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**Project: Banda Aceh Stilt House Design Options**

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Subject: Narrative

**Scope:**

The following narrative provides a summary of our finding and structural design strategy of the Banda Aceh Stilt Building option:

**Narrative:**

Two stilt house alternates were presented to our design team. Our designated task was to examine the structural acceptability of these houses and if possible, design more efficient buildings with improved earthquake life safety performance, without increase in construction cost. Also, the design had to accommodate local construction capabilities and could not change the basic aesthetic that Banda Aceh natives are familiar with.

The two stilt house alternates included the following:

- Alternate 1: Timber superstructure with wood posts supported by concrete columns. Foundation assumed to be the same as Alternative 2 footings.
- Alternate 2: Timber superstructure supported on concrete beams, which are supported by concrete stilt columns, creating a concrete frame. Foundation consisted of bell shaped footings beneath each column.

**Assessment of Alternatives:**

With minor modifications, Alternates 1 and 2 could be considered life safe. Specifically, we would recommend the following modifications:

- Alternate 1: Embed the column posts into the concrete columns 1'-0" minimum. Also, limit the clear height of these posts to 1'-2" maximum.
- Alternate 2: Provide adequate reinforcement at the concrete beam and column intersections. Also, ensure proper soil compaction around the concrete footings.

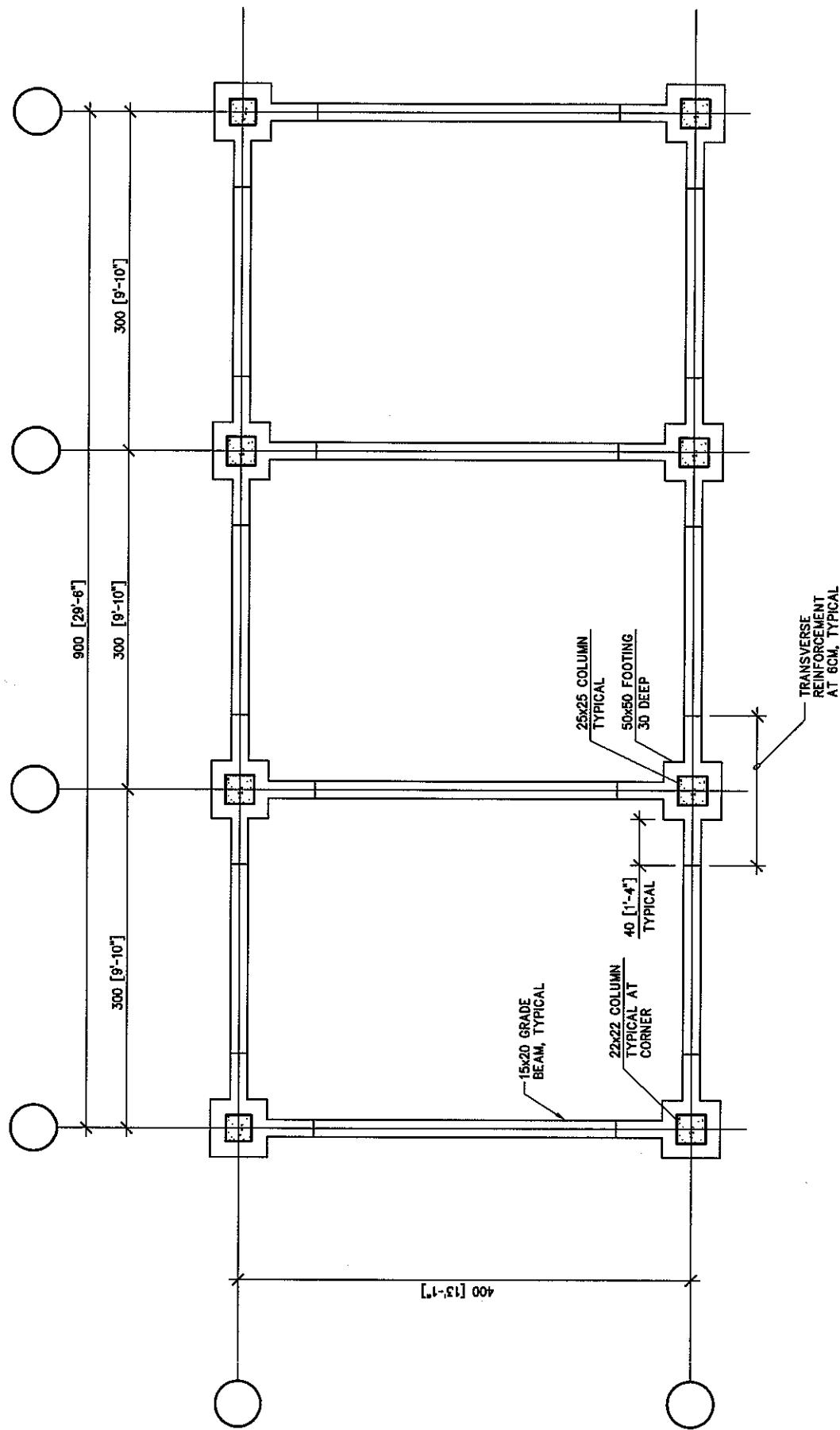
**Recommendations:**

The design we chose consists of a concrete frame, similar to the Alternate 2 building. However, we substituted timber beams in lieu of concrete beams at the floor level. We relocated the concrete floor beams to the foundation, tying them to the base of the concrete columns, creating a footing grid system. This design solution is cost neutral and, we believe, results in a more seismically resistant system.

- Moving the concrete beams to the foundation reduces mass from the superstructure which will decrease the potential seismic force the house will be subjected to during an earthquake.
- Connecting the columns to the grid system of beams and the ground level, provides a more reliable fixed base condition.
- The beam and column reinforcement is such that, during a significant seismic event, the failure mechanism is designed to occur within the foundation beams which will increase the system's ductility and reduce the likelihood of sudden collapse.
- The foundation grid system will help mitigate differential settlement concerns.
- Eliminates concrete forming costs for the beams.

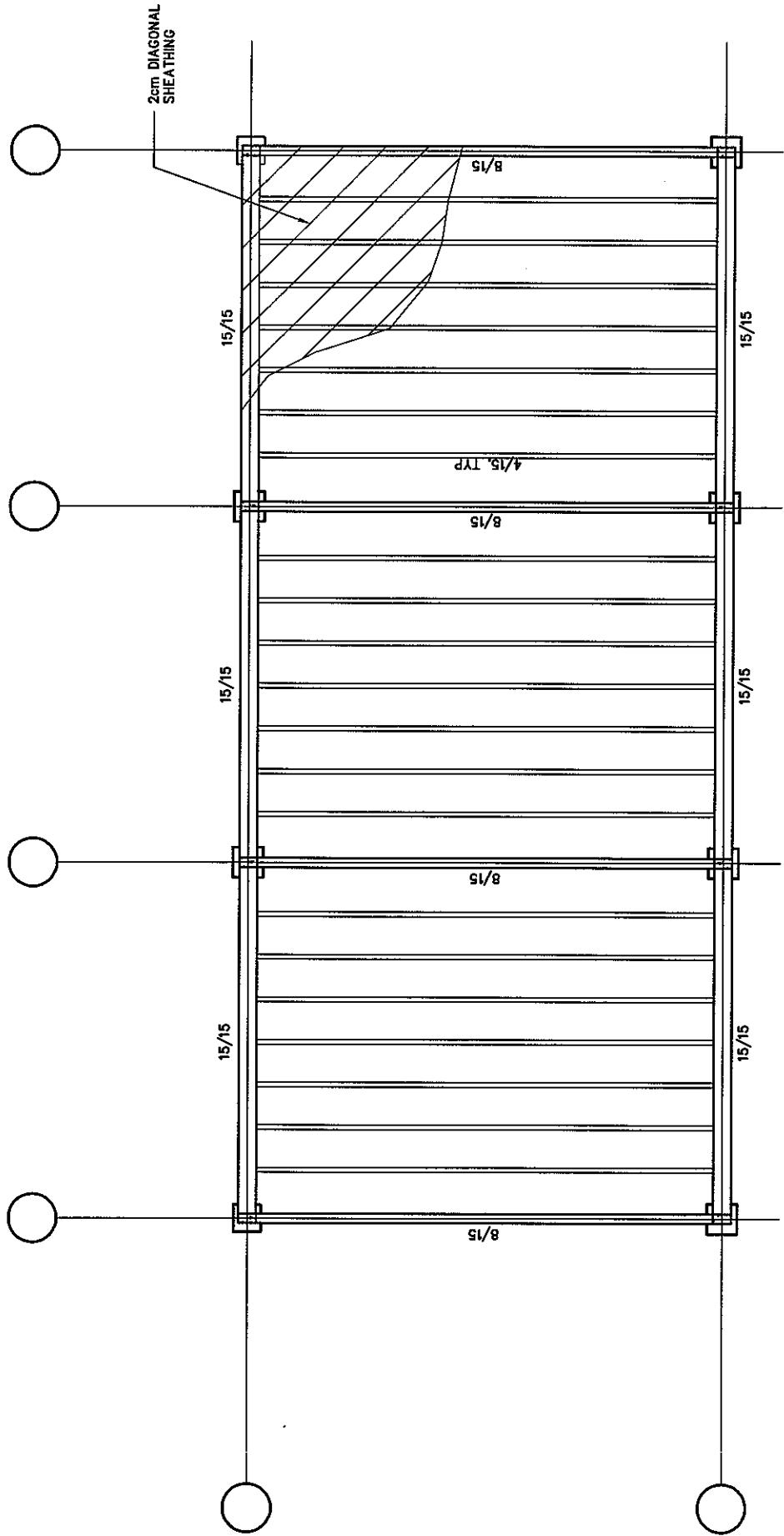
# FOUNDATION PLAN

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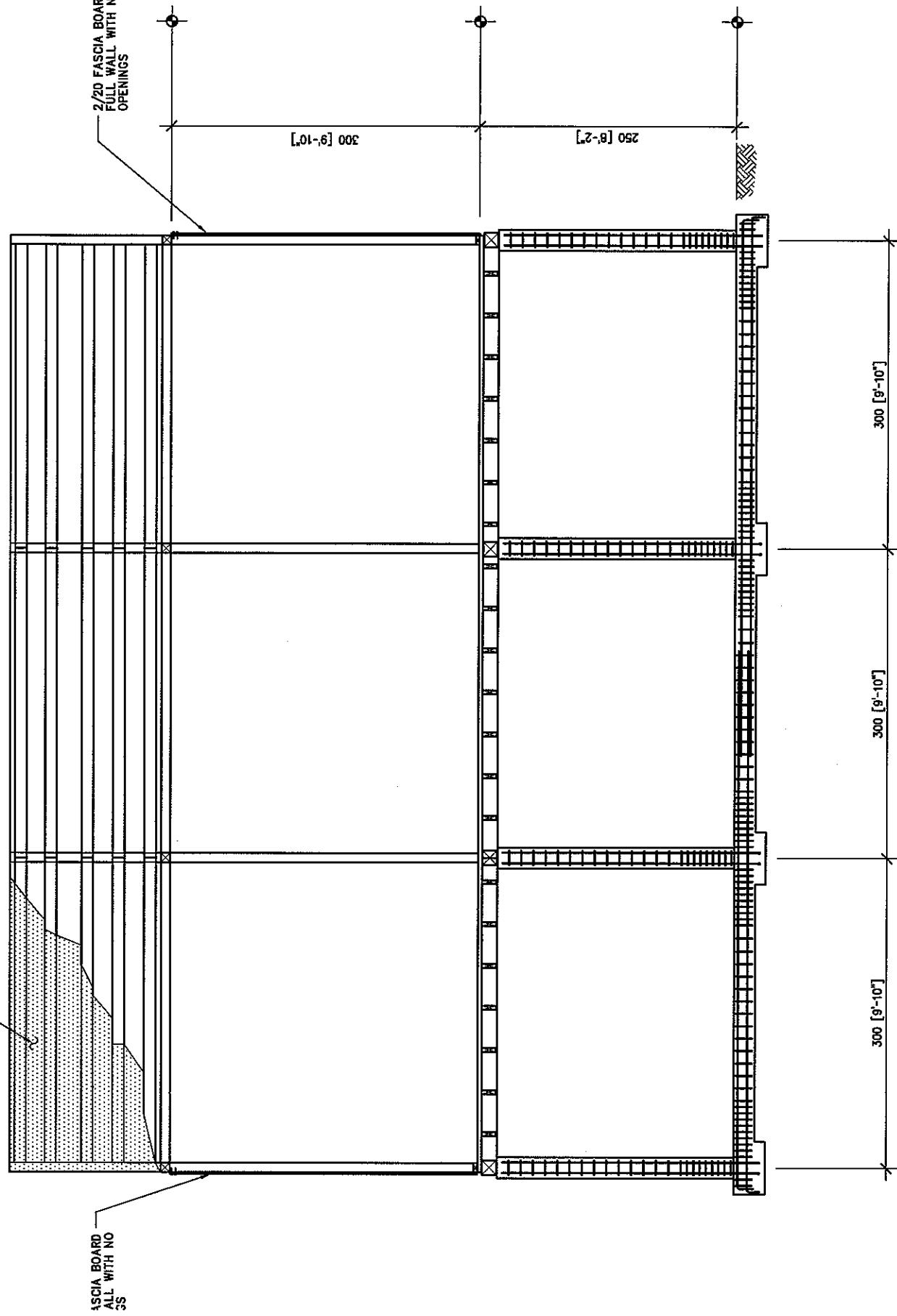
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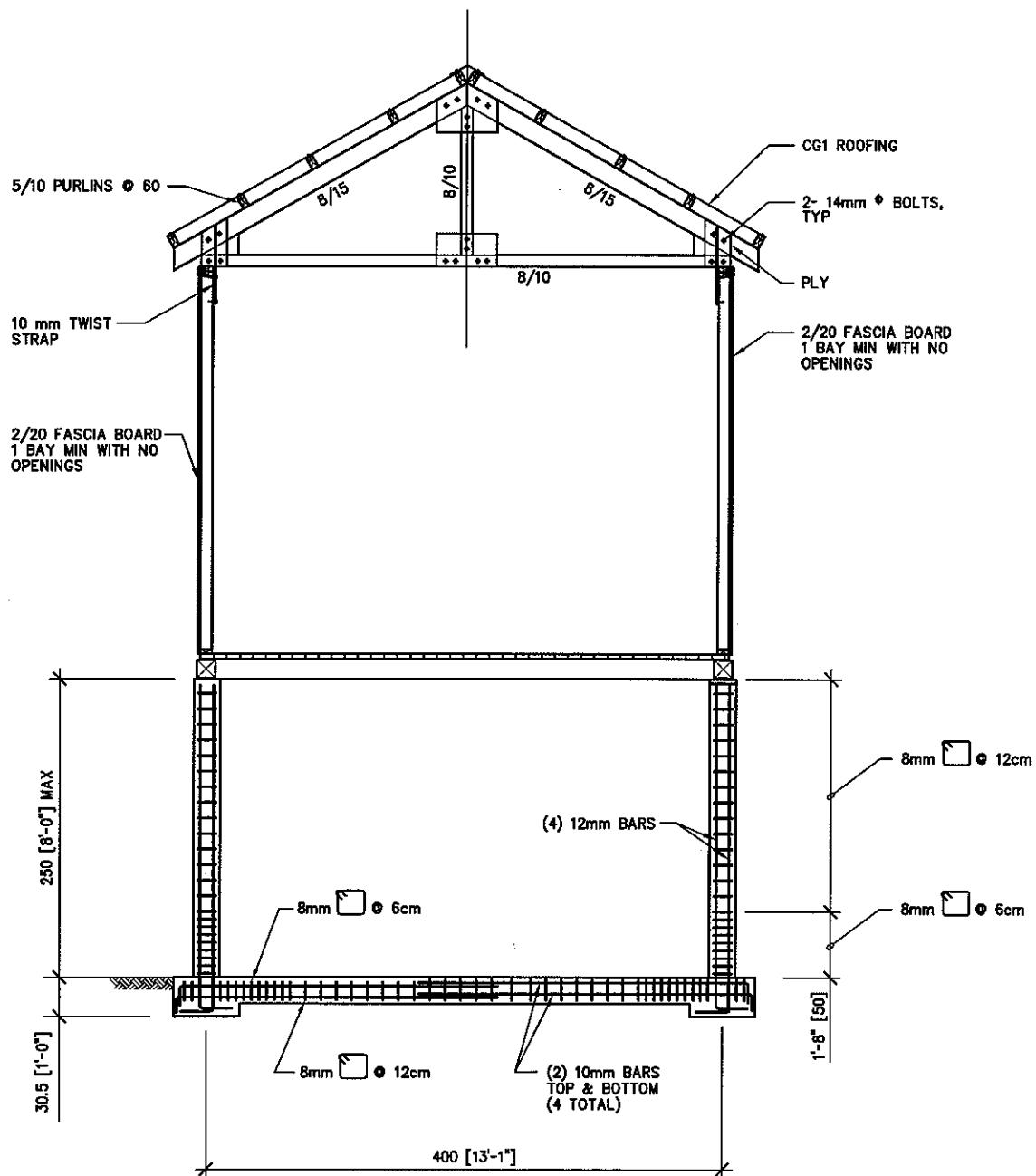
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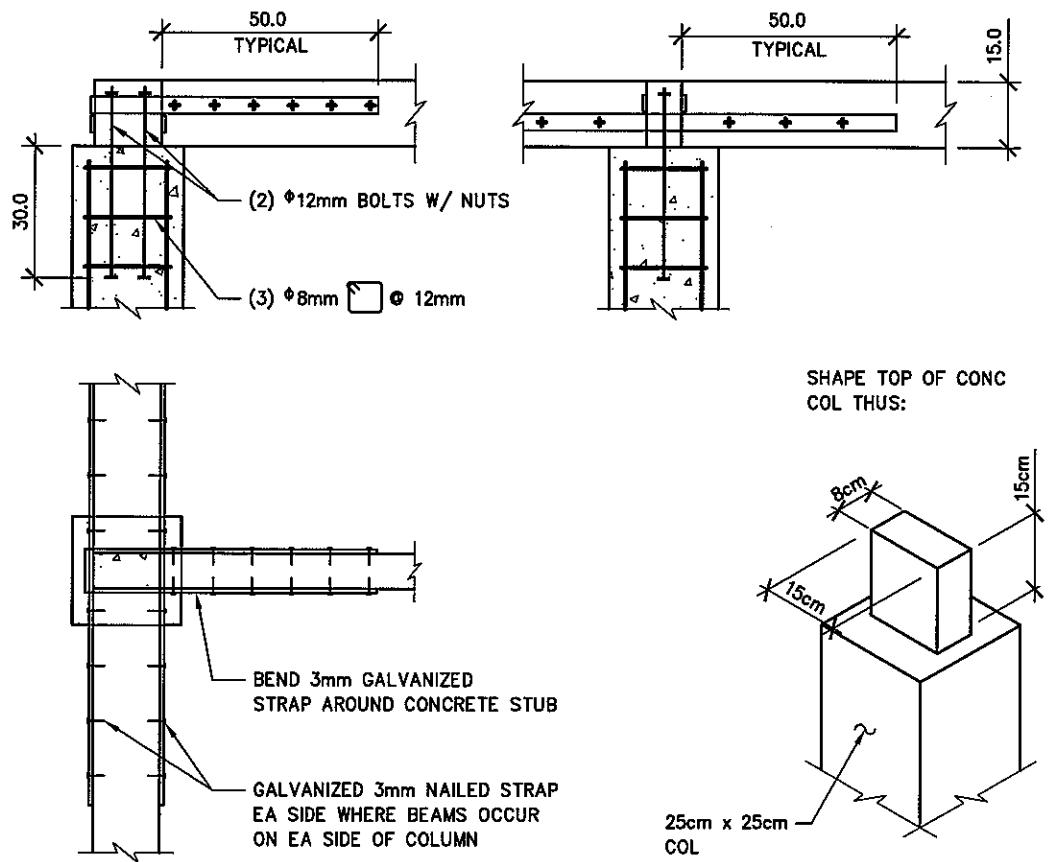
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## TRANSVERSE SECTION



**5 TOP OF COLUMN CONNECTION**

**UNIT PRICE LIST**  
Materials and Labor

*FOUNDATION ONLY*

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	Foundation Cost (+ general tools) =	\$ 6,249,390 \$ 658
	Superstructure Cost =	\$ - \$ -
	Total Cost =	\$ 6,249,390 \$ 658

ALL DIMENSIONS IN cm unless otherwise indicated  
9500 Rp. per US\$

MATERIAL	Unit	Cost (Rp.)	Alt. Cost	Source	Qty / Volume	Unit	Cost (Rp.)
Foundation, Masonry, Reinforced Concrete							
Mountain Stone	m3	120,000		PU, OXFAM	0	sacks	389,049
Portland Cement	40 kg bag	29,000	32,000	Retailers, OXFAM	13.4	cu m	41,787
Mix Smooth Sand/Round Agg (Delivered)	4 cu m	220,000		Retailers	0.76		-
Sand (Delivered)	4 cu m	225,000		Retailers	0		-
Crushed Aggregate (Delivered)	4 cu m	300,000		Retailers	1.52	cu m	113,965
Fill soil	m3	50,000	55,000	PU, OXFAM	0		-
14.5mm dia ribbed steel	10m bar	96,000		Retailers	0		-
12.5mm dia ribbed steel	10m bar	71,000		Retailers	0		-
14mm dia (13.2mm actual) smooth steel	10m bar	64,000		Retailers	0		-
12mm dia (11.5mm actual) smooth steel	10m bar	47,000		Retailers	132	m	618,866
10mm dia (9.4mm actual) smooth steel	10m bar	32,000		Retailers	739	m	2,366,223
8mm dia (7.4mm actual) smooth steel	10m bar	20,000		Retailers	0		-
6mm dia (5.4mm actual) smooth steel	9m bar	11,000		Retailers	0		-
Steel Tie Wire	kg	7,000		Retailers	0		-
Solid Fired Brick (4 x 10 x 18)	ea	480		Retailers, Kiln Owners	0		-
Hollow Concrete Block (4" x 8" x 15 3/4")	ea	2,800		Block Manufacturer	-		-
					$\Sigma =$	3,529,890	
					$\Sigma =$	\$ 371.57	

Timber Frame and Roof			
Wood-Semantok/Ulin (very hard)	m3	2,700,000	PU
Wood-Kamper/Kruing	m3	2,300,000	PU
Wood-Borneo	m3	2,000,000	PU
Wood-Sengon	m3	1,500,000	PU
Timber Beam (15 cm x 15 cm)	linear m	42,600	PU
4" x 4"	4m plank	85,000	OXFAM
2" x 4"	4m plank	48,000	OXFAM
2" x 3"	4m plank	35,000	OXFAM
Fascia board (2cm x 20cm)	4m plank	44,000	OXFAM, PU
Plywood 4 mm thick	sheet	58,000	OXFAM
Plywood 3 mm thick	sheet	39,000	PU
Wood Nails	kg	8,000	9,000 PU, OXFAM
Iron Bolts	kg	4,500	8,000 PU, Retailers
Timber Primer	kg	14,000	PU
Paint (outer coat)	kg	28,000	PU
Steel Brackets	kg	30,000	rough estimate
CGI Sheets (240 x 80)	sheet	46,000	Retailers, OXFAM
Genteng Metal Sheets 133.5 x 85	sheet	52,000	Retailer
Genteng Metal Ridge Tiles	tile	5,000	total guess
Zeng Sheet Nails	kg	28,000	PU

	Unit	Cost (Rp.)	Alt. Cost	Source
<b>Doors and Windows</b>				
Door (with hinges and lock)	door	325,000		OXFAM
Window (with hinges and fittings)	window	250,000		OXFAM
Timber Door or Window Frame	m3	2,300,000		Lumber Yard
Timber Door	m3	2,300,000		Retailer, Lumber Yard
Door Hinge	Pair	15,700	PU	
Door Latch	Unit	7,000	PU	
Transparent Glass 3mm	m2	52,000	PU	
Transparent Glass 5mm	m2	66,000	PU	
<b>Floor</b>				
30 x 30 cm floor tile	m2	47,000	PU, Retailer	
Side tile 20 x 20 cm	m2	50,000	PU, Retailer	
<b>Misc.</b>				
Weld Mesh	m	11,000		
Mosquite Mesh	m	15,000		
Chicken Wire	m	6,000		

<b>Reusable Construction Equipment</b>		
Scaffolding poles (Dolken Wood)	bar	42,000
Formwork (2cm x 20cm)	4m plank	46,000
Fiber drum for water	drum	155,000
Wheelbarrow	barrow	180,000
Mortar mixer with gear	mixer	4,950,000
Mortar mixer without gear	mixer	3,700,000
Mixer rental	day	100,000

#### Assumptions

5 houses under construction at the same time in pilot project

Tools	Quantity	Unit	Cost
Mason's rule	1	ea	3,000
Level	1	ea	45,000
Trowel - 20 cm	1	ea	20,000
Plaster Trowel	1	ea	3,500
Plumb Bob	1	ea	8,000
Roll of String	2	ea	1,000
Small Mason's Hammer	2	ea	15,000
Carpenter's Hammer	2	ea	13,000
			26,000
			$\Sigma =$ 1,828,500
			$\Sigma =$ \$ 192,47

LABOR		Govt Est.	Likely Wage
Foreman	person/day	41,000	61,500
Head Carpenter/Painter	person/day	52,000	78,000
Carpenter	person/day	43,000	64,500
Assistant Carpenter	person/day	23,000	35,000
Head Mason/Smith	person/day	52,000	78,000
Mason/Smith	person/day	43,000	64,500
Assistant Mason/Smith	person/day	28,000	42,000
Digger	person/day	25,000	37,500

4	246,000
3	234,000
3	193,500
3	105,000
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3	112,500
$\Sigma =$	891,000
$\Sigma =$	\$ 93.79