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EL 2331 CHRISTIES CORNER

LOCATION

Katherine SO 53-3

Report No. 12997

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1.0 SUMMARY

An airborne geophysical survey was flown over Christies Corner EL 2331 as part of the blanket coverage of the Daly River Basin Survey.

Drainage gravel sample 4BGF8 taken at anomaly F419B in a tributary of the Katherine River produced two chromites. All other loam and drainage sample results were negative.

A repeat gravel sample taken at the same location as sample 4BGF8 also produced 2 chromites. However samples taken further upstream in the same tributary returned negative results while a ground traverse of the area failed to locate any obvious source for the chromites.

Samples taken further upstream in the Katherine River system, outside the EL area have produced chromites similar in morphology to those in sample 4BGF8. It is probable that all these chromites have a similar source, outside the EL area.

2.0 CONCLUSIONS

Negative results have been obtained for all samples taken upstream of 4BGF8 and 4BGF159 which reported chromites. Samples 4BGF8 and 4BGF159 lie within the floodplain of the Katherine River. The chromites are similar in morphology to others found upstream in the Katherine River system. The chromites are believed to have been carried into the EL area from an exotic source.

3.0 INTRODUCTION

Application for Christies Corner EL 2331 was lodged on 26th October 1979 as part of the blanket coverage of the Daly River Basin Survey. The area was selected for expoloration for kimberlite pipes. It consists largely of Cainozoic black soil and alluvium. Outcrop of Cambrian age Tindall and Manbulloo Limestones is restricted to stream channels.

The EL application was partly in conflict with the Jawoyn Land Claim & was not processed. After an amendment to the land claim on 3rd November, 1982 only a small portion in the north-east corner of the ELA remained within the area subject to claim.

Objections to the EL application were received from the Kalano Community, holders of SPL423 and Northwest Beef Industries Ltd., holders of AL 739.

To facilitate grant of title, the EL application was ammended to exclude SPL 423, AL 739 and the area subject to land claim. Title was granted on 16th March, 1984 to an area of 42 blocks (139.146 square km.).

This report describes all work carried out within the boundaries of the original ELA. Work carried out over anomaly F372B just outside the western boundary of the ELA has not been previously reported and is included in this report.

4.0 AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

Airborne geophysical survey covered margin of the Daly River Basin on the River, Katherine and Larrimah sheets (see Jenke, 1981.)

Within this area, magnetic gradients were expected to be low with only long wavelength, regular variations from deep basement features, so that any shallow magnetic volcanic intrusion would be easily recognisable.

A contract was awarded to Geometrics International Corporation to fly the area according to the following specifications:-

Line spacing 300m

Line direction North-south

Tie linespacing 500m

Tie line direction East West

Flying speed 90 knots (46ms -1)

Mean terraine clearance 80m

Navigation Visual from 1977 1:60,000 (Katherine)

and 1963 1:80,000 (Larrimah) aerial photography enlarged to 1:20,000

Aircraft Britten-Norman Islander BN-2A

Magnetometer

Geometrics G-803 with a sensitivity of

0.25nT

Spectrometer

Exploration Digrs-3001 measuring the standard energy windows for gamma radiation from T1208, Bi214 and K40, and stabilised

using a Ba133 source

Altimeter

Sperry AA200 Radar Altimeter

Diurnal monitor

Geometrics G-806 base station magnometer

Recording interval

1.0s

Analogue recorders

MARS-6 recording total magnetic field, altimeter, four spectrometer channels

and fiducial marks

Mosley 7100B recording total magnetic field at 25 and 250nT f.s.d. and fiducial marks.

Digital recorder

For each reading, the following were recorded on magnetic tape;-

magnetometer reading total count reading

K window reading
U window reading
Th window reading

Background checks

Checks of background radiation levels were made at 900m above ground level before and

each flight.

Test lines

A test line 5km long was flown at survey altitude before and after each flight

Hand sample checks

Hand sample checks were carried out before

and after each flight.

Data presentation

Separate flight path and stacked magnetic profile maps at a scale of 1:40,000

Data corrections

The magnetic data was levelled and the

IGRF removed

The corrected magnetic data were plotted as stacked magnetic profiles to overlie the flight path plans which were at a scale of 1:40,000 on a planimetric base. (Plan Nos. NTd 1267, 1271, 1296 and 1300).

Each sheet area corresponded to a 15' by 15' breakdown of the standard 1:1000 sheet areas.

5.0 FOLLOW-UP OF MAGNETIC RESPONSES

5.1 Location of anomalies

The magnetic responses were accurately relocated using a geometrics G-803 magnetometer mounted in a Bell 206 helicopter with the sensor in a bird 30m below the aircraft. The magnetometer readings were displayed on a chart recorder at two scales; either 100 or 1000 nT f.s.d. or 50 and 500 nT f.s.d. The plotted position of the response was relocated as accurately as possible using the 1:20,000 aerial photographs and the area then systematically traversed in a north south direction until the position of the maximum response was located. The helicopter was then landed and a loam sample taken at that spot. Concurrently, notes were made about the local topography, vegetation, outcrop and/or cover. On some occasions where the area of the response was drained by a stream, a drainage sample was taken instead of, or in addition to, the loam sample.

5.2 Ground Investigation of Anomalies

Aeromagnetic anomaly locations are given on Plan NTd 3854 while sample locations are shown on Plan NTd 3853. Sample results are tabulated in Appendix I while full descriptions of work carried out over each anomaly are given in Appendix 2

ANOMALY F363A

The helimag system detected a complex dipolar anomaly over an area of limestone outcrop and subcrop. Laterite is probably the source of the anomaly.

Loam sample 4BGF6 returned negative results.

ANOMALY F364B

A homestead was identified as the source of the response.

ANOMALY F366B

The helimag system identified a well defined dipole response up to 135nT. The response is coincident with a sinkhole in an area of outcropping limestone. The sand and mud wash material which fills the sinkhole is the probable source of the anomaly. Loam sample 4BGF7 returned negative results.

ANOMALY F372B

The helimag system detected a sharp 20nT response against a noisy background. The area consists of soil cover with occasional limestone and sandstone float.

Loam sample 1BGF9 returned negative results.

ANOMALY F398B

Buildings are the source of the response.

ANOMALY F403B

The helimag system detected a well defined response of 45nT amplitude over an area of soil cover in open savannah country. Loam sample 1BGF10 returned negative results.

ANOMALY F406B

A homestead is the source of the response.

ANOMALY F409B

The source of the response is a homestead.

ANOMALY F419B

A single line dipole response was detected by the airborne survey. The helimag system identified a 4nT response over a building and a 13nT dipole over a creek.

A gravel sample taken in the creek contained two fresh, euhedral, +0.4mm chromites. Further investigation of this anomaly is discussed in the next section.

ANOMALY F422

The response plots adjacent to a creek crossing on the Victoria Highway and a bridge is assumed to be the source.

ANOMALY F425B

The source of the response is a homestead.

ANOMALY F430Ba

The source of the response is a homestead.

ANOMALY F432B

A house and sheds is the source of the response.

6.0 FOLLOW-UP DRAINAGE SAMPLING

The helimag system located airborne magnetic anomaly F419B in a tributary of the Katherine River. Gravel Sample 4BGF8 was collected at the approximate position of the helimag response and returned 2 x + 0.4mm fresh octahedral chromites.

Follow-up gravel sample 4BGF159 was taken at the same locality and it returned 2 x + 0.4mm chromites of similar morphology to those obtained in 4BGF8. Sample 4BGF8, taken further upstream returned negative results. Subsequently six gravel samples (966181-966186) were collected at 19800mE 8392700mN, approximately 600 metres upstream of the 4BGF8, 4BGF159 site. All reported negative for both kimberlitic indicators and microdiamonds.

A ground traverse of the area between the two sample sites was undertaken. No obvious source for the chromites was located.

Reconnaissance drainage samples 768242,-243,-246 and -250 were taken further upstream in the Katherine River system, outside the EL area and returned chromites of similar morphology to those obtained in 4BGF8 and 4BGF159. The source for these chromites is likely to be the Maude Creek Dolerite.

As sample sites 4BGF8 and 4BGF159 lie within the flood backwash zone of the Katherine River it is probable the chromites at these sites are similarly derived from the Maude Creek Dolerite.

7.0 REFERENCES

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Wye River EL2333, Stott Hill EL2335 and

Elsey EL2337.

CRAE Report No. 10946

Randal, M.A. 1963 Katherine, N.T.

BMR 1:250,000 Geological Series

Explanatory Notes

8.0 KEYWORDS

Diamonds, diamond indicators, airborne, geophys-mag, sampling-drainage.

9.0 LOCATION

Katherine SE 53-3 (Manbulloo 5368) (Katherine 5369)

10.0 LIST OF PLANS

Plan No.	Title	Scale
/NTd 1267	Residual Magnetic Intensity sheet 5369/3	1:40,000
/ NTd 1271	Recovered Flight Paths sheet 5368/4	**
/NTd 1296	Recovered Flight Paths sheet 5369/3	11
✓ NTd 1300	Residual Magnetic Intensity sheet 5368/4	**
/ NTd 3291	Christies Corner EL 2331 Location Plan	19
/ NTd 3853	Christies Corner EL 2331 and surrounding area. Sample Location Plan	1:1000,000
/ NTd 3854	Christies Corner EL2331 and surrounding area. Airborne Magnetic Anomaly. Location Plan.	11

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APPENDIX I

INDICATOR MINERAL SAMPLING DATA

APPENDIX I

SAMPLE NO.	SAMPLE TYPE	KIMBERLITIC INDICATORS	MICRODIAMONDS
1BGF9	10am	nil	ж
1BGF10	1oam	nil	x
4BGF6	10am	nil	x
4BGF7	loam	ni1	х
4BGF8	gravel	2 chromites	x
4BGF159	gravel	2 chromites	х
4BGF160	gravel	nil	X
966181	gravel	nil	nil
966182	gravel	nil	nil
966183	gravel	nil	nil
966184	gravel	nil	nil
966185	gravel	nil	nil
966186	gravel	nil	nil
300130	graver	****	
766251	gravel	nil	nil
766252	gravel	nil	nil
766494	gravel	nil	nil
768242	gravel	285 chromites	nil
768243	gravel	60 chromites	nil
768244	gravel	nil	ni1
768245	gravel	nil	nil
768246	gravel	34 chromites	nil
768250	gravel	1 chromite	nil

APPENDIX II

AIRBORNE MAGNETIC ANOMALIES - FULL DETAILS

F 372 B

File no.

2

1:100 000 sheet Profile sheet no. EL number Katherine 5369/3 2328

AMG mE AMG mN 180650.0 8405600.0

Sample no. Photo no.

1BGF9 5BZ154

Line no. Fid no. Amplitude 372 555909 7.0

Fixed wins response : Sinsle line dipole.

Helimas response :

20 nT sharp response in a noise area.

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Swail in a gently undulating area.

Outerop / cover :

Soil and loam with no oversize fraction. Limestone and sandstone float with outcrop approx 60m east.

Vesetation:

Open savannah with moderate undergrowth

Other comments :

Sample type

Sampler Date LOAM SB/DA 28/11/79

RESULTS

DFO 20910

Nil from +0.8 to +0.4mm

F 403 B

File no.

3

1:100 000 sheet Profile sheet no. EL number

Katherine 5369/3 2331

AMG mE 190000.0 AMG mN 8408450.0

Sample no. Photo no.

1BGF10 17A/151

Line no. Fid no. Amplitude

403 611258 8.0

Fixed wins response: A dipole response on at least 7 lines. Strike is approx E-W.

Helimas response : Well defined response with max amplitude of 45nT.

Topgraphs : Flat.

Outcrop / cover : Soil cover.

Vesetation: Open savanuah, cleared to the north.

Other comments : Response occurs on the Katherine experimental farm.

Sample type Sampler Date

LOAM SB/DA 28/11/79

RESULTS

BF0 20910

Nil from +0.8 to +0.4mm

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F 363A

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1:100 000 sheet Profile sheet no. EL number

Manbulloo 5368/4 2331

AMG mE 178100.0 AMG mN 8389250.0

Sample no. Photo no.

4BGF6 7C/180

Line no. Fid no. Amplitude

363 539943 18.0

Fixed wind response:
A broad dipole response, lesser complex responses on adjacent lines.

Helimas response: Complex shape in places.

Topsraphy: Flat.

Outcrop / cover : Limestone outcrop and subcrop.

Vesetation : Open savannah with little undergrowth.

Other comments: Helimas response indicates that laterite (or similar) is the probable source of the response.

Sample type Sampler Date

LOAM SB/DA 28/11/79

RESULTS -----DPO 20910 Nil from +0.8 to +0.4mm

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F 364 B

File no. 34

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1:100 000 sheet Profile sheet no. EL number

Manbulloo 5368/4 2331

AMG mE 178400.0 AMG mN 8392250.0

Sample no. Photo no.

7C/180

Line no. Fid no. Amplitude

364 541125 10.0

Fixed wins response : A complex response on one line.

Helimas response : A share reseanse over a homestead.

Topgraphy :

Outcrop / cover :

Vesetation:

Other comments: A homestead was identified as the source of the response.

Sample type Sampler Date

SBZDA 28/11/79

RESULTS

Anomaly name F 366 B

File no. 35

1:100 000 sheet Manbulloo Frofile sheet no. 5368/4 EL number 2331

AMG mE 179000.0 AMG mN 8388900.0

Sample no. 486F7 Photo no. 70/180

Line no. 366 Fid no. 544231 Amplitude 9.0

Fixed wind response : A single line dipole response in an area of minor noise.

Helimas response: A well defined dipole response up to 135 nT.

Toesraphy : A sinkhole in a senerally flat area.

Outerop / cover : Outeropping limestone surrounds the area of the sinkhole which is filled with sand and mud wash material.

Vesetation : Open savannah and low grass.

Other comments: The magnetic response is coincident with the sinkhole.

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Sample type LOAM SB/DA SE/DA Date 28/11/79

RESULTS

DFO 20910 Nil from +0.8 to +0.4mm

F 398 B

File no. 38

1:100 000 sheet 1:100 000 sheet Profile sheet no. EL number

Manbulloo 5368/4 2331

AMG mE 188350.0 AMG mN 8390600.0

Sample no. Photo no.

19A/183

Line no. Fid no. Amelitude

398 597587 6.0

Fixed wind response : A weak disole response on 3 lines.

Helimas response : A complex response of 10nT over buildings.

Torgraphy :

Outcres / cover :

Vegetation :

Other comments: Buildings are the source of the response.

Sample type Samrler Date

SBZDA 28/11/79

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Anomals name F 406 B File no. 40 1:100 000 sheet Manbulloo Frofile sheet no. 5348/4 EL number 2331 AMG mE 190800.0 AMG mN 8390100.0 Sample no. Photo no. 19A/183 Line no. 406 Fid no. 616196 Amelitude 7 . 0 Fixed wing response : A minor disole response on 2 lines. Helimas response : A well defined dirole response of 15nT over an homestead. Topgraphy : Outcrop / cover : Vesetation :

Sample type
Sampler
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Date
28/11/79

A homestead is the source of the response.

Other comments:

RESULTS

F 409 B

File no. 41

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1:100 000 sheet Frofile sheet no. EL number

Manbulloo 5368/4 2331

AMG mE 191700.0 AMG mN 8391000.0

Sample no. Photo no.

190/185

409

4.0

621921

Line no. Fid no. Amplitude

Fixed wind response : A single line dipole response.

Helimas response: A response of 7nT over an homestead.

Topgraphy :

Outcrop / cover :

Vesetation :

Other comments : The source of the response is an homestead.

Sample type
Sampler
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F 419 B

File no. 42

1:100 000 sheet Profile sheet no. EL number Manbulloo 5368/4 2331

AMG mE AMG mN 8

194750+0 8391800+0

Sample no. Photo no. 480F8 19A/185

Line no. Fid no. Amplitude 419 633308 5.0

Fixed wins response:
A single line dipole response.

Helimas response : A response of $4\,\mathrm{nT}$ over a building and a dipole of $13\,\mathrm{nT}$ over a creek.

Topsraphy: A well incised, turbulent, actively erodins, sinuous stream.

Outeror / cover :

Vegetation :

Other comments : Trap site was gravel within boulder traps on a clay bottom and assessed as moderate.

Sample tupe Sampler Date DRAINAGE SEZDA 28/11/79

RESULTS

DPO 20910

2 +0.4mm chromites. Fresh euhodral. Shins surfaces with occassional pits, lustrous fracture, sellow subconchoidal shards.

F422

File no. 43

1:100 000 sheet Manbulloo Profile sheet no. 5368/4 EL number 2331

AMG mE 195600.0 AMG mN 8386850.0

Sample no. Photo no.

190/185

Line no. 422
Fid no. 636031
Amplitude 7.0

Fixed wind response : A single line dipole response.

Helimas response : No helimas follow-up.

Topgraphy :

Outcrop / cover :

Vesetation :

Other comments :

The response plots adjacent to a creek crossing on the Victoria Highway and a bridge is assumed to be its source.

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F 425 B

File no. 44

1:100 000 sheet Profile sheet no. EL number

Manbulloo 5368/4 2331

AMG mE AMG mN 196550.0

Sample no. Photo no.

19AZ185

Line no. Fid no. Amplitude

425 640036 12.0

Fixed wins response: A single line dipole response.

Helimas response : A dipole response of 10nT over a homestead.

Toedraphy :

Outeror / cover :

Vesetation :

Other comments : The source of the response is a homestead.

Sample type Sampler Date

SB/DA 28/11/79

RESULTS

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F 430 Ba

File no.

45

1:100 000 sheet Profile sheet no. EL number

Manbulloo 5368/4 2331

AMG mE AMG mN

198000.0 8392950.0

Sample no. Photo no.

4114

Line no. Fid no. Amplitude

430 647630 15.0

190/187

Fixed wins response: A single line dipole response.

Helimas response : A response of 5nT over an homestead.

Topgraphs :

Outeror / cover :

Vegetation :

Other comments : A homestead, machiners and sheds are the source of the response

Sample tupe Sampler Date

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1:100 000 sheet Profile sheet no. EL number

Manbulloo 5368/4 2331

AMG mE 198550.0 AMG mN 8394400.0

Sample no. Photo no.

190/187

Line no. Fid no. Amelitude

432 649990 10.0

Fixed wind response : The western-most of a 4 line response trending E-W.

Helimas response : A very weak response of 5nT over a house and sheds.

Topsraphy :

Outeros / cover :

Vegetation :

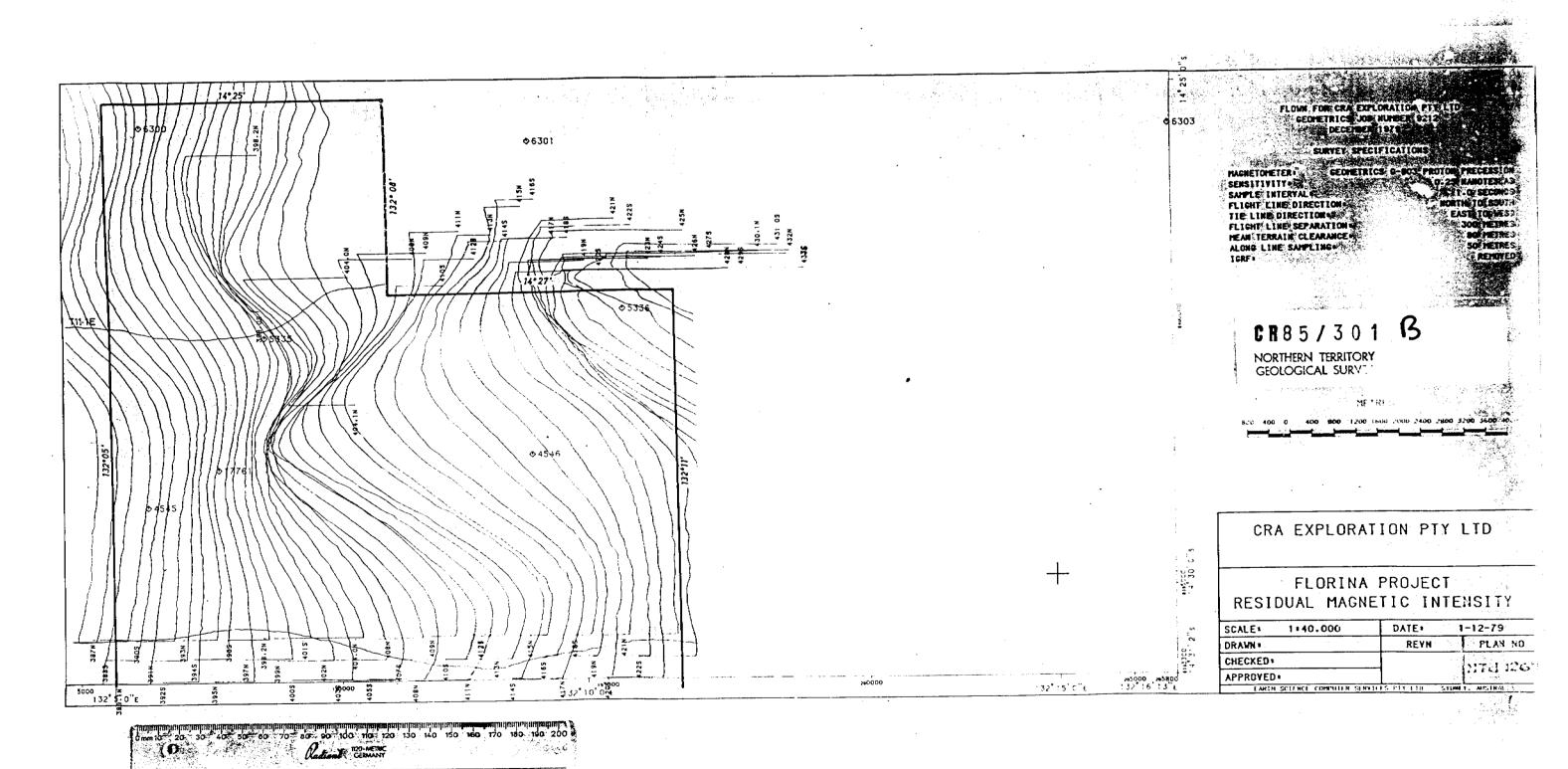
Other comments : A house and sheds is the source of the response. The area should be checked for enough houses to account for the 4 line response.

Sample type Sampler Date

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GEOMETRICS JOB NUMBER 9212

SURVEY SPECIFICATIONS

MAGNETOMETER: GEOMETRICS G-803 PROTON PRECESSION
SENSITIVITY: 0.25 NANOTESUAS
SAMPLE INTERVAL: 1.00 SECONDS
FLIGHT LINE DIRECTION: HORTHS TO SOUTH
TIE LINE DIRECTION: EAST TOEMEST
FLIGHT LINE SEPARATION: 300 METRES

FLIGHT LINE SEPARATION: MEAN TERRAIN CLEARANCE ALONG LINE SAMPLING. IGRF:

NORTHS TO SOUTH
EAST TO HEERS
3000 METRES
800 METRES 50 METRES REHOVED

BASE LEVEL VERTICAL SCALE

0.0 NANOTESLAS 20.0 NANOTESLAS/CM

METRES

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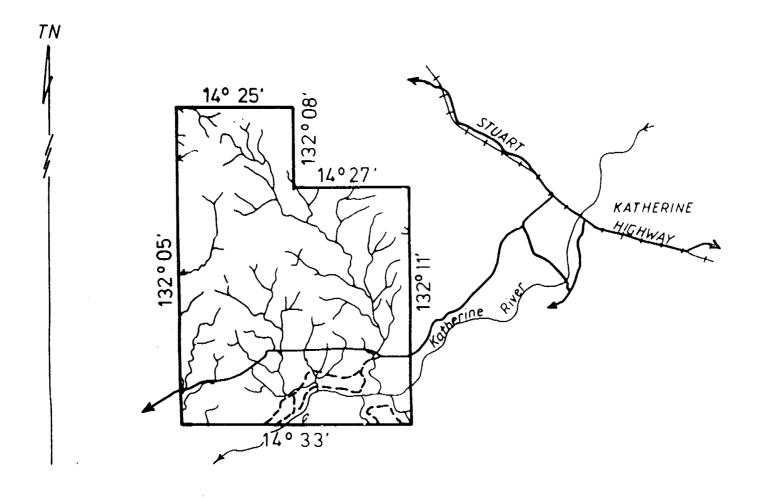
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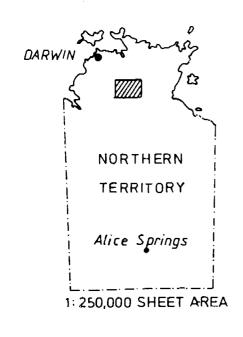


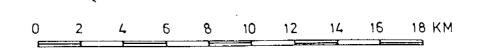
AREA: 42 BLOCKS

139-146 sq. kilometres

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NORTHERN TERRITORY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





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LOCATION PLAN

CHRISTIES CORNER

NORTHERN TERRITORY

REFERENCE KATHERINE SD53-9			
SCALE 1: 250,000	DATE DECEMBER 1983		
AUTHOR KRA	REPORT 12997		
DRAWN SRJ	PLAN No NTd 3291		

