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**TENEMENT INFORMATION**

EL 19/89 is a 22 square kilometre tenement comprised of two blocks located near Smithton, northwest Tasmania. Part 1 comprises 10.6 square kilometres in the vicinity of, and extending north and west from, Lake Mikany. The 10.6 square kilometre Part 2 has the mouth of the Black River in the northeast portion of the block and extends in a southwesterly direction towards South Forest (Figure 1, page 2).

**Part 1** is comprised of (Figure 1, p 2):

Private Property  
Crown Land  
Forest Reserve

and excludes:

157 ha Mining Leases  
2 ha Gravel Reserve  
22 ha Council Reserve  
59 ha Crown Land (Lake Mikany - Water Supply)

Six mineral leases currently held over Beacom Hills within Part 1 of EL19/89 are as follows (Plan 1):

<b>Lease</b>	<b>Area (ha)</b>	<b>Lessee/s</b>
1279P/M	30	T.J. & M.J. Leis
1085P/M	11	M.K. & G.J. Francombe & P. McBain
1179P/M	39	J.R & J.H. Amlet
1398P/M	20	W.E Purdy
879P/M	41	Municipality of Circular Head
23M/89	16	Pioneer Silicon Industries Pty. Ltd.

**Part 2** is comprised of (Figure 1, p 2):

Private Property  
Crown Land  
Crown Land (Subject to Lands Department Approval)

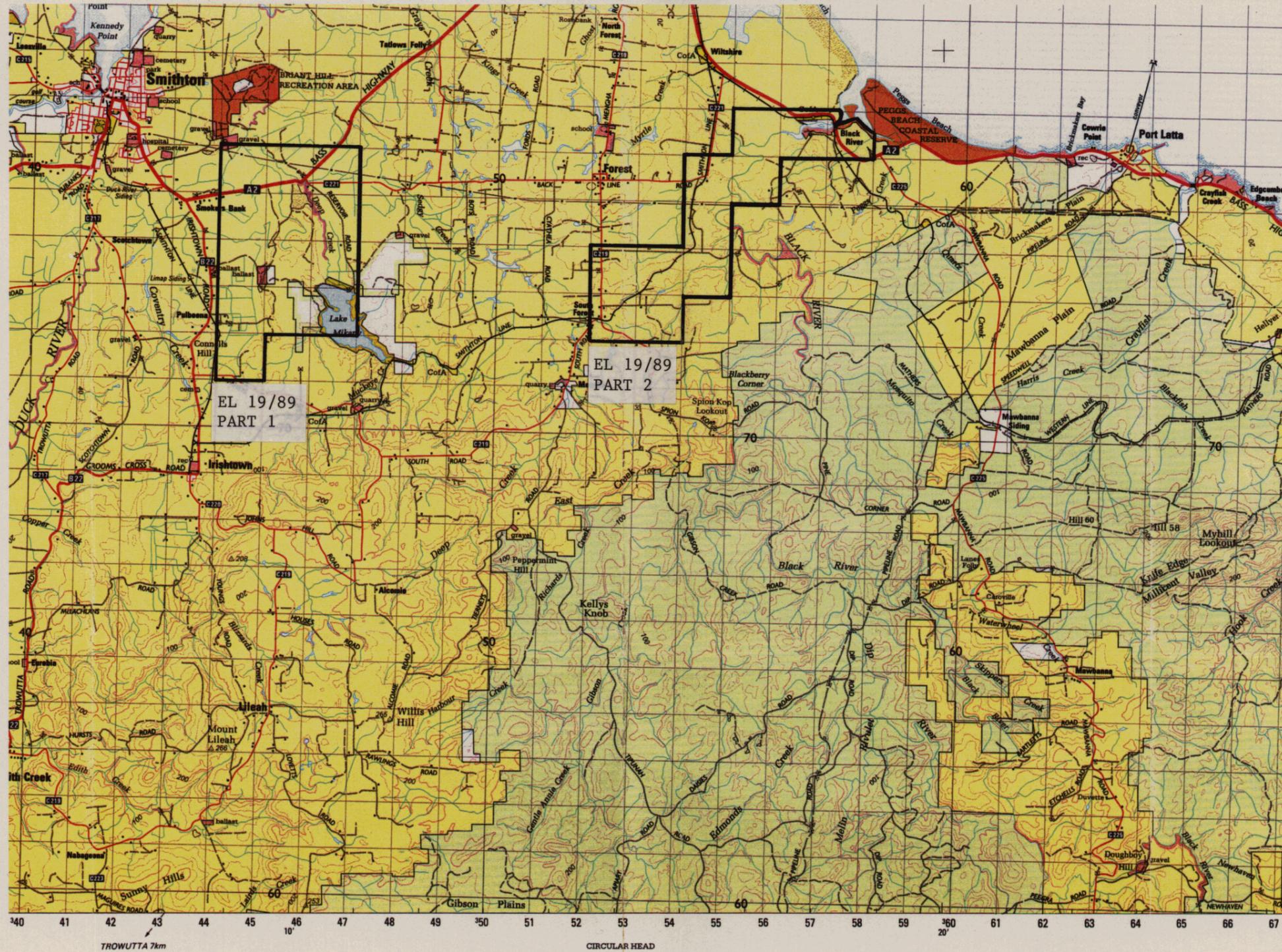
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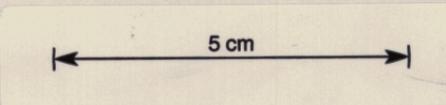
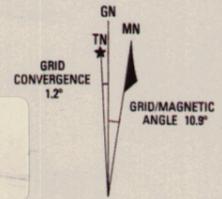
Figure 1. Location Map & Land Tenure - EL 19/89 (1:100,000).



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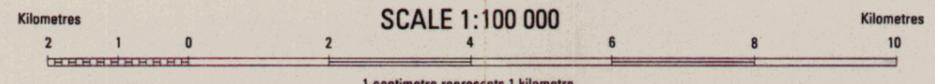
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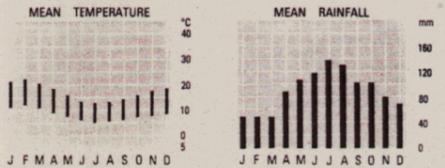


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- Vehicular track; Gate.....
- Walking track, position approximate.....
- Railway; Tunnel; Bridge.....
- Light railway or tramway.....
- Power transmission line.....
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For full particulars, users are requested to consult the Registrar General's Division, Law Department; or the Survey Division, Lands Department.

- Private Freehold Land.....
- Forestry Commission: State Forest; with Forest Reserve.....
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- Lands Department: Land Recreation Area.....
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- Leased or Non-Allocated Crown Land.....
- National Parks & Wildlife Service: State Reserves, etc.....
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## **EXPLORATION PHILOSOPHY & OBJECTIVES**

The primary exploration aim of Pioneer Silicon Industries Pty. Ltd. is to locate high grade silica deposits to increase available tonnages for it's plant at Electrona.

Significant high grade quartzite deposits occur with the Late Precambrian - (?)Cambrian Forest Conglomerate and Quartzite in the vicinity of Smithton (Unit P1f, Department of Mines 1:50,000 Smithton Sheet). Pioneer has recognised the potential of these quartzites through its detailed investigation of its mining leases at Beacom Hills (Plan 1). Exploration has shown that secondary silicification is a major factor in the upgrading of the quality of the quartzite into the specified range necessary for Pioneer's operations. This secondary silicification phenomenon is the prime exploration target for Pioneer as the primary quartzites are often of too low a grade to be of economic benefit.

Through a program of mapping and sampling, Pioneer aims to assess the potential reserves within the Precambrian silica zone.

## **OVERVIEW OF GEOLOGY**

The Late Precambrian - (?)Cambrian Forest Conglomerate and Quartzite unconformably overlies the Cowrie Siltstone (Rocky Cape Group) and is overlain by the Smithton Dolomite. The formation usually consists of a basal siliceous conglomerate overlain by white quartzite.

In some areas the basal conglomerate units are missing (Beacom Hills), while in other areas there appear to be several conglomerate horizons (Black River area). In the region of Beacom Hills, the formation is represented by at least 120m of white quartzite which is currently being extensively quarried (Brown, 1989, pp 20-21).

## **SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED IN YEAR 1.**

The Year 1 exploration was comprised of:

- Reconnaissance mapping of quartzite horizons.
- Reconnaissance sampling of quartzite outcrop and subsequent assay for contaminants ( $Al_2O_3$ ,  $Fe_2O_3$  and  $TiO_2$ ).

## DETAILS OF SPECIFIC SURVEYS

A reconnaissance sampling programme of the Forest Conglomerate and Quartzite within Parts 1 and 2 of EL19/89 was undertaken, with twelve 1-2kg samples being removed from each part of the tenement (24 samples in total). The samples were subsequently assayed by Pioneer Silicon Industries Pty. Ltd. for  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{TiO}_2$ .

The preferred specifications for Pioneer Silicon Industries Pty. Ltd. are as follows:

	allowable %	preferred %
$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	0.1	<0.05
$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	0.04	<0.04
$\text{TiO}_2$	0.07	<0.04

However, material with maximum specifications of:

	%
$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	0.25 - 0.30
$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	0.1
$\text{TiO}_2$	0.1

may be incorporated within a larger bulked sample provided the overall weighted specifications are suitable. Sample assay results for Part 1 and Part 2 of the EL are presented below (Tables 1 & 2, pp 5 & 6 respectively).

The resource potential for each of the sample sites was assessed on the basis of these analyses together with the present land tenure and land use, and the suitability of these areas to mining activities. Individual sample site assessments are presented in appendices 1 and 2 respectively and a regional summary is presented below.

## REGIONAL SUMMARY

Although samples taken from sites immediately north and west of Lake Mikany (Sites 17 & 18) returned favourable analyses, the area must be ruled out from being prospective due to the proximity to Lake Mikany (Licence Condition 13).

The majority of silica resource within Part 1 is represented by the large unit of quartzite, immediately south of the Bass Highway, which constitutes Beacom Hills. The unit comprises the western and eastern slopes and ridgelines with all previous mining, and the majority of previous exploration, concentrating on the western portion. Five sites on the western side of Beacom Hills were sampled (Sites 20 & 22-25). Site 20 returned extremely high levels of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{TiO}_2$  but samples from the area to the south (Sites 22-25) all yielded low levels of impurities. This survey indicates that there is a high potential for a substantial strip of high grade quartzite east of mining leases 1279P/M, 1085P/M and 23M/89. Due to the lack of outcrop

Table 1. Sample assays, EL 19/89 - Part 1  
(Samples 17-20, 22-29).

Sample	AMG Co-Ords	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	TiO <sub>2</sub>
17	346 900mE, 5 473 100mN	0.043	0.010	0.021
18	346 200mE, 5 472 800mN	0.053	0.010	0.025
19	346 100mE, 5 473 500mN	0.12	0.014	0.025
20	345 300mE, 5 474 200mN	>1.00	0.047	0.11
22	345 400mE, 5 474 000mN	0.048	0.007	0.025
23	345 350mE, 5 473 700mN	0.062	0.009	0.025
24	345 300mE, 5 473 400mN	0.058	0.014	0.034
25	345 000mE, 5 473 100mN	0.043	0.009	0.034
26	345 600mE, 5 474 400mN	0.053	0.012	0.029
27	346 200mE, 5 474 200mN	0.048	0.008	0.021
28	346 100mE, 5 474 300mN	0.83	0.025	0.034
29	346 000mE, 5 473 700mN	>1.00	2.52	0.25

Table 2. Sample assays, EL 19/89 - Part 2 (Samples 2-13).

Sample	AMG Co-Ords	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	TiO <sub>2</sub>
2	356 500mE, 5 476 800mN	0.60	0.016	0.013
3	357 100mE, 5 476 700mN	0.81	0.032	0.021
4	357 200mE, 5 476 600mN	>1.00	0.047	0.034
5	356 600mE, 5 476 400mN	0.32	0.043	0.038
6	355 600mE, 5 476 100mN	0.27	0.040	0.025
7	354 300mE, 5 477 200mN	0.23	0.018	0.029
8	354 200mE, 5 474 900mN	0.85	0.072	0.021
9	354 400mE, 5 474 200mN	>1.00	0.14	0.046
10	354 100mE, 5 473 900mN	0.76	0.090	0.029
11	352 300mE, 5 473 400mN	0.13	0.16	0.008
12	353 300mE, 5 472 700mN	>1.00	2.77	0.29
13	352 100mE, 5 472, 100mN	0.072	0.032	0.11

and dense vegetation, the eastern extent of the quartzite on the western ridge is unknown. Ware (1983), through an airtrack drilling programme, delineated an area of potential silica resource immediately to the south and east of 23M/89 but also failed to locate the eastern extent of the unit. The southern extent of the Forest Conglomerate and Quartzite appears to be controlled by an east-west trending fault, approximately 300m south of Pioneer Silicon Industries' 23M/89 (Ware, 1983).

No in situ bedrock was observed on the eastern slope and ridgeline of Beacom Hills. Samples 19 and 27-29 were taken from recently disturbed material. Samples 19 and 27, taken from midslope, returned reasonable analyses, whilst samples 28 and 29, taken from the ridgeline, contain extreme levels of  $Al_2O_3$ . There is potential for a significant resource along this eastern ridge.

Part 2 of EL 18/89 contains three major blocks of Forest Conglomerate and Quartzite, none of which are considered prospective for Pioneer Silicon Industries Pty. Ltd. The northeastern-most region consists of two east-west trending ridges of Forest Conglomerate and Quartzite, one on each bank of Black River near the river mouth (Sample Sites 2-6). Samples from all five sites returned unacceptable levels of  $Al_2O_3$  (Site 4:  $Al_2O_3 > 1.00\%$ ). The elongate nature of the outcrop, and the proximity of the river and its associated reserves, also reduce the prospectivity of this area.

The central block within Part 2 contains one continuous ridge of Forest Conglomerate and Quartzite (Sites 7-10) which basically follows the line of Ferny Bridge Road. Samples returned consistently high levels of  $Al_2O_3$  (Site 9:  $Al_2O_3 > 1.00\%$ ) and  $Fe_2O_3$  (Site 9:  $Fe_2O_3 = 0.14\%$ ). As in the northeastern region, the ridge is narrow (maximum width approximately 150m) and considered to be of little interest to Pioneer Silicon Industries Pty. Ltd.

In the southwestern block (Sites 11-13) the formation is represented by four small isolated outcrops around the township of South Forest. All samples returned high values for  $Al_2O_3$  with samples 11 and 12 also containing unacceptably high values of  $Fe_2O_3$ . Sample 13 returned a high level of  $TiO_2$  ( $TiO_2 = 0.11\%$ ), the sample site representing only a portion of an elongate ridge of Forest Conglomerate and Quartzite, most of which lies west of the EL boundary.

The limited extent of outcrop, poor analyses and proximity to the South Forest township, result in this block also being of low prospectivity.

## **CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Part 1 of EL19/89 be further explored, targeting the western and eastern slopes and ridgelines of Beacom Hills. The northern and eastern extent of the quartzite on Beacom Hills must be determined in order to estimate the extent of the resource. The presence of quartzite on the eastern slope and ridgeline of Beacom Hills should also be further investigated.

The results of the Year 1 sampling programme indicate that Part 2 of EL19/89 is unprospective for Pioneer Silicon Industries Pty. Ltd. and should be relinquished.

**PROPOSED FUTURE EXPLORATION**

Future exploration will focus on the Beacom Hills target as delineated by the Year 1 program. This may include:

- Establishment of a grid over the prospective quartzite zone.
- Geological mapping, sampling and assay.
- Percussion drilling of the target to indicate its northern and eastern extent, and to estimate tonnage and grade.
- Removal of a bulk sample to assess mining yield through screening tests.
- Trial furnace tests to assess smelting properties.

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**APPENDIX 1**  
**SAMPLE SITE DESCRIPTIONS - PART 1, EL 19/89.**  
**SITES 17-20, 22-29.**

**NOTE :** All samples taken from quartzite member of Forest Conglomerate and Quartzite.

**SITE 17**

**AMG** : 346 900mE, 5 473 100mN

**LAND TENURE** : Water Reserve  
Private Freehold

**OWNERSHIP** : Smithton Municipality  
Isabel Robertson

**POSITION OF OUTCROP** : On side of Reservoir Road near carpark at Lake Mikany.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Small ridge - minimal outcrop.

<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>		%
	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.043
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.010
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.021

**PROSPECTIVITY** : Favourable chemical analyses for all three majors tested. 1:50,000 Geological Map indicates only minimal outcrop in this specific area. Difficulties may arise due to the close proximity to the Lake Mikany Water Reserve.

SITE 18

AMG : 346 200mE, 5 472 800mN

LAND TENURE : Timber Reserve

OWNERSHIP : Forestry Commission

POSITION OF OUTCROP: From small ridge above track around Lake Mikany.

DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP : Grab sample of surface float. No obvious bedrock.  
Ridge mapped as Forest Conglomerate.

		%
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.053
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.010
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.025

PROSPECTIVITY : Good chemical analysis. Major concern with location of material above Lake Mikany Forest Reserve.

## SITE 19

**AMG** : 346 100mE, 5 473 500mN

**LAND TENURE** : Private Freehold

**OWNERSHIP** : Unknown

**POSITION OF OUTCROP**: Eastern ridge of Beacom Hills at junction between pasture and teatree scrub.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Grab sample of quartzite from side of ridge. No in situ bedrock observed.

		%
<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.12
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.014
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.025

**PROSPECTIVITY** : Chemical analysis quite favourable despite slightly high aluminium content. Ridge looks promising - should be considered with other samples of same unit on this Beacom Hills ridge.

## SITE 20

**AMG** : 345 300mE, 5 474 200mN

**LAND TENURE** : Private Freehold

**OWNERSHIP** : Mervyn Kay

**POSITION OF OUTCROP** : Immediately east of quartzite quarry on 1279P/M  
(T.J. & M.J. Leis) on side of access track.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Quartzite exposed in cutting of access track.  
Bedding dips steeply (55°) to the northwest.

<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	:		%
		Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	>1.00
		Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.047
		TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.11

**PROSPECTIVITY** : Chemical analyses poor with high proportions of aluminium and titanium. However this area may be suitable depending of analysis of samples from immediate area.

## SITE 22

**AMG** : 345 400mE, 5 474 000mN

**LAND TENURE** : Private Freehold

**OWNERSHIP** : Mervyn Kay

**POSITION OF OUTCROP** : East of Leis' quartzite quarry (1279P/M), upslope from the track joining northern and southern pits.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Outcrop continuous from Site 20. Bedding dips steeply to the northwest. Quartzite extends at least to the top of the ridge line.

		%
<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.048
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.007
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.025

**PROSPECTIVITY** : Excellent chemical analysis. Highly prospective. This analysis, compared with that from Site 20, illustrates the variability of impurities over a limited distance.

## SITE 23

AMG : 345 350mE, 5 473 700mN

LAND TENURE : Private Freehold

OWNERSHIP : Mervyn Kay

POSITION OF OUTCROP : Immediately to the east 1085P/M (M.K. & G.K. Frankcombe) in thick teatree scrub on peaty soil.

DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP : Small outcrop but suggests a continuation of material from the Francombe pit. Continuation on ridge line south from Site 22.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS		%
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		0.062
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		0.009
TiO <sub>2</sub>		0.025

PROSPECTIVITY : Excellent chemical analysis. Comments and prospectivity similar to those for Site 22.

## SITE 24

**AMG** : 345 300mE, 5 473 400mN

**LAND TENURE** : Private Freehold

**OWNERSHIP** : Gordon Francombe

**POSITION OF OUTCROP** : Immediately east of Pioneer's mining lease 23M/89.  
Sample from side of small track.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Quartzite member of Forest Conglomerate. Sample from small cluster of outcrops amongst thin vegetation on small track. Attitude of bedding undetermined.

		%
<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.058
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.014
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.034

**PROSPECTIVITY** : Good chemical analysis and potential for significant resource as a continuation of the ridge from Site 23 and upslope from Pioneer's current mining lease. Highly prospective.

## SITE 25

AMG : 345 000mE, 5 473 100mN

LAND TENURE : Private Freehold

OWNERSHIP : Unknown

POSITION OF OUTCROP : Immediately south of Pioneer's 13M/87.

## DESCRIPTION

OF OUTCROP : Small outcrop. Bedding dips at approximately 45° to the northeast.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS		%
	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.043
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.009
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.034

PROSPECTIVITY : This is the southern most sample on the western ridge at Beacom Hills. The favourable analyses suggest that this ridge is highly prospective.

## SITE 26

**AMG** : 345 600mE, 5 474 400mN

**LAND TENURE** : Private Freehold

**OWNERSHIP** : Mervyn Kay

**POSITION OF OUTCROP**: Site of unmapped track between western and eastern "flanks" of Beacom Hills.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : No in situ outcrop. Sample of white quartzite surface float only. Quartzite similar to that observed on the western ridge at sites 20 - 25.

		%
<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.053
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.012
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.029

**PROSPECTIVITY** : Good chemical analysis. This may be an extension of the southern area and is therefore considered prospective.

## SITE 27

AMG : 346 200mE, 5 474 200mN

LAND TENURE : Private Freehold

OWNERSHIP : Mervyn Kay

POSITION OF OUTCROP : Side of an unmapped road above the Deep Creek river reserve.

DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP : No in situ outcrop. Sample from gravel at the base of a large upturned tree.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS		%
	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.048
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.008
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.021

PROSPECTIVITY : Excellent analysis. The ridge above, immediately to the west of Site 27, is considered highly prospective.

## SITE 28

AMG : 346 100mE, 5 474 300mN

LAND TENURE : Private Freehold

OWNERSHIP : Mervyn Kay

POSITION OF OUTCROP: Side of north/south trending track on the eastern side of Beacom Hills.

DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP : Author uncertain as to whether sample is from in situ bedrock. Sample possibly taken from very large quartzite blocks.

		%
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.83
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.025
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.034

PROSPECTIVITY : Although a relatively high level of aluminium was returned, the area is considered prospective. This eastern ridge on Beacom Hills has undergone only limited testing in the past and may contain significant quantities of material suitable for Pioneer Silicon Industries Pty. Ltd.

## SITE 29

**AMG** : 346 000mE, 5 473 700mN

**LAND TENURE** : Private Freehold

**OWNERSHIP** : Mervyn Kay

**POSITION OF OUTCROP** : Eastern Beacom Hills.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Grab sample of white quartzite material uncovered by dozer during grading of track.

		%
<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	: Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	>1.00
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.52
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.25

**PROSPECTIVITY** : Poor chemical analysis and lack of outcrop make assessment of this site from such a cursory examination difficult. Poor analysis suggests low prospectivity.

## APPENDIX 2

SAMPLE SITE DESCRIPTIONS - PART 2, EL 19/89.  
SITES 2-13.

NOTE : All samples taken from quartzite member of Forest Conglomerate and Quartzite unless otherwise stated.

## SITE 2

AMG : 356 500mE, 5 476 800mN

LAND TENURE : Commonwealth of Australia

OWNERSHIP : Australian National Railways

POSITION OF OUTCROP: 100m south of Bass Highway at wood loading yard for railway

DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP : Sample taken from western end of east/west ridge. Forest Quartzite dips moderately (20°) to the south. Some material has been distributed when constructing the wood loading yard.

		%
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.60
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.016
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.013

PROSPECTIVITY : The chemical analysis shows unacceptably high aluminium content. The ridge of quartzite is limited to approximately 600m in length and is in such a position with respect to the main highway and Black River that prospectivity must be considered to be very limited.

## SITE 3

**AMG** : 357 100mE, 5 476 700mN

**LAND TENURE** : Crown Land

**OWNERSHIP** : Lands Department

**POSITION OF OUTCROP** : Immediately to the west of the Bass Highway on the northern bank of the Black River

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Sample of conglomerate member of Forest Conglomerate and Quartzite taken from eastern end of ridge mentioned in Site 2. Bedding dips approximately 15° to the south. Ridge raised approximately 5m above surrounding ground.

		%
<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	: Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.81
	: Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.032
	: TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.021

**PROSPECTIVITY** : As for Site #2. Chemical analysis indicate high aluminium with suitable iron and titanium.

## SITE 4

**AMG** : 357 200mE, 5 476 600mN

**LAND TENURE** : River Reserve

**OWNERSHIP** : Lands Department

**POSITION OF OUTCROP** : Immediately west of Bass Highway on the southern bank of Black River.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Interbedded conglomerate and quartzite cropping out on the eastern end of the east/west trending ridge immediately south of, and parallel to, Black River. Sample dominantly quartzite. Bedding dips 13<sup>0</sup> to the north.

		%
<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	>1.00
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.047
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.034

**PROSPECTIVITY** : Poor chemical analysis and close proximity to bridges, highway and Black River rule this area out as a suitable silica resource.

## SITE 5

**AMG** : 356 600mE, 5 476 400mN

**LAND TENURE** : Private Freehold Land

**OWNERSHIP** : Lloyd Medwin

**POSITION OF OUTCROP** : In small road cutting to the south of Boyndey Rd, surrounded by pasture.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Sample midway between, and on same ridge as, #4 and #6. Quartzite sample from road side outcrop dipping approximately 40° to the north.

		%
<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.32
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.043
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.038

**PROSPECTIVITY** : High aluminium content and proximity to Black River reduce the economic value of this ridge of quartzite.

## SITE 6

**AMG** : 355 600mE, 5 476 100mN

**LAND TENURE** : Private Freehold

**OWNERSHIP** : Rodney Medwin

**POSITION OF OUTCROP** : On bank of Black River in slightly wooded area, surrounded by pasture.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Sample from top of northerly dipping (40°) ridge. The ridge continues for approximately 75m over Black River.

		%
<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.27
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.040
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.025

**PROSPECTIVITY** : As with sites 4 and 5, the poor chemical analyses and immediate proximity to Black River reduce the suitability of this site.

## SITE 7

**AMG** : 354 300mE, 5 477 200mN

**LAND TENURE** : Private Freehold

**OWNERSHIP** : Maxwell Medwin

**POSITION OF OUTCROP** : 100m south along Ferny Bridge Road from junction with Back Line Road. Road and railway cutting.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Outcrop exposed during recent road works excavation. Material of poor strength overall, although some bands of hard brittle quartzite occur within the snaking north/south ridge. Unit dips moderately (27°) to the west.

		%
<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.23
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.018
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.029

**PROSPECTIVITY** : Due to high aluminium content the area is probably non prospective.

## SITE 8

AMG : 354 200mE, 5 474 900mN

LAND TENURE : Private Freehold

OWNERSHIP : Trevor Medwin

POSITION OF OUTCROP : 50m north of railway crossing on Ferny bridge Road.  
Road and railway cutting.

DESCRIPTION  
OF OUTCROP : Outcrop exposed during recent road works  
excavation within north/south trending ridge. Unit of  
poor strength overall, but contains some bands of  
hard/brittle material.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS		%
	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.85
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.072
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.021

PROSPECTIVITY : Non prospective as for #7.

## SITE 9

**AMG** : 354 400mE, 5 474 200mN

**LAND TENURE** : Private Freehold

**OWNERSHIP** : Unknown

**POSITION OF OUTCROP** : Highest point of north/south trending ridge 10m west of Ferny Bridge Road. Unit outcrops in a paddock.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Several portions of the unit crop out in the paddock.

<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	:		%
		Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	>1.00
		Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.14
		TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.046

**PROSPECTIVITY** : Extreme chemical impurities rule this area out as a potential silica deposit.

## SITE 10

**AMG** : 354 100mE, 5 473 900mN

**LAND TENURE** : Private Freehold

**OWNERSHIP** : Unknown

**POSITION OF OUTCROP**: Railway crossing over Murrays Lane 300m west of junction with Ferny Bridge Road.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Unit exposed at railway excavation. Southern-most outcrop on north/south ridge.

		%
<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.76
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.090
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.029

**PROSPECTIVITY** : Poor chemical analysis of aluminium rule out this outcrop as a suitable for silica resource.

## SITE 11

**AMG** : 352 300mE, 5 473 400mN

**LAND TENURE** : Private Freehold

**OWNERSHIP** : Unknown

**POSITION OF OUTCROP** : Small abandoned pit immediately to the east of Mengha Road.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Limited outcrop. Bedding dips moderately ( $42^{\circ}$ ) to the northwest. Single sample from this small outcrop.

		%
<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.13
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.16
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.008

**PROSPECTIVITY** : Extreme Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and high Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> concentrations, together with the proximity to Mengha Road rule out this deposit.

## SITE 12

AMG : 353 300mE, 5 472 700mN

LAND TENURE : Private Freehold

OWNERSHIP : Unknown

POSITION OF OUTCROP : Road cutting at junction of Mengha and Ringle  
Doddy Roads

DESCRIPTION  
OF OUTCROP : Very small triangular block of quartzite. Bound to the  
east by basalt.

		%
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	>1.00
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.77
	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.29

PROSPECTIVITY : This area is non prospective due its limited extent  
and poor chemical analysis.

## SITE 13

**AMG** : 352 100mE, 5 472 100mN

**LAND TENURE** : Private Freehold

**OWNERSHIP** : Unknown

**POSITION OF OUTCROP** : Outcrop within paddock 300m east of Mengha Road, approximately 0.5km south of South Forest.

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTCROP** : Unit crops out on an east/west ridge. Bedding dips steeply (65-85°) to the north. Majority of this ridge of is outside the boundary of EL 19/89.

<b>CHEMICAL ANALYSIS</b>	%	
	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.72
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.032	
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.11	

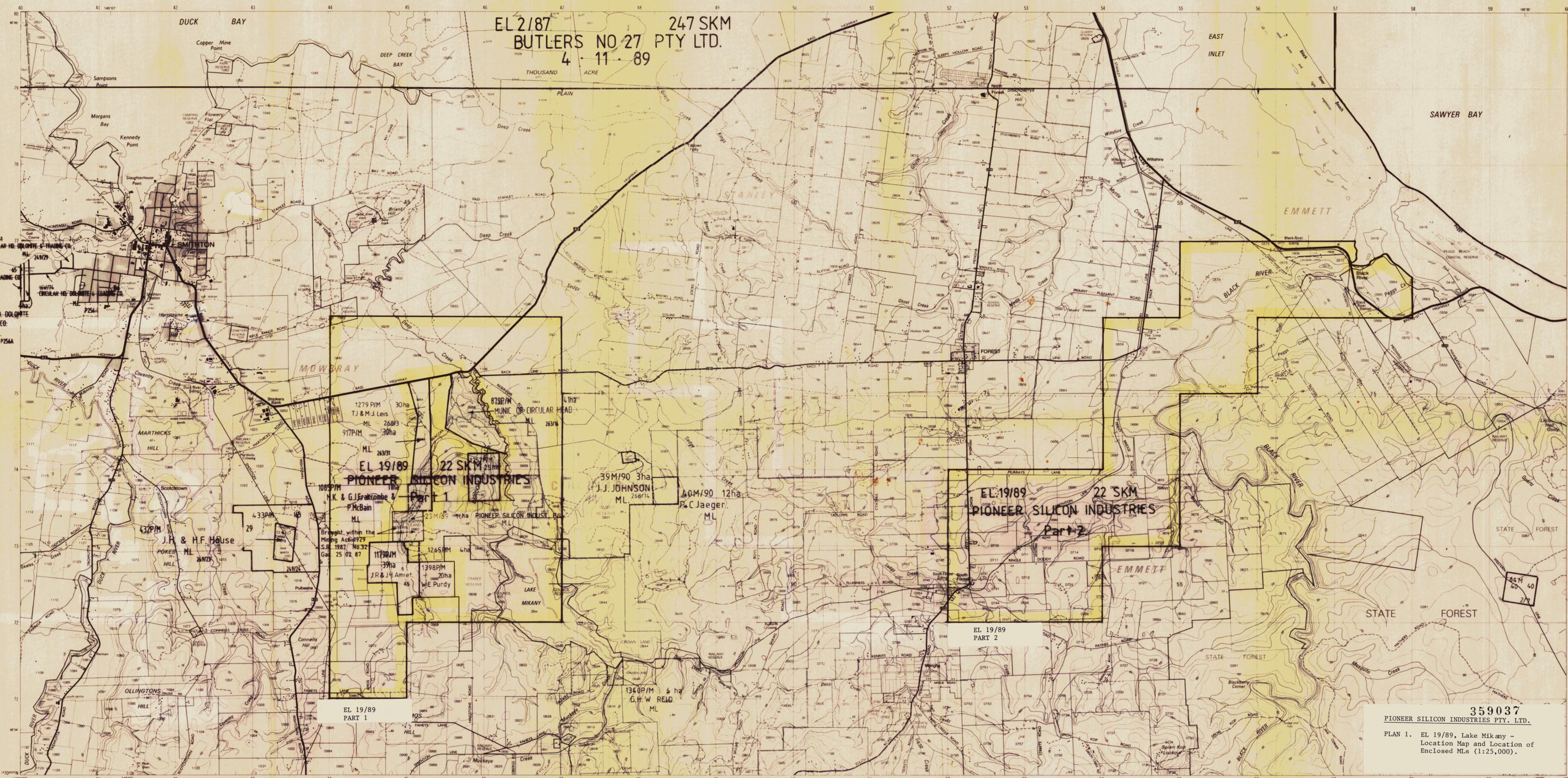
**PROSPECTIVITY** : Poor titanium and marginal aluminium, together with the fact that most of this resource lies outside the EL, suggest that this area is of low prospectivity.

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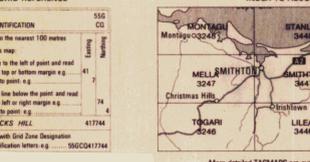
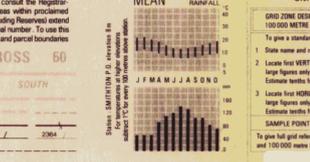
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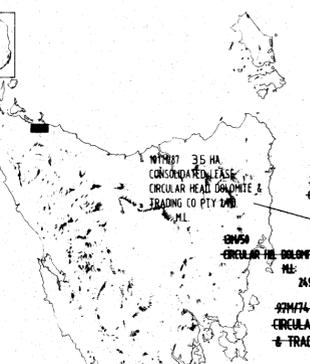
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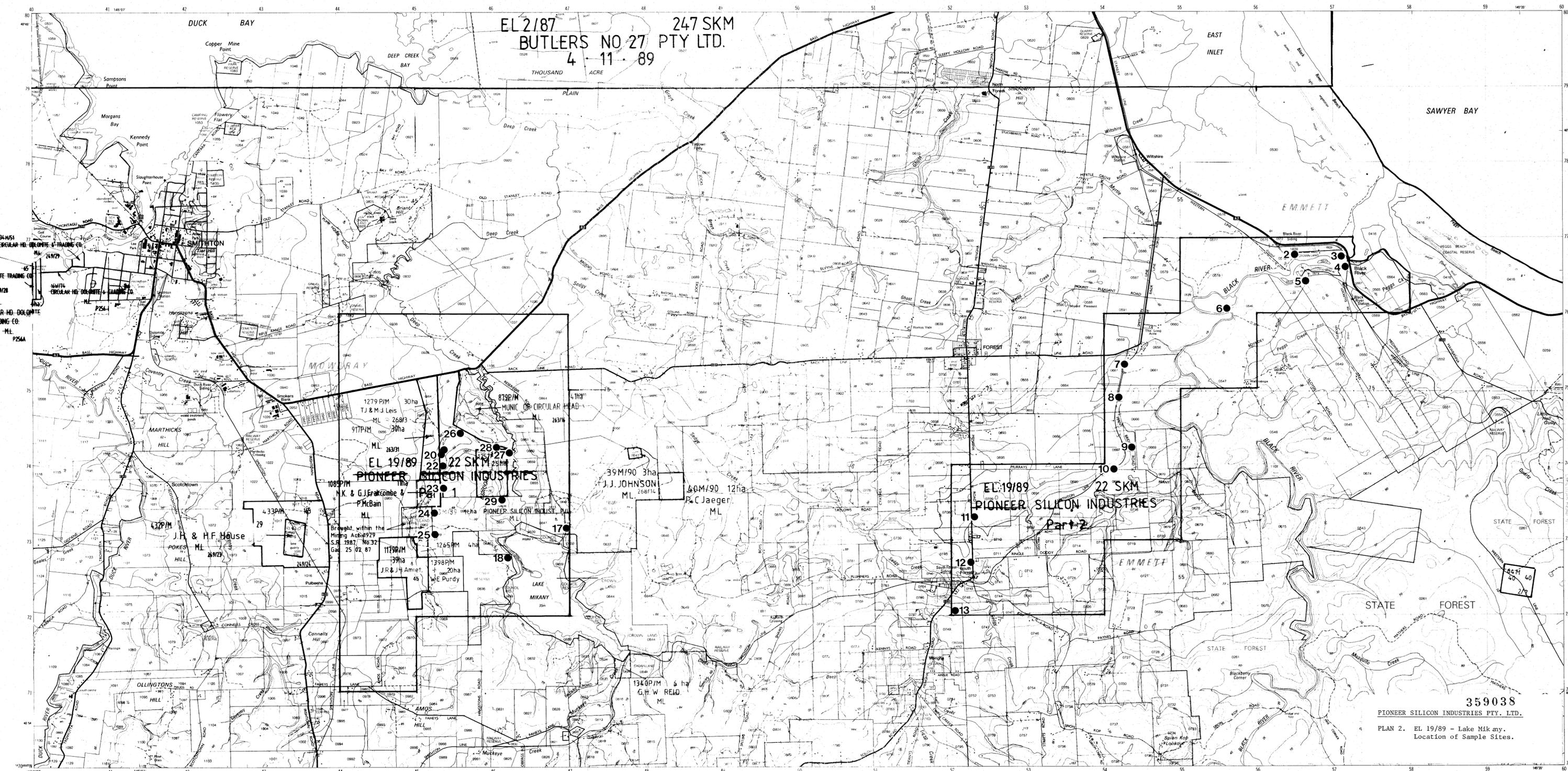


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