# Geological observations and prospectivity;

Claude Hills North and Kunapula prospects

Summary of the geological field trip conducted between Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> to Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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#### Introduction

This report presents a summary of the geological field trip conducted between Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> to Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to explore for a range of commodities at potential targets in three different tenement groups, all located in the southern part of the Northern Territory on behalf of GemPART NT (Figure 1).

The program involved site reconnaissance to assess the prospectivity of the following targets;

| Project area | Target          | Tenements     | Details             |  |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|--|
| Claude Hills | Target 10 (Area | 31383 & 25566 | Gravity anomaly     |  |
| north        | 4),             |               |                     |  |
| Kunapula     | Target A&B      | 31383 & 25566 | Radiometric anomaly |  |

| Table 1: Summary of site visits conducted during the | April 2019 field trip; |
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#### Method

Field work conducted was preliminary by nature, and involved a site reconnaissance being conducted at each prospect area with geological mapping, and selective rock chip sampling and/or testing of the outcrop exposure by handheld pXRF analysis. Surveys of radiometric target areas were conducted using a hand-held spectrometer

A summary of maximum values determined by the pXRF analysis is presented in; Tables 1-3 (Appendix 1).

All geological mapping observations were uploaded onto an excel spreadsheet at the conclusion of the field program (Tables 4-5, Appendix 2). Selected rock chip samples were submitted to a commercial laboratory for analysis at the conclusion of the field program with results unavailable by the completion of this report.

All pXRF readings were conducted using a Bruker hand-held pXRF analyser (model S1 Titan-Tracer 5) with the instrument set to Soils mode, 60 second read time.

All spectrometer surveys were conducted using a hand-held Exploranium Mini-SPEC (model GR130) set to survey mode to monitor the total radiometric count which assisted with determining the extent of each radiometric anomaly.



Figure 1: Location of GemPART NT tenements; Claude Hills north & Kunapula

### Area#1: Claude Hills-Kunapula area (EL's 31383 & 25566)

Site visits were conducted to 2 prospects on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

#### Prospect 1; Gravity target 10 (Area 4), Claude Hills north

This was first prospect explored in this field program, on the afternoon of Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April. Target#10 comprised a 5 milliGal gravity anomaly interpreted in the Claude Hills north area under shallow sandy cover (Figures 2&4).



Figure 2: Topographic image showing location of gravity anomaly (Target#10).

To access Target#10, a historical track was followed from the Gunbarrel Highway, just east of Wingellina. Turning north, this track was followed to Surveyor Generals Corner. This track was then followed for about 3-4 kilometres further towards east, north-east to reach to closest point on the track to the target location. A traverse cross-country was then conducted towards east, south-east to reach the area where the gravity anomaly had been identified.

This traverse was conducted through open, sandy country before encountering a series of shallow sand dunes and swales for the last 1-2 kilometres where small areas of stumpy scrub along the edge of several of the dunes resulted in several tyre punctures. The vehicles were halted after the second puncture, with the final part of the traverse was conducted on-foot. This headed east for ~200metres to the first exposure of calcrete which mapped near the southern tip of the target area at 604485mE, 7126275mN (Plate 1).



**Plate 1:** Panorama view towards east across the gravity target area. Note; the calcrete exposures in the foreground of the image.



Plate 2: Calcrete exposure (paleosurface) under surficial sandy cover.



Plate 3: Calcrete exposures under surficial sands and spinifex.



**Plate 4:** Shallow sand dune cover along the northern edge of the target area, which has potentially covered the calcrete paleosurface in this direction.

A quick reconnaissance of the area failed to locate any outcrop, but mapping identified frequent exposures of calcrete, part of a broader calcrete paleosurface under surficial sandy cover interpreted to follow an 060° strike trend over a distance of several hundred metres (Plates 2&3). This paleosurface was mapped to the edge of shallow dune cover and although obscured, was interpreted to potentially extend further towards the north-east (Plate 4).

A total of 24 point-readings; 454-459 and 461-479 (Figure 3) were conducted to test calcrete exposures along this trend using a from south to north (Table 1, Appendix).

Testing of calcrete exposures via pXRF testing identified a maximum of; 981ppm Cu, 7ppm Pb, 59ppm Zn, 174ppm V, 48ppm Cr, 16ppm Mo, 4ppm Ag, 20ppm Nb, 155ppm Sr, 158ppm Ta2O5, 17ppm Th and 419ppm S. No nickel values >detection limit where detected and only one arsenic value was detected (8ppm).



Figure 3: Location of individual pXRF readings within the calcrete paleosurface.

#### Discussion

No evidence of outcrop or sub-crop could be located within the vicinity of the gravity anomaly, but a semi-continuous calcrete paleosurface was mapped to extend along a roughly NE/SW strike trend across the target area (Figure 4).

Testing of 24 calcrete exposures at various points along the strike of this mapped paleosurface using the pXRF confirmed potentially anomalous copper, lead, zinc, vanadium, chromium and also identified one silver value >detection limit. However, no nickel values >detection limit were confirmed and cobalt values where generally low (maximum of 2ppm).

The lack of available outcrop and sub-crop makes any interpretation of the underlying geology difficult. However, the occurrence of calcrete paleosurface above this target suggests that a calcium-rich lithology; e.g. mafic intrusive rocks may underlie the area. Any mafic occurrence would be associated with basement rocks of the Paleoproterozoic Musgrave Block and the elevated to potentially anomalous values determined by the pXRF for copper, base/battery-metals further confirms this.

Elevated concentrations for potassium, strontium, thorium, tantalum oxide, molybdenum and silver suggest potential for hydrothermal fluid flow in association with granite emplacement.

It is currently difficult to determine the prospectivity of this target owing to the lack of available outcrop, but results from the pXRF testing of calcrete exposures are encouraging. An interpretation of available open-file geophysical datasets identified a co-incident magnetic anomaly (Figure 5), which suggests potential may exist, for economic copper mineralisation within an iron oxide-copper-gold (IO-C-G) deposit setting. A potential extension towards the south-western direction can be interpreted in both the gravity and magnetic images.

As a consequence of the field work completed, further exploration for copper and gold, within an IOCG deposit setting at the interface between the discrete gravity anomaly and the magnetic anomaly is recommended.

Future exploration should initially consider conducting low-impact drilling (i.e. deep auger, or shallow RAB) as a first-pass option, with an aim to gain exposure to the underlying lithology. More detailed ground-based geophysical surveys are also recommended (i.e. ground-based magnetic and gravity surveys) to assist with mapping out the known anomalies along with key structures to assist with targeting of potential mineralisation at greater depth, plus along strike towards the south-western direction.



Figure 4: Claude Hills north gravity target overlain on 1:250K topographic map.



**Figure 5:** Target#10 survey area, showing correlation with magnetic anomaly on the Magnetic Intensity (TMI) image. Note; trend in magnetics towards south-west.

#### Prospect 2; Radiometric targets 13-16 (Area 3), Kunapula

The next prospect area was explored on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April with a field reconnaissance being conducted to investigate two radiometric anomalies (Targets A&B) in the Kunapula area (Figure 6). Both targets were interpreted to be co-incident U, Th and K anomalies which corresponded with outcrops identified within the Petermann Ranges 250K topographical map.



**Figure 6:** Location of Kunapula radiometric anomalies; Targets A&B, on Petermann Ranges topographic map.

The 'Telstra' track was followed from the Gunbarrel Highway, towards east, north-east for about 30 kilometres to 530000mE, which was determined to be the closest point to both targets which were located ~5 kilometres further north from this track. A traverse was then conducted cross-country, through open country for several kilometres to the north. No outcrops were mapped, apart from several small exposures of chalcedony and calcrete for 100metres+ around the area 529440mE, 7128400mN. From this point, the traverse continued north-east through moderately to heavily wooded country (acacia, mulga) to the southern flank of a wide east-west trending creek line at 529600mE, 7128800mN.

A slow traverse was then conducted through dense scrub along the southern bank of the creek with the track being cleared of fallen timber by hand to avoid any tyre punctures. Calcrete exposures were noted along this part of the traverse but no locations were mapped or tested using the pXRF.



**Figure 7:** Geological map showing location radiometric anomalies (centroids 13-14; Target A and centroids 15-16; Target B). Image generated by Bubner (2018).



**Figure 8:** Geological map showing location of radiometric anomalies. Note extent of granite intrusive rocks identified by the pink coloured shape files (Pguw).

After traversing across the wide creek corridor, the traverse moved slowly up and along the heavily timbered northern bank then continued north-west for another 1-2 kilometres to the southern edge of a large granite outcrop at 529605mE, 7131475mN (Plate 5).

An elevated radiometric response (160cps) was noted immediately after first starting the spectrometer next to the field vehicles, with readings up to 200cps+ being recorded at the first exposure of gneiss mapped at 529556mE, 7131600mN. A traverse was then conducted on-foot along the edge of the granite outcrop using a hand-held spectrometer to investigate the nature and extent of the first radiometric anomaly, with spot readings being conducted at selected outcrops using the hand-held pXRF.

Outcropping granite and gneiss exposures were mapped and tested by pXRF along the edge of the outcrop before a traverse was conducted up the steep edge of the outcrop to explore the extension of a potential fault or shear zone that was mapped along an 050° strike trend (Figure 9).



Figure 9: Location of pXRF readings granite/gneiss outcrop (Target A).



Plate 5: Prominent granite outcrop corresponding with first radiometric target.



Plate 6: Spectrometer reading at 529548mE, 7131622mN, reading is 586cps.



Plate 7: Prominent granite outcrop (Target area B) at 527540mE, 7132988mN.



**Plate 8:** Exposure of quartz veining with pegmatitic textures was mapped within an isoclinal fold hinge at 527529mE, 7132893mN. Results from spectrometer and pXRF testing were disappointing.

Granite and gneiss outcrops were mapped over a distance of ~300metres which identified spectrometer readings up to 800cps+ (Plate 6). Mapping identified prominent structural trends; brittle and ductile deformation along an 050° and 300° strike trends within the gneiss and granite outcrops, but no evidence of the source of the radiometric anomaly (i.e. any visible uranium minerals such as carnotite) was confirmed in any of the outcrop exposures examined.

The mapped granite outcrop was interpreted to correlate closely with the radiometric anomaly (Target; 13-14). This led to the early conclusion that the radiometric anomaly identified as Target A was probably a function of a radiometrically-'hot' granite.

A total of 8 readings were conducted at outcrops of granite using the pXRF which identified a maximum of; 8ppm uranium (3 out of 8 reads) and 33ppm thorium (7 out of 8 reads), with a maximum of 3.16% K also determined. Other elevated to anomalous pXRF results also included; 639ppm Rb, 71ppm Ce, 69ppm Mo, 81ppm Zn, 198ppm Pb and 77ppm Bi. No copper, arsenic or nickel readings >detected were confirmed however.

#### Target B

Following conclusion of the reconnaissance of the first target anomaly the field traverse continued west, across an open, grassy plain for ~3 kilometres to locate the second radiometric anomaly; Targets 15-16.

As per the previous target examined, the radiometric anomaly was confirmed to correlate to a prominent granite outcrop with readings up to 200cps+ being identified as soon as the spectrometer was started next to the field vehicles at 527540mE, 7132988mN (Plate 7). A traverse was conducted on-foot to explore along a steep erosional gully within the broader granite outcrop to investigate for a potential source of the radiometric anomaly.

Geological mapping confirmed evidence of faulting and foliation along a N-S strike trend which corresponded with spectrometer readings up to 600cps+ with this structure being followed up into a narrow, erosional gulley within the broader granite outcrop.

After following this gulley for ~50metres an exposure of quartz veining with pegmatitic textures was mapped within an isoclinal fold hinge at 527529mE, 7132893mN (Plate 8). Spectrometer results were disappointing however, with only 200cps being determined and only low concentrations being determined by the follow-up pXRF analysis.

A total of 5 pXRF readings were conducted at selected granite outcrops which identified a maximum of; 8ppm uranium (1 out of 5 reads) and 10ppm thorium (5 out of 5 reads), with a maximum of 5.43% K also determined. Other elevated to anomalous pXRF results also included; 604ppm Rb, 78ppm Ce, 100ppm V,

69ppm Zn, 399ppm Pb and 29ppm Bi. No copper or nickel were detected in any of the 5 readings.

#### Discussion

The geological reconnaissance conducted at the two radiometric anomalies; Targets A&B failed to identify any direct evidence of uranium or thorium mineralisation within the outcrop areas that were mapped. The first radiometric anomaly (Target A) was identified to comprise of predominantly granite, probably K-feldspar dominant and radiometrically-'hot', with lesser gneiss which also contained an elevated radiometric signature.

The second radiometric anomaly (Target B) was identified to comprise of granite, probably K-feldspar dominant and radiometrically-'hot', with minor pegmatitic veining which was not confirmed to be mineralised or contain anomalous uranium or thorium.

No evidence of uranium or thorium mineralisation was confirmed at either target area examined, and testing of outcrop exposures at both targets using the pXRF identified only marginally anomalous uranium with a maximum of 8ppm detected in less than half of the outcrops tested. Thorium values were higher than uranium, with a maximum of 33ppm identified and >detection values determined in most outcrops tested.

Whilst results from the pXRF testing determined only slightly elevated concentrations for uranium, the radiometrically-hot granite represents a potential source rock for the remobilisation of uranium-rich fluids.

Although there was no uranium mineral confirmed at either target area examined, further investigation of the potential for conductor lithologies i.e. graphite-rich sediments and/or other potential uranium conductors to occur in conjunction with key structures along the contact margins of the granite intrusive rocks at both target areas is currently recommended going forward as such sites may have the potential to host secondary uranium mineralisation.

# Appendix 1

| Flement    | Claude Hills North |        | Radiometric A 13-14 |        | Radiometric B 15-16 |        |
|------------|--------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Liomon     | 24 pXRF readings   |        | 8 pXRF readings     |        | 5 pXRF readings     |        |
|            | No reads           | Max    | No reads            | Max    | No reads            | Max    |
| >detn      |                    | value  | >detn               | value  | >detn               | value  |
| Magnesium  | 4                  | 5.98%  | 1                   | 2.29%  | 0                   | < detn |
| Aluminium  | 24                 | 7.09%  | 8                   | 15.5%  | 5                   | 13.4%  |
| Silicon    | 24                 | 50.3%  | 8                   | 35.5%  | 5                   | 35.6%  |
| Phosphorus | 21                 | 1.58%  | 0                   | < detn | 0                   | < detn |
| Sulphur    | 3                  | 419ppm | 1                   | 141ppm | 2                   | 231ppm |
| Potassium  | 24                 | 0.61%  | 8                   | 3.16%  | 5                   | 5.43%  |
| Calcium    | 21                 | 25.9%  | 5                   | 0.26%  | 5                   | 0.13%  |
| Titanium   | 23                 | 0.5%   | 8                   | 0.11%  | 5                   | 0.19%  |
| Vanadium   | 21                 | 174ppm | 6                   | 49ppm  | 4                   | 100ppm |
| Chromium   | 21                 | 48ppm  | 6                   | 46ppm  | 4                   | 21ppm  |
| Manganese  | 16                 | 660ppm | 6                   | 817ppm | 5                   | 268ppm |
| Iron       | 23                 | 1.25%  | 8                   | 1.99%  | 5                   | 3.53%  |
| Cobalt     | 8                  | 2ppm   | 4                   | 6ppm   | 3                   | 7ppm   |
| Nickel     | 0                  | < detn | 0                   | < detn | 0                   | < detn |
| Copper     | 21                 | 981ppm | 0                   | < detn | 0                   | < detn |
| Zinc       | 21                 | 59ppm  | 7                   | 81ppm  | 4                   | 69ppm  |
| Gallium    | 0                  | < detn | 0                   | < detn | 0                   | < detn |
| Arsenic    | 1                  | 8ppm   | 0                   | < detn | 1                   | 5ppm   |
| Selenium   | 0                  | < detn | 0                   | < detn | 0                   | < detn |
| Rubidium   | 0                  | < detn | 8                   | 639ppm | 4                   | 604ppm |
| Strontium  | 24                 | 155ppm | 8                   | 53ppm  | 5                   | 76ppm  |
| Yttrium    | 8                  | 21ppm  | 6                   | 31ppm  | 2                   | 17ppm  |
| Zirconium  | 8                  | 21ppm  | 5                   | 185ppm | 1                   | 237ppm |
| Niobium    | 17                 | 20ppm  | 7                   | 29ppm  | 4                   | 31ppm  |
| Molybdenum | 2                  | 16ppm  | 2                   | 69ppm  | 2                   | 3ppm   |
| Silver     | 1                  | 4ppm   | 0                   | < detn | 0                   | < detn |
| Cadmium    | 0                  | < detn | 0                   | < detn | 0                   | < detn |
| Tin        | 0                  | < detn | 0                   | < detn | 0                   | < detn |
| Antimony   | 0                  | < detn | 0                   | < detn | 0                   | < detn |
| Caesium    | 0                  | < detn | 0                   | < detn | 0                   | < detn |
| Barium     | 10                 | 0.11%  | 5                   | 475ppm | 4                   | 783ppm |
| Cerium     | 9                  | 39ppm  | 7                   | 71ppm  | 4                   | 78ppm  |
| Ta2O5      | 9 158ppm           |        | 1                   | 42ppm  | 3                   | 81ppm  |
| Lead       | 11                 | 7ppm   | 4                   | 198ppm | 3                   | 399ppm |
| Bismuth    | 0                  | < detn | 3                   | 77ppm  | 1                   | 29ppm  |
| Thorium    | 7                  | 17ppm  | 7                   | 33ppm  | 5                   | 10ppm  |
| Uranium    | 0                  | < detn | 3                   | 8ppm   | 1                   | 8ppm   |

**Table 1:** Summary of maximum pXRF results (Wingellina targets)

## Appendix 2

| Pt | Easting | Northing | pXRF | Description                                   | Date       |
|----|---------|----------|------|---|------------|
| 1  | 504485  | 7126075  | TCau | Start calcrete                                | 9/04/2019  |
| _  |         |          |      | Nth edge of calcrete target, surficial        | 0,0.,2020  |
| 2  | 504650  | 7126180  |      | sands/sandy soils, scattered calcrete gravels | 9/04/2019  |
| 3  | 504428  | 7126046  | 455  | Southern tip of large calcrete exposure       | 9/04/2019  |
| 4  | 504432  | 7126040  | 456  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 5  | 504435  | 7126050  | 457  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 6  | 504454  | 7126028  | 458  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 7  | 504462  | 7126053  | 459  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 8  | 504435  | 7126049  | 460  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 9  | 504440  | 7126049  | 461  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 10 | 504444  | 7126066  | 462  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 11 | 504466  | 7126062  | 463  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 12 | 504496  | 7126064  | 464  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 13 | 504510  | 7126074  | 465  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 14 | 504550  | 7126095  | 466  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 15 | 504570  | 7126097  | 467  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 16 | 504570  | 7126114  | 468  | Calcrete, sample taken                        | 9/04/2019  |
| 17 | 504599  | 7126118  | 469  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 18 | 504639  | 7126122  | 470  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 19 | 504621  | 7126156  | 471  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 20 | 504637  | 7126175  | 472  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 21 | 504647  | 7126204  | 473  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 22 | 504652  | 7126241  | 474  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 23 | 504633  | 7126322  | 475  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 24 | 504637  | 7126299  | 476  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 25 | 504598  | 7126290  | 477  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 26 | 504600  | 7126176  | 478  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
| 27 | 504600  | 7126177  | 479  | Calcrete                                      | 9/04/2019  |
|    |         |          |      | Chalcedony, calcrete, surface exposures over  |            |
| 28 | 529440  | 7128400  |      | 100m+   | 10/04/2019 |
|    |         |          |      | North edge of calcrete-capped palaeosurface,  |            |
| 29 | 529600  | 7128800  |      | wide drainage corridor towards north          | 10/04/2019 |
|    |         |          |      | Gneiss, strike E-W, subvertical. Spectrometer |            |
| 30 | 529605  | 7131475  |      | 160cps  | 10/04/2019 |
|    |         |          |      | Gneiss, strike 050°, dip -70° toward E.       |            |
| 31 | 529556  | 7131601  |      | Spectrometer 240cps                           | 10/04/2019 |
|    |         |          |      | Granite, strike 050° (apparent). Spectrometer |            |
| 32 | 529547  | 7131620  | 480  | 500cps+                                       | 10/04/2019 |
|    |         |          |      | Granite, strike 050° (apparent). Spectrometer |            |
| 33 | 529548  | 7131621  | 481  | 500cps+                                       | 10/04/2019 |
| 34 | 529448  | 7131749  | 482  | Granite. Spectrometer 700cps+                 | 10/04/2019 |
| 35 | 529410  | 7131790  | 483  | Granite, Target#14. Spectrometer 530cps       | 10/04/2019 |

 Table 4: Mapping points, Kunapula North project

| 36 | 529421 | 7131802 | 484 | Granite. Spectrometer 600-650cps                  | 10/04/2019 |
|----|--------|---------|-----|---|------------|
|    |        |         |     | Granite/gneiss contact. Spectrometer              |            |
| 37 | 529440 | 7131825 | 485 | 700cps+   | 10/04/2019 |
|    |        |         |     | Granite. fault strikes 305°. Spectrometer         |            |
| 38 | 529457 | 7131843 |     | 600cps+   | 10/04/2019 |
|    |        |         |     | Granite, pegmatitic textures. Spectrometer        |            |
| 39 | 529451 | 7131873 | 486 | 600cps+   | 10/04/2019 |
|    |        |         |     | Granite, weakly foliated. Spectrometer 700-       |            |
| 40 | 529465 | 7131888 | 487 | 800cps  | 10/04/2019 |
|    |        |         |     | Gneiss, pegmatite veining. Spectrometer           |            |
| 41 | 527540 | 7132988 | 488 | 420cps, background 300cps                         | 10/04/2019 |
|    |        |         |     | Gneiss, pegmatite veining. Spectrometer           |            |
| 42 | 527541 | 7132989 | 489 | 420cps, background 300cps                         | 10/04/2019 |
|    |        |         |     | Pegmatite vein, boudinaged, strike N-S.           |            |
| 43 | 527529 | 7132893 | 490 | Spectrometer 200cps                               | 10/04/2019 |
|    |        |         |     | Granite, minor gneiss, foliated, faulting strikes |            |
|    |        |         |     | N-S (apparent). Spectrometer 600cps+, values      |            |
| 44 | 527496 | 7132951 | 491 | decrease in outcrops on east and west             | 10/04/2019 |
|    |        |         |     | Granite, large feldspar phenocrysts.              |            |
| 45 | 527339 | 7132951 | 492 | Spectrometer 400cps                               | 10/04/2019 |