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FIRST RELINQUISHMENT REPORT FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 7821, FOR THE PERIOD 14/8/92 TO 13/8/94, TENNANT CREEK

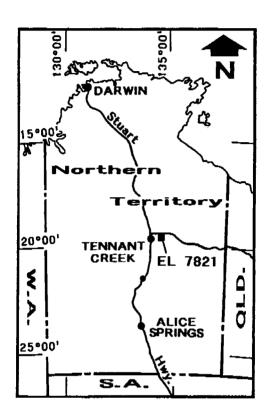
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#### 1. SUMMARY

Exploration Licence 7821 (Barkly South Prospect) was granted to Poseidon Gold Limited on 14 August 1992 for a period of six years. The licence comprised 18 graticular blocks of which nine graticular blocks were relinquished at the end of the second year of tenure, in accordance with Section 26 of the Mining Act. This report details the work conducted on the nine graticular blocks relinquished for the period from 14/8/92 to 13/8/94.

EL 7821 is located approximately 19km ENE of Tennant Creek township. Exploration completed by PosGold on the relinquished portion of the licence focused on identifying Tennant Creek style Au-Cu-Bi mineralisation using:

- general field reconnaissance;
- an airborne magnetic survey;
- photogeological mapping; and
- geomorphological mapping.

#### 2. INTRODUCTION

#### 2.1 Location and Access

Exploration Licence 7821 (Barkly South Prospect) is located approximately 19km ENE of Tennant Creek township (refer Figure 1). Access to the licence area from Tennant Creek township is ENE by winding station tracks via Lone Star Mine to Gigantic Mine and then north for approximately two kilometres.

#### 2.2 Climate and Physiography

The climate of the Tennant Creek area is mild to warm and dry throughout autumn, winter and spring. The summers are hot (often in excess of 35°C) with associated seasonal rainfall between December and March (338 mm rainfall December 1993 to March 1994) which frequently impedes field work programmes.

The majority of EL 7821 covers a flat lying area comprising an extensive clay pan devoid of vegetation to the south. The central and northern portion of the licence consists of dense eucalyptic bushland associated with the discharge of Tennant Creek after heavy rainfall. Access to this area is difficult and best traversed via a fenceline trending east-west through the centre of the licence area. The eastern margin of the licence area hosts low lying hills which drain along their western margin where several waterholes exist along a seasonal creek bed.

#### 2.3 Tenure

Exploration Licence 7821 (EL 7821) was granted to Poseidon Gold Limited (PosGold) on 14 August 1992, for a period of six years. The licence originally consisted of 18 graticular blocks and at the end of the second year of tenure was reduced to 9 graticular blocks, in accordance with Section 26 of the Mining Act. The covenant for the first and second years of tenure totalled \$7,500 and \$7,000 respectively.

#### 2.4 Previous Exploration

Prior to PosGold acquiring EL 7821 no known exploration had been conducted within the Barkly South prospect.

#### 3. REGIONAL GEOLOGY

The Tennant Creek Inlier comprises gneissic basement successively overlain by unconformable Proterozoic sediments of the Warramunga Group, Hatches Creek Group and Tomkinson Creek Beds. These sediments have been intruded by Proterozoic aged granites, and subsequently overlain by Cambrian sediments (Le Messurier *et al*, 1990). The Warramunga Group contains all of the economically viable mineral deposits in the Tennant Creek region.

The Warramunga Group has been divided into the Carraman Formation, which hosts the Black Eye Member, the Bernborough Formation and the Whippet Sandstone. The lower and first mentioned two units contain all the mineralised ironstones in the field. These

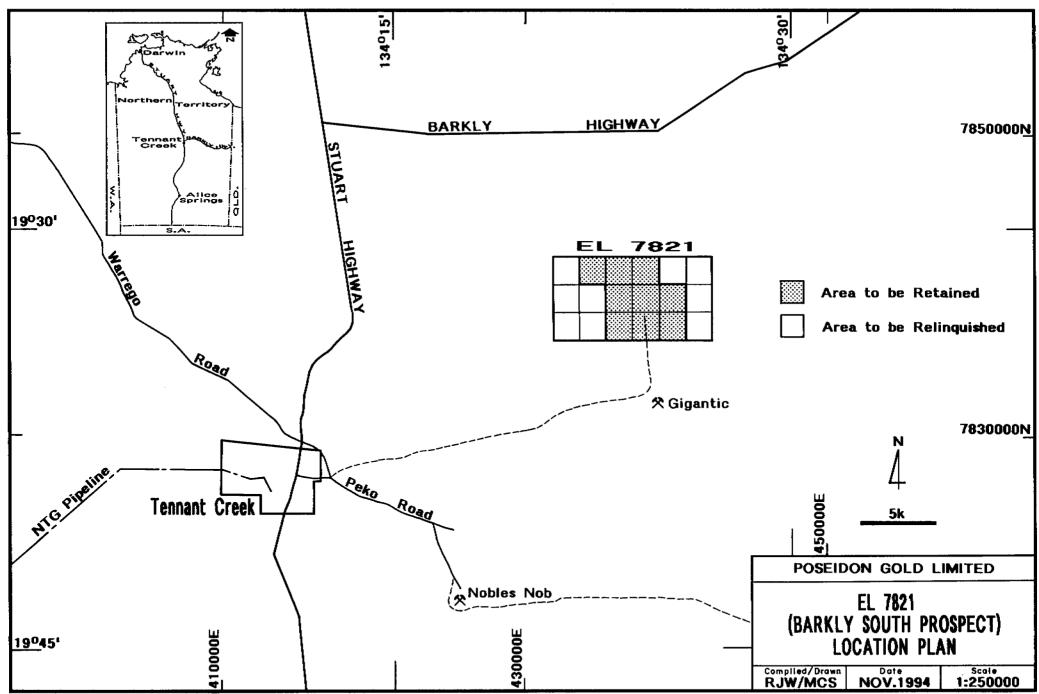


Figure No. 1

units are made up of a sequence of argillaceous sediments including siliceous greywacke, siltstone, shale and haematite shale with zones of disseminated haematite-magnetite being common throughout. Quartz feldspar porphyry lenses occur as both cross-cutting and conformable units within the sedimentary sequences.

The Warramunga Group exhibits three deformational phases and is metamorphosed to greenschist facies. The first deformational episode resulted in tight to isoclinal, upright folds with east-west axes. Two later episodes of faulting consist of WNW trending faults and shear zones with south-side-up movement, and NW trending faults often filled with quartz, showing sinistral movement.

#### 4. LOCAL GEOLOGY

Exploration Licence 7821 covers an area mainly consisting of a flat lying alluvial flood plain controlled by the seasonal discharge from Tennant Creek which flows east into the licence area. Aeromagnetic data suggests that beneath cover lies an array of rock types including Warramunga Group sedimentary rocks, Proterozoic granites and Cambrian sedimentary rocks. In the east of the licence area a low-lying range of mostly flat lying Cambrian sedimentary rocks trends north-south and contains small outcrop areas of Warramunga Group rocks.

#### 5. EXPLORATION UNDERTAKEN DURING THE PERIOD 14/8/92 TO 13/8/94

### 5.1 Aeromagnetics

Aeromagnetic data for EL 7821 was compiled from two aeromagnetic surveys flown in 1989 by Austirex and 1992 by Aerodata. Both data sets were collected by a proton precession 30m SI Scintrex CS-vapour V201 magnetometer, with a sensor height of 60 metres along north-south lines spaced at 200 metres.

Data was compiled and processed by P Smith, Normandy Poseidon Limited Geophysicist, who removed the regional effect of the area from the observed data.

The resulting magnetic contour plan (Plan 1) for the area relinquished from EL 7821 displays broad, low amplitude magnetic features which are suggestive of Proterozoic granites and Cambrian sedimentary rocks.

#### 5.2 Photogeological Mapping

In 1992, PosGold contracted Australian Photogeological Consultants Pty Ltd (APC) to undertake detailed photogeological mapping of the Tennant Creek district. The project was completed using a combination of 1:25,000 scale colour aerial photographs, low-level aerial magnetic survey data and regional field traverses.

The area relinquished from EL 7821, refer Figure 2, is interpreted to consist of various generations of granite, concealed beneath Cambrian sedimentary rocks and recent aeolian cover.

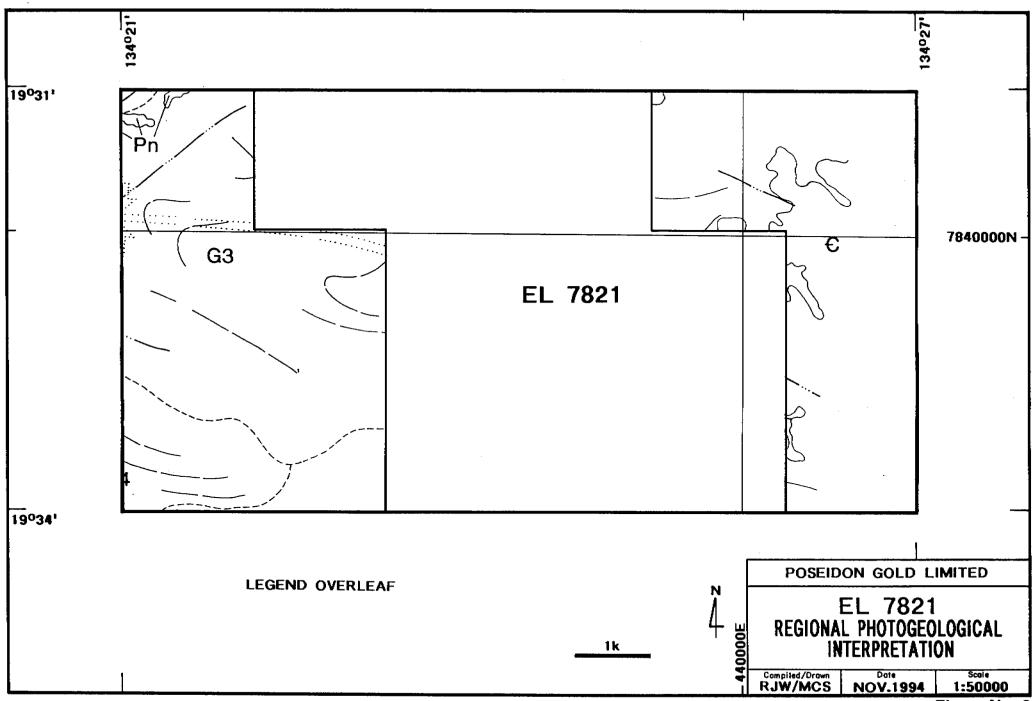
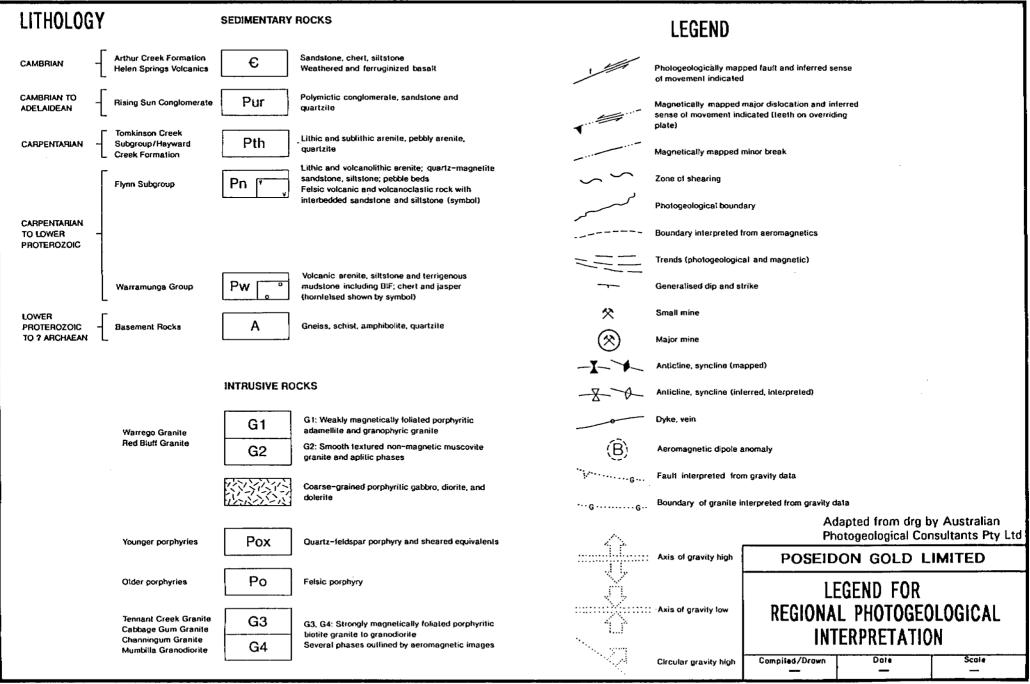


Figure No. 2



#### 5.3 Geomorphological Mapping

In early 1992 a geomorphological study covering all of Normandy Poseidon Group's tenements in the Tennant Creek area was conducted. The project established a framework of landform units upon which suitable geochemical sampling programmes could be planned. A detailed description of the units and 1:50,000 scale maps were prepared.

The western portion of the relinquished area lies in the active alluvial discharge zone of Tennant Creek and its tributaries, refer Figure 3. The eastern portion of the relinquished area consists of minor Cambrian sedimentary rock outcrop in low lying hills which drain northerly along their western margin where several waterholes exist along a seasonal creek bed.

#### 6. CONCLUSION

Exploration of the relinquished blocks of EL 7821 has been undertaken using a combination of geological and geomorphological mapping and regional geophysics. This work indicates that the majority of the relinquished area consists of granite concealed by alluvial sediments and Cambrian sedimentary rocks, and is not considered to be prospective for Tennant Creek style Au-Cu-Bi mineralisation. Only minor Warramunga Group rocks may be concealed along the margins of the relinquished area. Consequently, further exploration of these blocks is not warranted.

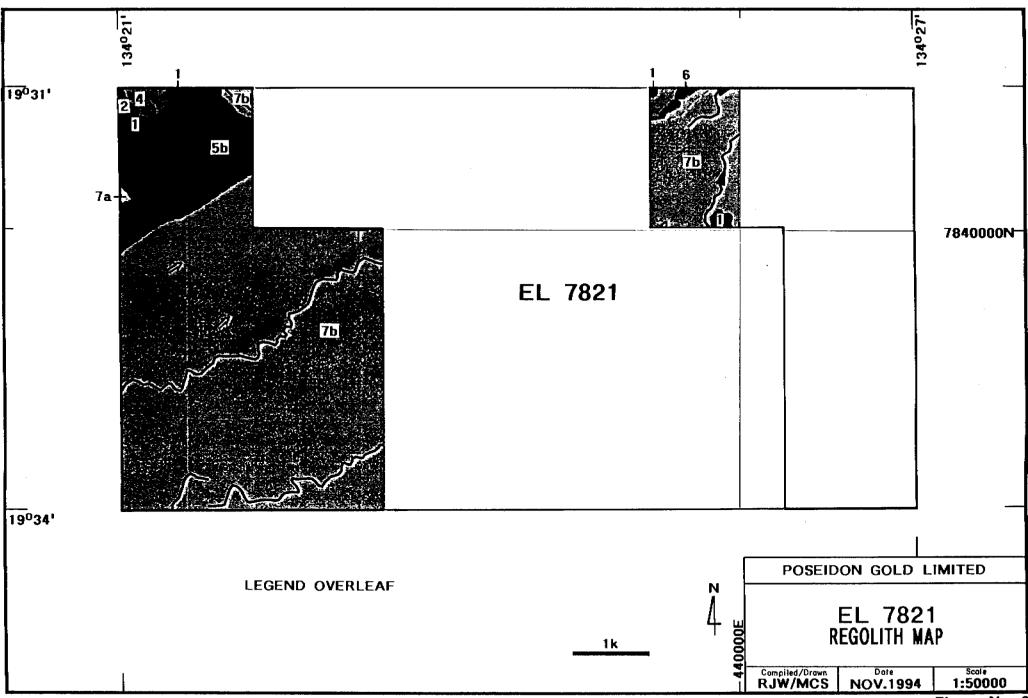


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### LEGEND

### **EROSIONAL REGIMES**



PROMINENT OUTCROP



LOW RELIEF DENUDED OUTCROP WHERE BEDROCK IS FREGENTLY EXPOSED OR BENEATH A VENEER OF SCREES OR STONY SKELETAL SOILS



THIN STONY LITHOSOIL (SKELETAL SOIL) WITH PATCHES OF PROXIMAL COLLUVIUM, SUBCROP AND OUTCROP

DEPOSITIONAL REGIMES



COLLUVIUM AS SHEETWASH



REDDISH YELLOW MIXED ORIGIN SANDY SOILS WITH A LAG OF ANGULAR FELDSPARS. QUARTZ AND IRON GRANULES / PISOLITHS



MIXED ORIGIN COVER [COLLUVIAL/ALLUVIAL/AEOLIAN] TYPIFIED BY VEGETATION COMPRISING EUCALYPT TREES AND SHRUBS (1/2-3m COVER)



BROAD EXPANSES OF SHEETWASH COMPRISING FINE SANDY LOAM SOILS OF VARIABLE DEPTH (2-10m) TYPIFIED BY DENSE VEGETATION AND ABUNDANT TERMITE HILLS- ALLUVIAL 8 COLLUVIAL IN ORIGIN



LOCALLY DERIVED COLLUVIUM AND ALLUVIUM IN UPPER TRIBUTARIES [WHERE SHOWN] AND MIDDLE TRIBUTARIES



ALLUVIUM IN BRAIDED WASH VALLEYS AND ACTIVE FLOOD PLAINS

### SYMBOLS

SEALED ROAD

UNSEALED ROAD

AMADEUS BASIN- DARWIN GAS PIPELINE

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REGOLITH BOUNDARY, DIFUSE

REGOLITH BOUNDARY, DISTINCT



DRAINAGE SHOWING FLOW DIRECTION

DOWNSLOPE DIRECTION (COLLUVIUM MOVEMENT)



SHEETWASH FLOW DIRECTION

RESIDUAL REDDISH- YELLOW SANDS

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LEGEND FOR REGOLITH MAP

Compiled/Drawn

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Scale

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BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA SHEET

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1:250,000 MAP SHEET

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1:100,000 MAP SHEET

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