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REEDY LAGOON

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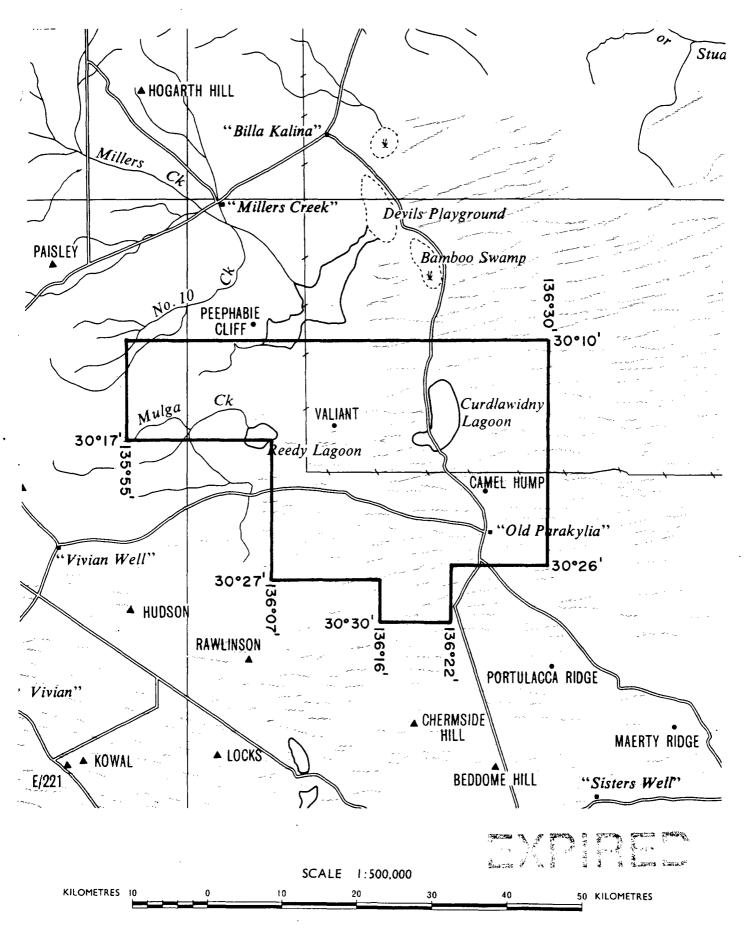
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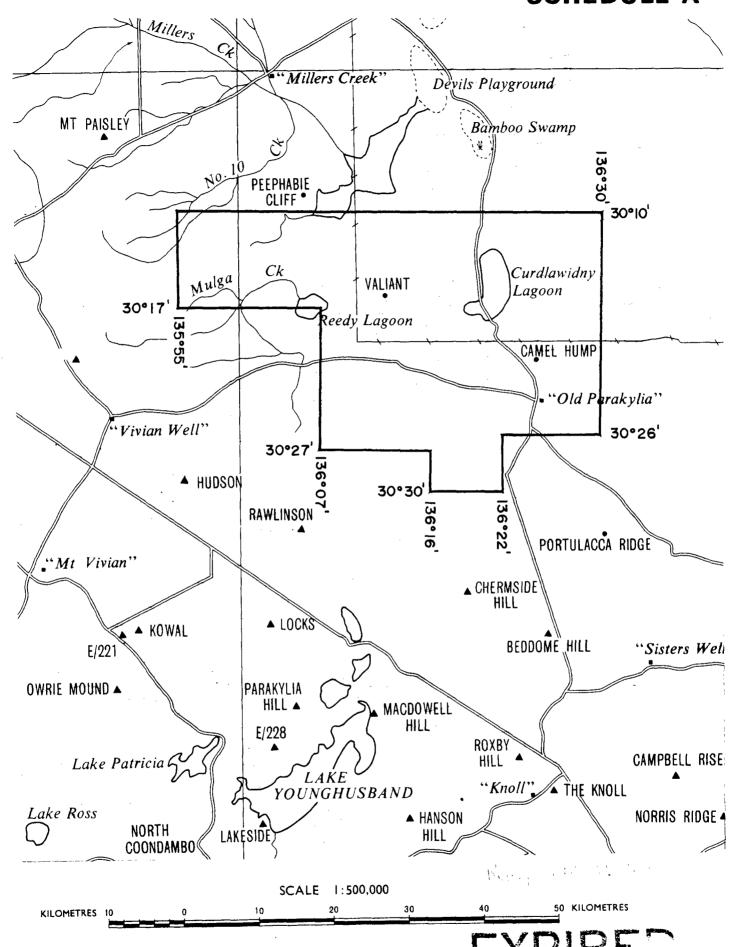
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LOCALITY: REEDY LAGOON AREA - Approx. 100km northeast of Kingoonya

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1436 square kilometres

1:250000 PLANS: KINGOONYA

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DATE GRANTED: 20.7.81

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EL No: 860

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#### STOCKDALE PROSPECTING LIMITED

EXPLORATION LICENCE NUMBER 860: REEDY LAGOON

FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 19TH OCTOBER, 1981

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Exploration Licence No. 860 occupies an area of 1,436 square kilometres and is located in the north eastern part of the Kingoonya 1:250,000 map sheet (Map 1). The licence was granted on 20th July, 1981.

This report summarises Stockdale Prospecting Limited's activities in the area prior to the grant of the licence, and details of work carried out in the period to 19th October, 1981.

#### 2. PHYSIOGRAPHY

#### 2.1 Topography

The area lies between 100 m and 150 m above sea level, and is of subdued relief, with a slight but perceptible increase in altitude from east to west. A few small hills form local eminences rising some 15 to 20 m above this general surface. Much of the area is covered by east-west trending vegetated longitudinal dunes, averaging some 6 m in height, which reach their greatest density and development in the north-eastern part of the licence. To the west, treeless silcrete gibber plains are a more characteristic landform. drainage is poorly developed, and primarily consists of clay pans and small gutters in the intra-dunal corridors. Major elements of drainage are represented by Curdlawidny Lagoon (GR 435255) and, in the west, the Mulga Creek system (GR 400250), which flows into the licence area from higher ground around Mount Vivian.

#### 2.2 Climate and Vegetation

The climate is semi-arid to arid (Forbes, 1977), with high summer temperatures, a low annual rainfall (about 150 mm) and a high potential evaporation rate in the order of 3500 mm. Vegetation is sparse in the west, and becomes better developed to the east over the sand dunes; it is typified by blue bush (Kochina spp), salt bush (Atriplex spp), mulga and myall (both Acacia spp) (Forbes, op. cit.).

#### 2.3 Access

Access to the area is via the sealed road from Port Augusta to Woomera and thence north and westwards by reasonable dirt roads to "Parakylia" homestead, located in the southern part of the licence. From "Parakylia" a number of station tracks offer limited access to the licence area. A short (800 m) airstrip at Parakylia is suitable for light aircraft.

The whole of the licence lies within the Woomera Prohibited Area, and permission to enter the area is required from the Defence Support Centre at Woomera.

#### 3. GEOLOGY

The licence area is situated near the south-western margin of the Great Artesian Basin and consequently most of the licence area is underlain at shallow depth by sub-horizontal sediments of Cretaceous age, which are covered by a variety of younger superficial deposits. The basal Cretaceous unit is the Cadna-owie Formation which is described (Forbes, op. cit.) as "brownish clayey (pale) or ferruginised (dark) sandstone; pebbly to bouldery sandstone" and has been tentatively asssigned a Neocomian age. This is overlain by the Aptian (?) Bulldog Shale, a white altered flaggy to medium-bedded shale, with claystone, siltstone and lithic sandstone. It may be noted that on the adjacent Billa Kalina map sheet area both the Cadnaowie and Bulldog Shale are described as containing cobble and boulder beds (Ambrose and Flint, 1981) and that field observations indicate that this is also the case in the area of EL 860.

The Cretaceous sediments are overlain and largely obscured by a number of Tertiary and Quaternary deposits, several of which relate to palaeodrainages and shorelines (see below). The Tertiary deposits are primarily silcretes, at least some of which have their origin in a regressive Miocene lake system which covered the licence and adjacent areas (Ambrose and Flint, 1979). As the silcretes contain clasts of silcrete, it is readily apparent that more than one episode of silcretisation has occurred. The Quaternary deposits occur as a variety of soils, colluvium, alluvium and wind-blown sands, the latter forming the dunes referred to above. There is a suggestion that the nature of the Quaternary deposit seen may reflect the underlying geology with for example the dunes being derived from the Cadna-owie however this relationship has yet to be confirmed and Formation: formalised.

The Cretaceous sediments unconformably overlie both Permian rocks of the southern extremity of the Arckaringa intracratonic basin (Wopfner, 1980), and older sediments of the Stuart Shelf. These older sediments in turn unconformably overlie Proterozoic basement, the surface of which is irregular, probably due to a combination of block faulting and differential erosion. However, knowledge of the pre-Cretaceous rocks of the licence area is almost exclusively limited to that obtained from drill and bore hole data.

#### 4. BACKGROUND TO CURRENT PROSPECTING

Much of the Stuart Shelf area was covered by a wide ranging helicopter—supported reconnaissance heavy mineral sampling programme carried out by Stockdale Prospecting Limited during 1979 and 1980. During the course of this programme, heavy mineral stream and loam samples were collected at an average density of 1 sample per 6 - 7 square kilometres. Examination of the concentrates showed a few scattered samples to contain single grains of indicator minerals of kimberlitic type. Although the incidence of these grains was low, it was regarded as reliable, and an exploration licence application, now granted as EL 860, was therefore lodged over the area of interest. It was recognised that the complex geological and geomorphological history of the area would make the determination of the provenance of these grains a difficult task.

#### 5. CURRENT PROSPECTING

#### 5.1 Photogeological Study

Stockdale's Technical Services Division was requested to carry out an interpretation of the available aerial photography to examine the geology and geomorphology of the area, and to identify any anomalous features which might represent the surface expression of kimberlitic intrusive rocks. In order to place the observations made in a more regional perspective the study area was extended to cover the north - eastern portion of the Kingoonya 1:250,000 map sheet. The Kingoonya 1:250,000 4, 5, 7 colour composite Landsat image (106/081) was also examined.

Each stereopair from the Kingoonya 1972 1:89,000 colour photography was studied for drainage, outcrop, general geology, geomorphology and any anomalous features. This information was plotted on clear overlay material and mosaiced to form a photo-interpretation map (Map 2). A field visit was then undertaken to check ground truth, visit what were considered to be type localities, and examine features of possible interest.

A small outcrop of (?) Proterozoic rocks was noted near Millers Creek No. 13 Bore (CR 414246) but, except from drill holes, no other rocks of this age are known within the EL area. Pink and pale green crystalline dolomitic limestone occurring near "Parakylia" and as float to the north, and white crystalline limestone seen in the spoil of a disused well at the northern end of Curdlawidny Lagoon (GR 435262) are probably of Cambrian Age.

To the north of the licence Permian sediments are known to occur on the western edge of Devil's Playground and the southern flank of Miller's Creek Plateau (Ambrose and Flint, 1979), and include a heterogeneous suite of boulders and erratics (Baglin and David, 1977). Boulders are also seen within EL 860, where they occur scattered over Curdlawidny Lagoon, and in sandstones in outcrop and dam spoil north of "Parakylia". Similar sandstones, in places also containing erratics, are preserved under remnant caps of silcrete and minor laterite along the western edge of a north-south chain of lakes (GR 423240) some 15 km WNW of "Parakylia".

Within the study area the Cadna-owie Formation consists of marginal marine and fluvial-deltaic sandstones, often ferruginised, conglomerates and shales. These form discontinuous areas of low, dark outcrop and suboutcrop, and are often difficult to distinguish on the photographs from areas of lag gravel. Angular to rounded boulders of quartzite, reddish porphyry (Gawler Range Volcanics), jasper and some granite were noted.

The Bulldog Shale overlies the Cadna-owie Formation, and consists of a marine transgressive sequence of argillaceous limestone, shale, mudstone, sandstone and conglomerate. This unit is extensively altered in places, and kaolin and gypsum are widespread and abundant, whilst the shales are frequently silicified beneath Tertiary silcrete cappings. Angular to rounded quartzite boulders are present, whilst other exotic clasts have been reported in the literature.

There appears to have been some reworking of erratics (and presumably other material) from the Permian into the Cadna-owie Formation, and thence into the Bulldog Shale. The suggestion is that the less resistant boulders are destroyed during these processes, so that whilst the Permian displays the full suite of erratics, the Cadna-owie has a less varied boulder content and the Bulldog shale carries almost exclusively quartzite clasts.

Tertiary sediments in the area appear restricted to silcretes and other duricrusts, capping palaeodrainages and/or features related to the regressive Miocene lake (see above), of which Curdlawidny Lagoon appears to be a remnant. Duricrusted ridges, interpreted as representing a palaeo-shoreline developed during a still stand in the regression of the lake, occur 4 km north of Parakylia.

The geomorphological history of the area is complex, and has involved a number of erosion cycles, which have led to a number of planation surfaces now covered with lag gravels. Sand dunes partly derived from the erosion of Permian (?) and Cretaceous sediments have migrated over this landscape.

The first stages of deposition of the Miocene lake system were characterised by a warm, high rainfall climate, during which time the EL area was part of the shallow lake basin. In later stages, a more arid climate developed, resulting in a westward contraction of the lake, and in silicification of shoreline features and other suitable environments during pauses in the regression (Ambrose and Flint, 1979).

The Tertiary features are post-dated, and in places overlain, by recent sand dunes. The latter are of longitudinal type, and are well developed to the east of Curdlawidny Lagoon. The dunes are generally about 6 m in height, and may reach lengths in excess of 10 km. are essentially east-west trending and sub-parallel, but are sometimes seen to converge and/or coalesce. Vegetation is fairly well developed, and the dunes may be regarded as fixed. However modification is currently occurring, through the addition of windborne sediments to the crests, and by deflation and the development of blow outs where vegetation is sparse. Spillage into the swales broadens the width of the dune structures.

Vegetated and bare pans are scattered throughout the interdunal corridors, and may form the foci for locally developed internal drainages. In some instances (eg GR 423240) chains of pans form conspicuous alignments, which may well be structurally controlled. Drainage channels following the swales may terminate in the small interdunal pans, or where better developed, flow greater distances and reach major "lakes" such as Curdlawidny Lagoon. In extreme cases these channels have sufficient erosive power to modify the tips of dunes.

Lag gravels occur scattered through the dune field and on the surfaces of some pans. They are also developed in the extreme west of the EL. They consist predominantly of quartzite and silcrete clasts, but in some areas a more varied suite is seen, as at GR 425261 where gneiss, granite, limestone, porphyritic rhyolite and? greywacke were observed in addition to quartzite and silcrete. As the surfaces on which the lag gravels occur are still in the process of exhumation, it is apparent that the boulder suite seen must relate to the age of the surface exhumed and the nature of the sediment forming the retreating scarp.

Curdlawidny Lagoon (together with Bamboo Swamp and the Devil's Playground which lie to the north, outside the EL) is a remnant of a Quaternary lake, itself a remnant of the Miocene lacustrine system. Sedimentation is currently active here, although occurring at a slow rate. The eastern margin is marked by a lunette, behind which drainage accumulates along a chain of lagoons. The lunette is interpreted as a Quaternary shoreline. At the south-western margin of the lagoon fluvial sediments fan out as deltaic accumulations where streams terminate.

At least three drainage cycles have been observed within the EL, the earliest being the now silicified Tertiary cycle associated with the Miocene lake system. A younger Quaternary drainage, also primarily lake-oriented, may be distinguished from this as it is unsilicified. Both these palaeodrainages are now modified and incised by the third, current cycle. However, the major elements of the landscape are interpreted as likely to be of long standing, and that erosional development since the Tertiary has modified rather than drastically changed them. It is concluded that the licence area has been part of a large shallow basin, within which detrital material has been of essentially locally derived origin, since early Tertiary times.

#### 5.2 Compilation of Drilling Data

As part of the survey of background information, drill and borehole (water well) information available on SADME open files was compiled for the licence and surrounding area. Most of the holes within the licence are water wells, and interpretation is therefore subjective as it has been made by attempting to match the driller's descriptions with the lithological descriptions given in literature for the various formations. Data collated is indicated on Map 3, which suggests that the Permian is only patchily present within the east, but thickens to the north and west. The maximum thickness of Quaternary is about 12 m, and was recorded from localities just outside the western and northern EL boundaries. This is a significant observation, which indicates that the development of surficial deposits is not sufficient to prevent heavy mineral dispersion from a bedrock source.

#### 5.3 Heavy Mineral Sampling

A high density heavy mineral sampling programme over an east-west strip of some 320 km² in the north of the EL has recently been completed. The programme was carried out from a base camp at "Old Parakylia" Homestead, and covers parts of the Curdlawidny and Peephabie 1:50,000 topographic map sheets (Maps 4 and 5). Samples were collected using two sampling teams in a "leap frogging" technique supported by a Hiller 12-E helicopter, which permitted a high degree of accuracy in navigation and sample location.

Sample sites were "drainage oriented" and interdunal drainage channels and pans were preferentially sampled. Where such sites were not available, loam scape samples were collected. In a few instances, surface material and gibber plain areas consisted entirely of pebbles and fine gypsiferous dust, and no sample could be collected. However, the pre-determined sample density of 1 sample per square kilometre was closely adhered to, with a total of 323 samples collected.

Material collected was screened at 12 and 36 mesh on site to produce a retained sample of about 15 kg of -12/+36 mesh. Sites were flagged and marked with aluminium tags to aid recovery if required. Samples were transported to the Central Treatment Plant in Whyalla for treatment, and jig concentrates were onforwarded to the company's Melbourne laboratory for heavy liquid separation and mineralogical examination. Sample weights, concentrate weights and a count of common garnet grains present are being recorded for all samples to monitor the effectiveness of the sampling techniques employed. Data currently to hand indicates that they are highly satisifactory.

Results have been received for about half the samples collected, and the presence of kimberlitic indicator minerals has been confirmed. However at present their distribution pattern is rather confused and an assessment of its significance is best left until all results are available. The relatively complex geological, and particularly geomorphological, history of the area will make following the indicator minerals to source a difficult proposition.

#### 6. FUTURE PROGRAMME

Further work within EL 860 will be as follows:

- A more detailed study of the local geology to obtain a better understanding of the area and to assist in the interpretation of heavy mineral dispersion.
- 2. Additional sampling over positive areas to provide more indicator mineral grains for study.
- 3. An examination of the area for palaeodrainage, also as an aid to the interpretation of heavy mineral dispersion.
- 4. Examination of anomalous photo-features by ground checking, heavy mineral sampling and ground magnetometry as appropriate.

#### 7. STAFF

The staff employed within the Exploration Licence during the report period were as follows:

Classification	Average No. Employed
Geologists	2.5
Field Technician	1
Prospecting Hands	4
Mechanic	2 months
Cook	1
(Pilot - contractor's staff)	1

Supervision was provided by the Regional Geologist with assistance from the Exploration Manager. The project was supported by the facilities of our office, laboratory and Technical Services Division in Melbourne.

#### 8. EXPENDITURE

Expenditure for the period was \$236,533, which has been allocated as follows:

Management/Office Services	\$52,288
Field Staff - Technical	31,884
- Other	21,538
General Field Expenses	34,458
Transport - Ground	17,608
- Air	36,418
Sample handling - preparation	18,243
Equipment Amortisation	18,336
Specialist Services	-
- Photogeology	5,259
- Other	501
TOTAL FOR THIS PERIOD	\$236,533

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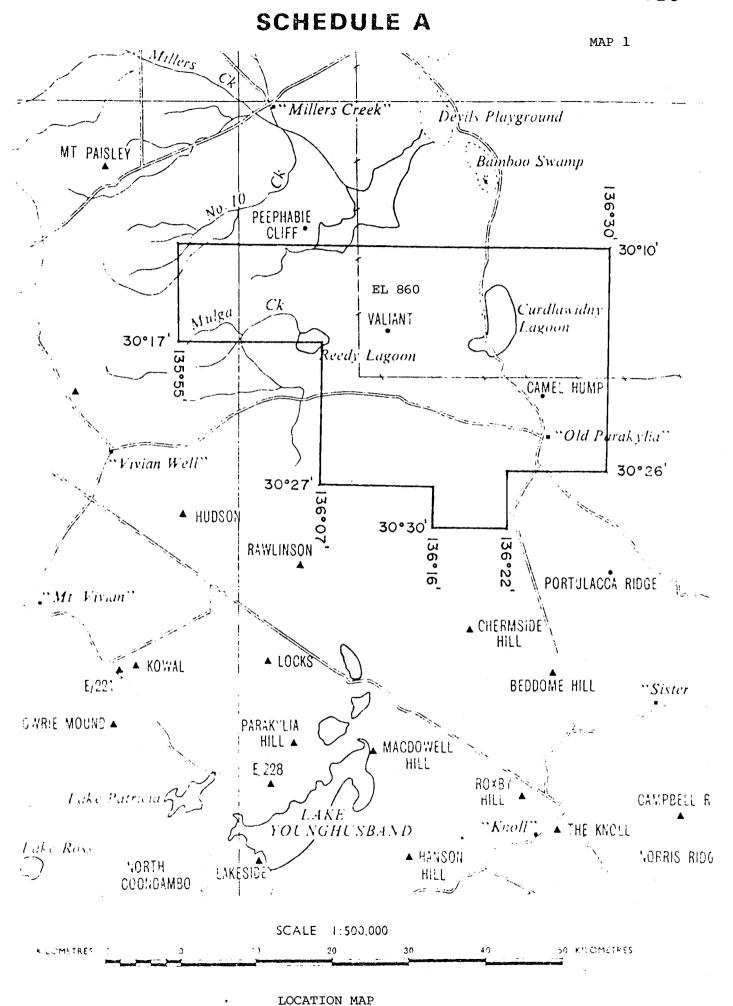
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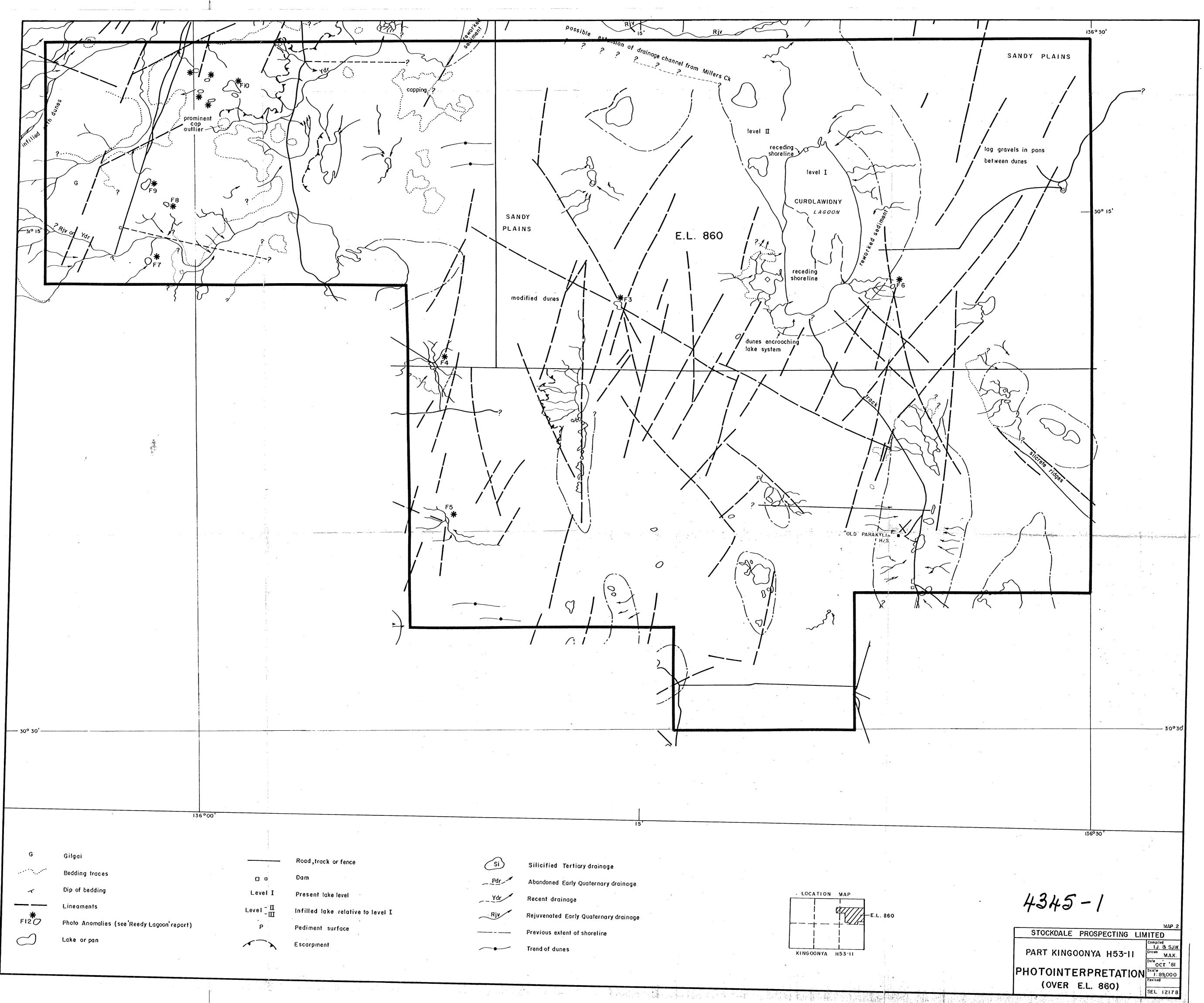
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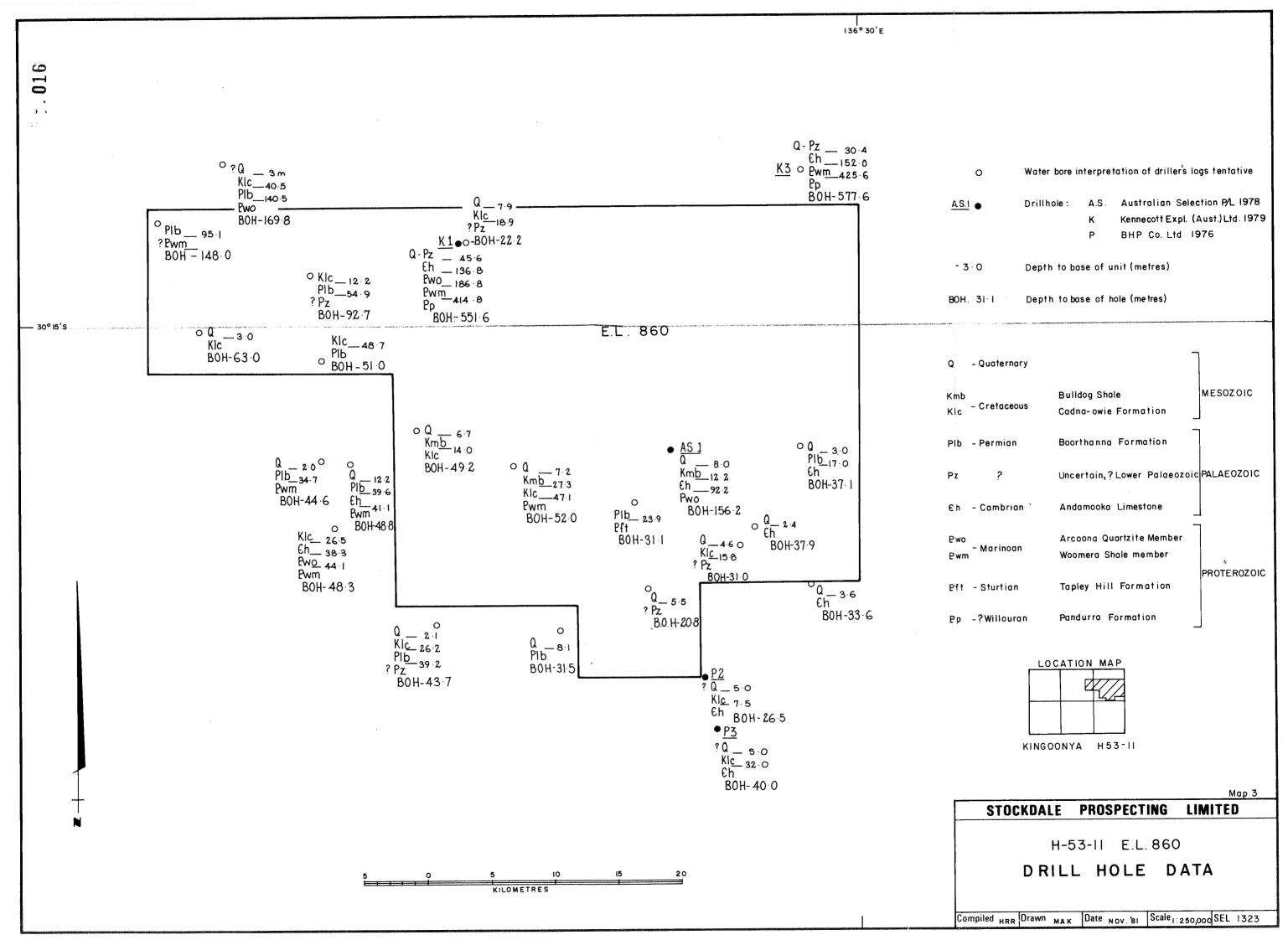
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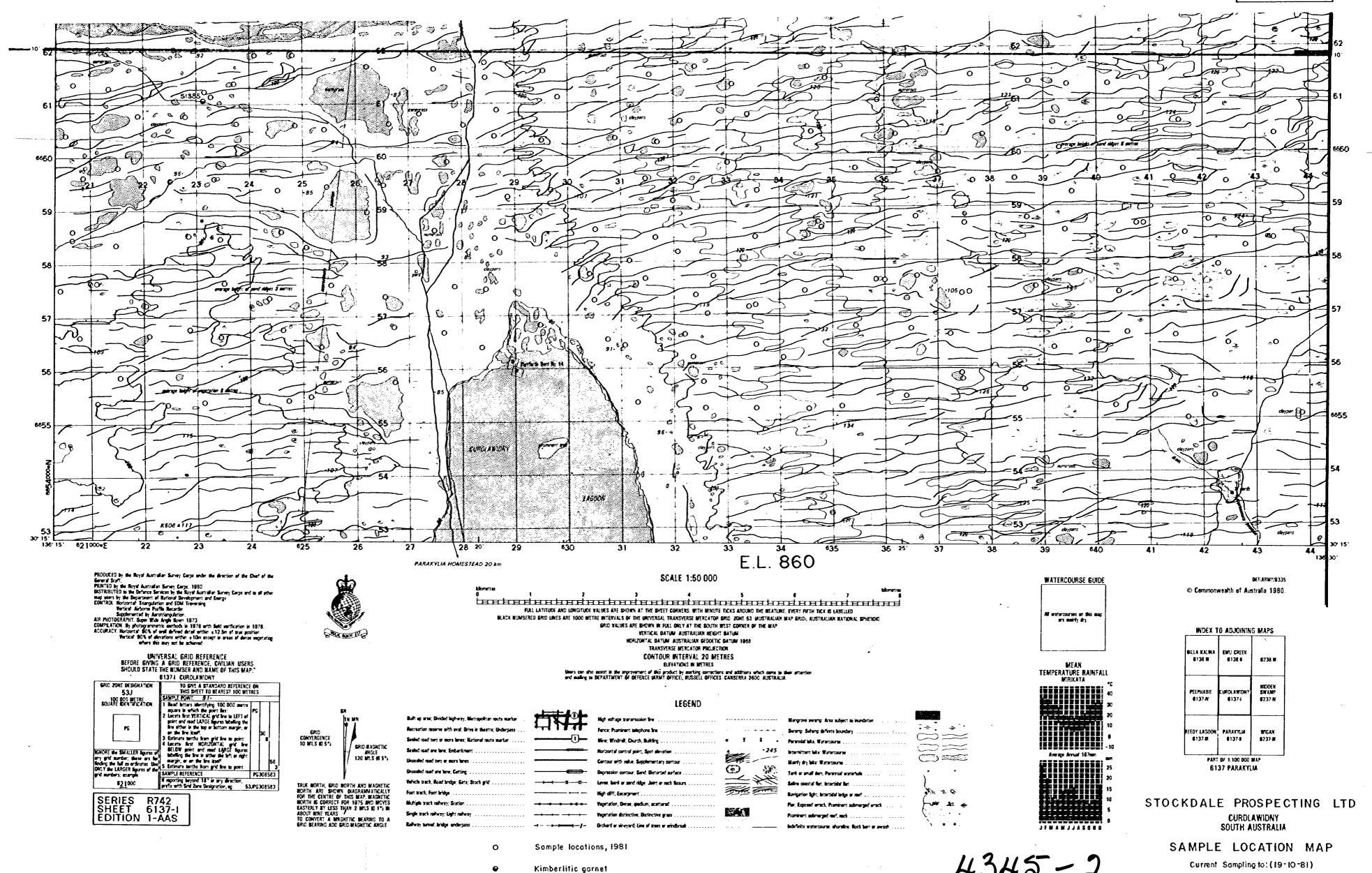




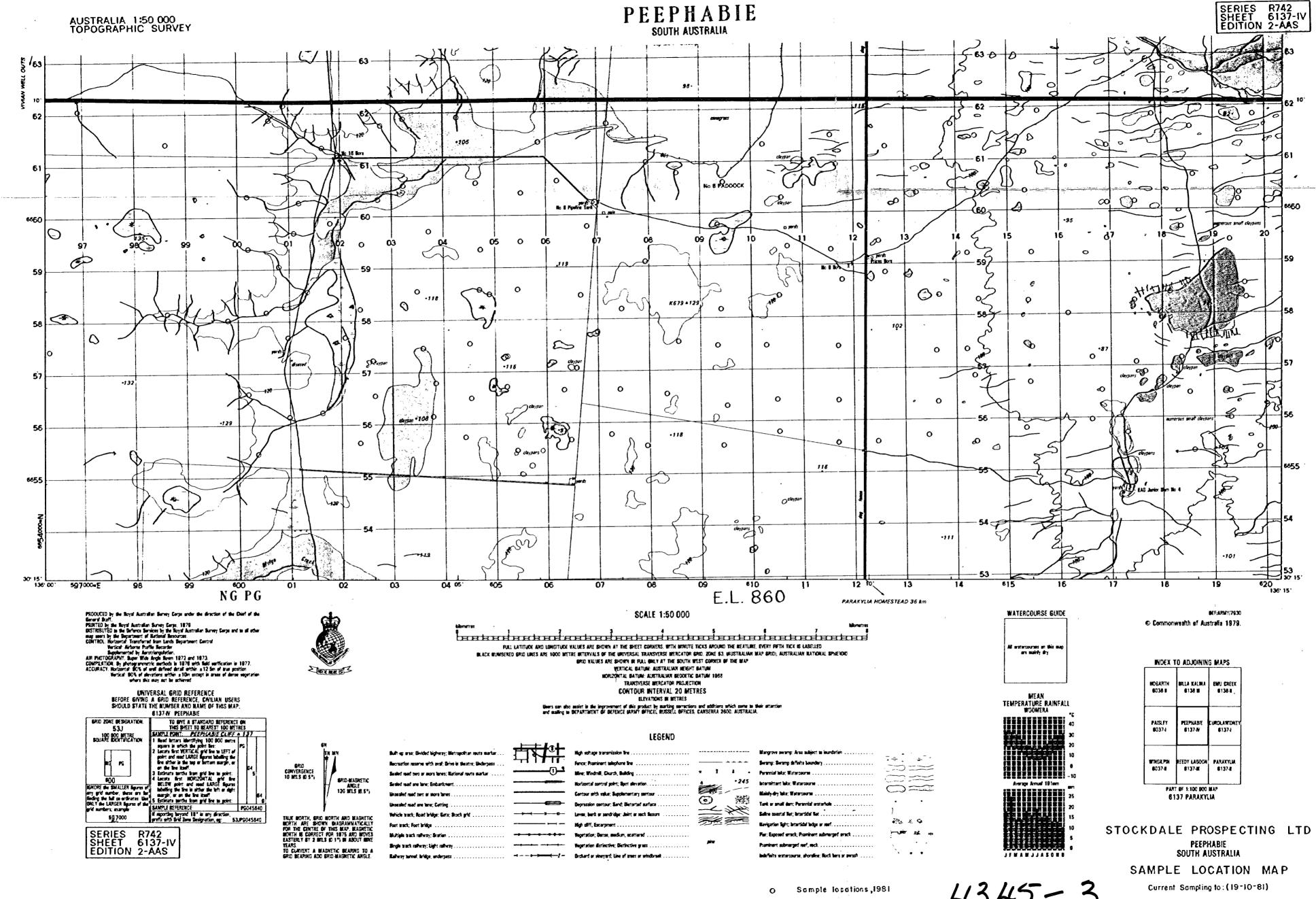


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EXPLORATION LICENCE NO. 860, REEDY LAGOON

SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 19TH JANUARY, 1982

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report summarises exploration activities carried out in EL 860 (Map 1) for the three month period to 19th January, 1982.

#### 2. PROSPECTING PROGRESS

Treatment and examination of samples collected last quarter from an east-west strip in the north of the licence area has been completed. The results of these samples are encouraging and show a broad dispersion of kimberlitic indicator minerals throughout the area sampled. However, their distribution does not yet delineate a source area, and current programmes hope to establish this.

#### 2.1 Heavy Mineral Sampling

- a) Follow-up sample traverses were carried out over some positives to provide greater statistical reliability. A total of 66 samples were collected on this exercise (Maps 2 and 3) using both vehicle and helicopter support.
- b) A sampling programme at a broader density (1 sample per 4 square kilometres) was carried out in an area south of the previously sampled strip, and extended west to the boundary of the EL (Maps 2 7). These samples were mainly drainage oriented and a total of 92 were collected, using a Bell 47 J helicopter. Results from this programme are still awaited.

All samples were transported to the Central Treatment Plant in Whyalla for treatment. Concentrates were then forwarded to the laboratory in Melbourne for anlaysis.

#### 2.2 Geological Survey

A Geological report is currently being compiled to establish whether there is any connection between the distribution of the indicator grains and the Upper Carboniferous/Permian glacial deposits, the Cretaceous sediments, or the Tertiary lake sediments.

Lithological type sections were visited and the predominant pebble and boulder types on the numerous pans in the area were mapped, to try to delineate the boundaries of the predominant lithologies within the sampled area. This exercise is continuing.

Indications at present suggest that the complex Palaeo-environments and geomorphology of the area may have masked any real evidence of grain dispersion from which correlation with the predominant lithologies could be made.

Further investigations will be made in this respect.

#### 3. FUTURE PROGRAMME

Further work in the licence area will include a combination of the following:

- i) Additional heavy mineral sampling.
- ii) Barrage sampling of the glacial deposits to establish whether these are a source of indicator minerals.
- iii) Ground magnetometry over anomalous photo-features.
- iv) Continuation of the geological study.

#### 4. STAFF

The staff employed within the exploration licence during the report period were as follows:

Classification	No. Employed
Geologist	2
Prospecting Hand	3
Cook	1
(Helicopter Crew - Contractor's)	2

#### 5. EXPENDITURE

Expenditure for the period was \$82,298, which has been allocated as follows:

Management/Office Services Field Staff - Technical	\$ 26,734 8,572
- Other	5,193
General Field Expenses	3,903
Transport - Ground	11,217
- Air	4,914
Sample handling - preparation	11,009
- examination	5,464
TOTAL FOR THIS PERIOD	\$ 82,298
Total previously reported	\$236,533
Total to date	\$318,831

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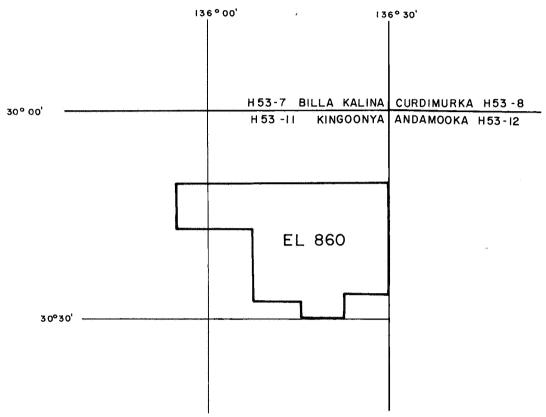
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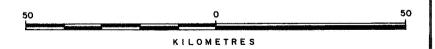
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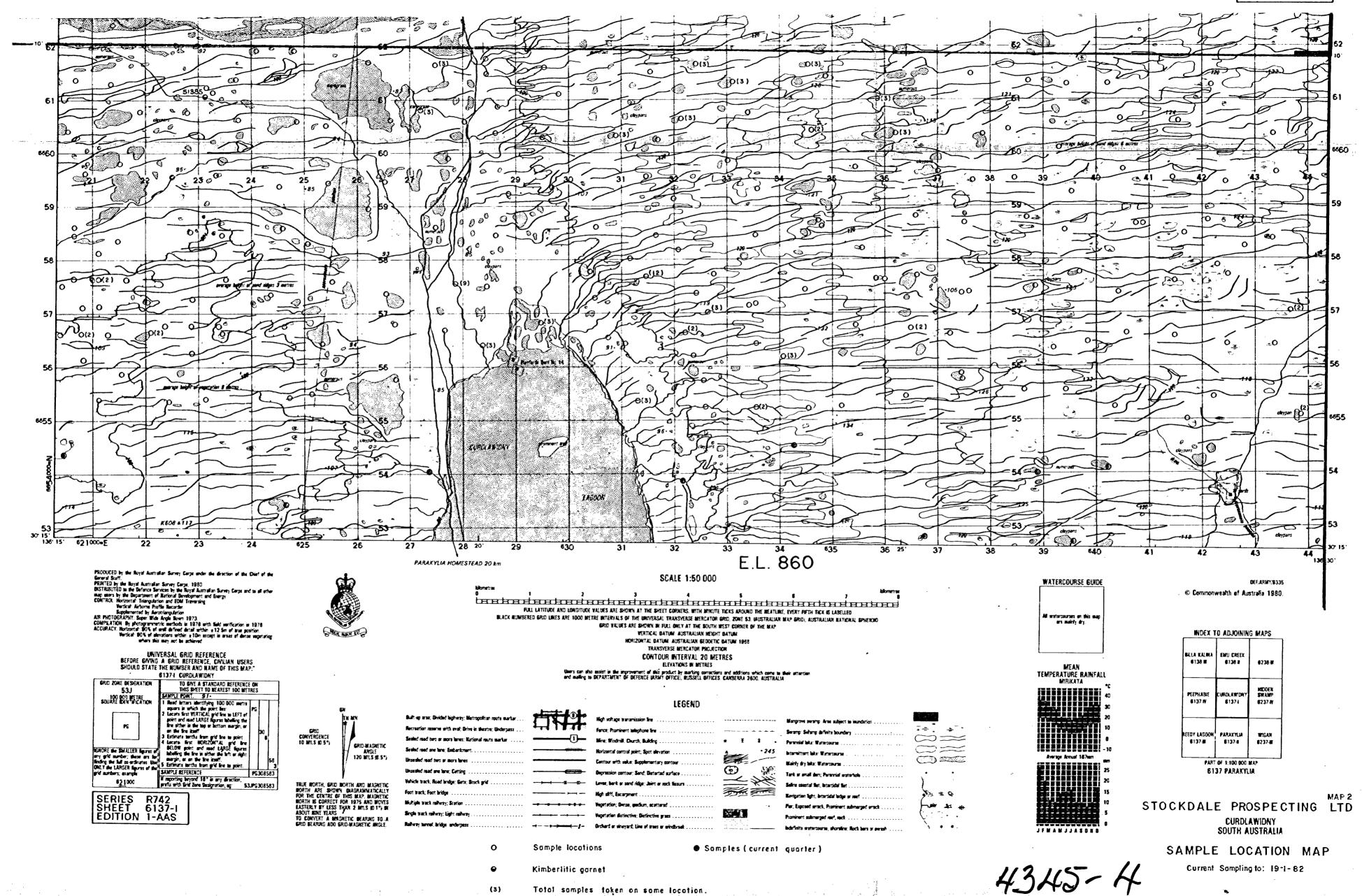


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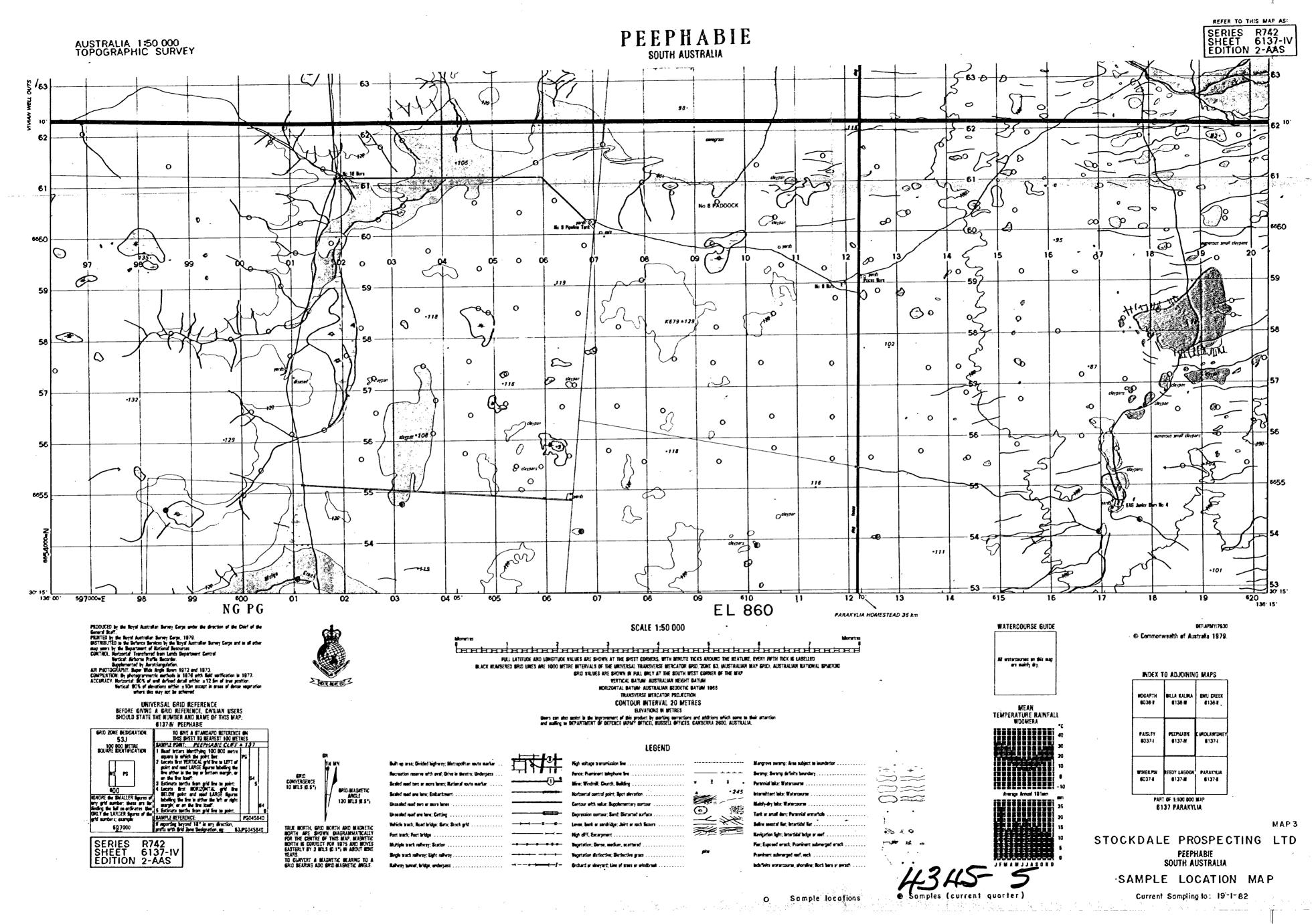
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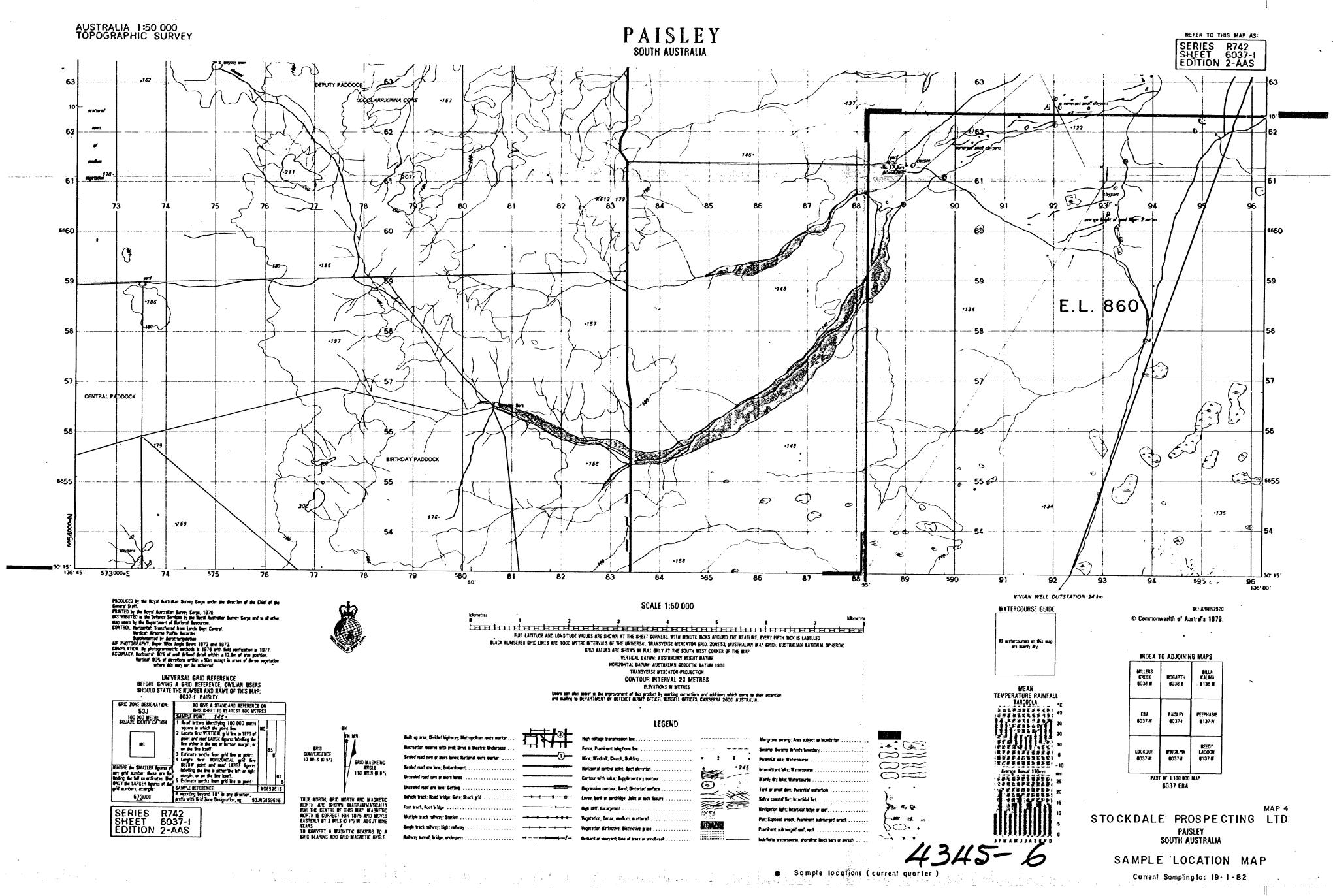
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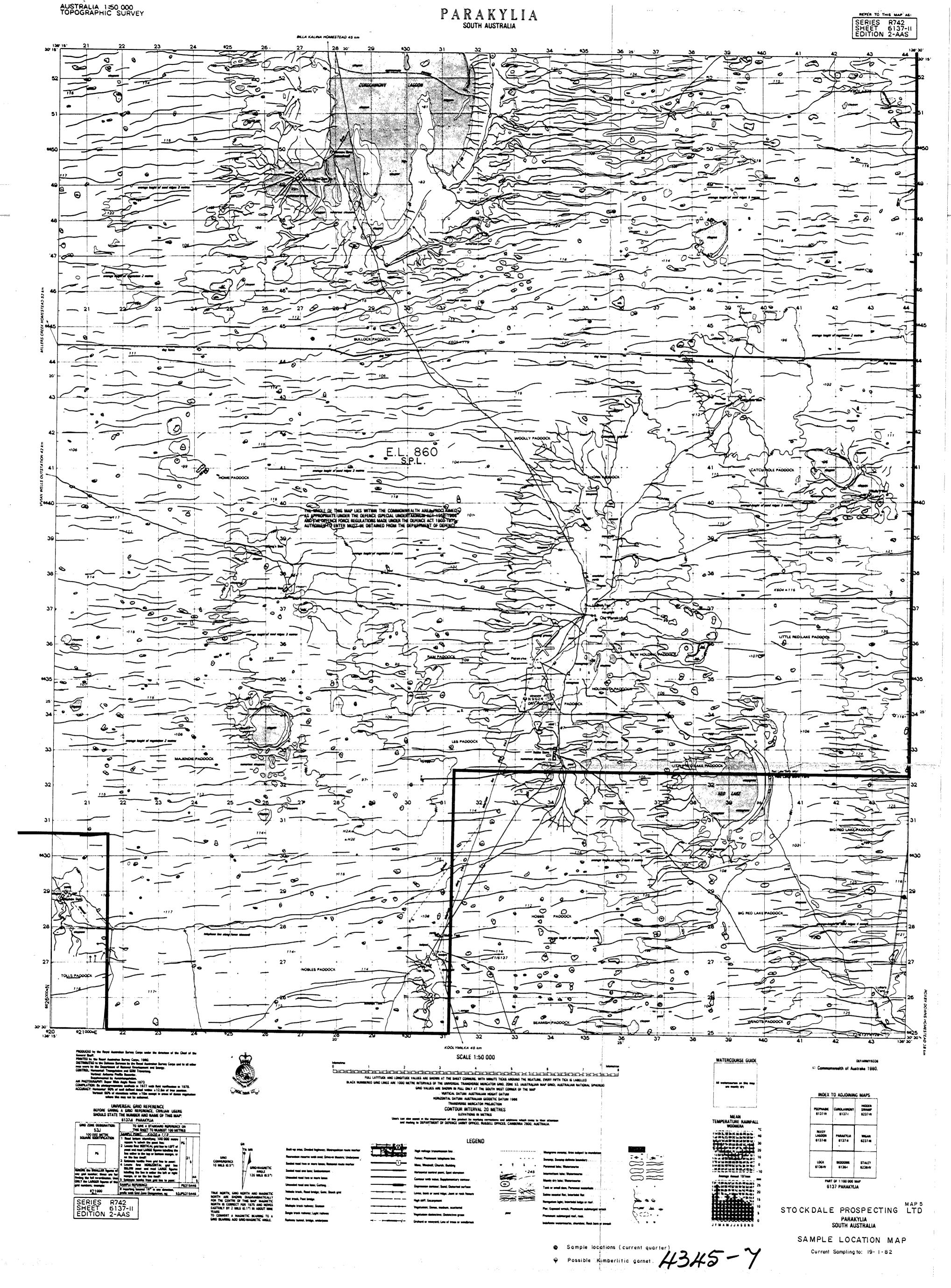
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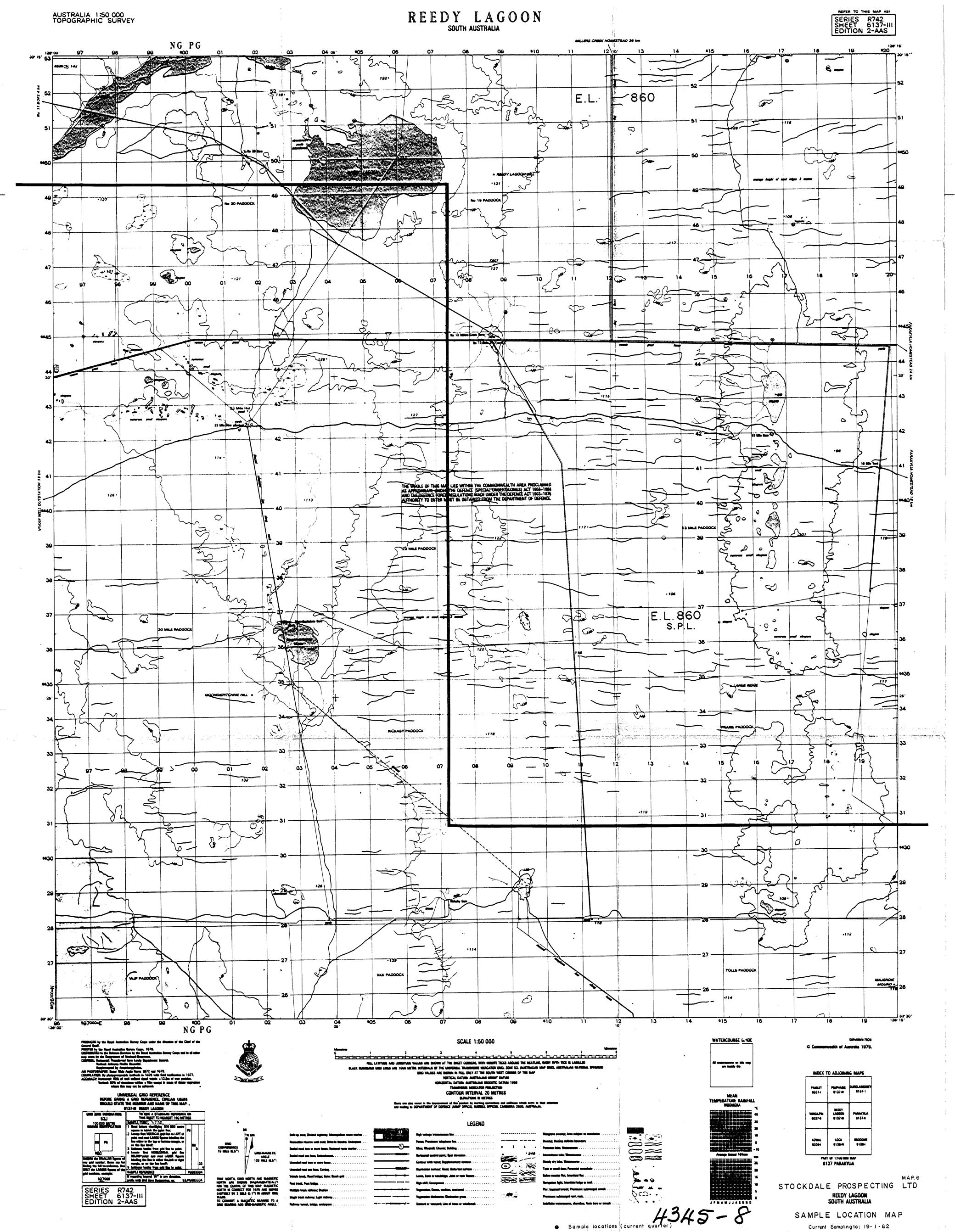


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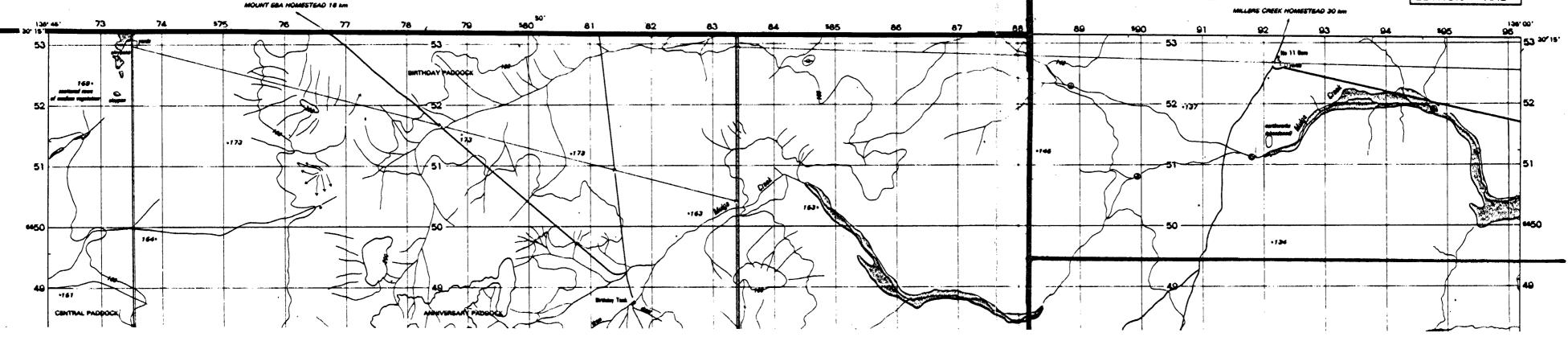




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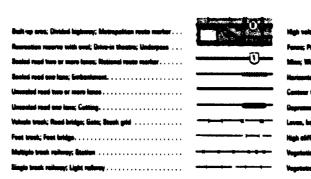
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SAMPLE LOCATION MAP

Current Sampling to: 19-1-82

Sample locations (current quarter)

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THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 19TH APRIL, 1982

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This report summarises exploration in Exploration Licence No. 860~(Map 1) during the three month period to the 19th April, 1982.

The results of heavy mineral sampling conducted last quarter were received, the geological investigation has continued and a ground magnetometer survey has been carried out over a photo-feature.

## 2. PROSPECTING PROGRESS

#### 2.1 Heavy Mineral Sampling

No additional systematic heavy mineral sampling has been carried out in the licence this quarter. However, the results of sampling carried out last quarter have become available. These results have confirmed the broad scatter of kimberlitic indicator minerals previously reported, and have indicated a "cut-off" to the south of Curdlawidny Lagoon, where samples are essentially negative.

However, there is still no simple dispersion pattern apparent, and resolution of the anomalies observed will require a protracted effort.

#### 2.2 Geological Study

The investigation of local geology commenced last quarter has been continued and has concentrated on mapping of the Upper Carboniferous/Permian and Cretaceous units present in the area. This programme is being continued.

#### 2.3 Ground Magnetometer Survey

A small scale ground magnetometer survey was carried out over a photo anomaly identified near the north western corner of the Exploration Licence (Map 2). The photo feature is a pan anomaly, with internal drainage and no outcrop. It could also be described as a vegetation anomaly associated with a small pan on the gibber plain to the west of the paleolake system.

This anomaly is a feature of approximately  $800 \times 500$  metres in size, and the ground magnetometer survey consisted of four survey lines. Three lines at 250 m spacing orientated N - S were bisected by one E - W line. All lines were one kilometre in length. Readings were taken at 50 metre intervals.

The magnetic profiles observed (Figure 1) did not appear to be of immediate interest, and a two bag sample of -12/+36 mesh material collected from the pan did not contain kimberlitic indicator minerals. It is therefore tentatively concluded that the feature is not of interest. However, the profiles have been forwarded to Melbourne for examination by the Senior Geophysicist.

#### 3. FUTURE PROGRAMME

Further work to be carried out in this licence area is as follows:-

- continuing assessment of the results of sampling to date;
- ii) continuation of the geological study where necessary; and
- iii) additional ground magnetometer surveys over anomalous photo-features.

At the present time consideration is also being given to flying an airborne geophysical survey over part of the Exploration Licence.

#### 4. STAFF

Exploration has been carried out be a team of 3 geologists, two prospecting hands and a cook, supported by a Contractor's helicopter flight crew of two.

The project has been supported by the Regional Office in Whyalla, and the facilities of the company's Head Office, Laboratory and Technical Services Division in Melbourne.

# 5. EXPENDITURE

Expenditure of \$44,721 for the quarter has been allocated as follows:-

Management/Office Services	12,778			
Field Staff - Technical	7,580			
- Other	6,042			
General Field Expenses	4,896			
Transport - Ground	3,100			
- Air	3,670			
Sample Handling				
- Treatment	3,740			
- Examination	2,490			
Specialist Services:				
<ul><li>Photogeology</li></ul>	66			
- Drafting	359			
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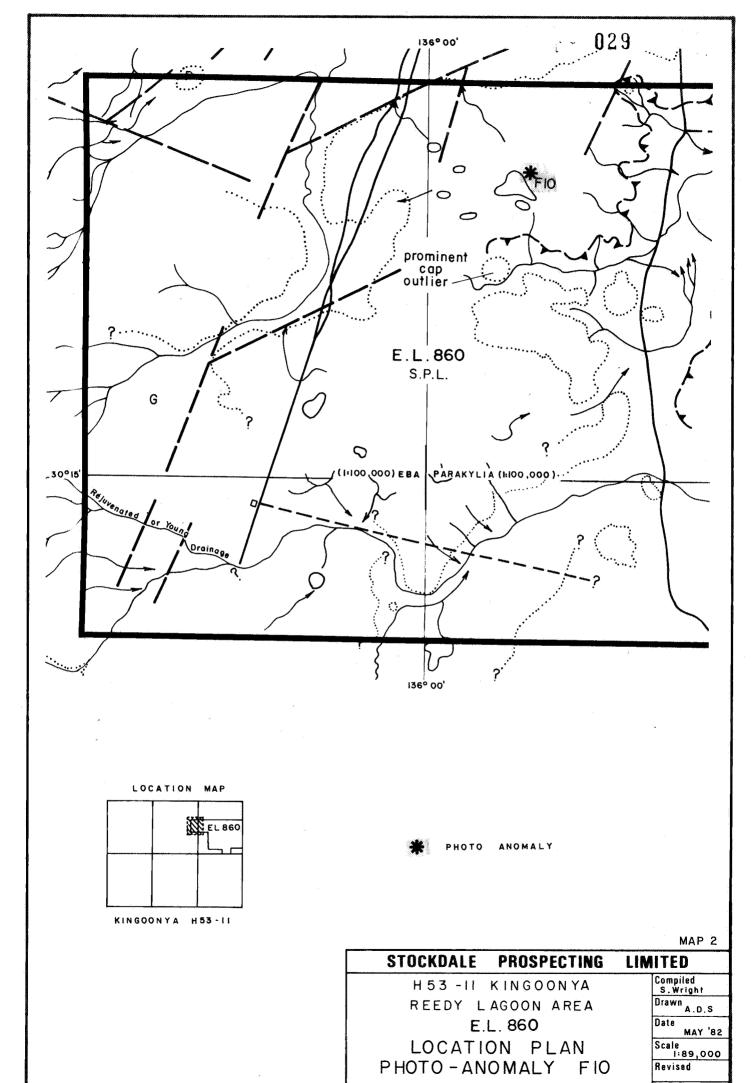
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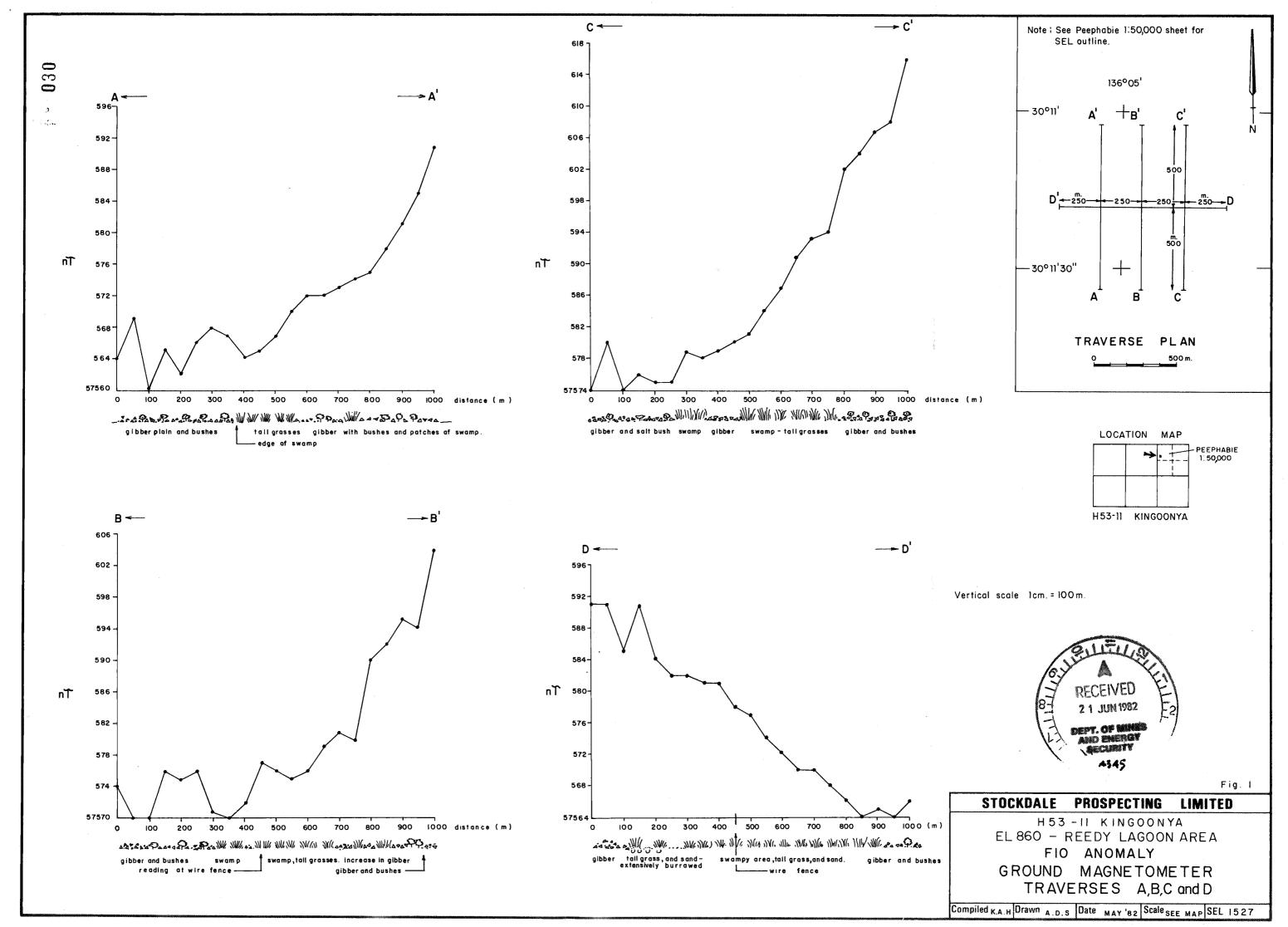
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#### FOURTH QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 19TH JULY, 1982

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report summarises exploration in EL 860 (Map 1) during the quarter ending 19th July, 1982. Additional photogeological and geological investigations have been carried out during this period.

# 2. PROSPECTING PROGRESS

## 2.1 Heavy Mineral Sampling

No additional samples have been collected. As previously reported the dispersion pattern of the indicator mineral grains found to date does not delineate a primary source.

## 2.2 Photogeology

The company photo-geologist re-examined aerial photographs of the licence area and re-selected anomalous features for follow-up. Most of these were co-incident with the features selected during the previous photostudy.

Seven features were visited on the ground. Several were found to be only subtle colour changes in soil type or silcrete lag gravel cover on pans, rather than diagnostic photo-features. Some difficulty was experienced in locating these features. All have been sampled with negative results.

No further work is contemplated at present.

## 2.3 Geological Study

Geological investigations in the licence area have been carried out during heavy mineral sampling and other work as part of an ongoing programme. Company geologists to date have tended to concentrate on the Upper Carboniferous and Mesozoic units in the area. However as some difficulty was encountered in recognition of various lithologies and surfaces, it was decided that a field visit/consultation with R.B. Flint of SADME would be beneficial. The Chief Geologist, Research and Technical Services Division, participated in the field survey and two field geologists from Parakylia base camp supervised the excursion. The

field visit was very useful and many aspects of the geology are now better understood. Although this has little immediate effect on the possible delineation of a source for the heavy mineral anomalies, it will be of considerable assistance in the interpretation of results within EL 860 and the adjacent area.

The co-operation of Mr. R.B. Flint and of SADME is gratefully acknowledged.

#### 3. FUTURE PROGRAMME

The course of further exploration within this licence is now dependent on the outcome of investigations in progress in a similar geological environment elsewhere. A programme for EL 860 will be developed when this information is to hand.

## 4. STAFF

Exploration on this licence this quarter has been carried out by a team of two geologists, two prospecting hands, a cook and a helicopter crew of two (pilot and engineer). Consultants/specialist utilised have been R.B. Flint of SADME and Chief Geologist, RATS Division, Dr. R.V. Danchin. The project has been supervised by the Regional Geologist, with advice and assistance from the Exploration Manager and supported by the Whyalla Regional Office, Head Office in Melbourne and the Melbourne Laboratory and Technical Services Division.

# 5. EXPENDITURE

Expenditure of \$14,506.00 for the quarter has been allocated as follows:

Management/Office Services	\$ 1,991
Field Staff - Technical	2,345
- Other	1,941
General Field Expenses	46
Transport - Air	2,637
Sample Handling:	
- Preparation	440
<ul><li>Examination</li></ul>	204
- Tenement Costs	2,157
Equipment amortisation	1,320
Specialist Services:	
- Drafting	425
- Photogeology	1,000
TOTAL FOR THIS PERIOD	\$14,506
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE	\$378,058

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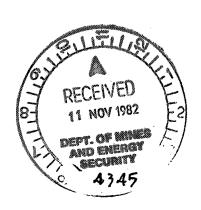
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There has been no work carried out on the licence area (Map 1) during this quarter, as resources have been allocated to adjacent tenements.

The course of future activity in the area will be determined by the outcome of investigations currently in progress in similar geological environments elsewhere.

No expenditure has been incurred this quarter, and expenditure to date remains at \$378,058.

H. R. Robison, Whyalla, November 1982. STOCKDALE PROSPECTING LIMITED

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SIXTH QUARTERLY REPORT TO 19TH JANUARY, 1983

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report covers exploration activity within EL 860 (Map 1) for the period ended 19th January, 1983. A drill hole was bored in an unsuccessful attempt to provide a water supply for bulk sampling, and a number of possible locations for bulk samples were examined.

#### 2. DRILLING

Examination of drilling records for the area showed that a drill hole known variously as PRE-1 or AS-1 and drilled by Australian Selection (Pty) Ltd in 1978 had reportedly intersected flows of 20,000 gph at 80 m and 30,000 gph at 100 m. It was planned to drill a new hole adjacent to PRE-1 (Map 1) in order to provide a water supply for a bulk treatment plant. P. Nitschke Drilling was contracted to drill this hole, and used a Bourne 2000 rig. However the hole was abandoned at 64 m as the air return was lost. No water was encountered.

The bore hole is located at GR 437 800 y E/1245 300 y N on the Kingoonya 1:250,000 map sheet. A summary log is:-

0 - 22 m Quaternary sands

22 - 40 m Clays

40 - 64 m Andamooka Limestone

# 3. EXAMINATION OF BULK SAMPLE SITES

A number of localities in the vicinity, and to the south, of Curdlawidny Lagoon at which the Upper Carboniferous Boorthanna Formation is present in outcrop or sub-outcrop have been examined. This continuing programme is intended to locate areas from which uncontaminated samples of pebble/boulder bed facies Boorthanna sediments can be collected to ascertain their heavy mineral content.

#### 4. FUTURE PROGRAMME

Investigation of the Boorthanna Formation will continue and bulk samples will be collected from selected sites.

# 5. **EXPENDITURE**

Expenditure of \$8,959 for the quarter has been allocated as follows:

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- Preparation		- 870
(Recharge) - Examination Specialist Services:		2,992
Drilling Drafting		4,556 19
TOTAL FOR THIS PERIOD	\$	8,959
TOTAL PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	\$3	78,058
TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE	\$3	87.017

H.R. ROBISON, Whyalla

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#### EXPLORATION LICENCE NO 860: REEDY LAGOON

# SEVENTH QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 19TH APRIL, 1983

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report covers exploration activity within EL 860 (Map 1) for the period ended 19th April, 1983. Loam and barrage samples were taken during the quarter.

## 2. SAMPLING

#### 2.1 Loam Sampling

Three loam samples were collected. One sample was taken at a photo anomaly site (Map 2) and two from the area adjacent to the site selected for the barrage sample (Map 3).

## 2.2 Barrage Sampling

Two barrage samples from the Boorthanna Formation were collected (Map 3). The first sample had a mass of 346 kg, and after examination produced a kimberlitic type garnet. As control on possible contamination of this sample was suspect, a second barrage sample was taken at the same locality. The result of this sample is awaited.

## 3. FUTURE PROGRAMMES

Future work will depend on the results obtained from the samples submitted.

## 4. STAFF

Staff employed during the quarter were as follows:

Geologists 3 Prospecting Hands

## EXPENDITURE

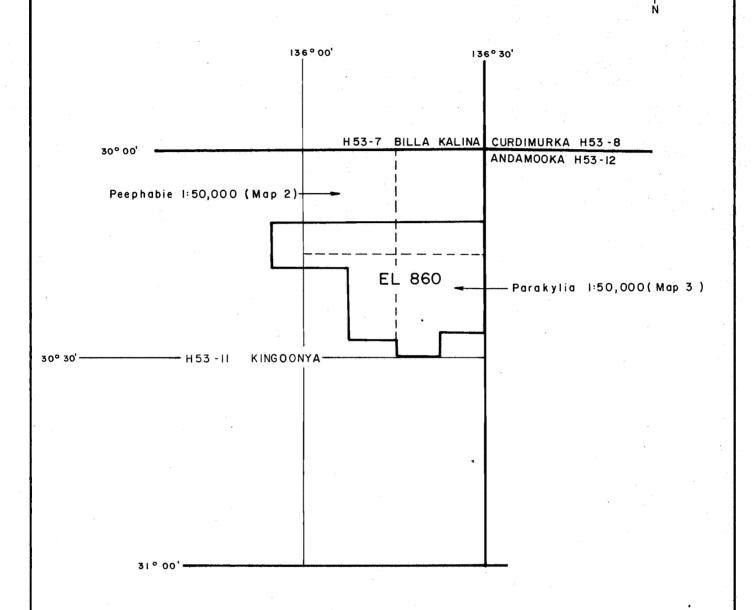
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Management/Office Services Field Staff: Technical : Other Sample Handling: Treatment : Examination Specialist Services:	\$	4,697 1,960 2,065 8,800 5,440
: Remote Sensing : Drafting		1,000
TOTAL THIS PERIOD	\$ 2	24,062
TOTAL PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	\$38	37,017
TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE	\$41	11,079

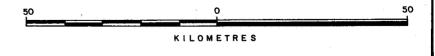
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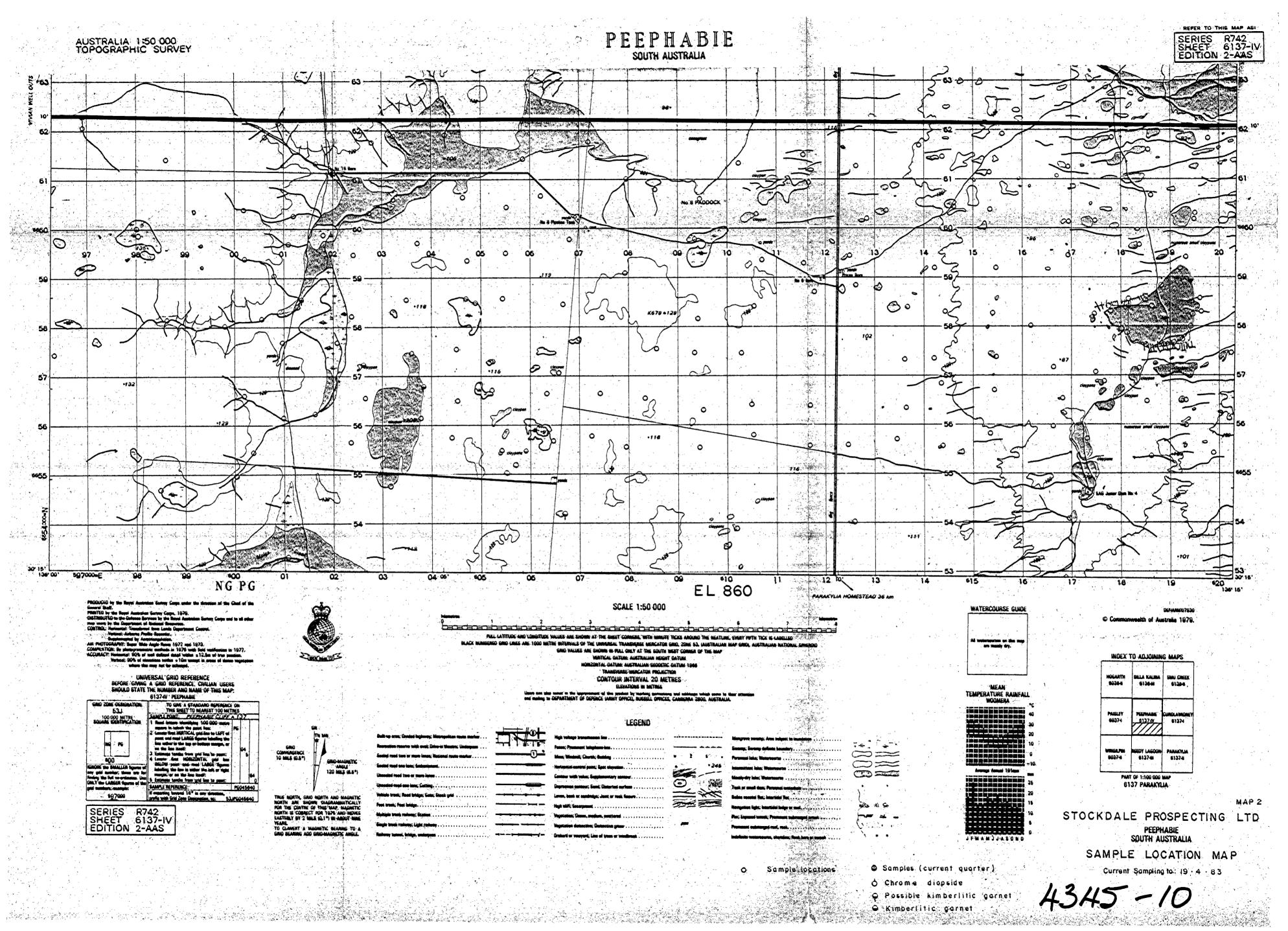
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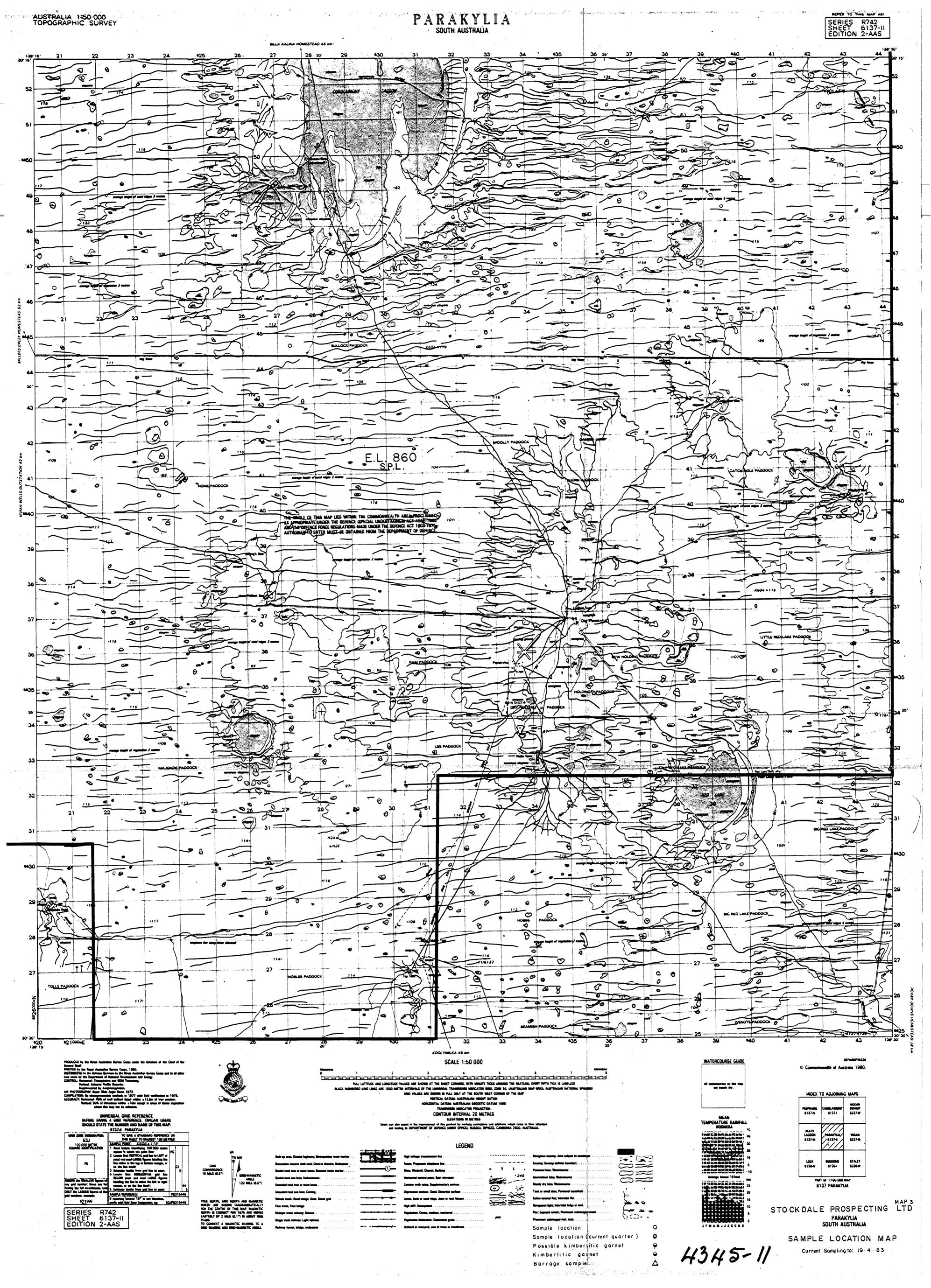


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# EXPLORATION LICENCE NO 860 : REEDY LAGOON

# EIGHTH QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 19TH JULY, 1983

No work has been carried out in this licence area during the current quarter.

No kimberlitic type minerals were identified in the 3 loam samples or the barrage sample collected during the previous quarter (quarterly report for period ended 19/4/83).

Further work will depend on the progress of exploration activity in nearby tenements.

D. P. Emslie, Parakylia,

July, 1983.

Distribution: SADME, Whyalla, DPE, IC.



## EXPLORATION LICENCE NO 1167: REEDY LAGOON

# FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4TH NOVEMBER, 1983

Exploration Licence 1167 was granted from 5th August, 1983 over ground previously held as EL 860 so that exploration in this area could continue.

No work has been carried out in this licence area during the current quarter. Further work will depend on the progress of exploration activity in nearby tenements.

Expenditure of \$6,774 incurred previously has now been allocated as follows:

Management/Office Services	\$	983
Field Staff: Technical	\$	398
Tenement Costs	\$	2,233
Specialist Services:		
Remote Sensing	\$	2,360
Drafting	\$	800
TOTAL EXPENDITURE THIS PERIOD	\$	6,774
TOTAL PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (as EL 860)	\$4	11,079
TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE	\$4	17,853

K.J. Stracke

Exploration Manager

D.P. Emslie Parakylia

November, 1983

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EXPLORATION LICENCE NO 1167 : REEDY LAGOON

SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4TH FEBRUARY, 1984.



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# EXPLORATION LICENCE NO 1167: REEDY LAGOON

SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4TH FEBRUARY, 1984.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report covers all work carried out in Exploration Licence 1167 (Map 1) for the quarter ended 4th February, 1984. Work included stream and barrage sampling.

## 2. SAMPLING

# 2.1 Stream Sampling

A total of 35 stream samples were taken from drainages in the vicinity of 13 Mile Dam over an area of 12km<sup>2</sup> (Map 2). Outcrops of Jurassic Algebuckina Sandstone are present in the head-waters of these streams and occur as a line of low bluffs overlain by Millers Creek dolomite (Tertiary).

The sampled area is covered mainly by aeolian dunes with calcrete developed in the interdunal areas. Because of the sand choked nature of the drainages in places, the samples collected ranged from 14 to 56 l. of -12+36# material.

# 2.2 Barrage Sampling

Seven hundred litres of -4# friable material was collected from an outcrop of Algebuckina Sandstone. All loose surface material was cleared from the sampled area and a fresh surface exposed so as to avoid possible contamination. The outcrop consisted of a coarse matrix supported pebbly conglomerate which contained abundant quartz and kaolin.

#### 2.3 Results

No results have been received from any of the above mentioned samples.

#### 3. FUTURE PROGRAMME

No work is planned for the next quarter in this Exploration Licence.

## 4. STAFF

Staff employed during this period were as follows:

Geologists	3
Prospecting Hands	3
Cook	1
Helicopter Crew	1

The project has been supported by facilities of the Regional Office in Whyalla and the Head Office in Melbourne.

# 5. EXPENDITURE

Expenditure of \$19,456 for the period has been allocated as shown in Table 1.

D. P. Emslie, Parakylia, February, 1984. K.J. Stracke, Exploration Manager.

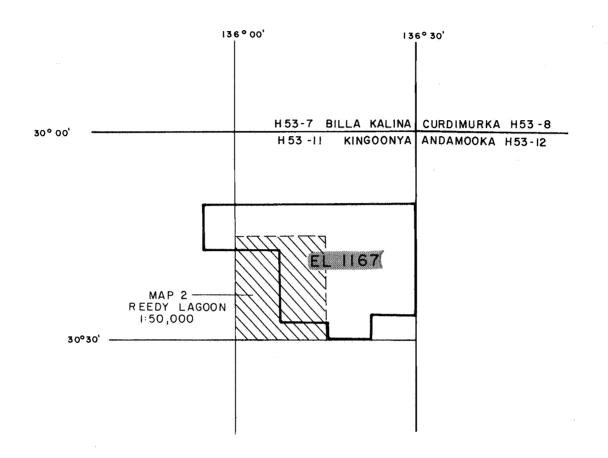
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Management/Office Services Field Staff: Technical	\$	3,468 3,299
: Other		303
Air Charter Sample Treatment		310 1,376
Sample Examination		10,700
TOTAL FOR THIS PERIOD	\$	19,456
TOTAL PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	\$4	17,853
TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE	\$4	37,308

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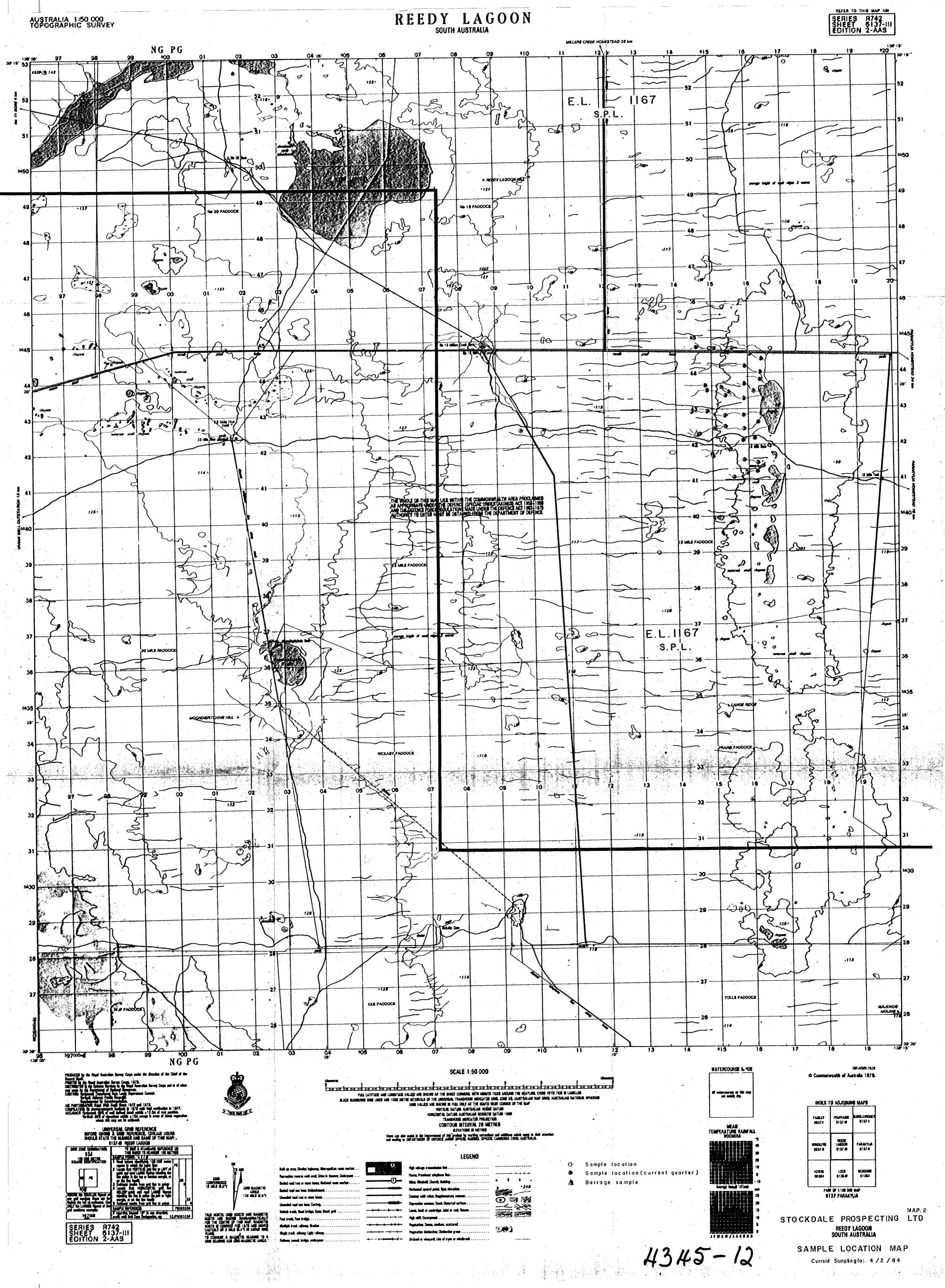
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#### EXPLORATION LICENCE NO 1167: REEDY LAGOON

THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4TH MAY, 1984

No work has been carried out in this licence area during the past quarter.

All the stream samples and the 1 barrage sample previously collected are negative (2nd quarterly report for the period ended 4/2/84).

The area from which the above-mentioned samples were collected was visited by R. Flint (SADME) and confirmed to represent a unit of the Jurassic Algebuckina Sandstone.

Expenditure of \$2,618 incurred previously, but not previously reported, has now been allocated as follows:

Management/Office Services	\$	502
Field Staff: Technical		925
Other		910
General Field Expenses		66
Specialist Services:		
Photogeology		214
TOTAL EXPENDITURE THIS PERIOD:	\$	2618
TOTAL PREVIOUSLY REPORTED:	\$43	37308
TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE:	\$4	39926

D.P. Emslie, Sunny Creek, May, 1984. K.J. Stracker

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#### EXPLORATION LICENCE NO 1167: REEDY LAGOON

FOURTH QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4TH AUGUST, 1984.

No work has been carried out in this licence area during the past quarter.

D. P. Emslie, Whyalla,

August, 1984.



EXPLORATION LICENCE 1167: REEDY LAGOON

FIFTH QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 4TH NOVEMBER, 1984

No work has been carried out in this licence area during the past quarter.

B.H. NEWELL Whyalla, November, 1984

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EXPLORATION LICENCE 1167: REEDY LAGOON

SIXTH QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 4TH FEBRUARY, 1985

No work has been carried out in this licence area during the past quarter.

H. R. Robison, Whyalla, February, 1985.

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EXPLORATION LICENCE 1167: REEDY LAGOON

SEVENTH QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 4TH MAY, 1985.

No work has been carried out in this licence area during the past quarter.

Further work is dependant on results from exploration in nearby tenements.

B. H. Newell, Whyalla, May, 1985.

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EXPLORATION LICENCE 1167 : REEDY LAGOON

EIGHTH QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 4TH AUGUST, 1985.

No work has been carried out in this licence area during the past quarter.

Further work is dependant on results from exploration in nearby tenements.

B. H. Newell, Whyalla, August, 1985.

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EXPLORATION LICENCE NO 1167 : REEDY LAGOON

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 4TH FEBRUARY, 1986.

No field work has been carried out in this licence area during the past quarter.

Re-assessment of all exploration data is in progress. A new forward programme will be formulated following this review.

B. H. Newell, Whyalla, February, 1986.

Distribution: SADME, Whyalla, Melbourne.



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EXPLORATION LICENCE NO 1167: REEDY LAGOON

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 4TH MAY, 1986.

No field work has been carried out in this licence area during the past quarter.

B. H. Newell, Whyalla, May, 1986.

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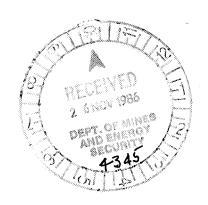
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## STOCKDALE PROSPECTING LIMITED EXPLORATION LICENCE NO 1167 (FORMERLY EL860) REEDY LAGOON

FINAL QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 4TH AUGUST, 1986 AND RELINQUISHMENT REPORT





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EXPLORATION LICENCE NO 1167 (formerly EL 860): REEDY LAGOON FINAL QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 4TH AUGUST, 1986 AND RELINQUISHMENT REPORT.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Exploration Licence No 1167 (formerly EL 860), Reedy Lagoon lies in the north eastern part of the Kingoonya 1:250 000 scale map sheet (SH53-11) in central South Australia (Figure 1). The licence covers 1436 square kilometres and is approximately 100 kilometres north east of Kingoonya.

This report summarizes all work undertaken in EL 860/1167 by Stockdale Prospecting Limited during the period from July 1981 until August 1986. Work undertaken during this period included literature studies, remote sensing studies, heavy mineral sampling (stream, loam and barrage) limited magnetometer surveying and an attempt to drill a water bore.

#### 2. LEGAL

#### 2.1 Title

Title was originally granted to Stockdale Prospecting Limited as Exploration Licence No 860 on 20th July 1981 for a period of 12 months and subsequently extended for an additional twelve months. The licence was replaced by Exploration Licence No 1167 on 5th August 1983. This licence was successively renewed for periods of 12 months on 13th June 1984 and 1st July 1985.

#### 2.2 Memorandum of Variation

Exploration Licence No 1167 forms part of a much larger of interest on the East Gawler Craton in which Stockdale is conducting integrated exploration programme. an Ιn recognition of similar geological problems throughout, Minister of Mines and Energy consented by Memorandum Variation dated 13th September 1983, to the amalgamation οf Schedule B commitments of all licences held, joint ventured or under application by Stockdale within this larger region (Figure 2).

#### 3. ACCESS

Access to the area is via the sealed road from Port Augusta to Woomera and thence north and westwards by reasonable dirt roads to "Parakylia" homestead, located in the southern part of the licence. From "Parakylia" a number of station tracks offer limited access to the licence area. A short (800m) airstrip at Parakylia is suitable for light aircraft.

The whole of the licence lies within the Woomera Prohibited Area, and permission to enter the area is required from the Defence Support Centre at Woomera.

#### 4. PHYSIOGRAPHY

#### 4.1 Topography

The area lies between 100m and 150m above sea level, and is of subdued relief, with a slight but perceptible increase in altitude from east to west. A few small hills form local eminences rising some 15 to 20m above this general surface. Much of the area is covered by east—west trending vegetated longitudinal dunes, averaging some 6m in height, which reach their greatest density and development in the north—eastern part of the licence. To the west, treeless silcrete gibber plains are a more characteristic landform. Surface drainage is poorly developed, and primarily consists of clay pans and small gutters in the intra—dunal corridors. Major elements of drainage are represented by Curdlawidny Lagoon (GR 435255) and, in the west, the Mulga Creek system (GR 400250), which flows into the licence area from higher ground around Mount Vivian.

#### 4.2 Climate and Vegetation

The climate is semi-arid to arid (Forbes, 1977), with high summer temperatures, a low annual rainfall (about 150mm) and a high potential evaporation rate in the order of 3500mm. Vegetation is sparse in the west, and becomes better developed to the east over the sand dunes; it is typified by blue bush (Kochina spp), salt bush (Atriplex spp), mulga and myall(both Acacia spp) (Forbes, op. cit.).

#### 5. GEOLOGY

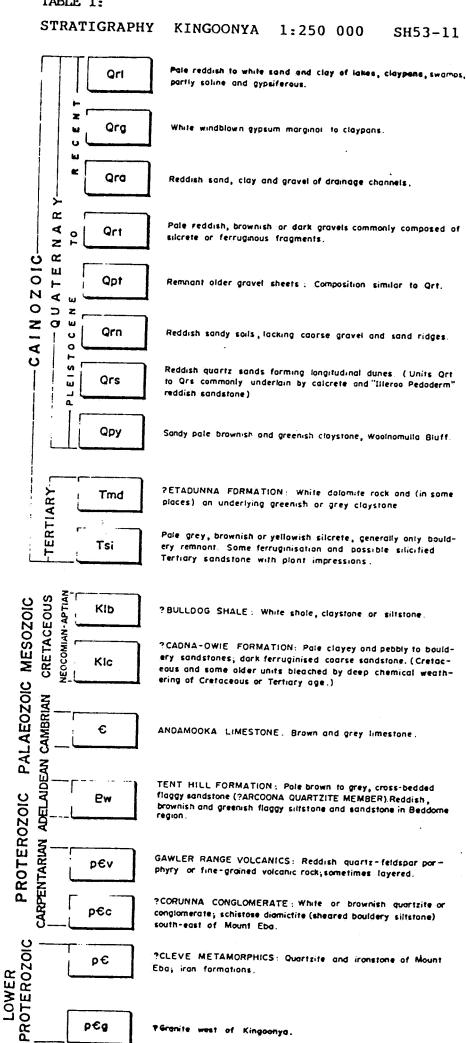
The generalized Stratigraphy for the Kingoonya 1:250 000 scale sheet is shown in Table 1.

The licence area is situated on the Stuart Shelf in the northern part of the Gawler Craton and to the west of the Torrens Hinge Zone (Figure 3). The area is also within, and near the south-western margin of the Great Artesian Basin and consequently Mesozoic and younger cover rocks predominate.

Mesozoic sediments unconformably overlie both Permian rocks of the southern extremity of the Arckaringa intracratonic basin

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**P**Granite west of Kingoonya.

After Forbes, 1977.

(Wopfner, 1980), and older sediments of the Stuart Shelf. These older sediments in turn unconformably overlie Proterozoic basement, the surface of which is irregular, probably due to a combination of block faulting and differential erosion. However, knowledge of the pre-Cretaceous rocks of the licence area is almost exclusively limited to that obtained from drill and bore hole data.

basal Mesozoic unit is the Cadna-owie Formation which is described (Forbes, op.cit.) as "brownish clayey (pale) or ferruginised (dark) sandstone; pebbly to bouldery sandstone", This and has been tentatively assigned a Neocomian age. overlain by the Aptian (?) Bulldog Shale, a white altered flaggy to medium-bedded shale, with claystone, siltstone and It may be noted that on the adjacent Billa lithic sandstone. sheet area both the Cadna-owie and Bulldog Shale Kalina map described as containing cobble and boulder beds (Ambrose Flint, 1981) and that field observations indicate that this is also the case in the Licence area.

Cretaceous sediments are overlain and largely obscured by a number of Tertiary and Quaternary deposits, several of which relate to palaeodrainages and shorelines. The Tertiary deposits are primarily silcretes, at least some of which have their origin in a regressive Miocene Lake system which covered the licence and adjacent areas (Ambrose and Flint, 1979). As silcretes contain clasts of silcrete, it is readily that more than one episode of silcretisation apparent The Quaternary deposits occur as a variety of occurred. alluvium and wind-blown sands, the latter soils, colluvium, There is a suggestion forming the dunes referred to above. that the nature of the Quaternary deposit seen may reflect the underlying geology with for example the dunes being derived from the Cadna-owie Formation; however this relationship has yet to be confirmed and formalised.

#### 6. PHOTOGEOLOGICAL STUDY

Stockdale's Technical Services Division was requested to carry out an interpretation of the available aerial photography to examine the geology and geomorphology of the area, and to identify any anomalous features which might represent the surface expression of kimberlitic intrusive rocks. In order to place the observations made in a more regional perspective, the study area was extended to cover the north-eastern portion of the Kingoonya 1:250 000 map sheet. The Kingoonya 1:250 000 4, 5, 7 colour composite Landsat image (106/081) was also examined.

Each stereopair from the Kingoonya 1972 1:89 000 colour photography was studied for drainage, outcrop, general geology, geomorphology and any anomalous features. This information was plotted on clear overlay material and mosaiced to form a photo-interpretation map (Figure 4). A field visit was then undertaken to check ground truth, visit what were considered to be type localities, and examine features of possible interest.

A small outcrop of (?) Proterozoic rocks was noted near Millers Creek No 13 Bore (GR 414246) but, except from drill holes, no other rocks of this age are known within the EL area. Pink and pale green crystalline dolomitic limestone occurring near "Parakylia" and as float to the north, and white crystalline limestone seen in the spoil of a disused well at the northern end of Curdlawidny Lagoon (GR 435262) are probably of Cambrian Age.

To the north of the licence Permian sediments are known to occur on the western edge of Devil's Playground and the southern flank of Miller's Creek Plateau (Ambrose and Flint, 1979), and include a heterogeneous suite of boulders and erratics (Baglin and David, 1977). Boulders are also seen within the licence, where they occur scattered over Curdlawidny Lagoon, and in sandstones in outcrop and dam spoil north of "Parakylia". Similar sandstones in places also containing erratics, are preserved under remnant caps of silcrete and minor laterite along the western edge of a north-south chain of lakes (GR 423240) some 15 km WNW of "Parakylia".

Within the study area the Cadna-owie Formation consists of marginal marine and fluvial-deltaic sandstones, often ferruginised, conglomerates and shales. These form discontinuous areas of low, dark outcrop and suboutcrop, and are often difficult to distinguish on the photographs from areas of lag gravel. Angular to rounded boulders of quartzite, reddish porphyry (Gawler Range Volcanics), jasper and some granite were noted.

The Bulldog Shale overlies the Cadna-owie Formation, and consists of a marine transgressive sequence of argillaceous limestone, shale, mudstone, sandstone and conglomerate. This unit is extensively altered in places, and kaolin and gypsum are widespread and abundant, whilst the shales are frequently silicified beneath Tertiary silcrete cappings. Angular to rounded quartzite boulders are present, whilst other exotic clasts have been reported in the literature.

There appears to have been some reworking of erratics (and presumably other material) from the Permian into the Cadna-owie Formation, and thence into the Bulldog Shale. The suggestion is that the less resistant boulders are destroyed during these processes, so that whilst the Permian displays the full suite of erratics, the Cadna-owie has a less varied boulder content and the Bulldog shale carries almost exclusively quartzite clasts.

Tertiary sediments in the area appear restricted to silcretes and other duricrusts, capping palaeodrainages and/or features related to the regressive Miocene Lake (see above), of which Curdlawidny Lagoon appears to be a remnant. Duricrusted ridges, interpreted as representing a palaeo-shoreline developed during a still stand in the regression of the lake, occur 4 km north of Parakylia.

The geomorphological history of the area is complex, and has involved a number of erosion cycles, which have led to a

number of planation surfaces now covered with lag gravels. Sand dunes partly derived from the erosion of Permian (?) and Cretaceous sediments have migrated over this landscape.

The first stages of deposition of the Miocene Lake system were characterised by a warm, high rainfall climate, during which time the EL area was part of the shallow lake basin. In later stages, a more arid climate developed, resulting in a westward contraction of the lake, and in silicification of shoreline features and other suitable environments during pauses in the regression (Ambrose and Flint, 1979).

The Tertiary features are post-dated, and in places overlain, by recent sand dunes. The latter are of longitudinal type, and are well developed to the east of Curdlawidny Lagoon. The dunes are generally about 6m in height, and may reach lengths in excess of 10km. They are essentiallly east-west trending and sub-parallel, but are sometimes seen to converge and/or coalesce. Vegetation is fairly well developed, and the dunes may be regarded as fixed. However modification is currently occurring through the addition of wind-borne sediments to the crests, and by deflation and the development of blow outs where vegetation is sparse. Spillage into the swales broadens the width of the dune structures.

pans Vegetated and bare are scattered throughout the interdunal corridors, and may form the foci for locally developed internal drainages. In some instances 423240) chains of pans form conspicuous alignments, which may well be structurally controlled. Drainage channels following the swales may terminate in the small interdunal pans. where better developed, flow greater distances and reach major "lakes" such as Curdlawidny Lagoon. In extreme cases these channels have sufficient erosive power to modify the tips dunes.

Lag gravels occur scattered through the dune field and on the surfaces of some pans. They are also developed in the extreme west of the EL. They consist predominantly of quartzite and silcrete clasts, but in some areas a more varied suite is seen, as at GR 425261 where gneiss, granite, limestone, porphyritic rhyolite and ? greywacke were observed in addition to quartzite and silcrete. As the surfaces on which the lag gravels occur are still in the process of exhumation, it is apparent that the boulder suite seen must relate to the age of the surface exhumed and the nature of the sediment forming the retreating scarp.

Curdlawidny Lagoon (together with Bamboo Swamp and the Devil's Playground which lie to the north, outside the EL) is a remnant of a Quaternary Lake, itself a remnant of the Miocene lacustrine system. Sedimentation is currently active here, although occurring at a slow rate. The eastern margin is marked by a lunette, behind which drainage accumulates along a chain of lagoons. The lunette is interpreted as a Quaternary shoreline. At the south-western margin of the lagoon fluvial sediments fan out as deltaic accumulations where streams terminate.

At least three drainage cycles have been observed within the EL, the earliest being the now silicified Tertiary cycle associated with the Miocene Lake system. A younger Quaternary drainage, also primarily lake-oriented, may be distinguished from this as it is unsilicified. Both these palaeodrainages are now modified and incised by the third, current cycle. However, the major elements of the landscape are interpreted as likely to be of long standing, and that erosional development since the Tertiary has modified rather than drastically changed them. It is concluded that the licence area has been part of a large shallow basin, within which detrital material has been of essentially locally derived origin, since early Tertiary times.

#### 7. DRILL HOLE DATA

Drill and borehole (water well) information available on SADME open files was compiled for the licence and surrounding area. Most of the holes within the licence are water wells, and interpretation is therefore subjective as it has been made by attempting to match the driller's descriptions with the lithological descriptions given in literature for the various formations. Data collated (s) indicated on Figure 5 which suggests that the Permian is only patchily present within the east, but thickens to the north and west. The maximum thickness of Quaternary is about 12 m and was recorded from localities just outside the western and northern EL This is a significant observation, which boundaries. indicates that the development of surficial deposits is not sufficient to prevent heavy mineral dispersion from a bedrock source.

#### 8. SAMPLING

#### 8.1 Reconnaissance Sampling

The licence area was sampled at an average density of one sample per 6-7 square kilometres using helicopter supported sampling teams. Drainage samples were preferred, but loam scrapes were also collected.

A total of 218 samples were collected (A,B,S and N series) and the sample locations are shown in Figure 6. Examination of the concentrates showed the presence of single grains of kimberlitic indicator minerals in a few scattered samples.

#### 8.2 Follow-up Sampling

#### 8.2.1 Stream and Loam Sampling

A high density heavy mineral sampling programme was conducted in two phases. Sample locations and results are shown on Figures 9 to 12.

Sample sites were "drainage oriented" and interdunal drainage channels and pans were preferentially sampled. Where such

sites were not available, loam scrape samples were collected. In a few instances, surface material and gibber plain areas consisted entirely of pebbles and fine gypsiferous dust, and no sample could be collected. Material collected was screened at 12 and 36 mesh on site to produce a retained sample of about 15 kg of -12+36 mesh. Sites were flagged and marked with aluminium tags to aid recovery if required.

The first phase of sampling covered an east-west strip of approximately 320 square kilometres in the north of the licence area. A total of 323 samples were collected at a density of one per square kilometre (S and P series).

The second phase of sampling covered the rest of the licence area at a broader density (one sample per 4 square kilometres). A total of 92 samples were collected (S and P series).

#### 8.2.2 Detailed Sampling

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A broad dispersion of kimberlitic indicator minerals occurs in the north of the licence area i.e. there appears to be a "cutoff" to the south of Curdlawidny Lagoon, where samples are essentially negative.

Five positive sites were resampled at a greater density to confirm the results and provide greater statistical reliability. The follow-up sampling is shown on Figures 7 and 8. No further diamonds were recovered from the vicinity of sample P5676 or any of the other follow-up. The dispersion pattern of the indicator minerals does not delineate a primary source.

#### 8.2.3 Photofeature Sampling

Following a re-interpretation of the available air photo cover (Figure 13), several anomalous features were selected. Most of these were co-incident with the features selected during the previous photostudy (Figure 4).

Seven features were visited on the ground. Several were found to be only subtle changes in soil type or silcrete lag gravel cover on pans. All were sampled, but no indicator minerals were recovered.

Photo anomaly F10 (Figure 14) was sampled separately (30 kg -12/+36 mesh material) during a ground magnetometer survey. No indicator minerals were recovered.

#### 8.2.4 13 Mile Dam Area Sampling

Sampling was conducted in the vicinity of 13 Mile Dam to test Jurassic Algebuckina Sandstone as a possible secondary source of indicator minerals.

A total of 35 stream samples were taken from drainages in the vicinity of 13 Mile Dam over an area of 12 square kilometres (Figure 15). Outcrop of Algebuckina Sandstone are present in

the headwaters of the streams.

The area sampled is covered mainly by aeolian dunes with calcrete developed in the interdunal areas. Samples collected ranged from 15 to 60 kg of -12+36 mesh material due to the sand choked nature of the drainages in places.

No indicator minerals were recovered.

#### 8.2.5 Barrage Sampling

Two barrage samples (each 346 kg) from the Boorthanna Formation were collected (Figure 10). The first sample (Z0393) contained a kimberlite type garnet. As contamination was suspected, a second sample (Z0701) was taken at the same locality. This was negative, and subsequent check stream sampling (Z0897 - Z0898) was also negative.

Approximately 1000 kg of -4 mesh friable material was collected from an outcrop of Algebuckina Sandstone (Sample Z3500) Figures 11 and 15. The outcrop consisted of a coarse matrix supported pebbly conglomerate which contained abundant quartz and Kaolin. No indicator minerals were recovered.

#### 9. DRILLING

Examination of drilling records for the area showed that a drill hole known variously as PRE-1 or AS-1 and drilled by Australian Selection (Pty) Ltd in 1978 had reportedly intersected flows of 20 000 gph at 80m and 30 000 gph at 100m. It was planned to drill a new hole adjacent to PRE-1 in order to provide a water supply for a bulk treatment plant. P. Nitschke Drilling was contracted to drill this hole, and used a Bourne 2000 rig. However, the hole was abandoned at 64m as the air return was lost. No water was encountered.

The bore hole is located at GR 437 800 y E/1245 300 y N on the Kingoonya 1:250 000 map sheet. A summary log is :-

0 - 22m Quaternary sands

22 - 40m Clays

40 - 64m Andamooka Limestone

#### 10. GROUND GEOPHYSICS

A small scale ground magnetometer survey was carried out over a photo anomaly identified near the north western corner of the Exploration Licence (Figure 14). The photo feature is a pan anomaly, with internal drainage and no outcrop. It could also be described as a vegetation anomaly associated with a small pan on the gibber plain to the west of the palaeolake system.

This anomaly is a feature of approximately  $800 \times 500$  metres in size, and the ground magnetometer survey consisted of four survey lines. Three lines at 250m spacing orientated N - S were bisected by one E - W line. All lines were one kilometre

in length. Readings were taken at 50 metre intervals.

Magnetic profiles are shown in Figure 16.

#### 11. CONCLUSION

Kimberlitic indicator minerals and a microdiamond were recovered mainly from the northern part of the licence area. The indicator minerals dispersion pattern does not appear to delineate a primary source and it is concluded that the indicator minerals are related to secondary sources.

Limited ground magnetic surveying failed to identify any primary sources.

Remote sensing studies and associated sampling did not indicate any surface expressions of kimberlitic emplacement worthy of further follow-up.

#### 12. EXPENDITURE

Expenditure for the period during which Stockdale Prospecting Ltd held Exploration Licence No 860/1167 totalled \$ 469 138 The allocation of this expenditure is detailed in Table 2.

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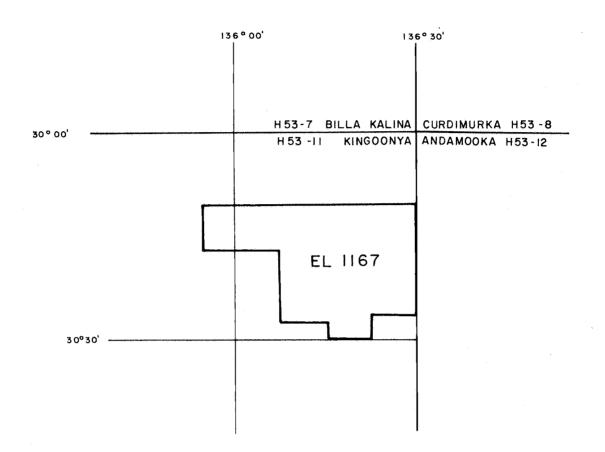
#### TABLE 2

Expenditure of \$469138 for Exploration Licence 1167 (including EL \$60) has been allocated as follows:

Management/Office Services Field Staff: Technical : Others Air Charter Sample Treatment Sample Examination Central Treatment Plant Sundry Field Expenses Transport and Travel Remote Sensing Tenement Costs	\$ 5320 5275 1092 0 2686 7199 4828 66 42 304 5108
TOTAL	\$ 31830
TOTAL PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	\$ 437308
TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE	\$ 469138

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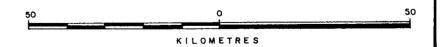
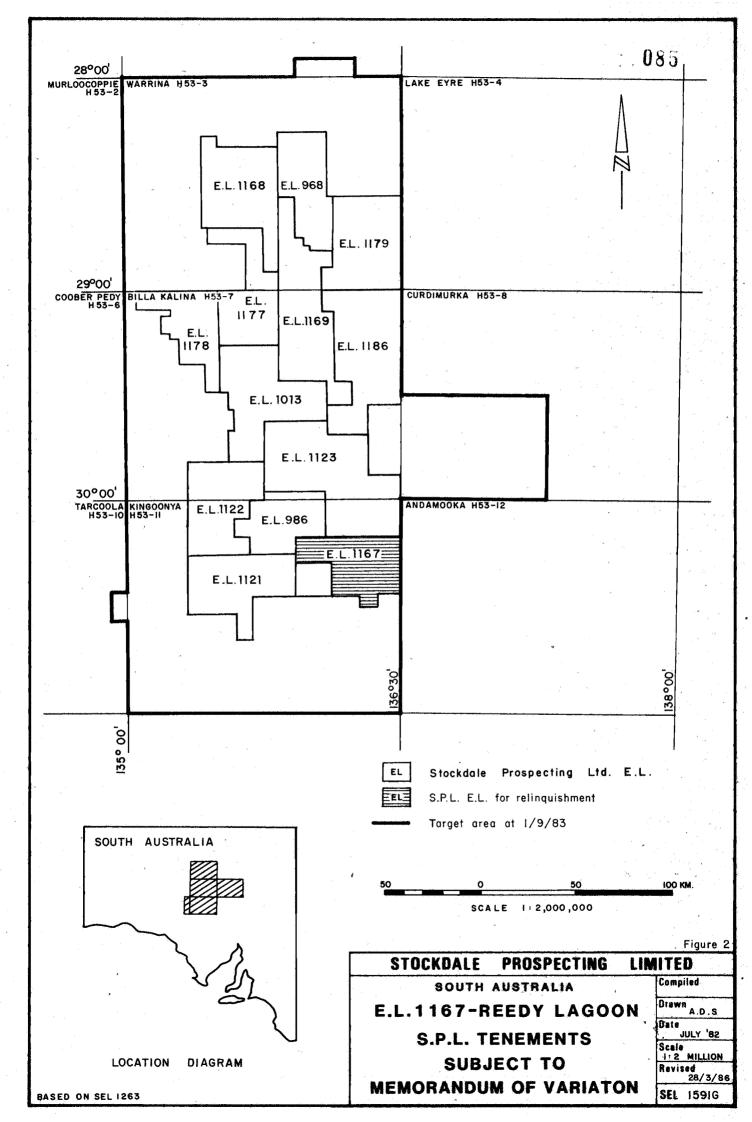
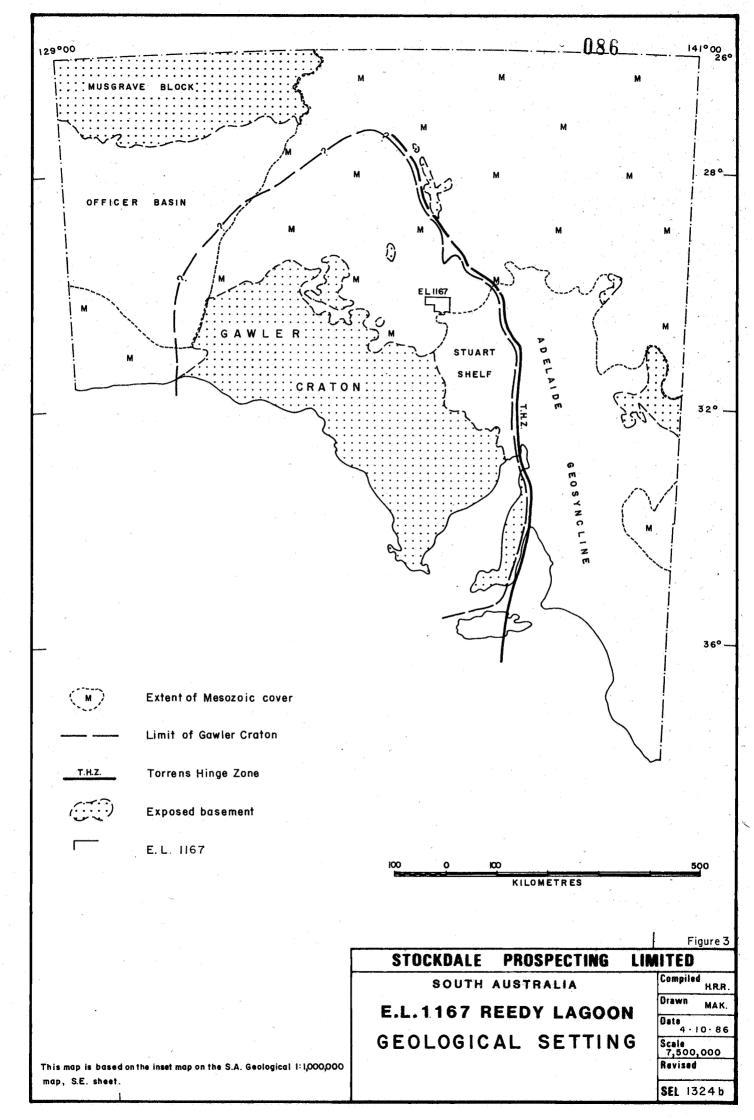


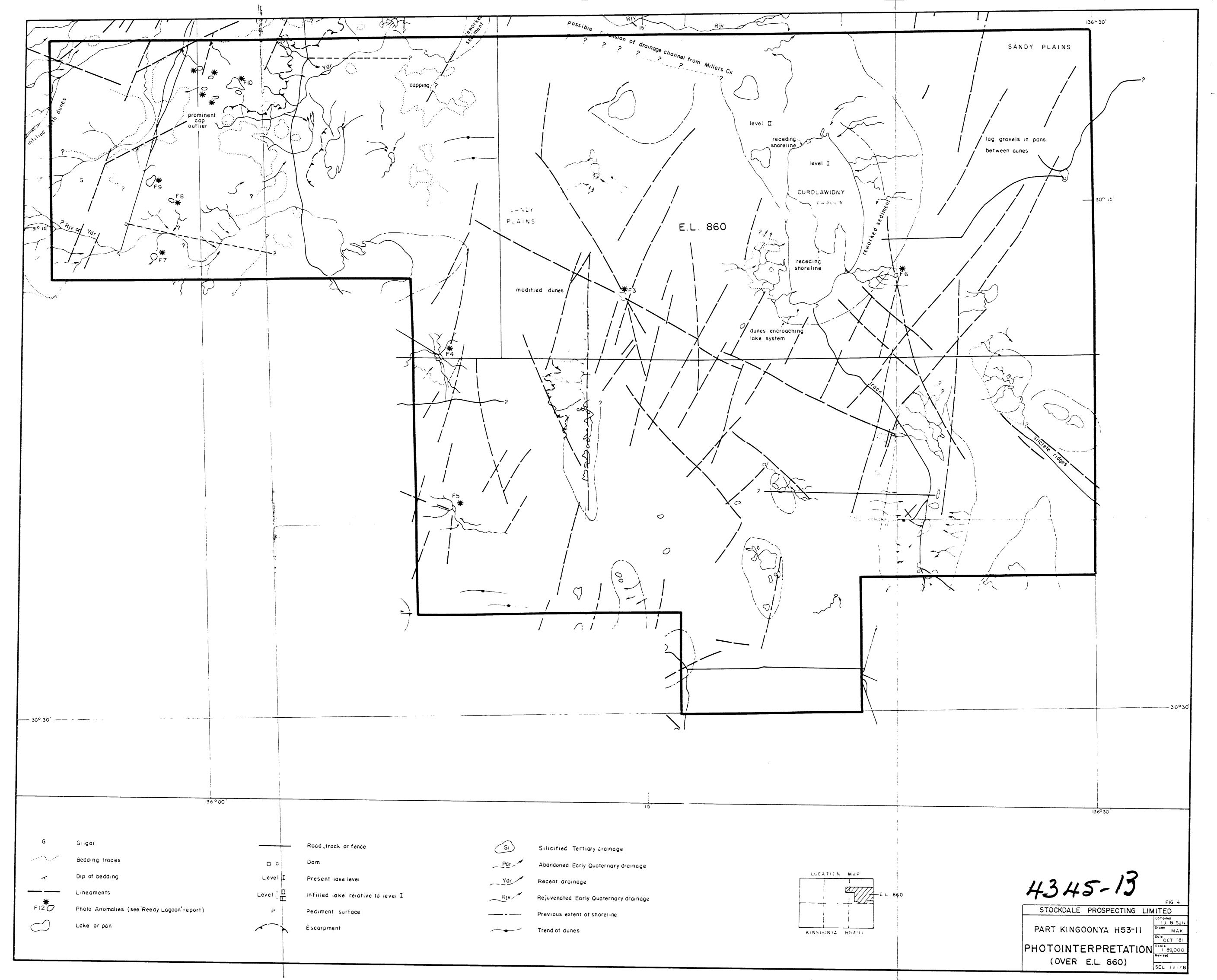
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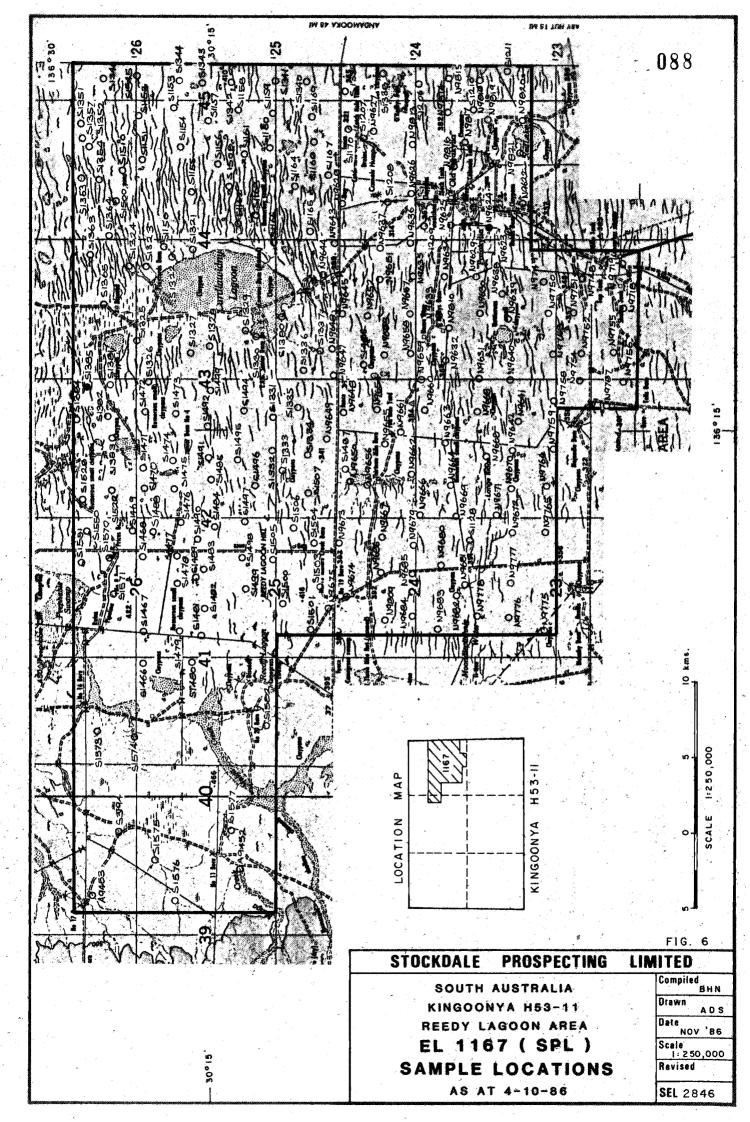
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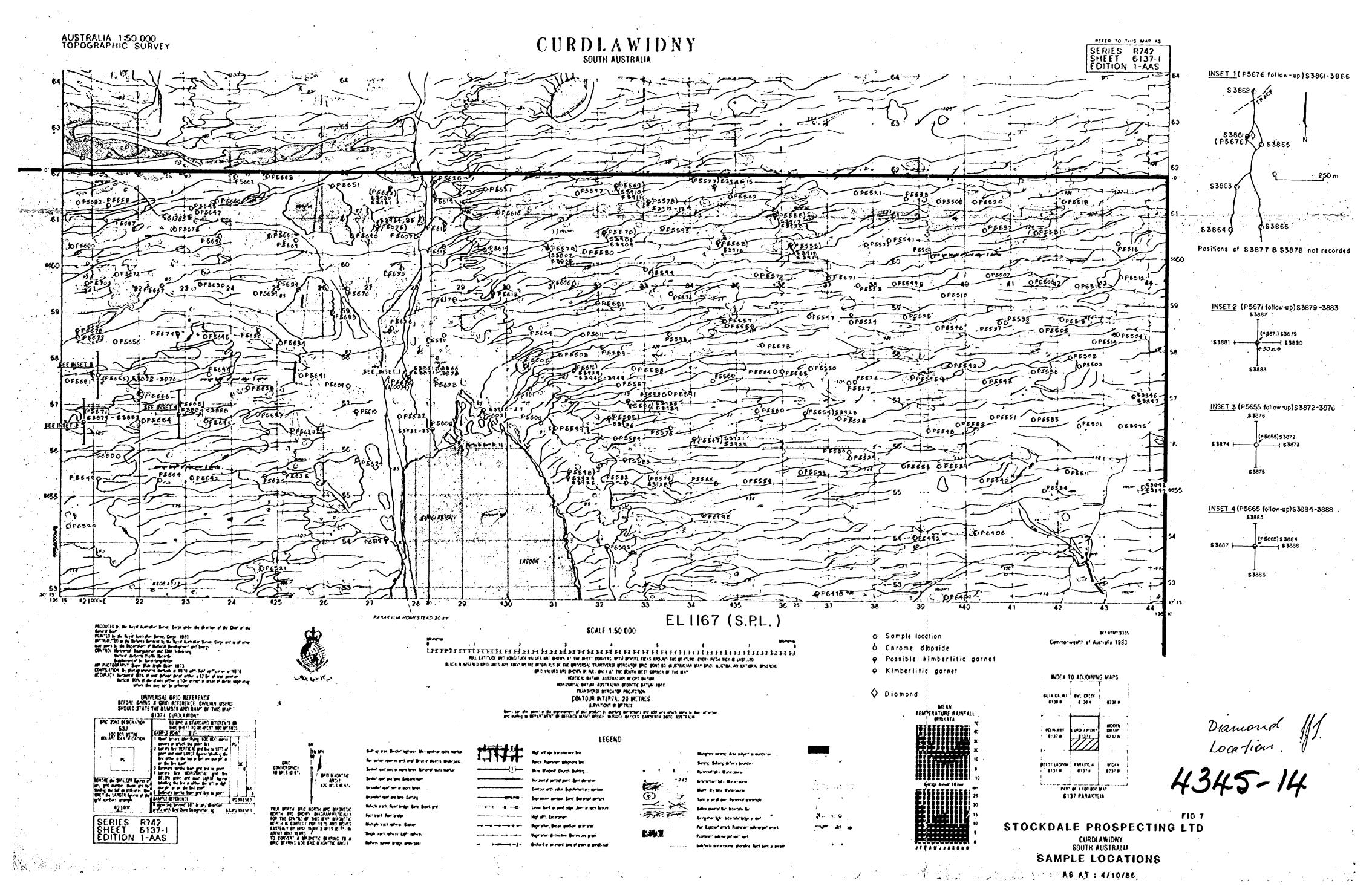


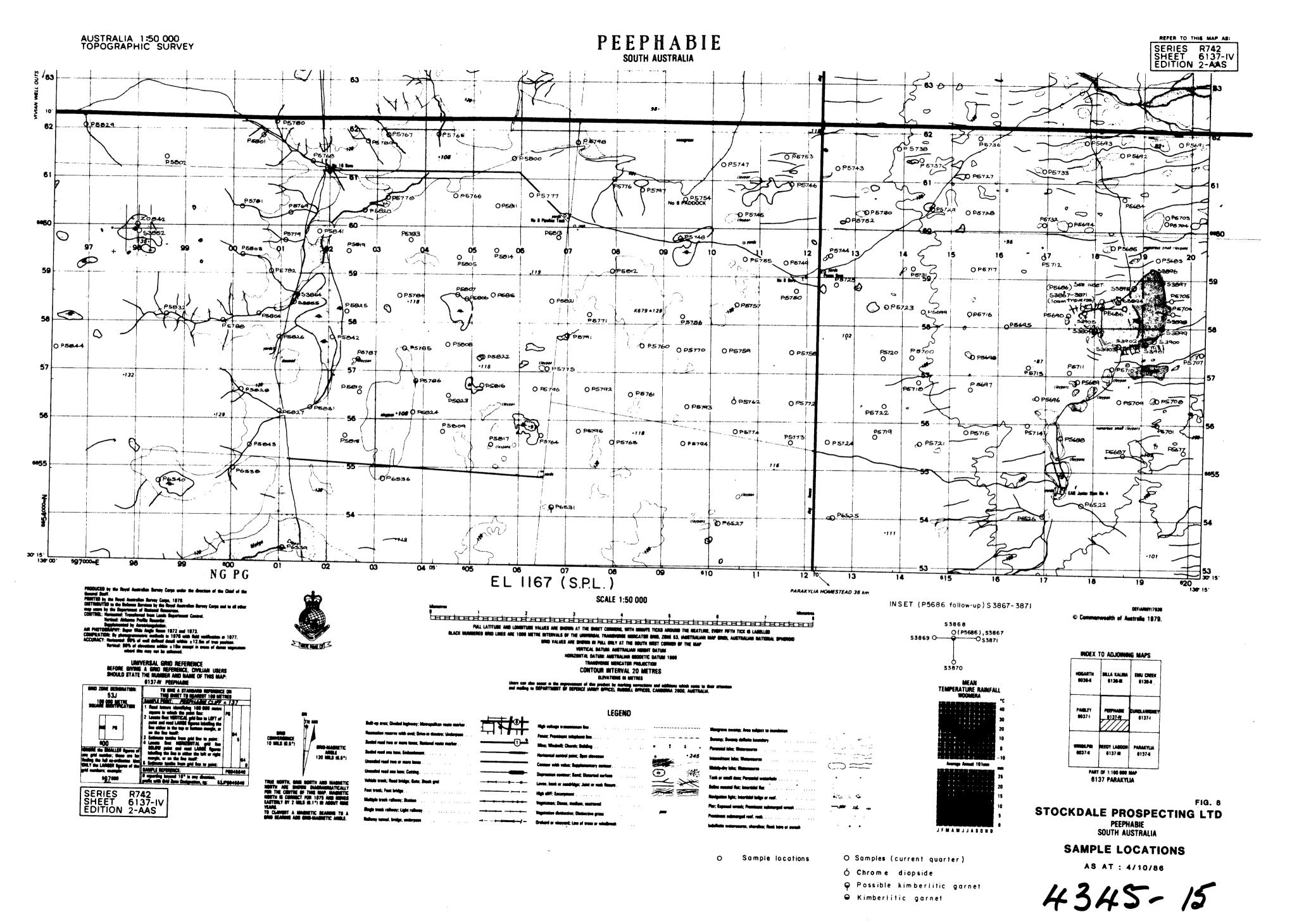


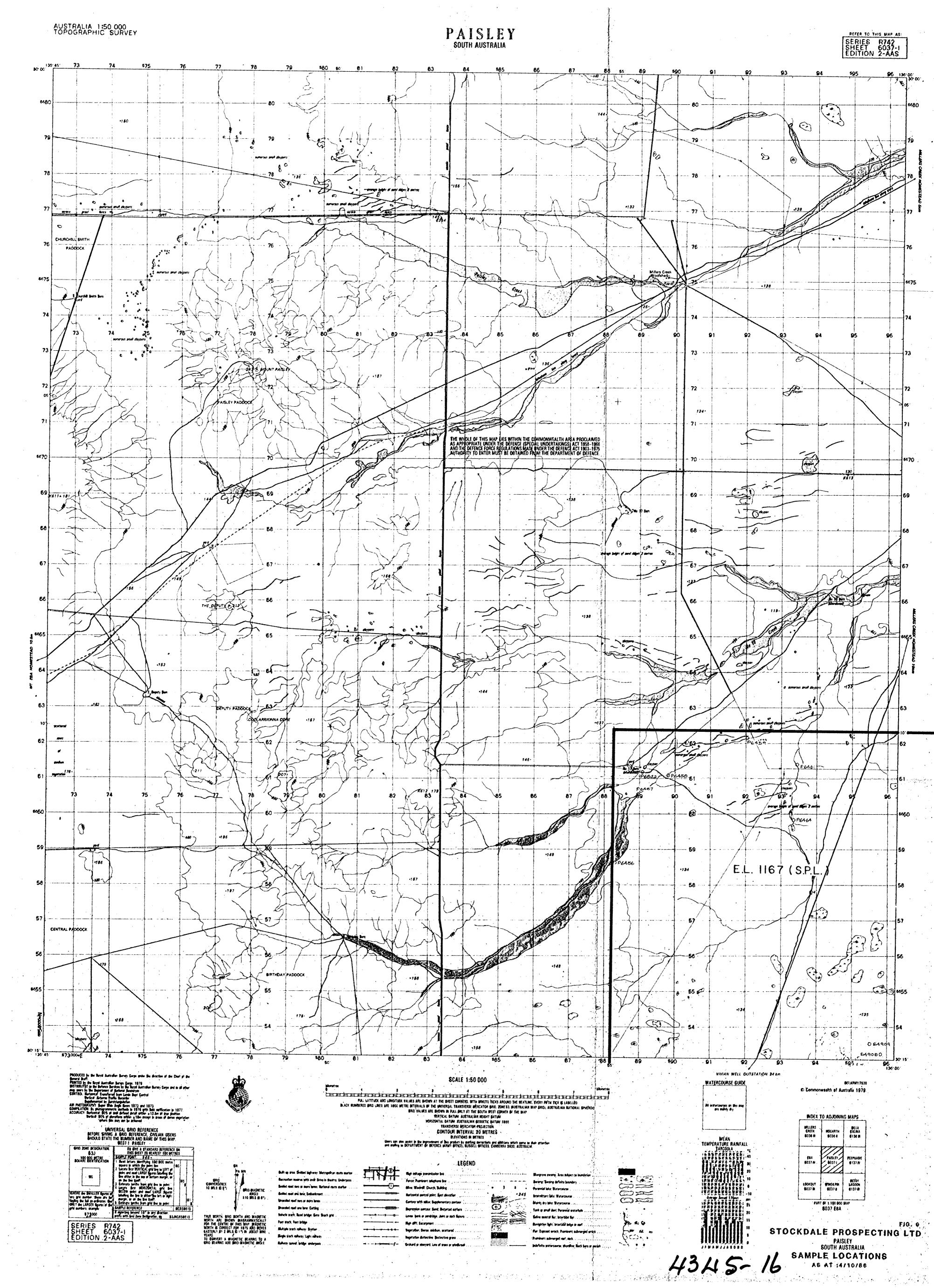


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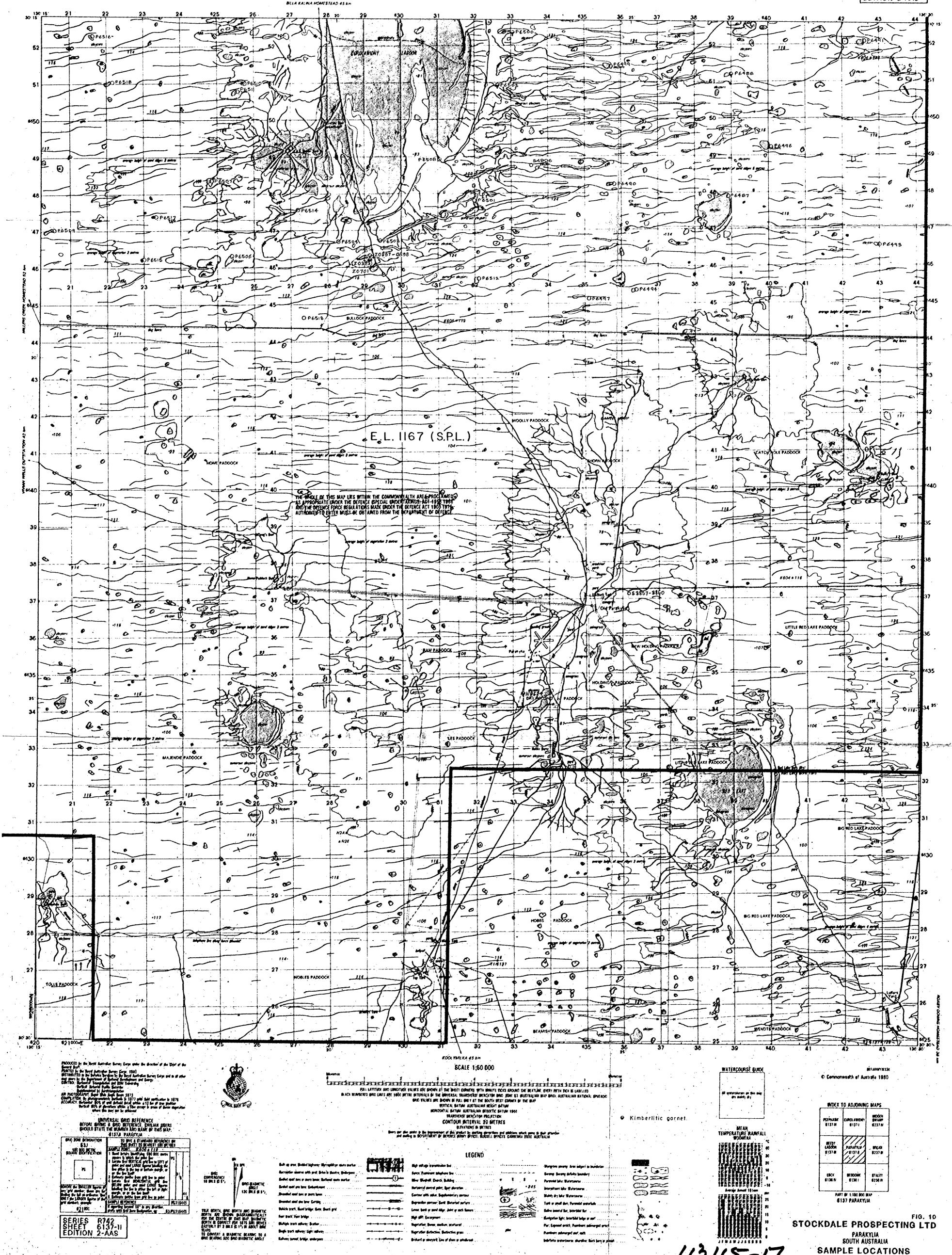


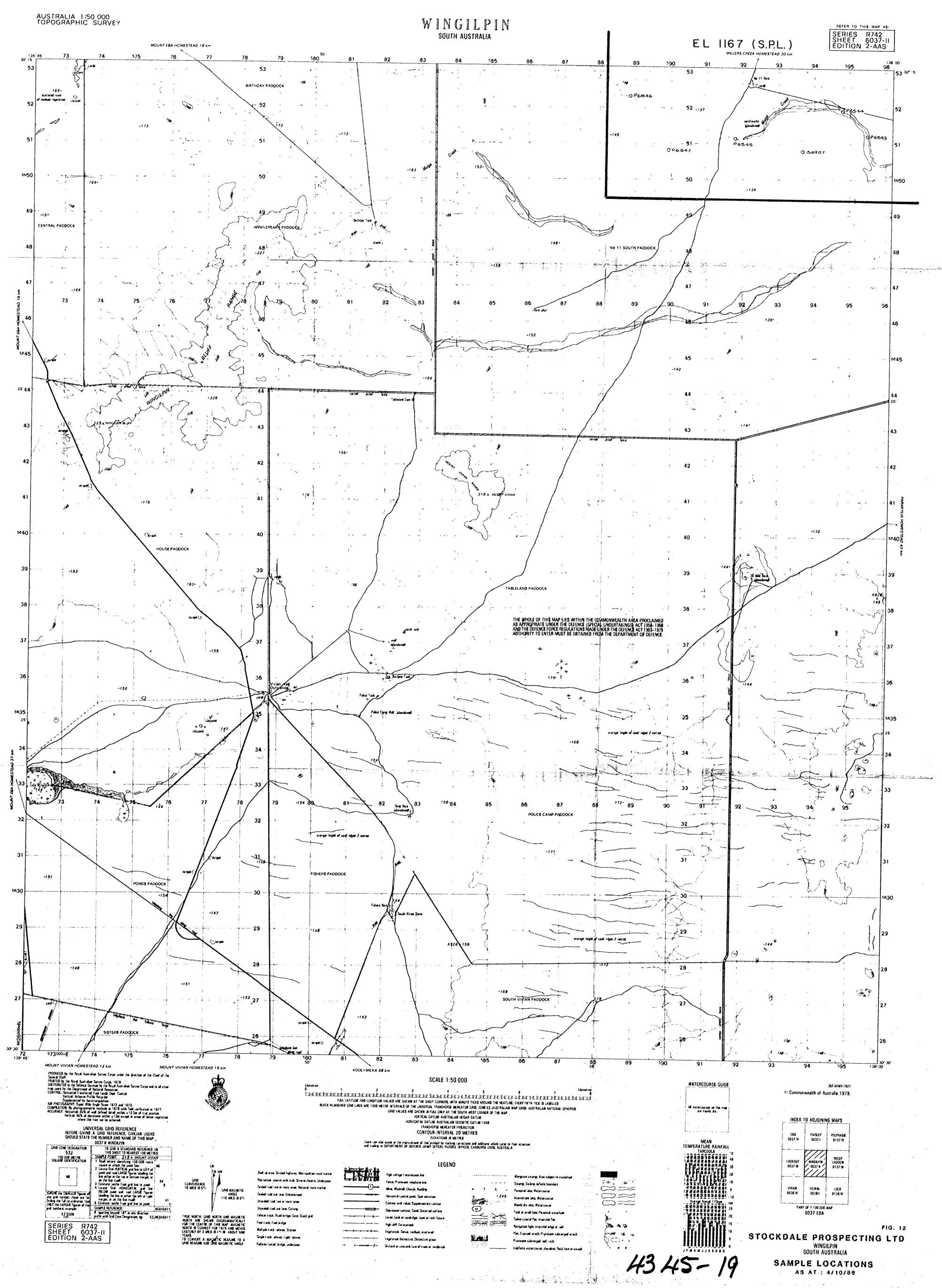


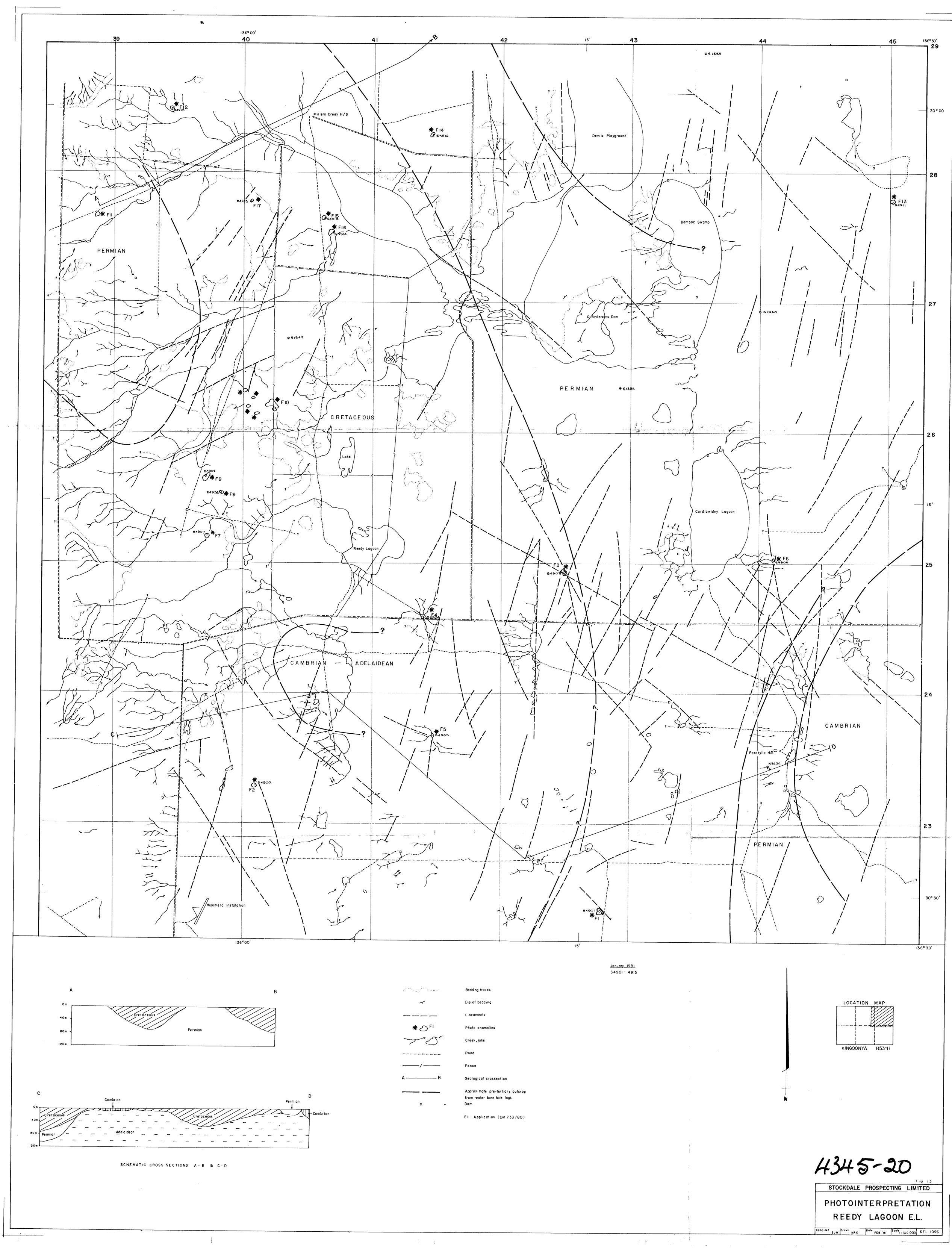


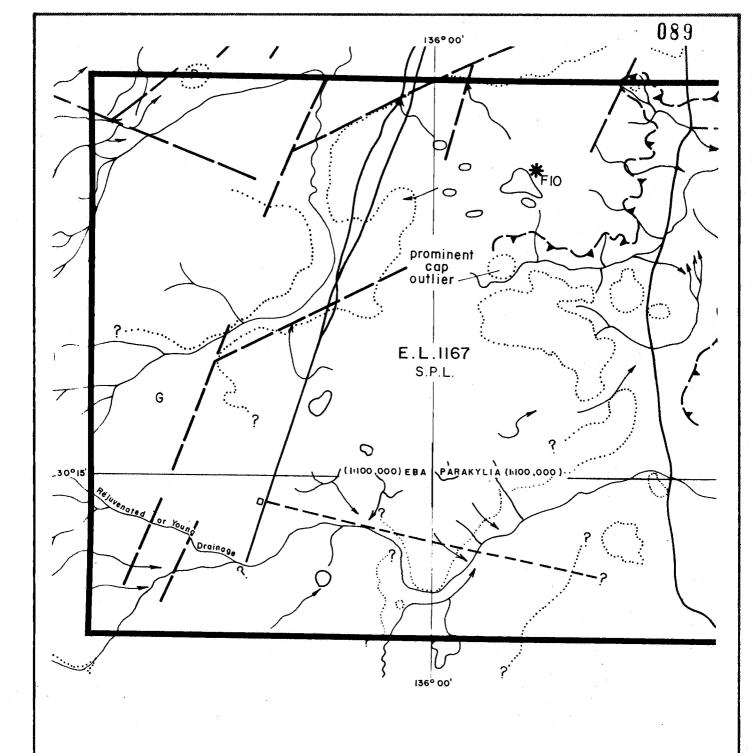


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FIO # PHOTO ANOMALY

Note: See SEL 1527 for FIO anomaly ground magnetometer traverses  ${\sf A}_1{\sf B}_1{\sf C}$  and  ${\sf D}$  .

FIG. 14

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BASED ON SEL 1217

