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EXPLORATION

NTS: 82 G/5 W

UTEM ELECTROMAGNETIC SURVEY

ON THE

VINE GROUP

Latitude: 49⁰22'N, Longtitude: 115⁰52'W

Work Performed: June 4 - July 6, 1979

Claims Covered: VINE 2, 3, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31 and 32

Claim Owner and Operator: Cominco Ltd.

Consultant: Dr. Y. Lamontagne, University of Toronto

September, 1979

JULES J. LAJOIE



WESTERN DISTRICT

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LIST OF CLAIMS

| CLAIM NAME | RECORD NUMBER | DATE RECORDED |
|------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| VINE 2 | 85 | Oct. 20, 1977 |
| 3 | 103 | Oct. 26, 1977 |
| 23 24 | 122 | Oct. 26, 1977 Oct. 26, 1977 |
| 26 | 125 | Oct. 26, 1977 |
| 27 | 126 | Oct. 26, 1977 |
| 28 | 127 | Oct. 26, 1977 |
| 29 | 128 | Oct. 26, 1977 |
| 31 | 130 | Oct. 26, 1977 Oct. 26, 1977 |

PERSONNEL EMPLOYED

The geophysical crew consisted of Dr. Yves Lamontagne, consultant, Physics Dept. University of Toronto, Dr. Jules J. Lajoie, research geophysicist, Cominco Ltd., Vancouver, and helper Kevin Fennessey of Cranbrook.

Personnel employed by Cominco during the course of these surveys:

| Name | Dates | Address |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Dr. Y. Lamontag | ne June 1 - July 10 | Physics Department University of Toronto |
| Dr. J.J. Lajoie | June 1 - July 10 | 409 Granville Street Vancouver, B.C. |
| Kevin Fennessey | June 5 - July 4) | Kootenay Exploration |
| David Sherrett | June 20 – June 29) | 2450 Cranbrook Street |
| Allan Atwood | 5 days between) June 8 - 19. ₎ | |

INTRODUCTION

As shown in the location map (Plate 153-79-1) the survey area is located about twenty kilometres south-southwest of Cranbrook, B.C. and directly west of Moyie Lake. From Cranbrook the survey area may be accessed via Highway 3 and local logging roads as shown on Plate 153-79-3.

The Vine group claims were previously staked by Cominco Ltd., the current owner and operator. The claims are underlain by gently dipping middle Proterozoic clastic sediments of the Aldridge Formation, which is known to host the Sullivan orebody near Kimberley.

This report describes an electromagnetometer survey the objective of which was to locate electrical conductors which may be caused by economic mineralization.

An area of about 19 square kilometres was surveyed on the following Vine claims: 2, 3, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31 and 32. The total line coverage was 47.8 km. The total number of stations was 950. The total wire laid out was 43 km. The total linecutting was 80.29 km.

DESCRIPTION OF THE UTEM SYSTEM

UTEM is an acronym for "University of Toronto Electromagnetomer". The system was developed by Dr. Y. Lamontagne (1975) while he was a graduate student at that university.

The field procedure consists of laying out a large loop of single-strand insulated wire and energizing it with a transmitter powered by a motor generator. The loop is generally square shaped, wherever possible, with sides between 500 metres and 1500 metres long. Survey lines are located outside the loop and are generally oriented perpendicular to the side of the loop. The field procedure is very similar to Turam, a better known electromagnetic surveying technique.

The transmitter loop is energized with saw-tooth current at a carefully controlled frequency (30 Hz for this survey). The receiver, consisting of one sensor coil, associated electronics, and a facility for digital recording on a cassette magnetic tape. The time synchronization between transmitter and receiver is achieved through quartz crystal clocks in both units. Reduction of the data requires that the relative positions of the transmitter loop and receiver stations be known with an accuracy of about 1%.

The receiver sensor coil measures the vertical component of the magnetic field and it responds to the time derivative of the magnetic field. Since the transmitter current wavform is a sawtooth, the receiver will sense a perfect square wave in the absence of geologic conductors. Deviations from a perfect square wave are caused by electrical conductors which may be geologic or cultural in origin.

The UTEM receiver gathers and records 9 channels of data at each station. The later numbered channels (7-8-9) correspond to short time or high frequency while the lower numbered channels (1-2-3) correspond to long time or low frequency. Therefore, poor or weak conductors will respond on channels 9, 8, 7 and 6. Progressively better conductors will give responses on progressively lower numbered channels as well. For example, massive, highly conducting sulphides or graphite will produce a response on all nine channels.

It was mentioned above that the UTEM receiver records data digitally on a cassette. This tape is played back into a minicomputer at the base camp. The minicomputer processes the data and controls the plotting on a small (11"x15") graphics plotter. Data are portrayed as profiles of each of the nine channels, shown for each survey line of each transmitter loop. These profiles, and an interpretive plan are appended to this report.

FIELD WORK

The field work was done in the period of June 1 to July 10, 1979, including mobilization. The field work, data reduction, and report preparation were shared by Dr. J.J. Lajoie, geophysicist for Cominco Ltd., Vancouver and Dr. Y. Lamontagne, post doctoral fellow, University of Toronto. Kevin Fennessy of Cranbrook was the field assistant for the receiver crew. The field crew was supplemented from time to time by helpers from the Kootenay Exploration office in Cranbrook. A cabin at Green Bay Resorts on Moyie Lake was used as a base of operations.

SURVEY LAYOUT AND GRID

The area covered by transmitter loop 1 was the only one in which there were serious noise problems. The noise was caused by a grounded local powerline and telephone line along the road to Monroe Lake. The noise could be mostly overcome by longer averaging during taking of readings. The coverage of that loop area was nevertheless rendered useless for detecting anything but extremely good conductors because of the large anomalies produced by the grounded powerline itself (loop area 870, data sections 1, 2, 3). There were periods of high sferic noise during the course of the survey. Sferic noise is atmospheric fluctuations of the electromagnetic field caused by lightning discharges. Thunderstorms occurred on 3 days. The precision of the data (particularly the early channels) mostly reflect the level of sferic activity, although the noise was reduced by longer averaging.

The area covered extended 7 km in the southwest-northeast direction and 2.4 to 3.4 km in the orthogonal direction. The basic line and station spacings were respectively 500 m and 50 m. A 300 m overlap area was surveyed near the transmitter wire to ensure uniformly deep coverage.

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The grid had survey lines oriented at an azimuth of 330⁰. The transmitter loops were located south of the survey areas, to optimize detection of conductors dipping to the north.

DATA PRESENTATION

The results of the survey are presented in 36 data sections, a compilation map (Plate 153-79-3) in the envelope attached to the back of this report and a UTEM legend (Plate 153-79-2).

The data sections are arranged in order of loop and line numbers and are numbered from 1 to 36. They were produced by the UTEM playback system which was installed at the Moyie Lake cabin. Table 1 gives the cross-reference of loop numbers (as per Plate 153-79-3) to loop area numbers (as per data sections).

The data sections are labeled as to loop numbers, line numbers, frequency, component (vertical magnetic field Hz), station numbers and amplitude scales as explained in the header page to the data sections. The data plotted are "channel l reduced" anomalous data. The reduction formulae are:

For channel 1 (latest channel):

where Prim. is the computed primary vertical magnetic field at the point of measurement.

For other channels (n = 2 to 9); % Ch. n anom. = (<u>Ch. n - Ch. 1</u>) <u>Ch. 1</u>

where Ch. 1 is the measured channel 1 intensity at the same station. The plotting symbols are explained in Plate 153-79-2.

INTERPRETATION (See Plate 3 and Data Sections)

The only large local anomalies found in the survey are those caused by the grounded powerline in loop 870 (data sections 1 to 3). No clear anomaly of geological origin lasts later than channel 6. Therefore, no good conductivity responses were obtained on this survey. There was nevertheless a number of poorer conductors found which are expressed as cross-over anomalies in the UTEM data. These are shown by x's on the interpretation map, the position of the x being the estimated position of the conductor edge. The anomaly shapes in all cases are compatible with interpretation models of dipping plate conductors or narrow current channels.

The interpretation of the four best anomalies was done in more detail. These are numbered by circled figures on Plate 1. The interpretation was done by estimating the decay time t_1 (roughly the time where the anomalous amplitude is approximately one-sixth of the initial value) and strike length L (by comparing the anomaly width and amplitude with graph 4-8 in Lamontagne (1975) and model data of UTEM Research Report No. 1 (Lodha and West, 1976). The formula used to calculate the conductance (σ d) is:

$$\sigma d = \frac{10 t_1}{M_0 L} \qquad \qquad M_0 = 4 N \times 10^{-7}$$

The best conductances found are shown in Table 2. The other anomalies reported on Plate 153-79-3 are apparently caused by poorer conductors with conductances of 2 mhos or less.

The broad regional response found in the area appears to be due to a modestly conductive halfspace, rather than conductive overburden, as expected. By comparison with model results in Lamontagne (1975) the apparent resistivities appear to be in the range of 400 ohm metres to 1000 ohm metres.

CONCLUSIONS

No important conductive target was found in the survey area. Some small local poor conductors were located. Some are expected to be related to geologic structures, particularly conductor 4 which follows a topographic depression. On geophysical merit alone, none of the anomalies warrant further follow up.

Submitted by:

Jules J. Lajoie, Ph.D Research Geophysicist

Endorsed for Release by:

John M. Hamilton, P. Eng.

John M. Hamilton, P. Eng. Chief Geologist, Kimberley

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Lodha, G.S., and G.F. West, 1976; A comparison of the response of some wideband EM systems to a deep conducting plate: in Wideband Time Domain EM Project, Research Report No. 1,Geophysics Lab, Physics Department, University of Toronto.

TABLE 1.

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| Transmitter L on Plate 1 | oop # | Loop Area Label on Data Sections | No. of Lines |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | _ |
| 1 | | 870 | 3 |
| 2 | | 871 | 3 |
| 3 | | 872 | 3 |
| 4 | | 873 | 3 |
| 5 | | 874 | 4 |
| 6 | 4 | 875 | 2 |
| 7 | | 876 | 3 |
| 8 | | 877 | 3 |
| 9 | | 878 | 3 |
| 10 | | 880 | 3 |
| 11 | | 881 | 3 |
| 12 | | 882 | 3 |
| ` | | | 36 lines |

NOTES:

1. The "loop area" covered with each transmitter loop is located to the north of each transmitter loop to a distance of approximately 1300 m.

2. Total survey length = 47.8 line km - 950 stations.

3. Total wire laid out = 43 km.

TABLE 2.

| | 1 | ''Loop | | Conduct- | Estimated | |
|---------|-----------|------------|---------|----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Anomaly | Position_ | Area(s)" | DS# | ance | L | Comments |
| (1) | 40W/725N | 872 | 9 | 10 mhos | 300m | Vertical vein? |
| (2) | 30W/1125N | 872 874 | 7 16 | 5 mhos | 400m | Possible shallow dip N. |
| (3) | 45W/1640N | 876 | 19 | 4 mhos | 800m | |
| (4) | 15W/1475N | 874 | 13 | 1-2 mbos | 1500m? | Best anomaly on L 15W. |

APPENDIX A

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Notes referenced on UTEM plots by crosses (+)

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| Loop Number | Loop <u>Area</u> | Line | |
|----------------|---------------------|-------|---|
| 2 | 871 | 1500W | South shore of Munroe Lake at 540N. Line is not cut from north side of lake to tie line 1000N. |
| 2 | 871 | 2500W | The shift in Ch. 1 between 950N and 1000N is due to chainage errors in the () 100 m jog in line 2500W at tie line 1000N. |
| 4 | 873 | OW | Picket 2200 is missing. Therefore stations shown on UTEM plot from 2200N to 2300N are actual chainage rather than picket labels. |
| 5 | 874 | 1500W | The shift in Ch.l is due to a chainage error. |
| 5 | 874 | 2000W | The Ch.l variations are due to pickets north of tie line 2000N being unlabelled on this line. It turned out the four pickets were directional pickets only and were unchained. |
| 5 | 874 | 2500W | Picket 1350N is missing. The station labels on this UTEM DS cor- respond to picket labels. |
| 7 | 876 | 4500W | The high Ch. 1 values near the loop are due to uncertainty in location of loop front. |
| | | 5500 | The slight -0.5% Ch. 2 negative caused by intermittent trans- mitter protection. Transmitter readjusted for other lines. |
| 9 | 878 | 1000W | In the field, all pickets on this line are labelled from 1000N to 1900N whereas they should have been labelled 2000N to 2900N, as shown on this plot |

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| Loop Number | Loop Area | Line | |
|----------------|--------------|-------|---|
| 9 | 878 | OW | The rise in Ch. 1 at station 2800N is due to a lost picket and so the station location was estimated. |
| | | | Picket 2200N is missing. Stations 2300N to 3350N are picket labels and 50 metres should be subtracted from these labels to obtain true chainages. |
| 10 | 880 | 4000W | In the field pickets have been mislabeled. The sequence in the field is 2400N-2450N-2500N-2450N- 2500N-2550N-etc. The stations shown on the plot are actual chainages however. |
| 12 | 882 | 6500W | At 2050N, the picket was down on the road and the station location had to be estimated. |
| | | | In the field, picket 2500N is missing. The labels shown on the plot are actual chainages, however. |
| 12 | 882 | 6000W | Transmitter wire broken by mean old grizzly. |
| | | | Field work ended here, July 4, 1979 |

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| LEGEND | | | | | |
|--------|-------------|-----|--|--|--|
| UTEM | COMPILATION | MAF | | | |

| | 6113 NUMET | MEAN DELAY TIME | | |
|----------|------------|-----------------|---------|--|
| SYMBOL | CHANNEL | 15 Hz | . 30 Hz | |
| l | 1 | 25.6 ms | 12.8 ms | |
| / | 2 | 12.8 | 6.4 | |
| ` | 3 | 6.4 | 3.2 | |
| 0 | 4 | 3.2 | 1.6 | |
| . 2 | 5 | 1.6 | 0.8 | |
| Δ | 6 | 0.8 | 0.4 | |
| 7 | 7 | 0.4 | 0.2 | |
| x | 8 | 0.2 | 0.1 | |
| | 9 | 0.1 | 0.05 | |
| ◊ | 10 | 0.05 | | |

Axis of a cross-over anomaly. The number indicates the latest anomalous channel.

| Depth | indicated | by: | S | - | Shallow | (< 30m) |
|-------|-----------|-----|---|---|----------|----------|
| - | | - | М | - | Moderate | (30-75m) |
| | | | D | - | Deep | (> 75m) |

Axis of reversed cross-over anomaly produced when a small conductor dips at less than 70° towards the transmitter. In normal cross-over the positive response is towards the transmitter; reversed one, it is away from the transmitter.

Indicates a negative anomaly of width shown by the dash. The latest anomalous channel is shown. Can sometimes be confused with the negative part of a cross-over anomaly.

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Outline of a transmitter loop.



Conductor axis located by cross-over anomalies with a conductance determination. The conductance is the interpreted conductivity x thickness of the conductor in mhos (same as Siemens).

Only the principal cross-overs are indicated in . Plate 1. 11

DATA SECTIONS

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(1 to 36)

- ORDINATE: Amplitude scale is given in %.
- ABSCISSA: Station or picket numbers in metres.
- LEGEND: The legend to data section #1 is explained as follows:
 - VINE 79: Survey area and year
 - LP 1: Loop number
 - 30.50 Hz: Base frequency of the transmitter
 - (C-P)/P: Channel 1 reduction as explained in the section on "Data Presentation"
 - (C-Cl)/Cl: Reduction for channels 2 to 9 as explained in the section on "Data Presentation"
 - Hz: Denotes the vertical (z) component of the magnetic (H) field
 - 100W: The line number
 - 870: The loop area number



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VINE 79 LP 2

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30.50 HZ C-P)/P

C-CD/CI

1500W 871

Hz



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VINE 79 LP 2 30.50 HZ

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C-P)/P C-CD/CI

Hz 2500W 871





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VINE 79 LP 3 30.50 HZ C-P)/P C-CI)/CI Hz 3500W 872



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VINE 79 LP 9 30.50 HZ C-P)/P C-CI)/CI HZ 1000W 878



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30.50 HZ

C-P)/P C-CD/CI

Hz 6000W 882



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IN THE MATTER OF THE B.C. MINERAL ACT

AND IN THE MATTER OF A GEOPHYSICAL PROGRAMME

CARRIED OUT ON PORTIONS OF THE VINE MINERAL CLAIMS

ON THE VINE PROPERTY

LOCATED 20 KM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF CRANBROOK IN THE

FORT STEELE MINING DIVISION OF THE

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MORE PARTICULARLY

N.T.S. 82 G/5

STATEMENT

I, Jules J. Lajoie of the City of West Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia, make oath and say:-

- 1. That I am employed as a geophysicist by Cominco Ltd. and, as such have a personal knowledge of the facts to which I hereinafter depose;
- 2. That annexed hereto and marked as "Exhibit A", to this statement is a true copy of expenditures incurred on geophysical survey on the VINE mineral claims;
- 3. That the said expenditures were incurred between the 1st of June and the 10th of July, 1979, for the purpose of mineral exploration of the above noted claims.

JULES J. LAJOIE, Ph.D. Research Geophysicist

EXHIBIT "A"

VINE CLAIMS

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

(Linecutting, EM survey)

Salaries: (Work done June 1 to July 10, inclusive).

| Dr. J.J. Lajoie (Geophysicist) 40 days @ \$150/day | \$ 6,000 |
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| Dr. Y. Lamontagne (Geophysicist) 40 days @ \$150/day | 6,000 |
| K. Fennessy (field assistant) 23 days @ \$50/day | 1,150 |
| A. Atwood (field assistant) 5 days @ \$50/day | 250 |
| D. Sherret (field assistant) 8 days @ \$50/day | 400 |
| | 13.800 |

Miscellaneous

| Commercial accommodations - 2 men - 40 days @ \$31.50 | |
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| per day x 2 | 2,520 |
| Gas 40 days @ \$7.00/day | 280 |
| Consumable wire | 200 |
| Truck rentals - 4 x 4 - 40 days @ \$25/day | 1,000 |
| 2-wheel drive 40 days @ \$15/day | 600 |
| Operating Charges - \$175 x 23 days | 4,025 |
| Geophysical Equipment Rental - U. of Toronto | 2,750 |
| Air Fares – \$520 – 20% claimed | 104 |
| Air Freight - CPAir and PWA | 476 |
| | 11,955 |

Linecutting

| Contractor | - | Frank P. | . O'Grady | | | | |
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A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for the Province of Brifish Columbia.

CERTIFICATION

I, Jules J. Lajoie, of 5655 Keith Road, in the City of West Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia do hereby certify that:-

- 1. I graduated from the University of Ottawa in 1968 with an Honours B.Sc. in Physics, from the University of British Columbia in 1970 with a M.Sc. in Geophysics, and from the University of Toronto in 1973 with a Ph.D. in Geophysics.
- 2. I am a member (EIT) of the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia, the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, and the British Columbia Geophysical Society
- 3. I have been practicing my profession for the past six years,

JULES J. LAJOIÉ, Ph.D. Research Geophysicist

