#### Exploration Summary ELA 26287 Mount Denison Table I

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I en Num	е	Company	rts	Commodity	start	ceased	methods	comments	priority	report number
AP 2160	adjacent	Tanganyika	1	unknown	1971033	1972092	docktop2	Hand drawn interpretive map	1	CP1072 0052
AF 3109	3	Тапуапука	1	UNKIIOWIT	0	9	desktop	Only		GR1972-0032
AP 3171	20%	Tanganyika	1	Au/precious metals	1971053 0	1972083 0	Rock samples	ground prosp. for U	3	CR 1973-0005
EL 1317	adjacent S	Central Pacific/ANZ ECO/Yuend um	2	U/scheelite	1978041 9	1980041 9	Rock samples, from BMR	Ground prospective for U	3	CR1979- 0103,Cr1978- 0109
EL 1449	20%	Otter	2	unknown	1977040 1	1978093 0	unknown	anomalies located but no follow up work warrented	2	CR1978- 0181, CR1978-0041
EL 2500	adjacent S	CRA	1	U	1981030 6	1982030 5	Stream sediment samples	Potential but anomalies too few and scattered	1	CR1982-0168
EL 2687	5% NE	Alcoa	1	U	1980111 7	1981111 6	unknown	"potential for unconformity U"	3	CR1982-12
EL 5986	adjacent	Stockdale	1	diamonds	1988070 1	1989062 8	loam/strea m/barrage	no kimberlitic indicators	1	CR1989-0625
EL 749	adjacent	Amdel/Tann eco/Tandan yika	4	U,base metals,Au	1972110 7	1973110 6	groundwate r geochem	See also DME report CR74-3 for report of EL's 705- 724 inclusive.	3	CR1974- 0019,CR1973- 0005,CR1973- 0153,CR1973- 0068
EL 767	20%	Amdel	1	All	1973022 4	1974022 3	U in drillholes	See also DME report CR74-3 for report of EL's 705- 724 inclusive.	3	CR1974-0019
EL 8362	5%	Nth Flinders/No rmandy	7	Au	1994020 8	1999012 5	VAC.RAB stream seds. rockchips/la g	combined rpt 3 ELs	3	CR1995- 0227,CR1999- 0196
EL 8367	80%	Nth Flinders/No rmandy	7	Au	1994042 0	1999012 5	rockchip/lag /VAC,	sericite altn.qtz veining/low Au anomaly	3	CR1995- 0369,CR1997- 0407,CR1999- 0184
EL 8420	adjacent	Poseidon/N ormandy/Ex odus	5	Au (Lander Beds)	1994110 1	1998082 1	airborne magnetic/ra diometric,so ils,RAB,VA C,regional gravity,DE M mapping	RAB holes were shallow at <15m and uranium was not assayed for	3	CR1995- 0847,CR1997- 0303,CR1997- 0120,CR1997- 0764,CR1998- 0770
EL 8473	adjacent	Normandy	3	Au	1999042 9	2001040 9	recon.samp ling/ground mag.AC,lag	Results were below detection limits	2	CR2000- 0062, CR2001-0083, CR2001-0204
EL 8549	20%	North Flinders/No rmandy	7	Au	1994052 0	1999012 5	VAC,RAB,B LEG	nothing anomalous found	3	CR1995- 0453,CR1997- 0342,CR1999- 0199
EL 9561	adjacent	Normandy/ Nth Flinders/Ne wmont	4	Au	1999042 9	2002031 1	drilling, rockchips/la g/groundma g.	60m overburden	1	CR2000- 0062, CR2001-0083, CR2001-0235, CR 2002-0143



Figure I Location map of Mount Denison



Figure 2 EL26287, historical tenements and all open file drillhole collars



Figure 3 EL26287 radiometrics U image,



Figure 4 EL26287 on Gravity

### **PREVIOUS WORK**

Previous work has been carried out as summarised in Table 1. Historical tenements are displayed in figure 2.

#### EL 1317 ANZECO, Central Pacific, Yuendemu

CR 1979-0103, CR 1978-0109; ANZECO explored for uranium and tungsten. They began by obtaining rock samples that had previously been collected (Bureau of Mineral Resources collection) in the area and had petrographic descriptions done along with XRF analyses. The most notable assay returned was sample 3129 with 2900ppm U and 240ppm Th (Shown in figure 5 below). The company summarized that 'although the rocks contain a generally anomalous amount of uranium, there is little evidence to indicate that concentration by magmatic process to ore grade has occurred. High thorium values indicate that much of the uranium may be contained in resistant minerals, although brannerite was identified at one site.' They also went on to observe that uranium is mobile in the secondary environment and has accumulated in small quantities in minor calcrete development.' ANZECO did not feel that economic tonnage or grade was indicated. ANZECO also identified U minerals such as uranyl phosphate in bassetite and brannerite. They carried out some stream sampling and U levels assayed from those samples taken, ranged between 4 and 26ppm.



Figure 5 U anomaly location map as created by ANZECO

## AP 3171 Tanganyika/ Tanneco report

CR 1973-0005 Tanneco provided a considerable amount of information directly relating to exploration for uranium. They targeted many radioactive anomalies found in geophysical images. Below were the main findings;

- Most of the granites and gneiss throughout the area were not highly radioactive. Average Scintillometer count was 250c.p.m.
- Anomalous amounts of uranium, recording 940c.p.m. were observed along shears such as a major shear which is parallel to the Lander Valley.
- Calcrete outcrops were tested for U mineralisation and appeared to be unmineralised. Mineralisation was suggested to be possibly found at depth and that the surface calcrete may have been a zone of leaching rather than precipitation.
- A quote from their report stated that a number of uranium mineralised shears exist within the area. A rock sample collected from a locality (not labelled) giving 610c.p.m. of uranium assayed 660ppm uranium (approx 1.3 lbs./LT). A sample from the Reward Mine assayed almost 1lb/LT. Within the Blue Bush Bore-White Tree Bore shear, several readings of over 200-300c.p.m. were obtained with a maximum of 900 c.p.m. of uranium. Tanganyika had suggested the area was prospective for secondary uranium deposition.

### EL 2687, Alcoa

CR1982-12; Alcoa explored for sedimentary uranium deposits in sandy tertiary units of the Barkly Basin. Apparent lack of suitable host rocks for uranium mineralisation along with access issues proved too difficult to pursue exploring.

### EL 749 Tanganyika

CR 1974-0019, CR 1973-0005, CR 1973-0153, CR 1973-0068(and EL 767, reports CR 1974-0019); Tanganyika explored for gold and base metals. Analysis on samples indicated the ground to be predominantly oxidised. Levels of uranium were generally higher than typical averages for sediments. Higher uranium values were found to be within proximity to outcropping limestone or calcrete.

The author suggests 2 methods of U transport; 1: on clay particles as it eroded from the parent rock and transported. 2: in solution. Author then suggests searching for redox interfaces in channel deposits or roll-fronts.

Bore water U content had been analysed and ranging from <5ppm and up to 650ppm.

### EL 8362, Nth Flinders/Normandy

CR 1995-0227, CR 1999-0196; North Flinders Mines carried out a helicopter reconnaissance survey. There was no outcrop to map or sample within the EL 8362 tenement.

Normandy Gold carried out lag sampling and vacuum drilling and assayed for uranium. RAB drilling did not intersect bedrock. Sedimentary cover was estimated to be >40m thick. Uranium was assayed for and detected around ~0.6 - 0.9 ppm.

#### EL 8367, Nth Flinders/Normandy

CR 1995-0369, CR 1997-0407, CR 1999-0184, CR 1996-0189, CR 1998-0303, 1999-0109, CR 1997-0172; North Flinders Mines targeted the Lander Rock Beds; shear hosted deposits related to splays, dilatant jogs and bends, granite hosted mineralisation in anticlinal folds, greisen/skarn, replacement and pegmatitic settings, and unconformity related Au-Pt-Pd-U associated with Vaughn Springs Quartzite.

Exploration methods included stream sediment sampling and vacuum drilling. Groundwater assay from 18 mile bore showed uranium levels of 18.8 ug/l. The water was also assayed for gold with no significant anomaly. A trend in As values of water bore samples and Au bleg samples occurs parallel to the Lander Fault.

RAB drilling was undertaken with no intersection of bedrock at depths of >60m cover. Normandy completed comprehensive exploration program including a regolith landform and structural interpretation map, rock chip sampling, petrology, lag sampling, water sampling, vacuum and RAB drilling, reprocessing airborne magnetic data, aerial photography and a photo-geological study. The best sample results were shown to come from haematitic and chloritic alteration zone in an area known as 'Smoking Gun Fault' which yielded 3m @ 144ppbAu and 33ppm As. However, overall results were said to be disappointing.



Figure 6 Cr 1999-0184 regolith Landform Map for Red Hackle prospect EL 8367 which intersects Toro, Mt Denison tenement by 80%.



Figure 7, Exploration coverage by Normandy on Tenement EL8367



Figure Above shows position of U assay results where samples from drillholes returned values of 20ppm and up to ~40ppm being the highest value assayed (Normandy El 3867 CR 1999-0184)

### EL 8420 Poseidon, Normandy, Exodus

CR 1995-0847, CR 1997-0303, CR 1997-0120, CR 1997-0764, CR 1998-0770; PosGold (Poseidon Gold) were exploring for Gold. The ground has been described by them as follows;

'The tenement is dominated by the Wangala Granite which is coarse porphyritic granite with aligned feldspars. Mapped outcrop to the North of the granite consists of Lander Rock Beds, (Schistose pelitic metasediments and quartzo-feldspathic gneiss) Wickstead Creek Beds (Calc-silicate rock, marble, gneiss and schist) and Mt Stafford Beds (spotted and layered cordierite hornfels)'. This geology represents cover of the southern portion of Toro's Western Creek tenement.

Magnetic surveys were flown and soil sampling was undertaken. Uranium was not assayed for. Nothing was found. RAB drilling was carried out along with vacuum drilling. The only anomaly found was Arsenic. Molybdenum was assayed around 4-10ppm which was suggested as associated with the under-stoping granites. Deepest hole drilled was RAB 65m deep with average depths between 10-40m. Vacuum drillholes were less than 15m depth. Normandy Gold explored for gold following a merger with PosGold and carried out a gravity survey. The following year, soil, RAB and vacuum drilling were carried out with no anomalous results. U was not assayed for.

Exodus took up a JV with Normandy Gold in 1997 upper amphibolite metamorphism of the outcrop or undercover rocks indicated to them that the area was un-prospective. In their final report it stated the tenement was not prospective for economic gold mineralisation.

### EL 8473, Normandy, North Flinders Mines

CR2000-0062, CR2001-0083, CR2001-0204; Exploration activities proposed during the project area during 1999 could not be completed as the Central Land Council had not completed the necessary ground clearances in time for the 1999 field season. Exploration work included reconnaissance sampling programs, ground magnetic surveys and Aircore drilling. Results from infill lag sampling at Silver Fox revealed numerous (69) elevated (>0.7 ppb) Au values, with peak values in the range of 2.2-11.3 ppb. These defined a coherent anomaly, which is coincident with peaks from the initial lag sampling. Arsenic results were more subtle, with 8 samples being elevated (>57 ppm), the 4 peak values (103 -239 ppm) not being coincident with the Au anomaly. Anomalous results were received from sampling at Silver Fox, where a mineralized quartz vein returned 10.5 ppb Au. Rock chips elsewhere on the lease were not anomalous, with a peak value of 2 ppb near the southern margin of EL9561. All results from drilling returned gold values below detection limit, within a maximum of 110 ppm arsenic and 3 ppm bismuth. The tenement area is covered by overburden in excess of 60 meters thick.

### EL 8549, North Flinders Mining, Normandy Gold

CR 1995-0453, CR 1997-0342, CR 1999-0199; North Flinders Mines were exploring for gold. Lag and vacuum drill sampling, photo-geological interpretations and field mapping were carried out. Samples returned values below detection limits. Their final report showed no anomalous results.

# EL 9561 Normandy Gold/ NFM

CR2000-0062, CR2001-0083, CR2001-0235, CR2002-0143; Exploration activities proposed during the project area during 1999 could not be completed as the Central Land Council had not completed the necessary ground clearances in time for the 1999 field season. Exploration work included reconnaissance sampling programs, ground magnetic surveys and Aircore drilling. Results from infill lag sampling at Silver Fox revealed numerous (69) elevated (>0.7 ppb) Au values, with peak values in the range of 2.2-11.3 ppb. These

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# EL 1449 Otter Exploration 1977-178

CR 1978-0181 and CR 1978-0041; Otter had tenure within the Giles Range which they had considered prospective for Ranger-type uranium mineralisation. Exploration methods employed consisted of an airborne detector system for radiation and review of published data available at that time. Maximum counts were deemed the same as the variations of the background. The tenement was then recommended for relinquishment.

# EL 2500 CRA Exploration 1981-1982

CR 1982-0168; this is the final report for CRA for tenement EL 2500. CRA had reported anomalous Au values but later had determined them to be analytical error. Stream sediments were sampled and the minus 80 fractions were assayed. Sn values ranging up to 85ppm in sediment and gravel were determined to be related to low grade accumulations of cassiterite in pediment from lower Proterozoic granite gneiss.

Assays were also done for U, and found to range from 10-46ppm with higher amounts associated with granites. The 46ppm U was found in gravels made up of pegmatitic qtz, feldspar, mica, quartz pebbles, feldspar pebbles and minor ironstones. CPS recorded at that location with a scintollometer was 210/200.

# **GEOLOGICAL SETTING**

Mount Denison is located within the Arunta Region of the Northern Territory. 'The geology of this region consists of

- Mountain ranges; hills and ridges; sand plains with dune fields; alluvial plains with salt lakes.
- Palaeoproterozoic sediments and volcanics metamorphosed to schist, quartzite, gneiss, amphibolite, marble, and felsic and mafic granulite; overlain unconformably by Neoproterozoic sediments.
- Palaeoproterozoic and Mesoproterozoic felsic to mafic volcanics and intrusive's; minor ultramafic intrusive's.' (GA\_Aus\_GeologicalRegions\_2\_5m)

'The Arunta region has undergone multiple deformations, at least 3 defined and metamorphism of granulite facies from around 1800Ma to the most recent during the Carboniferous 350Ma.(See table below) The style of deformation and metamorphism is similar to other Proterozoic orogens with anti-clockwise P-T paths and little uplift. Other Australian examples of this type of terrane are the Olary Block and the Mt Isa Inlier, both of which contain economic mineralisation. Extension and faulting in the region was followed by sedimentation to Amadeus, Ngalia, Wiso and Georgina basins'.

The Toro tenements are located between the Ngalia Basin, to the South and the Wiso Basin to the North. This area within the Arunta Region is termed the Aileron Province.

'Stratigraphic units in the region are Weldon Metamorphics, Lander Rock Formation (Beds), Reynolds Range Group, Napperby Gneiss, Anmatjira Orthogneiss, Harverson Granite and Mt Airy Orthogneiss.

The Reynolds Range group of sediments are intruded by the mylonitised and anhydrous, Napperby Gneiss and lie unconformably above 1820Ma granites'.<sup>2</sup> Read and Cartwright<sup>2</sup> suggest that fluid movement throught the shear zones of this region is attributed to meteoric rather than magmatic fluids. This may be of some importance to mobilisation of uranium.

Age	Regional Event	Tectonic Cycle		
≥ 1880 Ma	Deposition of Lander Assemblage			
1880 Ma	Yuendumu Tectonic Event (equivalent to Barramundi Orogeny ?)	First Tectonic Cycle (prograde metamorphism)		
1860 - 1820 Ma	Stafford Tectonic Event			
1820 - 1780 Ma	Deposition of Reynolds Assemblage			
1780 - 1760 Ma	Weldon Tectonic Event (Anmatjira - Reynolds Range) Hardy Tectonic Event (Mt. Doreen - Yuendumu)			
≥ 1635 Ma	(equivalent to Strangways Orogeny ?) Warbudali Tectonic Event (Mt. Doreen - Yuendumu) (equivalent to Chewings Orogeny ?)	Second Tectonic Cycle (retrograde metamorphism)		
850 Ma	Deposition of Vaughan Springs Quartzite			
400 - 300 Ma	Alice Springs Orogeny			

Figure 5; Geological History of the Northern Arunta Inlier. Taken from report CR 1995-0369

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