

REPORT ON A GEOCHEMICAL SURVEY AND PRELIMINARY GEOLOGY

RELAY CREEK

A, B, C, X, Y, Z CLAIM GROUPS LILLOOET MINING DIVISION BRITISH COLUMBIA

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CLAIMS:

A #1-12

X #1-12

B #1-12

Y #1-12

C #1-12

Z #1-12

LOCATION:

25 airmiles N. of Bralorne, B. C.

Lillooet Mining Division

51°10', 122°55' N. W.

920/2W

DATES:

August 21 to September 27, 1970

Department of

Mines and Petroleum Resources

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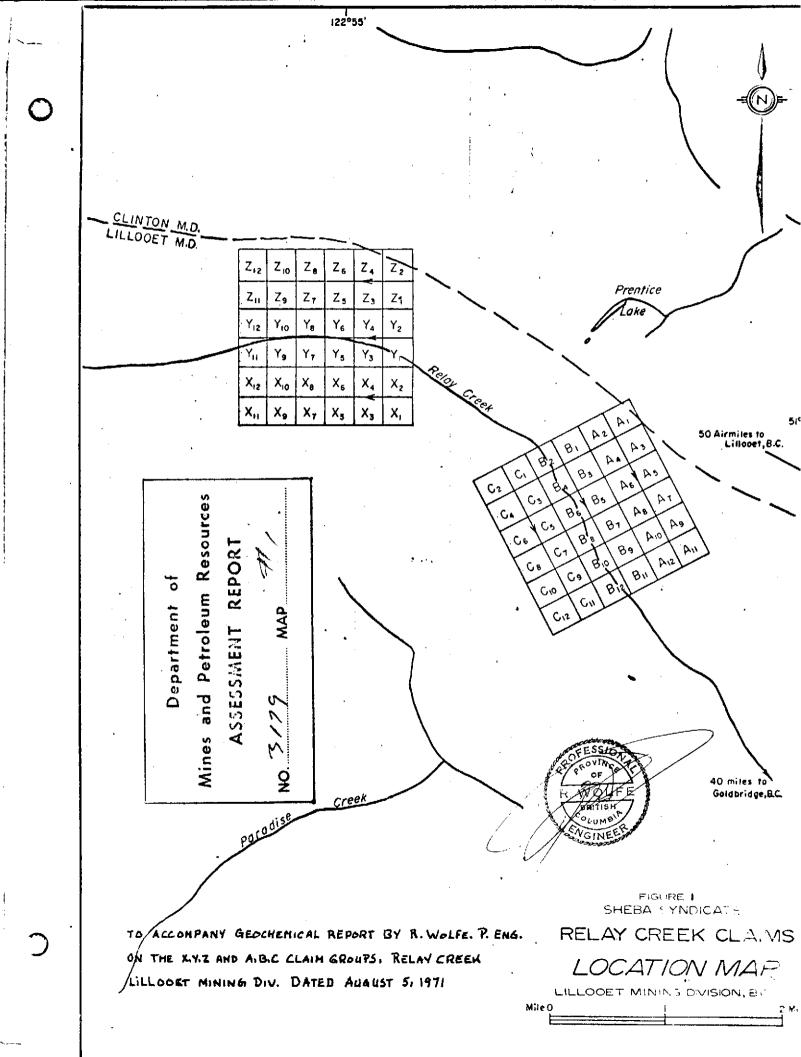
# SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

A total of 34 line miles of geochemical survey were completed on the A, B, C and X, Y, Z claim groups during the summer of 1970.

A considerable portion of the claim groups is covered by overburden of shallow to moderate depth.

The geochemical survey was undertaken to test the groups for further anomalous geochemical values in copper, molybdenum and zinc. A preliminary geological survey was carried out at the same time along the established grid lines to correlate geochemical results with geology and mineralization.

Two large coincident Cu-Mo soil anomalies are outlined on the Relay Creek property. The zinc in the soil is anomalous on the edges of the Cu-Mo anomalies which is a typical feature of most Cu-Mo porphyry deposits. Interpretation of the geochemical anomalies is complex in that outcrop in the anomalous areas contains visible chalcopyrite in the western part (on line 66N) but not in some other sections. The pH determinations were inconclusive. Pyritization is extensive but other hydrothermal alteration appears weak. Chalcopyrite (up to 0.1%) was noted at several localities but not in any economic quantities.



### INTRODUCTION:

During the month of September, 1970, geochemical and preliminary geology surveys were completed on a ground control grid established on the A, B, C and X, Y, Z claim groups located about 25 air miles North of Bralorne, B. C. The claim groups are situated in the Lillooet Mining Division.

The claims were staked during August, 1970 by a crew employed under the Sheba Syndicate, a joint venture exploration group financed by Home Oil Company Limited, United States Smelting Refining and Mining Company and Transcontinental Resources Limited.

Geochemical results of silt and soil sampling done during the early summer of 1970 indicated anomalous values in copper and molybdenum. Purpose of the geochemical survey was to determine extent and magnitude of the geochemical anomaly. Geological reconnaissance mapping was carried out in conjunction with the soil sampling and completed over the same grid.

Geological mapping was conducted by J. McLeod, B. Sc., a Geologist employed by the Sheba Syndicate. His work in the field was supervised by the writer.

#### CLAIMS:

The claim groups each consist of 36 full sized contiguous mineral claims acquired in the late summer of 1970 and recorded in Lillooet, B. C. on August 24, 1970.

Claim names and record numbers are given below:

Record Number
33622 - 33
33634 - 45
33682 - 93
33646 - 657
33658 - 669
33670 - 681

#### LOCATION AND ACCESS:

The property is located approximately 25 air miles North of Bralorne, B. C. Access is from the Lillooet-Bralorne road and thence North via the Tyax Lake road. A four-wheel drive vehicle is necessary to negotiate the final 20 miles beyond Tyax Lake. The area is mountainous with relief of approximately 1500 feet occurring across the claim groups. Access on the property is good and the group is easily traversed by foot.

## PURPOSE OF GEOCHEMICAL SURVEY

The purpose of the geochemical soil survey was to determine the areal extent and magnitude of anomalous copper, molybdenum and zinc values.

## METHOD:

A total of 1360 soil samples were collected on an E. W. grid on 200 foot stations along lines spaced 400 feet apart. Samples were collected, placed in envelopes and delivered to Vancouver Geochemical Laboratories. In the lab samples were sifted to 80 mesh, treated with hot HC104 - HN 03 for extraction, and analyzed by Atomic Absorption.

#### SOIL DEVELOPMENT:

Soil development is highly immature, lacking proper differentiation into the Ao, Al and B horizons. Most of the soil samples consist of young talus derived soil. Overburden cover does not show any evidence of glacial till although the area was probably subjected to continental glaciation. It seems probable that erosion has been sufficiently rapid during the post-pleistocene period (11,000 years) to remove all evidence of pleistocene deposits.

## DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Statistical treatment of the geochemical data gave the following results:

	N	₹x	∠x²	$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	s	Bar Interval
Mo	1,360	4,403	32, 836	3. 24	4.57	2 ppm
Cu	1,360	124,675	36, 006, 376	91.67	162.49	50 ppm
Zn	909	15,876	19, 368, 779	17.00	145.00	50 ppm

Where N is the number of samples

$$\overline{X}$$
 is the mean defined as  $\underbrace{X}_{N}$ 

 $\angle$  X is the sum of the metal values in ppm S is the standard deviation calculated from the formula  $S = \sqrt{\frac{X^2 - N\overline{X}}{N-1}}$ The bar interval is chosen between 1/4 S and 1/2 S

Frequency distribution graphs using the above bar interval show the following division of values by visual inspection:

	Regional	Local	Highly		
	background	background	Anomalous	anomalous	
Cu	0-50 ppm	50-150 ppm	150-350 ppm	over 350 ppm	
Mo	0-2	2-6	6-16	over 16 ppm	
Zn	0	200	200-350 ppm	over 350 ppm	

Distinct anomalous areas about 6,000 x 3,000 feet have been outlined. The areas are about 2 miles apart. The Mo anomalies are coincident with, but smaller in area, than the Cu anomalies. Values up to 1,240 ppm Cu and 46 ppm Mo have been obtained. The Zn anomalies occur peripherally to the Cu-Mo anomalies, a typical feature of porphyry Cu-Mo deposits. Outcrop from the anomalous areas was found to contain chalcopyrite on line 66N towards the western end of Anomaly A, whereas outcrop from other parts of the anomalous areas appears barren. Interpretation of the geochemical anomalies is therefore complex and more detailed work will be necessary to fully comprehend the geochemical situation.

## Re: pH Determinations

pH data is inconclusive. Soil samples in the anomalous areas are practically neutral, silt samples neutral to slightly basic. A slightly acidic environment exists in the rest of the sampled area.

Comparison with the pH ranges of the Arizona porphyry deposits is difficult due to extreme arid conditions in those areas. The Casino deposit in the Yukon showed Canadian Creek (pH 6.5-7) to be only moderately anomalous in Cu and only anomalous in Mo in the upper section of its tributary Patton Creek (which drains the orebody area). Canadian Creek flows through a permanently frozen valley.

Another creek draining the mineralized area is more acidic (pH5) due to introduction of ground water through windows in the permafrost (one spring had pH 2.6). This creek, Casino Creek, shows Cu anomalous in silt, and water up to 3 miles downstream whereas Mo is only anomalous in silts towards the source. Mean annual precipitation is between 8 and 14 inches (half as snow).

Again comparisons are difficult to make due to lack of permafrost in the Relay area and increased precipitation. It appears plausible that the heavy precipitation, steep slopes, rapid erosion, porous talus, etc. all contribute to the near neutral pH readings.

# GEOLOGY

Geological reconnaissance work by Jim McLeod has indicated that both of the main anomalous zones encountered on Relay Creek occur essentially in a medium-coarse grained dacite porphyry which is in places rhyolitic in composition. The "A" anomalous area cut in places by finer grained dyke rocks exhibiting a tuffaceous texture, some of which are rhyolitic in composition. The "B" anomalous area is cut in many places by dyke rocks with similar textural and compositional features as those found in the "A" anomalous area. Both anomalous areas are rimmed on the north by occurrences of sedimentary rocks (generally a distinctly bedded, coarse grained pebble conglomerate), the strikes of the bedding at these outcrops are different (see Figure 18) suggesting possibly a pivoting about the Prentice Lake fault. On the south

side of Relay Creek in "A" area are several occurrences of basalt and numerous basalt float trains suggesting possibly a basalt zone or capping in the higher reaches of this area. Alteration, although widespread, tends to be rather weak, being mild argillic in form (i. e. kaolin after plagioclase) in the porphyritic intrusive rocks. Some sericitization of feldspars was noted in one basalt thin section. In one mildly kaolinitized dacite porphyry specimen, quartz-calcite welded fractures occurred.

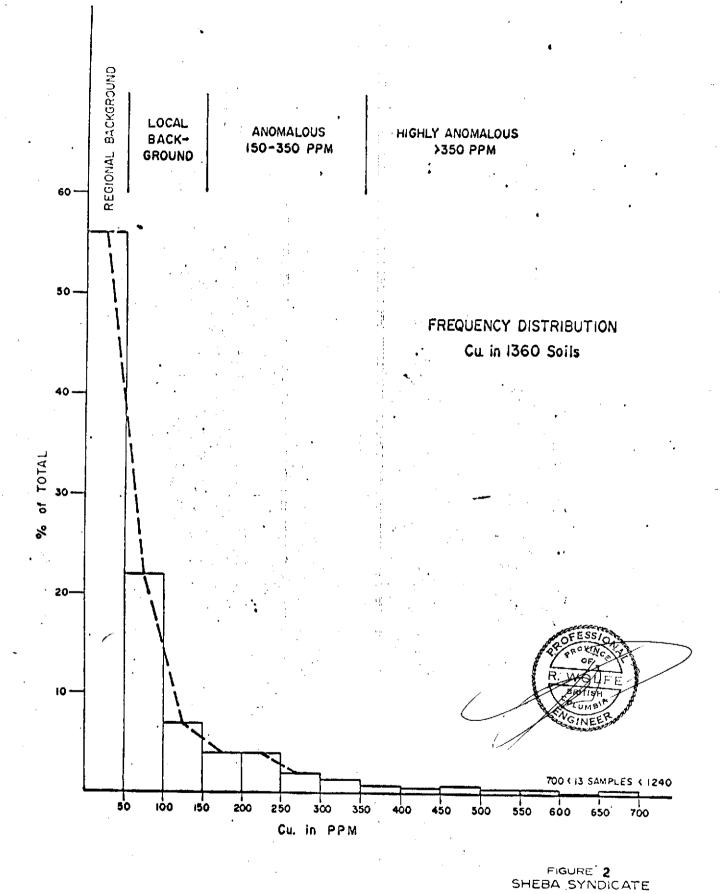
Generally hydrothermal alteration must be considered weak, while pyritization is pervasive and widespread.

## MINERALIZATION:

An impressive feature of the Relay Creek Area is the widespread and pervasive pyrite (and pyrrhotite) mineralization which extends over some 6 - 7 miles. The sulphides occur mostly disseminated but in places accompanying coarse grained veinlets are evident. Chalcopyrite was found in several localities and identified in the field and under the binocular microscope, but in no instance would the visually estimated grade exceed 0.1% Cu. No visible molybdenum or zinc minerals were observed.

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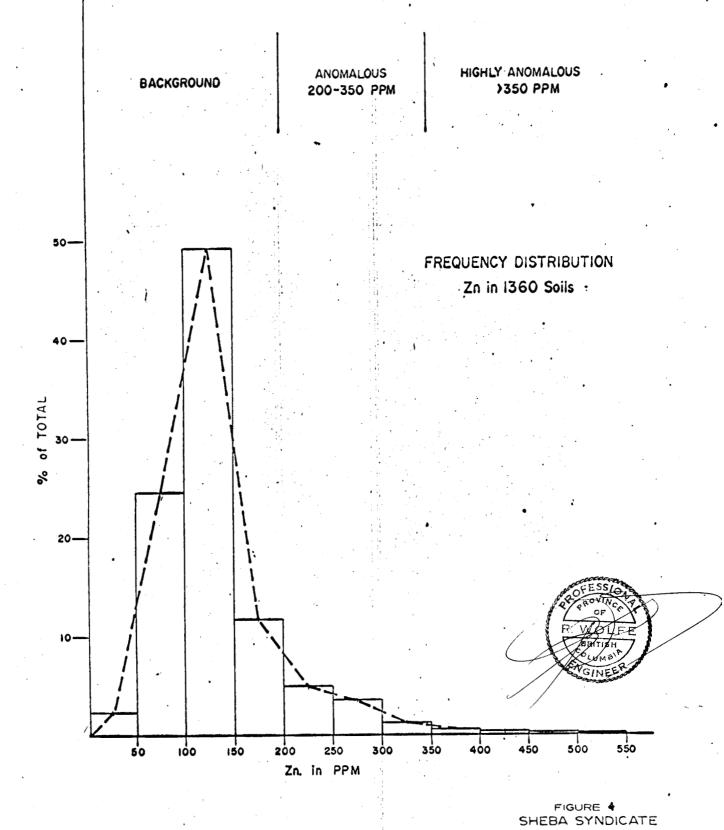
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RELAY CREEK ANOMALIES

LILLOOET MINING DIVISION, BC



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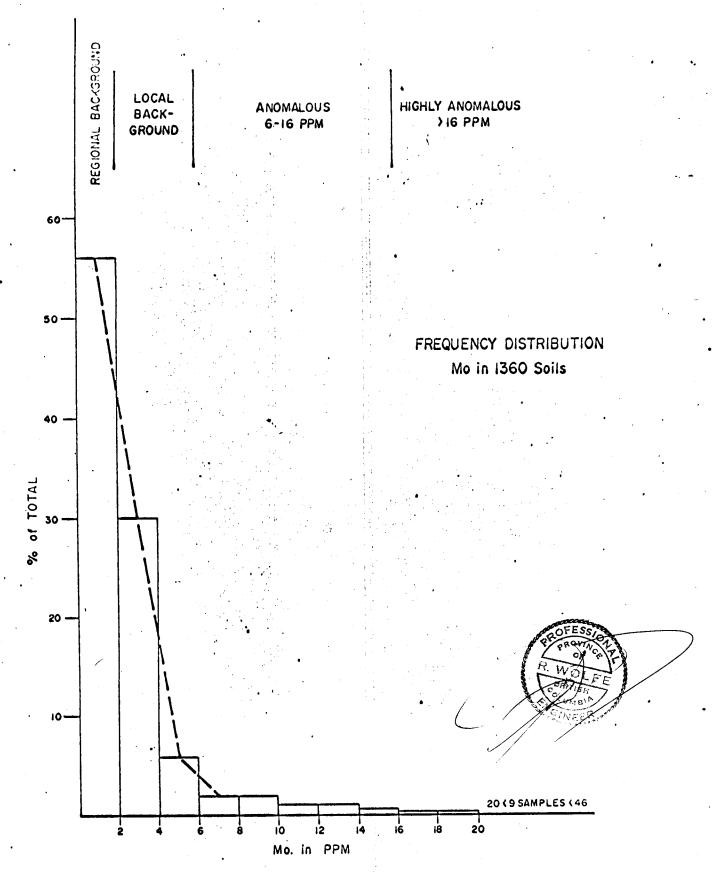


FIGURE 3 SHEBA SYNDICATE

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# APPENDIX "A"

# DECLARATION OF COSTS

Salaries:	Geochemical survey Geological Mapping & supervision		570 840
Board:	91 mandays @ \$7/day		637
	Analyses: 680 samples @ \$2.50 erminations 80 @ \$0.50	1,	700 40
Transportation	n: One 4-wheel Drive Truck 1 month @ \$500/mo.		500
7 thin sections	s @ \$3.00		21
•	TOTAL	\$ 5,	308

I, Robert Wolfe, hereby declare that the information contained in the above schedule is true to the best of my information, knowledge and belief 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 /6 day of August, A. D. 1971

Robert Wolfe

for British Columbia Sub-mining Recorder

## XYZ CLAIMS

#### APPENDIX "B"

## LIST OF PERSONNEL AND SALARIES

Name	<u>Category</u>	Daily Rate	No. of Days	Period	Total
D. Hocking	Soil Sampler	25	5-1/2	8/21 - 8/27	\$ 137.50
M. Crocker	11 11	25	5-1/2	8/21 - 8/27	137.50
P. Wallin	Line Cutter	20	6	9/16 - 9/21	120.00
N. Zwager	11 11	20	16-1/2	8/26 - 9/10	330.00
J. Hopko	H H .	20	6	9/16 - 9/21	120.00
G. Bowes	Soil Sampler	25	10	8/27 - 9/5	250.00
John McLeod	11 11	25	19	8/21 - 9/9	475.00
Jim McLeod	Geologist	35	19	8/21 - 9/9	665.00
J. H. Montgomery	Ph. D., P. Eng. Consulting Petrologis	50 st	1/2	10/11	25.00
R. Wolfe	P. Eng. Consultant	50	3	9/22 - 9/24	150.00
			91		\$2410.00

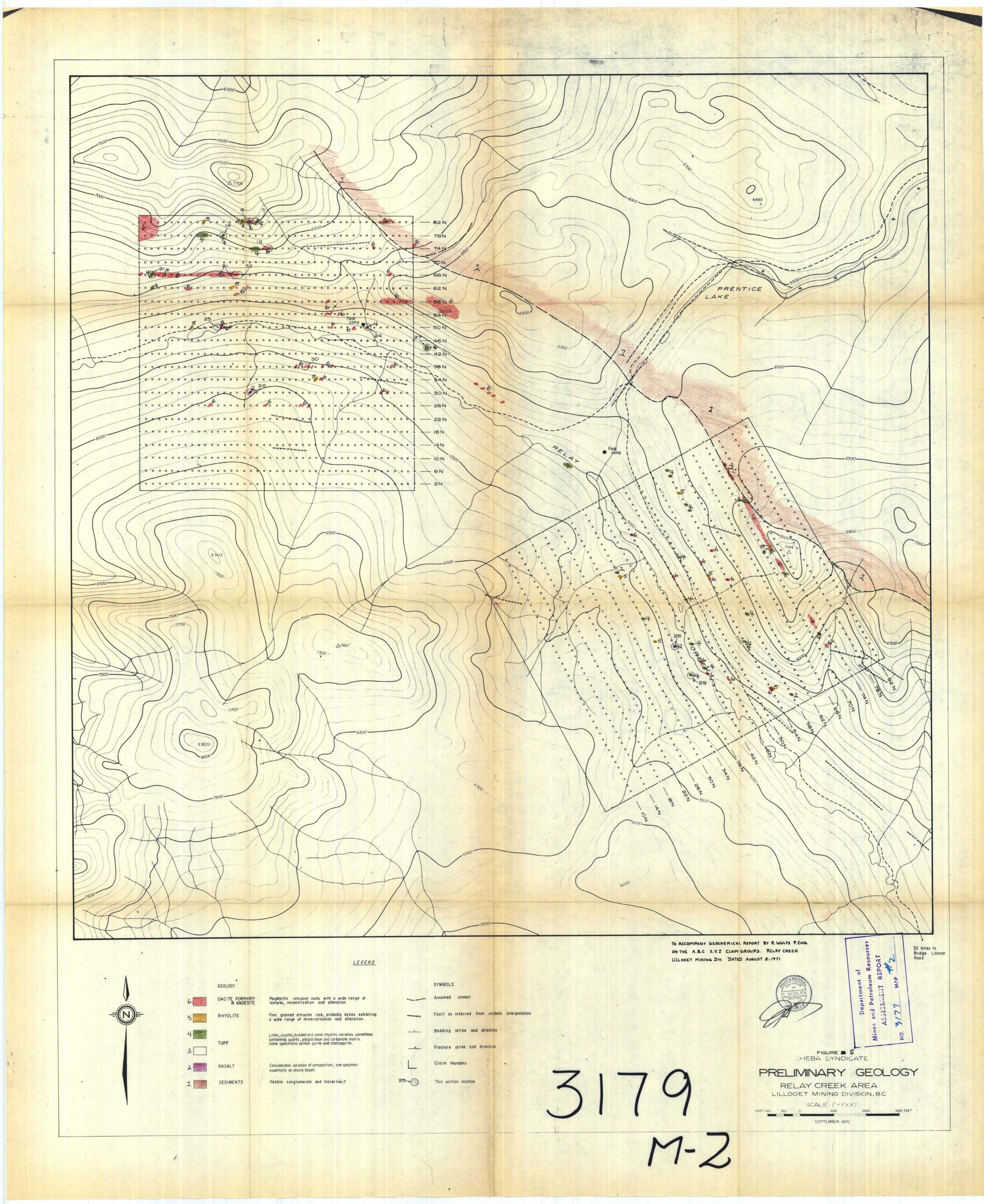
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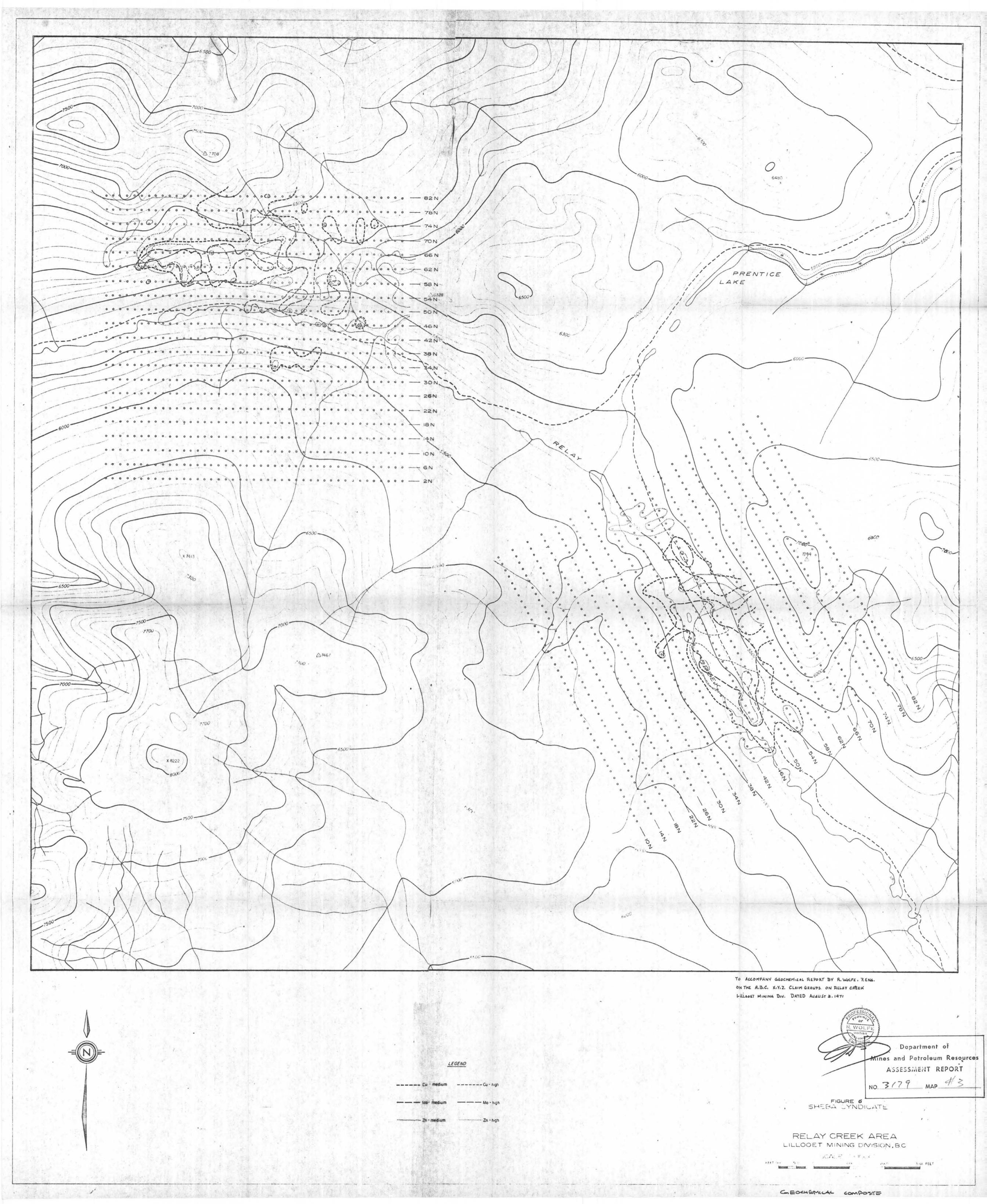
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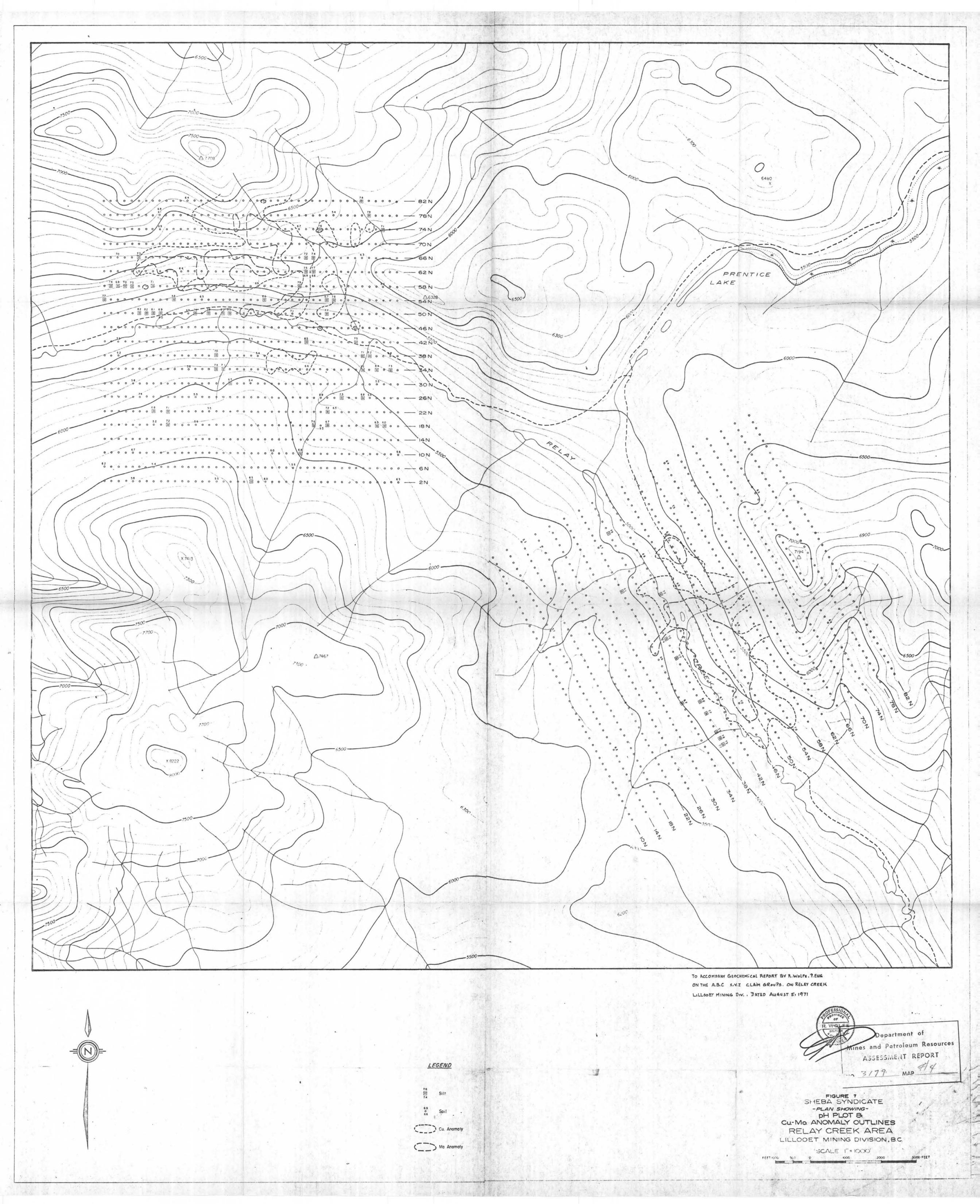
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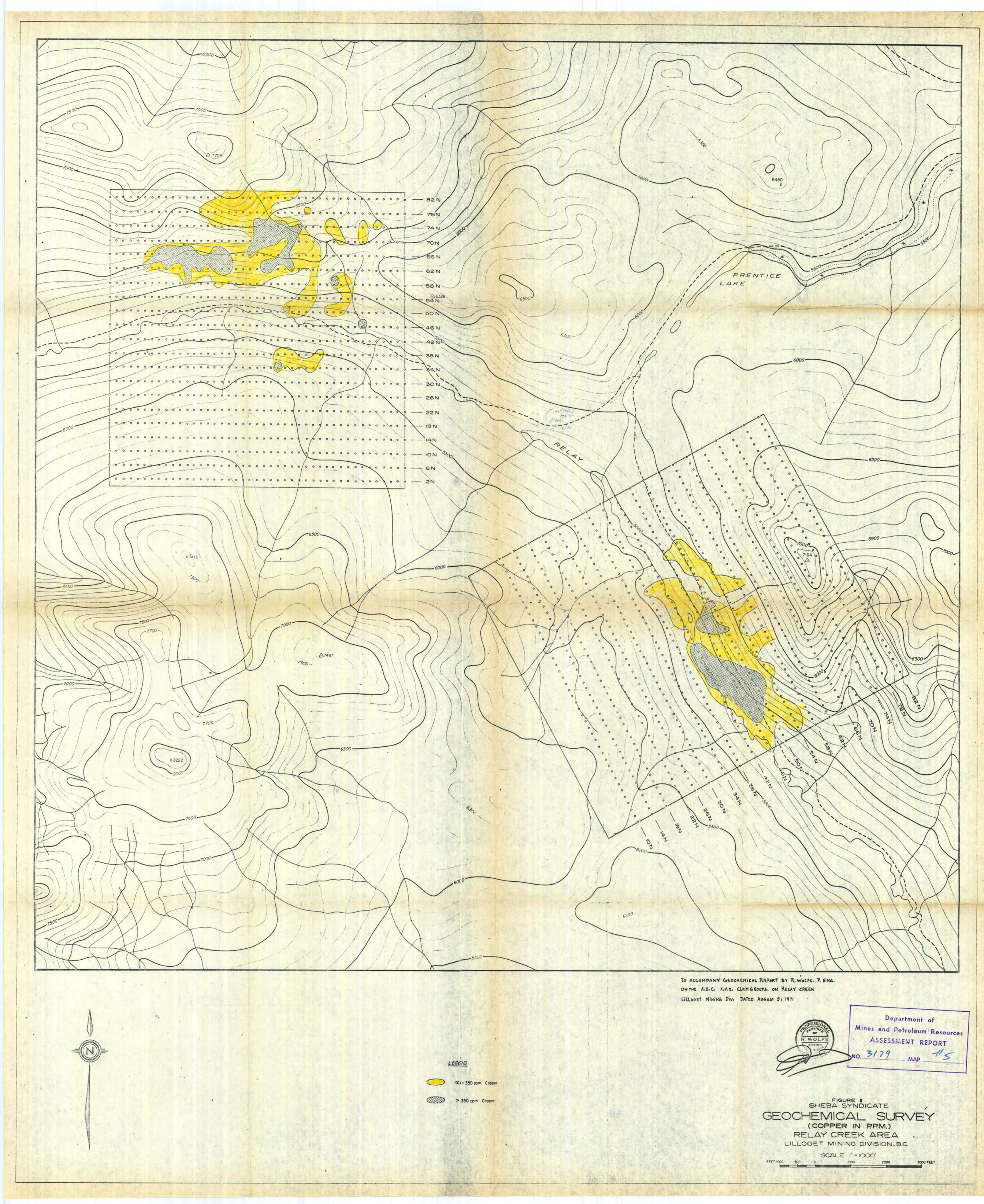
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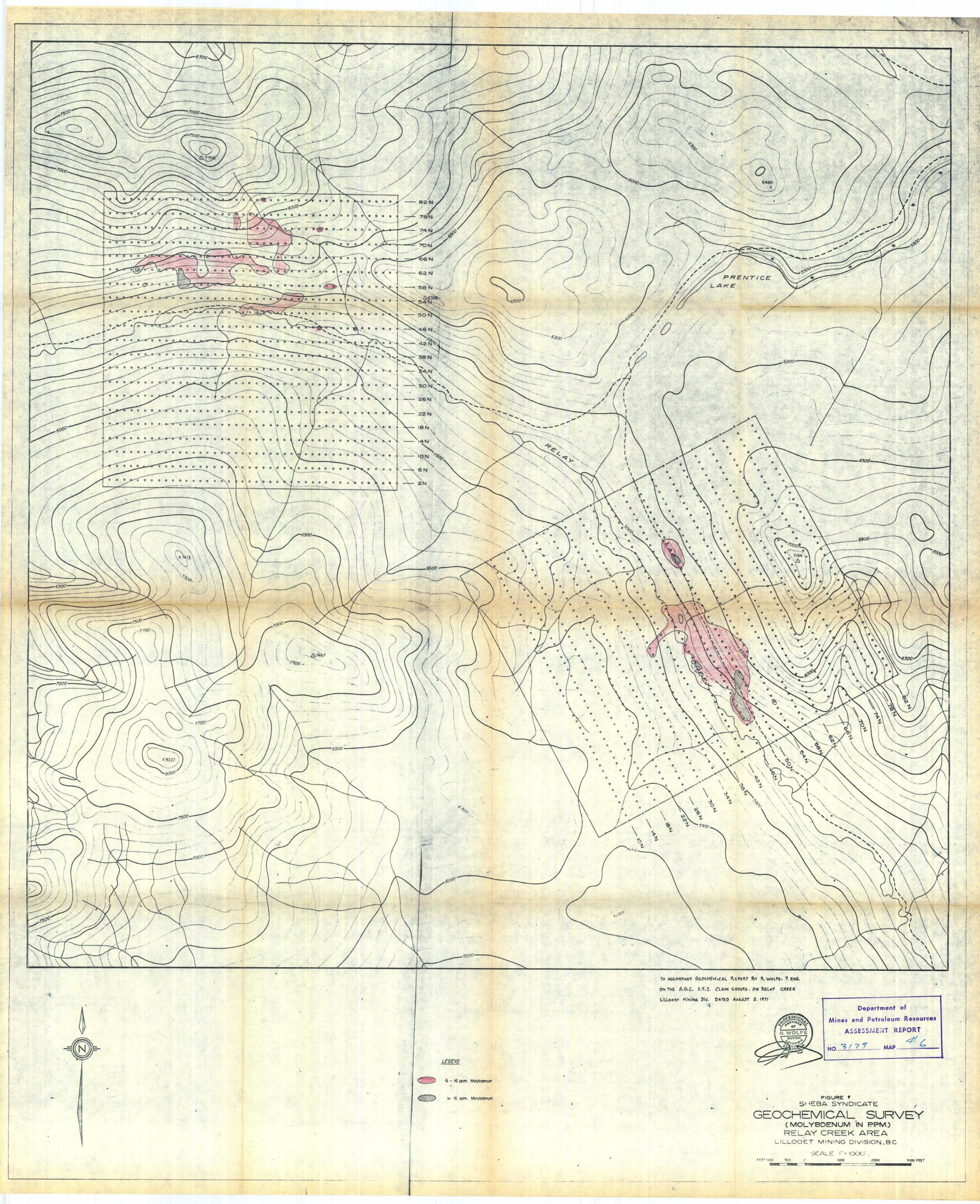
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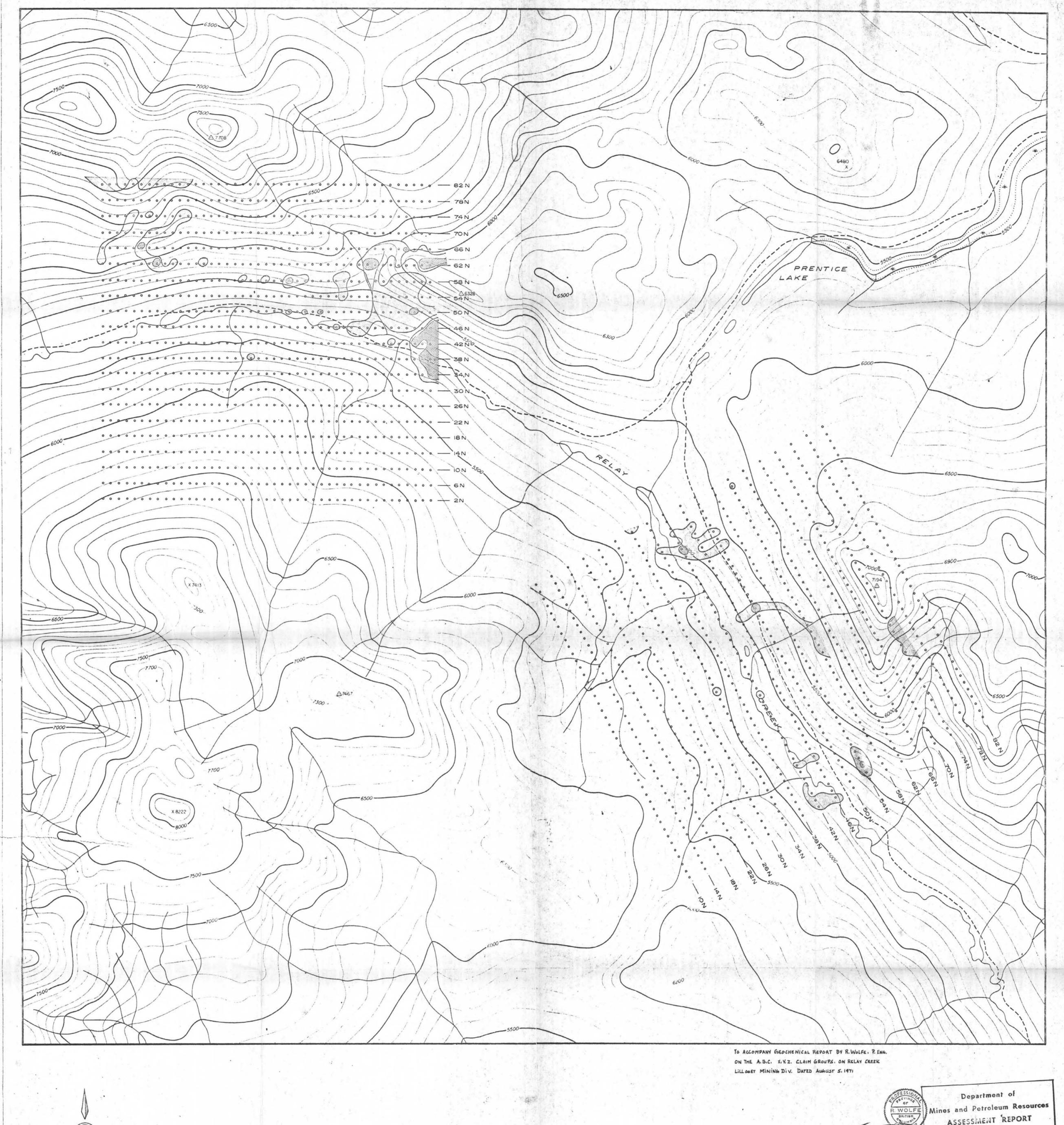


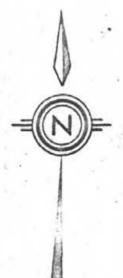








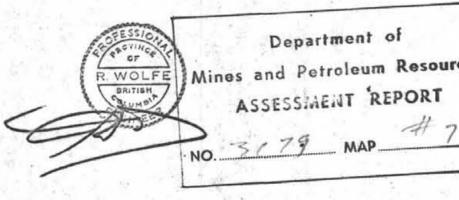




LEGEND

200 - 350 ppm, Zinc





SHEBA SYNDICATE GEOCHEMICAL SURVEY (ZINC IN PPM.)
RELAY CREEK AREA

LILLOOET MINING DIVISION, B.C.

SCALE 1"= 1000"