is what is called central volcano-tholeiite. This type of tholeiite is considered to be formed on a flank of a central volcano. Tholeiite of this type is common in subsuite 2b and suite 4 in the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði area (see chapter 8). Usually lavas of this type are rather thin (often 5-10 m) with high content of scoria (25-35%). Within the crystalline part of the lavas there are usually fracture systems due to cooling and flow banding.

**Olivine basalt;** (olivine tholeiite) non-porphyritic fine grained basalt (but coarser than tholeiites) containing more than accessory amounts of olivine; commonly with silica-poor zeolite amygdales.

Olivine basalt can be divided into two groups regarding to thickness. On one hand there are thick compound flows which are made of few to numerous flow units (each 2-5 m) and having rather small columnar jointing pattern, and on the other hand there are thicker layers with large columnar jointing pattern. The basalt is very often microporous with evenly distributed micropores throughout the whole crystalline rock mass, making the rock "softer" and more ductile than tholeiite, and giving it lower strength. In weathered outcrops olivine basalt has usually larger fracture systems than tholeiite (average spacing about 0.4 m).

**Porphyritic basalt;** basalt with more than 5% of phenocrysts of plagioclase (bytownite); phenocrysts of augite and olivine may also occur in smaller amount. The average thickness of the flows and the average size of the columns are very similar to those of the two basic types.

The porphyritic basalts have the basic characteristics of either of the two types described above. When the amount of phenocrysts is above 7-10%, the groundmass is usually of olivine basalt character.

Characteristically there are two basic basalt types, the Tholeiite and the Olivine basalt. Each of the two can develop a porphyritic structure, in which case it will be named a Porphyritic basalt. In the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði area the porphyritic basalts are technically more alike the olivine basalts than the tholeiites.

The main characteristics of both tholeiite and olivine basalts are shown in the following synopsis.

Table 6. Comparison of typical characteristics of tholeiite and olivine basalts.

THOLEIITE BASALTS	OLIVINE BASALTS
Very fine grained	Coarser grained
Free olivine crystals absent	Free olivine crystals often visible in hand specimen
Total silica content : 48-50%	Total silica content: 46-48%
Weathered crust, pale brown	Weathered crust, dark brown to deep grey
Spheroidal weathering uncommon	Spheroidal weathering common
Amygdales often without zeolites	Amygdales contain zeolites
Well developed flow structures	Less developed structures within flows
Micropores often arranged along subhorizontal surfaces with spacing < 1cm resulting in faint cleavage	Micropores randomly scattered throughout the rock mass
Scoriaceous part of tholeiite flows: usually 20-30% of the flow thickness	Scoriaceous part of olivine basalt flows: usually 5-15% of the flow thickness
Forms usually single lava flows	Forms compound and single lava flows
Common thickness of lava flows: 7 - 14 m	Common thickness of lava flows: 6 - 12 m
Common width of columns : 1.5 - 2.5 m	Common width of columns : 1.2-2.0 m
Hardness of the dense matrix I to II*	Hardness of the dense matrix: II*

\*Hardness scale ISRM.

### 7.1.2. Structure of lava flows

Each lava flow can structurally be divided into three parts as follows:

- the top scoria (often 10-25% of the lava flow thickness)
- the dense crystalline middle part (often 60-85% of the lava flow thickness)

- **the bottom scoria** (often 5-10% of the lava flow thickness).

**The top scoria** consists most often of scoriaceous and vesicular basaltic fragments, with sandstone matrix. The rock has the appearance of a breccia. The sandstone often infiltrates into the spaces between the loose scoria fragments and subsequent palagonitization later cements the sandstone and the scoria fragments. The infiltration of sediments into the scoria occurred during the deposition of the sediments and this explains why such infiltrated scoria is usually not present at the bottom of the flows. The rock can easily be recognized because of the pseudobrecciated structure and the colour contrast between the dark grey basalt fragments and the usually reddish, orange or greenish sandstone.

**The crystalline middle part** is hard dense basalt, light to dark grey in colour. The rock is usually affected by typical irregular columnar jointing resulting from the cooling process of the lava. Further structural characteristics like flowbanding, amygdales and joints are common.

**The bottom scoria** is most often well consolidated and seldom contains sandstone fillings.

The three parts show clearly different engineering properties; for this reason, the term Basalt in this report is attributed to the dense part of the lava flows and the terms Scoria and Scoriaceous Contact Breccia to the top and bottom parts of the flows.

## 7.2. SEDIMENTARY INTERBEDS

The sediments in the lava pile of the Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði area are of two different types.

- 1) **Red tuffaceous sandstones/siltstones**, originate from red residual soils along with acidic and basaltic tephra. These sediments often show a relatively high clay content (specially the acidic tuffs) and can alter quickly when exposed to atmospheric conditions. Sedimentary interbeds of this type are widespread throughout the whole lava pile. They are commonly 0.1-10 m thick but interbeds of up to 30 m thick have been located within the mapped area. Sedimentary interbeds of altered acidic tuffs are considered as very weak rock.

2) **Conglomerates, sandstones and siltstones**, are found as interbeds of few cm up to few tenths of metres in the Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði lava pile. The sediments contain silty material, coarse grained sandy gravels with some cobbles mixed with sand and silt. This type of sediments are associated with unconformities and formed by fluvial erosion, and mixed with volcanic material.

### 7.3. OVERBURDEN

The overburden in the tunnelling area consists mostly of moraine and talus formations, both sparsely covered with vegetated, water saturated topsoil of variable thickness.

## 8. LITHOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

The bedrock in the Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði area consists of some 1200 - 1800 m thick sequence of basalt lava flows with interbedded sediments.

The accumulation of the lava pile has not been continuous and presumably some time laps (unconformities) may have occurred corresponding to some of the sedimentary horizons.

The basaltic lava pile has been grouped into suites of similar basalt lava types, and the suites in the tunneling area are divided further into subsuites. Locations of individual suites are shown on the geological sections of the tunnel routes, see Drawings 4 and 5. Hereafter those suites will be described, starting from sea level in suite 1 and ending in suite 5 at the top of the mountains above the Ísafjörður town.

### 8.1. SUITE 1

Suite 1 comprises the lowest exposed part of the lava pile, from sea level (at the head of the peninsula at Súgandafjörður) up to a major unconformity accompanied by sedimentary interbeds containing lignite and plants remains. This suite is presumably 14-16 million years old and is considered to contain the oldest rock exposed in Iceland. Suite 1 is located below the proposed tunnel routes in Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði, and consists of mixed regional basalts of various basalt types with thin tuffaceous interbeds. The total exposed

thickness of this suite is about 350 - 500 m and it dips 4-6° towards SE on the average. The main components of the sedimentary horizon at the top of suite 1 are basaltic to acid tuffs and water transported volcanic debris. The sediments contain lignite as mentioned above and mining was performed in the layer at Botn, 1-2 km from the portal in Botnsdalur during the Great World Wars. This horizon is 5 - 20 m thick and is traceable over a wide area in the Northwestern peninsula forming a good markerbed at the top of suite 1.

## 8.2. SUITE 2

The greatest part of the tunnel route in Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði is expected to lie within suite 2. Suite 2 is a 200-500 m thick series (thickening downdip) of basaltic lavas of various basalt types with sedimentary interbeds, one of them containing major sedimentary horizon accompanying an unconformity. Suite 2 is 13-14 million years old and is divided into subsuites named 2a, 2b and 2c.

### 8.2.1. Subsuite 2a

At the bottom of suite 2, there is subsuite 2a, 30 - 60 m thick series of rather thin porphyritic lavas and some occasional lavas of other basalt types. In the top of subsuite 2a there is major sedimentary horizon accompanied by an unconformity. The thickness of this sedimentary horizon varies from less than 5 m up to more than 30 m. The sediments are also varying in composition, containing i.e. weak basaltic and acidic tuffs, water transported volcanic debris and conglomerates. The sediments and the underlying basalts have suffered extensive chemical weathering. An exploratory iron ore mine was excavated most likely in these sediments close to Flateyri village in the early thirties. The Botnsdalur portal and the northwestern end of the tunnel route are located just above this sedimentary horizon (in the lowest part of suite 2c).

### 8.2.2. Subsuite 2b

Subsuite 2b is in the western part of the Breiðidalur tunnelling area. It consists of a series of tholeiite basalt lavas of central volcano type, intercalated with thin reddish sandstone - siltstone layers. Subsuite 2b seems to thicken towards W or SW and it is considered to be formed on a distal flank of a central volcano located in the peninsula between Arnarfjörður and Dýrafjörður. The top of this subsuite

is accompanied by a 4-8 m thick weak tuffaceous sediment that will presumably intersect the tunnel route 1,5-2 km east of the portal in Breiðidalur.

In Breiðadalsstigi (appr. 3 km W of the portal in Breiðidalur) there is a good section through subsuite 2b. There it consists of tholeiite lavas, with an average thickness of almost 9 m (ranging from 1.5 to 22 m, including a scoria content of approximately 30-35%) and scattered reddish interbeds, ranging from less than 5 cm to appr. 30 cm in thickness.

In drillhole BR-3 (located in the portal area in Breiðidalur) the average thickness of tholeiite basalt is approx. 10 m (the crystalline part is on average almost 7 m and the scoriaceous part is 2.7 m). The layers are usually separated by very thin reddish interbeds ( $\leq$ 1 cm to 30 cm). See Drawing 14 for details.

#### 8.2.3. Subsuite 2c

Subsuite 2c is a 150 - 250 m thick suite of mixed regional basalts (predominantly tholeiite) containing rather thin (usually  $\leq$  1 m) sedimentary interbeds. Average thickness of the basalt lavas is about 10 m (the crystalline part is normally 6-7 m and the scoria is on the average about 3,5 m thick). The basalts in this subsuite vary greatly in thickness; less than 1 m to over 20 m has been observed. The contact between subsuites 2b and 2c is sometimes unclear in the western part. At the top of subsuite 2c there is a minor unconformity with sedimentary interbeds of 5-8 m total thickness, normally split into two or three layers by thin basalt lavas. These sedimentary interbeds will be intersected in the Tungudalur tunnel route and can (due to tectonic activity) possibly also be expected in the Breiðidalur tunnel route.

### 8.3. SUITE 3

Suite 3 is more than 300 m thick series of 13-14 million years old lava pile of mixed basalt lava types with sedimentary interbeds. Suite 3 is divided into two subsuites, the lower part is subsuite 3a, a group of porphyritic basalt and the upper part is subsuite 3b, a varying combination of two thick groups of olivine basalt and basalts of various types.

#### 8.3.1. Subsuite 3a

Subsuite 3a is more than 100 m thick in the tunnel area. It is a group of porphyritic lavas with an average thickness of 16 m, including scoria that varies in thickness (on the average 2 m). The observed thickness of the porphyritic

lavas is from 5 to over 40 m and the various thickness indicates an uneven landscape prior to the formation of subsuite 3a. In this subsuite interbeds of  $\leq$  2 m have been observed. The eastern end of the tunnel route, and the portal in Tungudalur will be within the lower part of subsuite 3a. Subsuite 3a seems to have the best rock quality among the suites in the tunnel area, with a Q-value of the basalt and scoria usually ranging from 7 to 10.

### 8.3.2. Subsuite 3b

Subsuite 3b is more than 200 m thick series, mixed of various basalt lava types. Subsuite 3b is quite complicated and it could be divided further into two series of various basalts types and two series of olivine basalt that can be traced over a wide area. Subsuite 3b is stratigraphically higher than the tunnel routes, and therefore it will not be discussed in more detail here.

## 8.4. SUITE 4

Suite 4 is in the upper part of the mountains of Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði (above the Botnsheiði plateau). It is a 200 - 300 m thick suite of tholeiite basalt of central volcano type. The basalt is fresh and seems to be quite permeable, leading to numerous springs of very low discharge forming more or less a continuous line along the lower border of suite 4. This suite was formed about 13 million years ago as a distal flank tholeiite connected to extensive volcanism in a central volcano buried downdip in the bedrock of the Lambadalur mountain, south of Breiðadalsheiði and Botnsheiði. Suite 4 is stratigraphically above the tunnel route and will not be discussed further.

## 8.5. SUITE 5

Suite 5 rests on suite 4 at the top of the mountains east of Súgandafjörður, and south of Breiðadalsheiði. It displays great changes in thickness in downdip direction. This suite is over 200 m thick at the top of Eyrarfjall above the town Ísafjörður and is separated from the underlying suite 4 by a 5-10 m thick sedimentary interbed of predominantly acidic airborn volcanic tuffs. The basalt lavas of suite 5 are of various types and intercalated with thin reddish sandstone and siltstone layers. Suite 5 was formed about 12 - 13 million years ago and it is an important traceable suite for defining the structure of the upper part of the lava pile in this area but it is stratigraphically much higher than the tunnel routes and will therefore not be discussed here further.

## **9. STRUCTURE**

### **9.1. BEDDING OF LAVA PILE**

The lowest part of the lava pile, exposed in the tunnel area, dips 4-6° towards SE at sea level in Súgandafjörður and in Tungudalur. The strike of the lava pile is NE-SW (45°) and variations in strike direction are typically ± 10°. The dip gradually decreases with increasing elevation; from 3-5° at tunnel elevation of 150-200 m a.s.l. to less than 2° at elevation 600-700 m a.s.l at the top of the mountains of Breiðadalsheiði.

### **9.2. LINEAMENTS**

The study of aerial photographs of the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði and surrounding area (about 250 km<sup>2</sup>) reveals abundant tectonic lineaments. Over 1000 generally straight lineaments were plotted on a map and their orientation evaluated in rose diagrams (Drawing 3). The dominating strike trend of the observed lineaments is 25° (N25°E) in the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði area.

### **9.3. FAULTS**

Nearly 100 faults have been observed and mapped in the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði area. The faults can be divided into two groups; firstly NE-SW heading faults and secondly NW-SE heading faults.

The observed vertical displacement within the project area ranges from less than 1 m to 40 m. At Bolungavík some 4 km from the portal in Botnsdalur, a fault with a downthrow of 85 m was observed heading towards the Botnsdalur tunnel route. The typical spacing of the observed NW-NE faults is 200 m to 300 m. Due to rather poor exposures, especially in Botnsdalur this figure may indeed be close to 100 m. The faults, particularly those having a high downthrow are characterized by sheared, crushed rock, with grain size ranging from blocks to clay. In some faults, the crushed material is well cemented by the fines (fault breccia), in others, the crushed material is weathered and loose. The width of observed faults or crushed zones varies between 0.5 m and 2.0 m. Wider fault (breccia) zones with thicknesses of more than 10 m are considered possible on the tunnel routes. Fault breccias have been located in most of the boreholes. In

faulted, crushed and highly pervious zones with loose materials heavy water inflow may be expected.

#### 9.4. DYKE INTRUSIONS

Basaltic dykes are common in the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði lava pile and about 200 dykes were located. The thicknesses of the dykes range usually from 2 m to 8 m. Thinner and thicker dykes, (up to over 20 m), exist in the area. The dykes are usually continuous and densely jointed (horizontal columns). Thin fault breccia occurs sometimes along the dykes but most often they have sharp contacts to the neighbouring rocks. Most of the dykes are subvertical and strike in direction about 30° (N30°E). Water flow into the tunnel is expected when crossing some of the dykes.

#### 9.5. JOINTS

Jointing affects both basalt lavas and sedimentary interbeds. In basalts, cooling joints (columnar jointing) are frequent. These joints are mostly restricted to the dense middle part of the flow. The surfaces are smooth to slightly rough, undulating; gouge is absent or thin clayey coatings. The most common attitude is near vertical, but inclined joints are also common. Average columnar width is approximately 2 m. At weathered outcrops, the columns defined by these joints are often affected by both vertical and horizontal fractures often spaced at 0.3 to 1 m. It is obvious that some joints affecting the dense part of the basalt flow become weakness planes once exposed to weathering. The same remark applies to the flow banding (micropores arranged along subhorizontal planes) in tholeiite, which may be compared to a faint schistosity (which is not the case) at outcrops and which has hardly an effect on the strength of sound rock. In addition to the cooling joints both basalts and sedimentary rocks are affected by tectonic fractures of varying attitude and intensity. Fracture planes are generally undulated and coated with silty or clayey material. The average joint frequency of the drillhole core is shown in Table 3.

## **10. GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS**

The following assessment on potential water inflow along the tunnel route is based on rather poor data, mainly resting on few pressure tests in three drillholes.

The groundwater table measured in the boreholes is most often close to groundlevel. It means that the hydrostatic water head at tunnel elevation is typically 200 to 400 m. In general a water saturated rockmass is expected.

The water circulates within the rockmass along discontinuities which are of three kinds; contacts between lava flows, dipping 4-5° towards 135° (SE), cooling joints and tectonic discontinuities (faults and dykes). The faults and the dykes represent the main natural drains because of their continuity through the lava pile. Joint systems, limited in extent to a individual lava flow only, also occur but they have by far not as high drainage potential as the faults.

Most sedimentary interbeds act as impervious to semi-pervious layers between the jointed lava flows.

Observation of the groundwater level during drilling works and temperature profiles of drillholes suggest that different aquifers may exist within the lava pile. It can also be anticipated that some aquifers are subhorizontal just like the lava pile, with the sediments acting as impermeable barriers and that these aquifers contain cold water. These aquifers are recharged from the surface by direct infiltration. Another type of aquifers carrying warm and mineralized water exist; these aquifers seem to be restricted to particular faults. The temperature of scattered warm springs in the Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði and surrounding area ranges between 15° and 30°. The frequency of occurrence and the length of the tunnel sections affected by thermal water over 15° is anticipated to be low.

## **11. TUNNEL CONDITIONS**

The Breiðidalur - Tungudalur tunnel route is 5950 m long with a triple junction to the Botnsdalur tunnel approximately 4 km east of the portal in Breiðidalur. Each leg will be discussd separately i.e. the Breiðidalur tunnel route, west of the tunnel junction and the Tungudalur tunnel route, east of the tunnel junction (see location on Drawing 3). The Botnsdalur tunnel route extends for approximately 2.7 km from the portal in Botnsdalur to the tunnel junction.

The anticipated percentage and layer thicknesses for different rock types to be encountered during the tunnel excavation can be estimated. This is summarized in the following table.

Table 7. Anticipated percentage and layer thicknesses on tunnel routes

Rock type	Estimated percentage (%)	Estimated typical layer thickness (m)
Basalt	60-70	3-12
Scoriaceous contact breccia	25-35	1-5
Sedimentary rock	2-6	0.1-5
Dykes	3-10	2-8
Fault breccia	1-3	1-5

### 11.1. BREIÐIDALUR TUNNEL ROUTE

The Breiðidalur tunnel route, (from portal to tunnel junction) will rise 1% upwards from station 7300 at the portal in Breiðidalur, to station 9030, or for 1.7 km. At station 9030 the tunnel reaches its highest point of 200 m a.s.l. This part of the tunnel (approximately 1.5-2 km east of the portal) will most probably be located within subsuite 2b (see Drawings 4 and 6), which consists of tholeiite basalt lavas of central volcano type with thin reddish sandstone and siltstone interbeds (see core log of BR-3 for more details). Average thickness of the basalt lavas is about 9.5 m whereof appr. 33% scoria. The lavas dip gently towards SE or ESE but the direction of the tunnel is NE and thus close to the strike.

In this part the tunnel would probably go through 3-5 basalt layers in subsuite 2b, mentioned above, if the strata has not been displaced by some unrevaled tectonic activity. Somewhere in the neighbourhood of the highest tunnel point at station 9030 the upper contact or boundary of subsuite 2b is expected to intersect the tunnel route at a dip of 3-6° (see Drawing 4). The upper boundary

of subsuite 2b is accompanied by a sedimentary interbed consisting mainly of volcanic acidic tuff that is most probably 4-8 m thick.

From station 9030 to the junction at station 11264, or for about 2.2 km, the Breiðidalur tunnel route will most probably be within the topmost part of subsuite 2c. In this part the tunnel will lie nearly along the strike of the lavas and lava contacts are expected to dip very slightly towards east, perpendicular to the tunnel route. Drillhole BR-2 is located at the proposed tunnel junction but because of the concealed tectonic structure it is at present impossible to describe how the layers at the tunnel elevation in BR-2 will extend from the drillhole along the tunnel route towards the west. The topmost 50 m of subsuite 2c consist of relatively thin basalt lavas with sedimentary interbeds. At the top of subsuite 2c is a minor unconformity with sedimentary layers of 5-8 m total thickness, divided by one to three thin basalt lavas (see core logs of BR-2 and BR-7 for more details).

## 11.2. TUNGUDALUR TUNNEL ROUTE

The easternmost 2 km of the tunnel route Breiðidalur - Tungudalur, from the tunnel junction to Botnsdalur at station 36, to the portal in Tungudalur at station 2020, (see Drawing 4) is named Tungudalur tunnel. It will most likely cut through a 60 - 100 m thick lava pile in the upper part of subsuite 2c and in the lower part of subsuite 3a. The lavas dip approximately 2° more than the tunnel towards east. At the contact between suites 2 and 3, there are sedimentary interbeds and a minor unconformity that will most probably be intersected by the tunnel approximately half way between the tunnel junction and the portal in Tungudalur. The boundary between suites 2 and 3 is marked by sedimentary interbeds of rather poor quality (see core logs of BR-2 and BR-7). The eastern part of the Tungudalur tunnel route is expected to lie within subsuite 3a, a sequence of porphyritic basalts of good rock quality but with thin sedimentary interbeds (see core logs BR-2 and BR-9 and geological section on Drawing 7).

## 11.3. BOTNSDALUR TUNNEL ROUTE

The Botnsdalur tunnel route, approximately 2.7 km long from the portal in Botnsdalur at station 3690, to the tunnel junction at station 930, will most probably lie totally within subsuite 2c as shown on the geological section on Drawing 5. Subsuite 2c is a series of regional basalt (mostly tholeiite) with relatively thin sedimentary interbeds dipping gently about 3-5° toward SE (almost straight along the Botnsdalur tunnel route). The stratigraphic details are

displayed on graphic core logs of drillholes BR-1, BR-2, BR-4, BR-5, BR-6 and BR-7.

The portal in Botnsdalur is located stratigraphically at the bottom of subsuite 2c, (see Drawing 8) just above an unconformity accompanied by thick sedimentary interbeds of low strength (thicknesses of 5-30 m have been observed). Although the layered bedrock is dipping approximately 3-5° inwards from the portal along the tunnel route, and the tunnel route rises 1% upwards, intensive tectonic disturbances in the lower part of the lava pile in the Botnsdalur, may displace the strata in such a way, that the unconformity and accompanying sediments could be cut by the proposed Botnsdalur tunnel route somewhere in the first 0,5 - 0,7 km from the Botnsdalur portal (see Drawing 8).

#### 11.4. WATER INFLOW

Water inflow into the tunnel is expected as rather constant dripping water accompanied by local heavy inflows from faults and dykes. No data enables a founded estimate of water inflow along the tunnel. Nevertheless, from the experience of other underground projects in Iceland one may expect an average inflow of 10 - 50 l/s per km and, when crossing major pervious zones, peaks of several tenths or even several hundreds l/s with a duration period ranging from several days to several weeks.

## 12. REFERENCES

- [1] Ágúst Guðmundsson 1989. Breiðadals og Botnsheiði. Jarðfræði við áformaðar jarðgangaleiðir á norðanverðum Vestfjörðum. Geological report for Vegagerð ríkisins (PRA), Orkustofnun (NEA) OS-89014/VOD-02 B, (in Icelandic).
- [2] Björn Jóhann Björnsson 1987. Jarðgöng á Vestfjörðum. 40 p and 46 drawings, Byggðastofnun (in Icelandic).
- [3] Hreinn Haraldsson and Sveinn Björnsson 1985. Önundarfjörður - Súgandafjörður - Ísafjarðardjúp. Frumathugun á jarðfræðilegum aðstæðum við gerð jarðganga á Vestfjörðum. Vegagerð ríkisins (PRA) 25 p and 15 drawings, (in Icelandic).
- [4] Freysteinn Sigurðsson and Kristján Sæmundsson 1984. Surtarbrandur á Vestfjörðum. Orkustofnun (NEA) OS-84039 / OBD-02, (in Icelandic)
- [5] Hreinn Haraldsson and Sveinn Björnsson 1984. Jarðfræðirannsóknir á Vestfjörðum vegna jarðgangahugmynda. Vegagerð ríkisins (PRA) 15 p and 23 drawings, (in Icelandic).
- [6] Ian McDougall, Leo Kristjánsson and Kristján Sæmundsson 1984. Magnetostratigraphy of northwest Iceland. *Journal of Geophysical research*, V 89, 729 - 760.
- [7] Kristján Sæmundsson 1979. Outline of the Geology of Iceland. *Jökull* 29, 7-28.
- [8] Barton, N., Lien, R. og Lunde, J. 1974. Analysis of rock mass quality and support practice in tunneling and guide for estimating support requirements. NGI, Rep. 54206, 74 p.
- [9] Walker G.P.L 1963. The Breiðdalur Central Volcano, eastern Iceland. *Geol. soc. London Quart. Jour.* 119, 29-63.

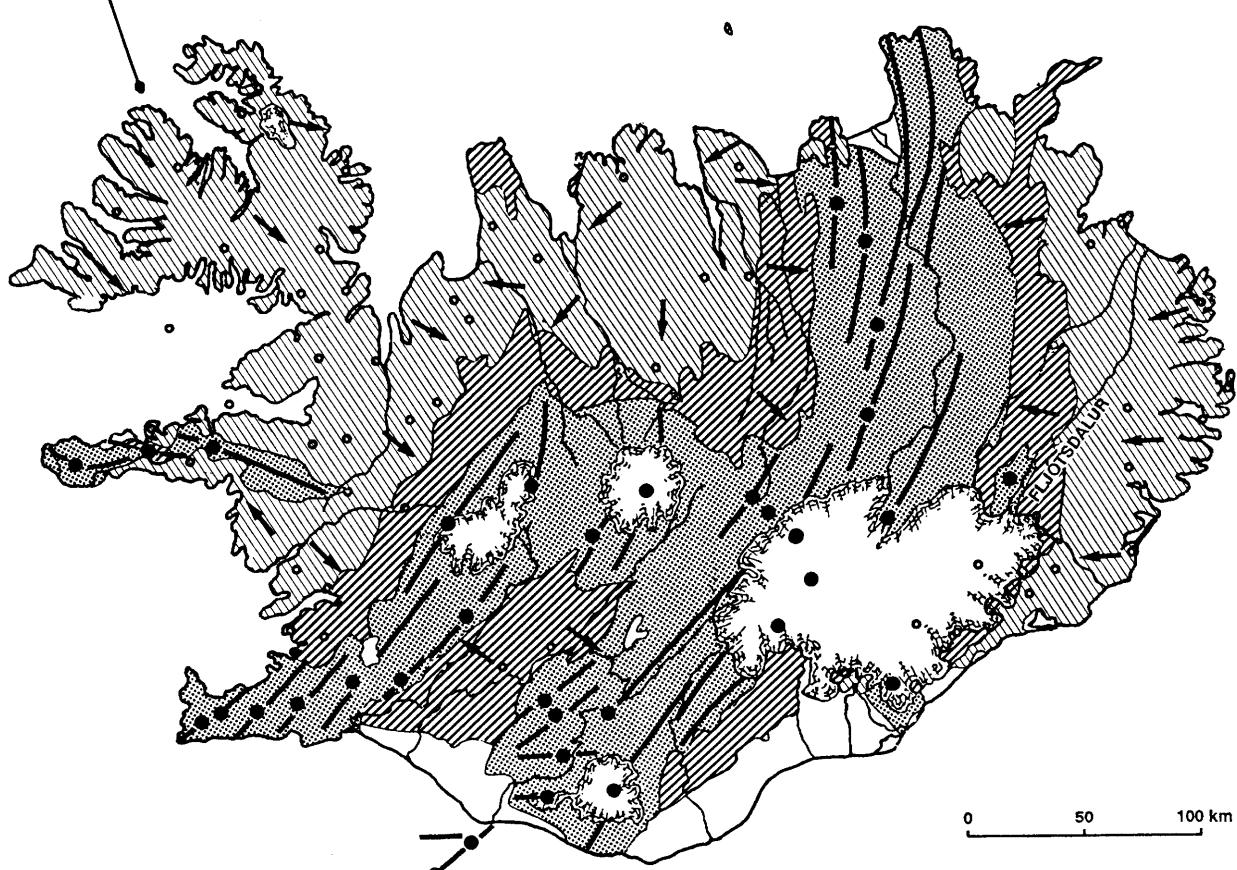
- [10] Walker G.P.L 1960. Zeolite zones and dike distribution in relation to the structure of the basalt of eastern Iceland. *Jour. Geol.*, 68, 515-527.
- [11] Walker G.P.L. 1959. Geology of the Reyðarfjörður area, eastern Iceland. *Geol. soc. London Quart. Jour.* 114 367-393.
- [12] Thoroddsen, T. 1906. Island, Grundriss der Geographie und Geology, Petersmann Mitt. Ergänzungsh., 153, 163-358.

# ICELAND

## SIMPLIFIED GEOLOGY



Breiðadals- and  
Botnsheiði



### LEGEND

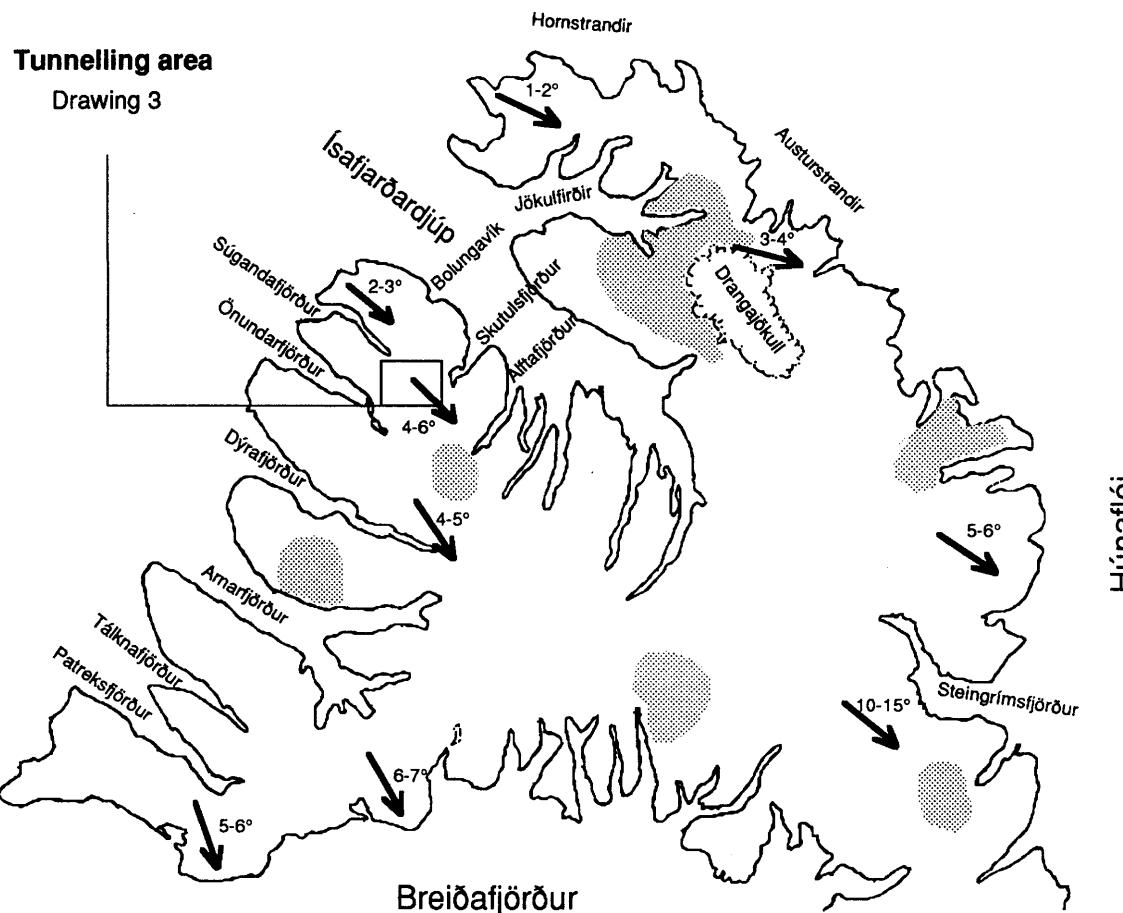
- Tertiary bedrock (> 3.1 m.y.)
- Plio-Pleistocene bedrock (0.7 - 3.1 m.y.)
- Upper Pleistocene and Postglacial bedrock ( $\leq$  0.7 m.y.)
- Outwash plains
- Extinct central volcano (0.7-15 m.y.)
- Active or dormant central volcano ( $\leq$  0.7 m.y.)
- Fissure swarm
- Dip of strata

 <b>JARDTÆKNISTOFAN</b>	BREIÐADALS- AND BOTNSHEIÐI TUNNEL		1991 - 01
	SCALES	Design H1 Drawn GIE / AgG Passed Appr.	
1:3,000,000			Febr 1991
			<b>ICELAND SIMPLIFIED GEOLOGY</b>
			<b>1</b>

# NORTHWESTERN ICELAND

## LOCATION MAP

### MAIN GEOLOGICAL FEATURES



#### LEGEND



Extinct central volcanoes



Dip of strata at sea level

0

Km

50

VEGAGERD RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION		BREIDADALS- AND BOTNSHEIDI TUNNEL	
JARÐTÆKNISTOFAN		1991 - 01	
SCALES	Design Drawn Passed Appr.	AgG AgG	
1:1,000,000			
Northwestern Iceland Location map			Febr 1991
			2

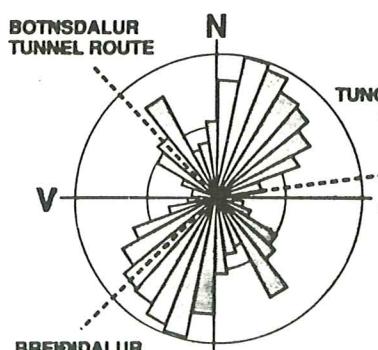
# BREIÐADALS- AND BOTNSHEIÐI TECTONIC AND LOCATION MAP OF TUNNEL AREA

## LEGEND

- FAULT**  
Downthrow 15 m
- DYKE**
- TECTONIC LINEAMENT**
- DIP OF LAVAS**  
 $4\text{--}6^\circ$
- DRILLHOLE**  
BR-6

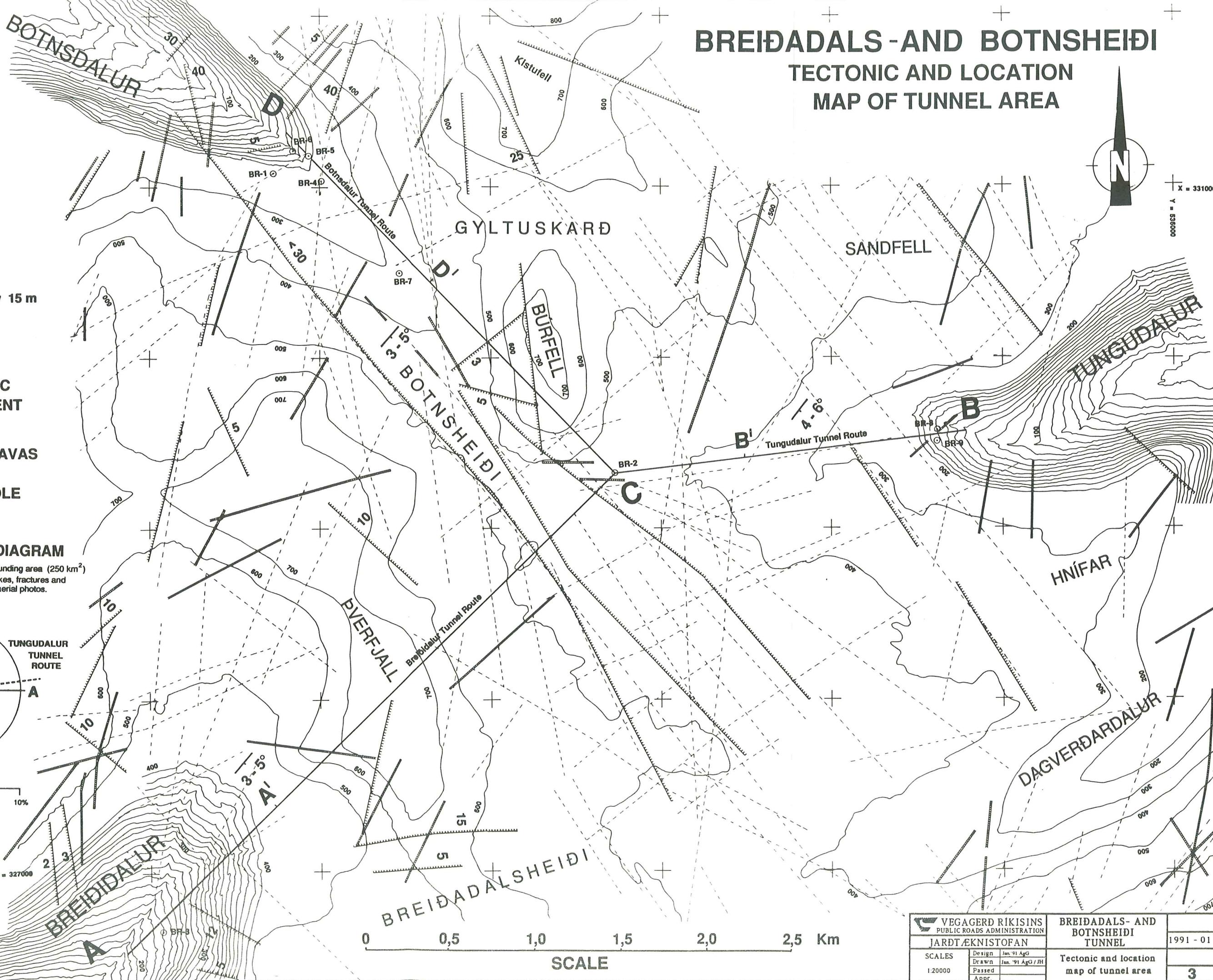
## TECTONIC ROSE DIAGRAM

Of Breiðadals- and Botnsheiði and surrounding area ( $250 \text{ km}^2$ )  
Based on tectonic activity; faults, dykes, fractures and  
TECTONIC LINEAMENTS visible on aerial photos.



10 5 0 5 10%

X = 327000  
Y = 528000



	VEGAGERD RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION
	JARDTÆKNISTOFAN
SCALES	Design Jan '91 ÁgG Drawn Jan '91 ÁgG/JH
1:20000	Passed Appr.

BREIÐADALS- AND BOTNSHEIÐI TUNNEL	1991 - 01
Tectonic and location map of tunnel area	3

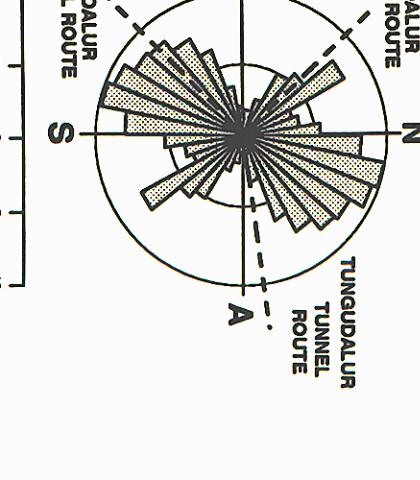
A

m a.s.l.

BREIDDALUR TUNNEL ROUTE

## TECTONIC ROSE DIAGRAM

Of Breiðdalur- and Botnsdalur area (250 km<sup>2</sup>)  
Based on tectonic activity; faults, dykes, fractures and  
tectonic lineaments visible on aerial photos.



þverfell

BREIDDALUR TUNNEL ROUTE

BOTNSDALUR TUNNEL ROUTE

TUNGUDALUR TUNNEL ROUTE

A

N

S

V

W

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

E

D

C

B

A

G

F

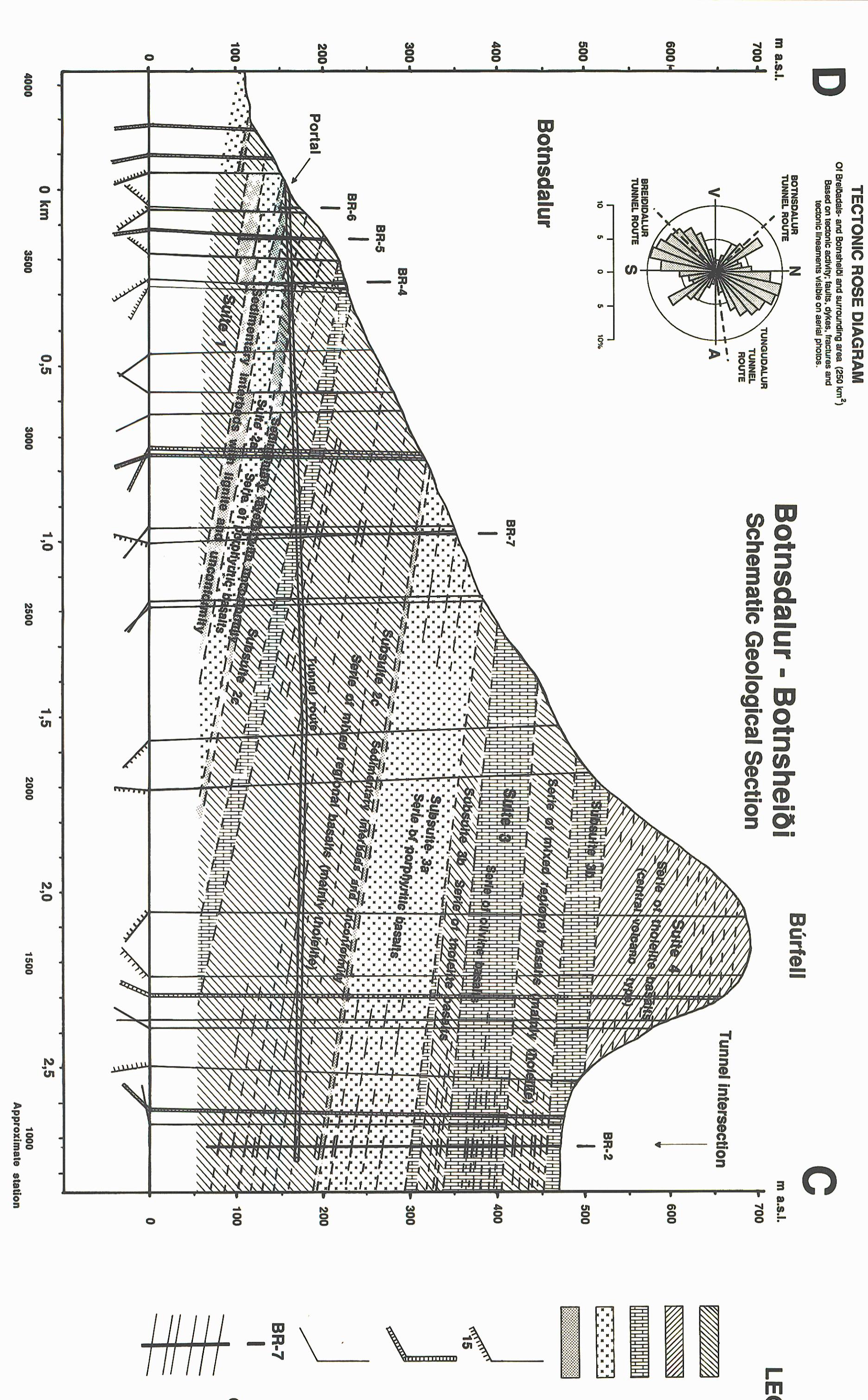
E

D

C

B

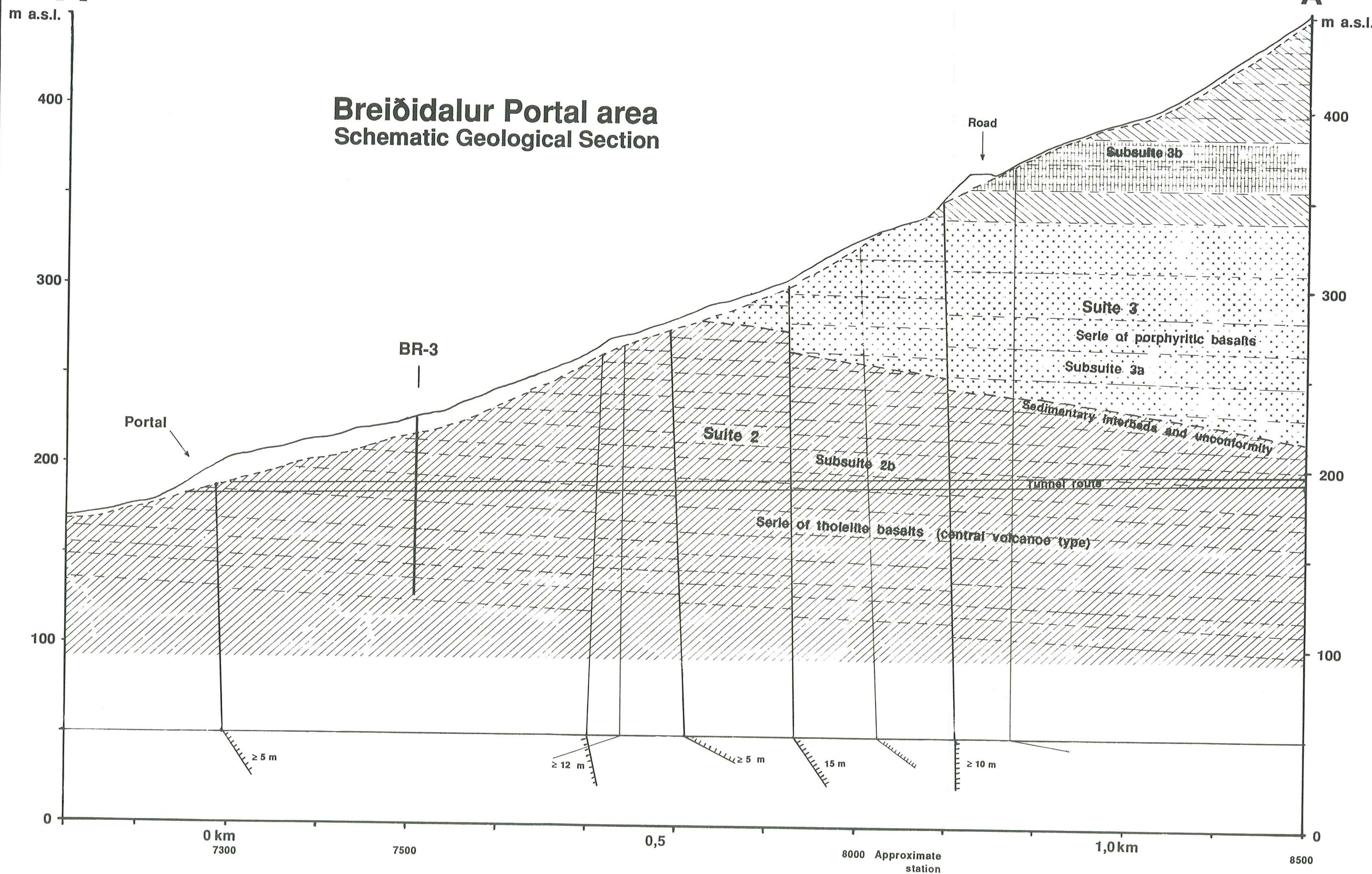
A



ORKUSTOFN  
Vatnssóknudeild

VEGAGERD RIKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION		BREIDADALES- AND BOTNSHEIDI TUNNEL	1991 - 01
SCALES	1:10000 Horiz. Ver.	JARÐTÆKNISTOFAN	
Design	Jan. 91 A&G Drawn Passed Appr.		
		Botsdatur - Tunnel Schem. Geological section	
			5

A' A



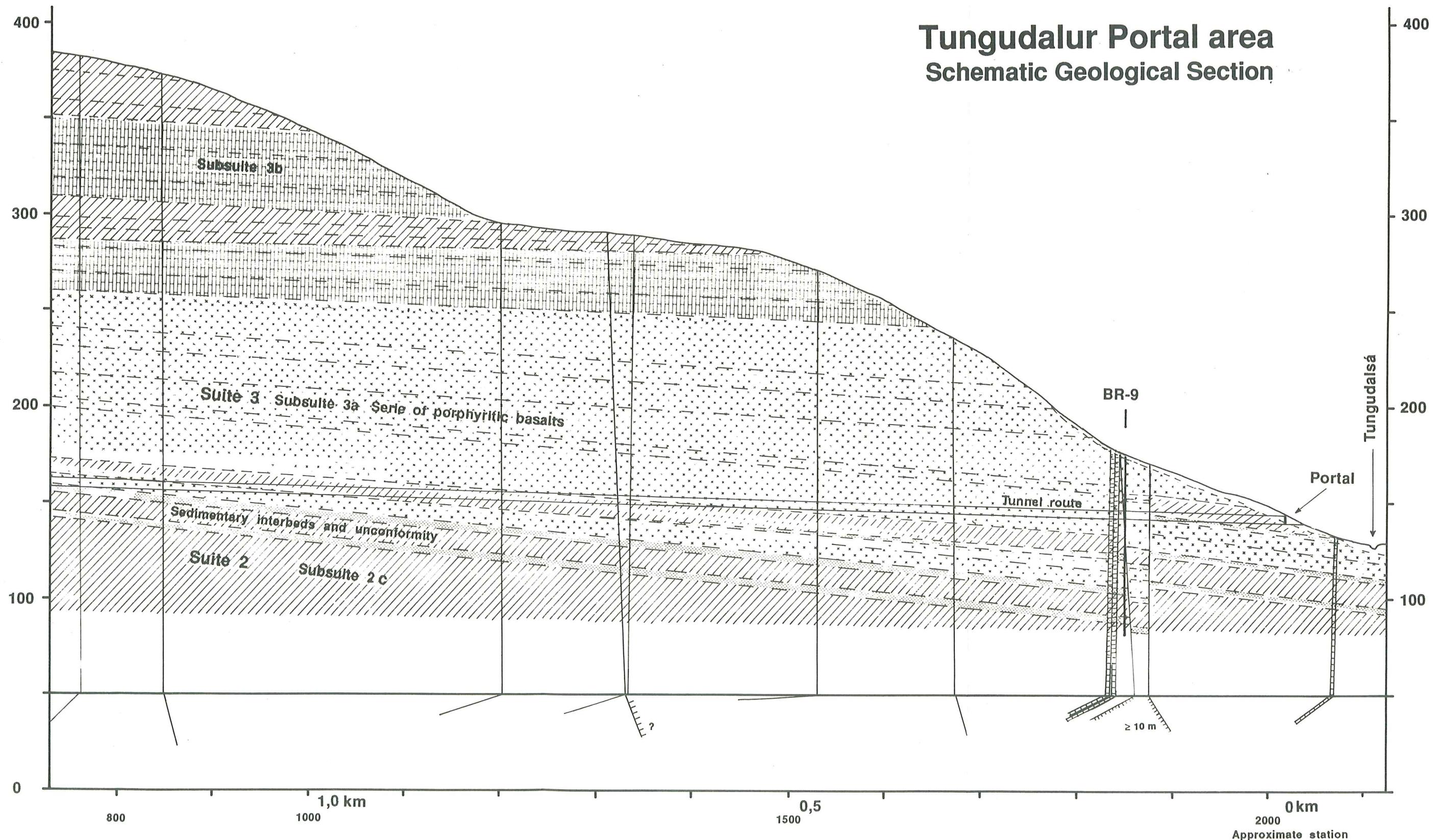
Legend see Drawing 5  
Location see Drawing 3

	VEGAGERD RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION	BREIDADALS- AND	
		JARDTÆKNISTOFAN	TUNNEL
SCALES	Design Jan.'91 ÅgG Horiz. 1:4000 Vert. 1:2000	Drawn Jan.'91 ÅgG/JI Passed Appr.	1991 - 01
Breiðidalur Portal area			Schem. Geological section
			6

B'  
m a.s.l.

B  
m a.s.l.

## Tungudalur Portal area Schematic Geological Section



D

m a.s.l.

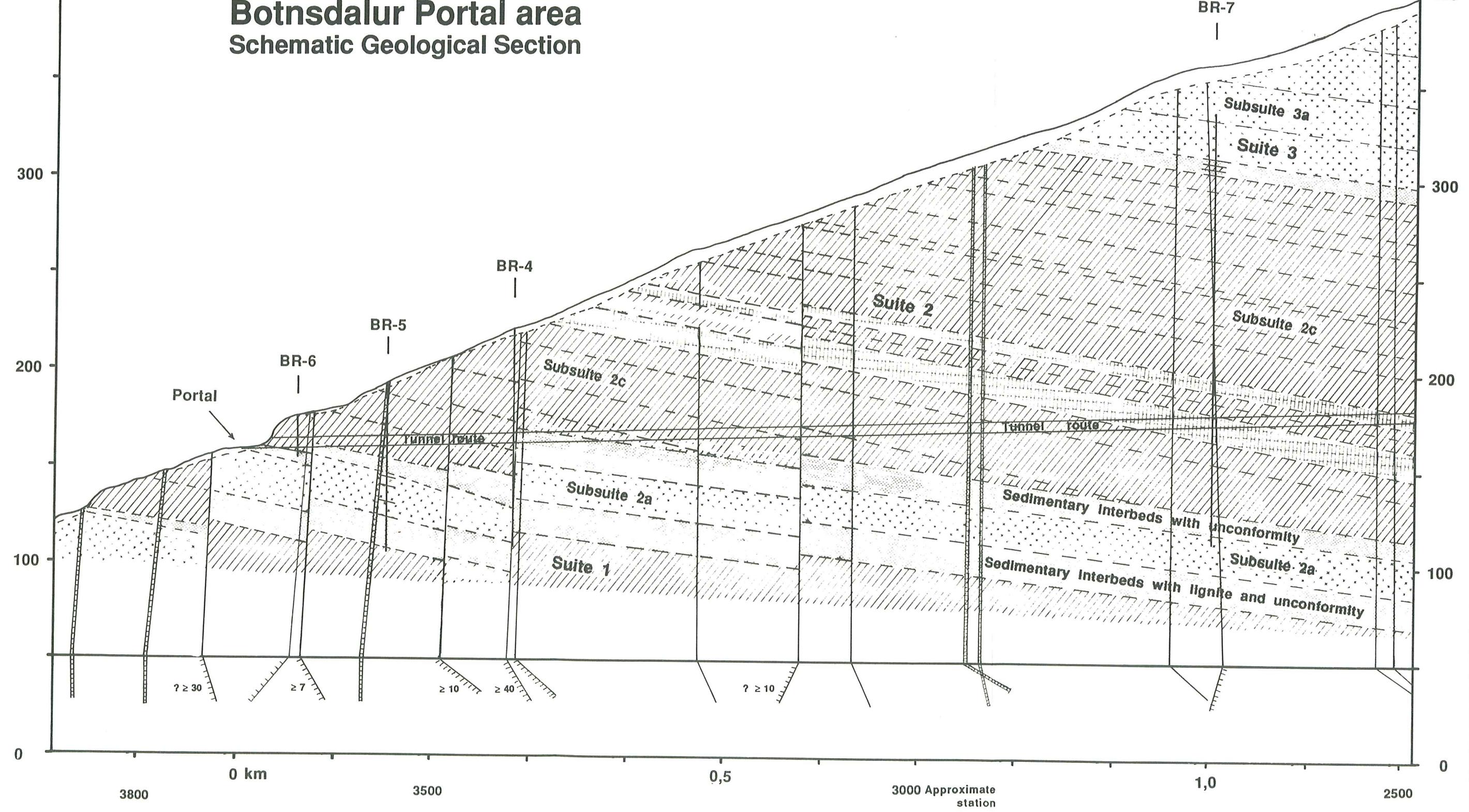
400

## Botnsdalur Portal area Schematic Geological Section

D'

m a.s.l.

400

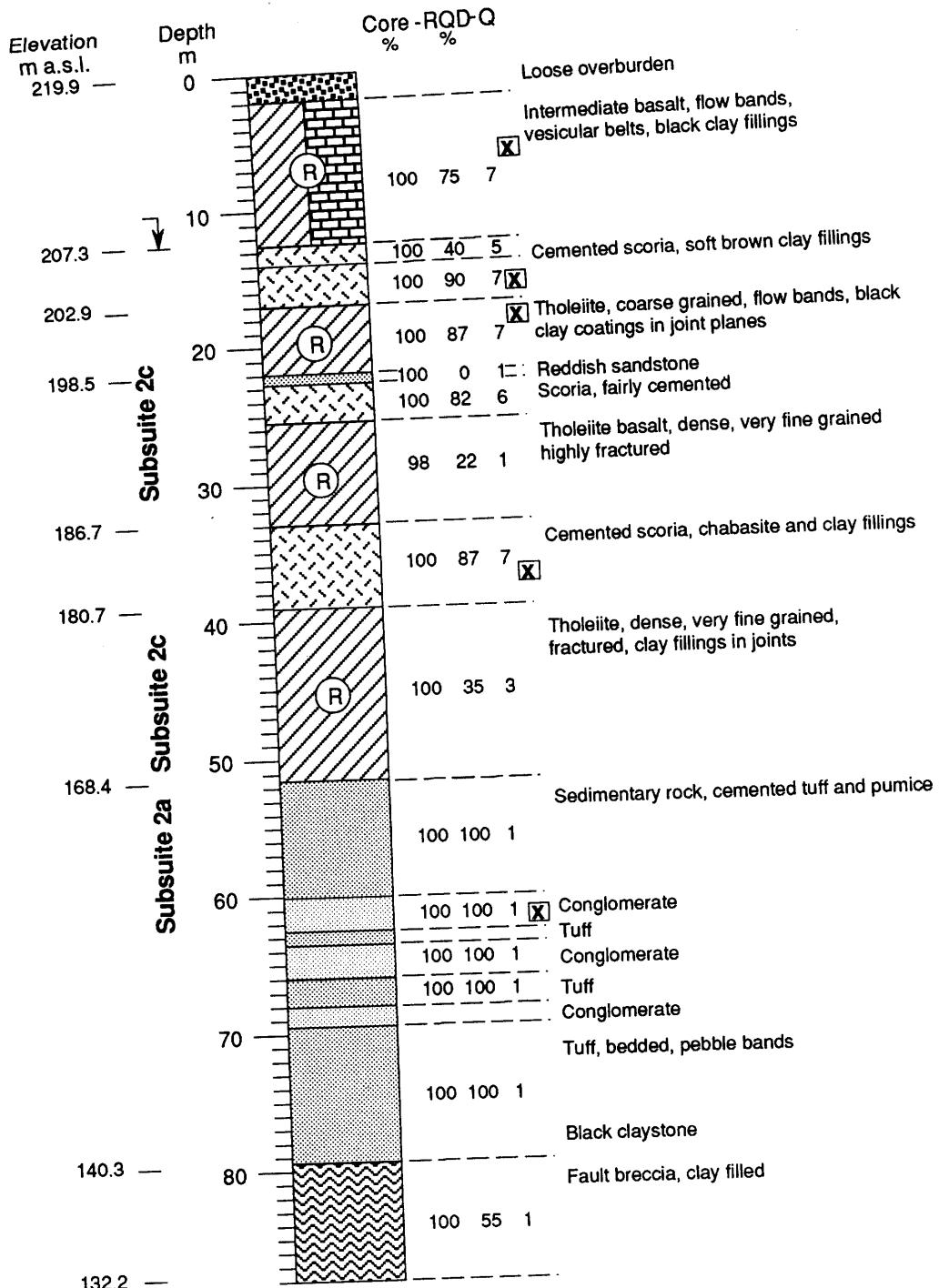


Legend see Drawing 5

Location see Drawing 3

VEGAGERD RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION	BREIDADALS- AND	
	JARDTÆKNISTOFAN	BOTNSHEIDI TUNNEL
SCALES	Design Jan. '91 ÁgG	1991 - 01
Horiz. 1:4000	Drawn Jan. '91 ÁgG/JH	
Vert. 1:2000	Passed	
	Appr.	
		Botnsdalur Portal area
		Schem. Geological section
		8

**BR-1  
IN BOTNSDALUR**



Legend shown on Drawing 17  
Location shown on Drawing 3

	VEGAGERD RÍKISINS	
	PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION	
<b>JARDTÆKNISTOFAN</b>		
SCALES VERTICAL	Design Drawn Passed Appr.	AgG / BG AgG / AgG
1 : 500		

BREIDADALS- AND  
BOTNSHEIDI  
TUNNEL

1991 - 01

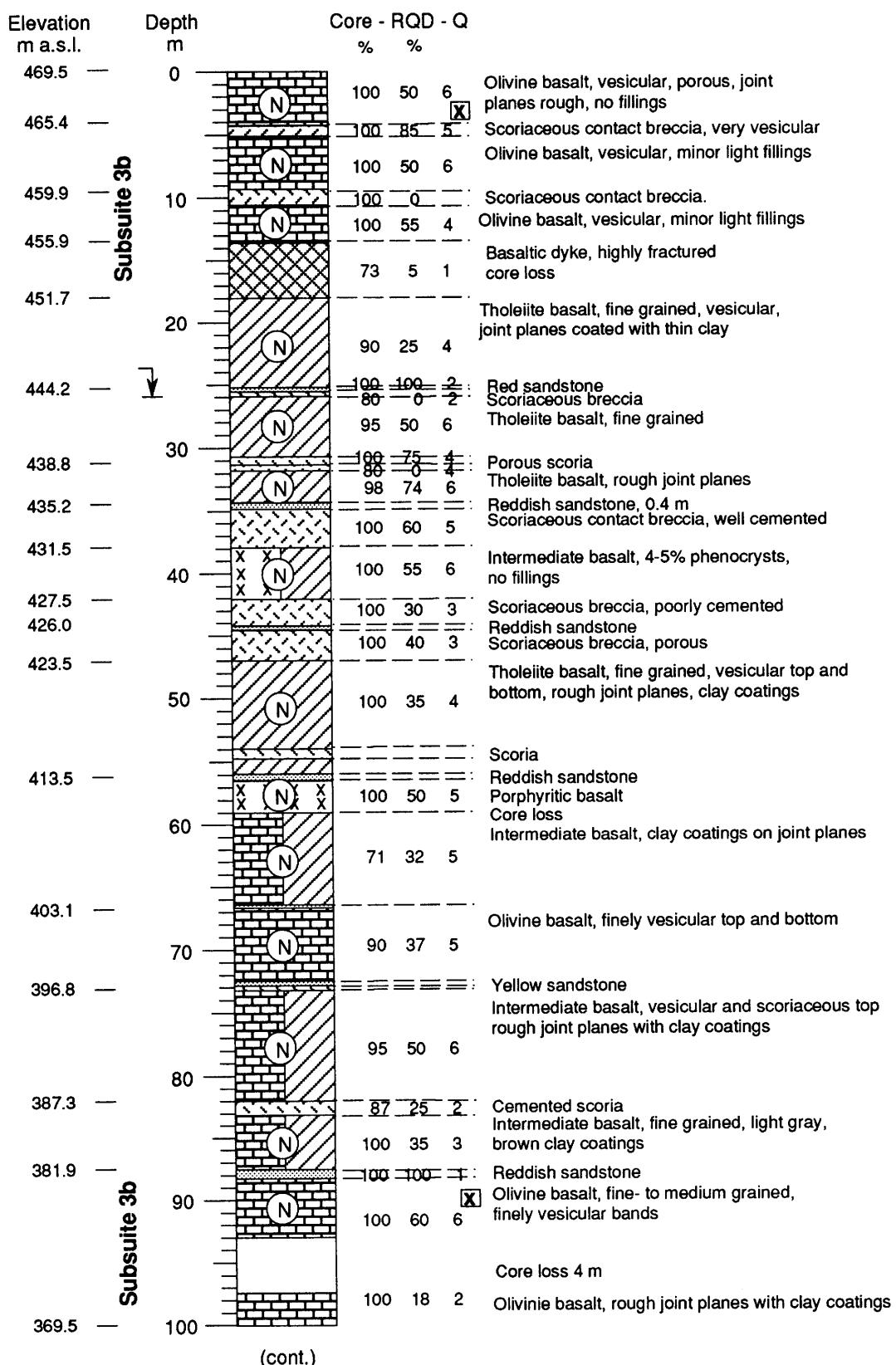
Borehole BR-1  
Graphic core log

9

Jan 1991

**BR-2**  
**SOUTHEAST OF BÚRFELL**  
**IN BOTNSHEIDI**

Coordinates  
x = 329321,451  
y = 532724,808

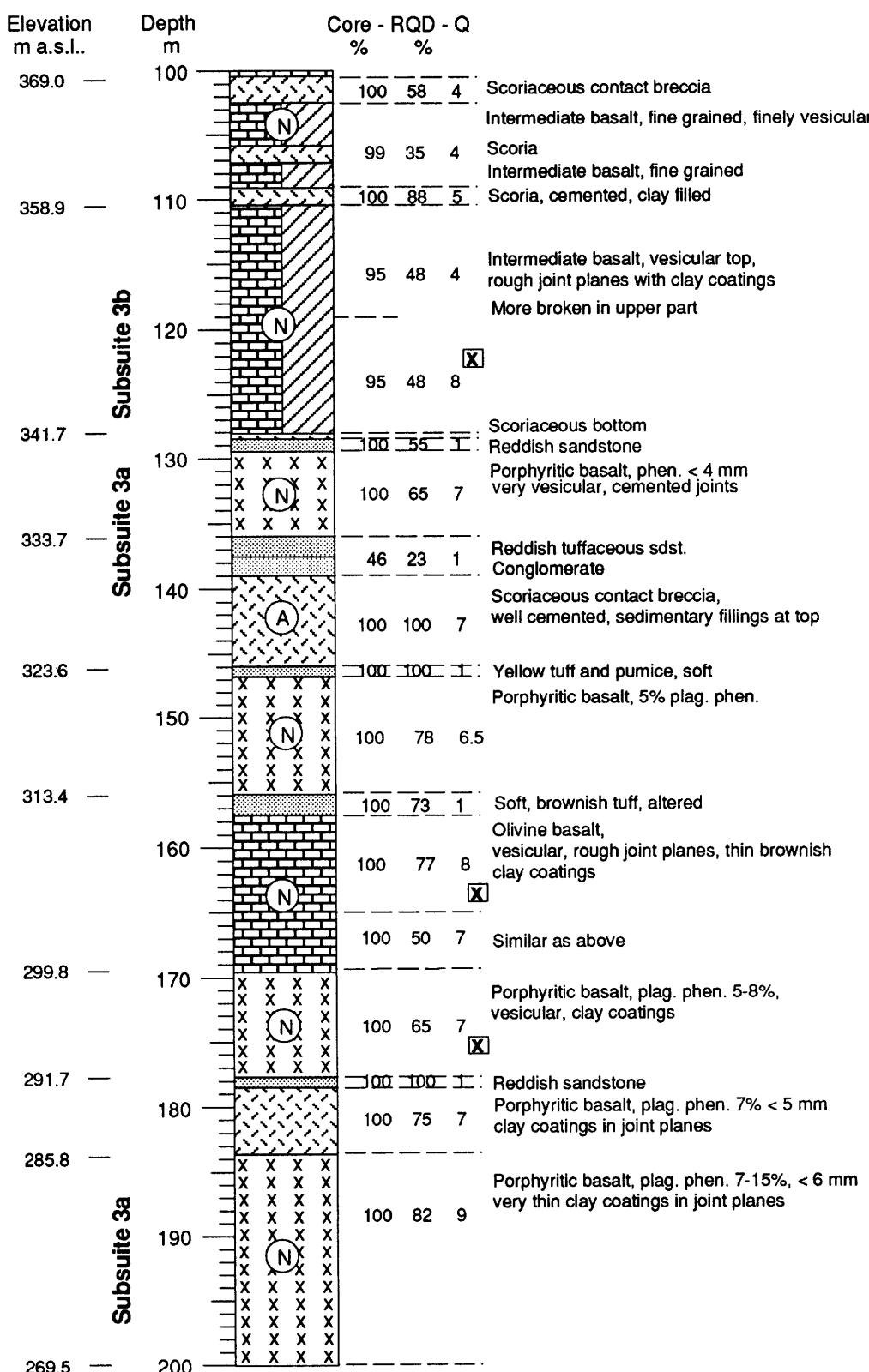


(cont.)

Legend shown on Drawing 17  
Location shown on Drawing 3

VEGAGERÐ RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION		BREIDADALS- AND BOTNSHEIDI TUNNEL	1991 - 01
JARÐTÆKNISTOFAN		Borehole BR-2	
SCALES	Design. $\Delta gG / BG$		Jan 1991
VERTICAL	Drawn. $\Delta Ge / \Delta gG$		
1 : 500	Passed		
	Appr.		
		Graphic core log	10

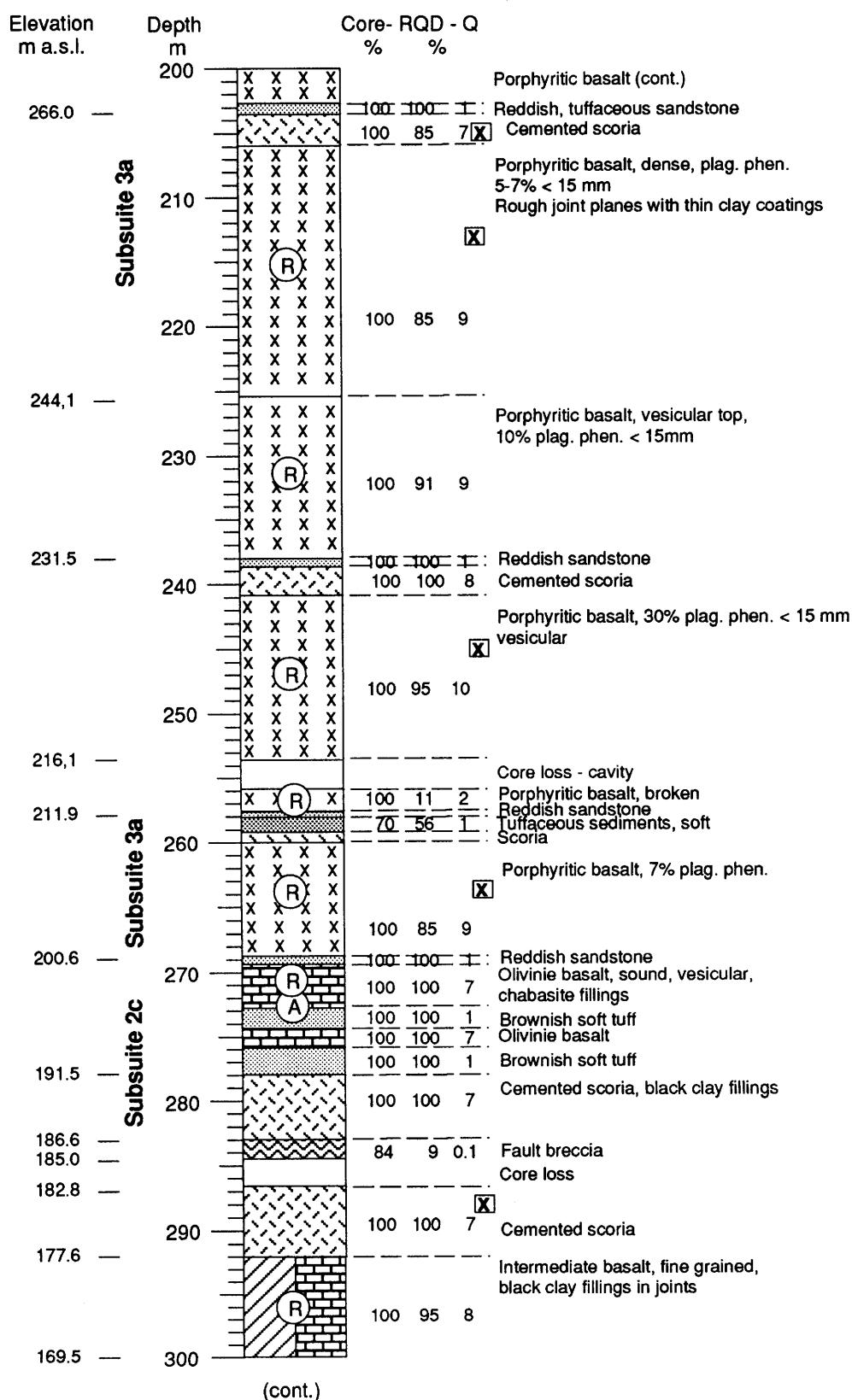
**BR-2**  
**SOUTHEAST OF BÚRFELL**  
**IN BOTNSHEIÐI (cont.)**



Legend shown on Drawing 17  
 Location shown on Drawing 3

	VEGAGERÐ RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION		BREIDADALS- AND BOTNSHEIÐI TUNNEL	1991 - 01
	JARÐTÆKNISTOFAN			
SCALES VERTICAL 1 : 500	Design Drawn Passed Apdr.	AgG / BG AgGe / AgG	Borehole BR-2 (cont) Graphic core log	Jan 1991 11

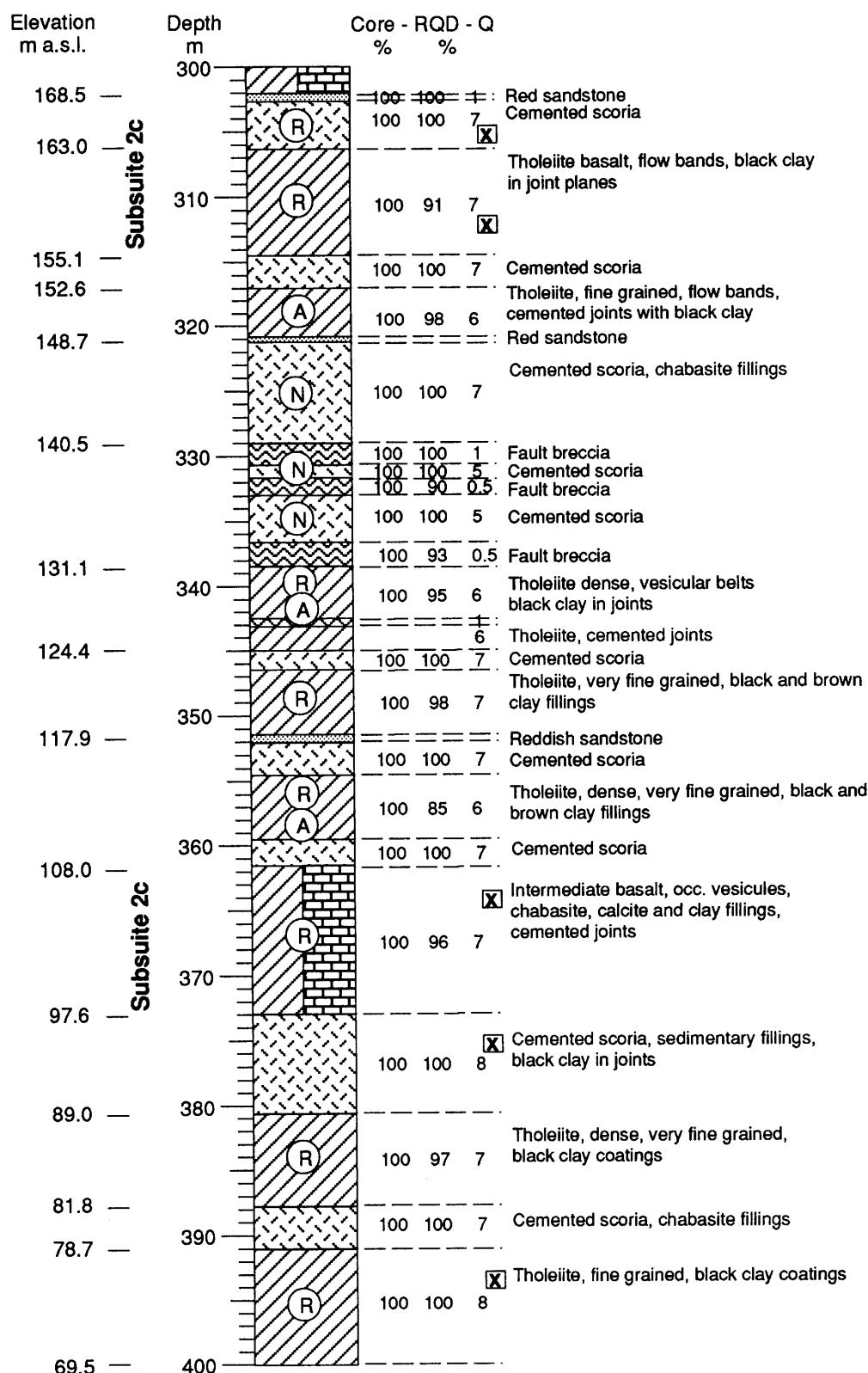
**BR-2**  
**SOUTHEAST OF BÚRFELL**  
**IN BOTNSHEIÐI (cont.)**



Legend shown on Drawing 17  
Location shown on Drawing 3

 VEGAGERÐ RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION	BREIDADALS- AND	
	BOTNSHEIÐI TUNNEL	
SCALES	Design	AgG / BG
VERTICAL	Drawn	AgGe / AgG
1:500	Passed	
	Appr.	
Borehole BR-2 (cont) Graphic core log		Jan 1991
		12

**BR-2**  
**SOUTHEAST OF BÚRFELL**  
**INBOTNSHEIÐI (cont.)**

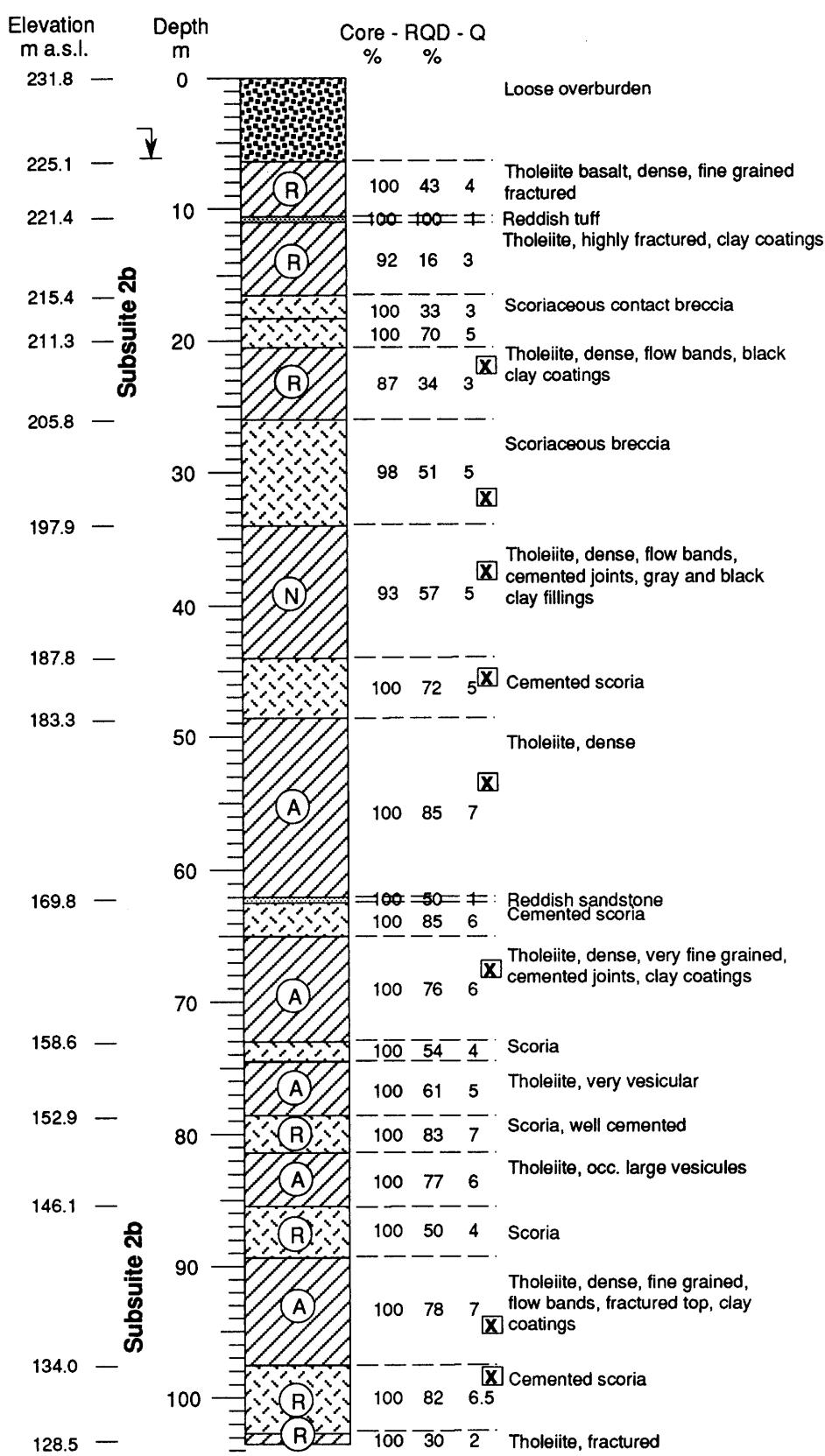


Legend shown on Drawing 17  
Location shown on Drawing 3

	VEGAGERÐ RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION	BREIDADALS- AND	1991 - 01
		JARDTÆKNISTOFAN	
SCALES VERTICAL 1 : 500	Design Drawn Passed Appr.	ΔgG / BG ΔGe / ΔgG	Borehole BR-2 (cont) Graphic core log
			Jan 1991
			13

**BR-3**  
**IN BREIDIDALUR**

Coordinates  
x = 326645,675  
y = 530067,481

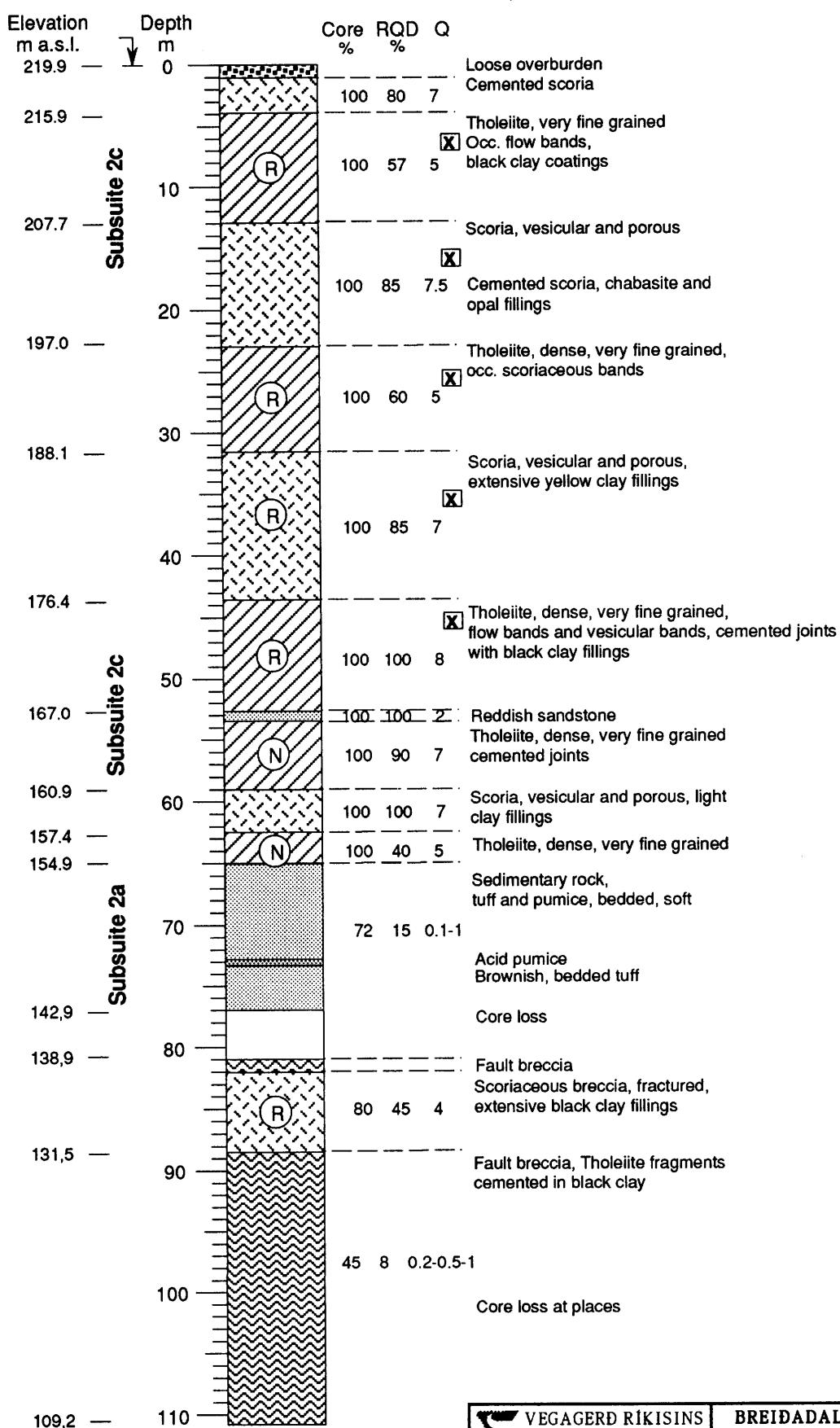


Legend shown on Drawing 17  
Location shown on Drawing 3

	VEGAGERD RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION	BREIDADALS- AND BOTNSHEIDI TUNNEL		1991 - 01
		JARÐTÆKNISTOFAN		
SCALES VERTICAL 1 : 500	Design Drawn Passed Appr.	ÄgG / BG ÄGe / ÄgG	Borehole BR-3 Graphic core log	Jan 1991 14

**BR-4**  
**IN BOTNSDALUR**

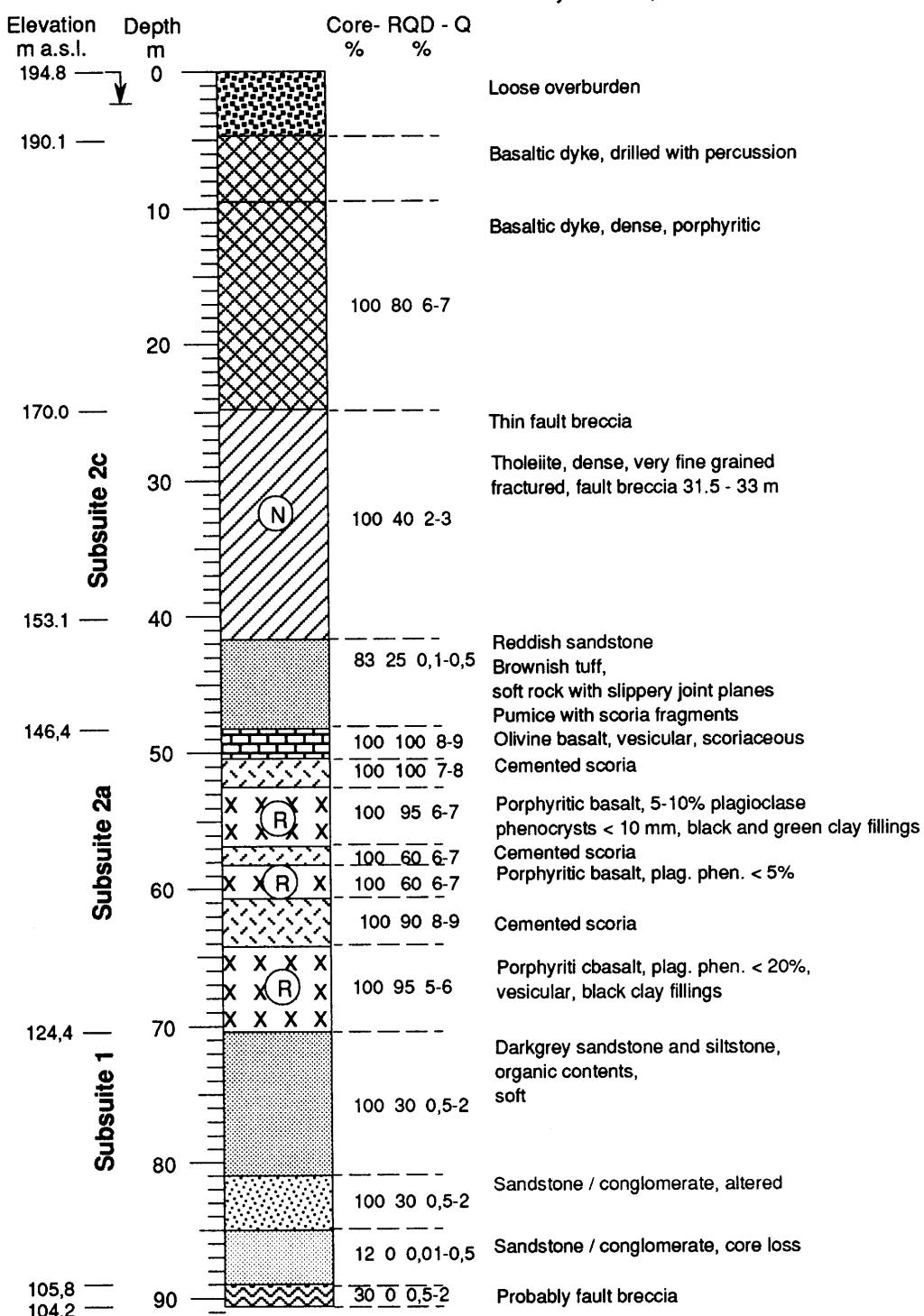
Coordinates  
x = 331008,765  
y = 531036,657



VEGAGERD RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION			BREIDADALS- AND BOTNSHEIDI TUNNEL	
<b>JARÐTÆKNISTOFAN</b>			1991 - 01	
SCALES	Design	AgG / BG		
VERTICAL	Drawn	AGe / AgG		
1 : 500	Passed		Borehole BR-4	Jan 1991
	Appr.		Graphic core log	15

**BR-5  
IN BOTNSDALUR**

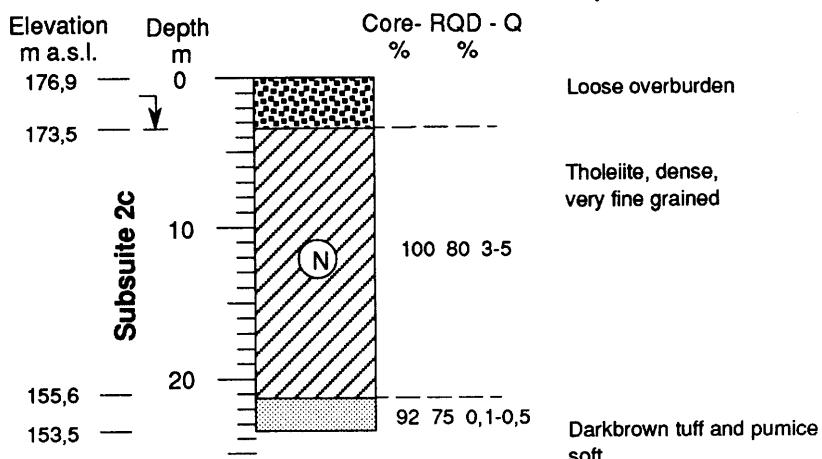
Coordinates  
x = 331181,847  
y = 530934,813



Legend shown on Drawing 17  
Location shown on Drawing 3

VEGAGERD RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION			BREIDADALS- AND BOTNSHEIDI TUNNEL	1991 - 01
JARÐTÆKNISTOFAN			Borehole BR-5	
SCALES	Design	AgG / BG		
VERTICAL	Drawn	AGe / AGG		
1 : 500	Passed			
	Appr.		Graphic core log	16

## BR-6 IN BOTNSDALUR



### LEGEND



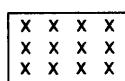
Superficial deposits



Tholeiite basalt



Olivine basalt



Porphyritic basalt



Transitional basalt



Scoriaceous contact breccia (scoria)



Sedimentary interbeds



Fault breccia



Basaltic dyke



Geomagnetic polarity  
Normal / Reverse



Groundwater table



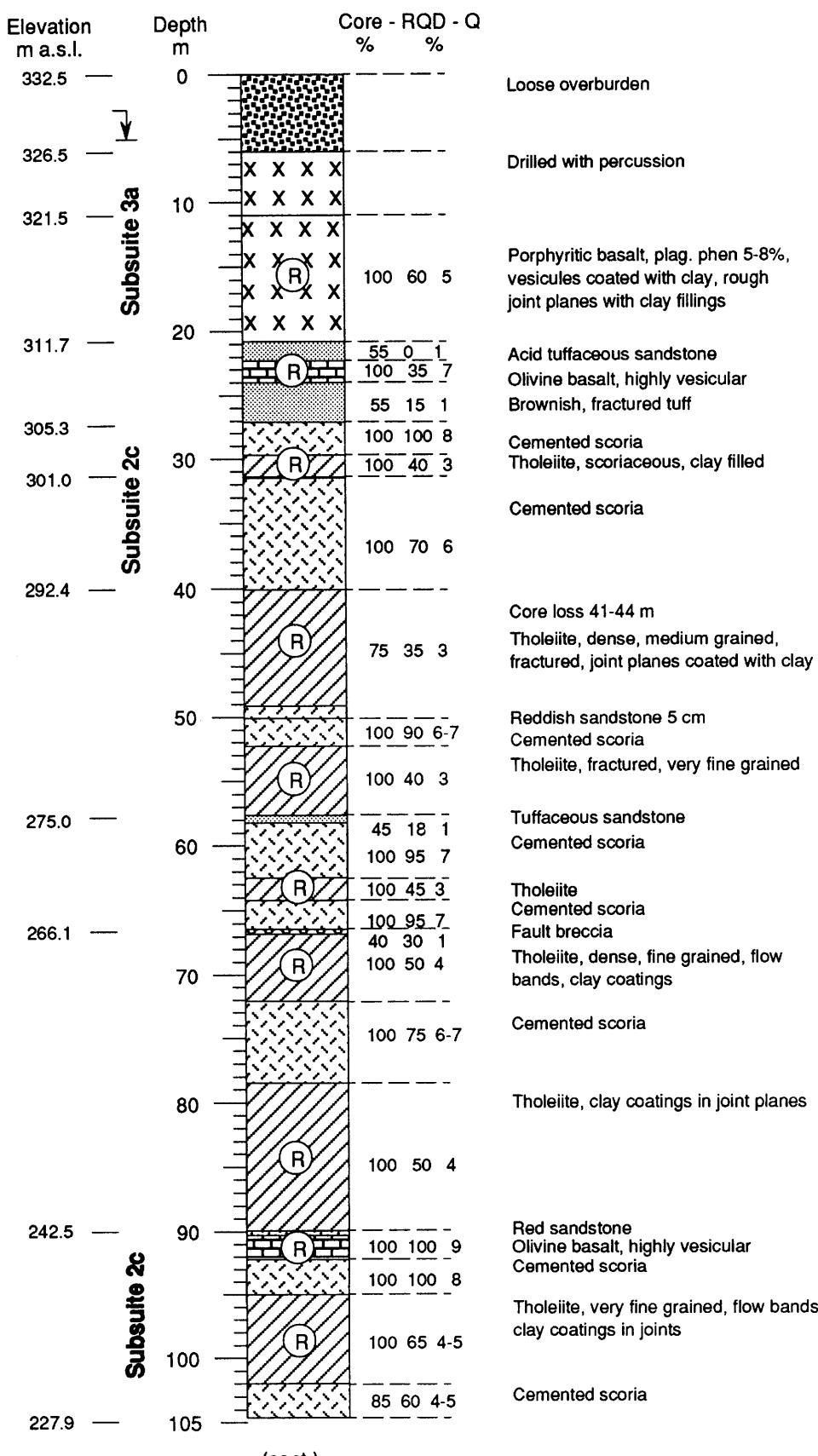
Uniaxial compression test

Location shown on Drawing 3

VEGAGERD RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION		BREIDADALS- AND BOTNSHEIDI TUNNEL	
JARÐTÆKNISTOFAN		1991 - 01	
SCALES VERTICAL 1 : 500	Design Drawn Passed Approved	AgG / BG AgE / AgG	Borehole BR-6 Graphic core log
			Jan 1991
			17

**BR-7**  
**IN BOTNSDALUR**

Coordinates  
x = 330493,717  
y = 531463,112



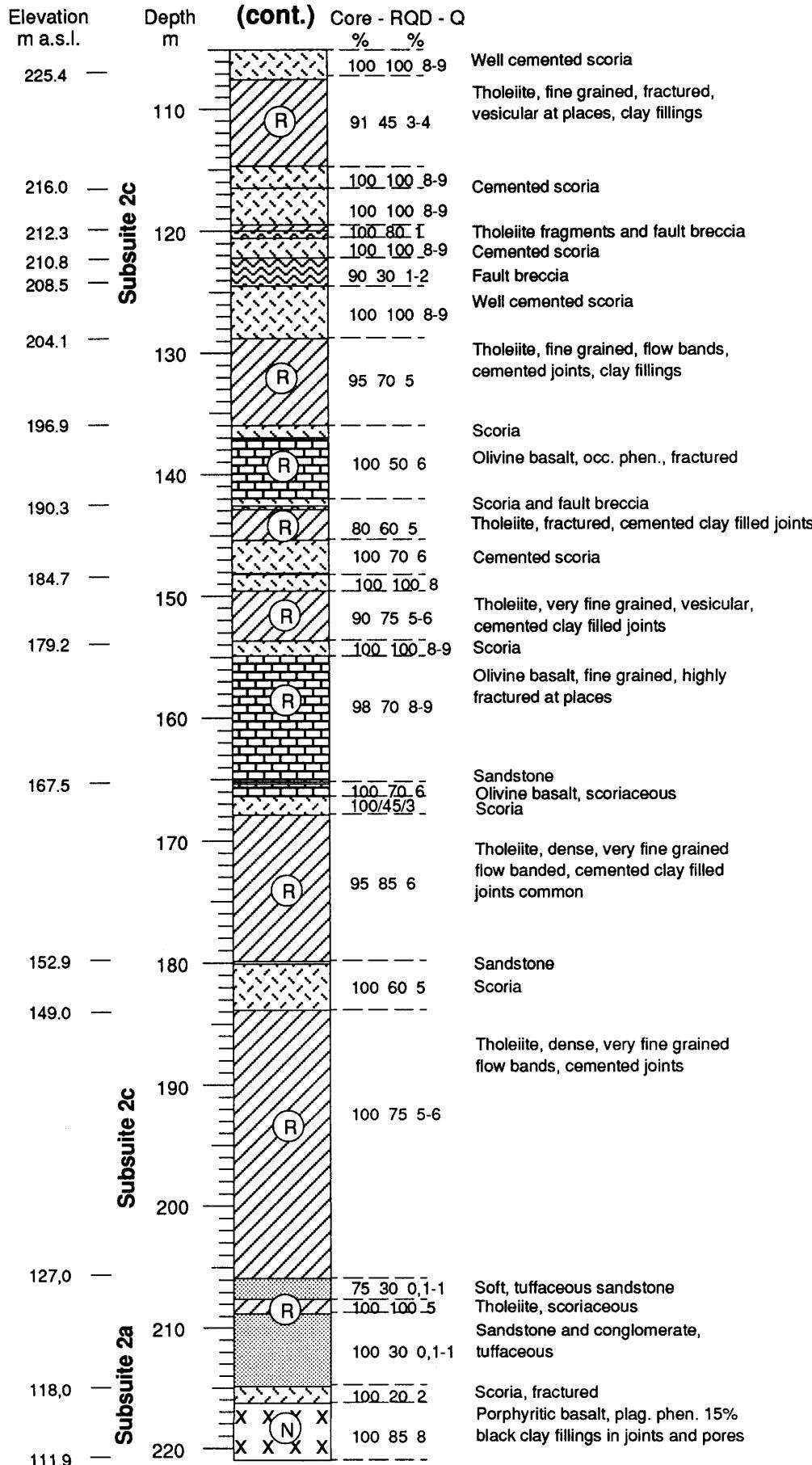
(cont.)

Legend shown on Drawing 17  
Location shown on Drawing 3

VEGAGERD RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION		BREIDADALS- AND BOTNSHEIDI TUNNEL	
<b>JARÐTÆKNISTOFAN</b>		1991 - 01	
SCALES	Design	ÄgG / BG	
VERTICAL	Drawn	ÄGe / ÄgG	
1 : 500	Passed		Borehole BR-7
	Appr.		Graphic core log
			18

**BR-7**  
**IN BOTNSDALUR**

ORKUSTOFNUN  
Vatnsorkudeild

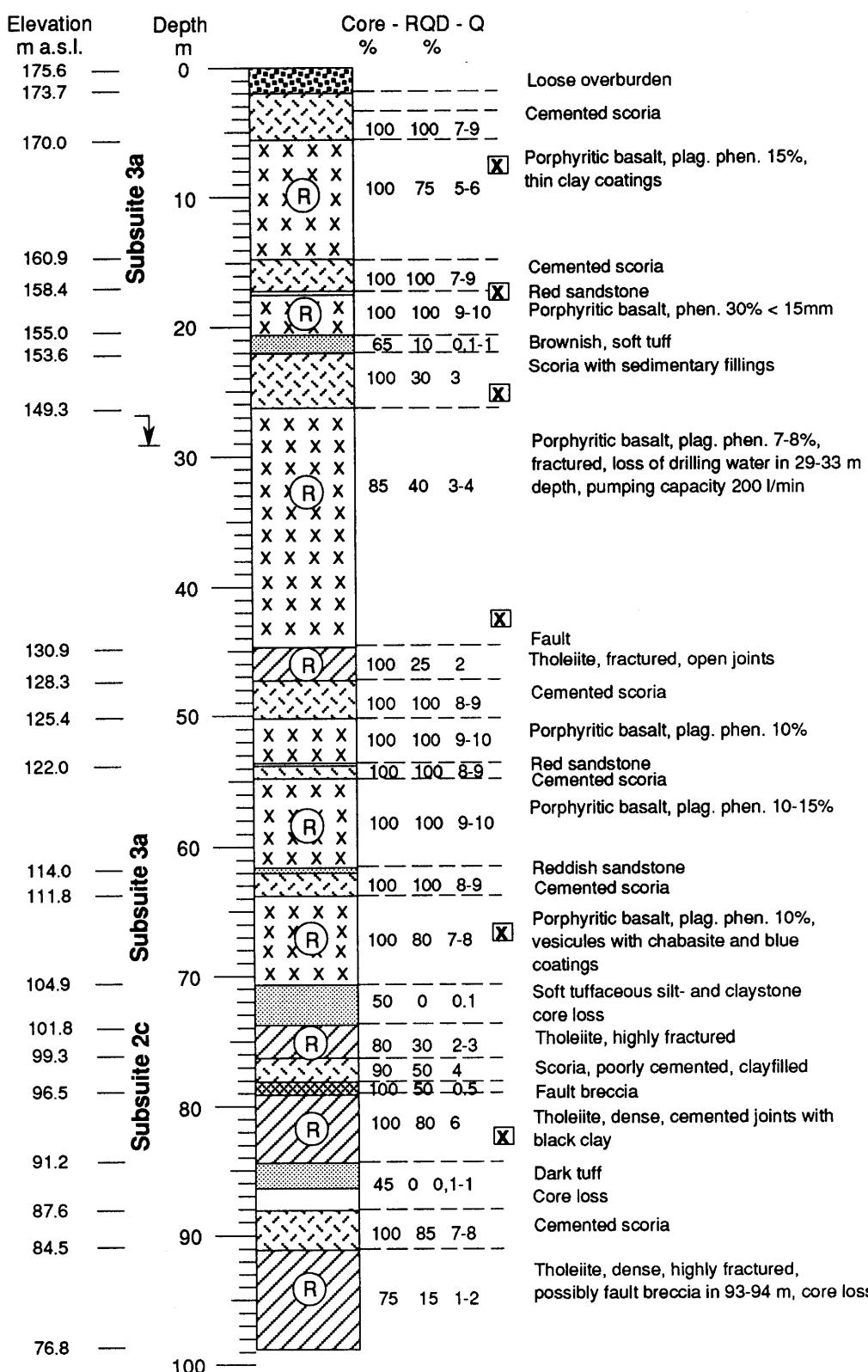


Legend shown on Drawing 17  
Location shown on Drawing 3

VEGAGERD RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION		BREIDADALS- AND BOTNSHEIDI TUNNEL	1991 - 01
JARDTEKNISTOFAN		Borehole BR-7 (cont) Graphic core log	Jan 1991
SCALES VERTICAL 1 : 500	Design Drawn Passed Appr.	AgG / BG Age / AgG	19

**BR-9**  
**IN TUNGUDALUR**

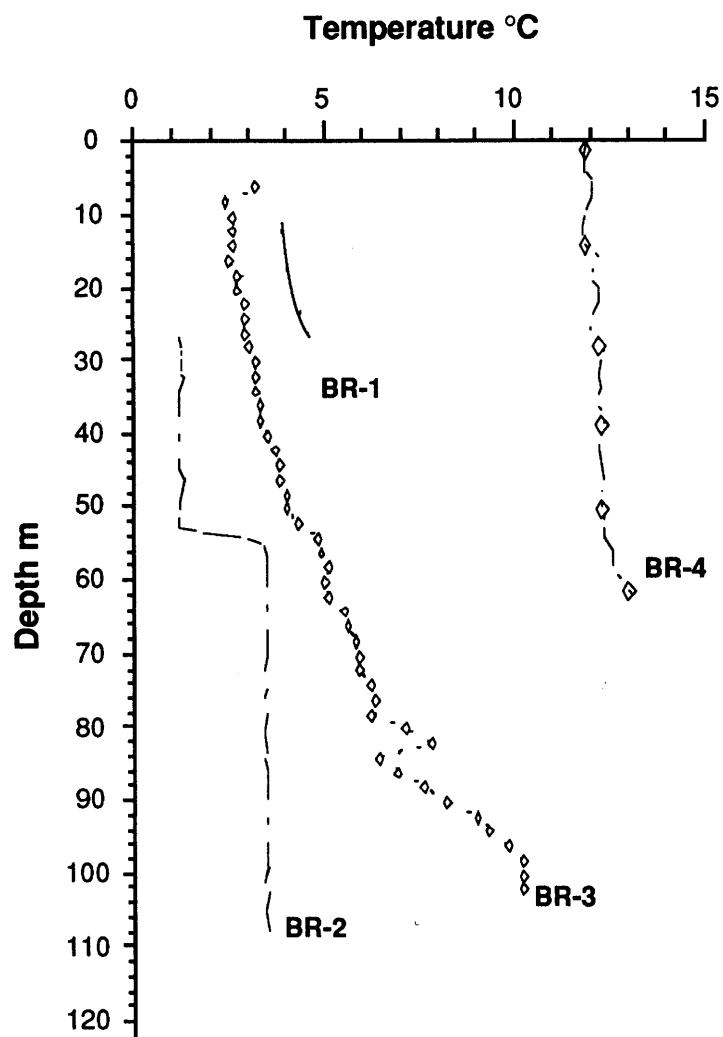
Coordinates  
x = 329508,138  
y = 534611,722



Legend shown on Drawing 17  
Location shown on Drawing 3

	VEGAGERÐ RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION	JARÐTÆKNISTOFAN	BREIDADALS- AND
			BOTNSHEIDI TUNNEL
SCALES VERTICAL 1 : 500	Design Drawn Passed Appr.	ΔgG / BG ΔGe / ΔgG	1991 - 01
			Jan 1991
		Borehole BR-9 Graphic core log	20

## Temperature measurements in boreholes



Location see Drawing 3

Measured in nov. 1989

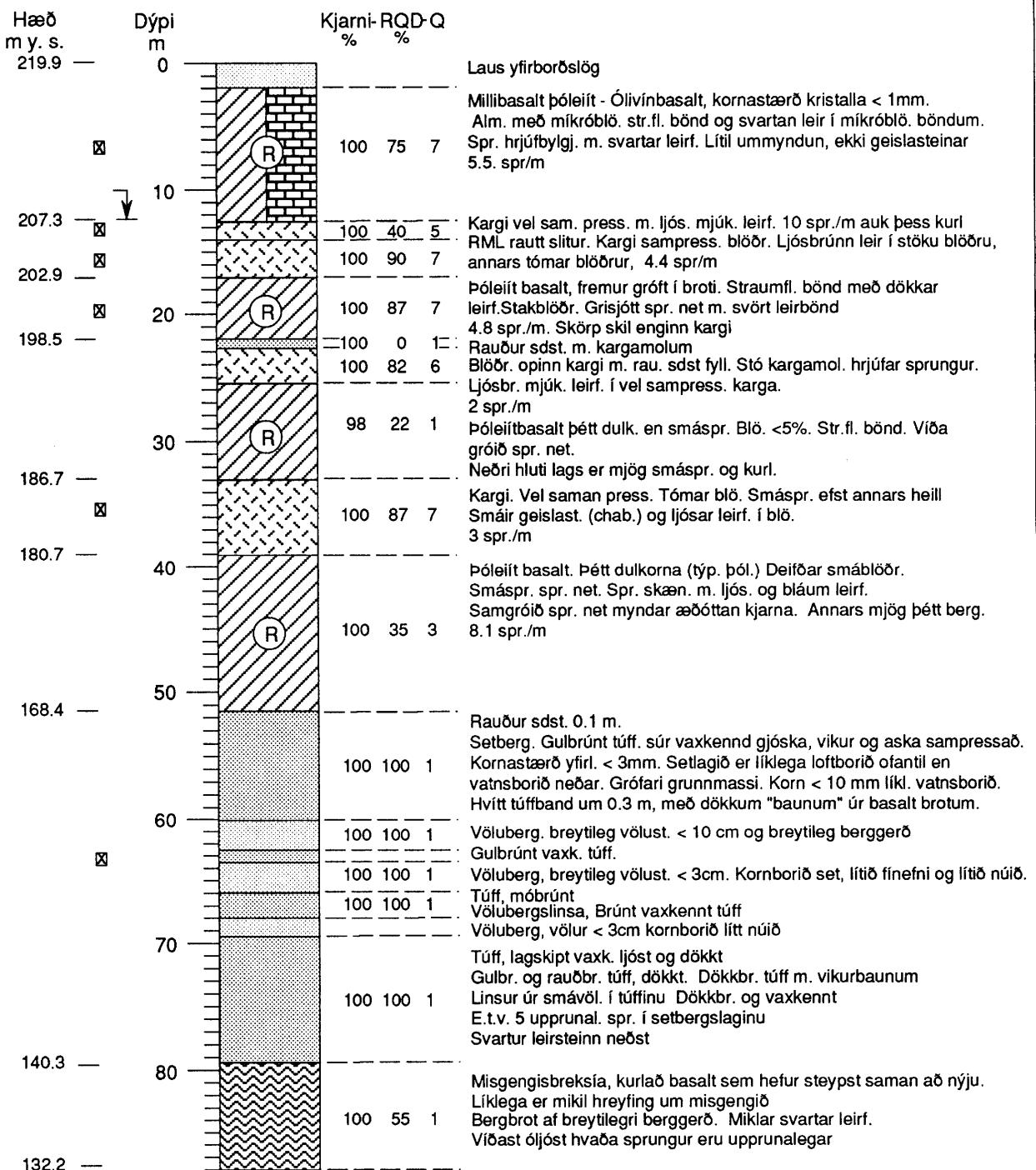
 VEGAGERD RÍKISINS PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION JARÐTÆKNISTOFAN	BREIDADALS- AND BOTNSHEIDI TUNNEL			
	SCALES VERTICAL 1:1000	Design Drawn Passed Appr.	AgG AgG	1991 - 01
			Temperature measurements in boreholes	Febr. 1991
				21

**APPENDIX 1**  
**GRAPHIC CORE LOGS OF DRILLHOLES**  
**BR-1 TO BR-9**  
**IN ICELANDIC**

**12 SHEETS**

**BR-1**  
**Í BOTNSDAL**

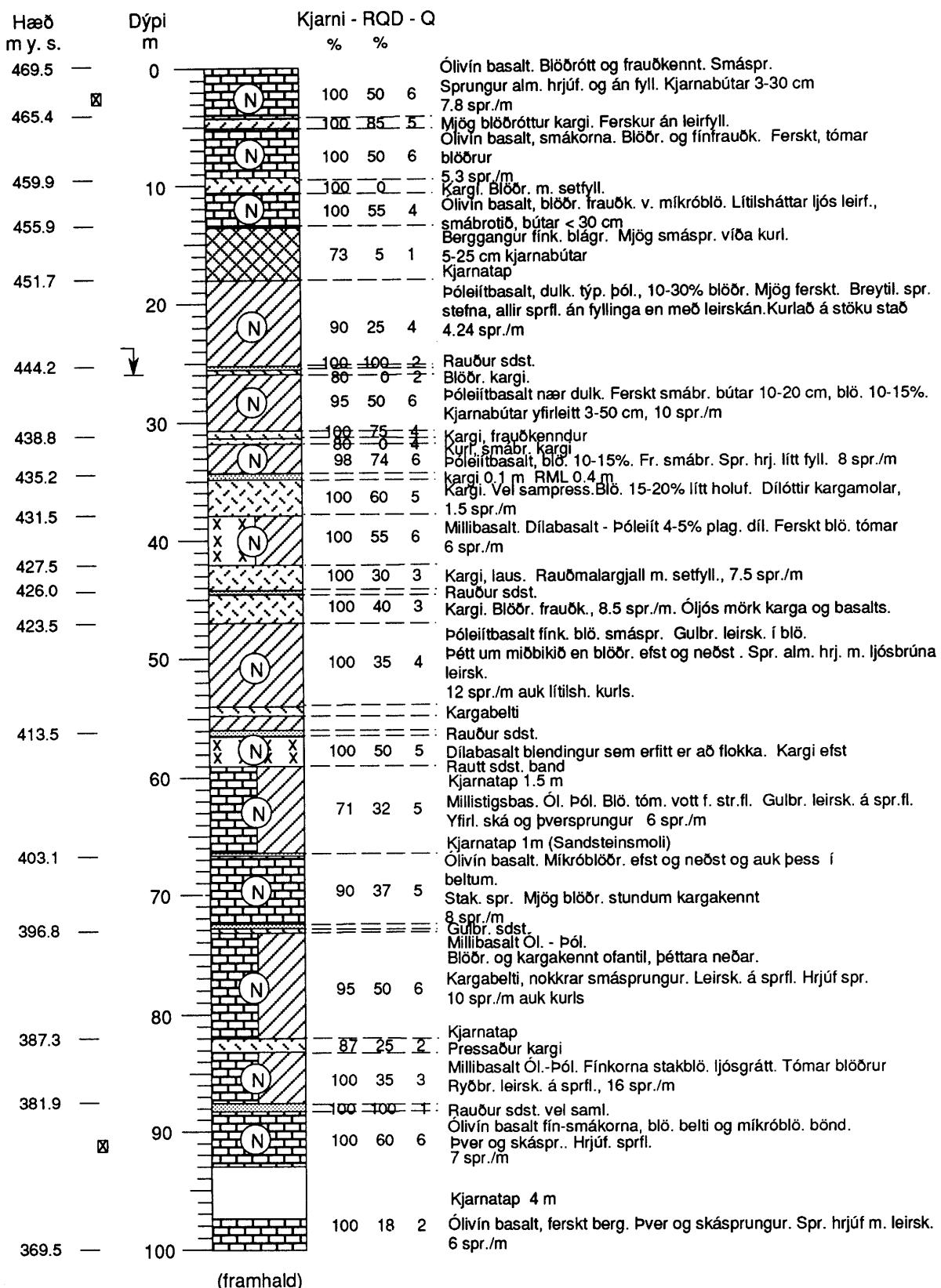
Hnit  
x = 331088,289  
y = 530724,340



Sjá skýringar á mynd 9  
Sjá staðsetningu á mynd 3

Hola BR-1 var boruð í kanti vegarins upp úr Súgandafirði

Breiðadals- og Botnsheiði	Jarðtæknistofan
Snið af kjarnaholu	ÁgG / ÁGé
BR-1 í Botnsdal	Desember 1990
Mynd nr.	1

BR-2  
Á BOTNSHEIÐIHnit  
x = 329321,451  
y = 532724,808

Sjá skýringar á mynd 9

Sjá staðsetningu á mynd 3

Hola BR-2 var boruð suðaustan við Búrfell á Botnsheiði

Breiðadals- og Botnsheiði

Jarðtæknistofan

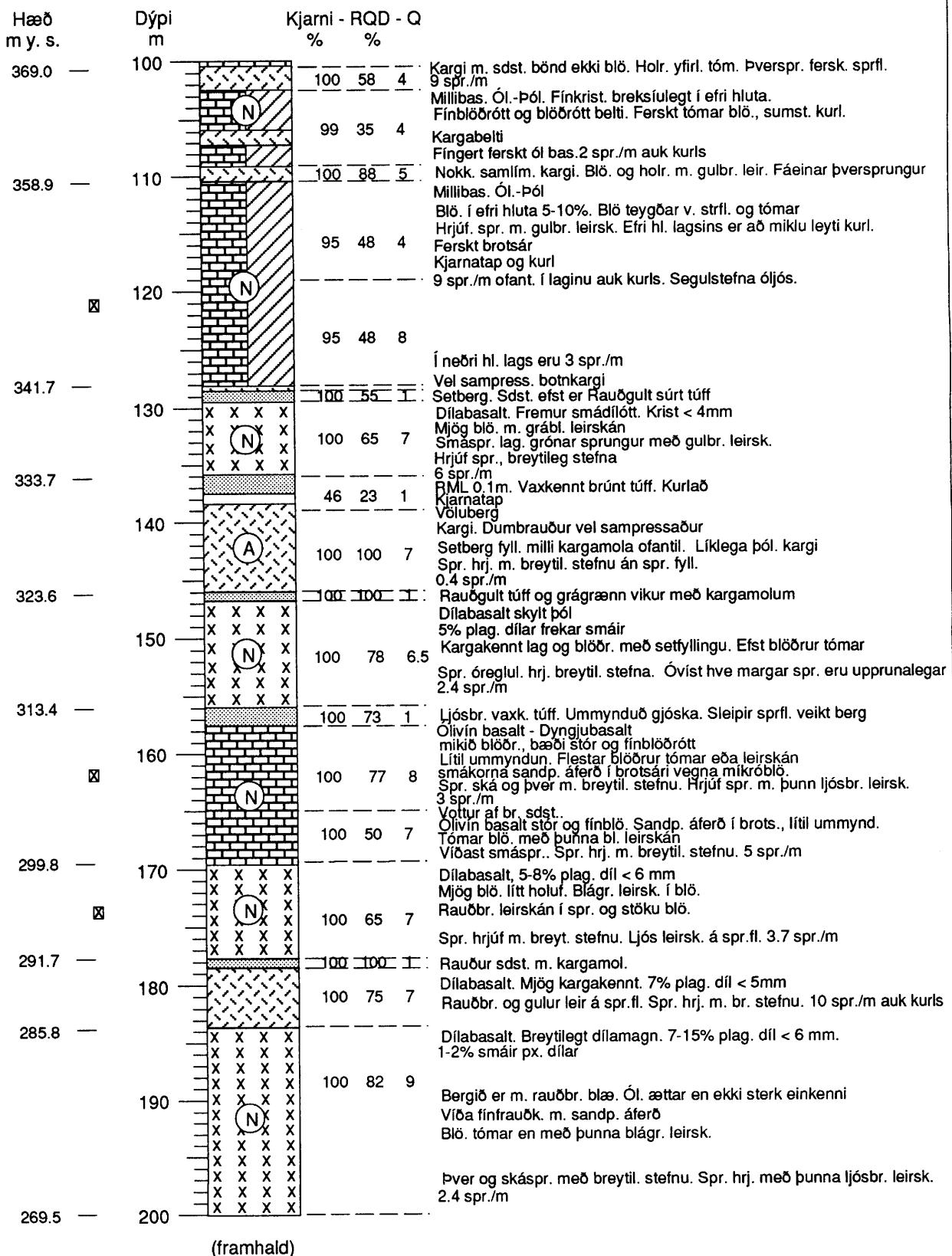
Snið af kjarnaholu  
BR-2 á Botnsheiði

ÁgG / ÁGe

Desember 1990

Mynd nr 2

## BR-2 Á BOTNSHEIÐI (frh.)



Sjá skýringar á mynd 9

Sjá staðsetningu á mynd 3

### Breiðadals- og Botnsheiði

Jarðtæknistofan

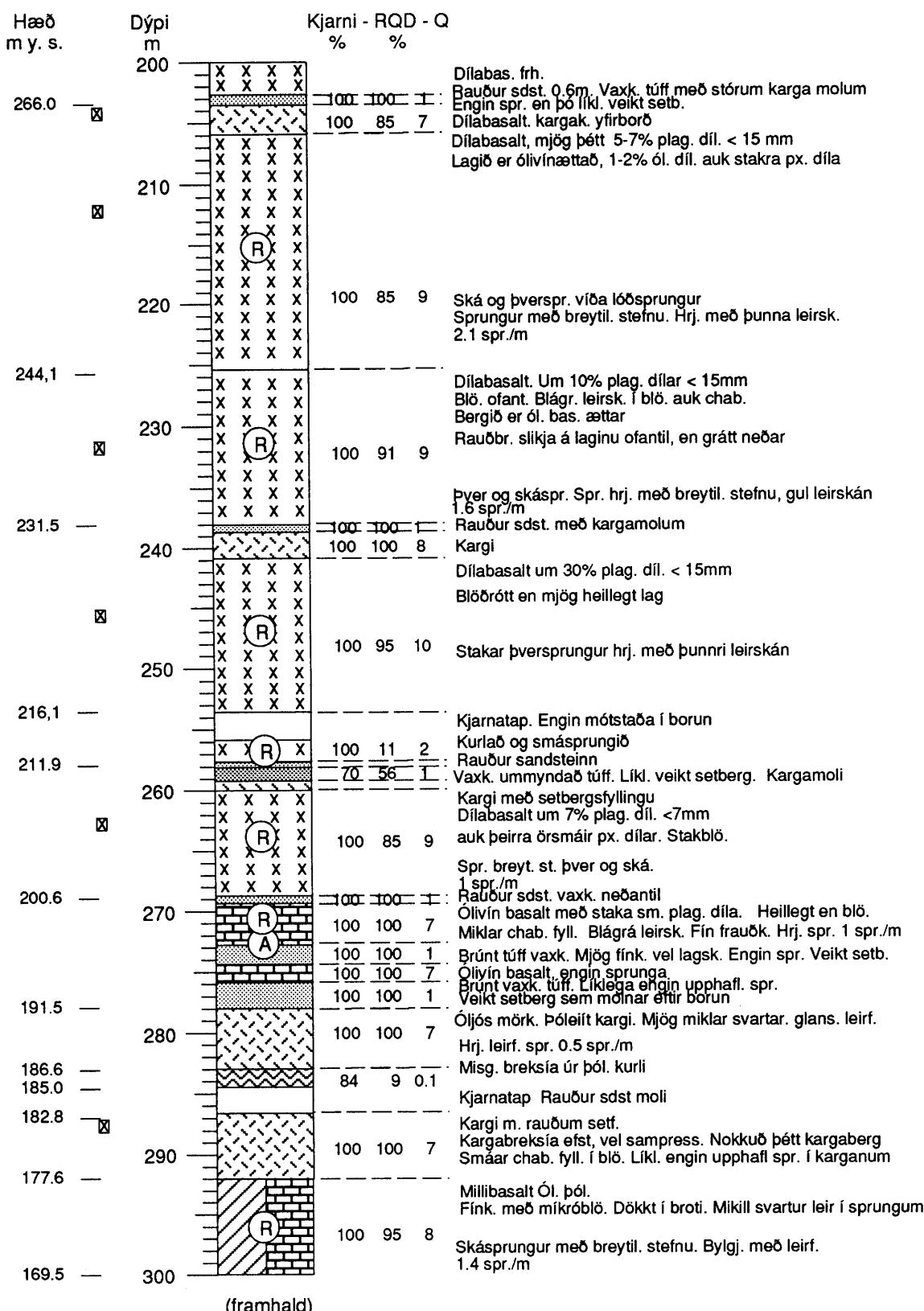
ÁG / ÁGe

Desember 1990

Snið af kjarnaholu  
BR-2 á Botnsheiði (frh.)

Mynd nr 3

**BR-2**  
**Á BOTNSHEIÐI (frh.)**

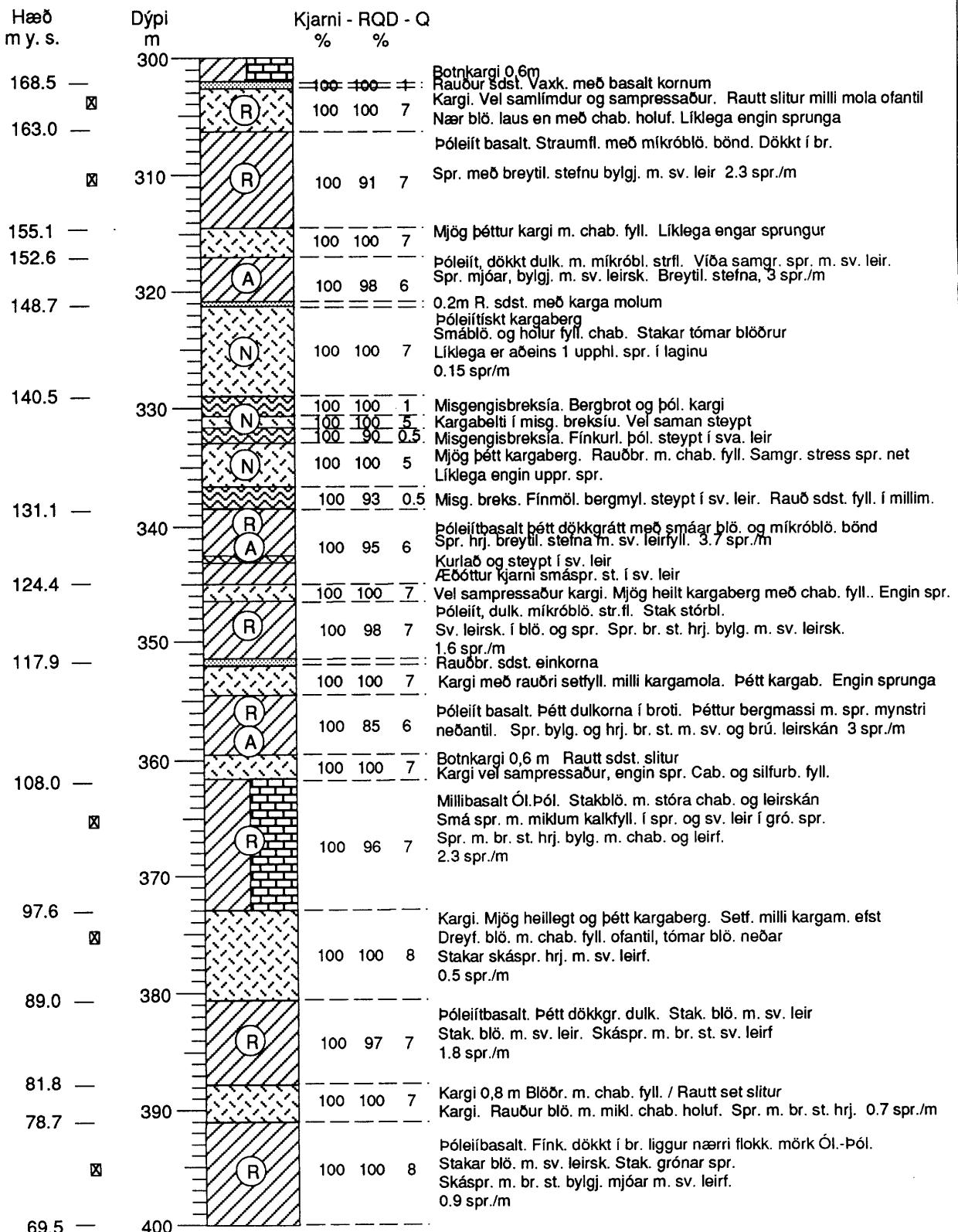


Sjá skýringar á mynd 9

Sjá staðsetningar á mynd 3

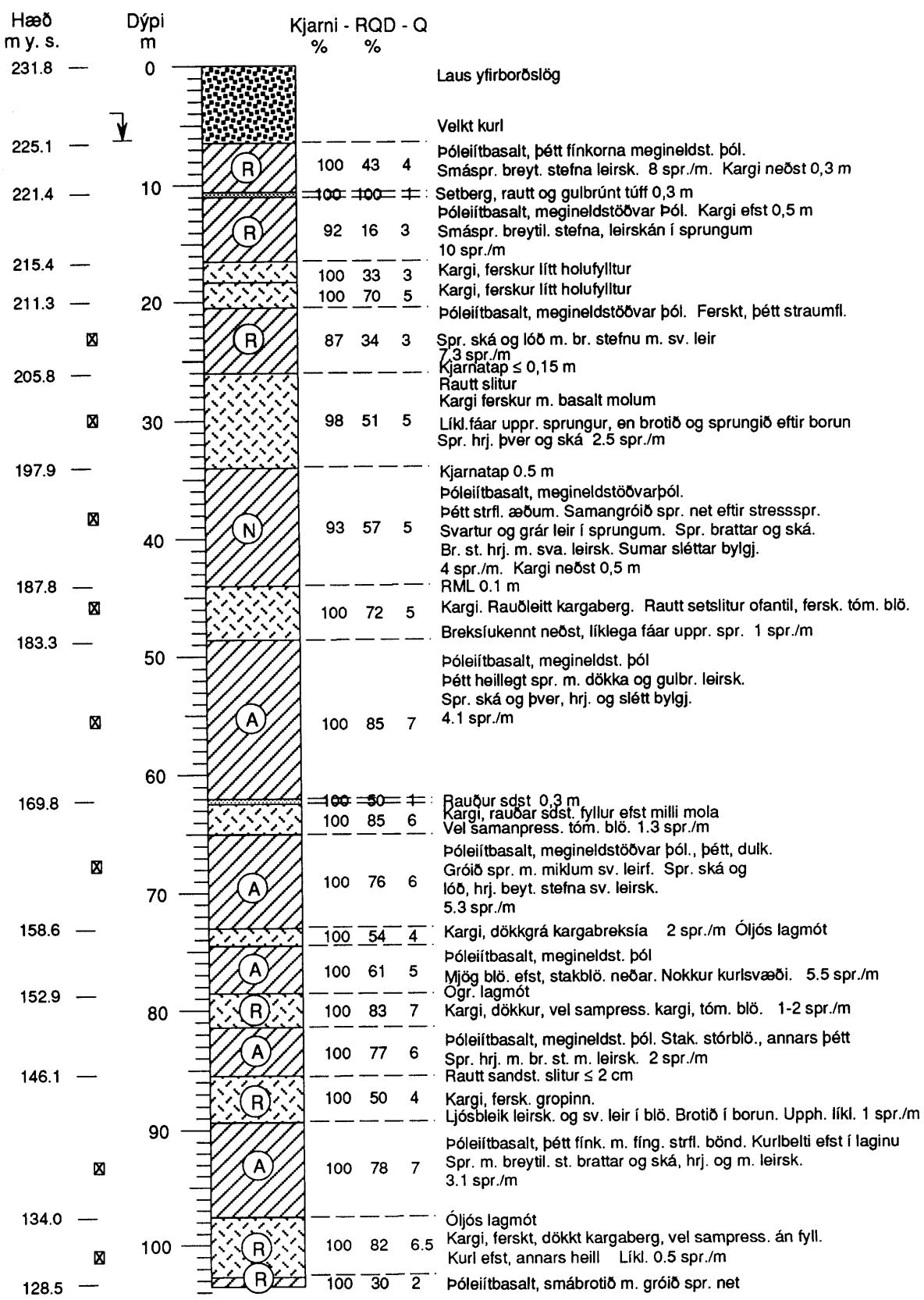
Breiðadals- og Botnsheiði	Jarðtæknistofan
Snið af kjarnaholu	ÁgG / ÁGe
BR-2 á Botnsheiði (frh.)	Desember 1990
	Mynd nr 4

## BR-2 Á BOTNSHEIÐI (frh.)



Sjá skýringar á mynd 9  
Sjá staðsetningu á mynd 3

Breiðadals- og Botnsheiði	Jarðteknistofan	
	ÁgG / ÁGe	Desember 1990
Snið af kjarnaholu BR-2 á Botnsheiði (frh.)		Mynd nr 5

BR-3  
Í BREIÐDALHnit  
x = 326645,675  
y = 530067,481Sjá skýringar á mynd 9  
Sjá staðsetningu á mynd 3Kjarnahola BR-3 er neðan vegar í Breiðadal  
við gamla veginn upp Skágabrekkur

## Breiðadals- og Botnsheiði

Jarðtæknistofan

Snið af kjarnaholu  
BR-3 í Breiðadal

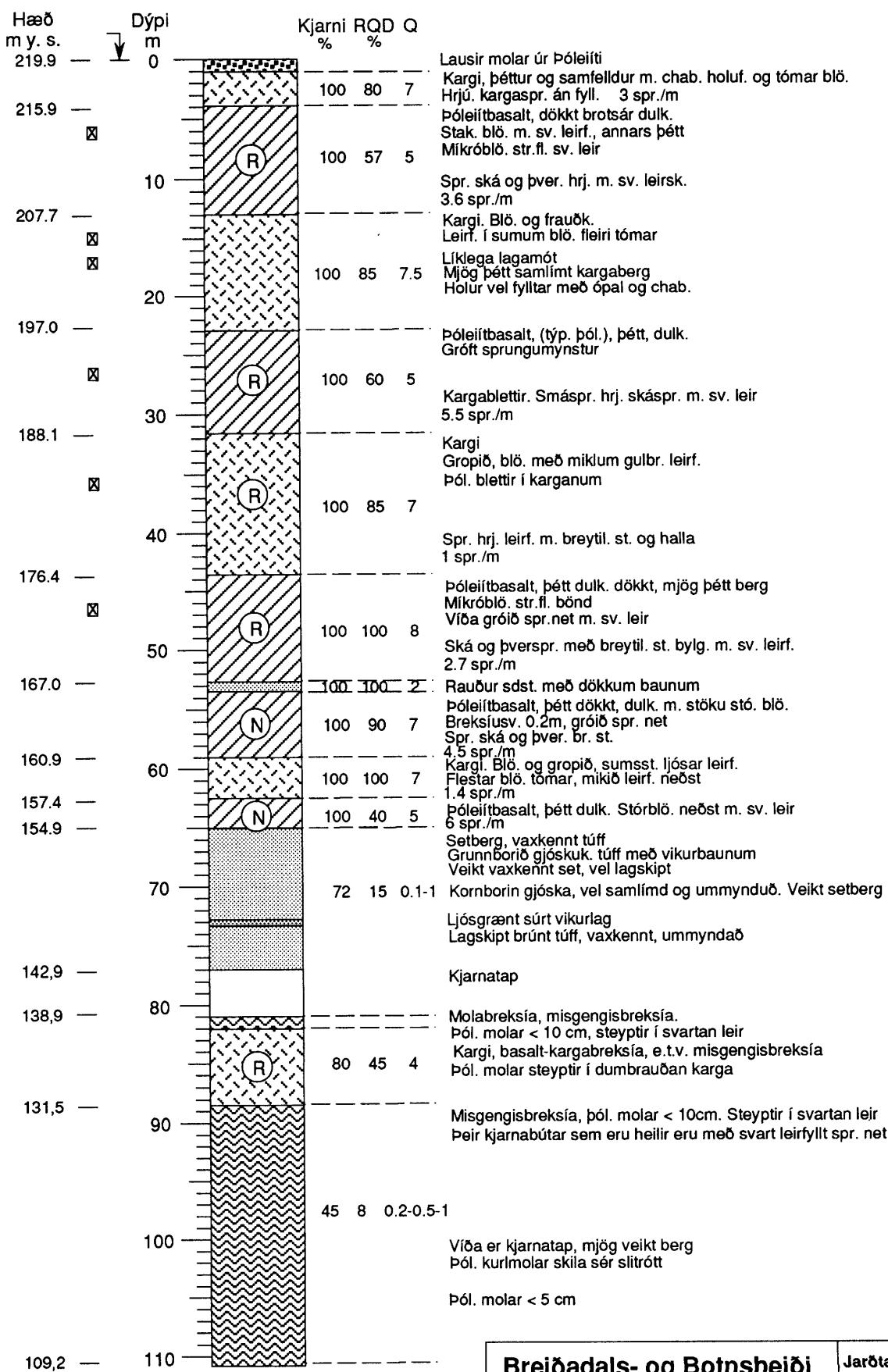
ÁgG / ÁGe

Desember 1990

Mynd nr 6

**BR-4**  
**Í BOTNSDAL**

Hnit  
x = 331008,764  
y = 531036,657



Sjá skýringar á mynd 9  
Sjá staðsetningu á mynd 3  
Hola BR-4 er við Botnsá í Botnsdal.

**Breiðadals- og Botnsheiði**

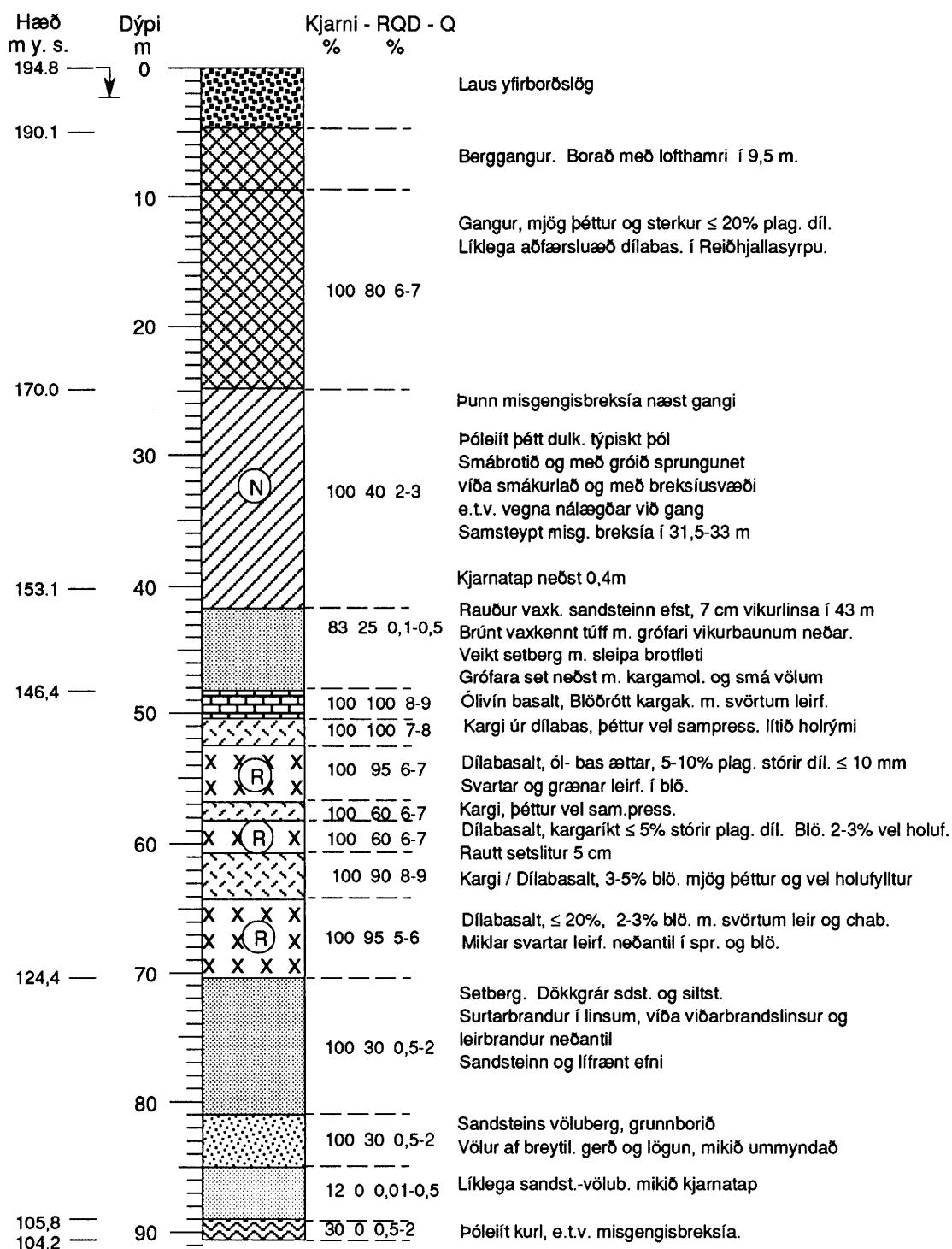
**Jarðtæknistofan**

**Snið af kjarnaholu**  
**BR-4 í Botnsdal**

ÁgG / ÁGe

Desember 1990

Mynd nr 7

BR-5  
Í BOTNSDALHnit  
x = 331181,847  
y = 530934,813

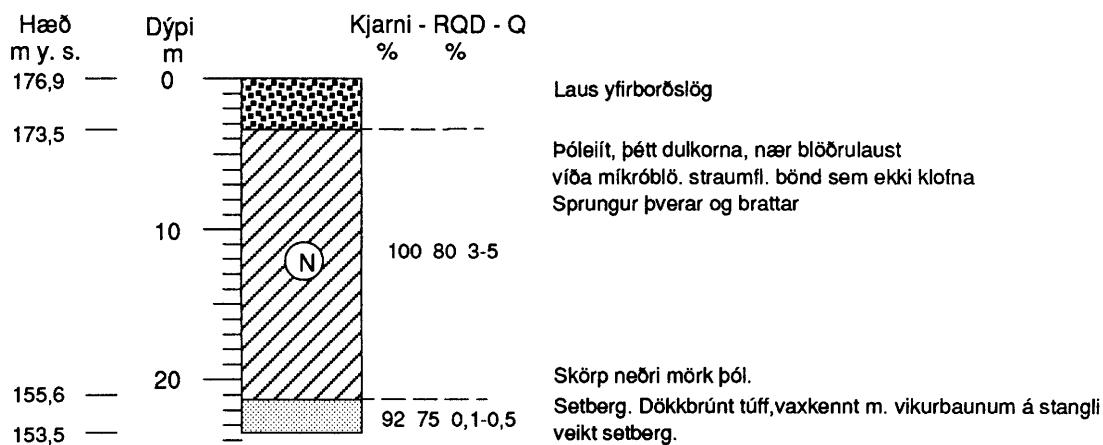
Síð skýringar á mynd 9  
Síð staðsetningu á mynd 3

Hola BR-5 er við Botnsá í Botnsdal.

Breiðadals- og Botnsheiði	Jarðtæknistofan
Snið af kjarnaholu	ÁgG
BR-5 í Botnsdal	Desember 1990
	Mynd nr 8

## BR-6 Í BOTNSDAL

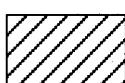
Hnit  
x = 331215,724  
y = 530842,603



## SKÝRINGAR



Laus yfirborðslög



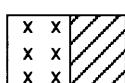
Þóleít basalt



Ólivín basalt



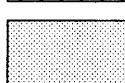
Dílabasalt



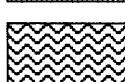
Millibasalt



Kargi



Setberg



Misgengisbreksía



Berggangur



Segulstefna í bergi  
Rétt / Öfug



Grunnvatnsborð



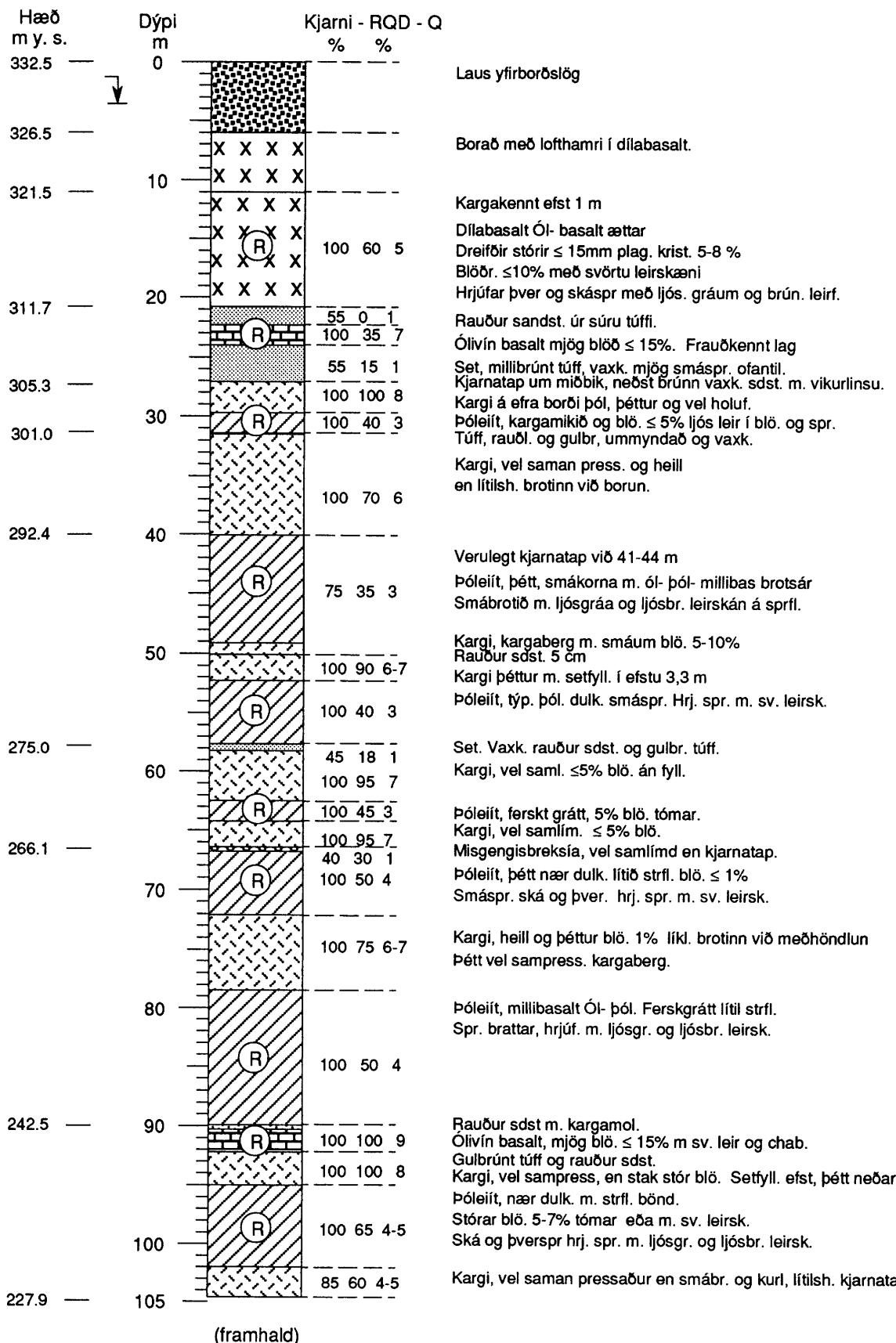
Sýni brotpolsprófuð

Sjá staðsetningu á mynd 3  
Hola BR-6 var boruð við Botnsá í Botnsdal

Breiðadals- og Botnsheiði		Jarðteknistofan
Snið af kjarnaholu BR-6 í Botnsdal		ÁgG
		Desember 1990
Mynd nr	9	

**BR-7**  
**Í BOTNSDAL**

Hnit  
x = 330493,717  
y = 531463,112

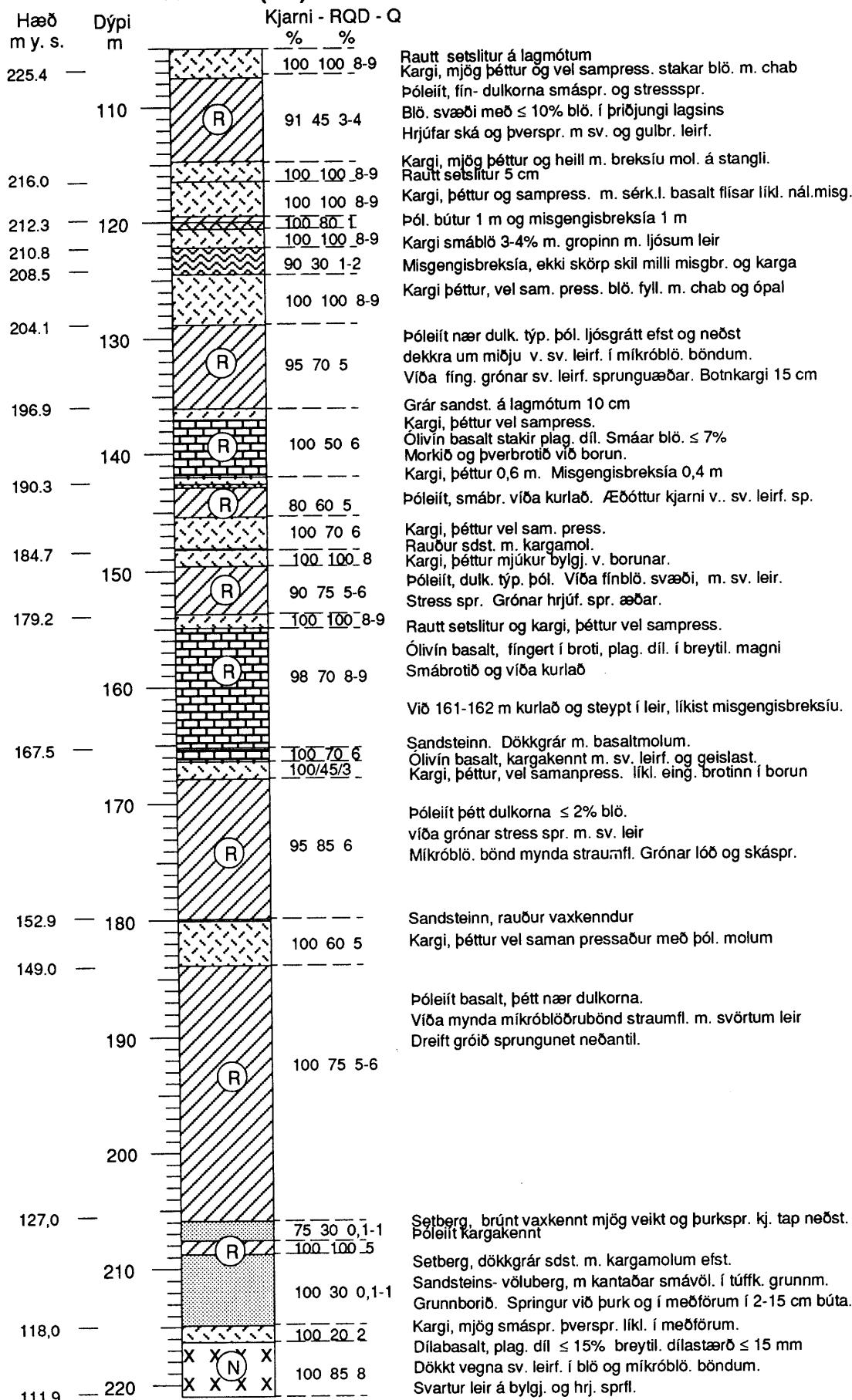


Sjá skýringar á mynd 9

Sjá staðsetningu á mynd 3

Hola BR-7 var boruð hjá Botnsá í vegkanti við innstu beygjuna á veginum upp úr Botnadal

Breiðadals- og Botnsheiði	Jarðteknistofan
Snið af kjarnaholu	ÁgG
BR-7 í Botnadal	Desember 1990
Mynd nr	10

BR-7  
í Botnsdal (frh).

Sjá skýringar á mynd 9

Sjá staðsetningu á mynd 3

Hola BR-7 var boruð hjá Botnsá í vegkanti  
við innstu beygjuna á veginum upp úr Botnsdal

## Breiðadals- og Botnsheiði

Jarðtæknistofan

Snið af kjarnaholu  
BR-7 í Botnsdal

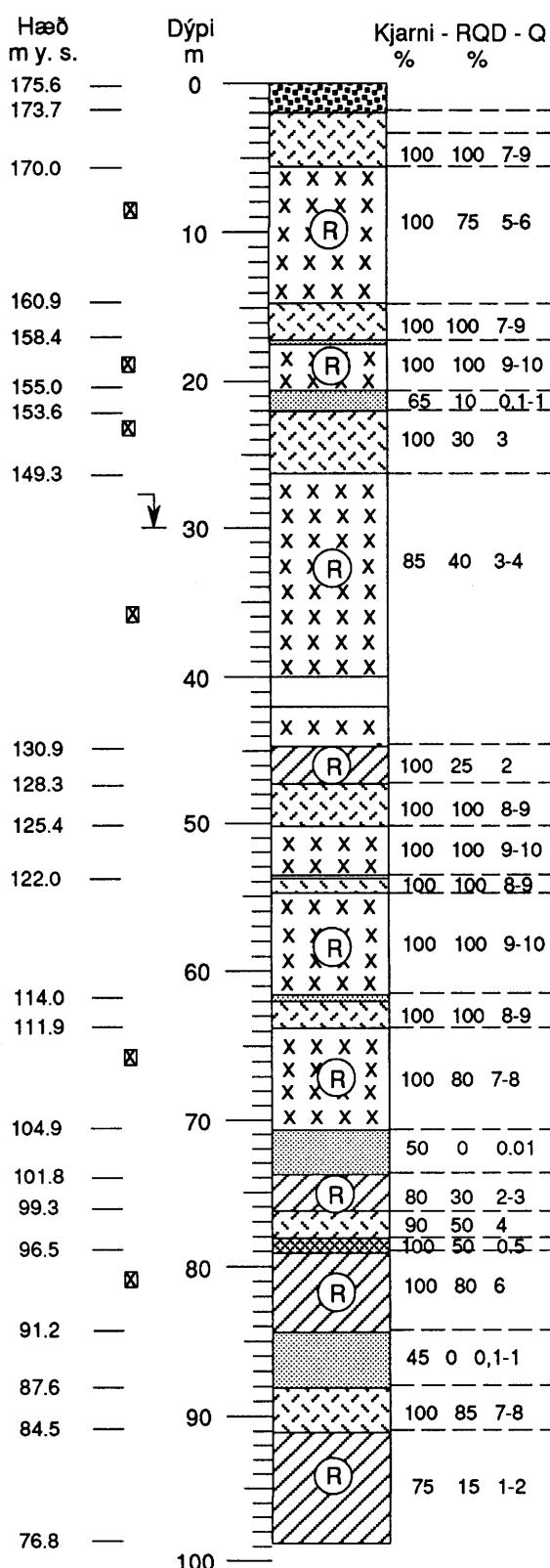
ÁgG

Desember 1990

Mynd nr 11

## BR-9 Í TUNGUDAL

Hnit  
x = 329508,138  
y = 534611,722



Laus yfirborðslög

Kargi. Borað með lofthamri í 3,3 m.

Kargi. Mjög vel saman press. og heill

Dílabasalt um 15% stórir (< 10 mm) plag. díl.

Þétt massíft lag með lööspr og skáspr.

Spr. hrjúfar m. þunna leirskán. Blöðr ≤ 2% m. chab. og leirskán

Kargi þéttur vel saman press. 2% blöð m. chab. fyll.

Rauður vaxk. sandst. 0.3 m

Dílabasalt (Cumulat) 30% stórir plag. < 15 mm.

3-4% blöð. m. chab. fyll. Mjög heilt án sprungna.

Setberg, brúnt vaxk. túff Mjög veikt berg.

Kargi með setfyll. efst og veikur þar.

þéttur og sterkur neðar

Dílabasalt, Öl. bas. ættar 7-8% plag. díl ≤ 8 mm.

Sprungur sem benda til nál. við misg.

Skoltap í 29-33 m mikill leki um sprungu

Dæluafköst um 200 l/min.

Kjarnatap 2 m við 40-42 m

Misgengi skörp skil.

Þóleit, þétt smáspr. ská og þver spr. sumar spr. opnar og líkl. lekar

Kargi mjög þéttur og heillegur. 2-3% blöðr. með chab. fyll.

Dílabasalt ól. bas. ættar ≤ 10% plag. díl.

3-4% blöð. m. chabasíti, thomsoníti og bláum leir.

Rauður vaxk. sandst. 0,1 m

Kargi, mjög heill og þéttur með chab. fyll. traust kargab.

Dílabasalt, Öl. bas. ætt ar, 10-15% plag. díl. ≤ 5 mm

Blöð. 2-3% m. chab. og blágráa leirsk. Mjög heilt berg

Rauður vaxk. sandst 0,4 m

Kargi, mjög heill og þéttur, vel fyll. m. chab.

Dílabasalt, Öl. bas. ættar, 10-12% plag. díl. ≤ 5 mm

Blöð. 3-4% m. chab. fyll. og blágr. leirsk.

míkró blöð. bönd mynda strfl. neðst.

Setberg, vaxk. sdst, vaxk. túff molnar í borun.

neðar mjúkt set sem hnoðast sem kítti. Kjarnatap neðst.

Þóleit, mjög smábrotið. Hrjúf. spr. m. svarta leirskán

Kargi m. leir og setfyll. efst. Smáspr. og veikur

Misgengisbreksia 1 m kurlað basalt í svörtum leirmassa

Þóleit, þétt týp. þol. 2-3% blöðr. fylltar og skændar sv. leir

Gróð smáspr. net myndar svartar æðar, nálægð við misg.

Setberg, vaxk. brúnt og svart túff. Mikið kjarnatap

Kargi, setfylltar í efstu 0,3 m þéttur,  
neðar með 2-3% blöð . fylltar .chab

Þóleit, þétt en mjög smáspr.

e.t.v. misgengisbreksia í 93-94 m

Spr. yfirl. hrjúfar m. svarta og græna leirskán

Sjá skýringar á mynd 9

Sjá staðsetningu á mynd 3

Hola BR-9 var boruð í tungunni  
á milli Hnifárr og Tunguár í Tungudal

Breiðadals- og Botnsheiði

Jarðtæknistofan

ÁgG

Snið af kjarnaholu  
BR-9 í Tungudal

Desember 1990

Mynd nr 12

**APPENDIX 2**  
**RESULTS OF UNIAXIAL COMPRESSION TESTS**  
**FROM THE BUILDING RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

**7 SHEETS**



Keldnaholt, 112 Reykjavík, S: 676000  
Kennit.: 530269-2139, Nafnnr.: 7264-8218

Ranns. nr. H90/1075

2. Áfangi.

Reykjavík, 31. jan 1991

Nafn greiðanda: Vegagerð ríkisins

Kennitala: 680269 - 2899

Heimilisfang greiðanda: Borgartúni 7 105 Reykjavík

Dags. beiðni: 10. desember 1990

Nafn umbjóðanda: Hreinn Haraldsson

Bréf nr.: 3

Afrít:

Reikn. nr.:

Afrít:

Framkv. af : IJ

Mannvirki: Jarðgöng - Breiðdalsheiði, Botnsheiði

Náma:

Rannsókn: Einásabrotþol á bergkjörnum og berggreining

Fjöldi sýna: 136

Merki:

Upplýsingar frá sendanda:

Að beiðni Hreins Haraldssonar hjá Vegagerð ríkisins var gerð berggreining á borkjörnum sem áður hafði verið mælt á einása brotþol. Berggreining var framkvæmd s.k.v. berggreiningarstaðli R.b.

Í fyrri skýrslu voru sýni sem brotnuðu á gömlum sprunguflötum auðkennd með stjörnu (\*) í töflu. Athygli er vakin á því að í þessari skýrslu er bætt stjörnu við 3 sýni í borholu BR. 3 á 21.4 m,

41,0 m og 43,4 m.

Virðingarfyllst,

RANNSÓKNASTOFNUN BYGGINGARIÐNAÐARINS

Þorsteinn Jóhannesson  
jarðfræðingur

/sg

## Borhola BR 1

Dýpi [m]	Alag [kg]	Þrýstípol [MPa]	Berggerð
3.7	52300	295.8	Basalt lítillega ummyndað þétt
7.5	9850	55.7	Basalt ummyndað þétt
10.6	28750	162.6	Basalt lítillega ummyndað þétt
13.9	3300	18.7	Kargaberg
14.4	4700	26.6	Kargaberg
15.6	1700	9.6	Kargaberg
15.6	1550	8.8	
18.0	15300	86.5	Basalt ummyndað þétt
19.2	21700	122.7	Basalt ummyndað þétt
19.9	16800	95.0	Basalt ummyndað þétt
34.4	5750	32.5	Kargaberg
34.8	6350	35.9	Kargaberg
37.8	5600	31.7	Kargaberg
61.1	2750	15.6	Kargaberg

## Borhcla BR 2

Dýpi [m]	Alag [kg]	Þrýstibol [MPa]	Bergerð
2,6	18500	104,6	Basalt ummyndað þétt
2,6	15900	89,9	
3,7	38000	214,9	Basalt lítilega ummyndað þétt
91,8	13450	76,1	Basalt lítilega ummyndað blöðrótt
91,8	12500	70,7	
91,8	14200	80,3	
91,8	12350	69,8	
91,8	13300	75,2	
120,5	34700	196,2	
120,5	18200	102,9	Basalt lítilega ummyndað þétt
124,1	36300	205,3	Basalt lítilega ummyndað þétt
124,1	21250	120,2	
124,1	37900	214,3	
160,9	19550	110,6	Basalt lítilega ummyndað blöðrótt
160,9	19900	112,5	
163,2	23600	133,5	Basalt lítilega ummyndað þétt
163,2	23500	132,9	
171,7	11350	64,2	Basalt lítilega ummyndað blöðrótt
172,5	9950	56,3	
172,5	6650	37,6	
172,5	9300	52,6	Basalt lítilega ummyndað blöðrótt
204,4	2900	16,4	Kargaberg
206,7	23400	132,3	Basalt lítilega ummyndað þétt
212,0	23950	135,4	Basalt ummyndað þétt
223,1	35200	199,1	Basalt ummyndað þétt
223,1	36700	207,5	
227,4	8900	50,3	Basalt ummyndað blöðrótt
230,9*	19900	112,5	Basalt ummyndað þétt
237,7	31250	176,7	Basalt ummyndað þétt
242,4	12250	69,3	Basalt ummyndað þétt - dílótt
242,4	12200	69,0	
246,3	18050	102,1	Basalt ummyndað þétt - dílótt
250,3	13800	78,0	Basalt ummyndað þétt - dílótt
262,1	13450	76,1	Basalt ummyndað þétt
266,9	33500	189,4	Basalt lítilega ummyndað þétt
266,9	35400	200,2	
268*	7350	41,6	Basalt ummyndað þétt

Dýpi [m]	Álag [kg]	Þrýstípol [MPa]	Berggerð
268,0	14850	84,0	
289,1	21450	121,3	Basalt ummyndað þétt
290,6	9850	55,7	Kargaberg
291,8	11300	63,9	Basalt ummyndað þétt nokkuð sprungið
302,7	10350	58,5	Kargaberg
302,7	9700	54,9	Kargaberg
304,2*	11700	66,2	Basalt ummyndað þétt
309,9	20350	115,1	Basalt ummyndað þétt
312,5	10525	59,5	Basalt ummyndað þétt
313,4	38350	216,9	Basalt lítillega ummyndað þétt
363,5	17050	96,4	Basalt ummyndað þétt
363,5	18100	102,4	
371,7	18900	106,9	Basalt ummyndað þétt
371,4	18200	102,9	Basalt ummyndað þétt
373,8	7100	40,2	Kargaberg
376,8	11250	63,6	Kargaberg
378,2	10500	59,4	Kargaberg
393,5	20500	115,9	Basalt ummyndað þétt
396,5	59600	321,8	Basalt lítillega ummyndað þétt
398,4*	9400	53,2	Basalt ummyndað þétt

### Borhola BR 3

Dýpi [m]	Alag [kg]	Þrýsiþol [MPa]	Bergerð
21.4*	34950	197.6	Basalt lítilega ummyndað þétt
24.2	20500	115.9	Basalt ummyndað þétt
27.5	2675	15.1	Kargaberg
27.5	1475	8.3	
29.3	2550	14.4	Kargaberg
30.9	3850	21.8	Kargaberg
37.9*	8300	46.9	Basalt ummyndað þétt
41.0*	8875	50.2	Basalt ummyndað þétt - mikið sprungið
41.0*	8450	47.8	
43.4*	15050	85.1	Basalt ummyndað þétt nokkuð sprungið
45.0	2725	15.4	Kargaberg
45.7	2150	12.2	Kargaberg
46.0	3700	20.9	Kargaberg
51.0	33200	187.7	Basalt lítilega ummyndað þétt
59.1	18500	104.6	Basalt ummyndað þétt
66.5*	5300	30.0	Basalt ummyndað þétt mikið sprungið
66.5*	6850	38.7	
70.7	24100	136.3	Basalt ummyndað þétt
71.6	16350	92.5	Basalt ummyndað þétt
71.6	15800	89.4	
91.5	28250	159.8	Basalt ummyndað þétt
91.8	33250	188.0	Basalt ummyndað þétt
91.8	19800	112.0	
96.8	41500	234.7	Basalt lítilega ummyndað þétt
96.8	32200	182.1	
99.5	2175	12.3	Kargaberg
101.0	3500	19.8	Basalt ummyndað þétt mikið sprungið
101.0	7600	43.0	
102.1	1375	7.8	Kargaberg
52.7	24350	137.7	Basalt ummyndað þétt

Borholu BR 4

Dýpi [m]	Álag [kg]	Þrýsiþol [MPa]	Berggerð
7,3	29000	164,0	Basalt ummyndað þétt
7,7	30700	173,6	Basalt ummyndað þétt
7,7	29350	166,0	
11,9	42400	239,8	Basalt lítillægum ummyndað þétt
16,7	1800	10,2	Kargaberg
13,4	2075	11,7	Kargaberg
19,0	875	4,9	Kargaberg
26,9	27300	154,4	Basalt ummyndað þétt
28,5	47300	267,5	Basalt lítillægum ummyndað þétt
33,7	1025	5,8	Kargaberg
41,4	3975	22,5	Kargaberg
44,2	32700	184,9	Basalt lítillægum ummyndað þétt
49,2*	8600	48,6	Basalt ummyndað þétt nokkuð sprungið
51,9	17450	98,7	Basalt ummyndað þétt

Borhola BR 9

Dýpi [m]	Álag [kg]	Þrysípol [MPa]	Bergerð
11,7	25850	146,2	Basalt lítillega ummyndað pétt - dílótt
11,7	16450	93,0	
11,7	23450	132,6	
11,7	21300	120,5	
12,7	30950	175,0	Basalt lítillega ummyndað pétt - dílótt
12,7	29700	168,0	
19,5	11400	64,5	Basalt ummyndað pétt ~ 50% dílótt
19,5	7600	43,0	
19,5	10450	59,1	
23,8	10950	61,9	Kargaberg
43,6	35400	200,2	Basalt lítillega ummyndað pétt
43,6*	26200	148,2	
65,6	18050	102,1	Basalt ummyndað pétt
65,6	19300	109,1	
66,9	23050	130,3	Basalt ummyndað pétt
66,9	24350	137,7	
70,5	23100	130,6	Basalt lítillega ummyndað pétt
70,5	22950	129,8	
70,5	30100	170,2	
79,4*	5200	29,4	Basalt ummyndað pétt
79,4*	5700	32,2	