

LOCATION AND ACCESS

Exploration Licence 27/76 is located on the south west coast of Tasmania, between Macquarie Harbour and Port Davey. The area extends north from Elliott Bay to just north of the Wanderer River (See Fig. 1.).

The area is within the west coast portion of the original E.L. 1/64 which covered the whole of south west Tasmania an area of 6000 square miles.

Access to this area is generally quite difficult and during bad weather it is totally inaccessible. The area is reached by launch from Strahan to the head of Birch Inlet, a distance of 50 kilometres. A rough wooden landing known as the Bombardier Landing exists a further 2 kilometres up the Sorell River. Lighters carrying heavy equipment, namely bulldozers, can only be off loaded at the Birch Inlet camp approximately 3 kilometres north of the head of Birch Inlet. Difficult swamp country separates the two landings from the bulldozed track which continues south for 45 kilometres to the Moore Valley camp and airstrip. The airstrip, situated 5 kilometres S.S.E. of the camp site is serviceable for light aircraft except in very wet weather when the quartz gravel surfacr becomes soft. The airstrip is approximately 30 kilometres from the Lewis River area of E.L. 27/76. Helicopter access is highly convenient either from Hobart or from the Hydro Electric Commission base at Strathgordon, 45 kilometres to the north east.

A Bombardier track continues south from the Moores Valley airstrip to the Low Rocky Point lighthouse. The Wanderer and the Lewis Rivers have been bridged by the Lighthouse Commission and although both bridges are substantial steel frame constructions, the Lewis River bridge must be treated with caution due to a deteriorating timber decking. Bulldozers must ford the Wanderer River close to the bridge site. Immediately south of the Wanderer a bulldozed sidetrack extends west from the main track to the Cypress Creek grid in the Mainwaring River region.