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REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31st JULY, 1982

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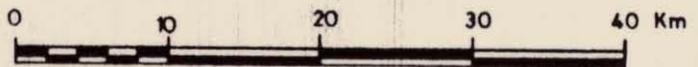
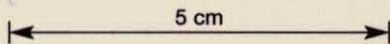
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41°30' S

42°00' S



Scale 1:500,000



Centre Melbourne
Date 1-3-82

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 E.L. 32/79, HUSKISSON RIVER, TAS.  
 LOCATION MAP

Project No: T.660-2
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EXPLORATION LICENCE 32/79

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HUSKISSON RIVER, TASMANIA

REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31st JULY, 1982

1. GENERAL

Exploration Licence 32/79 of 17 square kilometres was granted to The Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited on 16th July, 1980. The current expiry date is 16th January, 1983.

2. EXPLORATION PHILOSOPHY

The principal target within the exploration licence area is a massive sulphide or skarn hosted tin-tungsten deposit. E.L. 32/79 covers prospective ground adjacent to the Meredith Granite and includes part of a belt of dolomite bearing sediments which form hosts to mineralisation at Mt. Lindsay and Renison Bell.

3. SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED

- a) Literature study and evaluation of available data.
- b) Stream sampling and 1:10,000 geological mapping programme (under contract).
- c) Petrological study.
- d) Airborne E.M. - magnetics programme (Dighem II).
- e) Follow up of stream sediment anomalies.
- f) Interpretation of Landsat image.
- g) Line cutting, soil sampling and ground magnetic surveying to follow-up Dighem anomalies.
- f) Regional stream sediment, rockchip and soil sampling.
- g) Reconnaissance geological mapping.

4. SUMMARY OF WORK IN PROGRESS

Evaluation of geochemical and geophysical data.

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## 5. RESULTS

### 5.1 Geology

The area covers a portion of the eastern limb of the N.N.W. trending Huskisson Syncline. The sediments present range in age from Siluro Devonian to Precambrian (?) and young to the west.

Siluro Devonian quartz sandstone and Ordovician limestone (Gordon Limestone equivalent (?)) and conglomerate are present in the lower reaches of Webbs Creek in the south western part of the licence area. To the north the limestone is covered by recent gravels.

A 1½ kilometre wide belt of Cambrian sediments, that are probably Crimson Creek Formation equivalents, occupies the central portion of the licence area. These sediments include lithic wacke, tuffaceous siltstone, chert and carbonate bearing sandstones and breccias.

The eastern segment of the area is occupied by a sequence of grey-black slates and quartzites of probable Lower Cambrian to Precambrian age. These rocks are extensively sheared and tightly folded. They form the western limb of a major northward trending anticline which runs along the eastern boundary of the licence area.

Recent reconnaissance mapping in the south west of the lease found an extension of the Cambrian North Huskisson serpentinite into the south west of the area. Gabbro and dolerite dykes presumably related to the ultramafics are also present in the lease. Altered felsic dykes have been reported in exposures on the Huskisson Road to the north east.

### 5.2 Geochemistry

#### 5.2.1 Stream Sampling

Thirty five stream sediment samples were collected from the area to follow up anomalous tin found in stream sediments in the reconnaissance stream sampling programme. Samples were sieved to -80 mesh and analysed for tin, tungsten, copper, lead, zinc, cobalt, chromium, nickel, silver, gold, arsenic and antimony.

The sample sites are shown in Figure 3 and the results in Appendix 1.

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Note:

sample # 1415

65ppm Sn / 30W

SnO<sub>2</sub> in  
sample HSI46C

anomaly repeated from

earlier survey

apparently not

5.2.2

followed up by

BHP or similar

20/2/85

None of the samples are anomalous with respect to tin, tungsten or base metals. Several high chromium and nickel values were recorded in stream sediments from creeks draining the North Huskisson serpentinite. None of the samples are anomalous with respect to cobalt, silver, gold, arsenic and antimony.

#### Soil Sampling

A ridge soil sample traverse was conducted to try to find the source of the previously found tin anomalies in the creeks in the south east of the area. The location of the soil traverse is shown in Figure 3. Results are in Appendix 1. None of the samples are anomalous with respect to tin or tungsten. Low order anomalies were recorded for gold but the samples are not anomalous with respect to copper, lead, zinc, cobalt, chromium, nickel, silver, arsenic and antimony.

A second major ridge soil sampling programme was conducted in the south west of the licence area to trace the source of the anomalous tin values in the Webbs Creek drainage system. The ridge was offset from a magnetic anomaly in an area mapped as limestone overlain by recent gravels.

The area was thought to be prospective for skarn type mineralisation; however reconnaissance mapping showed the magnetic anomaly to be due to serpentinite at the base of the ridge. This is reflected by the high nickel and chromium values in some of the soil samples. The location of the soil traverse is shown in Figure 3 and results are in Appendix 1. None of the samples were anomalous with respect to tin or tungsten. No anomalies were reported for copper, lead, zinc, cobalt, silver, arsenic and antimony.

A third soil traverse was made alongside the Huskisson Drive road in the north east of the E.L. to test an aeromagnetic anomaly. The location of the soil traverse is shown in Figure 3 and results are in Appendix 1. None of the samples were anomalous with respect to tin or tungsten. No anomalies were reported for copper, lead, zinc, cobalt, chromium, nickel and arsenic.

### 5.2.3 Rock Chip Sampling

Nine rock chip samples from the E.L. were sent for analysis. The sample locations are shown in Figure 3 and descriptions and results are in Appendix 1.

### 5.3 Geophysics

A total of 3.3 kilometres of ground magnetic surveying was completed over roads and cut lines to follow-up Dighem magnetic anomalies in the N.E. of the E.L.

The sites of the traverses are shown in Figure 3. The profiles are shown in Appendix 3. A highly magnetic mafic dyke was found outcropping on the road traverse and the magnetic anomalies are probably caused by these mafic dyke rocks at a shallow depth.

### 5.4 Petrology

Three panned concentrates from streams in the S.E. of the E.L. previously found to contain anomalous tin were submitted for mineralogical examination. Minor cassiterite was found in only one of the three concentrates.

The heavy mineral present in the samples are consistent with a dominantly ultramafic source. The complete petrological reports are given in Appendix 2.

## 6. SUMMARY OF WORK PROPOSED

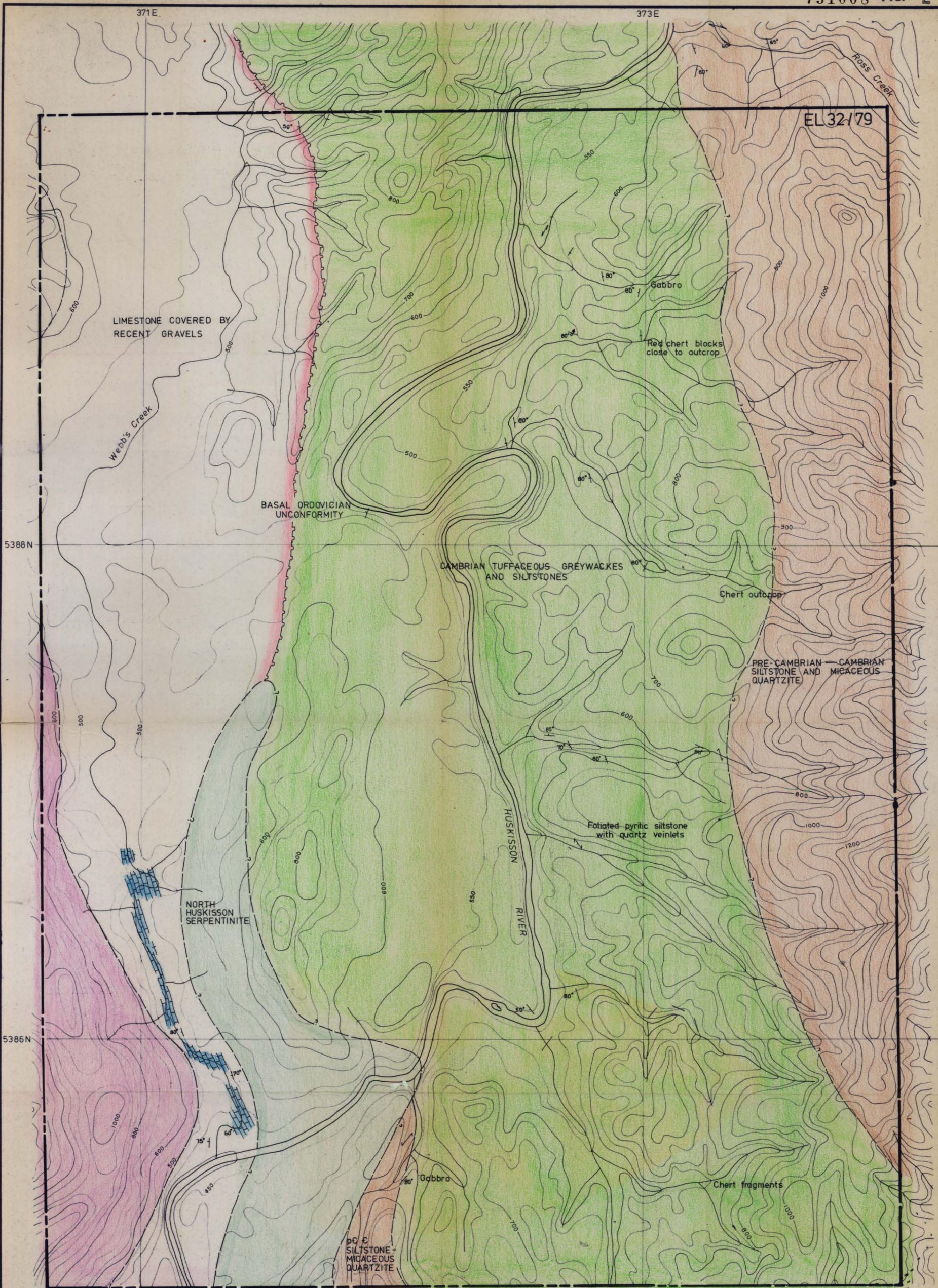
Evaluations of geochemical and geophysical data will be continued.

This report is submitted to the Mines Department as required by Schedule A of Exploration Licence 32/79.

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RECENT

Gravels

ORDOVICIAN SILURIAN

Sandstone minor carbonate horizons

Limestone

Sandstone conglomerate

CAMBRIAN

Tuffaceous greywackes siltstones minor cherts and gabbros.

Serpentine

PRE CAMBRIAN CAMBRIAN

Siltstone micaceous quartzite

Geological boundary

Unconformity

Dip and strike

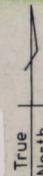
Dip and strike of overturned strata

Foliation

5 cm

SCALE 1:10,000

0 100 200 300 400 500 metres



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EL 32179 HUSKISSON RIVER AREA

GEOLOGY

Geology by R. Poltock

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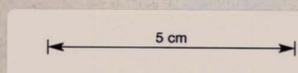
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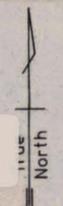
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- Stream sample locations. (Hus series)
- Soil sample locations.
- x Rock chip sample locations



SCALE 1:10,000  
0 100 200 300 400 500 metres



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GEOCHEMICAL SAMPLE LOCATIONS		
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APPENDIX 1

Geochemical Results

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LABORATORY REPORT

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Batch No. 1 C160 Client: BHP COMPANY LIMITED, Area Contact: DR. R. HINE  
Address: P.O. BOX 559 Address: G.P.O. BOX 1140L  
Date Received 25/03/82 CAMBERWELL HOBART TAS. 7001  
Date Completed 09/04/82 VIC 3124

Order No. 1 T660/005089 Sample Type: SOIL/SEDS/ROCK No. of Samples: 93

SAMPLE NO.	Cu	Pb	Zn	Ag	Cr	Co	Ni	As	Sb	Au	ELEMENTS UNITS METHODS
	g001	A105	G013	PM204							
T660/HUS 64 +	5	10	10	<1	170	5	5	<50	1	25	
T660/HUS 65	60	65	160	2	10	75	100	<50	1	10	
T660/HUS 66	50	45	160	2	85	55	60	<50	1	10	
T660/HUS 67+	100	40	310	4	520	80	230	<50	1	10	
T660/HUS 68+	50	40	185	2	130	50	80	<50	1	5	
T660/HUS 69	60	50	85	2	30	20	45	<50	1	25	
T660/HUS 70+	65	50	260	2	85	65	120	<50	<1	20	
T660/HUS 71+	85	45	250	3	480	75	185	<50	1	35	
T660/HUS 72+	65	30	190	2	310	60	110	<50	<1	5	
T660/HUS 73+	70	40	260	2	175	50	120	<50	1	5	
T660/HUS 74+	80	50	320	2	210	70	160	<50	1	10	
T660/HUS 75+	70	50	260	2	240	75	130	<50	1	5	
T660/HUS 76+	60	45	260	2	350	55	125	<50	1	5	
T660/HUS 77+	65	50	200	1	320	70	110	<50	1	<3	
T660/HUS 78 +	70	50	260	2	480	60	120	<50	1	3	
T660/HUS 87+	100	40	210	2	380	60	145	<50	1	5	
T660/HUS 88+	55	50	220	2	80	60	100	<50	1	<3	
T660/HUS 89+	60	60	200	2	310	45	110	<50	<1	3	
T660/HUS 90 +	60	55	140	2	920	50	65	<50	<1	3	
T660/HUS 91	60	40	250	1	310	55	120	<50	<1	25	
T660/HUS 92+	50	55	280	2	920	60	165	<50	<1	5	
T660/HUS 93+	75	60	370	2	120	85	250	<50	<1	5	
T660/HUS 94+	40	40	190	<1	700	40	170	<50	1	<3	
T660/HUS 95+	80	65	400	1	200	80	210	<50	1	<3	
T660/HUS 96 +	100	45	320	3	390	105	280	<50	1	10	
T660/HUS 97	75	60	115	3	280	95	85	<50	1	5	
T660/HUS 100+	135	45	270	3	500	105	200	<50	<1	<3	
T660/HUS 104+	65	50	195	2	80	65	85	<50	1	<3	
T660/HUS 120	70	40	60	2	105	20	55	<50	1	60	
T660/HUS 121	55	40	50	2	150	30	45	<50	1	25	

UNITS LEGEND ----- a - Parts per million b - Parts per billion % - percent  
g - Grams a - Absorbance

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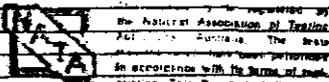
LABORATORY REPORT

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 CANBERRA HOBART TAS. 7001  
 Date Received 12/02/82  
 Date Completed 25/02/82 VIC 3124  
 Order No.: 1658-5085/1658-5086 Sample Type: SOIL No. of Samples: 150

SAMPLE NO.	Cu	Pb	Zn	Ni	Cr	Co	As	Sn	U	ELEMENTS UNITS METHODS
HD 00 N	90	65	50	45	75	20	3	10	<10	
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HD 200 N	115	60	40	45	90	40	2	15	10	
HD 300 N	200*	130*	90	55	35	45	1	<5	<10	
HD 400 N	115	90	100	65	65	35	1	5	<10	
HD 500 N	90	30	40	65	35	40	<1	5	<10	
HD 600 N	75	35	55	60	25	110	1	5	<10	
HD 700 N	125	50	100	80	95	95	5	5	<10	
HD 800 N	120	40	75	85	50	100	2	5	10	
HD 900 N	110	25	115	90	50	75	<1	<5	<10	
HD 1000 N	110	90	100	65	90	65	1	<5	<10	
HD 1100 N	95	25	55	50	15	50	2	10	<10	
HD 1200 N	15	20	15	10	70	10	1	<5	20	
HD 1300 N	45	40	40	30	55	15	1	<5	<10	
HD 1400 N	145	65	140	100	40	190*	10	5	<10	
HD 1500 N	95	50	60	45	85	30	3	5	<10	
HD 1600 N	75	25	55	45	10	30	7	5	<10	
HD 1700 N	85	30	45	45	60	20	1	5	<10	
HD 1800 N	145	50	100	75	70	100	1	10	<10	

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 g - Grams a - Absorbance

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REGION: HUSKISSON RIVER	PROJECT NO.: T660	PROSPECT:	GRID CO-ORDS:	LOCAL A.M.G.												
DESCRIPTION	Sample Type: ROCK	Rock Type:	Soil/Sediment Size Fraction:													
	HUS 81	Possible gabbro with pyrite veins														
	HUS 98A	Ironstone with calcite (?) vein - mainly limonite + magnetite														
	HUS 98B	Glassy flow bandwork associated with 98A (ignimbrite?)														
	HUS 99	Iron rich volcanoclastic sediment														
	HUS 102	Quartzite with pyrite and qtz veins (horizons?)														
	HUS 103	Iron rich breccia (glomerule?)														
ANALYSIS	Laboratory ALS	Batch No C106-1	Date Analysed 8-4-82													
Element	Su	W	Cu	Pb	Zn	Ni	Co	Co	Au*	Ag	As	Sb				
Method																
Sample #	XRFIA	XRFIA	G001	G001	G001	G001	G001	G001	PM204	G001	A105	G013				
HUS 81	<5	<10	60	30	140	100	50	35	3	1	<50	1				
HUS 98A	<5	<10	60	55	175	640	0.28%	150	5	1	<50	1				
HUS 98B	<5	<10	45	40	185	780	0.40%	145	5	1	<50	1				
HUS 99	<5	<10	80	99	270	240	>1.00%	300	3	2	<50	2				
HUS 102	<5	<10	75	40	250	120	130	70	5	2	<50	1				
HUS 103	<5	<10	135	45	200	150	70	185	5	3	<50	1				
REMARKS:	FOR SAMPLE LOCATIONS SEE GEOCHEMICAL SAMPLE LOCATION MAP															
	* All elements in ppm except gold which is in ppb.															
	Logged or Sampled by: Sabrina Kester Kelin King Date:															

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REGION: HUSKISSON RIVER	PROJECT N°: T660	PROSPECT:	GRID CO-ORDS.:	LOCAL A.M.O.:												
DESCRIPTION	Sample Type: Rock	Rock Type:	Soil/Sediment Size Fraction:													
	HUS 137	-	pyrite v. mafic dyke													
	HUS 147	-	galena													
ANALYSIS																
	Laboratory ALS	Batch N° C 106 - 1	Date Analysed 3-4-82													
Element	Sn	W	Cu	Pb	Zn	Ni	Cr	Co	*Au	Ag	As	Sb				
Method Sample #	XRFA	XRFA	G001	G001	G001	G001	G001	G001	PM206	G001	A105	G013				
	<5	<10	95	45	270	135	90	75	3	2	<50	1				
	<5	<10	160	30	150	105	35	120	3	2	<60	1				
REMARKS:																
For sample locations see geochemical sample location map																
* All elements in ppm except for gold which is in ppb																
Logged or Sampled by: Sabrina Keiser Kelvin King														Date:		

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APPENDIX 2

Petrological Report

Panned Concentrates MRL 13.648-13.650

Three panned concentrates were received for mineralogical examination with special reference to tin minerals.

A preliminary examination showed that the concentrates were composed dominantly of light minerals and required further concentration for examinations to be effective. Each sample was screened on 18 mesh B.S.S., and the -18# fraction was separated in TBE (S.G. = 2.95) and the heavy fractions were examined optically; they are briefly described below.

HUS 74A (MRL 13.648) HF = 6.8 % (weight)

The heavy minerals consist dominantly of goethite-limonite fragments (including oxidised pyrite), with accessory magnetite, chromite, ilmenite and augite, and rare grains of garnet, monazite, zircon and tourmaline.

No cassiterite was detected, and the mineral assemblage indicates principally mafic-ultramafic source rocks. If Sn is present, it must be associated with the goethite-limonite, which would suggest a silicate- or sulphide-Sn situation.

HUS 138C (MRL 13.649) HF = 9.7 %

This heavy fraction is dominantly composed of chromite, with accessory ilmenite, a trace of augite, and isolated grains of tourmaline, zircon, monazite, hornblende, sphene, ?sillimanite and ?kyanite.

Much of the chromite is euhedral or only incipiently abraded, indicating a nearby source. Other minerals are very scarce and may be of metamorphic derivation. No Sn minerals were seen.

HUS 146C (MRL 13.650) HF = 1.1 %

The major minerals are chromite and goethite, with minor ilmenite and leucoxene, accessory zircon, tourmaline, augite and hornblende, traces of monazite, rutile and anatase, and isolated angular to incipiently abraded cassiterite (only about three grains were detected in the entire heavy fraction).

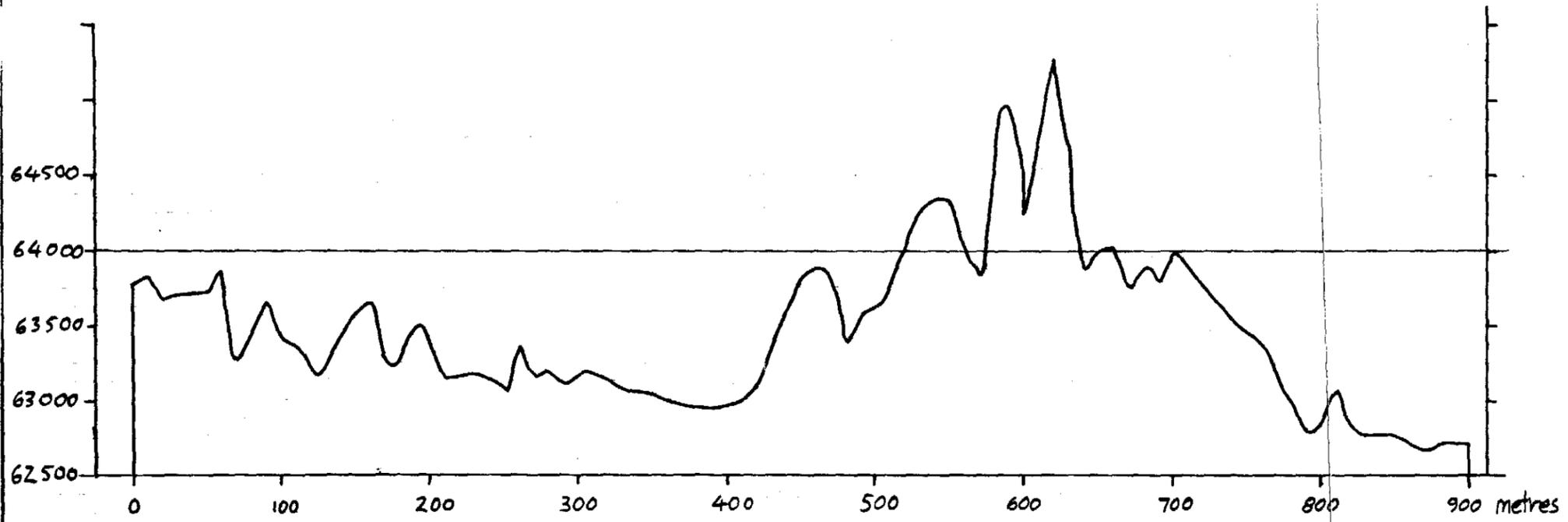
The mineral assemblage in this sample differs from that of the other two, being much more varied and containing more tourmaline and zircon, and less chromite. Some Sn could be associated with goethite, and could be checked (as in HUS 74A) by carrying out an assay for soluble Sn.

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APPENDIX 3

Ground Magnetic Profiles

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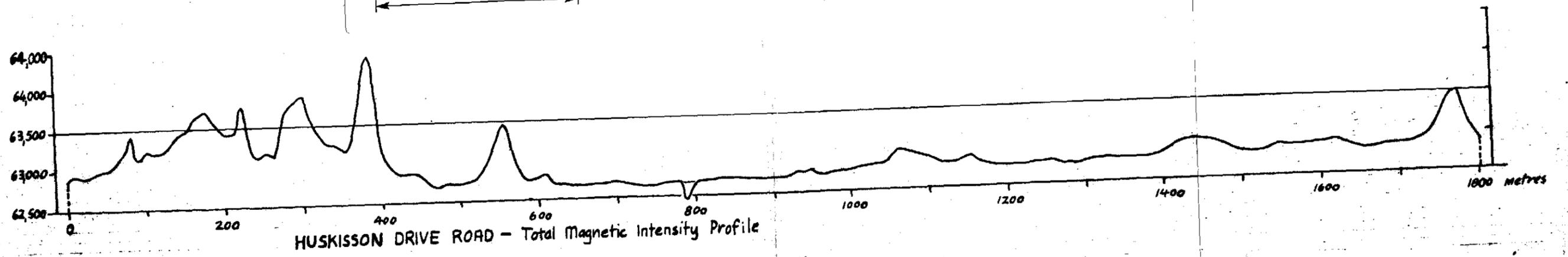


NORTH HUSKISSON LINE 1 - Total Magnetic Intensity (nT)



NORTH HUSKISSON LINE 2 - Total Magnetic Intensity (nT)

5 cm



HUSKISSON DRIVE ROAD - Total Magnetic Intensity Profile