

REPORT ON
AN INDUCED POLARIZATION SURVEY
ASPEN GROVE AREA, BRITISH COLUMBIA
ON BEHALF OF
WHITE RIVER MINES LTD. (N.P.L.)

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CLAIMS:

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DAGO 1 - 9 (inclusive)
DAGO 15, 16
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OPEN 16 - 21 (inclusive)
EMERALD 13 - 15 (inclusive)

LOCATION:

About 13 miles south of Merritt, B. C. Just east of Highway No. 5
Nicola Mining Division
120 49 NW

DATES: May 12 to May 23, 1972

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SUMMARY

Three areas of increased chargeability responses have been located by the present survey. These areas may be underlain by up to 4 percent by volume of metallically conducting material such as sulphides, graphite or other material that is known to show increased chargeability responses.

Two of the areas are not yet completely delimited, and it is recommended that further induced polarization surveying be carried out to delimit these areas. Four drill holes totalling 1200 feet have been suggested. If the results of these drill holes are favourable, further drilling targets may be recommended based upon the present induced polarization results.

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INTRODUCTION

During the period May 12 to May 23, 1972, a geophysical field party under the direction of Mr. Ron Gibbins executed an induced polarization survey in the Aspen Grove area, British Columbia on behalf of White River Mines Ltd. (N.P.L.).

The property lies about 18 miles south of Merritt, B. C. and is reached by truck over the well paved Highway No. 5. The topography consists of low rolling grassland and forested hills of the Thompson Plateau.

The claims covered, wholly or in part, by this survey are listed on the front cover of this report and are shown on Plate 5, on the scale of 1 inch = 200 feet.

Scintrex Mk VII time-domain (pulse-type) induced polarization equipment has been employed on this property. The transmitting unit had a rating of 2.5 kilowatts and equal on and off times of 2.0 seconds. The receiving unit was a remote, ground-pulse type triggered by the rising and falling primary voltages set up in the ground by the transmitter. The integration of the transient polarization voltages takes place for 0.65 seconds after a 0.45 second delay time following the termination of the current on pulse.

The purpose of an induced polarization survey is to map the subsurface distribution of metallically conducting mineralization beneath the grids covered. In the present area such mineralization could include chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite, pyrite and other metallic sulphide minerals. Metallic conductors such as graphite and magnetite as well as non-metallic minerals such as

chlorite, sericite and serpentinite can give responses not always distinguishable from sulphide mineralization.

The three electrode array was employed for the survey. For this electrode array, one current electrode and two potential electrodes traverse the profiles with an interelectrode spacing called "a". The second or "infinite" current electrode is placed a distance greater than 5a from the measuring point which is defined as the midpoint between the moving current electrode and the near potential electrode. For the reconnaissance survey observations were taken for a = 200 feet and a = 400 feet with 200 foot station intervals.

An expanding Wenner array was also carried out over one station to obtain some information regarding the variation of chargeability and resistivity with depth.

The present grid consisted of a 6400 foot base line oriented north-south with grid lines of various lengths cut perpendicular to it at 400 foot intervals. One line was surveyed along the eastern side of Kidd Lake. The grid layout is shown on Plates 4 and 5. The induced polarization survey totalled 10.0 line miles.

GEOLOGY

A description of the regional geology of the area including and surrounding the present claims is found in G.S.C. Memoir 243 by H.M.A. Rice, 1960. The area covered by this property is shown to be underlain by rocks of the Upper Triassic Nicola Group consisting mainly of intermediate volcanics. Bornite and chalcopyrite occurrences have been noted in shear zones in volcanic rocks of the Nicola Group in the Aspen Grove area. The major Allison Fault projects northerly under Kidd Lake on the Dago Claims.

The local geology has been mapped by C.A.R. Lammle, P.Eng., for White River Mines Ltd. (N.P.L.) and described in a report dated April 30, 1972. The report and map have been made available to the writers.

The rocks on the property are mainly volcanic and sedimentary members of the Nicola Group. At surface these rocks are oxidized and weathered. Copper sulphide mineralization is exposed in a zone over the Dago 6 and Open 21 claims. Its northern projection is covered by overburden.

The target of the present survey was a large tonnage disseminated copper sulphide or native copper body that may be the extention of the outcropping mineralization.

A map of a ground magnetometer survey and partial results of a gravity survey executed over the present grid have been made available to the writers by White River Mines Ltd. (N.P.L.).

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Plate 2, on the scale of 1 inch = 200 feet shows the chargeability (the induced polarization characteristic of the rock). The vertical scale for the profiles is 1 inch = 10.0 milliseconds. Plate 3, on the scale of 1 inch = 200 feet shows the resistivity profiles. The vertical scale is 2 inches = 1 logarithmic cycle with line trace taken as 100 ohm-meters.

Plates 3 and 4, on the scale of 1 inch = 200 feet are contour maps of chargeability and resistivity values respectively. The contour interval for chargeability is 2.0 milliseconds. To accommodate the large variations in resistivity, but still show the changes, a logarithmic contour interval has been utilized. The contour values are as shown on Plate 5.

The chargeability contour map reveals background chargeabilities north of L 48 N to average about 6.0 to 8.0 milliseconds. South of L 48 N the average background drops to about 4.0 to 6.0 milliseconds. From the

profiles, the background chargeabilities for a = 400 feet are generally higher than for a = 200 feet. The chargeability difference may be caused by a few tens of feet of non-polarizable overburden covering the bedrock. Alternatively, the concentration of metallically conducting material increases with depth.

A uniform distribution of 1 percent by volume of metallically conducting material may be expected to add around 10.0 milliseconds to the observed chargeability responses. Since low concentrations of sulphides of sufficient dimensions or small high grade bodies may be economically valuable, areas exhibiting greater than 10.0 milliseconds of chargeability may be worthy of further investigations.

All areas showing chargeabilities in excess of 10.0 milliseconds have been shaded on Plate 4. However within these areas there are three areas of special interest. These areas exhibit chargeabilities in excess of 20.0 milliseconds. The three areas have been labelled Areas I, II and III.

Area I, located between Lines 56 N and 84 N west of the base line, exhibits the most anomalous chargeability responses. The peak chargeability obtained with the 200 foot electrode spacings reaches 45.0 milliseconds at 5 W on L 72 N. The area is not delimited to the west along Lines 60 N to 76 N. Generally, the profiles show that the chargeability responses are higher in amplitude with a = 400 feet implying a depth extent of at least 200 feet for the chargeability source. The electronically conducting material content of the source may be in excess of 4 percent by volume of sulphides, graphite or other minerals known to give increased chargeability responses.

An expanding Wenner array centred at 2 W on L 64 N was carried out to investigate the chargeability and resistivity changes with depth.

The data obtained indicates a change in both chargeability and resistivity

at a depth of about 40 feet. This result suggests that overburden depth is about 40 feet.

The apparent resistivities over Area I, averaging about 400 ohmmeters, are generally lower than those surrounding the area. The decrease in resistivity may be due to either a change in rock type or to the content of polarizable material, which may also be a conductor, lowering the resistivities of the area. There is no direct correlation between chargeability increases and resistivity decreases.

The ground magnetometer map supplied by White River Mines Ltd. shows Area I to be underlain by rocks of generally lower magnetic susceptibility than those outside the area. A long narrow zone of increased magnetic response trends northwesterly through the eastern part of Area I. The zone may be the result of a dyke containing more magnetically susceptible material than the country rock.

Area II is located west of the base line and extends from Line 24 N to 32 N. It is open to both the north and south. A zone of chargeabilities in excess of 20.0 milliseconds extends from 4 + 50 W to 10 W on L 28 N and from 0 + 50 E to 7 + 50 W on L 24 N. The chargeabilities reach a peak of 30.0 milliseconds at 3 W on L 24 N.

According to the chargeability responses, Area II is underlain by a polarizable source containing the equivalent of 3 percent by volume of electronically conducting material or greater amounts of other minerals such as carbonaceous material or sericite which are also known to give induced polarization responses.

The lateral extent of the chargeability increases obtained with the wider electrode spacings is greater than that obtained with the narrower spacings indicating a depth extent of the order of 200 feet. An overburden

cover of a few tens of feet may also contribute to some lower chargeabilities obtained with the narrower electrode spacings.

The apparent resistivity results over Area II average about 550 ohm-meters for both electrode spacings and one fairly uniform over the area. There is no definite correlation between the resistivity and chargeability results.

The magnetometer survey shows a decreased magnetic response over

Area II suggesting that the increased chargeabilities are not due to a

magnetically susceptible source.

Area III is actually present on L 84 N only. This zone is not delimited to either the north, south or west. The chargeability responses obtained with the 400 foot spacings are seen to be more extensive than those with the 200 spacings indicating an increase in the concentration of chargeable material with depth.

The apparent resistivities over this area average 200 to 300 ohmmeters with 200 foot electrode spacings. The chargeabilities obtained with the 400 foot electrode spacings show a uniform gradient decreasing from 3000 ohmmeters at 12 W to 800 ohmmeters at 16 W. The sharp increase in resistivity along the western part of L 84 N may indicate either a change in rock type or alteration. There is no definite correlation between the chargeability increases and the resistivity responses on either of the two spacings.

Magnetic data have not been obtained west of 12 W on L 84 N.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The present induced polarization survey has revealed three areas, as indicated on Plate 4, exhibiting more than 20.0 milliseconds of charge-ability. Areas II and III are not completely delimited thus their total

areal extent is not known.

For the following reasons, Area I is geophysically the most attractive area for further exploration work.

The chargeability increases indicate a concentration of about 4 percent by volume of metallically conducting material. The low magnetic relief indicates that the source of increased chargeability is probably not magnetite or any other magnetic material. Lower resistivities in the area can be expected from the concentration of material giving the chargeability anomaly. The chargeability anomaly in Area I appears to be truncated by a fault or contact between Line 56 N and 60 N. An indication of some structural truncation is present in all the available data including resistivity, magnetics and chargeability.

Area II shows similar chargeability and resistivity responses to those in Area I. Further induced polarization surveying may be warranted to delimit the extent of chargeability increases. The area investigated thus far may be underlain by up to 3 percent by volume of metallically conducting material.

Area III, which is only a one line anomaly, shows similar geophysical characteristics to those over the first two areas. More induced polarization surveying to delimit the area is recommended.

Based upon the present geophysical results, and pending correlation with the most recent geological data, the following drill holes are suggested:

Collar	Dip	Direction	Minimum Depth
L 72 N; 7 + 00 W	-45 ⁰	East	300 feet
L 76 N; 2 + 25 W	-45°	West	300 feet

<u>Collar</u>	<u>Dip</u>	Direction	Minimum Depth	
L 68 N; 2 + 00 W	-45°	West	300 feet	
L 28 N: 10 + 00 W	-45 ⁰	East	300 feet	

Further drilling can be recommended based on the present induced polarization survey results.

Respectfully submitted,

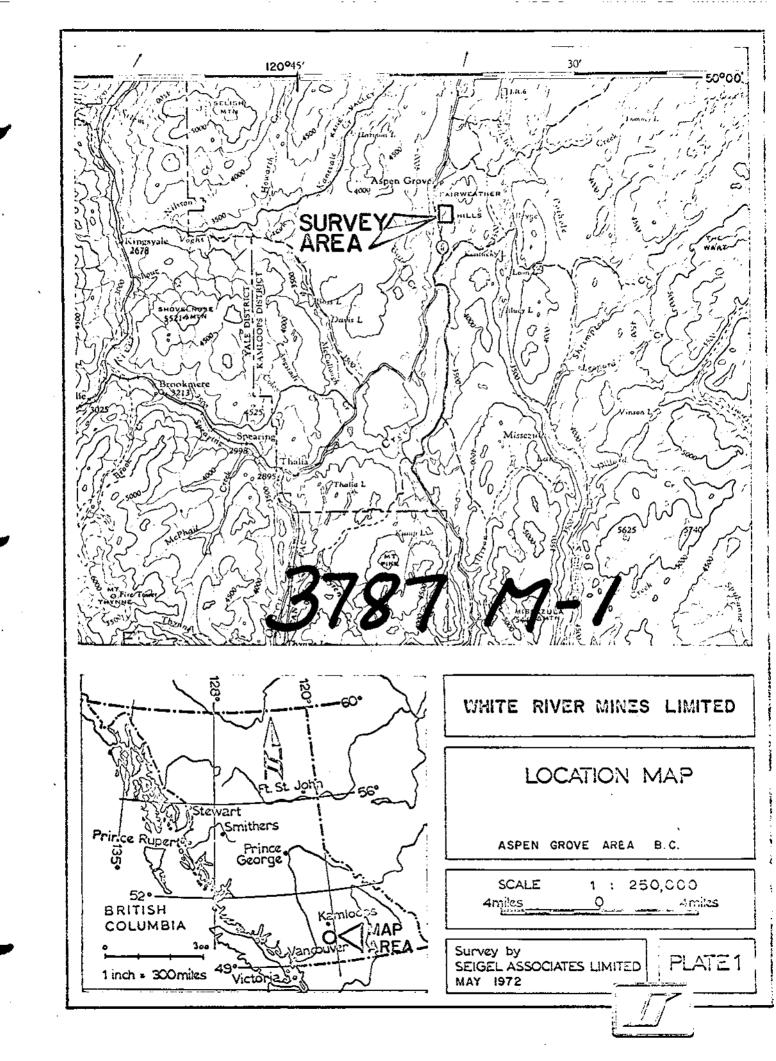
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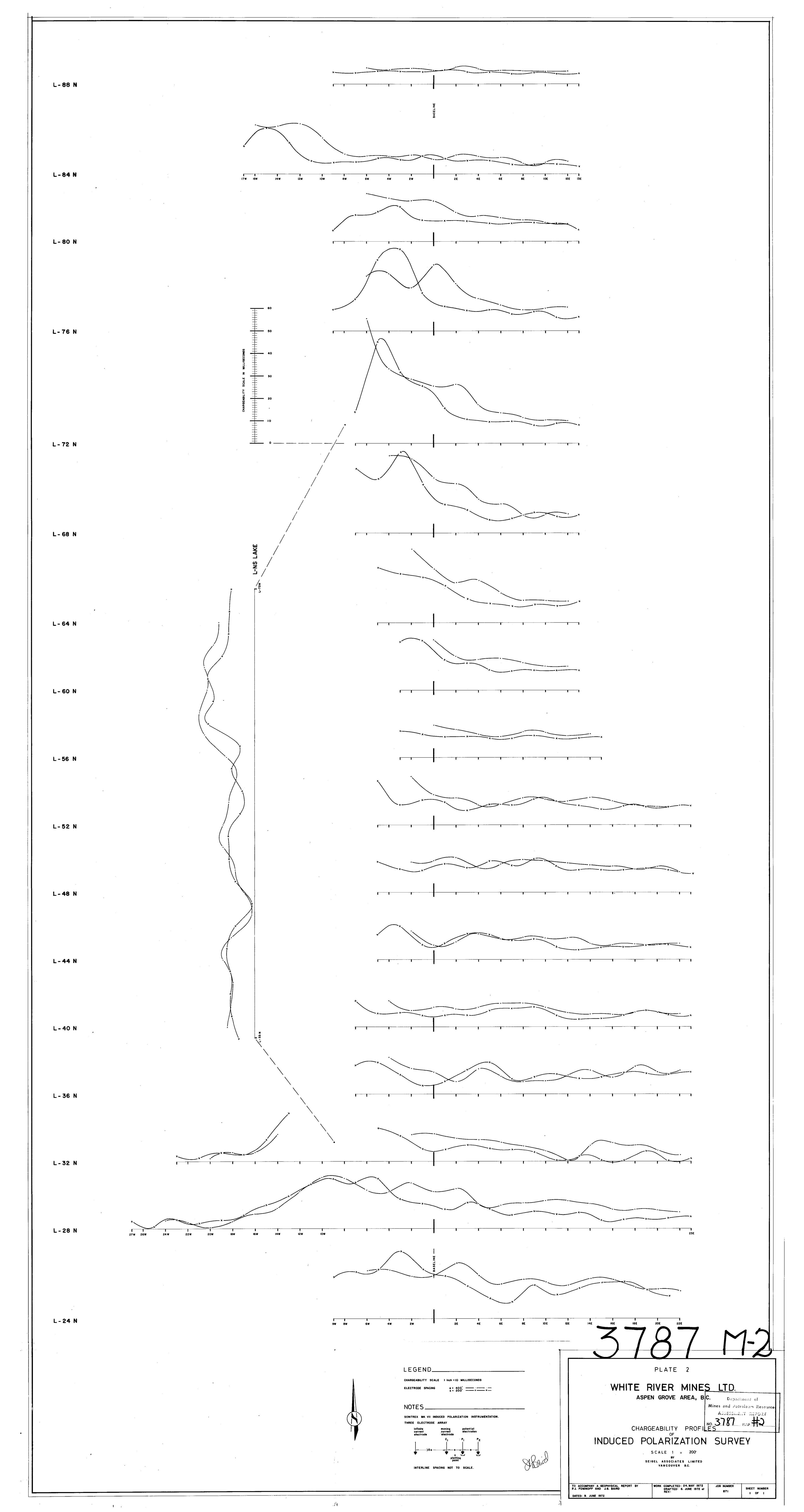
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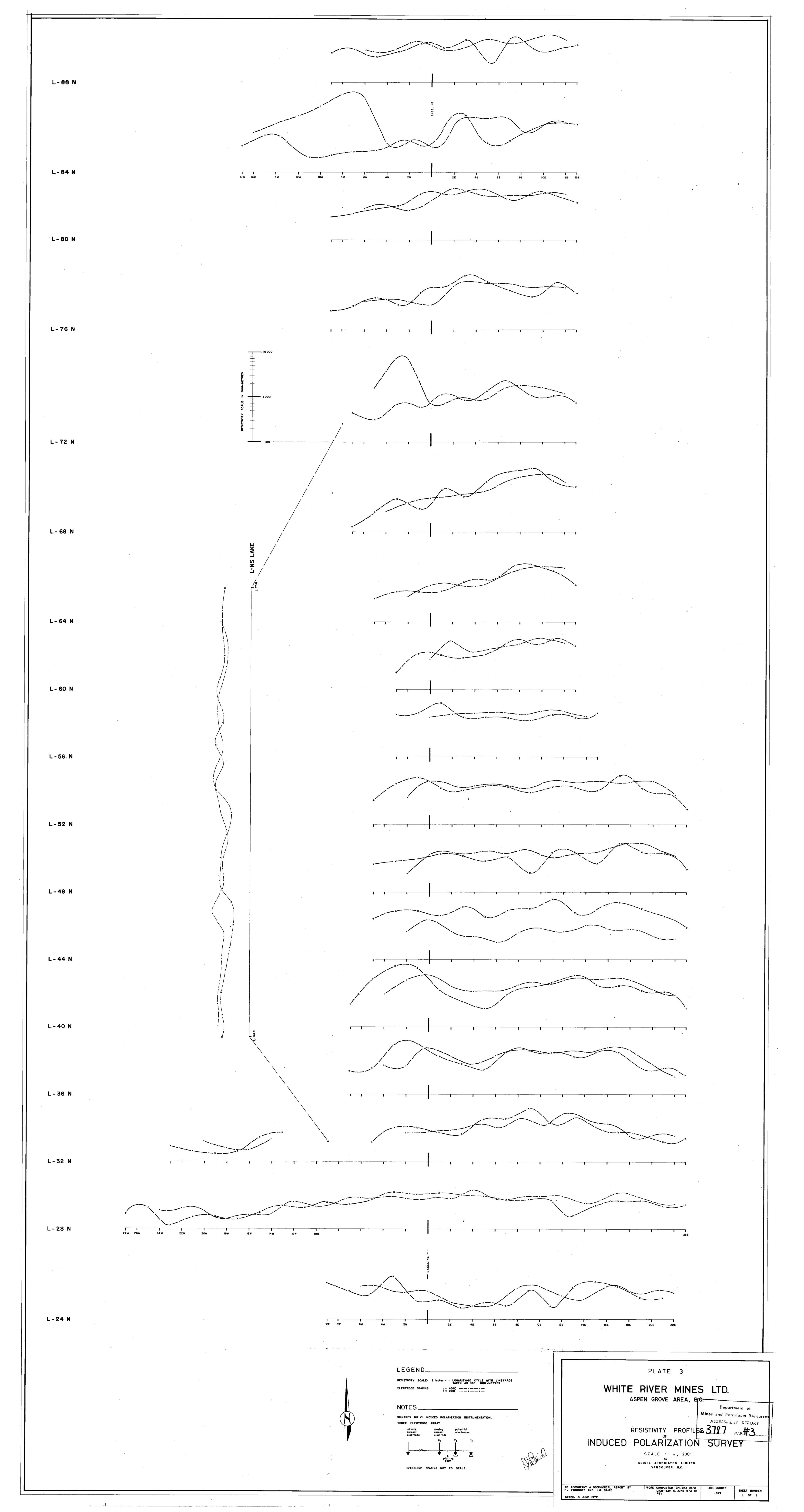
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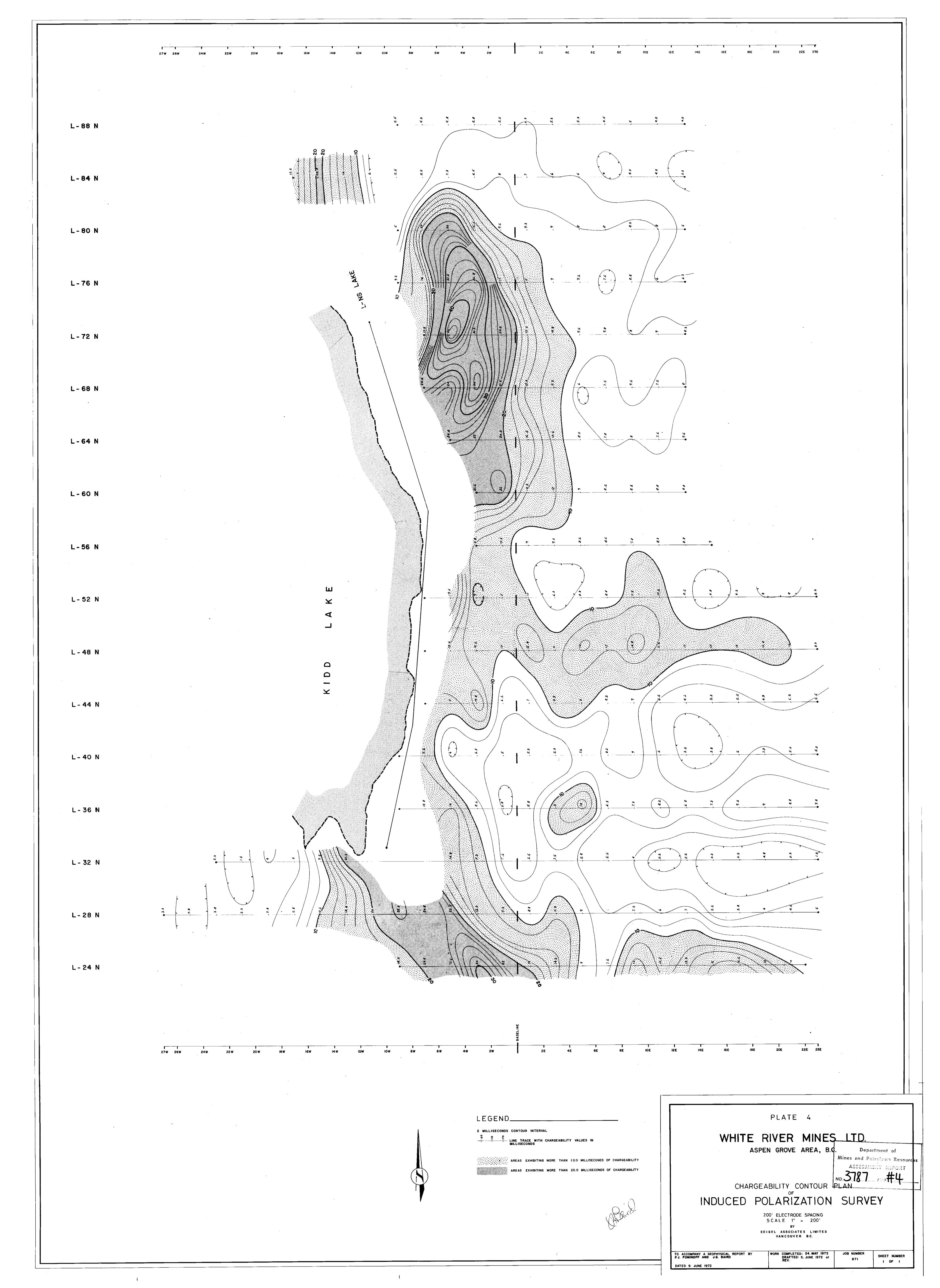
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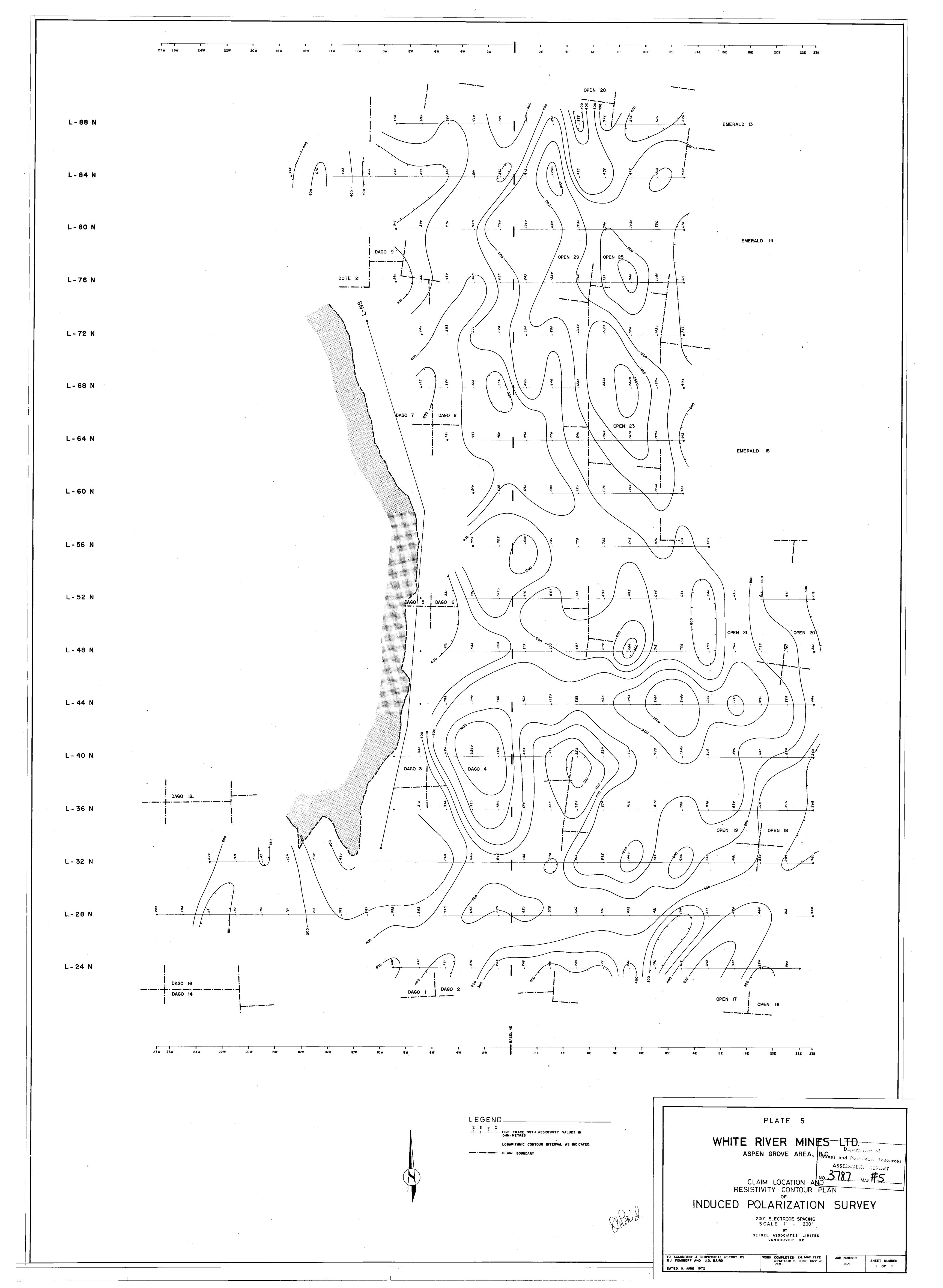
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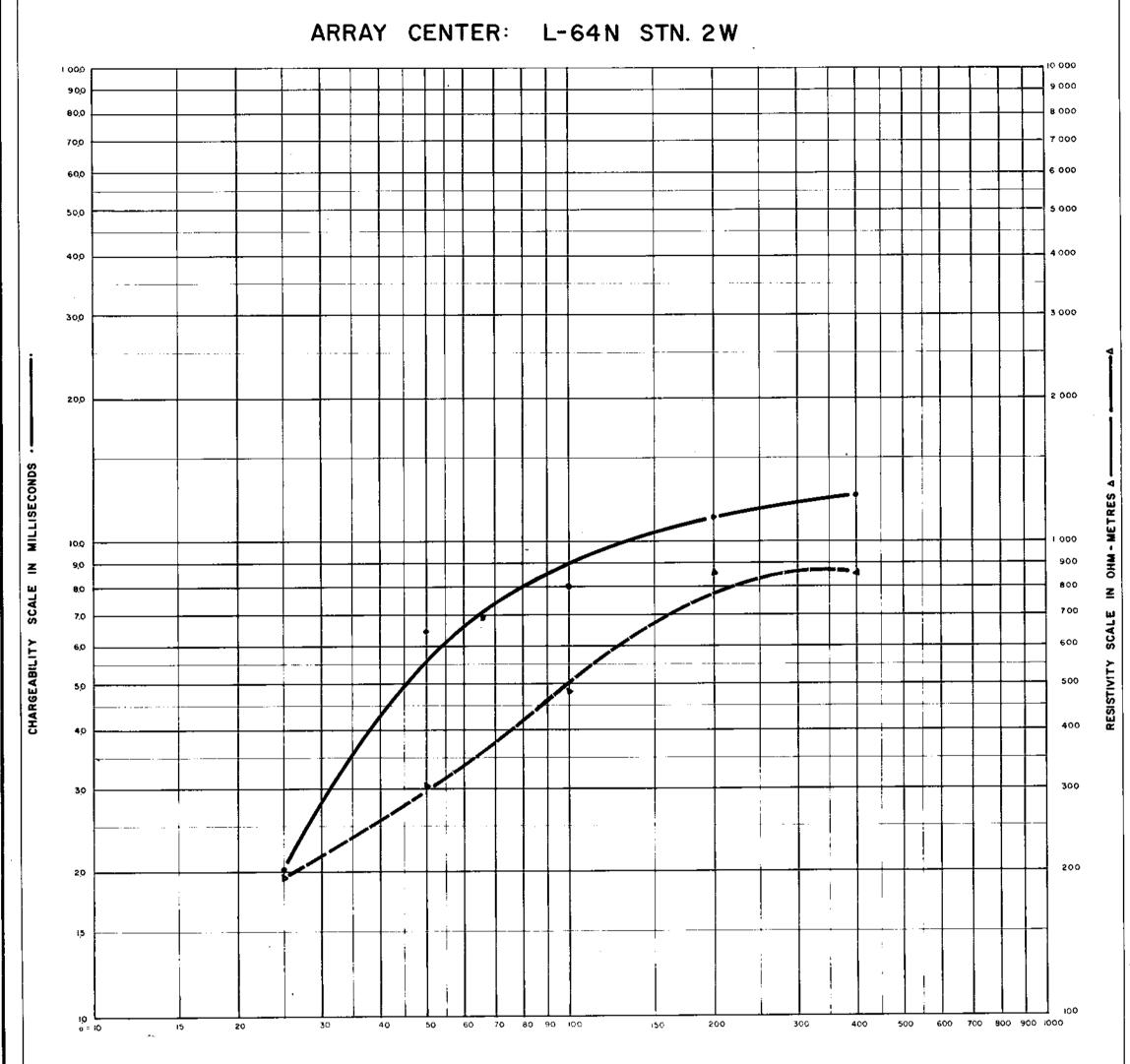
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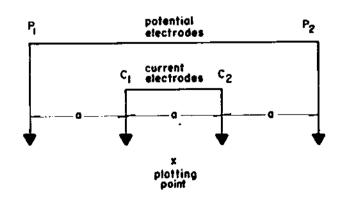








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TO ACCOMPANY A GEOPHYSICAL REPORT BY P. J. FOMINOFF AND J.G. BAIRD DATED: 9. JUNE 1972



PLATE 6

WHITE RIVER MINES LTD. ASPEN GROVE AREA, B.C.

RESISTIVITY AND CHARGEABILITY PROFILES OF

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