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SUMMARY

The B.H.P. Co. Ltd. (Whyalla) has recently provided unpublished data on the now inoperative Brukunga Pyrite Mine. This report is designed as an inventory of these data to provide access to the mine development plans, as well as analytical data on two diamond drill holes cored from the Nairne Pyrite Member.

INTRODUCTION

The Brukunga Pyrite Mine, 35 km east of Adelaide (Fig. 1), was operated in 1955-1972 to provide sulphur for sulphuric acid manufacture during years of sulphur shortage. Quarrying was carried out by Nairne Pyrite Ltd., a company sponsored by the State government, and which comprised several Adelaide-based fertilizer companies, with the B.H.P. Co. Ltd. as managing agents.

Pyrite was quarried from Shepard's Hill, immediately west of Brukunga township, but ore reserves outlined by Mason (1966) extend semi-continuously for 1 km north and 8 km south of the workings (Downer Hill and Ironstone Ridge respectively - Fig. 2). Host rock to the mineralisation is the Nairne Pyrite Member, a syngenetic sulphide horizon, with a strike length of 32 km, at the base of the Brukunga Formation within the Kanmantoo Trough (Thomson, 1975).

As a result of a request by the South Australian Department of Mines and Energy, the B.H.P. Co. Ltd. (Whyalla geological office) has kindly forwarded mine development plans, geological cross-sections, and analytical data of two diamond drill holes.

These holes, 108 and 109, are located on Figure 2, and the analytical data are detailed in Tables 1 and 2. The geological logs for the holes (see Appendix) have been reprinted from Mason (1966). The development plans etc., now housed in Envelope Cylinder 3376 (Vols 1 and 2) within the department's record system, are referenced in Table 3. All data have been kept in the original British Imperial system units.

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- Thomson, B.P., 1975. Kanmantoo Trough-regional geology and comments on mineralisation. In: Knight, C.L. (Ed.), Economic Geology of Australia and Papua New Guinea, 1, Metals. Australas. Inst. Min. Metall., Melbourne, pp. 253-254.

TABLE 1. NAIRNE PYRITES LTD. - BRUKUNGA D.D.H. 108
SEMI-QUANTITATIVE SPECTROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS (P.P.M.)

DEPTH (ft.)	Cu	Pb	Zn	Co	Ni	Ag	Au	Cr	V
73 - 80	200	600	1,500	80	100	2.5	<3	300	200
80 - 85	200	600	2,000	100	100	2.	"	300	300
85 - 90	200	600	2,000	100	100	2.5	"	300	300
90 - 95	250	1,000	1,000	100	100	5.	"	300	300
95 -100	250	800	1,200	100	100	3.	"	300	300
100 -105	250	1,200	2,000	60	60	4.	"	300	200
105 -110	250	800	1,200	80	80	3.	"	200	300
110 -115	200	500	1,000	80	100	2.5	"	300	300
115 -120	250	1,200	2,000	60	80	4.	"	200	200
120 -125	250	1,200	1,500	80	100	5.	"	200	200
125 -130	600	800	600	100	120	3.	"	300	300
130 -133	500	1,000	1,000	100	120	4.	"	300	300
133 -140	800	1,500	300	100	150	4.	"	300	300
140 -144	600	1,000	150	100	150	3.	"	500	400
144 -151	300	1,000	1,200	150	200	5.	"	500	400
151 -155	150	600	400	80	120	2.	"	500	400
155 -160	200	600	1,200	120	150	5.	"	300	400
160 -165	200	600	1,000	100	80	5.	"	300	300
165 -170	200	1,000	1,000	100	150	6.	"	300	300
170 -175	200	2,000	2,000	70	60	6.	"	300	200
175 -180	200	600	1,000	70	60	3.	"	200	200
180 -185	200	1,200	1,200	100	100	5.	"	300	300
185 -190	250	2,000	800	120	100	8.	"	200	400
190 -195	250	800	800	200	250	8.	"	500	500
195 -197	250	600	600	150	250	5.	"	200	400
197 -200	300	2,500	1,500	150	250	8.	"	200	300
200 -204	300	1,500	1,500	250	300	8.	"	400	500
204 -206	200	800	3,000	100	200	6.	"	400	500
206 -210	250	800	800	80	150	4.	"	300	200
210 -215	250	2,500	2,000	70	100	10.	"	300	150
215 -221	250	1,000	600	100	200	4.	"	300	300
221 -224	250	500	1,200	60	120	3.	"	300	300
224 -230	200	200	150	200	250	1.	"	400	500
230 -235	200	200	150	100	100	1.	"	400	200
235 -238	200	300	40	80	100	1.2	"	400	300

TABLE 2. NAIRNE PYRITES LTD. - BRUKUNGA D.D.H. 109

SEMI-QUANTITATIVE SPECTROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS (P.P.M.)

DEPTH (ft.)	Cu	Pb	Zn	Co	Ni	Ag	Au	Cr	V
108 -110	300	1,500	1,500	150	200	4.	<3	400	300
110 -115	150	2,000	1,500	100	250	4.	"	500	300
115 -120	300	2,000	1,500	100	200	6.	"	100	250
120 -125	300	2,000	2,000	80	150	6.	"	100	250
125 -130	250	2,500	1,200	60	60	6.	"	300	250
130 -135	300	2,500	1,500	60	50	6.	"	200	400
135 -140	300	2,000	1,500	60	50	4.	"	200	250
140 -145	300	2,000	2,000	60	60	4.	"	200	200
145 -150	300	2,000	1,500	80	80	6.	"	200	250
150 -155	300	2,000	2,000	60	150	6.	"	200	400
155 -160	250	1,000	1,500	50	50	4.	"	250	150
160 -165	250	2,000	1,500	60	100	6.	"	300	200
165 -170	250	2,000	600	60	100	4.	"	300	200
170 -173	250	2,000	1,500	60	200	6.	"	300	200
187 -190	250	500	500	50	150	3.	"	300	300
190 -195	250	500	1,500	200	250	2.	"	500	600
195 -200	250	2,000	800	100	100	6.	"	300	500
200 -205	250	800	600	60	100	4.	"	300	500
205 -210	250	600	600	60	80	3.	"	300	200
210 -215	250	200	600	60	100	1.	"	300	400
215 -220	250	300	150	80	120	2.	"	100	400
220 -224	250	300	400	120	120	1.5	"	300	500
224 -231	250	800	1,000	120	150	2.5	"	300	400
231 -235	250	600	1,000	120	200	4.	"	300	400
235 -240	200	200	500	30	60	1.	"	300	150
240 -245	300	300	600	80	150	1.5	"	400	500
245 -250	300	200	400	80	200	1.5	"	200	250
250 -255	250	100	1,000	120	250	0.5	"	300	500
255 -257	250	100	30	50	80	0.3	"	600	500
257 -260	250	80	30	120	120	0.3	"	600	500
260 -265	250	60	60	120	150	0.3	"	600	500
265 -270	200	300	60	60	150	1.2	"	600	700
270 -275	200	200	150	80	150	0.5	"	800	700
275 -280	300	500	500	200	200	0.6	"	600	600

TABLE 3: INVENTORY OF PLANS: ENV CYLINDER 3376

ENVELOPE PLAN NO.	PLAN TITLE	DATE	COMMENTS
1	Geological Cross-Sections-Timmins Hill	Nov'67	
2	" " " " "	"	Cross-Sections
3	" " " " "	"	Located in
4	" " " " "	"	RB 66/119
5	Interpreted Geology-Downer Hill		+Transparency
6	Outcrop Geology - Downer Hill		+Transparency
7	Outcrop Location Plan - Downer Hill	March'68	
8	Bore Holes & I.P. Anomalies - Mt. Beevor Shear Zone	Nov'69	
9-15	V, Cr, Ni, As, Pb, Co, Zn analyses on DDH 13 & 14 - Downer Hill		
16-22	Cr, Ni, Zn, V, Pb, As, Cu analyses - Mt. Beevor shear zone	Oct'68	
23	I.P. Grid - Mt. Beevor Shear zone		
24-25	Rough Magnetic & I.P. Presentation - Mt. Beevor shear zone		
26	Drill Hole locations - Ironstone Ridge	1.3.51	
27	Tailings Dam Area - Brukunga	6.3.51	
28	Quarry Plan - Nairne		
29	Face Plan - Shepard's Hill	1.7.72	
30	Face Plan - Little & Grassfire Hills	1.7.72	
31-35	Lode Cross-Sections-4700N to 5500S	13.3.52 to 1.7.72	
36	Economics - Timmins Hill		
37	Pyrite : Pyrrhotite Calculation Graph	13.2.52	
38	Pyrite : Pyrrhotite : excess Iron Graph - Longitudinal Section - Nairne Lode		
39-40	Pyrite : Pyrrhotite Transverse Graphs	Feb'52	

APPENDIX

NAIRNE PYRITE MEMBER

LOGS OF DIAMOND DRILL HOLES 108 AND 109

(REPRINTED FROM RB 66/119)

FEATURE SOUTH END HILL

LOCATION BRUKUNGA

SECTION 4410

HUNDRED KANMANTOO

COORDINATES 4250 S 588 E

E.L. 1112.0

ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL 30° at surface

E.L. 1112.4

DIRECTION 270° GRID 260° TRUE

Datum Pt. Adelaide M.S.L.

DESCRIPTION OF CORE	WEATHERING LW MW HW CW	CORE SIZE DEPTH LOG R I FT	FRACTURE LOG 4 16 64	STRUCTURES JOINTS, VEINS, LAMAE, SHEARED ZONES, CRUSHED ZONES	LEFT CORE LOSS 5 50	WATER LEVEL DATE	CASING DATE	WATER LOSS 10-100	PRIMARY STRUCTURES
Red clay. High plasticity. 5% Sand. Rock fragments.		NO CORE							
GRANOFELS - Brown to grey medium grained 60% quartz, 10% mica rest feldspar. Few % sphene		NO CORE							No visible layering
		NO CORE							
GRANOFELS - Grey fine grained. 50% quartz. 10% mica. 3% sphene. Rest weathered feldspar.		NO CORE							
		NO CORE							
Gradational boundary									
GRANOFELS - Grey medium to fine grained 50% quartz, 10% biotite, 3% sphene. Rest Feldspar									
Gradational boundary									
GRANOFELS - CALCSILICATE white. Fine grained. 60% plagioclase, 10% quartz. Rest tremolite actinolite									
GNEISS - red brown, fine grained. Metasilt 50%. Quartz 5% hematite after Fe sulphides 5% mica. Rest weathered Feldspar.									Layering vague to nonexistent 70° to axis of core. planar.
GNEISS - AUGEN - Grey to brown. 12% cavities 1-2 mm. wide after Fe sulphides. 40% quartz, 10% mica. Rest Kaolin and weathered Feldspar. Limit of Oxidation		NO CORE							Layering very good, planar up to 3 mm. wide. 75° to axis of core
As above. Grey, 12% sulphides. 20% Augens 2-4 mm. diam. commonly associated with coarse grained sulphides. Sulphides tending to occur in ill defined bands up to 3 mm. wide.									

CAMBRIAN - KANMANTOO GROUP
NAIRNE PYRITE FORMATION

Assays for Fe and S

NO.1 ORE ZONE

①
②
③
④
⑤

WEATHERING

FR - Fresh
SW - Slightly weathered
MW - Moderately ..
HW - Highly ..
CW - Completely ..

FRACTURE LOG

1 4 16 64
12 3 1 1/2Natural fractures per foot of core
Equivalent diameterCAMBRIAN
KANMANTOO GROUP
NAIRNE PYRITE MEMBER

LEGEND

++ Quartz, biotite
Granofels
SCHIST
GNEISS
METASILT
GRANOFELS
CALCSILICATE*** Breccia Zone
Major Joint
Bedding Trend
Altered Zone

METALLIC MINERALS

SECTION

HOLE No 15
TAPE F 1000
DEALER ASCHMONEIT
START 30TH JUNE '67
FIN 5TH JULY '67LOGGED BY
M. MASON
DATE 24TH JULY '67
TRAILED RAJ.
CHECKED L.V.W.

LOG OF DIAMOND DRILL HOLE

108

B30127

4410

KAMANTOO

42505

588 E

1112-0

1112-4

FEATURE SOUTH END HILL

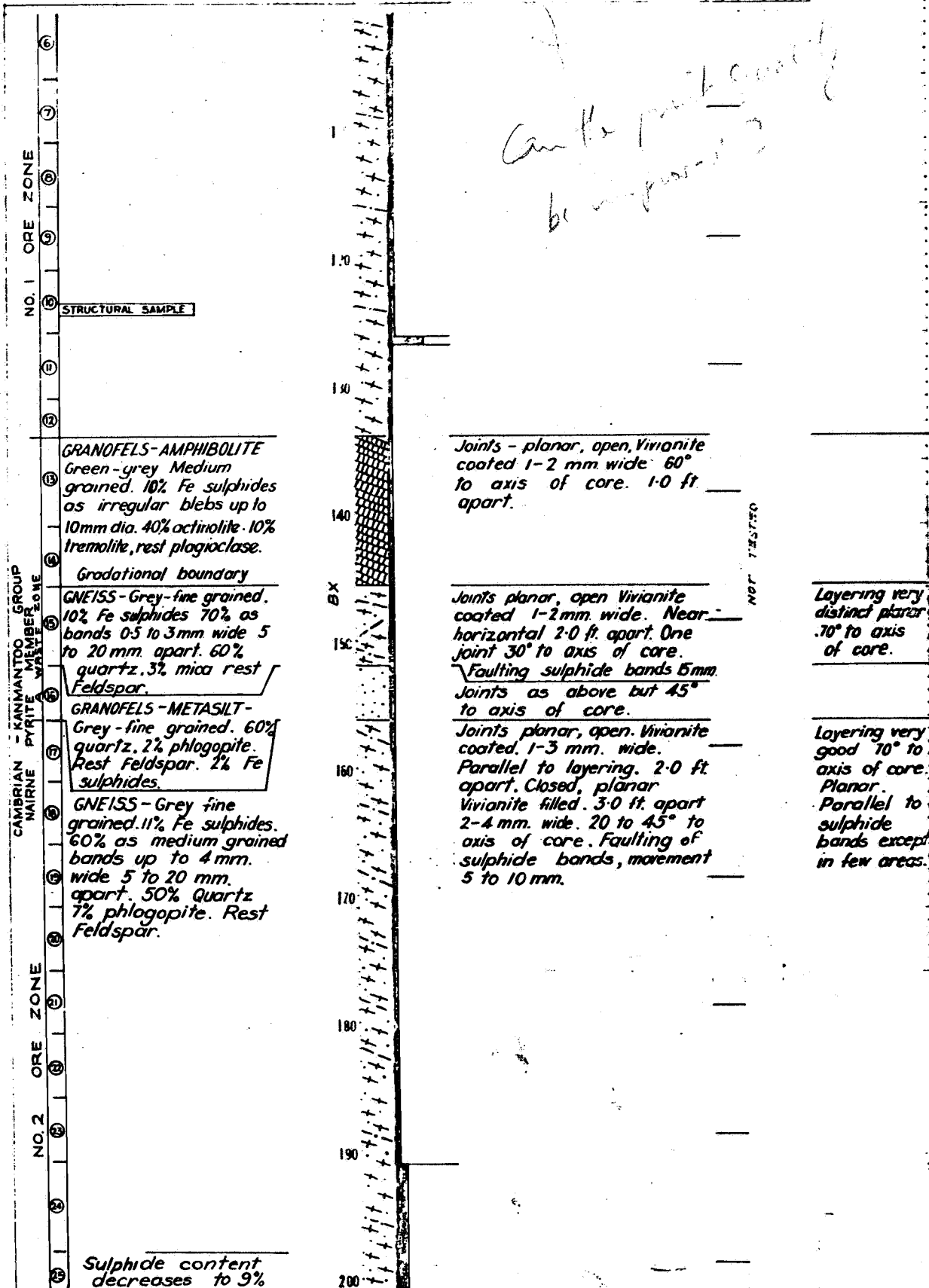
LOCATION BRUKUNGA

270° Grid 260° True

Pt. Adelaide M.S.L.

DE VAP.

ST. STUPES



WEATHERING

SW Slight weathering
MW Moderate
HW High
C Completely

CAMBRIAN
KAMANTOO GROUP
NAIRNE PYRITE MEMBER

LEGEND

AMPHIBOLITE
SCHIST
GNEISS-METASILT
GRANOFELS
CALCSILICATE

*** Breccia Zone
Major Joint
Bedding Trend
Altered Zone

METALLIC MINERALS

SECTION

15
E 1000
ASCHMONEIT
30th June '67
11th July '67

LOGGED BY
M. MASON
DATE 25th July '67
R.A.J.
CHECKED L.V.W.

2 + 3

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LOG OF DIAMOND DRILL HOLE

108
830/67

4410

4250 S

588 E

III 2 C

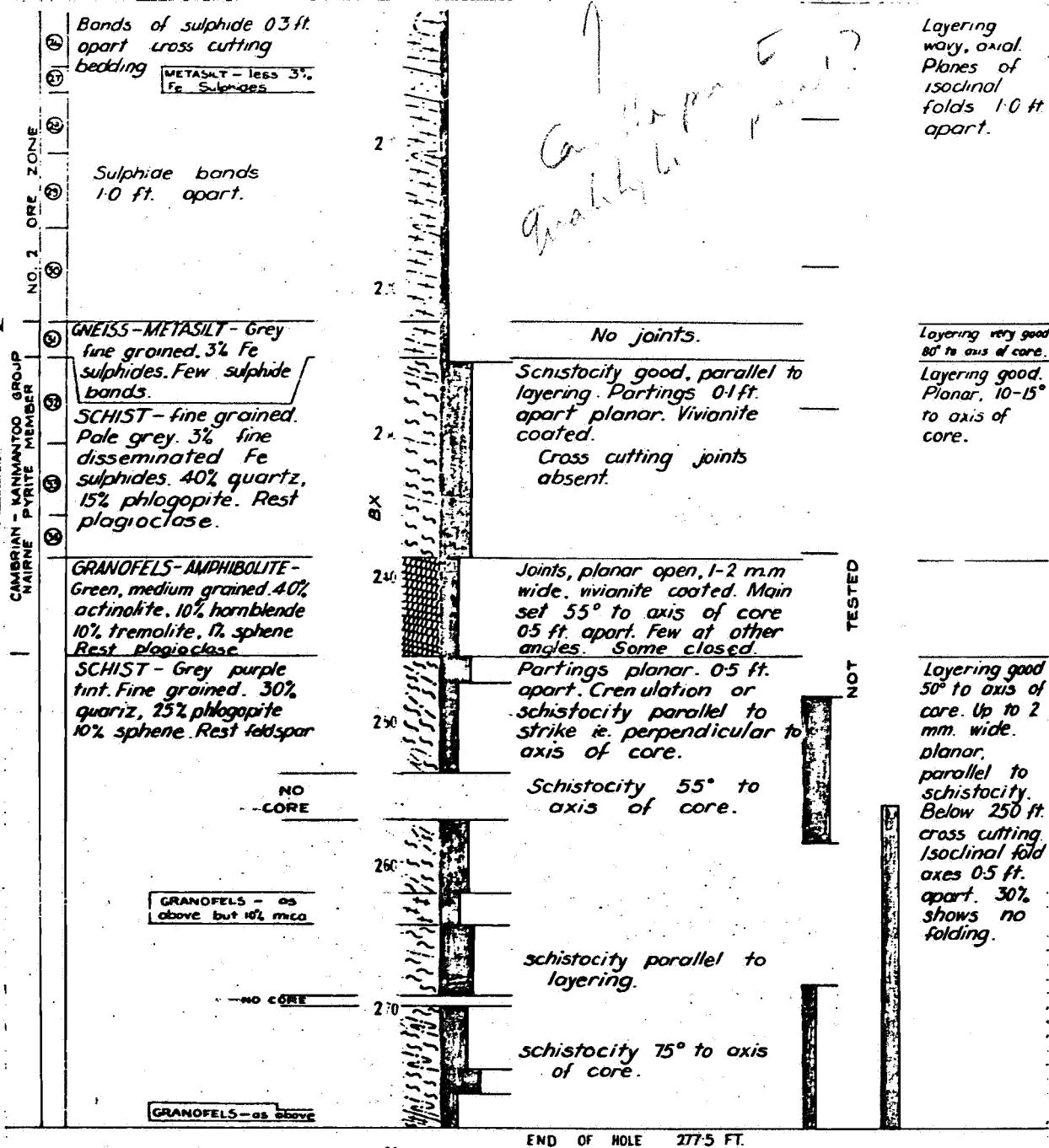
III 2 4

25° at 200 ft.

270° Grid

260° True

M.S.L. Ft. Above base



WEATHERING

1A - ...

1B - ...

1C - ...

1D - ...

1E - ...

1F - ...

1G - ...

1H - ...

1I - ...

1J - ...

1K - ...

1L - ...

1M - ...

1N - ...

1O - ...

1P - ...

1Q - ...

1R - ...

1S - ...

1T - ...

1U - ...

1V - ...

1W - ...

1X - ...

1Y - ...

1Z - ...

LEGEND

AMPHIBOLITE

SCHIST

GNEISS - METASILT

GRANOFELS

CALCSILICATE

METALLIC MINERALS

15

E 1000

ASCHMONEIT

30th. June '67

11th. July '67

3 3

CAMBRIAN

KANANTOO GROUP

NAIRNE PYRITE MEMBER

MASON

28th July '67

RAJ.

LY.W.

S6076 b

FEATHER IRONSTONE RIDGE

LOCATION BRUKUNGA (4 MILES SOUTH)

SECTION 4414

COORDINATES 4000S 45E (67-513 Plan)

ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL 40° at surface

DIRECTION 254° True

977.6

978.0

Arbitrary (67-53)

DEPTH
M
F
S
X
C
O
R
E

DRILL
CASE
FILL
WATER
TEMP
PRESS
STRUCT

CAMBRIAN - KANMANTOO GROUP

NAIRNE PYRITE MEMBER

GRANOFELS - Grey brown medium grained. 40% quartz. 10% biotite. Rest weathered feldspar partly kaolin.

CALCSILICATE LAYER

SCHIST - Khaki - medium and fine grained 35% muscovite biotite 40% quartz. Rest weathered feldspar.

GRANOFELS - Grey brown. Medium grained. 40% quartz. 15% muscovite biotite. Rest weathered feldspar.

GNEISS - originally 7% sulphides

GRANOFELS - CALCSILICATE - white fine grained 90% actinolite 15% tremolite, 10% phlogopite. Rest weathered plagioclase.

GNEISS originally 5% Fe sulphides.

GRANOFELS - CALCSILICATE - grey white medium grained 2% Fe oxides. 50% plagioclase 15% quartz. Rest tremolite actinolite.

GRANOFELS - Grey brown. Fine grained. 45% quartz. 20% muscovite biotite. Rest weathered feldspar.

GRANOFELS - medium grained Pale brown to white. 50% quartz. 10% biotite. Rest weathered feldspar and kaolin.

SCHIST

GRANOFELS - medium grey, pale brown to grey. 50% quartz 5% sphene. 15% biotite. Rest feldspar.

GRANOFELS - CALCSILICATE white medium grained 40% plagioclase. 15% quartz. 5% biotite. Rest tremolite.

Joints

Open planar, parallel to schistosity 10 ft. apart. Kaolin filled, altered zones 3 to 7 mm. wide

Joints - parallel to schistosity occurring in sections 1-0 ft. wide, joints 2 mm. wide 0-05 inches apart. In other areas 0-3 ft. apart. Fe oxide coated.

Joint - planar - originally coarse grained sulphides etc 5 mm. wide. Joints - Open, planar, various attitudes, crosscutting. incipient schistosity but greater than 70° to axis of core. Several sections closely spaced, near horizontal joints.

Joints, open, planar 1-3 mm. wide. Near 90° to axis of core 0-5 ft. apart.

Joints, open, planar 1-3 mm. wide. Parallel to incipient schistosity 0-2 ft. apart. One well jointed section.

Joints open planar 1-3 mm. wide. Uncoated. 90° to axis of core. 0-5 ft. apart except in closely spaced sections where 0-05 ft. apart.

Joints, planar, open, parallel to alignment of mica. 1-3 mm. wide. Average 0-3 ft. apart.

Joints, open, planar 1-3 mm. wide 60° 90° to axis of core. 10 ft. apart. Rest 45° to axis of core. Few closed joints 30° to axis of core. One major joint 10° to axis of core.

Incipient schistosity 70° to axis of core

Schistosity planar 75° to axis of core.

Incipient schistosity 75° to axis of core planar.

Vague layering planar 80° to axis of core. Layering in gneiss wavy 10° to axis of core.

Incipient schistosity 10° to axis of core, planar.

Biotite in clumps orientated in plane 80° to axis of core.

NOT DETERMINED

WEATHERING

FF - Fresh
SW - Slightly weathered
MW - Moderate
HW - High
CW - Completely

FRACTURE LOG

1 4 16 64 - Natural fractures per face of core
12 3 3 1/2 - Equivalent diameter

LEGEND

Quartz biotite Granofels.
SCHIST
GNEISS METASILT
GRANOFELS CALCSILICATE

*** Breccia Zone
Major Joint
Bedding Trend
Altered Zone

METALLIC MINERALS SECTION

DRILL No 24
TYPE E 1000
DRILLER KRUIZE
START 11 July '67
FINISH 20 July '67

LOGGED BY M. MASON
DATE 27 July '67
TRACED RAJ.
CHECKED J.V.W.

FEATURE IRONSTONE RIDGE

LOCATION BRUKUNGA (4 MILES SOUTH)

SECTION 4414

COORDINATES 4000S 45E (67-513 Plan)

ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL 31° to vertical

DIRECTION 254° True

HUNDRED KANMANTOO

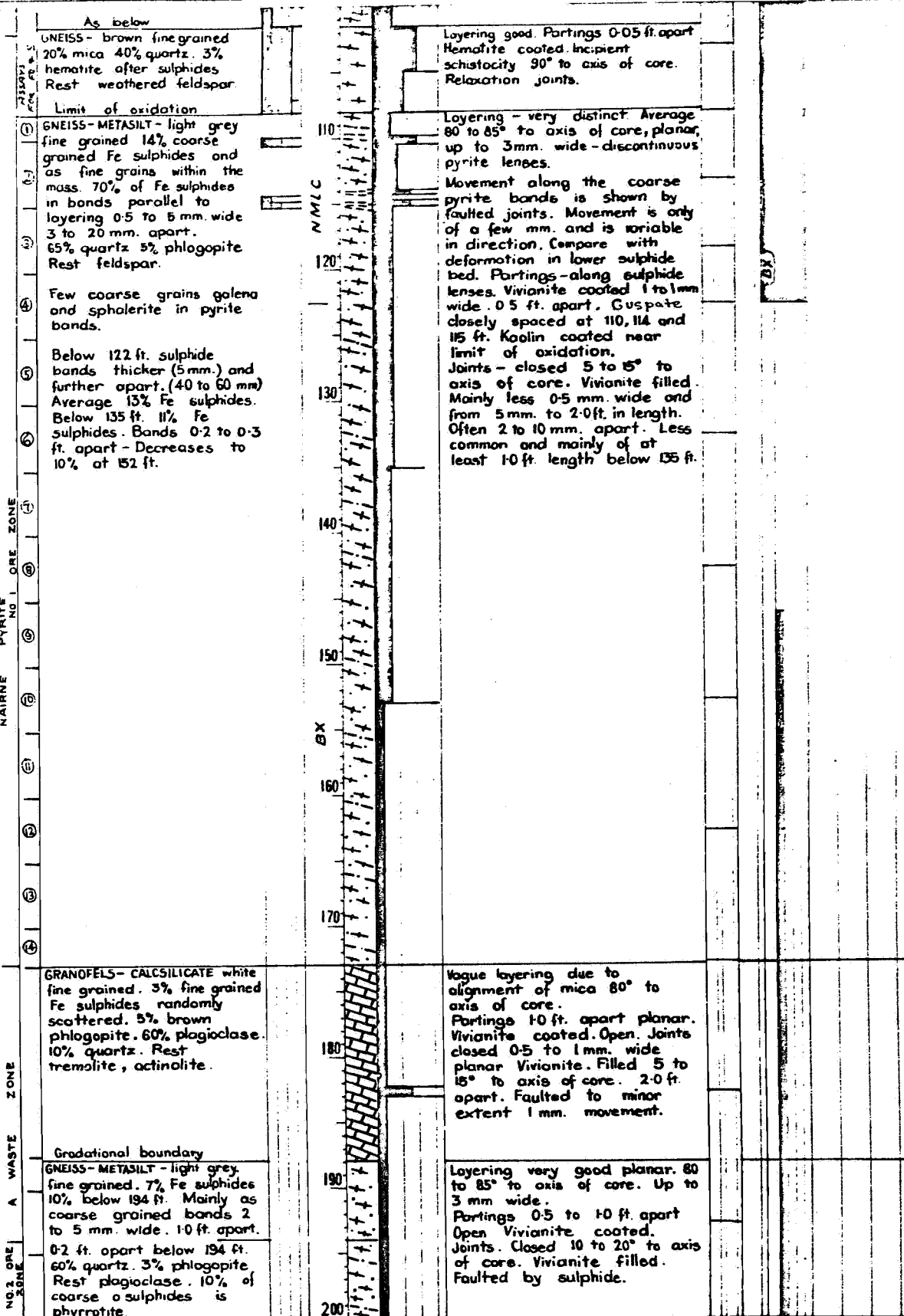
R.L. SUMMIT 977.6

R.L. CORNER 978.0

Datum Arbitrary (67-513)

DESCRIPTION OF LOG	WEATHERING	CORE SIZE	DEPTH	LOG	STRUCTURE	LIFT	DATE	PRIMARY STRUCTURE

CAMBRIAN - KANMANTOO GROUP
PYRITE NAIRNE



WEATHERING

FF - Fresh
SW - Slightly weathered
MW - Moderately
HW - Highly
CW - Completely

FRACTURE LOG

1 4 15 64 Natural fractures per foot of core
12 5 3/4 - Equivalent diameter

CAMBRIAN
KANMANTOO GROUP
NAIRNE PYRITE MEMBER

LEGEND

Quartz, biotite
Granofels.
SCHIST
GNEISS
METASILT
GRANOFELS
CALCILICATE

*** Breccia Zone
Major Joint
Bedding Trend
Altered Zone.

METALLIC MINERALS SECTION

DRILL No. 24
TYPE E1000
DRILLER KRUIZE
START 11 July '67
FINISH 20 July '67

LOGGED BY
M. MACGILL
DATE 24 JULY '67
CHECKED E.J.W.
LYNCH

SECTION 4414

CO-ORDINATE 46005 45E (67-513 Plan)

COORDINATE 9776

COORDINATE 9780

ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL 35° at 200 ft.

LOCATION BRUKUNGA (4 MILES SOUTH)

DIRECTION 254° True

DATE Arbitrary (67-513)

PRIMARY STRUCTURE

