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# INVESTIGATION OF DAWESLEY AEROMAGNETIC ANOMALY

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#### ABSTRACT

This report summarizes the investigations as to the cause of an Aeromagnetic Anomaly near Dawesley. The ground investigations have indicated the probable presence of a sulphide mineralisation in a zone over 1 mile in length. Recommendations for diamond drilling are included. The testing of this anomaly will be the first to assess the value of induced polarization investigations in this state.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The Dawesley Aeromagnetic Anomaly occurs near the eastern margin of the Echunga 1 mile Aeromagnetic Map. The anomaly was noted by Mr. Thomson who initiated the geological and geochemical investigations and requested certain geophysical traverses be carried out in conjunction with this work. The project has been carried on by the writer, in conjunction with the detailed investigation of mineralization in the Kanmantoo and Callington areas, and Mr. John Webb, Senior Geophysicist.

This report assembles the data recorded to date and reiterates the recommendations in minute RCM 19/2/62.

# 2. PREVIOUS WORK AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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The Dawesley Aeromagnetic Anomaly occurs within the area mapped by S.B. Dickinson for Bulletin 20 and falls on the edge of andalusite schist zone shown on his map.

As the anomaly lies outside what was considered to be the mineralized zone no detailed work has been done in the area.

The writer is indebted to Mines Exploration Pty. Ltd. and Mr. E. Burnside of McPhar Geophysics Ltd. of Toronto, Canada, for the induced polarization traverses and their interpretation.

The three property owners most affected by the investigations, Messrs. J.L. Frame, H. Proctor, (Kallana Graziers Ltd.) and R.M. Chapman have been most helpful. Messrs. Proctor and Chapman both offered assistance and Mr. Proctor has made a water bore available.

## 3. LOCATION - TITLE AND MINERAL RIGHTS

The aeromagnetic anomaly is centred about 2 miles east of Dawesley, on the Princes Highway some 30 miles from Adelaide, on Sections 5353 and 5754 Hd. of Kanmantoo.

The land is all private freehold with minerals alienated from the crown. Plan 62-82 bound with this report shows the present owners of both the surface and mineral rights. The area coloured red on this plan is the probable limit of the anomalous material.

## 4. GEOLOGY

## 4.1 Regional Geology

The sediments outcropping in the vicinity of the anomalous zone are interbedded micaceous sandstones and pyritic schists of the Brukunga Formation (Thomson 1962). The pyritic schists are similar to the Nairne Pyrite member with a somewhat lower pyrite content. Near the centre of the anomalous zone the beds are intersected by a breccia zone up to 100 feet in width.

The breccia can be traced intermittently for several miles. It is by no means certain that there is one continuous structure, it is more likely that a major line of weakness in the basement is reflected by a zone of shears and breccias in the overlying Cambrian sediments. These shears are related to the N-S lode shears in the copper mines 2 miles to the southeast.

The regional setting of this anomaly is being studied in conjunction with the investigation of the regional geology of the Callington and Kanmantoo mines. Briefly the anomaly lies within a sequence of micaceous siltstones and greywackes with interbedded pyritic beds. These beds occur about the middle of the Brukunga Formation. The sediments are well cleaved and fall within the greenschist facies in metamorphic grade. Prominent andalusite schists occur stratigraphically above and below these beds. The lower andalusite schists, lying to the west and northwest of the anomaly, are those shown on the map published by Kleemancand Skinner (1959 P. 63).

These authors suggest the andalusite indicates an original compositional variation in the rock rather than a variation in metamorphic grade. In the Dawesley Area this would appear to be an acceptable hypothesis, but this feature will be considered in more detail at the close of the investigation of the mines.

# 4.2. Detailed Mapping

Following a surface geological reconnaissance of the aeromagnetic anomalous zone in which a breccia was located, the zone was gridded normal to the breccia with lines spaced  $1000^{\circ}$  apart. This grid was used as a base for plane table mapping at a scale of  $100^{\circ}$  to 1" from  $3000^{\circ}$ N to  $4000^{\circ}$ S and some 500 feet either side of the breccia (L62-10, L62-101). Contours have been drawn at  $10^{\circ}$  intervals to facilitate the preparation of accurate topographic sections for design of drill-holes. This mapping was carried out by vacation students under the writer's supervision.

## 4.3. Geochemical Sampling

In conjunction with the geological reconnaissance T. Amtmanis took samples from three locations for spectrographic analysis to test for metals other than iron in the gossans. Samples were taken from the ferruginous cappings on two pyrite beds and from the breccia. Both samples from the breccia indicated 800 p.p.m. copper, no high values were recorded in the other samples.

Later, following the location of an electro-magnetic anomaly (see later) associated with the breccia, a grid sampling programme was laid out over the breccia and adjacent sediments.

The sampling was carried out by J.E. Johnston assisted by B.E. Chapple (Vacation Student). The early samples were taken with a hand auger and consequently a considerable number are soil samples. Later the proline drill was used and bedrock samples were taken. It was not considered necessary to use systematic geochemical sampling to locate the drilling target but rather to detect the metals present and their probable distribution along the breccia.

The results have been plotted in Plan (62-135, bound with this report). From these results it can be seen that copper is probably associated with the concealed conductor. The isolated high lead value has not been considered significant. The high values are restricted to the gossan on the breccia and where this is absent the values in the leached outcrop are very low. On line 1000'S the low values over the geophysical anomalous zone are thought to be due to the samplers being unable to penetrate the transported alluvium in the creek bed.

### 5. GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATIONS

## 5.1. Magnetic Observations

The Echunga 1 mile Aeromagnetic Map shows an area of higher readings about 2 miles east of Dawesley, in the northeast corner of the map. This area has been checked on the ground by the Geophysical Section. The anomaly has been shown to be the resultant of a number of smaller anomalies associated with pyrite (and probably pyrrhotite) beds. Small veins carrying magnetite have been found but are not thought to be significant. The breccia zone gave magnetite readings close to the regional values except to the south where symmetric low and high values are recorded about the estimated position of the shear. This is best shown on line 1000°S.

#### 5.2. Electro-magnetic Traverses

Following the geological reconnaissance electrogramgeric traverses were recommended to supplement the magnetic work. The results indicated a very strong anomaly associated with the breccia zone between 4000°N and 2000°S. There is a marked drop in the values outside these limits. The method did not pick out the pyrite beds with any certainty. This is thought

to be due to the depth of weathering and the disseminated nature of the sulphide.

To confirm this hypothesis a traverse was run over the Nairne Pyrite Member north of Brukunga (DD 11 section line) and only a low anomaly was recorded.

Mr. Burnside of McPhar Geophysics ran a few trial observations with the "Afmag", a device similar in effect to the electromagnetic equipment. The traverse confirmed the presence of a conductor below and slightly to the east of the gossan on line 2000N.

# 5.3. <u>Induced Polarization Traverses</u>

Three traverses over astrong electromagnetic anomalies have been run on lines 1000°S, 500°N and 3000°N. These traverses all confirmed the relatively shallow anomalies detected by the electromagnetic method, and they also recorded strong conductivities in the pyrite beds at depth.

To assist in the interpretation of the profiles a traverse was run at Brukunga (DD 11). This traverse showed the disseminated pyrite to have a strong conductivity.

## 6. APPRAISAL OF RESULTS TO DATE

The Dawesley Aeromagnetic Anomaly is the resultant of a number of smaller anomalies associated with pyritic beds and to an unknown extent with thin quartz magnetite veins.

Associated with this anomaly there is a body with higher electrical conductivity than the surrounding rock. This body has shown different physical properties to the sedimentary pyrite in beds. Several other conductors which would produce anomalous readings with some of the geophysical methods used have been excluded by combination of the results of various methods. The following table is included to illustrate the expected behaviour of various conducting bodies.

TABLE 1

EXPECTED GEOPHYSICAL RECORDING

Conductor		Magnetometer	Electro Magnetic	Induced Pol- arization.
Pyrite Beds		Slight to moderate	Low	(high (Low in weathered c zone.)
Electrolyte (saline water)		Ni l	H <b>i</b> gh	Ni 1
Magnetite		V. high	Complex	H <b>i</b> gh
Graphite ,		Ni l	V. high	V. high
Sulphide body (including mass pyrite)	sive	Nil to weak	Hi gh	High
Dawesley conceal body	led	Nil (complex to (south)	V. high	Hi gh

From this table it can be seen that the body is most likely to be either graphite or a sulphide body (not excluding pyrite). No significant concentrations of graphite are known in the vicinity. The geochemical sampling suggests that some of the minerals contain copper. The strike length of 6000 feet and widths in excess of 100 feet indicate a body of considerable size.

## 7. RECOMMENDATIONS

The investigations have reached a stage where subsurface information is required to ascertain the nature and value of the body causing the anomalies. The geological structure is such that angle diamond drilling from the east will be most effective. The strikemlength of 6000 feet and unknown extent in depth will require extensive drilling for a reasonable evaluation. The mineralization in the adjacent Kanmantoo Mines is unevenly distributed so that a negative result in one or two holes would not be sufficient to show the prospect valueless.

Initially 6 holes have been recommended, 4 to test along the electromagnetic anomaly at relatively shallow depth and 2 to test the electromagnetic and induced polarization anomalies on line 1000S. The first hole

has been pegged on line 1000°S at 100°E depressed 50° W, the hole has been designed to intersect the EM & IP anomaly below 00-200W and the deeper 1P anomaly below 600W. A second hole has been pegged on line 1000°N to intersect the breccia zone. On this line there is a strong electro-magnetic anomaly and the geochemical results show copper and bismuth values.

Further holes will be pegged when the information gained from these holes has been studied.

# 8. CONCLUSIONS

In the Dawesley area adjacent to a known copper field there is an large conductive zone. The geophysical and geological investigations have indicated the prospect worthy of further testing. It will be very discouraging if legal technicalities prevent this investigation reaching a final conclusion.

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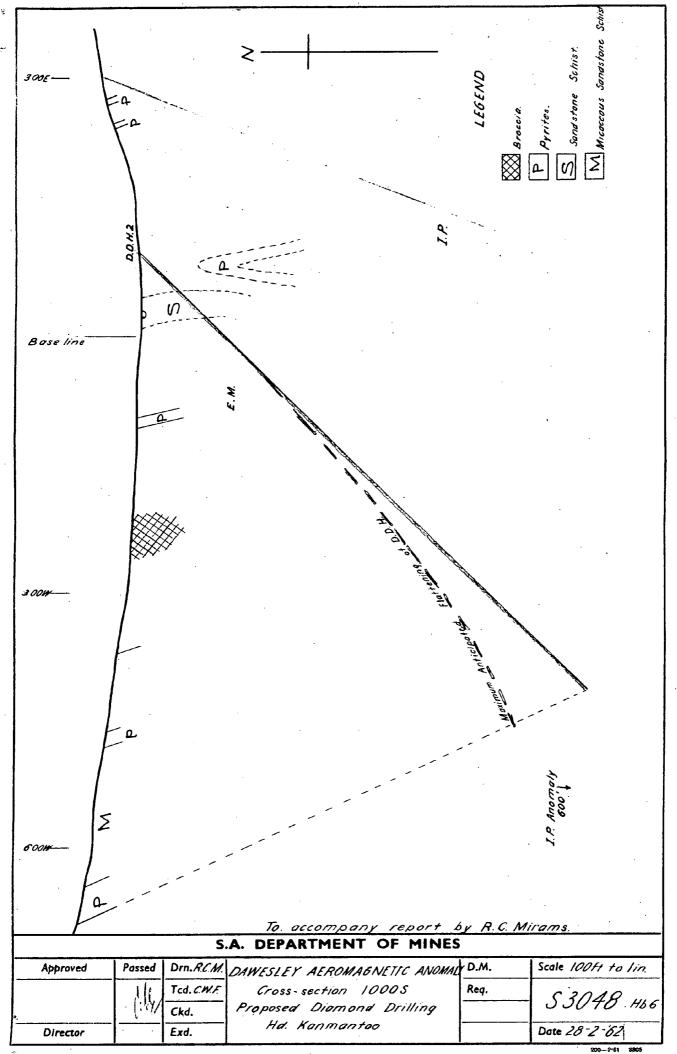
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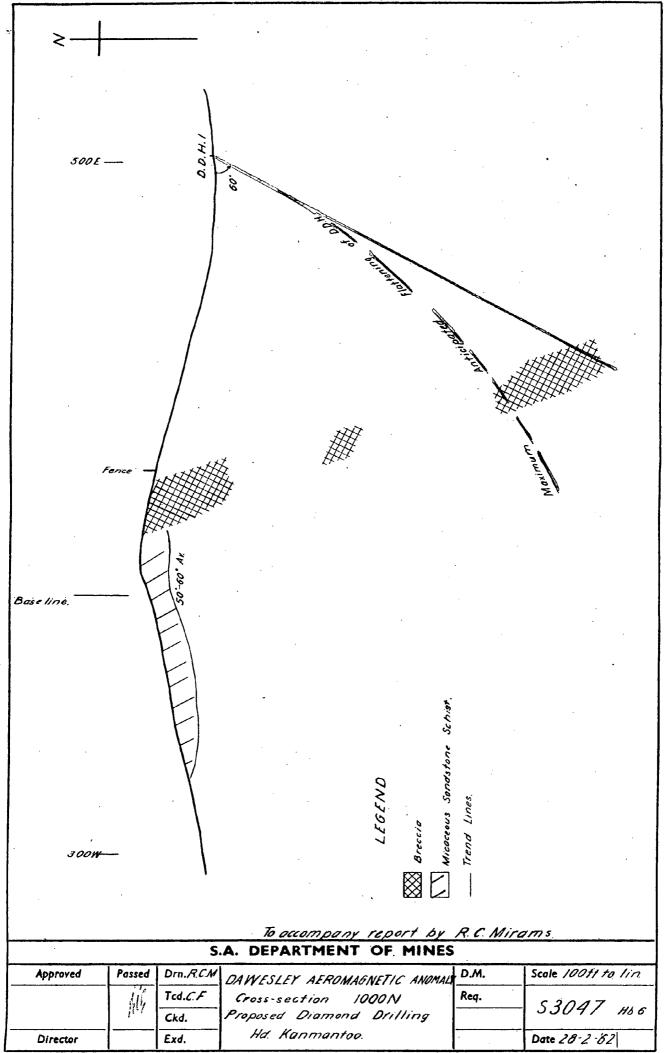
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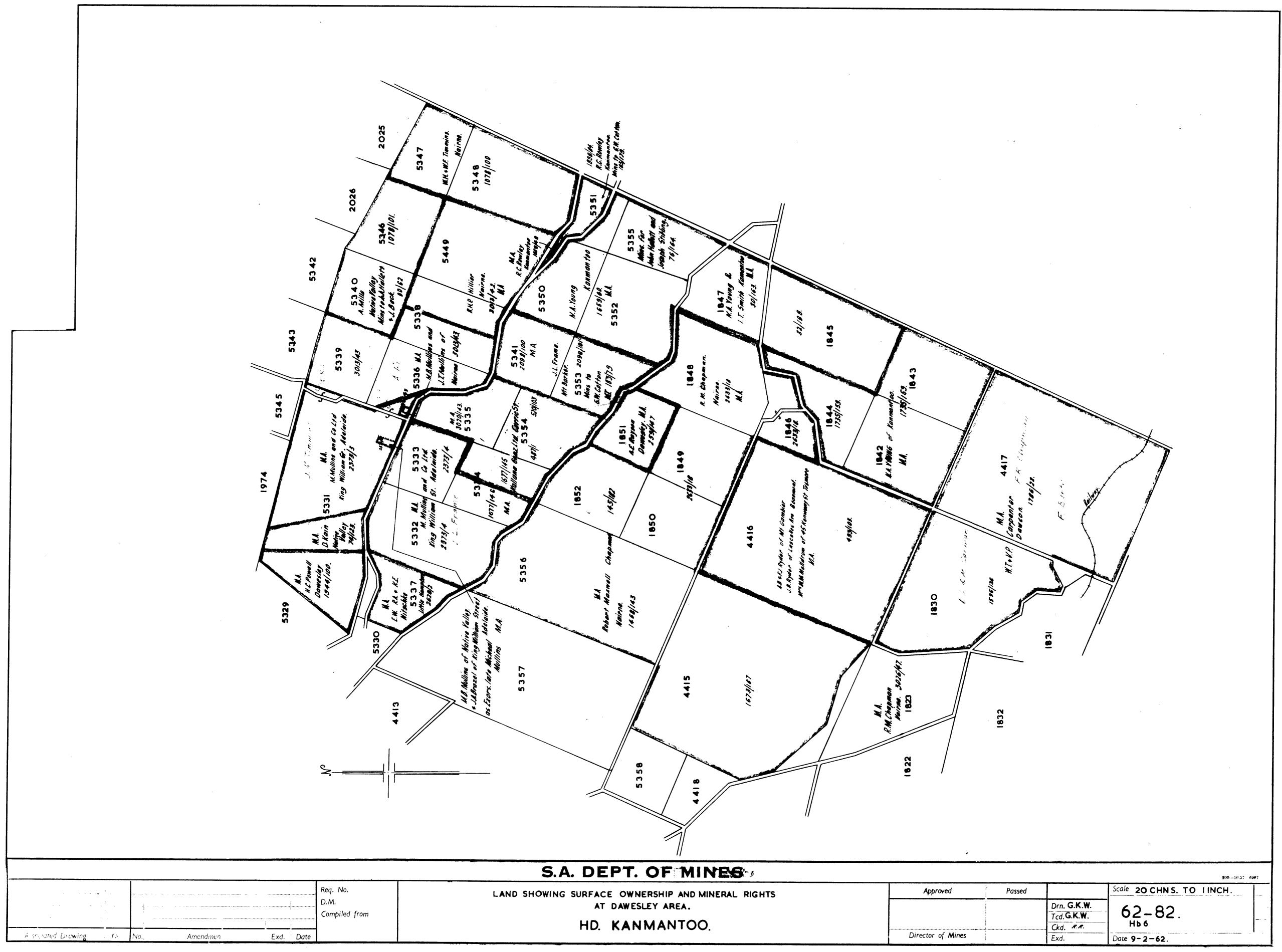
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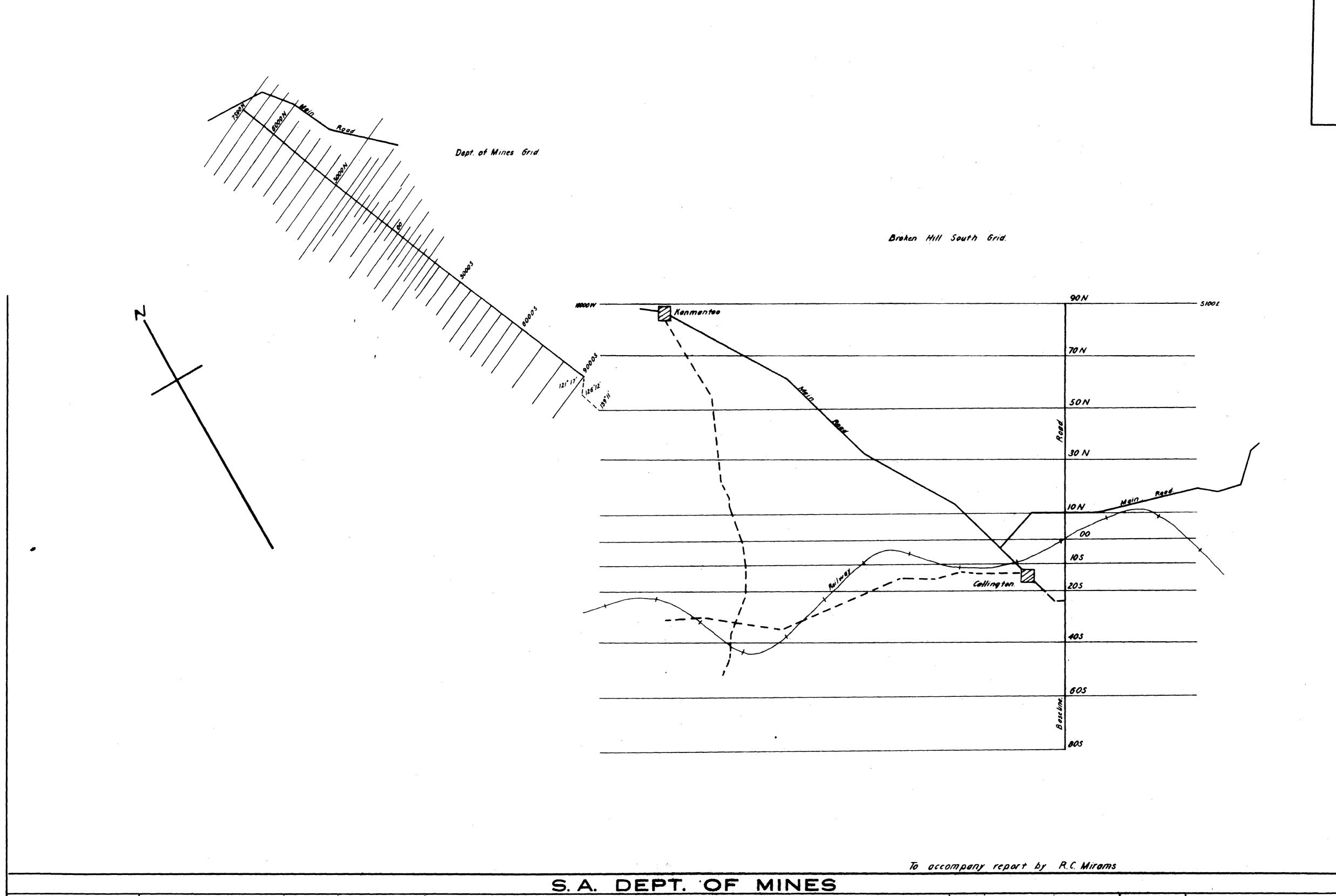
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Plan showing Broken Hill South & Dept. of Mines Grids.

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