

Assay results from core sections.

Depth	Feet	Core Recovered	Nickel (%)	Sulphur (%)	Copper (%)	Cr ₂ O ₃ (%)
0 - 10	10	23"	0.06		trace	
10 - 31	21	5"	0.16			
31 - 51	20	6"	0.36	0.10		
51 - 61	10	22"	0.27	0.13		
61 - 71	10	26"	0.14	<0.1		
71 - 81	10	76"	0.11			
81 - 91	10	78"	0.20	0.06		0.84
91 - 101	10	77"	0.19	0.13		0.47
101 - 106	5	44"	0.14			
106 - 119	13	67"	0.08			
119 - 129	10	109"	0.04			
129 - 139	10	115"	0.03			
139 - 170	In sections of 10'	119" for each section	trace	<0.1		

No copper or cobalt is associated with the nickel and only low sulphur values were found in the sections containing nickel. The serpentine, especially in the sections coinciding with the magnetic anomaly, contains a high proportion of magnetite; the sections from 81 to 91 feet and from 91 to 101 feet were assayed also for chromite. The section from 81 to 91 feet showed 0.84 percent Cr₂O₃ and 0.20 percent Ni, and the section from 91 to 101 feet showed 0.47 percent Cr₂O₃ and 0.19 percent Ni. Assays of the magnetic fractions of the crushed material showed a slight increase in nickel content.

A communication from the Director of Mines, Tasmania, dated 28th January, 1958, gives the following important information regarding some slides of samples from drill hole M23.

"A polished specimen of core from D.D.H. M23, 31ft. to 32ft., consists of altered, sheared serpentine, the rock being very magnetic. Magnetite - ilmenite occurs as irregular masses 0.1 to 0.3 mm across, surrounded by limonitic staining. Associated with the magnetite, and also occurring separately as minute disseminations about 0.1 mm across, is a deep violet mineral identified as solarite. Some pyrrhotite occurs with it in the larger masses. In a sample from 51 ft. to 61 ft., the magnetite is partly replaced by pentlandite.