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GEOLOGICAL AND GEOCHEMICAL REPORT

FOR NUGGET 1 and NUGGET 2 MINERAL CLAIMS

AND NONESUCH AND MILDRED REVERTED CROWN GRANTS

VICTORIA MINING DIVISION CHEMAINUS RIVER AREA, B.C.

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#### VICTORIA MINING DIVISION

Chemainus River Area, B.C.

### INTRODUCTION

The Nugget 1 and 2 mineral claims and the NONESUCH and MILDRED Reverted Crown Grants (100% owned by Cominco Ltd.) are located west of the Chemainus River on the southeast side of Mount Brenton. Access to the property is by the Chemainus hauling road leading to Hwy. No. 1 north of Duncan, B.C.

During the period of June 15, 1983 to July 31, 1983, a total of 76 man days were spent on the property conducting line cutting, geologic mapping and a soil geochemical survey. The work was conducted by the author and A.C. Freeze, both Cominco geologists.

#### GEOCHEMICAL SURVEY

The geochemical survey conducted on the property consisted of soil sampling with a 25 metre spacing along 5 north-south lines spaced 200 m apart (see plates 3, 4, 5) that were cut and chained by the author and A.C. Freeze. The samples were taken from the "A" soil horizon and were ashed before analysing for Cu, Pb, Zn, Au and Ag. The ashing was done in Toronto and the process involved the following steps:

- 1. Samples were homogenized in a blender.
- Samples sieved to -80 mesh.
- Samples were weighed.
- Samples were asked in a furnace at 475°C.
- After several hours the temperature was increased to 550°C.
- Samples were cooled and weighed to calculate ash %.

The actual analyses were done in the Cominco Exploration Laboratory in Vancouver. The analytical method involved decomposition with 20% HNO<sub>3</sub> (except for Au which was decomposed using Aqua Regia) followed by atomic absorption spectrophotometry. A total of 270 samples were collected and analysed.

The threshold values for Cu, Pb and Zn were calculated using the Cominco STAT PAK program. Analytical results for Ag and Au were too low and uniform (0 ppm Ag, 0, 1, 2 ppb for Au) to calculate anomaly thresholds. The sample numbers with Au and Ag contents are listed in table 1, instead of being plotted on a base map. The threshold values for Cu, Pb and Zn in PPM are given below.

	Background	Possibly Anomolous	Anomolous
Cu	< 50	50 → 150	>150
Pb	< 80	80 -> 120	>120
Zn	< 100	100 → 140	>140

### TABLE 1

#### Ag

 All values are 0 except line 2E, 0 + 255 (1 ppm) and L 2E, 0 + 505 (2 ppm).

#### Au

- All values are 0, 1 or 2 ppb except:

Line	Station No.	Au (ppb)	
4 + 00E	8 + 255	44	
8 + 00E	9 + 25S	10	
8 + 00E	9 + 50S	7	
8 + 00E	12 + 50S	4	
8 + OOE	16 + 758	36	
8 + 00E	17 + 255	7	
10 + 00E	12 + 00S	59	
10 + 00E	16 + 00S	6	
10 + 00E	16 + 75S	6	

#### GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

The geological mapping conducted on the property was done using the chain and compass method. In addition to outcrops, gravel roads on and around the property were surveyed for control purposes.

The geology of the property was found to comprise green to white cherts, sericite/chlorite schist and andesitic tuffs and flows. A small amount of pyrite mineralization was found in all of these units but is not ubiquitous. The schistose rocks strike northwest with steep dips and in two locations contain minor amounts of disseminated chalcopyrite.

The volcanic rocks described above are intruded by both dioritic and gabbroic bodies. These are coarse-grained units of a younger age and the gabbro contains magnetite in several locations. Other than traces of pyrite and a minor fracture-related malachite stain in one location, no mineralization occurs in the intrusives.

The detailed geological map resulting from this survey is shown in plate 2.

#### INTERPRETATION

The geological survey showed that the NUGGET 1 and 2 mineral claims as well as the NONESUCH and MILDRED reverted Crown Grants are underlain by andesitic tuffs and flows, sericite/chlorite schists and cherts of the Sicker Group. These rocks tend to strike northwest and have variable dips. The Sicker rocks are intruded by diorite and gabbro bodies of a younger age. The relative proportions of the two intrusives are roughly equal and combined they cover roughly one third of the property.

The geochemical survey had variable results. Gold and silver values are extremely low over the entire property. Copper, lead and zinc results all indicated small irregular zones, averaging 200 m in length, of both possibly anomalous and definitely anomalous values. In all three cases, the highest values tended to be in the vicinity of small intrusive bodies of gabbro and diorite and are therefore deemed to be genetically related to these intrusives. Values in the "possibly anomalous" range are scattered across the property and occur over all rock types. It is therefore difficult to ascertain whether or not these areas reflect truly anomalous concentrations of Cu, Pb and Zn in the A soil horizon.

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# APPENDIX I

# STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

# Salaries:

38 days	@ \$155.76/day	\$	5,918.88
38 days	@ \$182.16/day		6,922.08
210 samples @	17.30/sample		4,671.00
38 days	@ \$ 32.50/day		1,235.00
38 days	@ \$ 45.55/day		1,740.86
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES

J.P. Sorbara Geologist

\$ 20,487.82

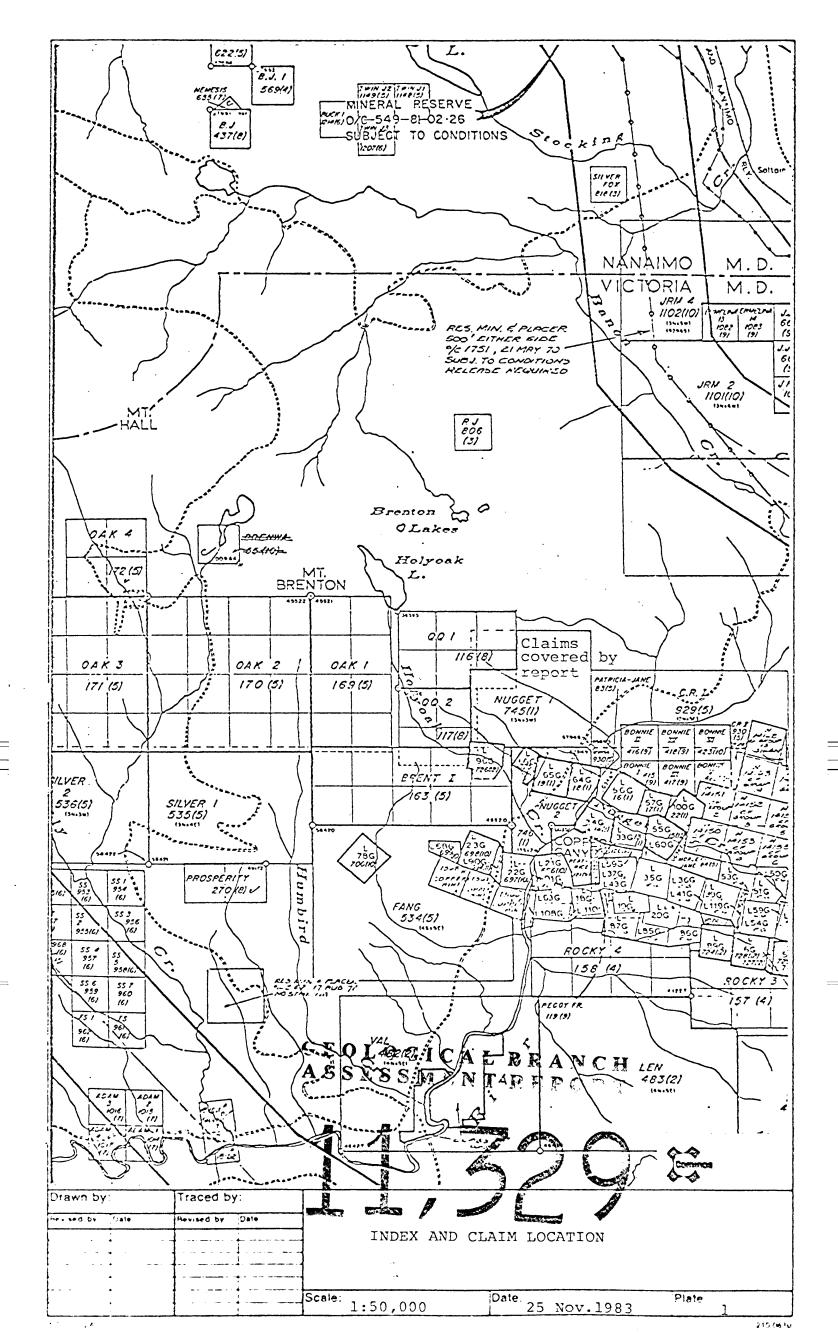
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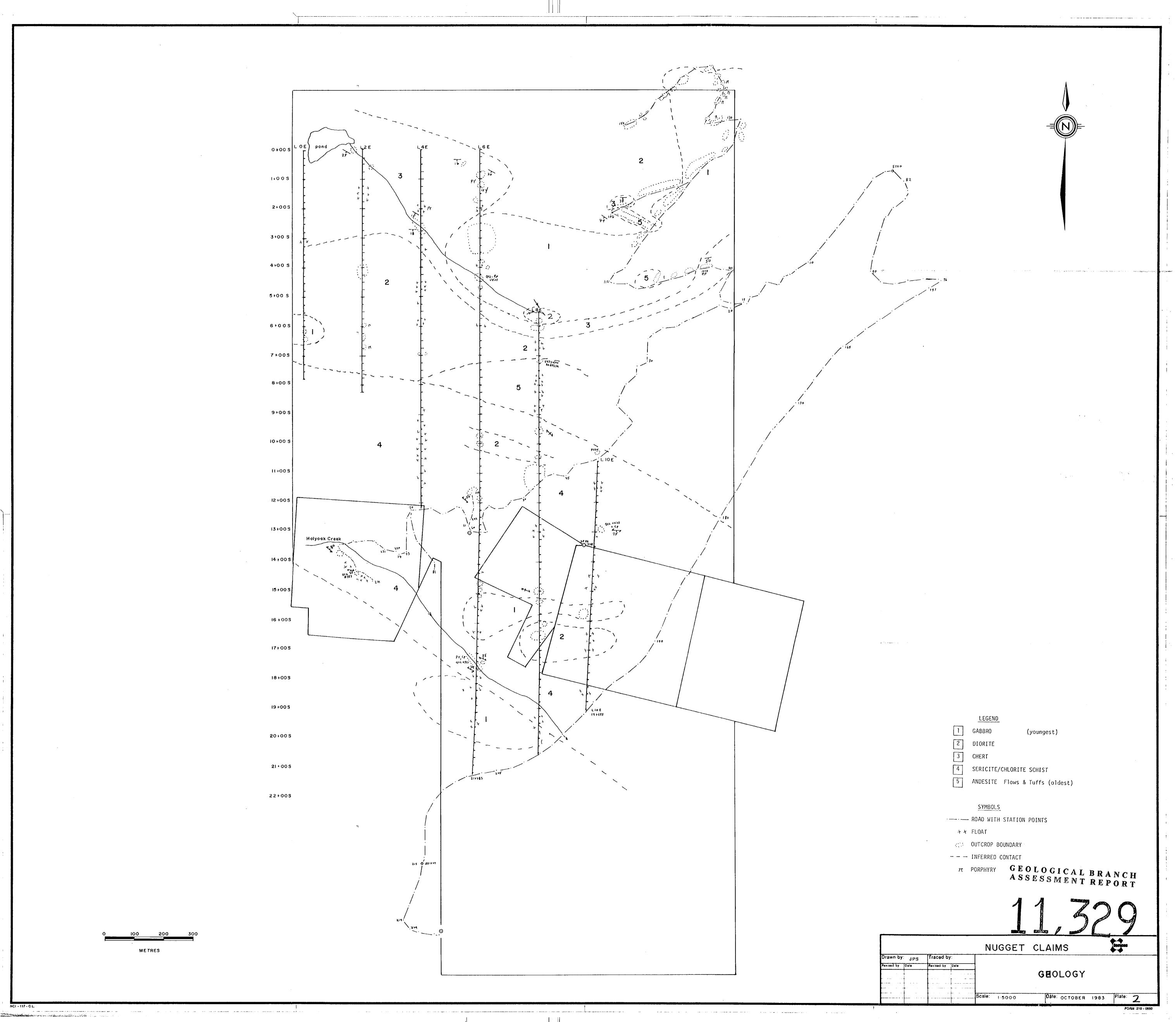
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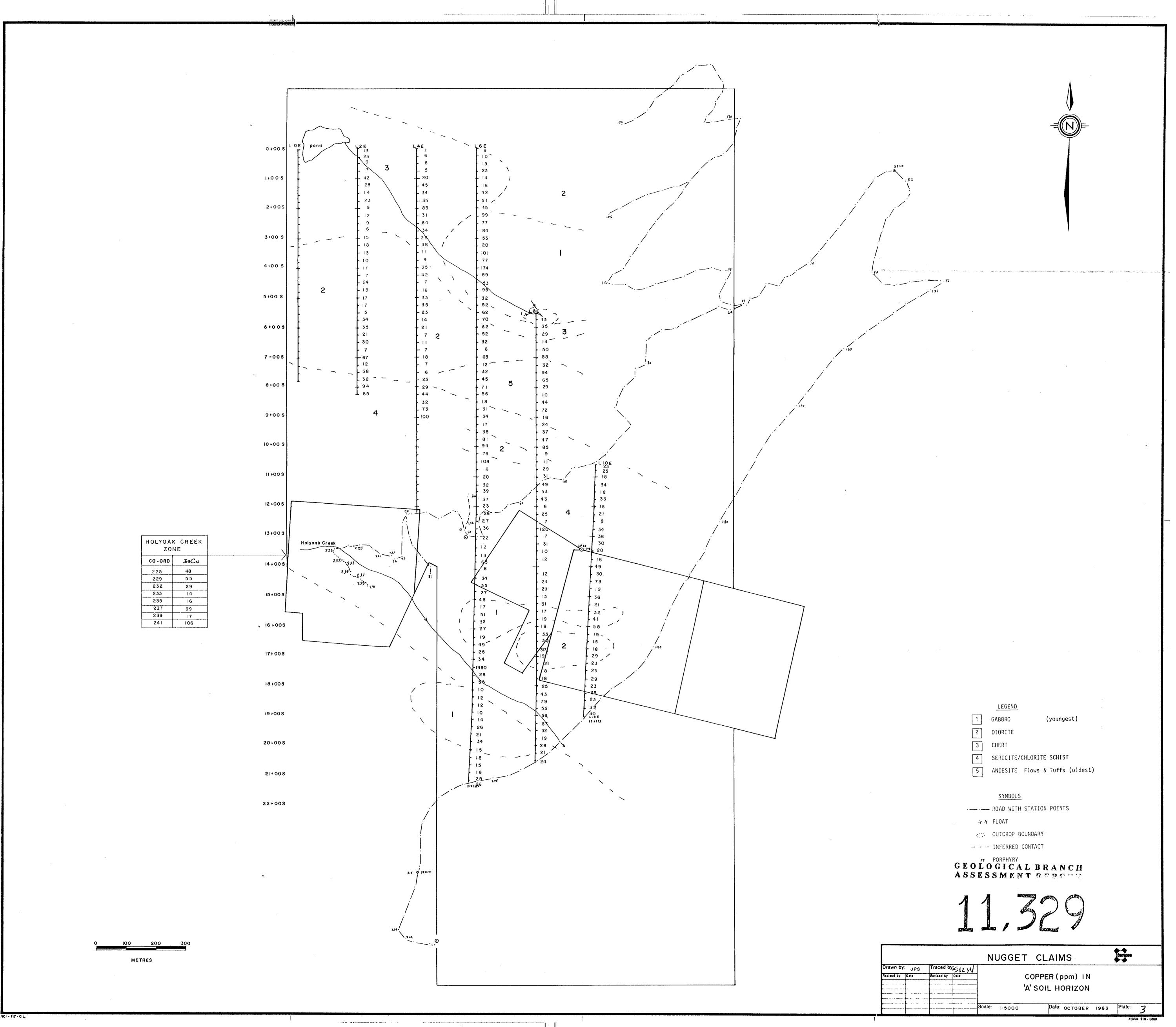
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- THAT I graduated with a B. Sc. in geology from the University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario in 1976, and with a M.Sc. in geology from the University of Toronto in 1979.
- 3. THAT I have practised geology with Cominco Ltd. from 1979 to 1983.

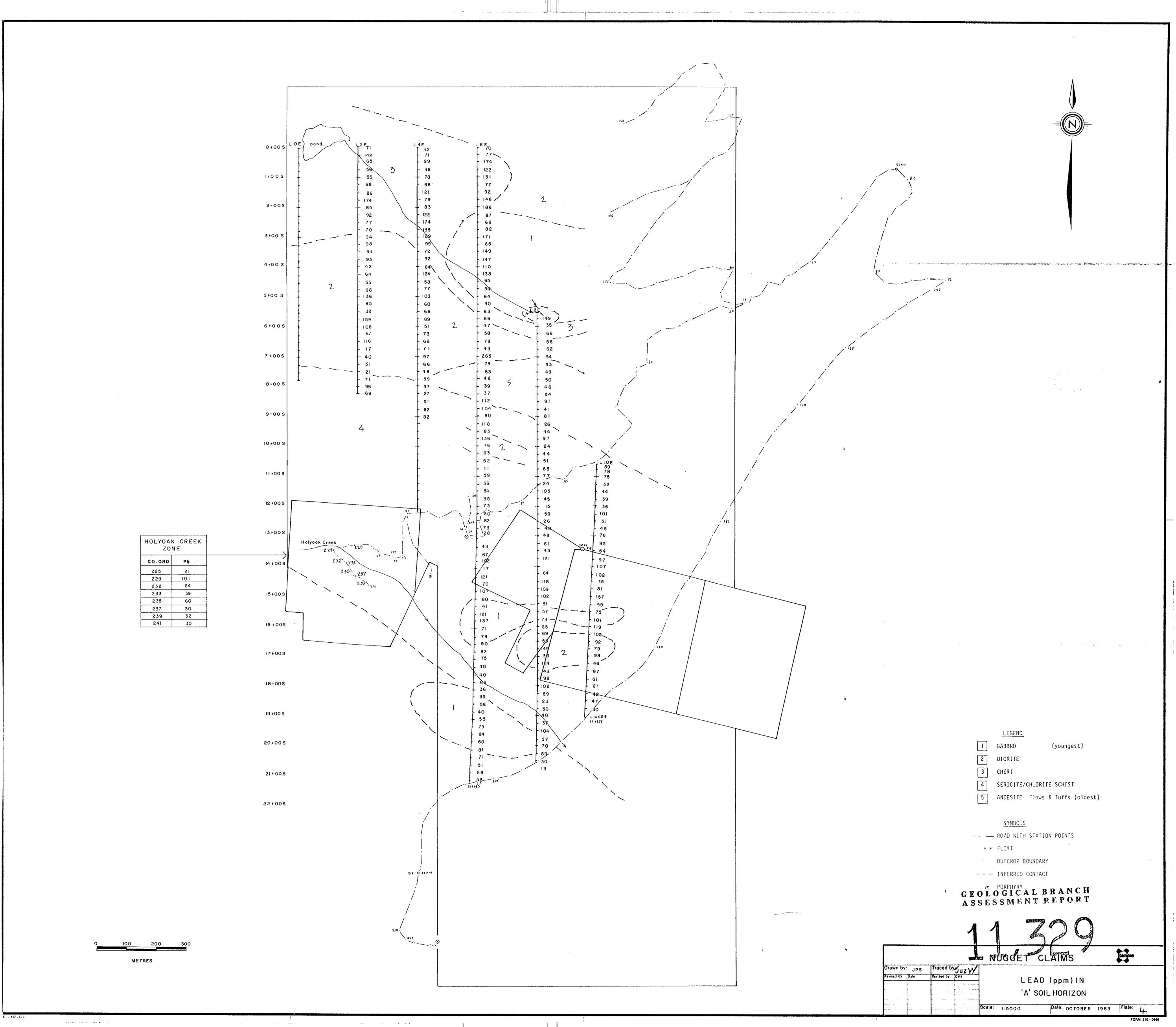
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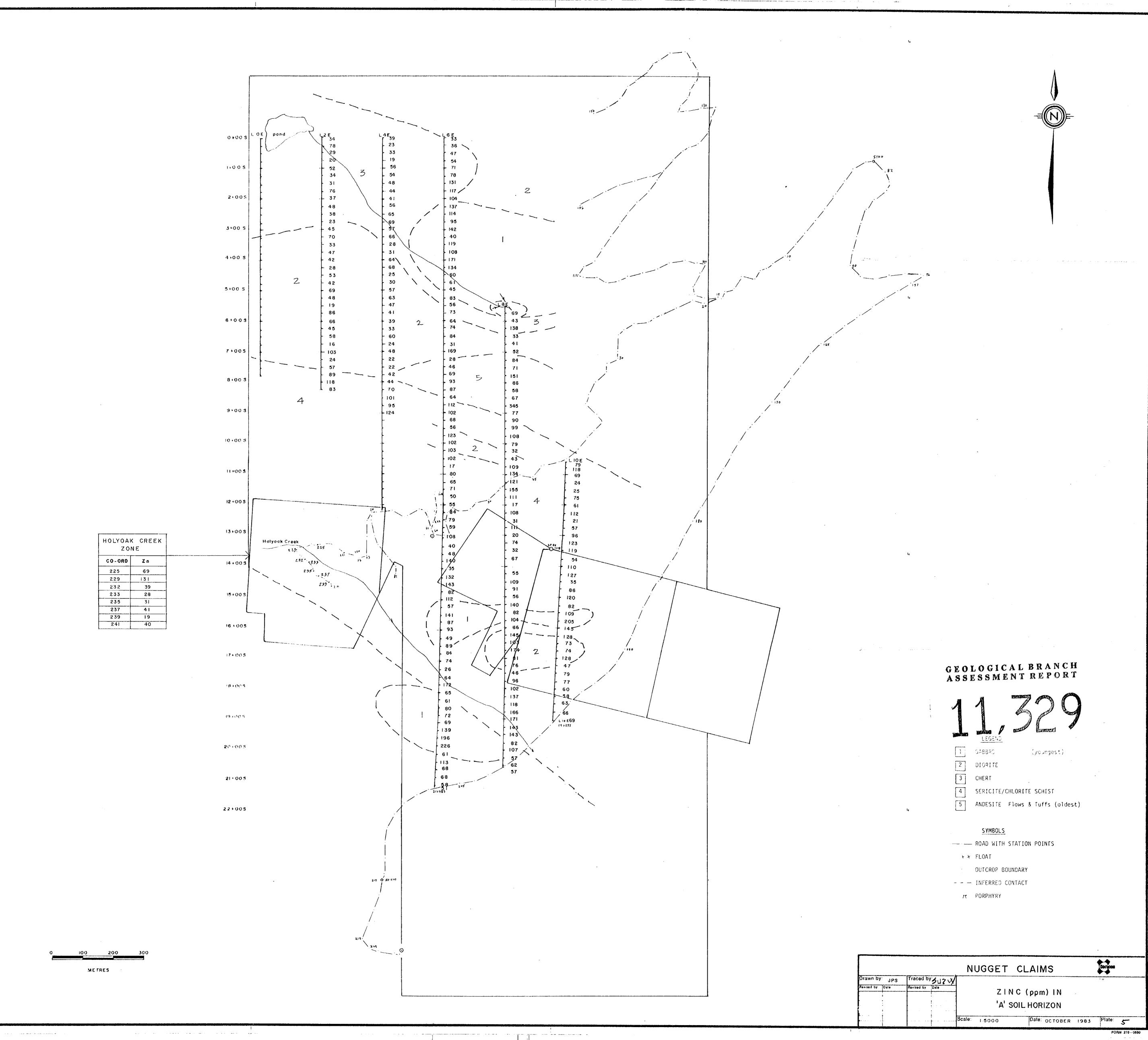
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