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GROUND TOTAL MAGNETIC SURVEY FIELD AND HLEM SURVEY AT THE LESTER JONES BLOCK RED CAP PROPERTY, TULSEQUAH AREA, NORTH WESTERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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<u>CLAIM</u>	OWNERSHIP	
KAP 9-10	XPLORER GOLD CORP.	100%
KING 2-5	XPLORER GOLD CORP.	100%

Centred at: 58°43'N, 133°09'W NTS: 104 K/11 Mining District: Atlin Date: March 16, 1998

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY BRANCH



SUMMARY

Ground total magnetic field and horizontal loop electromagnetic field (HLEM) surveys were conducted on the Red Cap property south of Atlin, BC from March 2 to 8, 1998. The surveys were conducted to identify and to possibly delineate the flat lying Stuhini volcanics and to possibly locate mineralization associated with this unit based on the geophysical responses. HLEM surveys were conducted using a coil spacing of 100 metres, station spacing of 25 metres, and reading frequencies of 222, 888, and 3555 Hz. Total magnetic field surveys were conducted over the same grid with a station spacing of 12.5 metres. A total of 5.075 line-km were gridded and surveyed on the Lester Jones grid.

In total two anomalies were identified on the Lester Jones grid. Anomaly LJ-1 is associated with a magnetic high at 425E. This high is laterally continuous at 425E on all four survey lines.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Amerok Geosciences Ltd. was retained by Xplorer Gold Corp. to conduct horizontal loop electromagnetic field (HLEM) and ground total magnetic field surveys on the Red Cap Property south of Atlin, BC. A total of 5.075 line-km were surveyed on the Lester Jones block from March 2 to 8, 1998 to locate a Besshi-type volcanogenic massive sulphide mineralized deposit. This report describes the surveyed performed, the data, and the results and interpretation.

2.0 LOCATION AND ACCESS

The Lester Jones block of the Red Cap Property is situated within the Atlin mining district, northern British Columbia and is located within the area bounded by 58°50'N, 133°20'W and 58°42'N, 133°05'W. The property is located approximately 93 kilometres south south-east of Atlin, BC (see figure 1). Access to the property is by helicopter from Atlin.

3.0 PROPERTY

The Lester Jones block consists of the following claims; Kap 9-10 and King 2-5 (Figure 2). The Lester Jones block is located within the Red Cap Property which is bounded by the Taku River to the northwest, the Zohini Creek to the south, and by Lisadele Lake to the southeast. The grid location of the Lester Jones block is shown in Figure 3. The claims are described as follows:

<u>Claim</u>	<u>Tenure No.</u>	Ownership (percentage)	Expiry date ¹	<u>Units</u>
King 2	345071	Xplorer Gold Corp. (100%)	98/03/28	20
King 3	345072	Xplorer Gold Corp. (100%)	98/03/28	20
King 4	345073	Xplorer Gold Corp. (100%)	98/03/28	20
King 5	345074	Xplorer Gold Corp. (100%)	98/03/28	12
Kap 9	354998	Xplorer Gold Corp. (100%)	98/04/14	16
Kap 10	354999	Xplorer Gold Corp. (100%)	98/04/14	12

¹Expiry dates as of March 25, 1998 per information provided by the BC Department of Mines







4.0 TOPOGRAPHY AND VEGETATION

All three grids are located within the Coast Mountain Boundary Ranges with elevations ranging from 2900 feet at the King Salmon grid to 5800 feet at the Kap grid. The topography at the King Salmon grid is a narrow 'hummocky' ridge covered with open stands of pine and spruce bounded on either side by outcrops semi-exposed by snow cover. Both the Kap and the Lester Jones grids are located on ridge tops above the tree line. The Kap grid is surrounded by cliffy outcrops and snowfields whereas the Lester Jones grid is situated on top of a broad generally flat ridge with sparse pockets of small spruce.

5.0 HLEM THEORY AND INTERPRETATION PROCEDURES

The horizontal loop EM method is well described in standard text such as Telford et. Al. (1990) and Ketola and Puranen (1967). This section summarizes the key features of the HLEM method and describes the interpretation algorithms used in this survey program.

The HLEM method involves the use of a pair of separated horizontal coils (Figure MM1). Most commonly, the surveys are conducted in the frequency domain. In this method, a sine wave of variable frequency is sent through one of the coils to create a time-varying vertical magnetic dipole source. The second coil is a receiver which detects both the primary signal from the transmitting coil and a secondary signal created by magnetic induction in a conductive target in the earth. There are two variants of the method in the frequency domain are the Slingram or conventional HLEM method and the Genie method. Slingram is often referred to as HLEM despite the more general nature of this term and we follow this convention throughout the remainder of this report.

The HLEM method requires that a sample of the transmitted signal be sent along a wire to the receiver where it is used to synchronize the phase of the receiver with the transmitter. This permits the receiver to remove the effect of the transmitter signal (primary field) and to split the remaining secondary field into two components. One phase with the primary field (in-phase component). The second component is the portion of the secondary field which lags the primary field by one quarter cycle (90° - quadrature component). The ratio of the in-phase to quadrature components is used to determine the electrical conductance of a target.

HLEM instruments remove the primary filed from the signal to leave only the secondary field. By convention, a secondary field in the same direction as the primary field is



recorded as positive while a secondary field in the opposite direction to the primary field is recorded as negative. HLEM data is commonly plotted as profiles with the reading plotted at the midpoint between the transmitter and receiver. The reason for this is that the response from a steeply dipping conductor, the most common target of this method, is strongest when the two coils straddle the conductor. Normally, the in-phase response is plotted as a solid line and the quadrature response as a dashed line.

The HLEM response of a flat lying body is shown in Figure MM2. Magnetic field lines (flux) are directed primarily into the region beneath the transmitter loop. Lenz's Law dictates that the induced secondary field will oppose the primary field. Consequently, at the receiver, both the primary and secondary field will be in the same direction. As a result, the response from a flat lying conductor consists of a positive response over the target. At the edge of the conductor, there is a negative response which occurs when both coils are straddling the edge of the conductor. When either the transmitter or receiver coil is over the edge of the conductor, there is no secondary field and the response is zero. As the depth to the flat lying conductor increases, the strength of the response is attenuated. The effective depth of investigation of the HLEM method for a flat lying conductor is approximately 1.5 times the coil spacing.

The HLEM response of a steeply dipping conductor is shown in Figure MM3. Field lines from the transmitter are horizontal at a point midway between the two coils and in this orientation, cut the conductor at right angles creating the best coupling. Lenz's Law dictates that the secondary field will oppose the primary field and at the receiver coil, the secondary field is in the opposite direction to the primary field. As a result, the response when profiling over a steeply dipping conductor consists of a trough with peak negative value occurring when the coils straddle the conductor. The flanking positive peaks result from induction effects as the pair of coils are close to but not straddling the conductor. When either of the coils is directly over the target, the response is zero because the primary field is not well coupled with the target (i.e., it is perpendicular to the edge of the conductor) and little secondary field is created.

A dipping tabular conductor can be specified by the dip and dip direction, depth to top, target width, and electrical conductance (conductivity thickness product or ot). The effect of varying these parameters is shown in Figure MM3 for the case of a response from a single isolated HLEM conductor. Asymmetry in the positive shoulders indicates the dip direction and the ratio of the positive shoulder responses can be used to estimate the dip (Figure MM3(a)). The strength of the response is largely determined by the depth to the top of the conductor. Increasing the depth to the top of the shoulder for the response but does not otherwise change the shape of the response (Figure MM3(b)). The effective depth of investigation of the





Figure MM3. HLEM response of dipping tabular conductors. (a) Effect of d. on HLEM response. (b) Effect of depth. (c) Effect of conductor width. (d) Effect of conductance. HLEM method for steeply dipping targets is approximately one half the coil spacing. If the conductor is wide, the location of the zero crossovers, normally equal to the coil spacing, will increase. If the width of the target approaches that of the coil spacing, the positive return in the trough will be apparent at any depth to target (Figure MM3(c)). As noted above, the electrical conductance controls the ratio of the in-phase to quadrature response. Weak targets show only a quadrature response. As the target conductance increases, the strength of the in-phase component will increase. Very high conductance targets are characterized by strong in-phase responses and weak to very weak quadrature responses (Figure MM3(d)).

Interpretation procedures for HLEM data are dependent upon the model to which the data is to be fitted. In most cases, the characteristic shape of the response will dictate the likely overall geometry of the source and thus the model to which the response should be fitted. Flat lying targets can be directly modeled with computerized calculations of target responses. Dipping tabular body responses on the other hand cannot be numerically modeled and must either be approximated through finite element models of interpreted using characteristic curves. Characteristic curves for tabular dipping conductors incorporate several key features of the responses described in Figure MM4 into simple charts. These responses are derived from model experiments. The ratio of positive shoulders responses and the ratio of in-phase to quadrature peak negative values are the commonly used features of the response.

The data contained in this report was interpreted using characteristic curves developed by Ketola and Puranen (1967). The procedure, normally done by hand, has been automated in proprietary software (MMPLOT) developed by Amerok Geosciences Ltd. The characteristics of each response are entered into the computer program which creates a batch plotting file. The data is plotted directly on a CADD diagram with each of the characteristic curves (i.e. by changing layers). Where the data falls between two curves, the conductance and depth to top parameters can be interpolated but the dip cannot be readily determined.

6.0 SURVEY DESCRIPTION AND DATA PRESENTATION

The geophysical surveys were performed over a flagged and picketed grid covering most of the ridge tops within the Red Cap property south of Atlin, BC. The survey lines were slope chained (not slope corrected) and spaced every 50 metres where possible and picketed at 25 metre station spacings. Line locations were surveyed in with a differential hand held GPS as well as with the helicopter GPS.

The surveys were conducted by Carmen Lee (geologist), Ron Stack (technician), and

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Figure MM4. Characteristic curve for a dipping tabular conductor from Ketola and Puranen (1967). Critical measurements of the response shown in the upper right are extracted and plotted to determine the geometry and conductance of the target. Rick Smith (technician) between March 2 and 8, 1998. The crew was equipped with an Apex Parametrics Maxmin II equipped with an on-board computer (MMC) and the data dumped daily to a P-75 laptop computer. The total magnetic field surveys were performed with a Omni Plus proton magnetometer and a synchronized base station magnetometer.

The total magnetic field data was corrected using a synchronized base station magnetometer located in a magnetically quiet area and cycling at a 10 second reading interval. The geomagnetic field was generally quiet throughout the survey. No cultural noise was recorded throughout the survey.

The following procedure was used to correct the HLEM data for terrain induced errors. The operators maintained a fixed 100 metre between the receiver and transmitter using chainage marks on the reference cables. At each reading the receiver operator measures the station-to-station terrain slope and enters this into the MMC. During post-acquisition data processing, the data was corrected for short chainages induced by topography by using the MMCFIX1 software developed by Apex Parametrics. The method is fully explained in Varre (1994). The overall noise envelope appears to be +/- 2%.

The HLEM data is plotted in Figures 5a through 5e in stacked profile format at 1:2000 and 1:5000. These plots show the survey grid and the profile data as in-phase (solid) and quadrature (dashed) components of the secondary vertical magnetic field as a percentage of the primary field. The profile vertical scale is 10% /cm, right of line positive or upwards of line positive, with a base level of zero coincident with the survey lines. Anomalies of interest are annotated with symbols describing the interpreted conductor parameters.

7.0 PROPERTY GEOLOGY AND ECONOMIC MINERALIZATION

The Red Cap Property is underlain by Upper Triassic Stuhini Volcanics, Cretaceous -Tertiary quartz monzonite intrusives, and Cretaceous / Tertiary quartz feldspar porphyry dykes.

The Kap grid hosts four major rock units which are: 1). quartz monzonite to granodiorite; 2). felsic volcanics (rhyolite); 3). andesite (Stuhini volcanics); and 4). quartz feldspar porphyry dykes. Similarly, the Lester Jones grid predominantly consists of the Stuhini volcanics and the quartz feldspar porphyry dykes. These radiating porphyry dykes are thought to have originated from a plug to the south of the property. At the King Salmon grid, greywackes, mudstones, siltstones, and sandstones of the

King Salmon Formation occur in contact with the Stuhini volcanics. This contact is thought to strike east-west across the ridge dipping to the north north-east along the dip slope of the anticline (Elliott, pers comm., 1998).

Mineralization occurs within the flat lying to gently dipping Stuhini volcanics along the contact between the volcanics with the intruding granodiorites. Here the margins are highly altered and pyritized. Mineralization also occurs within the micro-veinlets found in shear zones containing pyrite-copper-molybdenite and polymetallic base metals. These veinlets were formed by pressurized hydrothermal solutions fracturing into the overlying capping volcanics. A later stage of fracturing produced silver-gold-arsenopyrite veinlets which may have formed from the same hydrothermal solution (Murton and Woods, 1988).

8.0 GEOPHYSICAL RESPONSES

The Lester Jones grid hosts two very weak anomalies, LJ-1 and LJ-2 (Figure 5a - 5e), on line 50N, 590E and line 100N, 450E respectively. Both anomalies show weak inphase negative response and little to no quadrature response. These responses occur in all three frequencies but are not further delineated when surveyed with the 150 and 50 metre coil spacings. Anomaly LJ-1 is coincident with the edge of a positive magnetic high. This magnetic high can be traced across all four survey lines at 425E (Figure 5a). The associated EM response is confined to line 100N only. The overall EM response on the Lester Jones grid is fairly quiet. Aside from the previously mentioned positive magnetic high, the Lester Jones grid appears to be magnetically quiet to the west with higher positive magnetic values towards the east.

9.0 CONCLUSIONS

Results of the survey lead to the following conclusions:

a. No significant conductors which could be caused by massive sulphide mineralization were located by the HLEM surveys.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are made:

a. Ground geophysical surveys could be conducted over other areas possibly underlain by Stuhini Group within the Lester Jones block.

These recommendations should be reviewed in the light of available new geological and geochemical mapping.

Respectfully submitted, **AMEROK GEOSCIENCES LTD.**

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APPENDIX A. CERTIFICATE

I, Carmen C. Lee, B.Sc., with residence address in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory do hereby certify that:

- 1. I am a graduate of the University of Calgary with a B.Sc. Degree in Geology obtained in 1996.
- 2. Since 1996, I have been employed continuously as a geophysical party chief for Amerok Geosciences Ltd., running magnetic field, electromagnetic, induced polarization surveys on properties in the Yukon, Alaska, and northern British Columbia.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1998 in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

Carmen C. Lee, B.Sc.

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APPENDIX B. STATEMENT OF COSTS

Helicopter charter (Discovery Helicopters - Atlin BC)	\$13,285.14
Geophysical surveys (Amerok Geosciences Ltd.)	\$11,086.38
Survey report and map digitizing	\$3,000.00
Project supervision - T. Elliott (Xplorer Gold Corp.) (Airfare, wages, expenses)	<u>\$2.650.00</u>
Total	\$30,021.52

These costs were incurred in the exploration of the REDCAP 1-5, CAT 5, KING 1-5 and KAP 4-10 claims and the following exploration expenses, apportioned by the amount of time spent on each block, are applied to the claims:

KAP 9-10 KING 2-5	33% (\$10,007.17)
KAP 4-8 KING1	33% (\$10,007.17)
REDCAP 1-5 CAT 5	33% (\$10,007.17)

I certify that I supervised the project described in this report and that these costs are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Michael A. Power M.Sc. P.Geoph. P.Geo. Geophysicist

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory July 1, 1998

APPENDIX C. SURVEY LOG

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SURVEY LOG XPLORER GOLD CORP. MAXMIN AND MAGNETOMETER SURVEYS - RED CAP PROPERTY MARCH 2 - 8, 1998

02March98 Mobe to Atlin late in the afternoon with Terry Elliot of X-plorer Gold.

03March98 Slow start to the day due to poor flying conditions. Recon location of the three grids. Started gridding and Maxmin survey on the King Salmon grid.

L1N 0W - 1000W

total: 1.0 line-km maxmin

04March98 Red Cap grid. Gridded and Maxmin survey along the ridge. Put in two lines to optimize the width of the ridge and extended the lines as far as possible.

LOW ON - 525N L50W ON - 475N

total: 1.0 line-km maxmin

05March98 Red Cap grid. Gridded and Maxmin survey further to the south of the previous grid. Ran 150m detail over the entire line.

L125W 0S - 575S

total: 1.15 line-km maxmin

06March98 Red Cap grid and King Salmon grid. Ran mag and detail 50m maxmin survey over the Red Cap grid. Mag and detail 150m and 50m maxmin survey on the King Salmon grid.

> Red Cap: LOW 0 - 5252N mag L50W 0 - 475N mag L125W 0 - 575S mag L125W 0 - 575S maxmin

King Salmon: LON 0 - 1000W mag

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LON 625 - 1000W 150m maxmin LON 750 - 1000W 50m maxmin

total: 1.2 line-km maxmin 2.575 line-km mag

07March98 Lester Jones grid. Gridded and Maxmin survey.

LON 0 - 1200E L50N 100 - 1200E L100N 150 - 1900E

total: 4.050 line-km maxmin

08March98 Lester Jones grid. Mag and detail maxmin survey. Demobe back to Whitehorse.

LON 0 - 1200E mag L50N 100 - 1200E mag L100N 150 - 1900E mag L150N 375 - 1400E mag and maxmin L0N 0 - 400E 150m and 50m maxmin L50N 425 - 675E 150m and 50m maxmin

Total: 5.075 line-km mag 1.3 line-km maxmin

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