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REPORT ON  
AN INDUCED POLARIZATION SURVEY  
GREENWOOD AREA, BRITISH COLUMBIA  
ON BEHALF OF  
LEXINGTON MINES LTD. (N.P.L.)

by  
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CLAIMS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Record Number</u>
Lincoln	L 621
Number Four	L 791
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Lexington	L 645 ✓
City of Vancouver	L 2013
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Oro Fr.	L 1096
Oro	L 614
Cornucopia	L 608
Mabel	L 609
Fanny H. Fr.	L 1643
Lex 1, 3, 4	26779, 81, 82
Lex 16, 19, 20	26943, 46, 47
Lex Fr. #3	27160

LOCATION:

About 6 miles SE of Greenwood, B.C.  
just north of the Canada-U.S. Border  
Greenwood Mining Division  
118° 49' SW

DATES: May 17 to May 30, 1968

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### SUMMARY

An induced polarization survey on this property has revealed that approximately 70% of the area surveyed is underlain by moderate to high chargeability material. The observed order of I.P. responses could be caused by a dissemination of from 2% to 7% by volume of metallicly conducting material such as sulphide mineralization, carbonaceous material, magnetite or serpentine in unknown relative proportions.

Three major areas of high chargeabilities have been outlined. It is recommended that a programme of geological mapping be undertaken to determine which rock types may underlie these high chargeability areas. Predicated upon the geological survey, diamond drilling, trenching and possibly further induced polarization surveying may be warranted.

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## INTRODUCTION

During the period from May 17 to May 30, 1968, an induced polarization survey was executed on several claims near Greenwood, British Columbia, on behalf of Lexington Mines Ltd. (N.P.L.). The survey was under the direction of Mr. Tony Guernier and supervision was provided by the writer.

As shown on Plate 1, the property lies about 6 miles south-east of Greenwood and is reached from Greenwood by Highway #3 to Boundary Falls thence eastwards about 3 miles along gravel roads. The terrain is quite hilly and forested and a good deal of rain was experienced during the survey.

The mineral claims and crown grants covered, in whole or part, by this survey are listed on the title page of this report and are shown on Plate 1 on the scale of 1" = 300'. These claims and crown grants are controlled by Lexington Mines Ltd.

On the present property the survey lines were laid out oriented approximately N 40° E at 400' intervals. The three electrode array, with electrode spacings of 200', was employed for reconnaissance purposes. Station intervals were 200'.

Seigel MkVA time domain (pulse-type) induced polarization equipment has been employed on this property. These units have a current-on time of 1.5 seconds and an integrating time of 0.5 seconds. The accompanying copy of H. O. Seigel's paper entitled "Three Recent Irish Discovery Case Histories Using Pulse Type Induced Polarization" gives a description of the phenomena involved in this type of survey, the equipment employed, the field procedures and the nature of the results obtained over various base metal ore bodies.

The purpose of an induced polarization survey is to map the subsurface distribution of metallicly conducting mineralization beneath the grids covered. In the present area such mineralization could include chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite, pyrite and other metallic sulphide minerals. As well, minerals such as magnetite, serpentine, sericite, graphite and artificial installations such as pipelines, fences etc., can give responses not always distinguishable from sulphide mineralization.

#### GEOLOGY

The geology of the area including and surrounding the Lexington Mines property is described on the G.S.C. map "Boundary Creek Mining District" by R. W. Brock, 1905. This district has been an active mining area since about 1890 and many copper occurrences are known, some of which have been mined.

According to the G.S.C. map, the predominant rock types underlying the property are serpentinite, argillite, altered argillite and granodiorite although more recent work has indicated that additional rock types, including dacite, may occur. Old workings on the City of

Paris, Lexington and Mabel crown grants have yielded copper ore in the form of chalcopyrite, sometimes found in massive veins with pyrrhotite and pyrite and sometimes as disseminated deposits. A magnetometer survey has been executed and these data have been made available to the writer. Although preliminary geologic investigations have been carried out by Mr. F. J. Hemsworth, Consultant, more work must be done before a detailed geologic map of the property can be prepared.

#### PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

Plate 1, on the scale of 1" = 300', shows the grid lines, claims and crown grants, roads and underground workings in the survey area. As well, an inset map on the scale of 1" = 1 mile shows the location of the property near the Canada-U.S. border.

Plate 2, also on the scale of 1" = 300', shows the geophysical results in profile form. Two parameters are plotted separately; chargeability (the induced polarization characteristic of the rock) in milliseconds, and resistivity in ohm-metres. For the chargeability profiles, the vertical scale is 1" = 5 milliseconds. The line trace has been taken as the 5 millisecond level so that, for example, a reading of 10.0 milliseconds is shown 1" to the left of the line and a reading of 2.5 milliseconds is shown  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the right. The vertical scale for resistivity is 1" = 2000 ohm-metres. The interline spacing is not to scale.

Plate 3 shows chargeability and resistivity contours in plan form on a scale of 1" = 300'. The contour intervals are 2 milliseconds and 1000 ohm-metres. Strong magnetic features as revealed by areas where magnetic intensities exceed 2000 gammas have been shown on the chargeability plan.

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Plate 3 reveals that approximately 70% of the area surveyed is underlain by rocks exhibiting chargeabilities in excess of 6.0 milliseconds and ranging up to 26.0 milliseconds. This order of response is equivalent to a broad dissemination of up to 7% by volume of metallically conducting material in the subsurface. Chargeabilities in excess of 10.0 milliseconds are considered to be relatively high and areas exhibiting values above this level have been shaded on the chargeability contour plan of Plate 3. These shaded areas are sufficiently anomalous to warrant further investigation and have been labeled 'A', 'B' and 'C'.

Resistivity values range from several hundred ohm-metres to a high of 8000 ohm-metres, although much of the area exhibits resistivities below 1000 ohm-metres. These low resistivity areas have been shaded on the resistivity contour plan of Plate 3.

The results of the magnetic survey show that much of the property exhibits intensities in the 1000 to 2000 gamma range, although zones of magnetic intensities ranging from 2000 to 4000 gammas trend southeasterly across the grid. Of the rock types known to occur on the property, serpentinite is thought to have the highest magnetic susceptibility. It is therefore expected that the observed high magnetic intensities may reveal the presence of bodies of this rock. The G.S.C. map does, in fact, show serpentinite as occurring in the approximate location of the magnetic highs.

A large circular area south of the baseline between lines X and D is characterized by low chargeabilities and high resistivities. These

geophysical qualities are indicative of an intrusive rock type and, indeed, some granite or granodiorite has been noted in this area.

The three major high chargeability zones are discussed in turn below:

#### Zone A

This zone, which has a maximum chargeability of 15.6 milliseconds, trends from line N southeastwards off the grid for a total length of about 3000'. The zone lies within the area of low resistivity and is flanked on the north and south by magnetic features which may correspond to bodies of serpentinite. According to the preliminary mapping and to the results of a soil sampling survey, Zone A coincides closely with a body of dacite over which samples have shown a high copper content in the soil. As well, the City of Paris and Lexington workings lie within the zone.

#### Zone B

This large area of high chargeabilities is arcuate in shape and extends southwards off the grid. Chargeabilities in excess of 20 milliseconds are noted and most of the zone lies within the area of low resistivities. The major southeasterly trending zone of high magnetic intensities flanks Zone B on the north and the contacts of the two features coincide very closely except in the area of line X where high magnetic intensities are observed to occur within the high chargeability zone.

The chargeability high on line FF is seen to occur within a resistivity high which indicates that this area may have a different geology than the rest of the zone. This area is not far from the old workings on the Mabel Crown Grant.



Zone C

Zone C trends southeasterly on the north side of the grid from line X through to line J and is not delineated on its north side. The high chargeability area is bordered on the south by the main magnetic feature although in the vicinity of lines J and L high magnetic intensities occur within the high chargeability area. Low resistivities correspond with the zone.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The present geophysical data indicate that the main geologic features of this property may consist of a southeasterly trending body of serpentinite a few hundred feet in width bordered, in part, on the south side by an intrusive rock type, probably granite or granodiorite.

Since high chargeabilities and low resistivities are characteristic of some argillites and such rocks are thought to occur within the survey area, the anomalous zones B and C, which may have great extent, may be explained by this source. One area of high resistivity and high chargeability within Zone B has been noted.

Zone A is thought to be underlain by dacite which may be a favourable rock type for the occurrence of a disseminated copper deposit. The dacite appears to be flanked by serpentinite bodies. Anomalous copper soil samples and old workings occur in the area.

It is recommended that a programme be undertaken to produce a geologic map on the scale of 1" = 300'. Such a map could then be compared with the geophysical results to determine whether the three high chargeability zones may be due to sulphide mineralization or to rock types containing conducting minerals such as carbonaceous material, sericite or serpentine.

DOMINION OF CANADA:  
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.  
To Wit:

In the Matter of a geophysical survey on behalf of  
Lexington Mines Ltd. (N.P.L.)

I, Jon G. Baird  
of 115 - 744 West Hastings St., Vancouver

in the Province of British Columbia, do solemnly declare that an induced polarization survey has been executed on part of the Lexington Mines claim group, Greenwood area, British Columbia between May 17 to May 30, 1968. The following expenses were incurred:

(1) Wages				
	Tony Guernier	14 days @ \$35/day	\$490.00	
	A. Schneckenpointner	14 days @ \$27.50 + \$30	415.00	
	G. Budgell	14 days @ \$27.50 + \$30	415.00	
	A. Albrecht	14 days @ \$27.50 + \$30	<u>415.00</u>	\$1,735.00
(2) Transportation & Shipping				282.75
(3) Food & Living Expenses				434.39
(4) Consulting Fees				
	11 days @ \$210.80/day		\$2,318.80	
	3 days @ \$105.40/day		<u>316.20</u>	<u>2,635.00</u>
				\$5,087.14

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act."

Declared before me at the City  
of Vancouver, in the  
Province of British Columbia, this 24th  
day of June, 1968

*Jon G Baird*

*[Signature]*  
A.D.

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for British Columbia or  
A Notary Public in and for the Province of British Columbia.

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# Three Recent Irish Discovery Case Histories Using Pulse-Type Induced Polarization

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## ABSTRACT

In the intensive Irish exploration program which has followed the discovery of the Tynagh deposit (Northgate Exploration, Ltd.) in 1962, three base metal discoveries have been made to date. These include the lead-zinc-silver deposits at Silvermines (Consolidated Mogul Mines, Ltd.), which are now being readied for production, the copper-silver deposit at Gortdrum (Gortdrum Mines, Ltd.) and the lead-zinc deposits near Keel (Rio Tinto-Zinc Ltd.). Each of these discoveries is the result of a combined geological-geochemical-geophysical exploration sequence in which pulse-type induced polarization surveys defined the precise location and lateral extent of the near-surface metallic sulphide mineralization and guided the initial drilling program. Whereas the Silvermines mineralization is, in part, composed of massive sulphides, the other two deposits are characterized by generally less than 5 per cent conducting sulphides and constitute an excellent demonstration of the unique merits of the pulse-type induced polarization system.

## Introduction

FOR the benefit of those who are unfamiliar with the induced polarization method in general or with the pulse-type method in particular, a few introductory remarks will be directed on the system employed in the present case histories. Those who wish a fuller treatment of the subject are directed to Seigel (1962),\* which paper also includes an extensive list of references.

Induced polarization, in its broadest sense, means a separation of charge to form an effective dipolar (polarized) distribution of electrical charges throughout a medium under the action of an applied electric field. When current is caused to pass across the interface between an electrolyte and a metallic conducting body (Figure 1a) double layers of charge are built up at the interface, in the phenomenon known

\*Seigel, H. O., "Induced Polarization and its Role in Mineral Exploration," C.I.M. Bulletin, Vol. 55, No. 600, pp. 242-249; Transactions, Vol. LXV, pp. 151-158; 1962.

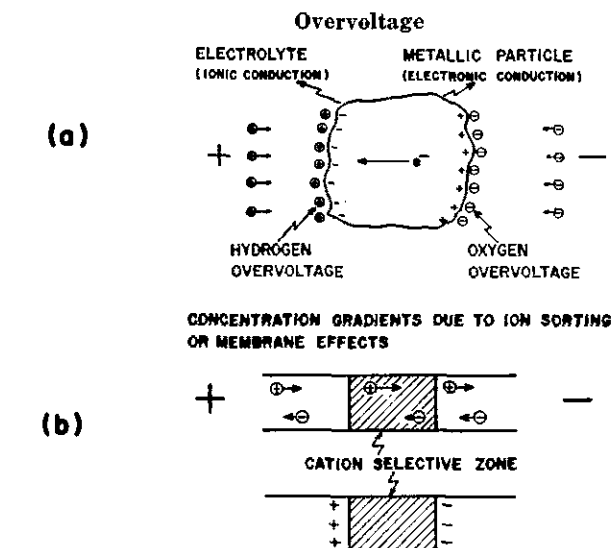


Figure 1.—Induced Polarization Agents.

to the electrochemists as "overvoltage." This is the phenomenon which can be utilized for the detection of the metallic conducting rock-forming minerals such as most sulphides, arsenides, a few oxides and, unfortunately, graphite. In addition, effective dipolar charge distributions occur to some extent in all rocks, due to ion-sorting or membrane effects in the fine capillaries in which the current is passing (Figure 1b). Induced polarization responses may therefore arise from metallic or non-metallic agencies. Fortunately, the latter generally fall within fairly low and narrow limits for almost all rock types, although there is still no reliable general criterion for differentiating overvoltage responses from graphite and metallic sulphides, or for distinguishing between the responses of one type of sulphide and another. Despite these limitations, the induced polarization method has amply demonstrated its value in mineral exploration since its initial development as a useful exploration tool in 1948. (Wait *et al.*, 1953).\*\*

\*\*"Overvoltage Research and Geophysical Applications," Pergamon Press, 1959, edited by J. R. Wait.

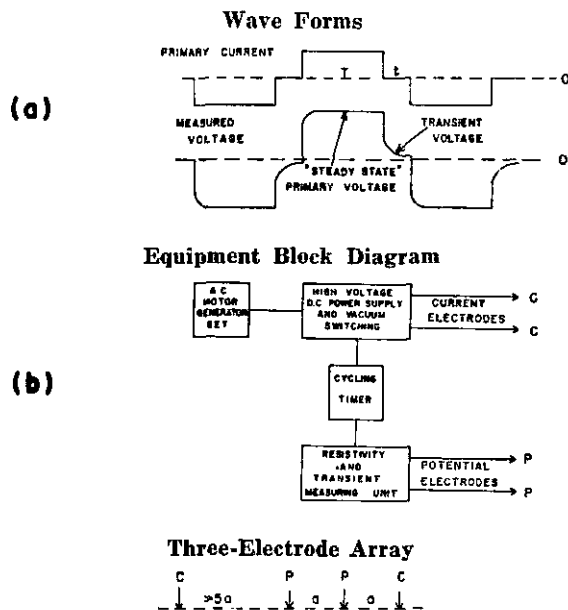


Figure 2.—The Pulse System.

### Description of Method

For the present program, the pulse or time-domain system was employed. As shown on Figure 2a, the primary current wave form consists of square wave pulses of 1.5 seconds duration, separated by a 0.5-second gap and alternately reversed in direction. The polarization voltages established during the current-on time decay slowly during the current-off time. They are amplified, integrated over the current-off time and divided by the amplitude of the steady-state voltage measured during the current-on time. In this way, we determine the "chargeability;" i.e., the induced polarization property of the region under investigation. The units of chargeability are milliseconds. Normal (non-metallic) background chargeabilities in most rocks range from 1 millisecond to 5 milliseconds. A distribution of 1 per cent, by volume, of metallic conducting material of an average range of

particle size may be expected to increase the response level by about 3 milliseconds, which is readily visible.

The pulse system provides an absolute measurement of induced polarization; i.e., the significant measurement is made in the absence of the primary field. As such, it is inherently more sensitive than the frequency variation system, wherein two measurements are compared, both of which are made in the presence of the primary field. This is a critical consideration when mineralized bodies of low sulphide content, small size or great depth are being sought.

Figure 2b shows a block diagram of the apparatus employed and the electrode array used. The spacing "a" of the three-electrode array determines the effective depth of penetration of the survey and is selected to give adequate penetration to the depth desired. By varying the electrode spacing over an anomalous area and comparing the responses on the various spacings, one may obtain an estimate of the depth of burial of the source and its dip, etc.

A photograph of the type of apparatus employed on these surveys is shown in Figure 3. This is known as Seigel Mk V equipment and consists of the following major components: (a) a 1,200-watt A.C. motor-generator set, (b) a power control unit capable of supplying up to 1000 volts and 2 amperes D.C. output current and (c) a measuring unit. All of these items are packboard-mounted for maximum portability.

Figure 4 shows a typical instrumental set-up in Ireland. In the normal operating procedure, the electronic chassis are set up in a tent and cables are fed out to the line being surveyed. As the line crew is prepared, both mentally and by apparel, to work under all types of weather conditions, the survey is not stopped by rain, etc. This is important in Ireland, where, traditionally, there are no more than 60 rain-free days a year.

For the primary survey coverage on most properties, an electrode spacing of 200 to 300 ft. was generally employed, with a station interval of 200 ft. and a line separation of 300 to 500 ft. On anomalous areas located by the primary coverage, more closely spaced stations and lines are employed, as well as additional spacings to supply the detail necessary for subsequent drilling, etc.



Figure 3.—(above)—The Seigel Mk V Induced Polarization Unit.



Figure 4.—(right)—Typical Field Operational Base in Ireland.

## Case Histories

In presenting the three case histories that follow, it must be made perfectly clear at the outset that these mineral discoveries are the product of teamwork, involving geological, geochemical and geophysical phases. It is on the basis of the first two phases that the areas for geophysical investigation have been selected. As the writer and his organization have been concerned only with the geophysical phase, this paper will, naturally, appear to emphasize it. The contribution of others to the broader exploration program must not be minimized, however.

In January, 1962, a large lead-zinc-silver deposit of a very unusual type was discovered near Tynagh, Co. Galway, in the Republic of Ireland. This deposit includes both a supergene enriched, partly oxidized upper zone and a sulphide primary zone and lies in dolomitic reef limestones of Carboniferous age near a fault contact with Devonian sandstones. Similar rock types and contacts occur in many parts of Ireland, so that an extensive program of exploration was initiated by a number of mining companies, starting in the summer of 1962. Although the pace has slowed up somewhat from the hectic days of 1962 and early 1963, this exploration program continues to the present time.

The usual exploration sequence, although not followed in detail by all companies, is as follows:

1 . . . . .

A selection of areas is made, based on the good government geological maps available. As nearly as possible, rock types and structures similar to those of the Tynagh deposit are sought. Those areas with known mineral showings are given high priority, of course.

2 . . . . .

The stream sediments in the drainage pattern are sampled and analyzed for significant amounts of copper, lead and zinc. Soil samples may also be taken, often on a regular grid basis, and analyzed. In this fashion, areas of abnormal metal content may be broadly defined. In detail, such geochemical sampling has often been hampered by man-made contamination and confused by soil transport by glacial, fluvial or human agencies.

3 . . . . .

Geophysical surveys, primarily the induced polarization type, are then conducted to map the subsurface distribution of sulphide mineralization and to provide guidance for a drilling program thereon.

This exploration program has already been remarkably successful, resulting, to date, in a new lead-zinc-silver mine-to-be at Silvermines, Co. Tipperary, for Consolidated Mogul Mines, Ltd., the probable copper-silver mine-to-be at Gortdrum, Cos. Tipperary and Limerick, for Gortdrum Mines, Ltd., and the interesting lead-zinc prospect at Keel, Co. Longford, for the Rio Tinto-Zinc group (Riofinex Ltd.). Figure 5 shows the location of the various recent mineral discoveries in Ireland. Despite a remarkable similarity in geological setting, the deposits are widely separated geographically, over a length of 80 miles, and no two are located on what can be called the same structure. This bodes well for the possibility of further discoveries being made in Ireland.

Each of the three case histories will be discussed below.

## Silvermines Deposit

As the very name of the area implies, the Silvermines region had been known, for many centuries, as a locality mineralized with lead, zinc and silver. Metal production had taken place at several periods in the past, although at the time of the present investigations the mines were dormant. The very prominent Silvermines fault, striking about N 70°E, was known to be the significant control in the region, with the old mines and prospect pits scattered along its length over a distance of about 2 miles. Due to the past mining activity and transport by both drainage and man, a very extensive area gave rise to extremely high geochemical indications in lead and zinc. The induced polarization survey executed in late 1962 and early 1963 covered much of the concession area on 800-ft. sections and the geologically interesting portion thereof on 400-ft. sections. The three-electrode array, with 200-ft. electrode spacing, was employed on all lines, and spacings of 100 ft. and 400 ft. were also employed on the 400-ft. detail lines. In all, approximately 5 miles of the strike length of the Silvermines fault were covered by the present survey, 2½ miles in detail. At least ten distinct zones of abnormally high polarization were indicated, of which about half lay in the Silvermines mineralized belt and its extensions to the west and east.

One of these zones, designated the Garryard, has responded favourably to the subsequent drilling, resulting in the discovery of a mineable orebody.

To date, the announced proven tonnage figures include 12 million tons averaging approximately 8 per cent zinc, 3 per cent lead and 1 ounce of silver in the Garryard zone. This zone lies to the west of the zone from which the previous production had taken place.

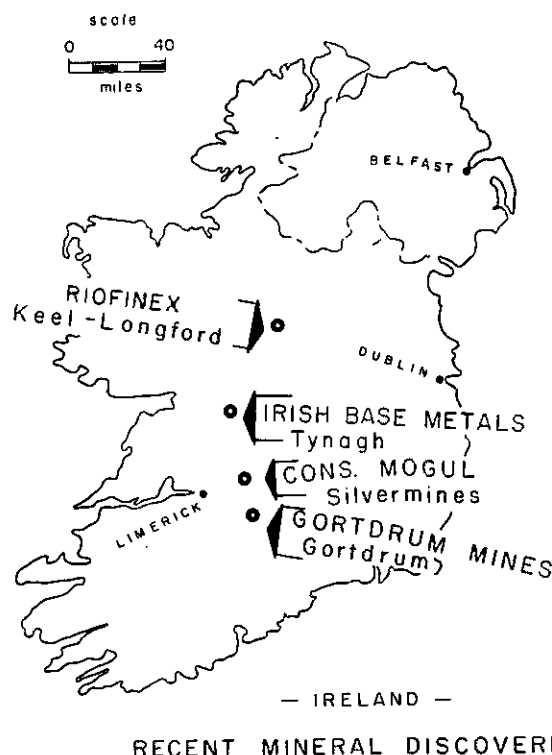


Figure 5.—Location Plan of Recent Mineral Discoveries in Ireland.

Figure 6 shows a typical discovery profile across the main ore zone, on the section 38,400E. The 200-ft. electrode spacing results, both chargeability and resistivity, are shown in profile form. The geologic section, as deduced from nine drill holes, is shown below the geophysical profiles. In a fashion almost identical

to that of the Tynagh deposit, the Silvermines orebody is located in gently north-dipping dolomitic limestones adjacent to a fault contact with the Devonian "Old Red" sandstone. The mineralization here is composed of both massive and disseminated sulphides, with the former composed of a high percentage of pyrite. The mineralization is essentially conformable, in two distinct horizons, and is therefore flatly dipping except in the vicinity of the fault, where the dips are much steeper, perhaps due to "drag folding" on the fault.

Because of the high pyritic content of the mineralization near the fault, along which it comes closest to the ground surface, we see both a marked increase in chargeability and a sharp decrease in resistivity in that vicinity. From a normal background of 2-4 milliseconds, the chargeability curve rises to a peak response of 20 milliseconds over the sub-outcrop of the body on this section. The subsidiary peak of about 12 milliseconds near 11N is believed to be due to disseminated pyrite in the chert horizon.

Figure 7 shows the multiple spacing chargeability results on the same section, using electrode spacing of 100, 200 and 400 ft. and the three-electrode array. On comparing the results with the various spacings, two items of interest may be noted; firstly, the progressive increase in peak amplitude with spacing, testifying to the increase of mineralization with depth, even down to a depth of 300 ft., and, secondly, the presence of buried material of high polarization at depth beneath section 10N to 18N on this line. The latter is undoubtedly due to the down-dip extension of the upper mineralized horizon, which is present at depths of 300 to 400 ft. over this region.

The induced polarization results on the Silvermines deposit were quite definitive and have provided good guidance for the exploratory drilling. It is true, however, that the massive sulphide portions of this deposit would be amenable to detection by the more conventional electrical methods, such as electromagnetic induction or resistivity. As such, it is not as good a test of the capabilities of the induced polarization method as are the two case histories which follow.

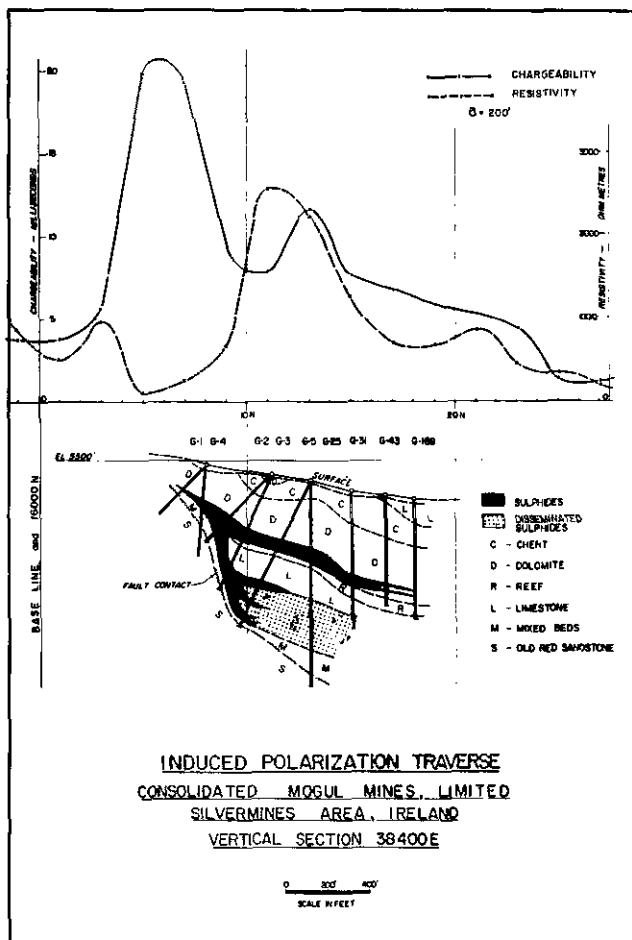


Figure 6.—Typical Discovery Traverse, Silvermines Deposit.

### Gortdrum Deposit

The Gortdrum area, near the mutual border of Cos. Limerick and Tipperary, was originally selected to cover the eastern extension of the former Oola Mines lead-zinc deposit, some 3 miles to the west. Regional geochemical sampling of the stream sediments in this area, followed by soil traverses, indicated a moderately strong copper soil anomaly. Induced polarization surveys were carried out in May, 1963, and January, 1964, leading to the localization of the sulphide mineralization associated with the geochemical anomaly. As there was a 300-ft. lateral displacement between the centers of the geophysical and geochemical indications and the surface topography is very gentle, it was initially queried as to whether the two indications

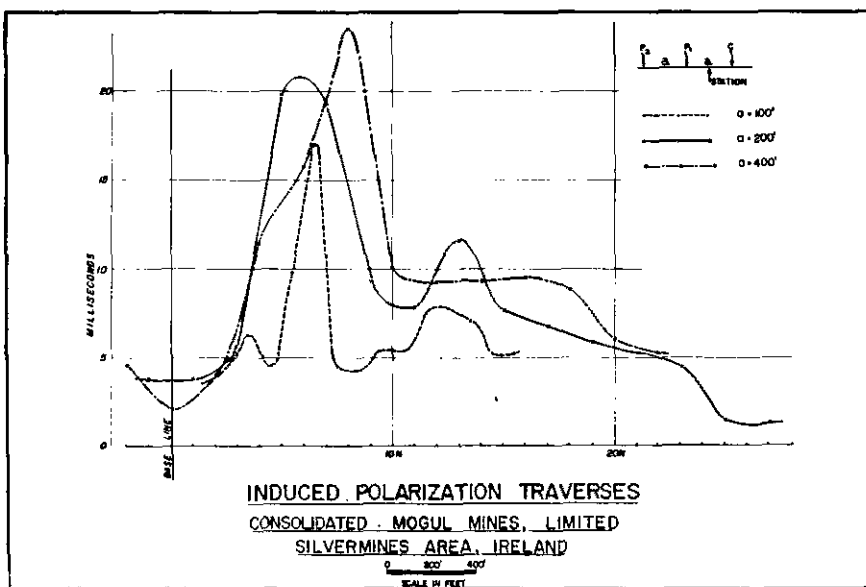


Figure 7.—Multiple Spacing Results, Silvermines Deposit.

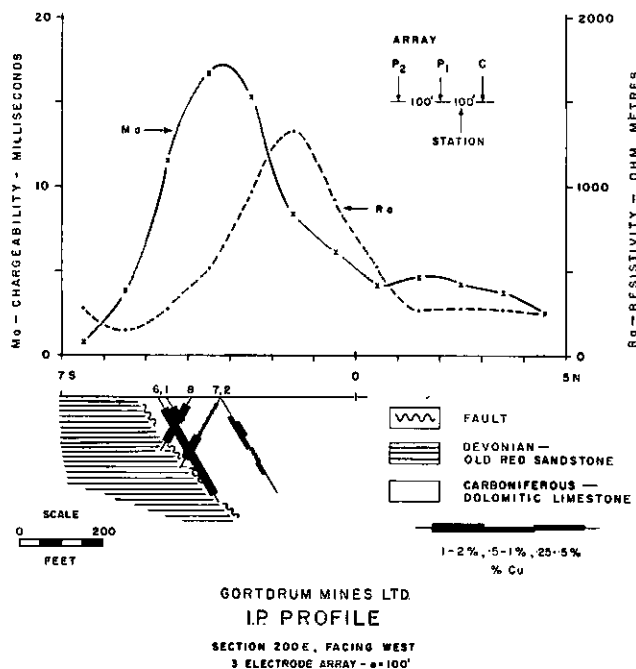


Figure 8.—Typical Discovery Traverse, Gortdrum Deposit.

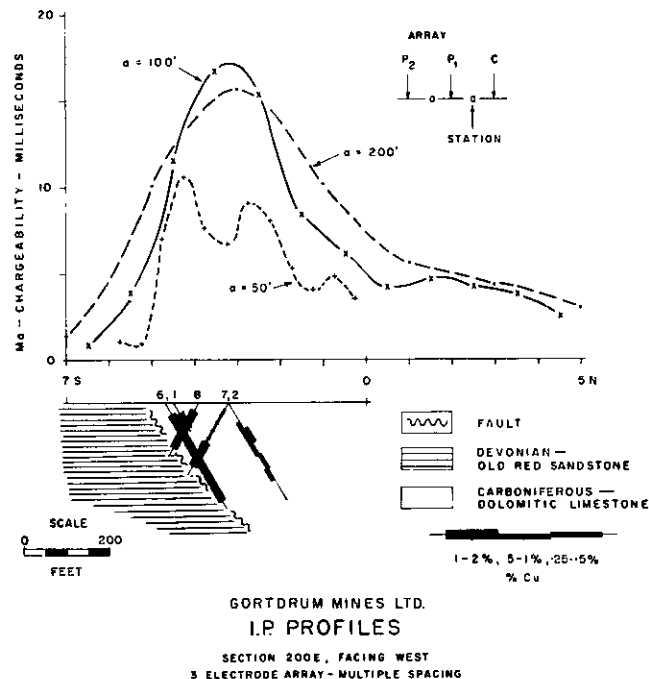


Figure 9.—Multiple Spacing Results, Gortdrum Deposit.

were related. The subsequent drilling has fully confirmed the geophysical predictions.

On the initial two geophysical programs, the three-electrode array with 100-ft. spacing was employed, as a relatively shallow source of the geochemical anomaly was expected. The survey lines were at 200-ft. intervals. Figure 8 presents a typical discovery traverse, showing both the chargeability and resistivity profiles as well as the corresponding geologic section. A peak chargeability of about 17 milliseconds is observed, rising from the normal background of 2-4 milliseconds. There is no resistivity expression of the mineralized zone, lying as it does on the flank of a high-resistivity area.

Figure 9 shows the chargeability profiles for electrode spacings of 50, 100 and 200 ft. Points of special interest deduced from these profiles include the following:

1.—The extremely sharp cut-off of the high chargeability levels on the south side of the area and the gradual drop-off in level on the north side. This was inconsistent with the thought of a bedded-type deposit conformable with the limestones, which are known to dip flatly to the south. A fault or other contact was postulated, dipping steeply, probably to the north. The initial drill holes on the section (Nos. 1, 2 and 6) were drilled to the north on the original geologic-dip premise, but the later holes (e.g., Nos. 7 and 8) have all been drilled to the south.

2.—The high-polarization material does not quite outcrop, but still comes within about 25 ft. of the ground surface across a width of about 200 ft., including two or more lenses. This material extends to at least 200 ft. in depth.

The actual drilling results confirm the presence of a zone of finely disseminated chalcocite and bornite, with very minor chalcopyrite, in dolomitic limestones. The mineralization is somewhat erratically distributed but, in general, increases as one approaches a north-

dipping fault, which brings the limestones into contact with the Devonian Old Red sandstones. This fault has been found to strike about N 70°E. Geologically, therefore, this environment is almost identical to that of the Tynagh and Silvermines deposits. The mineralization in the Gortdrum area is quite different, however, both in type and amount. The average grade of the deposit is less than 2 per cent copper, with about 0.65 ounce of silver for each 1 per cent copper (although considerable potential open-pit tonnage may exist), so that the average sulphide content, by volume, is 3 per cent or less. The high chargeability responses observed over this deposit are a remarkable tribute to the sensitivity of the pulse-type induced polarization method, particularly when dealing with truly disseminated-type sulphide mineralization with a small average particle size.

As development drilling is still in progress on this deposit, no over-all grade or tonnage figures have as yet been released.

### Keel Deposit

The deposits near Keel and Longford, Co. Longford, occur on a known limestone-sandstone contact, which is, no doubt, one of the reasons why exploration interest was attracted thereto. Soil sampling traverses by Riofinex Ltd., an exploration subsidiary of Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation, Ltd., established the presence of anomalous lead and zinc concentrations. A horizontal-loop electromagnetic survey was initially executed in another attempt to determine the source of the geochemical indications, but with negative results. This was followed by induced polarization surveys in November and December, 1962. The three-electrode array, with an electrode spacing of 200 ft., was employed on the reconnaissance survey. Anomalous chargeability zones were indicated and exploratory drilling commenced shortly thereafter. Although no publication of results has been made, they are of some potential interest, as drilling has continued, at intervals, to the present time.

Figure 10 shows a typical section across the prospect, presenting the geophysical and geochemical results in profile form, as well as the geological section interpreted from three holes. The relationship between the mineralized horizon, the geophysical peak and the geochemical peaks is a matter of considerable interest. The sub-outcrop of the mineralized horizon and the geophysical peak are in good agreement (see also Figure 11). The lead peak is displaced about 400 - 500 ft. down slope to the south. The zinc peak

is displaced still another 300 ft. to the south. The actual topographic slope is only 1-2 degrees to the south, so that this displacement is difficult to account for on the basis of soil creep. There is only a minor resistivity depression associated with the mineralization, indicating why the electromagnetic survey failed to give any positive response to it.

The mineralization itself is primarily sphalerite, with some galena and, on the average, less than 5 per cent pyrite. It is found to lie primarily in a dolomite horizon adjacent to a contact with sandstone. In this case, the contact may be largely a depositional one and not due to a fault. Mineralization occurs to a minor extent in the sandstone as well.

Figure 11 shows the chargeability results of the multiple spacing profiles on this section. Spacings of 50, 100 and 200 ft. were used. The progressive step-out of the peak values to the south with the increase in electrode spacing indicates the effect of the relatively flat dip to the south of the mineralization. The sub-outcrop of the mineralization is near station 26N, at a depth of less than 25 ft. As hole K3B, only 100 ft. away, intersected almost 60 ft. of overburden one must conclude that the bedrock surface is rather irregular in this area. The peak chargeability of 24 milliseconds would suggest a metallic conductor content of the order of 6 to 12 per cent, by volume, in this area.

It is the writer's hope that he has not given the impression that every induced polarization anomaly in Ireland inevitably defines an orebody, or that every exploration venture there is crowned with success. Aside from effects due to the many man-made conductors, such as grounded power lines, rabbit fences and buried pipe lines, there are certain carbonaceous sediments, in particular the Calp limestone, which overlies the ore-bearing dolomitic limestone in some places, which yield high polarization responses. Fortunately, the areal distribution of the latter is usually broad enough to suggest a formational origin. Also, fortunately, the Calp is, stratigraphically, sufficiently well separated from the ore-bearing limestones so that the effect from these two horizons may be resolved. With the geological and geochemical information available, one can usually determine whether a particular induced polarization indication warrants investigation by drilling. Despite its limitations, the pulse-type induced polarization method has well demonstrated its application to a broad range of base metal exploration problems in Ireland.

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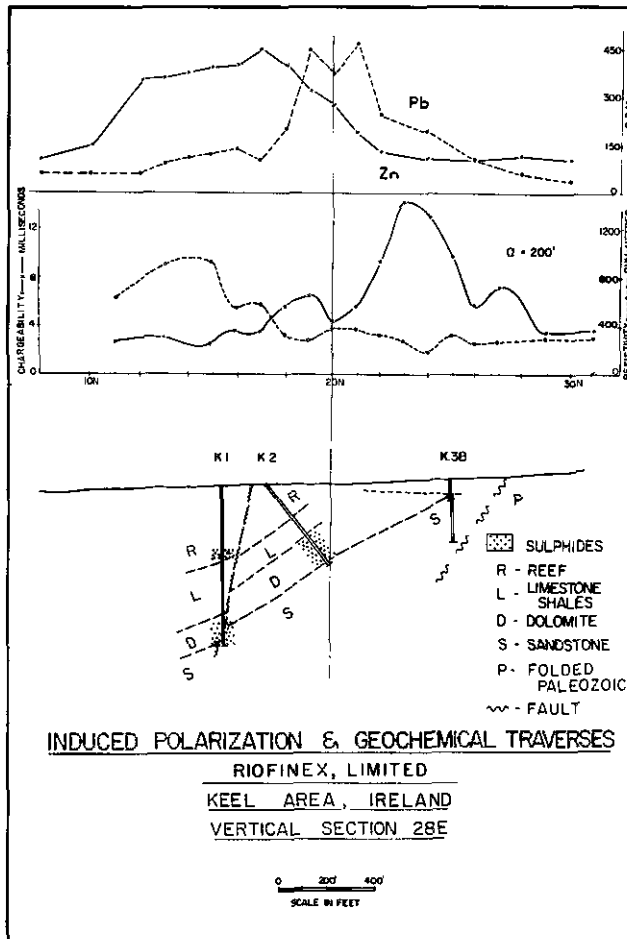


Figure 10.—Typical Discovery Traverse, Keel Deposit.

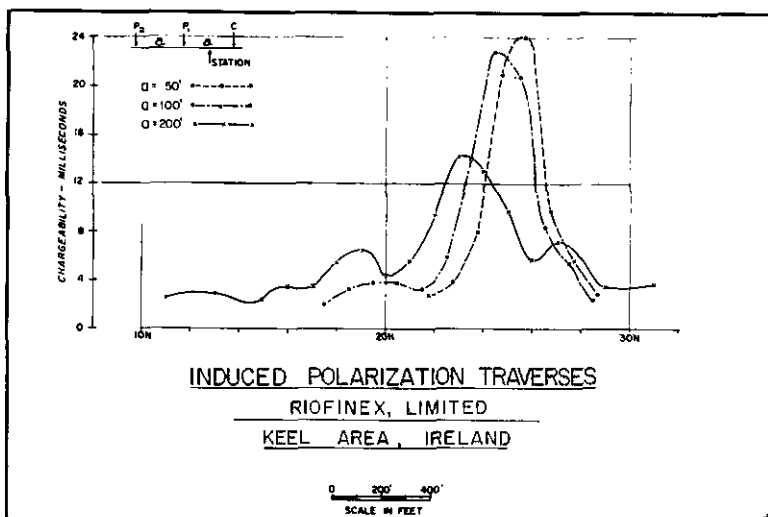
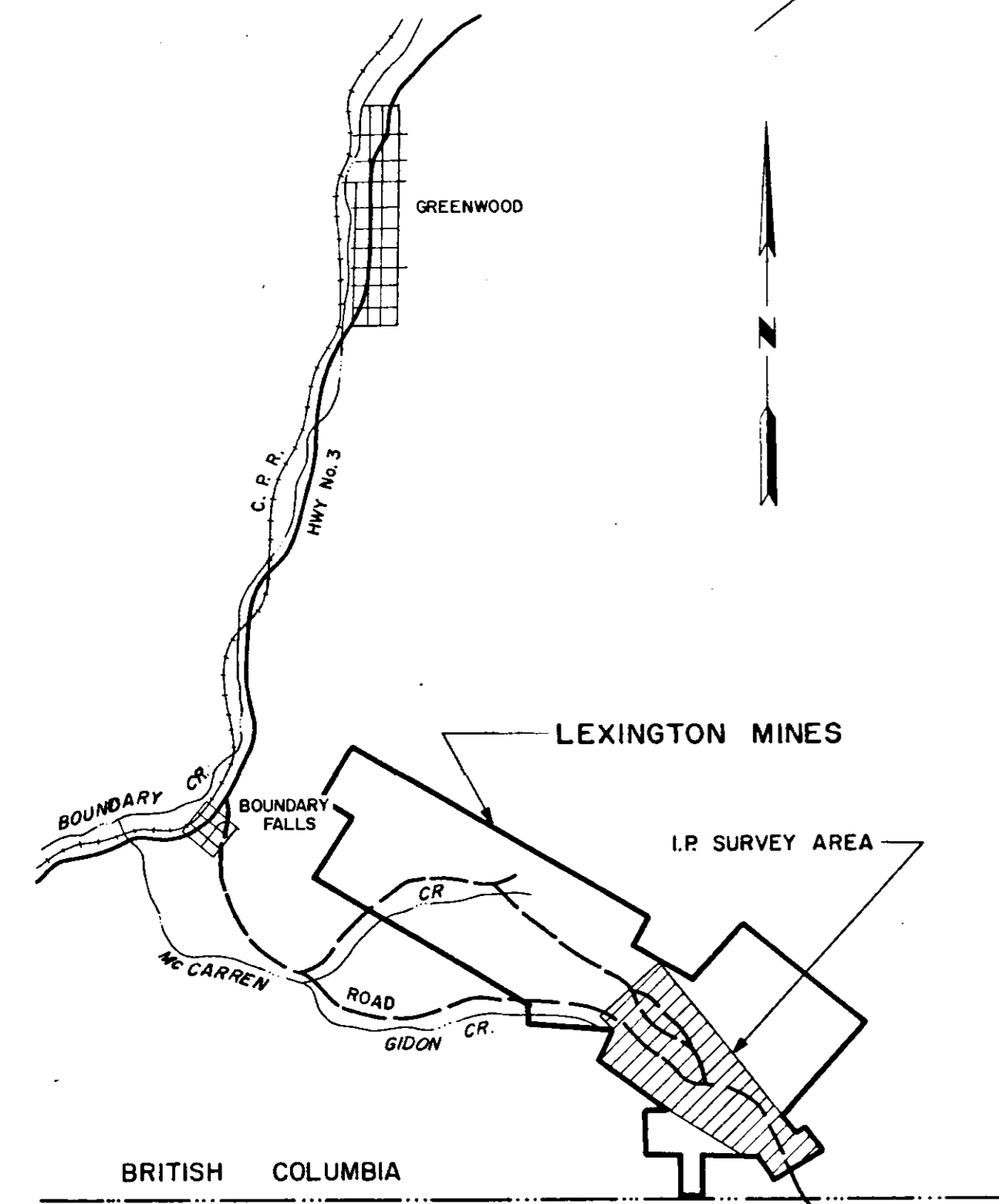
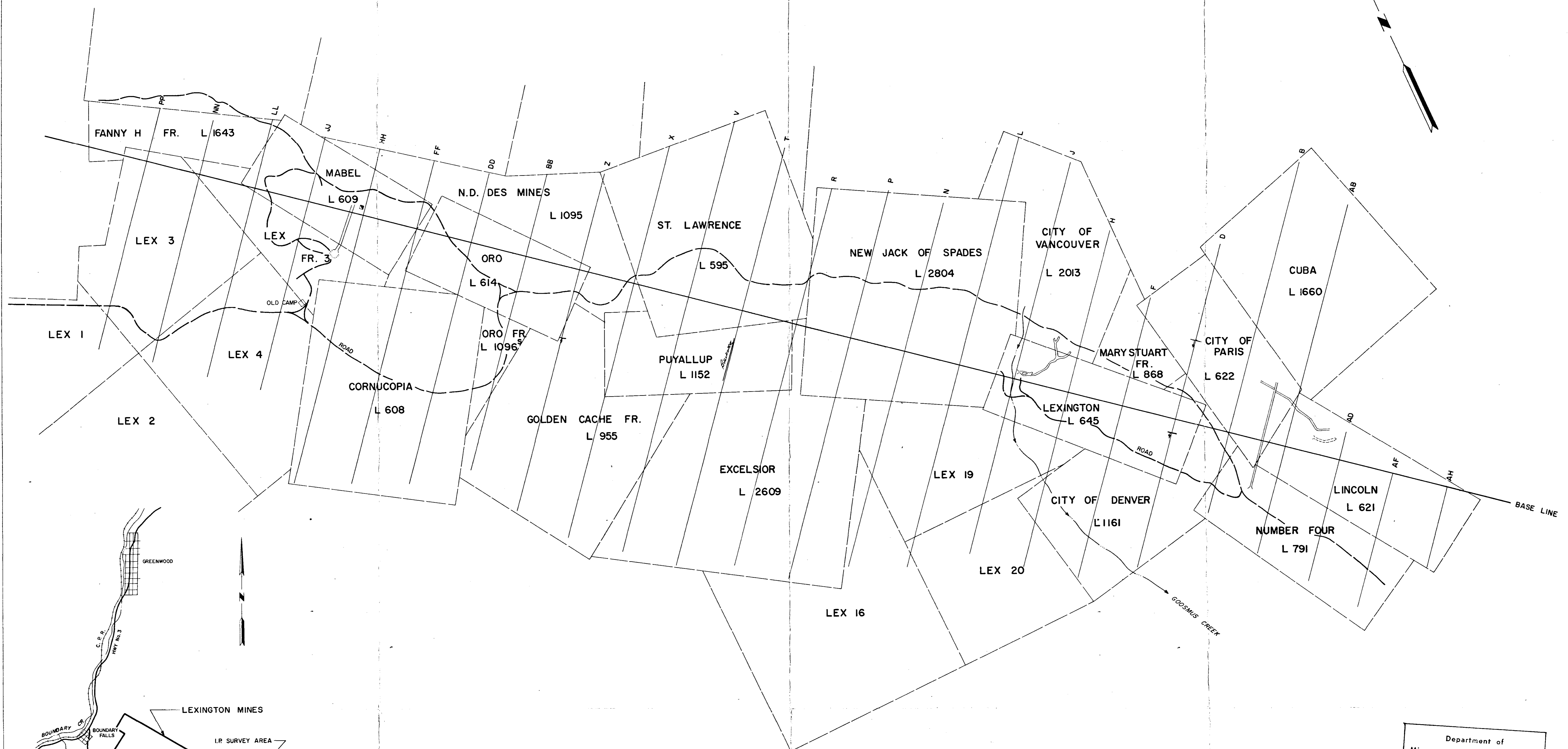
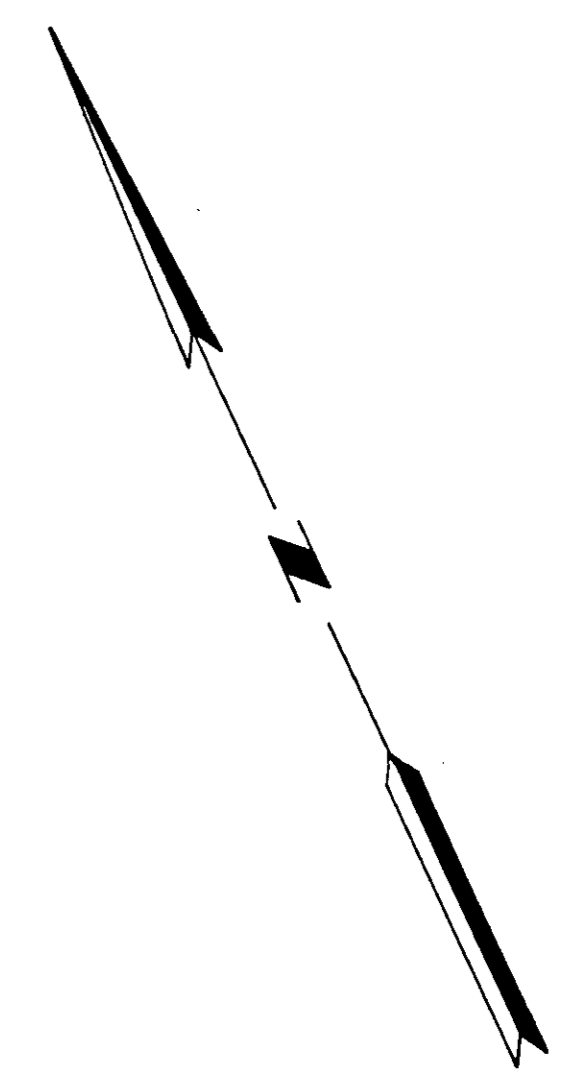


Figure 11.—Multiple Spacing Results, Keel Deposit.



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LOCATION AND CLAIM MAPS

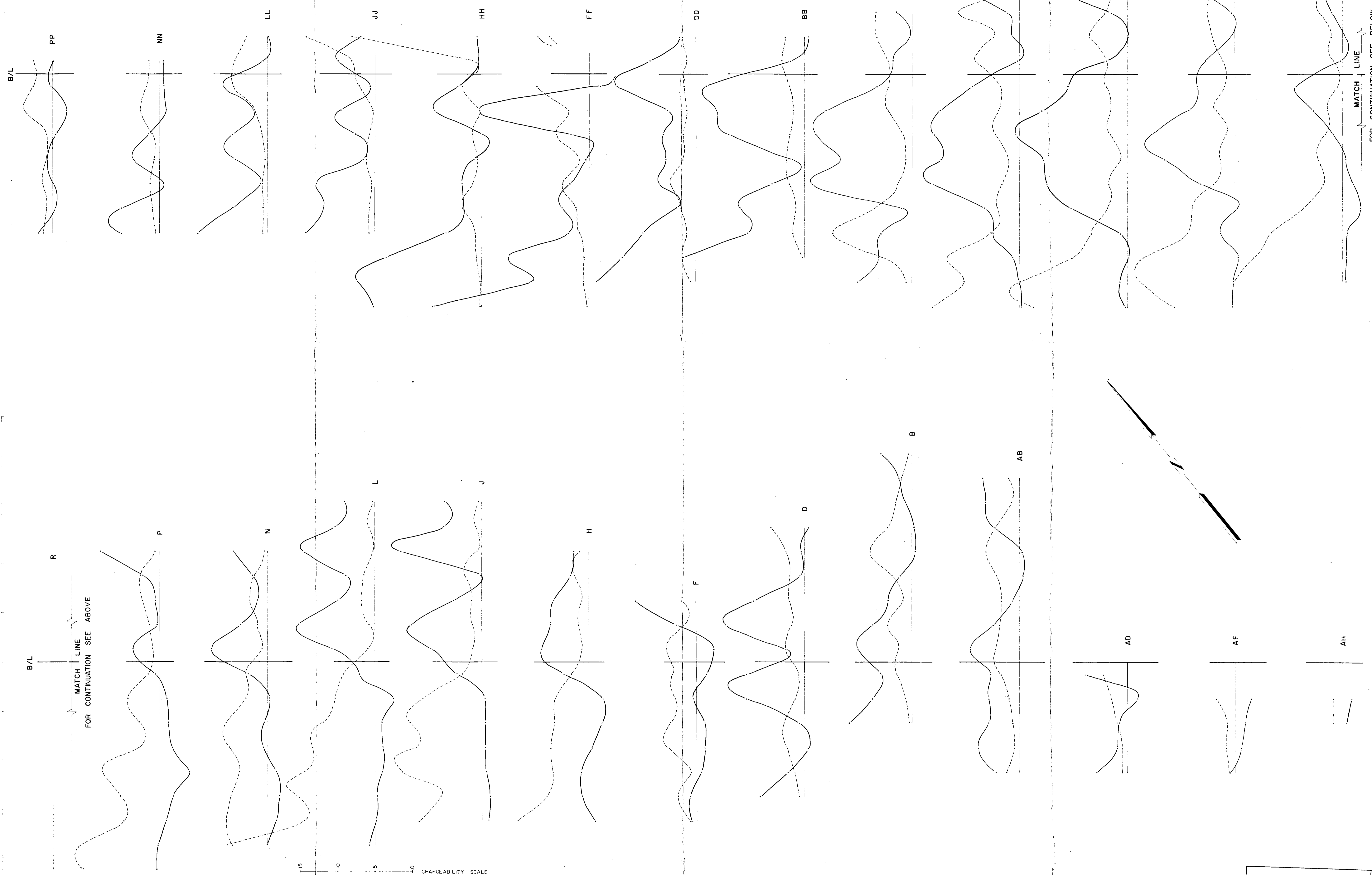
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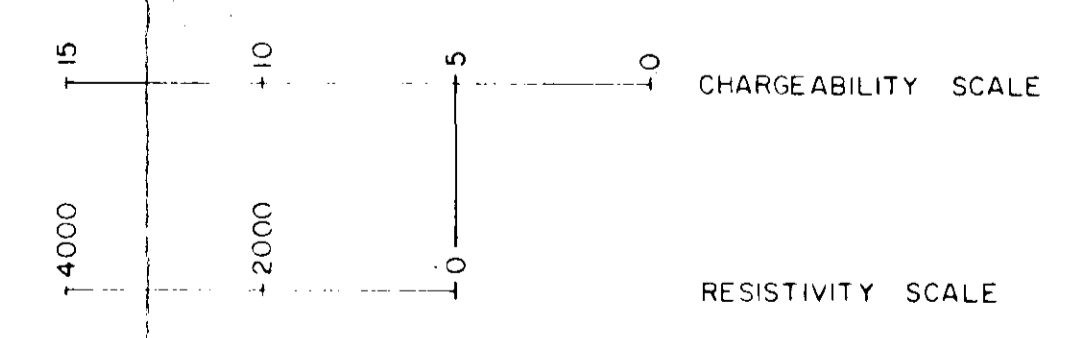
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**LEGEND:**  
 CHARGEABILITY, SCALE 1" = 5 MILLISECONDS  
 WITH LINF TRACE TAKEN AS 5 MILLISECONDS  
 RESISTIVITY, SCALE 1" = 2000 OHM-METRES

**NOTES:**  
 THREE ELECTRODE ARRAY  
 MOVING CURRENT ELECTRODE EAST OF ARRAY  
 ELECTRODE SPACING  $a = 200'$   
 INTERLINE SPACING NOT TO SCALE



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 INDUCED POLARIZATION SURVEY

SCALE: 1" = 300'  
 SURVEY BY SEIGEL ASSOCIATES LIMITED  
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**LEGEND**  
 + LINE TRACE WITH CHARGEABILITY VALUES IN MILLISEC  
 - CHARGEABILITY CONTOURS, 2 MILLISEC CONTOUR INTERVAL

NOTES: THREE ELECTRODE ARRAY  
 MOVING CURRENT ELECTRODE TO NORTHEAST OF ARRAY  
 ELECTRODE SPACING  $a = 200'$

MAGNETIC INTENSITIES IN EXCESS OF 2000 GAMMAS

CHARGEABILITY CONTOUR PLAN



**LEGEND**  
 + LINE TRACE WITH RESISTIVITY VALUES IN OHM-METRES  
 - RESISTIVITY CONTOURS, 1000 OHM-METRE CONTOUR INTERVAL

NOTES: THREE ELECTRODE ARRAY  
 MOVING CURRENT TO NORTHEAST OF ARRAY  
 ELECTRODE SPACING  $a = 200'$

RESISTIVITY CONTOUR PLAN

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