

**SOME RECENT STUDIES ON THE ALLUVIAL CLAYS AROUND WEERAKETIYA FOR THE
MANUFACTURE OF STRUCTURAL CLAY PRODUCTS**

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The Geological Survey Department has carried out a clay resources survey around Weeraketiya in the Hambantota district to evaluate quality and potential reserves. Three new alluvial clay deposits have been discovered in the Mahawewa, Udukiriwila and Mahakadawala areas which are suitable for production of tiles and allied products. This paper summarises the results of the survey and their economic importance for the establishment of a tiles and allied products factory.