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A. SPECIMEN REEF1. Introduction

During the 1980-81 field season a sampling grid system was established over the area of the "Old Specimen Reef" gold workings. Further activity included an I.P. Survey by Scintrex over the grid area. Based on the general field observations and the results of the I.P. Survey (see report by M. Edyvean - period ended 24 February, 1981), drilling targets were defined and a drilling programme was scheduled to commence in late March 1981 for the Specimen Reef area. However, due to delays by the drilling contractors and the onset of winter rains, the drilling programme was postponed until the 1981-82 field season. The original drilling programme was revised in M. Edyvean's Six-monthly Report on Field Investigations within EL 4/61 - West Coast, Tasmania - 24 August 1981. The drilling locations and specification of the holes were also changed during the course of the drilling programme on the basis of geological information from the initial drill hole.

2. Location and Access

The Specimen Reef drilling sites are located directly north of the Savage River Mine open cut, between grid lines 5410000 metres N and 5412000 metres N, and 352000 metres E and 353000 metres E. From the Savage River pipeline road, approximately 9 kilometres from the open cut mine, two short vehicle tracks were recently cleared to serve as an access route to the drill sites.

3. Topography, precipitation and vegetation

Relief is typical of the rugged Savage River area with slope as steep as 40% grade.

The average annual rainfall for the Savage River area is approximately 200 centimetres, relatively evenly distributed throughout the year. January through March are generally the most favourable months for field programmes.

Vegetation is that of a lush dense temperate rain forest, practically impenetrable in some areas.

4. Regional Geology

Rocks of the Specimen Reef area are known as the greenschist member of the Precambrian Whyte Schist Formation (Urquhart 1966). This metamorphic lithology is situated along a geanticline known as the Arthur Lineament (R.D. Gee 1967). This north-easterly trending feature extending from the Southern Ocean in the lower Pieman River area to Bass Strait at Wynyard is attributed to the Penguin Orogeny.

5. Drilling

5.1 General

Specimen Reef drillhole number one was collared at the A.M.G. grid location of 541116 metres N and 352250 metres E, with the purpose of intersecting mineralization beneath the "Old Specimen Reef" gold workings. Drilling commenced on January 14, 1982, at an inclination of 46° East along traverse (130° Mag). The type of drill used for this and other bores was a Mindrill 10L (Type 250) Diamond Drill. The drill penetrated dominantly greenschist lithology for the entire depth of the hole. At a depth of 140.85 metres a small gold-bearing vein was intersected. (For a complete list of drilling specifications lithology encountered, see appendix.) Drilling was completed at the target depth of 150 metres on February 12, 1982. SP.R.1 was logged by C.H.C. Shannon.

Drillholes number SP.R.2 and SP.R.3 were drilled beneath major I.P. anomalies, located by Scintrex during the 1980-81 field season. Drilling of SP.R.2 commenced on February 13, 1982, and was completed on February 21, 1982, at the grid location of 352125 m E and 541116 m N at an inclination of 55°, at a 100° magnetic bearing. Drillhole SP.R.3 was collared on 24 February and completed on 25 February 1982, at the grid co-ordinates 352184 m E and 5410739 m N with an inclination of 50°, west along traverse (310° Magnetic). Both drillholes bore through dominantly greenschist lithology. Due to insufficient indication of useful mineralization, drilling of SP.R.2 and SP.R.3 was discontinued short of the original targets, at depths of 70 metres and 94 metres respectively. Both drillholes were logged by the author.

In view of the lack of mineralization in holes SP.R.2 and SP.R.3, M. Edyvean decided to abandon the drilling programme as outlined in the Industrial & Mining Investigations' Six-Monthly Report on Field Investigations with EL 4/61 - West Coast, Tasmania - Period Ending 24 August 1981, which suggested further drilling in the major I.P. anomalies. As an alternative, drillholes SP.R.4 and SP.R.5 were collared in the "Old Specimen Reef" workings with the intention of intersecting the gold vein found in SP.R.1 at near surface depths.

Drillhole SP.R.4 was located at the A.M.G. grid co-ordinate 352296 m E and 5411059 m N. The A.M.G. drillhole co-ordinates of SP.R.5 are 352300 m E and 5411056 m N.

Drilling of SP.R.4 commenced on February 28, 1982, and was completed on March 5, 1982, at a depth of 94 metres. SP.R.5 was collared on March 7, 1982, and completed on March 10, 1982, at a depth of 70 metres. The inclination of SP.R.4 at the collar is 60° at a magnetic bearing of 280° ; that of SP.R.5 is 50° , east along traverse (130° magnetic). Both drillholes were logged by the author.

NB: All core is stored at 1 Huon Street, Savage River.

5.2 Results

As previously mentioned, gold was encountered in drillhole SP.R.1, at only one point, in the interval 140.85-141.00 metres. The gold bearing vein has a true width of 1.5 centimetres and intersects the core axis with an angle of 12° . The gold is associated with dolomite-calcite and inclusions of haematite. Grains of gold are up to 3 millimetres across and constitute about 5% of the vein.

A second vein with similar gold-bearing characteristics was sited at a depth of 63.20-63.40 metres. This vein is narrower and lacks any obvious gold.

Other mineralization in SP.R.1 included disseminated pyrite common through most of the hole. Rare chalcopyrite occurs in some carbonate veins.

Drillholes SP.R.4 and SP.R.5 were also drilled in the old workings of Specimen Reef with the intent of better defining the gold vein of SP.R.1. No gold was observed nor veins which exhibit gold-bearing characteristics. However, in SP.R.4 at a depth of 82.35-83.85 a wooden mine shaft support from the old workings was encountered, followed by a 1.50 metre core loss as the drill passed through the mining cavity. Adjacent schist is altered and highly silicified. Numerous small carbonate veins were also observed. (See appendix A)

Drillholes SP.R.2 and SP.R.3 were discontinued short of the original target depths due to insufficient mineralization. Some disseminated pyrite was found in both drillholes, but even with indications of weathered-out pyrite, there were less sulphides than in SP.R.1. Minor chalcopyrite in carbonate veins was found in SP.R.2. It is conceivable the I.P. anomaly through which SP.R.2 was drilled was caused by graphite-bearing phyllite which was the first fresh rock found in the drillhole.

In SP.R.3 weathered rock was penetrated to the bottom of the hole. Its I.P. response may be caused by wet clay in the section encountered. However, it does appear that the I.P. programme may have been insufficient to define the target adequately.

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6. Conclusion

Nature of mineralization

There are essentially two types of mineralization present: (a) a general disseminated pyrite mineralization in the greenschist, and (b) a carbonate vein hosted mineralization containing gold and minor chalcopyrite. The majority of the carbonate veins which appear to be dolomite-calcite (but may be dolomite-magnesite) are barren or contain trace quantities of chalcopyrite only. The veins which contain the gold mineralization differ in some characteristics from the majority of the carbonate veins and may belong to a different set, but the principal characteristics are:

- (1) The presence of haematite inclusions in the central portion of the vein-gold is found only in or adjoining the haematite.
- (2) The presence of extensive wall rock alteration adjoining the gold-bearing vein. Indications are that the gold content is proportional to the extent of wall rock alteration.

The alteration was greatest in the area where the drillhole SP.R.4 intersected the old mine workings, which presumably contained a vein rather better than anything actually intersected in the drilling. In this area epidote and silification occurred in addition to the replacement of chlorite by talc, which was a common form of alteration sometimes found in association with barren carbonate veins as well as the gold-bearing vein, though not to the same degree. It may be inferred that the "reefs of quartz" referred to in the early records are in fact bodies of altered country rock, not the intrusive quartz veins vaguely implied by the old terminology.

The mined-out vein system penetrated in SP.R.4 may be represented by a narrow vein consisting mainly of haematite intersected in the 63.20-63.40 interval of SP.R.1, true thickness of 0.5 cm. The trimming out of this vein implies that the individual veins in the area do not persist. The gold-bearing vein that was intersected in SP.R.1 lies beyond the recorded limit of the old workings and appears to be a parallel vein. Its orientation is approximately strike 50° dip 60° SE. The gold-haematite inclusions hosted in carbonate would weather to produce spectacular surface occurrences of gold-haematite nuggets, and this apparently accounts for the rich but sparse specimens mentioned as leading to the mine's discovery.

The drilling effectively dashed hopes of base metal mineralization in the area, while establishing the nature of gold mineralization to be of a narrow vein type. In the modern company mining situation such deposits are considered impractical. Further field programmes in the Specimen Reef area are not envisaged.

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B. MAIN CREEK1. INTRODUCTION

Main Creek magnesite was first recorded by Rowe (1962). In 1964 Urquhart and Groves, geologists from the Department of Mines, examined the magnesite deposit in the bed of Main Creek between traverses 18000 N and 19000 N of the original ground magnetic survey of the BMR 1960-61. A further examination of Main Creek indicated lenses and bands of magnesite outcropping in the bed of Main Creek as far south as 17000 N. Based on the outcrop of magnesite exposed in Main Creek, a possible magnesite reserve of 300,000 tons was estimated.

In an attempt to define the extent and grade of the Main Creek magnesite, a drilling programme under the direction of M. Edyvean was conducted in 1971 and 1972. Two diamond drillholes MC 1 and MC 2 were drilled, 600 feet (180 metres) apart, on a bearing which was nearly perpendicular to the strike, and at inclinations of 45° and 60° respectively. Both drillholes intersected close to 1000 feet of magnesite with relatively narrow bands of dolomite and chloritic schist. Information from the two drillholes suggests an estimated 20 million tons of magnesium-rich carbonate.

Early in 1979, five composite samples from MC 1 and MC 2 drill cores were forwarded to the CSIRO. Subsequently, an extensive study of the Main Creek magnesite has been conducted by the CSIRO. Further studies included a research programme by the CSIRO aimed at determining a chemical process which would produce premium grade magnesia from Main Creek magnesite. In 1981 a pilot plant for producing premium grade magnesia was functioning.

To expose the underlying magnesite west of Main Creek, costeaning was attempted during the 1981-1982 field season. The three proposed costeans were to extend from Main Creek, a distance of 180 metres at a magnetic bearing of 270°, with 92 metre spacing between costeans. The overburden of clay proved to be greater than a bulldozer could manage, as superficial cover was stripped to as much as 4 metres in depth locally without encountering outcrop. Therefore the costeaning programme was abandoned. As a consequence of the failure of the costeaning programme, an airtrak drilling programme was substituted, and completed on 5 April, 1982.

Other field programmes in the Main Creek area included rock-chip sampling by C.H.C. Shannon and J. Woodman. A total of 210 kilograms of magnesite samples were collected along 200 metres of outcrop in the bed of Main Creek. The magnesite outcrops almost continuously along this 240° trending area of Main Creek. This section of Main Creek is nearly perpendicular to the strike of the magnesite and therefore probably the most representative section of outcrop across stratigraphic horizons at the prospect. These samples have been forwarded to the CSIRO pilot plant for testing. A formal report has not yet been made on the

2. LOCATION, ACCESS AND RELIEF

The Main Creek magnesite prospect is located approximately 5 kilometres southwest of the Savage River open-cut mine, along Main Creek. The prospect is situated between grid lines 5398000 metres N and 5400000 metres N and 3546000 metres E and 3548000 metres E, AMG.

To gain access from Savage River, the Corinna Road is followed approximately 9 kilometres south to a rough vehicle track. This vehicle access terminates at the magnesite deposit, just across Main Creek, approximately 5 kilometres from the Corinna Road. The condition of the vehicle track is poor. The track is narrow and when wet may be impassable, beyond AMG 477970, which is approximately 2 kilometres from the Corinna Road. The road is unsuitable for a heavy drilling rig.

The rugged relief common in many West Coast areas is strongly accentuated by the entrenching effect of Main Creek at the magnesite deposit.

3. GEOLOGY

3.1 Introduction

On a regional scale, the Main Creek magnesite lies within a belt of metamorphic rocks termed the Arthur Lineament by Gee (1967). On the local scale the magnesite body appears to be a stratum concordant with the greenschists that are in contact with it. Outcrop is limited to natural exposures adjoining the channel of Main Creek and two other exposures on a neighbouring oversteepened hillside. Bedding in the magnesite itself gives an attitude of 330° , 85° E near the eastern boundary of the deposit. Away from the creek section the magnesite is observed by a considerable thickness of superficial deposits.

3.2 Summary of Previous Work

The initial published reference to the deposit, by Urquhart (1966), describes the discovery of the deposit and the extent of natural outcrop noting evidence for a conformable relationship with the greenschists. For the origin of the deposit, metasomatic replacement of an original limestone or dolomite was favoured based on (a) the presence of wall rock alteration and (b) the absence of detrital impurity, with corresponding massive character of the rock.

Drilling work conducted by I.M.I. in 1971-1972 recorded by Edyvean (1977) showed that the deposit was at least 240 m across. (The drilling did not fix the western boundary of the deposit: the last core is magnesite.)

A tentative correlation could be made between the two diamond drillholes MC1 and MC2 on the basis of three dolomitic zones, but in general the greenschist bodies encountered did not correlate across the 180m separating the two drillholes.

Frost (1981) worked mainly on the microtextural and chemical aspects of the deposit; he also favoured a metasomatic replacement origin for the magnesite based on (a) microtextural evidence of dolomite crystals replaced by magnesite and (b) a chemical trend towards reduction of iron content of the magnesite crystals from the deeper core samples. Also (c) by assuming that the outcrop and drillhole data provided approximate limits of the deposit, it then appeared to be a deep deposit with short strike length which is expected in a metasomatic deposit but not in a primary magnesite.

However, Frost (1981) also notes that the rock carries evidence for an original, fine-grained magnesite fabric. If this feature is considered in isolation, it favours a primary origin for the magnesite.

3.3 Discussion: Criticism of previous work

The choice of metasomatic origin for the deposit seems to be made on rather weak evidence. The nature of the original carbonate, for example, is unlikely to be controlled by either presence or absence of detrital impurity, and in a metamorphic situation the evidence could be obscured. Detrital impurity may be responsible for zones rich in quartz. The wall rock alteration, also cited by Urquhart (1966) as evidence for the passage of metasomatizing solutions, is restricted to a maximum of 4m of talc alteration and it is often absent. It can be argued that the minor character of the alteration is evidence against the passage of solutions on the scale needed to convert the whole deposit.

In favouring a short strike length for the deposit, Frost (1981) is deceived by the outcrop conditions and underestimates the effect of masking by superficial cover: the deposit is in all probability very extensive laterally.

The correlation between the drillholes may be better than Edyvean (1977) suspected. Frost (1981) assumed poor correlation as supplementary evidence against a primary magnesite deposit. In addition to the three dolomitic zones, the greenschist bodies commencing at 134½' and 999' in MC1 can be matched with those at 48' and 843' in MC2 respectively, and this correlation is now supported by surface outcrop. The non-correlation of other greenschist bodies may reflect large scale boudinage effects in which formerly continuous, competent greenschist beds were broken up during deformation.

However, although correlation of the dolomitic zones suggests survival of original composition layering in the deposit, the match is not exact in either thickness or composition, so some metasomatic activity on at least the local scale is the most likely explanation for the variation.

3.4 Geomorphology and Vegetation

The area of the deposit is a rugged terrain in which no plateau elements survive and thus the ridgelines are narrow and spurs and hillsides are relatively steep. Some plateau relicts exist on the neighbouring major divides. To the west of the deposit an obviously strike controlled series of spurs runs parallel to a rudimentary alignment of saddles and gullies which hint at a continuation of topographically regressive rock (the magnesite in all probability), extending particularly to the north-west of the deposit then turning north-east.

Main Creek itself has a gentle grade and its gravel bed is not interrupted by any continuous rock bars. The stream passes between low cliffs in the magnesite outcrop but has a narrow alluvial flat elsewhere, and flanking the flat to the west of the MC1 diamond drillhole, there is a lowland embayment up to 150 m across elevated 6-10 m above creek level. Two small dolines (sinkholes) have been located in this area. The great thickness of Quaternary deposits found here suggest that there is a complex of Karst depressions underneath the superficial cover.

3.5 Stratigraphy and Petrology

3.5.1 Quaternary Alluvium

Modern floodplain alluvium occurs along Main Creek with the flat reaching 50 m width upstream of the track crossing. The pyrite rich sand covering the flats, and the angular gravel in the stream bed derive from the Savage River Mines' dumps.

3.5.2 Periglacial? Quartz Gravel

A deposit of angular pebble-sized white quartz gravel covers a portion of the elevated bench where it adjoins the creek flats. It is somewhat finer than the ridge capping angular quartz gravels, but is otherwise identical. The deposit is up to 1.5 m in thickness. It is considered to be derived from the ridge capping gravels found east of the area, and transported from there by periglacial freeze-thaw action or comparable large scale mudflow.

3.5.3 Periglacial? Weathered Greenschist Breccia

A compacted deposit comprised of weathered greenschist boulders up to 1.5m across and set in fines of presumably the same derivation, was well exposed in the costean excavations. Near MC 18 it can be shown to have travelled over the level surface of an underlying lake deposit for at least 50m, which is considered good evidence for periglacial freeze-thaw activity although not impossible for a normal mudflow. The deposit exceeds 9m in thickness in the MC 14-15-16 area, and adds considerably to the depth of overburden. The deposit is presumably derived from the hills immediately to the west.

3.5.4 Lacustrine Clay with Charcoal

The deposit is of yellow-grey stratified clay with charcoal and some vegetable matter imbedded in it. The stratification is well preserved, indicating that it is a lake deposit rather than alluvium, in which clear bedding planes are normally destroyed by worm activity. The deposit appears to be a sheet deposit 1.5 - 3.0m thick, but reaches at least 6m in MC 17 where it appears to fill a sinkhole. At this point there is a peat layer at the base of the deposit. The hypothetical lake is interpreted as a temporary feature formed after damming of the valley by a periglacial deposit such as the one that overlies it.

3.5.5 Alluvial Gravel

Rounded gravels which in places can be demonstrated to underlie the clay deposit may belong to two units. Surface outcrops include large quartz or quartzite cobbles which are apparently not present in the drillhole samples, which are mainly pebble gravels with abundant greenschist clasts. The surface outcrops indicate a thin gravel layer considered to be a lag deposit remaining after dissection of an alluvial terrace. The great thickness of gravel indicated by the drilling (if genuine and not simply an illusion caused by extensive caving of a gravel layer) imply infilling of some form of Karst cavity.

3.5.6 Residual Clay, Breccia and Soil

It was found in the drilling that areas underlain by magnesite were normally covered by clay and breccia material more than 10m thick even where other forms of cover were absent. It is considered that, as the carbonate is selectively removed by solution, the space left over is filled partially by insoluble residue and partly by soil and rock float intercepted from the mantle undergoing soil creep.

Given a suitable road cutting in steep country, a good indication that magnesite was present was obtained if the transported soil mantle exceeded 1.5 m even if breccia clasts consisted only of weathered greenschist. More diagnostic features were frequently encountered. For example, a yellow clay with clasts of white talc, which is derived from talc schist alteration zones marginal to the magnesite contacts. The insoluble residue from the magnesite itself could be a purple ferruginous clay, a red sand and ferruginous clay mixture, or a clay containing very irregular clasts of spongy vein quartz of a type apparently confined to the magnesite rock.

3.5.7 Cave deposits

In two of the airtrak bores, MC 10 and MC 12, red clay material was found below substantial thicknesses of magnesite indicating actual cave fills. The material from MC 10 included irregular clasts of spongy vein material.

An odd spongy clay from MC 19, which would actually float in muddy water, is interpreted as a leached rock remaining after a cave silt, originally rich in carbonate silt, which has been leached.

3.6 Precambrian

No thorough investigation of the Precambrian outcrop was undertaken. However, in the greenschists east of the deposit there is an unrecorded magnesite/dolomite bed outcropping at 471994, and an unrecorded magnetite outcrop at 472988. The magnetite occurrence is a further link with the Bowry Creek magnesite deposit which has the Long Plains magnetite next to it in a similar position.

The magnesite itself, although superficially massive, shows clear bedding features on closer examination, particularly in the eastern part of the principal creek section. The outcrop here was measured for a near-continuous 175 m with an unrecorded greenschist at 100 m, starting from the eastern edge of the deposit. From 175 m to 200 m there is a larger bed of greenschist intruded by amphibolite. Magnesite outcrops further downstream are considered to be from beds west of the greenschist-amphibolite body.

Dip indications for the western part of the magnesite are of the order of 70°W but as these are based on schistosity of the greenschist, they are not reliable.

The amphibolite bodies are intrusive and possess relict igneous textures.

3.7 Structural Geology

The greenschists in the area have lineations suggesting multiple folding of the area, but the magnesite itself appears to be uniformly dipping and near vertical in attitude. Dips on schistosity planes of the greenschist are to the west and become shallower to the west, which indicates that the magnesite dips curve round to the west at depth.

Sketch?

4. DRILLING

4.1 General

The drilling programme was undertaken as a replacement of the intended costean programme. The priorities of the programme were:

- (1) To obtain carbonate samples from the deposit for the CSIRO Division of Mineral Chemistry for the continuation of laboratory work on the beneficiation process.
- (2) To obtain samples representative of the material which could be mined in the initial production from an open cut, within the area of the proven magnesite deposit.
- (3) To obtain information on the depth of overburden in the area of the proved magnesite deposit.

An airtrak drilling rig provided by the contractors, G & G Drilling, was used for the programme. Drilling commenced on 22.3.82 and was completed on 5.4.82. The drillsites were located on a track system which followed the lines of the intended costean programme.

It was intended that each drillhole would penetrate the overburden followed by 9 metres of the underlying magnesite, from which 5 kilogram samples would be selected from each metre drilled for use by the CSIRO, and 2 smaller samples for analysis and records respectively. It was anticipated that overburden depths of approximately 3-6 metres would be encountered.

However, much greater depths of overburden prevailed. The minimum encountered was 6 metres, the maximum in excess of 30 metres. Furthermore, sticky clays were occasionally encountered which could not be removed from the hole. Thus, in some of the holes, the drilling conditions were in fact beyond the technical capacity of the drilling rig.

As a result of these technical difficulties created by the thick mantle of overburden, of the 17 percussion holes drilled, only six intersected magnesite from which samples could be obtained. In detail: 9-metre samples were obtained from MC 6, MC 7, MC 8 and MC 11. Five-metre samples were obtained from MC 10 and MC 12.

Of the other eleven holes:

- 2 holes ~~reached~~ Magnesite bedrock that could not be recovered: the two westerly holes MC 3 and MC 4, at depths of 15 and 12 metres respectively.
- 1 hole contained talcose Magnesite: MC 9. This hole was drilled adjacent to a known talcose greenschist band.
- 1 hole intersected a greenschist band: MC 13.
- 7 holes terminated in overburden (gravels, soils or clay fill) at depths up to 30 metres below surface: MC5, MC14, MC15, MC16, MC17, MC18 and MC19. These holes outlined an area of gravel, soil and clay-filled Karst holes, covering approximately one-third of the area investigated.

Some 150 Kg of magnesite was obtained from the sampled holes. This material has been stored until required by the CSIRO.

4.2 Results of Drilling

Detailed assay results of drilling can be found in Appendix C. Graphic logs, incorporating assays, and the relationship of overburden to Magnesite, can be found in Cross Sections 1 and 2 of Appendix C.

A summary of the Magnesite grade of the sampled holes is as follows:

Hole No	Depth/ Metres	MgO%	CaO%	SiO ₂ %	Al ₂ O ₃ %	Fe%
MC 6)	14-23	40.14	1.83	6.4	0.75	2.1
)	16-23	40.67	1.97	6.3	0.45	1.81
MC 7)	12-21	35.4	1.8	16.5	0.22	2.3
)	14-21	36.6	1.9	14.6	0.21	2.0
MC 8	19-28	40.1	3.7	6.1	0.09	1.4
MC 10)	12-17	32.7	2.5	21.14	0.13	1.7
)	14-17	35.5	3.1	14.7	0.06	1.2
MC 11)	6-15	38.7	4.0	3.9	0.19	2.9
)	8-15	40.0	3.8	1.7	0.11	2.9
MC 12)	12-14	38.5	3.9	0.74	0.14	4.0
)	9-14	36.7	4.5	0.95	0.22	4.7

The technical difficulty of obtaining uncontaminated samples from an air track drill is outlined by the assay results. The magnesia (MgO) values are generally downgraded as the clay, which is present in the fissures and cavities, is incorporated into the bulk powder sample obtained. Also, there is some mixing at the contact of the overburden clays and the Magnesite beneath. Thus the first few metres of magnesite sampled generally contain higher SiO₂, Al₂O₃ and Fe values, and lower MgO values. As casing was not effective, contamination from material falling down the hole could occur.

It was noted that Fe values were particularly high in MC 12. This is due to the presence of ferruginous clay in cavities.

The magnesite intersected in MC 6, from 16-23 metres; MC 8, from 19-28 metres; and in MC 11, from 8-15 metres, is comparable in grade to that intersected in the deep angle diamond drillholes MC 1 and MC 2, drilled in 1971-72.

- NB (i) Bulk samples are being stored at 1 Huon Street, Savage River, until required by the CSIRO.
(ii) Smaller samples, for our record, are also stored at Savage River.

Table 14.3 Drilling Data

DRILLHOLE NO	TOTAL DEPTH OF DRILLHOLE	METRES OF MAGNESITE SAMPLED	COMMENTS (for greater detail see drilling logs)
MC 3	15 metres	No sample	A few chips of magnesite from a depth of 15 m.
MC 4	13 metres	No sample	A few chips of magnesite from 12 metres.
MC 5	21 metres	No sample	No bedrock reached.
MC 6	23 metres	9 metres	Good magnesite sample.
MC 7	21 metres	9 metres	Good magnesite sample.
MC 8	28 metres	9 metres	Good magnesite sample
MC 9	25 metres	9 metres	Poor quality (talcose magnesite) sample.
MC 10	21 metres	5 metres	Good magnesite sample.
MC 11	15 metres	9 metres	Good magnesite sample.
MC 12	15 metres	4 metres	Good magnesite sample.
MC 13	13 metres	No sample	Bedrock greenschist encountered at 11 metres.
MC 14	17 metres	No sample	No bedrock at 17 metres.
MC 15	15 metres	No sample	No bedrock at 15 metres, hole could not be cleaned.
MC 16	27 metres	No sample	No bedrock encountered.
MC 17	30 metres	No sample	No bedrock encountered.
MC 18	9 metres	No sample	Hole cavings stopped progress.
MC 19	15 metres	No sample	Hole could not be cleared.

5. DISCUSSION: FACTORS AFFECTING ORE LOCATION

The airtrak drilling has revealed that depth of overburden may be a substantial problem in the area of the known deposit: the lowland embayment appears to have a general cover exceeding 20m, the hillslope area has cover of the order of 15m indicated by the drilling.

*drilled 17 holes
only 2 outcrops!*

However as the drillsites were selected at least partly for ease of access, they are inadvertently selective for greater overburden than normal. There are indications (specifically the two hillslope magnesite outcrops) that superficial deposits will be less than 15m in general.

Within the area of proven magnesite the western margin appears more favourable, because of greater relief above the creek, the surface magnesite outcrops, and indications of lower iron content in diamond drillhole samples.

The thick superficial cover explains why the magnesite outcrop is so rare away from the creek, so it now appears very likely that there is a continuous bed of magnesite linking the occurrences at Long Plains and Bowry Creek with the Main Creek deposit, and extending north into the next valley where surface features hint at an underlying carbonate.

This proven deposit at Main Creek, with a potential of 30-40 million tonnes of magnesite, is awkwardly placed for quarrying, and a better site for a mine probably exists elsewhere in the indicated belt.

6. CONCLUSIONS

With the magnesite body being so large that sheer quantity of ore is not likely to be a problem, it would be advantageous to explore in areas where better access, relief and overburden conditions are likely. Areas likely to be underlain by magnesite can usually be detected from the superficial cover exposed in road sections, and likely spots can be confirmed by percussion drilling.

There are non-geological factors which are important in framing the programme for further exploration. Overburden disposal costs will depend not only on thickness but on transportation and suitable disposal areas, which are adverse factors at the known deposit. There may be a significant advantage in mining the low-iron magnesite in the western half of the deposit, somewhat offset by a relatively thick greenschist bed in this section. Karst features may indicate a de-watering problem in mining below creek level. If transportation of the product is envisaged by truck along the Corinna Road, areas south of the known deposit are favoured. If a pipeline along the Savage River Mines' easement is to be used, the advantage is with the prospective area to the north.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Track access should be upgraded to the point where a modern diamond drilling rig can cope with it. Preference should be given to a new route, already pioneered, which is shorter than the present access. It is also possible to re-route the track down the hill to Main Creek.
- 2) An attempt should be made to extend the known deposit into areas likely to provide more convenient mine sites. Favoured areas are the Main Creek-Bowry Creek divide at 464980 (i.e., south of the drilled zone at Main Creek), and the Main Creek-Savage River divide at 466995 (i.e. north of the drilled zone at Main Creek). 470995?

An initial programme would consist of an access track across each promising area cut deeply enough to distinguish greenschist bedrock from clay-breccia deposits indicative of underlying magnesite. Promising zones would then be tested with shallow percussion drilling. If successful, further tracks and drilling would be undertaken and finally diamond drilling to establish reserves.

- 3) Particularly if the search for a better mine site proves unsuccessful, it will become more necessary to find the western boundary of the known deposit. This could be done with track making and percussion drilling, but a diamond drillhole from the vicinity of MC 8 would be desirable because access at this site exists.

Greenschist and amphibolite which outcrop here can be correlated with core in MC 1 and MC 2 diamond drillholes.

- 4) If our main priority is to quickly prove a significant mineable magnesite deposit, devoid of overburden problems, then the ridge area immediately to the south of the natural Main Creek costean at the proven "Deposit" should be examined first.

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31 May, 1982.

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APPENDIX A

GEOLOGICAL LOGS OF SPECIMEN REEF
DRILLING PROGRAMME

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DRILLING LOG SPECIMEN REEF N° 1.

LOCATION: SPECIMEN CREEK, SAVAGE RIVER AREA, EL9/61

MAP N°: 7915 - III, HORTON 1:50,000

COORDINATES: 35°25'00" W, 111°16'00" N (AMG) - SPECIMEN REEF GRID: 2003/50W

R.L. OF SITE: 416 METRES

INCLINATION: AT COLLAR 45° BEARING: E ALONG TRAVERSE (150° Mag.)

CORE SIZE: HQ - 0 to 15 metres, NQ - 15 to 150 metres CORE RECOVERY: 81%

DRILL : DIAMOND DRILL - MINDRILL 10 L (TYPE 250)

DRILLER : ASSOCIATED DIAMOND DRILLERS

DATE COMMENCED: 11th JANUARY 1982

DATE COMPLETED: 12th FEBRUARY 1982.

FINAL DEPTH: 150 METRES

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Drilling Log Specimen Reef No. 2

Location : Specimen Creek, Savage River Area E2 4/61
Map No. : 7915-111, Horton 1:50,000
Co-ordinates : $^{\circ}52'25''$ ME, $^{\circ}54'11''$ 16mN (AM6) - Specimen Reef Grid: 4000, 0E
R.L. of site : 421 metres
Inclination : At Collar 55° , Bearing: 100° magnetic
Core Size : HQ - 0 to 6 metres, NQ - 6 to 120 metres, Core Recovery: 73%
Drill : Diamond Drill - Mindrill 10L (Type 250)
Driller : Associated Diamond Drillers
Date Commenced: 13th February 1982
Date Completed: 21st February 1982
Final Depth : 120 metres

Drilling Log Specimen Reef No 3

Location : Specimen Creek, Savage River Area, EL 4/61

Map No : 7915-111, Horton 1:50,000

Co-ordinates : 352184m E, 5410739m N, (AMG) - Specimen Reef Grid: 500S, 225E

R.L of site : 452 metres

Inclination : At collar 50°, Bearing: W along traverse (310° Magnetic)

Core Size : HQ - 0 to 15 metres, NQ - 15 to 70 metres, Core Recovery 55%

Drill : Diamond Drill - Mindrill 10L (Type 250)

Driller : Associated Diamond Drillers

Date Commenced : 24th February 1982

Date Completed : 25th February 1982

Final Depth : 70 metres

Drilling Log Specimen Reef No 4

Location : Specimen Creek, Sewage River Area, EL 4/61

Map No : 7915-111, Horton 1:50,000

Co-ordinates : 352296 m E, 54 11059 m N (AMG) - Specimen Reef Grid: 2003, 25E.

RL of site : 434 metres

Inclination : At collar 60°, Bearing : 280° magnetic

Core Size : HQ - 0 to 15 metres, NQ 15 to 94 metres, Core Recovery: 67%

Drill : Diamond Drill - Mindrill 10L (Type 250)

Driller : Associated Diamond Drillers

Date Commenced : 28th February 1982

Date Completed : 5th March 1982

Final Depth : 94 metres

Drilling Log Specimen Reef No. 5

Location : Specimen Creek, Savage River Area, EL 4/61
Map No : 7915-111, Horton 1:50,000
Co-ordinates : 352300mE, 5411056mN (AMG) - Specimen Reef Grid : 200S, 25E.
R.L. of site : 434 metres
Inclination : At Collar 50°, Bearing: E along traverse (130° magnetic)
Core size : HQ - 0 to 6 metres, NQ - 6 to 70 metres, (Core Recovery: 61%)
Drill : Diamond Drill - Mindrill 10 L (Type 250)
Driller : Associated Diamond Drillers
Date Commenced: 7th March 1982
Date Completed: 10th March 1982
Final Depth : 70 metres

APPENDIX B

GEOLOGICAL LOGS - MAIN CREEK MAGNESITE
DRILLING PROGRAMME

Dredging Log ME 3.

Location	Main Branch ECT/61
Map No	7914-IV (CORONA 1:50,000 (CORONA 1:50,000); CORONA A2, 1:150,000)
Co-ordinates	5397059 m N, 746698 m E (A.M.G)
Alt of site	173.75 metres
Technique	Vertical
Drill	AIRTRAX
Driller	G + G Dredging
Date Commenced	21st March 1982
Date Completed	22nd March 1982
Total Depth	15.1 metres
logged by	H. Chamber

Shelby Top MCA

Location:	Main Creek. ERA/GI
Map No:	7914-IV (CORINNA 7914-IV (CORINNA 1:50,000), CORINNA AZ 1:15840
Coordinates:	599906/mN 396710 mE (A.M.S.)
H.T. of site:	149.33 meters
Inclusion:	Vertical
Roll:	Airtrak
Order:	G + G. drilling
Work Commenced:	12nd March 1982
Work Completed:	23rd March 1982
Test depth:	13 meters
Logged by:	R. Shuman

	Drilling Log MC 5
Location	North Branch EL 7/61
Map No.	7714-IV CORINNA
Co-ordinates	7714-IV (Scale 1:50000); CORINNA MZ 1:15890
A.S. of site	5399113 m N 396781 m E (A.M.G.)
Tectonics	116.12 metres
Soil	Varved
Driller	Airtrak
Date Commenced	G. & G. Drilling
Date Completed	23rd March 1982
Total Depth	23rd March 1982
Tagged by	21 metres
	H. Shawen

Drilling Log MC 6

Location

Main Beach EC4/51

Map No

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~~7914-IV (COGONNA~~ 1:50,000); COGONNA AZ 1:15890

Co-ordinates

5099119 mN 346766 mE (AMG)

D.T. of site

113.36 metres

Tachistation

Vertical

Soil

AIRTRAK

Driller

G. + G. Drilling

Date commenced

29th March 1972

Date completed

29th March 1972

Final depth

23 metres

Logged by

H. Shuman, J. Woodman

M1 6

FROM ft. ins.	TO ft. ins.	RECOVERY		DESCRIPTION	SECTION	
		ft. ins.	%		Core	Sample
0	4			Greenish yellow-brown clay minor pink clay, some quartz and metamorphic rock chips.		
4	8			Purplish brown clay, quartz and purple schist chips.		
8	9			Yellow-brown clay with talc.		
9	10			Brown clay with some metamorphic clasts		
10	12			Brown clay with talc and metamorphic clasts		
12	13			Brown clay, some yellow brown clay containing few clasts		
13	14			Brown clay with talc		
14	23			Magnesite - chalk white, very light brown and pinkish brown found separately throughout the interval. O- 14 on autochthonous and slumped residual clay and breccia. 14-23. magnesite with leach cavities. filled with residual ferruginous clay, in situ		

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ASSAY DATA

SAMPLE No.	FROM ft. ins.	TO ft. ins.	RECOVERY		ASSAY RESULTS					REMARKS	
			ft. ins.	%	H ₂ O %	CaO %	SiO ₂ %	Al ₂ O ₃ %	Fe %		
810417	14	15			38.8	1.7	5.9	1.5	2.8	81.15	CLAY TRACES
428	15	16			37.8	1.0	7.8	2.1	3.4	79.06	" "
429	16	17			40.4	1.1	10.8	85	2.1	84.5	
430	17	18			41.1	1.9	6.7	42	1.7	85.96	over 9 m
431	18	19			39.4	2.2	8.6	51	1.8	82.41	
432	19	20			40.8	1.9	5.1	53	1.9	85.33	
433	20	21			40.0	2.2	4.6	48	1.9	83.86	
434	21	22			41.9	1.9	3.8	19	1.7	87.63	
435	22	23			41.1	1.1	2.8	11	1.7	85.06	

Assay results for MgCO₃ (assuming all H₂O is in magnesite)

Location	Drilling Log M.C. 7
Map No.	Main Creek ER 9/61 7914-1V CORINNA 7914-1V (CORINNA 1:50,000); CORINNA AZ 1:15890
Co-ordinates	5399080 mN 346823 mE (AMG)
A.L. of site	112.58 metres
Inclusion	Vertical
Drill	Airtrak.
Driller	G. + G. Drilling
Date Commenced	25 th March 1982
Date Completed	25 th March 1982
Final Depth	21 metres
Logged By	G. Woodman

ML 7

FROM ft. ins. m.	TO ft. ins. m.	RECOVERY		DESCRIPTION	SECTION	
		ft. ins.	%		Core	Sample
0	3			Wet sloppy yellowish brown and pinkish brown clay.		
3	6			Dryer reddish brown clay containing chips of weathered schist and quartz.		
6	9			Purplish brown clay, with several chips of weathered schist, feld and quartz.		
9	11			Purplish brown clay, with numerous chips of quartz, minor amounts of schist and magnesite.		
11	12			Magnesite, poor recovery no samples taken.		
12	21			Magnesite, light brown to chalk white.		
				0-11 autochthonous and slumped residual clay and breccia.		
				11-21 magnesite in situ with some joints in cavities filled with residual ferruginous clay.		

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ASSAY DATA

AMPLE No.	FROM ft. ins. M	TO ft. ins. M	RECOVERY		ASSAY RESULTS								
			ft. ins.	%	H ₂ O%	CaO%	SiO ₂ %	Al ₂ O ₃ %	Fe %	by MgCO ₃ eqts			
10456	12	13			19.6	1.5	26.3	0.18	3.8	61.917			
										73.62			
										77.79			
										76.13			
										72.39			
										78.64			
										78.64			
										78.64			

74.79 by MgCO₃ eqts
and 8.12

Location

Map No.

Co-Ordinates

R.L. of site

Inclination

Dip

Diller

Date Commenced

Date Completed

Final Depth

Tapped by

Drilling Log M.C. 8

Main Bench, E14/61

~~7714~~ - 1V CORINNA~~7714~~ - 1# (HARTFORD 1:50,000); CORINNA AZ 1:15840

53 77081 m N 746749 m E (AMG)

116.69 metres

Vertical

airtrak.

G. + G. Drilling

26th March 198227th March 1982

28 metres

H. Shannon, J. Woodman

ML 8

GEOLOGICAL LOG

FROM		TO		RECOVERY		DESCRIPTION	SECTION	
ft.	ins.	ft.	ins.	ft.	ins.		Core	Sample
0		3				Purple and yellowish brown clays. Chips of talc, weathered schist and quartz are numerous.		
3		7				Yellowish brown clay, with chips of schist and quartz.		
7		9				Pink to reddish brown clay with numerous chips of talc, also minor greenschist and quartz chips.		
9		12				Dark reddish brown clay with chips of talc and greenschist.		
12		16				Sloppy brown clay containing chips of talc, minor amounts of greenschist and weathered greenschist, and a trace of quartz and magnesite.		
16		19				Contaminated sample? - magnesite and brown clay		
19		28				Mainly magnesite - some clay material between 17 and 21 inches		
<p>0-16 autochthonous and slumped residual breccia and clay. 16-19 magnesite boulders in clay matrix. 19-28 magnesite in situ, some joint cavity fillings with ferruginous clay.</p>								
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ASSAY DATA

SAMPLE No.	FROM		TO		RECOVERY		ASSAY RESULTS								
	ft.	ins.	ft.	ins.	ft.	ins.									
							57.52 x 3								
							83.66 x 2	} at 76.87	over	12 m	} approx MgCO ₃				
						87.66	at base								
						84.92	over		9 m						
						84.02									
						83.66									
						82.41									
						84.92									
						87.66									

Location

Map No.

Co-ordinates

A. L. of site

Inclination

Dip

Diller

Date commenced

Date completed

Final depth

Tapped by

Dilling Log M.C. 9

Main Creek, E.L. 9/61

7914 - IV CORINNA

~~7915~~ - III (H. ~~1:50,000~~); CORINNA AZ 1:150,000

5399080 mN 346787 mE (A. M. G.)

127.48 metres

Vertical

airtrak.

G. + G. Dilling

29th March 198230th March 1982

25 metres

H. Thomas, J. Woodman

GEOLOGICAL LOG

MC 9

FROM ft. m.	TO ft. ins.	RECOVERY			DESCRIPTION	SECTION	
		ft.	ins.	%		Core	Sample
0	3				60% yellowish brown clay and 40% chips of talc.		
3	6				70% light brown clay, 25% talc chips and 5% weathered schist chips.		
6	9				Light brown clay, fresh greenschist and talc.		
9	12				Brown clay with chips of talc and greenschist abundant.		
12	15				Purplish brown clay with chips of talc, talc-schist and minor greenschist abundant. Minor magnesite observable only when sample is washed.		
15	18				Purplish brown powder with chips of magnesite and talc.		
18	21				Brown powder grading to grey brown magnesite talc (?) and possibly clay.		
21	22				Brown to greyish brown powder magnesite with talc		
23	25				Yellowish ^{greyish brown} "leave fresh" powder; magnesite with talc.		
					0-6 residual clay and breccia.		
					9-12 detached boulder of green schist.		
					12-15 residual clay and breccia.		
					15-25 talcose magnesite bedrock.		

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ASSAY DATA

SAMPLE No.	FROM ft. ins.	TO ft. ins.	RECOVERY		ASSAY RESULTS										
			ft.	ins.	%										
						52.92	7	51.66	%	Ca	Mg	Fe	Si	Al	2M
						50.40)	49.11	%	Ca	Mg	Fe	Si	Al	2M

Location	Drilling Log M.C. 10
Map No.	Main Coast E14/61
Co-ordinates	774-IV CORINNA 775-# (775-# 1:50,000); CORINNA A2 1:150,000
A.S. of site	53999110mN 346807mE (A.M.G.)
Inclusion	107.80 metres
Drill	Vertical
Driller	Airtrak
Work Commenced	G. + G. Drilling
Work Completed	30 th March 1982
Final Depth	30 th March 1982
Logged by	21 metres
	H. Shannon

NIC 10

FROM ft. ins. M.	TO ft. ins. M.	RECOVERY		DESCRIPTION	SECTION	
		ft. ins.	%		Core	Sample
0	1			Greyish brown clay.		
1	2			Yellow-brown clay		
2	5.5			Yellow clay with quartz chips		
5.5	6			Purple partly consolidated sand.		
6	9			Brown dryer sand and clay.		
9	10			Brown clayish sand hard at 10m		
10	12			No sample recovered.		
12	13			White magnesite and grey brown magnesite. Good sample		
13	14			Pinkish magnesite. Good sample		
14	15			Pinkish to white magnesite. Good sample		
15	16			White magnesite. Good sample		
16	17			White magnesite-yellow at base. Good sample		
17	18			Pinkish brown mud, caliche type concretionary veins, magnesite (cave fill)		
18	19			Pinkish brown to brown clayey sand, magnesite caliche Poor Sample (cave fill)		
19	21			Red-brown muddy sand with caliche and magnesite Poor Sample (cave fill) 0-10m residual clay and sand. 10-12 magnesite boulders in cemented clay matrix 12-17 magnesite with clay filled cavities 17-21 cave fill		

ASSAY DATA

SAMPLE No.	FROM ft. ins. M.	TO ft. ins. M.	RECOVERY		ASSAY RESULTS equiv. %					REMARK		
			ft. ins.	%	H ₂ O %	CaO %	SiO ₂ %	Al ₂ O ₃ %	Fe %	SOME	FERRUGINOUS	
80454	12	13			76.7	2.0	36.1	0.30	2.8	55.84	66.48	CAVE FILL FROM 12-14
85	13	14			70.4	1.4	25.4	0.18	2.2	63.58	000.51	METRES
86	14	15			34.9	1.7	18.8	0.11	1.4	72.99	00	BETTER QUALITY
87	15	16			35.7	4.2	11.5	0.04	1.2	75.09	000	" "
88	16	17			35.8	3.1	11.9	0.03	1.1	74.86	000	" "
89	17	18			25.2	1.5	36.1	0.15	1.3			CAVE FILL
90470	18	19			11.8	0.87	66.7	0.77	1.7			" "
91	19	20			3.2	0.34	87.3	0.38	1.6			" "
	20	21			2.4	0.22	80.4	0.26	1.4			" "

Location

Map. No.

Co-ordinates

A.L. of site

Inclination

Dip

Driller

Date Commenced

Date Completed

Final Depth

Logged by

Drilling Log M.C. 11

Main Creek, ELG/C1

7714-1V CORINNA

7715 - ~~11~~ (1:50,000); CORINNA AZ 1:150,000

5399057 m N 346938 m E (A.M.G.)

103.17 metres

Vertical

airtrak.

G. + G. Drilling

31st March 1982

31st March 1982

15 metres

H. Thomson

FROM ft. ins.	TO ft. ins.	RECOVERY		DESCRIPTION	SECTION	
		ft. ins.	%		Core	Sample
0	0.02			White quartz gravel.		
0.02	3			Yellow clay with talc chips		
3	4			Yellow-grey laminated clay with quartz		
4	5			Yellow-grey clay with magnesite		
5	6			Magnesite contaminated with yellow grey clay		
6	7			Magnesite with clay		
7	8			Magnesite - still with yellow the color		
8	9			Pale yellow magnesite		
9	12			Very pale yellow magnesite.		
12	13			Very pale grey magnesite.		
13	15			Very pale yellow magnesite.		
				0-02 0-0.02 - allochthonous quartz gravel 0.02-50 - alluvial clay, magnesite boulders 5.0-150 magnesite, in situ.		

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ASSAY DATA

SAMPLE No.	FROM ft. ins.	TO ft. ins.	RECOVERY		ASSAY RESULTS						REMARKS
			ft. ins.	%	H ₂ O %	CaO %	SiO ₂ %	Al ₂ O ₃ %	Fe %	Other	
820473	6	7			32.0	5.6	14.6	0.55	2.9	66.93	BETTER QUALITY
74	7	8			30.9	4.2	8.0	0.38	2.7	77.18	
75	8	9			38.3	4.3	5.0	0.34	2.9	80.11	
76	9	10			40.5	4.2	0.97	0.09	2.8	85.33	
77	10	11			40.4	5.0	0.98	0.09	2.6	84.70	
78	11	12			40.9	3.5	1.1	0.07	3.1	85.33	
79	12	13			40.5	3.9	0.73	0.07	3.3	84.71	
820500	13	14			39.6	3.1	1.9	0.07	3.0	82.82	83.57
01	14	15			39.3	2.5	1.3	0.06	2.6	82.20	83.57

Location	Drilling Log M.C. 12
Map. No.	Main Break EL9/61 7914-IV CORINNA 7915-III (CORINNA 1:50,000); CORINNA AZ 1:15890
Co-ordinates	5399063 m N. 346893 m E (A.M.G.)
R.L. of site	105.66 metres
Inclination	Vertical
Well	Airtrak.
Driller	G. + G. Drilling
Work Commenced	31st March 1982
Work Completed	31st March 1982
Final Depth	15 metres
Logged by	H. Shannon

MC 12

GEOLOGICAL LOG

FROM ft. m.	TO ft. m.	RECOVERY		DESCRIPTION	SECTION	
		ft. ins.	%		Core	Sample
0	7			Purple, orange and yellow clay.		
7	8			Hard and some magnesite chips at the top the interval, followed by sloppy purple clay		
8	9			Brown clay and magnesite		
9	10			White magnesite and purple brown clay.		yes
10	11			White magnesite and purple brown clay - less clay		yes
11	14			White magnesite and purple-brown clay - less clay		yes
14	15			Water ^{strike after} and heaps of 0.1 m magnesite, followed by dark yellow-brown clay (cave fill) accumulation lost - open cavity.		
				0-7 m. residual clay.		
				7-14.1 magnesite with clay filled cavities.		
				14.1 - 15+ open cavity.		

Continued over

ASSAY DATA

AMPLE No.	FROM ft. m.	TO ft. m.	RECOVERY		ASSAY RESULTS						REMARKS	
			ft.-ins.	%	H ₂ O %	CaO %	SiO ₂ %	Al ₂ O ₃ %	Fe %	CO ₂		FERROUS
1002	9	10			35.3	4.6	1.4	0.43	6.1	73.83		SOME CLAY PRESENT
03	10	11			35.0	5.1	0.8	0.26	5.0	73.20	76.72	" " "
04	11	12			36.0	4.8	1.1	0.16	4.4	75.29	5W	" " "
05	12	13			38.6	3.1	0.64	0.15	4.2	80.73	5W	LESS CLAY
06	13	14			38.5	4.7	0.83	0.12	3.8	80.52		" "

Location

Drilling Log M.C. 13

Map No.

Main Creek EL 4/61

7914-1V CORINNA
~~7915-2A~~ (~~1:50,000~~); CORINNA AZ 1:150,000

Co-Ordinates

5399103 mN 346 898 mE

R.L. of site

103.39 metres

Inclination

Vertical

Well

Airstak.

Driller

G. + G. Drilling

Date Commenced

1st April 1981

Date Completed

1st April 1982

Final Depth

13 metres

Logged By

H. Shannon

Location

Map. No.

Co-ordinates

A.S. of site

Inclination

Dip

Driller

Date Commenced

Date Completed

Final Depth

Logged by

Drilling Log M.C. 14

Main Creek, ELG/61

7914-1V CORINNA

~~7915-7H~~ (AORT 1:50,000); CORINNA AZ 1:150,000

5399186 m N 346725 m E (A.M.G.)

107.04 metres

Vertical

airtrak.

G. + G. Drilling

1st April 1982

1st April 1982

17 metres

H. Shannon

Location	Drilling Log M.C. 15
Map No.	Main Creek E19/61 7914-1V CORINNA
Co-ordinates	7915-1A (CORINNA 1:50,000); CORINNA AZ 1:150,000
A.L. of site	5399180 mN 346674 mE (A.M.G.)
Inclination	112.74 metres
Well	Vertical
Driller	Airtrak.
Work commenced	G. + G. Drilling
Work completed	1st April 1972
Final depth	2nd April 1972
Logged by	15 metres
	A. Shannon

Location	Drilling Log M.C. 16
Map No.	Main Creek E24/61 7714-IV CORINNA 7715-IV (CORINNA 1:50,000); CORINNA AZ 1:150,000
Co-ordinates	5399190 m N 346679 m E (AMG)
A.L. of site	115.76 metres
Inclination	Vertical
Well	Airshak
Driller	G. + G. Drilling
Work Commenced	2nd April 1982
Work Completed	3rd April 1982
Final Depth	27 metres
Logged by	H. Shuman, J. Woodman

Location
 Map No.
 Co-ordinates
 A.S. of site
 Inclination
 Drill
 Driller
 Date Commenced
 Date Completed
 Final Depth
 Logged by

Drilling Log M.C. 17
 Main Beach, E.H. 61
 7914 - IV CORINNA
~~7914 - IV~~ (1:50,000); CORINNA AZ 1:150,000
 5399179 mN 396786 mE (A.M.G.)
 101.65 metres
 Vertical
 Airtrak.
 G. + G. Drilling
 7th April 1982
 9th April 1982
 30 metres
 J. Woodman

Location	Drilling Log M.C. 18
Map No.	Main Beach EL9/C1 7914 - IV CORINNA 7915 - IV (CORINNA 1:50,000); CORINNA AZ 1:15890
Co-ordinates	53 99 178 m N 346830 m E (AMG)
R.L. of site	99.08 metres
Inclusion	Vertical
Soil	airtrak.
Driller	G. + G. Drilling
Date Commenced	4th April 1982
Date Completed	4th April 1982
Final Depth	9 metres
Logged by	A. Woodman

Location	Drilling Log M.C. 19
Map No.	Main Creek E14/61 7914-IV CORINNA 7915-IV (CORINNA 1:50,000); CORINNA AZ 1:15890
Co-Ordinates	5379145 mN 346884 mE
R.L. of site	99.23 metres
Inclusion	Vertical
Well	Airtrak.
Driller	G. + G. Drilling
Work Commenced	5 th April 1982
Work Completed	5 th April 1982
Final Depth	18 metres
Logged By	H. Shannon.

APPENDIX C

ASSAY RESULTS AND CROSS SECTIONS OF
MAIN CREEK MAGNESITE DRILLING



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Attention Mr. M. Edyvean

Dear Sir,

Magnesites 820427-435
820456-506

Please find results for the above.

The sorting of these results by "Loss on Ignition" (L.O.I.) has indicated that samples 820474 to 820481 inclusive have L.O.I. between 20 & 32% and hence would not be high grade magnesite. Analysis of this has been deferred.

Samples 820457 to 820474 are between 39.6 and 47.5% L.O.I. and are being assayed as indicated.

Yours faithfully,

(H. K. Wellington)
Chief Chemist & Metallurgist

Industrial & Mining Investigations Pty. Ltd.Reg. Nos. 820427 - 435, 820456 & 820482 - 506

<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>CaO</u>	<u>MgO</u>	<u>SiO₂</u>	<u>Al₂O₃</u>	<u>Fe</u>	<u>L.O.I.</u>
820427	Hole M.C. 6 "A" 14 - 15m	1.7	38.8	5.9	1.5	2.8	
428	15 - 16	1.0	37.8	7.8	2.1	3.4	
429	16 - 17	1.1	40.4	10.8	0.85	2.1	
430	17 - 18	1.9	41.1	6.7	0.42	1.7	
431	18 - 19	2.2	39.4	8.6	0.51	1.8	
820432	19 - 20	1.9	40.8	5.2	0.53	1.9	48.0
433	20 - 21	2.2	40.0	4.6	0.48	1.9	
434	21 - 22	1.9	41.9	3.8	0.19	1.7	
435	22 - 23	2.6	41.1	3.8	0.16	1.7	
820456	Hole M.C. 7 12 - 13m	1.5	29.6	26.3	0.18	3.8	
820482	Hole M.C. 9 23 - 24m	15.2	25.3	16.9	0.59	2.9	33.6
483	24 - 25	16.6	24.1	15.4	0.62	3.0	
484	Hole M.C. 10 12 - 13m	2.0	26.7	36.1	0.30	2.8	
485	13 - 14	1.4	30.4	25.4	0.18	2.2	
820486	14 - 15	1.9	34.9	18.8	0.12	1.4	
487	15 - 16	4.2	35.9	12.5	0.04	1.2	
488	16 - 17	3.1	35.8	12.9	0.03	1.1	
489	17 - 18	1.5	25.2	36.1	0.15	1.3	
820490	18 - 19	0.87	12.8	66.7	0.77	1.7	
491	19 - 20	0.34	3.2	89.3	0.38	1.6	
492	20 - 21	0.34	2.8	89.8	0.26	1.4	
493	Hole M.C. 11 6 - 7m	5.6	32.0	14.6	0.55	2.8	
494	7 - 8	4.2	36.9	8.0	0.38	2.7	
820495	8 - 9	4.3	38.3	5.0	0.34	2.9	



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Attention Mr. M. Edyvean

Main Creek Magnesite
Reg. Nos 820457-473 Holes 7 & 8

Dear Sir,

Please find attached results from above holes.
This completes the work on these samples as 820474 to 820481
inclusive were too low on loss on ignition to be worth analysis.

Yours faithfully,

(H. K. Wellington)
Chief Chemist & Metallurgist

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I & M.I. Pty Ltd Reg. Nos 820457-473 Main Creek Hole 7 & 8

<u>Reg. No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>%CaO</u>	<u>%MgO</u>	<u>%SiO₂</u>	<u>%Al₂O₃</u>	<u>%Fe</u>	<u>%L.O.I.</u>
820457	Main Creek Hole 7	13 - 14m	1.4	32.8	19.9	0.30	39.6
458		14 - 15	1.5	35.2	16.1	0.42	41.8
459		15 - 16	2.3	37.0	13.9	0.32	43.1
460		16 - 17	2.4	36.4	15.2	0.15	42.8
461		17 - 18	2.0	34.6	17.7	0.17	41.9
462		18 - 19	1.7	37.6	13.2	0.13	44.1
463		19 - 20	1.6	37.6	13.1	0.11	44.3
464		20 - 21	1.7	37.6	13.2	0.17	44.8
465*	Hole 8	16 - 19	1.1	27.5	32.7	1.8	43.7
466		19 - 21	2.8	40.0	9.0	0.13	43.5
467		21 - 22	2.9	40.0	5.1	0.09	47.2
468		22 - 23	3.6	40.6	4.7	0.08	47.5
469		23 - 24	4.3	40.6	5.8	0.08	46.7
470		24 - 25	4.4	40.0	5.6	0.08	46.5
471		25 - 26	4.3	39.4	5.2	0.08	46.9
472		26 - 27	3.9	40.6	5.4	0.08	46.5
473		27 - 28	4.6	40.0	5.2	0.04	46.9

* Provisional result.

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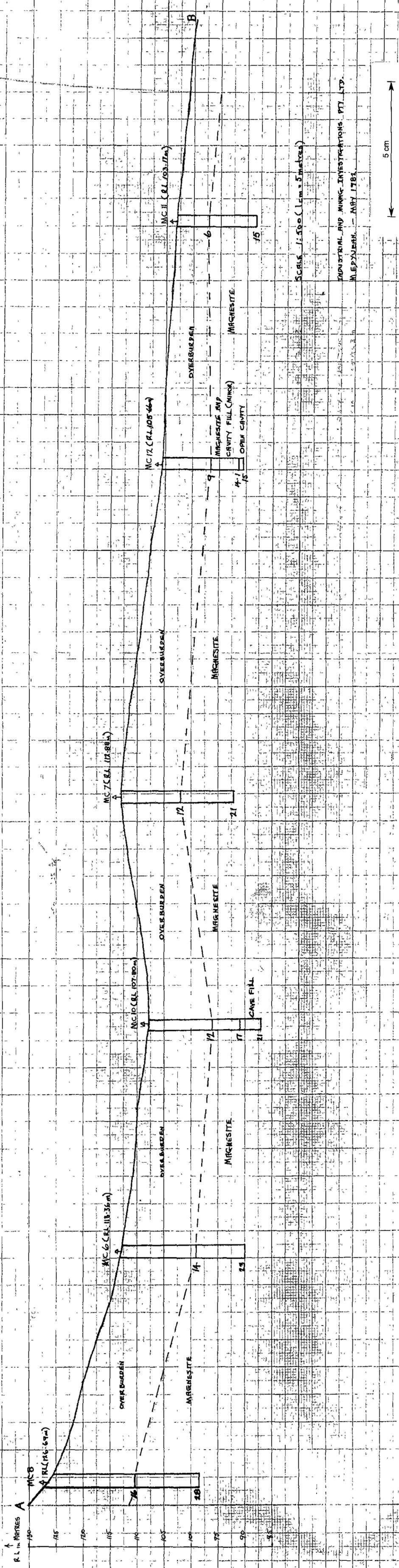
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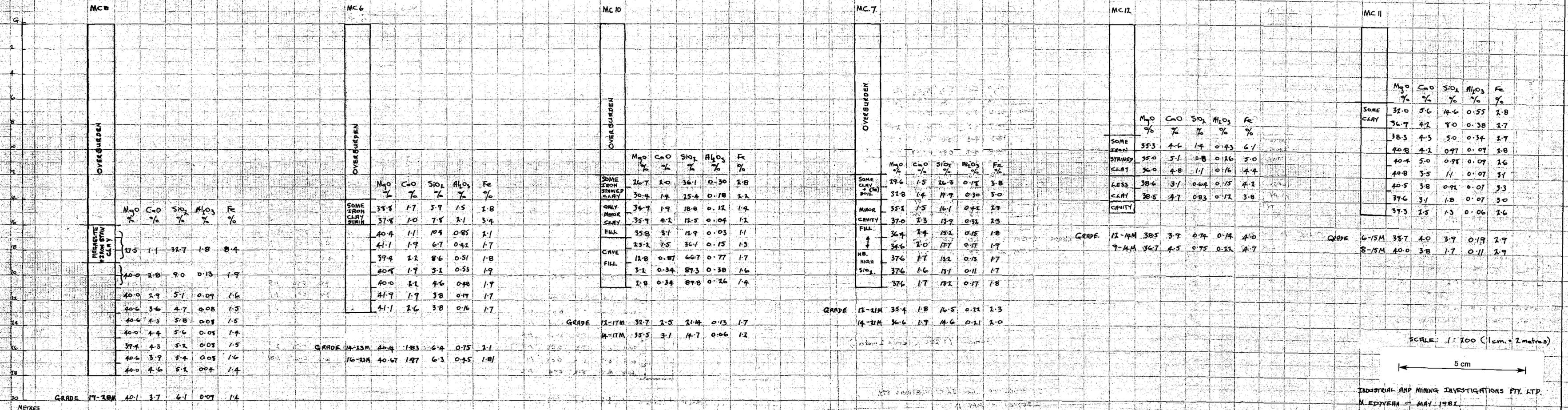
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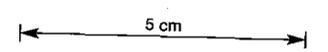
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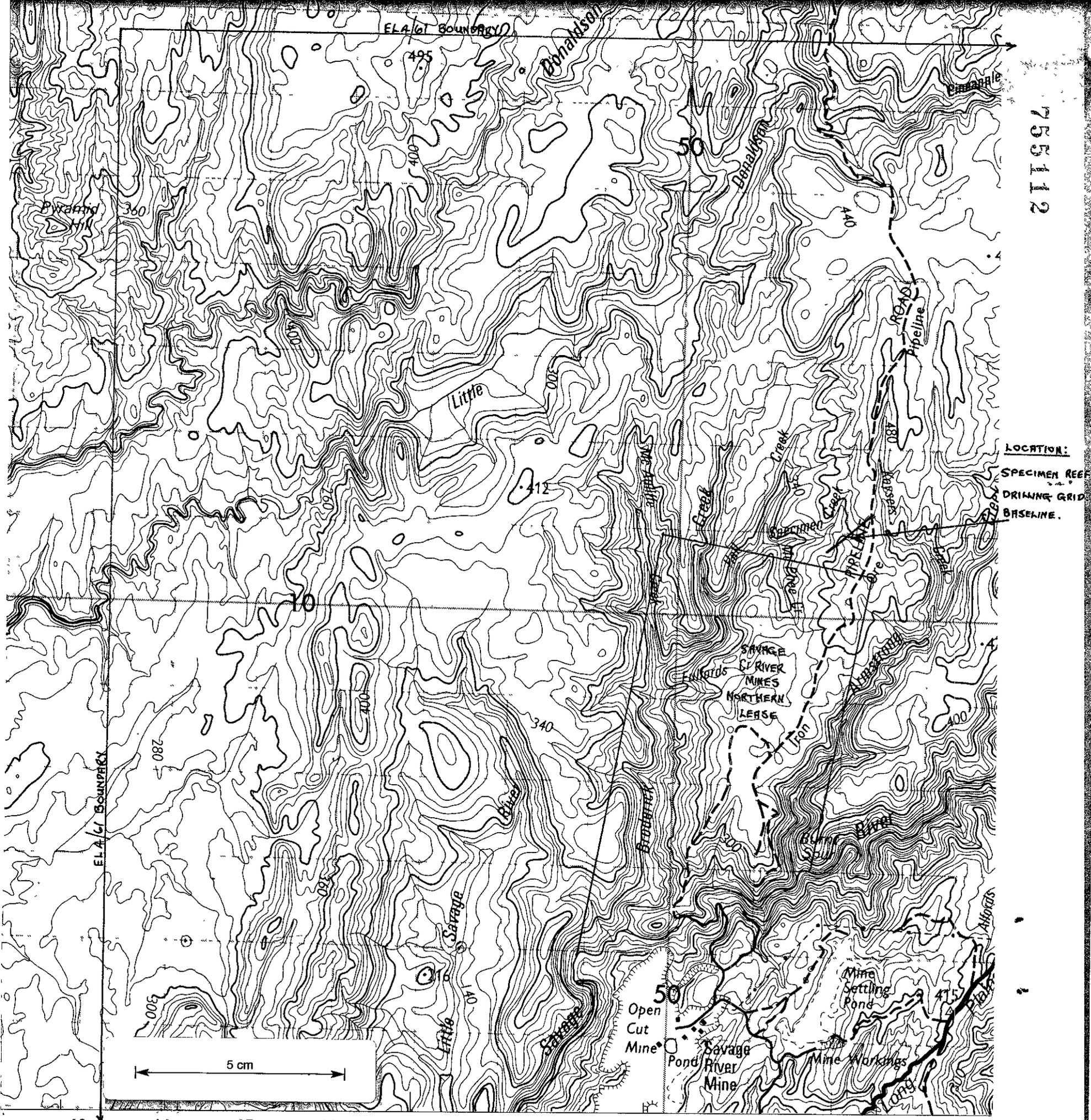


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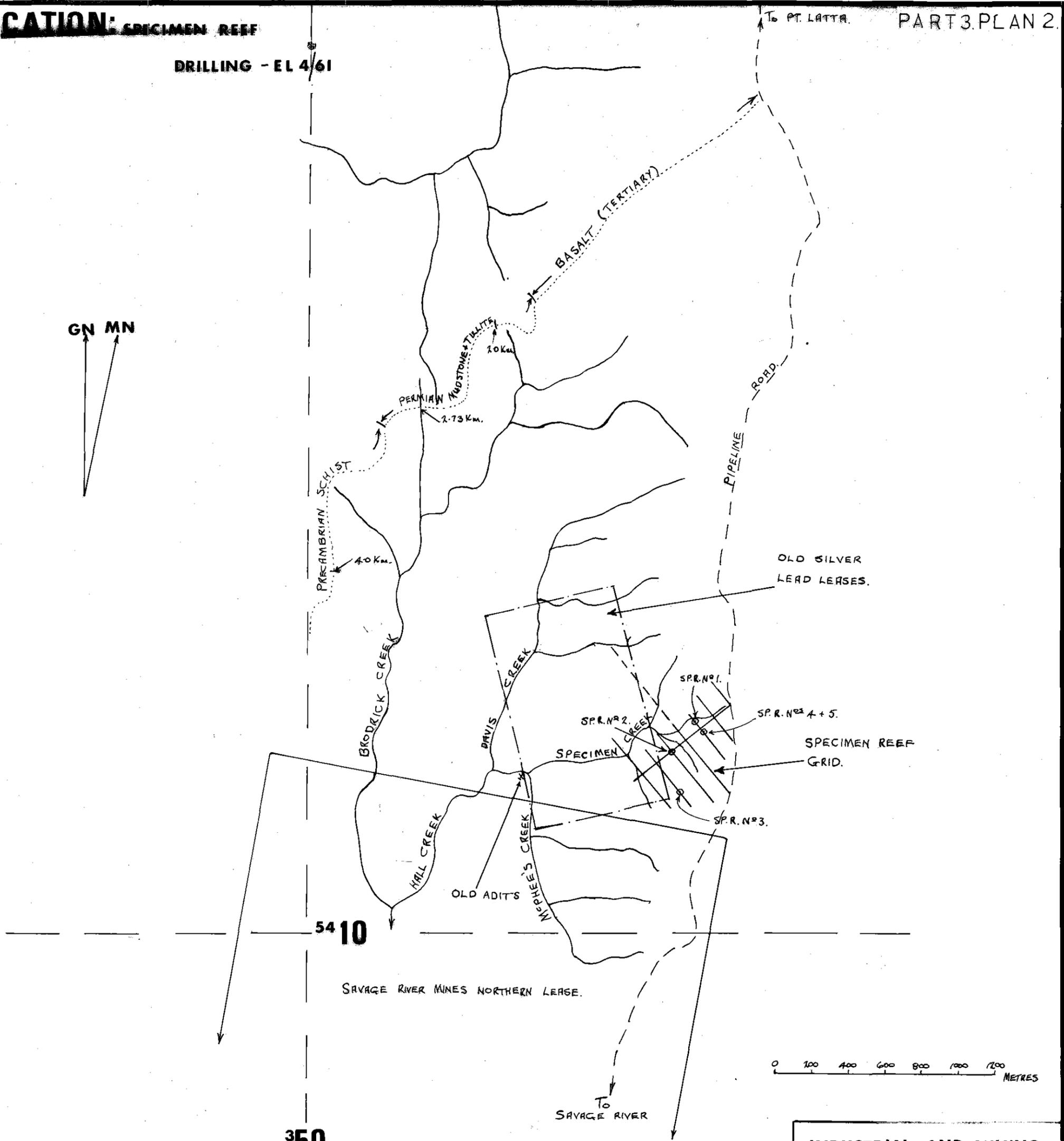
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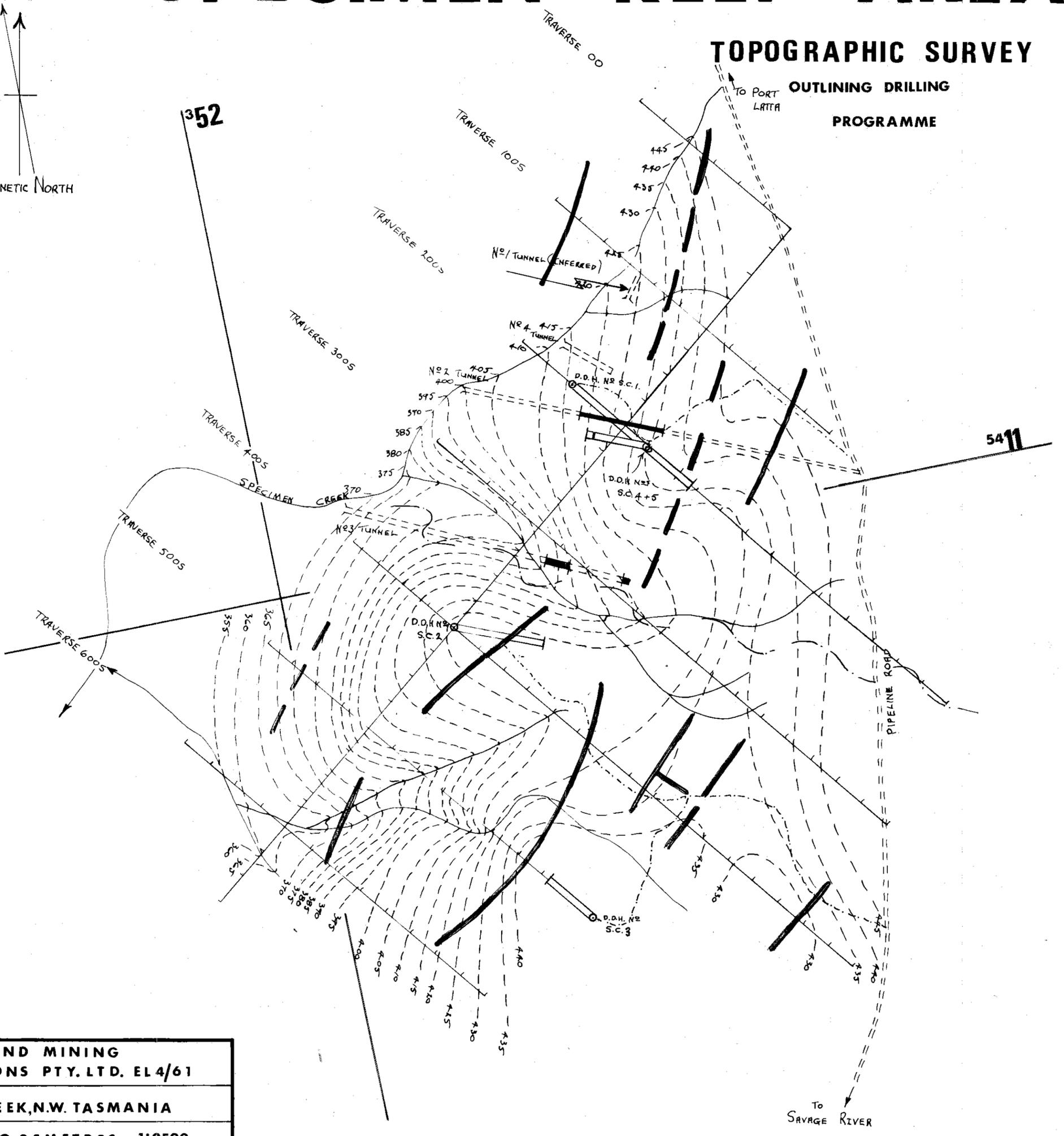
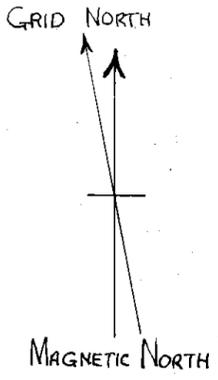
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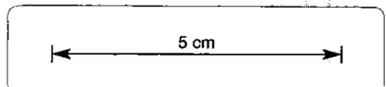
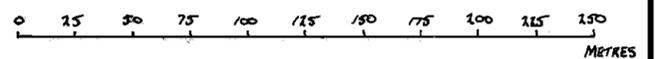
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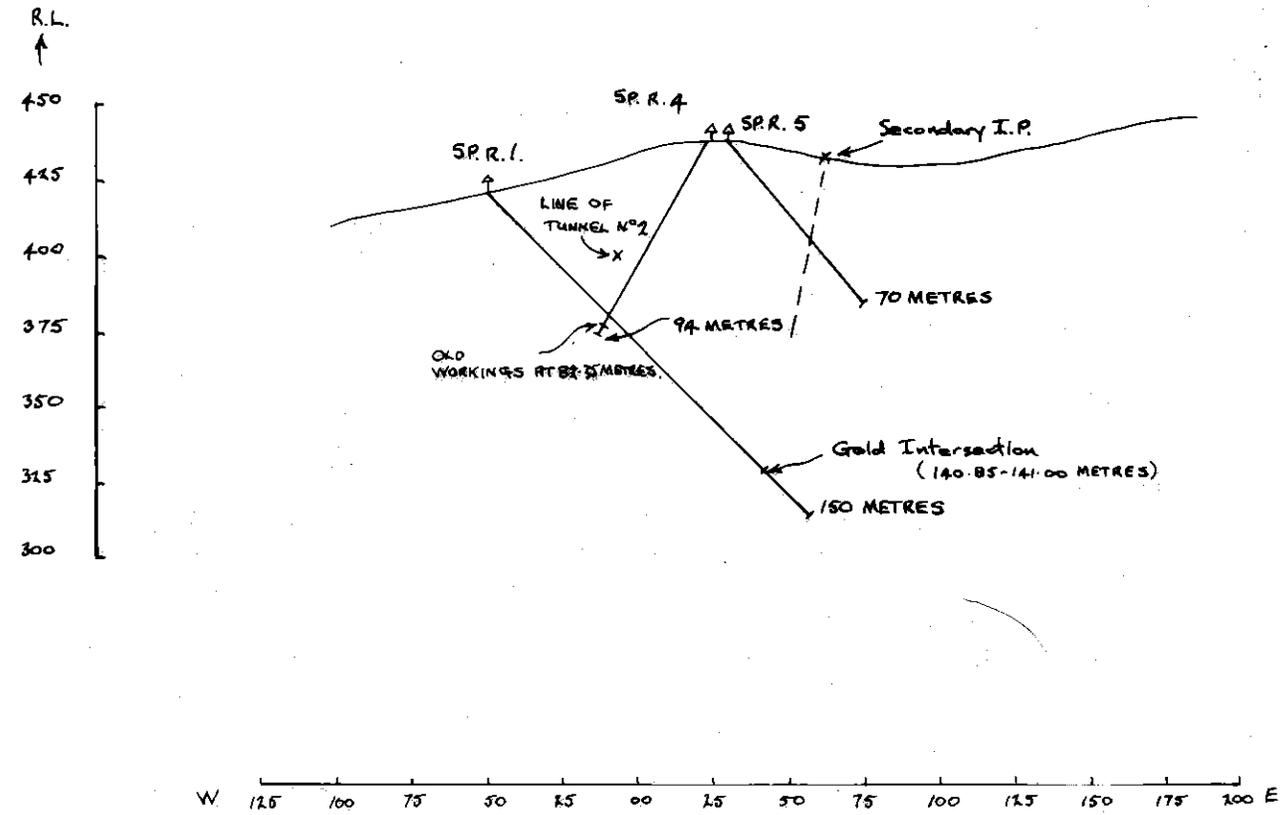
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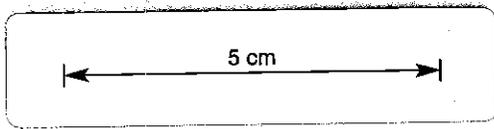
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- SP.R. 4. 2005/25E
 INCLINATION : 60°
 BEARING : 180° MAGNETIC
 DEPTH : 94 METRES
- SP.R. 5. 2005/30E
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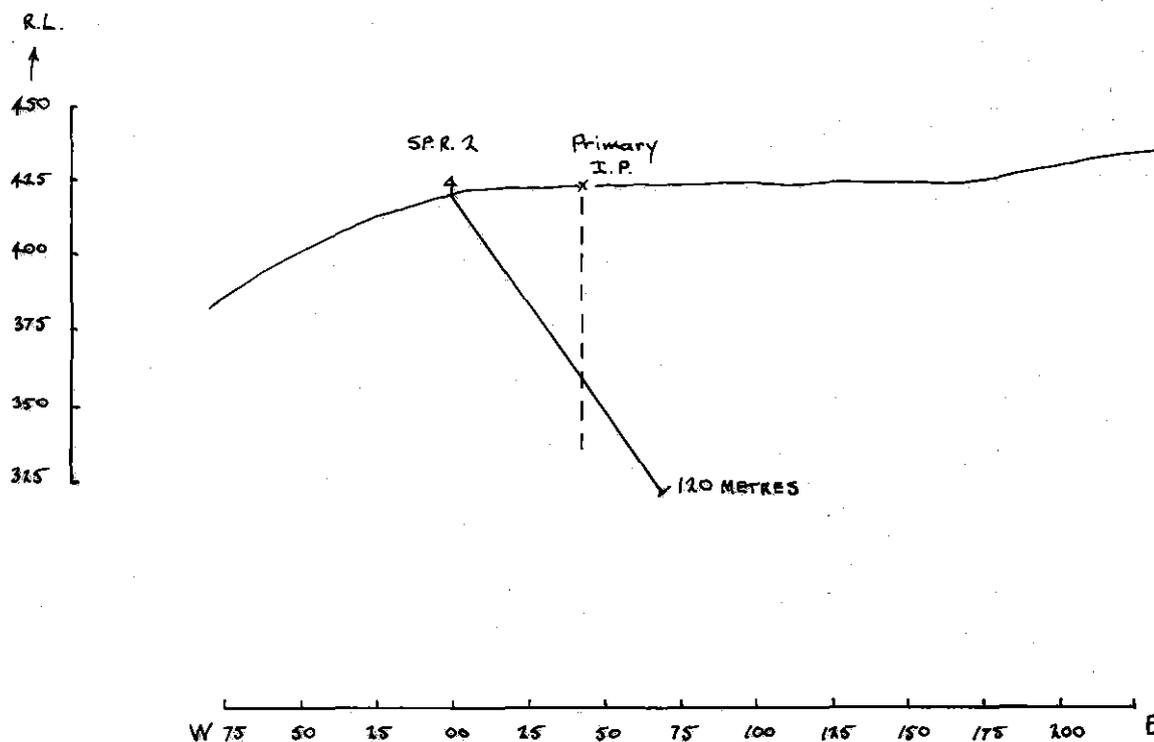
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S.P.R. 4 400 S/00

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BEARING: 100° MAGNETIC
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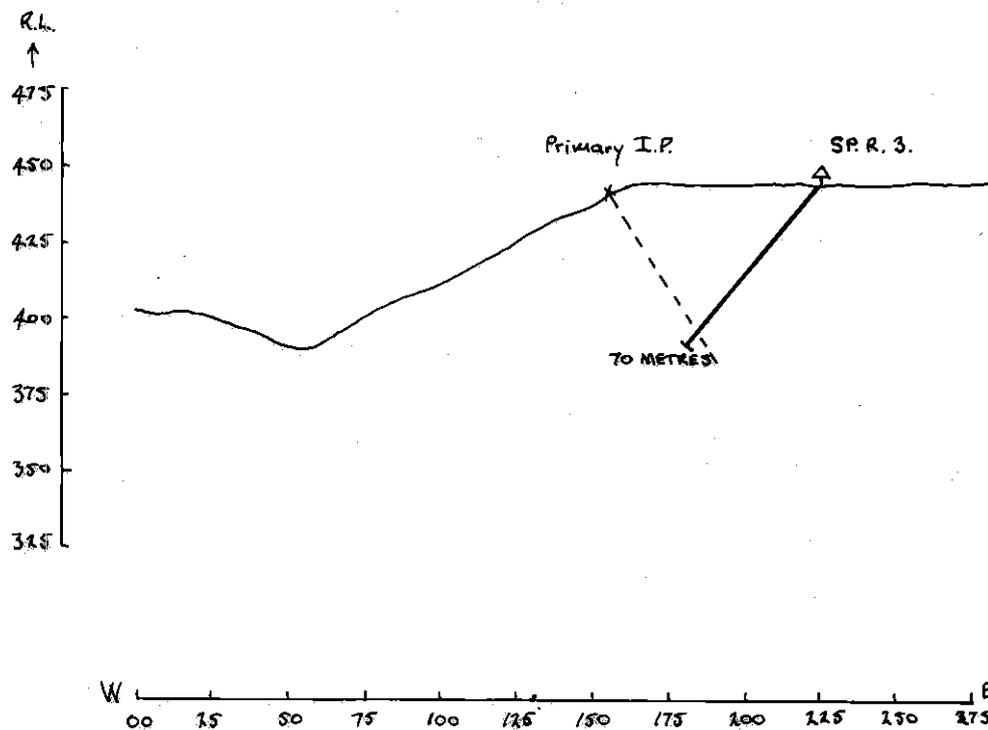
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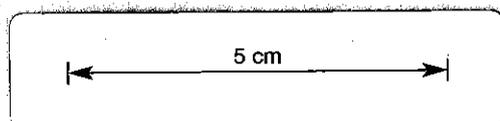
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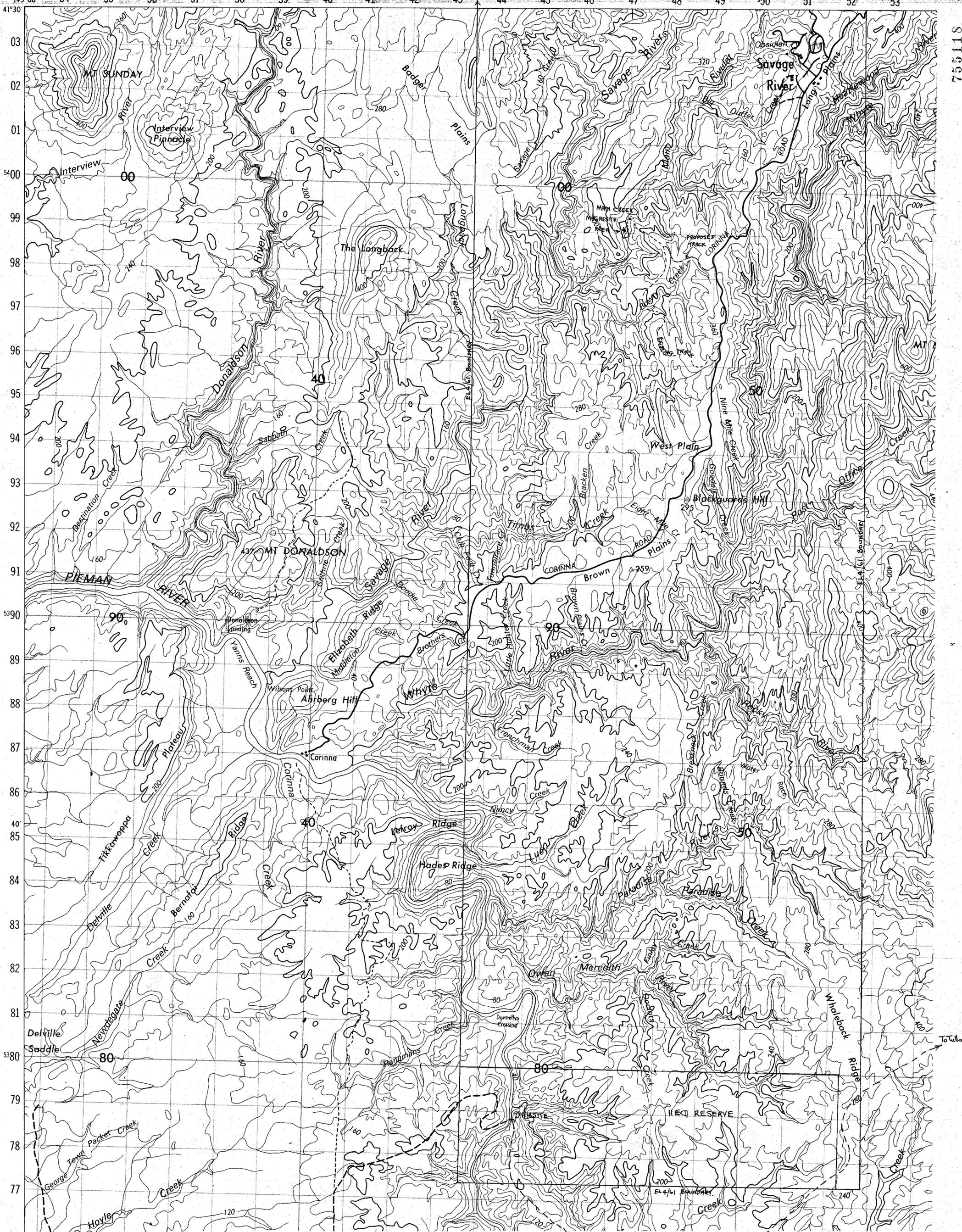
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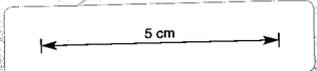
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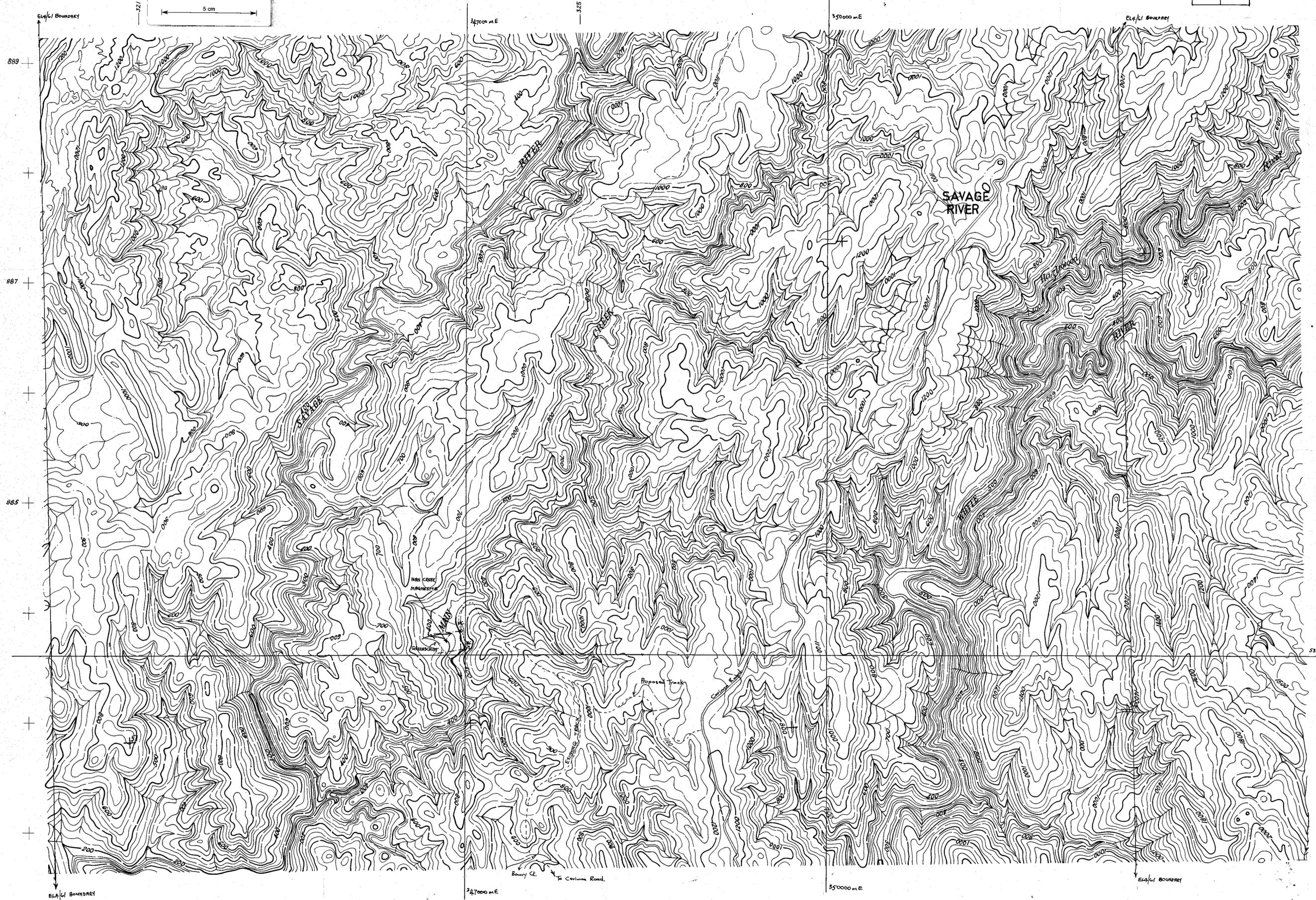
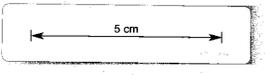


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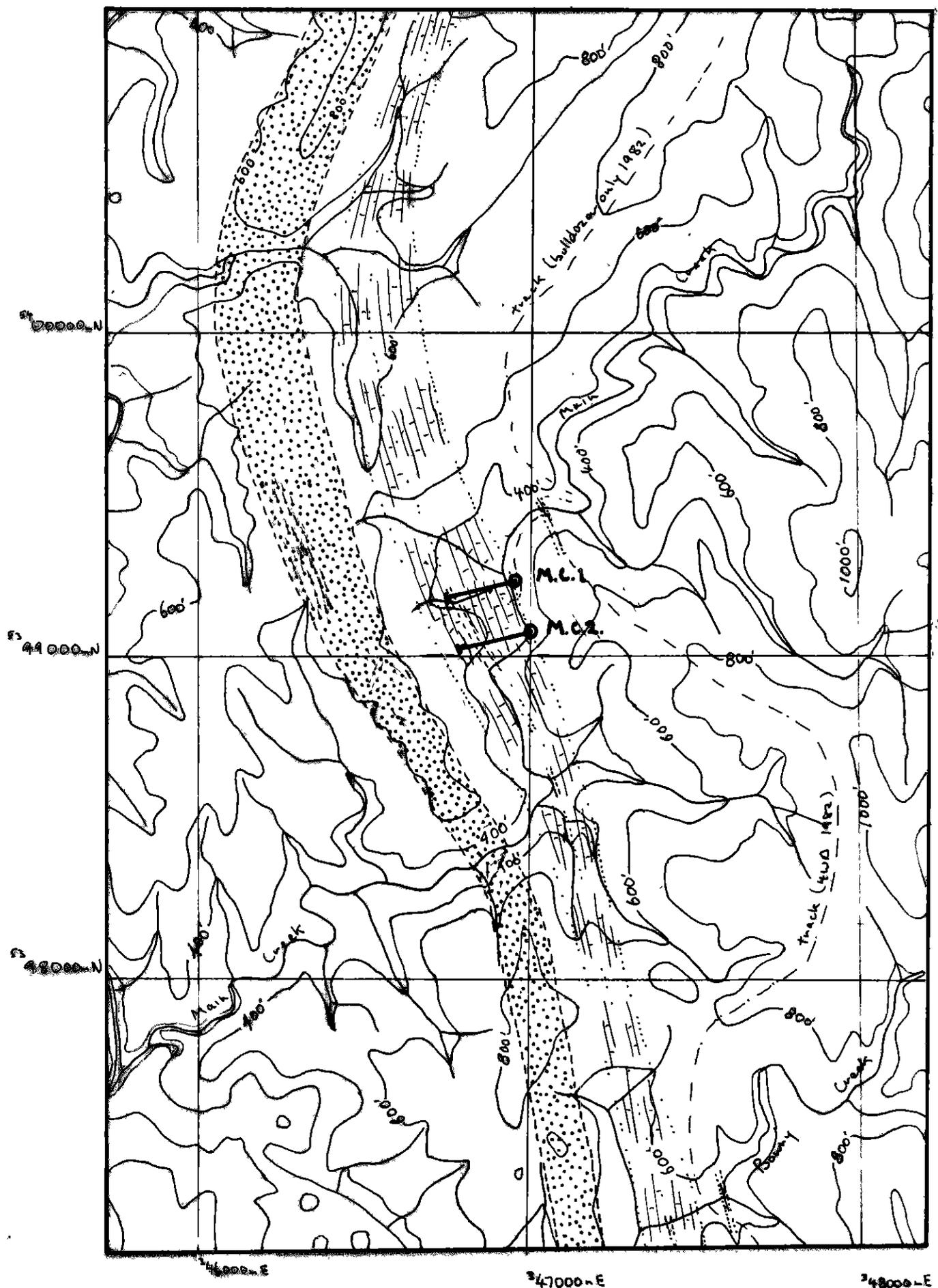
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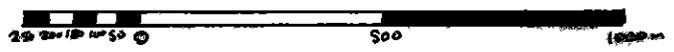
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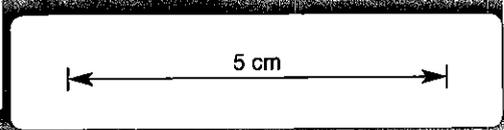
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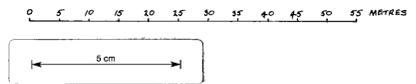
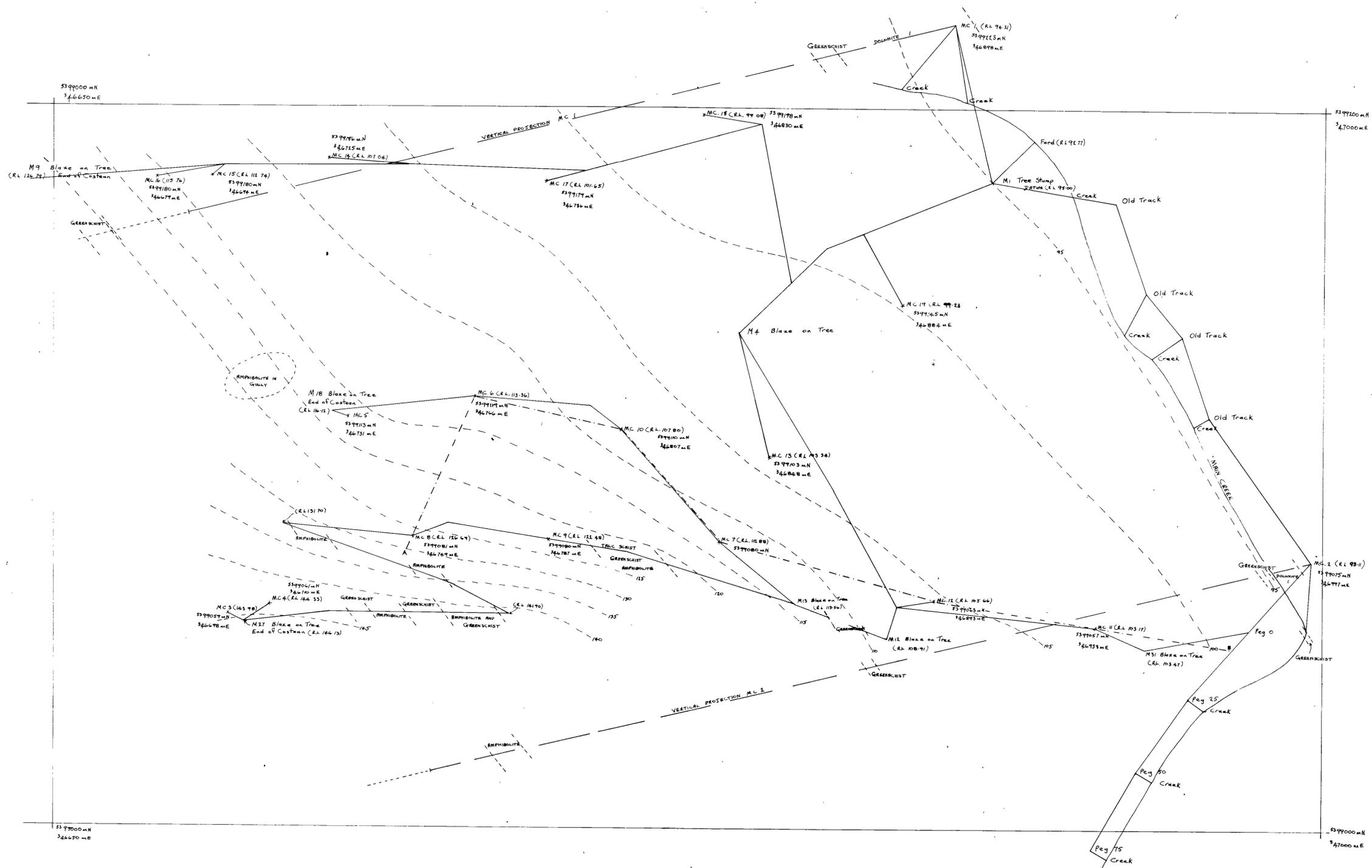


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MAIN CREEK MAGNESITE

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