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1.0 INTRODUCTION

On February 22 and 23, 1988 a helicopter borne magnetic and VLF survey covering 390 line km was flown over an area extending west from the Island Copper Mine to Wanokana Creek. The survey covered roughly 60 square km on the Quatse 88, Apple 88 (now expired), KOL 89 and CENTRAL 89 groups. The notices to Group for these groups are attached as Appendix I describing the claims contained therein. This work forms part of the ongoing mineral exploration program in the area for 1988.

2.0 LOCATION AND ACCESS

The claim group is located in the Nanaimo Mining Division with co-ordinates 50 degrees 37 1/2' N and 127 degrees 32' W. It is located on the NTS map sheets 92L/12E and 92L/11W and borders on the west boundary of the BHP-Utah Mines Ltd. mineral leases, some 8 km south of Port Hardy (Fig 1). Ground access is provided part way by paved highway from Port Hardy and the remainder by logging roads suitable for two, wheel drive vehicles. The aircraft operated out of the Port Hardy airport 15 km NE of the survey area.

3.0 PHYSIOGRAPHY

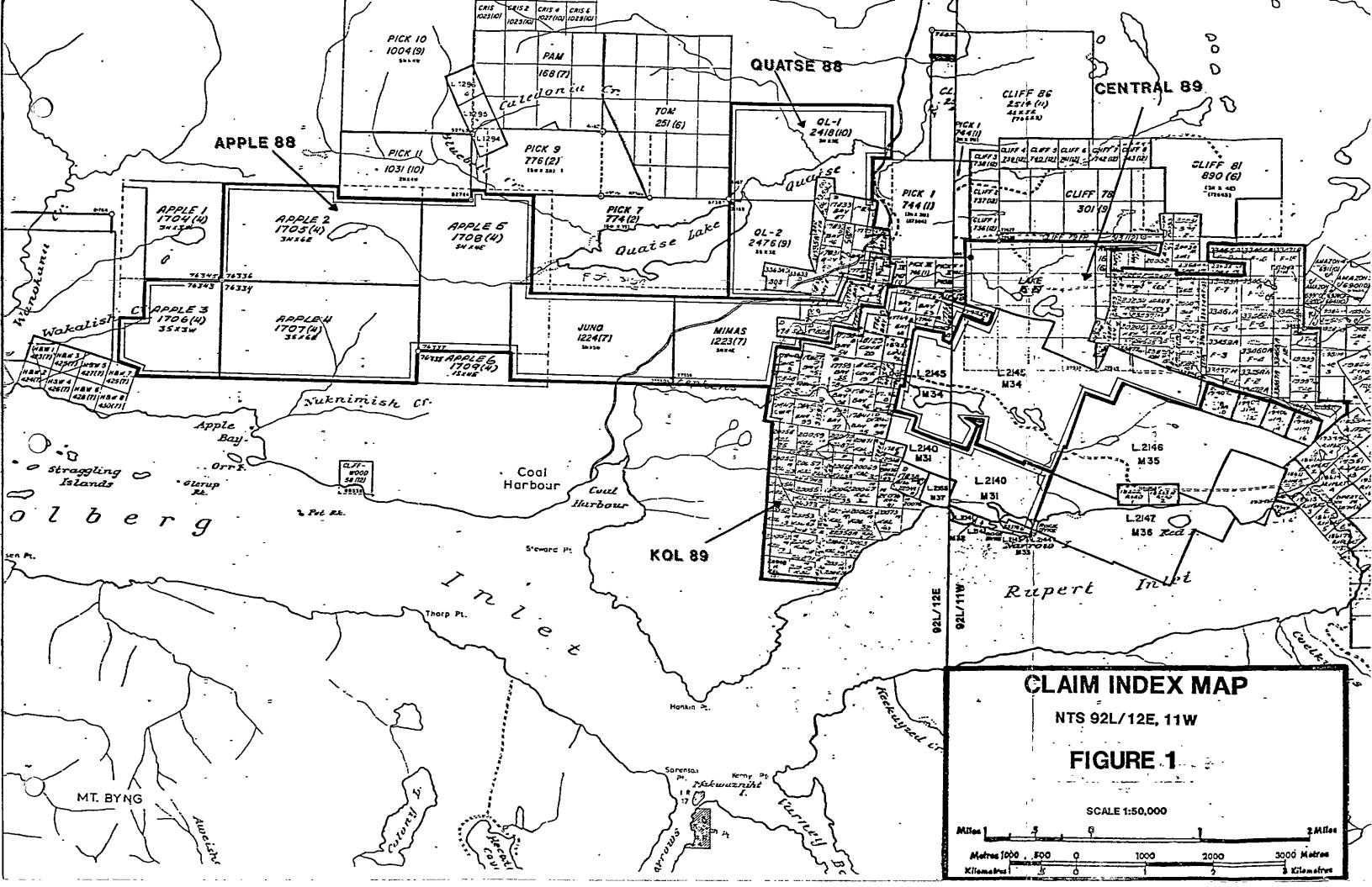
" The area 'is characterized by low to moderate rolling hills with a maximum relief of 210 meters. The Stephen's Creek cuts across the east end and drains into Coal Harbour while Nukinimish Creek drains from Quatse Lake " through the central part of the group and into Apple Bay.

4.0 PREVIOUS WORK

Recent work by BHP-Utah has included mapping, VLF/Mag, I.P. and geochem surveys, and diamond drilling east and northeast of the Mimas and Juno claims, and mapping and a reconnaisance road mag-VLF survey over the remainder of the group.

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5.0 OBJECTIVES

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The Airborne survey was initiated primarily to provide magnetic coverage over the western portion of the Island Copper Claim Group in order to focus further exploration effort on higher priority areas. Specifically, complete coverage was required over the Apple Claims, detailed coverage was required over Bay Lake where the gaps exist in the data, and coverage was required on the KOL claims. A VLF receiver was included as part of the instrument package and the information was recorded and analysed.

6.0 WORK PERFORMED

Aerodat Ltd. of Mississauga, Ontario was contracted to perform helicopter borne magnetic and VLF surveying on 390 km of lines west of Port Hardy. Their report on logistics and instrumentation is attached as Appendix II, and includes the map presentation of the data.

7.0 RESULTS - Summary and Recommendation

Both the Magnetics and the VLF have fulfilled their primary purpose of focussing further exploration efforts on prospective areas. Known associations of geology and mineralization from areas adjacent to the mine can be extrapolated to less well understood areas farther west. Despite limited surface geological alterations, the magnetics in particular indicate the potential on the Apple claims for additional intrusive systems which require further investigation to determine their economic potential.

Ground follow-up of this survey will be required. Initially sufficient ground magnetics will be required to positively identify the ground location of the anomalies. Detailed surface mapping will be required to prioritize drill targets. From the geophysical evidence, the primary targets should be the intersections of anomalies M3 and M5 and anomalies M6 and M5. (The eastern anomalies offer superior geophysical targets but most have already been drill tested).

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7.1 MAGNETIC SURVEY

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The magnetic survey wholly or partially delineated approximately nineteen distinct anomalously magnetic zones. Many of the easternmost zones - anomalies M12, M14 through M18, and M20 have previously been recognized and are relatable in part to known geological features. The most noteworthy of these is anomaly M20 which is the westernmost extremity of the magnetic anomaly which led to the discovery of Island Copper. This association of magnetics with the copper orebody provides the impetus for performing magnetic surveying.

The anomalies are identified on Fig 3. Selected anomalies have been modelled using a computer routine called MAGMOD. This gives a general indication of the thickness, dip, location and depth of burial of a possible source for the anomaly. This information is also shown on Fig 3. Because of the approximations made and the simple models employed, the calculated anomalies are only rough estimates.

Some of the anomalies form systems interrelated by either underlying geology or by location.

Anomalies M13, M14 and M20 are underlain by known intrusive bodies and anomalies M15 and M16 are suspected to be intrusive related as well. Surface mapping and core logging indicates that the usual cause of high magnetics is magnetite alteration of volcanics adjacent to intrusives. The intrusives themselves occasionally contain magnetite but this frequently is also an alteration by later intrusive phases.

Anomalies M12, M17 and M18 and probably anomaly M10 lie superjacent to the contact between the Kamutsen Formation volcanics and overlying Quatsino The possibility exists that these features may Formation limestone. However, no geological represent skarn development in the the limestone. for recrystallization this in outcrop except evidence for exists (marblization) of the limestone near anomaly M12. The modelling results for anomaly M17 indicate a quite magnetic source corresponding well in location

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7.1 MAGNETIC SURVEY (cont'd)

and dip with the Quatsino formation, but evidence of mineralization is absent in outcrop. Anomalies M10, M17 and M18 likely represent stratigraphic variations in the magnetic properties of the Karmutsen volcanics - a positive magnetic anomaly is common in the mine area at this contact.

Anomalies M1 through M9 and M11 were not recognized prior to this . survey. Anomalies M2, M5 and probably M7 form a linear claim running at az 30, cross cut by anomalies M3, M4 and M6 trending at az 105-110. No underlying cause is currently known for these anomalies, and surface only regional type greenschist geological mapping reveals weak However, the geometry of these anomalies suggests an alterations. By analogy with the better understood underlying structural cause. anomalies, the potential sources for these anomalies are eastern intrusive related hydrothermal alteration and/or increased primary (?) Accordingly the anomalies magnetization of the (Karmutsen) volcanics. likely represent a structural deformation, eg.' doming of the Karmutsen basement, or the presence of intrusives. Regional trends on the property suggest that narrow intrusive bodies tend to run ESE/WNW to Coupled with the presence of the "Wanokana" Intrusive (Muller et _E/W. al 1974) northwest of the Apple 1 claim, this supports an intrusive related origin for anomalies M3, M4 and M6. A structural origin for anomalies M2, M3 and M5 is suggested by the correspondence of this trend direction with one of the major regional faulting directions.

The remaining anomalies - M1, M8, M9, M11 and M13 are all isolated features. Anomaly 1 has some surface indication of possible hydrothermal alteration (a small zone of silicification) suggesting an underlying intrusive origin. The modelling results indicate a weakly magnetic source at considerable depth.

Anomaly M13 and part of anomaly M10 overlie the "Quatse" quartz diorite stock (Coal Harbour Instrusive of Muller et al, 1974). No evidence of metallization has been associated with this intrusive to date so no economic significance is accorded this anomaly.

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7.1 MAGNETIC SURVEY (cont'd)

Anomalies M9, M11 and M19 all require additional work to determine potential origins. Anomalies M9 and M11 lie within the Bonanza group, but, as with anomalies M2 through M7, limited surface mapping has revealed only minimal alteration. Additional surface work will be required to determine the economic potential of these areas. Anomaly M19 is overlain by Cretaceous sedimentary cover and modelling results suggest a deeply buried source. No economic interest is indicated.

7.2 VLF SURVEY

As mentioned previously, the survey was flown primarily to obtain magnetic information. Since some structural information has been obtained from VLF surveys in the past, this information was analysed as well.

In examining the data, several linear features were noted as identified on Fig 3. Initial examination of these features indicated a possible correlation with topography. Closer examination revealed that variations in VLF are linked to sensor height (a function of topography, aircraft speed and direction, height of trees, etc.) The correlation with altimeter indicates that the ground has a fairly uniform VLF signature and as the sensor height above ground decreases a higher VLF value is recorded. An attempt to quantify this subjective correlation was made using statistical techniques, but these processing results were not very successful.

The other significant feature to note in the data is that the amplitude of anomalies is quite small mostly within the -5 to +7 range. Coupled with the uncertainties arising from the correlation with the altimeter, this fact suggests that the smaller amplitude features are uninterpretable at best and meaningless at worst.

As with the magnetic data, the easternmost VLF anomalies can be better correlated with known geology. Anomaly V6 overlies Parson Bay Formation shales and tuffs with the EM likely reflective of the sulphides and/or graphite within the shales. 7.2 VLF SURVEY (cont'd)

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Anomaly V5 also overlies Parson Bay rocks but they are less graphitic at this location and the sulphides do not appear to form adequate electrical conductors to produce the anomaly."'

Anomaly V7 corresponds with the End Creek fault as mapped in the Island Copper pit, but also with a topographic ridge and altimeter low. Thus this feature is probably a reflection of the geology, distorted by elevation variations.

The string of positive anomalies through V4 and V5 may reflect an underlying structural feature. A fault is observed in outcrop southeast of the end of V4 and the feature correlates with a major fault from Muller et al 1974.

Anomaly V8 A and B may represent a contact between the Cretaceous Longarm and Queen Charlotte group clastic sediments, but it appears that the cliff at this location and the corresponding sensor height variations likely overshadow any effect from the contact. This contact has no economic significance to mine personnel and is not well studied.

Anomalies V1, V2 and V3 are not well understood and indicate the scope of required work. Anomaly V1 is the most persistent and merges with V2 at the east end of anomaly V2. At this junction point, the geology is suggestive of Parson Bay formation rocks. There are some interlamellar sulphides but little or no graphite. West of this point the geology is not well known, but the VLF may indicate a stratigraphic strike direction.

Anomaly V2 is parallel to V1 for the most part. Supporting the concept of a relation with lithology. The confluence of V1 and V2 at the east end may be a reflection of a fault.

The origin of anomaly V3 is also speculative, but is noteworthy to observe the magnetic anomaly M1 and a geological anomaly coincide with the strongest portion of this feature.

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	Data processing, analysis and reporting 12 days 0 \$155/day	\$ 1,860	
	Overhead: 25% of above	\$ 540	
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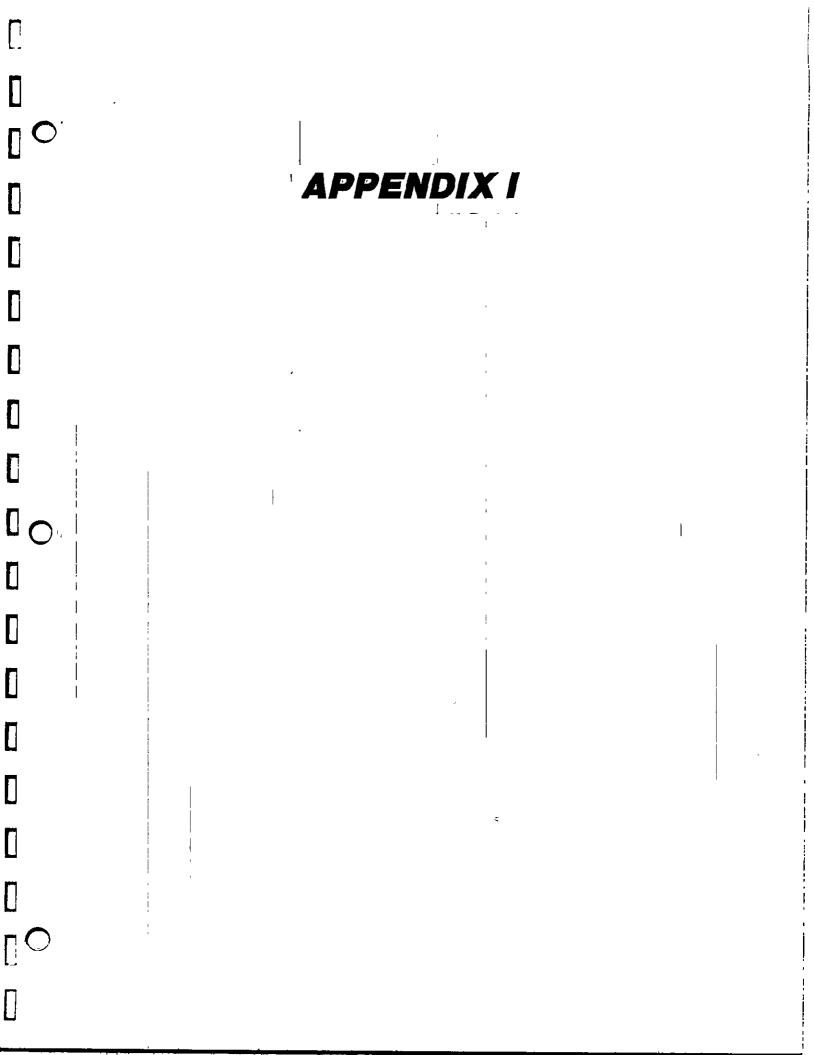
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STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION

I submit that I am qualified to prepare and present this report for assessment credit. My qualifications are as follows:

G.A. CLARKE - GEOLOGIST ISLAND COPPER MINE, BHP-UTAH MINES LTD, PORT HARDY B.C.

- 1. B.Sc. (Hons) Geophysics, 1976 from University of Manitoba.
- 2. Employed continuously in mineral exploration since 1976 as Geophysicist and/or Geologist.
- 3. Currently Geologist, Island Copper Mine.
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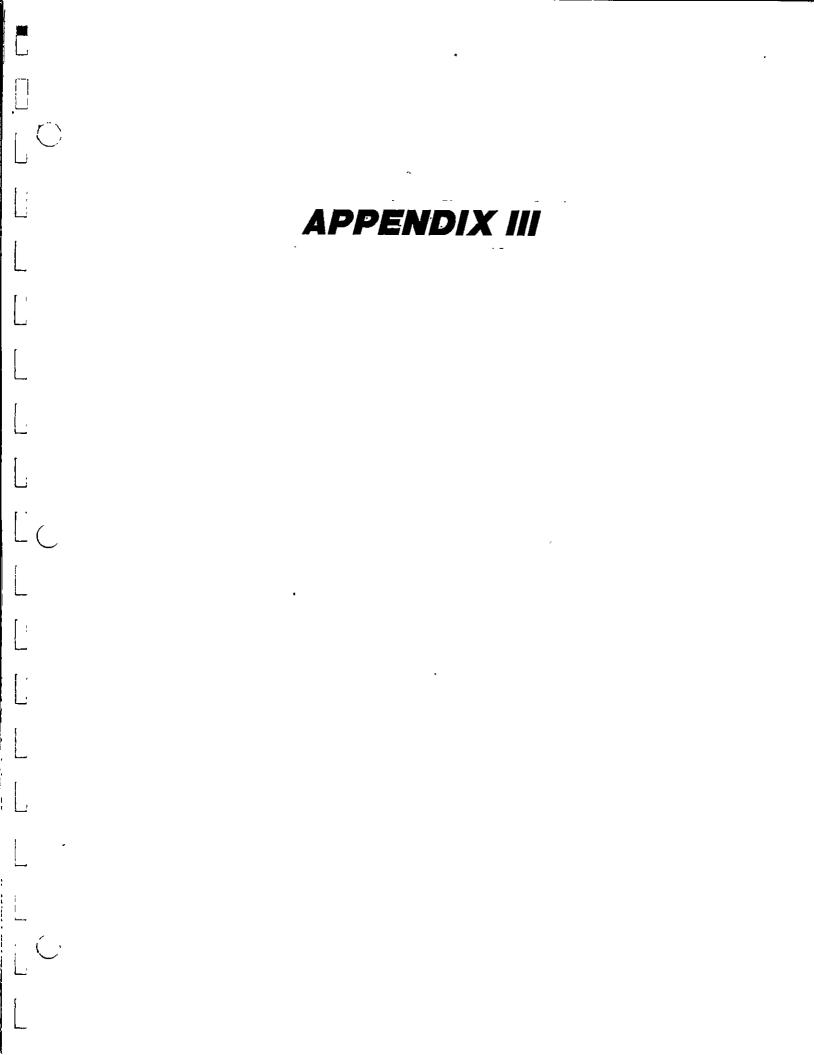
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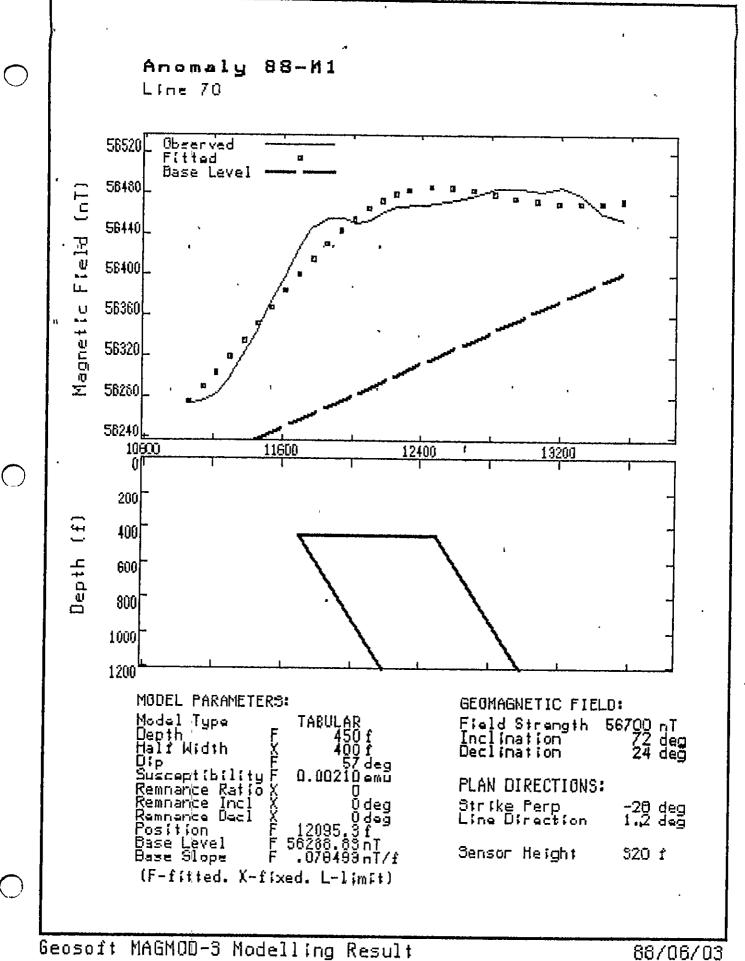
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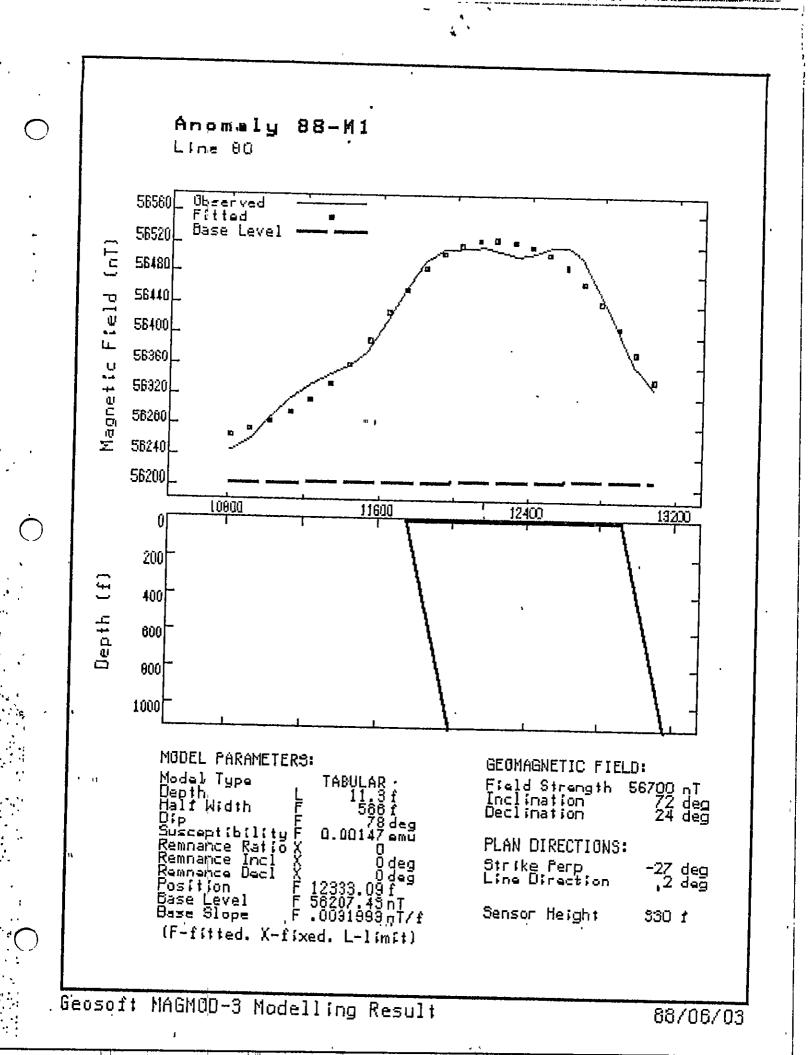
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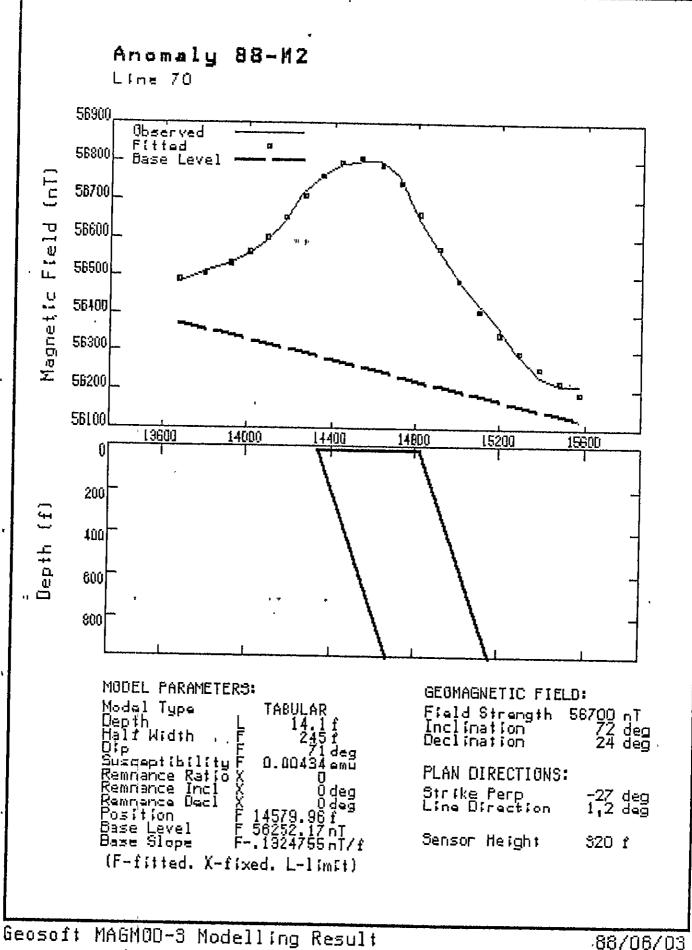
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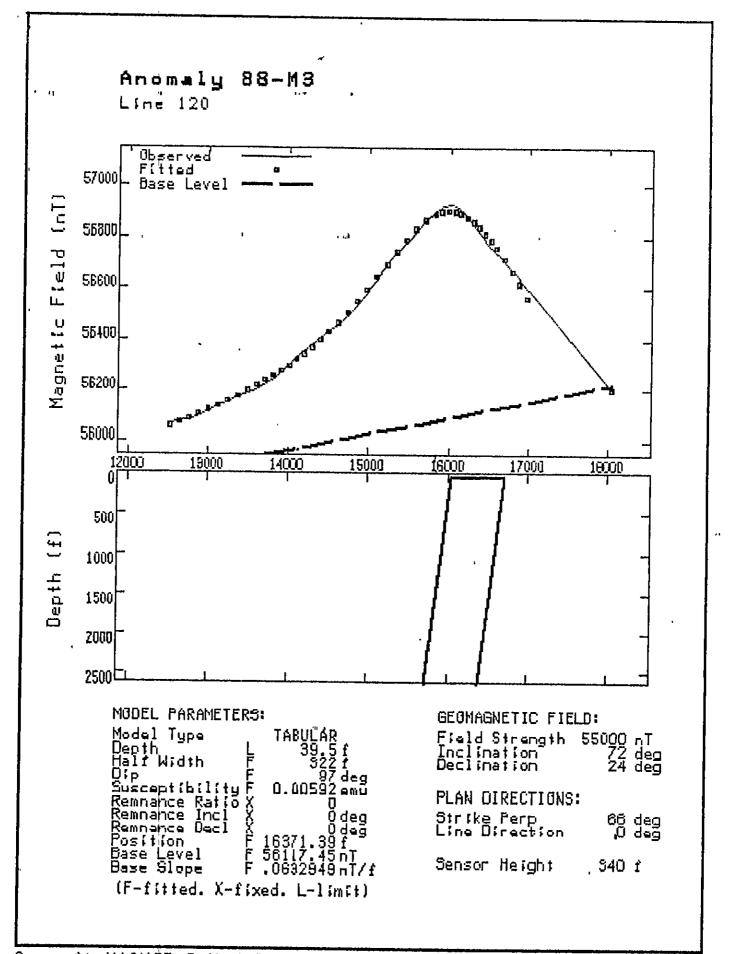
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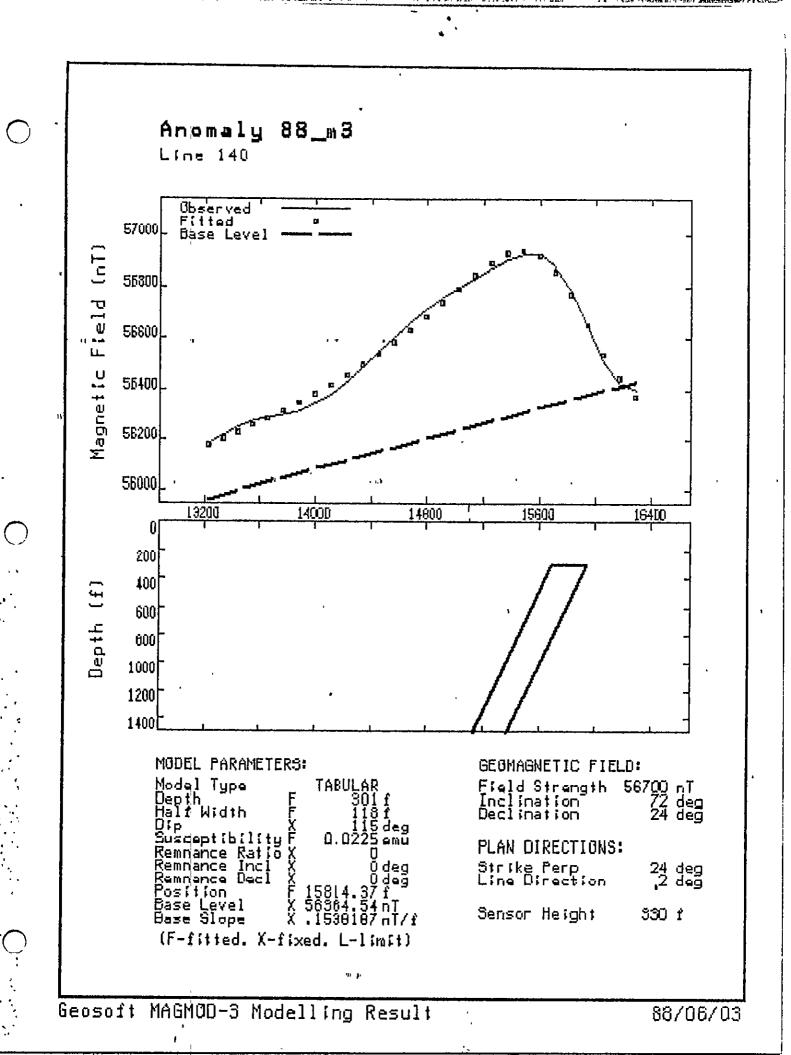


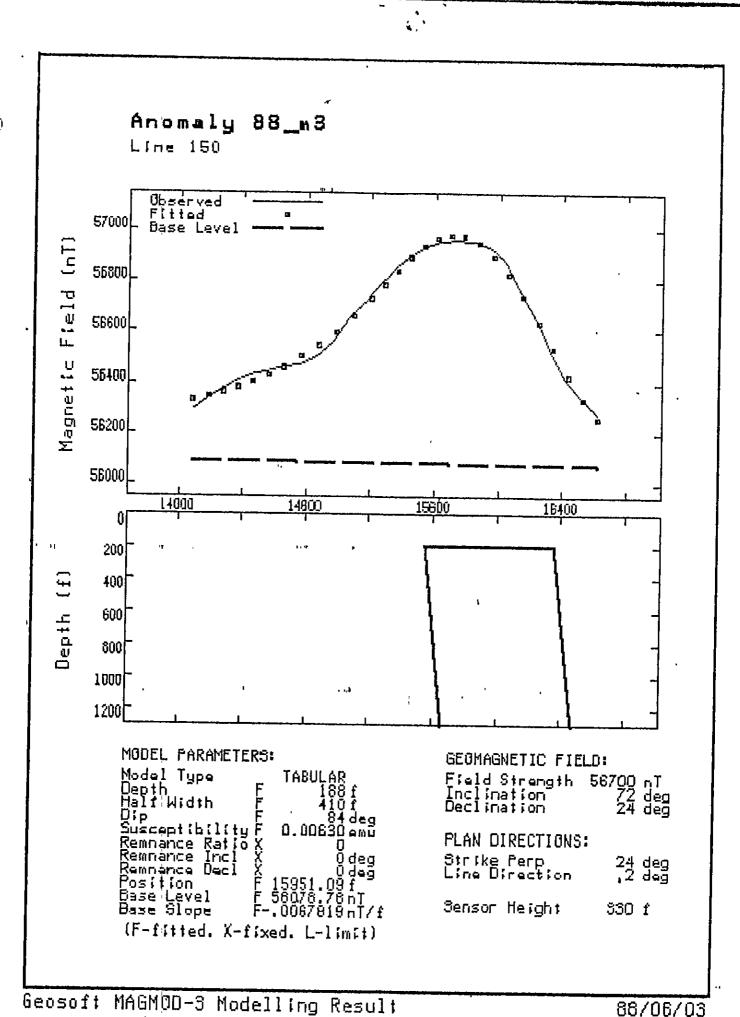


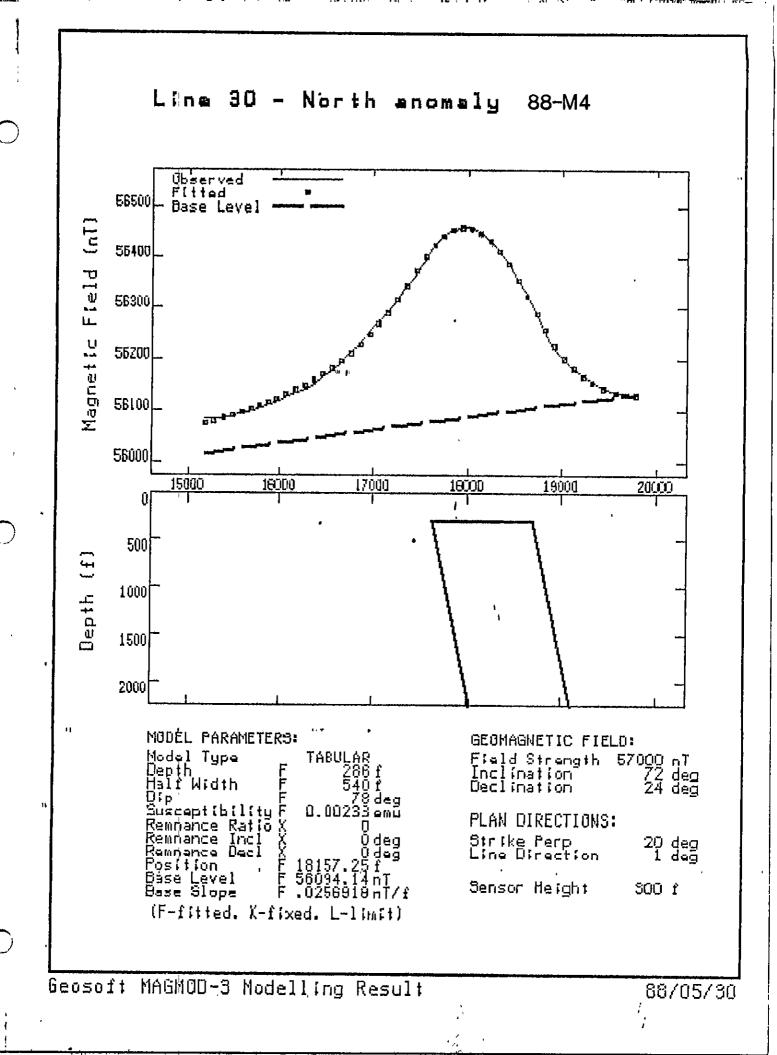
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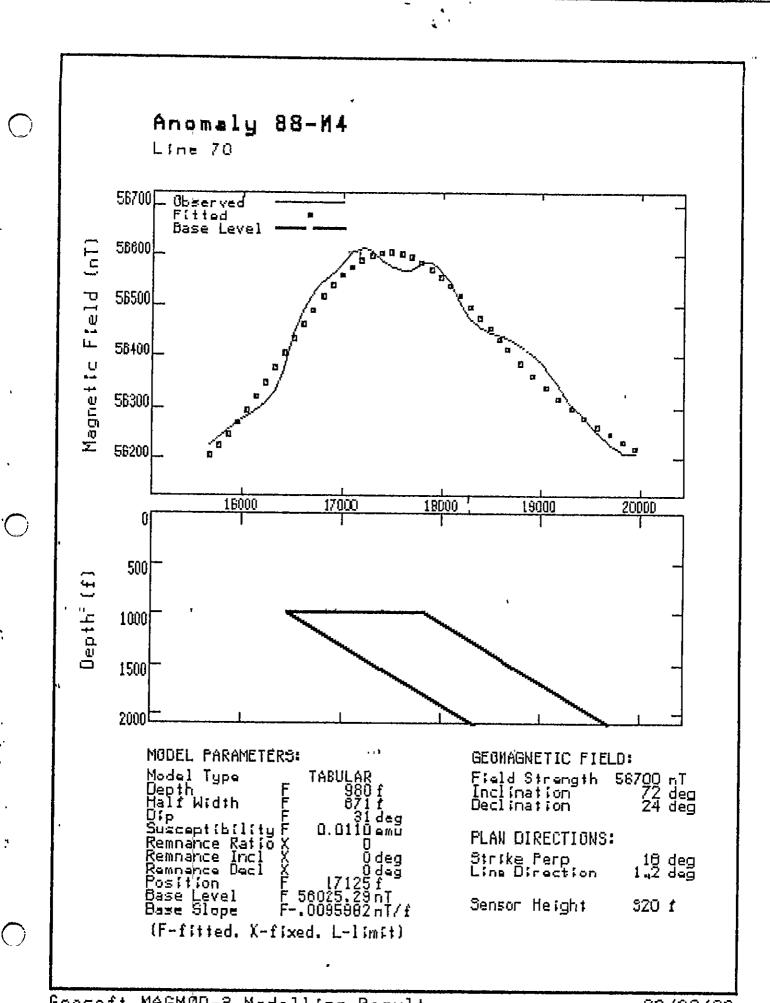
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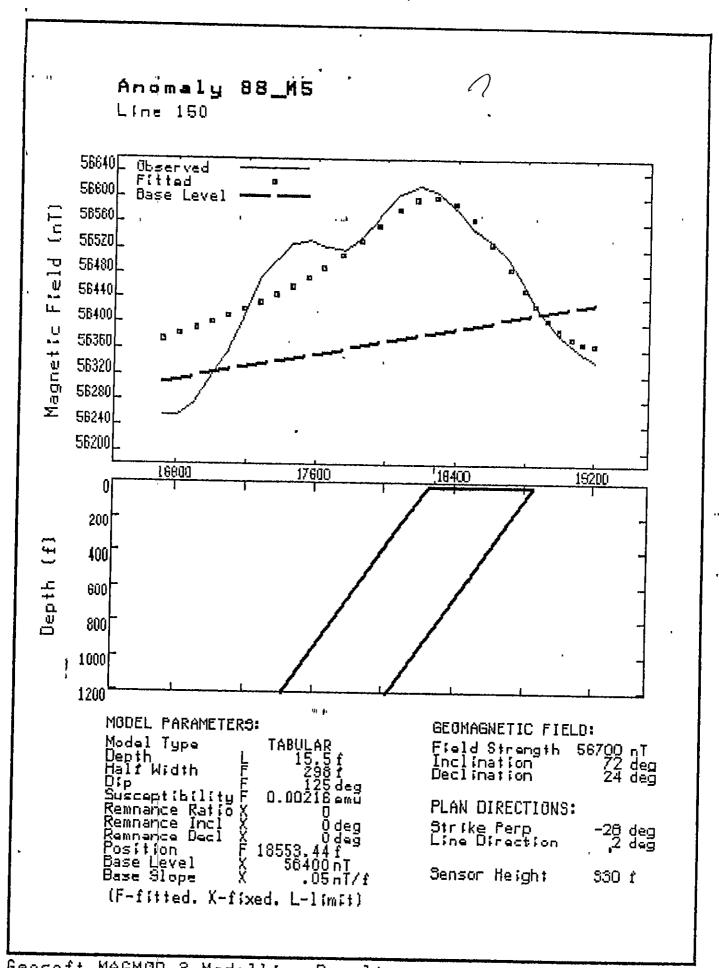






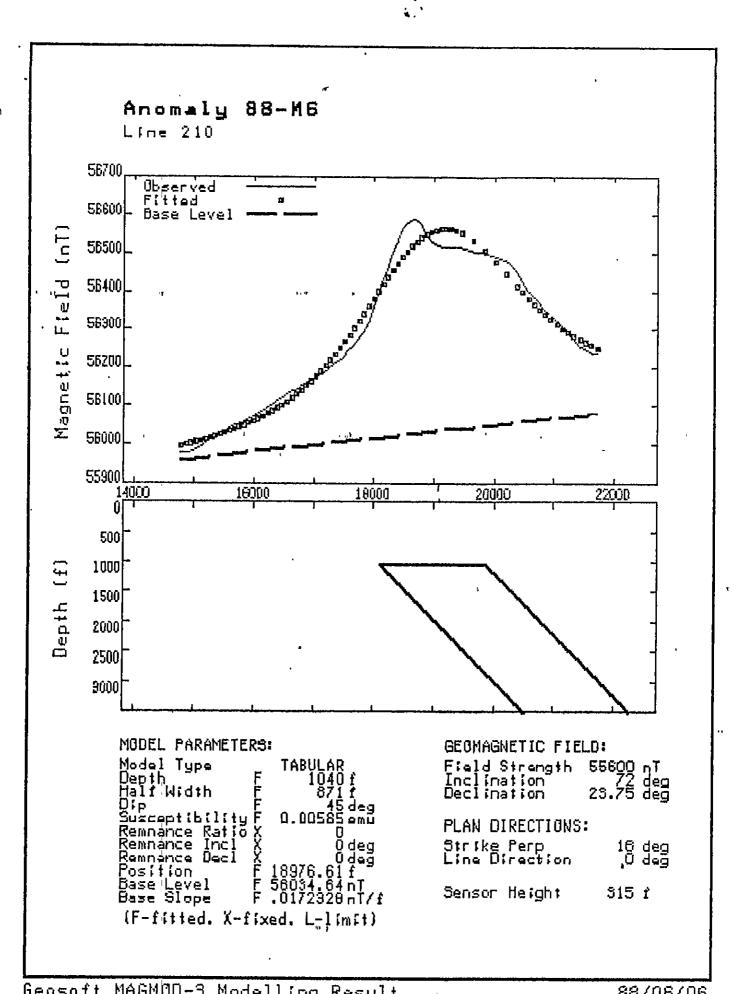


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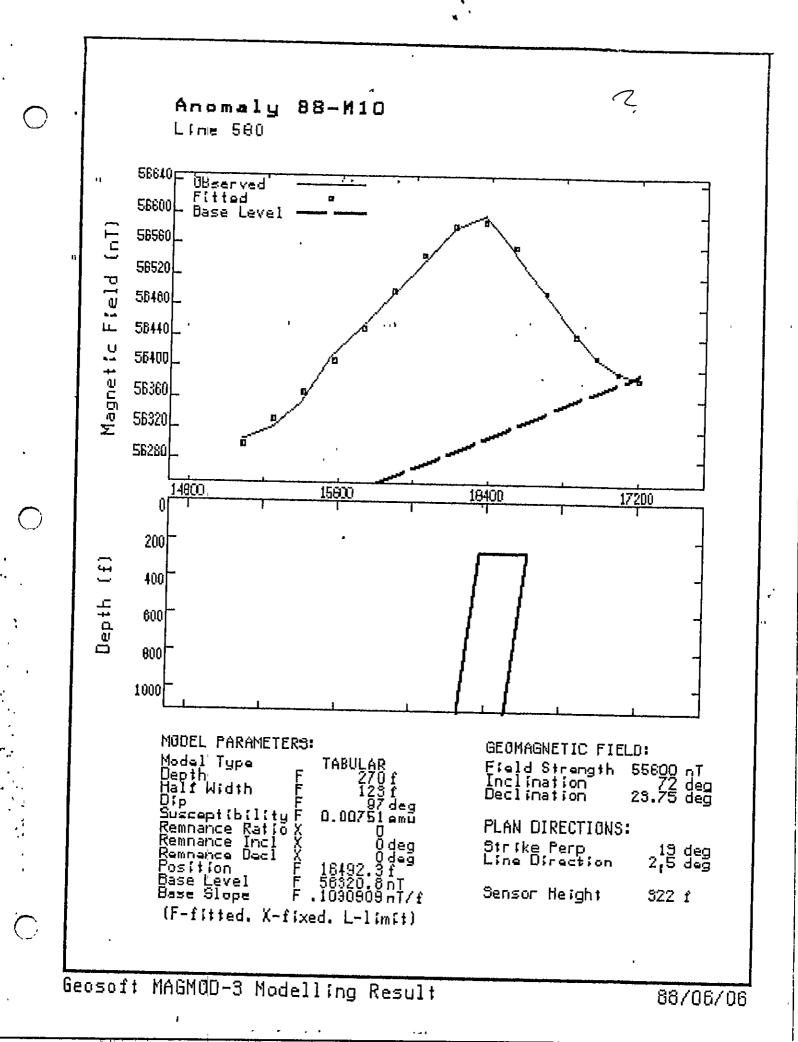
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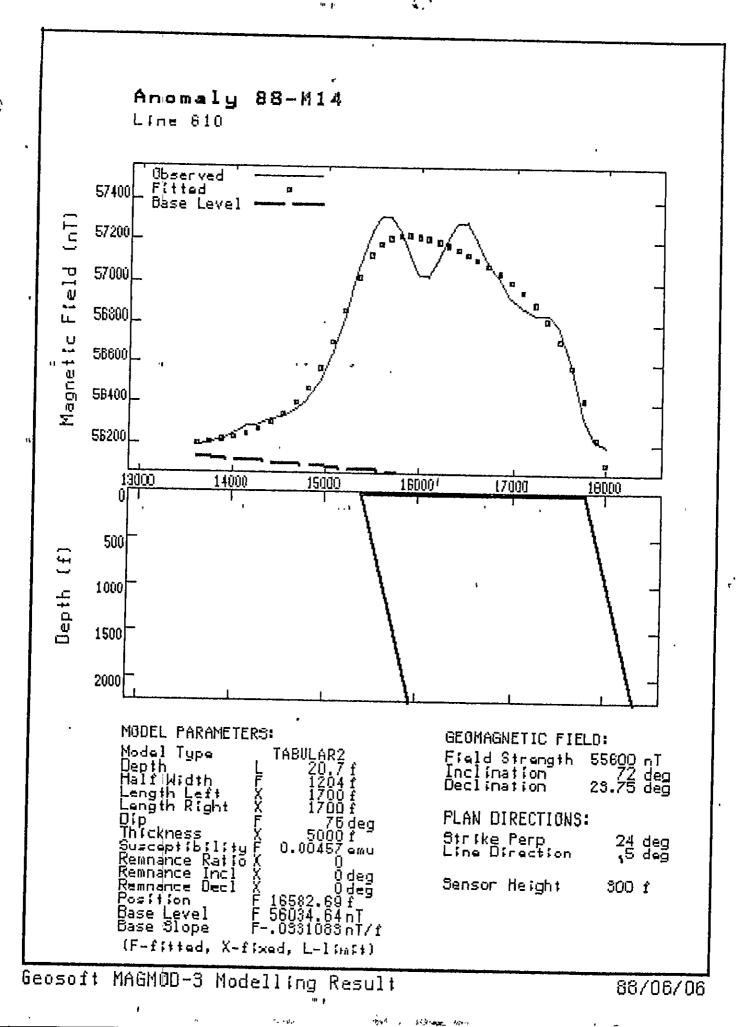
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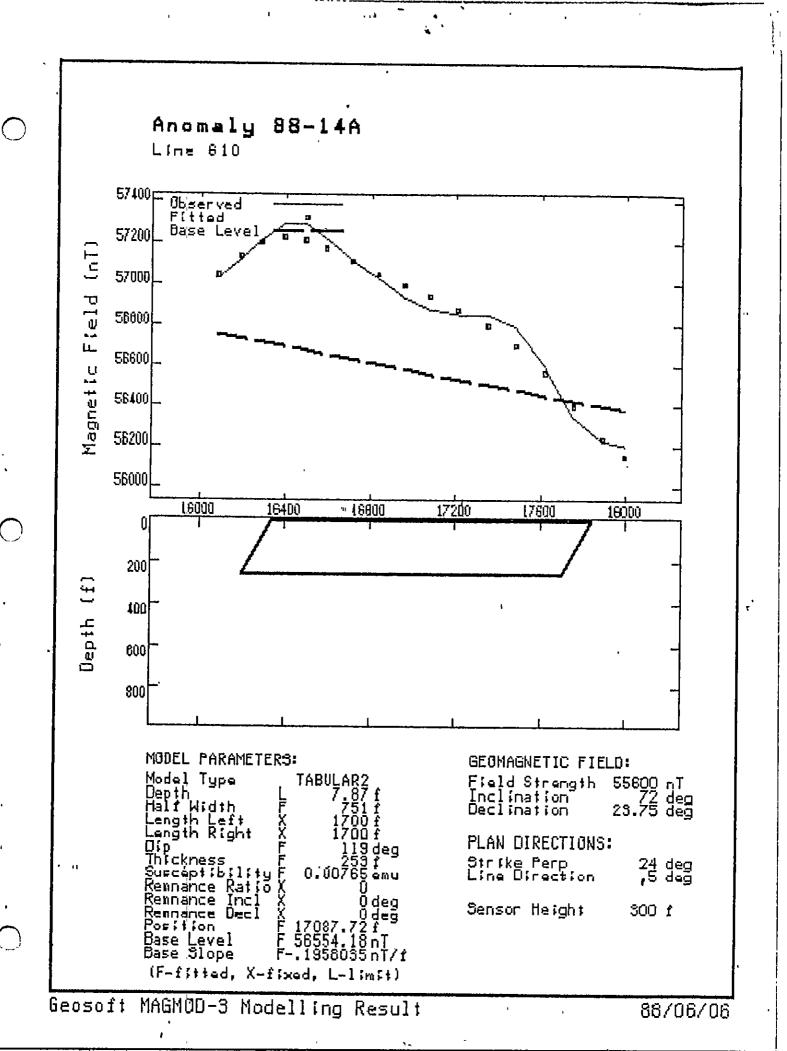
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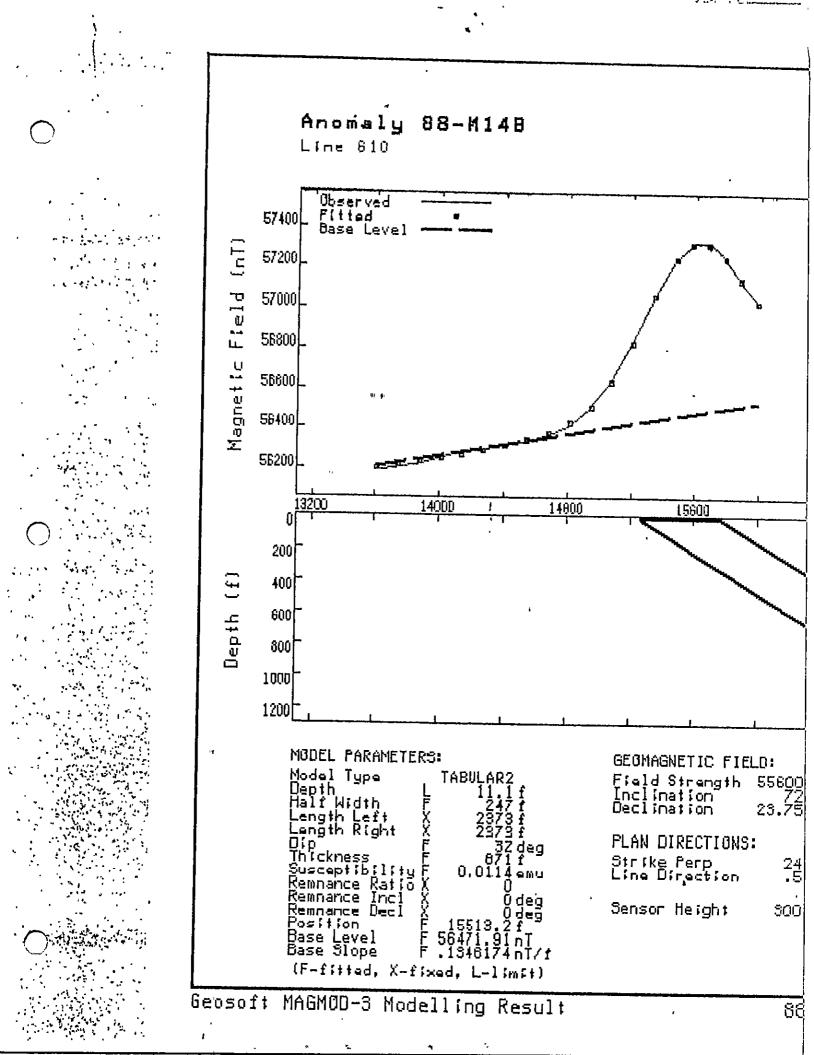
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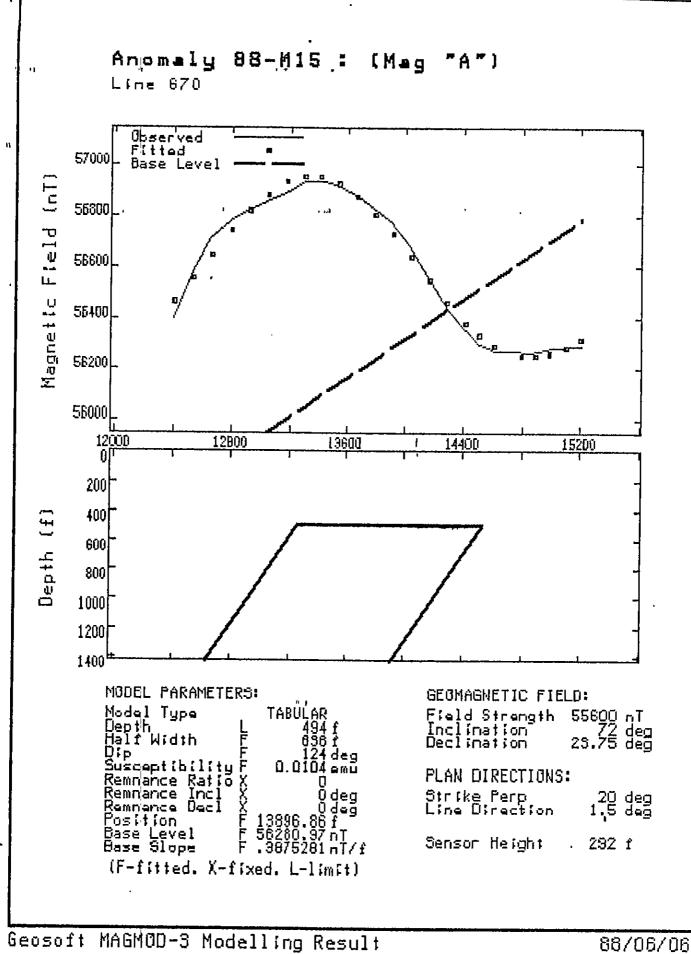




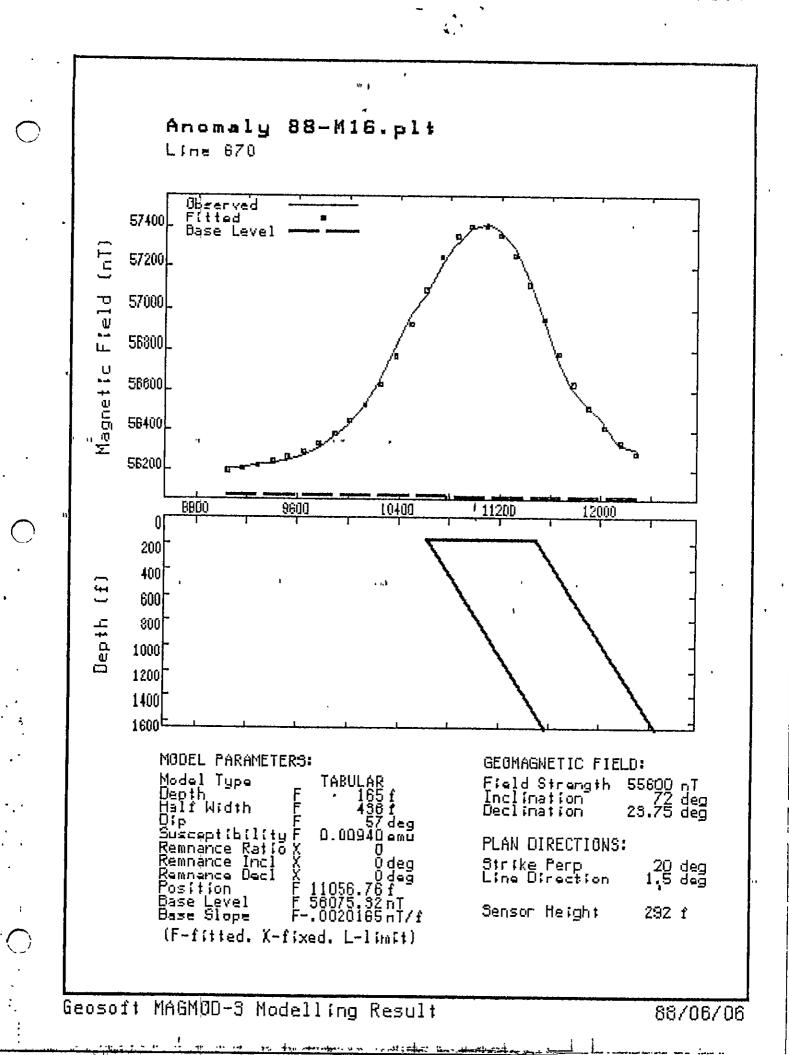
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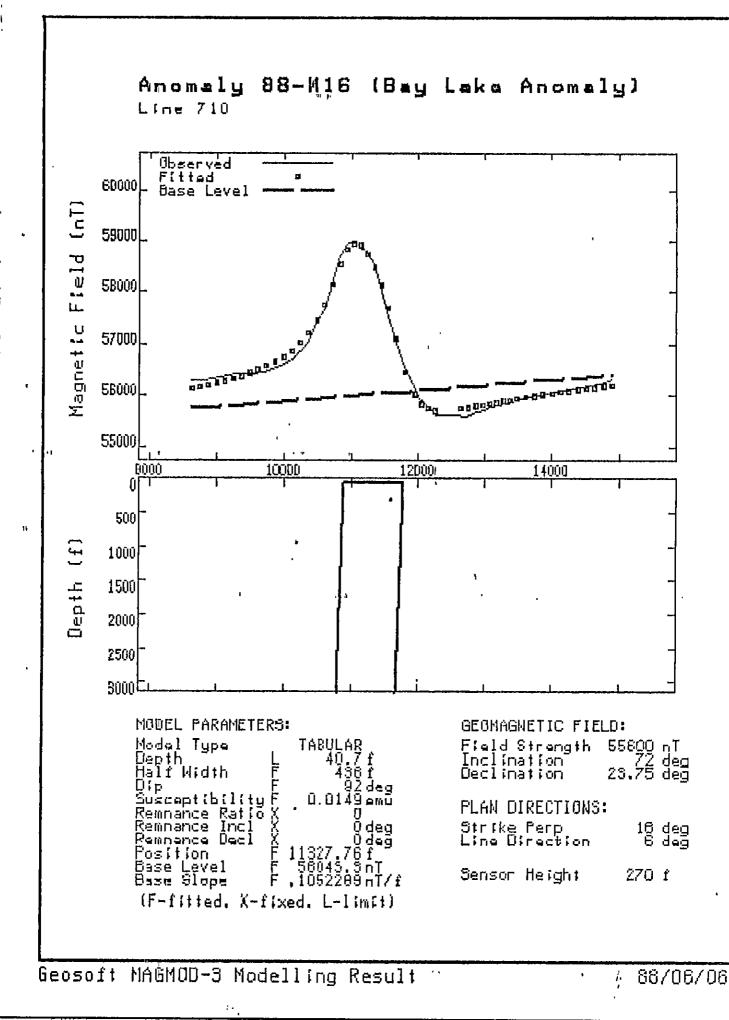


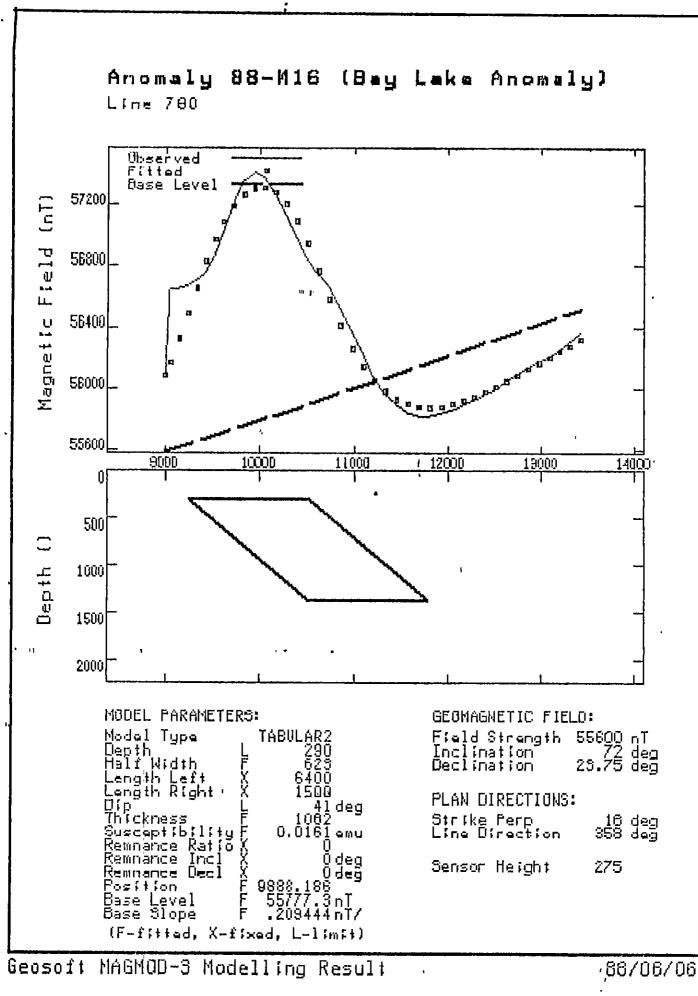




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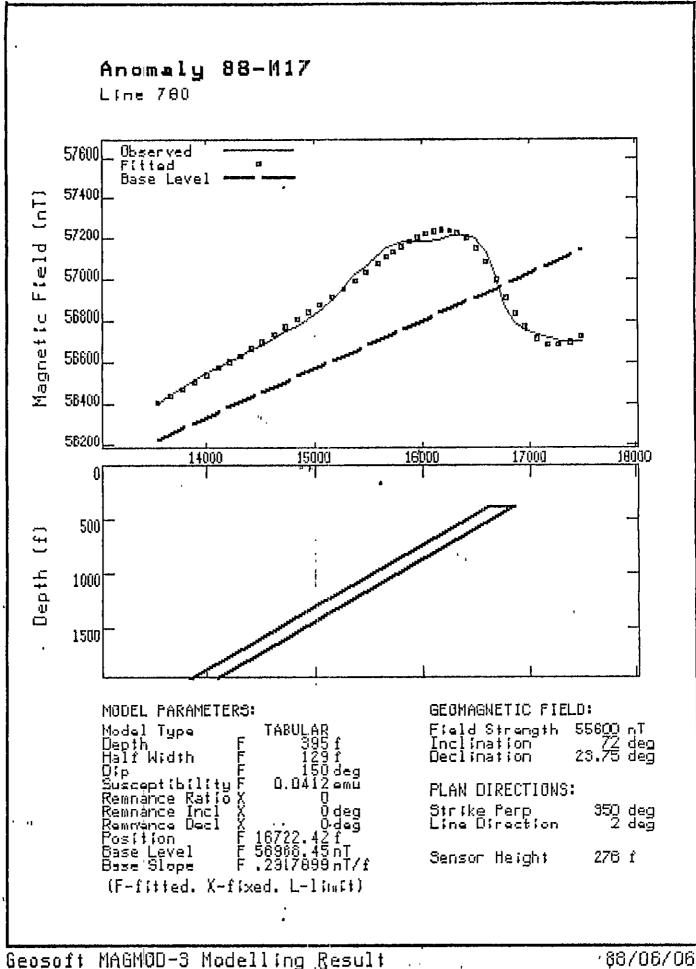






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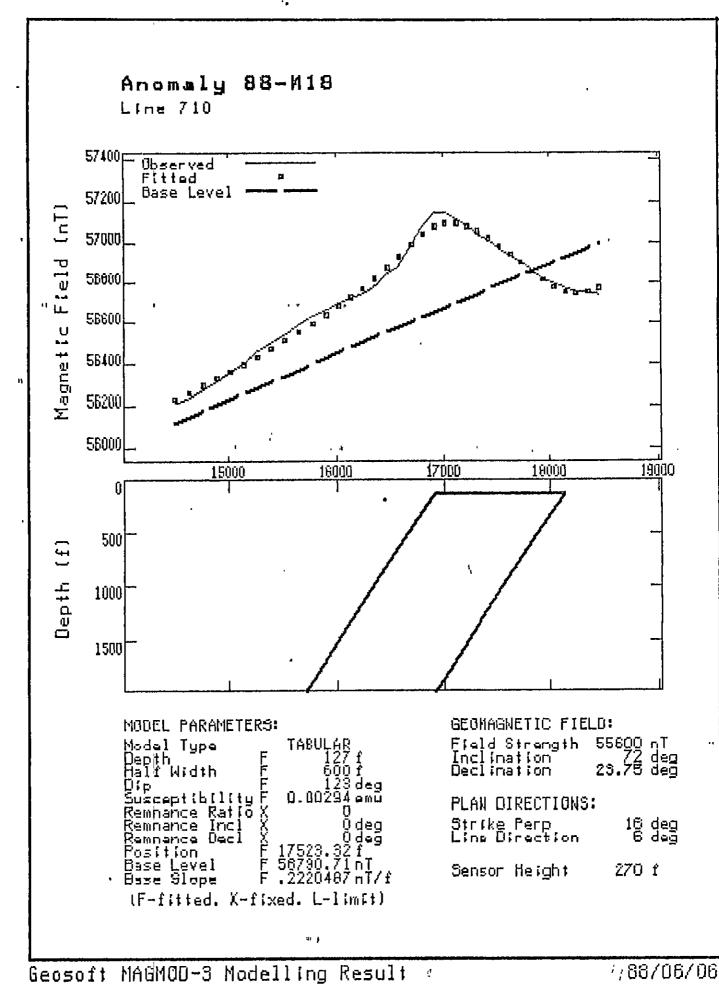
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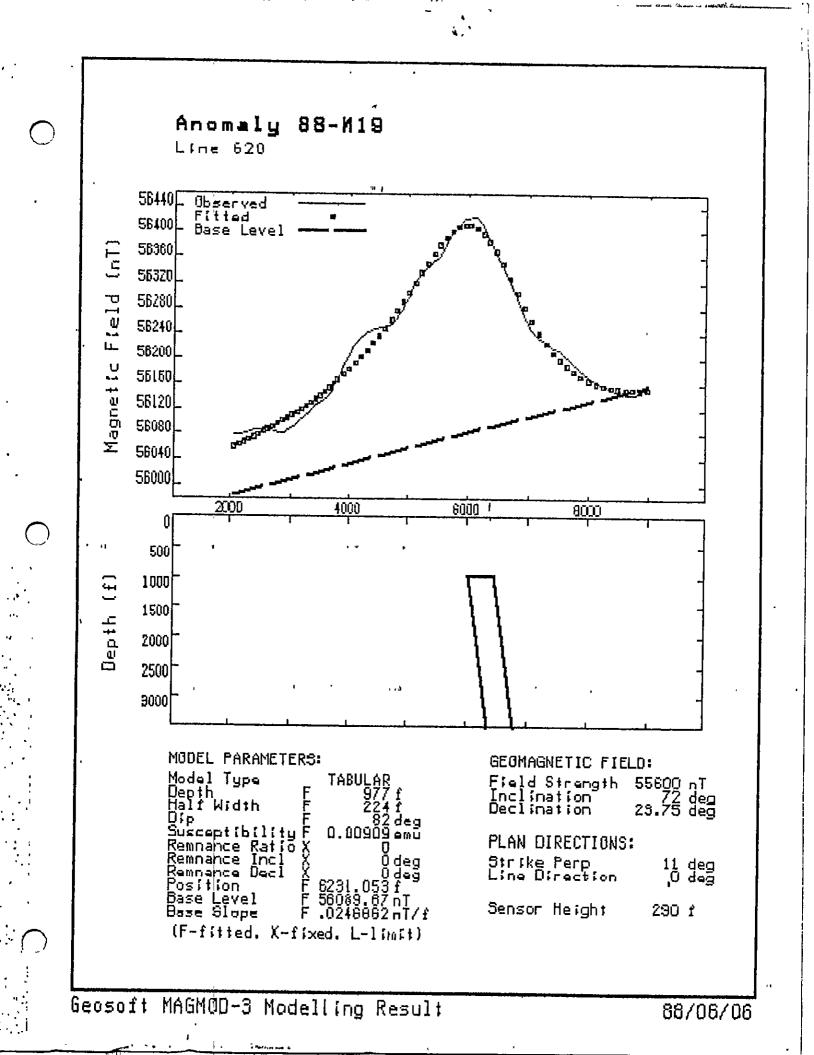
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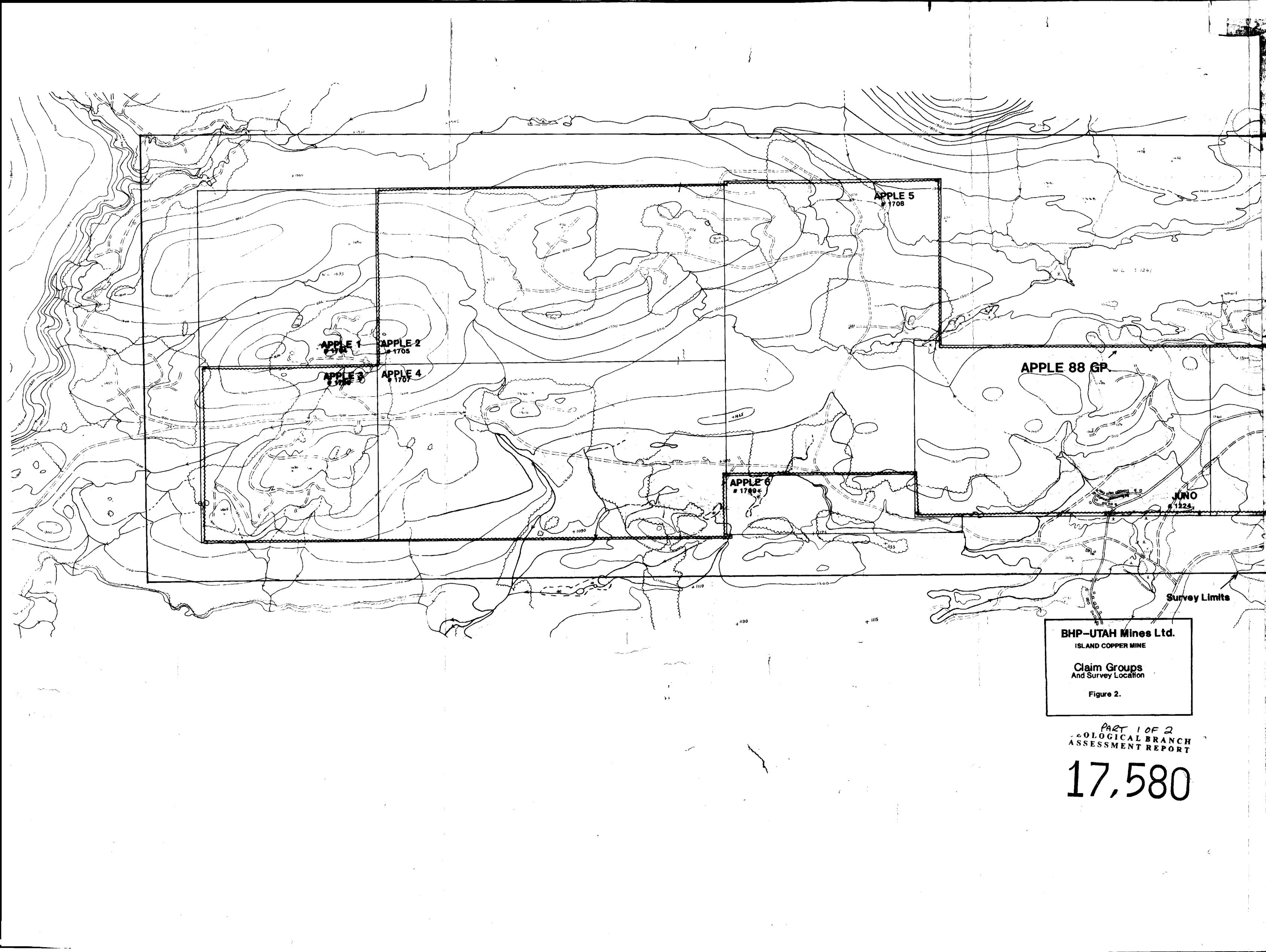
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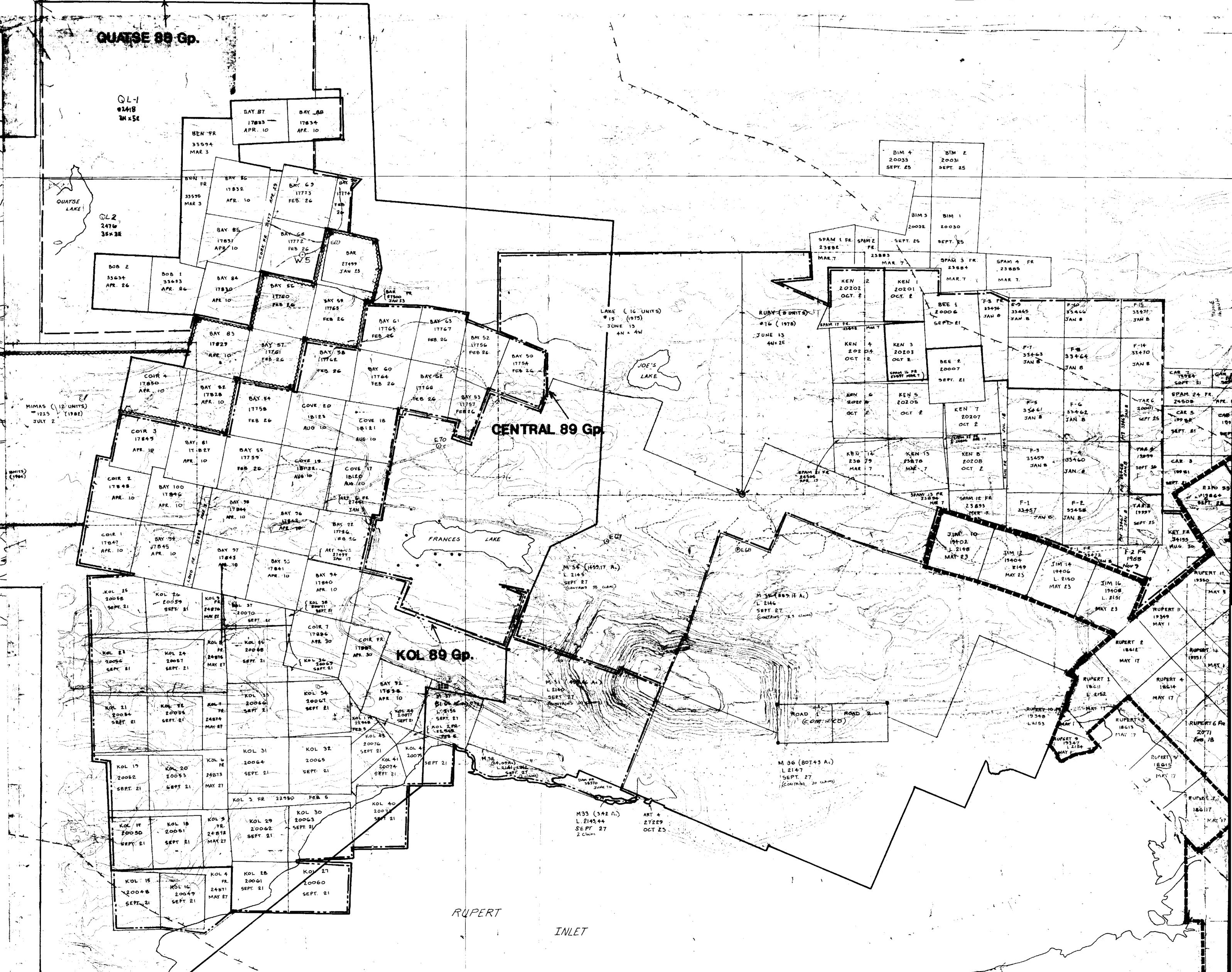
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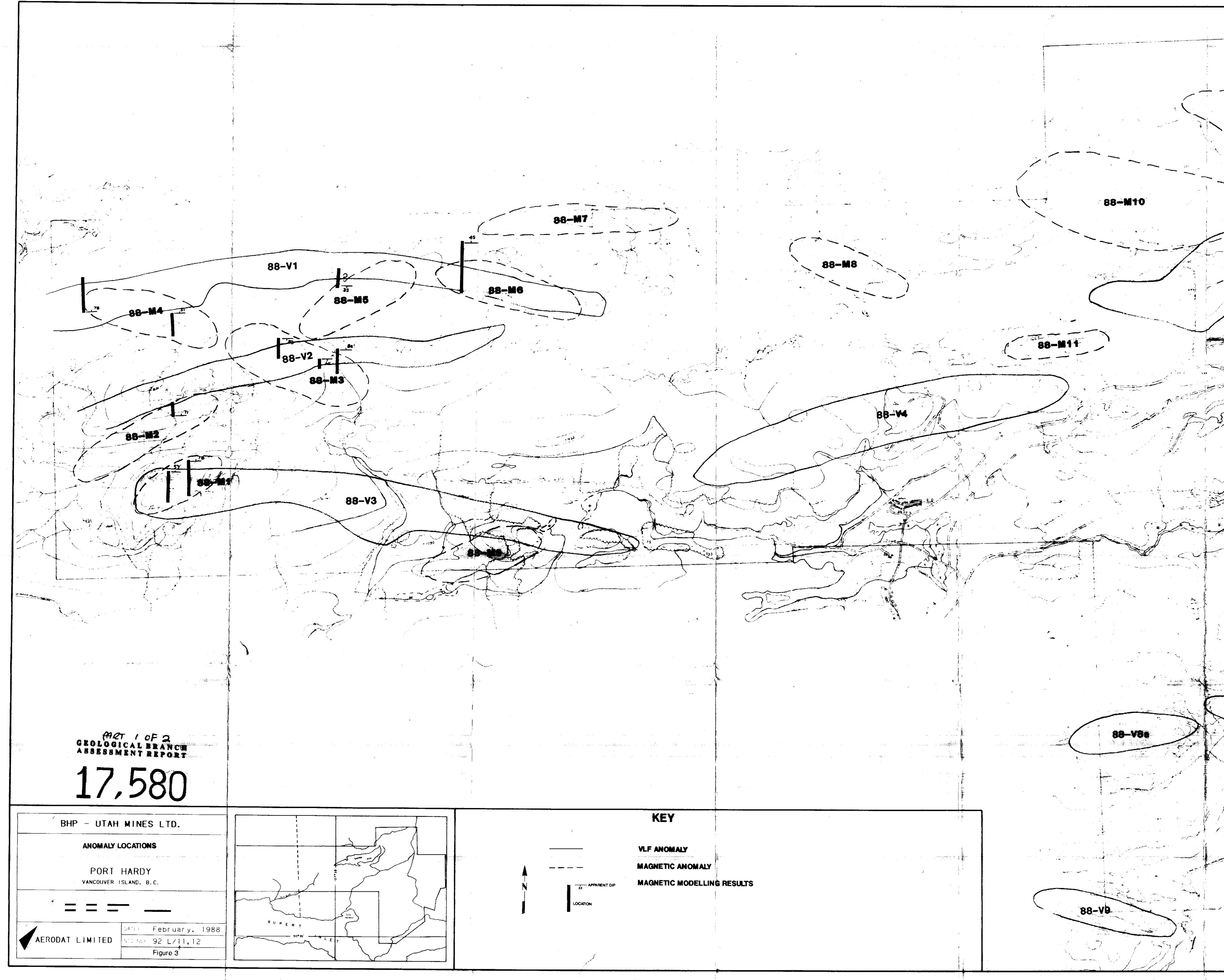


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1. INTRODUCTION

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This report describes an airborne geophysical survey carried out on behalf of BHP-Utah Mines Limited by Aerodat Limited. Equipment operated included a high-sensitivity Cesium magnetometer, a VLF-EM system, a tracking camera, and a radar altimeter.

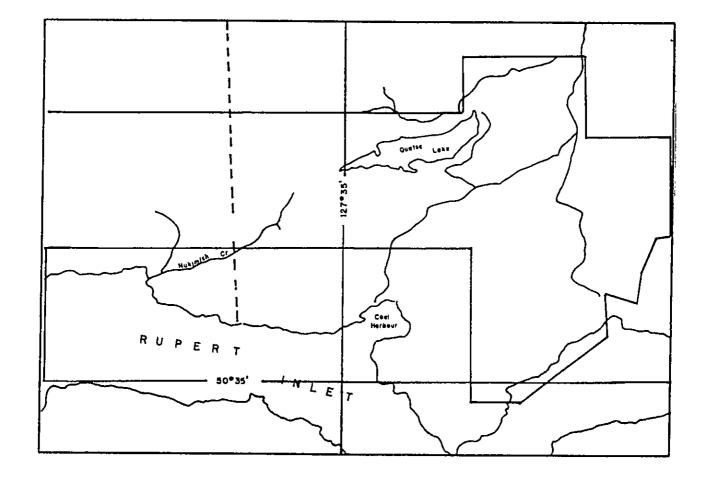
The survey area was located on northern Vancouver Island , about ten kilometres southwest of the town of Port Hardy, British Columbia. The survey was flown on February 22 and 23, 1988. At nominal line spacings of 200 metres and 100 metres for the eastern end, 85 transverse lines and two tie lines spanning 390 line kilometres were flown to provide thorough coverage of the area. The quality of the recorded geophysical data was considered to be well within the specifications described in the contract.

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2. SURVEY AREA LOCATION

The survey area is depicted on the index map shown below. The flight line direction was north-south.

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3. AIRCRAFT AND EQUIPMENT

3.1 Aircraft

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The helicopter used for the survey was an Aerospatiale A-Star 350B. Installation of the geophysical and ancillary equipment was carried out by Aerodat. The survey aircraft was flown at a mean terrain clearance of 60 metres.

3.2 Equipment

3.2.1 VLF-EM System

The VLF-EM system was a Herz Totem 2A. This instrument measured the total field and quadrature components from two transmitting stations, providing two channels of both line and orthogonal information.

The sensor was towed in a bird 10 metres below the helicopter, 50 metres above the terrain. The transmitting station used for the line channels was NLK (Jim Creek, Washington, 24.8 kHz). For the orthogonal direction, the primary station used was NSS (Annapolis, Maryland, 21.4 kHz), with NAA (Cutler, Maine, 24.0 kHz) received on the tie-lines only.

3.2.2 <u>Magnetometer</u>

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The magnetometer was a Scintrex Cesium optically pumped high sensitivity type. The sensitivity of the instrument was 0.2 gammas at a 0.2 second sampling rate. The sensor was towed in a bird 15 metres below the helicopter.

3.2.3 <u>Magnetic Base Station</u>

A Geometrics 803 proton precession magnetometer was operated at the base of operations to record diurnal variations of the earth's magnetic field. The clock of the base station was synchronized with that of the airborne system to facilitate later correlation.

3.2.4 Radar Altimeter

A King Air radar altimeter was used to record terrain clearance. The output from the instrument is a linear function of altitude for maximum accuracy.

3.2.5 Tracking Camera

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A Panasonic video camera was used to record flight path on VHS video tape. The camera was operated with fiducial numbers and time marks imprinted on the margin of the film for cross-reference to the analog and digital data.

3.2.6 Analog Recorder

An RMS dot-matrix recorder was used to display the data during the survey. In addition to manual and time fiducials, the following data was recorded:

Channel	Input	Scale
VLT	VLF-EM Total Field - Line	2.5%/mm
VLQ	VLF-EM Quadrature - Line	2.5%/mm
VOT	VLF-EM Total Field - Ortho	2.5%/mm
VOQ	VLF-EM Quadrature - Ortho	2.5%/mm
ALT	Radar Altimeter	10 ft./mm
MAGC	Magnetometer Sensor-Coarse	25.0 nT/mm
MAGF	Magnetometer Sensor-Fine	2.5 nT/mm

3.2.7 Digital Recorder

An RMS DGR 33 digital acquisition system recorded the survey on magnetic tape. Information recorded was as follows:

Equipment	Interval
VLF-EM	0.5 seconds
Magnetometer	0.2 seconds
Altimeter	0.5 seconds

3.3 <u>Personnel</u>

FIELD:	Pilot - P. Tudge
	Operator - William Blight
OFFICE:	Processing and Report - Richard Yee

4. DATA PRESENTATION

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4.1 Base Map and Flight Path

A topographic base of the survey area at a scale of 1:12,000 was supplied by the client for the base. The flight path was transferred from a photomosaic base, made by Aerodat for both navigational and flight path recovery purposes.

4.2 Total Field Magnetic Contours

The aeromagnetic data was corrected for diurnal variations by subtraction of the digitally recorded base station magnetic profile. No correction for regional variation was applied.

The corrected profile data were interpolated onto a regular grid at a 30 metres true scale interval using a cubic spline technique. The grid provided the basis for threading the presented contours at a 5 gamma interval.

The aeromagnetic data have been presented with flight path on a greyflex copy of the topographic base map.

4.3 <u>Vertical Magnetic Gradient Contours</u>

The vertical gradient was computed from the total field magnetic data to obtain values in nanoteslas/metre. These calculated gradient profile data were then interpolated onto a regular grid at a 30 metres true scale interval, again using a cubic spline technique.

The gridded data were, in turn, contoured at an interval of 0.5 nanotesla per metre and presented with flight path on a greyflex copy of the topographic base map.

4.4 VLF-EM Total Field Contours

The line VLF-EM total field signals from NLK (Jim Creek, Washington) were also gridded at a 30 metre interval and and presented on a greyflex copy of the topographic base map along with the flight lines.

4.5 VLF-EM Total Field and Quadrature Profiles

The VLF-EM total field signal as well as the vertical quadrature component of the VLF-EM signal was compiled in profile form. The mean response level of the signal was removed for this presentation. Also, the quadrature component was normalized to the north flight heading.

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The VLF-EM profiles have been presented with flight path on the topographic base at an amplitude scale of 1 % per millimetre.

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5. <u>GENERAL INTERPRETIVE CONSIDERATIONS</u>

Total Field Magnetics

The total field magnetic maps show contours of the total field using a high sensitivity magnetometer. Furthermore, a fine contour interval of 5 nanoteslas was used.

The magnetic map is characterized by numerous magnetic features and should be carefully correlated with existing geologic maps of the area. Such correlations should prove extremely useful for updating the known geology of the area.

Measured Vertical Gradient

The vertical gradient map has the inherent advantage of defining contacts between different lithologic units as well as enhancing shorter spatial wavelength features due to near surface bodies of finite dimensions. Hence, the vertical gradient map is a useful supplement to the total field map.

VLF Electromagnetics

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The VLF-EM method employs the radiation from powerful military radio transmitters as the primary signals. The magnetic field associated with the primary field is elliptically polarized in the vicinity of electrical conductors. The Herz Totem uses three coils in the X, Y, Z configuration to measure the total field and vertical quadrature component of the polarization ellipse.

The relatively high frequency of VLF (15-25) kHz provides high response factors for bodies of low conductance. Relatively "disconnected" sulphide ores have been found to produce measureable VLF signals. For the same reason, poor conductors such as sheared contacts, breccia zones, narrow faults, alteration zones and porous flow tops normally produce VLF anomalies. The method can therefore be used effectively for geological mapping. The only relative disadvantage of the method lies in its sensitivity to conductive overburden. In conductive ground the depth of exploration is severely limited.

The effect of strike direction is important in the sense of the relation of the conductor axis relative to the energizing electromagnetic field. A conductor aligned along a radius drawn from a transmitting station will be in a maximum coupled orientation and thereby produce a stronger response than a similar conductor at a different strike angle. Theoretically, it would be possible for a conductor, oriented tangentially to the transmitter to produce no signal. The most obvious effect of the strike angle consideration is that conductors favourably oriented with respect

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to the transmitter location and also near perpendicular to the flight direction are most clearly rendered and usually dominate the map presentation.

The total field response is an indicator of the existence and position of a conductivity anomaly. The response will be a maximum over the conductor, without any special filtering, and strongly favour the upper edge of the conductor even in the case of a relatively shallow dip.

The vertical quadrature component over steeply dipping sheet-like conductor will be a cross-over type response with the cross-over closely associated with the upper edge of the conductor.

The response is a cross-over type due to the fact that it is the vertical rather than total field quadrature component that is measured. The response shape is due largely to geometrical rather than conductivity considerations and the distance between the maximum and minimum on either side of the cross-over is related to target depth. For a given target geometry, the larger this distance the greater the depth.

The amplitude of the quadrature response, as opposed to shape is function of target conductance and depth as well as the

conductivity of the overburden and host rock. As the primary field travels down to the conductor through conductive material it is both attenuated and phase shifted in a negative sense. The secondary field produced by this altered field at the target also has an associated phase shift. This phase shift is positive and is larger for relatively poor conductors. This secondary field is attenuated and phase shifted in a negative sense during return travel to the surface. The net effect of these 3 phase shifts determine the phase of the secondary field sensed at the receiver.

A relatively poor conductor in resistive ground will yield a net positive phase shift. A relatively good conductor in more conductive ground will yield a net negative phase shift. A combination is possible whereby the net phase shift is zero and the response is purely in-phase with no quadrature component.

A net positive phase shift combined with the geometrical cross-over shape will lead to a positive quadrature response on the side of approach and a negative on the side of departure. A net negative phase shift would produce the reverse. A further sign reversal occurs with a 180 degree change in instrument orientation as occurs on reciprocal line headings. During digital processing of the

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quadrature data for map presentation this is corrected for by normalizing the sign to one of the flight line headings.

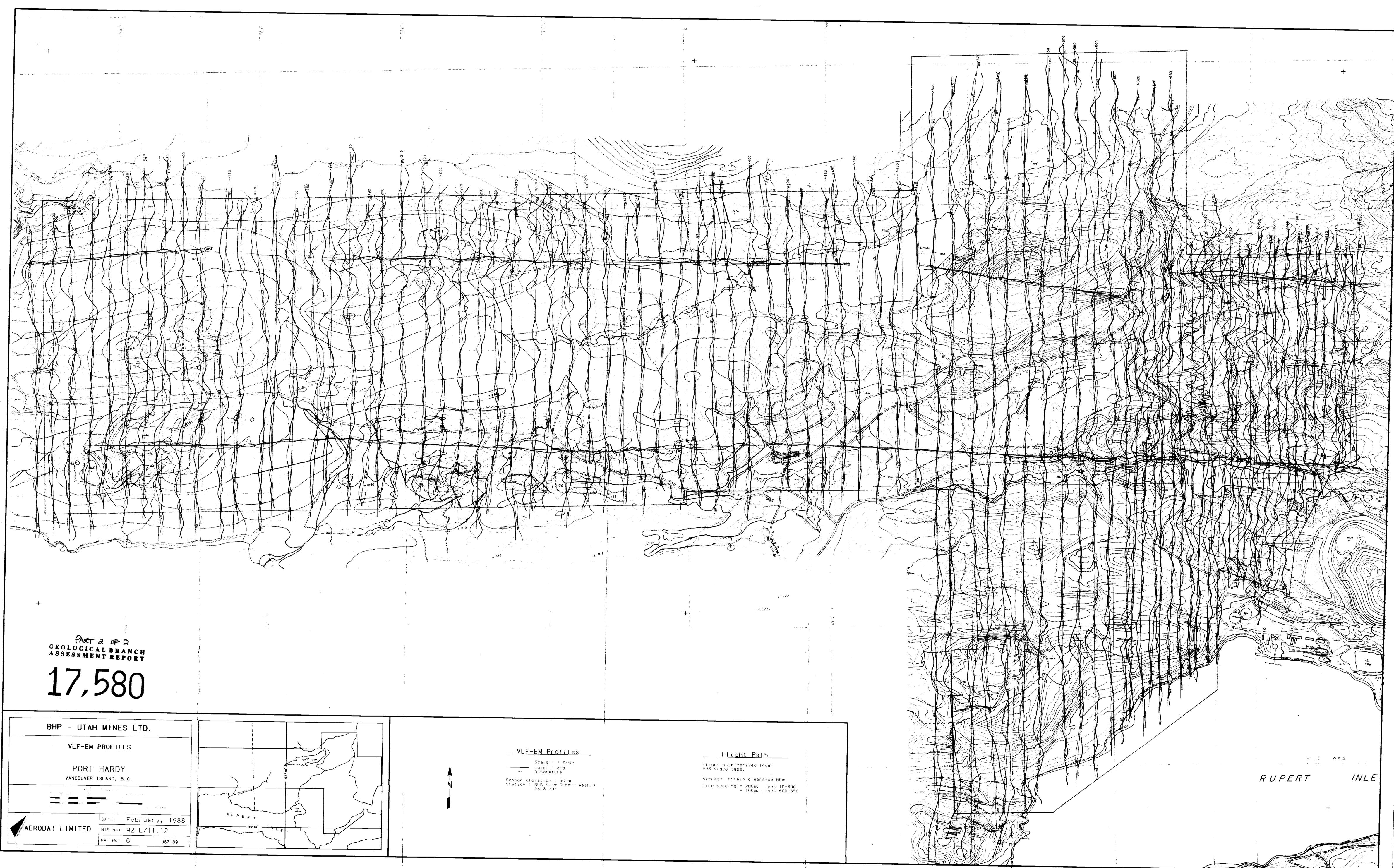
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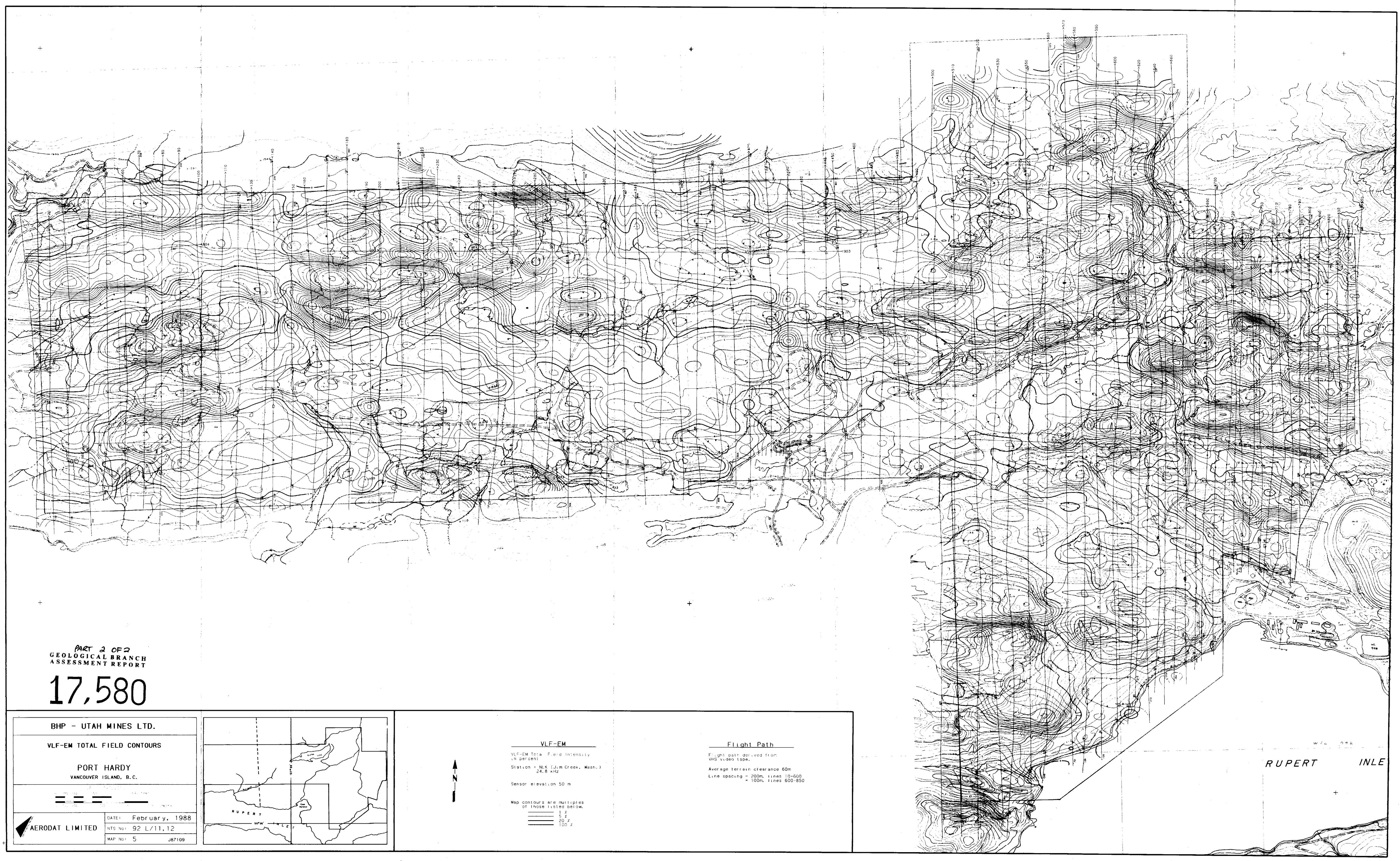
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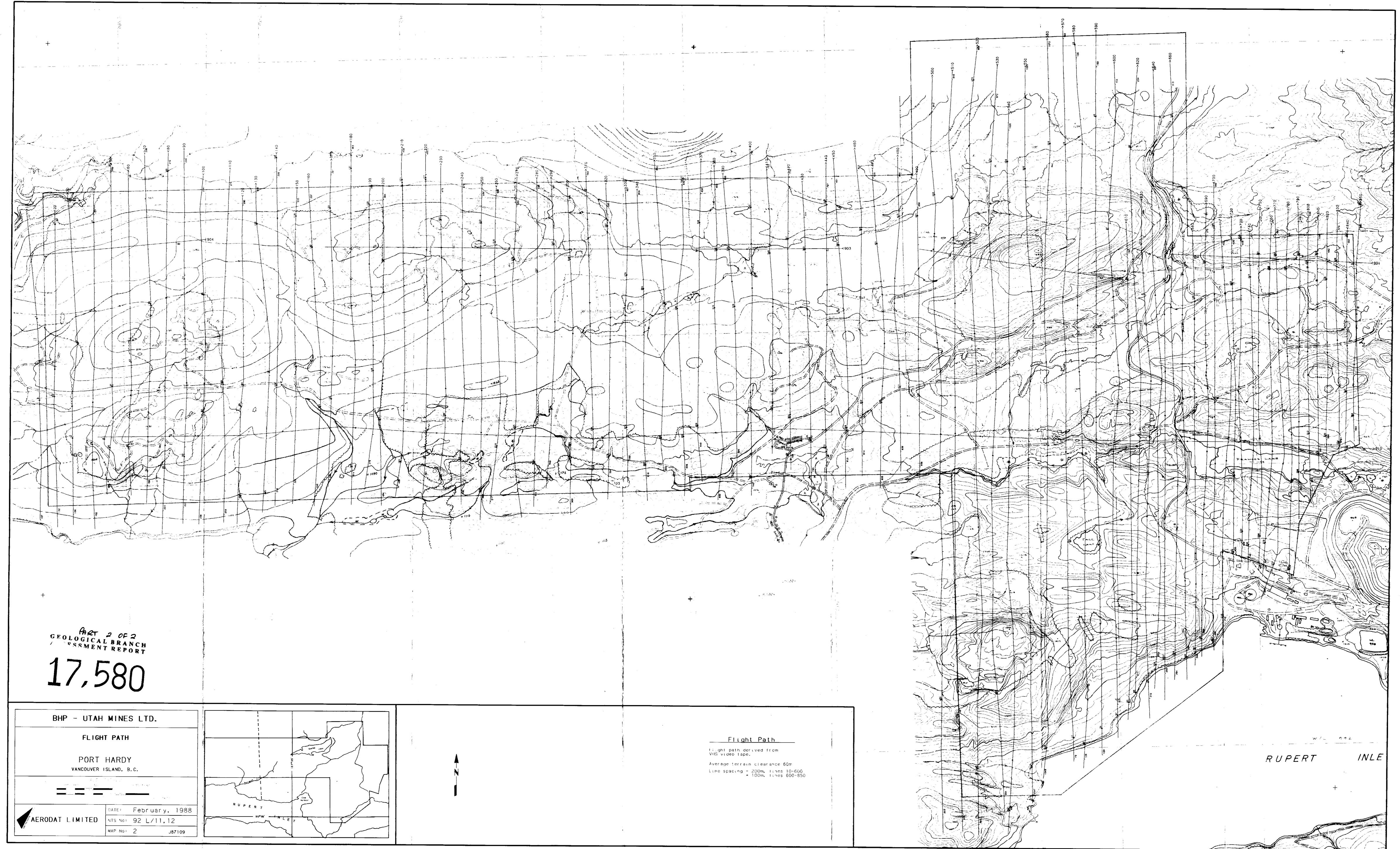
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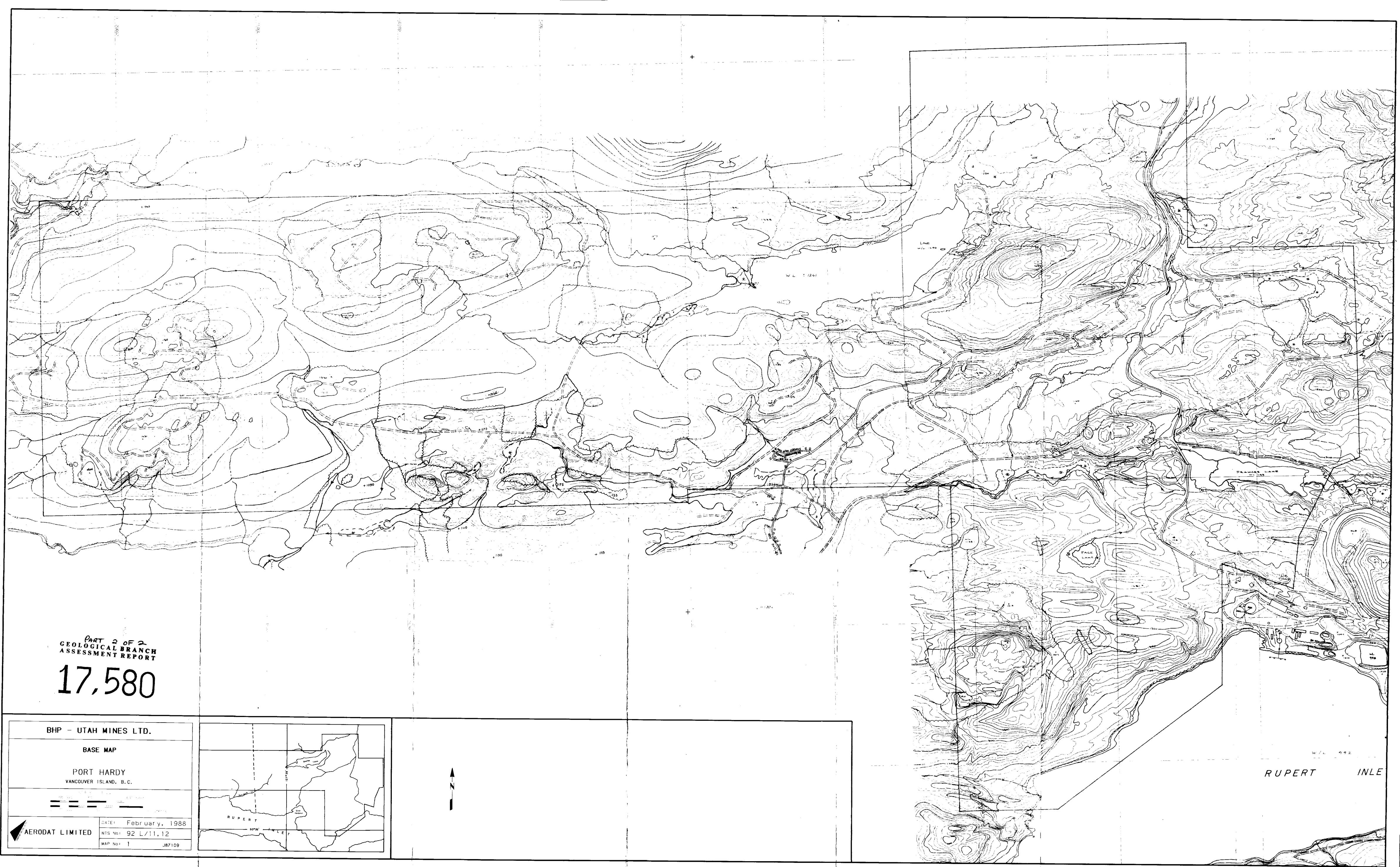
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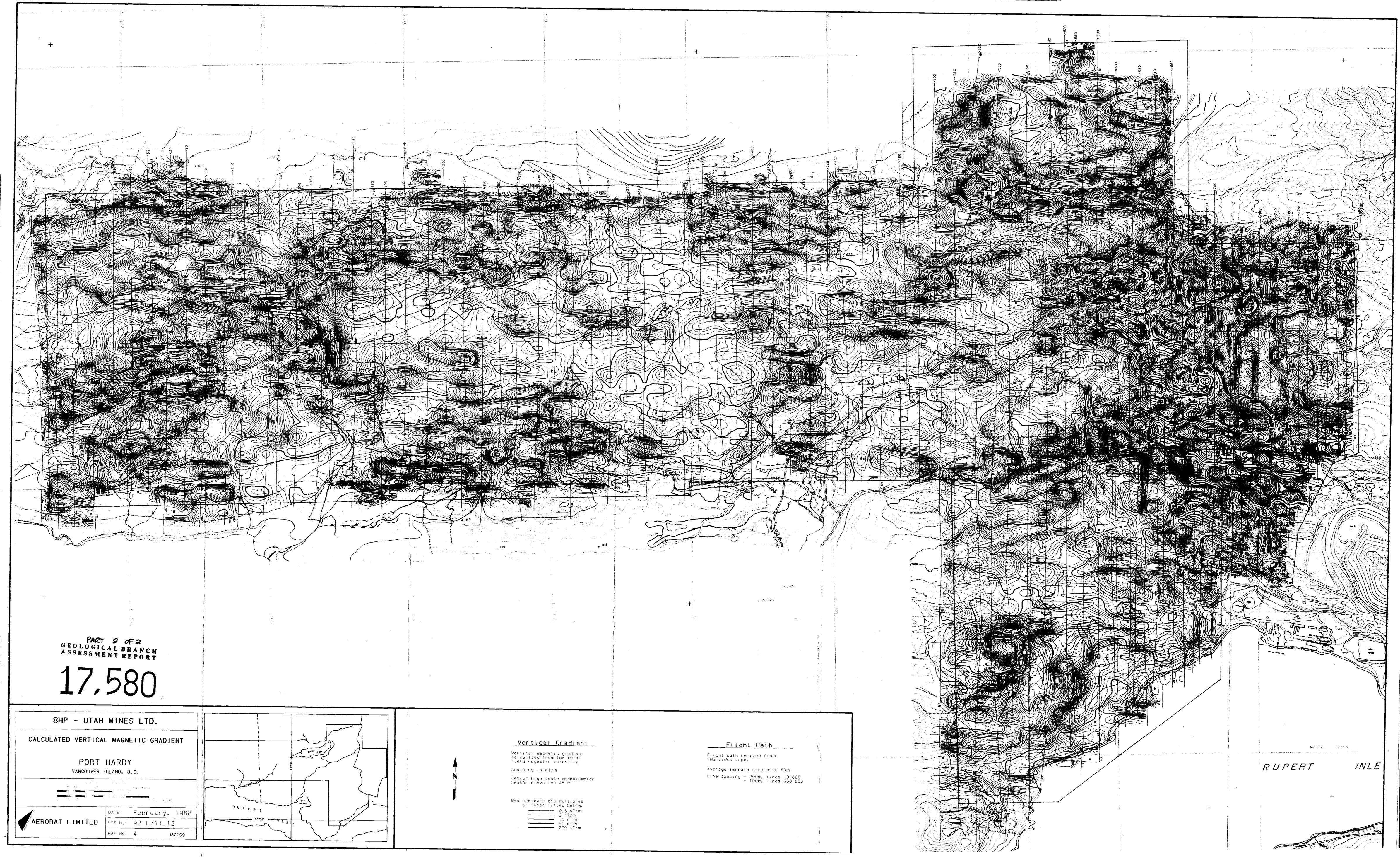
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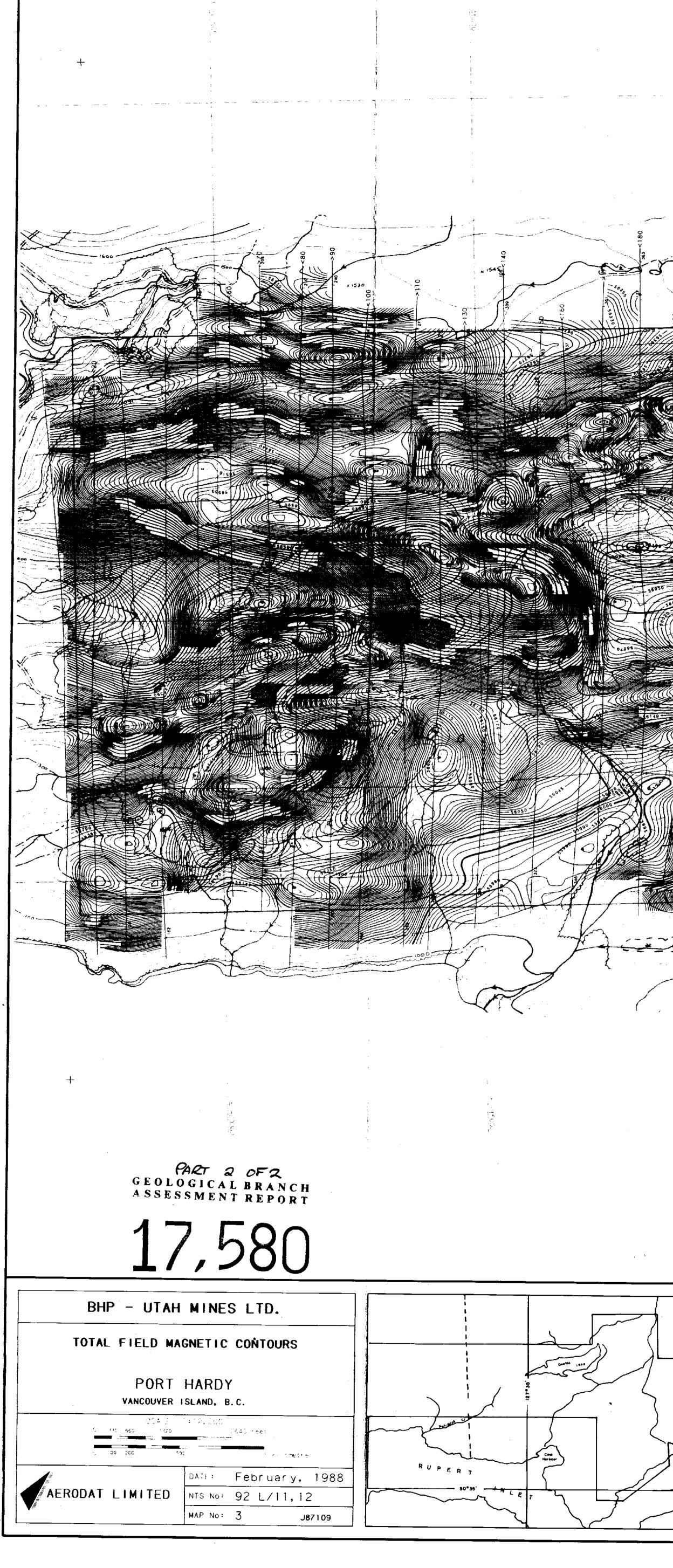












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