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EXPLORATION LICENCE 3061

BONE LAGOON, MOUNT YOUNG, NORTHERN TERRITORY

FINAL REPORT

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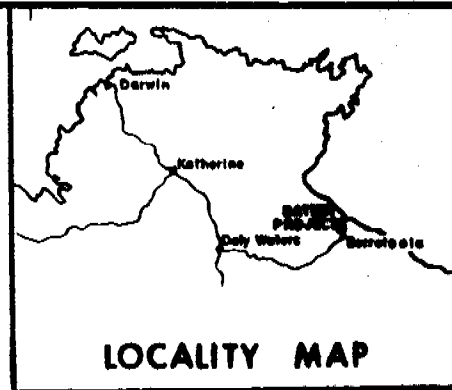
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135°00'

136°00'

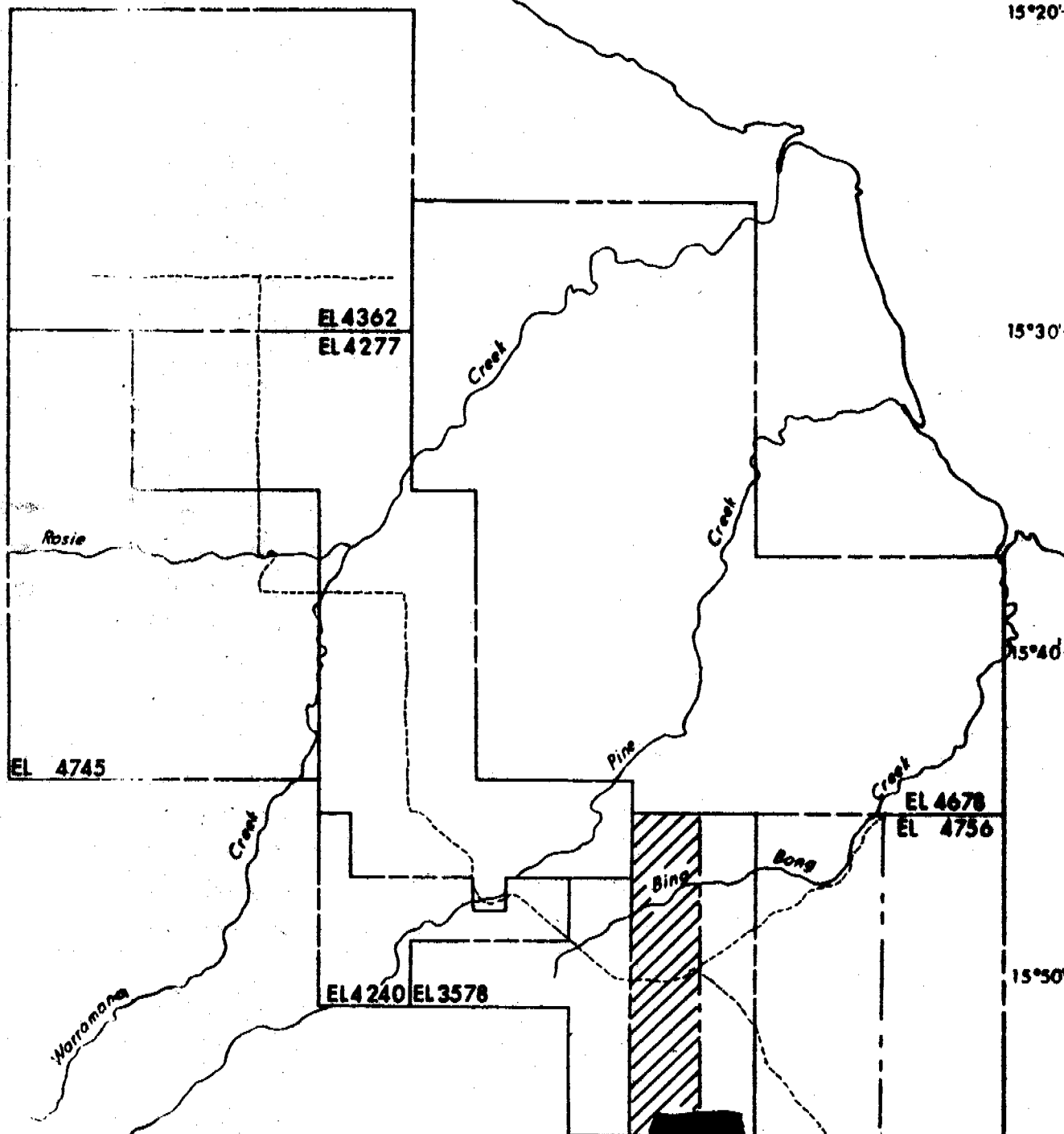


15°20'

15°30'

15°40'

15°50'



- original area
 area retained to
 21/4/86

0 5 10 15 km

Borroloola

Centre:

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Project No:

EL 3061 BONE LAGOON, NT.

Date:

LOCATION

Drawing No:

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EXPLORATION LICENCE 3061

BONE LAGOON, MOUNT YOUNG, NORTHERN TERRITORY

FINAL REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

Exploration Licence 3061 was granted to BHP Minerals Limited on the 5th August, 1981 covering 80 graticule blocks (about 258 square kilometres). Area reduction normally required at the end of the second year of tenure was deferred under Section 28 of the Mining Act 1980. The area covered by the licence was reduced by forty blocks on the third anniversary, and subsequently reduced by a further twenty blocks on the 5th August, 1985. The final area was relinquished on 21st April, 1986.

The north-east corner of the original exploration licence was located at latitude $15^{\circ} 45'S$, longitude $136^{\circ} 15'E$ on the Mount Young 1:250,000 sheet (SD53-15, Figure 1). Access is gained via dry-weather tracks which leave the Borroloola to Bing Bong Station road about seven and thirty-six kilometres from Borroloola.

The initial exploration target in EL 3061 was Groote Eylandt-type manganese deposits in the Cretaceous sediments overlying Carpentarian sediments of the McArthur Basin. Exploration has subsequently been directed toward sediment-hosted base metal massive sulphide deposits. The target is modelled on the HYC deposit at McArthur River which is hosted by dolomitic, carbonaceous and pyritic shale of the Barney Creek Formation of the Carpentarian McArthur Group.

Work carried out within EL 3061 has consisted of:

1. Systematic rotary percussion drilling of Cretaceous sediments for manganese deposits.
2. Detailed aeromagnetic survey.

3. Electromagnetic soundings using the Geonics EM-37 system.
4. Three diamond drill holes totalling 795 metres.

2. GEOLOGY

Outcrop geology in EL 3061 is dominated by Cambrian and Cretaceous sandstone and is obscured by recent sand cover (Figure 2).

Geological information is added by the three diamond drill holes drilled in 1983 indicating that stratigraphic units lower than the Barney Creek Formation occur in the southern, central and north-eastern parts of the area.

3. GEOPHYSICS

3.1 Aeromagnetic Survey

A detailed high resolution aeromagnetic survey was flown over EL 3061 in May 1983 in conjunction with surveys over adjacent exploration licences. Flight lines were orientated north-south with 300 metre spacing. Nominal terrain clearance was 80 metres. Total magnetic intensity contours are shown in Plate 1.

The aeromagnetic pattern is dominated by a magnetic high in the north-eastern part of the area, and an adjacent area to the south with a confused magnetic pattern dissected by north and north-east trending lineaments. The easternmost north-trending lineament is interpreted as the eastern branch of the Emu Fault.

3.2 1983 EM-37 Soundings

The Geonics EM-37 electromagnetic system was used in the sounding mode at seven locations in EL 3061 in 1983. One sounding was carried out over each of the three diamond drill hole collar positions, one sounding was located in the south-western part of the area at a proposed drill hole location which was subsequently not drilled, and three soundings were carried out on an east-west grid line, (Figure 2).

The raw data for these soundings was provided in the annual report to 4th August, 1984.

All soundings along the traverse line (soundings numbered 11, 12 and 18) and sounding 14 indicated a surficial conductive zone overlying highly resistive material. Red shale units intersected in drill holes McA13 and McA14 are reflected by zones of lower resistivity.

3.3 1984 EM-37 Soundings

EM-37 soundings were carried out at seven locations in the south-west corner of the licence area in 1984 as part of an extensive survey covering adjacent tenements. Interpretation methods and results are shown in Appendix 1.

None of the sounding interpretations produced a conductor comparable to massive sulphide mineralisation or black shale with a significant sulphide component.

4. DIAMOND DRILLING

Three diamond drill holes totalling 795 metres were drilled in EL 3061 in 1983. Collar locations are shown in Figure 2, and summary geological, geochemical and geophysical logs in Plates 2, 3 and 4. All holes were collared in HQ diameter core, and completed in NQ. A core-grinder was used to take 3 metre continuous edge-ground samples of all core. Resistivity and self-potential logs were run where possible, and PVC pipe run to enable further logging. Gamma and density logs were then run where possible.

Drill hole McA12 was completed at 137 metres having intersected pink cyclic algal dolomite, intraclast breccia and dolomitic shale of the Mallapunyah Formation.

Drill hole McA13 was completed at 311 metres after passing through quartz arenite and red shale into grey dolarenite and dololutite.

The sequence is interpreted as part of the Tawallah Group, probably the Wollogorang Formation. A similar sequence was drilled in drill hole McA14 which was drilled to 347 metres.

Water bores were drilled at each of the diamond drill hole sites because of difficulties in carting water due to sandy conditions. Steel casing was run in each hole with slotted steel casing near the base. A submersible pump was used, and the bores are temporarily capped.

5. ROTARY PERCUSSION DRILLING 1981.

Thirty rotary percussion drill holes were drilled in EL 3061 as part of the exploration for Groote Eylandt-type manganese deposits. Drilling totalled 832 metres and was targeted to test Cretaceous stratigraphy overlying McArthur Group sediments or Cambrian Bukalara Sandstone.

Gamma logs were run down-hole in an attempt to establish stratigraphic correlations.

Graphic geological logs and gamma logs are shown in Figure 3.

6. CONCLUSIONS

Rotary percussion drilling failed to indicate the presence of manganese mineralisation in EL 3061.

Geophysical surveys and diamond drilling failed to indicate areas prospective for base metals.

The last portion of twenty graticule blocks was relinquished on the 21st April, 1986.

7. EXPENDITURE

Wages and Salaries	37,699
Field Support	7,697
Drilling	59,503
Vehicles	9,112
Equipment	17,080
Geochemistry	7,024
Geophysics	29,797
Surveys	5,109
Tenement Fees	2,800
Sundry Office Costs	1,113
Capital Items	9,654
Other Items	858
Inhouse Services	20,450
General & Administrative Overheads	20,790
	\$228,686

APPENDIX 1

1984 EM-37 SURVEY

SOUNDING INTERPRETATION

1984 EM-37 SURVEY

SOUNDING INTERPRETATION

Transmitter loops were 300m x 300m with the current generally being 13-17 amps. Twenty channels were read at the centre of the loop while two out-of-loop readings of the last 5 or 6 channels were taken. The out-of-loop readings were used to -

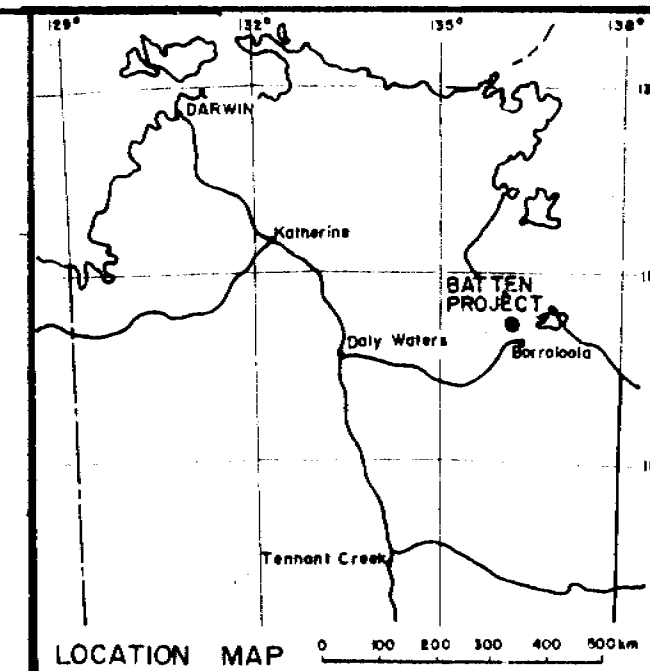
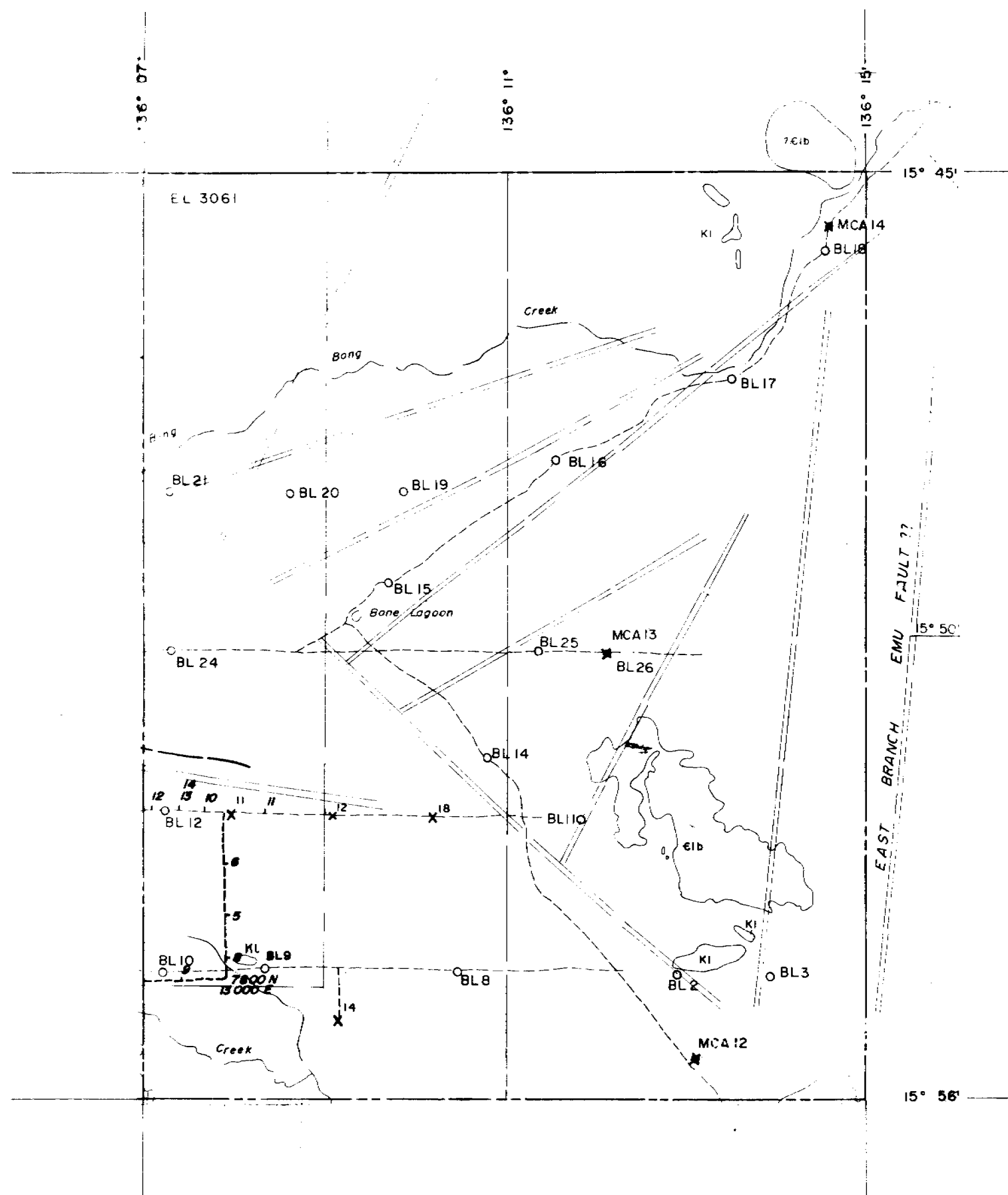
- (a) test for lateral homogeneity
- (b) apply a correction to remove the "loop effect"

Standard EM-37 channels were used ranging from 0.08 msec to 7.1 msec.

Using the late time approximation by Kaufman, apparent resistivity-time plots were prepared in the field and matched to master curves to give a first pass ID interpretation. Inversion of the field data, using this first interpretation as a starting point, was computed on either a VAX 11/780 or MV6000 computer.

Attached for each sounding is -

- (a) The field measured Raiche apparent resistivity-time plots.
- (b) The model apparent resistivity-time plot superimposed on (a).
- (c) The interpreted ID section.



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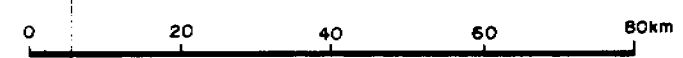
 Cretaceous
- €1b

 Cambrian - Bukatara Sandstone
- Aeromagnetic lineament
- X¹¹

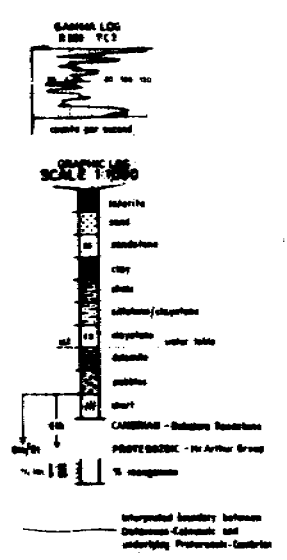
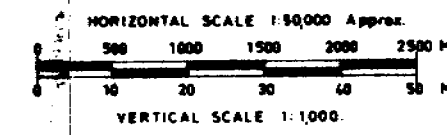
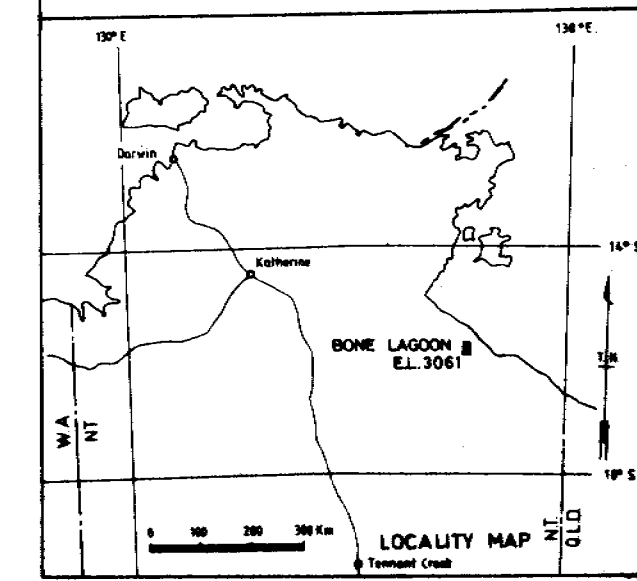
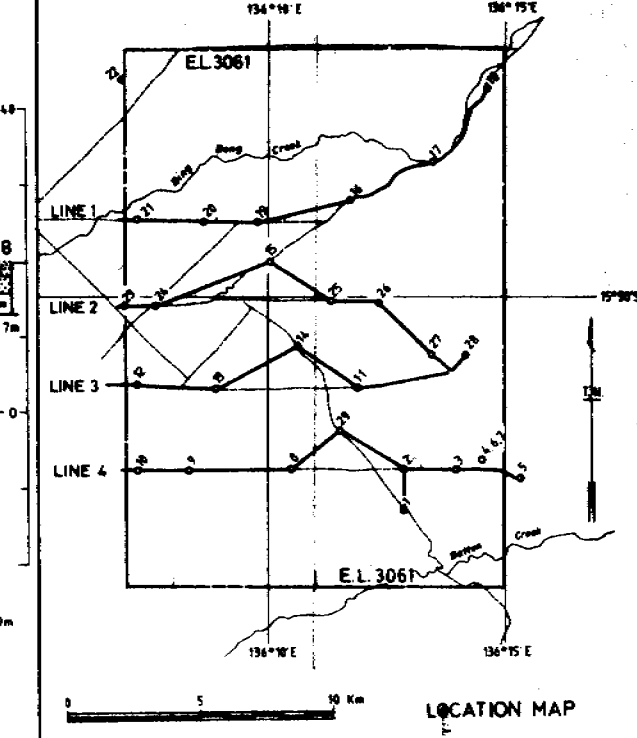
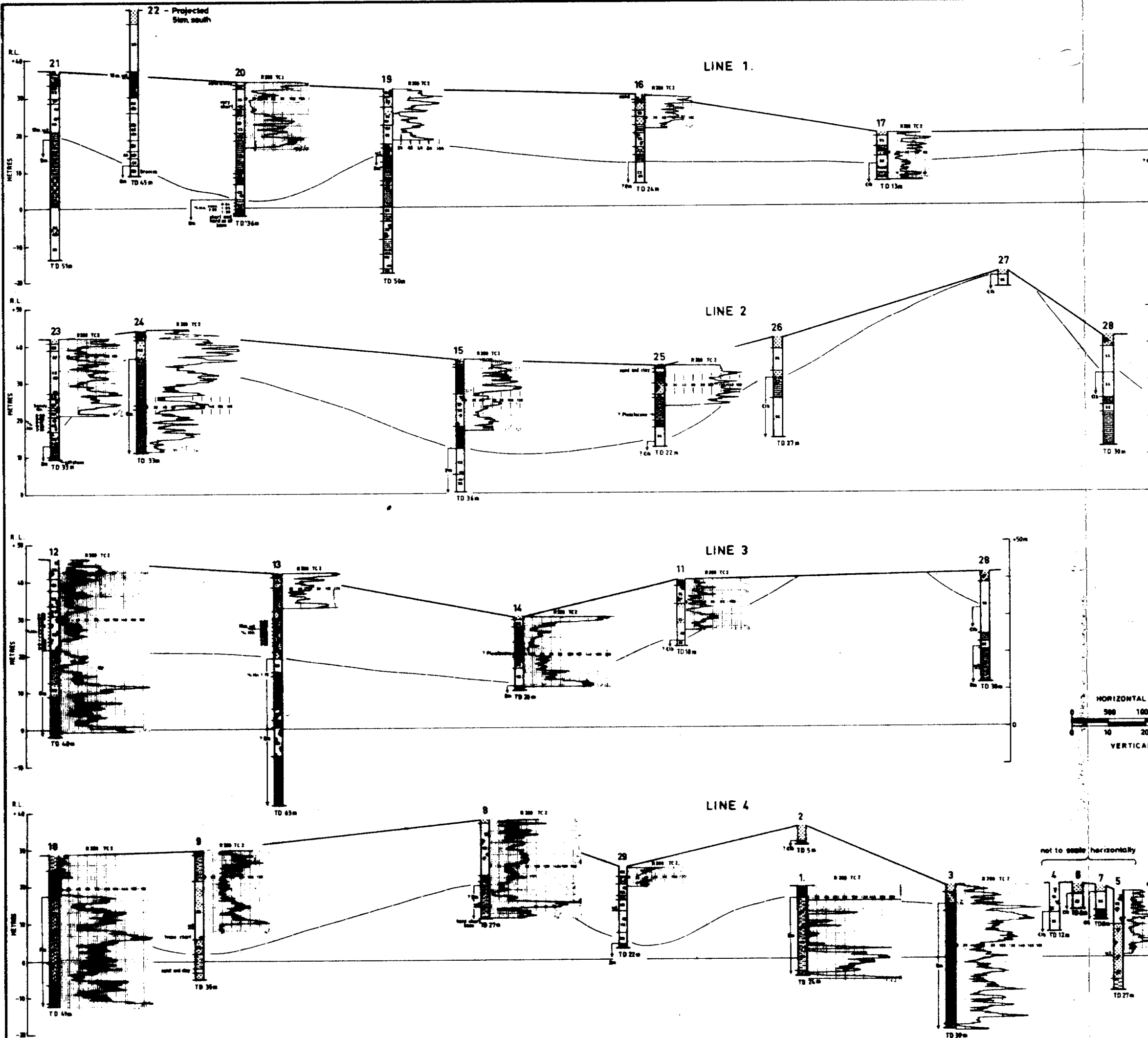
 EM - 37 Sounding Location, 1983
- X¹²

 EM - 37 Sounding Locations, 1984
- MCA 12 Diamond Drillhole, 1983
- BL 12 Percussion Drillhole, 1981

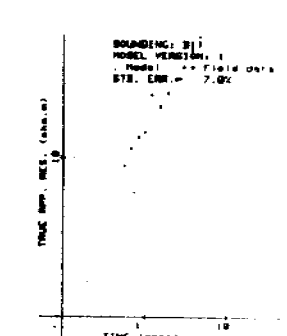
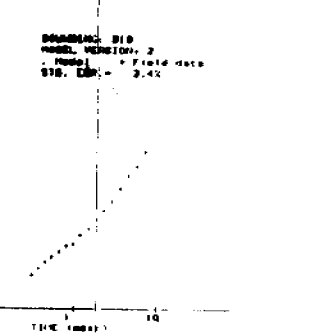
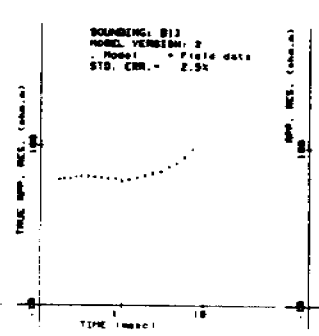
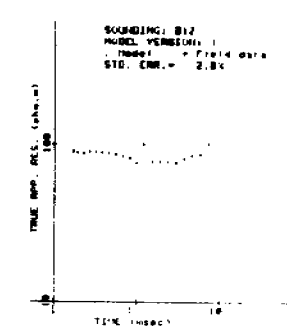
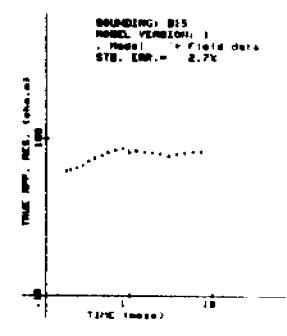
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EL 3061 - BONE LAGOON N.T. GRAPHIC AND GAMMA LOGS PERCUSSION DRILLING LINES 1,2,3,4		
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1000 W

1000 m	1000
200 m	1000
100 m	1000
50 m	1000

500 E

500 m	500
100 m	500
50 m	500
25 m	500

SOUNDING: B15
B15 = Field data
VERSION: 1
STA

1000 m	1000
200 m	1000
100 m	1000
50 m	1000

1000 E

1000 m	1000
200 m	1000
100 m	1000
50 m	1000

SOUNDING: B12
B12 = Field data
VERSION: 1
STA

1000 m	1000
200 m	1000
100 m	1000
50 m	1000

SOUNDING: B13
B13 = Field data
VERSION: 2
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100 m	1000
50 m	1000

SOUNDING: B10
B10 = Field data
VERSION: 2
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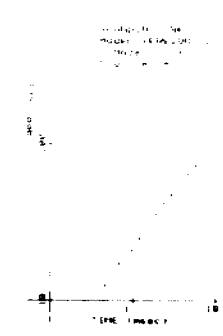
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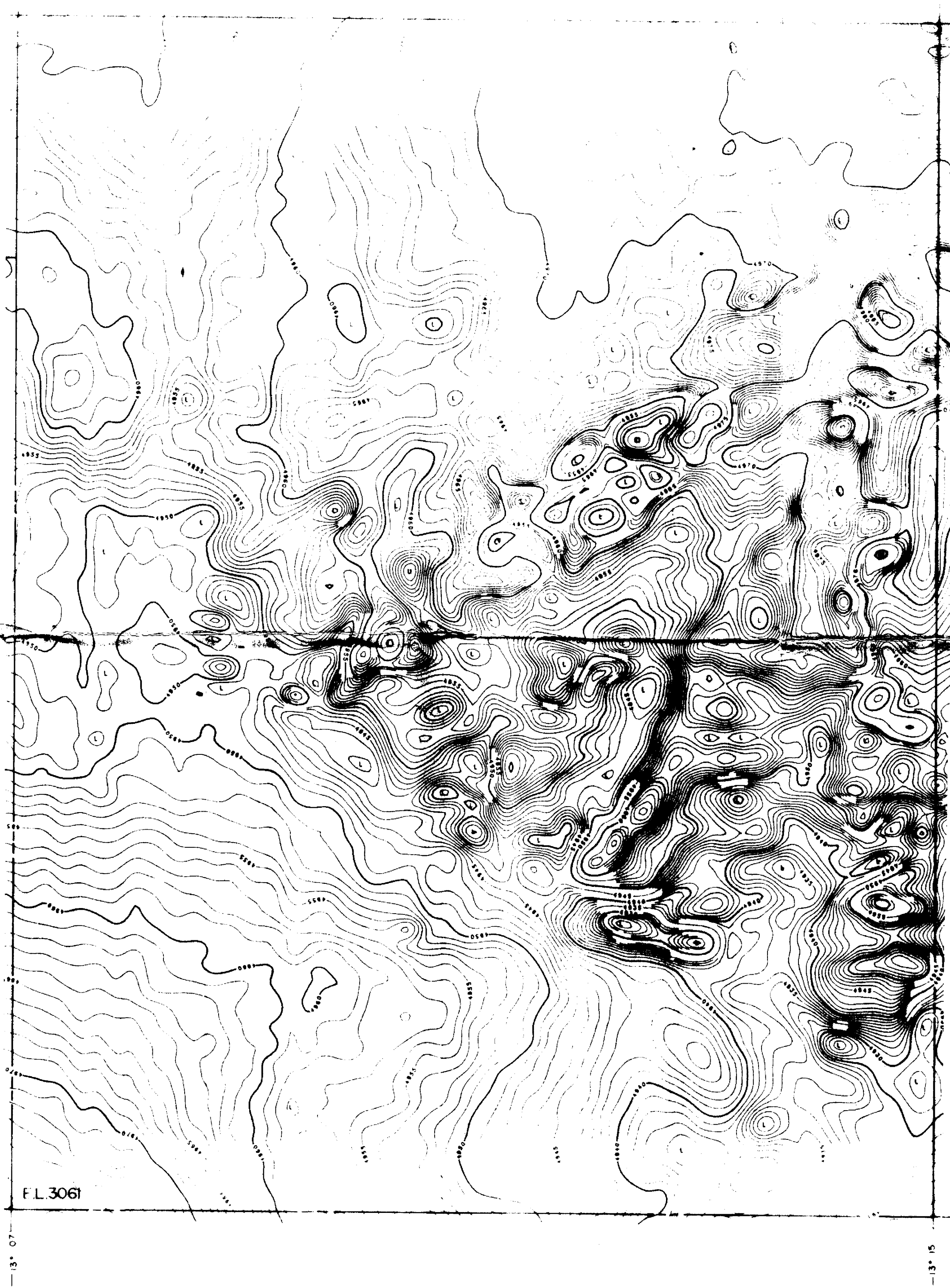
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50 m	1000



SOUNDING: B10
VERSION: 2

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50 m	1000

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EM 37 SOUNDINGS		
MCA 5 AREA		
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NORTHERN TERRITORY
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Scale 1:50,000

0 1 2 3 4 5 km

Survey and processing carried out by
Geotrex Pty Ltd - May '83

DETAILS OF SURVEY

OWN BY : GEOTREX
DATE : MAY 1983
1:250,000 SHEET : MT YOUNG SD53-15
TENEMENT : 3061
PROJECTION IS TRANSVERSE MERCATOR. AMG ZONE : 53

LINE SPACING : 300m
SURVEY HEIGHT : 80m
MAGNETOMETER : CESIUM VAPOUR

COMPTON SCATTERING RATIO ALPHA : 0.29
COMPTON SCATTERING RATIO BETA : 0.43
COMPTON SCATTERING RATIO GAMMA : 0.72

DETAILS OF PROCESSING

PROCESSED BY BHP EXPLORATION - CAMBERWELL

IGRF REMOVED	25-Aug-83
ITERATIVE HEADING ERROR ADJUSTMENT (LINE BY LINE)	25-Aug-83
FLIGHT / TIE LINE CROSSOVER ADJUSTMENT	"
GRADIENT CUTOFF = 0.2	MAXIMUM MOVE DISTANCE = 68 METRES
5000 nT ADDED TO DATA	20-Nov-83
DATA WAS GRIDDED AND CONTOURED USING GRID PROGRAM SPICOL	20-Nov-83
TIE LINES WERE NOT CONTOURED	
CONTOUR INTERVAL 1.0 nT	
GRIDDING PARAMETERS:	
MESH SIZE 60m x 80m	
SCAN DISTANCE (800m-500m)	
CORRELATION USED: MINIMUM ANOMALY AMPLITUDE	50nT
FILTER WAVE LENGTH	1500m
CORRELATION DISTANCE	400m
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SMOOTHING RADIUS 300	

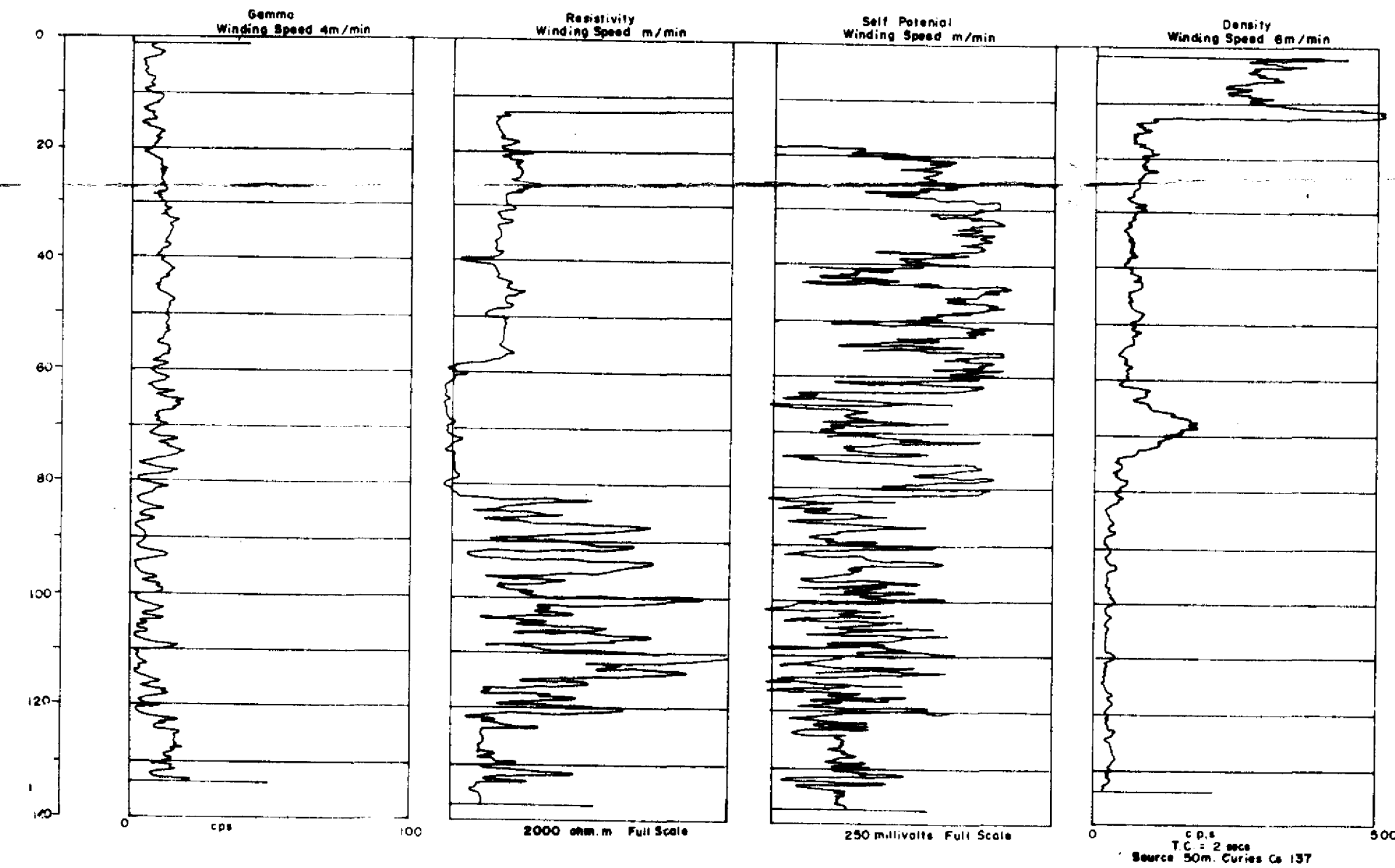
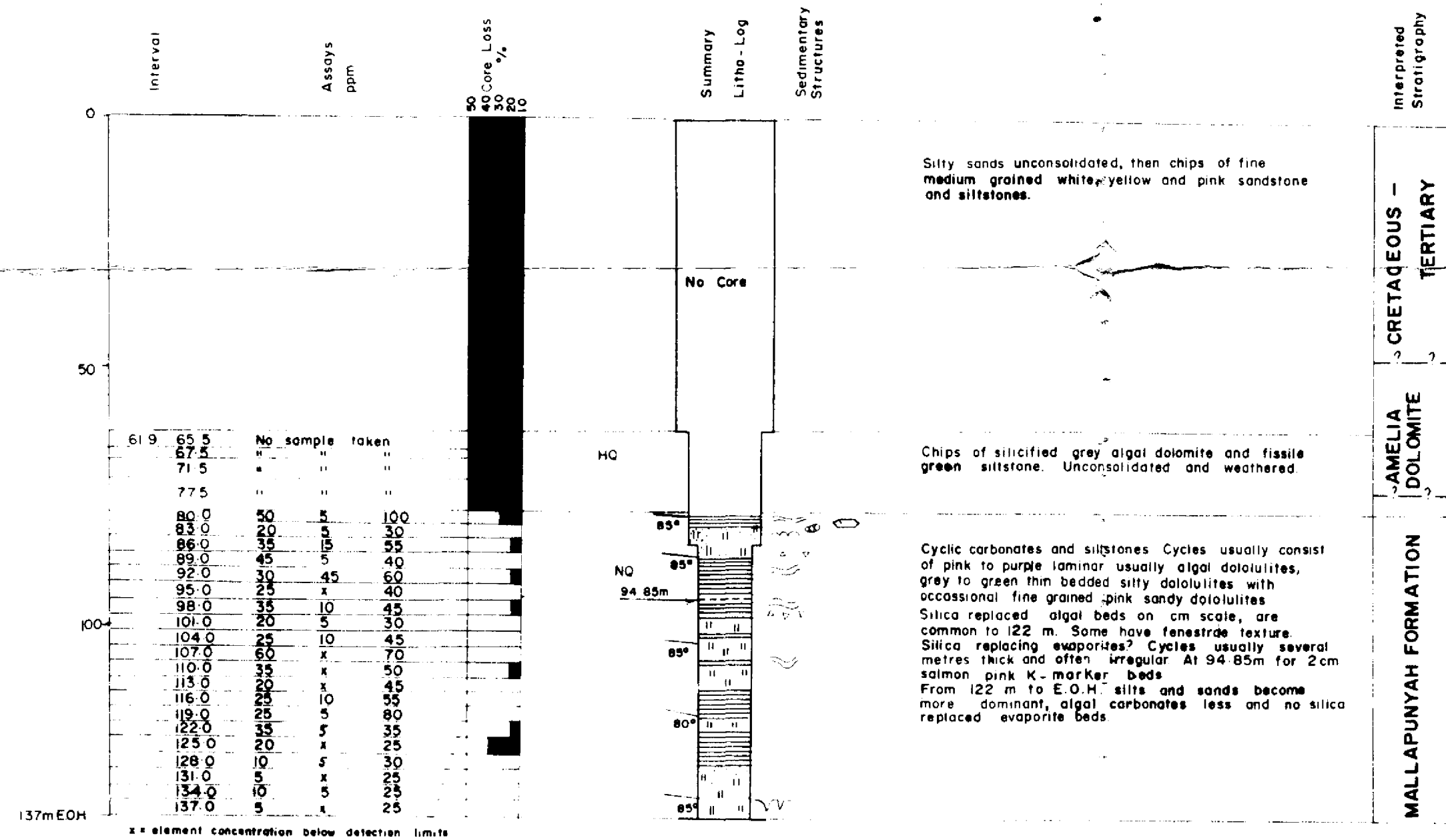
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AEROMAGNETIC CONTOURS

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SUMMARY LOG MCA 12

Vertical Scale 1:1,000



DRILLING DETAILS

Driller: Company, Gory and Cole, Alice Springs Ingersoll Rand TH60 Cyclone

Depth: 61.9m, Hole started and completed 10-10-83.

Core: Company, Action Core Drillers, Adelaide, Rig Longyear 44

Driller: P. Vietnicks, Hole commenced 22-10-83, completed 25-10-83

Hole Details: Declination, vertical. Final depth 137.00m

Coordinates: Lat 15° 54' 38" S, Long 136° 13' 07" E

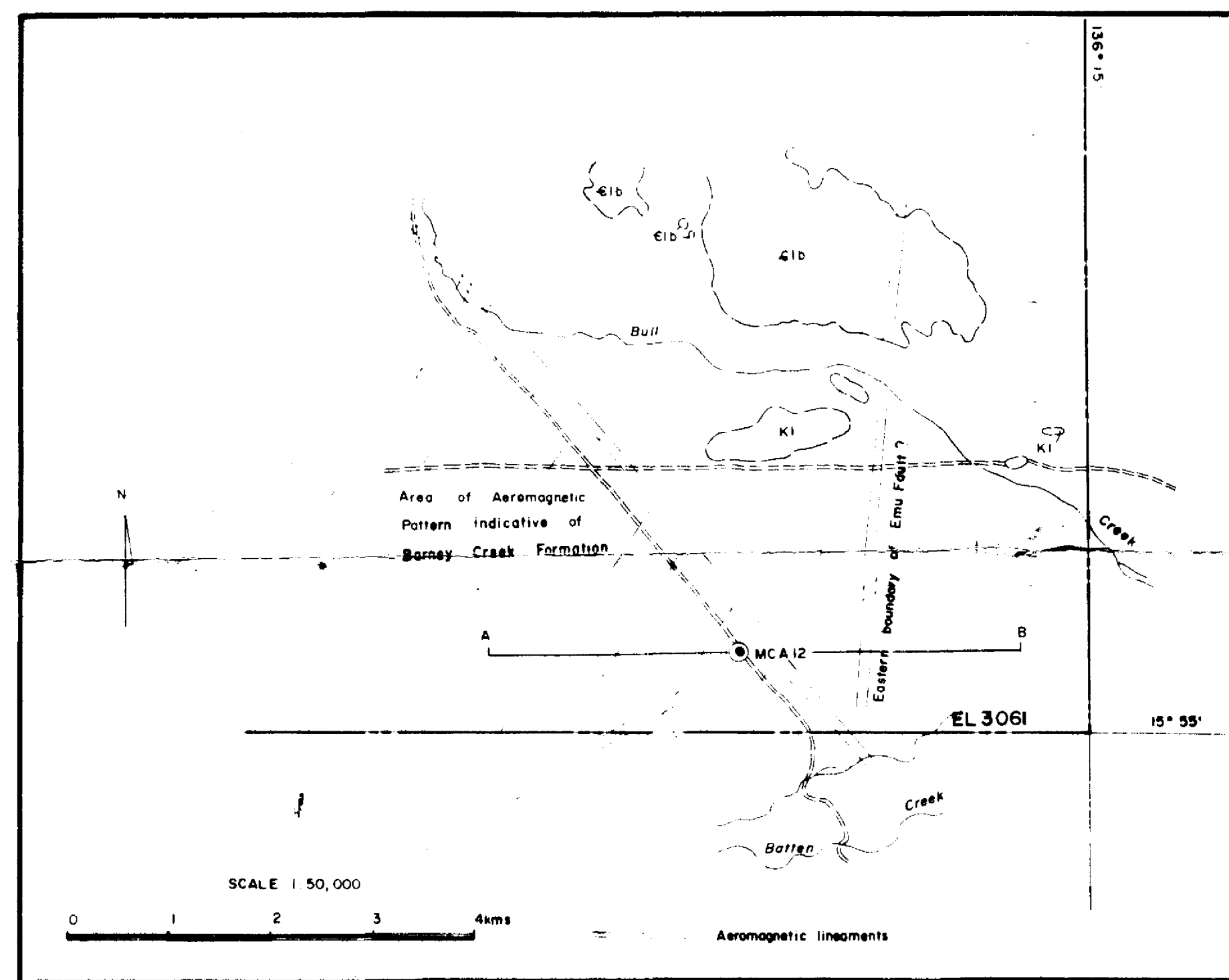
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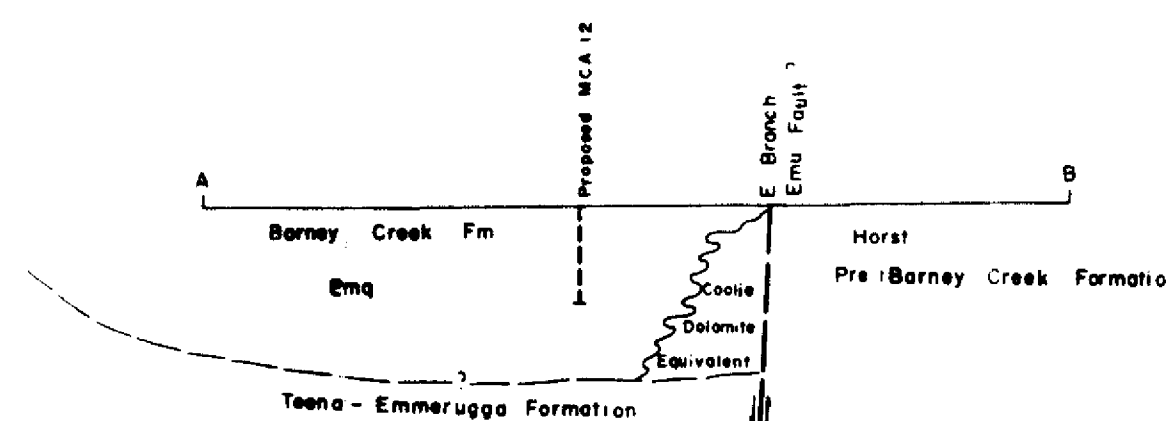
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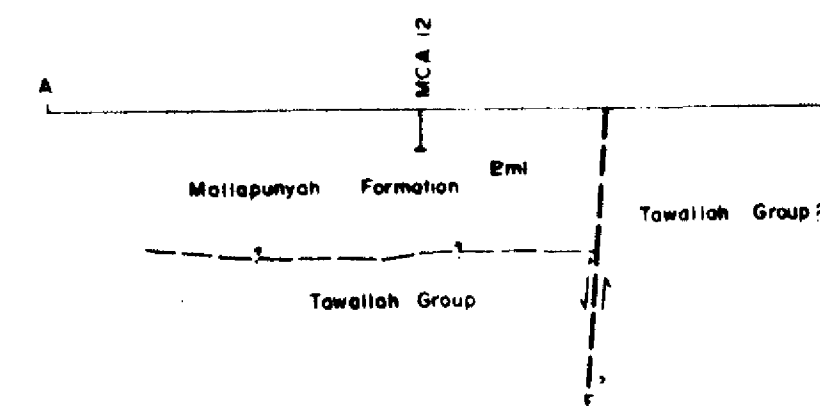
Analysis: Analebs, Darwin. Method 101, AAS Cu, Pb, Zn.



SECTION BEFORE DRILLING (Looking North)



INTERPRETED SECTION AFTER DRILLING



- K1 Cretaceous sands and clays
- Elb Cambrian Bullockia Sandstone
- Emq Barney Creek Formation
- Emq Teena Formation
- Emq Amelia Dolomite
- Emi Mallapunyah Formation
- Tawallah Group
- Dololite
- Silty dololite
- Interbedded silty dololite and sandy dololite, minor dolarenite
- Laminar algal mats
- Low domal stromatolites
- Chert usually fracture infillings
- Gypsum cast
- Mudcracks
- Intra formation Breccia
- Core to bedding angle

NORTHERN TERRITORY
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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GEOLOGICAL, GEOCHEMICAL
AND GEOPHYSICAL DRILL LOGS MCA 12

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MCA 13

Interval	From	To	Cu	Zn	Pb	Core Loss %	5" Roller	HQ	No Core	MCA 13 Summary	Litho- Log	Secondary Structure
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	49	45	45	45	x							
	52	35	35	35	x							
	55	75	75	65	x							
	58	60	60	80	x							
	61	70	70	65	x							
	64	85	60	40	x							
	67	35	30	30	x							
	70	35	30	30	x							
	73	65	50	30	x							
	76	45	40	40	x							
	79	30	25	30	x							
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	91	40	30	5	x							
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	295	25	35	10	x							
	298	15	60	20	x							
	301	40	20	5	x							
	304	70	20	10	x							
	307	75	15	35	x							
	311	925	15	20	x							

Medium to coarse grained pale pink quartz arenite, sub-rounded, well sorted grains, very minor shale minor limonite staining, partial solution of siliceous matrix down to 67.0m (weathered zone).

Green/grey to black spotting of matrix (Reduction spots)

Greyish pink medium to coarse-grained quartz arenite

Dark pink medium to coarse-grained quartz arenite bands (feldspathic?); minor black spotting of matrix (Reduction spots)

Very minor green/black shale.

Pink medium-grained quartz arenite with irregular patches and bands of red/purple and red mudstone matrix; trace glauconitic sandstone

Fine to medium grained quartz arenite interbedded with red/green shale in proportions about 60%:40% sandstone micaceous in part, green shale generally oxidised to red shale.

Pink laminated dolomite interbedded with red/purple and minor green shale, minor pink fine to medium grained quartz arenite; pink chalcidonic nodules (anhydrite pseudomorphs).

Green/grey shale; minor arenite; chalcidonic nodules.

Grey/cream coloured dolomite and minor dolomitic shale, pods (nodules) fine dolomite, dolomitic flake breccia and intraclast breccia common; minor green shale beds and parting laminations. Trace chalcidonic.

WOLLOGORANG FORMATION
TAWALLAH GROUP

Depth Drilled 311m
Depth Logged 307m
Logging Unit SIE T450 E
Date 25-11-83

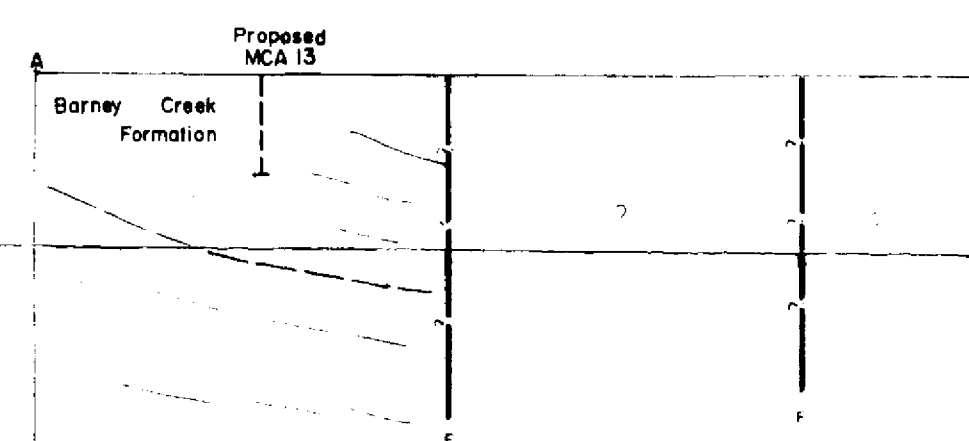
Resistivity and Self-potential
Logs not run due to equipment failure.

DRILLING DETAILS

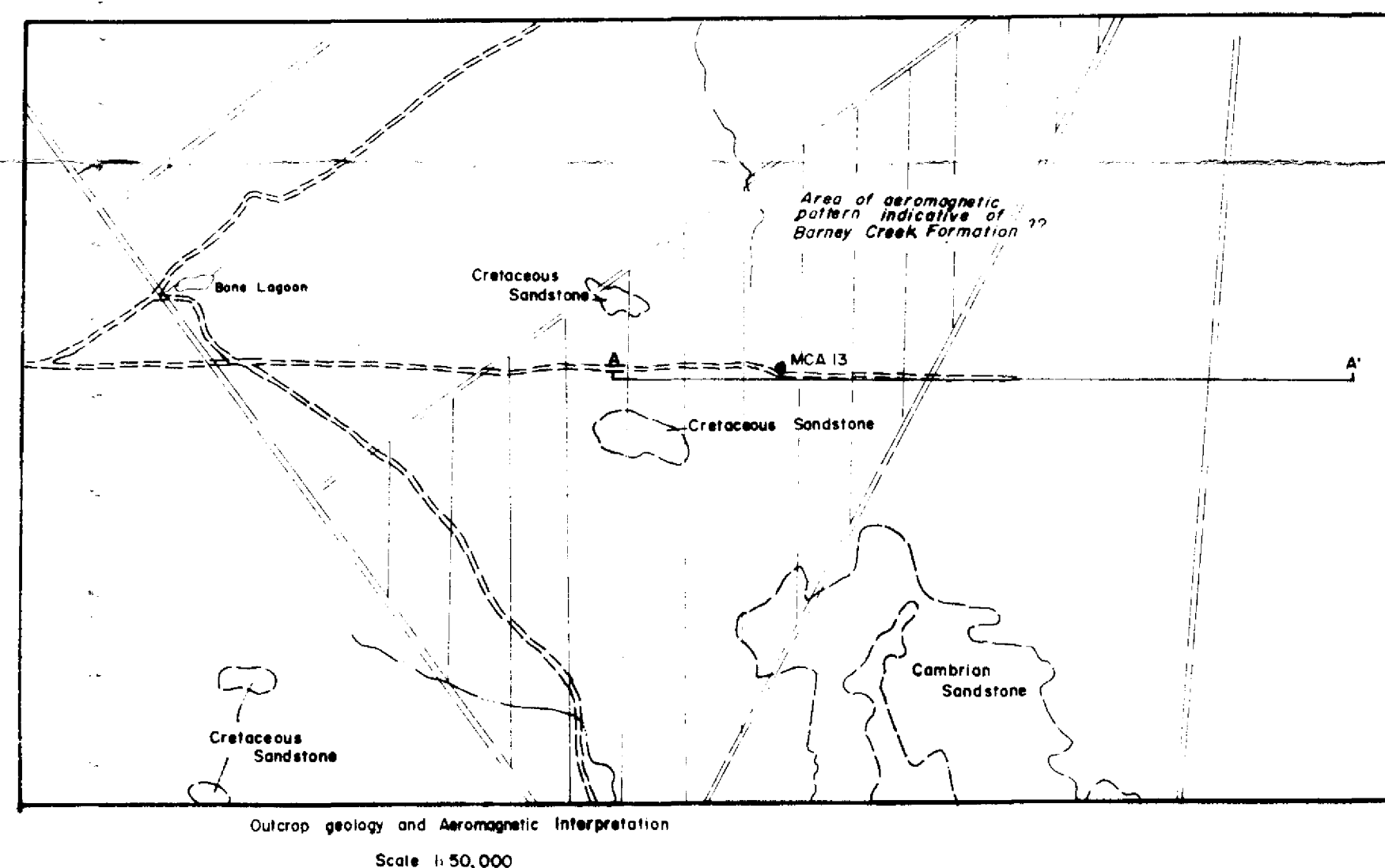
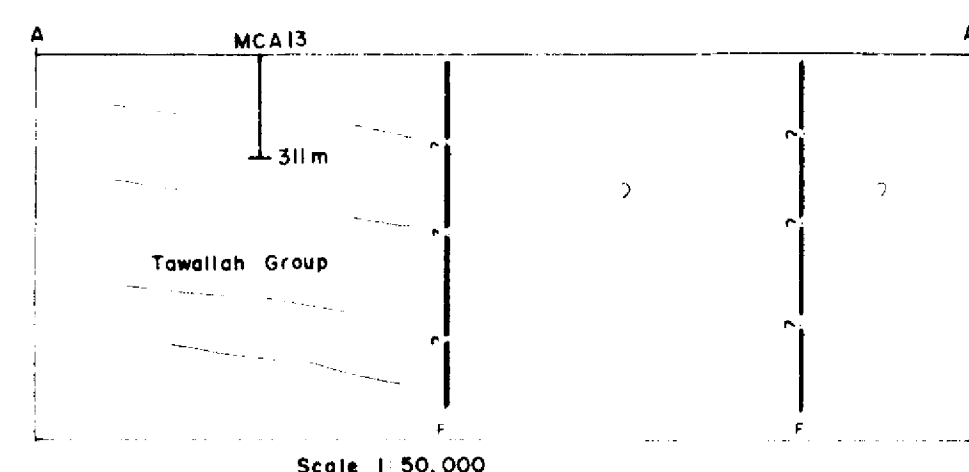
Company Action Core Drillers, Adelaide
Rig Longyear 44
Driller P. Velnichs
Commenced 26-10-83
Completed 8-11-83
Logged by D.P. Corville, Nov '83
Samples Continuous 3m edge ground samples, using J.K. Smit grinder.
Analysis Analabs, Darwin; AAS code 101
Casing 36m HQ casing between 12m and 48m; 31m 50mm PVC

- Sandstone
- Interbedded sandstone and shale
- Dolomite
- Interbedded dolomite and shale
- Intraclast breccia
- Flake breccia
- Gypsum pseudomorphs
- Anhydrite pseudomorphs

SECTION BEFORE DRILLING



INTERPRETED SECTION AFTER DRILLING



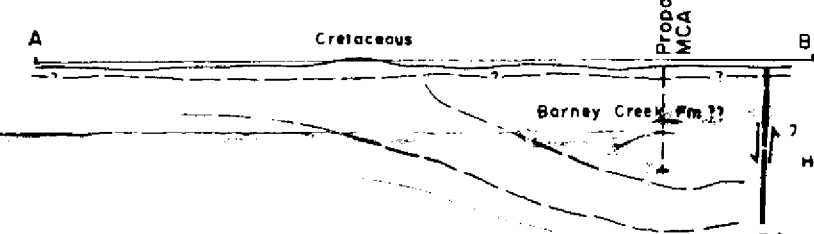
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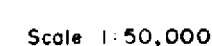
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