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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**TO: Roger Thompson- Meteoric Resources**

**FROM: Steve Massey**

**CC:**

**SUBJECT: Modelling and Interpretation of the Chook and Chook North Magnetic Anomalies, Tennant Creek Mineral Field.**

### **1. Introduction, Scope of Works and Background.**

Meteoric Resources are exploring for Tennant Creek style iron oxide hosted gold and gold copper deposits within the Tennant Creek Mineral Field (TCMF).

Meteoric have requested Western Geoscience Pty Ltd (Western Geoscience) process and model the aeromagnetic data over the Chook and Chook north magnetic anomalies to determine the location, geometry, depth and physical properties of the sources to the magnetic anomalies.

The magnetic anomalies are located within exploration licence EL24255, which is approximately 15 km to the northwest of the Warrego Au\_Cu mine (figure 1)

The underlying geology is interpreted to be the Warramunga formation which hosts most of the high grade deposits that are found in the TCMF. The Au-Cu-Bi mineralisation within the TCMF is generally hosted by iron oxide altered rocks in tabular to pipe-like magnetite – hematite rich bodies (ironstones) that have been emplaced into dilatant zones within the fault architecture. These bodies generally produce discrete very strong magnetic anomalies that can range in amplitude from 300 to 1500 nanoTesla's (nT). Many of the high grade gold deposits (e.g. Warrego and White Devil) are typically hosted within a magnetite-chlorite alteration with magnetic susceptibility (Msus.) values of >0.8 SI units and up to 5.0 SI units. The Geko copper –gold deposits have a similar geometry to the other deposits but the iron



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oxide alteration is more hematite rich with  $M_{\text{sus}}$  values that are therefore lower and typically in the range of 0.3-1.0 SI units.

Remanently magnetised rocks within the Oradidgee formation give rise to distinctive magnetic lows to the east south east of the Chook magnetic anomaly.

The residual magnetic anomaly has been calculated over the Chook anomalies (figure 2)

The residual TMI clearly shows these are discrete anomalies but do not have high amplitudes by comparison to those associated with the ironstone hosted deposits of the TCMF.

### **2. Model Calculations using 3D Inversion and Forward Modelling Methods.**

The process of 3D inversion produces a 3D distribution of physical rock properties (e.g. magnetic susceptibility) within a block model structure. The 3D inversion method calculates a magnetic susceptibility model directly from the data. The calculation produces a calculated anomaly that replicates the observed potential field anomaly as best as possible and within predefined error limits.

#### *3D Inversion Modelling.*

Three dimensional inversion modelling has been completed to determine the depth, geometry and magnetic susceptibility of the magnetic sources underlying the Chook and Chook north target areas. The process is one of completing a “coarse” inversion over an area that is significantly larger than the target and then a detailed inversion which refines the model to gain greater resolution within the target area and immediate surrounds

The 3D magnetic inversion calculation been completed using the MGinv3D software (Author Dr John Paine of Scicomap Pty Ltd). The outputs from the 3D inversions are block models of magnetic susceptibility to a depth of 800m below the surface. Blocks within the detailed part of the model have XY width dimensions of 25m and depth dimension of 12.5m, with each block having a value of calculated magnetic susceptibility.



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### *3D Forward Modelling*

Forward modelling is the process of calculating an anomaly from a given earth model (e.g. a magnetic susceptibility distribution). Forward modelling is a trial and error method that utilizes simple body shapes to represent a geological body. The aim of forward modelling is to replicate the observed magnetic anomaly as best as possible. Forward modelling has been completed using the “Potent” software package. Simple cylindrical bodies have been used to represent the magnetic sources.

### **3. Model Data Integration and Interpretation.**

The calculated magnetic susceptibility block models have been brought into a 3D modelling and visualisation software package. For the purposes of this report, the 3D magnetic susceptibility block model is shown as a series of depth slices through the model at selected depths below the surface and also wireframes at several thresholds of model magnetic susceptibility (Figure 3).

The 3D inversion shows there are discrete bodies of calculated magnetic susceptibility  $> 0.06$  SI units. These values are not indicative of ironstone bodies but more of weak iron oxide alteration in a pipe-like structure. The calculated depth to the tops of these bodies is similar at 156m below the surface. The 3D modelling nearly always creates bodies of greater thickness and width at depth, than the actual size of the bodies. This is a function of the requirement for a smooth model approach in the 3D inversion calculations. The models indicate several hundreds of meters in depth extent.

Independent checks on the 3D inversion have been made using the forward modelling approach. The results represented in figure 4 show the forward modelling predicts slightly shallower depths to the tops of the source bodies and a good fit between observed and calculated anomalies is achieved using a magnetic susceptibility of 0.06 SI units.



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#### **4. Conclusions and Recommendations.**

Modelling of the Chook and Chook North magnetic anomalies shows the magnetic sources are relatively weak.

Similar results are achieved by modelling separately with 3D inversion and forward modelling methods.

The low “tenor” of the magnetic anomalies and the modelling results indicate weak iron oxide alteration is present and in the context of the TCMF style of deposit there seem little chance for there to be anything other than weak mineralisation to be present.



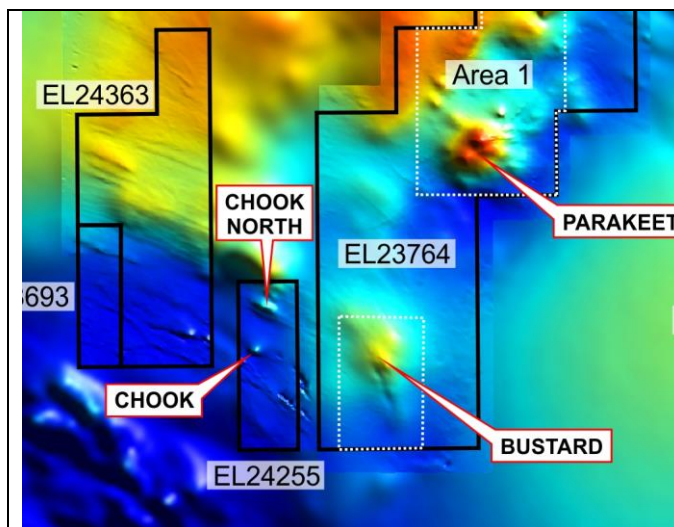
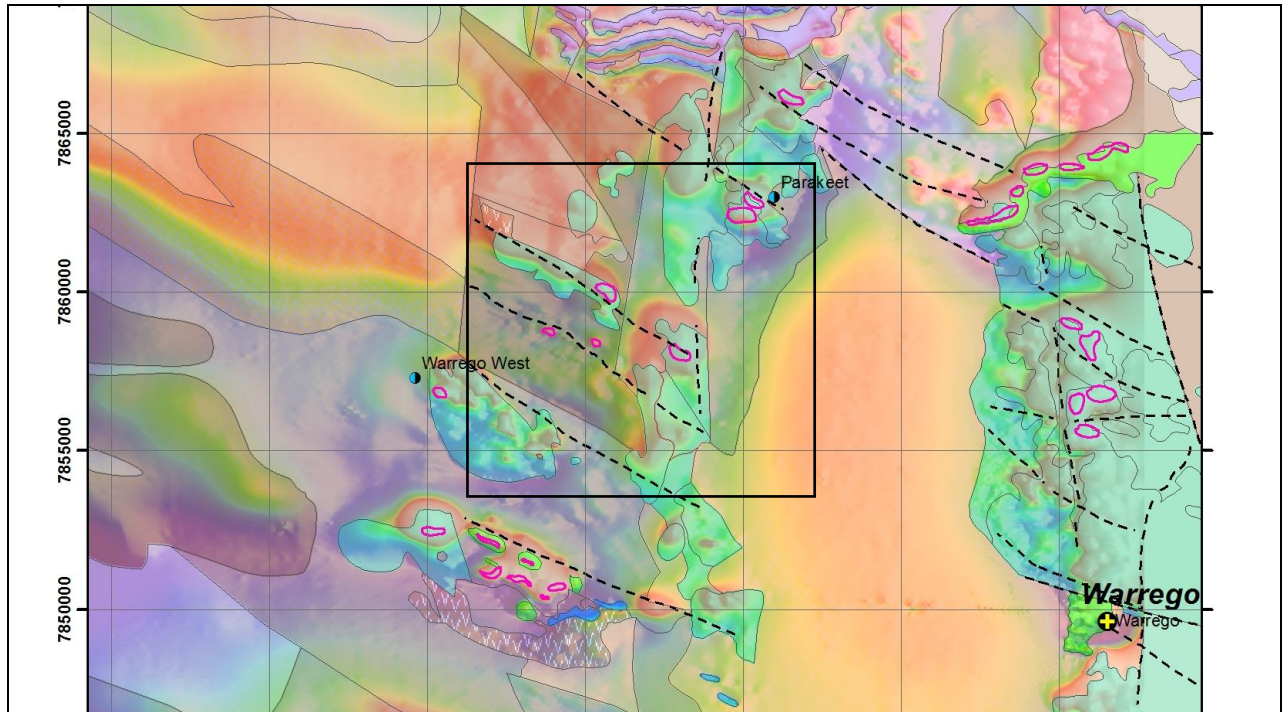
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## FIGURES



Interpreted ironstone bodies (pink polygons) and main structures.

-Po>(rm), No formal name:	-Po>(vhm), No formal name,
Remanently Magnetised,	Very Highly Magnetic
-Pw, Warramunga Formation	-Pw>(lm), Warramunga Formation
-Pw>(s), Warramunga Formation	

Figure 1. The location of the Chook and Chook North magnetic anomalies and exploration licenses on the regional 1:250K geology and magnetics.





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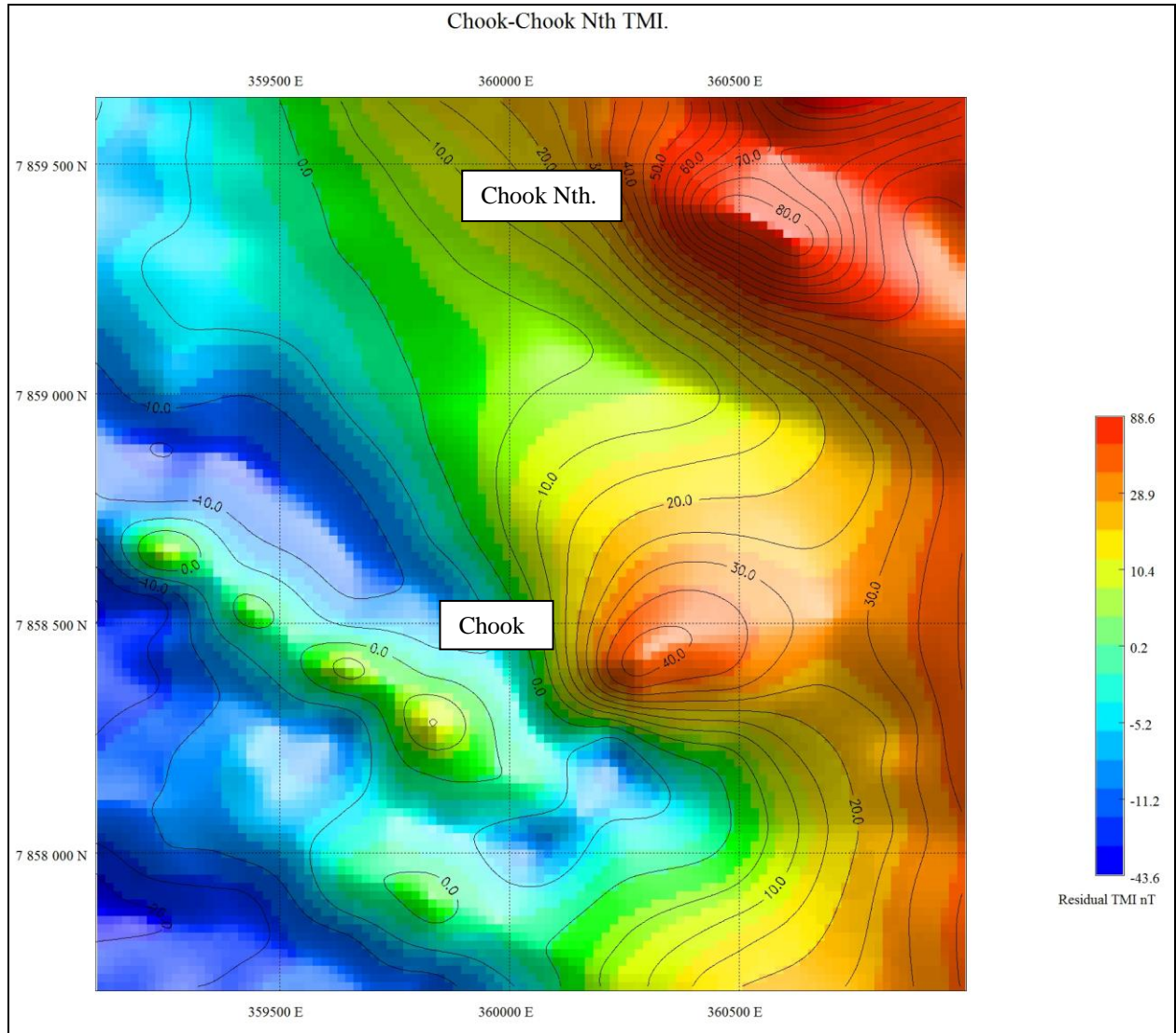


Figure 2. Residual TMI image, Chook and Chook Nth magnetic anomalies.



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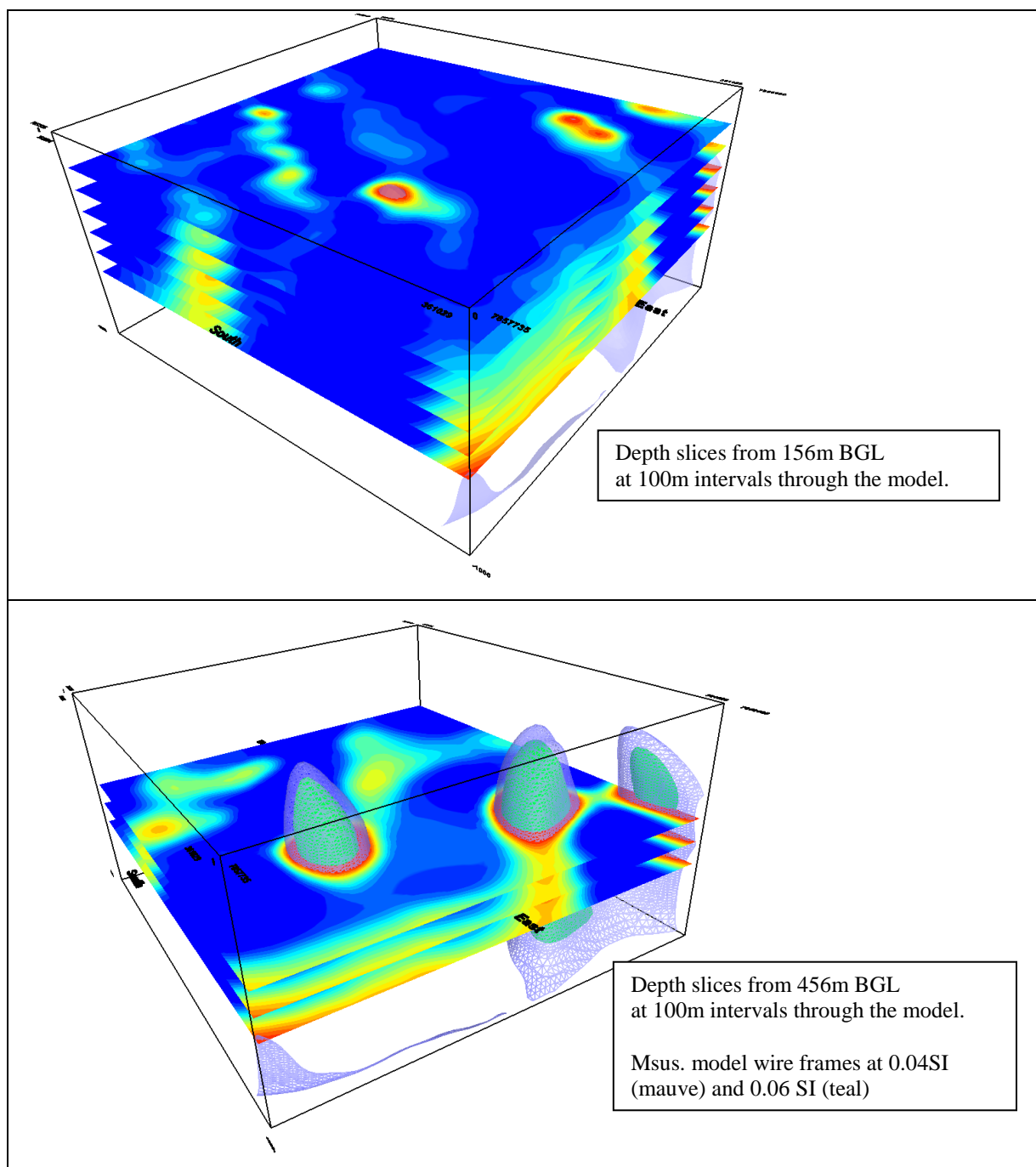


Figure 3. Perspective views looking NW through the 3D magnetic susceptibility inversion model.



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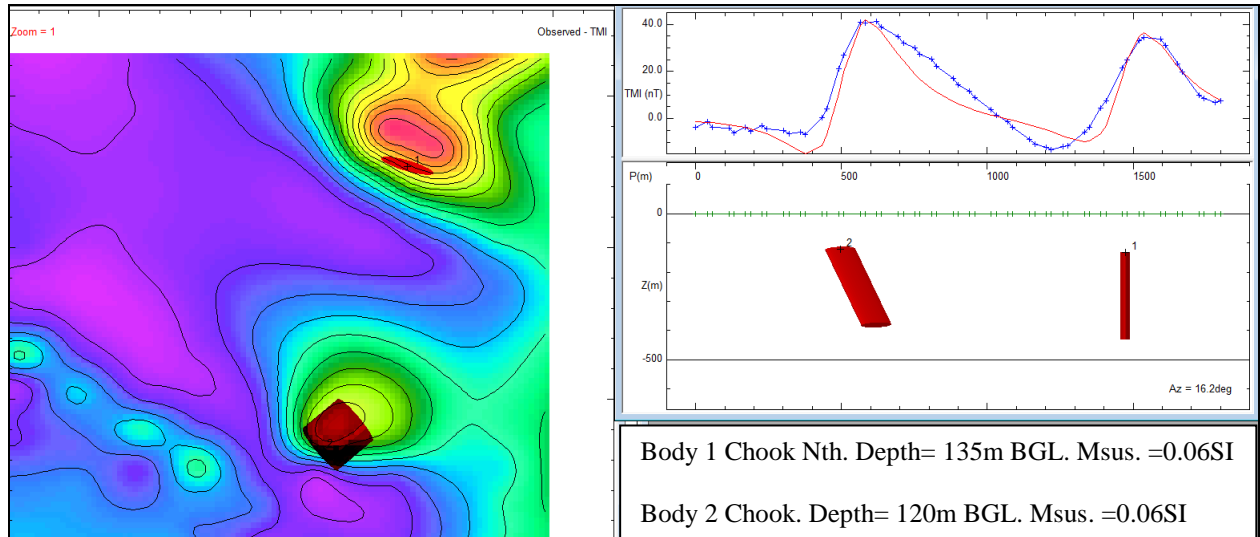


Figure 4. Forward modelling results through the Chook and Chook Nth. magnetic anomalies.