



MELBA FLATS EL 43/1992

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1. SUMMARY

Exploration on EL 43_1992 Melba Flats has focused on two research programs- one by professor Reid Keays and the other a Masters study on the Melba Flats deposits. The research by Keays is provided herein and the Masters Study is due for completion at the end of 2015.

INTRODUCTION

The Melba Flats area is located 17km WSW of Rosebery township and is 9km NE of Zeehan township in Western Tasmania (Figure 1). Access to the project area is from the Murchison Highway via tracks established by Forestry Tasmania roads. EL 43/1992 is a 6 sq. km Exploration Licence surrounding former mining lease, ML 2/2007, now RL02/2009 with an area of 3 sq. km. These areas were acquired to facilitate development of identified resources at Melba Flats. Minerals and Metals Group Limited (MMG) hold both licences. Mining Lease 2M/2007 was granted on 22 August 2007 for a 10-year period. Due to the prevailing economic conditions in 2009 and the current size of the resource at Melba Flats, during 2009, MMG gained approval for conversion of ML 2/2007 into a Retention Licence – RL5 / 2009.

Prior to its takeover by Zinifex in 2008 (and the subsequent Zinifex/Oxiana transaction that resulted in formation of OZ Minerals in 2008) Allegiance Mining had been exploring and evaluating the Melba Flats area since 1997. Prior to 1997 Rio Tinto Exploration (CRA Exploration) had been exploring the area since 1993. Annual Reports written by Rio Tinto provide comprehensive summaries of any work completed in the area prior to their period of tenure. Allegiance Mining compiled their regional drill hole database from information provided in the Rio Tinto Reports.

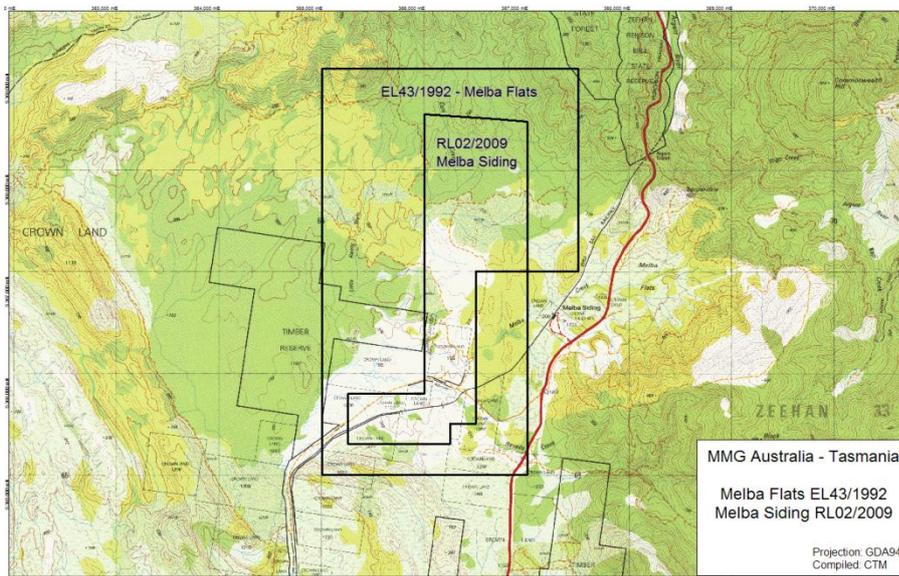


Figure 1: EL43/1992 location on 1:25K topographic map

3. CURRENT EXPLORATION

Work Completed in the 2014-2015 Period:

Work during the current reporting period has concentrated on two research programs. One is a Masters Project to be completed by Marcus Phia from Melbourne University with the focus of this research as outlined below:

Masters Study

Petrogenesis of the gabbroic sills hosting magmatic Ni-Cu-PGE sulphides at Melba Flats, Western Tasmania.

Supervisors: Reid Keays, Dave Phillips (University of Melbourne) and Kim Denwer (MMG)

Field of Study: Economic Geology/ Igneous Petrogenesis

This project focuses on a series of gabbroic sills that host magmatic Ni-Cu-PGE sulphides at Melba Flats where mineralization was discovered in 1893 and worked intermittently until 1948. Although total production was small (~6050 tonnes) the ore was high grade, averaging 9.7 % Ni and 4.7% Cu. The gabbroic sills are narrow and occur in clastic sedimentary rocks. The aims of the project are to establish the tectonic setting, magmatic affiliations and age of the sills. These aims will be accomplished by logging of diamond drill core, petrographic investigations, and whole rock geochemical studies; the ages of the sills will be establishing by U-Pb dating of accessory minerals such as zircon, baddelyite and rutile.

The following work will be included in this project:

- A structural study of sill orientations will be carried out with the aim to produce a 3D model of the sills
- The whole rock geochemistry of the sills will be assessed to determine if there is a difference in the compositions of the rocks hosting mineralisation and those that do not, -limited geochemical data (Crawford and Keays, 2010) and examination of Melba Flats drill core indicate the mineralised rocks are more primitive than the non-mineralised rocks
- Whole rock geochemical analyses together with PGE, Cu, Ni, S and Se will be carried out on samples from the gabbroic sill intersected in A254 that lies below and appears to intrude the Avebury serpentinite. Sections of the sill carry magmatic Ni-Cu sulphides and a xenolith of some type. These analyses will be undertaken to answer the following questions:

- what, if any, is the relationship between these sills and those at Melba Flats?
- was the magma that formed the sills a “pregnant” magma, transporting magmatic Ni-Cu sulphides?
- is the xenolith a metasomatised serpentinite or is it something else?
- do these gabbroic rocks carry the same granite-related metasomatic overprint as the serpentinites?
- It may be possible to establish an age for this gabbroic sill. Minerals suitable for age dating will be searched for using the SEM in samples of the fractionated gabbro collected on this trip
- if an age can be established, it will provide a minimum age for the Avebury serpentinite
- a search will be made for minerals suitable for age determination in the xenolith observed in the gabbro sill

This research has commenced with Marcus Phia commencing field work on 3rd March 2014.

A presentation of the first year of this work is appended as Appendix 1. One of the key findings from this work suggests that the host rocks at Avebury and Melba Flats are the same age and they can potential be similar age deposits. This is in contrast to current geological maps which show the Melba Flats deposits to be hosted in Rosebery Group sediments and Avebury in Crimson Creek sediments.

An additional study was completed by Reid Keays as outlined in the 2014 annual report. Keays report is included as Appendix 2 and results as Appendix 3.

The ore-grade Ni-Cu-PGE sulphides at Melba Flats were formed at depth due to interaction of a PGE-undepleted high MgO magma with S-bearing crustal rocks. Some of these sulphides were then picked up as liquid sulphide droplets and transported by later batches of the same magma type. During transport, some of the sulphides were resorbed by the sulphide-undersaturated magma. As a result some of the Fe and the S in the sulphides were taken back into the magma, leaving residual sulphides that were enriched in Cu, Ni, PGE and Se

As it is highly probable that only a small proportion of the Ni-Cu-PGE sulphides formed at depth were transported to their current sites, there is considerable potential for significant amounts of additional sulphides at depth. If present, these sulphides would have somewhat lower tenors than the Melba Flats high grade sulphides. However, the tenors of these sulphides are likely to be quite economically attractive as the tenors of the Melba Flats sulphides (~10 % Ni and ~5 % Cu) are significantly higher than many Ni-Cu sulphide deposits.

PROPOSED EXPLORATION for 2015-2016.

For the next tenement year the above Masters Research will be completed and reported. An annual expenditure of \$20,000 is estimated.

ENVIRONMENTAL

No rehabilitation work was required during the period.

4. EXPENDITURE

The expenditure for EL43/1992 for the 2014/2015 term was \$5,903.49.