

SITE ACCESS RECONNAISSANCE

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### REPORT ON MT. WINTER, GLEN EDITH RECONNAISSANCE

Departed Alice Springs Saturday pm. First camp at a point between N.W.M. 1 and Mereenie camp.

Traversed seismic lines to the previous Glen Edith and Watson base camp.

In the past six months, sand has encroached upon the road/seismic lines on the crown of the sandhills making travelling to the east very hard and to the west hair-raising, as there is normally a wave effect on the western ride. However, on the main access line, detours have been cut around a majority of the sandhills. On the actual cross lines, where it is not anticipated the rig will be working, I see problems with access due mainly to the unconsolidated nature of the seismic tracks and not have a suitable vehicle for sandhill traversing (ie. 6 x 6 or 4 x 4). It is my thought that Glen Edith and Watson Range area will be a no-go situation with the equipment envisaged for this area.

### MT. WINTER RECONNAISSANCE

Left Glen Edith area travelled to Mt. Winter site. Road reasonable condition - it will cause some concern to the inexperienced, but I cannot foresee any insurmountable problems in reaching the Mt. Winter site and completing the proposed coring program. Water will be obtainable from Browns Bore approximately 70 kms. to the north.

In respect to the driller introduced to me as "Skinny", he gives me the impression that he is not particularly interested in the job as he remarked that it wasn't worth going anywhere for 100 metres of core. I relayed his sentiments to Peter Holbert in Orange.

I tried to have a look at the equipment but unable to do so as Dehne's yard was locked. I do believe they blew up their single drive truck on Saturday, most convenient if I do say so. My opinion of Skinny (who has his fiance' with him) is that he is not particularly interested in the work and wants a break. The problem, as I see it, is if he is made to go out to do the job, I can see a very non-cooperative driller which is not better than the situation we had before Christmas with Digiseis.

Re the equipment: a Longyear 44. I believe it is an ideal Rig for the coring at Mt. Winter, however I believe that to clean out holes that may contain non-coreable material ie. sand etc, the single pump capacity they have, which is a triple bean, is not sufficient. They would need at least 100-150 psi @ 350 cfm to assist, or alternately use 2 triple beans to aid the rig to circulate the crud out.

Recommendations:-

1. Proceed with the equipment available at present for the Mt. Winter coring. There will be difficulties, but, as stated, not insurmountable.
2. Re, Glen Edith and Watson Range clean holes. I suggest an attempt be made to traverse the country but if any great delays are encountered abandon the logging of the particular holes or hire a dozer (D4 or D6) to snig the rig around.

Respectfully Submitted,

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