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TO THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR:

SHALLOW SKISHIC REFLECTION SURVEY - WILKATANA.

Forwarded herewith is a report of the above title by J.L. Harris and B.E. Milton.

The Tilkatuna area has proved a most difficult one for the sadeast eteninque, and has involved the officers concerned in months of computation in an endeavour to obtain all possible information from the records. Besides our own all possible information of the control of the survey of kinural Resourcess deephysical Services International to assist in the task.

The results are possibly disappointing, but are in no way lacking because of either equipment or personnel, and I feel quite justified in stating that there is little to be gained by the use of the seismic method in this area.

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1. INCREMENTAR

As a result of representations note to the Department of Nines only in 1956 by Geometry of nontrains Live, a challes reflection survey was carried out in the Milketon area, if miles north of Fort Augusta on an oil lease hald by Santos Ltd., (611 Exploration Liceure No. 7). The curvey was made along a west-aset line, 19,000 foot in length which passed through Re. 1 Here Site.

In December 1955, the ecopany encuestare "stight showings of a heavy greenink black wrade cit!" in this here as a depth of 714 fost, the abstrace being in linestones of Contrian age. Connequently further holes were stilled at distances which were suitisfies of 400 foot on two lines number North-South and Fest-West central on the No. 1 Store. More cit distance were detected in those holes and it was further determined that the various members of the Combrian dip gorily to the east at an angle of approximately 3 degrees. Since this was the first occasion that a childre reflection survey had been attempted in contact on a children to the technique being a very record development in ceimste proceeding, it was decided to contact on experimental traverse along the sect-cent line to determine whether the tread indicated by the burshele interaction sould be confirmed by the restoration survey.

Field work was concerned on the fith September 1956 with J.B. Webb on party leader for a period of four eache. J. Marris them arted as party leader until the completion of the survey on 30th Rowanier, 1955.

2. PERVIOUS OF OPERALCAL FORE

During February 1995 greatty and magnetic observations may used in portions of the fixing-formers havin by Secturings Lids., geophysticists D.M. Pegen and P. Regenn (Santos Guarterity Report for period coled 36th April 1995). In the region of interrest on area of lew megnetic intensity one provided with a TAMBLETRIAL COMMUNICATION.

magnetive trans-cast graviters. The gravity results also shound a circle regalize graviters. These results are consistent with a thickness of ordinaries to the cast or balancies of by the dip of the Gravitan here. A detailed gravity sed abjustic curvey was also acquished by Pegus and Layman ever an area 6000 feet a 4000 feet surrounding No. 1 force. (Quarterly Nepert for pexied ended flow karen 1994). The erea is one of low anguestic interacty with a strong wood-east gravity gradient of 0.3 gravity units were 100 feet.

In September and October 1995, two obort celonic refraction curveys wase ande by Mines Desergeest geophysicists J. Harris and H. Porker using 5 channel AMEN equipment borrowel from the Eurepa of Minaral Sesources. (Meport Fo. G.S. 400, Geometrical Report Ma. 15/55). A very himb opened layer with a velocity of 19,000 - 20,000 feet/second was interpreted as being becoment with a din of 5 degrees in a direction 036% at a depth of approximately 800 feet. This dopth figure was determined indirectly no follows. Enowing the Soyth at which the drill entered the licestore; the velocities of the Tertiary sudimento and the inferred beament; and assuming a velocity for the lisostore, it was possible to calculate a mirisum thickness for the linestone in order to obtain a refraction from that bed. Later drilling results showed that this interpretation was incorrect in that the high spool layer this not housened but the degge Combrian limestone. A revised calculation of depth based on the fact that fortiary religants lie unconformably on the Combrian limestame, gave a depth to the high speed layer of 500-550 feet at No. 1 Bore Site.

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The goology has been mapped by Weddarredre Ltd. and Getalle are contained in the Courtesty Reports indust to the . Department by Esseen Ltd. The following hosentytions have been drawn from these quarterly reports.

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950	2.74	2.78	2,85		
600	2.75	2.29	2,95		
658	2.80	2.60	2,50		
700	2.85	2.61	8.62		
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The party consisted of two geoglysicists, one cleatering tembelcian, one explosive templesse, two colle layers, par drillor and one drillor's assistant. The two cable lawers ware employed by Sposmroups Did., she in admitton provided a curvayor to locate shot holes and geophone stations. The remainier of the crew were complied by the Missa Department. Soth operating and dwilling erous worked a six day wash of size hours a day. the progress of the curvey see frequently slowed does due to accusated breakdowns of the drill and also became of last of process and by the brilling error energing one shirt per day. Simple delars only wors omede by instrumental failure and contemp confidence.

One geophypicist supervised theld engentions and was responsible for the general ergonisation of the survey, whiles the other was engaged full time in reducing regults. The seduction of recults lagged considerably behind the recording of rapidts even though both geophysicists were exployed on reductions at might.

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In the reflection sethed of prespecting a shot hale in Smilked and an explosive charge electrically fired at the better of the hole. A enock wave to set up which is transpirted terough the various subjurgees stants and is reflected from these horizons (not measurely geological horizons) where an electic disconting nity exists. Electic discontinuities are due le variations in density, volume and rigidity and are encociated with changes as anda Aug octas.

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Not only our depths be established not observe the direction indiscount of ally our also be asserted not. Cartain corrections such as washing, direction, componenties for the discharce of each georgicular Those the most (opposed expreciation) must be madebefore a faund intercrutation can be made.

Coming the preliminary tenting stages memerous different goophone seasings, filter settings, shot hole douths, and shot sines were used to determine the options operating conditions for the curvey. Some shots were first using an air shooting toubefole. the charges being supported on stakes about four feet above the ground. Although both single and multiple pottern shots were noed the quality of the results was not as good as that obtained from conventional shorting in shot helps. Eventually a continuous profiling technique with end to end shapting was semiored. This method is particularly applicable to arose of santle die and strong a complete subsurface coverage. Shot holes were dralled at intervals of 300 feet to a double initially of 40 to 50 fact. Later the douth was increased to 70 - 80 feet in an ordeavour to improve record quality. Frequently 19 was paguagery to fire on same as seven or eight shuts in the cas hole. The majority of holes remained open, only about oir being redrilled during the entire survey. Single geoghomes were used on ouch station. The twelve graphone stations were equally spaced at intervals of 29 feet between the shot points. Small che

\$ 1b. to 25 1b. were used. Insufficient geoghomes pere cypilable to point the abs of multiple detectors by means of which the quality of the reflections could possibly have been improved. Aultiple pattery shooting was used in one test area when pine shot boles each 20 feet enert were armaged in a discond pastern. This method was discontinued because of the time factor and " expense involved in additional drilling sinon there did not appear to be any significant improvement in the few records shot. Devially it was not necessary to temp the shot holes as the mater level was within a few feet of the surface. The smaller i lo. charges had a tendency to float free from the smake on the era of the leading pole and to remedy this, the charges were packed in a condecard tube which was them filled with sand and hewerd to the boftom of the hole. Due to the short time intervals required for reflections to return from the challes horizons and the necessity for the Automatic Sain Combant to get as quickly as poscible. Who Middl Becolution Fance was used. Conventional reflection filter settings (in the range 30 + 80 cycles) were not actually used whom smeeting the line but were tried then testing and found to be loss satisfactory then the higher free succies. Filter settings in the range 70 - 100 cycles were used during the survey.

7. EUDUCTION OF RESULTS

The recults are presented as

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 accesses section bases on dip establishments in hitempts to trace the unconformity only and which shows two plantilities.

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Seconds of the very past quality of the records a limit of five millioconds for the two may travel times was march as a basis for correlation.

Sourman co-ordinate 5000 € mil 900 F dnly those require shot with filter estings of (96 - 160) ordine have been deed and between 900 F and Rick W only these with filter estings of (70 - 120) cycles.

On the cross section based on dip seterminations, operations for surface conditions were used challes to whose on the time cross section. In solution a correction for named more out were medicated.

Frequently in trying to improve recent quality several shots eating different filter settlings were firms at such shot hole. The same reflection did not necessarily records at annually the negation on each recent has those should be not significant variation that on each recent as the state of the product of the reflection recently with the different filter cettings.

Use has been sade of as sady as possible of these records in plotting the two pessibilities on the dip cross section.

I. One possibility has been plotted by overaring the dive of

these real solitons, regarded from the age real accorusing different filter settings, over intertwise of 300 feet. Often several residetions have been averaged over the one interval, singlet in other instances there has only been ple value for a giran interval, wither, jecan as in relation was recommend on one filter setting only or because only one filter arrangement when there II. The second possibility has been plotted by averaging a certain number of dip values, if numerous, over 300 foot intervale, or if fee in number over longer i intervals. In on case was a distance of greater than 1200 feet used for the averaging process. This plot was migrated free 600 f 00 fto the eart in a similar samer to the fifty beschilter.

Surface Corrections

Reflection times have been corrected to a lovel reference plane, 20 feet above 5.7.1. The thickness of the weathered layer at each shot point was determined from uplate time calculations and convextbored valcuities at each shot point obtained from minimum first arrival breaks for each record.

Moreel Correction

The correction for normal horse out 10 s. Sunction of the observed time of the reflection and of the werage valuative of the sensate varues between surface and reflector. Instially the correction was ande using well velocity survey date but it was found that the values obtained serve too great. The dureou of Bineral Jestimes were contacted in correction with this problem and the possibility of cultiple reflections raised by one of their officers.

In determining dips three different methods tere used to calculate the normal nove out.

(1) Depth points were plotted under each shot point and a non-nigrated plot sade uning the authentiered velocity. It was inferred on the basis of earlier refraction sork, that the first rather strong but arrests reflection was coming from the Tertisay-Cambon unconformity.

(21) The Formula Lasts = 10(A-1) ax

was used with Va being substituted for V

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ix is geoghous station interval.

whore Ve is outweathered velocity.

to is two may travel time.

(iii) By selecting the same reflection on records which sore shot from cities end of a 300 foot syreol, applying surface corrections to each and then exeruating the two results, it is resumed that dip effects consol. and that the resultant average value represents the . for even famina

S. DISCUSSION OF FEMALES

bus to the very poor emality of the reflections in her not been goestate to glot a excess section with any dogree of certainty. Talues have been plotted between on-ordinates 6300 W and 6100 K, the reflections from 6100 E to 12800 E being too pour. The dopth to the unconformity has been converted to time and marked on the cross section. Only those reflections with two way travel times less than 350 millisoconde and which the mithin the proviously montioned limits have been plotted as any deeper reflections, oither originate from within the Adelaine System or be multiple ochers. The reflections have been shown on the time cross section on fair. poor and partial or desiberia. Partial and doubtful reflections have been plotted where there is some evidence on either eine of then to justify their use. Many toolated reflections are shown which apparently have originated from some surely look Selective conspering due to reflections from irrecularior.

invegeliarities is such greater when using high frequencies much as used in this curvey.

The shortcomings of the cross scotion have on disinfermentics are obtained. This cross scotion have been included only so an editional judge of ordinary to emproper the time cross section, which has been communicated with mainly very poor reflections. There is now including as the time cross section in the area consided by ec-confinates 500 K and 5100 K of excitarly dispute bade which these reflections which have been interpreted on the unconforming. This tread is not very distinctive, and it is very doubtful member the convenience with the good artical cross section sould be possible if the submarianc geology were not known

We lack of raisable valority information prevents my strained to make these beds if in fact they do represent formation boundaries. It is sorthly of comment that even though they are of very poor quality these deeper reflections errors between those limits there she informed monotomaty reflections are undesert. Making the plantac postation of the unconformity does not make concity the position as shown from the known goolegy is made appear that the importing of the reflections have outsituded from the Cartinary - Gebrian unconformity. In the discussion which follows relating to the possibility of railings cohomo, a very high reflection coefficient was shown to exist between the Tertiusy and Cambrian, i.e. where is a very high reflection of incident enemy from the unconformity surfaces.

A separate report (s.r. for 710) deals with the fall valuatity server at No. 1 here Site. It was decided not to use valuatity information obtained from the well shoot because of some South as to the accuracy of the results. Polarity determinations by means of rediction profiles were attempted but this weekings has sevience like the results, particularly shes according to the contract of the cont

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Variably the submembered layer valuable remains remained to submembered variable horizontal distances. Buth was the learned variation in this area that it was eccentry to use four different submembered valuation over a distance of 19,000 fact ranging from 6,500 fact/second to 8,900 fact per become. (We like a 1458). This waitables could be caused by lithelogical changes or variations in parametry. As sentioned and in Friege has made reference to warrations in parametry which have been confirmed in the interpretation of electric lags.

Makle I revealed unintations in density in a variable direction below shout 700 fact and although there are seen latered wantetoned in density have are seen latered.

Although every care was taken and small charges respected to sensure that they reached the cotton of the shot hole, there was an accordant discrepancy in uphole those which could not be explained in terms of hole futigue. The most obvious explanation for three anomalous uphile times in that on eccasional charge has flowed in the contract of the con

The following ovidence is presented to support the theory that cultiple cohoes were present at least over sections of the line.

- 1. A Tot unmigrate using both and-lowest and spilts oproad arrangements (Times 5 1856 and 3 1857) gave a constant whockly value in each losteness of short 5000/fecced which approximates to the systems cohemrates weathered valueity from from time breaks. In those analyses only these reflections which could be correlated from and to est of each partie or at the most point in the each of the uplit spranks were used.
- Impulses were repeated at intervals of time shout could te the cratival time of the primary reflection; Armitals at teste primary reflection tips water wary counce and armivals were also noted at apprecisatory.

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three and four times the pricary time.

- A previous refraction energy indicates a very high spend layer of approximately 20,000 fort/second at a challen depoir.
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 4. It was not possible to aske density determinations of the uncompositions of Sertiary contents, but the linescene was found to have a density range 2.5 to 2.9 and that it can be inferred dum a author strong density contents density contents of cost action in the region of the uncombratty. Sessing a comparativity low velocity of 15,000/count for the linestons; a velocity of 5,500 feat set means for the freshort sediments and densities of 7.5 and 2.4 respectively, the rest estimate of 7.5 and 2.4 respectively, the rest estimate occiliaint is namely 505. The real value bould probably be higher since (a) a lower valueity she been accounted for the 11 concept one (b) a matter high lengthy value of 2.4 given to the

unconsciidated sediments.

9. COMOLUMIONS

(4) The erea appears to be a dirticall one in thich to obtain good reflections not the quality of the reconstagogenativ is way your. The results have been plotted on the ornes sortions between ob-ordinates (500 F and DLOC E. Second quality free \$100 F to 17,800 F deteriorated to tech on extent that it was not

nossible to wick any reflections in this area.

(ii) The oddy indication of reflections below the Fertiary Combrisa, content occurs between co-ordinates 7500 % of 8100 %. In this area the uncertainty reflection occurs as well and a very charp valually has been shown to enter between the unconsultation excluded and the

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- (iii) Both activic organizations consultal, the Aurean of Kinoral Faculty and Eaphyretell Ferdoss International, Faculty Agreed with departmental afficus that whitele online do occur, at the open organization or a proposed by officers of these expensional organization was appropriately based on monother limited data.
- (iv) There are known to be varietions in Generity and powerity of the limentones but the vertere are unable to indicate thether these variations are much as to exhous the secults.
 - (v) The sell solostly acrosping technique employed will fequine to be solified for future work and it has been decided to early out the most well curvey in accordance with standards and specifications laid down by the forthern formats wall theorism. Association U.J.i. This does not mesocentry imply that the problem of theorisms exhibit will not short vertical intervals will be extensionly ownerses. The exemination of actual results will expended to short vertical depth intervals.
- (vs.) December of the short turneds used in whallow work the relationship between the depth of shot and home of conducting in very critical and accompations cade them reducing results from longer conventional opposite are not applicable. If it is possible in future to fire at the base of the weathering for these above approach it may be necessary to make a true analysis of a dip three cacking is required.

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(vii) Nowe frequent uphone surveys are instructed in the reductions to obtain more securate weathered layer valuesties and depths. Some uphale times recorded are obviously in error, probably due to the rather small charges floating. A disear examination of uphale times immediately efter each record has been developed should recult in the olimination of thece discoverantses.

(viii) It is expectful for purpose of planning re-choose and obtaining best results that the secules chunk be computed involutely after the school recents have been such in the field.

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