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SUMMARY

A detailed helicopter supported soil gas alkane survey over four seismic grids and two regional lines in OP 238 resulted in the detection of five zones containing anomalous concentrations of methane, ethane, propane and butane.

These zones are present over two seismic grids and one regional line in the central and western parts of the permit where clusters of anomalous samples occur. Samples over the two seismic grids in the east of OP 238 have anomalous concentrations of only one or two of the light alkanes and do not form clusters. No samples with anomalous concentrations of the light alkanes are present on the second regional line.

The ratios of methane to ethane, propane and butane concentrations suggest an oil-rich source for the hydrocarbons in Zones B, D and E. However, the ratios of the light alkanes in Zones A and C suggest a source for the hydrocarbons that is gas rich. It is possible that some of the methane may be derived from a remote gas source and migrated to traps within the vicinity of Zones A and C.

INTRODUCTION

Sydney Oil Company (Pedirka) Pty Ltd, operator of the OP 238 Joint Venture, commissioned Petrofocus Pty Ltd to carry out a detailed soil gas alkane survey on four seismic grids over prospects within the permit. Two regional lines were also commissioned to test the prospective nature of possible stratigraphic traps with little seismic coverage.

Only one soil gas survey has previously been conducted by Petrofocus in OP 238. During June 1985 a reconnaissance scale survey was carried out over the 1985 Colson seismic survey grid to evaluate the prospectivity of an area near Colson #1 well and an area to the northeast of the well. Two zones containing anomalous concentrations of the light alkanes were defined to the north and northeast of the Colson #1 well.

Navigation problems in OP 238 were minimal as most work was carried out on recent 1985 and 1986 seismic lines which are still prominent in the monotonous sand dune terrain. Sampling locations on the recent seismic lines and the early 1960's seismic lines could be fairly accurately determined. However, sampling locations on the regional lines could only be determined to about \pm 2km.

Since 1981, Petrofocus and its predecessor Petrosearch, have carried out soil gas geochemical surveys, both in a broad-spaced reconnaissance mode in wildcat regions, and detailed, intensive sampling surveys over seismic survey leads and prospects. In addition, over 15 orientation surveys have been carried out over and adjacent to known oil and gas fields in the Surat, Eromanga, Canning and Amadeus Basins, and these show enhanced concentrations of the light alkane gases to be present in soils above or peripheral to the fields.

SURVEY METHODS

3.1 Introduction

Although success has been claimed over the past thirty or more years for various geochemical exploration techniques, enthusiasm for their employment is not widely shared by professionals in the petroleum industry.

Anomalous concentrations of hydrocarbon gases were first reported above petroleum reservoirs in the 1930's (Laubmeyer, 1933; Sokolov, 1933; Horvitz, 1939). These results quickly lead to the development of techniques for use in petroleum exploration, and in 1959 Sokolov summarised successful applications of the techniques in the U.S.S.R. as follows:

"Under favourable geological conditions, the proportion of correct predictions (from geochemical surveys) is rather high - about 70 percent. For instance, in the North Caucasus (Kuban), predictions made by gas surveys were confirmed in thirteen cases out of seventeen."

Although successful uses of geochemical techniques have been documented in the western literature results obtained by industry users in the course of normal exploration have commonly produced negative or, at best, equivocal results which have led the techniques to disfavour. In many instances the unsatisfactory results can be attributed to poor sample collection, storage, preparation and analytical procedures. Most importantly, however, results of many surveys have not been interpreted properly. There is, in general, a poor understanding of what can be expected from geochemical methods and, particularly, of their limitations.

Within the past few years there has been, however, renewed interest in geochemical exploration techniques following the successful identification of surface anomalies above petroleum reservoirs by the Geosat Committee's study in which the Multispectral Scanner and the Thematic Mapper, now aboard Landsat 4, were flown over three test sites in the USA. The alteration features, verified on the ground, in soils, rocks and/or vegetation have been

shown to result from leakage of light hydrocarbon gases from the moderately deep reservoirs (Rock, 1984; Patton and Manwaring, 1984; Matthews et al., 1984).

3.2 Microseeps

Successful employment of geochemical exploration techniques relies upon the phenomenon of vertical migration of light hydrocarbons that leak in trace amounts from petroleum reservoirs. This has been a hotly disputed issue, but the weight of evidence from reliable sources clearly demonstrates that vertical migration does, in fact, occur. It must now be conceded that light hydrocarbon gases do leak from at least some moderately deep to deep petroleum reservoirs and can be detected as microseeps located vertically above, or peripheral to, the surface projection of the reservoir as -

- (i) free gas in the soil or absorbed to soil minerals (Debnam, 1969; Devine and Sears, 1977; Horvitz, 1972, 1979; Jones and Drozd, 1983; Richers et al., 1982; Rock, 1984; Matthews et al., 1984), or
- (ii) as a chemical or mineralogical alteration of soil and surface rocks (Karstev, 1959; Donovan, 1974), or
- (iii) in vegetation as either morphological or chemical effects (Donovan and Dalziel, 1977; Richers et al., 1982; Rock, 1984).

In addition, case studies conducted by Petrofocus since 1980 unambiguously show anomalous concentrations of light hydrocarbon gases directly above or immediately peripheral to the surface projection of 14 known petroleum reservoirs in the Surat, Cooper, Eromanga and Amadeus Basins.

3.3 <u>Detection of Hydrocarbon Gas Microseeps</u>

There are now in use several indirect techniques which exploit various manifestations of the vertical migration of hydrocarbons or associated gases leaking from deep petroleum reservoirs. These include magnetic, electrical (electromagnetic and induced polarization), radiometric and helium emanometry methods. However, the principal disadvantage in employing these methods is

that the effects they respond to can also be produced by causes unrelated to the leakage of hydrocarbon gases.

Clearly, it is advantageous to detect and quantify the hydrocarbon microseeps themselves - this is the approach adopted by Petrosearch in which the light hydrocarbon gases in the soil gas are detected.

The detection of the light hydrocarbon gases was selected as the most reliable sampling medium since only gaseous hydrocarbons can pass directly through aquifers which are commonly present above petroleum reservoirs in many Australian sedimentary basins. On the other hand, hydrocarbons transported in solution, including dissolved gases, will be entrained in the aquifer or in the surficial groundwater system and may be released at some remote location which cannot be related to the parent petroleum reservoir.

In Petrofocus surveys soil gas samples are carefully collected from depths ranging from 0.5 to 1 metres using a probe of proprietary design and pre-prepared microsyringes. The gas samples are carefully packed in airtight containers for shipment to the analytical facility, which is located at the field base camp. Samples are analysed for the light alkanes methane through pentane by a gas chromatographic technique. The sensitivity of the chromatograph, as presently employed, is approximately 0.5 ppmv methane, 0.05 ppmv ethane, 0.02 ppmv propane, and 0.005 ppmv butane. The alkane concentrations of samples are determined by comparison with known concentrations in a specially prepared gas standard. Reproducibility of results is typically better than ±5%.

3.4 <u>Interpretation of Results</u>

Because of differences in the proportion of oil and gas from reservoir to reservoir, and in the composition of the oil and gas phases, together with differences in reservoir parameters and in soil characteristics from region to region, an attempt is always made to carry out orientation surveys over known reservoirs as close as possible to the survey area. By comparing results from the survey area with those from the known reservoir an estimate can be made of the type of hydrocarbons giving rise to the microseeps detected in the survey area. Estimates of the size of the hydrocarbon reservoir in the survey area

are difficult to establish and can only be attempted within areas having closely similar reservoir and soil characteristics because the magnitude of an anomaly may be determined by the ease of the migration of gases from the reservoir, rather than by the volume of gas in the reservoir. There is emerging some confidence that the ratios of the various alkanes present in soil gas can be an indication of the type of parent hydrocarbons in the reservoir (Jones and Drozd, 1983; Richers et al., 1982). The various ratios which may indicate the "oilyness" of a reservoir are determined for each anomaly detected, but this serves only as a non-definitive indicator, since the parameters which govern the amount and type of hydrocarbon gases present in near-surface environments are only imperfectly understood. They include the following:

- (i) Depth of the reservoir and the nature of the overlying rocks.
- (ii) Reservoir characteristics relating to the form of the reservoir, the integrity of its seal, the proportion of gas and the pressure under which it is constrained.
- (iii) <u>Soil properties</u>, particularly the clay content, degree of compaction and moisture content of the soil.
- (iv) <u>Atmospheric variables</u>, particularly atmospheric pressure, ambient temperature and rainfall.

When an area is re-surveyed it is commonly found that the location and intensity of soil gas anomalies has changed somewhat. The reasons for this are not always simple, but commonly conditions under which the later surveys are conducted are different from those pertaining during the original survey. The greatest effects are experienced after substantial rainfall when soil gas concentrations are greatly reduced due to their being flushed out of the near-surface zone. Anomalous areas defined by the original survey are much subdued after rainfall but generally can still be distinguished over depressed background readings.

However, the interpretation of results of soil gas surveys is more concerned the with anomaly to background contrast rather than with the absolute

magnitude of anomalies. Comparison with results obtained from over known reservoirs considerably facilitates interpretation of those obtained from survey areas, but when comparisons with known reservoirs in the same region is not undertaken estimates of the commercial significance of soil gas anomalies cannot be reliably given.

OPERATIONS

A base camp was established within the survey area, from where all field operations and analytical services were co-ordinated. Mobilisation from Sydney to the base camp took place in two stages. The two-person crew travelled by air from Sydney to Alice Springs on March 21, and that afternoon took delivery of the 4WD to be used in the survey and obtained necessary camp supplies. At first light on March 22, the survey team drove from Alice Springs to the base camp. A camp co-ordinator was invited to ensure the fluent operation of the survey. Demobilisation from the camp commenced on March 28.

A total of 378 samples were collected employing a helicopter for transport, along seismic lines and cross-country in OP 238. Samples were collected at lkm intervals at non-contaminated sites over four recent seismic grids: Madigan Trough, Simpson Grid, Bejah Grid, and the East Border Trend. Samples were also collected along two regional lines at 2km intervals. Where possible, samples were taken from the sides of dunes 1 to 2 metres above the general level of the interdune troughs. This procedure generally permitted easy entry of the probe to the sampling depth of 0.75 to 1.0 metres and provided an airtight seal around the probe, without encountering the cemented horizons that are developed at the interdune levels. Sample locations are shown on Figures 1, 2 and 3.

Soils in the area are very poorly developed, and the entire area is covered by stabilised sand dunes, generally trending about 150°, supporting sparse native grasses and shrubs. Playa lakes are developed extensively between dunes, and these regions are characterised by the presence of incipient calcrete. There is no development of organic horizons in the sand soils and there is no reason to suspect the presence of microbially derived alkanes in soil gas samples.

Subterranean water samples were collected at the East Bore well, to the northwest of the permit area, for later chemical analysis for the possible presence of hydrocarbon compounds. It was also intended that subterranean water samples be collected at the dry oil wells Erabena #1 (to the south of the permit area), and McDills #1 (to the west of the permit area). However, the Erabena #1 pump head had dried up, thus not even permitting water flow; and surrounding the McDills #1 bore is a permanent swamp, rendering access to the pump head impossible.

During the survey, the weather was mild to hot and the nights were cool. Maximum daytime temperatures ranged from 35°C to 42°C. The previous rainfall in the region was recorded in mid-February, but those showers were typically scattered and isolated. The most recent heavy rainfall had occurred in August-September 1986.

5. RESULTS

The methane, ethane, propane and n-butane contents of the soil gas samples are listed in Table 1 and their locations are shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3. Overall the concentrations of the light hydrocarbons are low to medium. Methane concentrations range from 0.60 to 32.30 ppm, ethane from 0.10 to 1.87 ppm, propane from 0.04 to 0.70 ppm and butane from 0.01 to 0.14 ppm.

Samples with the highest concentrations of the light alkanes occur in the Simpson Grid (Zone A), the Madigan Trough (Zones B, D and E) and on regional Line A (Zone C), and are shown on Figures 1, 2 and 3. The results of the present survey are, in general, slightly lower than those obtained in previous surveys in adjacent permits. This is probably an effect of the heavy rainfall experienced in mid-1986.

Although samples with the highest concentrations of the alkanes are apparent by inspection of Table 1, the parameters that define the most anomalous population (which may be due to leakage from a petroleum reservoir at depth) are best determined by analysis of histograms and cumulative frequency plots of the concentrations of the alkanes. The histograms and cumulative frequency curves for methane, ethane, propane and butane concentrations of the 378 samples are shown in Figures 4 (a, b), 5 (a, b), 6 (a, b) and 7 (a, b) respectively.

The histogram and cumulative frequency curves indicate the presence of at least three populations, which is interpreted to mean the alkane gases have more than one source. The most anomalous population has a lower threshold limit of approximately 16.0 ppm methane, 0.09 ppm ethane, 0.35 ppm propane and 0.07 ppm butane.

Samples were collected at lkm intervals mainly on recent seismic survey lines over the Madigan Trough, East Border Trend, Simpson and Bejah seismic grids. Two regional lines were surveyed at a sample spacing of 2km. Regional line A trends at an angle of approximately 60° from the southern end of line 86-MT2 for a distance of about 75km. Regional line B trends at an angle of approximately 150° parallel to the sand dunes along 1960's seismic line 3H for a distance of approximately 100km.

Simpson Grid

One main area, Zone A, containing clusters of samples with anomalous concentrations of one or more of the light alkanes is present over the southern half of this grid located in the centre of the permit (Figure 3). This zone extends from sample 15 to sample 28 on Line 86-BT2, sample 36 to sample 44 on line 86-BT3 and sample 227 to 229 on the small line north of 86-BT3. Profiles of lines 86-BT2 and 86-BT3 are shown in Figures 9 and 10 respectively.

The ratio of light alkanes to $C_1/C_1+C_2+C_3+C_4$ is high and the percent wetness is low suggesting a gas-rich source for the hydrocarbons in Zone A.

The methane concentrations of the samples in Zone A are high compared to the concentrations of ethane, propane and butane. This suggests that some of the methane may have migrated a considerable distance from gas rich parts of the basin and been trapped in structures developed in this area. The effect of this possible dry gas migration would be to raise the light alkane ratio to indicate a source that is more oil-rich.

Other samples in the Simpson Grid that contain anomalous levels of some of the light alkanes are isolated from each other and hence their significance as indicators of a petroleum source at depth is diminished.

Madigan Trough

Clusters of samples containing anomalous concentrations of one or more of the light alkanes are present in three zones, B, D and E (Figure 1), along the southern extension of the Madigan Trough grid located near the northwestern corner of OP 238.

Zone B extends along line 86-MTA for a distance of about 12km. No samples with anomalous levels of the light alkanes are present on lines 86-MT2 and 86-MT4 indicating that this zone does not extend any further north or east of that shown on Figure 1. However, the western and southern extensions of Zone B are uncertain.

The ratios of the alkane concentrations and the percent wetness suggest that the light alkanes in Zone B are derived from a more oil-rich source.

The areal extent of Zones D and E, located north of Zone B on line 86-MTA, has not been determined by the present survey and may extend to the northwest and southeast. The ratios of the alkane concentrations for these zones also suggest an oil rich source.

The concentations of the light alkanes in Zones B, D and E on line 86-MTA are shown as a profile plot in Figure 8.

None of the methane concentrations of the samples in the Madigan Trough grid were found to be anomalous however they are elevated where the heavier alkanes have anomalous concentrations. All the samples in the northern half of the Madigan Trough have concentrations of all the light alkanes that are below the anomalous threshold limits.

<u>Bejah Grid</u>

The Bejah Grid consists of two small lines over 1960's seismic lines (Figure 3). Four samples (154, 155, 160 and 161) contain anomalous levels of propane. Apart from these, no other samples have concentrations of the light alkanes that are above the anomalous threshold limits.

The ratios of the light alkanes $C_1/C_1+C_2+C_3+C_4$ and percent wetness indicate an oil rich source for the hydrocarbons but there is no encouragement for follow-up work in this region.

East Border Trend

Several samples from the East Border Trend, situated in the northeastern corner of OP 238, contain anomalous levels of propane and butane. The majority of these samples are located in the southern half of the seismic grid, however there is very little clustering present. This tends to diminish the petroleum potential of this region. There are only two samples (65 and 132) with anomalous levels of ethane and one sample (65) with an anomalous methane concentration.

The ratios of the methane to ethane, propane and butane concentrations are low, and indicate an oil source, rather than gas, for samples on the East Border Trend.

Regional Line A

This line extends from the southern end of line 86-MT2 on the Madigan Trough grid to a point about three kilometres southwest of the Hale River #1 well site (Figures 1 and 2).

Samples with anomalous concentrations of methane, ethane, and/or butane are present at the southwestern end of this line near the Madigan Trough grid. Zone C extends along this line from samples 289 to 294. Although the concentrations of the light alkanes in sample 290 and 291 are non-anomalous, they are elevated and are interpreted as belonging to Zone C.

Sample 298 contains concentrations of methane and ethane that are above the anomalous threshold limits. The northern and southern extensions of Zone C have not been determined by this survey, so sample 298 may indicate a continuation of Zone C. The concentrations of the light alkanes in the northern half of Line A are all below the anomalous threshold limits.

The ratios of the light alkanes are high and the percent wetness is low for samples in Zone C indicating a gas rich source. As suggested for Zone A, some of the methane may be derived from a remote source therefore the hydrocarbon source may be more oil rich that the ratios indicate.

The concentrations of the light alkanes along Line A are displayed as a profile plot in Figure 11.

Regional Line B

This line extends from the northern border of OP 238 to the southern border along the 1960's seismic line 3H (Figures 2 and 3). None of the samples along this line recorded concentrations of the light alkanes that are above the anomalous threshold limit.

CONCLUSIONS

Five zones containing anomalous concentrations of the light alkane gases were indentified in the central and western parts of OP 238 during the present survey. The levels of methane, ethane, propane and butane are, in general, low to moderate.

Zone A is located in the southern half of the Simpson Grid and has areal dimensions of approximately 9km x 13km. The methane levels are high compared to those of ethane, propane and butane, and it is suggested that some of the methane may be derived from a remote dry gas source and has migrated to traps in this region. Hence the hydrocarbon source for this zone may be more oil rich than the ratios indicate. The Simpson Grid does not have any other clusters of samples with anomalous concentrations of the light alkanes.

Zones B, D and E are located in the southern half of the Madigan Trough Grid. Zones D and E are of uncertain areal extent and Zone B is at least 12km long but may extend further to the south or west. The ratios of methane to ethane, propane and butane concentrations are low, and indicate derivation of the light alkane gases from an oil source. The samples in the northern half of the Madigan Trough have concentrations of the light alkanes that are below the anomalous threshold limits.

Zone C is situated towards the southwestern end of regional Line A. This is at least 8km long but may be larger as its areal extent is uncertain. The methane concentrations over this zone are high and the source of the light hydrocarbons may be more oil rich that the ratios suggest.

The East Border Trend and Bejah grids contain no clustering of samples with anomalous concentrations of the light alkanes. All samples along Regional Line B contain non-anomalous levels of the light alkanes. There is no encouragement for follow-up work in the vicinity of East Border Trend, Bejah or Line B.

Due to the absence of known petroleum fields in the region over which calibration surveys can be carried out, the results of the present survey cannot provide an estimate of economic viability of the potential petroleum accumulations.

The Madigan Trough and Simpson Grid areas warrant follow-up if geological reasons are favourable to better ascertain the petroleum potential of these regions.

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TABLE 1. Methane, ethane, propane, butane concentrations (ppmv) and derived ratios for soil gas samples

SOIL	GAS ALKA	NE SURVEY	OP 238	SOC M	ARCH 19	87			% Wetness
REF NO.	LINE	SAMPLE NUMBER	C1	C2	С3	C4	C1	C1	C2+C3+C4
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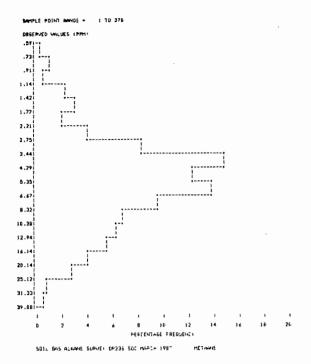
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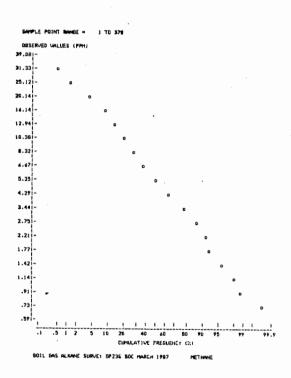
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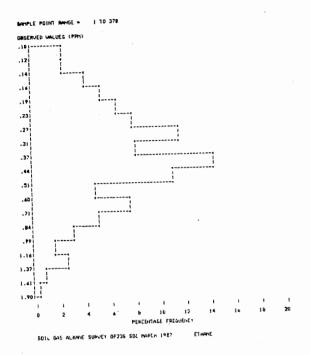


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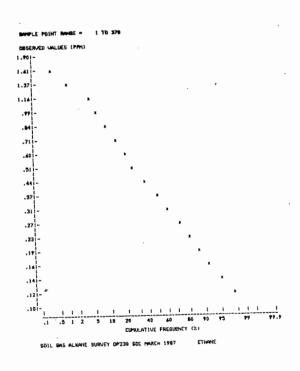


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FIGURE 4a. Histogram of methane concentrations of 378 soil gas samples
b. Cumulative frequency curve derived from 4a.

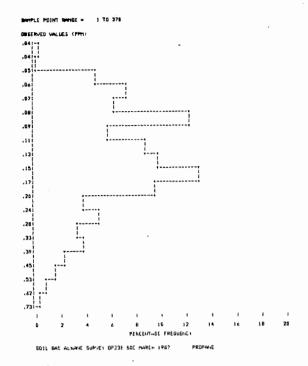


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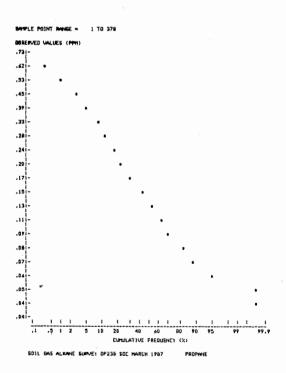


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FIGURE 5a. Histogram of ethane concentrations of 378 soil gas samples b. Cumulative frequency curve derived from 5a.

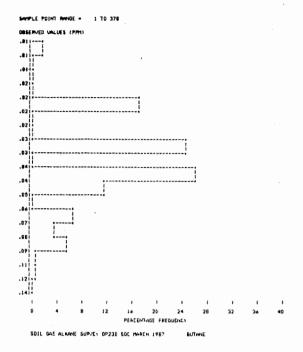


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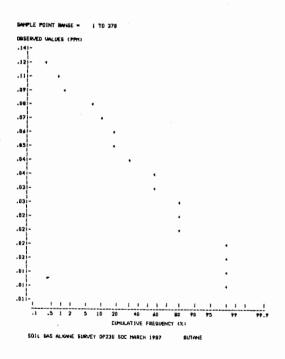


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FIGURE 6a. Histogram of propane concentrations of 378 soil gas samples b. Cumulative frequency curve derived from 6a.



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FIGURE 7a. Histogram of butane concentrations of 378 soil gas samples b. Cumulative frequency curve derived from 7a.