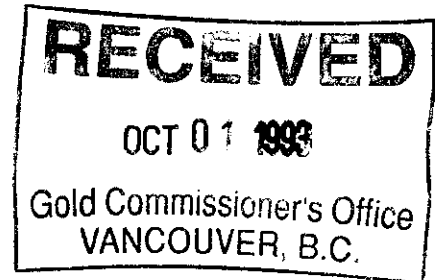


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TRENCHING AND GEOCHEMICAL SURVEY REPORT

QFP CLAIM GROUP

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**GEOLOGICAL BRANCH  
ASSESSMENT REPORT**

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## INTRODUCTION

The QFP claims are located in the Fraser Plateau, central British Columbia.

Access to the property is via the Nazko road to Marmot Lake, from there to the Baezaeko River via the Michelle Creek and Coglistiko River logging roads, a distance of about 120 km west from Quesnel.

The terrain is typified by rolling forested hills and plateaux which are extensively covered by glacial drift. Annual rainfall is slight to moderate, and drainages are commonly intermittent and swampy. Lodgepole pine is the dominant tree type with lesser amounts of Douglas fir occurring on dry slopes and spruce growing along creeks and swamps. Underbrush is scant and consists primarily of alder and various species of willow.

The QFP claim was staked on August 17, 1989 and the QFP 2 claim was staked on November 2, 1990.

Field work was performed between July 19, 1993 and July 22, 1993. During this time three hand-dug trenches were excavated, 475 metres of line were cut and chained, and 6 soil, 3 rock and 12 biogeochem samples were collected.

## DISCUSSION

### Property Geology

An assemblage of marine/fluviial sediments, probably belonging to the L. Jurassic *Hazelton Group*, underlies the peripheral parts of the property. These sediments are calcareous, friable and generally recessive weathering. The center of the property is underlain by a quartz eye rhyolite porphyry stock of probable Eocene age.

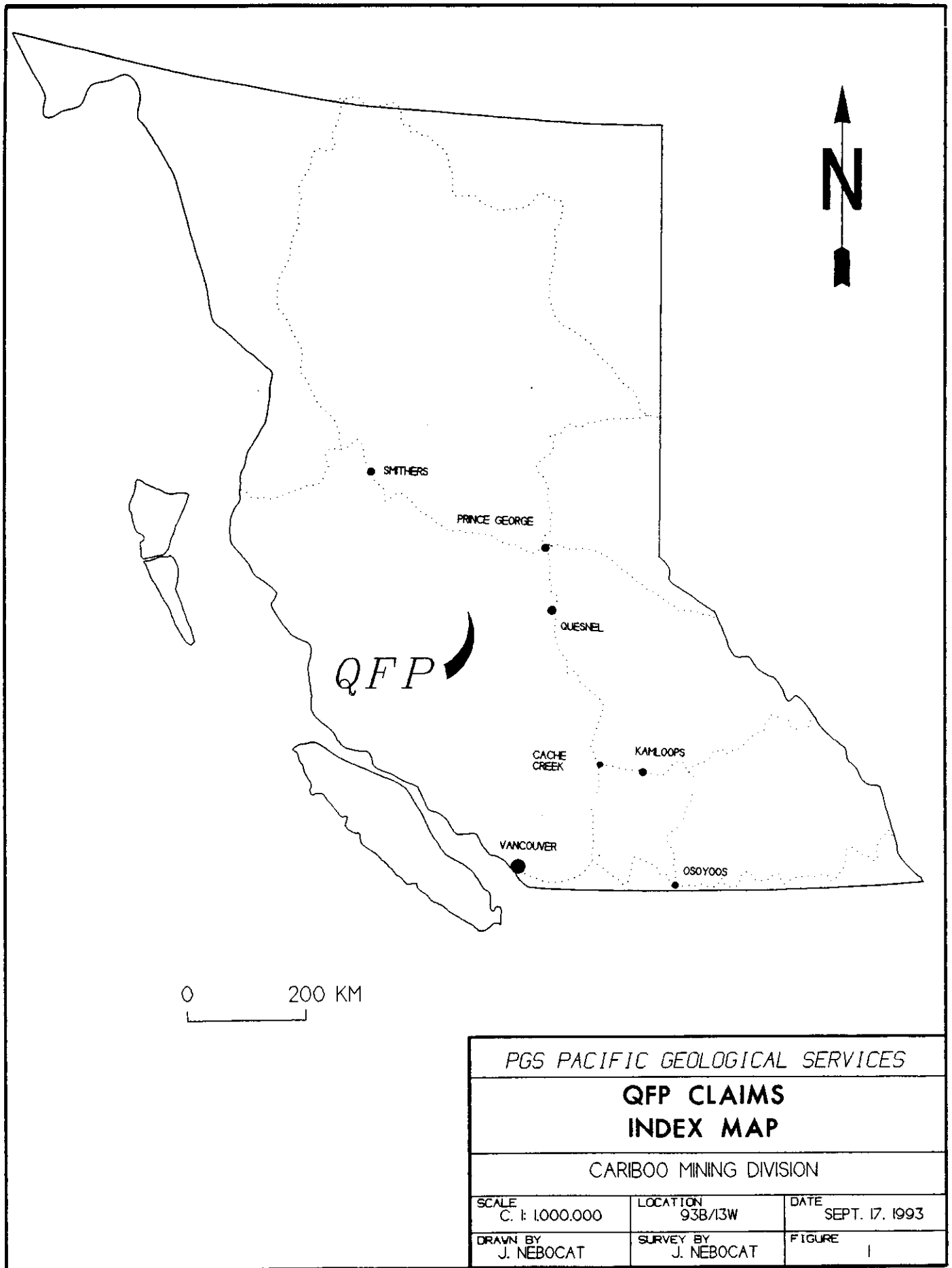
The property seems to straddle a zone of major block faulting with a basement *Stikine Terrane (Hazelton Group)* horst to the west and younger Tertiary volcanics down-dropped to the east.

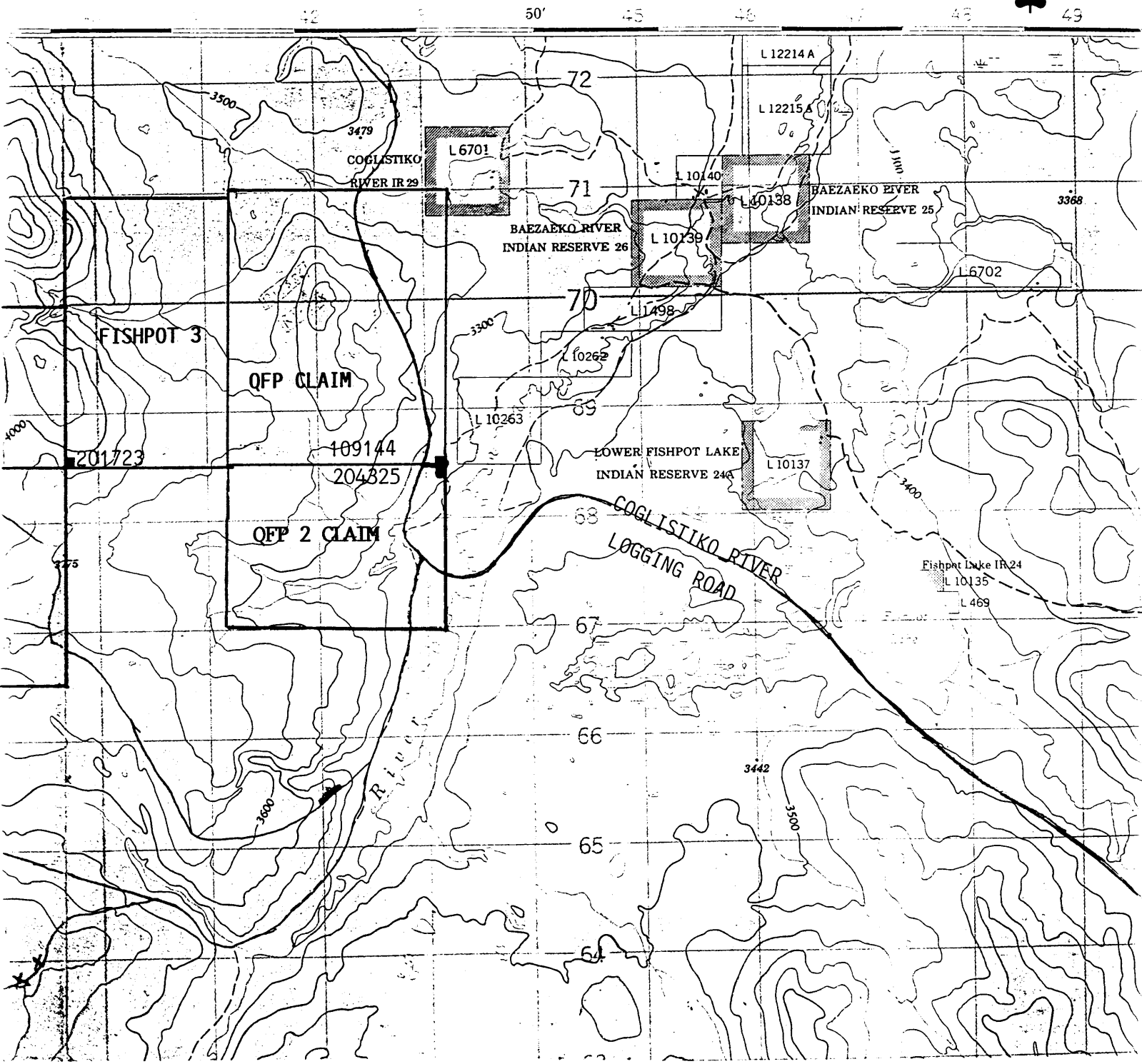
### TRENCHING

Three trenches were dug using picks and shovels in an attempt to penetrate the glacial till near the projected contacts between the quartz feldspar porphyry and the overlying chert pebble conglomerate pendant. It was hoped that mineralized conglomerate, similar to that found in the talus scree in 1990, would be exposed at or near the contacts.

#### Trench A (10131N, 9018E)

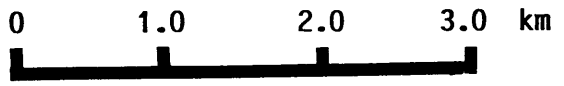
This trench is near the projected contact between the porphyry and the overlying conglomerate near the crest of the east slope of the hill (see *Figure 3*). The trench is about 3 metres long and ranges from 0.5 metres to 1.5 metres in depth. No definite outcrop was exposed, but numerous





**QFP CLAIM LOCATION**

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93B/13W July 19, 1992 Figure 2

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boulders of the chert pebble conglomerate were unearthed. Outcrop occurs about 10 m to 15 m uphill from here.

The conglomerate is limonitic and ankeritic. Syngenetic pyrite is common within the chert clasts, but some disseminated and fracture-coated pyrite also occurs in the matrix. Quartz veins clearly crosscut the clasts as well as the matrix and presumably are related to the quartz-rich intrusive.

The "B" horizon, "C" horizon and the underlying bedrock, or colluvium in this case, was sampled in each trench. The "B" sample was collected about 20 cm below the surface, the "C" sample about 1.0 m to 1.2 m below surface. No significant values in Au, Ag, or indicator/base metals were obtained in any of these samples; the values for Au, As and Sb are shown on Figure 3.

#### Trench B (10143N, 8845E)

This trench is on the western slope of the hill above the conglomerate/porphyry contact. It is about 3 metres long and less than 0.5 metres deep. Conglomerate was exposed along the entire trench.

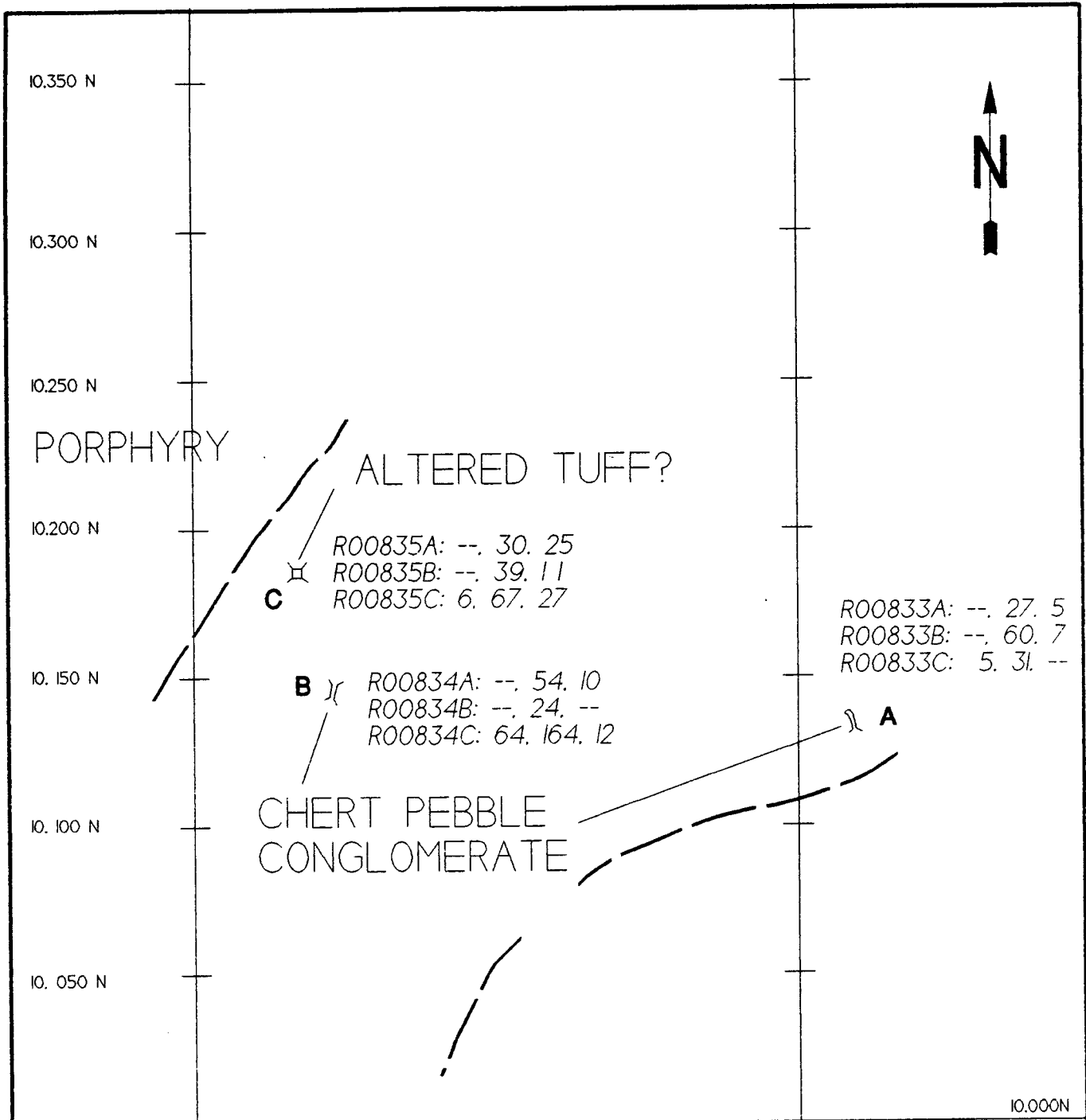
The conglomerate looks essentially the same except it is more friable than at Trench A. There appears to be a little less pyrite but an abundance of a nickel-green, waxy mineral--possibly fuchsite or mariposite.

The analyses were low but show a slight increase in Au and As values in the "C" horizon: 64 ppb and 164 ppm, respectively.

#### Trench C (10185N, 8833E)

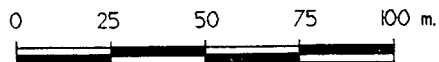
This small pit, roughly 1 metre square, is located about 15 metres from the quartz feldspar porphyry contact. The rock is fine grained, chalky-white to beige, soft and unsilicified. It is (was?) probably a greywacke, or equivalent, prior to argillic alteration. This unit appears to be a bed sitting stratigraphically beneath the chert conglomerate exposed in Trench B.

No significant values were obtained from this rock unit.



LEGEND

ROCK SAMPLE      XXXX A: PPB AU, PPM AS, PPM SB  
 SOIL SAMPLE (B)    XXXX B: PPB AU, PPM AS, PPM SB  
 SOIL SAMPLE (C)    XXXX C: PPB AU, PPM AS, PPM SB



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<b>SOIL, ROCK SAMPLES: TRENCHES</b>		
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### BIOGEOCHEM SURVEY

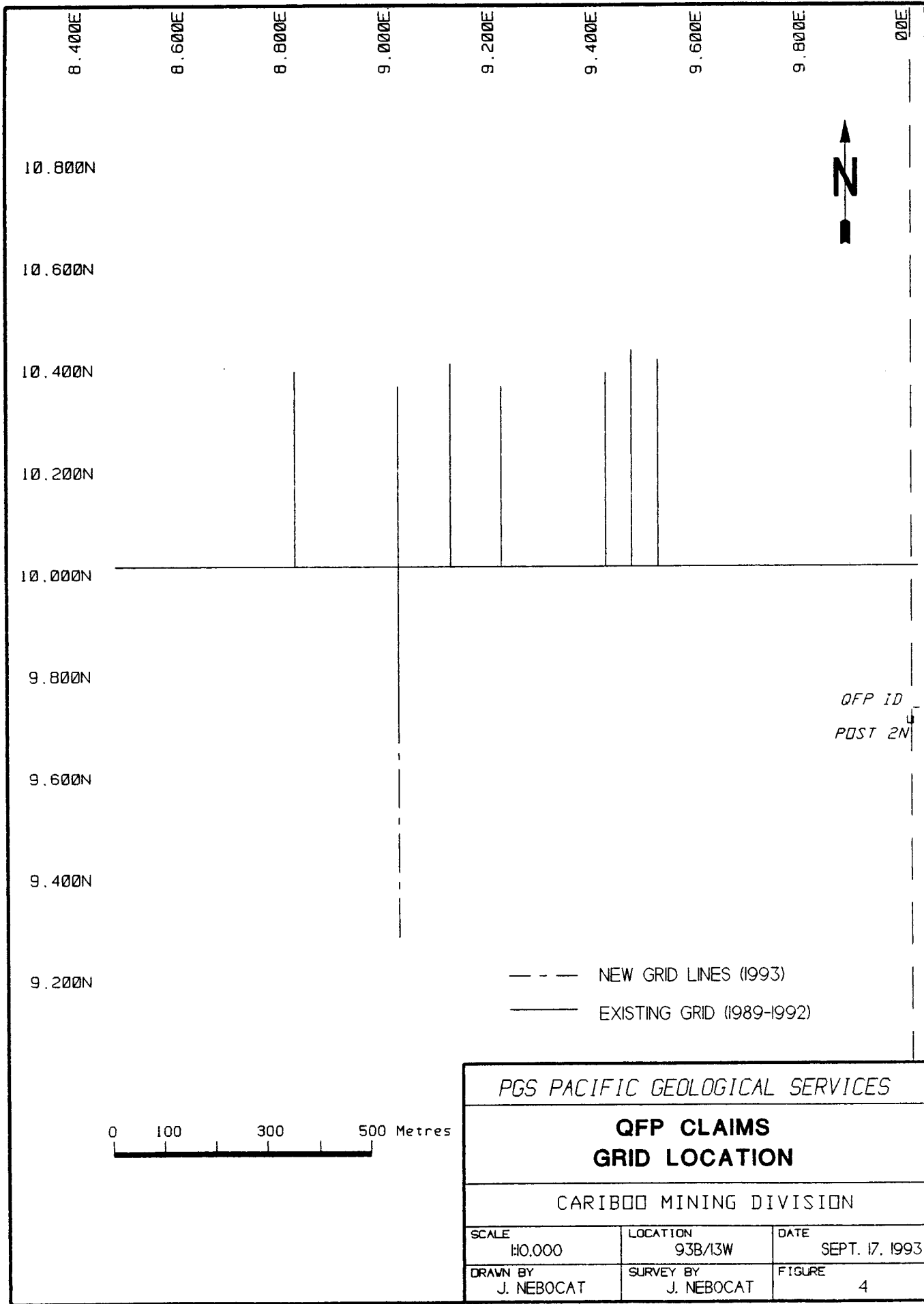
A closer examination of the mineralized conglomerate found near line 9100E, which assayed 0.111 opt Au, suggests that this material was glacially-transported from some point south and west of its location. The bedrock underlying this site and on two benches uphill from it is intrusive. The intervening topography and distance from the roof pendant makes it an unlikely source for the mineralized float.

An additional 475 metres of line was cut on L9000E, between 9275N and 9750N.

Twelve samples of pine bark were collected at 100 metre intervals along line 9000E from 9300N to 9900N and along line 10000N from 8600E to 9000E. The samples were analyzed for multi-elements using the neutron activation technique. It was hoped that these perpendicular lines, up-ice from the mineralized float, would bracket its source, but no anomalous values in Au, indicator metals or base metals were obtained.

The grid lines and the values for the Au in pine bark are shown in Figures 4 and 5, respectively.



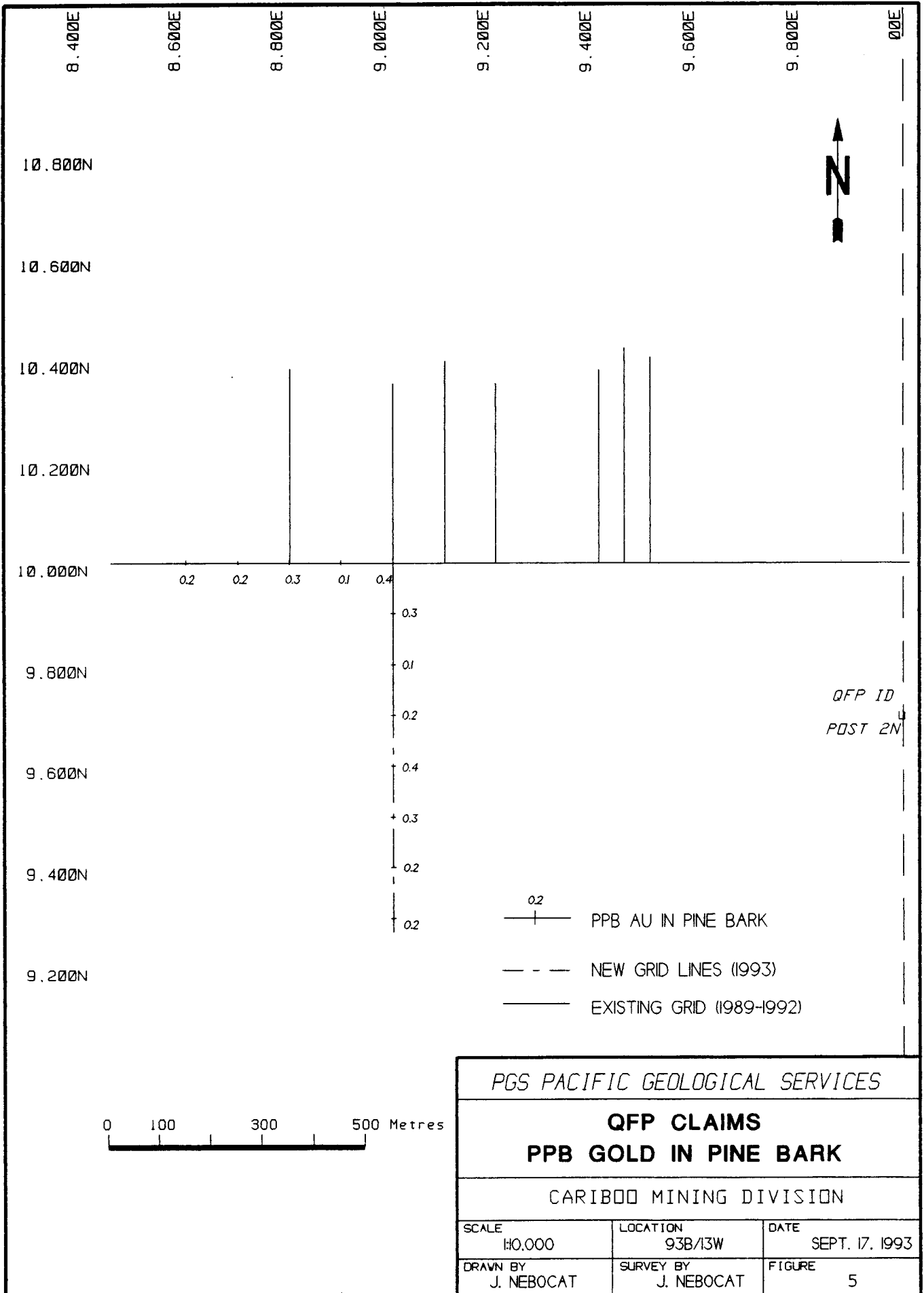


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--- NEW GRID LINES (1993)  
— EXISTING GRID (1989-1992)

0 100 300 500 Metres

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## CONCLUSIONS

1. The hand trenching program failed to find any mineralized bedrock at or near the contact between the quartz feldspar porphyry and the overlying chert pebble conglomerate pendant.
2. The biogeochem sampling program, designed to explore for the up-ice source of the mineralized float, failed to yield anomalies in any element.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

In light of the negative results of this survey, particularly in the difficulty of find the source of the mineralized float, no further work is recommended for this property.

  
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STATEMENT OF COSTS

<i>Labour:</i>	John Nebocat - July 18-23, Sept. 16, 17, 1993 8 days @ \$250/day	\$2000.00
	Gary Roste - July 19-21, 1993 3 days @ \$200/day	\$ 600.00
<i>Gas, oil, repairs:</i>		\$ 222.30
<i>Groceries and Meals:</i>		\$ 253.30
<i>Accommodations:</i>		\$ 157.16
<i>Analyses:</i>	3 rocks, 6 soils for Au by FA-AA and 30 element ICP; 12 pine bark samples for 35 element neutron activation analysis.	\$ 347.48
<i>Hardware &amp; Supplies:</i>		\$ 54.56
<i>Reproductions, Plotting:</i>		\$ 53.50
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b><u>\$3688.31</u></b>

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

I, John Nebocat, residing at #13 - 230 West 14th. Street, North Vancouver, British Columbia, declare that:

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3. I am a registered Professional Engineer with the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia.
4. I carried out the work described within this report



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APPENDIX I

Soil, Rock and Biogeochem  
Sample Analyses



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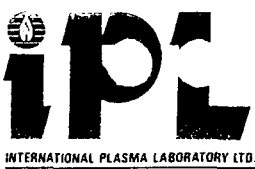
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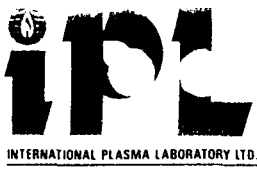
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10000N 8600E	0.2	<0.3	0.11	11	2.0	0.66	0.2	<0.3	<0.05	0.011	<0.05	0.05	<0.1	0.08	0.08	40.1	<2	<1	0.014	0.03	<0.1	23	<0.05	<0.1
10000N 8700E	0.2	<0.3	0.12	8	2.0	0.58	0.1	0.3	<0.05	0.010	<0.05	0.08	<0.1	0.08	<0.05	35.7	<2	<1	0.021	0.03	<0.1	21	<0.05	<0.1
10000N 8800E	0.3	<0.3	0.12	5	1.2	0.50	<0.1	0.3	<0.05	0.006	<0.05	<0.05	<0.1	0.10	<0.05	25.1	<2	<1	0.010	0.02	<0.1	17	<0.05	<0.1
10000N 8900E	0.1	<0.3	0.10	6	1.7	0.69	0.1	0.4	<0.05	0.016	<0.05	0.07	<0.1	0.08	0.07	56.2	<2	<1	0.015	0.05	<0.1	18	<0.05	<0.1
10000N 9000E	0.4	<0.3	0.18	8	3.3	0.65	0.2	0.5	<0.05	0.025	0.05	0.15	<0.1	0.11	0.17	93.5	<2	<1	0.032	0.08	<0.1	29	<0.05	<0.1

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Sample description	U PPM	W PPM	ZN PPM	LA PPM	CE PPM	ND PPM	SM PPM	EU PPM	TB PPM	YB PPM	LU PPM	Mass g
9300N 9000E	<0.01	<0.05	25	0.06	<0.3	<0.5	<0.01	<0.05	<0.1	0.009	0.001	15.05
9400N 9000E	<0.01	<0.05	30	0.06	<0.3	<0.5	<0.01	<0.05	<0.1	0.007	0.002	15.06
9500N 9000E	<0.01	<0.05	28	0.04	<0.3	<0.5	<0.01	<0.05	<0.1	<0.005	<0.001	15.24
9600N 9000E	<0.01	<0.05	31	0.04	<0.3	<0.5	<0.01	<0.05	<0.1	<0.005	<0.001	15.47
9700N 9000E	<0.01	<0.05	38	0.05	<0.3	<0.5	<0.01	<0.05	<0.1	<0.005	<0.001	15.30
9800N 9000E	0.02	<0.05	35	0.09	<0.3	<0.5	0.01	<0.05	<0.1	0.023	0.002	15.16
9900N 9000E	<0.01	<0.05	44	0.07	<0.3	<0.5	0.01	<0.05	<0.1	0.013	<0.001	15.25
10000N 8600E	<0.01	<0.05	41	0.06	<0.3	<0.5	0.01	<0.05	<0.1	0.009	<0.001	15.22
10000N 8700E	<0.01	<0.05	33	0.05	<0.3	<0.5	<0.01	<0.05	<0.1	<0.005	<0.001	15.40
10000N 8800E	<0.01	<0.05	28	0.04	<0.3	<0.5	<0.01	<0.05	<0.1	<0.005	<0.001	15.05
10000N 8900E	<0.01	<0.05	33	0.06	<0.3	<0.5	0.01	<0.05	<0.1	0.010	<0.001	15.25
10000N 9000E	<0.01	<0.05	41	0.13	<0.3	<0.5	0.02	<0.05	<0.1	0.020	0.002	15.66

APPENDIX II

Description of Analytical Procedures

Method of Gold analysis by Fire Assay / AAS

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- (a) 20.0 to 30.0 grams of sample is mixed with a combination of fluxes in a fusion pot. The sample is then fused at high temperature to form a lead "button".
- (b) The precious metals are extracted by cupellation. Any Silver is dissolved by nitric acid and decanted. The gold bead is then dissolved in boiling concentrated aqua regia solution heated by a hot water bath.
- (c) The gold in solution is determined with an Atomic Absorption Spectrometer. The gold value, in parts per billion, is calculated by comparison with a set of known gold standards.

QUALITY CONTROL

Every fusion of 24 pots contains 22 samples, one internal standard or blank, and a random reweigh of one of the samples. Samples with anomalous gold values greater than 500 ppb are automatically checked by Fire Assay/AA methods. Samples with gold values greater than 10000 ppb are automatically checked by Fire Assay/Gravimetric methods.

## Method of ICP Multi-element Analyses

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- (a) 0.50 grams of sample is digested with diluted aqua regia solution by heating in a hot water bath for 90 minutes, then cooled, bulked up to a fixed volume with demineralized water, and thoroughly mixed.
  
  - (b) The specific elements are determined using an Inductively Coupled Argon Plasma spectrophotometer. All elements are corrected for inter-element interference. All data are subsequently stored onto computer diskette.
- \* Aqua regia leaching is partial for Al, Ba, Ca, Cr, Fe, K, Mg, Mn, Na, P, Sn, Sr and W.

### QUALITY CONTROL

The machine is calibrated using six known standards and a blank. Another blank, which was digested with the samples, and a standard are tested before any samples to confirm the calibration. A maximum of 20 samples are analysed, and then a standard, also digested with the samples, is run. A known standard with characteristics best matching the samples is chosen and tested. Another 20 samples are analysed, with the last one being a random reweigh of one of the samples. The standard used at the beginning is rerun. This procedure is repeated for all of the samples.



Method of Silver & Gold Analyses by Fire Assay

- (a) 1/4 to 1 assay tonne of the pulp sample is mixed with a combination of fluxes in a fusion pot and fused at a high temperature to form a lead "button".
- (b) The precious metals are extracted by cupellation and weighed as a dore bead. The silver is then dissolved with diluted nitric acid and decanted.
- (c) The resulting gold bead is annealed and weighed using a Sartorius micro-balance. The weight lost from the original bead is used to calculate the silver content. Both the silver and the gold are reported in Ounces per short tonne (OPT).

QUALITY CONTROL

- Every fusion of 24 pots contains 22 samples, one internal standard or blank, and a random reweigh of one of the samples.
- Anomalous gold values greater than 0.2 OPT and silver values greater than 1.0 OPT are automatically checked.
- Any indication of other precious metals is noted on the final report.