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FOR YEAR ONE**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Exploration Licence 7506 was granted to Aztec Mining Company Ltd on 29 October 1991, for a period of six years. The licence comprises 9 blocks and is located approximately 5 km southeast of Batchelor township.

The licence is considered to be prospective for base metals and gold.

This report covers work conducted in the first year of tenure and proposes a work program and expenditure for Year Two.

## 2. SUMMARY

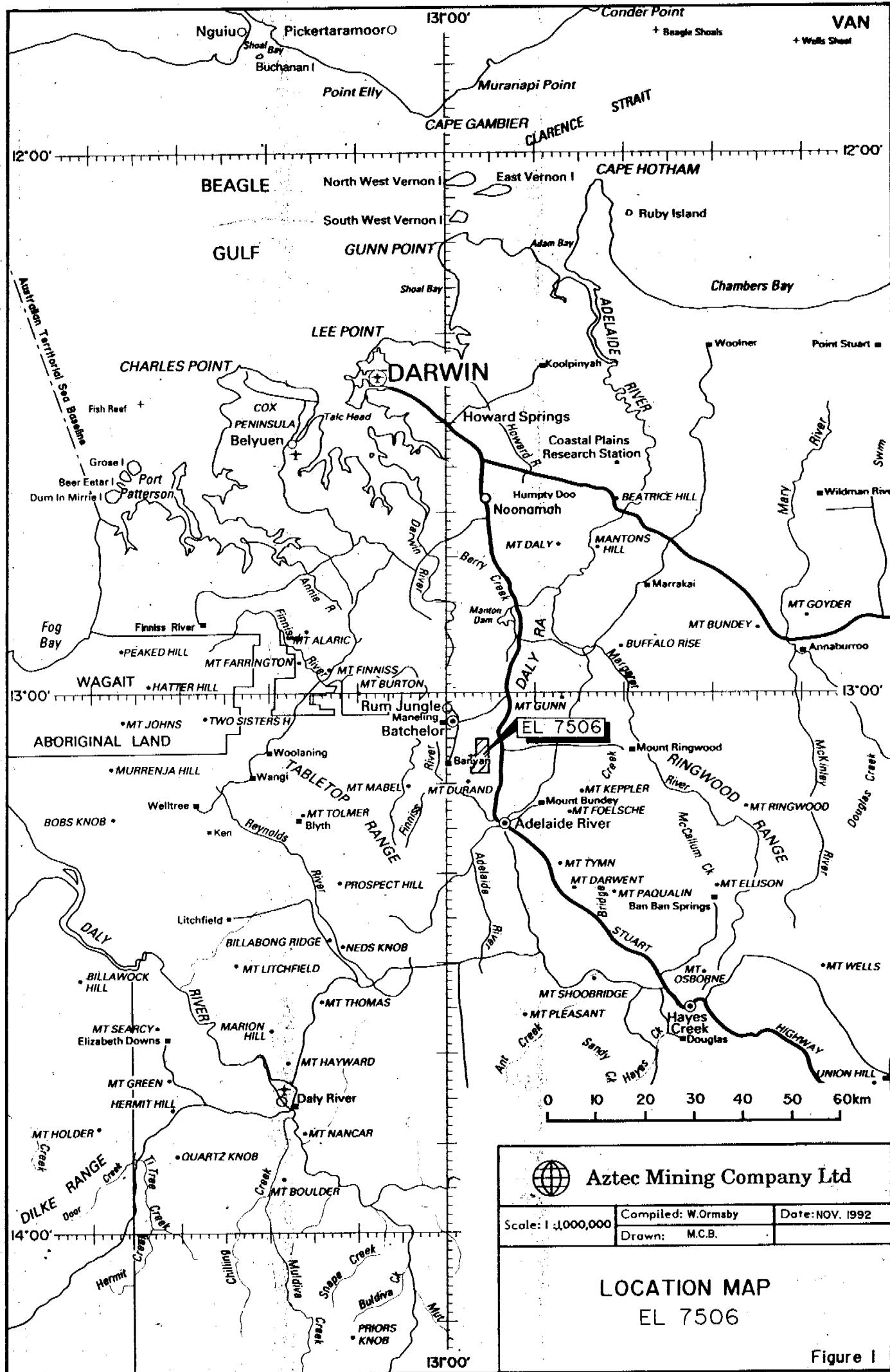
A considerable amount of exploration has previously been carried out over the current EL 7506. Early exploration was mainly aimed at uranium, and a number of radiometric anomalies were located in the area. Anomalous base metals, were also found in the region.

In the first year of tenure, Aztec Mining Company have conducted literature research, geochemical data compilation, a detailed aeromagnetic and radiometric survey, processing of the airborne data, gridding and mapping, and geological/geophysical interpretation of the data.

The main outcome of this work is the identification of an area (Mt Minza) which is considered to be prospective for base metals and warrants follow up RAB drilling.

## 3. CONCLUSIONS

1. The Mt Minza area is considered to be the most prospective for base metals due to:-
  - . Being situated along strike from a N-S trending zone of base metal anomalies.
  - . The presence of an anticlinal fold closure.
  - . The presence of cross faults.
  - . Anomalous Cu from previous BMR soil sampling.
  - . The likely presence of dolerites which are known to host minor base metal mineralisation in the area.
2. The gold potential of the area has not previously been evaluated. Stream sediment sampling for Au is recommended.



#### 4. PREVIOUS EXPLORATION

During 1952, the BMR conducted an airborne radiometric survey of the district (Wood and McCarthy, 1952) and identified the Waterhouse No. 1 radiometric anomaly, which is located on the western central part of EL 7506. Follow up geophysical work was carried out in 1957 (Daly and Tate, 1958) and 1960 (Douglas, 1962). In the mid 1960s TEP (a joint venture between the Commonwealth Government and Consolidated Zinc Pty Ltd) completed six diamond drill holes on the Waterhouse No. 1 Prospect and located only traces of uranium and copper mineralisation (Swingler, 1980).

In 1965, the BMR carried out a reconnaissance geological, geochemical and geophysical survey over the western part of the area now covered by EL 7506 (Shatwell and Duckworth, 1966). Auger holes were spaced 122m (400 feet) apart along east-west traverses spaced at 732m (2400 feet) intervals. Bottom hole, "C" horizon samples were collected and assayed for Cu, Pb, Ni, Co, U and P, and holes were radiometrically probed. Electromagnetic and radiometric surveys were also conducted along the regional traverses.

The most intense Slingram (EM) anomalies were initially followed up in 1965 by infill traverses at 122m (400 feet) intervals, with auger holes spaced 61m (200 feet) apart. Samples were assayed for Cu, Ni and Co and holes probed for radioactivity. This work was completed over the southwestern portion of EL 7506 in 1966 (Semple, 1967).

Further EM, ground radiometric, magnetic and I.P. surveys were carried out by the BMR in the region in 1966 (Farrow, 1967).

CRA Exploration held exploration licence 610 in the early 1970s. This licence covered a large area which included the current EL 7506. Work carried out included regional geological mapping, and stream sediment sampling (Marmant, 1973 a & b).

Between 1978 and 1979, most of the current EL 7506 was covered by four separate exploration licences. Occidental Minerals Corp held ELs 1755 and 2201 which covered the northern and eastern sections of EL 7506. Occidental carried out -80 mesh soil sampling on the western side of EL 7506. Samples were assayed for Cu, Pb, Zn, Co, Ni, Mn and U. An approximately north-south trending line of Pb soil anomalies were located immediately to the west of EL 7506, whilst several isolated anomalies also occurred within the licence. Geological mapping was done in conjunction with the soil sampling. No new uranium anomalies were located by this program, and it was concluded that the anomalous Pb was probably related to quartz veins. The remainder of Occidental's work focussed on uranium exploration and included: track etch and ground radiometric surveys with RAB and two diamond drill holes for follow up. No significant mineralisation was intersected and consequently ELs 1755 and 2201 were relinquished (Swingler, 1980).

Uranerz held EL 1858 which was located in the southwestern corner of the current EL 7506. Gridding, aerial photograph interpretation, reconnaissance geology and ground radiometrics were carried out. The results were not encouraging, and the licence was therefore relinquished (Uranerz, 1980).

At the same time, Marathon Petroleum Australia Ltd were conducting exploration on EL 1701, part of which was situated in the southeastern corner of EL 7506. An airborne radiometric survey, photogeological interpretation, ground radiometric and radon surveys were carried out. No significant results were obtained.

No further work appears to have been done on the area until the granting of EL 7506.

## 5. PRESENT EXPLORATION

In the first year of tenure, Aztec Mining Company Ltd have carried out literature research, compilation and interpretation of BMR and Occidental geochemical data, an aeromagnetic/radiometric survey, gridding and mapping.

The results of the literature research work are summarised in Section 4 of this report. All BMR and Occidental geochemical data has been entered into the Woodcutters computer database. This work was done in conjunction with adjoining ELs 7374 and 7385.

A detailed airborne magnetic and radiometric survey was flown by Aerodata Holdings Limited in September 1991 and covered all of EL 7506. The survey specifications were as follows:-

Flight line spacing	50m
Flight line direction	east-west
Tie line spacing	500m
Tie line direction	north-south
Sensor height	60m
Magnetometer resolution	0.001 nanoTeslas
Magnetometer sample interval	7m
Magnetometer cycle rate	0.1 sec
Spectrometer sample interval	70m
Spectrometer cycle rate	1 sec

The magnetics data was presented as residual magnetic intensity contours (Enclosure 1) and has been image processed. The radiometric data was also image processed. The data was interpreted using criteria developed from similar work carried out over the Woodcutters Mine area. This interpretation in conjunction with the BMR data compilation resulted in the interpreted geology shown in Figure 2.

Of particular interest is the western portion of EL 7506 where the Whites Formation/Wildman Siltstone is folded in a south plunging anticline adjacent to Mt Minza. Regional data compilation and interpretation suggests that an approximately north-south oriented base metal-gold mineralised trend may pass through this area. The trend is delineated by Pb soil geochemical anomalies in the adjoining EL 7374 and possibly the Sundance gold mine. Drilling of the largest Pb soil geochemical anomaly in EL 7374 resulted in minor base metal mineralisation associated with a dolerite sill within the Whites Formation. Dolerites in this area are characterised by a positive residual magnetic response and anomalously high Cu. Figure 3 shows the Cu "C" horizon soil geochemistry of the Mt Minza area. The anomalously high Cu in this area may indicate local base metal concentration, probably associated with folded dolerite sills within the Whites Formation. For these reasons, this area is considered to be the primary target for base metal mineralisation. Unfortunately the detailed BMR "C" horizon soil sampling program did not assay for Pb and Zn. The area has therefore been regridded with lines spaced 100m apart and pegs at 50m intervals, in preparation for a RAB drilling program to be carried out in Year Two. The main marker horizon is a chert unit which probably marks the base of the Koolpin Formation in the area. Mapping to date indicates that the chert unit actually comprises two separate chert beds, although usually only one is prominent at any particular locality.

## 6. GEOLOGY AND MINERALISATION

Exploration Licence 7506 is underlain by Lower Proterozoic sediments of the Mt Partridge, South Alligator and Finnis River Groups. The Mt Partridge Group sediments include carbonaceous and dolomitic shales of the Whites Formation and siltstones of the Wildman Siltstone with interbedded quartzite of the Acacia Gap Quartzite Member. The overlying carbonaceous shales and cherts (possibly altered carbonates) of the Koolpin Formation, light grey mudstones and albitic cherts of the Gerowie Tuff and siltstones and haematitic cherts (banded iron formation) of the Mount Bonnie Formation comprise the South Alligator Group. The conformably overlying Burrell Creek Formation of the Finnis River Group consists mainly of siltstones with interbedded greywackes. Sediments of the Mt Partridge Group have been intruded by largely conformable dolerites of the Zamu Dolerite. Cainozoic laterites and recent alluvial sediments obscure bedrock in places.

The structure of the area is dominated by a south plunging anticline centred on the western side of the exploration licence. A number of major NE-SW trending faults are interpreted to cut across the stratigraphy (Figure 2).

The only recorded mineralisation in the licence area is located at the Waterhouse 1 Prospect, where minor uranium and copper have been encountered (see Section 4).

## 7. EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ONE

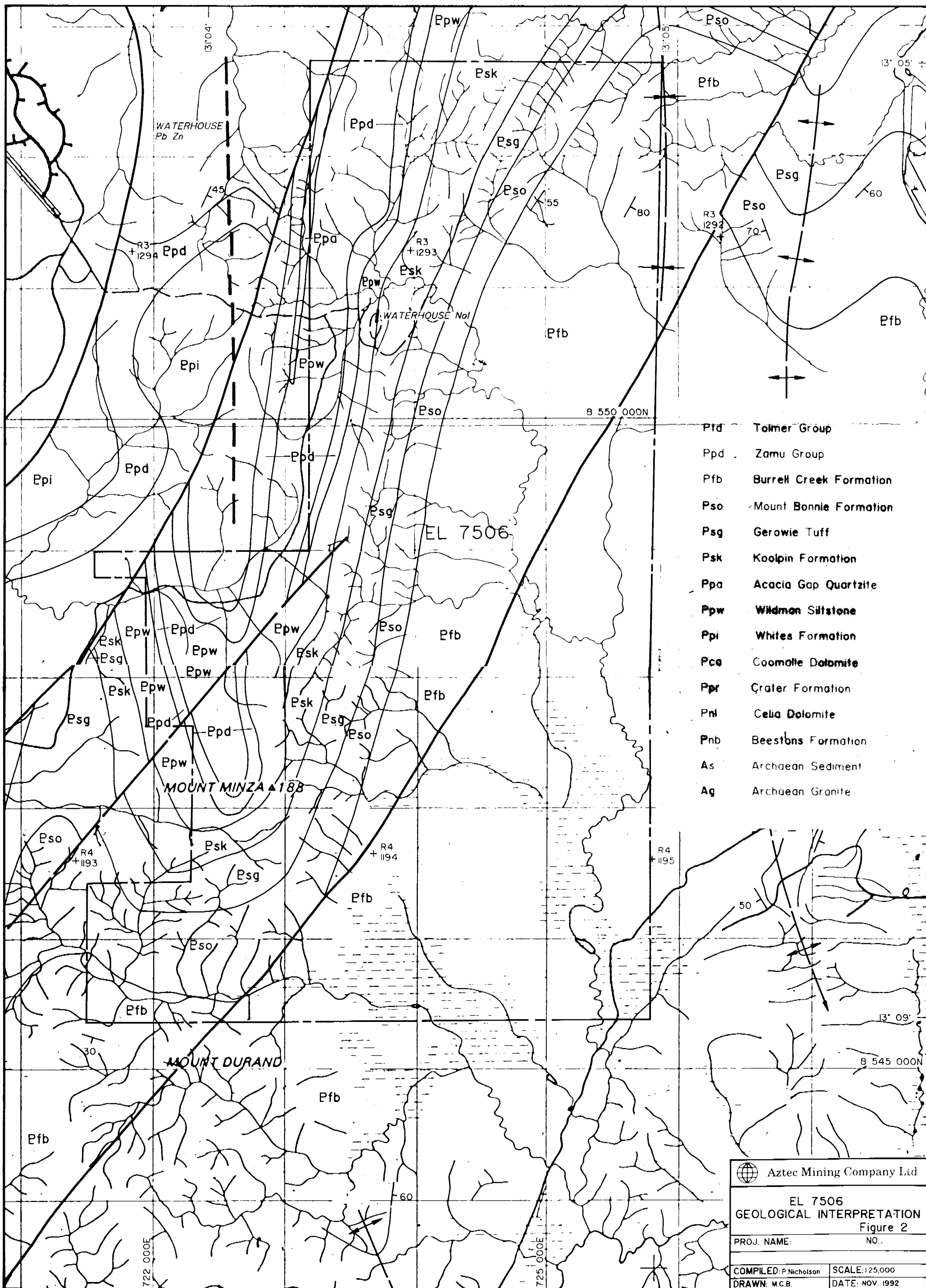
Consultants . . . . .	\$8,155
Labour . . . . .	2,767
Contract Services . . . . .	3,093
Car Hire . . . . .	880
Store Supplies . . . . .	2,225
Printing and Stationary . . . . .	1,015
Administration (15%) . . . . .	<u>\$2,720</u>
TOTAL . . . . .	<u>\$20,855</u>

## 8. PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME AND EXPENDITURE - YEAR TWO

The proposed work program for year two is as follows:-

1. RAB drilling of gridded area - Mt Minza area.
2. Completion of mapping of gridded area.
3. Reconnaissance stream sediment sampling for gold.
4. Costeaming and/or drilling if warranted.

The proposed expenditure for Year Two is \$10,000.





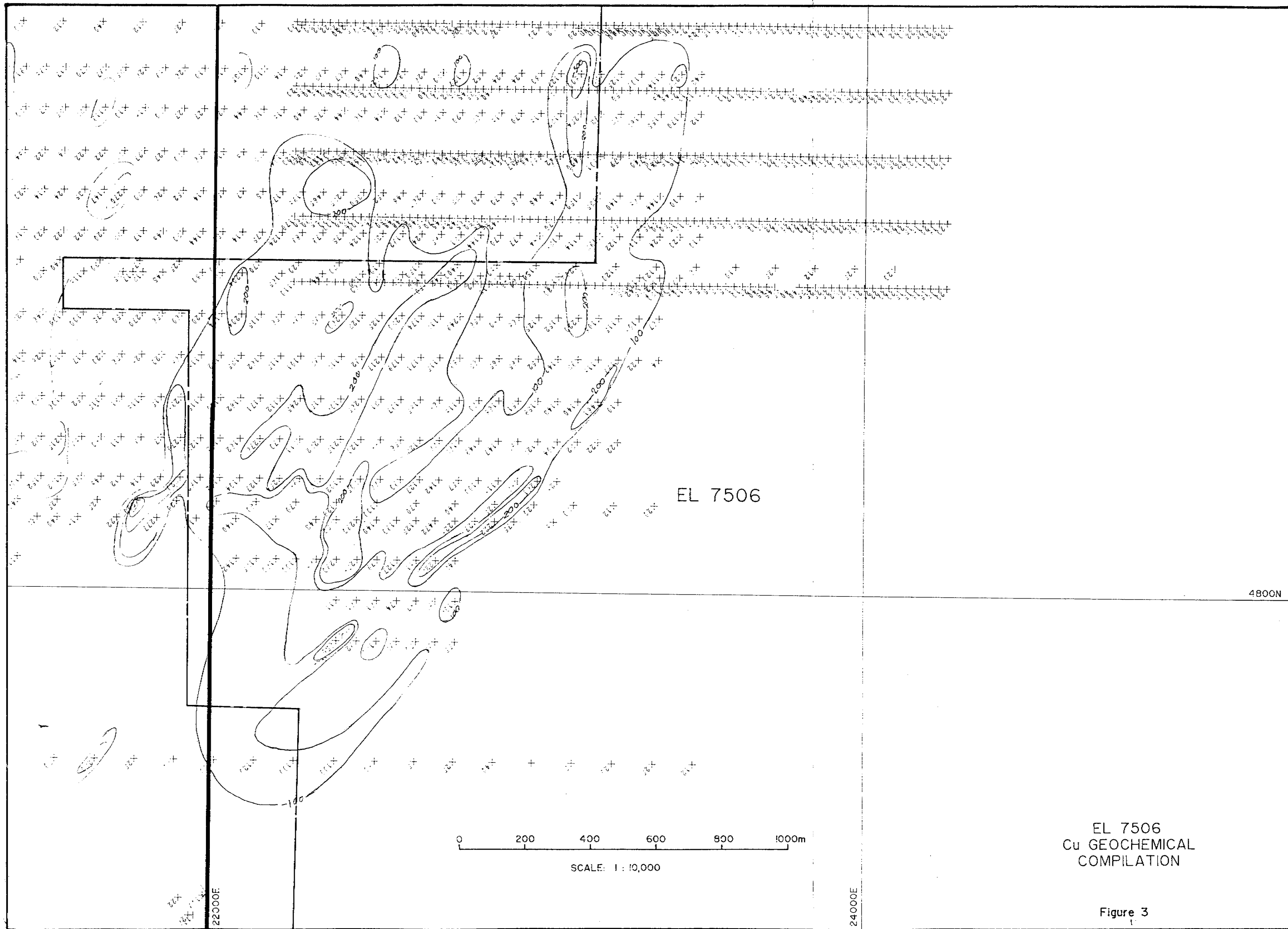


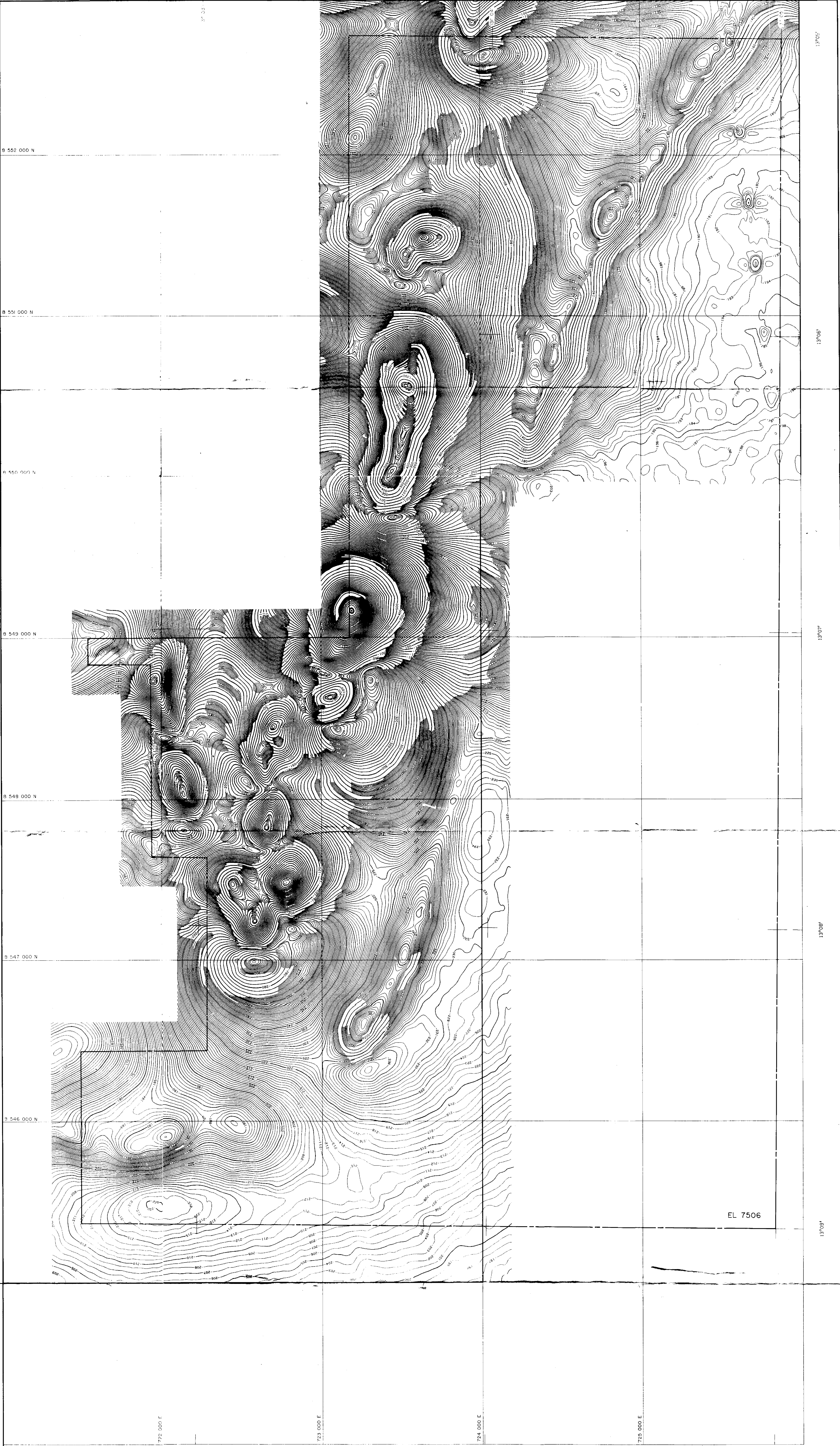
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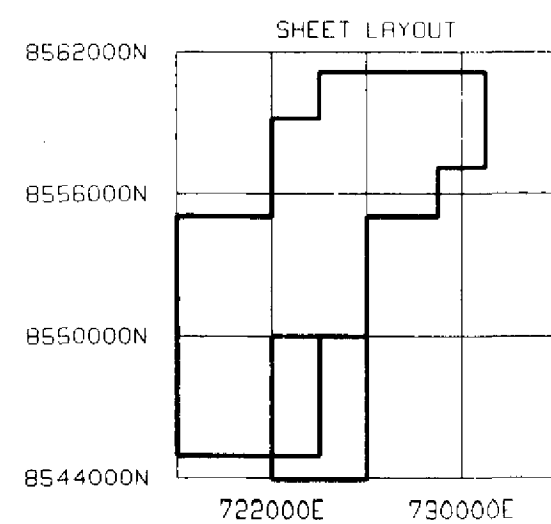
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**RESIDUAL MAGNETIC INTENSITY**

GRID NORTH  
TRUE NORTH  
MAGNETIC NORTH

North point relationships are  
shown for the centre of the map.  
Magnetic north is true for 1980.  
GRID/MAGNETIC ANGLE 3°32'23"  
GRID CONVERGENCE 0°28'11.17"  
SECULAR VARIATION 0°0'27" west per year

**DATA PROCESSING**  
ACQUIS. F.I.D. 1647 MODEL 1985 REMOVED  
GRID CELL SIZE 15 metres  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 1.0 nanoTeslas  
PARALLAX CORRECTION 3.13 fiducials  
BASE VALUE ADDED 0 nanoTeslas  
Scale 1:10 000  
200 0 200 400 600 800 1000 metres  
AUSTRALIAN MAP GRID



Enclosure 1

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