

EXPLORATION LICENCE 23409

MOUNT PEAKE PROJECT

ANNUAL EXPLORATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 15 OCTOBER 2005 TO 14 OCTOBER 2006

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OPERATOR: Astro Diamond Mines NL

PROJECT: Mt Peake

TENEMENTS: Exploration Licences: EL23409

JOINT REPORT PERIOD: 15 October 2005 to 14 October 2006

DUE DATE: 14 November 2006

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STATE: Northern Territory

LATITUDE: S21° 22' – S21° 42'

LONGITUDE: E133° 23' – E133° 50'

MGA mN: 7600000 - 7635000

mE: 330000 - 380000

1 : 250,000 SHEET: SF53-05 Mount Peake, SF53-06 Barrow Creek

1 : 100,000 SHEET: 5555 Conical Hill, 5655 Crawford, 5654 Barrow

MINERAL FIELD:

COMMODITY: Diamonds, gold

KEYWORDS: Aeromagnetic survey, Landsat Interpretation, data review,

geology



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1 SUMMARY OF EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

Exploration carried out over the EL23409 during the reporting period was very limited.

2 TENEMENT STATUS

Astro Diamond Mines NL applied for EL23409 on 2 October 2001, the tenement was granted on 15 October 2003 covering an area of 731.63 km².

3 LOCATION AND ACCESS

Figure 1

Exploration Licence 23409 lies in the Tanami Desert of south central Northern Territory between Rabbit Flat and Barrow Creek. Access to the area would be through Barrow Creek for the eastern area and Willowra Station and other aboriginal lands for the central and western areas.

4 GEOLOGY

Figure 2

The project area lies along the southern margin of the North Australian Craton (NAC) where remnants of the North Australian Platform Cover (NAPC), the Lander Rock Beds (equivalent to the Hatches Creek Group of the Tennant Creek Inlier, Ahmad 2000), have been intruded by granitic and mafic rocks at about 1820 Ma (Hendrickx et al 2000). This age of intrusion correlates with the intrusions in the Halls Creek Orogen and Vandenberg et al (2001) comments that the Tanami Event (1845-1830 Ma) reflects the collision of the North Australian Craton with the Kimberley Craton. In the King Leopold Orogen, in the West Kimberley, 1800 Ma age granitic and mafic rocks also occur within a zone of steeply dipping thrust faults (Griffin et al 1995). The West Kimberley lamproites occur in a similar structural setting to the Mount Peake Project area.

Previous exploration by Normandy NFM Limited indicates that outcrop of the Proterozoic rocks is very sparse in the area and is dominated by Quaternary aeolian sands and red soils, with minor Tertiary laterites. The Proterozoic bedrock in the region comprises the Lower Proterozoic Bullion Schist, which consists of metamorphosed shelf sediments and minor volcanics. These are overlain by Middle Proterozoic sediments and intruded by granites, and subsequently overlain by Late Proteroic sediments. The Cenozoic cover can vary from less than one metre, to over 50 m in large Tertiary palaeochannels. Previous workers have noted the occurrence of a number of extremely dense and magnetic circular bulls-eye aeromagnetic features that are probably concealed mafic plugs.

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5.1 DATA REVIEW

An additional data review was conducted during the reporting year to further consolidate the geological understanding of the area.

5.2 TARGET GENERATION

Further assessment of the potential of the Central Mount Stuart Formation in the southeast of the tenement is necessary now that the price of uranium is high.

5.3 PROPOSED EXPLORATION

As no on ground exploration was conducted during the reporting year the proposed exploration remains the same as last year' report.

Vehicle access to these areas is quite good, with the presence of station tracks in the areas of interest. The next phase of exploration would involve rock chip sampling and limited stream sediment sampling. Ground radiometric traversing will be carried out over the Central Mount Stuart Formation.



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