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1.0.0 SUMMARY

This report describes exploration activities carried out over E.L.s 552 Sleisbeck, 672 Miriam Springs, 145 Denver Carpentaria, Northern Territory, during the period September to December, 1974.

Some 740 metres of shallow open hole reconnaissance drilling at U4 and UM14 anomalies failed to reveal subsurface anomalism.

Deep drilling at the North Fault - U3 anomaly, Sleisbeck was unsuccessful in that it failed to penetrate the Upper Proterozoic cover, overlying the Koolpin Formation target. One hole - DDH 2, bottomed in Birdie Creek Volcanics.

Ground follow-up prospecting of 21 airborne radiometric anomalies was carried out on the Denver Carpentaria/Miriam Springs properties. One anomaly, DC 10, which occurs in McAdden Creek Volcanics, requires further investigation.

2.0.0 SLEISBECK PROGRAMME

2.1.0 <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

Radiometric prospecting was carried out on anomalies UM14, UM15, TM8, TM9.

Anomalies UM4, UM14, and UM15 were gridded and radiometrically surveyed.

Shallow reconnaissance drilling was carried out on anomalies U4 and UM14. A series of shallow holes was drilled on a line extending north-eastwards from the U4 grid towards the UM14 grid, here referred to as the North East Line.

At the North Fault, an attempt was made to penetrate the Kombolgie by diamond drilling.

Where possible anomalies are dealt with individually.

2.2.0 U4 ANOMALY

2.2.1 SURFACE GEOLOGY

The U4 grid area was geologically mapped concurrent with the radiometric survey. Traverses were made along the north and south banks of the Katherine River from the U4 grid to UM15 to the north-east. Several further small outcrops of Koolpin Formation were located.

2.2.2 SURFACE RADIOMETRICS

Some 43,300 line metres were radiometrically surveyed, readings being taken at 50 metre intervals on lines spaced 150 metres apart. Readings taken at waist level with a GIS-3 spectrometer ranged between 3 - 60 cps. Maximum readings were obtained on outcrops of Koolpin phyllite.

2.2.3 SUBSURFACE GEOLOGY

Twenty-six holes were drilled for a total of 311 metres. Samples were collected at one metre intervals. All holes bottomed in Koolpin Formation with the exception of three in Birdie Creek volcanics. Average depth of hole was 8.5 metres. Maximum 48 metres.

2.2.4 SUBSURFACE RADIOMETRICS

Holes were logged at metre intervals with a Scintrex - BHP - 1 probe connected to a Scintrex GIS-2 spectrometer. Equipment failure resulted in many of the holes not being logged. Radiometric readings were taken over cuttings with a GIS-2/GIS-3 spectrometer.

A maximum down hole reading of 30 cps was obtained at 200E, 150W in schist. Readings taken over cuttings gave a maximum of 34 cps over Koolpin schist and 38 cps over Birdie Creek volcanics.

2.3.0 UM14 ANOMALY

2.3.1 SURFACE GEOLOGY AND RADIOMETRICS

Anomaly UM14 is located on a low ridge. There is no exposure, the area being covered by a lateritic soil and the remnant of a laterite cover. A grid was established for a total of 4350 metres, readings being taken at 50 metre intervals on lines spaced 200 metres apart. Readings ranged between 10 - 32 cps, using a GIS-3 spectrometer.

2.3.2 SUBSURFACE GEOLOGY

Six holes were drilled for a total of 50 metres. All holes were drilled in Koolpin phyllite, samples being taken at one metre intervals. Maximum reading over cuttings was 32 cps. Background 28 cps. None of these holes were radiometrically probed.

2.4.0 UM15, TM8, TM9

2.4.1 SURFACE RADIOMETRICS

Radiometric prospecting failed to locate thorium anomalies TM8 and TM9.

A base line was established over UM15 and readings were taken over 3150 metres of line, using a Geometrics 300 spectrometer. Readings ranged between 8 - 398, equivalent to 1 - 40 cps on the GIS-3 instrument.

2.4.2 SURFACE GEOLOGY

The anomaly was found to coincide with a shallow clay covered flood channel. The area lies between the Katherine River and Gimbat Creek.

2.5.0 NORTH EAST LINE

2.5.1 INTRODUCTION

Geological mapping along the Katherine River revealed that the Koolpin Formation was more extensive than previously thought. A series of holes was drilled on a line extending north-eastwards from the U4 grid towards UM14.

The object was to test the Koolpin across strike to determine possible changes in lithology and degree of metamorphism.

Some 44 holes were drilled for a total of 379 metres.

2.5.2 SUBSURFACE GEOLOGY

The majority of the holes were in Koolpin Formation. Some predictably intersected Edith River volcanics, Birdie Creek volcanics and Kombolgie.

2.5.3 SUBSURFACE RADIOMETRICS

Only the first 19 of these holes were radiometrically probed. Highest borehole reading was 17 cps. Highest reading taken over cuttings was 30 cps on Koolpin schist (GIS-2).

2.6.0 NORTH FAULT ANOMALY

2.6.1 INTRODUCTION

The black soil anomalies discovered during the 1973 programme were relocated. Similar anomalies were found to exist to the south of the North Fault - U3 - South Fault area, outside the licence area. However, these were less extensive in area than the North Fault anomaly.

2.6.2 SOIL SAMPLING

Three soil samples were taken at points of maximum radiometric readings; 750N 2600E, 450W 1650E, and 0/0 on the 1973 percussion grid. The samples contained a high percentage of organic matter.

2.6.3 WATER SAMPLING

Ten water samples were collected at seepage points along the southern side of the North Fault valley. Natural gamma spectrograms were run on these samples by Geopeko, Darwin. Samples were acidified in the field and processed within 24 hours of collection.

2.6.4 DEEP DRILLING, NORTH FAULT AREA

It was intended to penetrate the Upper Proterozoic at the North Fault, with two diamond drill holes, the purpose being:-

- 1) to determine the thickness of the Upper Proterozoic cover
- 2) to obtain samples of the underlying Koolpin Formation to determine its lithology, degree of metamorphism and uranium content.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to deepen PDH1 (1973), which reached a depth of 80 metres.

Two attempts were made to put down a hole at the side of PDH1. Both holes failed to penetrate a fracture zone at a depth of approximately 27 - 30 metres.

A third unsuccessful hole (DDH 2), approximately 100 metres west of U3 anomaly, reached a depth of 129 metres, before the rods jammed in the hole. Core was obtained from 36.6 metres to 114 metres in Kombolgie sandstone and quartzite. No recovery was obtained between 114 and 126 metres in what was a leached sandstone, possibly a fault zone overlying the Birdie Creek volcanics. The last two metres were cored in Birdie Creek tuff, a sample of which has been submitted for uranium analysis.

An attempt was made to ream out this hole to take NQ rods, but the quartzite proved to be too resistant for this to proceed economically.

2.7.0 CONCLUSIONS, SLEISBECK PROPERTY

Deep drilling at the North Fault anomaly encountered difficulties in the form of fault zones and solution cavities. The programme was concluded when it became evident that penetration of the Upper Proterozoic was not possible with the drilling equipment available on site. Continuation was also precluded by the onset of adverse weather conditions.

To date, little additional knowledge has been gained as to the origin of the North Fault anomaly. It is hoped that results of water and soil analyses will throw some light on the problem.

The U4 airborne anomaly is caused by higher background Koolpin Formation outcropping in lower background sands and silts. Shallow reconnaissance drilling has not revealed subsurface anomalism.

Laterite and lateritic soil occurring on a low ridge gives rise to UM14 airborne anomaly. Again subsurface anomalism was not revealed in shallow reconnaissance drilling.

Radiometric prospecting of UM15 anomaly revealed higher background values associated with a clay bottomed flood channel.

3.0.0 <u>DENVER CARPENTARIA/MIRIAM SPRINGS PROGRAMME</u>

3.1.0 INTRODUCTION

Some 21 anomalies located during the 1972 airborne radiometric survey were radiometrically prospected on the ground. Location was by means of photomozaics.

Anomalies located included DC1, DC6, DC7, DC10, DC11, DC13, DC17, DC19, MS6, MS7, MS8, MS13 and MS22.

The following anomalies were prospected but not located: DC16, MS5, MS15, MS20, MS21, MS23 and MS24.

In this report the anomalies are dealt with under two headings, those located on Kombolgie and those located on volcanics. A brief description of each anomaly follows.

3.1.1 KOMBOLGIE ANOMALIES

Seven of the located anomalies occur on Kombolgie sandstone. They include DC7, DC11, DC17, DC19, MS6, MS13 and MS22.

DC7

The source of the anomaly was not found in situ. Boulders of Banded sandstone in a creek bed gave readings of 400-500 (Geometrics 300), equivalent to 40 - 50 cps on a GIS-3. The highest readings were obtained on bands of heavy mineral sands (2cm wide). The boulders occur at the base of an almost vertical, 25 metres high cliff.

DC11

A small area of Kombolgie gave readings between 25 - 30 cps (GIS-3). Average reading on the surrounding Kombolgie was 10 - 15 cps. Quartz veining and hematitic mineralisation occur along joint planes and fracture surfaces.

DC17

Average reading over Kombolgie sandstone is 10 - 15 cps (GIS-3). A small area of sandstone gave readings between 25 - 33 cps. The sandstone is coarse grained, porous and darker in colour than the surrounding sandstone.

DC19

Anomalous readings occur over a zone of banded sandstone 0.5 metres wide, 30 metres long, and range between 100 - 200 cps (GIS-3). Normal readings over Kombolgie sandstone are 10 - 15 cps. The darker bands are formed of heavy mineral sands. Readings of up to 320 cps were obtained in contact with the darker bands. A sample of banded sandstone has been submitted for analysis and thin section description.

MS6

This is a spring fed black soil anomaly situated at the base of a Kombolgie escarpment. The anomaly covers an area of 20 metres by 40 metres and gives readings up to 225 cps (GIS-3). Water issues from a crevice in the quartzite escarpment.

MS13

This anomaly is caused by a band of hematitic, micaceous siltstone within the Kombolgie sandstone, width 5 metres, length 30 metres. Readings range up to 45 cps (GIS-3). Background over sandstone is 15 cps. The anomaly occurs just below the McAdden Creek volcanics horizon.

MS22

This is caused by a laterite on a low ridge of Mullaman beds, overlying Kombolgie. Readings range up to 48 cps (Geometrics 100).

3.1.2 VOLCANICS ANOMALIES

All the airborne anomalies occurring over volcanics and defined as definite anomalies were investigated. They included: DC1, DC5, DC6, DC10, DC13, DC16, MS5, MS7, MS8, and MS15. Anomalies DC16, MS5 and MS15 were not located by ground prospecting.

DC1

This anomaly occurs on Mullaman beds, overlying Antrim Plateau volcanics. Sandy soil in this area gives readings of 70 - 100 (Geometrics 300), equivalent to 7 - 10 cps on GIS-3. Slightly darker sandy soil lying in a depression gives readings up to 22 cps.

DC5

This anomaly occurs in a valley over McAdden Creek volcanics. Background readings over alluvium in the valley range between 10 - 15 cps(GIS~3). Swampy black soil areas give readings averaging 45 cps and ranging up to 100 cps. Small outcrops of volcanics give readings up to 35 cps.

DC6

A weak, spring fed black soil anomaly approximately 50 metres west of the sandstone/volcanics boundary gives readings up to 45 cps (GIS-3).

DC10

This anomaly occurs in McAdden Creek Volcanics which have been subjected to silicification and hematitic mineralisation. Readings of up to 170 cps were obtained at waist level using a GIS-3 instrument. The average reading obtained on surrounding volcanics was 30 cps. A sample of silicified volcanics has been submitted for analysis and thin section description. The anomaly was gridded. Anomalous readings occur over an area 50 metres by 50 metres.

DC13

The anomaly occurs in amygdaloidal basalt of the Dorothy volcanics. Readings range between 14 - 82 cps (GIS-3), the average reading being 50 cps. Higher readings occur erratically as spot highs. The anomaly was gridded.

<u>MS7</u>

This is a swamp anomaly giving readings up to 88 cps (Geometrics 100). It occurs in a valley bottom underlain by Henwood volcanics.

<u>MS8</u>

This anomaly is similar to MS7 with readings ranging to 75 cps.

3.2.0 CONCLUSIONS, DENVER CARPENTARIA/MIRIAM SPRINGS PROPERTY

Of the 21 anomalies prospected DC10, occurring on McAdden Creek volcanics, warrants further investigation. The anomaly occurs some 4.0 kilometres north-west of the ABC prospect in the same volcanic member.

MS13 could also warrant further investigation.

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