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Application of Electrical Geophysics to Exploration at the Lake Mackay Project

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Presentation Outline

- Project Location
- Historical Geophysical Exploration
- Bumblebee Prospect Geophysics
- Application of EM to Grapple Comparisons, DHEM
- Application of AEM to Lake Mackay Project- Forward Modelling, Decisions, Comparisons
- Results and Products from the AEM
- Conclusions

Project Location

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JV Between IGO, Prodigy Gold, Castile Resources over 13000km² in the Aileron



- Located ~400km north west of Alice Springs
- Project is a JV between IGO, Prodigy Gold, and Castile Resources Pty Ltd
- Consists of 8,058 km² of granted tenure and 4,900km² of tenements in application
- Located in the south western Aileron Province with tenements covering a continental scale gravity ridge





- 1999 AEM system (GEOTEM) flown over a large area
- 2003 13 lines of single component dB/dt moving loop EM
- 2004 10 RC drill holes, only 3 logged with DHEM
- Huge area of effectively unexplored tenure

Bumblebee Discovery

Exploration 2015/2016 – EM proved to be effective tool to guide discovery



MLEM X component 15.7-20.2ms time channel

- Drilling following up on soil geochemical anomalism intersected a best result of 7m @ 3.29 g/t Au, 37.7 g/t Ag, 3.25% Cu, 0.87% Pb, 1.34% Zn, 0.09% Bi and 0.08% Co ⁽¹⁾
- Orientation MLEM using fluxgate sensor and high currents. Grid of 200m lines, 100m stations completed over soil geochemical anomaly
- MLEM clearly delineated a moderate conductance target coincident with the anomalous geochemical response
- Dominantly pyrite and pyrrhotite sulphides intersected when drill testing conductor
- DHEM confirms the source is due to these sulphides-strong in hole response at 160m depth
- Although no economic intersections-this discovery highlighted that EM could be an effective tool



Grapple Discovery

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2016-2018 Positive soil geochemistry at Grapple over historical EM conductor



- Grapple soil geochemical anomaly identified ~2.5 km south west of Bumblebee
- Previous explorer completed two lines of dB/dt MLEM over this anomaly - known conductor
- Drill tested, no sulphides intersected. Anomaly explained as most likely due to two "strong clayey fault zones"





MLEM X component 15.7-20.2ms time channel

- EM programme extended to cover other soil geochemical anomalies
- Same survey configuration and parameters employed as at Bumblebee
- Extended the survey covering a much larger area than previous at this target
- Two drill holes sited into the anomaly, third tested under peak soil geochemical response associated with ironstone outcrop
- DHEM conducted on all holes, confirms dominantly pyrrhotite mineralisation in first two holes
- Third hole⁽¹⁾ intersects zones of dominantly pyrrhotite mineralisation but also 9m @ 1.81 g/t Au, 49.1g/t Ag, 3.26% Cu, 3.63% Zn

Grapple Discovery

2016-2018 – Bumblebee and Grapple discoveries demonstrate that EM is an effective tool for this type of mineralisation



- In hole response from 85m corresponding to chalcopyrite mineralisation
- Numerous other conductors however these are effectively unmineralised
- DHEM key to understanding the source of the EM anomalism.
 Target has to be explained before moving on
- Empirically established through Bumblebee and Grapple that EM should be an effective tool for detecting "Grapple" style mineralisation

Airborne EM for rapid screening-but which System? Forward Modelling



- Synthetic forward modelling of a number of systems
- Use available information to estimate a realistic noise level for each system, and define a point at which the anomaly would be considered detectable
- Geologically reasonable scenario created. Conductive (16 ohm m) overburden with thickness of 50m, against a resistive basement of 250 Ohm m, with a highly conductive target at 200m depth
- Repeated with multiple different scenarios for all systems
- Shortlisted systems we wanted to test



Airborne EM for rapid screening-but which System?

Brief Comparison of Systems



	GEOTEM DEEPS	TEMPEST	SPECTREM
Frequency	25	25	25
Tx Height	105	120	90
Bird Height	54	73	72
Tx Waveform	Half Sine	Square 50%	Square 100%
Loop Area	231	154	420
Turns	6	1	1
Current	480	560	1600
Dipole Moment	665000	86000	672000

- Considering power only (dipole moment) GEOTEM should be comparable to SPECTREM and much better than TEMPEST
- Not all about system power lots of contributing factors

Airborne EM for rapid screening-but which System?

A comparison of CDIs on concurrent line

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- Based on the historical GEOTEM, orientation surveying flown with SPECTREM and TEMPEST
- Springer prospect consists of barren iron sulphides, and shows a good EM response
- Prospect not identified in historical GEOTEM survey-good place for orientation survey

Airborne EM for rapid screening-but which System? Depth of Investigation



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Airborne EM for rapid screening-but which System?

Ground EM - SPECTREM - GEOTEM comparison

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- Comparison of ground EM and SPECTREM shows very similar responses over Springer prospect
- Partly due to the GEM out of loop configuration
- GEOTEM shows hints of the anomaly – amplitude not considered large enough to identify as a target

SPECTREM Survey Results

What are we going to do with this information?



- Coverage over most of the tenure fantastic data set that will live throughout the life of the project
- Targets that could represent Grapple style mineralisation-direct detection of sulphides
- 63 conductors defined to follow up with MLEM and re-prioritise



SPECTREM Survey Results

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What are we going to do with this information?



- Invert data to conductivity depth sections
- Define the areas we can effectively explore
- Design programs to explore will a soil sample be effective in areas of up to 150m of cover?



Conclusions

- Strategy developed for geophysics, AEM to generate the targets, MLEM to follow up the targets and rank, drill targets explained via DHEM
- Successive orientation surveys allow us to gain good understanding of the systems we are using and the limitations
- Products derived from the AEM will be used to make sure our exploration is effective
- Targets will be ranked with geochemical information for context and prioritising





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