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FINAL REPORT

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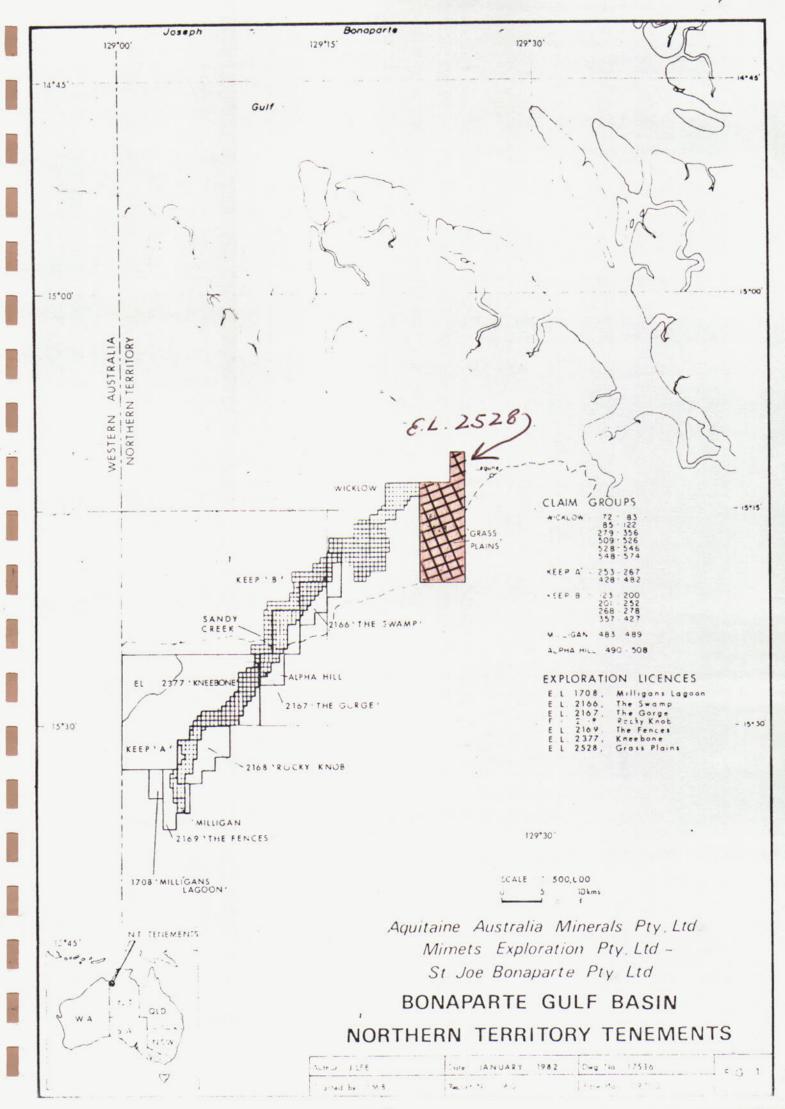
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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Exploration Licence 2528 was granted to Aquitaine Australia Minerals Pty. Limited on 10th September, 1980 for a term of one year. Renewal for a further 12 month term without reduction in area was subsequently granted.

The title is held in joint venture with Mimets Exploration Pty. Limited and St Joe Bonaparte Pty. Ltd. St Joe became a participant in the Bonaparte Gulf Basin Joint Venture during 1981, assuming the role of operator as of January 1, 1982. E.L. 2528 has been surrendered as of 10th August, 1982.

#### 2.0 Location and Access

The licence is located on Legune Station within the Northern Territory, flanking the north eastern margin of the Bonaparte Gulf Basin, as shown in Figure 1. Good access into the area is via the main Kununurra-Legune raod and subsidiary station tracks and seismic lines.

Topographically, the area is of low elevation (5 - 15m) dominated by grass plains which are subject to fresh water flooding. Isolated hills particularly in the southern part of the licence, attain elevations in excess of 100 metres.

#### 3.0 Previous Exploration

The area of the licence was covered by airborne magnetics as part of a basin-wide survey completed in 1974. Apart from regional geological investigations, no previous detailed work has been undertaken by the Joint Venture.

#### 4.0 Exploration Activity 1980-81

Exploration within E.L. 2528 has been directed to investigate the source of several apparently shallow low order airborne magnetic anomalies and their potential kimberlitic affinity. Following the location of the three anomalies ('A', 'B' and 'C') on the ground,

gridding was initially established on a 100 metre x 20 metre grid incurring a cumulative 28 line kilometre.

Geophysical interpretation of the anomalies was undertaken by Systems Exploration Corp. Pty. Limited, comprising model studies and recommendations for follow-up. A comprehensive report (see Appendix 2) including all data collation is appended to this report.

Following the geophysical interpretation, drill holes were sited to test anomalies 'A' and 'B'. Basic volcanics associated with Antrim Plateau Volcanics were penetrated at anomaly 'B' in rotary percussion hole NBH 4002. A descriptive drill log and composite litholog are presented in Appendix 1. Two attempts were made to penetrate thick overburden sands and weathered sandstone bedrock to test anomaly 'A'. Holes NBG 4001 and NBG 4003 were subsequently terminated at depths of 52 metres and 27 metres respectively. Reverse circulation drilling will be required for any future drilling in the area.

#### 5.0 Summary and Conclusions

Three magnetic anomalies were defined by ground follow-up of airborne responses, leading to the programmed drilling to test anomalies 'A' and 'B'. Attempts to drill the best target, anomaly 'A', subsequently failed without penetrating a deep overburden section. Drilling at anomaly 'B' penetrated Cambrian Antrim Plateau Volcanics which adequately account for the anomaly. It could be reasonably assumed that anomaly 'A' has a similar source, being associated with the same structure and stratigraphic situation. A more extensive distribution of anomalies of a similar but more intense character are known to exist coincident with volcanics only 2-3 km north-east of anomaly 'A'. Results do not indicate significant potential for kimberlitic targets in the area under investigation. No further work is recommended in the area.

### GRASS PLAINS - E.L. 2528

### Summary of Expenditures to August 31, 1982

6.0	Consumables	1,046.60
	Field Hand Costs	5,492.55
	Repairs & Maintenance - Site buildings	705.60
	Repairs & Maintenance - Site Vehicles	514.10
	Utilities	457.84
	Consultants	1,508.49
	Travel & subsistence	512.20
	Freight & Cartage	215.34
	Drilling Contractor	
	Communications	7,029.69
	Mineral Dept Salary & Associated	121.00
	Costs	3,435.00
	Drafting Salary & Associated Costs	630.00
	Depreciation Buildings & support	
	facilities	175.10
	" Equipment & Tools	300.66
	" Transport equipment	412.31
	" Furniture & machines	17.51
	Overheads	2,576.25
	Service Fees - overheads	60.52
	Service Fees - Vehicles	8.63
	Seconded Staff - St. Joe	75.04
	Rent - Real Property	29.46
	Expenditures prior to June 30, 1981	
		11,706.76
	Total Expenditure on E.L.	37,030.65

### APPENDIX 1

Descriptive Drill Logs

NBG 4001

NBG 4002

NBG 4003

Composite Log NBG 4002



### DRILLING LOG

hole	<b>NO.</b> NBG 4001	location 8320700N 0543250E	drillers TRANSDRILL - INVESTIGATOR
permit	t E.L. 2528 GRASS PLAINS	azımuth –	duration 14.08.81-15.08.81 (V)
state	NORTHERN TERRITORY	declination VERTICAL	logged by M. ROWLEY

state	NORTHERN TE	RRITORY   declination   VERTICAL	logged	d by	М.	ROWLEY	
	depth	description		Pb	%	Zn %	Ag gr T
0 -	52 m	Undifferentiated fine sands. Hole abandoned at 52 metres following bot air and rotary mud procedures had failed.	h	•		-	
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hole no. NBG 4002	location 8316900N 0542650E	drillers TRANSDRILL-INVESTIGATOR
permitE.L. 2528 'GRASS PLAINS'	azimuth –	duration 11.08.81 - 13.08.81
state NORTHERN TERRITORY	declination VERTICAL	logged by M. ROWLEY

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	depth	description	PI	b %		Zn	%	Ag gr/T
	0 - 2 m	Grey, argillaceous, 'black soil'.						
	2 - 4 m	Light brown, sandy clay, minor 'black soil'.	.   '					
	4 - 7 m	Grey and light brown sandy clay.			į			
	7 - 9 m	Reddish brown sandy clay.						
	9 - 11 m	Brown sandy clay. Some slightly magnetic grains detected - unidentified.						
	11 - 13 m	Reddish brown sandy clay. Occasional fragme of weathered purplish-brown slightly porphyritic (feldspar) basic volcanic (? basalt).	ent					
	13 - 15 m	Reddish brown sandy clay.						
		Base of overburden ANTRIM PLATEAU VOLCANICS - 61a						
	15 - 17 m	Weathered to fresh, dark brown basaltic volcanic and brown clay. No magnetism detected.						
	17 - 19 m	Partly weathered dark brown to black basaltic volcanic.					j	
	19 - 21 m	As for 17 - 19 m. Basalt becoming fresher.						
	21 - 23 m	Dark brown to black partially weathered basalt. Very fine grained, even textured and non porphyritic.						
	23 - 25 m	As for 21 - 23 m. Some basaltic fragments show strong magnetism apparently due to magnetite associated with mafic phenocrysts.						
	.25 - 27 m	Dark brown to black basaltic volcanic - weakly to strongly magnetic.		,				
	27 - 29 m	As for 25 - 27 metres.						
	29 - 31 m	Very fine grained, even textured, non porphyritic basaltic volcanic - strongly magnetic.						
	31 - 33 m	As for 29 - 31 metres.						
	33 - 35 m	As for 29 - 31 metres.				•		
	35 - 37 m	As for 29 - 31 metres.						
	37 - 39 m	As for 29 - 31 metres.						
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hole no. NBG 4002	location 8316900N 0542650E	drillers TRANSDRILL-INVESTIGATOR
permitE.L. 2528 'GRASS PLAINS'		duration 11.10.81 - 13.10.81
state NORTHERN TERRITORY	declination VERTICAL	logged by M. ROWLEY

state NURTHERN TE	RRITORY declination VERTICAL	logged	by	M. R	OWLEY		
depth	description		РЬ	%	Zn	0,	Ag gr/T
39 - 41 m	Weathered, pinkish-brown, sparsely porphys volcanic. Green chlorite alteration commo	ritic					
41 - 43 m	Weathered, light pinkish-brown, sparsely porphyritic volcanic and fresh black non porphyritic basaltic volcanic. The latter rock is strongly magnetic.						
43 - 45 m	Purplish brown, (?) altered, sparsely porphyritic (altered feldspar) volcanic. Abundant secondary chlorite and epidote. Non magnetic.						
45 - 47 m	As for 43 - 45 metres. Variably altered.						
47 – 49 m	Strongly to weakly altered (?) basic volca Generally reddish brown to purplish in colour, sparsely porphyritic (altered feldspar and mafic mineral). Abundant secondary chlorite and epidote.	anic.					
49 - 51 m	Green to purplish altered volcanic with we preserved (?) ophitic microtexture. Strong chloritised especially feldspars. Unidentified orange mineral appears to have replacematics.	igly :i-		·			
51 - 53 m	As for 49 - 51 metres.						
53 - 55 m	As for 49 - 51 metres.						
55 - 57 m	As for 49 - 51 metres.					,	
57 - 59 m	Green to purplish, very fine grained alter volcanic. Strongly chloritised and argill An unidentified microcrystalline silvery g metallic, non magnetic octahedral mineral occurs disseminated throughout this rock.	ised.					
59 - 61 m	Pink to purplish weathered to altered occasionally porphyritic volcanic.						
61 - 63 m	Sample mostly fine powder with few chips o reddish to purple strongly altered volcani Epidote common in the volcanics.						
63 - 65 m	Similar to interval 61 - 63 metres. Some fresher pink to purplish chloritised volcanic fragments.						
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65 - 67 m	Mostly pinkish brown, very fine grained quartzite with minor altered volcanic fragments.						



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hole no. NBG 4002	location 8316900N 0542650E	drillers TRANSDRILL-INVESTIGATOR
permitE.L. 2528 'GRASS PLAINS'	azimuth –	duration 11.10.81 - 13.10.81
state NORTHERN TERRITORY	declination VERTICAL	logged by M. ROWLEY

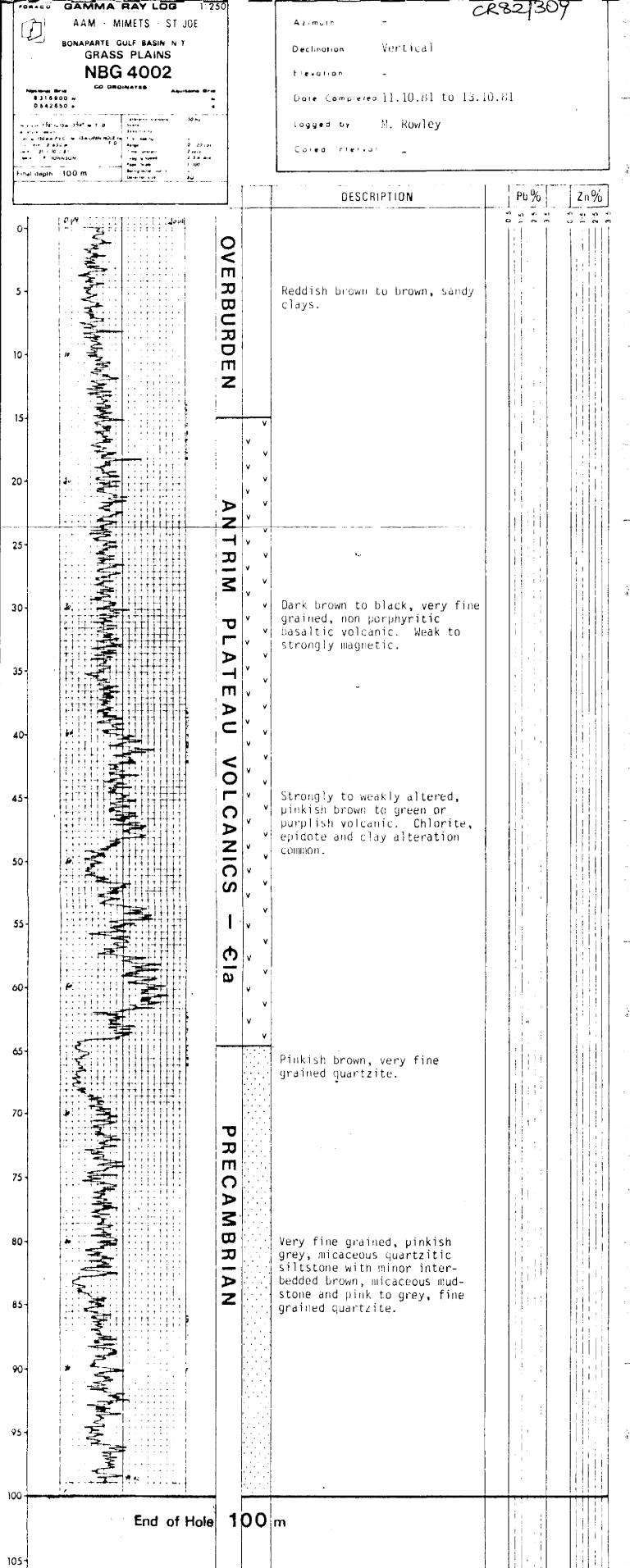
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depth		desc	ription		РЬ	%	Zn	0 / / 0	Ag gr T
67 - 69 m			th small fragments wn quartzite.	of.					
69 - 71 m	Same as for	67 - 69 m	etres.						
71 - 73 m	Pinkish bro	wn micaceo eveloped p	us quartz siltston laty cleavage.	e ·					
73 - 75 m	Same as 71	- 73 metre	<b>5.</b>						
75 77 m	Same as 71	- 73 metres	5.						
77 - 79 m	Same as 71	- 73 metres	S.						
79 - 81 m	Pinkish bro and pink to	wn, micaced grey, very	ous, quartz siltst / fine grained qua	one rtzite					
81 - 83 m	Pinkish gre Well develo cleavage.	y, very fir ped close s	ne grained quartzi spaced (2 - 5 mm)	te.					
83 - 85 m	Pink to gre 81 - 83 met		ined quartzite as	for					
85 - 87 m	Same as 83	- 85 metres	<b>5.</b>			·			
87 - 89 m	Same as 83 along cleav		. Some white mic	a					
89 - 91 m	Pink to gre	y, very fin	e grained quartzi	te.					
91 - 93 m	Well cleaved brown quart		e grained, pinkisl	h					
93 - 95 m	Pinkish brown m		ne grained quartz ) mudstone.	ite					
95 - 97 m	Pink to brow very fine go siltstone.	wn, more ar rained, qua	gillaceous, micace rtzitic sandstone-	eous,					
97 - 99 m	Very fine grantzitic s spaced, part	siltstone.	kish grey, micaced Well developed, d ge.	ous close					
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hole no. NBG 4003	location 8320700N 0543250E	drillers TRANSDRILL - INVESTIGATOR
permit E.L. 2528 GRASS PLAINS	azimuth –	duration 16.08.81 - 25.08.81 (V)
state NORTHERN TERRITORY	declination VERTICAL	logged by

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depth		description			РЬ	%	Zn	0,0	Ag gr
0 - 27 m	Undifferenti Hole abandor continued pr overburden.	iated fine sands. ned at 27 metres roblems in penetra	following ating the						
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#### APPENDIX 2

Report on Ground Magnetics Surveys by Systems Exploration Corp. Pty. Ltd. REPORT ON GROUND MAGNETIC SURVEYS

FLAPPER HILL AND GRASS PLAINS AREAS

ANOMALIES A, B & C

NORTHWEST AUVERGNE 1:250,000 SHEET, N.T.

for

AQUITAINE AUSTRALIA MINERALS PTY. LTD.

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Showing Exploration Grids

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Magnetic intensity 1:50,000

PLATE 4 : Anomaly A Ground Magnetic Data -

Contours of Total Magnetic Intensity

1:5,000

PLATE 5 : Magnetic Profiles Anomaly A

PLATE 6 : Anomaly B Ground Magnetic Data -

Contours of Total Magnetic Intensity

1:5,000

PLATE 7 : Anomaly C Ground Magnetic Data -

Contours of Total Magnetic Intensity

1:5,000

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

At the request of Aquitaine Australia Minerals Pty. Ltd., aeromagnetic and ground magnetic data were studied from an area in the Northern Territory thought to be prospective, possibly, for kimberlitic intrusions. The area is in the Bonaparte Gulf Basin on the northwest part of the Auvergne 1:250,000 sheet at long.  $129^{0}25$ 'E, lat.  $15^{0}11$ '5, approximately, where the earth's magnetic field elements are 48 500 gammas (nT, SI),  $-45^{0}$ ,  $3.5^{0}$ E (magnitude, inclination and declination). Refer to Figure 1.

Regional B.M.R. geophysical data show this area to be rather featureless magnetically but with a strong gravity gradient probably associated with basinal features.

Little information is available on the magnetic characteristics of kimberlites in Australia or elsewhere. However, a relatively high susceptibility could be expected in a sedimentary environment. Contrasts of the order of several hundred x 10<sup>-6</sup> cgs, or even more, would not be unusual. Recognition of kimberlites by magnetics would be affected by the degree of weathering, alteration and serpentinization in the immediate sub-surface, and by the occurrence of igneous rocks nearby. Remanence (NRM) appears to be of likely significance in the anomaly generated by any kimberlites because plug/stock/dyke-like bodies commonly have strong remanence which may complicate, enhance or attenuate the magnetic anomaly. Interpretation of magnetic data for these purposes in the absence of auxiliary geophysical, physical property, petrological and drilling data is a very difficult task.

#### 2. GEOLOGY

The geological setting is given in Plates 1 and 2 where the mapped Palaeozoic basin sequence is shown to comprise largely dolomites and clastics at the Precambrian margin. These rocks and the Precambrian basement would not be expected to contain magnetic lithologies. However the Cambrian/Proterozoic Antrim Plateau Volcanics do have magnetic character; their complex magnetic signature can be seen in the central part of Plate 3. It is reasonable to suppose that any magnetic anomalies studied might be due to segments of the volcanics unless compelling evidence suggests otherwise. These volcanics (tholeitic basalt and tuff) are known to carry remanence although data on the in-situ magnitude and direction are not readily available.

#### 3. AEROMAGNETIC DATA

A sequence of anomalies A, B, C is shown in Plate 3. The sequence occurs along a magnetic linear feature which strikes into the complex of anomalies associated with Antrim Plateau Volcanics to the north. This magnetic linear coincides with an interpreted oblique slip basin fault shown on Plates 1 and 2.

The airborne anomalies were located in a semi detailed survey. An inspection of profiles reveals (not shown herein) anomaly magnitudes of the order of 10 gammas apparently located about 100 m west of the interpreted fault. The extent of the target anomalies and their ground follow-up locations are depicted on the plate. The ground location of anomaly C to the west of its airborne position suggests that the located anomaly might not be the one defined in the aeromagnetics.

#### 4. GROUND MAGNETIC DATA

About 600 stations were established at 20 metre intervals on grid lines at each location: A, B, C. Total magnetic intensity was measured at each station and a base station was re-occupied intermittently for diurnal control. Generally the accuracy of most of the stations is considered to be better than  $\pm$  5 gammas. However, capricious diurnal change lowered the precision of some segments to  $\pm$  25 gammas. Accordingly, detailed contouring of results was not attempted for this reason and also on account of the gaps in parts of the traverse coverage.

The results are presented in Plates 4, 5, 6 and 7 where clearly anomalous areas of differing character are apparent. Not all the data from area B have been presented in Plate 6 as sparse coverage from 7400N to 7900N along 2200E, 2400E, 2600E and 2800E showed only a suggestion of a minor elongate high along 2400E. This trend might be due to a mis-tie, but is probably valid as the magnetic linear appears to have a fluctuating anomaly all along its length.

#### 5. INTERPRETATION

In the interpretation of the magnetic data, comparative use was made of three dimensional magnetic modelling computer programs based on USGS algorithms. The anomalies are not due to bodies of simple shape, and probably, especially in B and C, the magnetization is a resultant of induced and remanent components. Furthermore, the causative bodies probably contain narrow zones and discrete pods contributing to a composite anomaly. Nevertheless, it is considered that the magnetic interpretation can locate and roughly define the causative body outlines and permit an estimate of the source depth and susceptibility contrast. The interpretation cannot, in the time available, provide detailed geometry and depth extent information using magnetic data alone.

#### Anomaly A refer to Plates 4 and 5

The effect of two prismatic bodies is apparent in the contours. Their anomalies seem to interfere with each other. The northern amomaly is due to a narrow N - S body about 50 metres wide extending about 250 metres south from 1500N and centred along 3200E. Induction may dominate the magnetic response. Susceptibility contrast appears to be of the order of  $1000 \times 10^{-6}$  cgs. Depth to the body is about 80 metres. A test hole could be sited at 1400N, 3200E.

The southern anomaly is larger; it is oriented N - S and is thought to be due to a body about 150 metres wide and about 300 metres long centred along 3250E; the body may run from around 850N to 550N (?); the susceptibility contrast appears to be around 1500 x  $10^{-6}$  cgs if most of the anomaly is due to induction and if the body lies at the estimated depth of about 100 metres. A test hole could be sited at 800N, 3250E.

#### Anomaly B refer to Plate 6

This is a complex anomaly that appears to be due to a body at shallower depth, probably about 40 metres, with a susceptibility contrast of about  $1500 \times 10^{-6}$  cgs. A remanent component may be significant in the body's magnetization. The body could be about 300 metres long and

60 metres wide striking N.E.-S.W. with the centre running along a line connecting 6950N/2700E to 6710N/2500E. A test hole could be sited at 6900N/2650E.

#### Comparison of A and B

Anomalies A and B appear to be associated with the interpreted fault. The anomalies appear to be due to discretely magnetized bodies or parts of larger longer bodies. The anomalies do not appear to be due to plug like sources but rather elongate sources containing about 0.5% magnetite (1% of titanomagnetite).

Anomaly A appears to match the extent of the anomalous area as indicated in the airborne survey (Plate 3) over three flight lines 500 metres apart. However, the ground definition of anomaly B might have missed the northernmost part on line 51, one km north of the ground investigation (around line 53?) and along the linear.

Anomaly B is of a different character to A: it has an intense negative part, covers a relatively small area, and strikes differently; whereas Anomaly A is due to what appears to be a substantial body or bodies. Remanence appears to be important in the signature of Anomaly B as indicated by the negative part of the anomaly suggesting a low effective magnetization inclination and/or small depth extent.

It is possible that downfaulted blocks of the volcanics could account for the anomalies along the fault, but the likely geometry of this is not clear. Also, B appears to be a shallow local pod.

#### Anomaly C

This is a dual complex anomaly of small areal extent caused by two small tabular bodies striking N.E.-S.W. The anomaly magnitudes,  $\pm$  100 gammas, the form, intense negative parts, and the trends are very similar in character to Anomaly B. The dual anomaly appears to be located in Precambrian basement rocks, with the causative bodies at shallow depths. The larger body, about 200 x 50 metres, is centred at 5600N/1700E; the smaller body is centred at 5760N/1650E.

#### Comparison of Band C with A

Anomalies B and C are very much alike, presumably the causative lithologies are similar too. The location of C is away from the linear and fault, while B is situated near them, but B may not be the location of the aeromagnetic indication as previously remarked. Both B and C may be small outliers of volcanics on the Precambrian basement. Their size and possible rapid anomaly magnitude fall off with height militate against significant aeromagnetic response.

Anomaly A differs completely from B and C. It certainly registers on the aeromagnetics; it occurs at depth and may have considerable depth extent; it trends N-S, over a large distance, along the linear.

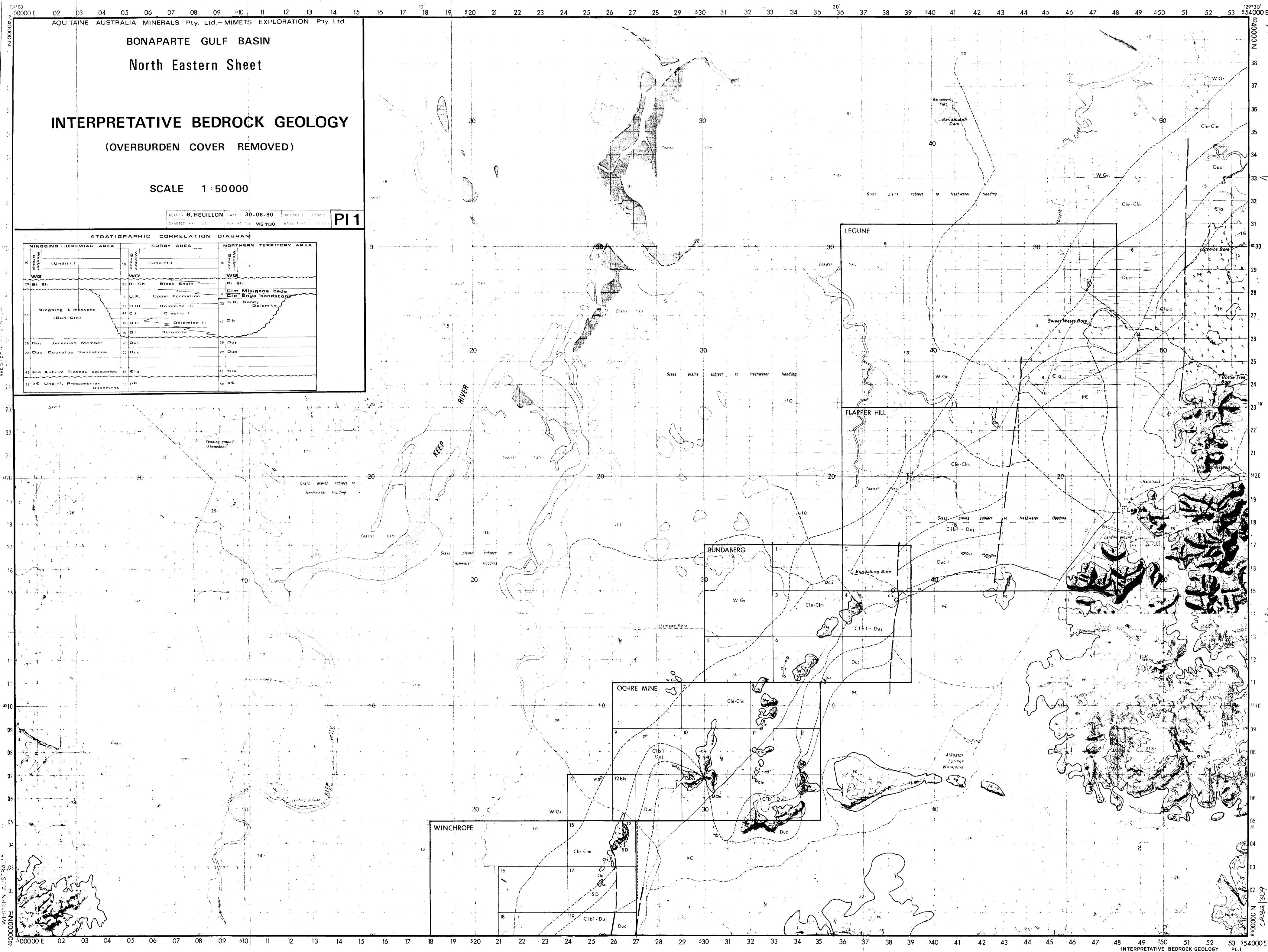
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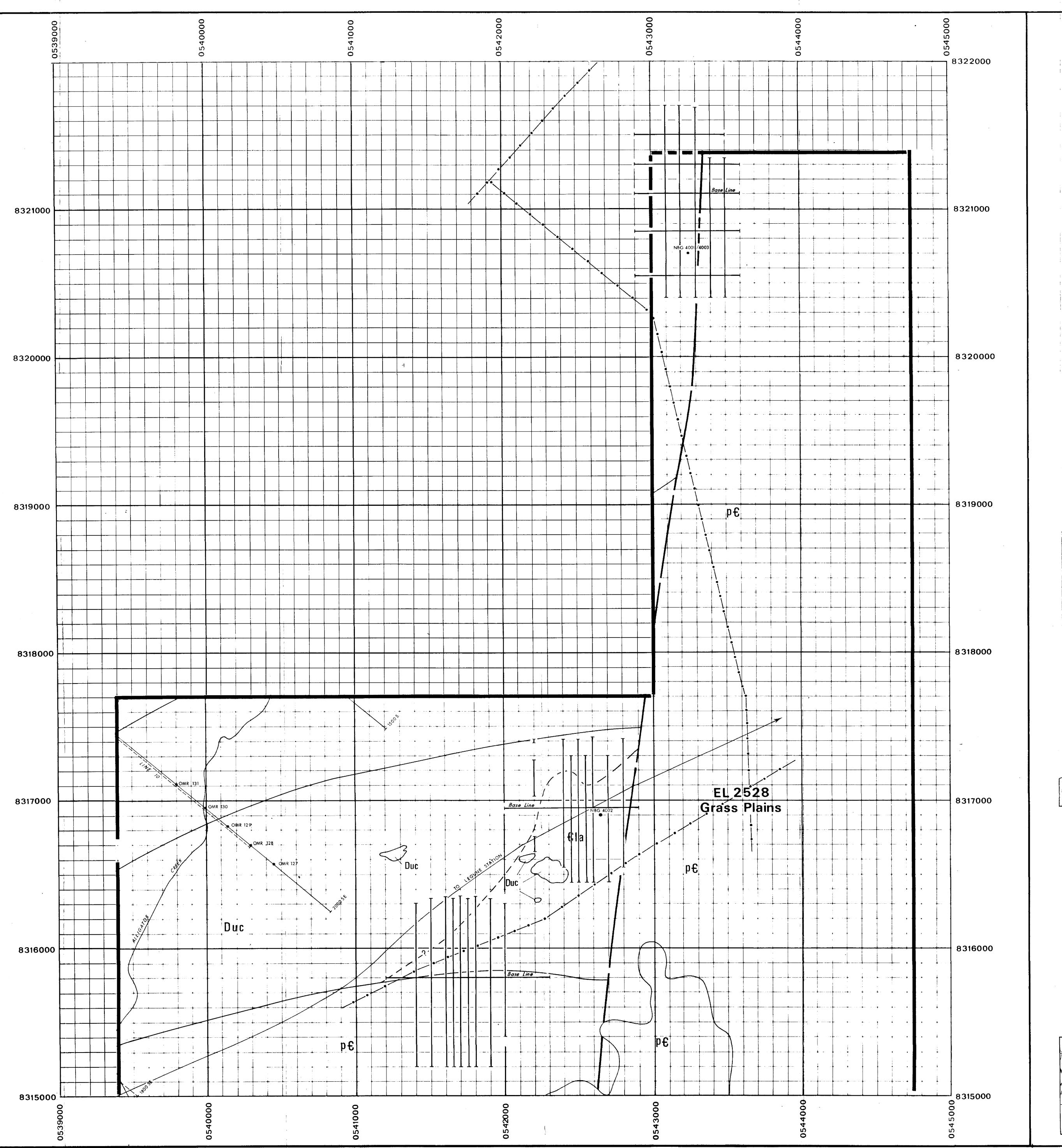
The aeromagnetic survey indicated three zones of interest; the ground follow-up work might not have located one or possibly two of these.

The interpretation has shown similarities between two of the anomalies B and C, considered minor, and identified a substantial elongate trend comprising two possibly prismatic bodies at location A.

Whereas kimberlitic affinities may be in existence, it is not possible to ascribe a definite lithology to any of the anomaly sources on the basis of magnetic alone.

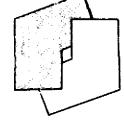
In this case magnetics has been useful in locating, defining but only partly in evaluating the anomalies. The interpretations may be further developed and refined by quantitative modelling if a limited drilling programme is carried out to provide depth, lithological and physical property information. It should be noted that auxiliary techniques such as gravity and electrical methods could provide valuable information to assist in a complete interpretation.





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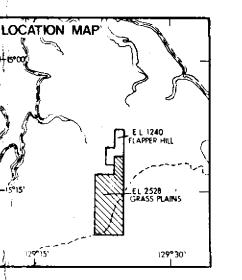
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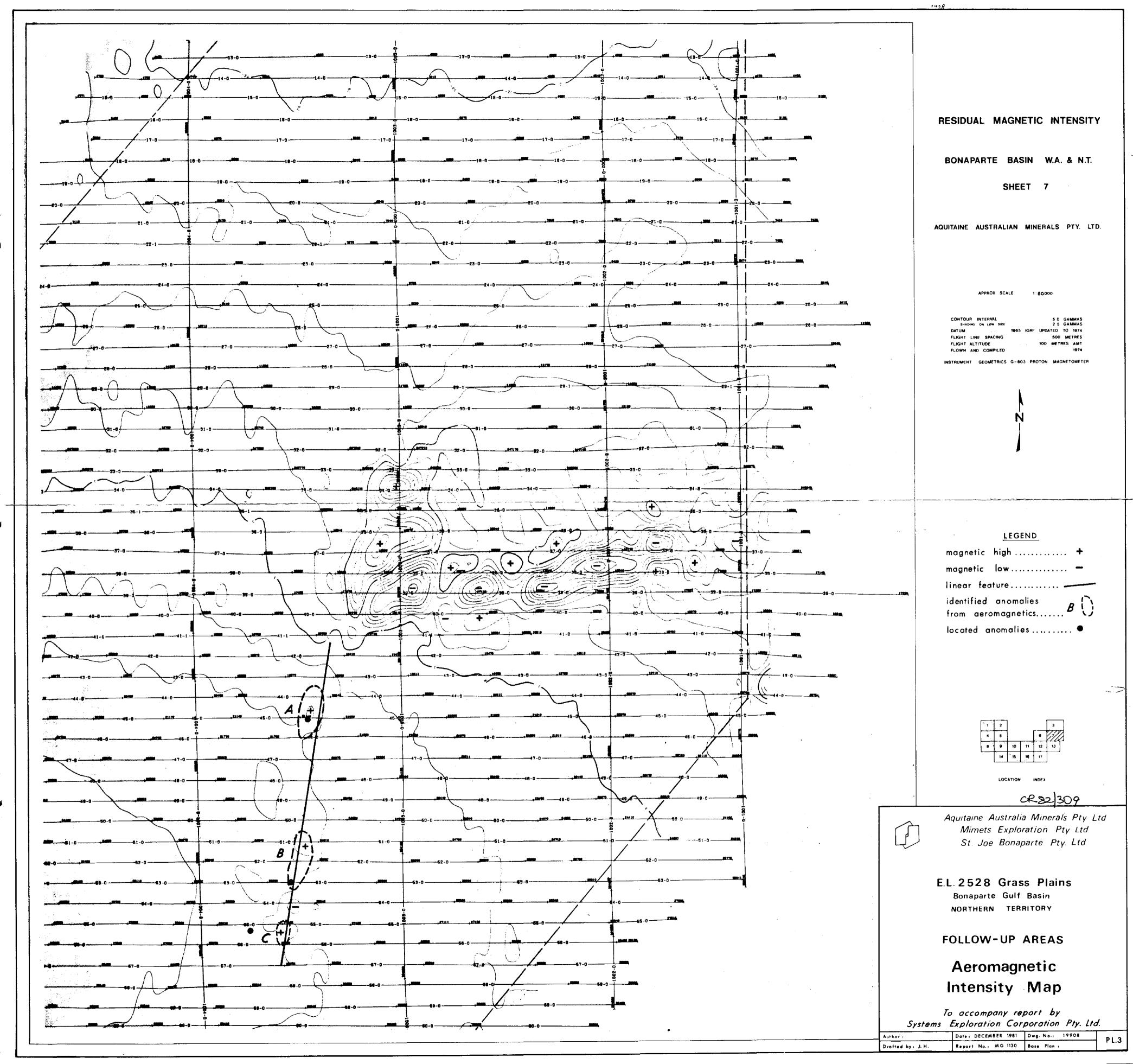
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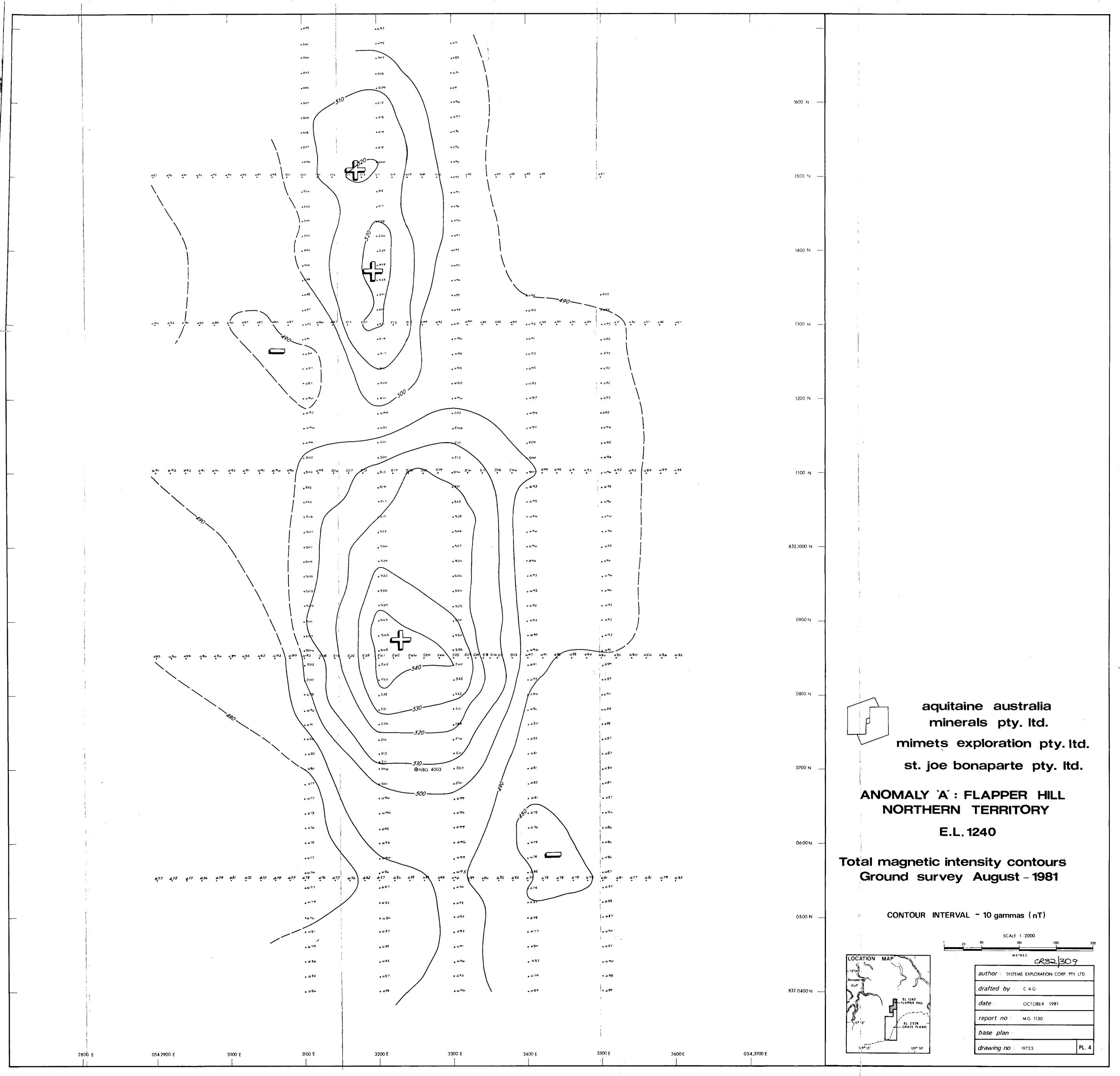
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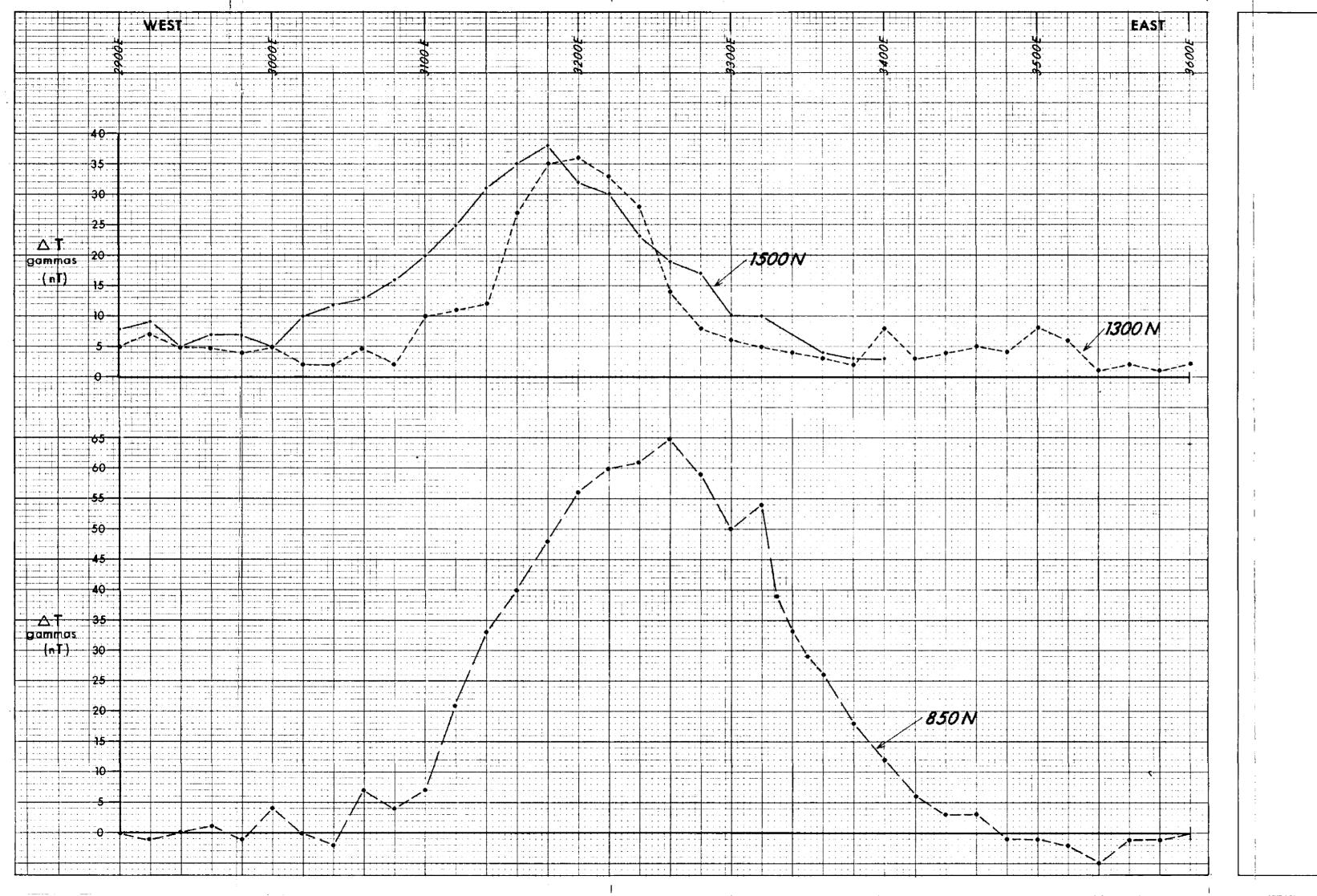
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E.L. 2528 Grass Plains Bonaparte Gulf Basin NORTHERN TERRITORY

FOLLOW-UP AREAS

## **Total Magnetic Intensity** Anomaly A Profiles

Ground Survey Data August 1981

Scale 1:2000

To accompany report by Systems Exploration Corporation Pty. Ltd.

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