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G0033	SWEDGE	1.12	2000-01-27	
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G0042	STABL5	5.2	2003-08-08	
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G0044	OASYS SEEP	2.2	2006-09-18	
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G0048	OASYS SLOPE	3.5	2004-01-28	

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G0058	GWALL	2.41	2013-01-20	
G0059	OASYS SLOPE	4.12	2013-10-07	
G0060	OASYS STAWAL	3.5	2013-08-17	
G0061	OASYS SAFE	11.4	2013-08-17	
G0062	OASYS VDISP	6.5	2007-07-12	
G0063	OASYS SEEP	3.9	2013-01-20	
G0064	ROCKFAL3	1.0	2001-05-21	
G0065	OASYS SLOPE	4.9	2001-05-14	
G0066	OASYS FREW	8.8	2013-11-16	
G0067	OASYS VDISP	6.4	2001-05-21	
G0068	BMCOLPY/G		2001-09-11	
G0069	OASYS PILE	2.4	2010-12-05	
G0070	OASYS GRETA	5.4	2013-08-17	
G0071	OASYS PILSET	3.4	2013-08-17	
G0072	JANBU	1.0	2001-06-03	
G0073	JANBU	1.0	2001-06-03	
G0074	BEFON	1.0	2001-09-24	
G0075	SAGE CRISP	3.02	2001-06-18	
G0076	CWD	1.0	2001-07-07	
G0077	FEWAND	1.02	2001-07-07	
G0078	GWALL	2.4	2001-07-19	
G0079	DIPS	3.11	2001-07-21	
G0080	WALLAP	3.4	2001-08-10	
G0081	OASYS STAWAL	2.9	2001-08-13	
G0082	GOLDPIT	1.21D	2001-08-18	
G0083	COLOB	98.5	2004-11-14	
G0084	RWALL	98.5	2004-11-14	
G0085	JANBU		2014-01-24	
G0086	JANBU	1.0	2001-09-20	
G0087	SIGMA/W	3.0	2001-10-04	
G0088	WALLAP	4.10	2012-08-05	
G0089	TALREN	3.2	2001-10-08	
G0090	OASYS FREW	8.11	2008-02-03	
G0091	SLOPE/W	4.01	2001-11-24	
G0092	SEEP/W	4.2	2013-01-20	
G0093	OASYS VDISP	5.3	2001-11-26	
G0094	SABLE	98.5	2004-11-14	
G0095	FADSPABW		2008-11-10	
G0096	SHEETPILE/2	2.4	2002-01-14	
G0097	SLSTABBM	0.0	2002-06-10	
G0098	OASYS FREW	5.10	2000-11-23	
G0099	OASYS FREW	8.9	2005-12-19	
G0100	PAROI2	4.6 HK	2006-01-26	

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G0101	PCSTABL5M	1.87	2012-06-25	
G0102	OASYS CLOG	2.4	2002-12-08	
G0103	UNWEDGE	2.3	2006-07-03	
G0104	SLOPE/W	4.21	2013-08-17	The acceptance of the program is subject to the following restrictions: (a) The program is used only for slope stability analysis using the limit equilibrium method of Bishop's Simplified, Janbu's Simplified, or Morgenstern-Price; (b) Janbu's method should not be used for deep seated failure and tie-back loads analysis; and (c) Pseudo-static earthquake analysis, block slip analysis, bearing capacity analysis and probability analysis are excluded.
G0105	SOCKET	1.0	2012-05-06	
G0106	KaKp	1.0	2012-05-06	
G0107	SIGMA/W	4	2003-06-25	
G0108	Q_ALL	1.0	2012-05-06	
G0109	FLAC	3.4	2013-03-25	For the application in excavation & retaining structure only
G0110	CHANNEL	1.0	2012-05-06	
G0111	CESAR-LCPC	3.2.1	2003-08-29	
G0112	GSTABL7	1.14	2003-10-08	
G0113	RIDO	4.01	2013-04-06	
G0114	SLOPE/W	4.22	2010-07-30	- for analysis by Bishop Simplified and Morgenstern-Price method only - excluding applications in solving bearing capacity and seismic loading
G0115	SLOPE 2000	1.6	2007-08-16	
G0116	OASYS VDISP	17.7.2	2014-03-17	
G0117	OASYS SLOPE	17.7.2	2011-03-05	
G0119	SLOPE/W	4.24	2008-04-27	- excluding application in solving bearing capacity, seismic loading and block failure problem
G0120	DIPS	3.12	2012-03-12	
G0121	DIPS	5.0	2011-04-13	
G0122	TUNSET	3.7	2008-05-25	
G0123	SLOPE/W	5.0	2008-07-18	Only Janbu Simplified, Bishop, Spencer and Morgenstern-Price should be used. The use of the program in solving bearing capacity and seismic loading are excluded
G0124	PLAXIS	7.2	2005-09-01	
G0125	SLOPE-STABILITY	7.99	2005-10-20	
G0126	DEBRIFLO	1.02	2013-05-06	

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G0128	Oasys FREW	17.8	2012-10-29	
G0129	CONSOLID	1.0	2012-05-06	
G0130	Oasys SEEP	3.10	2009-11-29	
G0131	TUNSET	17	2006-11-10	
G0132	Processing Modflow (PMWIN)	5.1.5	2007-04-29	
G0133	PLAXIS	8.2	2014-03-17	Only Mohr-Coulomb model should be used
G0134	OASYS FREW (Modified C580 Approach)	18.1	2013-01-17	Notes for FREW users - for Use with Modified C580 Approach

Based on the findings of the verification exercise and back analyses of past case histories of excavation, users are reminded of the following:

1.Horizontal soil pressure coefficients. Users are reminded that the K_a and K_p values applied in FREW should be in the horizontal direction. When opting for the "User Specified" option in FREW, user should use Geoguide 1 Figures 18 & 19 to obtain horizontal earth pressure coefficients, resolve the active (K_a) and passive (K_p) pressure coefficients from the charts, and then input their corresponding horizontal components (i.e. K_{ah} and K_{ph}) into FREW. When opting for the "Calculated" option, FREW will compute the earth pressure coefficients based on the method given in the manual (User Manual Section 2.1.3.2 refers).
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G0134	OASYS FREW (Modified C580 Approach)	18.1		Notes for FREW users - for Use with Modified C580 Approach
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2.Surcharge application. When the surcharge is expected to appear after the wall installation, the surcharge values should be applied in stage 1 instead of stage 0 of the FREW analysis. Users are reminded that the purpose of stage 0 is to model the existing ground condition prior to any construction works. Surcharge value applied in stage 0 corresponds to the situation where the loading is present at the existing ground condition, and FREW will reset the wall deformation to zero prior to the stage 1 analysis.
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G0134	OASYS FREW (Modified C580 Approach)	18.1		<p>Notes for FREW users - for Use with Modified C580 Approach</p> <p>3.Surcharge modeling. It is recommended to use UDL surcharge instead of strip load surcharge if the surcharge is widespread across the site. Users are reminded that application of strip load surcharge will only modify the active pressure limit of the underlying soil; whereas the application of UDL surcharge will modify both active and passive pressure limits of the underlying soil (User Manual Section 3.4.5 refers).</p> <p>4.Model Type mode. Users should note that the verification of FREW has been carried out using the SAFE model. (notes 3 &4 of 6)</p>
G0134	OASYS FREW (Modified C580 Approach)	18.1		<p>Notes for FREW users - for Use with Modified C580 Approach</p> <p>5.Wall/Soil interface. When the SAFE mode is adopted, users have the option to choose between "fixed" or "free" wall/soil interface in the analysis in order to obtain realistic results for the design situation. Where the soil is fixed to the wall and the anticipated vertical movement of the wall relative to the soil is small, such as in a SLS analysis, the "fixed" option should be used. Users may consider using the "free" option in the following situations: (note 5 of 6)</p>
G0134	OASYS FREW (Modified C580 Approach)	18.1		<p>Notes for FREW users - for Use with Modified C580 Approach</p> <p>5.(cont'd) When analysing the behaviour of a wall where the soil will move vertically against the wall and/or the results are close to non-convergence in the FREW analysis; or where limited wall friction is available.</p> <p>Users are reminded that the choice of the wall/soil interface option is related to the modeling of the relative soil/wall movement in the vertical direction, and this should not be confused with the choice of Ka or Kp values that correspond to the wall friction available. Users should obtain the correct Ka and Kp values for FREW inputs by considering the available wall friction. (note 5 of 6)</p>

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G0134	OASYS FREW (Modified C580 Approach)	18.1		Notes for FREW users - for Use with Modified C580 Approach 6.Sensitivity of results to wall embedment depth. When analysing an excavation problem using the CIRIA Report No. C580 method, users should check the sensitivity of the wall behaviour to the wall embedment depth. The wall behaviour in terms of stability is normally represented by the computed structural forces (bending moments/shear forces/ strut loads) in the ULS analysis but the maximum wall deflection is also important in defining the state when there is a rapid increase in wall deflection for a small reduction in the embedment depth. Based on this sensitivity analysis, the wall embedment depth can be selected to achieve an economic design that is sufficiently conservative and robust. (note 6 of 6)
G0135	SLOPE 2000	1.7	2009-03-09	The above acceptance is subject to the following restriction: 1. Pile anchorage simulation is not allowed. 2. Sarma's, Wedge, Lowe Karafiath analysis and 3D analysis options are not allowed. 3. Davis method on bond load calculation for soil nail is not allowed. 4. Combined bond load from soil friction and rock bond for soil nail is not allowed.
G0136	CRSP	4.0	2012-10-07	
G0137	UNWEDGE	3.0	2013-02-21	
G0138	SLOPE/W	6.20	2009-11-06	
G0139	DIPS	5.1	2014-08-31	
G0140	SWEDGE	4.0	2013-08-17	
G0141	OASYS TUNSET	18.1	2013-10-19	- For analysis of tunneling problem by Attewell, Boscardin and Mair et al methods only and - User specified i/h ratio not allowed.
G0142	SLOPE/W	6.21	2014-01-24	- The FOS of the cohesive and frictional component of strength are assumed equal for all soils involved. - The FOS is assumed to be same for all slices. - When excessively steep surface are used or when a strong material overlies a very weak material, SLOPE/W may have difficulties in obtaining a convergent solution.
G0143	SEEP/W	2007	2011-09-04	

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G0144	OASYS SLOPE	18.2	2014-12-01	<p>-The program uses the method of slices and variety of established methods for calculating interslice forces such as Fellenius or Swedish slip circle analysis, the Bishop horizontal or constant inclined inter-slice forces method and Janbu method.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Each slice in the inclined interlice force methods is in equilibrium both vertically and horizontally
G0145	SLOPE/W	5.20	2012-03-15	<p>1. Only Bishop Simplified, Janbu Simplified, and Morgenstern & Price method are allowed to use</p> <p>2. The following applications are excluded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use of partial factor for slope stability analysis- Bearing capacity analyses- Pseudo-static earthquake analyses- Active and passive pressures- Block failure- Analyses allowing passive mode- Probabilistic analyses- Hoek-Brown failure criterion for modeling shear strength of soil or rock- Unsaturated shear strength- Analyses using SLOPE/W finite element stress method- Auto-Locate (or Auto-Search) for critical slip surfaces will produce results for indication only- SHANSEP model for soft soils
G0146	SLOPE/W	2007	2012-03-15	<p>1. Only Bishop Simplified, Janbu Simplified, Morgenstern & Price and Spender methods are allowed to use</p> <p>2. The following applications are excluded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use of partial factor for slope stability analysis- Bearing capacity analyses- Pseudo-static earthquake analyses- Active and passive pressures- Block failure- Analyses allowing passive mode- Probabilistic analyses- Hoek-Brown failure criterion for modeling shear strength of soil or rock- Unsaturated shear strength- Analyses using SLOPE/W finite element stress method- Auto-Locate (or Auto-Search) for critical slip surface will produce results for indication only- SHANSEP model for soft soils

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G0147	OASYS FREW	18.1	2012-06-16	Global Factor Approach Restrictions: - Applied in the design of excavation and lateral support works by conventional approach, such as those described in GEO Publication 1/90 - Only SAFE model method can be in this version of program
G0148	DAN-W	Release 9	2012-06-25	Only Voellmy rheological model may be used
G0149	PAROI 2	4.9e	2012-08-20	Global Factor Approach
G0150	UDEC	4.0	2012-12-15	Only ground excavation and rock reinforcement in tunnel and cavern works are allowed to use
G0151	DAN-W	Release 9	2012-12-17	Only frictional rheological model may be used
G0152	PIES	4	2013-03-22	
G0153	PLAXIS 3D Foundation	2.2	2013-05-06	Global Factor Approach for ELS Works
G0154	PLAXIS (Modified C580 Approach)	9.0	2013-06-16	Notes on the use of PLAXIS for the limit state partial factor method based on CIRIA Report No.C580 Based on the findings of the verification exercise and back analyses of past case histories of excavation, users are reminded of the following: 1.Hydraulic boundary condition. The groundwater pressure distribution assumption in the modeling and the related program setting can have a major influence on the computed results. The assumption should be compatible with the permeability of the various soil/rock layers in the ground and the hydraulic boundary conditions, which should be assessed using field permeability tests, typical permeability values or pumping tests, and piezometric monitoring data. (note 1of 7)
G0154	PLAXIS (Modified C580 Approach)	9.0		Notes on the use of PLAXIS for the limit state partial factor method based on CIRIA Report No.C580 2.Check on capacity of structural elements. A structural check should be carried out after the analyses. If the structural check indicates the capacity of any of the structural elements being exceeded, the analyses should be repeated for a revised design with stronger structural elements using higher stiffness values. (note 2 of 7)

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G0154	PLAXIS (Modified C580 Approach)	9.0		<p>Notes on the use of PLAXIS for the limit state partial factor method based on CIRIA Report No.C580.</p> <p>3.Wall/Soil interface. Use of an unrealistically low strength such as zero strength at the interface will likely result in numerical instability (e.g. non-convergence) or unreasonably large wall deflections. Therefore, the wall/soil interface ratio Rinter should not be set to zero. It is suggested that the users adopt a Rinter value of not less than 0.1 times the soil shear strength in the analysis. (note 3 of 7)</p>
G0154	PLAXIS (Modified C580 Approach)	9.0		<p>Notes on the use of PLAXIS for the limit state partial factor method based on CIRIA Report No.C580</p> <p>4.Effects of mesh size on accuracy of results. The mesh/element size to be adopted in the analysis should be suitably fine so that further refinement of the mesh/element size would not generate a significant change in the required wall embedment depth. A finer mesh/element size may also be required at the areas of stress concentration or zones of large deformation gradient. The variation of the mesh/element size over the computation domain should be optimized to avoid numerical instability (e.g. non-convergence) and to achieve adequate calculation accuracy. (note 4 of 7)</p>
G0154	PLAXIS (Modified C580 Approach)	9.0		<p>Notes on the use of PLAXIS for the limit state partial factor method based on CIRIA Report No.C580</p> <p>5. Wall embedment depth and large strains. When analyzing an excavation problem using the limit state partial factor method based on CIRIA Report No. C580 to obtain the design wall embedment depth, users should check the sensitivity of the wall behaviour to the wall embedment depth. There could be a rapid increase in the maximum wall deflection/strut loads upon a small reduction in the wall embedment depth, reflecting the sensitivity of the design to small variations in wall embedment. Hence a suitable value of design wall embedment depth should be selected to take into account the results of sensitivity analysis and the construction tolerance that can be achieved under the construction control and supervision regime imposed. (note 5 of 7)</p>

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G0154	PLAXIS (Modified C580 Approach)	9.0		<p>Notes on the use of PLAXIS for the limit state partial factor method based on CIRIA Report No.C580</p> <p>6.Selection of Soil Models. Users should not use effective stress shear strength parameters (ϕ' & c') to model undrained behaviour. Also, the users should note that PLAXIS may not give appropriate pore water pressure distributions in an undrained analysis unless an appropriately sophisticated soil model is adopted. Reference should be made to the report of the Committee of Inquiry on the Nicoll Highway collapse for advice on selection of appropriate soil models for soil-structure interaction analysis. (note 6 of 7)</p>
G0154	PLAXIS (Modified C580 Approach)	9.0		<p>Notes on the use of PLAXIS for the limit state partial factor method based on CIRIA Report No.C580</p> <p>7.Requirement for convergence. Excavation is an unloading problem. Hence, the PLAXIS calculation for ELS works is a load-controlled analysis. Users may use the default setting where the "Arc-length control" function for iteration of calculation is activated. Under special circumstances of large shear strains and significant plasticity developing in the mesh elements, the users may deactivate the "Arc-length control" function to force the analysis to solve to convergence (see PLAXIS Reference Manual under Iterative Procedure Control Parameters). In such a case, the users must check whether the shear strains generated in the mesh indicate development of a global failure mechanism. If the analysis has predicted a global failure mechanism, the users should re-activate the "Arc-length control" function and re-run the analysis. If there is no convergence, then the wall embedment depth should be increased. (note 7 of 7)</p>
G0155	PLAXIS	9.02	2013-07-01	<p>1. Stage excavation with props or anchors by global factor approach and steady state seepage flow analysis, all on Mohr-Coulomb soil model only.</p> <p>2. The Prior acceptance is subjected to the document attached - Notes on PLAXIS (Version 9.02) for Excavation and Lateral Support and Steady - State Seepage Analysis.</p>

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G0156	WALLAP	4.10	2013-07-25	<p>1. Only the Bending Moment and Displacement type of analysis with the wall and soil modelled by sub-grade reaction is allowed.</p> <p>2. The use of the program should be in compliance with the technical recommendations stipulated in paragraph 4 of Appendix A of the Circular Letter " Design of Excavation and Lateral Support Works by the Limit State Partial Factor Method Extension of the Trial Period" issued by this Department dated 18 January 2007.</p>
G0157	PLAXIS 3D Tunnel	2.4	2013-11-29	<p>1. The assessment of tunneling on existing structures should include back analysis of previous tunneling in nearby site for program calibration.</p> <p>2. The tunnel linings dismantling model should include substantial soil cover and adequate ground improvement for ground stabilization.</p> <p>3. Only linear elastic perfectly plastic Mohr Coulomb constitutive model is allowed.</p> <p>4. Only steady-state seepage flow analyses is allowed.</p>
G0158	WALLAP	5.04	2014-04-19	<p>Global Factor Approach</p> <p>The feature of seismic loading, thermal stress of struts, wedge stability, yield moment of wall and FOS calculation using BSC Piling Handbook method are excluded.</p>
G0159	DAN-W	Release 10	2014-05-05	<p>The analysis of post-failure debris motion with normal elements only</p>
G0160	WALLAP	5.04	2014-06-02	<p>Global Factor Approach</p>
G0161	PLAXIS	2010	2014-08-31	<p>- Restricted to stage excavation with props or anchors by global factor approach and steady state seepage flow analysis, all on Mohr-Coulomb soil model only; and</p> <p>- Guidelines given in the attached document - Notes on PLAXIS (Version 2010) for ELS and Steady- State Seepage Analysis.</p>

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G0162	VALDEZ	5.0	2014-11-10	- The program is developed specifically for the design of reinforced earth wall in compliance of Geoguide 6 for Hong Kong; and - Global slope stability checks should be carried out by another program.