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#### MC 5204 AND MC 5205

## BOB NOB PROSPECT, MOUNT PAINTER DISTRICT [NORTH OF ARKAROOLA CREEK]

#### PROGRESS AND FINAL REPORTS TO CLAIM OPTION RELINQUISHMENT, FOR THE PERIOD 2/6/1968 TO 1/10/1969

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Mineral claims 5204 and 5205, held by Meagle. G.A. Greenwood and R.L. Lander of 43 Cedar Avenue, Warradale, and 15 Buttrose St., East Glenels respectively, located on Arkaroola station in the Mt. Painter Region of the Northern Flinders Ranges (for location see Plate 1) were offered to Kennecott Explorations (Australia) as an iron ore prospect in mid-1968.

Earlier in the year the deposit had been investigated by D.V. Furber, Geologist-in-Charge, the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited. Furber reported the prospect as a low grade haematite quartiste ore averaging 22.7% Fe, 64.7% SiO<sub>2</sub> with an above valley floor tonnage of 2.6 - 3 million tons.

On a visit to the prospect by C.C. Brooks (June, 1968) in the presence of the claimholder, anomalous radioactivity was noted and subsequently Kennecott negotiated an option over the claims and overeighted the renewal of claim work suspensions under the South Australian Mining Act, 1950-1969 until the first of April, 1969.

In August, 1968, Field Assistants B.R. Osborne and A.J. McDonough laid out a 200 feet interval grid pattern and completed a ground magnetic and scintillometer survey over the prospect. The scintillometer readings were obtained using Technical Associates Fug 1 with the instrument held at waist height, the probe fixed to the instrument and pointing vertically downwards. This model detects all energy levels and is not capable of discriminating between radioactivities derived from uranium, thorium and potassium.

Geologic mapping was completed in November, 1968. This work

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- (1) relating the goology to the ground magnetic and cointillometer survey generally.
- (2) ascertaining the source of the radioactivity.
- (5) utilizing the information obtained from this accessible prospect to assess similar anomalously radioactive granitic areas within Special Mining Leases 199, 213 and 236 held by Kennecott Explorations (Aust.) Itd. (refer to Plate 1) within the more rugged areas of the same Mt. Painter region.

From the investigations carried out it was concluded that the observed radioactivity was directly related to potassium rich granites.

As uranium mineralisation was not observed on the prospect or detected in accurate assays, it was decided in March, 1969, to relinquish the option over the claims.

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#### General - (See Plate 9)

Dob Nob is centred on an outcrop of leminated haematite quartaite.

Stratigraphically this quartzite is regarded as lying at the base of the Adelaide System where it was later strongly faulted along the zone of unconformity against the underlying "Older Granite" of the more ancient Mount Painter Complex and the overlying remaining basel beds (Callana Beds) which are calc-silicate rocks with minor quartzite beds in the south of the prospect area.

Shearing within the granite beneath the Bob Nob quartzite has produced a wide zone of quartz-muscovite-felspar schists which grade northwards into stressed quartz-felspar porphyry granite.

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This bed is best developed and preserved on the western side of the prospect; a possible fault separates it from the eastern exposure. Magnetic contours indicate that the bed continues beneath scree and alluvium to a faulted zone approximately 200 feet south of the mapped surface outcrop.

The eastern section of quartzite has been skewed 45°E by chearing, strongly fractured, quartz veined, and between lines 600 and 700 at 350N a large, fractured, tabular mass has been faulted over an adjacent section down the dip-slope accompanied

by breceiation to yield haematite flour and produce a double layer of the haematite quartrite at line  $8 - 200 \ \text{N}$ .

The backetice content of the quartite grades from sear zero to one hundred per cent, but overall the backetite content is quite dominant. An independent assessment of the above surface tonnage of approximately  $2 \times 10^6$  tone confirmed Furber's estimate of 3.5 to  $5 \times 10^6$  tone.

Bob Nob along planes of schistosity, as veins within quartz and as platings on fracture or joint planes. In the schists large, well developed, splendant, rhombohedral crystals of specular iron up to six inches across are common. This same crystalline aspect occurs within the quartzite deposit, indicating a recrystallization of iron exides.

Overlying the haematite quartrite is a bed of fine grained quartz grit which has been strongly stressed to produce flattened quartz grains giving the rock a schistose appearance. Although some quartz-muscovite schists occur within this bed, it must be regarded as a quartrite, and being devoid of haematite it is in direct contrast to the iron rich Beb Nob quartrites.

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These are typically quartz-felspar-muscovite schists with developments of biotite in more strongly stressed zones.

The schists grade into sheared granite rocks northwards from the Dob Nob quartzite and near the mapped boundary of schist/sheared granite on the eastern side of the prospect, an interfingering of granite and schiet indicates clearly a lessening of shearing stresses northwards.

The boundary between the schiets derived originally from the granite and the mapped granite outcrop was mapped on the appearance of the purphyry texture of rounded blue quartz and pink felspar lathe on weathered surfaces.

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Foliation produced by shearing commonly produced schiets and gneisses with a pronounced augen structure possibly facilitated by primary directional structures within the granite. The schietosity of the granite and schiets is identical at their contact but the angle of dip within the granite increases slightly northwards.

More intense shearing within the granite, associated with lenticular quartz infillings of fractures, in all cases produced biotite schiets or in pogmatitic areas, biotite (phlogopite?) pode with well developed tourmaline crystals within the biotite masses and as encrustations on accompanying quartz. Those letter sheared areas had characteristically low radioactivity.

#### PAULTA

Some aspects of faulting have already been discussed under previous headings.

The major faulting of the prospect contains brecciated echiete and infillings of quartz-felepar rock. Generally the intrusions are very coarse grained but smaller veinings into brecciated schiet rocks are medium grained and more typically granitic.

The quartz felepar developments in faulted zones indicate a remobilization of granite perphyry and inherent radioactivity associated with the granite has been transferred to the felepar fractions.

The crush zone of the eastern section of the prospect was traced further eastwards. It continues as a course separation of quartz and felopar into a pegmatitic zone with abundant milky quartz and smaller local zones of quartz-muscovite pegmatite carrying pode of biotite-tourmaline and quartz-tourmaline rock.

compressive movement, wedging schiets between the crush zone and granite derived schiets, convoluted the schiete immediately to the east of Nob Nob into a small anticlinal piercement that elevated and intensely fractured the incompetent overlying Nob quartzite.

Smaller faults having a north-south trend with displacements of a few to approximately 150 feet were mapped. No significant intrusives or mineral developments were associated with any of them, and they were considered to be pressure release fractures between the granite and main grueh zone.

#### GROUND MAGNETICS (see Plate 3)

The magnetic contours parallel the trend of bedding and schietosity except in the southeast area where the pattern is disrupted by shearing.

The haematite beds are readily traceable within the pattern but the resultant anomaly is not above broad elongated highs within adjacent granitic rocks.

Mapped faulto correlate with magnetic lows. The major fault zone parallels a 400 gamma trough and the granite-schist contact coincided with marked lows between 3-600 N and 4-600 N and at 7-700 N. 15-700 N.

#### RADIOACTIVITY (see Plate 4)

Radioactivity was found to be generally several times background throughout the sheared granitic rocks with the highest counts associated with felspar rich zones.

A high on the eastern side of the prospect is directly related to a brecciated quarts-felspar intrusive infilling within a sheared some of schiete. In this area only the felspars gave rise to higher radioactive counts; quarts in voins, reefs and pogmatites in all cases yielded only near background counts.

Schiete also gave radioactivity counts of several times background but higher counts over schiete as indicated in the survey were escalated by scree from quartz-feloper outcrops.

A sample of quartz-felopar rock from 0-600 N giving three times background readings, typically pink in colour with quartz

occurring as fine disseminate grains, haematite as fine accessory grains and crystalline tourmaline infilling cavities gave the following assay results.

Uran1um	loss them	0.005 parts per million
Thorium		0.010 p.p.m.
Lanthanum		200 p.p.m.
Yttrium		50 p.p.m.

1000 p.p.m.

Thus the radioactivity of this rock type is considered to be due to radioactive potassium within felspar lattices and thorium existing as trace amounts with the rare earth mineral manazite (Gc. La. Di)PO, and possibly and to a lesser extent accessory Xenotime (TFO,).

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Similarly, a clayey fault broccia lying beneath the haematite quartaite at 12-500 N and giving more than eix times background readings did not contain detectable uranium on analysis.

#### TANTO ROCK

at 0-650 N and 11-750 N. The Australian Mineral Development
Laboratories (Report NP 1477-69 Dec. 1968 by A. Kelly) identified
the rock as a coarse grained amphibolite (meta gabbro).

Thin section examination disclosed a composition of calcicoligociaes plagiociaes (60%), actinolite (35%), magnetite as closely grouped 50-100 micron grains (4%), limenite containing tiny "spindles" of exsolved haematite (4%), quartz (4%), accessory biotite and haematite. A basic ignoous intrusive origin was deduced for this rock followed by a period of non-dynamic metamorphism.

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The anomalous radioactivity of the Nob Nob prospect is related to potassium rich granites carrying accessory therium bearing rare earth minerals.

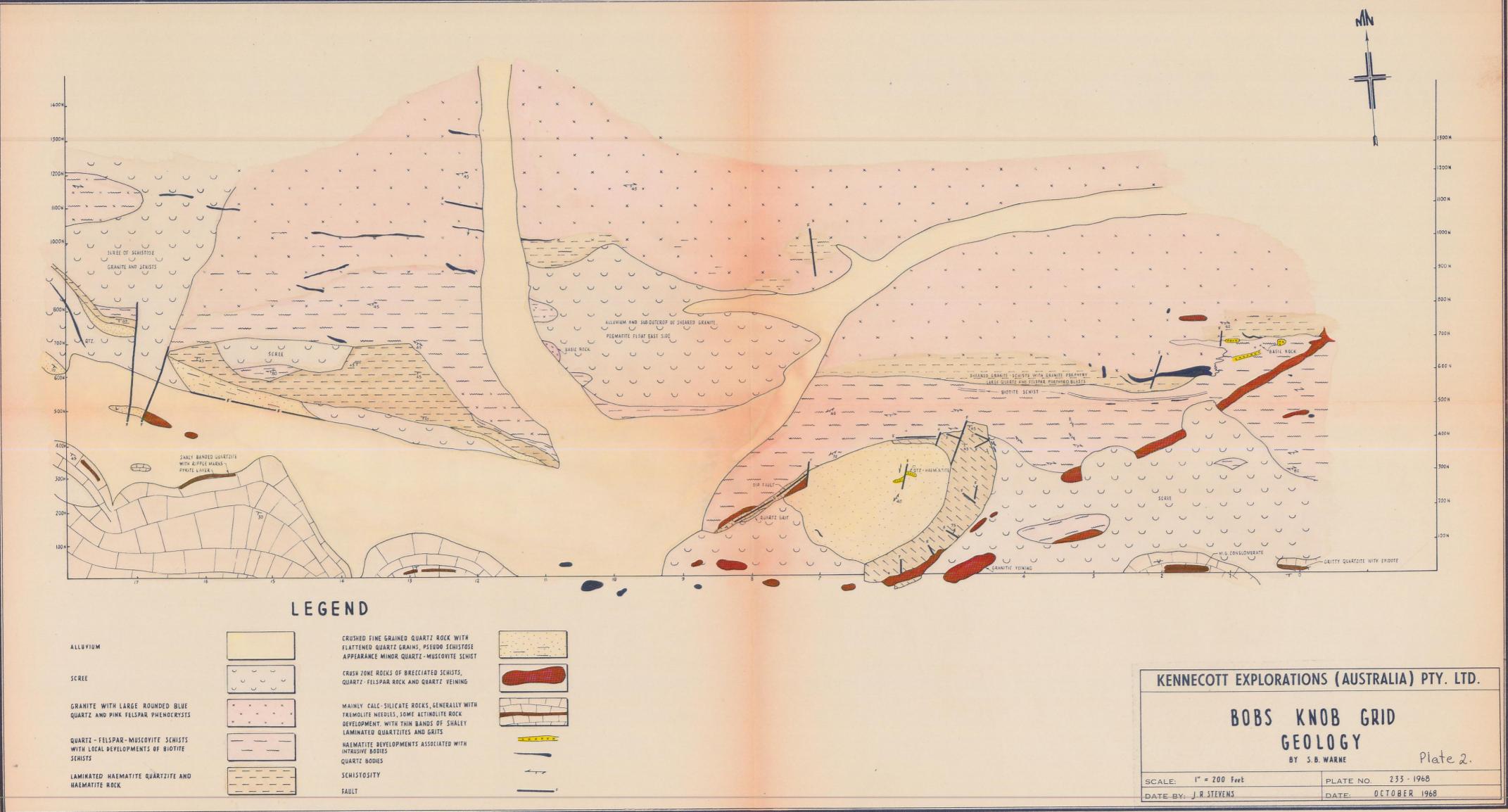
No eignificant uranium mineralisation is evident and radioactivity due to potassium and thorium satisfactorily accounts for the anomalies surveyed on the mapped grid pattern.

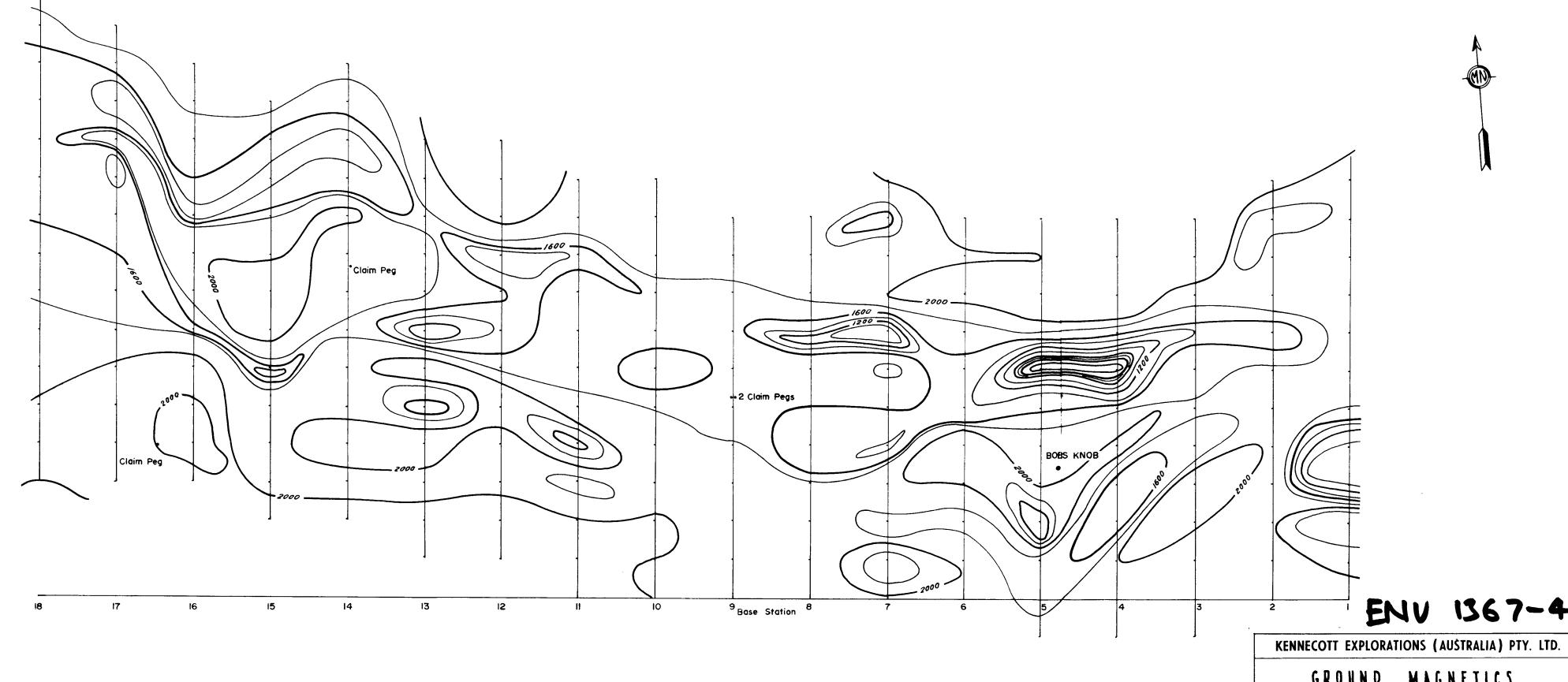
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As no significant mineralisation was found on the Bob Nob prospect it is recommended that

- (1) Rennecott Explorations (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. relinquish the options held over Mineral Claims Nos. 5204 and 5205 held by Messrs. G.A. Greenwood and R.L. Lander.
- (3) The option be relinquished before the end of March, 1969, to avoid the obligation of obtaining a renewal of labour suspension conditions for the claims.

  The present Claim Suspension Certificates issued by the S.A. Mines Department (numbered 1557 and 1558 of Book 10) expire on the first of April, 1969.





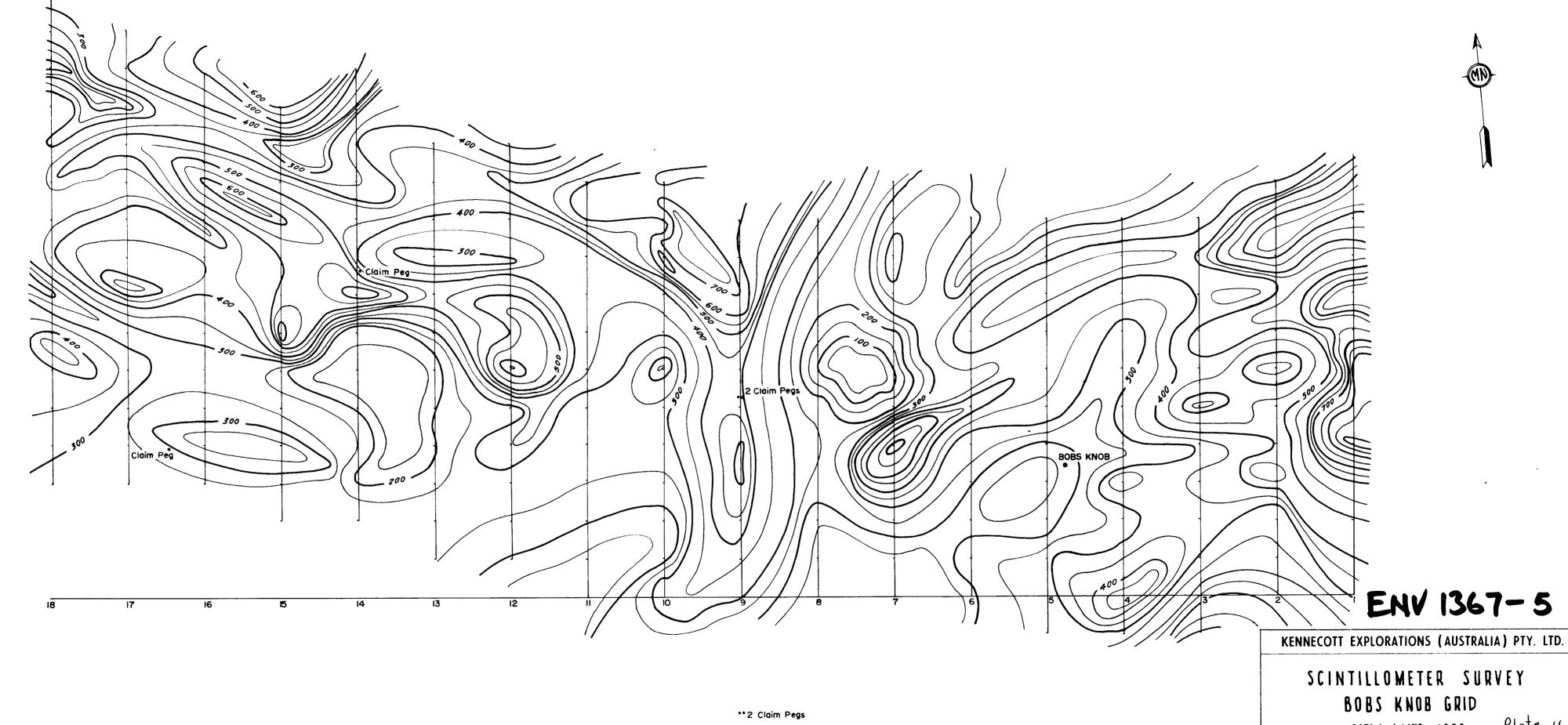
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Plate 4.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Mineral Claims 5204 and 5205 were first investigated by D.V. Furber of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited in early 1968, to test their value as an iron ore prospect. The work carried out by Furber indicated a low grade, low tonnage deposit of haematite-quartzite of no economic value to that company.

In June, 1968, Kennecott Explorations (Australia) Pty.

Ltd. obtained an option over the claims following an observation by C.C. Brooks, Adelaide office, that anomalous radioactivity occurred on the claim areas. Detailed geophysical work, geological mapping and assays of selected samples indicated that the observed radioactivity was directly related to a potassium rich granite carrying accessory thorium bearing rare earth minerals. This work was fully described in Warne S.B., Bob Nob Prospect: Mineral Claims 5204, 5205; March 1969.

Prior to relinquishing the claims as a uranium prospect, as recommended in the March report, it was decided to ensure the area did not carry other metals which could possibly make it a worthwhile asset.

This report records the results of assays carried out by
Kennecott Explorations (Australia) Pty. Ltd. and for completeness
also those carried out by The Broken Hill Proprietary Company
Limited on the prospect area.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Previous work concluded anomalous radioactivity of the
Bob Nob prospect to be associated with potassium rich granite
carrying trace uranium and thorium mineralization. The assays
of chipline samples confirm this conclusion.

Scan assays for other metals show the prospect area to carry insignificant mineralization generally. Low niobium, yttrium and barium values associated with faulting on the east side of the prospect area, low uranium and niobium values in the quartz-felspar-muscovite schists and low vanadium and tungsten values associated with the haematite-quartzite on the west side of the prospect area of general, but not economic, interest.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Kennecott Explorations (Australia) Pty. Ltd. relinquish the options held over Mineral Claims Nos. 5204 and 5205 held by Messrs. G.A. Greenwood and R.L. Lander.

Labour suspension conditions have been granted on the claims by the S.A. Mines Department under claim suspension

Certificate numbered 2158 and 2159 of Book 12 expiring on the 1st day of October 1969.

#### The Broken Hill Proprietary Company Assays

Two continuous chip lines were taken across the haematite—
quartzite bed on the more accessible western side of the
prospect. The positions of the sample lines are shown on
PLATE 1, AREA 1 plan (prepared by D.V. Furber, B.H.P.).

(Note that AREA 2 plan on PLATE 1 refers to a small massive haematite deposit 1½ - 2 Miles west of Mt. Jacob. North Flinders Ranges, visited by Furber in conjunction with his assessment of the Bob Nob Claims).

The chip samples were assayed by the B.H.P. and results indicated the orebody to be a low grade haematite-quartzite with a high silica content. Furber concluded that the low grade of the ore, limited size of the deposit and its inaccessibility rendered it of little economic importance.

The results of the B.H.P. assays are tabled on page 6.

### B.H.P. ASSAY RESULTS -- BOB NOB CLAIMS -- 1968

Sample No.	Fe %	s <sub>i</sub> o <sub>2</sub>	A1 <sub>2</sub> 0 <sub>3</sub>	Ignition Logs %	P %	Mn %	S %	T <sub>i</sub> O <sub>2</sub> %	V %	Cr %	Sn %	Cu %
1	62.9	4.9	2.8	1.8	0.05	0.1	0.03	0.70	0.020	0.010	0.010	0.008
2	22.7	64.7	0.3	0.6	0.02	0.1	0.02	0.40	0.004	0.030	0.020	0.002
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# KENNECOTT EXPLORATIONS (AUSTRALIA) PTY. LTD. CHIP SAMPLE ASSAYS

Three chip line samples were completed and aimed at testing possible metal contents in the various geologic situations of the mineral claim areas. Sampling was carried out by Geological Assistants B.R. Osborne and T.S. Skuse taking chip samples of the freshest available outcrop and of the same visual size at one foot intervals. Outcrop was continuous except on LINE 1: no samples were taken in areas of float.

The positions of the three sample lines are shown on Plan 2.

The first chip line, on LINE 1 from 500 N to 800 N was aimed at sampling the faulted zone at the eastern end of the mapped prospect area. Anomalous radioactivity was previously noted as being associated with feldspar rich sections of the crush zone mapped in this zone.

The second chipline, on LINE 5 from 0 N to 450 N was aimed at sampling the crush zone rocks at a second location, the haematite quartzite over its best exposure and the quartz-felspar-muscovite schist zone bordering the granite.

The third chipline, on LINE 12 from 400 N to 800 N was aimed at sampling the haematite quartzite as well as schists above and below this bed on the western side of the prospect.

All assays were carried out by the Australian Mineral Development Laboratories (Report AN110/70 of 8-8-69).

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Uranium and thorium assays were carried out by accurate techniques (uranium by fluorimetry); all other determinations were semi-quantitative spectrographic analyses. The assay results are listed in Table 2 and confirm the general conclusions of the first report.

Of additional interest are the following observations:

- 1. The sheared, brecciated and quartz intruded schist zone on the east edge of the mapped area (LINE 1)
  - (a) yielded the only combined uranium-thorium assay value (U, 15 p.p.m.; Th, 100 p.p.m.)
  - (b) gave barium assays of 2000 to 3000 p.p.m.

    compared to less than 1000 p.p.m. values for
    the rest of the area.
  - (c) contained yttrium values of 50 to 600 p.p.m. compared to values of 15 to 50 p.p.m. in haematite-quartzite and 20 to 100 p.p.m. in schists of the western side of the prospect.
  - (d) carried niabium values of 20 to 50 p.p.m.
- 2. Slightly anomalous vanadium and tungsten values of 100 p.p.m. and 150 p.p.m. were detected associated with the haematite-quartzite on LINE 12.
- 3. Quartz-muscovite-feldspar schists on Line 12 yielded niobium values of 20 to 60 p.p.m. and uranium values of 15 p.p.m.

TABLE 2
ASSAY RESULTS LINE 1

Blemen Detect	t ion limit	U 10	Th 50	Cu 0.5	Pb	Zn 20	Sn 1	Bi 1	Ag 0.1	Ga 1	Ge 1	Sb 30	Ba 50	Y 10	La 100	Ce 300	Nd 300	Pr 100
Sample No.	Footage	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
C35901	500-519	10	<b>≺</b> 50	50	5	20	25	1	0.4	30	1.	*	500	40	*	*	*	*
C35902	600-632	15	100	30	8	20	5	1	0.1	30	*	*	1000	600	*	*	*	*
C35903	700-750	<b>&lt;1</b> 0	<b>∢</b> 50	50	10	30	8	1	0.1	30	1	*	1000	100	*	*	*	*
C35904	750-800	< 10	< 50	100	15	*	8	1	0.1	30	*	*	1000	60	*	*	*	*

<sup>\* =</sup> not detected at limit quoted

TABLE 2 (Cont.)

#### ASSAY RESULTS LINE 1

Elemen <b>t</b>		Ti	B2	Sc	Bu	V	W	Mo	Ta	МР
Detection	on limit	100	100	50	50	10	50	3	100	20
Assay No.	Footage	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	p pm	ppm	ppm
C35901	500-519	3000	*	*	*	30	*	*	*	30
C35902	600-632	2500	*	*	*	20	*	*	*	20
C359O3	700-750	3000	*	*	*	*	*	3	*	50
C35904	750-800	2500	*	*	*	*	*	50	*	50
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\* = not detected at limit quoted

TABLE 2 (cont.)

#### ASSAY RESULTS LINE 5

Element		U	Th	Cu	Pb	Zn	Sn	Bi	Ag	Ga	Ge	Sb	Ва	Y
Detection	on limit	10	50	0.5	1	20	1	1	0.1	1	1	30	50	10
Sample No.	Footage	ppm	p pm	ppm	ррm	ppm								
C35905	0-50	<10	<b>&lt;</b> 50	15	3	30	8	*	0.1	10	*	*	300	15
C35906	50-100	<10	< 50	10	3	*	10	1	0.1	3	1	*	200	40
C35907	100-150	<10	<b>₹</b> 50	10	3	*	15	1	0.1	3	1	*	150	40
C35908	150-200	<10	< 50	10	3	*	15	1	0.1	3	1	*	80	40
C35909	200-250	<10	<50	5	3	*	20	1	0.1	3	1	*	80	15
C35910	250-300	<10	< 50	25	3	50	10	*	0.1	3	*	*	300	30
C35911	300-350	<10	< 50	8	3	30	15	3	0.1	3	*	*	100	15
C35912	350-400	<10	<50	20	3	30	15	*	0.1	3	1	*	80	15
C35913	400-450	<10	< 50	8	3	20	30	1	0.1	3	1	*	80	50
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TABLE 2 (Cont.)
ASSAY RESULTS LINE 5

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Element	;	La	Сe	Nd	Pr	Ti	Er	Sc	Bu,	V	W	Mo	Та	Nb
Detecti	on limit	10	300	300	100	100	100	50	50	10	50	3	100	20
Assay No.	Footage	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	, ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
C35905	0-50	*	*	*	*	5000	*	*	*	50	*	*	*	*
C35906	50_100	*	*	*	*	1500	*	*	*	20	*	*	*	*
C35907	100-150	*	*	*	*	1000	*	*	*	20	50	3	*	*
C359O8	150-200	*	*	*	*	1500	*	*	*	15	*	*	*	*
C35909	200-250	*	*	*	*	2500	*	*	*	20	*	3	*	*
C35910	250-300	*	*	*	*	2000	*	*	*	50	50	*	*	*
C35911	300-350	*	*	*	*	1500	*	*	*	20	*	*	*	*
C35912	350-400	*	*	*	*	2000	*	*	*	20	*	*	*	*
C35913	400-450	*	*	*	*	2000	*	*	*	20	*	5	*	*

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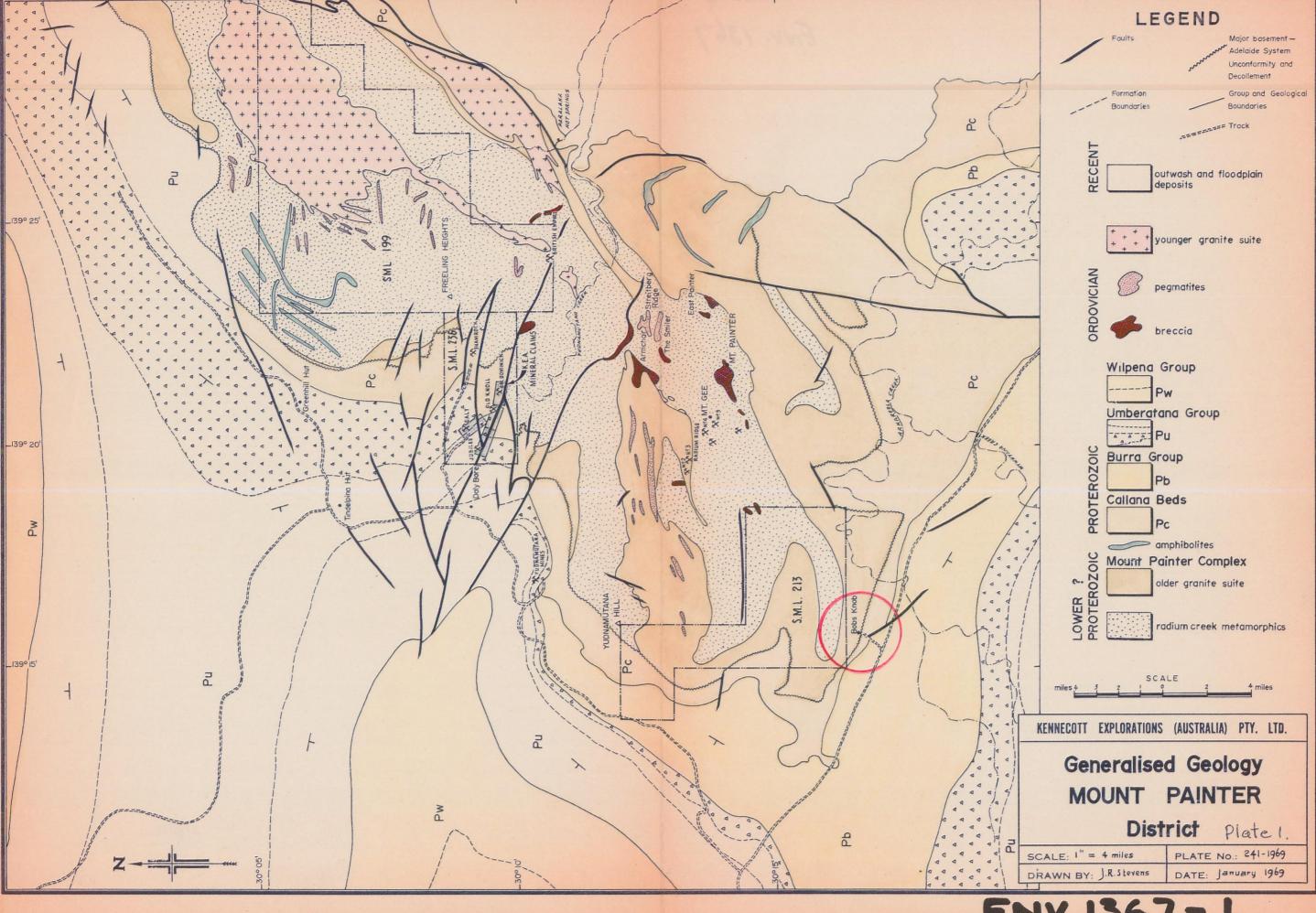
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Sample No.	Footage	ppm	ppm	ррт	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ррm	ppm	
C35914	400-450	< 10	₹50	50	1	<b>3</b> 0	3	*	0.1	3	*	~ *	100	20	
C35915	450-500	15	<50	50	1	20	3	*	0.1	3	*	*	100	30	
C35916	500-550	< 10	< 50	20	3	30	6	1	0.1	3	1	*	80	30	
C35917	550-600	15	<50	10	15	*	10	2	0.1	20	*	*	400	50	
C35918	600-650	<10	<50	8	10	20	15	1	0.1	30	*	*	400	50	
C35919	650_700	15	<50	8	15	*	8	1	0.1	50	*	*	600	30	
C35920	700_750	15	<b>&lt;50</b>	30	8	20	8	*	0.2	30	*	*	600	60	
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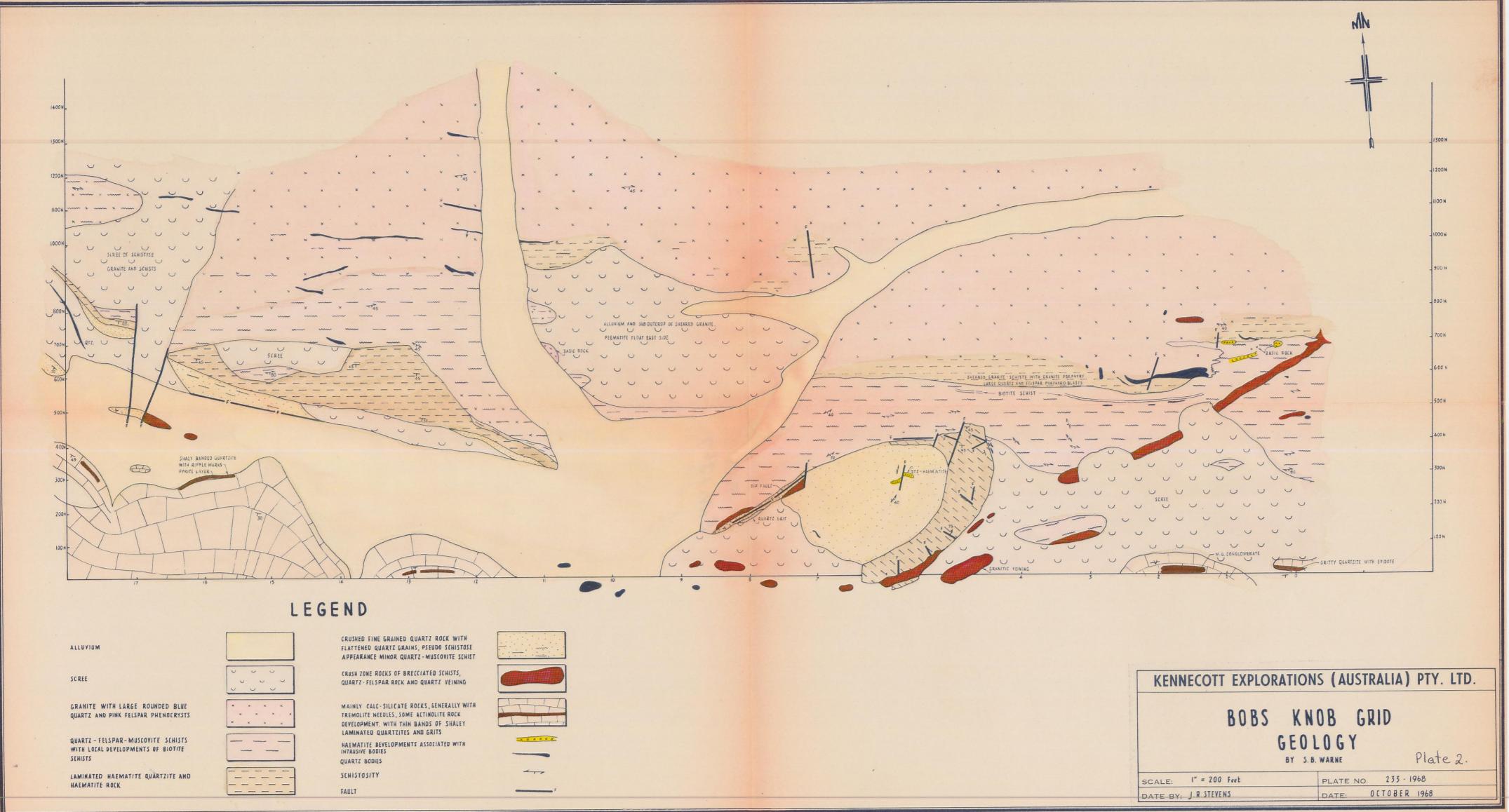
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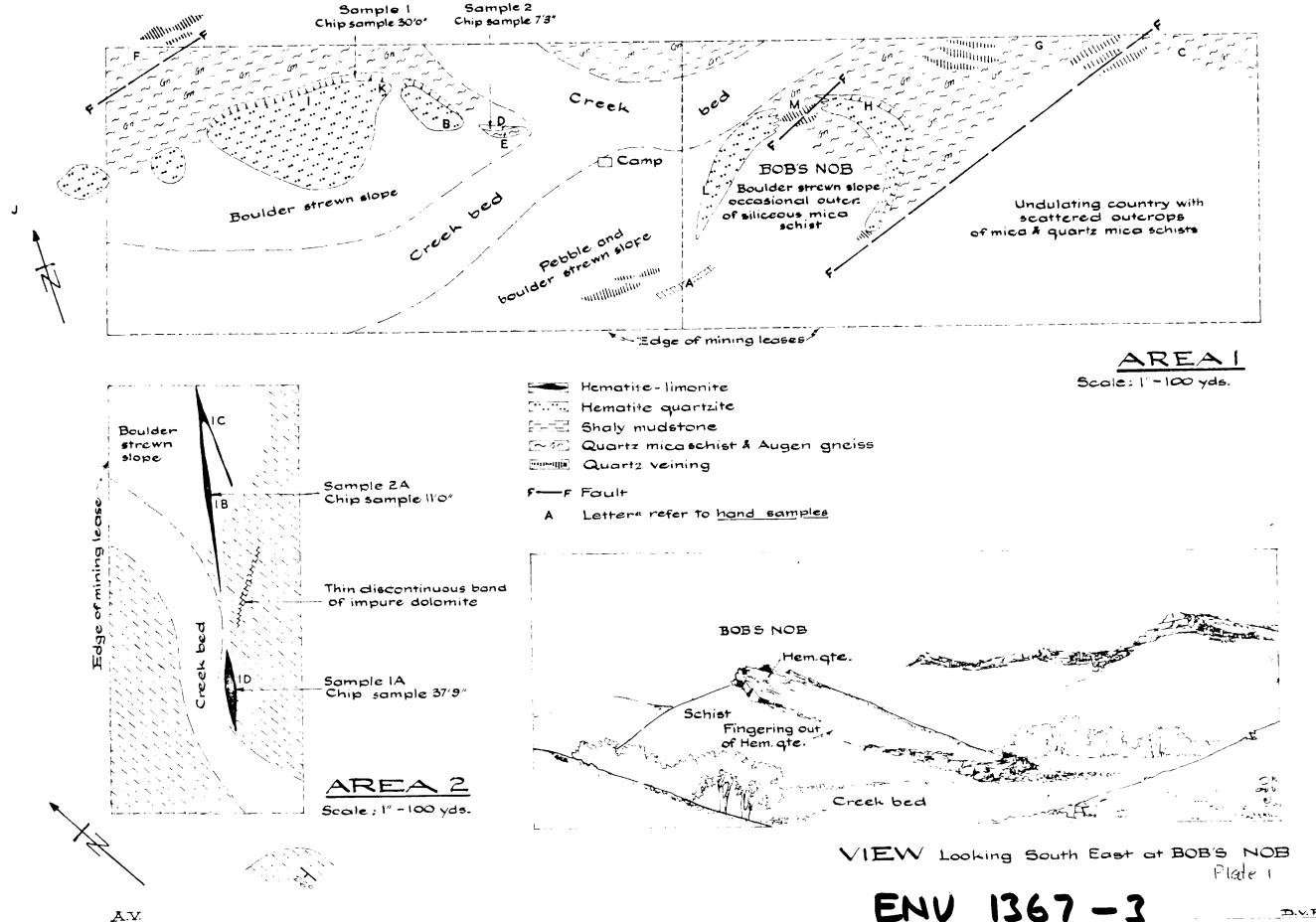
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ASSAY RESULTS LINE 12

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Detecti	on limit	10	300	300	100	100	100	50	50	10	50	3	100	. 20
Sample No.	Footage	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm.	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	.ppm	ppm
C35914	400-450	*	*	*	*	1500	*	*	*	100	150	*	*	*
C35915	450-500	*	*	*	*	3000	*	*	*	100	150	*	*	*
C35916	500-550	*	*	*	*	2500	*	*	*	30	50	3	*	*
C35917	550-600	*	*	*	*	4000	*	*	*	50	80	*	*	20
C35918	600-650	*	*	*	*	4000	*	*	*	50	*	5	*	30
C35919	650-700	*	*	*	*	4000	*	*	*	15	*	3	*	60
C35920	700-750	*	*	*	*	4000	*	*	*	15	*	*	*	60
C35921	750-800	*	*	*	*	3000	*	*	*	10	*	3	*	40

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