CARBON MINERALS N.L.

EXPLORATION LICENCE 4837, RINGWOOD AREA, NORTHERN TERRITORY,

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MAPS

McKinlay River 1:100,000 sheet 5271 Pine Creek 1:250,000 sheet SD52-8

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1.0 SUMMARY

Exploration for gold mineralization has concentrated on the central two blocks of exploration licence 4837. This area lies on the trend of old gold workings of the Ringwood and South Ringwood line and is retained by Carbon Minerals.

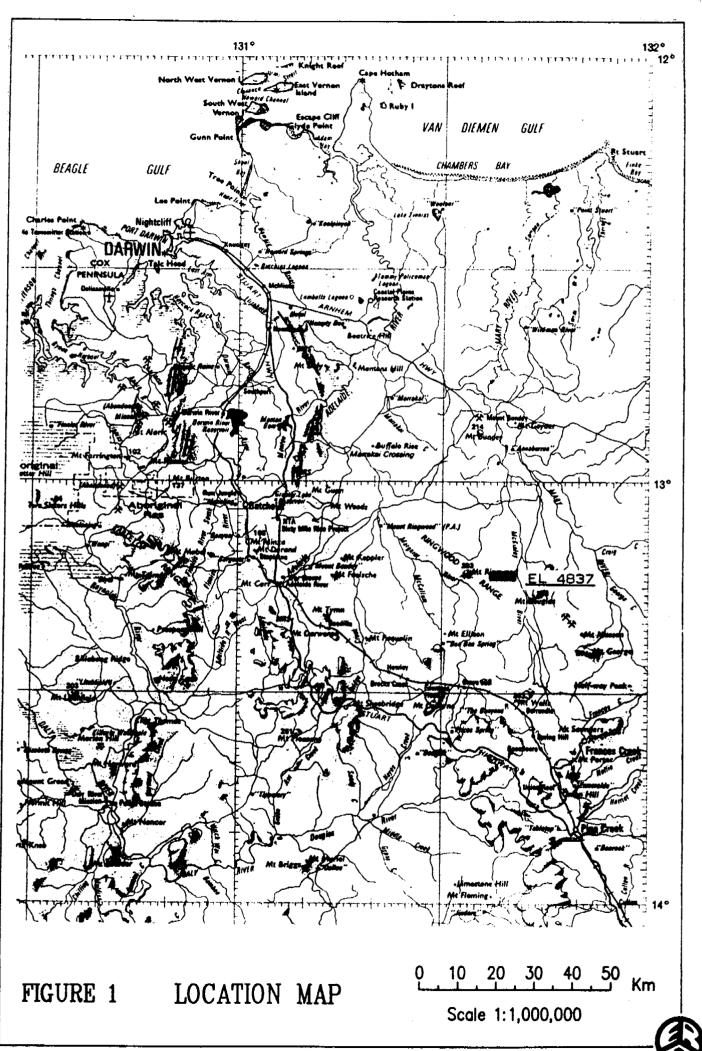
Work on the two relinquished blocks has been limited to reconnaissance mapping and minor outcrop sampling. The only features of significance located in the relinquished areas are ferruginous horizons with slightly elevated gold and arsenic content. These are considered to be of primary origin and related to chemical sediment input during periods of reduced clastic sedimentation.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

Exploration Licence 4837 was granted to Carbon Minerals N.L. on 28th February, 1986 over an area of four graticular blocks located approximately 125 kilometres south-east of Darwin (Figure 1). The original area was bound by latitudes 13037'S and 13014'S (1.84 kilometres) longitudes 131037'E and 131041'E (7.23 kilometres) and covered 13.30 square kilometres.

Application was made on the basis of possible southern extensions of a north-west trending line of old gold workings known as the Ringwood Mines. Work has concentrated on the central two graticular blocks which lie on this trend.

At the end of the second year of tenure the area was halved with the relinquishment of a single block on either side of the central pair.

Earth Resources Australia Pty. Limited, consulting geologists, are project managers for Carbon Minerals N.L. and have carried out all work on the licence area.



3.0 GEOLOGY

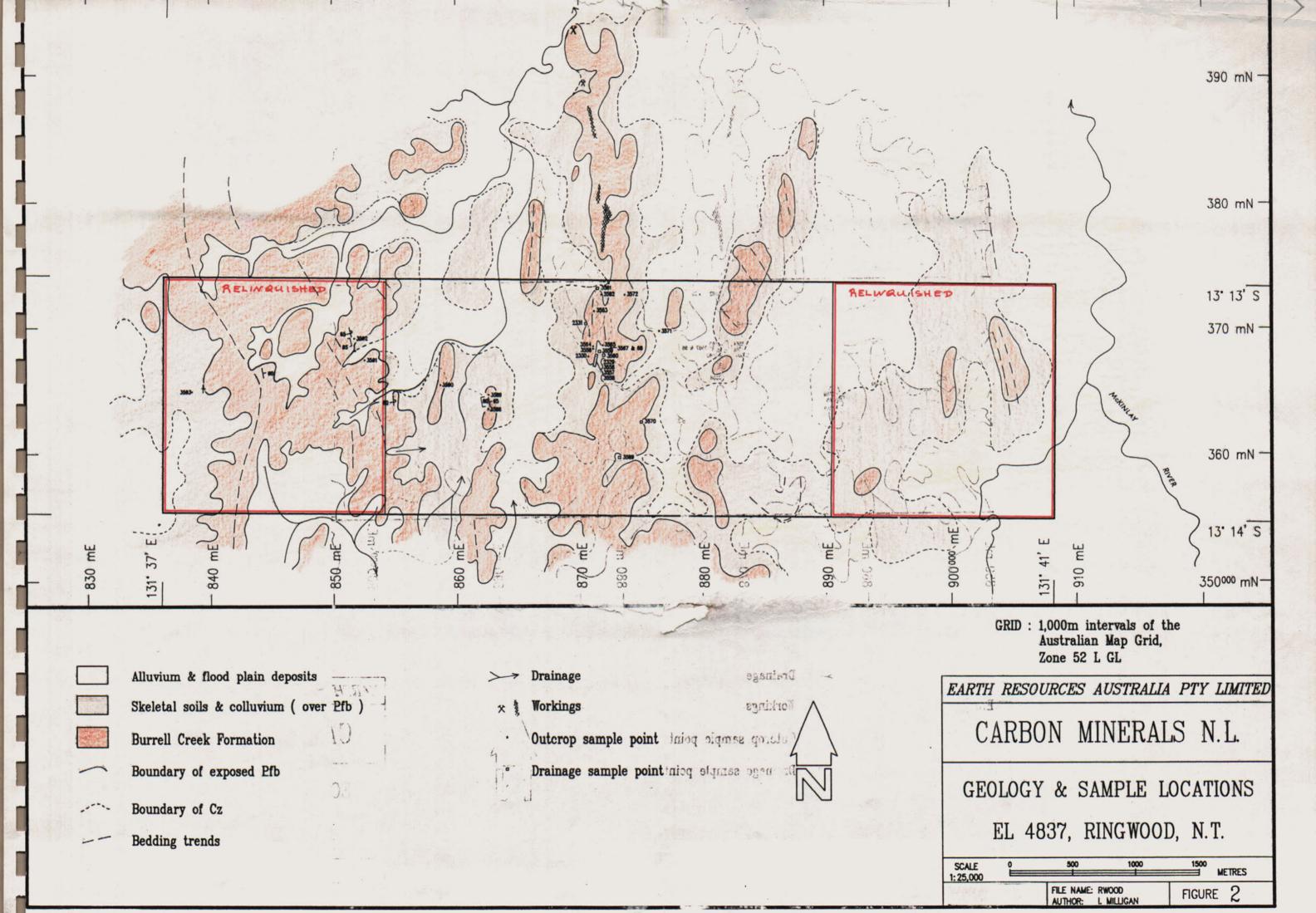
Siltstone and greywacke of the Burrell Creek Formation (Finniss River Group) occurs throughout the licence area. Greywacke rarely forms units greater than one metre in thickness and is overall subordinate to siltstone. Siltstones are generally moderately to well cleaved forming "porcupine" outcrops which, together with poor definition of bedding planes, present problems in obtaining conclusive bedding measurements. Regional strike is north-south and dips are steep to vertical with occasional evidence of overturning. Facing is predominantly eastward.

The largely siltstone sequence is punctuated by occasional highly ferruginous horizons. These are thin (less than one metre) and contain abundant ex-pyrite cavities in bedding parallel concentrations, occasional spongy gossanous lenses and quartzose (?ex-chert) boudins. Sampling of these units shows some elevation in gold and arsenic concentration (see Section 4.0 Outcrop Sampling).

Several small sills (less than one metre thick) of a dark coarsely micaceous igneous rock (?lamprophyre) were observed but were not traceable for any significant distance.

Quartz reefs occur sporadically throughout the area. These are generally parallel to regional bedding/cleavage, and consist of white quartz with minor chloritic growths and earthy iron and/or manganese oxide. No significant gold values were obtained from quartz in outcrop.





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4.0 OUTCROP SAMPLING

The majority of work on the licence has been carried out on the central two blocks and only reconnaissance mapping and minimal sampling was undertaken over the relinquished areas. This is indicated in Figure 2.

Outcrop samples taken from the relinquished areas are described below:

Sample No.	<u>Location*</u>	Description	Sample Type	Assay (ppm)	
				<u>Au</u>	<u>As</u>
3591	8530 3 678	Siltstone with ex-pyrite	Sel. grab	0.18	1070
		cavities and lenses of	outcrop		
		spongy gossanous material			
3592	85203694	Siltstone similar to 3591	Sel. grab	0.17	200
			outcrop		
3593	83873650	Quartz, white, opaque	Rand. grab	0.02	15
			outcrop &		
			rubble		

* Location AMG coordinates to 10m.

Sample Type

sel. grab - selective grab sample

rand. grab - random grab sample



5.0 <u>CONCLUSIONS</u>

Reconnaissance work has indicated little potential for economic gold mineralization in the relinquished areas. Quartz outcrops are generally of massive opaque material with no indications of auriferous mineralization.

Slightly elevated gold and moderately high arsenic values were obtained from thin (to 10cm) gossanous lenses in ferruginous siltstone horizons. The elevated gold and arsenic contents are presumed to be a primary feature related to a greater chemical sediment input in these horizons.

