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AEROMAGNETIC SURVEY

TANJO MINES LTD. (N.P.L.)

BY CLAIM GROUP

RACING RIVER AREA, LIARD M.D., B.C.

BY Claim Group: 100 miles S80 W. of Ft. Nelson, B.C.

58° 125° NE

N.T.S. - 94K/11W

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AEROMAGNETIC SURVEY

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### INTRODUCTION

This report discusses the results of an airborne magnetic survey conducted by Geotronics Surveys Ltd. of Vancouver, B.C. The instrument operator was T. Rolston with E. Dodd as navigator. The survey covered BY Claims No. 1 to No. 40 in the Liard Mining Division.

The object of the survey was to obtain information on the structural geology of the area. Of particular interest was the possibility of delineating any basic igneous dykes, common to this area, which are associated with high grade copper deposits (Menzies 1951). Since it was known that magnetite comprises nearly 15% of some of the dyke rocks, a magnetic survey was undertaken.

#### LOCATION

The property is located approximately 100 miles west of Fort Nelson at 58°32' latitude and 125°21' longitude.

#### TOPOGRAPHY

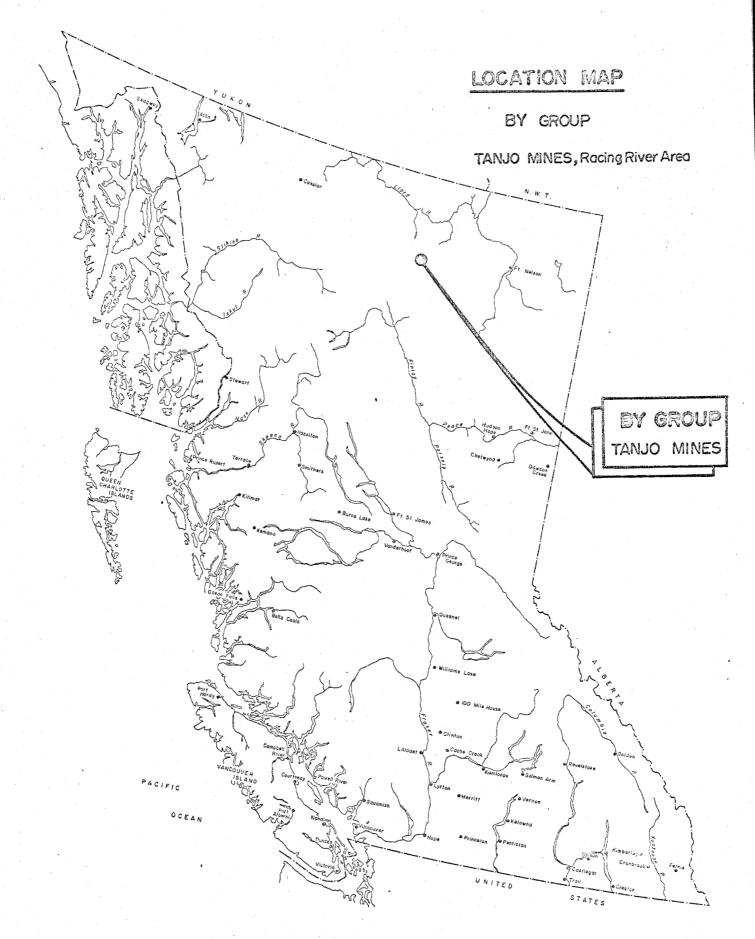
The terrain over the property is very rugged with a relief in excess of 3000 feet. The elevation varies from 5000 feet in the southwest corner to 8000 feet in the northeast corner. A tributary of the Delano Creek flows through the west side of the property in a southerly direction.

## INSTRUMENTATION

The instrument used to carry out this survey was an ELSEC nuclear free precession proton magnetometer. This magnetometer measures the total magnetic field intensity and has a sensitivity of  $\frac{+}{2}$  0.5 gammas. The data was recorded on a Bausch and Lomb 6-inch strip chart recorder which was operated on the 4000 gamma full scale deflection scale for the entire survey. The equipment was mounted and operated from a helicopter owned and operated by Okanagan Helicopters Ltd.

# SURVEY PROCEDURE

Operating from the Fort Nelson Airport, the equipment was test-flown and calibrated before proceeding with the survey.



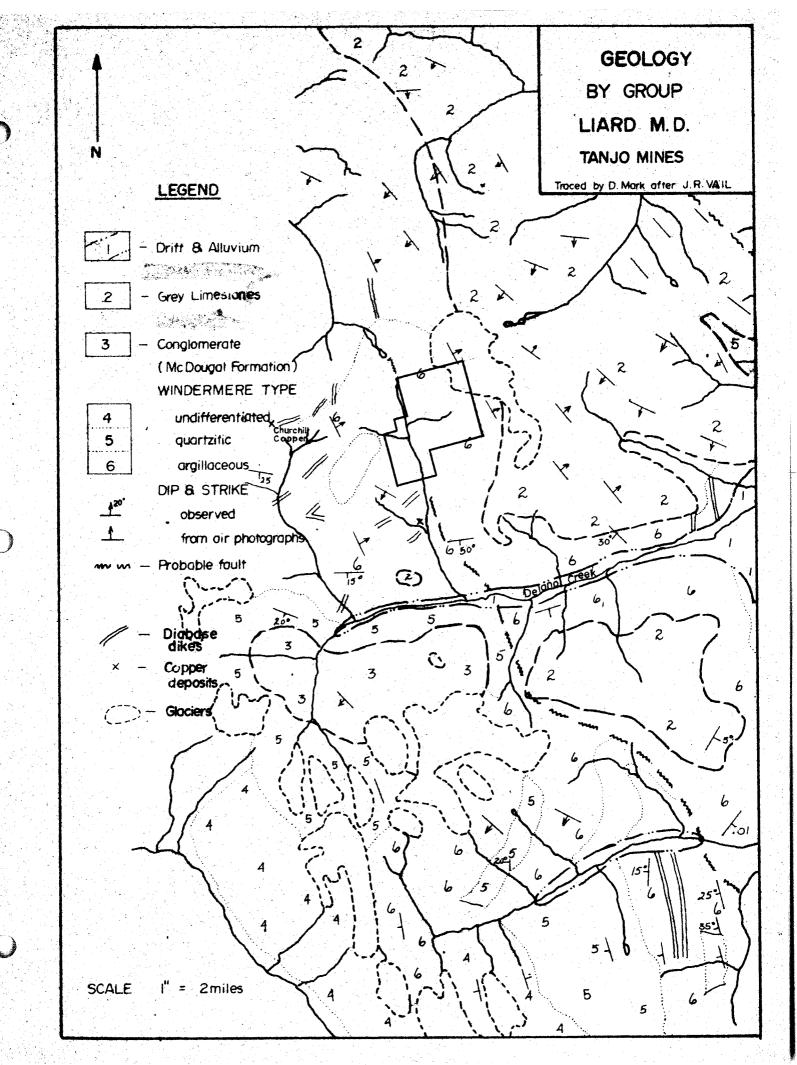
Because of the rugged terrain in the area, most of the flight lines were flown with the terrain contours at an elevation of 500 feet above the local topography. However, some of the high points could not be flown due to high winds and adverse weather conditions. The total air survey miles flown was 80 line miles. All magnetic field intensity values were transferred from the recorder chart paper, plotted, contoured, and mapped at a 1 inch to  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile scale.

#### GEOLOGY

The BY claim group is located on lower Cambrian sediments of the Windermere Formation. According to Vail, 1957, this sequence consists of shales, in places calcareous, then sandstone and quartzite bands, limestones and argillites. Cutting these older sedimentary rocks are a series of basic igneous dykes. They are generally vertical or dip at angles and strike in mainly northeast and northwest directions. Vail has done an extensive microscopic analysis of the rocks from these dykes and found them to contain as much as 15% magnetite. In many cases, these basic dykes contain quartz-carbonate fissure veins which carry "pockety" copper mineralization, principally in the form of chalcopyrite.

# INTERPRETATION

The overall magnetic relief is only 900 gammas, with a relative minimum of 600 gammas and a relative maximum of 1500 gammas. The regional background value is approximately 1100 gammas. The absence of marked magnetic relief is pro-



bably due to uniformity of rock types underlying the BY claim group.

This low magnetic relief coupled with the apparent "noise" present in the data makes a definitive interpretation difficult. However, there does appear to be one anomalous magnetic high (1500 gammas) on the property, appearing on the north central part of the survey. This anomaly is elongated in an east-west direction, and has a total length of about 800 feet. Possibly this indicates the presence of disseminated magnetite associated with the igneous dykes common to the Delano River valley.

There are several "sharp" anomalous lows indicated by the survey. The largest one in areal extent, which has a minimum value of 600 gammas, is located on the west central portion of the property. A smaller magnetic low (700 gammas) is located on the south central part of the property. The writer is unable to provide a plausible explanation for these low features. They do not appear to be related to the topographical relief, nor does the geology of the area explain such anomalies. The magnetic susceptibility contrast for the rock types which underlay this property is definitely not large enough to produce such "sharp" changes. Although, it is probable that the broad magnetic low on the north central part of the property reflects changes within the sedimentary rocks which underly this claim group.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is difficult to make any concrete recommendations for

the property based on the results of this survey. Possibly some reconnaissance geological work would be the next logical step especially in the area of the magnetic high.

Also, the writer feels that some digital filtering techniques might be applied to the present data to remove the effects caused by the high topographical relief in the area. In this case a downward continuation operator would produce the best results.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Mr. Rolston:

At your request I have reviewed the references cited below and examined the report prepared by employees of your Company:

AEROMAGNETIC SURVEY
Tanjo Mines Ltd. (N.P.L.)
BY Claim Group
Racing River Area, Liard M.D., B.C.

The 40-claim group is located approximately 100 miles west of Fort Nelson, B.C. at 58° 32' latitude and 125° 21' long-itude.

The topography is rugged and elevation varies from less than 3000 feet in the broad U-shaped river valleys to over 9000 feet on the mountain peaks.

Geology: The area is underlain by Windermere type grey-black argillite shale, cut by near vertical green basic dikes trending southwest-northeast. The series exhibits 3 sets of fracturing. The principal deposits of the area - Churchill Copper, Davis-Keays and Largo Mines - are vein deposits containing chiefly chalcopyrite in quartz-calcite veins. They are associated with basic dikes over 100 feet in width, striking SW-NE which is the direction of one set of fracturing.

Airborne magnetic survey: The overall magnetic relief is 900 gammas, minimum 600 gammas and maximum 1500 gammas. The regional background value is 1100 gammas.

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The absence of marked magnetic relief is due to uniformity of the sedimentary rocks underlying the area. It would further indicate that the rock could well be limestone carrying low and uniform amounts of magnetite.

One magnetic anomaly of 1500 gammas appears on the north central part of the property. It is expected that the lineal dikes would give a more lineal configuration to the anomalies over them. However, this feature is completely lacking on this survey. It is felt that the surveyed area should be checked thoroughly for geologic features which may enhance the economic possibilities of the area.

The geophysical report and maps submitted by your Company show careful preparation and professional presentation. I am satisfied that the field work performed was of the same high quality as that carried out on assignments where your crews were under my direct supervision.

Respectfully submitted,



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