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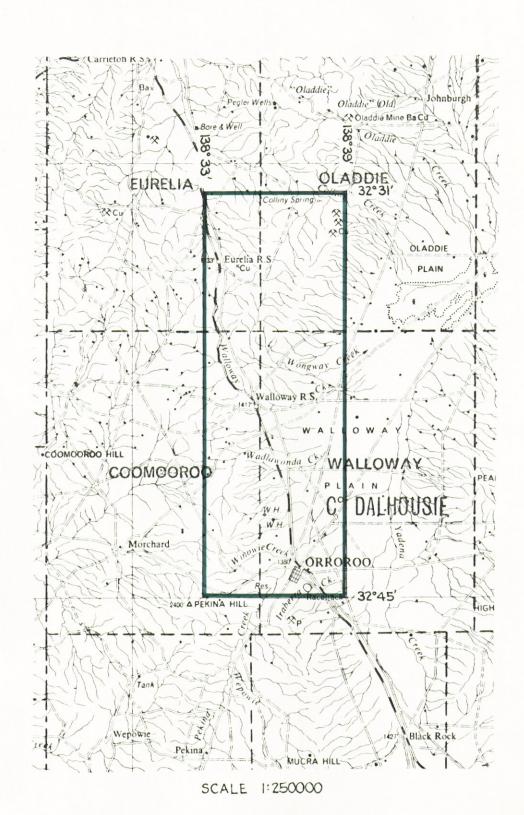
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INTRODUCTION

This report covers work undertaken in Special Mining Lease No. 646 and in six Mineral Claims, numbered 7445, 7446, 7447, 7448, 7449 and 7450, which are situated within the Lease.

It is also desired to draw to the attention of the Serior Warden evidence of exploratory work undertaken in the Mineral Claims.

PEG MAINTENANCE - Mineral Claims 7445-7450

Claim pegs and trenches were examined on 9th December, 1971, 13th January and 27th January, 1972, and found to be in accordance with Department of Mines regulations.

INVESTIGATIONS

(A) Petrology and Mineralogy

Intrusive rocks with kimberlitic and carbonatitic affinities were examined microscopically to determine their possible similarities to previously described rocks from the carbonatite/kimberlite suites of Norway, Siberia, Canada and Africa.

The following rock types were identified:

(i) Carbonatite

Green coloured rocks consisting largely of calcite, commonly occurring in coarse laths, with associated serpentinised olivine (~15%) are considered to show close similarities to known carbonatites.

Accessory minerals include:

Magnetite
Chlorite
Phlogopite (altering to chlorite)
Rutile(?)

Olivine is commonly replaced by calcite.

A xenolith was examined microscopically and found to be dissimilar texturally and mineralogically from the surrounding host material but similar to other carbonatites in the vicinity.

(ii) Kimberlite

Phlogopite-bearing rock showing close similarities in hand specimen to samples supplied by Anglo American Corporation from their Terowie kimberlite field was examined microscopically.

Close similarities in general texture and primary mineralogy were noted.

Two types of kimberlite have been distinguished depending on the presence of phlogopite or olivine phenocrysts. A summary of mineralogy is shown below:

Calcite pyrite)
Phlogopite sphalerite)
Olivine chalcopyrite) traces
Apatite covellite)
Leucoxene goetnite)
Perowskite
Chromite
Magnetite

The Terowie material differs in having a dolomitic groundmass, a higher ilmenite/ chromite-magnetite ratio and the presence of pyroxenes.

(iii) Contact Rocks

The contact rocks consist largely of dolomite showing varying degrees of brecciation.

Metasomatic crystals of talc, adularia, albite and phlogopite are present. Quartz and calcite are abundant,

Minor quantities of <u>rutile</u>, <u>sphalerite</u>, <u>zircon</u> and tourmaline have been identified.

(B) Geochemistry

Spectrographic scans were carried out on several samples representative of the three rock types above. (see Report - Central Mineralogical Services 71/11/17 Addendum - Appendix I of this report)

Niobium results were checked by XRF and found to be underestimated (see Report - AMDEL AN2471/72 - Appendix II of this report).

Compositions were within the range of those described from established carbonatite provinces.

(C) Geology

Geological mapping at a scale of 1:10,000 over the area of the Mineral Claims and the surrounding Lease has commenced.

Problems were encountered in mapping the contact of the Brighton Limestone and the Walloway Diapir.

A further dyke of carbonatite/kimberlite material was located some four miles south of the original discovery.

A geological map and description will be available for inclusion in Report No. 2.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Mapping at a scale of 1:10,000 will continue. Mapping at a scale of 1:2,500 will commence.

Further geochemical and petrological studies will be undertaken.

PERSONNEL

Central Mineralogical Services of Adelaide undertook all petrological and mineralogical investigations. Spectrographic scans were performed by AMDEL. All geological mapping was undertaken by a senior geologist.

for R. A. HORN,

Senior Geologist,

Exploration Department.

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Group 3 CMS 3 16	Phlogopite-calcite	30	120	250	120	40	1	40	10	-	1	1000	800	10	10	200	300	300	300	2000	2500
(TS 7595) CMS 7 14E (TS 7605)	rock (dominantly) Phlogopite-calcite rock (with minor replaced olivine)	40	100	450	120	80	3	40	10	20	1	1000	CCS	20	10	100	-	100	1000	10 000	2500

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ADDENDUM REPORT

17 December 1971

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As requested by Mr Horn of Electrolytic Zinc Co of Australasia Ltd, samples CMS 2, 3 and 7 which were originally analysed by the semi-quantitative spectrographic method have been repeated and also checked qualitatively by X.R.F. This work indicates that they contain 200 ppm Nb, approximately.

Enquiries quoting AN2471/72 to Officer in Charge please.

Analysis by:

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INTRODUCTION

This report covers exploration work undertaken in Special Mining Lease No. 646 and in six Mineral Claims, Numbers 7445, 7446, 7447, 7448, 7449 and 7450, situated within the boundaries of the Lease.

It is also our intention to present to the Senior Warden of the Department of Mines evidence of work undertaken in the Mineral Claims.

ABSTRACT

The problems of classifying the intrusive rocks in the Orroroo lease are described. Evidence is presented, supporting the classification of the rocks within the "picritic porphyrite" of Frantsesson (1970). Field relations and local geology are described.

It is concluded that the picritic porphyrite (sensu Frantsesson, 1970) at Orroroo does not represent a source of potentially economic minerals.

PEG MAINTENANCE - MINERAL CLAIMS 7445 to 7450

Claim pegs and trenches marking the boundaries of the above Mineral Claims were examined on 29th March and 2nd May, 1972, and found to be maintained in accordance with Department of Mines regulations.

INVESTIGATIONS

The igneous rocks examined within the lease were found to have close affinities with the kimberlite/carbonative suite. The problems of classification and nomenclature are presented below:

1. KIMBERLITES

(a) Definition

Kimberlites, carbonatites and related rocks have been classified in various systems depending upon the petrogenesis postulated by differing authorities.

The term kimberlite was coined to describe the primary diamond-bearing rock at Kimberley, South Africa. Olivine, serpentine, biotite, bronzite, chrome diopside, pyrope and ilmenite were noted as characteristic minerals. Since that time, several definitions of the name have been formulated; the two examples below illustrate the "wider" and "narrower" versions respectively.

"A variety of mica peridotite consisting essentially of olivine, phlogopite and subordinate melilite with minor pyroxene, apatite, perovskite and opaque oxide. Some examples contain diamond."
Dictionary of Geological Terms, Am. Geol. Soc., 1957.

"Porphyritic, alkalic peridotite, containing rounded and corroded phenocrysts of olivine (serpentinised, carbonatised or fresh), phlogopite (fresh or chloritised), magnesian ilmenite, pyrope and chrome-rich pyrote set in a fine-grained groundmass composed of second generation olivine and phlogopite together with calcite (and/or dolomite), serpentine (and/or chlorite), magnetite perovskite and apatite. Diamond and garnet peridotite xenoliths may or may not occur."
Mitchell, R. H., 1970.

Although the diamond is of prime importance to the economic geologist, it may not be regarded as unduly significant in the overall classification of lamprophyric rocks to the theoretical geologist.

For exploration purposes, it is convenient to describe any rock which has kimberlitic affinities and contains diamond mineralisation as kimberlite. It has been found in practice that such rocks possess certain mineralogical and chemical characteristics (such as magnesium-rich garnets and ilmenite and iron:titanium ratios) which are constant between widely separated kimberlite fields.

Kimberlites are therefore defined by properties which in other igneous rocks would be considered minor variations. For economic purposes, the "narrower" definition of Mitchell (1970) is preferred.

(b) Classification

Kimberlites show close petrological relation to lamprophyres, peridotites, carbonatites and to eclogite breccia pipes, and diatremes. Kimberlite breccia, kimberlite tuff, basaltic kimberlite, lamprophyric kimberlite, etc., are names frequently encountered in the literature on the subject. Frantsesson, 1970, presents the most comprehensive classification of kimberlites and related rocks. With some misgivings as to the suitability of such adjectives as "picritic" to describe a feldspar-free rock, all terminology in this report is sensu Frantsesson, 1970, viz:

Group	I	Pyrope hyperbasites	(b)	olivinites + dunites peridotites pyroxenites (eclogites) garnetites
Group	II	Xenoliths in kimberlites	(b) (c) (d)	olivine/ilmenite rock ilmenite/diopside symphectite ilmenite/phlogopite rock glimmerite ilmenite nodules
Grcup	III	Dykes and inclusions in kimberlites	subv	ritic porphyrites, volcanic alnoites, ilite basalts.

- (a) consisting of Group I, II, and III minerals
- (b) Group II and III minerals
- (c) Group I minerals with ilmenite

Kimberlites are further subdivided on textural grounds into kimberlite breccias, micaceous kimberlite, tuffaceous kimberlites, etc.

2. ORROROO INTRUSIVES

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(a) Mineralogy

Olivine

Olivine represents approximately 20 per cent by volume of the non-micaceous intrusives at Orroroo, and is a minor constituent of the micaceous variety.

A bright green colour observed in this mineral suggests a forsterite composition.

Serpentinisation is common, and replacement of olivine by calcite grades from minor rim corrosion to calcite pseudomorphs. Olivine is commonly found in two generations in kimberlites, rounded xenocrysts and idiomorphic crystals in the groundmass. (The xenocrysts, in contrast to the groundmass crystals, show great resistance to alteration) Large rounded crystals identified at Orroroo are probably xenocrysts.

Phlogopite

Phlogopite occurs both as phenocrysts and in the groundmass, and represents approximately 28 per cent by volume of the micaceous material but is a minor constituent of the non-micaceous variety. The crystals are commonly rounded and show intense alteration to a deep green (chromium rich?) chlorite.

Calcite

The enrichment of the intrusive rocks by calcite derived from the host dolomites and limestones has obscured the primary calcite composition.

The less decomposed dyke material (II), however, shows a primary calcite composition in excess of 40 per cent which occurs largely as coarse to fine laths in the groundmass. Minor calcite is present in veins, and as alteration of olivine crystals. Nost of the intrusives are largely calcite rocks, which explains their initial identification as carbonatites.

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Opaque Minerals

The following opaque minerals have been identified:

- 1. Magnetite
- 2. Chalcopyrite
- 3. Pyrite
- 4. Goethite
- 5. Leucoxene.

No ilmenite has been identified, but it is probably represented among the abundant minute opaque minerals. Magnetite grains are zoned; the outer layers consist of hematite and goethite. The inner core in some cases is grey in colour, possibly due to the presence of chromite. Trace amounts of sulphides are present.

Garnet

A garnet with a refractive index of 1.85 was found to be the titanium-andradite, melanite, which is present in the Swedish rocks of kimberlitic affinites. Huckenholz and Yoder (1971) have established that andradite has a very wide stability field. The titanium variety is common in felsic differentiates of the alkali rock suite.

(b) Petrochemistry

Spectrographic scans were undertaken to determine trace and minor element values in an attempt to both identify the rocks by their petrochemical character and determine the content of potentially economic minerals. No significant concentrations of economic elements were determined (see Appendix I).

Petrochemical characteristics for chromium, phosphoros and nickel were compared with those of several reported carbonatites, kimberlites and related rocks, and found to agree most closely with analyses of picritic porphyrite (sensu Frantsesson) from Egientei (see Appendix II).

In general the most diagnostic element for the kimberlite/carbonatite group of rocks is niobium. Background values for igneous rocks quoted by Hawker and Webb (1962) are ultramatic 15 ppm and mafics 20 ppm.

Orroroo picritic porphyrite values vary between 100 ppm and 650 ppm niobium.

Barium and cerium are also anomalously high compared to other igneous rocks. Cerium values are anomalous in some samples.

(c) Classification and Nomenclature

The mineralogy of the Orroroo rocks is similar to that of the picritic porphyrites (sensu Frantsesson, 1970) viz:

Egientei Frantses	son, 1970		Orroroo
Pseudomorphs of serpentine	23.10%	20%	Olivine
Phlogopite	19.99%	25%	Phlogopite
Titanomagnetite, perovskite	10.90%	10%	Total opaque
Apatite			
Groundmass			
Carbonate of groundmass	12.80%	40%	Total carbonate
Serpentine of groundmass	25.84%		

The Egientei material is close mineralogically to that of Orroroo.

Frantsesson (1970) includes the Egientei intrusion in Group III as picritic porphyrites. He describes them as finely crystalised rocks of "massive texture, black or dark green in colour in hand specimen".

Olivine is generally replaced by carbonate and serpentine. Kimberlite indicator minerals, pyrope, chrome-diopside and picro-ilmenite are absent.

Picritic porphyrites are subdivided according to their texture into micaceous and basaltoid varieties

(equivalent to the lamprophyric and basaltic kimberlites).

Petrochemical? characteristics of the Orroroo material and the picritic porphyrites also show close similarities. Frantsesson (1970) has demonstrated the principal differences of kimberlites and picritic porphyrite, viz:

- 1. Formation of picritic porphyrites in a single stage of crystallisation.
- 2. Absence of crystalloblastic structures and structures of magnetic brecciation.
- 3. The presence of a smaller number of minerals.
- 4. Petrochemical features, e.g., increased talc, iron, titanium, cerium and alkalis. Decreased magnesium and chromium.

It must be emphasised that the Walloway intrusions may be classified with kimberlites using the wider definition of the term. Watson (1967) described the mineralogy of the Bachelor Lake kimberlite which is indistinguishable from the Walloway porphyrites. However, the terminology introduced by Frantsesson (1970) is considered more convenient as a distinction is drawn between "lamprophyric periodotites" with no diamonds in association with other characteristic minerals and true kimberlites.

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GEOLOGY

Mapping has been undertaken in the area of both the Special Mining Lease and the Mineral Claims at scales of 1:10,000 and 1:2,500.

(a) Stratigraphy

(i) Tarcowie Siltstone

Siltstones mapped by Binks (1971) as Tapley Hill Formation were included in the Tarcowie Siltstone Formation on the basis of their predominantly green colour.

Scott (1972) describes the formation as consisting of finely-bedded calcareous siltstone with a prominent cleavage caused by the parallel orientation of sericite crystals.

In some areas rhythmic bedding has the appearance of varve sedimentation.

Large fragments of green Tarcowie siltstone are present in the carbonate matric of the Walloway diapir.

The Brighton Limestone/Etina Formation limestones and dolomites overlie the siltstones in the southern part of the 1:10,000 map area. To the north, the siltstone/carbonate sedimentary contect is obscured by brecciation associated with diapirism.

(ii) Etina Formation/Brighton Limestone

A limestone and dolomite succession with minor shale, siltstone and sandstone interbeds overlies the Tarcowie siltstone conformably. (?)Stromatolite fossils have been identified in the south of the 1:10,000 mapped area. The contact of the sedimentary carbonates and the diapiric material is difficult to determine. Within the diapiric breccia are blocks of relatively unfractured saccharoidal dolomite indistinguishable from the Etina Formation carbonates. Red rounded "millet seed" sand grains are a distinctive feature of Etina limestones in the area.

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(b) Walloway Diapir

The Walloway diapir intrudes at the contact of the Tarcowie siltstone and the Etina Formation.

The matrix of the diapiric breccia consists of banded carbonate, which Scott (1972) considers to be consistent with fluidisation. The mineralogy is shown below (scott, 1972):

Calcite)
Dolomite)

Talc)
Biotite)
Adularia) minor
Pyrite)
Goethite)

It can be seen in the northern part of the 1:10,000 mapped area that the diapir pinches out, and terminates in an apophysis some 5 feet in width. Intense faulting and brecciation in the host Tarcowie siltstone reflects the considerable pressures involved in the emplacement of the carbonate breccia.

The Willouran age of the material of many of the Flinders Ranges diapirs is undisputed, and by analogy it may be concluded that the Walloway diapir has a similar source. However, no fragments of identifiable Willouran material were found in the course of our investigations. Field relations indicate that the Etina Formation has been brecciated "in situ" and possibly mobilised to intrude the Tarcowie siltstone.

(c) Igneous Intrusions

Dykes of picritic porphyrite intrude both the diapir and the Tarcowie siltstone. Details of these intrusions are given below. Roman numerals refer to the 1:2,500 geological map.

I to VI

Green coloured rocks occurring as dykes intruding the diapiric breccia represent the most common occurrences of picritic porphyrites in the lease. The sparcity of

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phlogopite places them within the basaltoid variety of Frantsesson. Field relations indicate that the dykes intrude the diapir and were not rafted up in the course of diapirism. A small dyke among a swarm in the Wongway Creek (I) was apparently intruded as a highly viscous material, judging by its lens shape.

VII and VIII

Dykes of unknown affinity intrude Tarcowie siltscone to the south-east of the Walloway diapir. Scott (1972) has identified accessory adularia, talc, phlogopite, tourmaline, rutile and chlorite in an essentially carbonate rock. Scott (op. cit.) identified one sample as carbonatitic breccia, which is supported by the dykelike intrusive nature of the bodies. Geochemical analyses did not reveal significant niobium or cerium anomalies. It is possible that these dykes have a similar origin to the diapiric breccia and are therefore not igneous.

IX

A small phlogopite-rich dyke intrudes the diapiric breccia in the Wongway Creek. The abundance of phlogopite is characteristic of the micaceous picritic porphyrite (sensu Frantsesson, 1970).

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Dykes similar to IX were identified in the Walloway Creek some three miles south of the exposures I to IX.

Scott (1971) considered the petrology to be similar to that of a xenolith found in a basaltoid picritic porphyrite from dyke III. The titanium-rich andradite, melanite, was identified by electron probe analysis (Schultz, 1972).

Minor dykes of pencil-thin dimensions were found intruding creeks and fissures in the vicinity of the dykes.

(d) Tectonics

Binks (1971) shows the Walloway diapir to occupy the east limb of a syncline bearing slightly east of north and passing northward into the White Valley syncline. Mapping to the north of the diapir has shown the presence of several minor north-west trending faults.

Cleavage in the Tarcowie siltstone trends approximately parallel to the White Valley syncline.

(e) Trachyte

A fine-grained trachyte dyke intrudes diapiric breccia some 400 feet north from the micaceous picritic porphyrite (IX). This dyke is some 2 feet thick, subparallel to the banding of the breccia, and is itself brecciated.

A similar rock-type has been described from the Toror carbonatite complex of eastern Uganda (King and Sutherland, 1966).

Accessory minerals include phlogopite, (?) rutile, and (?) olivine. Secondary tourmaline occurs in fractures and is exposed as prominent black crystals on weathered surfaces.

GEOCHEMISTRY

Samples were collected at minor creek intersections, and at intervals of some 500 feet in the Wongway Creek.

Sieving was carried out in the field and the +20, -20+40, and -40 fractions submitted to McPhar Geophysics Pty. Ltd. of Unley, for copper, lead, zinc and nickel determinations. Analysis was by atomic absorption spectroscopy following a concentrated HClO₄ leach for one hour on a 0.25g. sample.

In addition, five samples from creeks draining the largest exposed picritic porphyrite dyke were assayed by XRF for niobium.

Base metal values showed no increase towards known igneous bodies. Niobium values were high (35 ppm) in drainage areas immediately adjacent to exposed picritic porphyrite. Background niobium in the Wongway Creek is 10 ppm.

CONCLUSIONS

The similarity both petrochemically and mineralogically of the Orroroo intrusions to the picritic porphyrites of Egientei (Frantsesson, 1970) is striking.

However, it has been noted above that the Orroroo material may be classified as kimberlite (sensu lato).

The abundance of carbonate is anomalous for the picritic porphyrite (sensu Frantsesson) and may not be adequately explained by replacement of olivine. The essentially carbonate-olivine composition of some of the dykes suggests affinities with carbonatites.

Rather than apply such terms as calcareous mica peridotite (micaceous picritic porphyrite) and calcareous peridotite (basaltoid picritic porphyrite), which bear no reference to the assumed affinities of the rocks, it was considered reasonable to use terminology of the kimberlite associates for the following reasons:

- 1. Geochemical characteristics are consistent with the kimberlite-carbonatite suite
- 2. Presence of phlogopite mica
- 3. Association of known kimberlites at Terowie some 50 miles to the south (Anglo American Corporation comm.)

Frantsesson's terminology is considered to be the most thorough and comprehensive available, and was used in preference to South African usage.

Should the "indicator minerals" pyrope, chrome-diopside and picro-ilmenite be identified in the Orroroo intrusives, it is apparent in Frantsesson's classification that these dykes then should be classified as kimberlite.

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SIGNIFICANCE OF PICRITIC PORPHYRITES

Economically, picritic porphyrites have no significance apart from their close relationship to kimberlites.

It is probable that the kimberlite of Terowie, the picritic porphyrite of Orroroo and the phlogopite-rich andesites of the Spalding diapir (Gibson, 1968) are consanguineous.

The presence of kimberlites and associated rocks in a geosyncline has been reported previously only in Malaita (Allen and Deans, 1965) and Borneo (v. Bemmelen, 1949). It is significant that the third reported occurrence should be within the same geographical province.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

The heavy fraction (specific gravity >3) of creek debris derived from picritic porphyrite dykes will be examined for kimberlite indicator minerals and diamonds.

It is envisaged that a composite sample of several tons, representing the known exposures, will provide a representative sample.

PERSONNEL

All work was undertaken under the supervision of a senior geologist.

Two field assistants collected geochemical samples and analyses were undertaken by McPhar Geophysics Pty. Ltd, of Unley.

TRACE AND MINOR ELEMENT CONTENT OF ORROROO INTRUSIVES

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Sample	Valu	es in	n part	s per	mil	lion															
No.	Ca	Ni	Cr	Ag	Nb	Au	Cu	Pb	Zn	Th	Ba	Sr	Rb	Y	La	Ce	P	Мо	K	Ti	٠.
6104	50	150	200	0.1	100	ND	100	5	20	ND	500	1000	10	ИD	100	ND	800	ND	500	>10,000	
6105	80	300	300	0.1	200	ND	100	10	30	ND	800	500	10	ND	150	ND	1000	ND	300	>10,,000	
6106	100	250	300	0.1	200	ND	100	10	30	ND	800	500	10	ND	150	ND	800	ND	500	>10,000	
6107	100	250	300	0.1	250	ND	30	10	50	ND	500	200	10	ND	200	400	800	ND	500	>10,000	
6108	100	300	300	0.1	200	ND	150	10	30	ND	500	100	10	ND	200	400	1000	ND	500	10,000	
* la	-	ND		-	650	-	ND	-	-	Trace	700	350	ND	ND	200	900	_	-	-	10,000	TiO2
*15	-	200	-	-	440		Trace	-	-	ND	5500	1100	ND	ND	ND	700	_			8,000	TiO2
*14e	-	100	-	-	300	-	100	-	-	ND	5000	950	20	ND	100	ND	_	_	-	4,000	\mathtt{TiO}_2
8443	50	100	200	ND	100	ND	20	5	30	ND	300	200	20	ND	100	ND	100	-	2,000	10,000	_
8439	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	50	20	ND-	ND	ND	ND	ИD	5,000	1,000	
759 8	40	150	600	-	400	-	40	5	3.0	-	600	1500	ND	ND	ND	ND	300	_	1,000	3,000	
7595	30	120	250	-	400	-	40	10	ND	-	1000	800	10	10	200	300	300	-	2,000	2,500	
7605	40	.100	450	-	400		40	10	20	-	1000	800	20	10	100	ND	100	-	10,000	2,500	
8446	5	5	20	ND	250	ND	3	3∵	ND	ND	800	ND	30	10	150	ND	100	ND	10,000	>10,000	

^{*} XRF by Dr. A. Livingstone, Institute of Geological Sciences, London.

PICRITIC PORPHYRITES (after Frantsesson, 1970)

				Cr	P	<u>Ni</u>
Picritic porphyrite	(average	of	7)	135	3300	1 55
Picritic porphyrite	(a v erage	of	12)	550	3100	315
Velikan	(average	of	7)	680	3 7 00	400
Kimberlite field	(average	of	17)	480	4400	630
Nadezhda Pipe				200	2650	1100
Original 'Naya'				n.a.	3200	n.a.
Tylkacha Pipe				n.a.	2000	n.a.
Average (picrit: porphys				470	4200	440
ORROROO						
6104				200	800	150
6105				300	1000	300
6106				300	800	250
6107				300	800	250
6108				300	1000	30
la			·	n.a.	n.a.	n.đ.
15				n.a.	n.a.	200
14e				n.a.	n.a.	100
7 595				250	300	120
7605		,		450	100	100
8443				200	100	100
7598				600	300	150
Average Orroroo Carbo	onatite			300	900	200

APPENDIX III

TRACE ELEMENT CONTENTS OF CARBONATITES

(from Gellatly, D.C., 1969)

CARBONATITES	иго	B I U	M . Ti	BAR	I U M		STR	O N T	I U M	LAN	T HIA	N U M	YТ	TRIU	JM
1	Min.	Max.	Av.	Min.	Max.	Av.	Min.	Max.	Av.	Min.	Max.	Av.	Min.	Max	Av.
Strangways Range (Gellatly, 1969)	20	450	78	200	1000	635	800	1500	1108	-100	700	173±12	80	100	137
Tundulu (Garson, 1962)	20	1000+	557+	500	1000+	886+	1000	1000+	1000+	450	1000+	854+	70	1000+	431
Chilwa Island (Garson & Smith, 1958)	x	2500	Ca 520	300	4000	1783	2000	18+	3885+	300	1500	917	25	300	101
Darkainle (Gellatly, 1963)	13	290	80	20	160	55	45	550	211	-100	700	326±10	50	350	145
Iron Hill (Coetzee, 1963)	27	315	121	_	-	-	700	8600	5000	_	-	-	_	-	
Dorowa (Johnson, 1961)	30-	30	17±13	55	3200+	771+	950	3200+	1270+	35	100	50±19	30-	120	66:
Sangu (Coetzee, 1963)	5	1000+	127	_	· _	-	200	2500	-1200	_		40	_	-	28
Mbeya (Coetzee, 1963)	_	-	-	_	_	-	6800	7300	7050	-	·	180	_	-	9:
Spitzkop (Coetzee, 1963)	15	646	201	_	_	-	200	2500	1200	_	-		-	-	
Russian localities (Kapustin, 1966)	_	-	-	_	_	-	_		-	18	34	26	-	-	-
Tanganyika (Bowden, 1962)	1500	1.05%	-	1500	1.05%	5730	2500	1.24%	5730	200	700	483	5-	100	4.
General averages (Gold, 1966) (Weber, 1964) (Higazy, 1954)	-0 -	0.52%	1198 - -	trace 64 290	8.40% 130 4000	3800 144 1985	680	18.24% 21 00 1%+	9100 214 7750+	- - 140	- - 700	- - 435	0 - 45	1000	13

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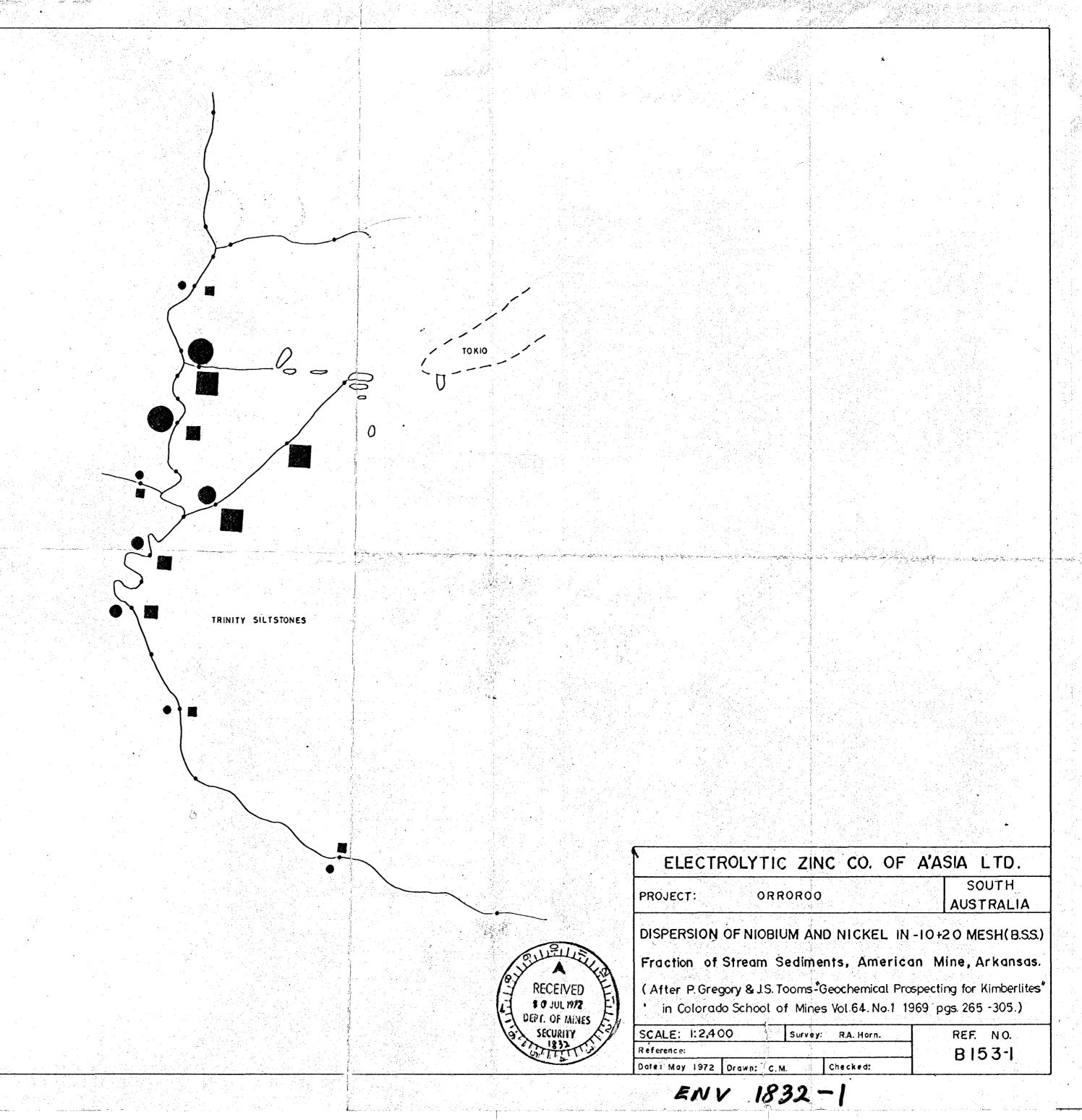
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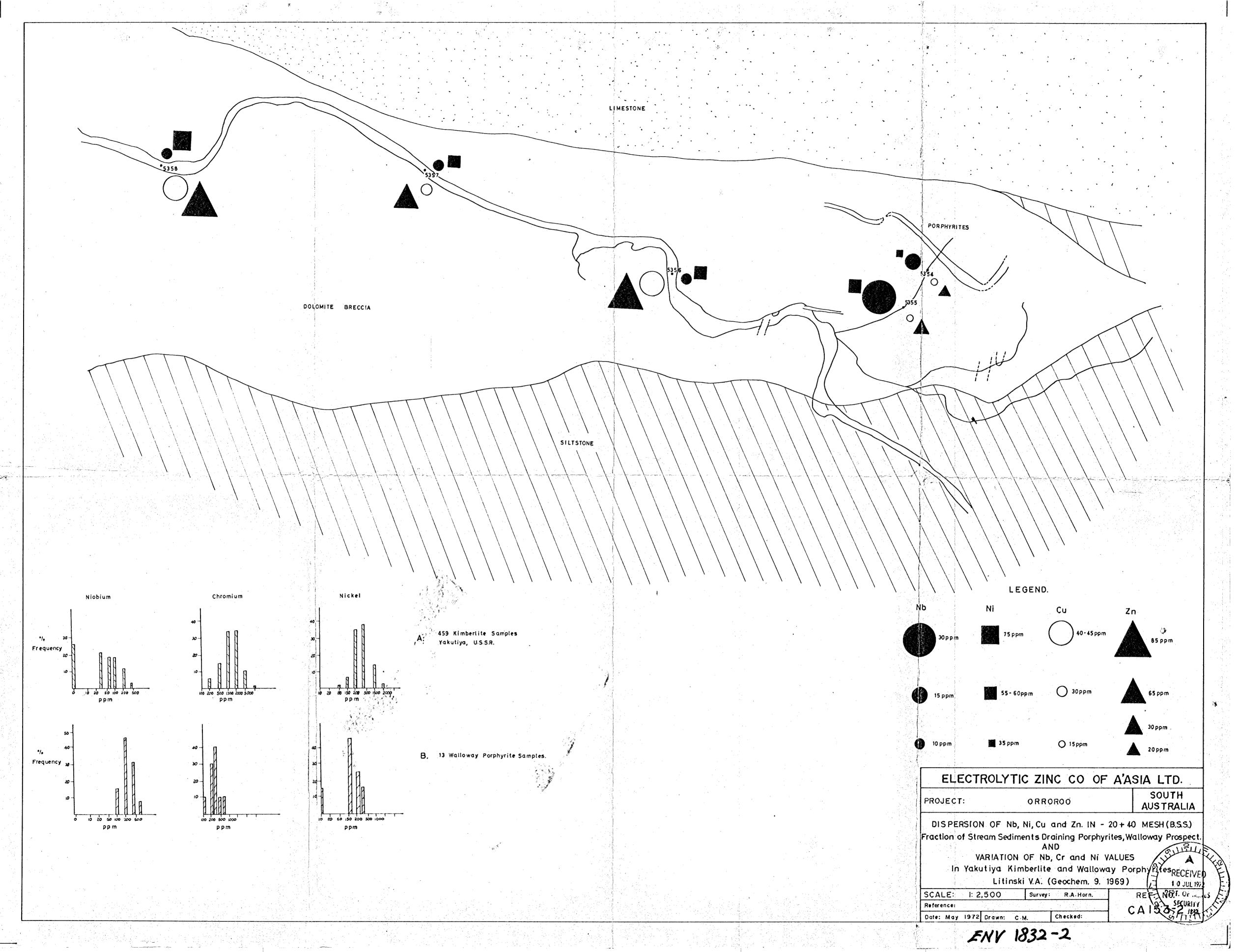
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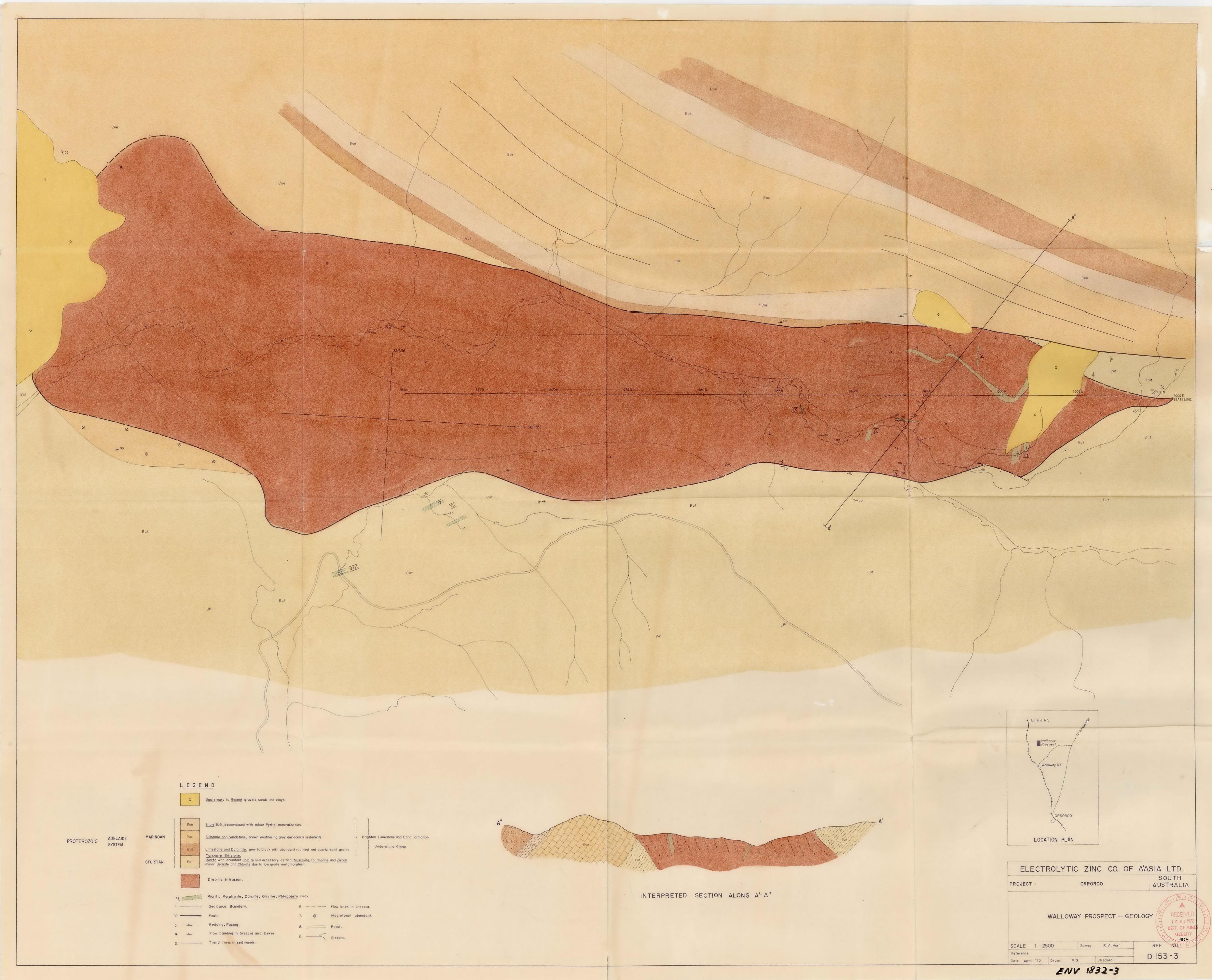
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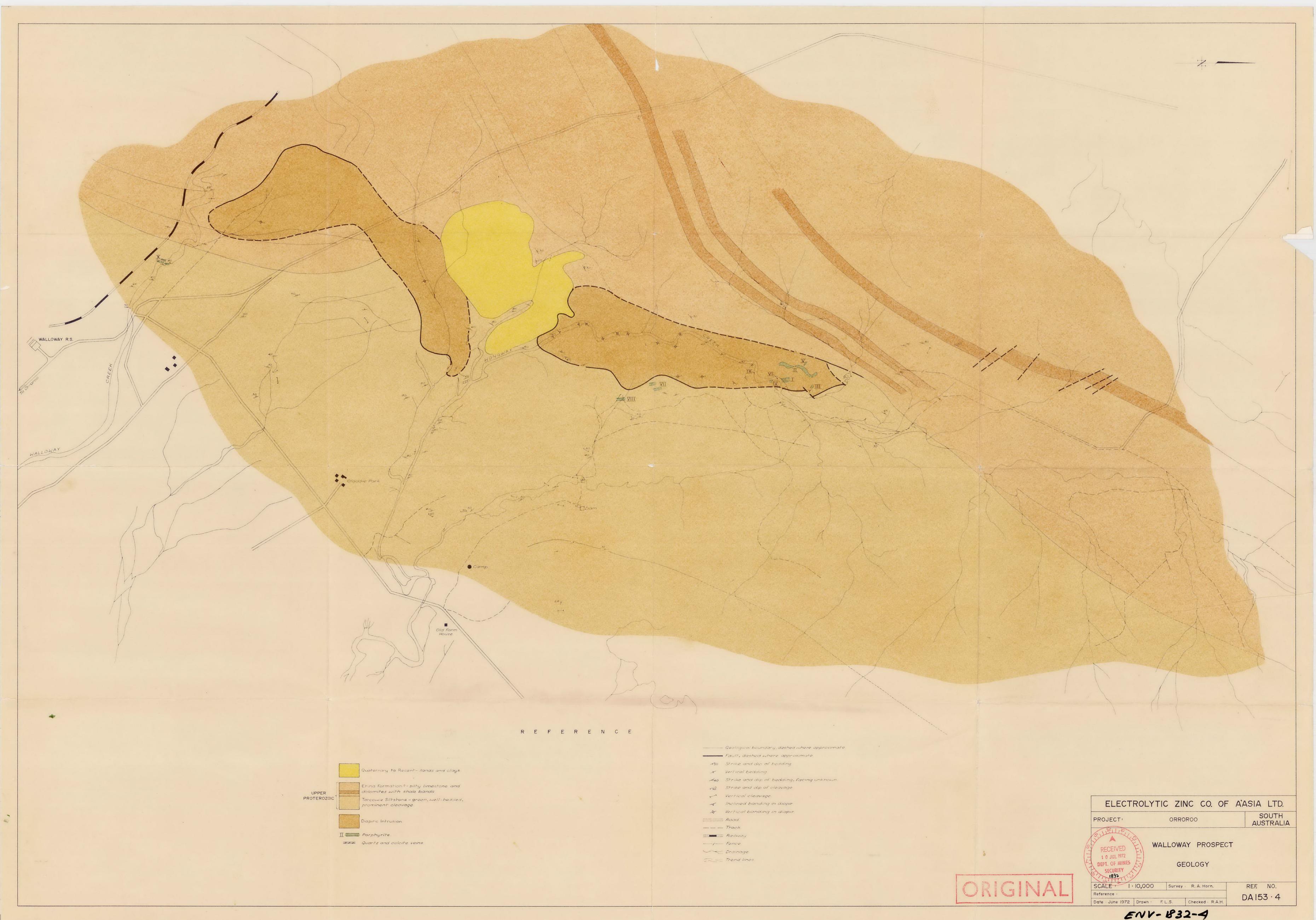
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ELECTROLYTIC ZINC COMPANY OF AUSTRALASIA LIMITED EXPLORATION DEPARTMENT

Special Mining Lease No. 646

and

Mineral Claims Nos. 7445 to 7450

Report No.3 for three months ended 18th August, 1972.

PLANS TO ACCOMPANY THIS REPORT:

DA 153-7	Stream Geo	chemistry	-	Copper Values
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EXPLORATION DEPARTMENT

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Report No. 3 for three months ended 18th August, 1972.

INTRODUCTION:

This report covers exploration work undertaken in Special Mining Lease No. 646 and in the six Mineral Claims No's 7445, 7446, 7447, 7448, 7449, 7450 which lie within the boundaries of the Special Mining Lease. This work completes the initial program of exploration undertaken. As this exploration has not yielded promising results, this Company has ceased negotiations with the claimholders for purchase of the Mineral Claims, and the claimholders have relinquished the Claims.

SUMMARY:

It was concluded in the previous report that the picritic porphyrites at Orroroo do not represent a source of potentially economic minerals. However, as a final check, a large sample (some 30 cu. yards) of creek debris derived from the picritic porphyrite dykes was taken. A heavy mineral concentrate was obtained from this sample, and was examined for diamonds and for kimberlite indicator minerals. No diamonds or indicator minerals were found.

Plans showing the results of stream geochemistry, which was reported on in Report No. 2, are included in this present report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that no further exploration be undertaken in the area by this Company, and that Special Mining Lease No. 646 be relinquished.

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Test on Large Sample

The earlier petrological, petrochemical and geological work led to the conclusion that some of the intrusive bodies present in the area were picritic porphyrites. While picritic porphyrites are not generally known as sources of diamond production, the rocks certainly lie within the kimberlitic suite, and may be considered as potentially diamondiferous.

In the petrological examinations (and in examination of heavy fractions from stream sediment samples), no diamonds were found, and few examples of minerals which are regarded as indicators for kimberlites. indicator minerals are a minor constituent, and diamonds when present form an extremely small portion of a Thus, it was concluded that to effectively kimberlite. test for indicator minerals and diamonds, it is necessary to take a very large sample of the intrusive bodies or of stream debris derived from the bodies. It was decided that large samples of stream debris would be taken from streams draining off the known kimberlitic bodies and that these would be combined into one sample The samples were excavated for us by for testing. and under the guidance of Anglo-American Co. personnel, who were working on kimberlites in the Terowie area. The samples were combined into one totalling some thirty (30) cubic yards.

The large sample was transported to Terowie and fed through Anglo-American's heavy media plant to obtain a heavy mineral concentrate. The concentrate obtained weighed some 80 lbs.

The concentrate was divided into two portions, one of which was retained, the other was submitted to Central Mineralogical Services for testing. A copy of the report (CMS 72/6/20) by Mr. H.W.Fander is included herewith as Appendix I.

From this report, it is seen that no diamonds were found and, with the possible exception of ilmenite, no kimberlite indicators. Thus, it must be concluded that the kimberlitic intrusives from which this sample originated are non-diamondiferous.

While geochemical analyses on this sample give moderately high values for Co, Ni, Cu, Pb and Zn, the results cannot be taken as promising as the mineralogy of the sample suggests that the Co and Ni has been collected by the manganese minerals present and the base metals by the goethite. Additionally, the values recorded from this heavy media concentrate are undoubtedly much higher than the values in the original stream debris sample.

Stream Sediment Sampling

In Report No.2 (for three months ended 18th May, 1972) it was reported that stream sediment samples were taken at minor creek intersections and at intervals along Wongway Creek. Further details and results of tests on samples are submitted herewith.

A total of 45 samples were taken within the Mineral Claims and the Special Mining Lease. The samples were divided into two portions. One portion was sieved in the field to obtain the +20, -20 +40 and -40 mesh fractions, which were submitted to McPhar for copper, lead, zinc and nickel determinations. The results of these determinations are expressed on the accompanying plans. As stated in the previous report, the base metal values show no increase towards known igneous bodies.

It is perhaps worth noting that, while the considerable variation between values for the +20, -20 +40 and the -40 mesh fractions appears to be fairly random, on the average, the -20 +40 mesh fraction gives slightly higher values for copper, lead and nickel, while the +20 mesh fraction gives higher values for zinc.

Some seventeen of the second portions of the samples were selected, and heavy mineral concentrates were obtained by TBE separation. These concentrates were examined for indicator minerals for kimberlites and for indications of further bodies of picritic porphyrites. With the possible exception of ilmenite, no kimberlite indicators were found, and no indications of further picritic porphyrites.

APPENDIX I

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25th July 1972

Mr. R. Horne, Electrolytic Zinc Company of Australasia Limited, 90 Fullarton Road, NORWOOD, S.A. 5067

REPORT CMS 72/6/20

YOUR REFERENCE:

Verbal request

DATE RECEIVED:

26th June 1972

SAMPLE NOS:

1 only 209 Concentrate

SUBMITTED BY:

Mr. R. Horne

WORK REQUESTED:

Mineralogy

H.W. Fander, M.Sc.

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CENTRAL MINERALOGICAL SERVICES

Date	25/7/72	
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SAMPLE REPORT (Mineralogy, Petrology, Ore Microscopy)	IDENTIFICATION	
	209	
Job No. <u>CMS 72/6/20</u> Date Received: <u>26/6/72</u>		
Reference Verbal request Mr. R. Horne		
Sample No. 209		
Nature of Sample: Concentrate	Concentrate	
DESCRIPTION SECTION No.		

ጎ. Microscopic:

a. Hand Specimen:

Half the sample was sent to Amdel for analyses, and the results are attached. The remainder was screened through a 12 mesh sieve, and the -12 mesh material examined in detail.

- +12 mesh fraction. This consists of rock fragments (fine-grained sediments), quartz, goethite pseudomorphs after pyrite, hematite, ilmenite, manganese nodules, and occasional barite grains.
- <u>-12 mesh fraction</u>. This is very similar to the +12 mesh material in constituents, but goethite pseudomorphs dominate; rock fragments and manganese oxide fragments are insignificant. Small grains of non-opaque minerals were hand-picked. All proved to be quartz or barite.

It is believed that the geochemical results can be correlated with the mineralogy. In particular, the Ni-Co results are most probably related to the manganese oxide nodules. The base metals Zn-Cu-Pb are probably contained within the goethite.

H.W. Fander, M.Sc.

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The Australian Mineral Development Laboratories

Flemington Street, Frewville, South Australia 5063 Phone 79 1662, telex AA82520 Please address all correspondence to the Director In reply quote: AN3/501/0 - 80/73

14 July 1972

The Manager
Central Mineralogical Services Pty Ltd
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REPORT AN80/73

YOUR REFERENCE:

Application dated 6/7/72

IDENTIFICATION:

209 - concentrate

DATE RECEIVED:

6/7/72

Enquiries quoting AN80/73 to Officer in Charge please.

Analysis by:

R.R. Robinson

Officer in Charge, Analytical Section:

A.B. Timms

for F.R. Hartley Director

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Semi-Quantitative Spectrographic Analysis Schemes Al, A2, A3, A4, A5 & A6

BATCH

Results in ppm unless otherwise stated. Detection limits in brackets Form 60 Sample No 209 Sample No. 209 A2 Contd. Αl Ge (1) Co (5) 1 500 As (50) Ni (5) 500 Sb (30) Cr (20) 20 A3 V (10) Te (20) (50) T1 (1) Mo (3) 100 P (100) 100 Mn (10) A4 Ta (100) Na (50) Nb (20) Li (1) Be (1) A5 Th (100) K (5) 3000 Pt (10) 10 Rb (10) Pd (10) Cs (30) 0s (10) A6 Ir (2) Ba (50) Rh (2) Sr (10) Ru (2) Y (10) 10 A2 La (100) Cu (0.5) 800 Ce (300) 200 РЬ (1) Nd (300) Zn (20) 400 Pr (100) Sn (1) Ti (100) 2000 Cd (3) Er (100) Bi (1) Sc (50) Ag (0.1)Eu (50) Au (3)

Geo A., Az, Az, As, A6 1x18=18

Ga (1)

Results are semi-quantitative. Elements apparently present in concentrations of economic interest should be redetermined X = Not detected at limit quoted. by an appropriate accurate analytical technique.

