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## **EXPLORATION LICENCE EL47/2011 DIP RANGE, NW TASMANIA**

### **ANNUAL REPORT ON EXPLORATION TO AUGUST 2014**

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## **EL47/2011 DIP RANGE, NW TASMANIA - ANNUAL REPORT 2014**

### **ABSTRACT**

This report gives a review of the exploration work carried out by Mineral Holdings Australia Pty. Ltd. (MHA) over the past 12 months on EL47/2011. The Licence originally covered 186km<sup>2</sup> but this was reduced to 38km<sup>2</sup> at the last renewal in September 2013. The Licence is located in the Dip Ranges and surrounds the Thomas Mountain silica mine within 23M/2009 and RL1/2005.

The licence covers outcrops of the Detention Quartzite and the Jacobs Quartzite of the Rocky Cape Group and the target of the exploration program is silica, silica sand and quartzite for the chemical, metallurgical, glass and coal seam gas industries.

Previous exploration by MHA and its joint venture partners has outlined a substantial inventory of potential silica products in retention licence RL1/2005 and the intention was to explore the adjacent areas for any further resources of those

A detailed program of foot traversing was carried out. No significant quartzite bodies were located but new frac sand deposits have been located in the Shakespeare Hills area in the north-west, at Alarm River along strike from the Thomas Mountain sand deposit and in the Meunna area. Samples have been taken for size analysis and evaluation of roundness.

## **EL47/2011 DIP RANGE, NW TASMANIA - ANNUAL REPORT 2014**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

EL47/2011 was granted to Mineral Holdings Australia Pty. Ltd. (MHA) on 16 September 2012 for a period of 5 years. The licence originally covered 186km<sup>2</sup> in the Dip Ranges, surrounding the Thomas Mountain silica mine within 23M/2009 and RL1/2005. The Licence was reduced to 38km<sup>2</sup> on the first renewal in September 2013.

The Thomas Mountain mine contains significant resources of high-quality quartzite and frac sand located in the northern Dip Range about 25km south-west of Wynyard and 20km south-east of a deep water harbour at Port Latta. Access is via the township of Montumana on the Bass Highway, 25km west of Wynyard, thence 6 km south along Montumana and Newhaven roads to a turn-off just east of Hogarths Creek. The mine site is held within 23M/2009, an area of 2km<sup>2</sup> inside RL1/2005.

Exploration licence EL47/2011 covers outcrops of the Detention Quartzite and the Jacobs Quartzite of the Rocky Cape Group surrounding the Thomas Mountain mine and the target of the exploration program is for any additional resources of silica, silica sand and quartzite for the chemical, metallurgical, glass and coal seam methane industries.

Initial exploration during 2013 located an area of silica sand in the Alarm River area, extending over a length of at least 500 metres and running south west from the boundary with RL1/2005. This area is directly along strike from the large area of frac sand south of Hogarth Creek. Follow up hand auger drilling has been carried out to determine the full extent and width of the zone.

A detailed program of foot traversing was carried out in the northern section of the Licence in the Shakespeare Hills area. A second area of sand was located, covering an area of 300 by 100 metres. Three samples were taken for detailed size analysis.

### **2.0 GEOLOGY**

Resources of high-grade quartzite have been reported in various government publications as occurring within the Proterozoic rocks of north- west Tasmania. The better quartzite occurred within the Detention Quartzite and Jacob Quartzite sub-groups and rocks of these sub-groups underlie most of the licence area.

Gee (1971) described the Proterozoic sequence within the Rocky Cape Group from youngest to oldest as – the Jacob Quartzite (1130m in thickness), the Irby Siltstone (760m) and the Detention Quartzite (1400m). Gee suggested the Detention Quartzite contained about 10% siltstone in beds from a few metres to more than 80 metres in thickness, while the Jacob Quartzite is a pure quartz sandstone and is the coarser grained of the two. The Rocky Cape Group, in turn, overlies the Cowrie Siltstone which was at least 2,400m in thickness.

Structurally the Detention Quartzite and the Jacob Quartzite are folded into a tight series of anticlines and synclines with north-east trending and dipping axes with folds becoming overturned in the east, resulting in north-west dipping beds at 45 degrees or above.

Gee (1971) described the quartzites as uniformly fine grained orthoquartzites with 99% quartz grains and a granular to glassy texture, depending on the degree of cementation by silica. Turner (1989), on the other hand, preferred to call the mature, quartzose, sandy sediments quartz arenites and attributes their variable physical character as mostly due to variable silicification and occasionally to metamorphism.

Along with the quartzites are areas of loose silica sand which appear to be areas of uncemented quartzite. The sands are high purity silica sand and are suitable for use in coal bed methane extraction.

### 3.0 CURRENT EXPLORATION

The area was extensively traversed on foot by prospector, Mr Kevin Pinner, and much of the area was better exposed after recent bushfires, giving a much better look at the geology. No new significant quartzite deposits were identified but an additional area of frac sand was located in the Shakespeare Hills area. This area is approximately 300 metres by 100 metres and three samples were taken for size and roundness analysis. Results are detailed in Appendix 1 but the relative proportions of the favourable -20/+40 and -40/+70 US Mesh fractions are:

Sample No.	Easting	Northing	-20 +40	-40 +70
SH 1	369904	5466034	22.0%	55.0%
SH 2	370033	5465996	35.6%	42.3%
SH 3	370146	5465954	27.5%	43.1%

**TABLE 1: Shakespeare Hills – Sand Sample Sizing Analysis**

Four samples were previously taken in the Alarm River area, which is a continuation of the Hogarth Creek frac sand deposit. An attempt was made to hand auger across the width of the sand area but the auger could only penetrate to about 1 to 1½ metres and a power auger will be necessary to evaluate the deposit at depth. Although too hard to penetrate by hand auger, the sand will still break up and be easy to dig by mechanical means.

Four additional samples were collected and the zone is at least 200 metres in width. In all, eight samples have been assayed from the Alarm River area. Samples AR 1 to 4 were reported last year and sample results for samples for AR 5 to 8 are given in Appendix 2.

The relative proportions of the favourable -20/+40 and -40/+70 US Mesh fractions and the location for all the Alarm River samples are shown below.

<b>Sample No.</b>	<b>Easting</b>	<b>Northing</b>	<b>-20 +40</b>	<b>-40 +70</b>
AR 1	370619	5461570	9.0%	23.2%
AR 2	370830	5461686	12.9%	40.6%
AR 3	371075	5461811	29.3%	22.3%
AR 4	371245	5461895	17.0%	30.2%
AR 5	370615	5461524	26.4%	17.3%
AR 6	370839	5461714	10.8%	10.5%
AR 7	371085	5461774	34.6%	12.7%
AR 8	371094	5461737	29.0%	29.9%

**TABLE 2: Alarm River – Sand Sample Sizing Analysis**

Both the Shakespeare Hills and Alarm River sands are derived from the Detention Quartzite. The one sample collected from the Meunna area in 2013 is from the Jacob Quartzite and contained more of the favourable -20/+40 and -40/+70 fractions.

<b>Sample No.</b>	<b>Easting</b>	<b>Northing</b>	<b>-20 +40</b>	<b>-40 +70</b>
M 1	370857	5452348	38.8%	46.4%

**TABLE 3: Meunna – Sand Sample Sizing Analysis**

This area of sand is not large but follow-up mapping and sampling will be carried out.

#### **4.0 EXPENDITURE**

Expenditure on the Licence to the end of June 2014 by MHA has been \$32,166.99, but this does not include any time spent by Mr Neil Thomas or any other overheads. Expenditure for the twelve months from 30 June 2013 to 30 June 2014 was \$23,853.68. Expenditure for the next twelve months is expected to be in the order of \$10,000.

#### **5.0 CONCLUSION**

Several new sources of potential frac sand material have been identified and evaluation of the sand is continuing.

#### **6.0 REFERENCES**

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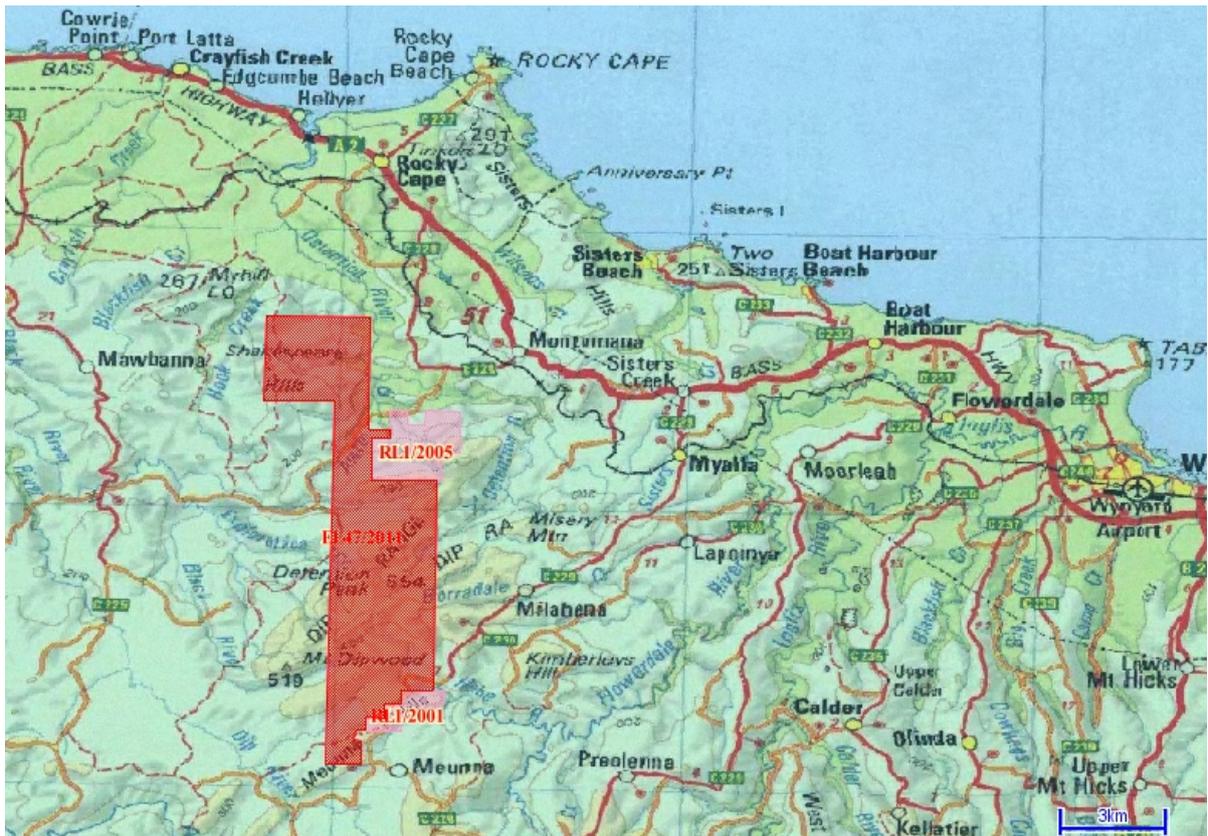
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## **7.0 KEYWORDS**

Dip Range, Thomas Mountain, Detention Subgroup, Jacob Quartzite, Rocky Cape Group, Frac Sand, Quartzite, Silica Resources.

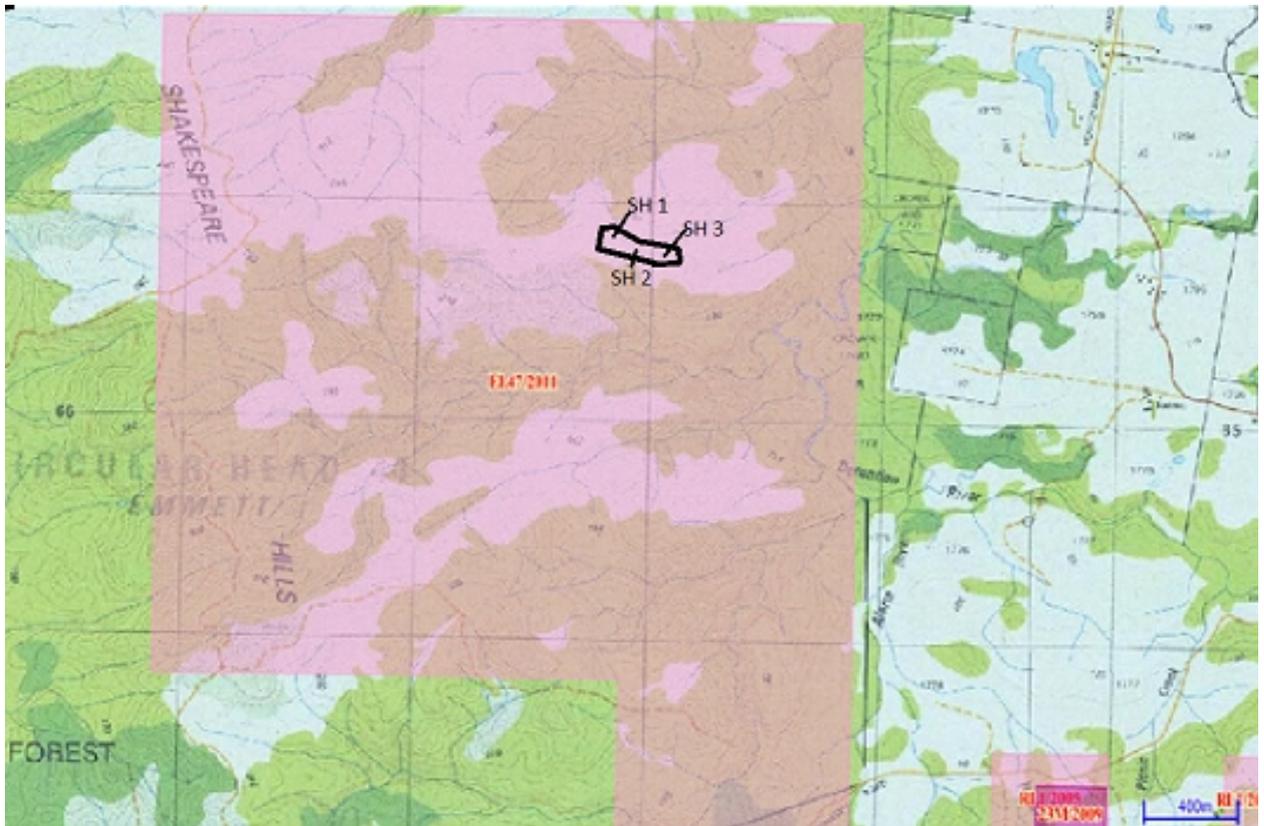


**FIGURE 1: Location Diagram - EL47/2011 Dip Range**

# **APPENDIX 1**

## **SHAKESPEARE HILLS**

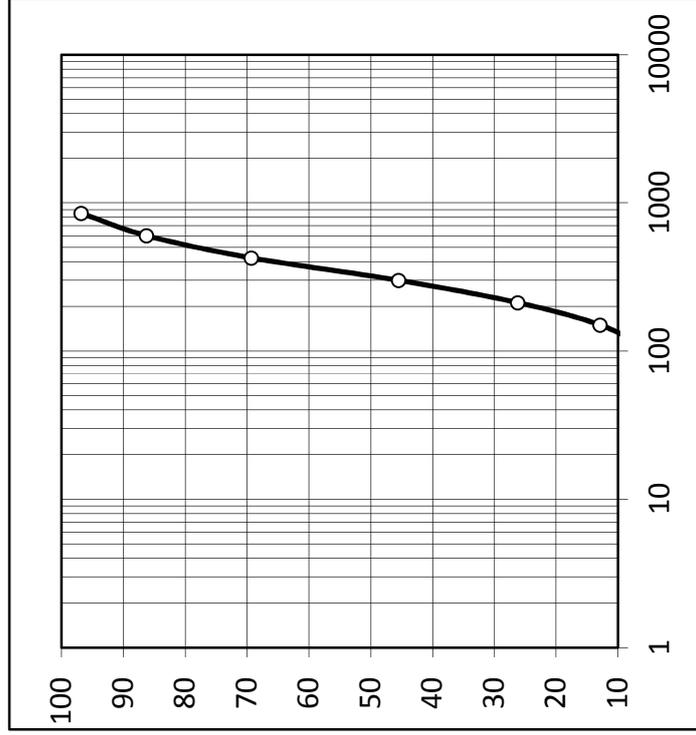
Sample Locations,  
Size Analysis &  
Size Fraction Photographs



**FIGURE A1-1: Shakespeare Hills Sand Deposit Location & Sample Sites**

PROJECT	T0906
SAMPLE	Shakespeare Hills
	No 3
DATE	230714
TECHNICIAN	MS

SAMPLE SIZED	SIZE um	WEIGHTS		P80 um
		gm	% Pass	
	850	4.76	3.17	<b>535</b>
	600	15.89	10.57	
	425	25.52	16.97	
	300	35.81	23.81	
	212	28.99	19.28	
	150	20.02	13.31	
	106	9.76	6.49	
	75	2.98	1.98	
	53	1.41	0.94	
	38	0.88	0.59	
CYCLOSIZER	CS1	0.00	0.00	2.9
FLOW	CS2	0.00	0.00	2.9
TEMP	CS3	0.00	0.00	2.9
SG	CS4	0.00	0.00	2.9
TIME	CS5	0.00	0.00	2.9
	<CS5	4.35	2.89	0.0
	TOTAL	150.37	100.0	



**TABLE A1-1: Shakespeare Hills Sand Sizing Analysis - Sample SH 3**

**SHAKESPEARE HILLS - SAMPLE SH 3**  
**-20 +40 US MESH FRACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



***PHOTO A1-1: Sample SH3 -0.850 +0.600µm (-20 +30 US Mesh) fraction***



***PHOTO A1-2: Sample SH 3 -0.600 +0.425µm (-30 +40 US Mesh) fraction***

**SHAKESPEARE HILLS - SAMPLE SH 3**  
**-40 +70 US MESH FRACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



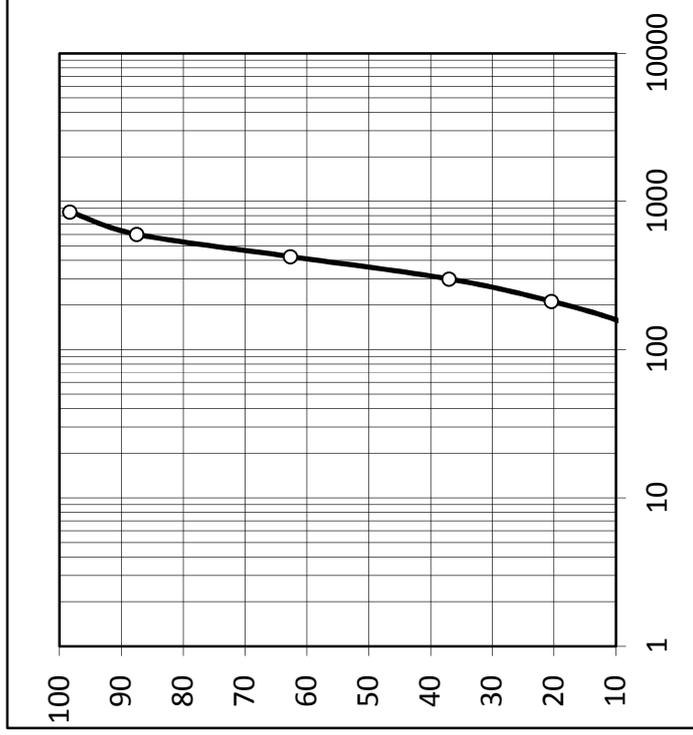
***PHOTO A1-3: Sample SH 3 -0.425 +0.300 $\mu$ m (-40 +50 US Mesh) fraction***



***PHOTO A1-4: Sample SH 3 -0.300 +0.212 $\mu$ m (-50 +70 US Mesh) fraction***

PROJECT	T0906
SAMPLE	Shakespeare Hills
	No 4
DATE	230714
TECHNICIAN	MS

SAMPLE SIZED	SIZE um	WEIGHTS			P80 um
		gm	(%)	% Pass	
	850	3.54	1.69	98.3	<b>547</b>
	600	22.66	10.82	87.5	
	425	52.01	24.83	62.7	
	300	53.79	25.68	37.0	
	212	34.69	16.56	20.4	
	150	25.26	12.06	8.4	
	106	12.54	5.99	2.4	
	75	3.17	1.51	0.9	
	53	0.75	0.36	0.5	
	38	0.14	0.07	0.4	
CYCLOSIZER	CS1	0.00	0.00	0.4	
FLOW	185	0.00	0.00	0.4	
TEMP	21	0.00	0.00	0.4	
SG	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.4	
TIME	20min	0.00	0.00	0.4	
	<CS5	0.92	0.44	0.0	
	TOTAL	209.47	100.0		

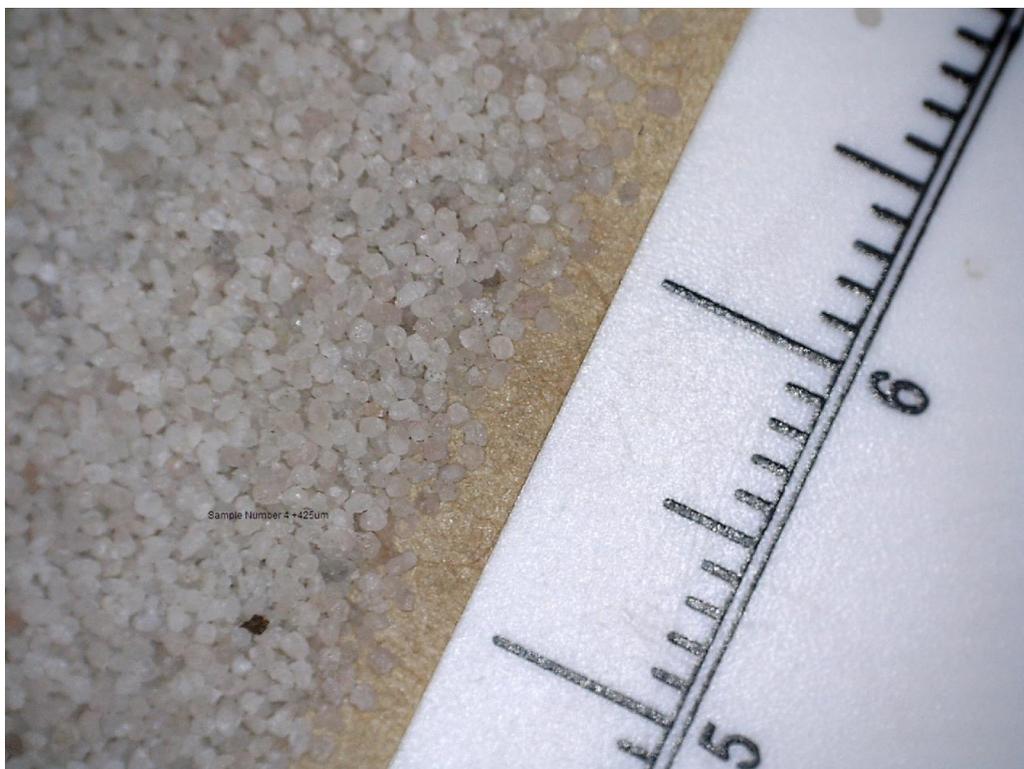


**TABLE A1-2: Shakespeare Hills Sand Size Analysis - Sample SH 4**

**SHAKESPEARE HILLS - SAMPLE SH 4**  
**-20 +40 US MESH FRACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



**PHOTO A1-5: Sample SH 4 -0.850 +0.600µm (-20 +30 US Mesh) fraction**



**PHOTO A1-6: Sample SH 4 -0.600 +0.425µm (-30 +40 US Mesh) fraction**

**SHAKESPEARE HILLS - SAMPLE SH 4**  
**-40 +70 US MESH FRACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



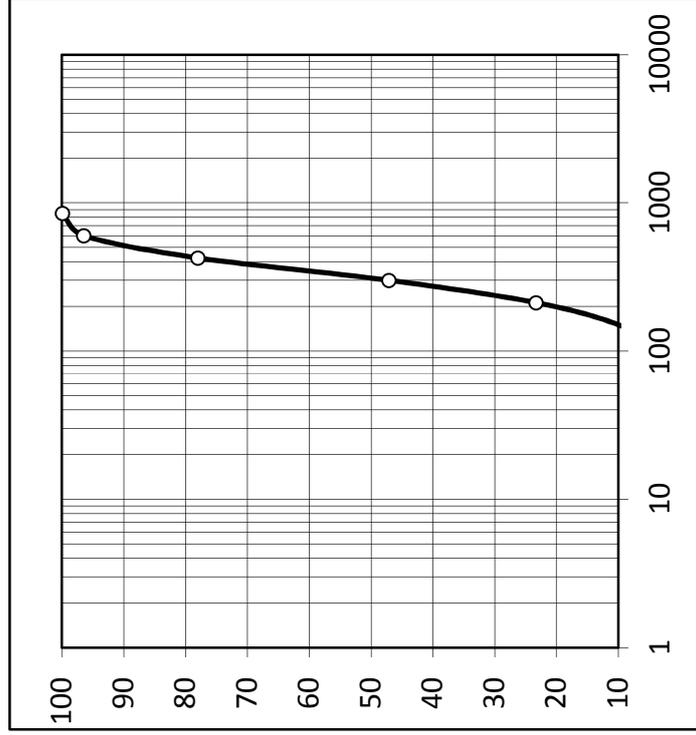
**PHOTO A1-7: Sample SH 4 -0.425 +0.300 $\mu$ m (-40 +50 US Mesh) fraction**



**PHOTO A1-8: Sample SH 4 -0.300 +0.212 $\mu$ m (-50 +70 US Mesh) fraction**

PROJECT	T0906
SAMPLE	Shakespeare Hills
	No 5
DATE	230714
TECHNICIAN	MS

SAMPLE SIZED	SIZE um	WEIGHTS		P80 um
		gm	% Pass	
	850	0.17	0.13	<b>444</b>
	600	4.60	3.39	
	425	25.06	18.48	
	300	41.89	30.90	
	212	32.30	23.82	
	150	18.16	13.39	
	106	7.56	5.58	
	75	2.06	1.52	
	53	0.77	0.57	
	38	0.27	0.20	
CYCLOSIZER	CS1	0.00	0.00	2.0
FLOW	185	0.00	0.00	2.0
TEMP	21	0.00	0.00	2.0
SG	2.50	0.00	0.00	2.0
TIME	20min	0.00	0.00	2.0
	<CS5	2.74	2.02	0.0
	TOTAL	135.58	100.0	



**TABLE A1-3: Shakespeare Hills Sand Size Analysis - Sample SH 5**

**SHAKESPEARE HILLS - SAMPLE SH 5**  
**-20 +40 US MESH FRACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



**PHOTO A1-9: Sample SH 5 -0.850 +0.600µm (-20 +30 US Mesh) fraction**



**PHOTO A1-10: Sample SH 5 -0.600 +0.425µm (-30 +40 US Mesh) fraction**

**SHAKESPEARE HILLS - SAMPLE SH 5**  
**-40 +70 US MESH FRACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



**PHOTO A1-11: Sample SH 5 -0.425 +0.300µm (-40 +50 US Mesh) fraction**

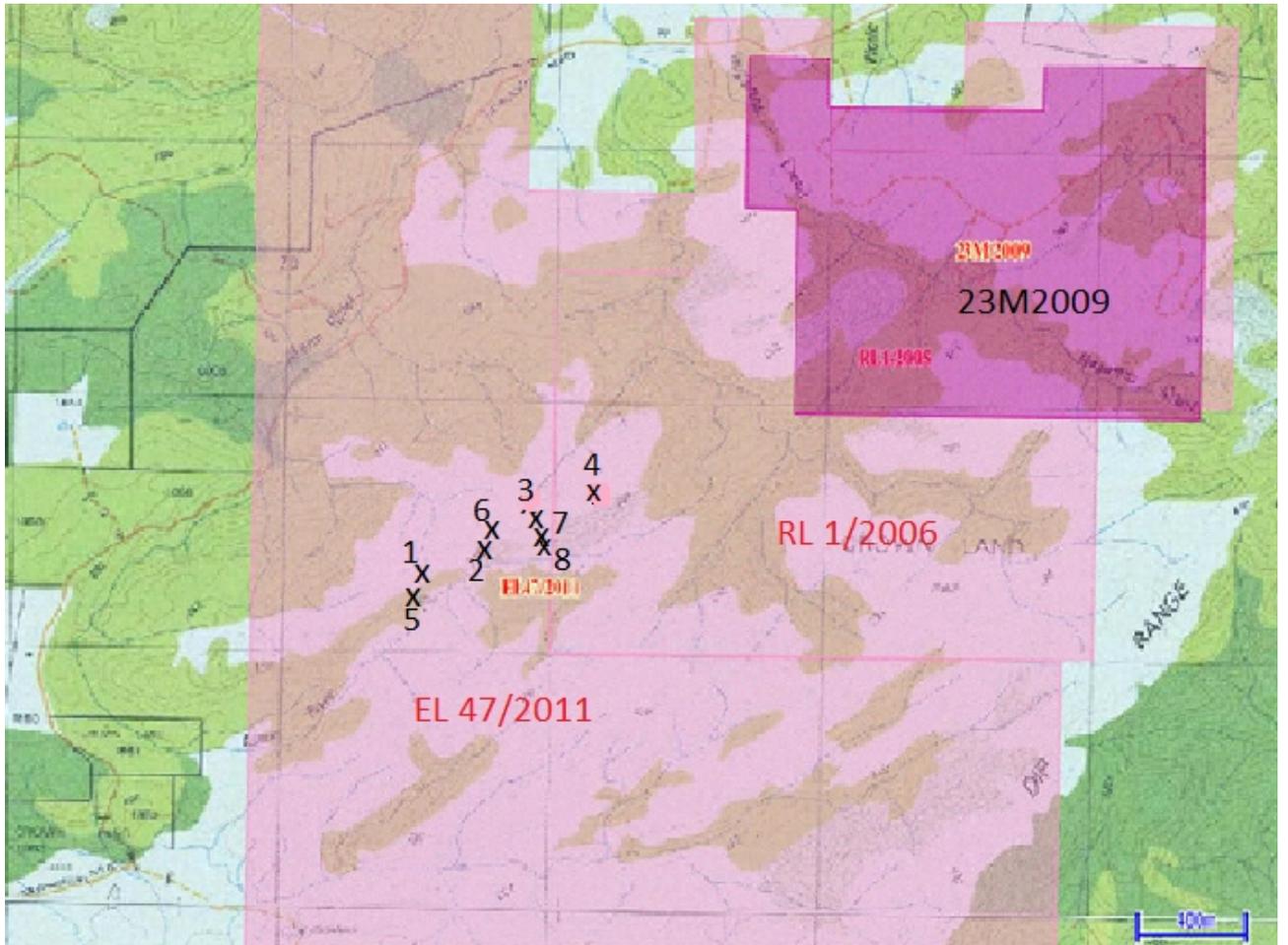


**PHOTO A1-12: Sample SH 5 -0.300 +0.212µm (-50 +70 US Mesh) fraction**

# **APPENDIX 2**

## **ALARM RIVER**

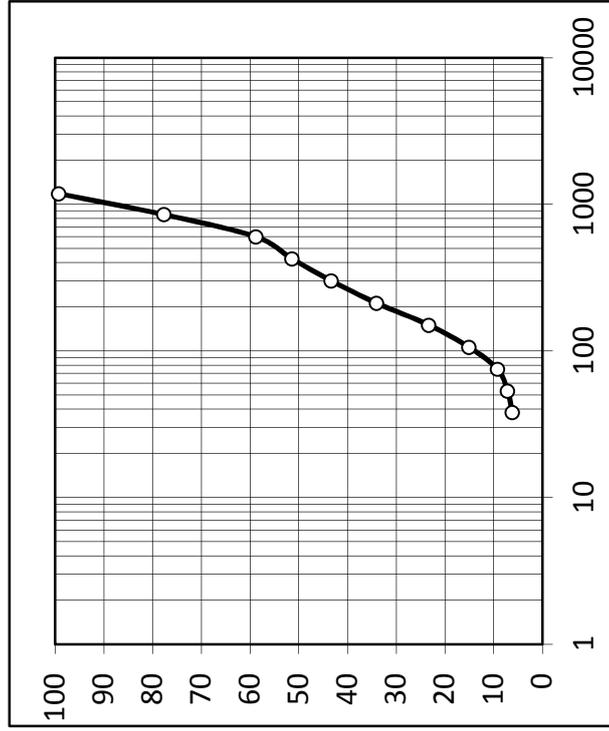
Sample Locations,  
Size Analysis &  
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**FIGURE A2-1: Alarm River Sand Deposit - Sample Locations**  
(Samples AR 1 to 4 reported previously)

PROJECT	T0906
SAMPLE	Alarm River Sand
	Sample 5
DATE	190814
TECHNICIAN	MS

SAMPLE SIZED	SIZE um	WEIGHTS			P80 um
		gm	(%)	% Pass	
Alarm River Sand	1180	1.15	0.72	99.3	<b>886</b>
	850	34.70	21.63	77.7	
	600	30.23	18.84	58.8	
	425	11.90	7.42	51.4	
	300	12.99	8.10	43.3	
	212	14.82	9.24	34.1	
	150	17.29	10.78	23.3	
	106	13.18	8.21	15.1	
	75	9.43	5.88	9.2	
	53	3.33	2.08	7.1	
	38	1.54	0.96	6.2	
<38	CALC	9.90	6.17	0.0	
	TOTAL	160.46	100.0		



**TABLE A2-1: Alarm River Sand Size Analysis - Sample AR 5**

**ALARM RIVER - SAMPLE AR 5**  
**-20 +40 US MESH FRACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



**PHOTO A2-1: Sample AR 5 -0.850 +0.600µm (-20 +30 US Mesh) fraction**



**PHOTO A2-2: Sample AR 5 -0.600 +0.425µm (-30 +40 US Mesh) fraction**

**ALARM RIVER - SAMPLE AR 5**  
**-40 +70 US MESH FRACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



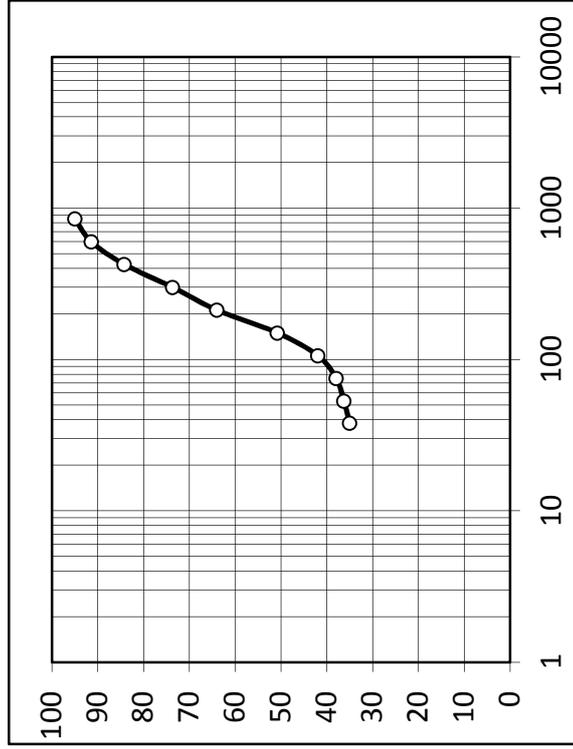
**PHOTO A2-3: Sample AR 5 -0.425 +0.300µm (-40 +50 US Mesh) fraction**



**PHOTO A2-4: Sample AR 5 -0.300 +0.212µm (-50 +70 US Mesh) fraction**

PROJECT	T0906
SAMPLE	Alarm River Sand
	Sample 6
DATE	190814
TECHNICIAN	MS

SAMPLE SIZED	SIZE um	WEIGHTS		P80 um
		gm	% Pass	
CYCLOSIZER FLOW 185 TEMP 21 SG <b>2.50</b> TIME 20min	850	7.91	5.03	<b>375</b>
	600	5.61	3.57	
	425	11.30	7.19	
	300	16.60	10.56	
	212	15.23	9.69	
	150	20.70	13.17	
	106	13.95	8.87	
	75	6.21	3.95	
	53	2.74	1.74	
	38	1.90	1.21	
<38	CALC	55.07	35.03	0.0
	TOTAL	157.22	100.0	



**TABLE A2-2: Alarm River Sand Size Analysis - Sample AR 6**

**ALARM RIVER - SAMPLE AR 6**  
**-20 +40 US MESH FRACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



**PHOTO A2-5: Sample AR 6 -0.850 +0.600µm (-20 +30 US Mesh) fraction**



**PHOTO A2-6: Sample AR 6 -0.600 +0.425µm (-30 +40 US Mesh) fraction**

**ALARM RIVER - SAMPLE AR 6**  
**-40 +70 US MESH FRACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



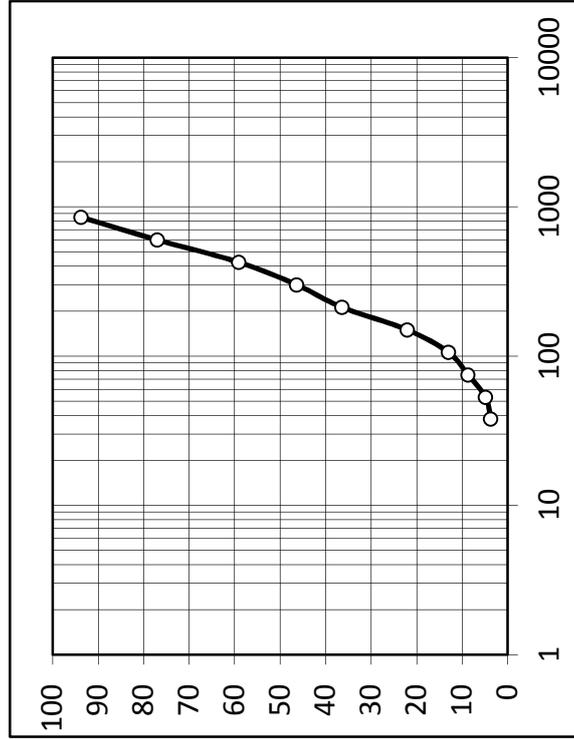
**PHOTO A2-7: Sample AR 6 -0.425 +0.300µm (-40 +50 US Mesh) fraction**



**PHOTO A2-8: Sample AR 6 -0.300 +0.212µm (-50 +70 US Mesh) fraction**

PROJECT	T0906
SAMPLE	Alarm River Sand
	Sample 7
DATE	190814
TECHNICIAN	MS

SAMPLE SIZED	SIZE um	WEIGHTS		P80 um
		gm	% Pass	
Alarm River Sand	850	9.75	6.28	93.7
	600	25.88	16.68	77.0
	425	27.86	17.95	59.1
	300	19.76	12.73	46.4
	212	15.46	9.96	36.4
	150	22.18	14.29	22.1
	106	14.07	9.07	13.0
	75	6.64	4.28	8.8
	53	6.05	3.90	4.9
	38	1.78	1.15	3.7
<38	CALC	5.77	3.72	0.0
	TOTAL	155.20	100.0	



**TABLE A2-3: Alarm River Sand Size Analysis - Sample AR 7**

**ALARM RIVER - SAMPLE AR 7**  
**-20 +40 US MESH FRACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



**PHOTO A2-9: Sample AR 7 -0.850 +0.600µm (-20 +30 US Mesh) fraction**



**PHOTO A2-10: Sample AR 7 -0.600 +0.425µm (-30 +40 US Mesh) fraction**

**ALARM RIVER - SAMPLE AR 7**  
**-40 +70 US MESH FRACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



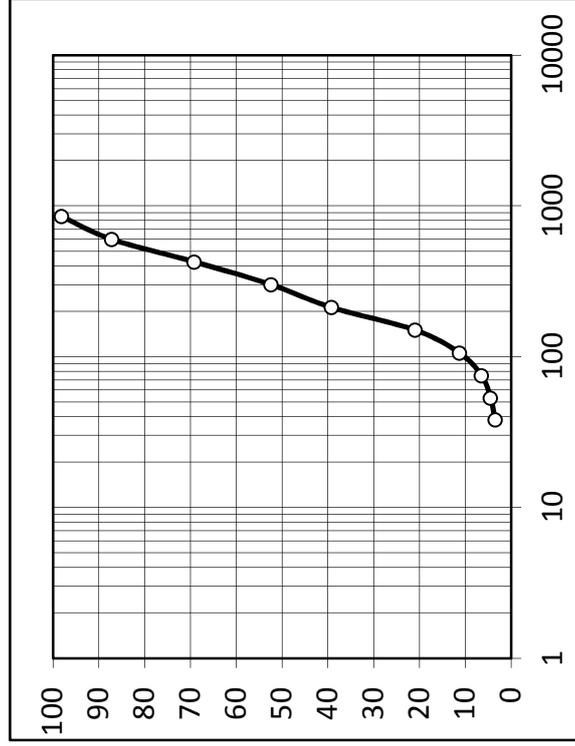
**PHOTO A2-11: Sample AR 7 -0.425 +0.300µm (-40 +50 US Mesh) fraction**



**PHOTO A2-12: Sample AR 7 -0.300 +0.212µm (-50 +70 US Mesh) fraction**

PROJECT	T0906
SAMPLE	Alarm River Sand
	Sample 8
DATE	190814
TECHNICIAN	MS

SAMPLE SIZED	SIZE um	WEIGHTS		P80 um
		gm	% Pass	
Alarm River Sand  CYCLOSIZER FLOW 185 TEMP 21 SG 2.50 TIME 20min	850	2.85	1.89	530
	600	16.45	10.91	
	425	27.23	18.06	
	300	25.22	16.73	
	212	19.87	13.18	
	150	27.52	18.26	
	106	14.51	9.63	
	75	7.30	4.84	
	53	3.03	2.01	
	38	1.53	1.01	
<38	CALC	5.23	3.47	0.0
	TOTAL	150.74	100.0	



**TABLE A2-4: Alarm River Sand Size Analysis - Sample AR 8**

**ALARM RIVER - SAMPLE AR 8**  
**-20 +40 US MESH FRACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



**PHOTO A2-13: Sample AR 8 -0.850 +0.600µm (-20 +30 US Mesh) fraction**



**PHOTO A2-14: Sample AR 8 -0.600 +0.425µm (-30 +40 US Mesh) fraction**

**ALARM RIVER - SAMPLE AR 8**  
**-40 +70 US MESH FRACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



**PHOTO A2-15: Sample AR 8 -0.425 +0.300µm (-40 +50 US Mesh) fraction**

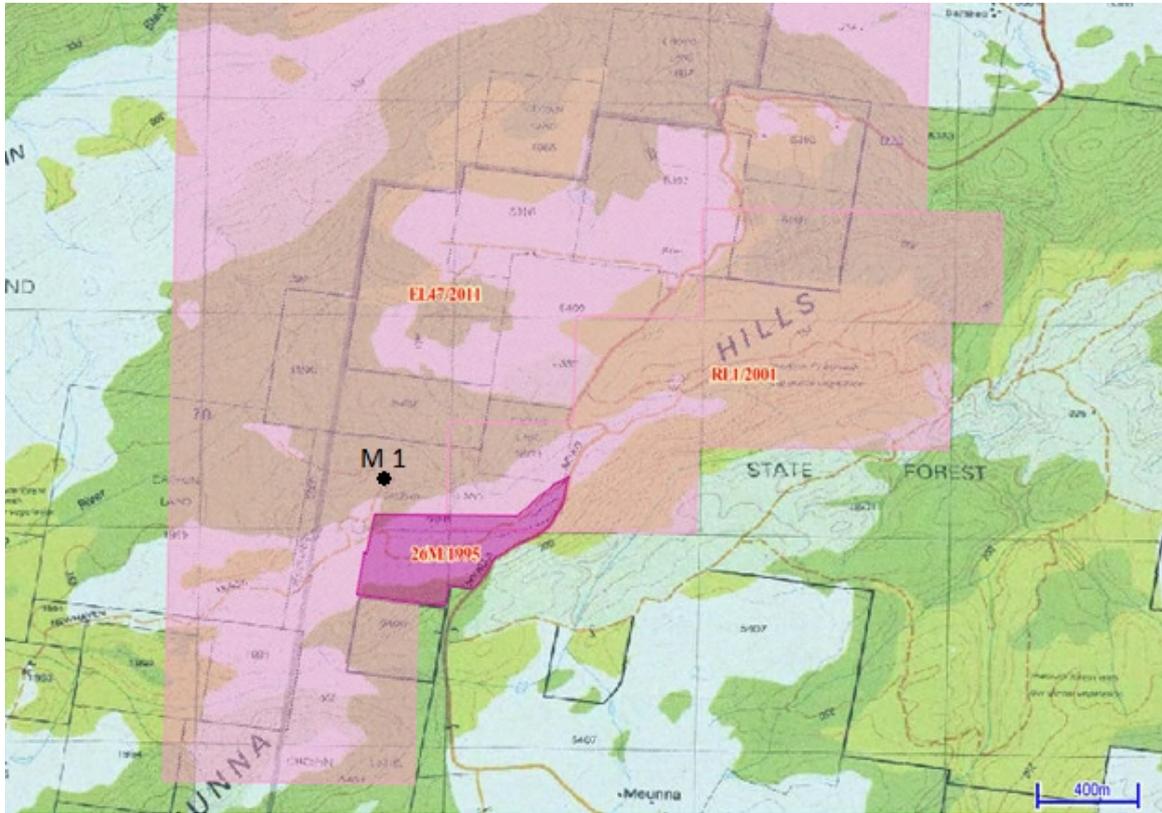


**PHOTO A2-16: Sample AR 8 -0.300 +0.212µm (-50 +70 US Mesh) fraction**

# **APPENDIX 3**

## **MEUNNA AREA**

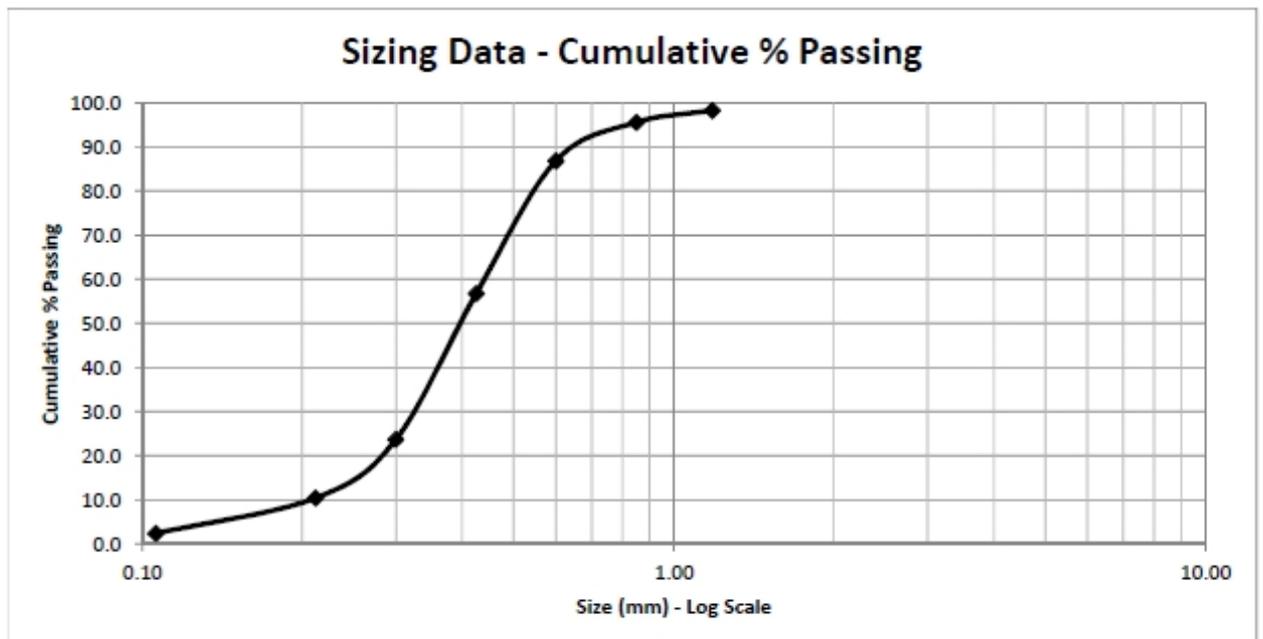
Sample Locations &  
Size Analysis



**FIGURE A3-1: Meunna Area – M 1 Sample Location**

## SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Test No	5			
Sample Tested	<del>Alarm River 5</del> Meunna Area (M 1)			
<b>SCREEN SIZING</b>				
Sample Weight	251.51 g			
Screen Aperture	Weight Retained		Cumulative Weight	
mm	g	%	% Retained	% Passing
1.180	4.46	1.8	1.8	98.2
0.850	6.74	2.7	4.5	95.5
0.600	21.86	8.7	13.2	86.8
0.425	75.66	30.1	43.3	56.7
0.300	83.12	33.1	76.3	23.7
0.212	33.32	13.3	89.6	10.4
0.106	20.20	8.0	97.6	2.4
-0.106	6.00	2.4		
<b>Total</b>	251.36	100.0		
<b>Wt Loss</b>	0.15	0.06		
Printed	10/04/13	<b>Comments:</b>		
Job No.	N5532C013	d95 = 0.820 mm		
Technician	WW	d80 = 0.535 mm		
Test Date	02/04/13	d50 = 0.394 mm		
File ref	AR5	d10 = 0.207 mm		
		<b>Version 5a</b>		
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**TABLE A3-1: Meunna Area Sand Size Analysis - Sample M 1**  
*(Previously referred to as Sample AR 5 in Dickson (2013))*