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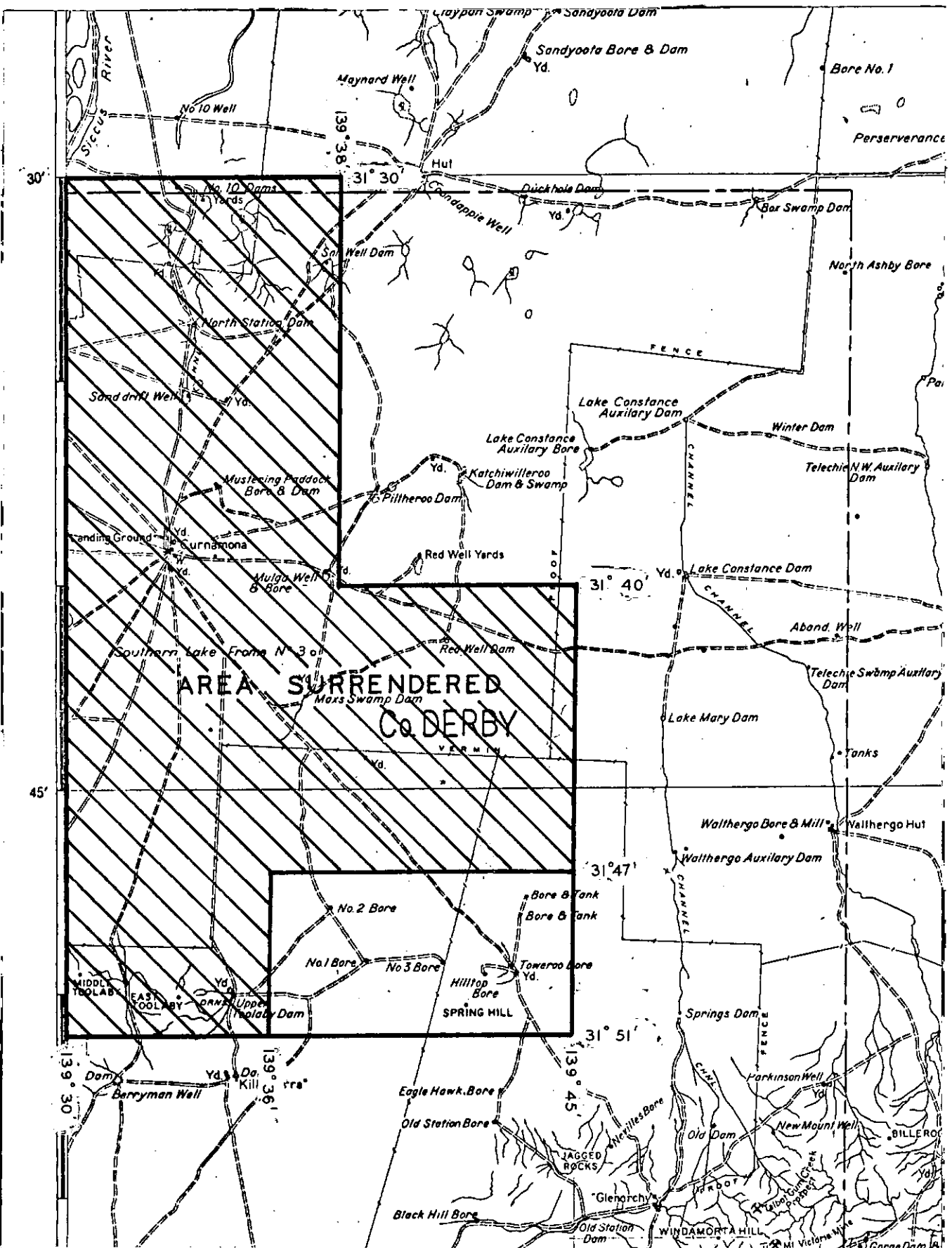
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## SCHEDULE A



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APPLICANT: MINES ADMINISTRATION PTY LIMITED and TETON  
EXPLORATION DRILLING CO. PTY LIMITED

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AREA ~~716~~  
105 Square kilometres

1: 250 000 PLANS CURNAMONA

LOCALITY CURNAMONA AREA

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EXPIRY DATE 1.7.7778

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MURDOCK, R.B. 1976

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BRYAN, R. 1977

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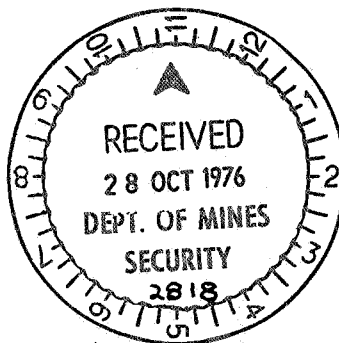
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A RECONNAISSANCE RESISTIVITY SURVEY  
AT CURNAMONA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
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### Conclusions

A reconnaissance resistivity survey has been carried out over E.L. Curnamona in the Lake Frome Embayment, South Australia. The aim of the survey was to map the depth to Cambrian basement on the 6 lines nominated and to identify any Tertiary channel anomalies that might occur.

Two and possibly three channels were identified during the survey. The Killawarra Channel Anomaly (see Report 239), heads northwards crossing lines 1, 2 and probably line 3 near Curnamona Homestead. This channel may join the Curnamona Channel between lines 3 and 4. The latter Channel flowing westwards, crossing line 6 just south of line 4 and continuing westwards between lines 3 and 4.

A third channel would appear to occur just west of the E.L. boundary. It may flow northwards close to the boundary or enter the E.L. and merge with the Killawarra Channel near Curnamona Homestead.

Two other tributaries of the Curnamona Channel are possible. One may head south crossing lines 4 and 5 and the other may meander north and west in the eastern part of the survey area. These two anomalies are not definite and are of second priority at this stage.

A drilling programme has been recommended to test the probable channel anomalies encountered within the survey area (priority 1 holes). Depending upon success it could be extended to include less definite anomalies (priority 2 holes). Resistivity could be used to more accurately define the paths of any channel found to be uraniferous.

### Introduction

Under instruction from Mr. D. Brunt of Mines Administration Murdoch Geophysics (Australia) Pty. Ltd. have undertaken a reconnaissance resistivity survey at Curnamona, north of Yunta in South Australia. Field work associated with the survey was carried out in July and August 1976, in conjunction with a similar survey at Koonamore. A 3 man crew led by Mr. M. Armstrong and Mr. G. Connell were used for the survey.

The aim of the survey was to map the depth to Cambrian (or Precambrian) basement on the six lines surveyed, in particular to identify any Tertiary channelling anomalies that might occur.

### Procedures

The resistivity survey was conducted along the six lines shown on Plate 1. The reading station interval was 500 metres. Each reading station was pegged and its respective line number and position marked on the peg. Compass bearings were maintained between reading stations not located on tracks. The reading station interval on all lines was measured by a vehicle speedometer.

The readings comprise detailed Schlumberger Array soundings at intervals of 1 km with rapid 3 point Schlumberger Array soundings at intervening intervals of  $\frac{1}{2}$  km. All soundings were expanded parallel to the traverse line for convenience.

The detailed soundings were expanded to a logarithmic formula with 22 individual readings being taken at each sounding for  $r$  values between 10 and 320 metres. As part of a follow-up programme, soundings where the depth to basement had not been adequately determined at  $r = 320$  metres were expanded out to  $r = 500$  metres. At the rapid sounding positions the readings taken were  $r = 130$ ,  $r = 200$  and  $r = 320$  metres. (Where  $r$  is the half current electrode separation).

### Presentation of results

The sounding results were plotted on standard log-log graphs of apparent resistivity (vertical axis) against current electrode



separation from the centre of configuration (horizontal axis). They have not been included in this report but are available should they be required at any stage.

The profiles are presented on Plates 3 - 7 in two alternate forms.

(a) Superimposed profile curves - The  $r = 130, 200$  and  $320$  metre data obtained from both the detailed and rapid soundings have been plotted as profiles on the one set of axes. The vertical scale is logarithmic ( $1 \text{ cycle} = 6.25 \text{ cm.}$ ) and the horizontal scale is  $1 \text{ cm} = 250 \text{ metres.}$

(b) Resistivity pseudo-section - The pseudo-section is a two-dimensional display of all apparent resistivity results plotted beneath the profiles at the same horizontal scale. The vertical scale is  $1 \text{ cm} = 25 \text{ metres}$  and the values have been logarithmically contoured.

Interpreted geological sections have been plotted beneath the pseudo-sections at the same scales.

Two contour plans accompany the report;

Plate 1 is a linear contour plan of depth to basement interpreted from the survey.

Plate 2 is a contour plan of apparent resistivity results obtained at  $r = 320 \text{ metres.}$

The scale of both plans is  $1 \text{ cm} = 500 \text{ metres.}$  The contour interval on Plate 1 is  $20 \text{ metres}$  and on Plate 2  $1 \text{ ohm metre.}$

### Sounding Interpretation

The detailed soundings were interpreted by using the partial curve matching technique as follows :



TABLE 1 - DETAILED SOUNDING INTERPRETATION

	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 1 00E	1	15	0 - 7.5	Surface
	2	3.25 to 5	7.5 - 110	Cainozoic
	3	17	110 +	Cambrian shale ?
1000E	1	5.5	0 - 9	Surface
	2	9.6	9 - 36	Quaternary
	3	4	36 - 112	Tertiary
	4	Very high	112 +	Precambrian
2000E	1	10	0 - 28	Surface
	2	5	28 - 128	Cainozoic
	3	35	128 +	Precambrian schist
3000E	1	12	0 - 9.5	Surface
	2	7.8	9.5 - 124	Cainozoic
	3	Very high	124 +	Precambrian
4000E	1	10	0 - 60	Cainozoic
	2	30	60 - 132	Precambrian schist(?)
	3	Very high	132 +	Cambrian
5000E	1	15	0 - 8.5	Surface
	2	7.5	8.5 - 135	Cainozoic
	3	Very high	135 +	Precambrian
6000E	1	10	0 - 28	Quaternary
	2	5	28 - 50	Cainozoic
	3	7	50 - 135	Tertiary
	4	Very high	135 +	Precambrian
7000E	1	6.5	0 - 25	Quaternary
	2	8.5	25 - 145	Tertiary
	3	High	145 +	Precambrian



TABLE 1 - DETAILED SOUNDING INTERPRETATION (CONTINUED)

	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 1 8000E	1	9.5	0 - 12.5	Surface
	2	14.2	12.5 - 62.5	Quaternary gravel or limestone
	3	6.5	62.5 - 150	Tertiary
	4	Very high	150 +	Precambrian
9000E	1	6.5	0 - 80	Cainozoic
	2	Very high	80 +	Precambrian
10000E	1	11	0 - 5	Surface
	2	7.1	5 - 70	Cainozoic
	3	Very high	70 +	Precambrian
11000E	1	4.4	0 - 25	Cainozoic
	3	Very high	25 +	Precambrian
Line 2 00E	1	5.2	0 - 20	Quaternary
	2	3.4 - 4.4	20 - 150	Tertiary
	3	High	150 +	Cambrian
1000E	1	6.5	0 - 33	Quaternary
	2	2.6 - 2.2	33 - 160	Tertiary
	3	High	160 +	Cambrian
2000E	1	8	0 - 10	Surface
	2	6.4	10 - 33	Quaternary
	3	3.25 - 2.75	33 - 165	Tertiary
	4	High	165 +	Cambrian
3000E	1	6	0 - 32	Quaternary
	2	4.8	32 - 175	Tertiary
	3	Very high	175 +	Cambrian



TABLE 1 - DETAILED SOUNDING INTERPRETATION (CONTINUED)

	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 2 4000E	1	17	0 - 5.8	Surface
	2	4.25	5.8 - 93	Cainozoic
	3	3	93 - 153	Tertiary
	4	High	153 +	Cambrian
5000E	1	6.7	0 - 13	Surface
	2	2.7 - 3.6	13 - 143	Cainozoic
	3	High	143 +	Cambrian
6000E	1	4 approx.	0 - 135	Cainozoic
	2	High	135 +	Cambrian
(Data poor on this sounding)				
7000E	1	8	0 - 10	Surface
	2	3 - 3.25	10 - 150	Cainozoic
	3	High	150 +	Cambrian
8000E	1	13	0 - 13	Surface
	2	4.9 - 5.2	13 - 143	Cainozoic
	3	High	143 +	Cambrian
9000E	1	15	0 - 8	Surface
	2	6 - 3.5	8 - 166	Cainozoic
	3	Higher	166 +	Cambrian
10000E	1	4.4	0 - 14	Surface
	2	7.7	14 - 28	Quaternary
	3	5.2	28 - 92	Cainozoic
	4	3.5	92 - 170	Tertiary
	5	17.5	170 +	Cambrian
11000E	1	4.4	0 - 170	Cainozoic
	2	42	170 +	Cambrian

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	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 2 12000E	1	6	0 - 21	Quaternary
	2	10.5	21 - 61	Cainozoic
	3	5.8-4.5	61 - 164	Tertiary
	4	27.3	164 +	Cambrian
13000E	1	7	0 - 10	Surface
	2	5.6	10 - 100	Cainozoic
	3	4.5	100 - 180	Tertiary
	4	7	180 +	Cambrian
14000E	1	34	0 - 4	Surface
	2	5.1	4 - 44	Quaternary
	3	5.25	44 - 98	Cainozoic
	4	8	98 - 158	Cainozoic (?)
	5	?	158 +	Cambrian (?)
15000E	1	270	0 - 4.5	Surface
	2	4.8	4.5 - 94	Cainozoic
	3	3.8	94 - 154	Tertiary
	4	High	154 +	Cambrian
16000E	1	3.4	0 - 15	Surface
	2	5.95	15 - 90	Cainozoic
	3	7.3	90 - 130	Tertiary
	4	49	130 +	Cambrian
Line 2 1000W	1	13	0 - 11	Surface
	2	22.7	11 - 95	Cainozoic gravels/ limestone
	3	3.15	95 - 161	Tertiary
	4	High	161 +	Cambrian

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	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 2 2000W	1	9.5	0 - 14	Surface
	2	3.8	14 - 154	Cainozoic
	3	High	154 +	Cambrian
3000W	1	4.4	0 - 5	Surface
	2	18.5	5 - 26	Quaternary
	3	5.2	26 - 162	Tertiary
	4	20.3	162 +	Cambrian
4000W	1	7	0 - 8	Surface
	2	5.6	8 - 37	Quaternary
	3	2.75	37 - 131	Tertiary
	4	24.8	131 +	Cambrian
5000W	1	8	0 - 9.5	Surface
	2	4.4	9.5 - 151	Cainozoic
	3	28	151 +	Cambrian
6000W	1	7.2	0 - 50	Quaternary
	2	4.7	50 - 160	Tertiary
	3	25	160 +	Cambrian
7000W	1	7.5	0 - 18.5	Surface
	2	3.75	18.5 - 48	Quaternary
	3	4.6	48 - 190	Tertiary
	4	23	190 +	Cambrian
8000W	1	6.5	0 - 100	Cainozoic
	2	3.25	100 - 180	Tertiary
	3	30.8	180 +	Cambrian

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	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 2 9000W	1	9.5	0 - 27.5	Quaternary
	2	33.2	27.5 - 36	Quaternary limestone/ sand
	3	4.2	36 - 190	Tertiary
	4	35	190 +	Cambrian
10000W	1	5	0 - 80	Cainozoic
	2	2.5	80 - 160	Tertiary
	3	33	160 +	Cambrian
11000W	1	70	0 - 10.5	Surface
	2	4.2	10.5 - 31.5	Quaternary
	3	5	31.5 - 176	Tertiary
	4	12.5	176 +	Cambrian
Line 3 00E	1	7	0 - 10	Surface
	2	1.75	10 - 18	Quaternary
	3	3	18 - 145	Cainozoic
	4	11.8	145 +	Cambrian
1000E	1	8	0 - 10	Surface
	2	24	10 - 16	Quaternary gravels
	3	2.4	16 - 21.5	Quaternary
	4	6.0 - 6.7	21.5 - 155	Cainozoic
	5	2.4	155 - (?)	Tertiary
	6	Very deep		Cambrian
2000E	1	12	0 - 11	Surface
	2	9.6	11 - 77	Cainozoic
	3	3.8	77 - 175	Tertiary
	4	21	175 +	Cambrian

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	Layer	Resistivity (ohm metres)	Thickness (metres)	Expected Geology
Line 3 3000E	1	12	0 - 17.5	Quaternary
	2	6	17.5 - 119	Cainozoic
	3	4.1	119 - 165	Tertiary
	4	26	165 +	Cambrian
4000E	1	12	0 - 12	Surface
	2	7.2	12 - 72	Quaternary
	3	3	72 - 160 approx.	Tertiary
	4	18	160 approx. +	Cambrian
5000E	1	26	0 - 42	Quaternary
	2	10.4	42 - 170	Cainozoic
	3	2.4	170 - 210	Tertiary
	4	High	210 +	Cambrian
6000E	1	7	0 - 46	Quaternary
	2	5.6	46 - 180	Cainozoic
	3	21.8	180 +	Cambrian
7000E	1	15	0 - 44	Quaternary
	2	4.5	44 - 178	Cainozoic
	3	27.5	178 +	Cambrian
8000E	1	23	0 - 9.5	Surface
	2	9.2	9.5 - 123	Cainozoic
	3	2.25	123 - 162	Tertiary
	4	35	162 +	Cambrian
9000E	1	11	0 - 12	Surface
	2	33	12 - 60	Cainozoic gravels and limestone
	3	5.2	60 - 187	Tertiary
	4	18.75	187 +	Cambrian



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	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 3 10000E	1	7.5	0 - 11	Surface
	2	9.4	11 - 33	Quaternary
	3	39	33 - 77	Cainozoic
	4	4.95	77 - 165	Tertiary
	5	25.5	165 +	Cambrian
11000E	1	2	0 - 3.8	Surface
	2	7	3.8 - 96	Cainozoic
	3	3.2	96 - 175	Tertiary
	4	22	175 +	Cambrian
12000E	1	6	0 - 20	Surface
	2	4	20 - 150	Cainozoic
	3	18	150 +	Cambrian
13000E	1	4.7	0 - 145	Cainozoic
	2	High	145 +	Cambrian
14000E	1	26	0 - 7.5	Surface
	2	3.6	7.5 - 155	Cainozoic
	3	High	155 +	Cambrian
15000E	1	5	0 - 26	Quaternary
	2	3.2	26 - 155	Cainozoic
	3	High	155 +	Cambrian
16000E	1	7.5	0 - 9	Surface
	2	2.75 - 3.75	9 - 161	Cainozoic
	3	High	161 +	Cambrian
17000E	1	7.5	0 - 19.5	Quaternary
	2	4.9	19.5 - 161	Cainozoic
	3	12.5	161 +	Cambrian



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	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 3 18000E	1	6	0 - 11	Surface
	2	3	11 - 37	Quaternary
	3	11.7	37 - 56	Cainozoic
	4	2.5	56 - 150	Tertiary
	5	High	150 +	Cambrian
19000E	1	4 - 10	0 - 140	Cainozoic
	2	High	140 +	Cambrian
			(Shallow data poor)	
20000E	1	4	0 - 30	Quaternary
	2	1.2 - 2.1	30 - 140	Cainozoic, mainly Tertiary
	3	81	140 +	Cambrian
21000E	1	5.5	0 - 27	Quaternary
	2	3.1	27 - 147	Cainozoic, mainly Tertiary
	3	16.5	147 +	Cambrian
22000E	1	7	0 - 19	Quaternary
	2	3.5	19 - 161	Cainozoic
	3	16	161 +	Cambrian
23000E	1	6	0 - 9	Surface
	2	3	9 - 84	Cainozoic
	3	3.4	84 - 159	Tertiary
	4	High	159 +	Cambrian
24000E	1	5	0 - 75	Cainozoic
	2	1 - 1.25	75 - 150	Tertiary
	3	High	150 +	Cambrian



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	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 3 1000W	1	20	0 - 8	Surface
	2	3 - 2.5	8 - 166	Cainozoic
	3	18	166 +	Cambrian
2000W	1	22	0 - 12	Surface
	2	11	12 - 44	Cainozoic
	3	1.95	44 - 167	Cainozoic
	4	High	167 +	Cambrian
3000W	1	13	0 - 17	Surface
	2	39	17 - 29	Quaternary gravel and limestone
	3	3	29 - 173	Cainozoic
	4	22.3	173 +	Cambrian
4000W	1	24	0 - 14	Surface
	2	6	14 - 84	Quaternary
	3	1.8	84 - 197	Cainozoic
	4	13	197 +	Cambrian
5000W	1	14	0 - 9	Surface
	2	2.8 - 3.6	9 - 153	Cainozoic
	3	14.3	153 +	Cambrian
Line 4 00E	1	8	0 - 20	Quaternary
	2	3.2	20 - 184	Cainozoic
	3	10	184 +	Cambrian
1000E	1	6	0 - 25	Quaternary
	2	2.4	25 - 167	Cainozoic
	3	13	167 +	Cambrian



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	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 4 2000E	1	8	0 - 15	Surface
	2	3.2	15 - 123	Cainozoic
	3	11.2	123 +	Cambrian
3000E	1	18	0 - 15	Surface
	2	2.2	15 - 54	Cainozoic
	3	3	54 - 139	Tertiary
	4	10.5	139 +	Cambrian
4000E	1	13	0 - 44	Quaternary
	2	3.25	44 - 176	Cainozoic
	3	13	176 +	Cambrian
5000E	1	10	0 - 9	Surface
	2	35	9 - 23	Quaternary gravels and limestone
	3	16.4	23 - 86	Cainozoic
	4	0.85	86 - 150	Tertiary
	5	High	150 +	Cambrian
6000E	1	11	0 - 22	Quaternary
	2	27.5	22 - 70	Cainozoic gravel/ limestone
	3	3.15	70 - 180	Tertiary
	4	High	180 +	Cambrian
7000E	1	5	0 - 100	Cainozoic
	2	2.5	100 - 180	Tertiary
	3	17	180 +	Cambrian
8000E	1	10	0 - 25	Quaternary
	2	1.5	25 - 36	Cainozoic
	3	3.3	36 - 180	Tertiary
	4	15	180 +	Cambrian .../150

TABLE 1 - DETAILED SOUNDING INTERPRETATION (CONTINUED)

	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 4 9000E	1	12	0 - 20	Quaternary
	2	6	20 - 130	Cainozoic
	3	4.4	130 - 180	Tertiary
	4	20	180 +	Cambrian
10000E	1	11	0 - 9.5	Quaternary
	2	4	9.5 - 124	Cainozoic
	3	1.35	124 - 174	Tertiary
	4	High	174 +	Cambrian
11000E	1	9.5	0 - 16	Surface
	2	3.0	16 - 175	Cainozoic
	3	18	175 +	Cambrian
12000E	1	15	0 - 9.5	Surface
	2	3	9.5 - 14	Quaternary
	3	7.5	14 - 65	Cainozoic
	4	2	65 - 169	Tertiary
	5	30	169 +	Cambrian
13000E	1	5.5	0 - 18	Quaternary
	2	13.75	18 - 36	Quaternary
	3	7.2	36 - 119	Cainozoic
	4	1.6	119 - 188	Tertiary
	5	23.8	188 +	Cambrian
Line 5 00E	1	5	0 - 9	Surface
	2	3.25	9 - 161	Cainozoic
	3	High	161 +	Cambrian
1000E	1	4.4	0 - 67	Cainozoic
	2	1.3	67 - 157	Tertiary
	3	High	157 +	Cambrian

TABLE 1 - DETAILED SOUNDING INTERPRETATION (CONTINUED)

	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 5 2000E	1	63	0 - 3.6	Surface
	2	1.5	3.6 - 120	Cainozoic
	3	High	120 +	Cambrian
3000E	1	30	0 - 5.5	Surface
	2	1	5.5 - 115	Cainozoic
	3	High	115 +	Cambrian
4000E	1	210	0 - 5.5	Surface
	2	1.4	5.5 - 120	Cainozoic
	3	14	120 +	Cambrian
5000E	1	21.5	0 - 8.5	Surface
	2	5.4	8.5 - 136	Cainozoic
	3	0.55	136 - 152	Tertiary
	4	7.75	152 +	Cambrian
6000E	1	10	0 - 23	Quaternary
	2	2	23 - 126	Cainozoic
	3	16.1	126 +	Cambrian
7000E	1	9.3	0 - 13	Surface
	2	2.3	13 - 143	Cainozoic
	3	High	143 +	Cambrian
8000E	1	8	0 - 35	Quaternary
	2	2.4	35 - 171	Cainozoic
	3	14.5	171 +	Cambrian
1000W	1	6.4	0 - 9.5	Surface
	2	1.6	9.5 - 134	Cainozoic
	3	17	134 +	Cambrian



TABLE 1 - DETAILED SOUNDING INTERPRETATION (CONTINUED) 922

	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 5 2000W	1	4	0 - 25	Quaternary
	2	2	25 - 160	Cainozoic
	3	14.7	160 +	Cambrian
3000W	1	9.5	0 - 11	Surface
	2	2.37	11 - 154	Cainozoic
	3	16	154 +	Cambrian
4000W	1	5	0 - 6	Surface
	2	2	6 - 130	Cainozoic
	3	16	130 +	Cambrian
Line 6 1000N	1	7.5	0 - 7.5	Surface
	2	1.9 - 2.1	7.5 - 145	Cainozoic
	3	16	145 +	Cambrian
2000N	1	24	0 - 4	Surface
	2	3.6	4 - 28	Quaternary
	3	8	28 - 132	Cainozoic
	4	4.55	132 - 178	Tertiary
	5	18	178 +	Cambrian
3000N	1	4	0 - 17.5	Surface
	2	7	17.5 - 139	Cainozoic
	3	1.95	13.9 - 172	Tertiary
	4	16.1	172 +	Cambrian
4000N	1	4.8	0 - 11	Surface
	2	6	11 - 116	Cainozoic
	3	2.4	116 - 168	Tertiary
	4	21	168 +	Cambrian

TABLE 1 - DETAILED SOUNDING INTERPRETATION (CONTINUED)

	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 6 5000N	1	5.5	0 - 8.5	Surface
	2	8.25	8.5 - 136	Cainozoic
	3	2.55	136 - 166	Tertiary
	4	18	166 +	Cambrian
6000N	1	5	0 - 7.5	Surface
	2	7.5	7.5 - 50	Quaternary gravel and/or limestone
	3	2.8	50 - 175	Tertiary
	4	9.6	175 +	Cambrian
7000N	1	8	0 - 15	Surface
	2	4	15 - 135	Cainozoic
	3	1.2	135 - 161	Tertiary
	4	15	161 +	Cambrian
8000N	1	4.8	0 - 13	Surface
	2	6	13 - 85	Cainozoic
	3	1.8	85 - 158	Tertiary
	4	15	158 +	Cambrian
9000N	1	17	0 - 5.5	Surface
	2	5.1	5.5 - 12	Quaternary
	3	7.5	12 - 95	Cainozoic
	4	2.25	95 - 178	Tertiary
	5	14.7	178 +	Cambrian
10000N	1	7	0 - 8.7	Surface
	2	4.55	8.7 - 89	Cainozoic
	3	1.92	89 - 156	Tertiary
	4	15	156 +	Cambrian



TABLE 1 - DETAILED SOUNDING INTERPRETATION (CONTINUED)

	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 6 11000N	1	6	0 - 21	Quaternary
	2	2.5 - 3	21 - 199	Cainozoic
	3	8	199 +	Cambrian
12000N	1	8	0 - 46	Quaternary
	2	2.4	46 - 180	Cainozoic
	3	15	180 +	Cambrian
13000N	1	10	0 - 38	Quaternary
	2	3	38 - 190	Cainozoic
	3	11.9	190 +	Cambrian
14000N	1	80	0 - 3	Surface
	2	5	3 - 29	Quaternary
	3	17.5	29 - 69	Cainozoic gravel and limestone
	4	2.2	69 - 150	Tertiary
	5	High	150 +	Cambrian
15000N	1	80	0 - 4.6	Surface
	2	5.6	4.6 - 18	Quaternary
	3	7	18 - 110	Cainozoic
	4	2.1	110 - 189	Tertiary
	5	High	189 +	Cambrian
16000N	1	3	0 - 8.5	Surface
	2	4.4	8.5 - 96	Cainozoic
	3	1.3	96 - 170	Tertiary
	4	9.8	170 +	Cambrian

TABLE 1 - DETAILED SOUNDING INTERPRETATION (CONTINUED)

	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 6 17000N	1	6.6	0 - 8	Surface
	2	4.2	8 - 30	Quaternary
	3	6.9	30 - 73	Cainozoic
	4	2.4	73 - 193	Tertiary
	5	15	193 +	Cambrian
18000N	1	6	0 - 8.5	Surface
	2	15	8.5 - 85	Cainozoic
	3	1	85 - 145	- (?)
	4	High	145 +	Cambrian

At most soundings listed in Table 1 the first layer interpreted reflects near surface resistivity conditions. The resistivity and thickness of this layer is largely dependent upon surface moisture conditions and the separation of the first reading. At the remainder, the surface layer is too thin to be resolved from the underlying Cainozoic layer with first readings of  $r = 10$  metres. In such cases the first layer is the Cainozoic.

At most soundings the second layer, or first layer where no surface layer has been interpreted, has been loosely labelled Cainozoic. Resistivities of this layer are generally under 10 ohm metres. The exceptions are expected to be layers containing a high percentage of secondary 'limestone' and/or gravels. They vary from 10 to 40 ohm metres dependent upon the proportion of limestone and gravel compared with finer grained factions. These limestone layers are up to 60 metres thick. The only feature identifying them as Cainozoic is that they overlies Cainozoic layers (resistivities under 10 ohm metres), in areas of otherwise thick Cainozoic section. The prevailing geo-electric conditions are correlatable to drill evaluated type-examples at Billeroo West.

The geology of the Cainozoic layers interpreted would vary from clay and silts (low resistivity values) to sand and gravels

(higher values). Very low values (say under 2 ohm metres) may reflect very saline conditions. Higher values are also characteristic of drier and shallow Cainozoic sections.

The final layer interpreted has been taken as Cambrian basement. However, it could in part include Precambrian rocks, particularly on line 1. Cretaceous rocks are not expected to occur. The majority of basement resistivities fall into the range 10 - 40 ohm metres. These are similar values to those encountered at Billeroo West where the basement was weathered Cambrian. High values generally imply that the basement resistivity cannot be determined with any reliability from the soundings. Some of the basement resistivities on line 1 are very high (approaching infinity). The same resistivities were encountered over most of the Koonamore area and from surface geology are expected to be Precambrian quartzites or other crystalline rocks of similar age.

Multi-separation sounding analysis was carried out over each line to locate possible errors or erroneous results (i.e. isolated sharp departures at one reading point only). Such departures may not be errors, but if a corrected reading is placed back in the sounding graph, more often than not any major doubt in sounding interpretation can be removed. The analysis is not included in this report, but is available if required.

### Profile Interpretation

The data obtained from both the detailed and rapid soundings is presented on Plates 3 - 7 in two alternative forms.

(a) Pseudo-section - The chief advantage of the pseudo-section is that it isolates vertical contrasts (due to resistivity changes within the basement) from horizontal contrasts (intra-basinal changes). It also tends to highlight shallow sand, gravel and secondary limestone deposits.

(b) Superimposed profile curves - Data recorded at  $r = 130, 200$  and  $320$  metres have been plotted as profiles, superimposed on each other for easy comparison. The profile curves show changes in depth to basement and resistivity contrasts. The relationship



between the individual curves combined with sounding depth to basement determinations identify channelling anomalies.

(c) Interpreted Sections - The interpreted sections plotted beneath the profiles summarizes the conclusions made from the profile and sounding interpretation. The sounding data is of chief importance in constructing the section, but the profiles, pseudo-sections and where used, multi-separation sounding analysis, take the doubt out of the interpretation.

### Geological Interpretation

The interpreted thickness of Cainozoic sediments at Curnamona varies from 25 to 210 metres. Over most of the E.L. the interpreted depth to basement is between 140 and 180 metres. The shallowest sections occur on line 1 adjoining the Koonamora Prospect (see Report 239) with the deepest overall sections on lines 3, 4 and 6. The contact between Precambrian and Cambrian basement would appear to occur between lines 1 and 2.

Deeper Cainozoic sections (Channelling Anomalies) can be interpreted as follows.

TABLE 2 - DEEPER CAINOZOIC SECTIONS

<u>Line Number</u>	<u>Line Interval</u>	<u>Average Depth to Basement (in metres)</u>
1	4750E - 8250E	140
2	9250W - 7000W	190
2	500E - 3250E	165
2	8500E - 13500E	170
* 3	4250W - 2000W	180
3	4500E - 9500E	175
3	15250E - 17750E	160
4	00E - 750E	184
4	5250E - 9500E	180
5	750W - 1250E	160
* 5	7000E - 8500E	170
6	10750N - 13500N	190

\* Interpretation questionable

The most important sections listed in this group are those considered likely to coincide with channelling. These would be thicker sections with steeper sided walls. Unless the channel parallels, or runs at an angle to the line, the optimum width for a channel in the Frome Embayment might be 1 - 2 kilometres.

Channelling is interpreted to occur as follows :

Line 1	6750E - 8250E
Line 2	9250W - 7000W
Line 2	500E - 3250E
Line 3	4500E - 7500E
*Line 4	00E - 750E
*Line 5	750W - 1250E
Line 6	10750N - 13500N

\* Questionable Channel Anomaly

#### Discussion on Plate 1

The net conclusions of the survey are presented on Plate 1. Depths to basement are partially contoured at intervals of 20 metres. However, because of the wide line spacing it is difficult to predict to any accuracy what happens to interpreted channels between lines.

Interpreted Channel segments have been joined to give an idea of possible meander path. The meander path selected is not the only one available. Likely channel paths are shown by heavier dashed lines and possible channels or local deeps by thinner dotted lines.

The Killawarra Channel Anomaly (see Report 239) has probably been intersected on line 1 and 2 as shown. The Curnamona Channel, known to occur on the adjoining Billeroo West E.L., probably enters the survey area by crossing line 6, just to the south of line 4. Depths to basement further north on line 6 suggest a channel may closely parallel the line. The Curnamona Channel may have crossed line 3, but probably flowed westwards between lines 3 and 4, perhaps keeping closer to line 4 than 3. The channel anomaly near Curnamona Homestead on line 3 may be a northerly continuation of the Killawarra Anomaly. This channel may have joined the Curnamona Channel between lines 3 and 4.

Extensions of the resistivity traverses westwards, outside the survey area, suggest another probable channelling anomaly occurs on line 2, with a possible anomaly on line 3.

Overall, depths to basement are greater in the Curnamona E.L. than eastwards in Billeroo West (moving away from the Benagerie High). Depths to basement may continue to increase progressively westwards towards the Flinders Ranges, supporting the possibility of a westerly drainage pattern.

### Discussion on Plate 2

Plate 2 is a partial contour plan of the  $r = 320$  resistivity results. Higher apparent resistivity values occur in the southern part of the survey area near Precambrian subcrop. The values decrease northwards as the Cainozoic section increases. Resistivity values on lines 2 northwards are similar to those occurring on Billeroo West, where the basement is Cambrian.

### Recommendations

(a) Drilling - A preliminary drilling programme is recommended to test the Killawarra and Curnamona Channel Anomalies that occur within E.L.

Initial holes are recommended at the following sites.

#### (i) Priority 1 (probable Channels)

Line 1	7500E
Line 2	2000E
Line 3	6000E
Line 6	12500E

Step-out holes are recommended at intervals of 500 metres either side of the initial holes to test the anomaly and to determine the uraniferous potential of the Channel sands.

#### (ii) Priority 2

- If considered warranted other possible channels or areas of thicker Cainozoic Section could be tested by drilling. Initial holes are recommended

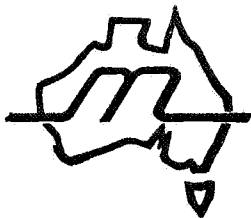


as follows :

Line 2	10500E
Line 3	16500E
Line 4	00E
Line 4	8000E
Line 5	500E
Line 6	17000N

Drillsites have not been recommended outside the E.L.

(b) Resistivity - Resistivity could be used to follow-up areas of interest after completion of the drilling programme recommended above. In particular the method could more accurately define the path of any uraniferous channels located.



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29th September, 1976.

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Dear David,

## ADDENDUM TO REPORT 240

### (a) Sounding Interpretation

The following corrections are made to sounding interpretation on line 1.

	<u>Layer</u>	<u>Resistivity (ohm metres)</u>	<u>Thickness (metres)</u>	<u>Expected Geology</u>
Line 1 00E	1	15	0 - 7.5	Surface
	2	3.75	7.5 - 82	Cainozoic
	3	17	82 +	Cambrian Shale?
1000E	1	5.5	0 - 9	Surface
	2	9.6	9 - 36	Quaternary
	3	4	36 - 100	Tertiary
	4	6.25	100 - 120	Weathered basement
	5	Very high	120 +	Precambrian quartzite
2000E	1	10	0 - 28	Quaternary
	2	5	28 - 100	Cainozoic
	3	7.5	100 - 128	Weathered basement
	4	Very high	128 +	Precambrian quartzite
3000E	1	12	0 - 9.5	Surface
	2	7.8	9.5 - 90	Cainozoic
	3	9	90 - 120	Weathered basement
	4	Very high	120 +	Precambrian quartzite

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The changes made do not affect any of the channelling anomalies interpreted.

On Plate 1 Tertiary resistivities have been plotted in brackets beneath interpreted depth to basement values. Ideal resistivities for the Tertiary section over channels within the Frome Embayment are 2 - 4 ohm metres. Experience shows that substantially more resistive Tertiary sections (i.e. over 6 ohm metres) generally contain either very coarse detritus or <sup>have</sup> a weathered basement layer confused with the Tertiary section. Tertiary resistivities on line 1 and the eastern end of line 2 are above 6 ohm metres, whereas except for isolated cases elsewhere on Curnamona, values are under 5 ohm metres. Therefore it is possible that depths to basement on line 1 and the eastern end of line 2 have been overstated. The thickness of Tertiary section may be less than shown. However, the best target on line 1 is still 7500E and drilling was not recommended at the eastern end of line 2.

(b) Plate 1 - The above changes somewhat downgrade the Killawarra Channel Anomaly on line 1 and also on the Koonamore Block to the south.

From drill evidence, the direction of flow of the Curnamona Channel is likely to be as shown on Plate 1 rather than as proposed in the body of the report.

The recommended drillsites remain the same, with perhaps line 1 7500E being given priority 2 status instead of priority 1.

Yours faithfully,  
MURDOCH GEOPHYSICS (AUSTRALIA) P/L,



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Dear Sir,

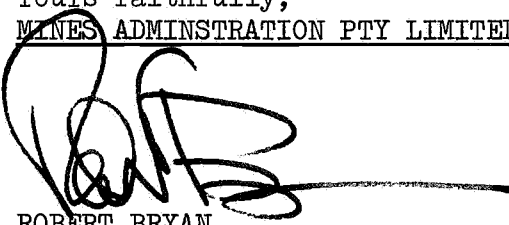
## Quarterly Report EL 254 (Curnamona)

Please find enclosed the Quarterly Report for Exploration Licence No. 254 for the quarter ended 1st October 1976.

Expenditure during the quarter totalled \$7 720 - details are contained in the attached statement.

If there are any queries regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,  
MINES ADMINISTRATION PTY LIMITED



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QUARTERLY REPORTEL 254 (CURNAMONA) SOUTH AUSTRALIAPERIOD 2/7/76 TO 1/10/76

Exploration Licence 254 which covers an area of 716 square kilometres in the southwestern Lake Frome area of South Australia (see Fig. 1), was granted to Mines Administration Pty Limited and Teton Exploration Drilling Company Pty Ltd, on the 2nd July 1976.

During the first quarter ended 1/10/76, a reconnaissance surface resistivity programme was carried out over the EL, to delineate possible Lower Tertiary palaeochannels considered prospective for uranium mineralization.

Resistivity Survey

The resistivity survey was carried out by Murdoch Geophysics (Aust) Pty Ltd of Kawana Waters, Queensland, during July and August 1976, and was planned to delineate Tertiary palaeochannels. Six resistivity profiles were run predominantly east-west across the EL. Each profile consisted of detailed Schlumberger Array soundings at intervals of 1 kilometre with rapid 3 point soundings at intervening intervals of 500 metres. All soundings were expanded parallel to the traverse line. For detailed soundings, 22 different current electron separations were used.

One, and possibly two palaeochannels were interpreted from the survey. The main Curnamona/Killawarra palaeochannel heads north, then northeast to east across the eastern boundary of the EL. Overall, changes in basement relief are fairly subtle with the possibility of Lower Tertiary sand development over wide areas of the EL. The full report on the resistivity survey is enclosed.

An openhole drilling programme is planned for the next quarter, to examine the resistivity interpreted palaeochannels; to determine their morphology, and evaluate their potential for uranium deposits.

Expenditure during the quarter totalled \$7 720 - an expenditure statement is attached.

G. K. ELLIS

Attachments : Results of resistivity survey on EL 254  
: Statement of expenditure for period ended 1/10/76



Brisbane  
25th October 1976

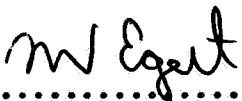
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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

EL 254 (CURNAMONA)

QUARTER ENDED 1/10/76

<u>Geophysical &amp; Geological Costs</u>	\$	\$
Salaries & Wages	1 099	
Drafting Supplies	8	
Contractor Geophysical	6 593	7 700
<u>Logistics</u>		
Communications		20
		\$7 720

  
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Dear Sir,

## Quarterly Report EL 254 (Curnamona)

Please find enclosed the Quarterly Report for Exploration Licence No. 254 for the quarter ended 1st January 1977.

Expenditure during the quarter totalled \$19,262 - details are contained in the attached statement.

If there are any queries regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,  
MINES ADMINISTRATION PTY. LIMITED

*Robert Bryan*  
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26th January, 1977

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

EL 254 (CURNAMONA)

QUARTER ENDED 1.1.76

<u>Geophysical and Geological Costs</u>	\$	\$
Salaries & Wages	3,962	
Drafting Supplies etc	27	
Contractor - Geophysical	<u>3,171</u>	7,160
<u>Logistics</u>		
Equipment Hire	35	
Vehicle Running	801	
Travel & Accommodation	216	
Communications	<u>103</u>	1,155
<u>Drilling Costs</u>		
Contractor - Drilling	<u>10,947</u>	<u>10,947</u>
		<u>\$19,262</u>

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QUARTERLY REPORT

EL 254 (CURNAMONA) SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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PERIOD 2/10/76 to 1/1/77

Exploration Licence 254 which covers an area of 716 square kilometres in the southwestern Lake Frome area of South Australia (see Fig. 1) was granted to Mines Administration Pty. Limited and Teton Exploration Drilling Company Pty. Ltd. on the 2nd July 1976.

During the quarter ended 1/1/77, an openhole drilling programme was carried out on EL 254 to evaluate the potential of the resistivity interpreted palaeochannels, for uranium deposits.

Drilling Programme

From the 8th November to the 1st December 1976, a 22 hole, 3115 metre openhole drilling programme was carried out on EL 254 Curnamona. The drilling was undertaken by W. L. Sides and Son Pty. Ltd. of Clayton, Victoria, using a Mayhew 1000 rotary drilling rig. Cutting samples were collected from all holes and described at 1.5 metre intervals from surface to total depth. All holes were logged for gamma-ray, resistivity, and spontaneous potential by Geoscience Associates (Australia) Pty. Ltd. of Kilkenny, South Australia. The gamma-ray unit was calibrated against two in-ground uranium ore test pits, in turn calibrated against the United States Atomic Energy Commission test pits in Wyoming.

The main aim of the drilling programme was to delineate the Curnamona and other "palaeochannels" located by previous Esso Australia Ltd. drilling and the recent surface resistivity survey carried out by Murdoch Geophysics (Australia) Pty. Ltd.

Preliminary evaluation of the results of the drilling programme indicate that the Curnamona palaeochannel is only poorly developed on EL 254, and the

other resistivity interpreted "channels" are very poorly developed or absent. The palaeochannel sands encountered contained no significant uranium mineralization.

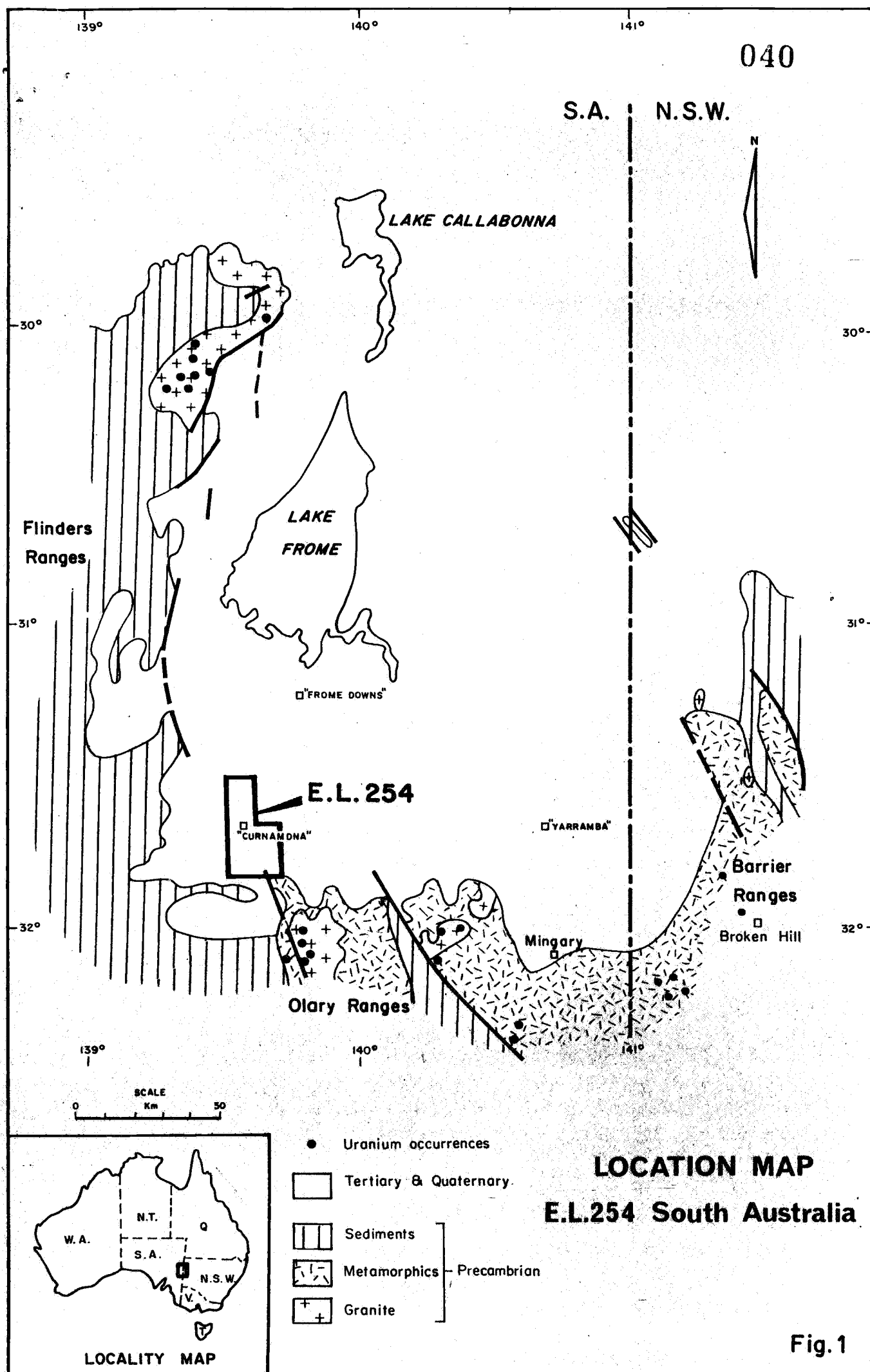
Accurate surveying (position and elevation) of MTA and existing Esso Australia drill holes is presently being carried out. A detailed evaluation of the drilling results will be undertaken as soon as this work is completed.

Exploration expenditure during the quarter totalled \$19,262 - a detailed statement is attached.



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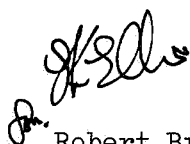
## Quarterly Report EL 254 (Curnamona)

Please find enclosed the Quarterly Report for Exploration Licence No. 254 for the quarter ended 1st April 1977.

Expenditure during the quarter totalled \$899 - details are contained in the attached statement.

If there are any queries regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,  
MINES ADMINISTRATION PTY. LIMITED



Robert Bryan  
General Manager - MTA

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QUARTERLY REPORT

EL 254 (CURNAMONA) SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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QUARTER ENDED 1/4/77

by

G.K. ELLIS

Exploration Licence 254 which covers an area of 716 square kilometres in the south western Lake Frome area of South Australia, was granted to Mines Administration Pty. Limited and Teton Exploration Drilling Company Pty. Ltd., on the 2nd July 1976.

During the quarter ended 1/4/77, the elevations of MTA and existing Esso Australia drill holes were accurately determined by a licensed surveyor, P.B. Simmons of Wattle Park, South Australia. A detailed evaluation of the drilling results is presently being carried out, and the report on this work will be submitted with the next quarterly report.

Exploration expenditure during the quarter totalled \$899 - a detailed statement is attached.



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28th April 1977

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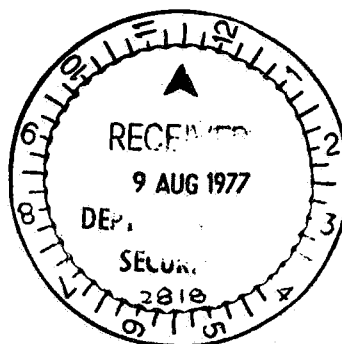
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MINES ADMINISTRATION PTY. LIMITEDSTATEMENT OF EXPENDITUREEL 254 (CURNAMONA)QUARTER ENDED 1.4.77REF: AC/MDE

	\$	\$
<u>Geophysical &amp; Geological Costs</u>		
Salaries & Wages	223	
Drafting Supplies etc.	8	
Contractor - Surveying	625	
Survey Consumables	<u>2</u>	858
 <u>Logistics</u>		
Freight	5	
Travel & Accommodation	23	
Communications	<u>13</u>	<u>41</u>
		\$899
		<u>=</u>

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EVALUATION OF RESULTS  
OF DRILLING PROGRAMME  
ON EL 254 (CURNAMONA)  
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1976



G. K. Ellis  
July 1977

## EVALUATION OF RESULTS OF DRILLING PROGRAMME

ON EL 254 (CURNAMONA) NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1976

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### INTRODUCTION

From the 8th November to the 1st December 1976, a 22 hole, 3115 metre reconnaissance open hole drilling programme was carried out over portion of EL 254 (Curnamona). The drilling was carried out by W.L. Sides and Son Pty. Ltd. of Clayton, Victoria using a Mayhew 1000 drilling rig. Down hole logging (gamma ray, point resistivity and S.P.) was conducted by Geoscience Associates (Australia) Pty. Ltd., of Kilkenny, South Australia. On site supervision was provided by project geologist G. K. Ellis of Mines Administration Pty. Limited on behalf of the MTA Joint Venture.

The main aims of the drilling programme were to further delineate the Lower Tertiary Curnamona Channel located by previous E.A. Rudd, and Esso Australia drilling, and, resistivity interpreted tributaries, and to evaluate their potential for uranium deposits.

### GEOLOGICAL SETTING

The area of investigation is in the southwestern corner of the Frome Embayment. It is located to the north of Willyama Complex crystalline and metamorphic rocks and Adelaidean sediments of the Olary Ranges; and to the west of the Upper Proterozoic (Adelaidean) and Cambrian sediments of the Flinders Ranges.

The Frome Embayment is essentially a lobe of shallow marine sediments of the Great Artesian Basin which gradually thin southwards. These sediments are absent south and southwest of Lake Frome. In the southern half of the Frome Embayment Lower Tertiary deposition, initiated as a response to uplift of the Olary Ranges, occurred in distinct fluvial palaeochannels incised into Cambrian and PreCambrian rocks.

### BASEMENT STRATIGRAPHY

#### Proterozoic (?)

The oldest rock unit encountered in the area consists of yellow-brown to dark grey-brown, slightly fissile, and slightly micaceous slate. This unit

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Composite lithological logs

KEYWORDS

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ROTARY DRILLING

LOGGING

RESISTIVITY

FROME EMBAYMENT

ARROWIE BASIN

LOWER TERTIARY

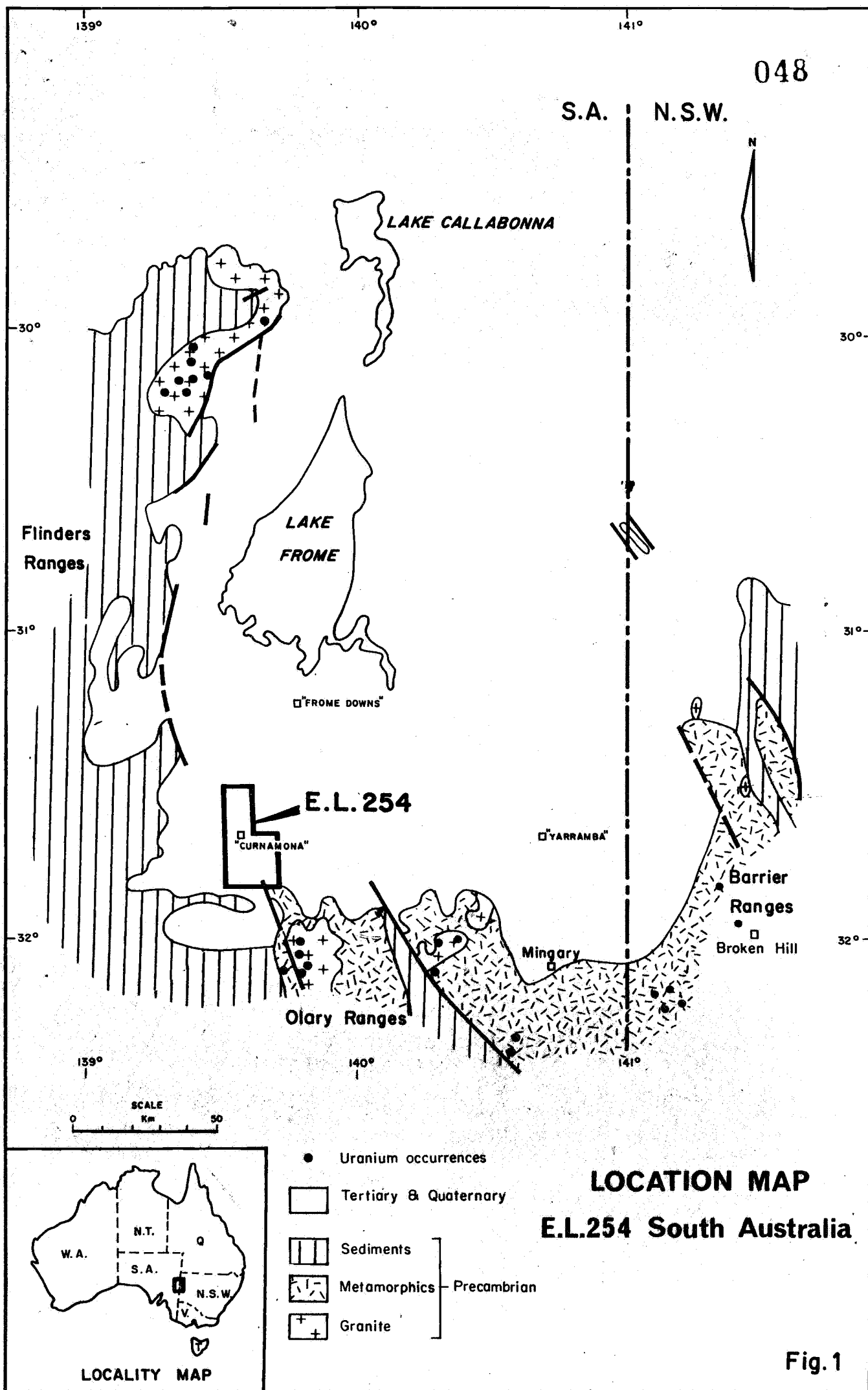
PALAEOCHANNELS

NAMBA FORMATION

LIMESTONE

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which was encountered in drill holes C2, 3 and 4 in the south of EL 254 (Fig. 4) is probably equivalent to the Adelaidean sediments outcropping in the Toolaby Hills to the west.

#### Cambrian

Basement in the northern two-thirds of the area is flat-lying micaceous red-brown shale, siltstone and minor sandstone (Fig. 4). These sediments are very similar to Middle Cambrian sediments in drill holes Lake Frome 1, 2 and 3 south of Lake Frome, which contain early Middle Cambrian sediments of the Arrowie Basin, dipping gently to the west (Wopfner, 1970) and probably equivalent to the Moodlatana or Balcoracana formations of the Frome Group, described by Daily (1956). Along the course of the Lower Tertiary Curnamona palaeochannel the "red beds" have been eroded exposing an underlying light to medium grey, slightly calcareous mudstone, which may well be equivalent to the Wirrealpa Limestone (Fig. 4). Deposition of these sediments occurred in a sublittoral environment.

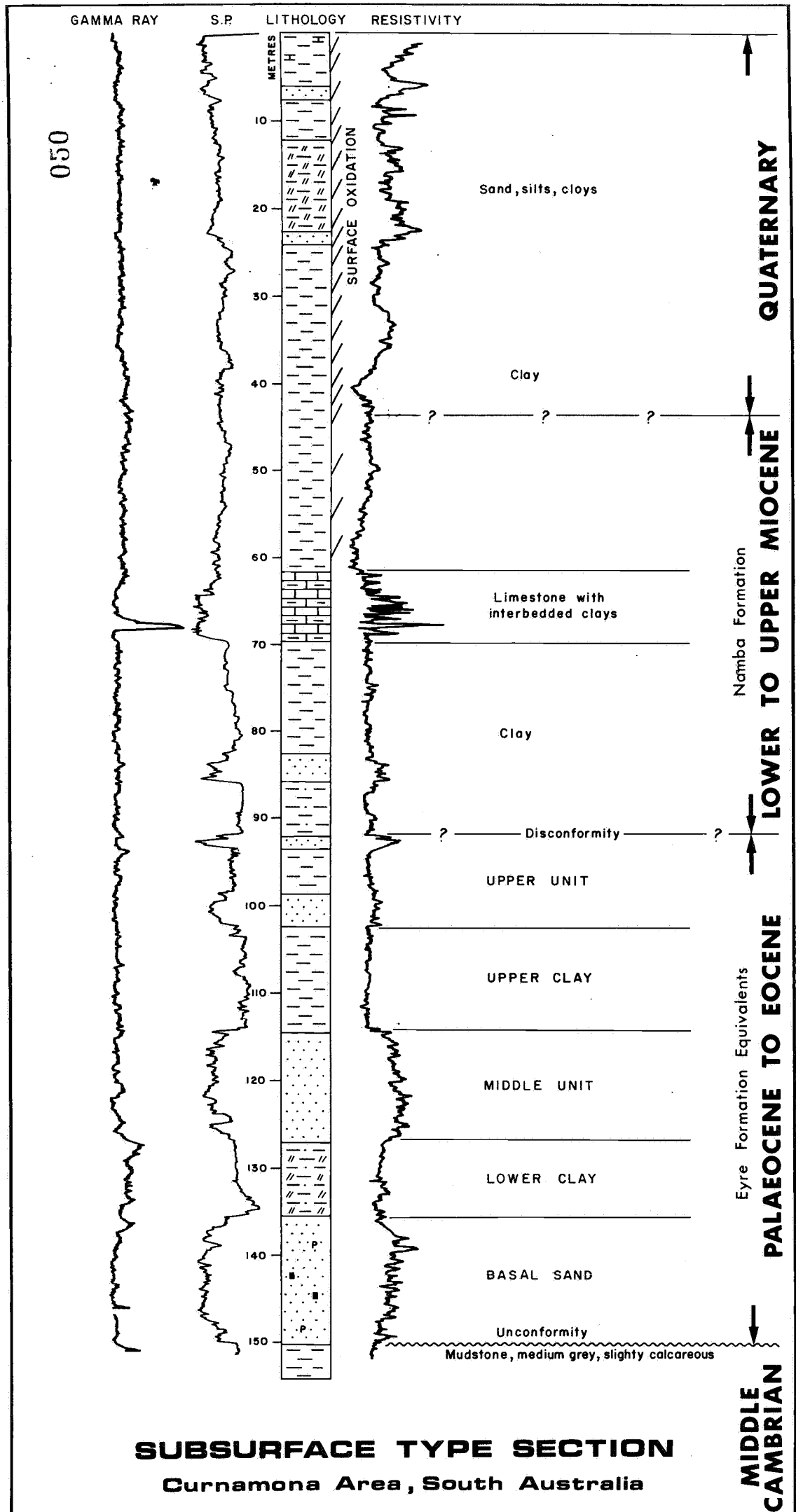
#### TERTIARY STRATIGRAPHY AND PALAEOGEOGRAPHY

Lower Tertiary sediments are represented by a sequence of sediments deposited in the fluviatile environment of the Curnamona Channel. These sediments are equivalent to the Eyre Formation sediments described by Wopfner et al (1974). The generalized stratigraphic section is shown in Fig. 2.

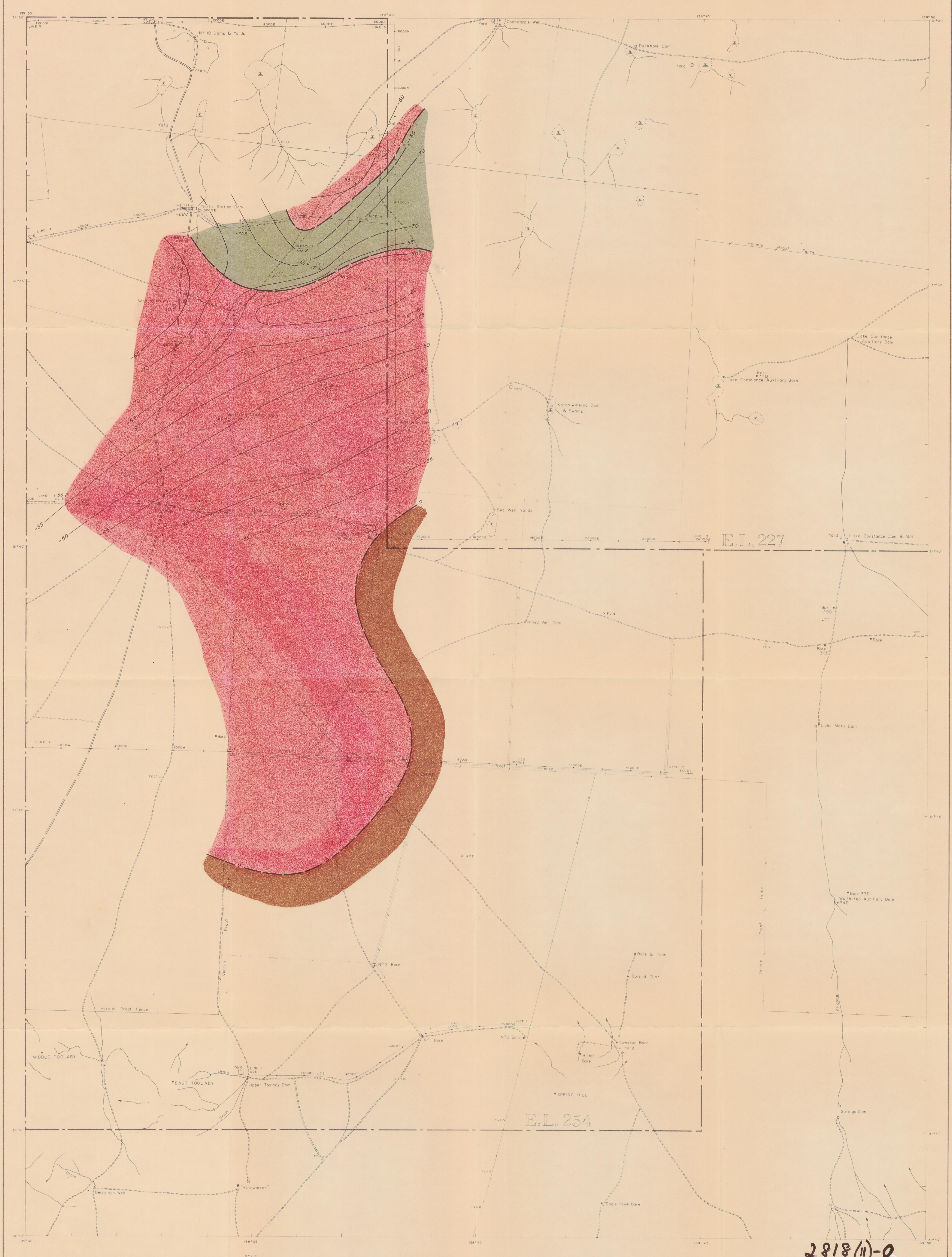
Exploration in the area has delineated the Lower Tertiary Curnamona palaeochannel. The Curnamona Channel is 5 to 10 kilometres wide, has been defined over 10 kilometres and contains up to 65 metres of channel-fill sediments. The channel extends from the central western boundary in an easterly to north-easterly direction across EL 254 (Fig. 3).

Deposition of the Lower Tertiary palaeochannel sediments occurred in a meandering river initially, with sinuosity increasing with time, which is partially indicated by the increase in width of the "channel" with time (Figs. 5 and 6). The Structure Contour Map at the Base of the Tertiary (Fig. 3) illustrates that the channel has virtually no gradient.

Detailed examination of the drill hole cuttings and the S.P., resistivity and gamma ray logs of MTA, and other company drill holes, has enabled the division of the palaeochannel section into five units (Fig. 2).







Contour Interval: 5 metres

Depths relative to Mean Sea Level

Approx. Geological Boundaries

Siltstone  
Calcareous Mudstone  
Pre-Cambrian

Middle Cambrian

DRILL HOLES

○ C12 MTA

○ FD Esso Aust. Ltd.

○ TY C.R.A. Exploration Pty. Ltd. (S.M.L. 273)

Resistivity line

Yard

Dam

Bore, well

Homestead, building

Swamp

Road

Track

Water course

Lease boundary

1000 m

0 1 2 3 4

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CURNAMONA PROJECT

E.L. 254 South Australia

STRUCTURE CONTOURS ON

BASE OF TERTIARY

SHOWING BASEMENT GEOLOGY

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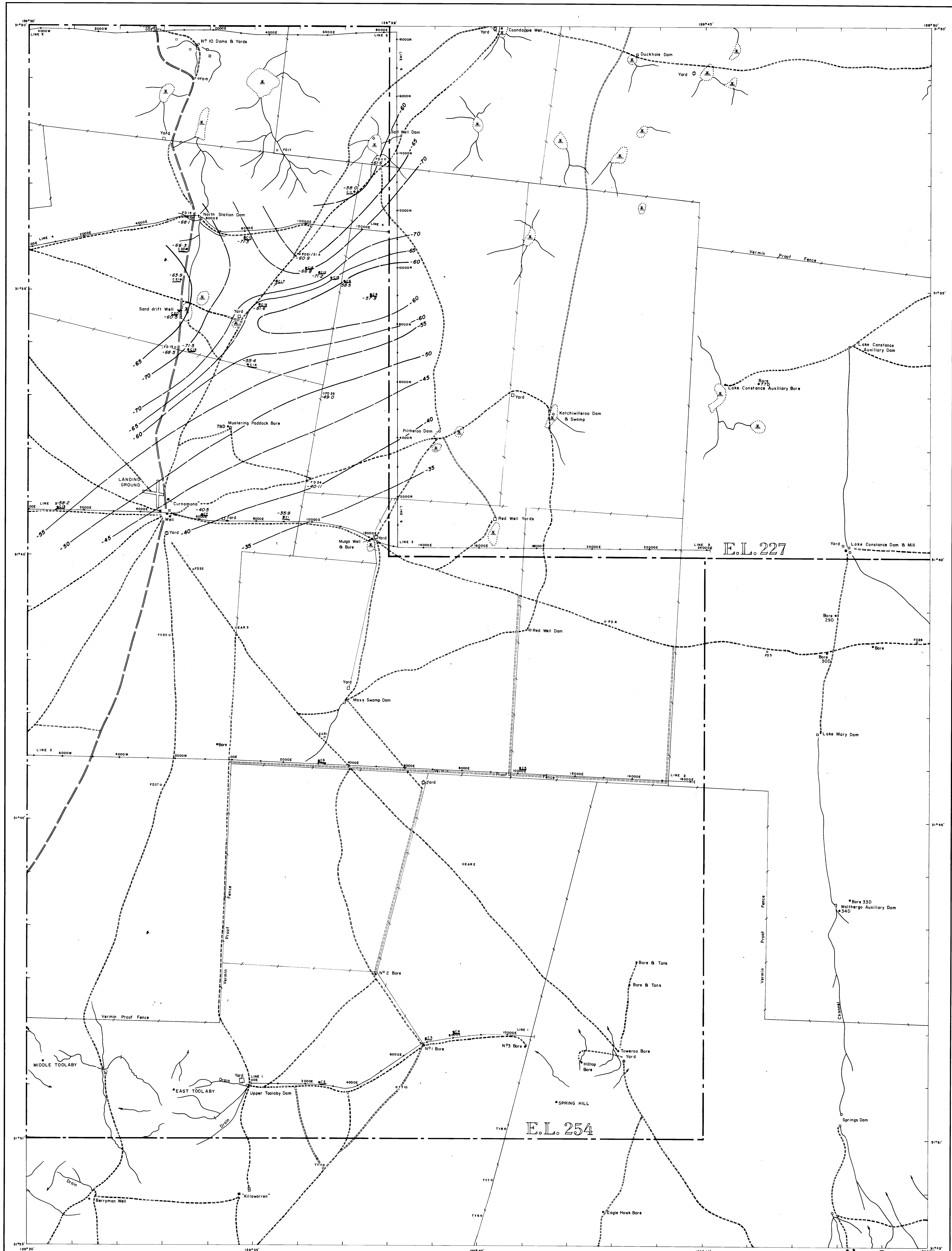
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FIG. 4





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DRILL HOLES  
 Contour Interval: 5 metres  
 Depths relative to Mean Sea Level  
 M.T.A.  
 Esso Aust. Ltd.  
 C.R.A. Exploration Pty. Ltd. (S.M.L.273)

Yard  
 Dam  
 Bore, well  
 Homestead, building  
 Swamp  
 Road  
 Track  
 Water course  
 Lease boundary

SCALE  
 1000 m 0 1 2 3 4  
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GURNAMONA PROJECT  
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 STRUCTURE CONTOURS ON  
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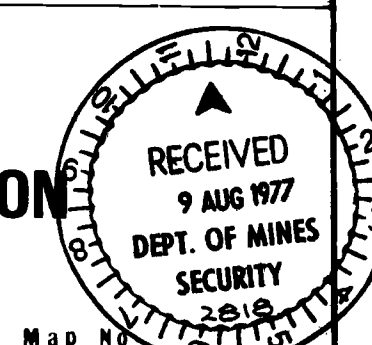
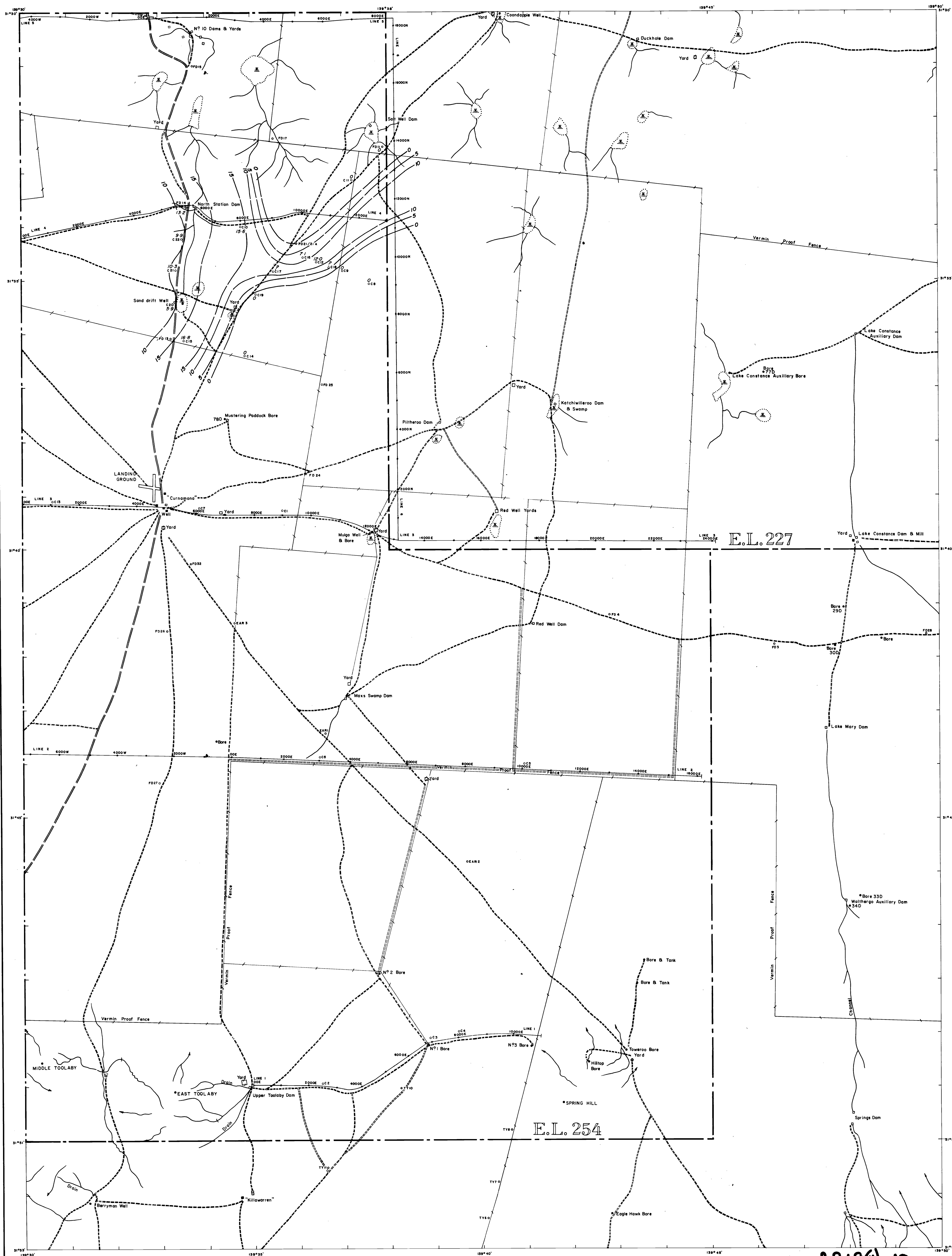


FIG. 3



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Contour interval: 5 metres

- DRILL HOLES
- c12 M.T.A.
  - FD E.S.O. Aust. Ltd.
  - TV C.R.A. Exploration Pty. Ltd. (S.M.L. 273)
  - LINE 1 — Resistivity line
- Legend:
- Yard
  - Dam
  - Bore, well
  - Homestead, building
  - Swamp
  - Road
  - == Track
  - Water course
  - Lease boundary



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ISOPACH MAP OF  
BASAL SAND

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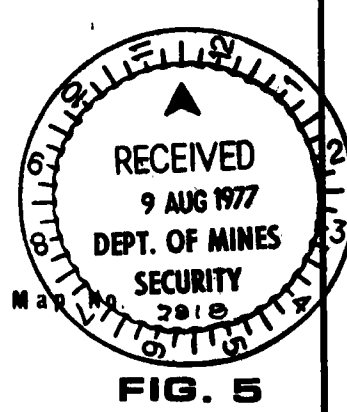
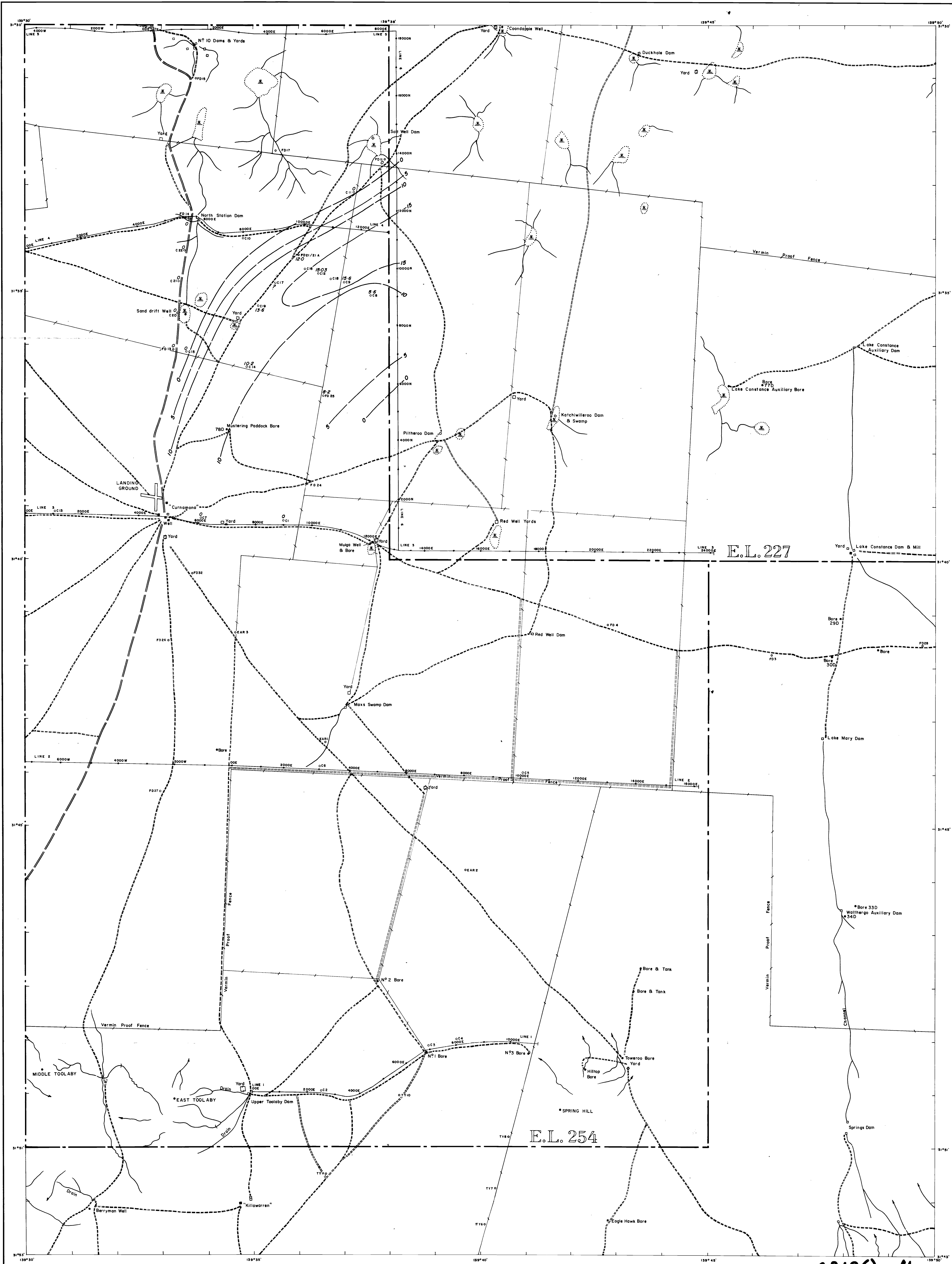
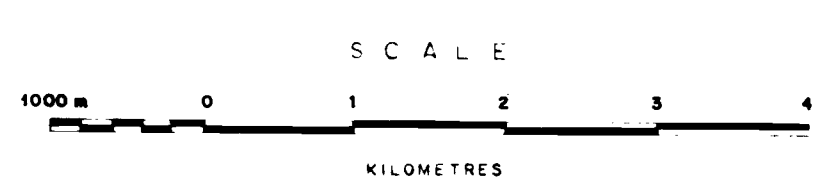


FIG. 5



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- Contour Interval: 5 metres
- DRILL HOLES  
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○ FD Esso Aust. Ltd.  
○ TY C.R.A. Exploration Pty. Ltd. (S.M.L. 273)
- Resistivity line
- Yard  
Dam  
Bore, well  
Homestead, building  
Swamp  
Road  
Track  
Water course  
Lease boundary



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ISOPACH MAP OF  
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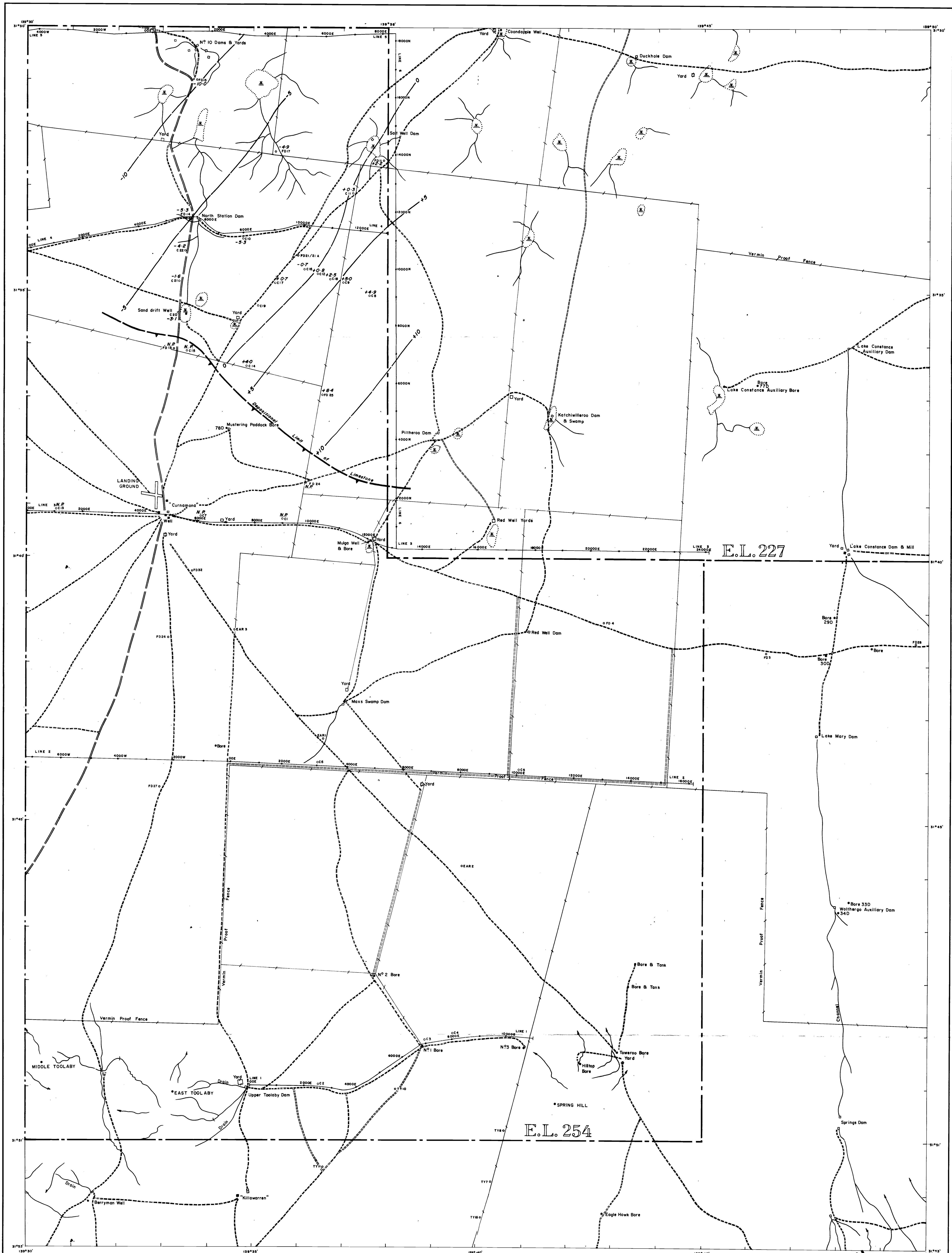
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FIG. 6





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Contour Interval: 5 metres  
Elevations relative to Mean Sea Level

DRILL HOLES  
○ C12 M.T.A.  
○ FD Esso Aust. Ltd.  
○ TY C.R.A. Exploration Pty. Ltd. (S.M.L.273)

LINE 1 Resistivity line

□ Yard  
□ Dam  
○ Bore, well  
■ Homestead, building  
● Swamp

— Road  
— Track  
— Water course

— Lease boundary

SCALE  
0 1 2 3 4  
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STRUCTURE CONTOURS ON  
BASE OF LIMESTONE

(Namba Formation, Member 2, Upper Limestone)

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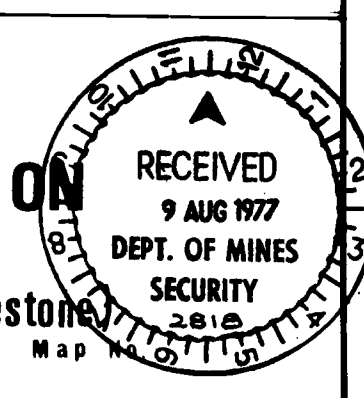
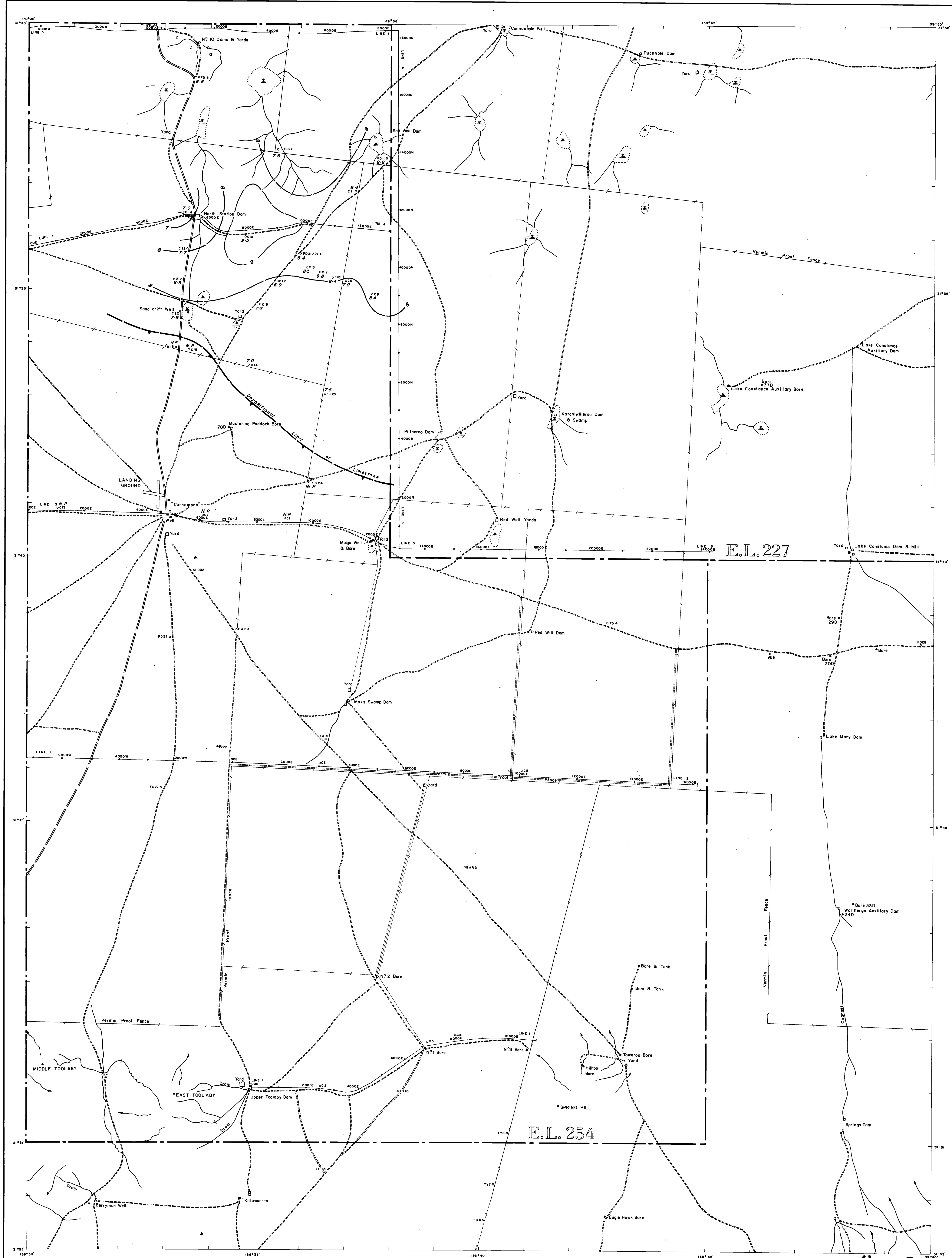


FIG. 7



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Contour Interval: 1 metre

DRILL HOLES

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○ TY C.R.A. Exploration Pty. Ltd. (S.M.L. 273)

LINE 1 Resistivity line

□ Yard

□ Dam

● Bore, well

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○ Swamp

— Road

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SCALE  
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GURNAMONA PROJECT

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ISOPACH MAP OF

LIMESTONE

(Namba Formation, Member 2, Upper Limestone)

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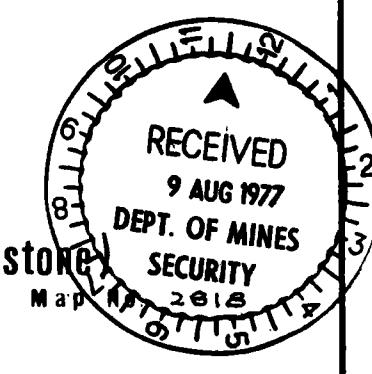
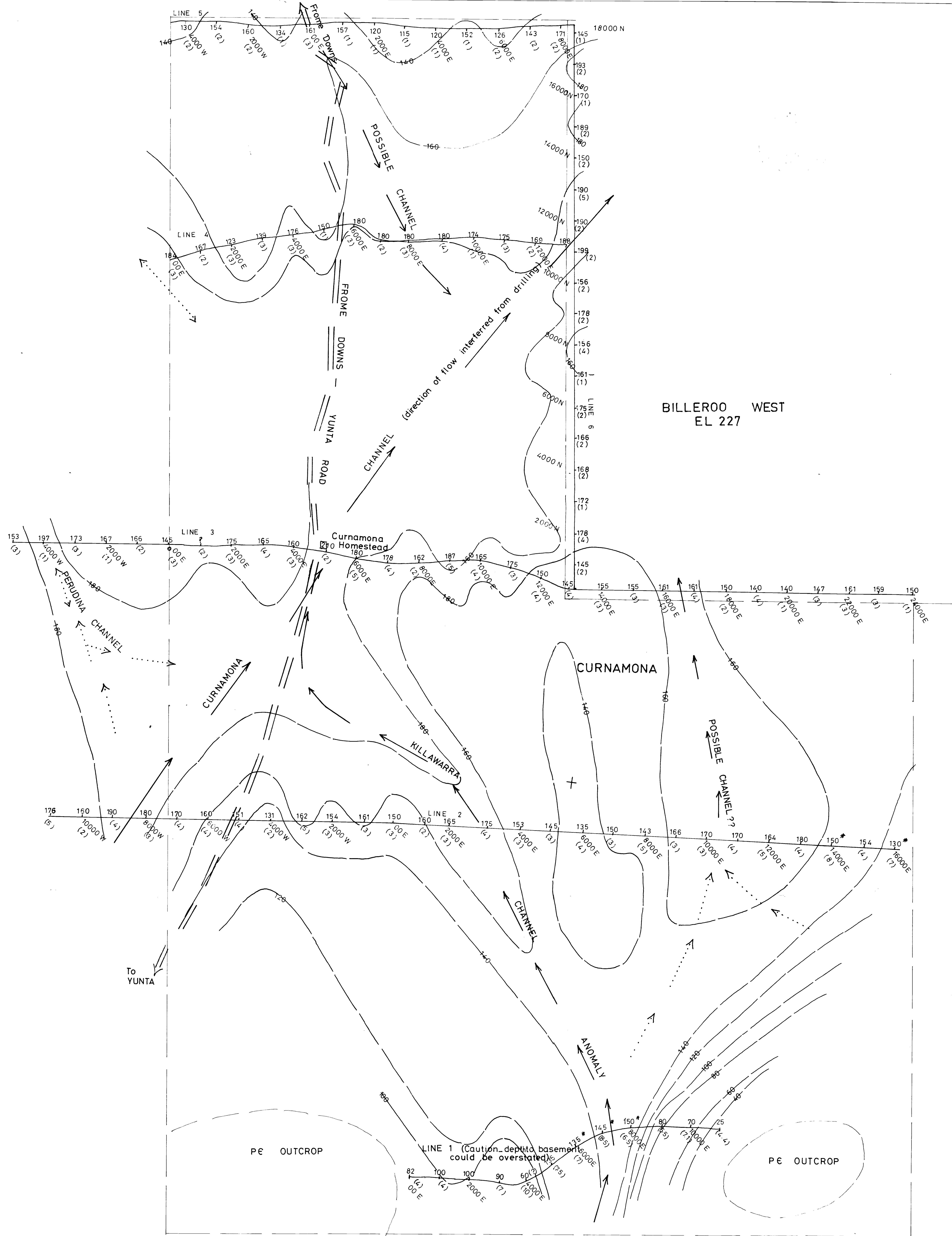



FIG. 8

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AT: CURNAMONA

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CONTOUR PLAN OF INTERPRETED DEPTH  
TO BASEMENT

SCALE: 1 cm = 500 metres

CONTOUR INTERVAL:  
20 metres

**LEGEND:**

143 ← Depth to basement in metres (water table depth may be overstated)

1000 ← Resistivity of Tertiary Section in ohm metres

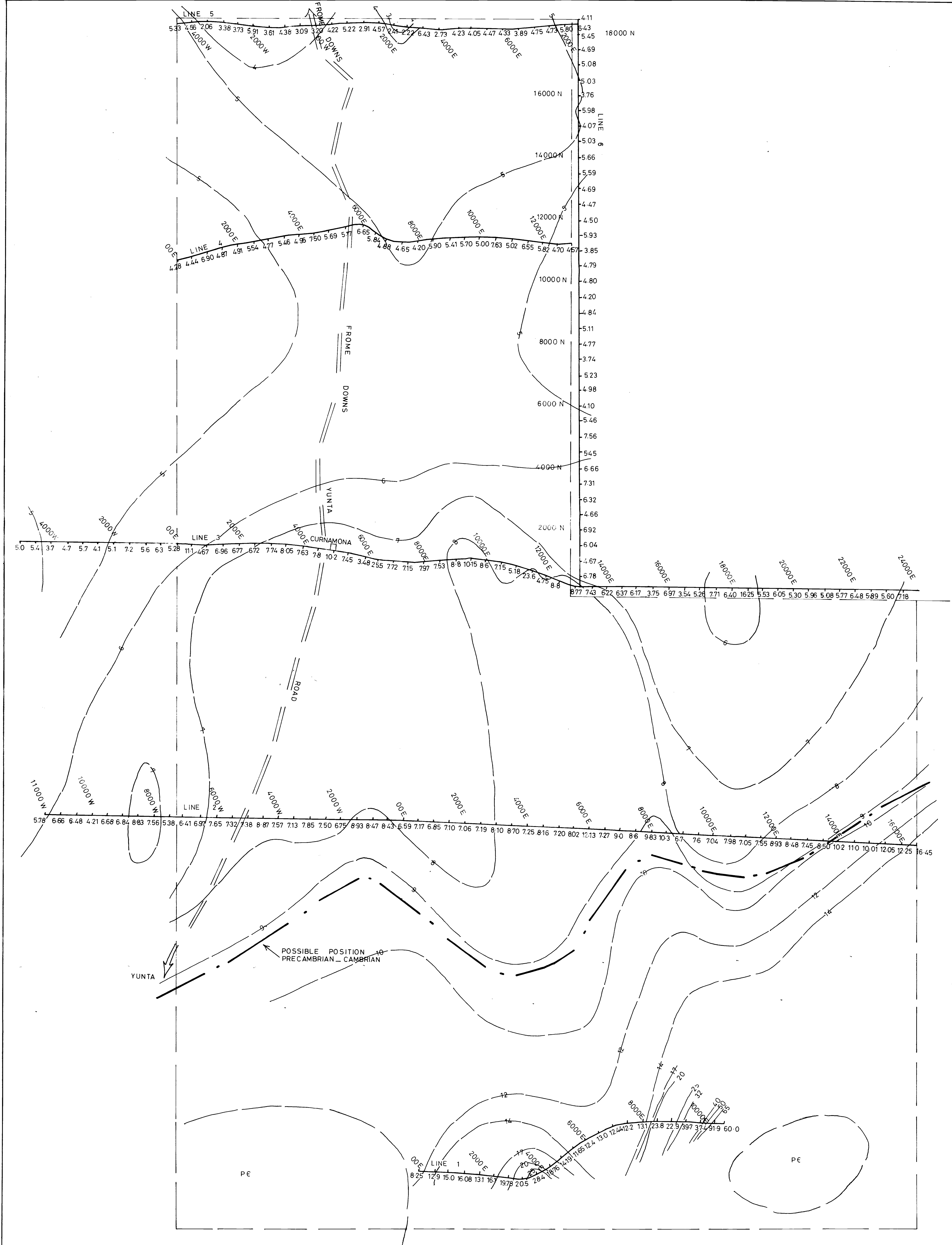
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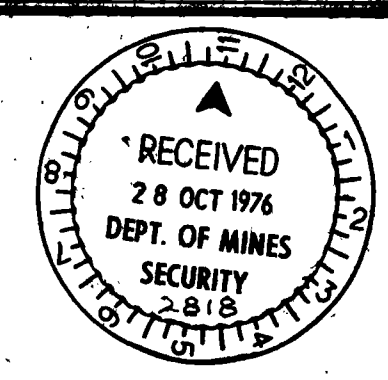
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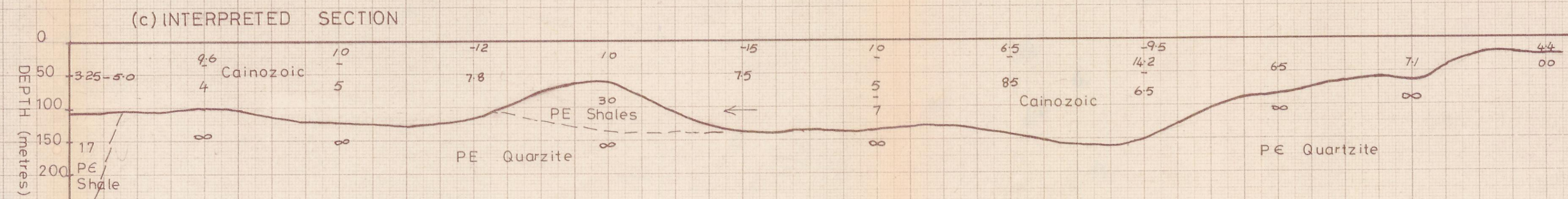
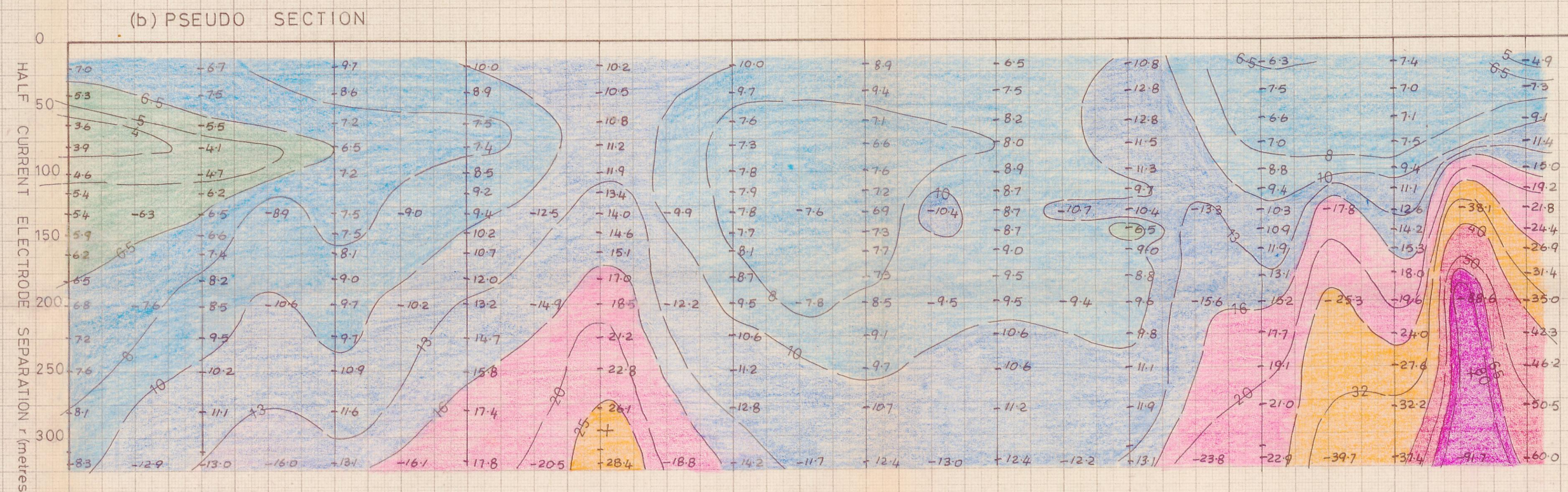
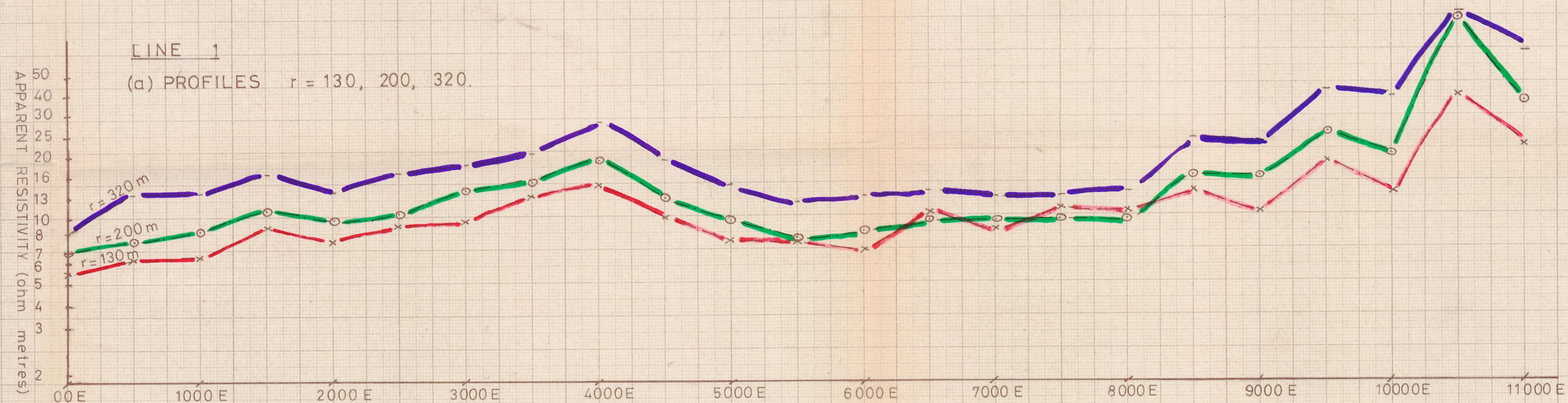


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<b>RESISTIVITY SURVEY</b> FOR : MINAD - TETON AUSTRALIA AT : CURNAMONA 28/8 (1)-2	
CONTOUR PLAN — APPARENT RESISTIVITY DATA HALF CURRENT; ELECTRODE SEPARATION r = metres	
SCALE: 1 cm = 500 metres  CONTOUR INTERVAL: 1 ohm metres under 10 ohm metres. Thence logarithmic	<b>LEGEND:</b>  
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RESISTIVITY SURVEY  
FOR : MINAD — TETON AUSTRALIA  
AT : CURNAMONA

RESISTIVITY PROFILES & PSEUDO-SECTION  
LINES: 1

Vertical logarithmic  
1 cycle = 6.25 cm  
1 cm = 25 metres  
1 cm = 50 metres

Horizontal  
1 cm = 250 metres

SCALES:  
(a) PROFILES  
(b) PSEUDO SECTIONS  
(c) INTERPRETED SECTIONS

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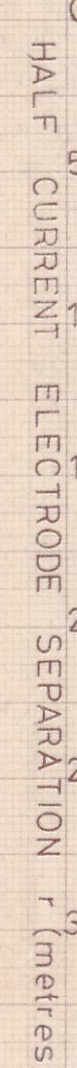
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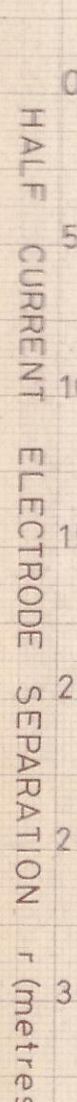
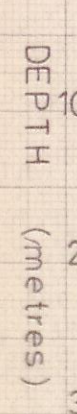
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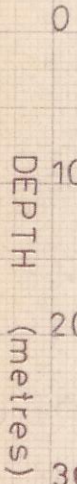
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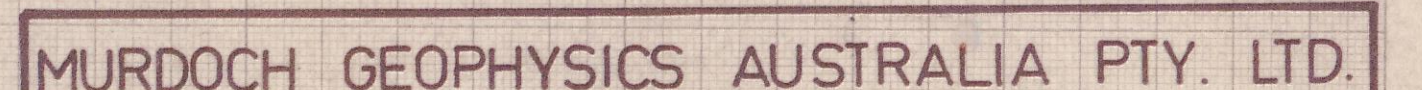
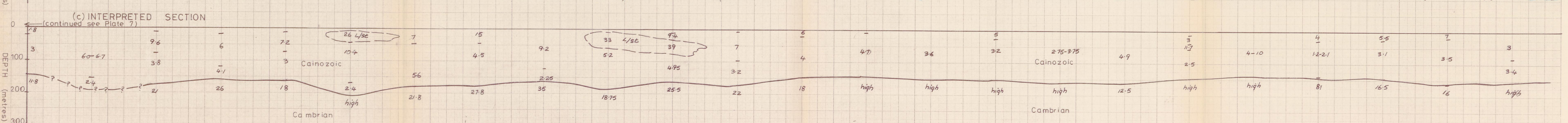
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RESISTIVITY PROFILES & PSEUDO-SECTION  
LINES: 2 & 3

SCALES:	Vertical	Horizontal
(a) PROFILES	logarithmic	
	1 cycle = 6.25 cm	} 1 cm = 250 metres
(b) PSEUDO SECTIONS	1 cm = 25 metres	
(c) INTERPRETED	1 cm = 50 metres	

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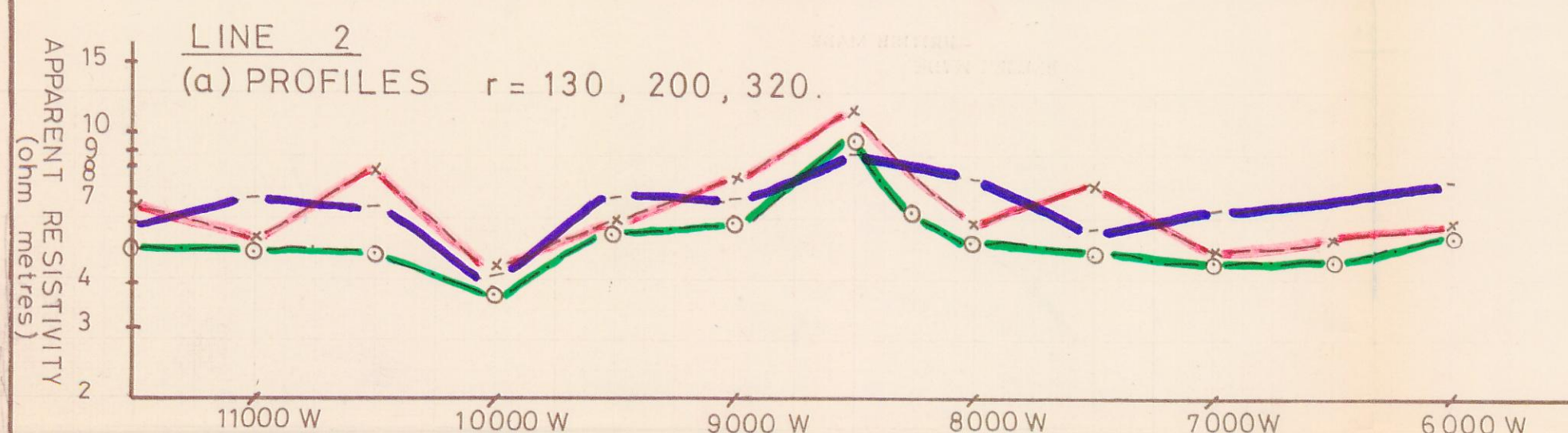




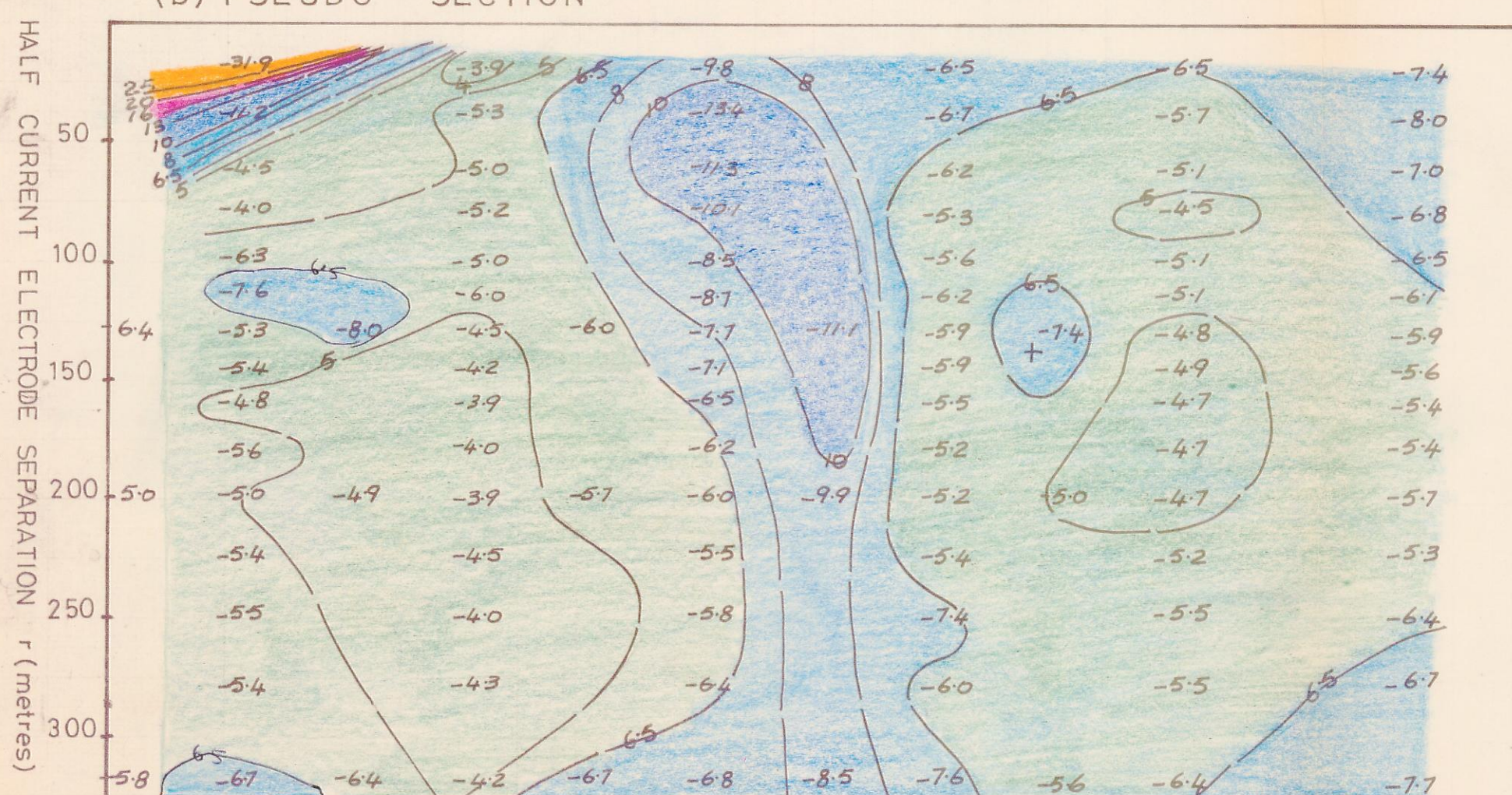




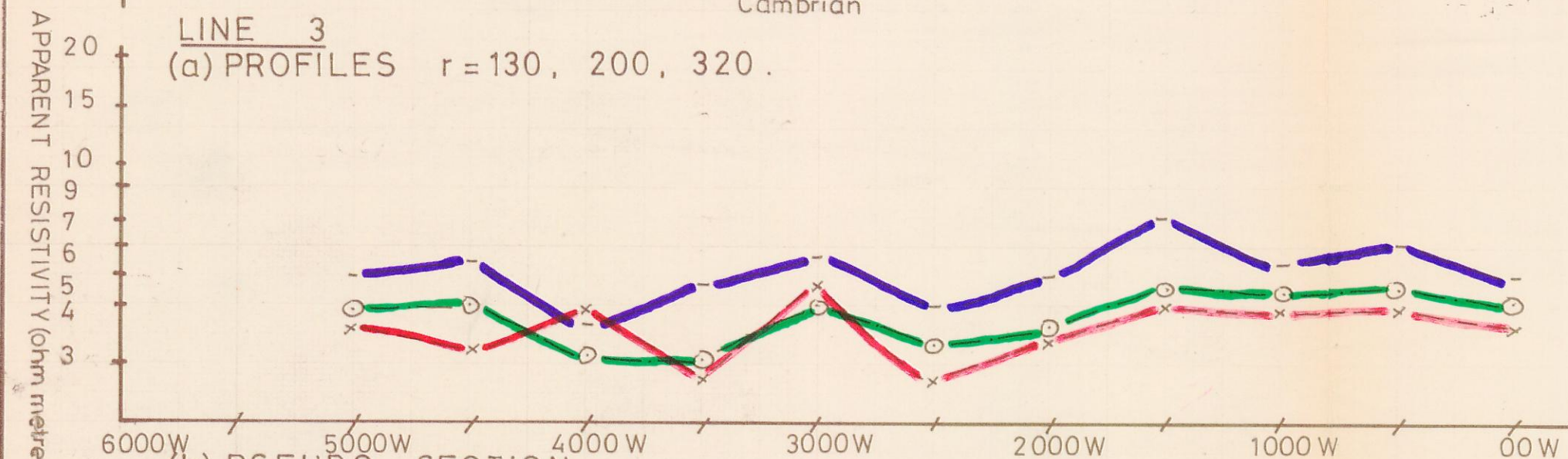
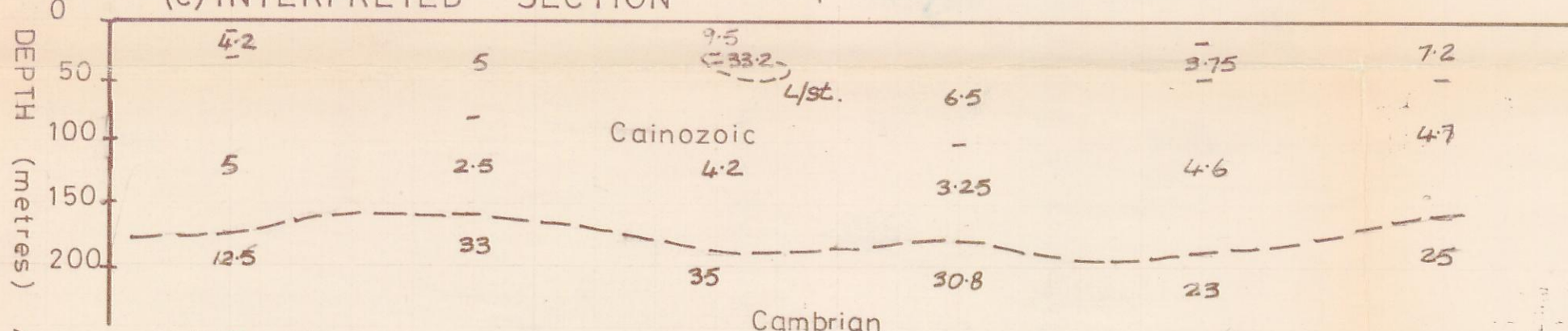




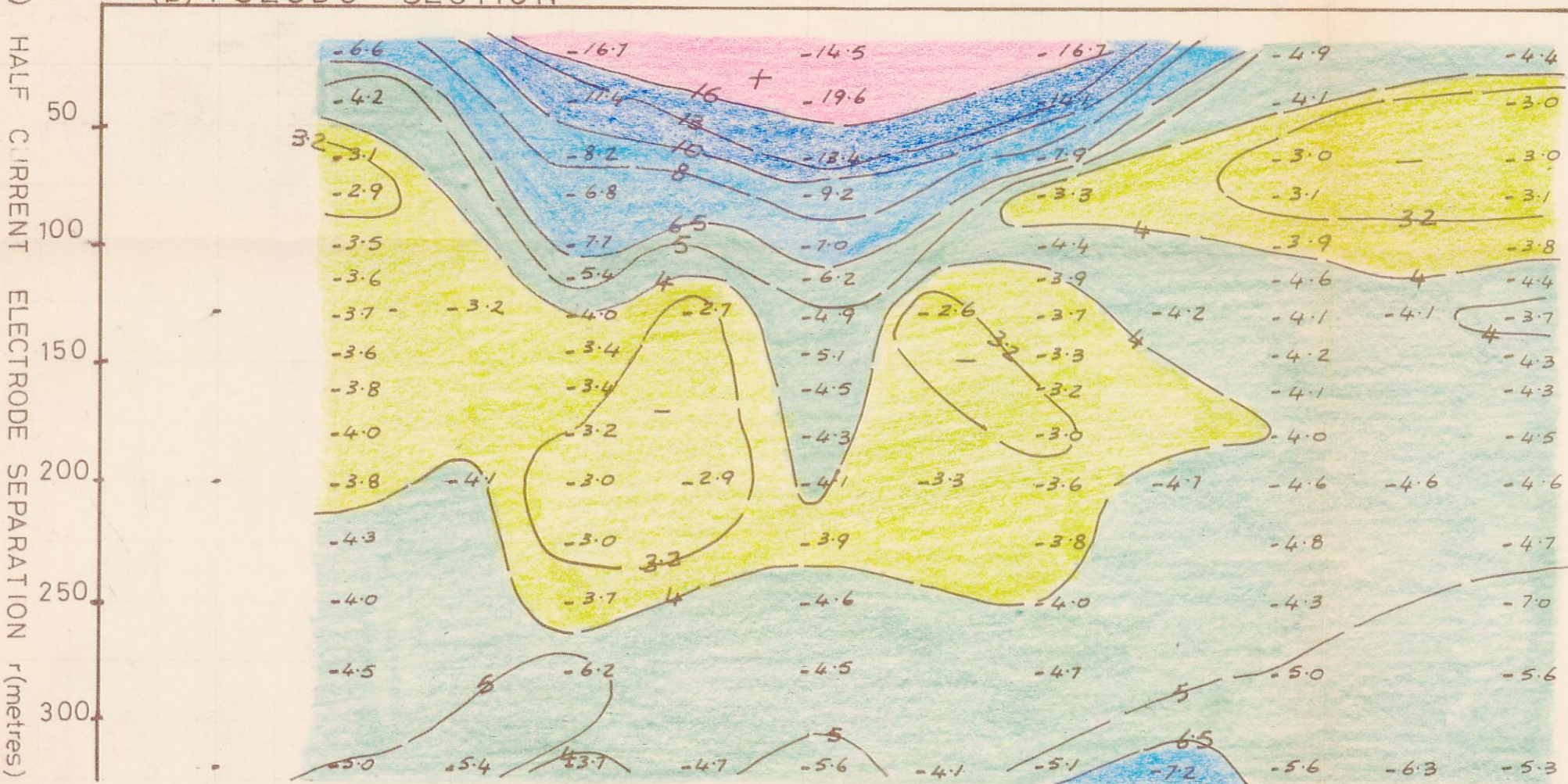
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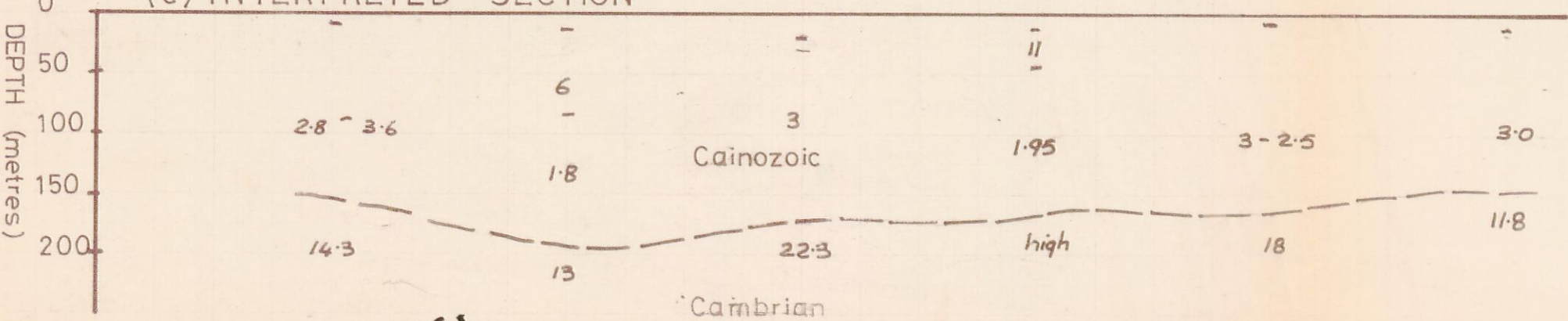
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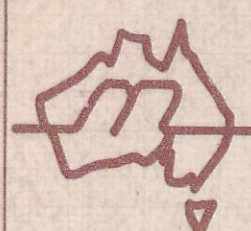
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RESISTIVITY SURVEY

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AT : CURNAMONA



RESISTIVITY PROFILES &amp; PSEUDO\_SECTION

LINES: 2 & 3 (WESTERN ENDS)

SCALES:

(a) PROFILES

### (b) PSEUDO SECTIONS

(c) INTERPRETED  
SECTIONS

Vertical

logarithmic

1 cycle = 6.25 cm

$$1 \text{ cm} = 25 \text{ metres}$$

Horizontal

1 cm = 250 metres

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REPORT N° 240

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PROJECT CURNAMONA HOLE SIZE 12cm <sup>129</sup>  
☒ AIR ☒ WATER HOLE NO. C4  
ELEVATION 22.1m LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOGGED BY GK. ELLIS DATE 14/11/76  
MAP \_\_\_\_\_ SCALE \_\_\_\_\_ T.D. 143.0m P.D. 142.5m

**ELEVATION**

**LOCATION:**

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DATE:

## MAP

**SCALE**

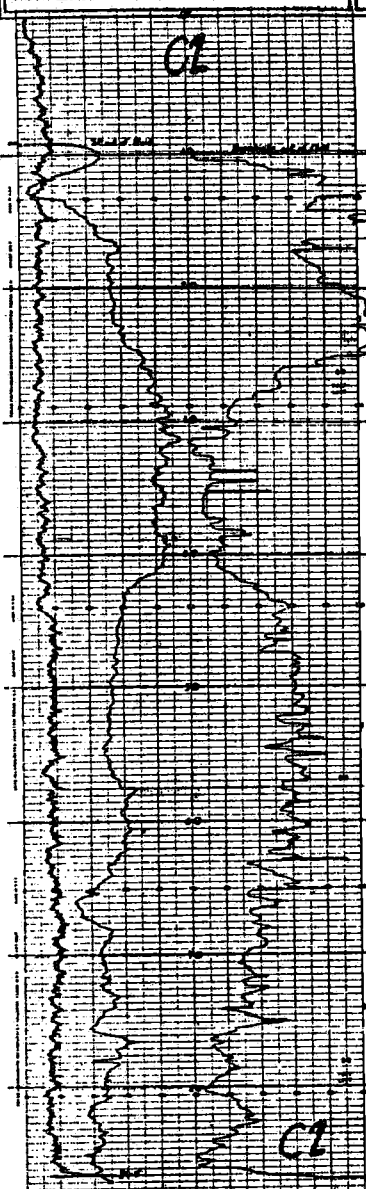
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ANALYSIS OR RADIOACTIVITY	DEPTH	STRIP LOG	LITHOLOGY LOG

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PROJECT CURNAMONA (E.L. 254) HOLE SIZE 12cm ☒ AIR ☒ WATER HOLE NO. C2  
 ELEVATION 135.4m LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOGGED BY G.K. ELLIS DATE 9-11-76  
 MAP \_\_\_\_\_ SCALE \_\_\_\_\_ T.D. 88.5m P.D. 87.0m

ANALYSIS OR RADIOACTIVITY	DEPTH	STRIP LOG	LITHOLOGY LOG
			0-3.0 CpM pale cm-red brn. calcareous, sl sandy
			3.0-12.0 CLAY red brn-yellow brn, soft.
	10		12.0-16.5 SAND rd brn, fq-veg → GRAVEL (1cm) subrd, poorly sorted, strong limonite oxidation
	20		16.5- CLAY rd brn, silty, soft
	30		24.0 CLAY lt gy with yellow limonite and red haematite mottling
	40		33.0 CLAY ltgy-white, kaolinitic, soft, sl silty, red haematite mottling in pt
	50		42.0 CLAY pale green grey, firm with inter-bedded orange, soft CLAY
	60		44.5m increase in $\delta^{66}$ from 17-20‰
	70		
	80		@ 76.5 inter-bedded orange CLAY grades to greenish yellow CLAY
	90		86.0 SLATE, dkgy-dk gy brn, fissile, micaceous, firm-hard
	100		
	110		
	120		
	130		
	140		

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## PROJECT

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HOLE SIZE 12cm

AIR WATER

HOLE NO. C3

ELEVATION 149.2m

LOCATION:

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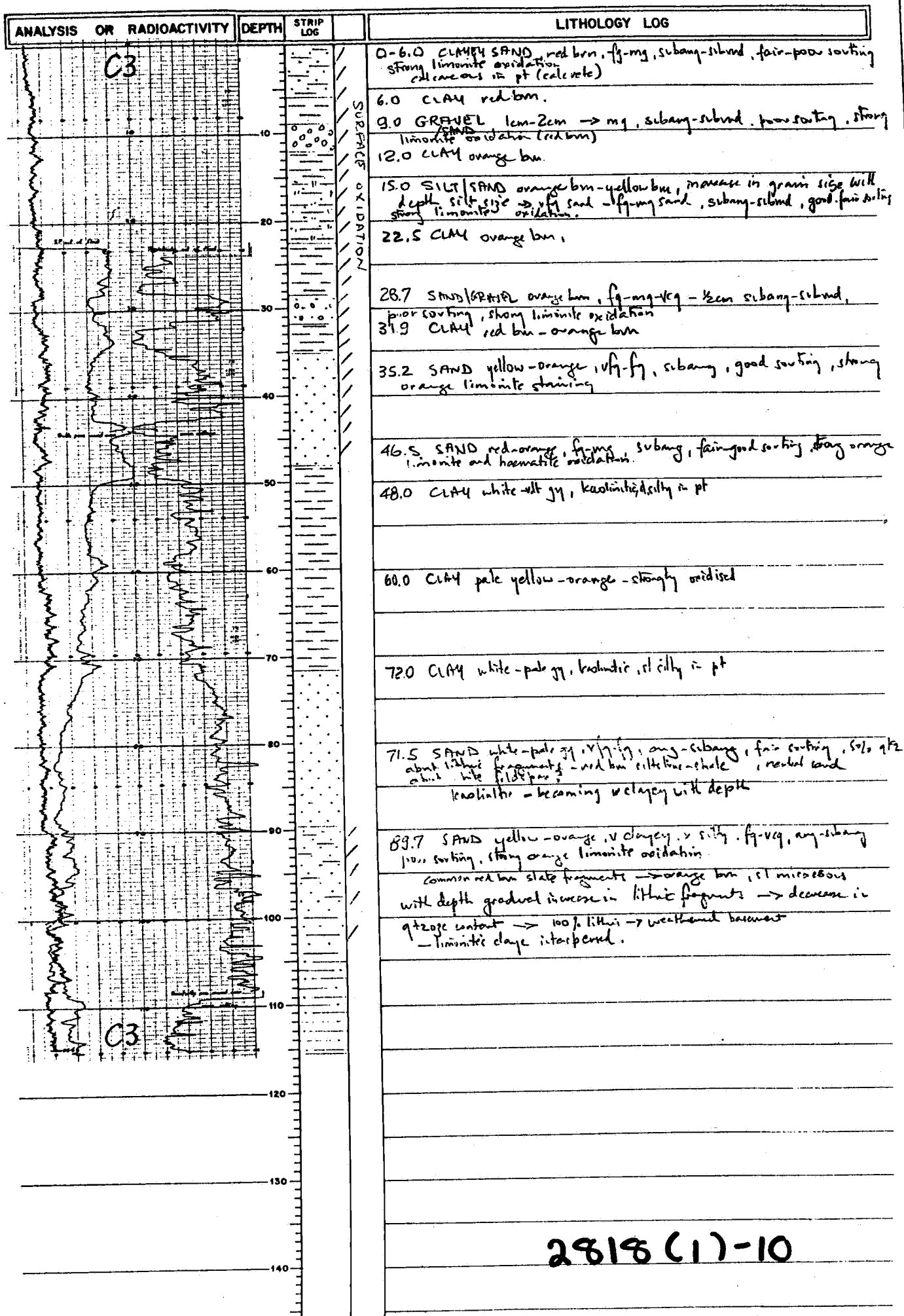
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PROJECT

CURNAMONA

HOLE SIZE

12cm

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AIR WATER

HOLE NO.

C4

ELEVATION

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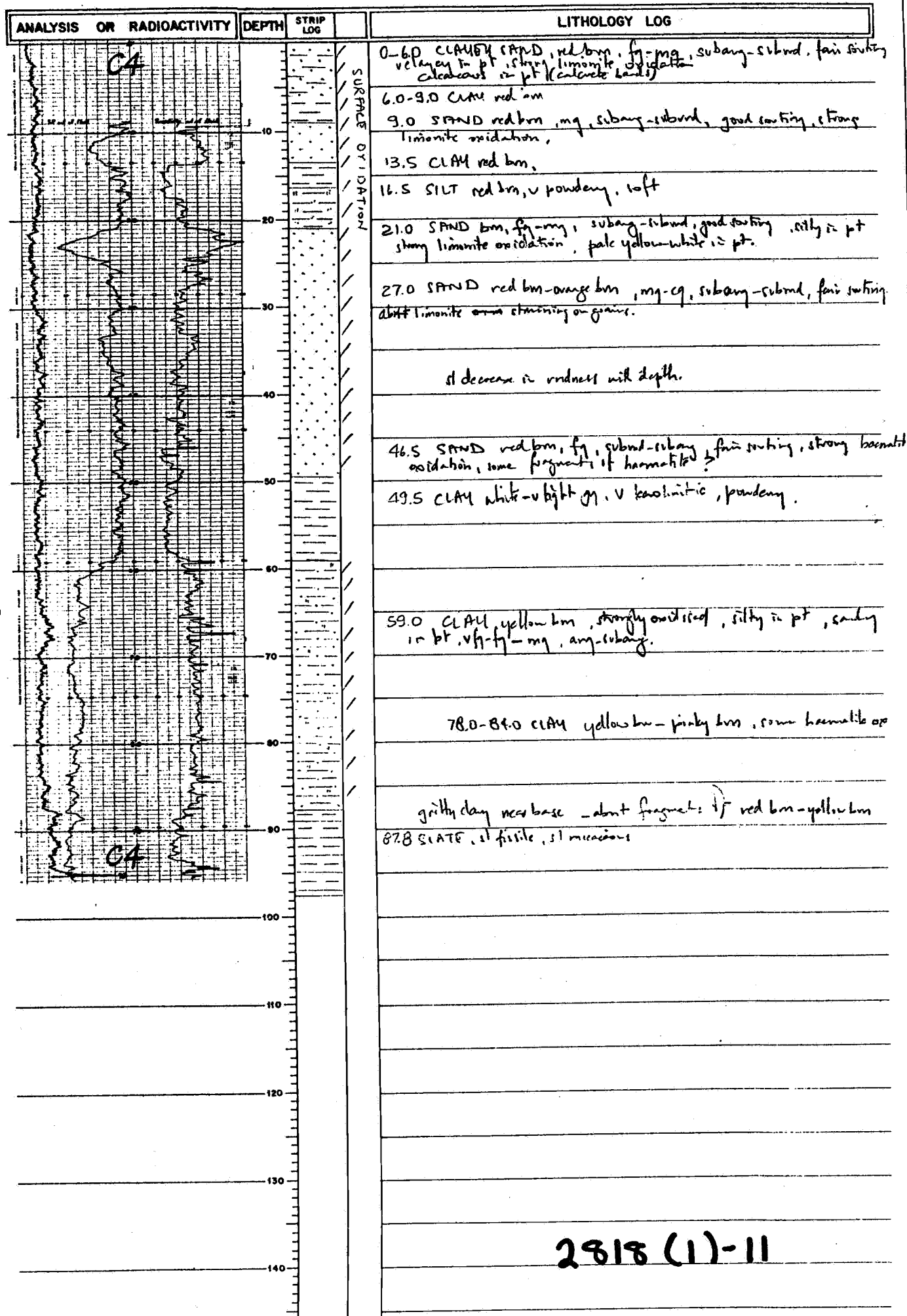
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P.D. 95.5m



# MINAD TETON - AUSTRALIA

PROJECT

CURNAMONA

HOLE SIZE 12cm

☒ AIR ☒ WATER

HOLE NO.

C5

ELEVATION 114.9m

LOCATION:

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DATE 13-11-76

MAP

SCALE

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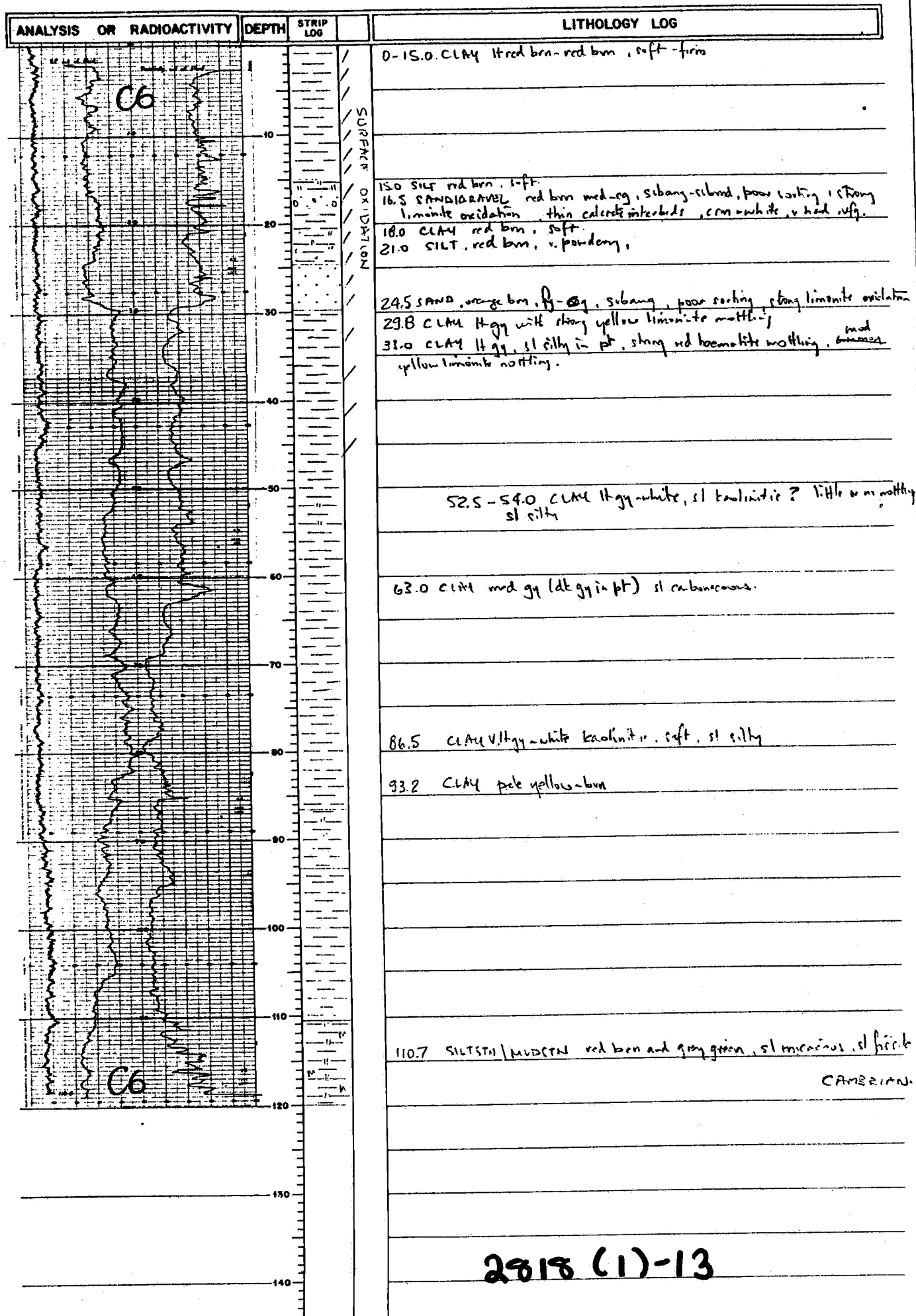
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ANALYSIS OR RADIOACTIVITY	DEPTH	STRIP LOG	LITHOLOGY LOG
C5	0		0-7.5 CLAY red brn, soft firm, calcareous new fip
	7.5		7.5 SAND red brn, fq, subang-submd, good sorting, strong limonite ox
	8.0		8.0 SAND yellow orange, fq-mg, subang, fair sorting, strong limonite ox
	10.5		10.5 CLAY red brn, soft-firm.
	13.5		13.5 SAND/GRAVEL mg-ecg - 1cm, submd-rnd, poorly sorted strong limonite ox
	14.4		14.4 CLAY lt-med red brn.
	20.2		20.2 SAND, pale orange, fq-mg, subang-submd, fair sorting, strong limonite oxidation
	23.4		23.4 CLAY red brn, st rthy.
	27.0		27.0 SAND red brn, fq, subang, good sorting, strong limonite oxidation
	36.2		grading to SAND pale orange, mg-ecg, subang-submd, fair sorting with strong limonite oxidation.
C5	36.2		CLAY lt gy - lt yellow gy, strong yellow limonite mottling minor red haematite mottling
	45.8-52.4		SAND/SANDY CLAY no evidence in samples, log character sandy.
	52.4		CLAY lt gy with red haematite mottling
	72.0		CLAY med gy with red haematite mottling
	76.2		CLAY lt gy - lt greenish gray - white kaolinitic sandy 76.2-82.4 (not evident in samples. (32.4 H <sub>2</sub> O gamma activity)
	112.0		SHALE lt-med gy, st fissile - lt gy brn, fissile, st micaceous. v hard

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# MINAD TETON — AUSTRALIA

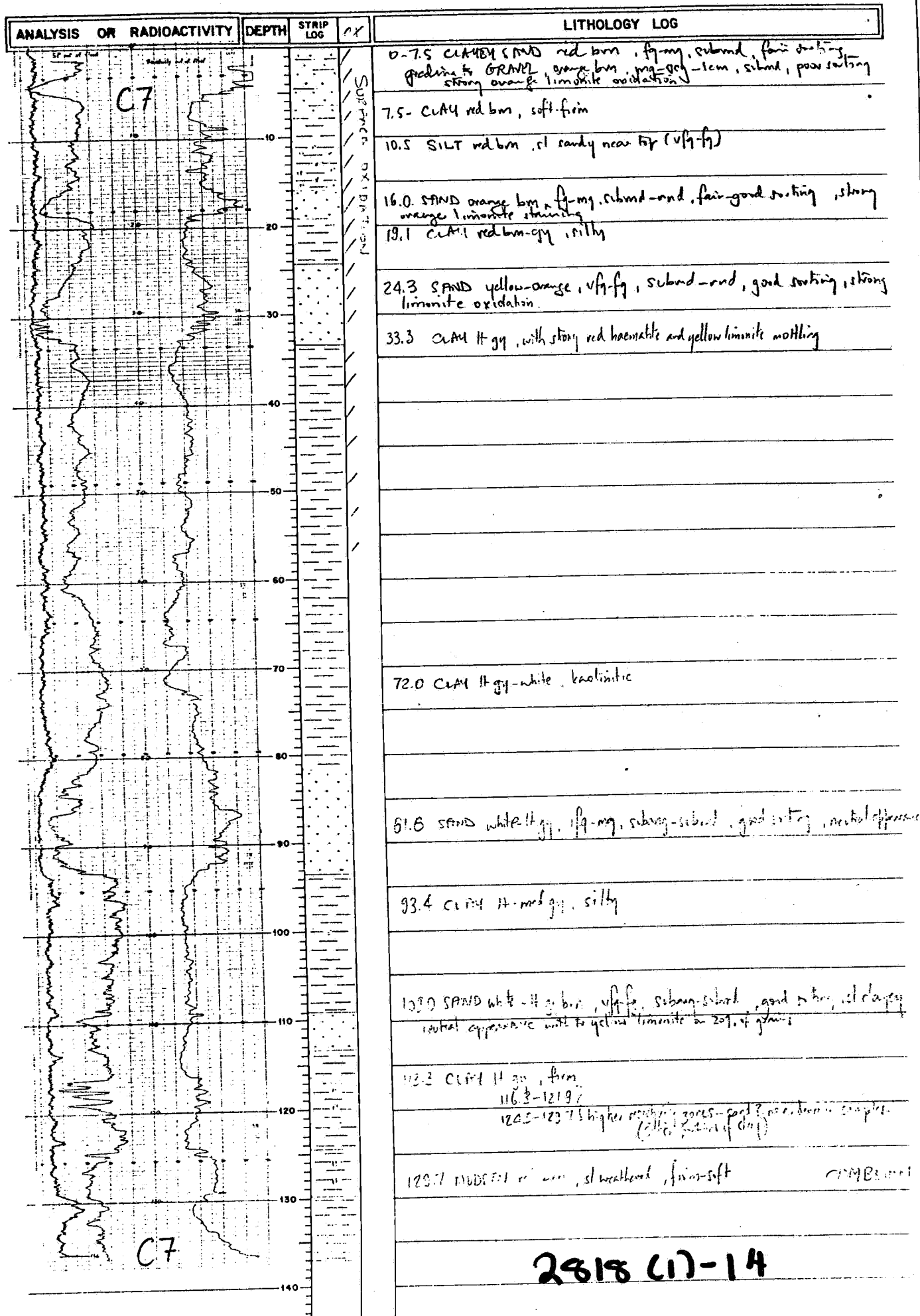
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 ELEVATION 106.8m LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOGGED BY G.K. ELLIS DATE 14. 11-76  
 MAP \_\_\_\_\_ SCALE \_\_\_\_\_ T.D. 120.0m P.D. 119.0m



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# MINAD TETON — AUSTRALIA

PROJECT CURNAMONA HOLE SIZE 12cm <sup>21m</sup> ☒ AIR ☒ WATER HOLE NO. C7  
 ELEVATION 88.2m LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOGGED BY G.K. ELLIS DATE 14-11-76  
 MAP: \_\_\_\_\_ SCALE: \_\_\_\_\_ T.D. 137.0m P.D. 136.5m



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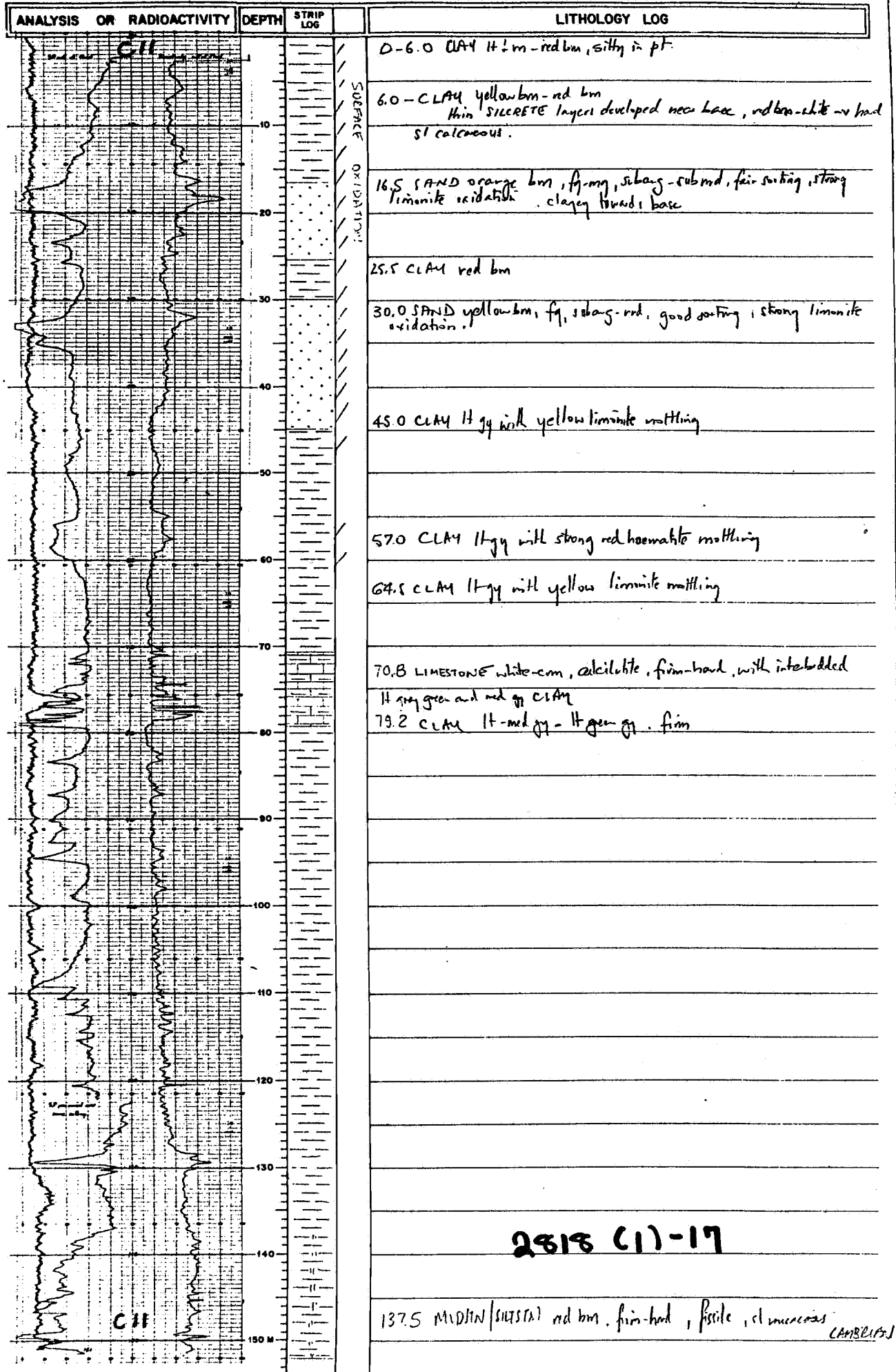
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PROJECT C10 HOLE SIZE 12cm <sup>285</sup> ☒ AIR ☒ WATER HOLE NO. C10  
 ELEVATION 79.7m LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOGGED BY L KELLIS DATE 23-11-76  
 MAP \_\_\_\_\_ SCALE \_\_\_\_\_ T.D. 152.0m P.D. 151.0m

ANALYSIS OR RADIOACTIVITY	DEPTH	STRIP LOG	LITHOLOGY LOG
	0		0-9.0 CLAY lt brn. - rd brn, d calcareous in pt (hard chert like bands) sandy and silty near base
	9.0		SAND yellow, fg, subnd-und, good sorting, strong limonite ox.
	13.5		CLAY lt red brn - rd brn
	20		
	30		
	31.5		SAND pale yellow brn, vfg, subnd-und, good strong mod-strong limonite oxidation. sl silty in pt.
	40		
	50		
	51.5		CLAY lt gy with rd haematite mottling
	60		
	57.2		SAND pale orange, fg, subnd-und, good sorting, strong limonite oxidation
	64.8		CLAY lt gy with rd haematite mottling.
	75.5		LIMESTONE white-cum, calcilutite, firm hard with green grey clay interbeds.
	85.0		CLAY lt-mud green grey.
	135.4		CLAY lt-mud green gy, sl hard in tie, sl sandy (sand not represented in sample)

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PROJECT CUPNATIONA HOLE NO. C11  
 ELEVATION 79.5m LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOGGED BY G.K. ELLIS DATE 24-11-76  
 MAP \_\_\_\_\_ SCALE \_\_\_\_\_ T.D. 152.0m P.D. 151.5m



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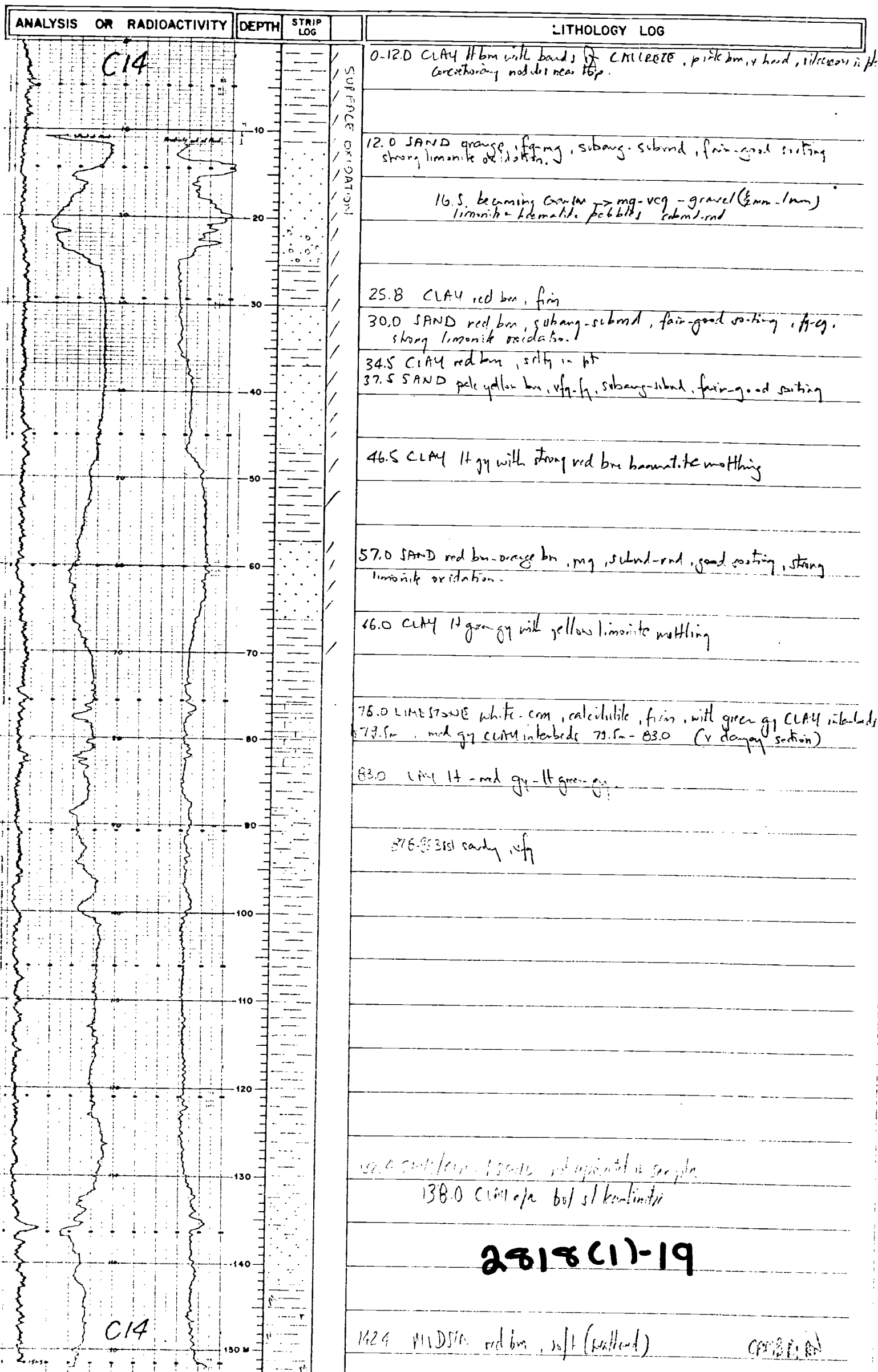
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# MINAD TETON — AUSTRALIA

PROJECT CURNAMON 41 HOLE SIZE 12cm <sup>16.5m</sup> ☒ AIR ☒ WATER HOLE NO. C14  
 ELEVATION 87.0m LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOGGED BY G. K. E. H. S. DATE 25-11-76  
 MAP \_\_\_\_\_ SCALE \_\_\_\_\_ T.D. 152.5 P.D. 152.0m

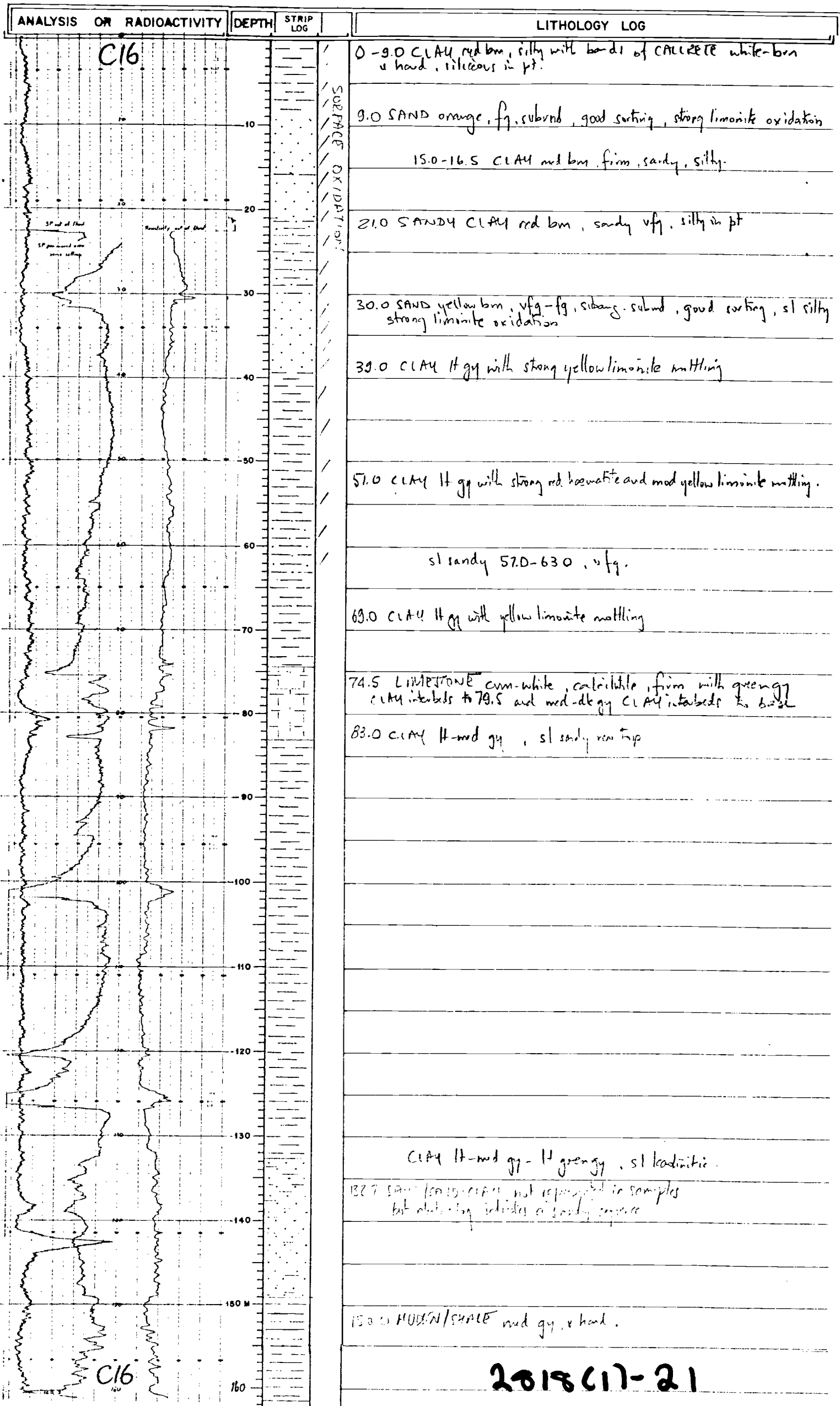


P.D. 170.5m

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# MINAD TETON — AUSTRALIA

PROJECT CURNAMONIA HOLE SIZE 12cm <sup>21.9m</sup> ☒ AIR ☒ WATER HOLE NO. C16  
 ELEVATION 62.3m LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOGGED BY G.K. ELLIS DATE 27-11-76  
 MAP \_\_\_\_\_ SCALE \_\_\_\_\_ T.D. 161.5m P.D. 161.0m



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PROJECT

CURRAMUNA

HOLE SIZE 12cm

21cm

AIR

WATER

HOLE NO. C19

ELEVATION

LOCATION:

LOGGED BY G.K. ELLIS

DATE 29-11-76

MAP

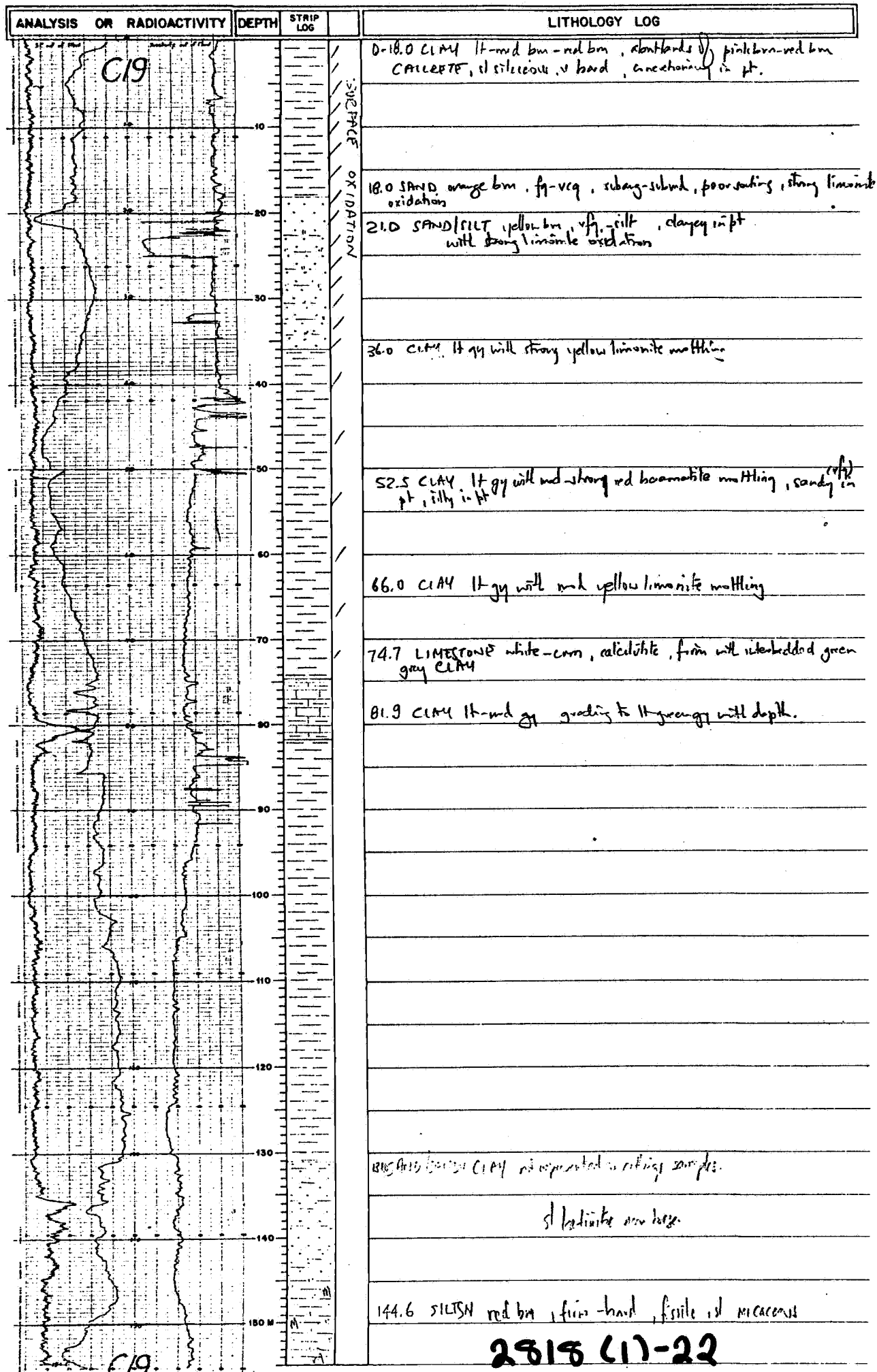
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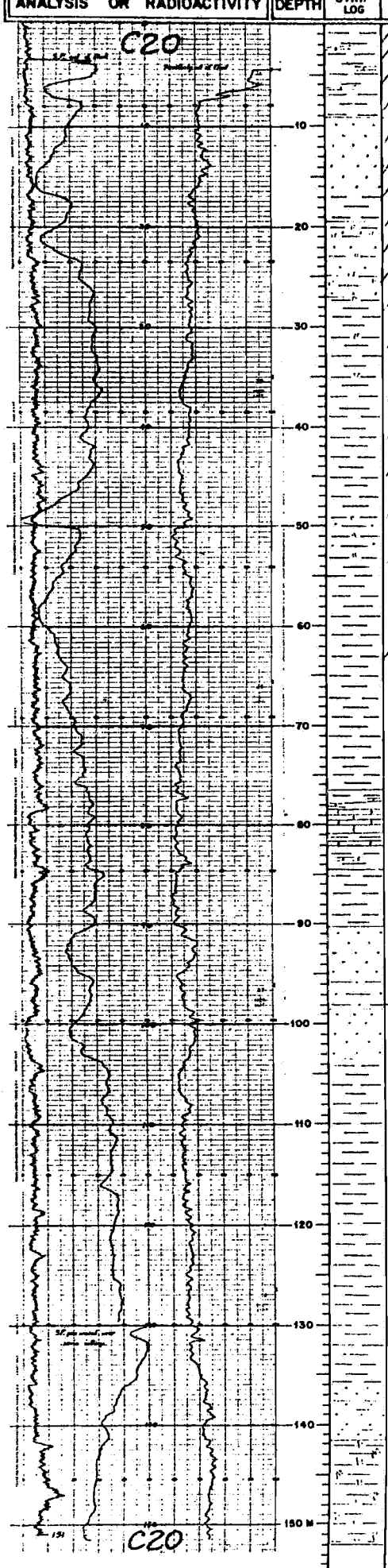
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P.D.

155.0m

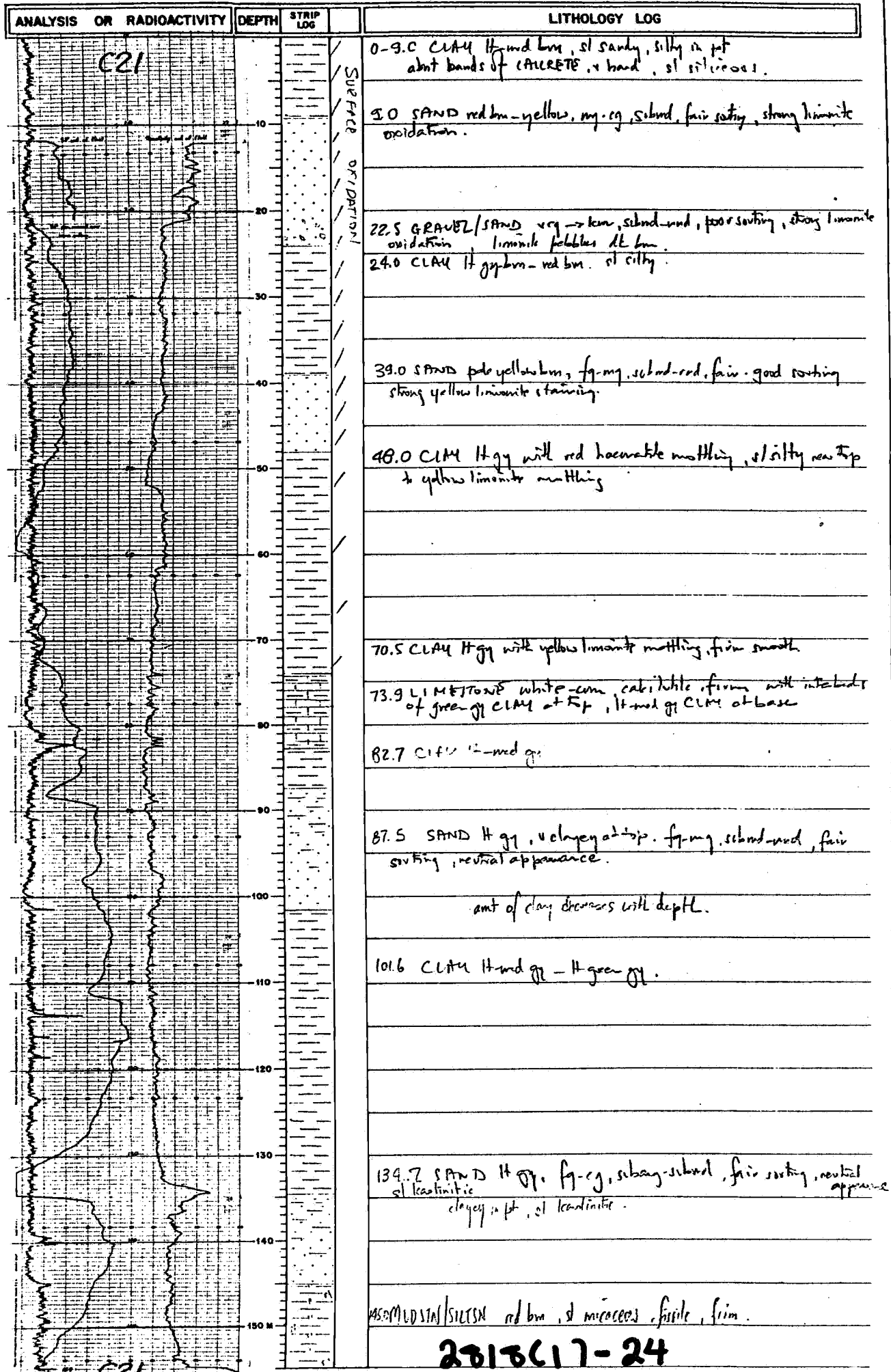


PROJECT **CURNAMONA** MINAD IRON - AUSTRALIA  
 ELEVATION **81.4m** HOLE SIZE **12cm** <sup>25.5m</sup> AIR ☒ WATER ☒ HOLE NO. **C20**  
 LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOGGED BY **G.K. ELLIS** DATE **30-11-76**  
 MAP \_\_\_\_\_ SCALE \_\_\_\_\_ T.D. **152.0m** R.D. **151.5m**

ANALYSIS OR RADIOACTIVITY	DEPTH	STRIP LOG	LITHOLOGY LOG
	0-9.0		CLAY red brn - lt brn, with hard bands of CALCAREOUS, red brn-pink-brn
	9.0		SAND lt-med brn, vfy. ff, subord, fair-good sorting, strong limonite oxidation this band of CALCAREOUS also in pt
	16.5		CLAY red brn
	19.5		SILT/SAND red brn silt-vfy sand, good sorting, strong oxidation.
	27.0		CLAY lt gy-red brn, st silty grading to lt gy with yellow limonite mottling
	48.0		CLAY white lt gy with rd haematite mottling st silty and sandy near top
	70.5		CLAY lt gy with yellow limonite mottling
	76.6		CLAY lt-med blue gy with thin bands of L. MESSINIAN white con reluctant, firm grading to green gy CLAY and increase in L. MESSINIAN proportion grading back to lt-med gy CLAY with minor L. MESSINIAN bands
	84.5		CLAY lt gy - lt green gy.
	90.2		SAND lt gy, firm, subord-med, fair-good sorting, neutral appearance grading to CLAY SAND lt gy-med gy to SANDY CLAY (to decrease sand with depth)
	103.5		CLAY lt-med gy
			grading to lt-med gy - green gy
	136.0		CLAY abundant in samples. st limonite near base
			MISSISSIPPIAN / MUDSTON rd brn, weathered, st minerals.

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PROJECT CURNAMONA HOLE NO. C21  
 ELEVATION 81.1m LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOGGED BY G.K. ELUS DATE 30-11-76  
 MAP \_\_\_\_\_ SCALE \_\_\_\_\_ T.D. 156.2m P.D. 155.5m



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# MINAD TETON — AUSTRALIA

PROJECT CURRAMONRA

HOLE SIZE 12cm

25.3m  
☒ AIR ☒ WATER

HOLE NO. C22

ELEVATION 10.6m

LOCATION:

LOGGED BY G.K. ELLIS

DATE 1-12-76

MAP

SCALE

T.D. 153.7m

P.D. 153.7m

ANALYSIS OR RADIOACTIVITY	DEPTH	DIRT LOG	LITHOLOGY LOG
			0-13.5 CLAY lt-red brn, silty in pt with bands of CALCARETE, x hard, sl siliceous, red brn.
			13.5 SILT red brn, sl sandy
			18.0 SAND yellow brn, vfg-fg, subang-subnd, good sorting, strong yellow limonite staining
			19.5 SILT red brn, sl sandy (vfg)
			30.0 CLAY red brn, silty
			42.0 SAND, yellow brn, vfg-fg, subnd, good sorting, strong yellow limonite staining
			48.0 CLAY lt-gy brn with yellow limonite mottling
			55.5 CLAY lt-gy with strong red haematite mottling, lt yellow limonite mottling, sl silty at top
			76.5 CONCRETION white crm, calcareous, firm with interbedded grey-gy clay
			84.0 CLAY med-dk gy.
			90.0 CLAY lt-red gy
			99.0-103.7 sl sandy, vfg-fg, subnd, neutral appearance
			136.2 SAND/CLAY med brn, not representative, mottling, silty, but adjusted by electric log
			145.0 CLAY lt-med gy - green gy, sl kaolinic
			146.1 MUDSTAIN/CLAY red brn, sl micaceous, unaltered (s-f)

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PROJECT CURNAMONA HOLE SIZE 12cm ☒ AIR ☒ WATER HOLE NO. C18  
 ELEVATION 82.7m LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOGGED BY G.K.ELLIS DATE 29-11-76  
 MAP \_\_\_\_\_ SCALE \_\_\_\_\_ T.D. 142.0m P.D. 141.5m

ANALYSIS OR RADIOACTIVITY	DEPTH	STRIP LOG	LITHOLOGY LOG
C18			0-10.5 CLAY red brn - lt brn with about bands of white CALCAREOUS v hard, concretionary nodules in pt st sandy at top
			10.5 SAND orange brn, mg (eg in pt), submed - med, fair - good sorting, strong limonite oxidation eg - vry near base, about limonite pebbles
			13.5 CLAY lt gy brn - nd brn, silty
			33.0 SAND orange brn, vfg-fg, subang, silty, strong limonite oxidation
			39.0 CLAY red brn, sl silty, sl sandy
			43.5 SAND yellow brn, vfg-fg, submed, good sorting, strong limonite oxidation
			48.0 CLAY lt gy with med yellow limonite and red haematite mottling
			66.0 CLAY lt gy with lt yellow limonite mottling
C18			71.8 LIMESTONE white-cr, calcareous, firm with green gy CLAY interbeds
			80.2 CLAY lt-med gy - lt-med green gy
			90.0-98.0 sl sandy vfg
C18			2818(17)-26 d bedimite near base
			1410 very hard drilling SILICATE? top of section?



PROJECT

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HOLE SIZE 12cm

☒ AIR ☒ WATER

HOLE NO. C17

ELEVATION

LOCATION:

LOGGED BY G. K. ELLIS

DATE 28-11-75

## MAP

SCALE

TO 1420r

B.D. K. 5m

ANALYSIS OR RADIOACTIVITY	DEPTH	STRIP LOG	LITHOLOGY LOG
<div>C17</div> <div>C17</div>			0-8.0 CLAY rd brn with abundant bands of (Al <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>5</sub> ) white-red brn nodules, concretions, & hard siliceous
			9.0 CLAY lt gy-red brn, sl silty, beds of calcareous near top (c/a)
			10.0 CLAY red brn, fq. mg silty, good sorting, strong oxidation
			21.0 CLAY lt gy-red brn, sl silty
			31.5 SAND orange brn, fq. mg (gy in pt) silty-red, good sorting, strong oxidation
			39.0 CLAY lt gy-yellow, abnt yellow limonite mottling
			50.0 CLAY lt gy-yellow brn, abnt yellow limonite mottling, mod red haematite mottling
			54.7 SAND yellow brn, v. fq. silty, fair-good sorting, strong yellow limonite oxidation
			62.6 CLAY lt gy with mod red haematite mottling, minor yellow limonite mottling
			75.8 LIMESTONE white-cr. calcareous, firm with green gy CLAY interbeds mod gy CLAY interbeds near base
			82.7 CLAY lt-red gy - lt-red green gy
			sl kaolinitic limonite base
			2818(17)-27
		141.0 SILICIFIED? v.v. hard, could not penetrate with reg pit - minute fragments recovered 10 cm. while, v. hard siliceous.	
		- tip of pale brown red section?	

# MINAD TETON — AUSTRALIA

PROJECT

CURNAMONA

HOLE SIZE

12cm

21m

AIR

WATER

HOLE NO.

C13

ELEVATION

LOCATION

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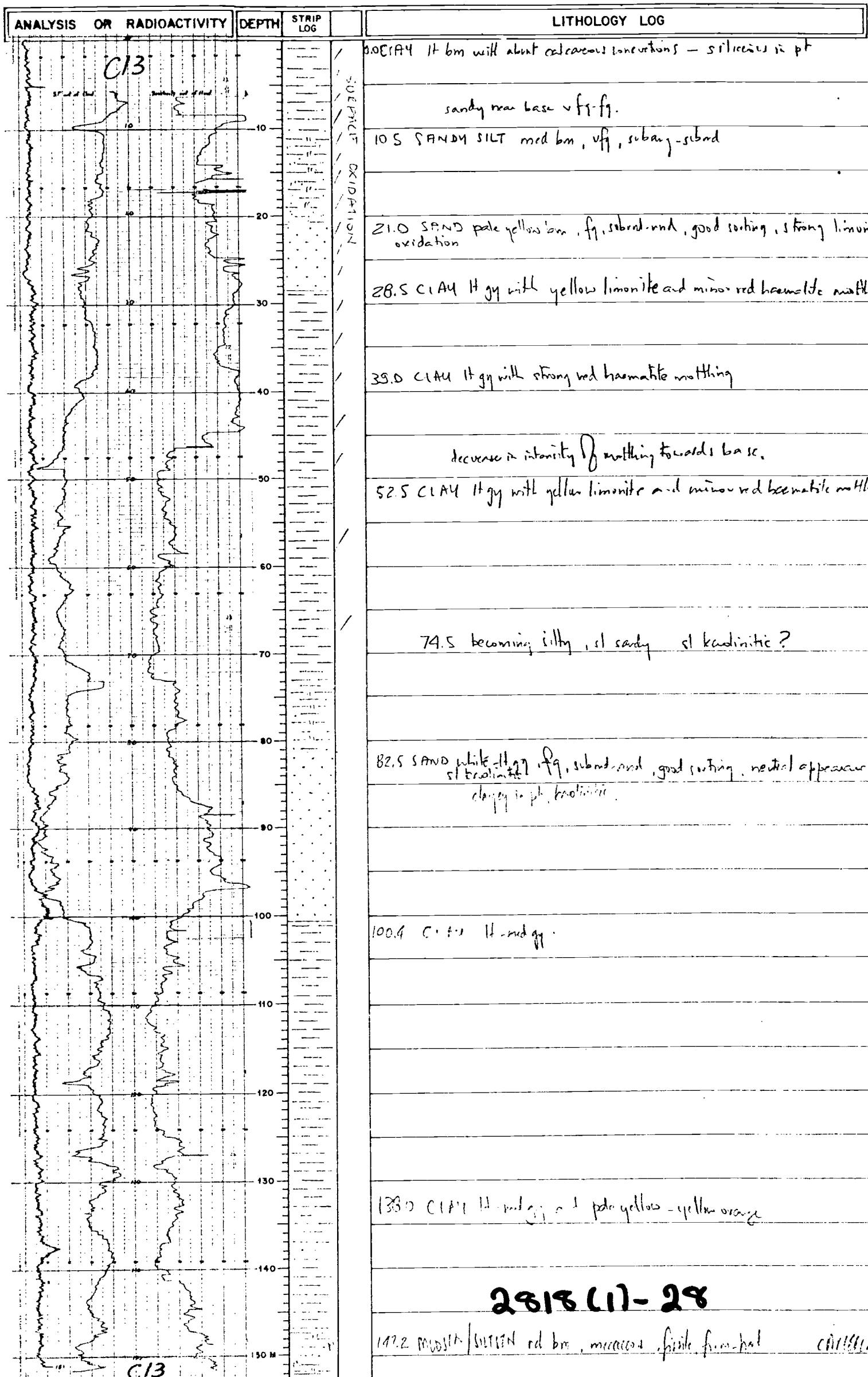
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152.0 m

P.D.

151.5 m



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147.2 MUDSTN/bUTTEN rd bm, micaceous, fine f. f. - hal

CH11/19/10?

PROJECT WARRISBURG HOLE SIZE 12cm ☒ AIR ☐ WATER HOLE NO. C0  
 ELEVATION 82.7m LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOGGED BY G. K. ELLIS DATE 21-11-76  
 MAP ENV 2818 SCALE \_\_\_\_\_ T.D. 146.0m R.D. 145.5m

ANALYSIS OR RADIOACTIVITY	DEPTH	STRIP LOG	LITHOLOGY LOG
			0-21.0 CLAY lt-bm-med bm, with bands of siliceous concretions and v hard
			silty and sl sandy (v. lg) near base
			21.0 SILTY CLAY lt-med bm, sl sandy in pt
			27.0 SILT red-bm-orange bm, s' sand
			39.5 SAND orange-bm, v. lg, subang-subnd, good sorting, strong limonite oxidation
			40.9 CLAY lt-gy with strong red haematite mottling
			63.0 CLAY lt-gy with med yellow limonite mottling
			63.4 LIMESTONE white-cr. calc. white firm sl. interbeds of green gy CLAY to 75.0m
			74.5 77.8 CLAY-med. dk. gy with thin tabular Limestones 77.8 CLAY med. gy lt. dk. in pt
			86.7 CLAY SAND med gy, sl sandy in pt, v. lg, subnd neutral appearance
			93.1 CLAY med gy
			127.2 CLAY SAND lt med gy, med silty, subnd, neutral appearance
			132.6 CLAY lt med green gy
			140.6 MUDSTY SILTSTN rd-bm, sl firm, sl micaceous, firm

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#### Basal Sand

The basal unit of Lower Tertiary deposition is a light grey to light grey-brown, fine to medium grained quartzose sand. The grains are subrounded to subangular and show fair to good sorting. The sand has a neutral to fresh appearance, with light to dark grey-brown humic staining on 10% of the grains, a trace to common yellow shiny pyrite, and a trace of dark brown carbonaceous matter. The sand is very clayey and silty, and quite often is very poorly represented in the cuttings samples, (e.g. C12 and C16).

The distribution of the Basal Sand is shown in the Isopach Map of the Basal Sand (Fig. 5). In the Curnamona Channel the Basal Sand is up to 15 metres thick. The present southwestern (upstream) limit is ill-defined, however there is some indication that it consists of a series of small tributary channels.

#### Lower Clay

The Basal Sand is overlain by a thin (up to 5 metres) discontinuous medium to dark grey clay which is slightly kaolinitic.

#### Middle Unit

The Middle Unit consists of light grey, fine to medium grained quartzose sand. The sand grains are generally subangular to subrounded and show fair sorting. The sand generally has a neutral appearance, though a faint tinge of light brown humic grain staining and a trace to common yellow dull to shiny pyrite is occasionally present. This sand is also poorly represented in the cuttings samples.

The distribution of the Middle Unit is shown in the Isopach Map of the Middle Unit (Fig. 6). It can be seen that the "channel" for the Middle Unit sand is very much wider than that for the Basal Sand. In the Curnamona Channel the Middle Unit is up to 10 metres thick. The present upstream limit of the Curnamona Channel is much better defined than for the Basal Sand.

#### Upper Clay

The Middle Unit is overlain by a thin and often discontinuous light to

medium grey, slightly kaolinitic clay. This unit is often indistinguishable from the overlying Upper Unit.

#### Upper Unit

The Upper Unit consists of sequence of interbedded sands, silts and clays. The sands are light grey, very fine to fine grained and quartzose. The sand grains are generally subrounded (subangular in part) and show fair sorting. The sand usually has a neutral appearance with slight evidence of weak limonite oxidation. The silts and clays are light to medium grey and very slightly kaolinitic. The upper boundary is generally ill-defined and merges with the overlying Namba Formation.

Beyond the channel margins rather than encountering shallow basement, a thick clay section is present, which appears to be either the facies equivalent of the Lower Tertiary palaeochannel section or Cretaceous sediments (though they bear no similarity to the Cretaceous clays elsewhere in the southern Frome Embayment). The clays appear to have been deposited in a lacustrine or broad flood plain environment associated with the middle to upper part of the fluvial regime of the Curnamona Channel, indicative of a very mature fluvial system.

In the far south of the area drill holes C3 and C4 intersected a "channel" sand section at a depth of 60 to 70 metres. It is a white to pale grey, very fine to fine grained (but becoming coarser with depth) quartzose sand. The grains are generally angular to subangular and show fair to poor sorting. Kaolinite and white feldspar (?) are common, and fragments of weathered orange-brown slate gradually increase with depth, as does the amount and strength of limonite oxidation. This sand is very immature and is most probably locally derived.

#### Middle Tertiary to Quaternary

Deposition of the Lower Tertiary channel sequence was followed by a period of non-deposition and minor erosion prior to deposition of the Middle Tertiary sediments (Callen, 1974).

A sequence of light to medium grey, slightly mottled clays and minor light grey, fine grained sands of the Miocene Namba Formation overlies the Lower Tertiary channel sequence. Within this sequence a limestone is present; it is a white to cream calcilutite with interbedded grey and green clays in the upper

half, and medium to dark grey, slightly carbonaceous clays in the lower half. It is equivalent to the upper carbonate of member 2 of the Namba Formation and was deposited in a supratidal lagoon environment or inland lake (Callen, 1975). The limestone section was cored in Esso's drill hole FD21A, and the core described in detail (Graveson, 1973). The limit of this unit is shown on the Structure Contour Map (Fig. 7), which also shows a general northeast-southwest strike and a shallow northwesterly dip. Toward the limit of the limestone deposition (i.e. shoreline) the clay/limestone ratio gradually increases, with the limestone becoming the minor constituent, with the increasing influence of terrigenous sediments. The limestone is 5 to 9 metres thick (Fig. 8).

The upper part of the section consists of light grey clay with yellow limonite and red maematite mottling and light brown to red-brown silts, sands and clays with layers of hard concretionary calcrete close to the top of the section.

#### URANIUM MINERALIZATION

There is very little uranium mineralization developed in the area of investigation. Very minor gamma-ray kicks are occasionally associated with the neutral to fresh sands of the channel section (e.g. in the Basal Sand of C12 and C16) but they are not considered to be significant.

The carbonate unit of the Namba Formation contains anomalous radioactivity associated with carbonaceous clay interbeds in the lower half of the unit. There does not appear to be any marked pattern in the distribution of mineralization, although often areas of thicker (7 to 9 metres) limestone development contain the anomalous mineralization. This mineralization which was probably introduced during deposition of the enclosing sediment is not considered to be economically significant.

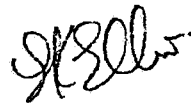
#### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Tertiary sedimentation is represented by the fluvial deposition in the northeast trending Curnamona palaeochannel. These sediments are probably equivalent to Eyre Formation sediments. The channel section is only poorly developed in the area of interest, though it gradually improves downstream.

The results of the drilling programme have not revealed any uranium

mineralization considered to be of economic significance. Minor mineralization was encountered in the area, associated with neutral to fresh sands of the channel section, and carbonaceous clays in the Namba Formation limestone. It is therefore recommended that no further work should be carried out in the area of investigation.

However it is felt that the potential for uranium deposits in the hard rock area in the vicinity of the Spring Hill Uranium Prospect in the southeast corner of the area does warrant further work. A programme of geological mapping, soil and rock-chip geochemistry, ground radiometrics and follow-up drilling is planned to evaluate this area.



G. K. Ellis

28th July 1977

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QUARTERLY REPORT

EL 254 (CURNAMONA), SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PERIOD 2.4.77 TO 1.7.77

by

G.K. ELLIS

Exploration Licence 254, which covers an area of 716 square kilometres in the southwestern Lake Frome area of South Australia (Fig. 1), was granted to Mines Administration Pty Limited and Teton Exploration Drilling Company Pty Ltd, on 2nd July, 1976.

During the quarter ended 1st July, 1977, detailed evaluation and compilation of the results of the November/December 1976 drilling programme was completed. A copy of the report is enclosed.

Exploration expenditure during the quarter totalled \$1,092.00 - a detailed statement is attached.



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1st August, 1977

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MINES ADMINISTRATION PTY LIMITED

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

EL 254 (CURNAMONA)

QUARTER ENDED 1.7.77

	\$	\$
<u>Geophysical and Geological Costs</u>		
Salaries and Wages	966	
Drafting Supplies	<u>121</u>	<u>1,087</u>
<u>Logistics</u>		
Freight	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
		<u>\$1,092</u>

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QUARTERLY REPORT

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EL 254 (CURNAMONA) SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PERIOD 2/7/77 - 1/10/77

Exploration Licence 254, which covers an area of 105 square kilometres in the southwestern Lake Frome area of South Australia, was granted to Mines Administration Pty. Limited and Teton Exploration Drilling Company Pty. Ltd. on 2nd July 1976.

During the quarter ended 1st October 1977 no work was carried out on EL 254.

Exploration expenditure during the quarter totalled \$910.

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26th October 1977



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MINES ADMINISTRATION PTY LIMITED

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

EL 254 (CURNAMONA)

QUARTER ENDED 1.10.77


REF: AC/MDE

Geophysical and Geological Costs

Salaries and Wages	754	
Drafting Supplies etc.	<u>118</u>	872

Logistics

Communications	28	
Freight	<u>10</u>	<u>38</u>
		<u>\$910</u>

  
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M. A. Egert  
Accountant

MINES ADMINISTRATION PTY. LIMITED

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QUARTERLY REPORT

EL 254 (CURNAMONA) SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PERIOD 2/10/77 - 1/1/78

Exploration Licence 254 which covers an area of 105 square kilometres in the south-western Lake Frome area of South Australia was granted to Mines Administration Pty. Limited and Teton Exploration Drilling Company Pty. Ltd. on 2nd July 1976.

During the quarter ended 1st January 1978, no work was carried out on EL 254.

The expenditure during the quarter totalled \$62.



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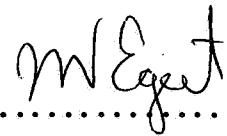
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MINES ADMINISTRATION PTY LIMITEDSTATEMENT OF EXPENDITUREEL 254 (CURNAMONA)QUARTER ENDED 1.1.78REF: AC/MDE

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Geophysical and Geological Costs

Salaries and Wages

\$62

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Mines Administration Pty Limited

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QUARTERLY REPORT

EL 254 (CURNAMONA) SOUTH AUSTRALIA

QUARTER ENDED 1/4/78

Exploration Licence No 254 (Curnamona) was granted to Mines Administration Pty Limited and Teton Exploration Drilling Company Pty Ltd on 1st July 1976 for a period of one year. After partial relinquishment a 12 month Extension of Term was granted over the southeastern portion now constituting EL 254. The tenement covers an area of 105 kms<sup>2</sup> in the southern Lake Frome area of South Australia.

During the quarter no work was carried out on the tenement.

Expenditure during the quarter totalled \$201 - a detailed expenditure statement is attached.

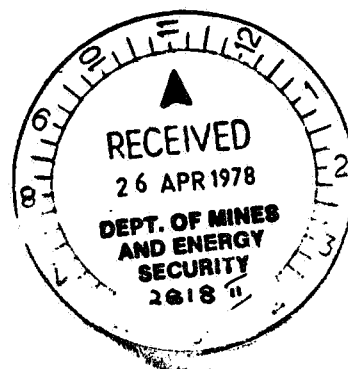


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Project Geologist

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Mines Administration Pty Limited

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

EL 254 (CURNAMONA)

QUARTER ENDED 1.4.78

	\$	\$
<u>Geophysical and Geological Costs</u>		
Salaries & Wages	184	
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 <u>Logistics</u>		
Travel & Accommodation	9	
Communications	8	
	<hr/>	<u>17</u>
		\$201
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MINES ADMINISTRATION PTY LIMITED.QUARTERLY REPORTEL 254 (CURNAMONA)QUARTER ENDED 1.7.78

Exploration Licence 254 (Curnamona) was granted to Mines Administration Pty. Limited and Teton Exploration Drilling Company Pty. Ltd on the 2nd July 1976. The tenement encompassed an area of 716 kms<sup>2</sup> in the southern Lake Frome area of South Australia. Following relinquishment of the majority of the Licence area on the 2nd July 1977, extension of EL 254 was granted until the 1st July 1978. This reduced tenement covered 105 kms<sup>2</sup> and was centered on the Spring Hill uranium prospect.

The Spring Hill prospect is held under mining leases and contains an estimated 1 000 tonnes of ore at an average grade of 1.1 kg/tonne. The mineralisation is present as davidite associated with veinlets in granite and metasediment host rocks. Field reconnaissance failed to find any extension of the mineralisation outside the mining leases. Consequently, no additional exploration of the area was justified.

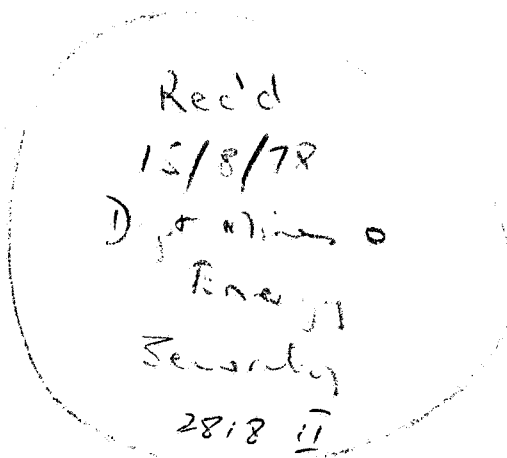
During the quarter ended 1.7.78, no field activities were undertaken on EL 254.

Expenditure during the quarter totalled \$142 - a detailed expenditure statement is attached.

Yours faithfully,  
MINES ADMINISTRATION PTY. LIMITED.



Ross Wecker.  
Geologist.

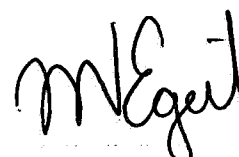


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Mines Administration Pty. LimitedSTATEMENT OF EXPENDITUREEL 254 (CURNAMONA)QUARTER ENDED 1.7.78

	\$	\$
<u>Geophysical and Geological Costs</u>		
Salaries and Wages	101	
Drafting Supplies	<u>41</u>	<u>142</u>
		\$ <u>142</u>

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