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Nicoll Highway Collapse (Singapore) Expert Witness Role for Criminal Proceedings

Description of Work

In Singapore on 20th April 2004 a 33m deep excavation in soft clay for a new mass transit railway system immediately adjacent to the Nicoll Highway collapsed, resulting in 4 fatalities and extensive damage to the surrounding area. Following on from the Committee of Inquiry (COI) that investigated the cause of the collapse the Professional Engineer (PE) for the works was charged by the Department of Justice with failing to carry out his duties in compliance with the appropriate statutes.

Mr Tom Henderson of GCG (Asia) acted as an Expert Witness as part of these proceedings and submitted a report to the court on the duties and responsibilities of the PE in addressing the events leading up to the collapse and how these compared with international standards. The court hearing was held in April 2006 and Mr Henderson's report was used as a source of reference by both sets of lawyers and the District Judge.

Client: Rodyk & Davisson for
Nishimatsu Construction Co Ltd

Dates: 2004-present

Estimated Project Cost: N/A

