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# DETAILED AIRBORNE MAGNETIC, RADIOMETRIC AND DIGITAL TERRAIN SURVEY

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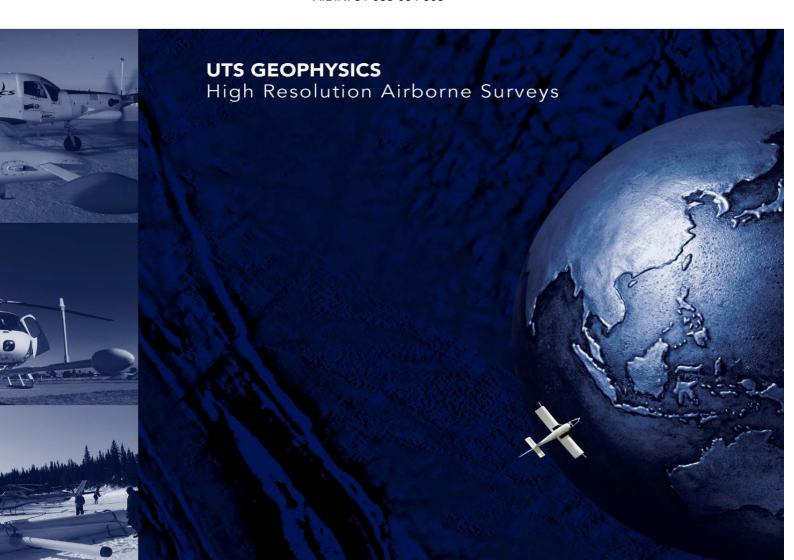
# **TENNANT CREEK PROJECTS**

carried out on behalf of

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#### **GENERAL SURVEY INFORMATION**

UTS Geophysics conducted a low level airborne geophysical survey for the following company:

Rum Jungle Uranium Pty Ltd GPO Box 775 Darwin NT 0801

Acquisition for this survey commenced on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009 and was completed on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009. The base location used for operating the aircraft and performing in-field quality control was Tennant Creek, Western Australia.

#### **SURVEY SPECIFICATIONS**

The areas surveyed where approximately 20km North of Tennant Creek in Western Australia. The survey was flown using the MGA94 coordinate system (a Universal Transverse Mercator projection) derived from the Geocentric Datum of Australia and was contained within zone 53 with a central meridian of 135 degrees. Details of the datum and projection system are provided in Appendix B of this report. Survey boundary coordinates are listed in Appendix C.

The survey data acquisition specifications for each area flown are specified in the following table:

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PROJECT NAME		LINE SPACING	LINE DIRECTION	TIE LINE SPACING	TIE LINE DIRECTION	SENSOR HEIGHT	TOTAL LINE KM
Tennant Area 1	Creek	100m	000-180	1000m	090-270	30m	1,529
Tennant Area 2	Creek	100m	000-180	1000m	090-270	30m	1,360
Tennant Area 3	Creek	100m	000-180	1000m	090-270	30m	2,277
TOTAL							5,166

The specified sensor height for the magnetic samples is as stated in the above table. This sensor height may be varied where topographic relief or laws pertaining to built up areas do not allow this altitude to be maintained, or where the safety of the aircraft and equipment is endangered.

#### **AIRCRAFT AND SURVEY EQUIPMENT**

The UTS navigation flight control computer, data acquisition system and geophysical sensors were installed into a specialised geophysical survey aircraft.

The list of geophysical and navigation equipment used for the survey is as follows:

#### **General Survey Equipment**

- FU24 954 fixed wing survey aircraft.
- UTS proprietory flight planning and survey navigation system.
- UTS proprietory high speed digital data acquisition system.
- Novatel, 12 channel precision navigation GPS.
- OMNISTAR real time differential GPS system.
- UTS LCD pilot navigation display and external track guidance display.
- UTS post mission data verification and processing system.
- Bendix/King KRA-405 radar altimeter.

#### **Magnetic Data Acquisition Equipment**

- UTS tail stinger magnetometer installation.
- Cesium Vapour total field magnetometer.
- Fluxgate three component vector magnetometer.
- RMS Aeromagnetic Automatic Digital Compensator (AADC II).
- Diurnal monitoring magnetometer (Scintrex Envimag or Geometrics GR-856).

#### **Radiometric Data Acquisition Equipment**

- Exploranium GR-820 gamma ray spectrometer.
- Exploranium gamma ray detectors.
- Barometric altimeter (height and pressure measurements).
- Temperature and humidity sensor.

#### 1.1 Survey Aircraft

The aircraft used for this survey was a FU24-950 series fixed wing survey aircraft, owned and operated by UTS Geophysics, registration VH-HVP. The specifications are as follows:

#### **Power Plant**

Engine Type
 Single engine, Lycoming, IO-720

Brake Horse Power 400 bhp

Fuel Type AV-GAS

#### **Performance**

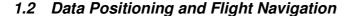
Cruise speed 105 KnSurvey speed 100 Kn

Stall speed 45 Kn

Range 970 Km

Endurance (no reserves)5.6 hours

Fuel tank capacity 490 litres



Survey data positioning and flight line navigation was derived using real-time differential GPS (Global Positioning System).

Navigation was performed using a UTS designed and built electronic pilot navigation system providing computer controlled digital navigation instrumentation mounted in the cockpit as well as an externally mounted track guidance system.

GPS derived positions were used to provide both aircraft navigation and survey data location information.

The GPS systems used for the survey were:

Aircraft GPS Model Novatel

Sample rate
 0.5 Seconds (2 Hz)

GPS satellite tracking channels12 parallel

Typical differentially corrected accuracy
 1-2 metres (horizontal)

3-5 metres (vertical)

#### 1.3 UTS Data Acquisition System and Digital Recording

All geophysical sensor data and positional information measured during the survey was recorded using a UTS developed, high speed, precision data acquisition system. Survey data was downloaded onto magnetic tape on completion of each survey flight.

Instrument synchronisation times were measured and removed in real-time by the UTS data acquisition system.

#### 1.4 Altitude Readings

Accurate survey heights above the terrain were measured using a King radar altimeter installed in the aircraft. The height of each survey data point was measured by the radar altimeter and stored by the UTS data acquisition system.

Radar altimeter models
 Bendix/King KRA-405

Accuracy 0.3 metres

Resolution 0.1 metres

Range 0 - 762 metres

Sample rate
 0.1 Seconds (10Hz)

The digital terrain model is calculated by subtracting the terrain clearance (radar altimeter) from the GPS height (interpolated to 0.1 Hz), and as such the accuracy is constrained by the differentially corrected GPS position.

#### 1.5 UTS Stinger Mounted Magnetometer System

The installation platform used for the acquisition of magnetic data was a tail mounted stinger. This proprietory stinger system was constructed of carbon fibre and designed for maximum rigidity and stability.

Both the total field magnetometer and three component vector magnetometer were located within the tail stinger.



#### 1.6 Total Field Magnetometer

Total field magnetic data readings for the survey were made using a Cesium Vapour Magnetometer. This precision sensor has the following specifications:



Model Cesium Vapour Magnetometer

Sample Rate 0.1 seconds (10Hz)

Resolution 0.001nT

Operating Range 15,000nT to 100,000nT

#### 1.7 Three Component Vector Magnetometer

Three component vector magnetic data readings for the survey were made using a Fluxgate Magnetometer. This precision sensor has the following specifications:

Model Fluxgate Magnetometer

Sample Rate
 0.1 seconds (10Hz)

Resolution 0.1nT

Operating Range -100,000nT to 100,000nT

#### 1.8 Aircraft Magnetic Compensation

At the start of the survey, the system was calibrated for reduction of magnetic heading error. The heading and manoeuvre effects of the aircraft on the magnetic data was removed using an RMS Automatic Airborne Digital Compensator (AADC II).

Calibration of the aircraft heading effects were measured by flying a series of pitch, roll and yaw manoeuvres at high altitude while monitoring changes in the three axis magnetometer and the effect on total field readings. A 26 term model of the aircraft magnetic noise covering permanent, induced and eddy current fields was determined. These coefficients were then applied to the data collected during the survey in real-time.

UTS static compensation techniques were also employed to reduce the initial magnetic effects of the aircraft upon the survey data.

#### 1.9 Diurnal Monitoring Magnetometer

A base station magnetometer was located in a low gradient area beyond the region of influence of any man made interference to monitor diurnal variations during the survey.

The specifications for the magnetometer used are as follows:

Model Scintrex Envimag or

Geometrics GR-856

Resolution 0.1 nT

Sample interval 5 seconds (0.2 Hz)

Operating range 20,000nT to 90,000nT

Temperature -20°C to +50°C



#### 1.10 Barometric Altitude

An Air DB barometric altimeter was installed in the aircraft so as to record and monitor barometric height and pressure. The data was recorded at 0.10 second intervals and is used for the reduction of the radiometric data.

Model Air DB barometric altimeter

Accuracy2 metres

Height resolution
0.1 metres

Height range 0 - 3500 metres

Maximum operating pressure: 1,300 mb

Pressure resolution: 0.01 mb

Sample rate 10 Hz

#### 1.11 Temperature and Humidity

Temperature and humidity measurements were made during the survey at a sample rate of 10Hz. Ambient temperature was measured with a resolution of 0.1 degree Celsius and ambient humidity to a resolution of 0.1 percent.

#### 1.12 Radiometric Data Acquisition

The gamma ray spectrometer used for the survey was capable of recording 256 channels and was self stabilising in order to minimise spectral drift. The detectors used contain thallium activated sodium iodide crystals.

Thorium source measurements were made each survey day to monitor system resolution and sensitivity. A calibration line was also flown at the start and end of each survey day to monitor ground moisture levels and system performance.

Spectrometer model Exploranium GR820

Detector volume32 litres

Sample rate1 Hz



## **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

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#### DATA PROCESSING PROCEDURES

#### 1.13 Data Pre-processing

The raw survey data was loaded from the field tapes and the recorded data trimmed to the correct survey boundary extents. Any survey lines subsequently reflown were removed from the dataset.

At the commencement of each acquisition flight, all the instrumentation clocks were synchronized to local time, and the error and latency of each instrument in providing its data measurement calculated. The results of these latency measurements were recorded into a synchronisation file, and the results used to assign GPS positions to the magnetic, radiometric and elevation data.

The synchronized, parallax corrected data was then exported as located ASCII data.

#### 1.14 Magnetic Data Processing

The diurnal base station data was checked for spikes and steps, and suitably filtered prior to the removal of diurnal variations from the aircraft magnetic data.

The filtered diurnal measurements were subtracted from the diurnal base field and the residual corrections applied to the survey data by synchronising the diurnal data time and the aircraft survey time. The average diurnal base station value was added to the survey data.

The X and Y positioning of the data was then checked for spikes before applying the IGRF correction. Any spikes in the positions were manually edited. The updated IGRF 2005 correction was calculated at each data point (taking into account the height above sea level).

This regional magnetic gradient was subtracted from the survey data points.

Tie line levelling was applied to the data by least squares minimisation, using a polynomial fit of order 0, of the differences in magnetic values at the crossover points of the survey traverse and tie line data.

In order to remove any residual long wavelength variations in the tie line levelled data along the traverse lines, polynomial levelling was then applied.

Final micro-levelling techniques were then selectively applied to the tie line levelled data to remove minor residual variations in profile intensity

Located and gridded data were generated from the final processed magnetic data.

#### 1.15 Radiometric Data Processing

Statistical noise reduction of the 256 channel data was performed using the Noise Adjusted Singular Variable Decomposition (NASVD) method described by Hovgaard and Grasty (1997).

Noise-adjusted singular value decomposition is performed, and the number of components to be used is determined by inspection of plots of the spectral components and by a statistical analysis of the contributions of the components. If the spectral shapes show any unusual characteristics, further analysis of the concentrations of the spectral components in the line data is performed in order to identify and eliminate any corrupt spectra. If such spectra were eliminated, the NASVD process is re-performed, in order to obtain spectral components free of any bias from corrupt spectra.

Only the dominant spectral shapes (identified as described above) were used in the spectral reconstruction process. The first 8 NASVD components were used for this process.

Channels 30-250 only are spectrally smoothed, as these contain the regions of interest and are not dominated by the lower end of the Compton continuum. The energy spectrum between the potassium and thorium peaks was recalibrated from the spectrally smoothed 256 channel measurements.

The aircraft background spectrum and the scaled unit cosmic spectrum were then subtracted from the 256 channel data. This 256 channel data was then windowed to the 5 primary channels of total count, potassium, uranium, thorium and low-energy uranium. Dead time corrections were then applied to the data. Radon background removal was performed using the Minty Spectral Ratio method (1992).

The radar altimeter data was corrected to standard temperature and pressure, and height corrected spectral stripping was then applied to the windowed data. Height attenuation corrections based on the STP radar altimeter were then performed to remove any altitude variation effects from the data.

The Uranium and Total Count channels were tie-levelled to remove the effects of residual radon background. The tie-levelling process employed was a least-squares/median filter procedure, which generated a single correction for each line of data. Mis-matches were calculated at each tie-traverse intersection and the median mismatch for each flight line was calculated as the residual levelling error for that line.

Final micro-levelling techniques were then selectively applied to the tie line levelled data to remove minor residual variations in profile intensities, as per the method outlined for magnetic data micro-levelling in 1.14 above.

#### 1.16 Digital Terrain Model Data Processing

The radar altimeter data was subtracted from the GPS altimeter data leaving digital terrain data.

The digital terrain data thus derived was tie line levelled and gridded. Tie line levelled data was then examined and selectively microlevelled to produce a grid without line dependent artifacts.

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# **APPENDIX A - LOCATED DATA FORMATS**

#### **MAGNETIC LOCATED DATA**

FIELD FORMAT DESCRIPTION  1 I8 LINE NUMBER 2 I4 FLIGHT/AREA NUMBER 3 I9 DATE YYMMDD	
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3 I9 DATE YYMMDD	)
. E.A. TD4E	
4 F10.1 TIME sec	
5 I8 FIDUCIAL NUMBER	
6 I4 UTM ZONE	
7 F12.6 LATITUDE (WGS84) degrees	
8 F12.6 LONGITUDE (WGS84) degrees	
9 F12.2 EASTING (MGA94) metres	
10 F12.2 NORTHING (MGA94) metres	
11 F8.1 RADAR ALTIMETER HEIGHT metres	
12 F8.1 GPS HEIGHT (WGS84) metres	
13 F8.1 TERRAIN HEIGHT (WGS84) metres	
14 F10.3 RAW MAGNETIC INTENSITY nT	
15 F10.3 DIURNAL CORRECTED TMI nT	
16 F10.3 DIURNAL AND IGRF CORRECTED TMI nT	
17 F10.3 TIE LINE LEVELLED TMI nT	
18 F10.3 FINAL TOTAL MAGNETIC INTENSITY nT	

#### RADIOMETRIC LOCATED DATA

FIELD FORMAT DESCRIPTION UNITS				
1 2 3 4 5	4 I9 F10.1 I8	LINE NUMBER FLIGHT/AREA NUMBER DATE TIME FIDUCIAL NUMBER	AAFF (Area/Flight) YYMMDD sec	
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	I4 F12.6 F12.6 F12.2 F12.2 F8.1 F8.1 I5 F8.1 F6.1 I6 I6 I6 I6 I6 F8.1 F8.1	UTM ZONE LATITUDE (WGS84) LONGITUDE (WGS84) EASTING (MGA94) NORTHING (MGA94) RADAR ALTIMETER HEIGHT GPS HEIGHT (WGS84) LIVE TIME PRESSURE TEMPERATURE HUMIDITY TOTAL COUNT (RAW) POTASSIUM (RAW) URANIUM (RAW) THORIUM (RAW) COSMIC (RAW) TOTAL COUNT (CORRECTED) POTASSIUM (CORRECTED)	degrees degrees metres metres metres metres milli sec hPa Degrees Celcius percent Counts/sec	
	F8.1 F8.1 F9.4	URANIUM (CORRECTED) THORIUM (CORRECTED) DOSE RATE	Counts/sec Counts/sec nGy/hr	
27	F9.4		% ppm ppm	

#### **GRIDDED DATASET FORMATS**

Gridding was performed using a bicubic spline algorithm.

The following grid formats have been provided:

ER-Mapper format

#### LINE NUMBER FORMATS

Line numbers are identified with a six digit composite line number and have the following format - AALLLLB, where:

A or AA Survey area number LLLL Survey line number

0001-8999 reserved for traverse lines

9001-9999 reserved for tie lines

B Line attempt number, 0 is attempt 1, 1 is attempt 2 etc..

#### **UTS FILE NAMING FORMATS**

Located and gridded data provided by UTS Geophysics uses the following 8 character file naming convention to be compatible with PC DOS based systems.

File names have the following general format - JJJJAABB.EEE, where:

JJJJ UTS Job number

AA Area number if the survey is broken into blocks

BB M Magnetic data

R Radiometric data
TC Total count data
K Potassium counts
U Uranium counts

Th Thorium counts

DT Digital terrain data

EEE File name extension

DAT Located digital data file DFN Located data definition file

ERS Ermapper gridded data header file

Ermapper data portion has no extension

GRD Geosoft gridded data file

#### **APPENDIX B - COORDINATE SYSTEM DETAILS**

Locations for the survey data are provided in both geographical latitude and longitude and Universal Transverse Mercator metric projection coordinate systems.

WGS84 World Geodetic System 1984

Coordinate Type Geographical Semi Major Axis 6378137m

Flattening 1/298.257223563

MGA94 Map Grid of Australia 1994

Coordinate type Universal Transverse Mercator Projection Grid

Geodetic datum Geocentric Datum of Australia

Semi major axis 6378137m

Flattening 1/298.257222101

## **APPENDIX C - SURVEY BOUNDARY DETAILS**

#### **COORDINATES REPORT**

Job ID code: B1020101 Client: Rum Jungle Uranium Job: Tennant Creek Area 1 Grid Zone: 53

#### Surround

381330.000	7864000.000
386310.000	7864000.000
386310.000	7860240.000
395090.000	7860240.000
395090.000	7856670.000
400480.000	7856670.000
400480.000	7852590.000
382630.000	7852590.000
382630.000	7858100.000
381310.000	7858100.000
381310.000	7864000.000
381330.000	7864000.000

Job ID code: B1020201 Client: Rum Jungle Uranium Job: Tennant Creek Area 2 Grid Zone: 53

#### Surround

400030.000	7875160.000
407250.000	7875160.000
407250.000	7873230.000
409020.000	7873230.000
409020.000	7871400.000
412530.000	7871400.000
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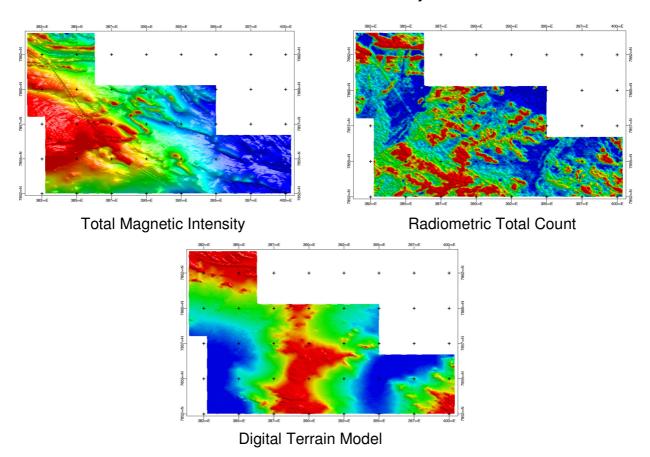
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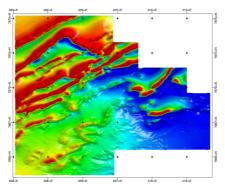
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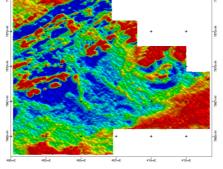
# **APPENDIX D - PROJECT DATA OVERVIEW**

# Tennant Creek Area 1 Project



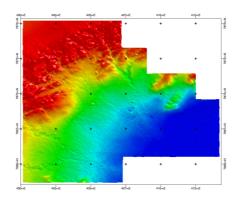
# Tennant Creek Area 2 Project





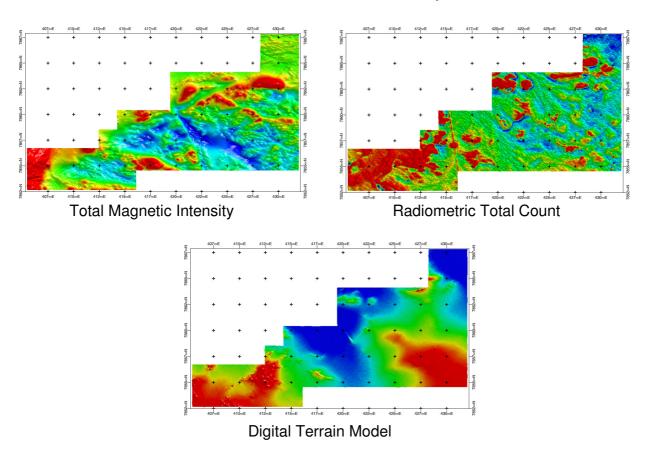
**Total Magnetic Intensity** 

Radiometric Total Count



Digital Terrain Model

# Tennant Creek Area 3 Project



#### APPENDIX E – PROCESSING PARAMETERS

# **Magnetic Processing Parameters**

#### Tennant Creek Area 1

IGRF Date: IGRF 2009.41
Average Declination: 4.79 degrees
Average Inclination: -49.83 degrees
Average Field strength:50541.00 nT
Average diurnal: 50600.00 nT

#### Tennant Creek Area 2

IGRF Date: IGRF 2009.41
Average Declination: 4.82 degrees
Average Inclination: -49.67 degrees
Average Field strength: 50456.71 nT
Average diurnal: 50600.00 nT

#### Tennant Creek Area 3

IGRF Date: IGRF 2009.41
Average Declination: 4.85 degrees
Average Inclination: -49.80 degrees
Average Field strength: 50513.48 nT
Average diurnal: 50600.00 nT

# **Radiometric Processing Parameters**

#### Height Attenuation Coefficients

#### Cosmic Correction Coefficients

Total Count: Potassium:	-0.0074	Total Count:	0.7407
	-0.0094	Potassium:	0.0386
Uranium:	-0.0084	Uranium:	0.0340
Thorium:	-0.0074	Thorium:	0.0405

#### Aircraft Background Coefficients

# Sensitivity Coefficients

Total Count:	56.791	Total Count:	40.02 cps/dose rate
Potassium:	9.533	Potassium:	167.42 cps/%k
Uranium:	0.9167	Uranium:	12.69 cps/ppm
Thorium:	0.6254	Thorium:	9.13 cps/ppm

## Radiometric Stripping Coefficients

Alpha: 0.227 Beta: 0.378 Gamma: 0.708 a: 0.0682

Final Reduction - All data reduced to STP height datum 30m