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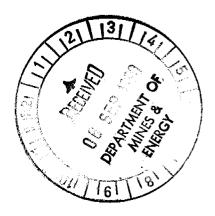
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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The "Airstrip" claims, MCN's 2632 and 2633, are located 1km south of the Arnhem Highway, about 80km ESE from Darwin, Northern Territory.

The claims were taken up to investigate minor gold mineralization in a quartz vein shown on the Mary River-Point stuart 1:100 000 scale BMR geology map. Five costeans were dug across the quartz vein in January 1989, but the best gold intersection was only 2m of 1.03 g/t Au, and the mineralization appeared very sparse. The trenches were filled in soon after the assay results were received, and the claims were surrendered on 24th May 1990.

## 2. LOCATION AND ACCESS

The claims are located 1km south of the Arnhem Highway, about 80km ESE from Darwin. They span a dirt road leading to the "Marrakai Springs" pastoral property, close beside an abandoned and overgrown airstrip which was built to service a roadworks camp during the construction of the Arnhem Highway.

The location is on the western margin of the 1:100 000 scale Mary River map sheet (5272), which in turn is part of the Darwin 1:250 000 scale map sheet (SD52-4).

#### 3. TENURE

MCN's 2632 and 2633, each covering 20 hectares, were applied for on 30th June 1988 and granted on 2nd November 1988, for a term of five years. They were surrendered on 24th May 1990.

#### 4. GEOLOGY

The target quartz vein is marked on the 1:100 000 scale Mary River-Point Stuart BMR geology map. It trends NNE and is hosted by the Wildman Siltstone, a formation within the Early Proterozoic Mount Partridge Group of the Pine Creek Geosyncline.

The reader is referred to the above map and its explanatory notes for a full account of the geology of the district.

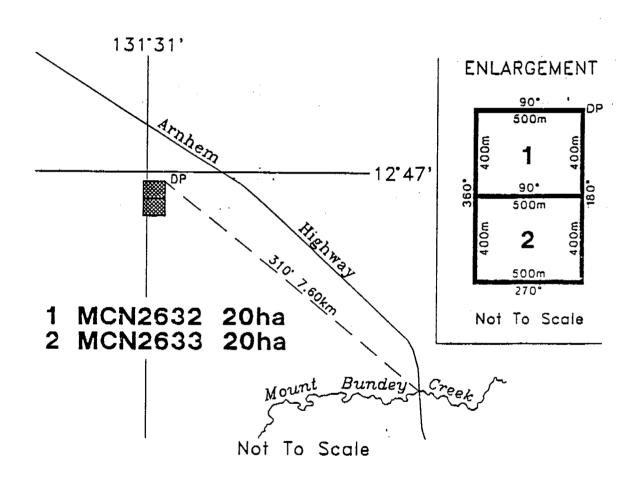
#### 5. PREVIOUS WORK

The area was held by Geopeko in the late sixties and early seventies under EL 142, which covered a very wide area.

Western Mining Corporation also held the area from 1985 to 1988 under EL4720, which initially covered  $196\,km^2$ .

During the building of the Arnhem Highway, an airstrip was made where the claims were later pegged. The quartz vein shown on the 1:100 000 map was exposed in a gravel pit at the south end of the airstrip. It probably did not have a large natural outcrop, but would have been visible from the quartz scattered about on the surface.

LOCATION MAP
"AIRSTRIP CLAIMS" NT



## 6. WORK BY CARPENTARIA GOLD PTY LTD

It was known to Carpentaria that some roadside reconnaissance grab samples of the quartz from the gravel pit had assayed a few tenths of a gram of gold per tonne.

When WMC relinquished this part of EL 4720 in June Carpentaria pegged two 20 hectare claims, centred on the pit. In January 1989, five costeans were dug across vein and its expected strike continuations. The costeans. totalling 220m, covered a strike length of 110m. They showed that vein system was made up of a bunch of irregular white quartz veins with gossanous patches, with a width of 10 or more metres. digging and wall sampling of these trenches was some difficulty, as it was then the middle of the wet season and the trenches would fill with water almost as soon as they A small pump was used to de-water some trenches while sampling and geological sketching of the walls was carried out.

The excavator was left on site while the samples were being assayed. The best results was 2m at 1.03 g/t Au in costean No.2. When the assays were received, it was judged that the quartz vein system only contained very sporadic and low gold values, and that it was not worth pursuing the veins any further along strike. The trenches were then filled in

#### 7. CONCLUSION

The accompanying drawing no. 32823 shows the layout of the costeans, geological mapping of the wall rocks, and the assay results for gold, silver, arsenic, copper, lead and zinc. All the samples were 2m channel samples. Arsenic, copper and lead results were often weakly anomalous, with values in the low to middle hundreds of ppm. Lead values of 1380 and 2300 ppm were obtained in costean No. 4.

The gold mineralization encountered in the "Airstrip" claims costeans was found to be of low grade and very sporadic, and of a style similar to a number of other quartz reefs which Carpentaria has sampled in the district. Being of no economic significance, the claims were surrendered.

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