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# 3. AIRBORNE ELECTROMAGNETIC SURVEY INTERPRETATION MAP;

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report describes an airborne geophysical survey carried out on behalf of Winslow Gold Corporation by Aerodat Limited. Equipment operated included a four frequency electromagnetic system, a high sensitivity cesium vapour magnetometer, a two frequency VLF-EM system, a video tracking camera and a radar altimeter. Electromagnetic, magnetic and altimeter data were recorded both in digital and analog form. Recognizable topographic features were recorded on the flight path mosaic by the operator while in flight to facilitate later flight path recovery.

The survey area, comprising a single block of ground located approximately 50 kilometres northwest of Stewart, British Columbia, were flown during the period of January 4-8, 1989. Five flights were required to complete the survey flying with flight lines oriented in an east-west direction and flown at a nominal spacing of 250 metres. Coverage was considered to be well within the specifications described in the service contract. The data quality was good with only minor high frequency (32,000 Hz) noise which was partly removed during processing in the Aerodat's Mississauga office. For the interpretation purposes, the noise did not present any problems because it was easily recognized and differentiated from the electromagnetic responses.

The purpose of the survey was to record airborne geophysical data over and around the three claim blocks that are of interest to Winslow Gold Corporation.

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A total of 160 line kilometres of the recorded data were compiled in map form. The maps are presented as part of this report according to specifications laid out by Winslow Gold Corporation.

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# 2. SURVEY AREA LOCATION

The survey area is depicted on the index map shown below. It is centred at Latitude 56 degrees 35 minutes north, Longitude 130 degrees 42 minutes west, approximately 50 kilometres northwest of the town of Stewart, British Columbia (NTS Reference Map No. 104 B/10), in the Coast Mountains, near the B.C./Alaska border. The terrain is very rugged, varying from approximately 480 metres above sea level in the northwest part of the area to in excess of 1,770 metres above sea level in its castern portion.



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An Aerospatiale SA 315B Lama helicopter, (C-GXYM), owned and operated by Peace Helicopters Limited, was used for the survey. 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.

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## 3.2 Equipment

#### 3.2.1 Electromagnetic System

The electromagnetic system was an Aerodat 4-frequency system. Two vertical coaxial coil pairs were operated at 935 Hz and 4600 Hz and two horizontal coplanar coil pairs at 4175 Hz and 32000 Hz. The transmitter-receiver separation was 7 metres. Inphase and quadrature signals were measured simultaneously for the 4 frequencies with a time constant of 0.1 seconds. The electromagnetic bird was towed 30 metres below the helicopter.

### 3.2.2 VLF-EM System

The VLF-EM System was a Herz Totem 2A. This instrument measures the total field and quadrature components of two selected transmitters, preferably

oriented at right angles to one another. The sensor was towed in a bird 12 metres below the helicopter. The transmitters monitored were NLK, Jim Creek, Washington broadcasting at 24.8 kHz for the Line Station and NPM, Lualualei, Hawaii broadcasting at 23.4 kHz for the Orthogonal Station.

#### 3.2.3 Magnetometer

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The magnetometer employed was a Scintrex Model VIW-2321 H8 cesium, optically pumped magnetometer sensor. The sensitivity of this instrument was 0.1 nanoTeslas at a 0.2 second sampling rate. The sensor was towed in a bird 12 metres below the helicopter.

#### 3.2.4 Magnetic Base Station

An IFG-2 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.

## 3.2.5 Radar Altimeter

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

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# 3.2.6 Tracking Camera

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A Panasonic video tracking camera was used to record flight path on VHS video tape. Fiducial numbers and time reference marks, for cross reference to the analog and digital data were encoded on the video tape.

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# 3.2.7 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 were recorded:

Channel	Input	Scale
CXI1	935 Hz Coaxial Inphase	2.5 ppm/mm
CXQ1	935 Hz Coaxial Quadrature	2.5 ppm/mm
CXI2	4600 Hz Coaxial Inphase	2.5 ppm/mm
CXQ2	4600 Hz Coaxial Quadrature	2.5 ppm/mm
CPI1	4175 Hz Coplanar Inphase	10 ppm/mm
CPQ1	4175 Hz Coplanar Quadrature	10 ppm/mm
CPI2	32000 Hz Coplanar Inphase	20 ppm/mm
CPQ2	32000 Hz Coplanar Quadrature	20 ppm/mm
PWRL	Power Line	60 Hz
VLT	VLF-EM Total Field, Line	2.5% ppm/mm
VLQ	VLF-EM Quadrature, Line	2.5% ppm/mm
VOT	VLF-EM Total Field, Ortho	2.5% ppm/mm
VOQ	VLF-EM Quadrature, Ortho	2.5% ppm/mm

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Channel	Input	Scale
ALT	Altimeter	10 ft/mm
MAGF	Magnetometer, fine	2.5 nT/mm
MAGC	Magnetometer, coarse	25 nT/mm

# 3.2.8 Digital Recorder

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A DGR 33 data system recorded the survey on magnetic tape. Information recorded was as follows:

Equipment	<b>Recording Interval</b>
EM System	0.1 seconds
VLF-EM	0.2 seconds
Magnetometer	0.2 seconds
Altimeter	0.5 seconds

## 4. DATA PRESENTATION

#### 4.1 Base Map

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A topographic base map at a scale of 1:20,000 was prepared from a photo enlargement of an NTS 1:50,000 topography map and was presented on a screened mylar base.

## 4.2 Flight Path Map

The flight path for the survey area was recovered from the VHS Video Tracking Tapes by transferring the time at which the helicopter passed over a recognizable feature onto the photomosaic. These coordinates were then digitized into the database and formed the basis of the flight path data.

The flight path map showing all flight lines and electromagnetic anomalies is presented on a Cronaflex copy of the topographic base map, with time and navigator's manual fiducials for cross reference to both the analog and digital data.

### 4.3 Airborne Electromagnetic Anomaly Map

The electromagnetic data were recorded digitally at a sample rate of 10 per second with a time constant of 0.1 seconds. A two stage digital filtering process was carried out to reject major sferic events and to reduce system noise.

Local sferic activity can produce sharp, large amplitude events that cannot be removed by conventional filtering procedures. Smoothing or stacking will reduce their amplitude but leave a broader residual response that can be confused with geological phenomena. To avoid this possibility, a computer algorithm searches out and rejects the major sferic events.

The signal to noise ratio was further enhanced by the application of a low pass digital filter. It has zero phase shift which prevents any lag or peak displacement from occurring, and it suppresses only variations with a wavelength less than about 0.25 seconds. This low effective time constant permits maximum profile shape resolution.

Following the filtering process, a base level correction was made. The correction applied is a linear function of the ensures the corrected amplitude of the various inphase and quadrature components is zero when no conductive or permeable source is present. The filtered and levelled data were used in the interpretation of the electromagnetics.

An interpretation map was prepared showing peak locations of anomalies and conductivity thickness ranges along with the Inphase amplitudes (computed from the 4600 Hz coaxial response) and conductor axes. The anomalous responses of the

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four coil configurations along with the interpreted conductor axes were plotted on a Cronaflex copy of the topographic base map.

#### 4.4 Total Field Magnetic Contours

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The aeromagnetic data were corrected for diurnal variations by adjustment with the digitally recorded base station magnetic values. The corrected profile data were interpolated onto a regular grid at a 50 metre true scale interval using an Akima spline technique. The grid provided the basis for threading the presented contours at a 5 nanoTesla interval.

The contoured aeromagnetic data have been presented on a Cronaflex copy of the topographic base map.

#### 4.5 Vertical Magnetic Gradient Contours

The vertical magnetic gradient was calculated from the gridded total field magnetic data. Contoured at a 0.5 nT/m interval, the gradient data were presented on a Cronaflex copy of the topographic base map.

#### 4.6 Apparent Resistivity Contours

The electromagnetic information was processed to yield a map of the apparent resistivity of the ground. The approach taken in computing apparent resistivity

was to assume a model of a 200 metre thick conductive layer (i.e., effectively a half space) over a resistive bedrock. The computer then generated, from nomograms for this model, the resistivity that would be consistent with the bird elevation and recorded amplitude for the frequency pair used. The apparent resistivity profile data were interpolated onto a regular grid at a 50 metres true scale interval using an Akima spline technique.

The contoured apparent resistivity data were presented on a Cronaflex copy of the topographic base map.

#### 4.7 VLF-EM Total Field Contours

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The VLF-EM signals from NLK, Jim Creek, Washington broadcasting at 24.8 kHz. for the Line Station were compiled in contour map form and presented on a Cronaflex copy of the topographic base map.

## 4.8 Weight Percent Magnetite Content Contours

The electromagnetic information was processed to yield a map of the apparent magnetite content of the underlying rock expressed as a weight percent of magnetite per vertical foot.

The approach taken in computing apparent magnetite content was based on empirical relationships between the negative inphase response of the 4175 Hz coplanar system and the equivalent magnetite content required to produce the desired permeability contrasts in the bedrock. The method does not apply in situations involving remanent magnetism and breaks down where responses from a conductive (positive) component as well as a magnetic (negative) component are measured.

The contoured apparent Weight Percent Magnetite Content values together with flight path and fiducials were presented on a Cronaflex copy of the topographic base map.

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#### 5. INTERPRETATION

#### 5.1 Magnetics

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The magnetic field varies from approximately 57,300 nT to over 59,100 nT. The south part of the area is characterized by generally low amplitude slowly varying field, with vague suggestions of NNE trends. In contrast, the north portion of the block displays higher amplitude anomalies and frequently varying field. Prominent dike-like linear features occur. The most apparent of these anomalies is a northwesterly oriented linear anomaly extending from the west end of lines 2050 and 2060 toward the time mark 13:33:00 on line 2231. The anomaly terminates abruptly at this location. It correlates closely with Snippaker Creek valley which may be significant but at the present time this correlation is unexplained. The Snippaker Creek valley continues further southwest, but no correlating magnetic anomaly is evident on the total field map past line 2231. Instead, a weak magnetic anomaly is seen to continue parallel to the Creek valley under a ridge bordering an icefield.

At the south extent of this prominent linear magnetic anomaly, the patterns become complex, displaying change of preferred direction from northwesterly to ESE-WNW. The latter trend may strike nearly parallel to the flight lines which would account for the difficulty in portraying the magnetic patterns. The two magnetic anomalies are believed to reflect two different intrusions(?) which may have occurred along zones of weakness. The calculated vertical magnetic gradient map defines better the individual magnetic anomalies which, in turn, emphasizes the difference between the magnetically active north part and the quiet central part of the area. The geologic implications of these differences cannot be fully assessed from the present data. Further processing using enhancement techniques, such as apparent susceptibility mapping and shadow mapping should be considered.

At places, high concentrations of magnetite have caused the inphase EM channels to produce negative responses, the best example of which is seen on line 2140 near the time mark 10:51:20. Using the electromagnetic information, an estimate of the percent of magnetite can be arrived at and the information can be presented in the map form. Such a map is included with the report.

### 5.2 Total Field VLF-EM

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The NLK, Jim Creek, Washington, transmitter which operates at a frequency of 24.8 kHz, and occurs at an azimuth of 144 degrees, was monitored during the survey. This transmitter will preferentially energize conductors striking within +/-30 degrees of its azimuth.

The VLF-EM responses in most of the area are very weak and display low amplitudes. Exceptions occur in the southern part of the area. Due to the poor

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definition of the VLF-EM responses, the usefulness of the VLF-EM anomaly map is somewhat limited. For example, the correlation of VLF and magnetic data cannot be fully established.

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## 5.3 Apparent Resistivity

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The apparent resistivity values were calculated from the 4,175 Hz EM data. The lowest calculated values are close to 120 ohm-m, the high values are limited to 4,000 ohm-m which is the upper detection limit of the system at 4,175 Hz.

Main feature of the resistivity map is an irregularly shaped low resistivity zone which extends through the central part of the area in an approximately east-west direction. For most of its length, the zone approximates the east-west oriented magnetic high discussed earlier. Closer examination of the EM responses shows that this zone does not contain EM responses which may be attributable to typical thin sheet bedrock conductors. However, conductors parallel to the flight lines may occur which are not recognized on the EM channels. The west portion of the zone is associated with well defined bedrock conductors. Similarly, a narrow low resistivity zone situated between the time mark 13:42:35 on line 2251 and the time mark 10:08:47 on line 2290 is associated with EM responses due to thin sheet bedrock conductor.

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# 5.4 Electromagnetics

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The electromagnetic data was first checked by a line-to-line examination of the analog records. Record quality was generally good with only minor noise levels, primarily on the 32,000 Hz coplanar traces.

The electromagnetic anomalies were selected by the writer from the analog and digital profiles. The anomaly axes were assigned wherever possible, based on the similarity of the EM response on adjacent lines and taking into account the general magnetic trends.

The EM anomalies that have been selected within the survey block, fall into the low-to-intermediate conductance category. The group I conductors were located over a northeasterly striking ridge bordered from the west by the Snippaker Creek valley and from the east by an icefield. They show relatively good line-to-line correlation but little magnetic correlation. Their ground follow-up is recommended.

Group II is situated in the south central part of the area. The conductor has produced a narrow low resistivity zone and shows correlation with magnetics, particularly on lines 2261 and 2271. Ground follow-up is recommended.

#### 6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Results of the present airborne geophysical survey indicate that the area is underlain by complex geology. A narrow magnetic anomaly was located in the north part of the block which extends in a southeasterly direction toward the central part of the area. Second narrow magnetic anomaly was detected which extends east of the first one in an easterly direction, probably parallel to the flight lines. Both anomalies are believed to occur along a zone of weakness and may reflect dikes.

Not much structural information could be obtained from the present data. Further processing and the use of enhancement techniques is recommended. Good knowledge of the structural setting in the area is believed to be essential because in many instances mineralization occurs in association with structural features, such as faults and/or shears.

Conductors indicated on the interpretation maps are generally weak-to-intermediate but they appear to be of bedrock origin. Their follow-up is recommended but should depend on the

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#### APPENDIX I

# **GENERAL INTERPRETIVE CONSIDERATIONS**

#### Electromagnetic

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The Aerodat four frequency system utilizes two different transmitter-receiver coil geometries. The traditional coaxial coil configuration is operated at two widely separated frequencies and the horizontal coplanar coil pair is operated at a frequency approximately aligned with one of the coaxial frequencies.

The electromagnetic response measured by the helicopter system is a function of the "electrical" and "geometrical" properties of the conductor. The "electrical" property of a conductor is determined largely by its electrical conductivity, magnetic susceptibility and its size and shape; the "geometrical" property of the response is largely a function of the conductor's shape and orientation with respect to the measuring transmitter and receiver.

#### **Electrical Considerations**

For a given conductive body the measure of its conductivity or conductance is closely related to the measured phase shift between the received and transmitted electromagnetic field. A small phase shift indicates a relatively high conductance, a large phase shift lower conductance. A small phase shift indicates a relatively high conductance, a large phase shift lower conductance. A small phase shift results in a large inphase to quadrature ratio and a large phase shift a low ratio. This relationship is shown quantitatively for a non-magnetic vertical half-plane model on the accompanying phasor diagram. Other physical models will show the same trend but different quantitative relationships.

correlation of the results of the present survey with a workable geologic model. The survey results should be compiled on a common base containing all types of other information, including geology, geochemistry, and other geophysics. Target areas should be selected based on the mutual correlation of all the data.

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The phasor diagram for the vertical half-plane model, as presented, is for the coaxial coil configuration with the amplitudes in parts per million (ppm) of the primary field as measured at the response peak over the conductor. To assist the interpretation of the survey results the computer is used to identify the apparent conductance and depth at selected anomalies. The results of this calculation are presented in table form in Appendix II and the conductance and inphase amplitude are presented in symbolized form on the map presentation.

The conductance and depth values as presented are correct only as far as the model approximates the real geological situation. The actual geological source may be of limited length, have significant dip, may be strongly magnetic, its conductivity and thickness may vary with depth and/or strike and adjacent bodies and overburden may have modified the response. In general the conductance estimate is less affected by these limitations than is the depth estimate, but both should be considered as relative rather than absolute guides to the anomaly's properties.

Conductance in mhos is the reciprocal of resistance in ohms and in the case of narrow slab-like bodies is the product of electrical conductivity and thickness.

Most overburden will have an indicated conductance of less than 2 mhos; however, more conductive clays may have an apparent conductance of say 2 to 4 mhos. Also in the low conductance range will be electrolytic conductors in faults and shears.

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The higher ranges of conductance, greater than 4 mhos, indicate that a significant fraction of the electrical conduction is electronic rather than electrolytic in nature. Materials that conduct electronically are limited to certain metallic sulphides and to graphite. High conductance anomalies, roughly 10 mhos or greater, are generally limited to sulphide or graphite bearing rocks.

Sulphide minerals, with the exception of such ore minerals as sphalerite, cinnabar and stibnite, are good conductors; sulphides may occur in a disseminated manner that inhibits electrical conduction through the rock mass. In this case the apparent conductance can seriously underrate the quality of the conductor in geological terms. In a similar sense the relatively non-conducting sulphide minerals noted above may be present in significant consideration in association with minor conductive sulphides, and the electromagnetic response only relate to the minor associated mineralization. Indicated conductance is also of little direct significance for the identification of gold mineralization. Although gold is highly conductive, it would not be expected to exist in sufficient quantity to create a recognizable anomaly, but minor accessory sulphide mineralization could provide a useful indirect indication.

In summary, the estimated conductance of a conductor can provide a relatively positive identification of significant sulphide or graphite mineralization; however, a moderate to low conductance value does not rule out the possibility of significant economic mineralization.

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#### **Geometrical Considerations**

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Geometrical information about the geologic conductor can often be interpreted from the profile shape of the anomaly. The chance in shape is primarily related to the change in inductive coupling among the transmitter, the target, and the receiver.

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In the case of a thin, steeply dipping, sheet-like conductor, the coaxial coil pair will yield a near symmetric peak over the conductor. On the other hand, the coplanar coil pair will pass through a null couple relationship and yield a minimum over the conductor, flanked by positive side lobes. As the dip of the conductor decreased from vertical, the coaxial anomaly shape changes only slightly, but in the case of the coplanar coil pair the side lobe on the down dip side strengthens relative to that on the up dip side.

As the thickness of the conductor increases, induced current flow across the thickness of the conductor becomes relatively significant and complete null coupling with the coplanar coils is no longer possible. As a result, the apparent minimum of the coplanar response over the conductor diminishes with increasing thickness, and in the limiting case of a fully 3 dimensional body or a horizontal layer or half-space, the minimum disappears completely.

A horizontal conducting layer such as overburden will produce a response in the coaxial and coplanar coils that is a function of altitude (and conductivity if not uniform). The profile shape will be similar in both coil configurations with an amplitude ratio (coplanar:coaxial) of about 4:1\*. In the case of a spherical conductor, the induced currents are confined to the volume of the sphere, but not relatively restricted to any arbitrary plane as in the case of a sheet-like form. The response of the coplanar coil pair directly over the sphere may be up to 8\* times greater than that of the coaxial pair.

In summary, a steeply dipping, sheet-like conductor will display a decrease in the coplanar response coincident with the peak of the coaxial response. The relative strength of this coplanar null is related inversely to the thickness of the conductor; a pronounced null indicates a relatively thin conductor. The dip of such a conductor can be inferred from the relative amplitudes of the side-lobes.

Massive conductors that could be approximated by a conducting sphere will display a simple single peak profile form on both coaxial and coplanar coils, with a ratio between the coplanar to coaxial response amplitudes as high as 8\*.

Overburden anomalies often produce broad poorly defined anomaly profiles. In most cases, the response of the coplanar coils closely follows that of the coaxial coils with a relative amplitude ration of 4\*.

Occasionally, if the edge of an overburden zone is sharply defined with some significant depth extent, an edge effect will occur in the coaxial coils. In the case of a horizontal

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conductive ring or ribbon, the coaxial response will consist of two peaks, one over each edge; whereas the coplanar coil will yield a single peak.

\* It should be noted at this point that Aerodat's definition of the measured ppm unit is related to the primary field sensed in the receiving coil without normalization to the maximum coupled (coaxial configuration). If such normalization were applied to the Aerodat units, the amplitude of the coplanar coil pair would be halved.

### **Magnetics**

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The Total Field Magnetic Map shows contours of the total magnetic field, uncorrected for regional variation. Whether an EM anomaly with a magnetic correlation is more likely to be caused by a sulphide deposit than one without depends on the type of mineralization. An apparent coincidence between an EM and a magnetic anomaly may be caused by a conductor which is also magnetic, or by a conductor which lies in close proximity to a magnetic body. The majority of conductors which are also magnetic are sulphides containing pyrrhotite and/or magnetite. Conductive and magnetic bodies in close association can be, and often are, graphite and magnetic. It is often very difficult to distinguish between these cases. If the conductor is also magnetic, it will usually produce an EM anomaly whose general pattern resembles that of the magnetics. Depending on the magnetic permeability of the conductivity is also weak, the inphase EM anomaly may even be reversed in sign.

# **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 measurable 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 to depend 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

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favourably oriented with respect 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

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

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Estimated depth may be unreliable because the stronger part of the conductor may be deeper or to one side of the flight line, or because of a shallow dip or overburden effects.

#### APPENDIX III

#### **CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- 1. I hold a PhD in Geophysics from Charles University, Czechoslovakia having graduated in 1967.
- 2. I reside at 146 Three Valleys Drive, in the town of Don Mills, Ontario.

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- 3. I have been continuously engaged in both professional and managerial roles in the minerals industry in Canada and abroad for the past 19 years.
- 4. I have been an active member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists since 1978 and a member of KEGS since 1978.
- 5. The accompanying report was prepared from information published by government agencies, materials supplied by Winslow Gold Corporation and from a review of the proprietary airborne geophysical survey flown by Aerodat Limited for Winslow Gold Corporation. I have not personally visited the property.
- 6. I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the property described nor do I hold securities in Winslow Gold Corporation.

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# APPENDIX IV

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