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SUMMARY

The following trends emerged from the 1988 South Australian Opal Field Surveys:

- an increase of 13.5 million in production to 63.5 million from the 1987 figure representing an increase of 27%
- again a significant increase in Mintabie production of \$10.8 million representing a 38.2% increase
- an increase in Coober Pedy Production of \$3.0 million representing a 16.3% increase
- an decrease in Andamooka production of \$.2 million representing an 8.5% decrease
- an increase in the average number of precious stones claims (PSC) of 475 representing a 25% increase
- an increase in the estimated number of miners of 350 representing 30%
- an overall upward trend in all aspects of mining, investment and production.

Table I summarises the survey results for 1988 compared with 1987. Table II lists the major equipment surveyed as a guide to mining activity.

TABLE 1

THE OPAL INDUSTRY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA
1988 COMPARED WITH 1987

Registered P.S.C.s (Av.)	<u>1987</u>	1988
Andamooka Coober Pedy Mintabie	236 744 <u>906</u> 1,886	266 1,032 1,063 2,361
Capital Investment (Av. \$ million)	•	
Andamooka Coober Pedy Mintabie	\$ 4.7 \$ 15.7 <u>\$ 19.6</u> \$ 40.0	\$ 3.6 \$ 18.0 \$ 18.6 \$ 39.2
Operating Costs (Av. \$ million)		
Andamooka Coober Pedy Mintabie	\$ 1.0 \$ 3.7 \$ 3.7 \$ 8.4	\$.8 \$ 3.5 \$ 3.5 \$ 8.5
Number of Miners (Av.)		
Andamooka Coober Pedy Mintabie	83 535 <u>520</u> 1,138	88 625 <u>775</u> 1,488
Estimated Value of Production (\$ mill	ion)	
Andamooka Coober Pedy Mintabie	\$ 3.5 \$ 18.3 <u>\$ 28.2</u> \$ 50.0	\$ 3.2 \$ 21.3 \$ 39.0 \$ 63.5

TABLE II

MAJOR EQUIPMENT

	ANDAI	MOOKA	COOBER	PEDY	MINTABIE			
Bulldozer	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988		
D10	_	_	_	_	1	1		
D8-D9	5	4	10	16	41	39		
D7-smaller	18	10	13	14	3	2		
Blowers	4	5	174	182	18	19		
Backhoes	.7	. 8	18	18	6	3		
Tunnelling Machine	1	1	48	44	0	0		
Noodling Machine	8	9	30	42	3	1		
Drills								
Calweld	1	1 .	28	23	2	2		
Investigator	0	0	6	8	28	28		
Yorke Hoist	15	12	14	15	22	15		
Self Dumpers	14	10	7	4	3	1		
	•							

INTRODUCTION

Surveys of all mining equipment on opal fields in South Australia began in 1978 and have been conducted twice annually in an attempt to estimate:

- value of rough opal produced
- level of mining activity
- population movements.

Previous surveys are reported as follows:

TABLE III

REFERENCES TO PREVIOUS REPORTS REPT NO UNPUBLISHED R/B

YEAR	AUTHORS	REPT. NO	UNPUBLISHED R/B	<u>P</u>	UBLISH	ED
				<u>R</u>	EFEREN	CE
1978	Crettenden et al.,	1	+ RB79/111	*MRR	151	(1982)
1979	Crettenden and Flintoft	. 2	RB80/50	MRR	152	(1983)
1980	Atterton and Barnes.	3	RB81/73	MRR	153	(1984)
1981	Barnes and Atterton	4	RB82/75)	Barnes,	Wild	y and
				Attento	n)	
1982	Barnes and Wildy	5	RB83/48)	MRR	154	(1984a)
1983	Wildy and Barnes	6	RB84/88	MRR	155	(1985)
1984	Wildy and Barnes	7	RB85/43)	Townser	nd,	Wildy,
				Barnes		
1985	Townsend and Wildy	8	RB86/63)	& Crett	enden	(1988)
1986	Townsend and Crettenden	9	RB87/102)	MRR	156	
1987	Townsend and Flintoft	10	RB88/86			
			•			

*MRR Mineral Resources Review.

Report Book +RB

PROCEDURE

The following Departmental officers conducted equipment surveys during 1988.

JULY

ANDAMOOKA

- I J Townsend (Senior Geologist, Mineral Resources)
- M W Flintoft (Technical Assistant, Mineral Resources)

COOBER PEDY

- C M Horn (Principal Geologist, Mineral Resources)
- I J Townsend (Senior Geologist, Mineral Resources)
- M W Flintoft (Technical Assistant, Mineral Resources)

MINTABIE

- C M Horn (Principal Geological, Mineral Resources)
- I J Townsend (Senior Geologist, Mineral Resources)
- M W Flintoft (Technical Assistant, Mineral Resources)

OCTOBER

ANDAMOOKA

- R S Robertson (Senior Geologist, Mineral Resources)
- J T Valentine (Senior Geologist, Mineral Resources)

COOBER PEDY

- R S Robertson (Senior Geologist, Mineral Resources)
- J T Valentine (Senior Geologist, Mineral Resources)

MINTABLE

- R S Robertson (Senior Geologist, Mineral Resources)
- J T Valentine (Senior Geologist, Mineral Resources)

RESULTS OF THE 1988 SURVEY

Detailed results of the equipment counts are tabulated in Appendix A.

Capital Investment

Unit costs of mining equipment are shown in Appendix B. Total capital investment in mining equipment at each centre is shown in Table IV.

TABLE IV

CAPITAL INVESTMENT 1988 (\$ million)

	JULY	OCTOBER	AVERAGE
ANDAMOOKA	4.3	2.8	3.5
COOBER PEDY	16.9	18.9	17.9
MINTABIE	18.5	18.6	18.6

The average value of investment in equipment observed is \$40 million the same as in 1987. There is a slight decrease at Mintable and Andamooka with a \$2 m increase at Coober Pedy, suggesting some equipment has simply been relocated at Coober Pedy.

Annual Operating Costs

Total annual operating costs of mining equipment are derived by multiplying annual operating costs of each unit (Appendix B) by numbers recorded. A summary is shown in Table V.

TABLE V

ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS 1988 (\$ million)

	JULY	OCTOBER	<u>AVERAGE</u>
Andamooka	0.9	0.6	0.7
Coober Pedy	3.9	4.5	4.2
Mintabie	<u>3.5</u>	<u>3.5</u>	3.5
•	$\overline{8.3}$	8.6	8.4

The amount of \$8.4 million is the same as the previous year.

Large Diameter Prospecting Drills

The total for all fields was 27, 24 being at Coober Pedy, 1 at Andamooka and 2 at Mintabie, 4 less than in 1987.

MINING ACTIVITY

During 1988 the total number of registered PSC's over all fields increased from 1886 to 2361 (Table 1, Fig.) due to a large increase of 288 at Coober Pedy, and increases of 157 at Mintabie and 30 at Andamooka. Andamooka (+5 miners) and Coober Pedy (+90 miners) show little change in the number of active miners whereas Mintabie shows a significant increase of 255 active miners, a 49% increase.

Andamooka

The average number of registered PSC's increased from 236 in 1987 to 266 in 1988 conforming with the overall upward trend.

Coober Pedy

1032 PSC's were registered on 42 Fields showing a substantial increase (33.3%) from 1987 (774).

The following fields showed the most activity:

Zorba: Opal was discovered near the west side of the new Stuart Highway in June 1986 and registered claims jumped from 42 in June 1986. This field reached 210 in August

1987, and increased gradually in 1988 to a maximum of 380 an increase of 170.

- . Olympic field is always popular remaining between 90-110 claims during 1988.
- . Southern Cross decreased from 17 PCS's in July to 11 in December.
- Fourteen and Seventeen Mile fields decreased from 75 to 64 and 50 to 41 respectively but still remain popular fields.
- . Hans Peak is down slightly from 32 PSC's in 1987 to 23 in October 1988.
- East Pacific increased from 29 in July to 52 in October.
 Emu remained at 21.
- . Greek Gully remained at 36-37 the same as its peak in 1987.
- . Kenda Flat stabilised at 10 PSC's in 1988.
- . Gerahty Hill (30-36) has increased substantially from October 1987 (12) but being renowned for producing good opal, will always be a good standby field.

Mintabie

Has shown an upward trend since 1982 in production, equipment, miners and PSC's. There were 906 PSC's in 1987 and an average of 1063 in 1988, an increase of 17%. Estimated production for the fourth time surpassed that of Coober Pedy.

Stuart Creek

One PSC was registered at Stuart Creek during 1988. All equipment and production is included in Andamooka estimates.

Other Fields

Longins Bank, Sarda Bluff and England Hill each had 1 registered claim during 1988. Equipment is allocated to Mintabie in the case of Longins Bank and Sarda Bluff whereas England Hill is included in Coober Pedy Fields.

PRODUCTION

The formula used for estimating opal production is as used previously.

Annual Production (\$) = KX + Y + 0.1Z

X = number of miners

Y = annual operating costs

Z = capital investment

K = a constant based on the cost of living and a
'bonanza' factor for each field.

Andamooka K = 24 400

Coober Pedy K = 23 400

Mintabie K = 43 400

These figures have not been changed for a number of years.

Based on the figures relating to the formula from Appendix B the estimated opal production for 1988 is summarised in Table VI.

TABLE VI

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PRODUCTION 1988 (\$ million)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PRECIOUS STONES FIELDS

	No of	Miners (Av.)	Production	Values (\$)	million
	<u>JULY</u>	OCT.	JULY	OCT.	AVERAGE
ANDAMOOKA	80	96	3.2	3.1	3.2
COOBER PEDY	600	650	20.2	22.2	21.3
MINTABIE	<u>750</u>	<u>800</u> 1546	<u>37.9</u>	<u>65.5</u>	<u>63.5</u>
•*	1430	1546	61.4	65.5	63.5

Estimated total production from the three main opal mining centres during 1988 was \$63.5 million, an increase of 13.5 million from 1987. This was due mainly to an increase in opal prices and the increase in production from Mintable where estimated production rose from \$28 million in 1987 to \$39 million in 1988. Andamooka decreased slightly from \$3.5 million (1987) to \$3.2 million (1988) while Coober Pedy increased from \$18.3 million (1987) to \$21.3 million (1988) and continues its increase over the previous 4 years.

COMMENT

Estimates indicate an increase in production resulting from a significant increase in production from Mintabie, a moderate increase in production from Coober pedy and only a slight decrease in production from Andamooka. Mintable production which was estimated at \$10 million more than Coober Pedy in 1987 to nearly \$18 million in 1988 places it as the largest current opal produced in the world.

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APPENDIX A MINING EQUIPMENT FOR ALL PRECIOUS STONES FIELDS

	ANDAMOOKA	A OPAL FIELD	D EQUIPMENT	COUNT AT	JULY 19	188							TABLE A1
QUIPHENT	BLACK- Boy	BLACK- BOY EXTENSION	BOUNDARY RIDER	BUZA	CHRIST- MAS HILL	FOUR NATIONS	GERMAN GULLY	GULLY	HARD HILL	HALLION HILL	HORSE PADDOCK	JUBILEE	KOSKAS
ACKHOE													
LOWER		1				. *	: 2			1			
OBCAT	1												
OGGER					2			•					
UCKET ELEVATOR				• • • • •			1.			•			
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D10													
D9	,	-											•
D8						•							
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180CFM		7.3					. •						
350CFM	•		100		•					1			
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CALWELD													
INVESTIGATOR		•			•					٠.	٠.	• '	
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ROTARY						*	*						
RANE		*										•	
XCAVATOR	•	•				1.			• •				
ENERATOR		••											•
SMALL/MED	2		•				3						
LARGE							1				·		
OADER-FRONT END		1											
OODLING MACHINE		1				•				•			
CRAPER					•								
ELF DUMPER							1			. 2			
UNNELING MACHINE											•		
INCH-AIR/ELECTRI													
INCH-HAND	. 2				•		. 1			1			
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REG. PSC AT 2/8/88	11	. 4	2				17	74		21	4		•
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BLOWER BOBCAT BOGGER BUCKET ELEVATOR BULLDOZER D10 D9 D8 D7 D6 D4 COMPRESSOR 100CFM 180CFM 350CFM DRILLING RIGS CALWELD INVESTIGATOR SMALL AUGER ROTARY	2		2	2.				8	4	7 6 1
BOBCAT BOGGER BUCKET ELEVATOR BULLDOZER D10 D9 D8 D7 D6 D4 COMPRESSOR 100CFM 180CFM 350CFM DRILLING RIGS CALWELD INVESTIGATOR SMALL AUGER ROTARY	2		1							6 1 0
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LARGE			2	3				3	2	8
LOADER-FRONT END			1	2		•		8	. 4	8
NOODLING MACHINE			2	. 3	• .			5	3	9
SCRAPER	,		1 1	1				1	1	2
SELF DUMPER	3			1,			÷	5	3	10
TUNNELING MACHINE			1 .			•				1
JINCH-AIR/ELECTRIC JINCH-HAND		` .		;				1	1	1
WINCH-HAND YORKE HOIST	1	1 .	3	٠	• •			2	1	7
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REG. PSC AT 2/8/88	16	1 11	55	68	2	3				257

EQUIPMENT	ALLEN RISE	BENITOS FOLLY	BLACK Flag	BLACK POINT	BROWNS FOLLY	CRATER	COMPANY	DEADMAN DUGOUT		DEADHORSE DI	GGERS GULLY	DINGO	DORA GULLY	EAST PACIFIC	EMU Flat	FLAT FO (BIG FLAT)	URTEEN HILE	FRANKS (GERAGHTY HILL
BACKHOE .																			
BLOWER BOBCAT									•					2	4		2		2
BOGGER							•		:						•				1
BUCKET ELEVATOR			•		٠				•					2	3				
BULLDOZER											·			•					
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SELF DUMPER					4							. *							1
TUNNELING MACHINE								•						3	. 1		1		
WINCH-AIR/ELECTRIC			:												4				
WINCH-HAND										-	•	.*				:			
YORKE HOIST				<u> </u>			•	•											
REG. PSC																			
AT 2/8/88	· 1	3	4	16		. 1	2.	2		12	5		10	29	21	19	64	1	36

WINCH-AIR/ELECTRIC. WINCH-HAND YORKE HOIST REG. PSC AT 2/8/88

EQUIPMENT	ROCK HILL BORE	RUSSO Folly	RYAN HILL	SADDLE	SEVENTEEN MILE	SHELL PATCH	SOUTH PACIFIC	SOUTH'N CROSS	TEE VALLEY	TREVOR SWAMP	TURKEY TWO JAY	YS UNKNOWN	VENUS	VINO	WILLOW	ZORBA	TOWN& Hopeful Hills	AMENDED Town	TOTAL
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SMALL AUGER ROTARY CRANE		:,	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			•											. 2	3 1 0	4 1 0
EXCAVATOR SENERATOR SMALL/MED LARGE					2		1	1		•			3			6	6	3	56
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REG. PSC AT 2/8/88				11	50		15	17	2										•••••

EQUIPMENT	CRYSTAL VALLEY	MINTABIE GOOSE G GULLY	MINTABIE GRASSHOPPER RIDGE	6U\$'S	MINTABIE JOEY HILL	MINTABIE M OLD FIELD	INTABIE TOWN	TOTAL		STUART CREEK	ENGLAND HILL	LAMBINA	LONGIN OULDBURRA BANK HILL	SARDA VESUVIUS I BLUFF	HELBOURN HILL	TOTAI STUART CI & MINOR FIELI
BACKHOE							3	3								
BLOWER	5		4			7	5	21			•					
BOBCAT	. 1		• 5			8	1	15								
BOGGER			1					1		*						
BUCKET ELEVATOR								0								
BULLDOZER																
D10							1	,1								
D9	5	2				15	8	30								
D8	3			1		1	3	8			•					
07				•			1	1			٠.					
D6							2	2			•					
D4 Compressor							1	1	.•		· .					
100CFM	3						• •	0.7								
180CFM		1				\$	14 1	23 14								
350CFM							2	14					•			
RILLING RIGS						J	2	7						•		
CALWELD				-	•	2		•						•		
INVESTIGATOR	. 14	1	1		•	5		29			•					
SMALL AUGER	. ••	•	. •			•	1	1								•
ROTARY						1	3	4	•							
CRANE						. •	•	n								
XCAVATOR	. 1				•			1								
SENERATOR						•	•	-								
SMALL/MED	3	. 2	3			11	90	109			*,		,			
LARGE						3	1	4								
OADER-FRONT END	1		1	•			1	3					•			
OODLING MACHINE				٠.		1		1					•			
CRAPER .	1	•	3			4	- 4	12								
ELF DUMPER	4	1	2			1		8							•	
UNNELING MACHINE								. 0								
IINCH-AIR/ELECTR	1							1								
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VINCH-HAND VORKE HOIST :				•		. 8		18								

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EQUIPMENT

BACKHOE

BLOWER **BOBCAT**

BOGGER

BULLDOZER D10 D9 D8 D7 **D6** 04

> 100CFM 180CFM

350CFM

CALWELD

ROTARY CRANE EXCAVATOR GENERATOR

LARGE

SCRAPER

REG. PSC

AT 7/11/88

TABLE A8

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EQUIPMENT	ALLEN RISE	BENITOS FOLLY	BLACI Fla			CRATER	COMPANY	DEADMAN DUGOUT	DEADMAN GULLY	DEADHORSE GULLY	DIGGERS GULLY	DINGO	DORA GULLY	EAST PACIFIC	EMU Flat	FLAT FO (BIG FLAT)	DURTEEN MILE	FRANKS GERAGHT FOLLY HIL
BACKHOE BLOWER										2				1	,		1	
DBCAT			•							2				0	3	2	3	
GGER			•			•										1		
CKET ELEVATOR															4			
LLDOZER D10				•		Ĵ.	•						-					
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D4			٠.	٠.	•													
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180CFH															1		•	
350CFH																. 2		
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INVESTIGATOR					•		•		٠,									
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ANE			1 .									•						•
CAVATOR	•		•							•							1	
NERATOR																	. •	
SMALL/MED			•			1.			•									
LARGE												*		. 3	2	1	1	
ADER-FRONT END ODLING MACHINE										4.			3		2	1	8	
RAPER		*			•	:									1		8	
LF DUMPER																		
NNELING MACHINE						:				••				3	. 2		1	
NCH-AIR/ELECTRIC										•				3	2			٠.
NCH-HAND							ζ						. 1					
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EQUIPMENT	GERMAN GULLY	GERMAN VALLEY	GREEK GULLY	HALLEY'S COMET	HANS PEAK	HELLENIC HILL	HOPEFUL HILLS	JUNGLE	JUPITE	R KENDA Flat	KIMBA	LARKINS FOLLY	LENNON	OPAL VALLEY	OLYMPIC	TEAL PERFETTO WATER HOLE	PIPING LANE	POTCH PROSP GULLY	'ECT
BACKHOE			1					1		1			1						
BLOWER			7		2		1			3		3	3		24			2	
BOBCAT			•													•			
BOGGER BUCKET ELEVATOR										••					1				
BULLDOZER			•									•							
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D9																• •			
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D7 .		1																3	
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DRILLING RIGS		•			•					1		•			2				1
CALWELD			1			• • •			•						2				
INVESTIGATOR		•	•			. :		1	•			. 1			•				
SMALL AUGER								, [₹]				•							
ROTARY										•									
CRANE	•			•															
EXCAVATOR	·		•		1.			*					1	1				1	
GENERATOR																			
SMALL/MED															2				
LARGE	•	1	1				- 1			1 1					5	•		1	
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SELF DUMPER			,				•			1					1				
TUNNELING MACHINE		1	1				1			. 1			1		5			1	
WINCH-AIR/ELECTRIC		-	1	, .			-			1		1	1		10			•	
WINCH-HAND			-		.*		1 '			1			_	1					
YORKE HOIST															. 3				1
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EQUIPMENT	ROCK HILL BORE	RUSSO FOLLY	RYAN HILL	SADDLE	SEVENTEEN MILE		SOUTH PACIFIC	SOUTH'N CROSS	TEE	TREVOR SWAMP	TURKEY RIDGE	TWO JAYS	UNKNOWN .	VENUS	VINO	WILLOW	ZORBA	TOWNS HOPEFUL HILLS	AMENDED Town	TOTAL
BACKHOE							;	1									1	16	 8	16
BLOWER		1	1	1	4	-1	1	3			1			2			88	55	28	196
BOBCAT							1		•								4		0	5
BOGGER		×.				• . •											Ĺ		0	6
BUCKET ELEVATOR	•			•	1													6	3	10
BULLDOZER D10									•										_	_
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07		•									•							3	2	11.
D6															1			3	2	8
04									•					•			2	2	1	٠
COMPRESSOR				•		***											2		U	•
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180CFM		2												1			6	41	21	45
350CFM												•		-			2	2	1	9
DRILLING RIGS																	-	-	•	•
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INVESTIGATOR.									٠.					•			1	10	5	9
SMALL AUGER				1		•							•					7	4	8
ROTARY				•	•														0	0
CRANE		•				1													0	Ó
EXCAVATOR						•							•						0	5
GENERATOR										• '	•									
SMALL/MED Large	• •	1 .						• •	•					1			6	4	2	12
LOADER-FRONT END				1	2			_			1			1		•	23	9	5	51
NOODLING MACHINE		,			. , 1	3	3	\$									7	24	12	61
SCRAPER		1			4.	. .	3	1			*						3	8	4	. 41
SELF DUMPER		٠. ١	•															1	1	2
TUNNELING MACHINE	·	.*		1	٠ ,													3	2	5
WINCH-AIR/ELECTRIC		1		•	2		. 1			٠,	1	•		1			22	. 5	3	48
WINCH-HAND	•	. •			4				2		2						15	2	1	41
YORKE HOIST						3.					1	• .		. 2			2	1	1	18
REG. PSC																				
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EQUIPMENT	CRYST VALL		60(RASS	HOPPE RIDG		GUS	' \$		OEY ILL	OL! FIEL		TOWN	.*					REEK			Н	IILL		•	В	ANK	JLD8UF HIL	.L	BLUFF			BOURN HILL		TOTAL STUART CK SOR FIELDS
BACKHOE														2		2				1:						:									 	
BLOWER		5	•				٠.		1				5	. 5		16											•		•					•		
BOBCAT		1						•	1			:	2	. 4		15									٠.											•
BOGGER		٠,			,				1							. 1																				
BUCKET ELEVATOR	•						٠.						,			0				٠																
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D8		2							•			, 1	1	. 2		5						•			•											
D7							•	٠.,				•				0																		•		
D6	•	•														. 0					. **	_														
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350CFM		••			٠.			•						13		34								٠.	4.							,				
DRILLING RIGS					:				•				•	. •		. 0						٠														
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INVESTIGATOR		10	٠.	2					6				4	. 6		28				4	•			·												
SMALL AUGER						•		٠,	•				•	5		- 5								*												
ROTARY					'		٠.							Ť		. n			٠.	. •																
CRANE						5				٠.		4 J. G.				0	٠.												•							
EXCAVATOR		1		•.		•			٠.						٠.	1											•									
GENERATOR											1.1		•				•		•					1												
SMALL/MED		1		. 1								1	i	ż		106	,			·							:									
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APPENDIX B

UNIT COST, UNIT RUNNING COSTS, TOTAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT

AND TOTAL OPERATING COST AND PRODUCTION

FOR ALL PRECIOUS STONES FIELDS

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EQUIPMENT	UNIT	OPERATING COST UNIT/YEAR	COOBER PEDY UNITS	COOBER PEDY TOTAL CAPITAL COST	COOBER PEDY TOTAL RUNNING COST	ANDAMOOKA UNITS	ANDAMOOKA Total Capital Cost	ANDAMOOKA TOTAL RUNNING COST	UNITS	MINTABIE TOTAL CAPITAL COST I	TOTAL	MINOR FIELDS MINO UNITS CAPI	OR FIELDS MI TOTAL TAL COST RU	TOTAL		TOTAL Capital Cost	TOTAL RUNNING COST
						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·											
BACKHOE	30000	5830	20	600000	116600	7	210000	40810	3	90000	17490		0	n	30	900,000	174,900
BLOWER	12000	9000	168	2016000	1512000	6	72000	54000	21	252000	189000		0	0	195	2,340,000	1,755,000
BOBCAT	15000	3360	1	15000	. 3360	1	15000	3360	15	225000	50400		n	n	• , •	255,000	57,120
BOGGER	4000	200	10	40000	2000	. 0	0	0	1	4000	200		Ö	0	11	44,000	2,200
BUCKET ELEVATOR	8500	500	15	127500	7500	3	25500	1500	0	0	. 0		Ō	0	18	153,000	9,000
BULLDOZER		•	•											•		200,000	7,000
D10	800000	96000	0	0	0	0	. 0	. 0	. 1	800000	96000		0	0		800,000	96,000
D9 ·	350000	64440	3	1050000	193320	1	350000	-, 64440	30	10500000	1933200		0	. 0	34	11,900,000	2,190,960
D8	245000	48170	11	2695000	529870	. 4	980000	192680	8	1960000	385360		. 0	0	23	5,635,000	1,107,910
D7	160000	32980	7	1120000	230860	5	800000	164900	1	160000	32980		0	0	13	2,080,000	428,740
D6 .	100000	.23040	. 5	500000	115200	1	100000	23040	2	200000	46080		. 0	0	8	800,000	184,320
D4	55000	18720	. 2	110000	37440	4.1	220000	74880	1	55000	18720		. 0	. 0	7	385,000	131,040
COMPRESSOR				٠.	*	ż	•									•	
100CFM	13000	1420	. 27	351000	38340	17	221000	24140	23	299000	32660		0	0	67	871,000	95,140
180CFM	14000	2840	28	392000	79520	7	98000	19880	14	196000	39760		O _.	0	49	686,000	139,160
350CFM	24000	4260	10	240000	42600	' 1	24000	4260	9	216000	38340	•	0	0	20	480,000	85,200
DRILLING RIGS	4.50000		· .														
CALWELD	150000	9200	- 26	3600000	220800	1	150000	9200	2	300000	18400		0	0	27	4,050,000	248,400
INVESTIGATOR Small Auger	45000	6400	6	270000	38400	. 0	0	0	. 29	1305000	185600		0	0	35	1,575,000	224,000
ROTARY	5000 100000	4400 9000	4	20000	17600	2	10000	8800	. 1	5000	4400		0	0	7	35,000	30,800
CRANE	10000		1	100000	9000	0		0	. 4	400000	36000		0	0	5	500,000	45,000
EXCAVATOR	138000	1000		0	. 0	, 0	0	0	0	. 0	0.		0	0	0	0	0
GENERATOR	120008	32980	1	138000	32980	. 3	414000	98940	1	138000	32980		0	0	5	690,000	164,900
SMALL/MED	800	720	56	44800	40320		. 44400	100/0									
LARGE	8000	6220	58	464000	244760	18	14400	12960	109	87200	78480		0	0	183	146,400	131,760
LOADER-FRONT END	30000	5830	49	1470000		8	64000	33760	4	32000	16880		0	0	70	560,000	295,400
NOODLING MACHINE	8000	1000	42	336000	285670 42000	0	240000	46640	3	90000	17490		0	0 c/2	60	1,800,000	349,800
SCRAPER	100000	19440	2	200000	38880	. ,	72000 200000	9000 38880	12	8000	1000		0	4 } 0	52	416,000	52,000
SELF DUMPER	1500	720	. 3	4500	2160	10	15000	7200	12	1200000	233280		\bigcirc	U 0	16	1,600,000	311,040
TUNNELING MACHINE	25000	1500	39	975000	58500	. 10	25000		0	12000	5760			0	21	31,500	15,120
WINCH-AIR/ELECTRIC		1000	33	33000	36300 D	1	1000	1500 0		" 0 1000	. 0		0	0	40	1,000,000	60,000
WINCH-HAND	100		n	0	0	7	700	.0	1	1000	0		U	U	35	35,000	0
YORKE HOIST	700	400	11	7700	4400	15	10500	6000	18	12600	7200		. U	U	7 44	700	0
							10300			12000	7200			U	44	30,800	17,600
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TOTAL				16919500	3944080		4332100	940770		18547800	3517660	,	0	0		39,799,400	8,402,510

TOTAL CAPITAL COST ALL FIELDS: \$39,799,400
TOTAL RUNNING COST ALL FIELDS: \$8,402,510

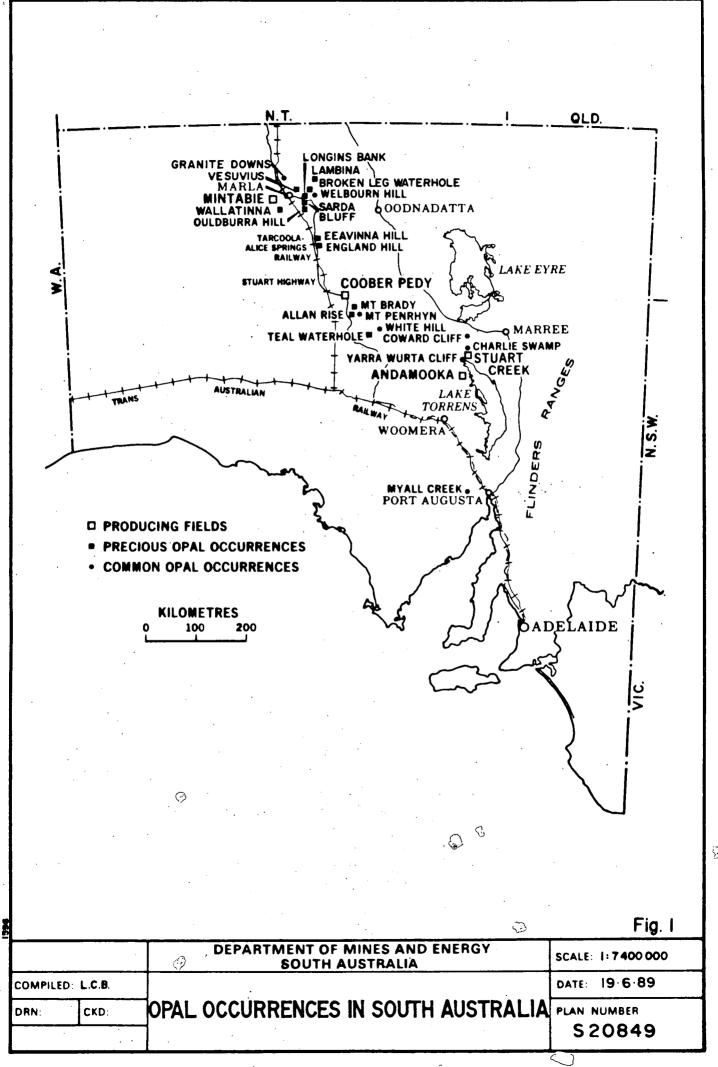
EQUIF	PMENT	COST	OPERATING COST UNIT/YEAR	COOBER PEDY UNITS	COOBER PEDY TOTAL CAPITAL COST	COOBER PEDY TOTAL RUNNING COST	ANDAMOOKA UNITS	ANDAMOOKA TOTAL Capital Cost	TOTAL	MINTABIE UNITS	MINTABIE TOTAL CAPITAL COST	MINTABLE TOTAL RUNNING COST	MINOR FIEL UNI	DS MINOR FIELDS MINO TS TOTAL CAPITAL COST RUNN	TOTAL	TOTAL UNITS	TOTAL CAPITAL COST	TOTAL RUNNING COST
}		70000	5830		480000	93280		240000	46640	. 2	60000	11660		n	n	26	780,000	151,580
BACKI BLOW		30000 12000	9800	16 196	2352000	1764000	4	48000	36000	16		144000		0	0	216	2,592,000	1,944,000
BOBCA		15000	3360	5	75000	16800	3	45000	10080	15	225000	50400		Ô	0		345,000	77,280
BOGGE		4000	200	. 6	24000	1200	•	43000	10000	1	4000	200		0	0	7	28,000	1,400
	ET ELEVATOR	8500	500	10	85000	5000		0	ņ	•	0	0		Ō	0	10	85,000	5,000
BULLI		0300	200		55500							. •			-	•••	,	,
DOLLI	D10	800000	96000	•	. 0	0		. 0	0	1	800000	96000	•	0	0		800,000	96,000
	D9	350000	64440	, 6	2100000	386640	2	700000	128880	35	12250000	2255400		0	0	43	15,050,000	2,770,920
	D8	245000	48170	11	2695000	529870	, ,	0	. 0	٠ 5	1225000	240850		0	0	16	3,920,000	770,720
	07	160000	32980	8	1280000	263840	4	640000	131920		. 0	0		0	0	12	1,920,000	395,760
	D6 ·	100000	23040	. 3	300000	69120	2	200000	46080	٠.	0	0		. 0	0	5	500,000	115,200
	. D4	55000	18720		220000	74880	3	165000	56160	1	55000	18720		0	0	8	440,000	149,760
COMP	RESSOR		* * *	1			•			٠.								
	DOCFM	13000	1420	4	52000	5680	2	26000	2840	. 5	65000	7100	•	. 0	0	11	143,000	15,620
	80CFM	14000	2840	45	630000	127800	15	210000	42600	34	476000	96560		0	0	94	1,316,000	266,960
3!	50CFM	24000	4260	9	216000	38340	5	120000	21300	. 8	. 192000	34080		0	0	22	528,000	93,720
	LING RIGS			•					• •									•
CAL	LWELD	150000	9200	22	3300000	202400	1	150000	9200	2	300000	18400		0	. 0	25	3,750,000	230,000
IN	VESTIGATOR	45000	6400	9	405000	57600		. 0	0	28	1260000			0	0	37	1,665,000	236,800
SMA	ALL AUGER	5000	4400	8	40000	35200	1	5000	.4400	5	25000	22000		0	0	14	70,000	61,600
RÓ.	TARY	100000	9000	•	. 0	0		. 0	0		0	. 0		0	Ò	0	0	0
CRAN	Ė	10000	1000	•	0	. 0	• :	. 0	0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0
EXCA	VATOR	138000	32980	5	690000	164900 -		0	, 0	1	138000	32980		. 0	0	6	828,000	197,880
GENE	RATOR											•		.•				
S	MALL/MED	800	. 720	12	9600	8640	5	4000	3600	- 106	84800			0	0	123	98,400	88,560
L	ARGE	8000	4220	51	408000	215220	4	32000	16880	4	32000			0	0	59	472,000	248,980
LOAD	ER-FRONT END	30000	5830	- 61	1830000	355630	5	150000	29150	2	60000			0	0	68	2,040,000	396,440
NOOD	LING MACHINE	8000	1000	41	328000	41000	8	64000	8000		. 0			0	. 0	49	392,000	49,000
SCRA	PER	100000	19440	2	200000	38880		0	. 0	12	1200000		•	0	0	14	1,400,000	272,160
SELF	DUMPER	1500	720	. 5	7500	3600	- 10	-	7200	6	9000	4320		0	.0	21	31,500	15,120
TUNN	ELING MACHINE	25000	1500	48	1200000	72000	1	25000	1500		. 0	0		0	0	49	1,225,000	73,500
WINC	H-AIR/ELECTRIC	1000		41	41000	. 0	2	2000	0		. 0	0		0	0	43	43,000	. 0
WINC	H-HAND	100		-	0	0	5	500	0		. 0	.0		0	0	5	500	0
YORK	E HOIST	700	400	18	12600`	7200	9	6300	3600	12	8400	4800		0 	0	39	27,300	15,600
TOTA					18980700	4578720		2847800	606030		18661200	3554810		0	0		40,489,700	8,739,560

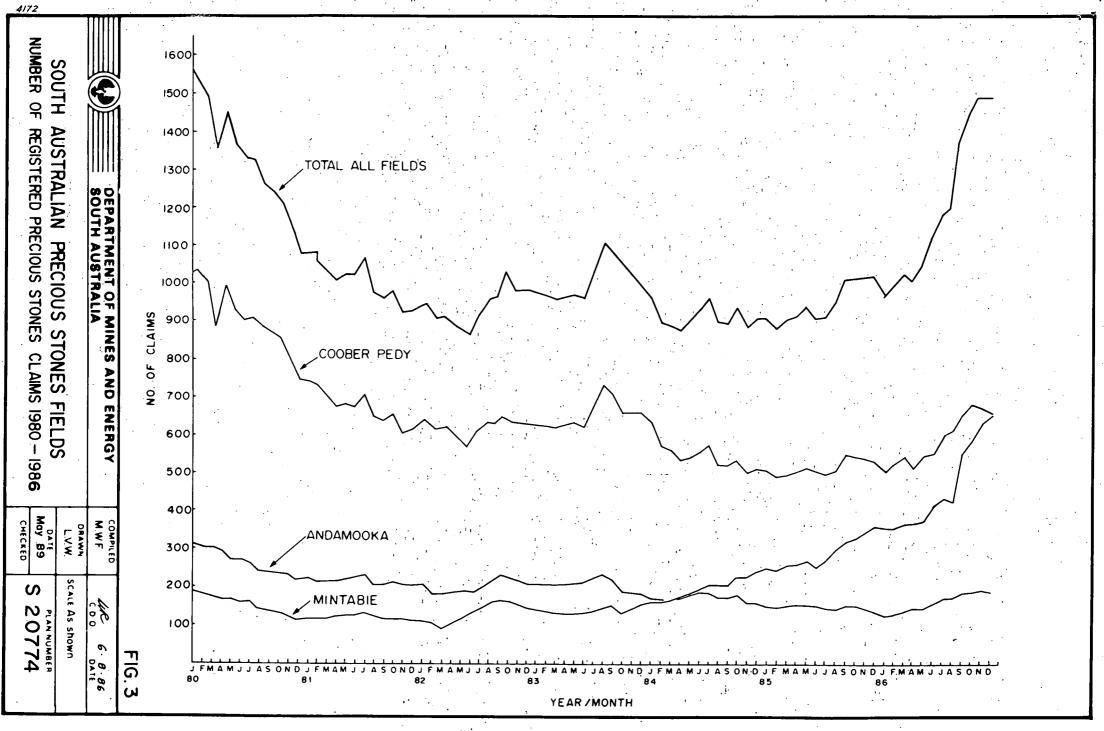
TOTAL CAPITAL COST ALL FIELDS: TOTAL RUNNING COST ALL FIELDS: \$40,489,700 \$8,739,560

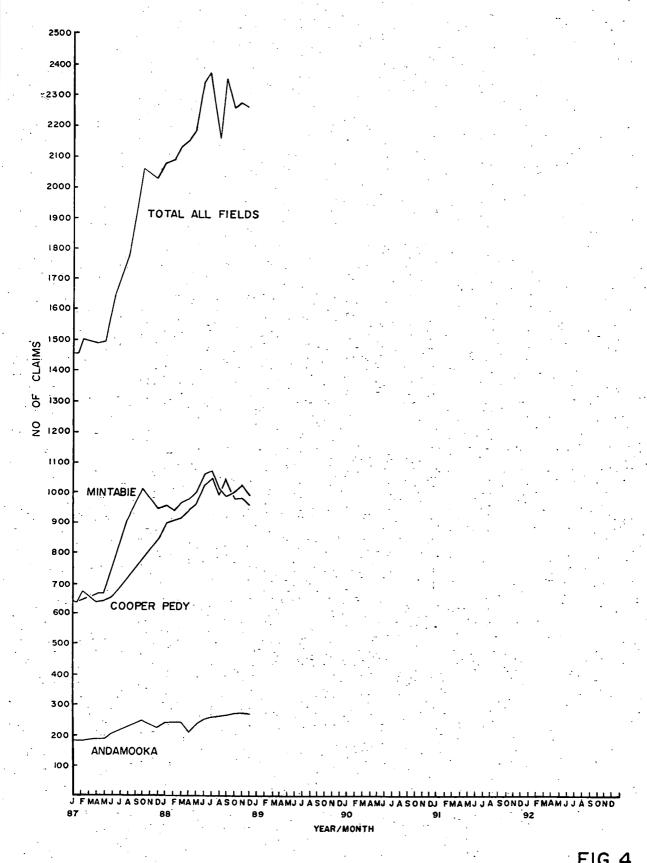
	COOBER PEDY	ANDAMOOKA	MINTABIE	MINOR FIELDS	TOTAL
NUMBER OF MINERS JULY	600	80	750	0	1,430
OCTOBER CAPITAL INVESTMENT	650	96	800	U	1,546
JULY OCT	16,919,500 18,980,700	4,332,100 2,847,800	18,547,800 18,661,200		39,799,400 40,489,700
RUNNING COSTS JULY	3,944,080	940,770	3,517,660		8,402,510
OCT	4,578,720	606,030	3,554,810		8,739,560
CONSTANT	24,400	23,900	43,400	23,900	
PRODUCTION JULY PRODUCTION OCT	20,276,030 22,336,790	3,285,980 3,185,210	37,922,440 40,140,930	0	61,484,450 65,662,930
AVERAGE NO. OF MINERS 1988 AVERAGE CAPITAL INVESTMENT 1988	625 17,950,100	88 3,589,950	775 18,604,500	0 0	1,488 40,144,550
AVERAGE RUNNING COSTS 1988 ANNUAL PRODUCTION 1988	4,261,400 21,306,410	773,400 3,235,595	3,536,235 39,031,685	0	8,571,035 63,573,690
AVERAGE NO. OF PSC'S 1988	1,032	266	1,063	0	2,361

APPENDIX C

LOCATION OF OPAL FIELDS, GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF REGISTERED PRECIOUS STONES CLAIMS, CAPITAL INVESTMENT, NUMBER OF OPAL MINERS AND OPAL PRODUCTION







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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY SOUTH AUSTRALIA	COMPILED M.W.F.	C.D.O. DATE
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PRECIOUS STONES FIELDS	DRAWN D.S.L	SCALE
NUMBER OF PRECIOUS STONES CLAIMS 1987-1988	May 89	PLAN NUMBER S 20775
	CHECKED	320113

