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SOIL GAS HYDROCARBON (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY - OVERVIEW

SGH is a deep penetrating geochemistry that involves the analysis of surficial samples from over potential mineral or petroleum targets. The analysis involves the testing for 162 hydrocarbon compounds in the C5-C17 carbon series range applicable to a wide variety of sample types. SGH has been successful for delineating targets found at over 500 metres in depth. Samples of various media have been successfully analyzed such as soil (any horizon), drill core, rock, peat, lake-bottom sediments and even snow. The SGH analysis incorporates a very weak leach, essentially aqueous, that only extracts the surficial bound hydrocarbon compounds and those compounds in interstitial spaces around the sample particles. These are the hydrocarbons that have been mobilized from the target depth. SGH is unique and should not be confused with other hydrocarbon tests or traditional analyses that measure C1 (Methane) to C5 (Pentane) or other SGH is also different from soil hydrocarbon tests that thermally extract or desorb all of the qases. hydrocarbons from the whole soil sample. This test is less specific as it does not separate the hydrocarbons and thus does not identify or measure the responses as precisely. These tests also do not use a forensic approach to identification. The hydrocarbons in the SGH extract are separated by high resolution capillary column gas chromatography to isolate, confirm, and measure the presence of only the individual hydrocarbons that have been found to be of interest from initial research and development and from performance testing in two Canadian Mining Industry Research Organization (CAMIRO) projects (97E04 and 01E02).

Over the past 14 years of research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has developed an in-depth understanding of the unique SGH signatures associated with different commodity targets. Using a forensic approach we have developed target signatures or templates for identification, and the understanding of the expected geochromatography that is exhibited by each class of SGH compounds. In 2004 we began to include an SGH interpretation report delivered with the data to enable our clients to realize the complete value and understanding of the SGH results in the shortest time frame and provide the benefit from past research sponsored by Actlabs, CAMIRO, OMET and other projects.

SGH has attracted the attention of a large number of Exploration companies. In the above mentioned research projects the sponsors have included (in no order): Western Mining Corporation, BHP-Billiton, Inco, Noranda, Outokumpu, Xstrata, Cameco, Cominco, Rio Algom, Alberta Geological Survey, Ontario Geological Survey, Manitoba Geological Survey and OMET. Further, beyond this research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has interpreted the SGH data for over 400 targets from clients since January of 2004. In both CAMIRO research projects over known mineralization and in exploration projects over unknown targets, SGH has performed exceptionally well. As an example, in the first CAMIRO research project that commenced in 1997 (Project 97E04), there were 10 study areas that were submitted blindly to Actlabs. These study sites were selected since other inorganic geochemistries were unsuccessful at illustrating anomalies related to the target.



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Although Actlabs was only provided with the samples and their coordinates, SGH was able to locate the blind mineralization with exceptional accuracy in 9 of the 10 surveys. SGH has recently been very successful in exploration and discovery of unknown targets e.g. Golden Band Resources drilled an SGH anomaly and discovered a significant vein containing "visible" gold. (www.goldenbandresources.com)

Sample Type and Survey Design: It is highly recommended that a *minimum* of 50 sample "locations" is preferred to obtain enough samples into background areas on both sides of small suspected targets (wet gas plays, Kimberlite pipes, Uranium Breccia pipes, veins, etc.). SGH is not interpreted in the same way as inorganic based geochemistries. SGH must have enough samples over both the target and background areas in order to fully study the dispersion patterns or geochromatography of the SGH classes of compounds. Based on our minimum recommendation of at least 50 sample locations we further suggest that all samples be evenly spaced with about one-third of the samples over the target and one-third on each side of the target in order for SGH to be used for exploration. Targets other than gas plays, pipes, dykes or veins usually require additional samples to represent both the target and background areas.

SGH has been shown to be very robust to the use of different sample types even "within" the same survey or transect. Research has illustrated that it is far more important to the ultimate interpretation of the results to take a complete sample transect or grid than to skip samples due to different sample media. The most ideal natural sample is still believed to be soil from the "Upper B-Horizon", however excellent results can also be obtained from other soil horizons, humus, peat, lake-bottom sediments, and even snow. The sampling design is suggested to use evenly spaced samples from 15 metres to 200 metres and line spacing from 50 metres to 500 metres depending on the size and type of target. A 4:1 ratio is suggested, however, larger orientation surveys have also been successful. Ideally even large grids should have one-third of the samples over the target and two-thirds of the samples into anticipated background areas. This will allow the proper assessment of the SGH geochromatographic vectoring and background site signature levels with minimal bias. Individual samples taken at significant distances from the main survey area to represent background are not of value in the SGH interpretation as SGH results are not background subtracted. Samples can be drip dried in the field and do not need special preservation for shipping and has been specifically designed to avoid common contaminants from sample handling and shipping. SGH has also been shown to be robust to cultural activities even to the point that successful results and interpretation has been obtained from roadside right-ofways.



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Sample Preparation and Analysis: Upon receipt at Activation Laboratories the samples are air-dried in isolated and dedicated environmentally controlled rooms set to 40°C. The dried samples are then sieved. In the sieving process, it is important that compressed air is not used to clean the sieves between samples as trace amounts of compressor oils "may" poison the samples and significantly affect some target signatures. At Activation Laboratories a vacuum is used to clean the sieve between each sample. The -60 mesh sieve fraction (<250 microns, although different mesh sizes can be used at the preference of the exploration geologist) is collected and packaged in a Kraft paper envelope and transported from our sample preparation building to our analytical building on the same street in Ancaster Ontario. Each sample is then extracted, separated by gas chromatography and analyzed by mass spectrometry using customized parameters enabling the highly specific detection of the 162 targeted hydrocarbons at a <u>reporting limit</u> of one part-per-trillion (ppt). This trace level limit of reporting is critical to the detection of these hydrocarbons that, through research, have been found to be related at least in part to the breakdown and release of hydrocarbons from the death phase of microbes directly interacting with a deposit at depth. The hydrocarbon signatures are directly linked to the deposit type which is used as a food source. The hydrocarbons that are mobilized and metabolized by the microbes are released in the death phase of each successive generation. Very few of the hydrocarbons measured are actually due to microbe cell structure, or hydrocarbons present or formed in the genesis of the deposit or from anthropogenic contamination. The results of the SGH analysis is reported in raw data form in an Excel spreadsheet as "semi-quantitative" concentrations without any additional statistical modification.

Mobilized Inorganic Geochemical Anomalies: It is important to note that SGH is essentially "blind" to any inorganic content in samples as only organic compounds as hydrocarbons are measured. Thus inorganic geochemical surface anomalies that have migrated away from the mineral source, and thus may be interpreted and found to be a false target location, is not detected and does not affect SGH results. This fact is of great advantage when comparing the SGH results to inorganic geochemical results. If there is agreement in the location of the anomalies between the organic and inorganic technique, such as Actlabs' Enzyme Leach, a significant increase in confidence in the target location can be realized. If there is no agreement or a shift in the location of the anomalies between the techniques, the inorganic anomaly may have been mobilized in the surficial environment.

The Nugget Effect: As SGH is "blind" to the inorganic content in the survey samples, any concern of a "nugget effect" will not be encountered with SGH data. A "nugget effect" may be of a concern for inorganic geochemistries from surveys over copper, gold, lead, nickel, etc. type targets.



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SGH Interpretation Report: All SGH submissions must be accompanied by relative or UTM coordinates so that we may ensure that the sample survey design is appropriate for use with SGH, and to provide an SGH interpretation with the results. In our interpretation procedure, we separate the results into 19 SGH subclasses. These classes include specific alkanes, alkenes, thiophenes, aromatic, and polyaromatic compounds. Note that none of the SGH hydrocarbons are "gaseous" at room temperature and pressure. The classes are then evaluated in terms of their geochromatography and for coincident compound class anomalies that are unique to different types of mineralization. Actlabs uses a six point scale in assigning a subjective rating of similarity of the SGH signatures found in the submitted survey to signatures previously reviewed and researched from known case studies over the same commodity type. Also factored into this rating is the appropriateness of the survey and amount of data/sample locations that is available for interpretation. This rating scale is described in detail in the following section.

SGH RATING SYSTEM - DESCRIPTION

To date SGH has been found to be successful in the depiction of buried mineralization for Gold, Nickel, VMS, SEDEX, Uranium, Polymetallic, and Copper, as well as for Kimberlites. SGH data has developed into a dual exploration tool. From the interpretation, a vertical projection of the predicted location of the target can be made as well as a statement on the rating of the comparability of the identification of the anticipated target type to that from known case studies, e.g. if the client anticipates the target to be a Gold deposit, what is the rating or comparability that the target is similar to the SGH results over a Gold deposit in Nunavut, shear hosted and sediment hosted deposits in Nevada, or Paleochannel Gold mineralization in Western Australia.

- A rating of "6" is the highest or best rating, and means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold related hydrocarbon signature are all present and consistently vector to the same location with well defined anomalies. To obtain this rating there also needs to be other SGH classes that when mapped lend support to the predicted location.
- A rating of "5" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are all present • and consistently describe the same location with well defined anomalies. The SGH signatures may not be strong enough to also develop additional supporting classes.
- A rating of "4" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present describing the location with well defined anomalies. Supporting classes may also be present.



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- A rating of "3" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present and describe the same location with <u>fairly well</u> defined anomalies. Some supporting classes may or may not be present.
- A rating of "2" means that some of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Some supporting classes may be present
- A rating of "1" is the lowest rating, and means that one of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature is present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Supporting classes are also not helpful.
- The SGH rating is directly and significantly affected by the survey design. Small data sets, especially if significantly <50 sample locations, or transects/surveys that are geographically too short <u>will automatically receive a lower rating no matter how impressive an SGH anomaly might be</u>. When there is not enough sample locations to adequately review the SGH class geochromatography, or when the sample spacing is inadequate, or if the spacing is highly variable such that it biases the interpretation of the results, then the confidence in the interpretation of any geochemistry is adversely affected. The SGH rating is not just a rating of the agreement between the SGH pathfinder classes for a particular target type; it is a rating of the overall confidence in the SGH results from this particular survey. The interpretation is only based on the SGH results without any information from other geochemical, geological or geophysical information unless otherwise specified.

SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING

The subjective SGH rating system has been used since 2004 when Activation Laboratories started providing an SGH Interpretation Report with ever submission for SGH analysis to aid our clients in understanding this organic geochemistry and ensuring that they obtain the best results for their surveys. As explained in the previous section, the SGH rating is not just a rating of how definitive an SGH anomaly is, and is not based just on the map(s) provided in this report. It is a rating of "confidence in the interpreted anomaly" from the combination of (i) are the expected SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds present from the template for this target type (one Pathfinder Class map is shown in the report, at least three must be present to adequately describe the correct signature for a particular target), (ii) how well do these SGH Pathfinder Classes agree in describing an particular area, (iii) how well does this agreement compare to SGH case studies over known targets of that type, (iv) how well is the interpreted anomaly defined by the survey (i.e. a single



<u>SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)</u>

transect does not provide the same confidence as a complete grid of samples), and (v) is there at least a minimum of 50 sample locations in the survey so that there may be an adequate amount of data to observe the geochromatography of the different SGH Pathfinder Class of compounds.

The question often arises by clients as to the frequency of a rating, e.g. "how often is a rating of 5.0 given in an interpretation". To better understand this we present this review of the history of the SGH rating program since 2004 and some of the underlying situations that can affect the historical rating charts.

Originally it was recommended that a minimum of 35 sample location be used for small target exploration, however it was quite quickly realized that this is often insufficient and at least 50 sample locations were required. In 2007, the rating scale was refined to include increments of 0.5 units rather than just integer values from 0 to 6.

A rating frequency may be biased high as most clients conduct an orientation study over a known target, thus several of these projects result in high ratings. Note that, at this time, the rating is not said to be linked to grade of a deposit or depth to the target. Even in exploration surveys clients tend to submit samples over more promising targets due to knowledge of the geology and prior geochemical or geophysical results. As shown in the following chart, projects with SGH data from 200 or more sample locations have a higher level of confidence in the interpretation as the geochromatography of the SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds can be more completely observed and reviewed.





SGH RATING SYSTEM - HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)

The rating frequency may be biased low as research projects often include a bare minimum of samples to reduce costs. Research projects may also be over targets known to be difficult to depict with geochemistry. Multiple targets in close vicinity in a survey may result in a low bias as the Pathfinder Class geochromatography is more difficult to deconvelute. Ratings may also be biased low if less than the recommended 50 sample locations is submitted as indicated by the following chart. This chart also illustrates that there is no interpretation bias to a particular rating value.



The overall rating frequency for over 400 targets from January 2004 to December 2009 is shown in the chart below illustrating that surveys over more promising targets are most often submitted for best use of research or exploration dollars. It also indicates that the 0.5 increments were less frequent as they started in 2007.



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SGH DATA QUALITY

- **Reporting Limit:** The SGH Excel spreadsheet of results contains the raw unaltered concentrations of the individual SGH compounds in units of "part-per-trillion" (ppt). The reporting of these ultra low levels is vital to the measurement of the small amounts of hydrocarbons now known to be leached/metabolized and subsequently released by dead bacteria that have been interacting with the ore at depth. To ensure that the data has a high level of confidence, a "reporting limit" is used. The reporting limit of 1 ppt actually represents a level of confidence of approximately 5 standard deviations where SGH data is assured to be "real" and non-zero. Thus in SGH the use of a reporting limit automatically removes site variability and there is no need to further background subtract any data as the reporting limit has already filtered out any site background effects. Thus we recommend that all data that is equal to or greater than 2 ppt should be used in any data review. It is important to review all SGH data as low values that may be the centre of halo anomalies and higher values as apical anomalies or as halo ridges are all important.
- **Laboratory Replicate Analysis:** A laboratory replicate is a sample taken randomly from the submitted survey being analyzed and are not unrelated samples taken from some large stockpile of bulk material. In the Organics laboratory an equal portion of this sieved sample, or pulp, is taken and analyzed in the same manner using the Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometer. The comparison of laboratory replicate and field duplicate results for chemical tests in the parts-per-million or even parts-per-billion range has typically been done using an absolute "relative percent difference (RPD)" statistic which is an easy proxy for error estimation rather than a more complete analysis of precision as specified by Thompson and Howarth. An RPD statistic is not appropriate for SGH results as the reporting limit for SGH is <u>1 part-per-trillion</u>. Further, SGH is a semi-quantitative technique and was not designed to have the same level of precision as other less sensitive geochemistry's as it is only used as an exploration tool and not for any assay work. SGH is also designed to cover a wide range of organic compounds with an unprecedented 162 compounds being measured for each sample. In order to analyze such a wide molecular weight range of compounds, sacrifices were made to the variability especially in the low molecular weight range of the SGH analysis. The result is that the first fifteen SGH compounds in the Excel spreadsheet is expected to exhibit more imprecision than the other 147 compounds. An SGH laboratory replicate is a large set of data for comparison even for just a few pairs of analyses. Precision calculations using a Thompson and Howarth approach should only be used for estimating error in individual measurements, and not for describing the average error in a larger data set. In geochemical exploration geochemists seek concentration patterns to interpret and thus rigorous precision in individual samples is not required because the concentrations of many samples are interpreted collectively. For these reasons recent and independent research at Acadia

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SGH DATA QUALITY (continued)

University in Canada promote that a percent Coefficient of Variation (%CV) should be used as a universal measurement of relative error in all geochemical applications. As SGH results are a relatively large data set for nearly all submissions, %CV is a better statistic for use with SGH. By using %CV, the concentration of duplicate pairs is irrelevant because the units of concentration cancel out in the formation of the coefficient of variation ratio. For SGH, the %CV is calculated on all values \geq 2 ppt. These values are averaged and represent a value for each pair of replicate analysis of the sample. All of the %CV values for the replicates are then averaged to report one %CV value to represent the overall estimate of the relative error in the laboratory sub-sampling from the prepared samples, and any instrumental variability, in the SGH data set for the survey. Actlabs' has successfully addressed the analytical challenge to minimize analytical variability for such a large list of compounds. Thus as SGH is also interpreted as a signature and is solely used for exploration and not assay measurement, the data from SGH is "fit for purpose" as a geochemical exploration tool.

Historical SGH Precision: In the general history of geochemistry, studies indicate that a large component of total measurement error is introduced during the collection of the initial sample and in subsampling, and that only a subordinate amount of error in the result is introduced during preparation and analysis. A historical record encompassing many projects for SGH, including a wide variety of sample types, geology and geography, shows that the consistency and precision for the analysis of SGH is excellent with an overall precision of 6.8% Coefficient of Variation (%CV). When last calculated, this number has a range having a maximum of 12.4% CV, a minimum of 3.0% CV, with a standard deviation of 1.6%, in a population made up of over 400 targets (over 45,000 samples) interpreted since June of 2004. Again the precision of 6.8% CV included all of the sample types as soil from different horizons, peat, till, humus, lake-bottom sediments, ocean-bottom sediments, and even snow. When field duplicates have been revealed to us, we have found that the precision of the field duplicates are in the range of about 9 to 12 %CV. As SGH is interpreted using a combination of compounds as a chemical "class" or signature, the affect of a few concentrations that may be imprecise in a direct comparison of duplicates is not significant. Further, projects that have been re-sampled at different times or seasons are expected to have different SGH concentrations. The SGH anomalies may not be in exactly the same position or of the same intensity due to variable conditions that may have affected the dispersion of different pathfinder classes. However, the SGH "signature" as to the presence of the specific mix of SGH pathfinder classes will definitely still exist, and will retain the ability to identify the deposit type and vector to the same target location.



LABORATORY MATERIALS BLANK – QUALITY ASSURANCE (LMB-QA):

The Laboratory Materials Blank Quality Assurance measurements (LMB-QA) shown in the SGH spreadsheet of results are matrix free blanks analyzed for SGH. These blanks are not standard laboratory blanks as they do not accurately reflect an amount expected to be from laboratory handling or laboratory conditions that may be present and affect the sample analysis result. The LMB-QA measurements are a pre-warning system to only detect any contamination originating from laboratory glassware, vials or caps. As there is no substrate to emulate the sample matrix, the full solvating power of the SGH leaching solution, effectively a water leach, is fully directed at the small surface area of the glassware, vials or caps. In a sample analysis the solvating power of the SGH leaching solution is distributed between the large sample surface area (from soil, humus, sediments, peat, till, etc.) and the relatively small contribution from the laboratory materials surfaces. The sample matrix also buffers the solvating or leaching effect in the sample versus the more vigourous leaching of the laboratory materials which do not experience this buffering effect. Thus the level of the LMB-QA reported is biased high relative to the sample concentration and the actual contribution of the laboratory reagents, equipment, handling, etc. to the values in samples is significantly lower. This situation in organic laboratory analysis only occurs at such extremely low part-pertrillion (ppt) measurement levels. This is one of the reasons that SGH uses a reporting limit and not a detection limit. The 1 ppt reporting limit used in the SGH spreadsheet of raw concentration data is 3 to 5 times greater than a detection limit. The reporting limit automatically filters out analytical noise, the actual LMB-QA, and most of the sample survey site background. This has been proven as SGH values of 1 to 3 parts-per-trillion (ppt) have very often illustrated the outline of anomalies directly related to mineral targets. Thus all SGH values greater than or equal to 1 or 2 ppt should be used as reliable values for interpretations.

The LMB-QA values thus should not be used to background subtract any SGH data. The LMB-QA values are only an early warning as a quality assurance procedure to indicate the relative cleanliness of laboratory glassware, vials, caps, and the laboratory water supply at the ppt concentration level. Do not subtract the LMB-QA values from SGH sample data.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u>

One of the first experiments in 1996 in the development of the SGH analysis was to observe if an SGH response could be obtained directly from an ore sample. From office shelf specimens, small rock chips were obtained which were then crushed and milled. The fine pulp obtained was then subjected to the SGH analysis. These shelf specimen samples were from well known Volcanic Massive Sulphide deposits of the Mattabi deposit from the Archean Sturgeon Lake Camp in Northwestern Ontario and from the Kidd Creek Archean volcanic-hosted copper-zinc deposit. Even these specimen samples contain a geochemical record of the hydrocarbons produced by the bacteria that had been feeding on these deposits at depth. As a comparison, SGH analysis were similarly conducted on modern-day VMS ore samples taken from a "black smoker" hydrothermal volcanic vent from the deep sea bed of the Juan de Fuca Ridge where high concentrations of microbial growth was also known to exist. The raw data profiles as GC/MS Total Ion Chromatograms are shown below to illustrate the "visible" portion of the VMS signature obtained from the SGH analysis.



The top two profiles were obtained from two samples of the modern day "black smokers". The third and fourth chromatograms in the above image were obtained from the Pre-Cambrian Zn-Cu Kidd Creek and Mattabi deposits. The red arrows point to three compounds that are <u>a portion</u> of the SGH signature for VMS type deposits. This visible portion of the VMS signature of hydrocarbons can easily be seen in the analysis of each of these four samples.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u> (cont.)

The next question in our early objectives was to see if this SGH signature could also be observed in <u>surficial soil samples</u> that had been taken over VMS deposits. Through our research projects, soil samples were obtained from over the Ruttan Cu-Zn VMS deposit near Leaf Rapids, Manitoba and located in the Paleoproterozoic Rusty Lake greenstone belt. The profile obtained, as observed in the raw GC/MS chromatogram, is shown in this next image below:



The three compounds indicated by the red arrows represent the same <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature observed from the modern day black smoker samples and the ore samples taken from the Mattabi and Kidd Creek, even though this soil was taken from over a different VMS deposit in a geographically different area. Is this coincidence? Another soil sample was obtained from Noranda's Gilmour South base-metal occurrence in the Bathurst Mining camp in northern New Brunswick. As shown below, this sample contained a very complex SGH signature, however the <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature as indicated by the red arrows is still observed as in the black smoker, Mattabi and Kidd Creek ore samples.





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In research conducted by the Ontario Geological Survey, this same portion of the SGH signature was also observed over the VMS deposit at Cross Lake in Ontario. Note that the visible signature shown as the three compounds indicated by the red arrows is only a small portion of the complete SGH VMS signature. The full VMS signature is made up of at least three groups, as three organic chemical classes, that together contain at least 35 of the individual SGH hydrocarbons.

The chromatograms shown on the preceding page from the GC/MS analysis are not used directly in the interpretation of SGH data. As we are only interested in a specific list of 162 hydrocarbons, the mass spectrometer and associated software programs specifically identifies the hydrocarbons of interest, runs calculations using relative responses to a short list of hydrocarbons used as standards, and develops an Excel spreadsheet of semi-quantitative concentration data to represent the sample. Thus the SGH results for a sample, like that observed in ore from the Ruttan, are filtered to obtain the concentrations for the specific 162 hydrocarbons. A simple bar graph drawn from the Excel spreadsheet of the hydrocarbons and their concentrations results in a DNA like **forensic SGH signature** as shown below. The portion discussed hear as the "visible" SGH VMS signature in the GC/MS chromatograms, is again shown by the red arrows.



Through the work done in the SGH CAMIRO research projects, it was observed that the hydrocarbon signature produced by the SGH technique appeared to also be able to be used to differentiate barren from This was explored further through the submission and analysis of specific ore-bearing conductors. specimen samples that represented a barren pyritic conductor and a barren graphitic conductor.



<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u> (cont.)

The GC/MS chromatograms from these two specimens are compared to that obtained from the Kidd-Creek ore as shown below. This diagram conclusively shows that the SGH signatures obtained from the two types of barren conductors are completely different than that obtained by SGH over VMS type ore. SGH is thus able to differentiate between ore-bearing conductors and barren conductors as <u>the Forensic SGH</u> <u>Geochemical signature is different</u>.



- SGH has been described by the Ontario Geological Survey of Canada (OGS) as a "REDOX cell locator". Many SGH surveys for Gold and other mineral targets can result in multiple types of anomalies, depending on the class of SGH compounds, even over the same target and in the same set of samples. Thus "Apical", "Nested-Halo", and "Rabbit-Ear" or "Halo" type SGH anomalies are all typically observed from the effect of REDOX cells that have developed over deposits. REDOX cells are also related to the presence of bacteriological activity.
- The VMS template of SGH Pathfinder Classes uses low and medium weight classes of hydrocarbon compounds. Again, at least three Pathfinder Class group maps, associated with the SGH signature for VMS, must be present to begin to be considered for assignment of a good rating. The Pathfinder Class anomalies in these maps must logically concur and support a consistent interpretation in relation to the expected geochromatographic characteristics of the Pathfinder Class, for a specific area. The SGH Pathfinder Class map(s) shown in this report is usually the most diagnostic for the presence of Volcanic Massive Sulphide based mineralization.



INTERPRETION OF SGH RESULTS – A10-2995 EXCALIBUR RESOURCES LTD. - STURGEON LAKE SURVEY

<u>SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION – Lines 37</u>-38

- This report is based on the SGH results from the analysis of a total of 68 soil samples from this survey area. This report specifically pertains to just those sample results from Lines 37 and 38. These two lines are north-south trending transects in the Sturgeon Lake survey area having a total of 47 samples. These transects are about 100 metres apart with samples spaced at approximately 50 metres along each. UTM coordinates were provided for mapping of the SGH results for these soil samples. These samples were received by our Ancaster laboratory and were subsequently dried and sieved as per the procedure on page 5 of this report.
- The number of samples submitted for this project is adequate to use SGH as an exploration tool for Lines 37 & 38. Note that the SGH data is only reviewed for the particular target deposit type requested, in this case for the presence of a VMS based deposit. It is also assumed that there is only one potential target. To obtain the best interpretation the client should indicate if there are possible multiple targets, say from geophysical data. The possibility of multiple targets in "close proximity" should be known due to potential overlap and increased complexity of resulting geochromatographic anomalies which could alter the interpretation.
- Note that the associated SGH results are presented in a separate Excel spreadsheet. This raw data is semi-quantitative and is presented in units of pg/g or **parts-per-trillion** (ppt).
- The overall precision of the SGH analysis for the samples in this SGH survey was excellent as demonstrated by 3 samples taken from these two sample lines which were used for laboratory replicate analysis. The average Coefficient of Variation (%CV) of the replicate results for the project samples in this submission was 8.3% which represents an excellent level of analytical performance.



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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION – Lines 37-38

- The plan view maps shown on page 19 (and on page 20 in 3D view) are SGH "Pathfinder Class map" for targeting VMS mineralization. Each map represents the simple summation of several individual hydrocarbon compound concentrations that are grouped from within the same organic chemical class. SGH Pathfinder Class maps have been shown to be robust as they are each described using from 4 to 14 (unless otherwise stated) chemically related SGH compounds which are simply summed to create each class map. Thus each map has a higher level of confidence as it is "not" illustrating just one compound A legend of the SGH classes appears in the SGH data spreadsheet. response. The overall SGH interpretation rating (page 21) has even a higher level of confidence as it further relies on the consensus between at least three SGH Pathfinder Classes (other classes not shown) that together make the signature of the target at depth.
- The dotted black oval, applied to the SGH Pathfinder Class maps on page 19, outlines an area where the SGH data predicts the outer boundary of a potential VMS type target. The plan map on the left on page 19 is an SGH Pathfinder Class map for VMS that is expected to exhibit an apical anomaly while the SGH Pathfinder Class map on the right is expected to show a corresponding halo anomaly. The dotted black oval around the apical anomaly on the left hand Pathfinder Class map nicely supports the halo anomaly on the right hand Pathfinder Class map at Lines 37-38. This type of confirmation is expected and is part of the SGH signature for over VMS type mineralization. This is also excellent confirmation of the interpretation of the presence of a REDOX cell which is also often indicative of the presence of buried mineralization and bacteriological activity. Other SGH Pathfinder Class maps (not shown) also agree on the assignment of this interpretation. The highest response for the central apical anomaly on the left hand SGH Pathfinder Class map thus represents the most probable location of a vertical projection over the centre of the target at depth, and thus where SGH predicts would be the best vertical drill target (although vertical drilling may not be the ideal method of drilling in this area). This interpretation is based only on this survey and on these SGH results.



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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION RATING – Lines 37-38

- After review of all of the SGH Pathfinder Class maps, the SGH results from these soil samples suggest a "rating of 5.0" for the area within the dotted black oval interpretation on the plan view maps on page 19, in relation to the presence of a VMS based target beneath this survey area. This rating is based on a scale of 6.0 in 0.5 increments, with a value of 6.0 being the best. This rating represents the similarity of these SGH results with case studies over a Volcanic Massive Sulphide (VMS) type target, to the SGH case studies conducted at the Hanson Lake VMS deposit in Saskatchewan, the South Gilmour VMS deposit in New Brunswick and the Cross Lake VMS deposit in Ontario. The degree of confidence in the rating only starts to be "good" at a level of 4.0.
- A value of 1.0 was deducted as the anomalies of other SGH pathfinder classes, not shown in this report, could have agreed in the location of the interpretation within the black dotted oval more clearly.
- The client should use a combination of these SGH results and its report with additional geochemical, geophysical, and geological information to possibly obtain a more confident and precise target location.



Cautionary Note Regarding Assumptions and Forward Looking Statements

The statements and target rating made in the Soil Gas Hydrocarbon (SGH) interpretive report or in other communications may contain certain forward-looking information related to a target or SGH anomaly.

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

68 Soil samples were submitted for analysis via SGS Labs.

These samples were prepared according to our Code S4 procedure.

The following analytical package was requested: Code SGH – Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry

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Notes:

The SGH - Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry is a semi-quantitative analytical procedure to detect and measure 162 hydrocarbon compounds as the organic signature in the sample material collected from a survey area. It is not an assay of mineralization but is a predictive geochemical tool used for exploration. This certificate pertains only to the SGH data presented in the associated Microsoft Excel spreadsheet of results.

The author of this SGH Interpretation Report, Mr. Dale Sutherland, is the creator of the SGH organic geochemistry. He is a Chartered Chemist (C.Chem.) and Forensic Scientist specializing in organic chemistry. He is not a professional geologist or geochemist.

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EXPLORATION FOR: "VMS and COPPER-GOLD" TARGETS

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SOIL GAS HYDROCARBON (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY - OVERVIEW

SGH is a deep penetrating geochemistry that involves the analysis of surficial samples from over potential mineral or petroleum targets. The analysis involves the testing for 162 hydrocarbon compounds in the C5-C17 carbon series range applicable to a wide variety of sample types. SGH has been successful for delineating targets found at over 500 metres in depth. Samples of various media have been successfully analyzed such as soil (any horizon), drill core, rock, peat, lake-bottom sediments and even snow. The SGH analysis incorporates a very weak leach, essentially aqueous, that only extracts the surficial bound hydrocarbon compounds and those compounds in interstitial spaces around the sample particles. These are the hydrocarbons that have been mobilized from the target depth. SGH is unique and should not be confused with other hydrocarbon tests or traditional analyses that measure C1 (Methane) to C5 (Pentane) or other SGH is also different from soil hydrocarbon tests that thermally extract or desorb all of the qases. hydrocarbons from the whole soil sample. This test is less specific as it does not separate the hydrocarbons and thus does not identify or measure the responses as precisely. These tests also do not use a forensic approach to identification. The hydrocarbons in the SGH extract are separated by high resolution capillary column gas chromatography to isolate, confirm, and measure the presence of only the individual hydrocarbons that have been found to be of interest from initial research and development and from performance testing in two Canadian Mining Industry Research Organization (CAMIRO) projects (97E04 and 01E02).

Over the past 14 years of research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has developed an in-depth understanding of the unique SGH signatures associated with different commodity targets. Using a forensic approach we have developed target signatures or templates for identification, and the understanding of the expected geochromatography that is exhibited by each class of SGH compounds. In 2004 we began to include an SGH interpretation report delivered with the data to enable our clients to realize the complete value and understanding of the SGH results in the shortest time frame and provide the benefit from past research sponsored by Actlabs, CAMIRO, OMET and other projects.

SGH has attracted the attention of a large number of Exploration companies. In the above mentioned research projects the sponsors have included (in no order): Western Mining Corporation, BHP-Billiton, Inco, Noranda, Outokumpu, Xstrata, Cameco, Cominco, Rio Algom, Alberta Geological Survey, Ontario Geological Survey, Manitoba Geological Survey and OMET. Further, beyond this research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has interpreted the SGH data for over 400 targets from clients since January of 2004. In both CAMIRO research projects over known mineralization and in exploration projects over unknown targets, SGH has performed exceptionally well. As an example, in the first CAMIRO research project that commenced in 1997 (Project 97E04), there were 10 study areas that were submitted blindly to Actlabs. These study sites were selected since other inorganic geochemistries were unsuccessful at illustrating anomalies related to the target.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

Although Actlabs was only provided with the samples and their coordinates, SGH was able to locate the blind mineralization with exceptional accuracy in 9 of the 10 surveys. SGH has recently been very successful in exploration and discovery of unknown targets e.g. Golden Band Resources drilled an SGH anomaly and discovered a significant vein containing "visible" gold. (www.goldenbandresources.com)

Sample Type and Survey Design: It is highly recommended that a *minimum* of 50 sample "locations" is preferred to obtain enough samples into background areas on both sides of small suspected targets (wet gas plays, Kimberlite pipes, Uranium Breccia pipes, veins, etc.). SGH is not interpreted in the same way as inorganic based geochemistries. SGH must have enough samples over both the target and background areas in order to fully study the dispersion patterns or geochromatography of the SGH classes of compounds. Based on our minimum recommendation of at least 50 sample locations we further suggest that all samples be evenly spaced with about one-third of the samples over the target and one-third on each side of the target in order for SGH to be used for exploration. Targets other than gas plays, pipes, dykes or veins usually require additional samples to represent both the target and background areas.

SGH has been shown to be very robust to the use of different sample types even "within" the same survey or transect. Research has illustrated that it is far more important to the ultimate interpretation of the results to take a complete sample transect or grid than to skip samples due to different sample media. The most ideal natural sample is still believed to be soil from the "Upper B-Horizon", however excellent results can also be obtained from other soil horizons, humus, peat, lake-bottom sediments, and even snow. The sampling design is suggested to use evenly spaced samples from 15 metres to 200 metres and line spacing from 50 metres to 500 metres depending on the size and type of target. A 4:1 ratio is suggested, however, larger orientation surveys have also been successful. Ideally even large grids should have one-third of the samples over the target and two-thirds of the samples into anticipated background areas. This will allow the proper assessment of the SGH geochromatographic vectoring and background site signature levels with minimal bias. Individual samples taken at significant distances from the main survey area to represent background are not of value in the SGH interpretation as SGH results are not background subtracted. Samples can be drip dried in the field and do not need special preservation for shipping and has been specifically designed to avoid common contaminants from sample handling and shipping. SGH has also been shown to be robust to cultural activities even to the point that successful results and interpretation has been obtained from roadside right-ofways.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

Sample Preparation and Analysis: Upon receipt at Activation Laboratories the samples are air-dried in isolated and dedicated environmentally controlled rooms set to 40°C. The dried samples are then sieved. In the sieving process, it is important that compressed air is not used to clean the sieves between samples as trace amounts of compressor oils "may" poison the samples and significantly affect some target signatures. At Activation Laboratories a vacuum is used to clean the sieve between each sample. The -60 mesh sieve fraction (<250 microns, although different mesh sizes can be used at the preference of the exploration geologist) is collected and packaged in a Kraft paper envelope and transported from our sample preparation building to our analytical building on the same street in Ancaster Ontario. Each sample is then extracted, separated by gas chromatography and analyzed by mass spectrometry using customized parameters enabling the highly specific detection of the 162 targeted hydrocarbons at a <u>reporting limit</u> of one part-per-trillion (ppt). This trace level limit of reporting is critical to the detection of these hydrocarbons that, through research, have been found to be related at least in part to the breakdown and release of hydrocarbons from the death phase of microbes directly interacting with a deposit at depth. The hydrocarbon signatures are directly linked to the deposit type which is used as a food source. The hydrocarbons that are mobilized and metabolized by the microbes are released in the death phase of each successive generation. Very few of the hydrocarbons measured are actually due to microbe cell structure, or hydrocarbons present or formed in the genesis of the deposit or from anthropogenic contamination. The results of the SGH analysis is reported in raw data form in an Excel spreadsheet as "semi-quantitative" concentrations without any additional statistical modification.

Mobilized Inorganic Geochemical Anomalies: It is important to note that SGH is essentially "blind" to any inorganic content in samples as only organic compounds as hydrocarbons are measured. Thus inorganic geochemical surface anomalies that have migrated away from the mineral source, and thus may be interpreted and found to be a false target location, is not detected and does not affect SGH results. This fact is of great advantage when comparing the SGH results to inorganic geochemical results. If there is agreement in the location of the anomalies between the organic and inorganic technique, such as Actlabs' Enzyme Leach, a significant increase in confidence in the target location can be realized. If there is no agreement or a shift in the location of the anomalies between the techniques, the inorganic anomaly may have been mobilized in the surficial environment.

The Nugget Effect: As SGH is "blind" to the inorganic content in the survey samples, any concern of a "nugget effect" will not be encountered with SGH data. A "nugget effect" may be of a concern for inorganic geochemistries from surveys over copper, gold, lead, nickel, etc. type targets.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

SGH Interpretation Report: All SGH submissions must be accompanied by relative or UTM coordinates so that we may ensure that the sample survey design is appropriate for use with SGH, and to provide an SGH interpretation with the results. In our interpretation procedure, we separate the results into 19 SGH subclasses. These classes include specific alkanes, alkenes, thiophenes, aromatic, and polyaromatic compounds. Note that none of the SGH hydrocarbons are "gaseous" at room temperature and pressure. The classes are then evaluated in terms of their geochromatography and for coincident compound class anomalies that are unique to different types of mineralization. Actlabs uses a six point scale in assigning a subjective rating of similarity of the SGH signatures found in the submitted survey to signatures previously reviewed and researched from known case studies over the same commodity type. Also factored into this rating is the appropriateness of the survey and amount of data/sample locations that is available for interpretation. This rating scale is described in detail in the following section.

SGH RATING SYSTEM - DESCRIPTION

To date SGH has been found to be successful in the depiction of buried mineralization for Gold, Nickel, VMS, SEDEX, Uranium, Polymetallic, and Copper, as well as for Kimberlites. SGH data has developed into a dual exploration tool. From the interpretation, a vertical projection of the predicted location of the target can be made as well as a statement on the rating of the comparability of the identification of the anticipated target type to that from known case studies, e.g. if the client anticipates the target to be a Gold deposit, what is the rating or comparability that the target is similar to the SGH results over a Gold deposit in Nunavut, shear hosted and sediment hosted deposits in Nevada, or Paleochannel Gold mineralization in Western Australia.

- A rating of "6" is the highest or best rating, and means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold related hydrocarbon signature are all present and consistently vector to the same location with well defined anomalies. To obtain this rating there also needs to be other SGH classes that when mapped lend support to the predicted location.
- A rating of "5" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are all present • and consistently describe the same location with well defined anomalies. The SGH signatures may not be strong enough to also develop additional supporting classes.
- A rating of "4" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present describing the location with well defined anomalies. Supporting classes may also be present.



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SGH RATING SYSTEM - DESCRIPTION (continued)

- A rating of "3" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present and describe the same location with <u>fairly well</u> defined anomalies. Some supporting classes may or may not be present.
- A rating of "2" means that some of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Some supporting classes may be present
- A rating of "1" is the lowest rating, and means that one of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature is present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Supporting classes are also not helpful.
- The SGH rating is directly and significantly affected by the survey design. Small data sets, especially if significantly <50 sample locations, or transects/surveys that are geographically too short <u>will automatically receive a lower rating no matter how impressive an SGH anomaly might be</u>. When there is not enough sample locations to adequately review the SGH class geochromatography, or when the sample spacing is inadequate, or if the spacing is highly variable such that it biases the interpretation of the results, then the confidence in the interpretation of any geochemistry is adversely affected. The SGH rating is not just a rating of the agreement between the SGH pathfinder classes for a particular target type; it is a rating of the SGH results without any information from other geochemical, geological or geophysical information unless otherwise specified.

SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING

The subjective SGH rating system has been used since 2004 when Activation Laboratories started providing an SGH Interpretation Report with ever submission for SGH analysis to aid our clients in understanding this organic geochemistry and ensuring that they obtain the best results for their surveys. As explained in the previous section, the SGH rating is not just a rating of how definitive an SGH anomaly is, and is not based just on the map(s) provided in this report. It is a rating of "confidence in the interpreted anomaly" from the combination of (i) are the expected SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds present from the template for this target type (one Pathfinder Class map is shown in the report, at least three must be present to adequately describe the correct signature for a particular target), (ii) how well do these SGH Pathfinder Classes agree in describing an particular area, (iii) how well does this agreement compare to SGH case studies over known targets of that type, (iv) how well is the interpreted anomaly defined by the survey (i.e. a single



<u>SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)</u>

transect does not provide the same confidence as a complete grid of samples), and (v) is there at least a minimum of 50 sample locations in the survey so that there may be an adequate amount of data to observe the geochromatography of the different SGH Pathfinder Class of compounds.

The question often arises by clients as to the frequency of a rating, e.g. "how often is a rating of 5.0 given in an interpretation". To better understand this we present this review of the history of the SGH rating program since 2004 and some of the underlying situations that can affect the historical rating charts.

Originally it was recommended that a minimum of 35 sample location be used for small target exploration, however it was quite quickly realized that this is often insufficient and at least 50 sample locations were required. In 2007, the rating scale was refined to include increments of 0.5 units rather than just integer values from 0 to 6.

A rating frequency may be biased high as most clients conduct an orientation study over a known target, thus several of these projects result in high ratings. Note that, at this time, the rating is not said to be linked to grade of a deposit or depth to the target. Even in exploration surveys clients tend to submit samples over more promising targets due to knowledge of the geology and prior geochemical or geophysical results. As shown in the following chart, projects with SGH data from 200 or more sample locations have a higher level of confidence in the interpretation as the geochromatography of the SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds can be more completely observed and reviewed.





SGH RATING SYSTEM - HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)

The rating frequency may be biased low as research projects often include a bare minimum of samples to reduce costs. Research projects may also be over targets known to be difficult to depict with geochemistry. Multiple targets in close vicinity in a survey may result in a low bias as the Pathfinder Class geochromatography is more difficult to deconvelute. Ratings may also be biased low if less than the recommended 50 sample locations is submitted as indicated by the following chart. This chart also illustrates that there is no interpretation bias to a particular rating value.



The overall rating frequency for over 400 targets from January 2004 to December 2009 is shown in the chart below illustrating that surveys over more promising targets are most often submitted for best use of research or exploration dollars. It also indicates that the 0.5 increments were less frequent as they started in 2007.



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<u>SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)</u>

More specific for SGH interpretation for Gold targets, the overall rating frequency for 97 targets from January 2004 to December 2009 is shown in the chart below that also illustrates that surveys over more promising Gold targets are most often submitted for best use of research or exploration dollars.



SGH DATA QUALITY

- **<u>Reporting Limit:</u>** The SGH Excel spreadsheet of results contains the raw unaltered concentrations of the individual SGH compounds in units of "part-per-trillion" (ppt). The reporting of these ultra low levels is vital to the measurement of the small amounts of hydrocarbons now known to be leached/metabolized and subsequently released by dead bacteria that have been interacting with the ore at depth. To ensure that the data has a high level of confidence, a "reporting limit" is used. The reporting limit of 1 ppt actually represents a level of confidence of approximately 5 standard deviations where SGH data is assured to be "real" and non-zero. Thus in SGH the use of a reporting limit automatically removes site variability and there is no need to further background subtract any data as the reporting limit has already filtered out any site background effects. Thus we recommend that all data that is equal to or greater than 2 ppt should be used in any data review. It is important to review all SGH data as low values that may be the centre of halo anomalies and higher values as apical anomalies or as halo ridges are all important.
- **Laboratory Replicate Analysis:** A laboratory replicate is a sample taken randomly from the submitted survey being analyzed and are not unrelated samples taken from some large stockpile of bulk material. In the Organics laboratory an equal portion of this sieved sample, or pulp, is taken and analyzed in the same



SGH DATA QUALITY (continued)

manner using the Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometer. The comparison of laboratory replicate and field duplicate results for chemical tests in the parts-per-million or even parts-per-billion range has typically been done using an absolute "relative percent difference (RPD)" statistic which is an easy proxy for error estimation rather than a more complete analysis of precision as specified by Thompson and Howarth. An RPD statistic is not appropriate for SGH results as the reporting limit for SGH is <u>1 part-per-trillion</u>. Further, SGH is a semi-quantitative technique and was not designed to have the same level of precision as other less sensitive geochemistry's as it is only used as an exploration tool and not for any assay work. SGH is also designed to cover a wide range of organic compounds with an unprecedented 162 compounds being measured for each sample. In order to analyze such a wide molecular weight range of compounds, sacrifices were made to the variability especially in the low molecular weight range of the SGH analysis. The result is that the first fifteen SGH compounds in the Excel spreadsheet is expected to exhibit more imprecision than the other 147 compounds. An SGH laboratory replicate is a large set of data for comparison even for just a few pairs of analyses. Precision calculations using a Thompson and Howarth approach should only be used for estimating error in individual measurements, and not for describing the average error in a larger data set. In geochemical exploration geochemists seek concentration patterns to interpret and thus rigorous precision in individual samples is not required because the concentrations of many samples are interpreted collectively. For these reasons recent and independent research at Acadia University in Canada promote that a percent Coefficient of Variation (%CV) should be used as a universal measurement of relative error in all geochemical applications. As SGH results are a relatively large data set for nearly all submissions, %CV is a better statistic for use with SGH. By using %CV, the concentration of duplicate pairs is irrelevant because the units of concentration cancel out in the formation of the coefficient of variation ratio. For SGH, the %CV is calculated on all values \geq 2 ppt. These values are averaged and represent a value for each pair of replicate analysis of the sample. All of the %CV values for the replicates are then averaged to report one %CV value to represent the overall estimate of the relative error in the laboratory sub-sampling from the prepared samples, and any instrumental variability, in the SGH data set for the survey. Actlabs' has successfully addressed the analytical challenge to minimize analytical variability for such a large list of compounds. Thus as SGH is also interpreted as a signature and is solely used for exploration and not assay measurement, the data from SGH is "fit for purpose" as a geochemical exploration tool.



SGH DATA QUALITY (continued)

Historical SGH Precision: In the general history of geochemistry, studies indicate that a large component of total measurement error is introduced during the collection of the initial sample and in subsampling, and that only a subordinate amount of error in the result is introduced during preparation and analysis. A historical record encompassing many projects for SGH, including a wide variety of sample types, geology and geography, shows that the consistency and precision for the analysis of SGH is excellent with an overall precision of 6.8% Coefficient of Variation (%CV). When last calculated, this number has a range having a maximum of 12.4% CV, a minimum of 3.0% CV, with a standard deviation of 1.6%, in a population made up of over 400 targets (over 45,000 samples) interpreted since June of 2004. Again the precision of 6.8% CV included all of the sample types as soil from different horizons, peat, till, humus, lake-bottom sediments, ocean-bottom sediments, and even snow. When field duplicates have been revealed to us, we have found that the precision of the field duplicates are in the range of about 9 to 12 %CV. As SGH is interpreted using a combination of compounds as a chemical "class" or signature, the affect of a few concentrations that may be imprecise in a direct comparison of duplicates is not significant. Further, projects that have been re-sampled at different times or seasons are expected to have different SGH concentrations. The SGH anomalies may not be in exactly the same position or of the same intensity due to variable conditions that may have affected the dispersion of different pathfinder classes. However, the SGH "signature" as to the presence of the specific mix of SGH pathfinder classes will definitely still exist, and will retain the ability to identify the deposit type and vector to the same target location.

LABORATORY MATERIALS BLANK - QUALITY ASSURANCE (LMB-QA): •

The Laboratory Materials Blank Quality Assurance measurements (LMB-QA) shown in the SGH spreadsheet of results are matrix free blanks analyzed for SGH. These blanks are not standard laboratory blanks as they do not accurately reflect an amount expected to be from laboratory handling or laboratory conditions that may be present and affect the sample analysis result. The LMB-QA measurements are a pre-warning system to only detect any contamination originating from laboratory glassware, vials or caps. As there is no substrate to emulate the sample matrix, the full solvating power of the SGH leaching solution, effectively a water leach, is fully directed at the small surface area of the glassware, vials or caps. In a sample analysis the solvating power of the SGH leaching solution is distributed between the large sample surface area (from soil, humus, sediments, peat, till, etc.) and the relatively small contribution from the laboratory materials surfaces. The sample matrix also buffers the solvating or leaching effect in the sample versus the more vigourous leaching of the laboratory materials which do not experience this buffering effect. Thus the level of the LMB-QA reported is biased high relative to the sample concentration and the



SGH DATA QUALITY (continued)

actual contribution of the laboratory reagents, equipment, handling, etc. to the values in samples is significantly lower. This situation in organic laboratory analysis only occurs at such extremely low part-pertrillion (ppt) measurement levels. This is one of the reasons that SGH uses a reporting limit and not a detection limit. The 1 ppt reporting limit used in the SGH spreadsheet of raw concentration data is 3 to 5 times greater than a detection limit. The reporting limit automatically filters out analytical noise, the actual LMB-QA, and most of the sample survey site background. This has been proven as SGH values of 1 to 3 parts-per-trillion (ppt) have very often illustrated the outline of anomalies directly related to mineral targets. Thus all SGH values greater than or equal to 1 or 2 ppt should be used as reliable values for interpretations.

The LMB-QA values thus should not be used to background subtract any SGH data. The LMB-QA values are only an early warning as a quality assurance procedure to indicate the relative cleanliness of laboratory glassware, vials, caps, and the laboratory water supply at the ppt concentration level. Do not subtract the LMB-QA values from SGH sample data.

SGH DATA INTERPRETATION

GEOCHEMICAL ANOMALY THRESHOLD VALUE:

In the interpretation of "inorganic" geochemical data one of the determinations to be made is to calculate a "Threshold" value above which data is considered anomalous. This is done on an element by element basis. In the interpretation of this "organic" geochemical data this determination is done differently. The determination of a threshold value is not calculated for each hydrocarbon compound. The determination of a threshold value is also a concentration below which geochemical data is considered as "noise" for the purposes of geochemical interpretation. As discussed on page 10, SGH uses a "Reporting Limit" instead of some type of Detection Limit. The amount of noise that is already eliminated in the data, as below the Reporting Limit of 1 part-per-trillion (shown in the data spreadsheet as "-1" as "not-detected at a Reporting Limit of 1 ppt") is equivalent to approximately 5 standard deviations of variability. To thus calculate an additional Threshold Value is a loss of real and valuable data. Further, in the interpretation of SGH data, individual compounds are not considered (unless explicitly mentioned in the report). The interpretation of SGH data is exclusively conducted by "compound chemical class" which is the sum of four to fourteen individual hydrocarbons in the same organic chemical class as these compounds naturally have the same chemical properties that ultimately define their spatial dispersion characteristics in their rise from a mineral target through the overburden. This combined class is more reliable than the measurement of any one compound. SGH also eliminates the need for a Threshold value determination above the


SGH DATA INTERPRETATION (continued)

Reporting Limit due to the "high specificity" of the specific hydrocarbons and the classes they form. Each of the hydrocarbons has been hand selected due to their lower probability of being found in general surface soils. Further, only those classes where the majority of the compounds are detected above the Reporting Limit are considered in the interpretation. This defines the SGH geochemistry as having less geochemical noise due to the use of a reporting limit and as having higher confidence in the use of groups (classes) of data instead of individual compounds. However the most important aspect of interpretation is the use of a forensic signature. At least three specific "Pathfinder" classes, based on the combinations or template of classes we have developed, must be present to define the hydrocarbon signature to confidently predict the presence of a specific type of mineral target. Do not calculate another Threshold value. FACT: It has been proven many times that important chemical anomalies can exist even at 5 ppt.

SGH PATHFINDER CLASS MAGNITUDE:

The magnitude of any individual concentration or that of a hydrocarbon class does not imply that the data is of more importance or that mineralization is of higher quantity or grade. SGH interpretation must use the review of the combination of specific hydrocarbon classes to make any interpretation.

SGH DATA LEVELING:

The combination of SGH data from different field sampling events has rarely required leveling in order to combine survey grids. The only circumstances that have occasionally required leveling has been the combination of samples that are very fine in texture, thus having a combined large surface area to samples of peat that may be in nearby areas. Even after maceration of the peat and in using the maximum size of sample amenable to this test method, peat samples have a significantly lower surface area. Peat samples have only required leveling in one survey in the last 500 SGH interpretations.

In only the last year it has been observed that SGH data **may** require leveling when different field sampling events have significantly different soil temperature. It has been documented that only when "soil" samples are taken from "frozen" ground that data leveling may be required as frozen sample act as a frozen cap to the hydrocarbon flux and may collect a higher concentration of hydrocarbon compounds compared to sampling during seasons where the samples are not frozen. Only two surveys have required leveling in the last 500 SGH interpretations. The author has taken introductory training in the leveling of geochemical data. If leveling is required, both data sets are reviewed in terms of maximum, minimum and average values for each SGH Pathfinder Class intended for use in the interpretation. Data in sectioned into quartiles and each section is assigned specific leveling factors that is then applied to one data set. It should be noted that any type of data leveling is an approximation.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u>

One of the first experiments in 1996 in the development of the SGH analysis was to observe if an SGH response could be obtained directly from an ore sample. From office shelf specimens, small rock chips were obtained which were then crushed and milled. The fine pulp obtained was then subjected to the SGH analysis. These shelf specimen samples were from well known Volcanic Massive Sulphide deposits of the Mattabi deposit from the Archean Sturgeon Lake Camp in Northwestern Ontario and from the Kidd Creek Archean volcanic-hosted copper-zinc deposit. Even these specimen samples contain a geochemical record of the hydrocarbons produced by the bacteria that had been feeding on these deposits at depth. As a comparison, SGH analysis were similarly conducted on modern-day VMS ore samples taken from a "black smoker" hydrothermal volcanic vent from the deep sea bed of the Juan de Fuca Ridge where high concentrations of microbial growth was also known to exist. The raw data profiles as GC/MS Total Ion Chromatograms are shown below to illustrate the "visible" portion of the VMS signature obtained from the SGH analysis.



The top two profiles were obtained from two samples of the modern day "black smokers". The third and fourth chromatograms in the above image were obtained from the Pre-Cambrian Zn-Cu Kidd Creek and Mattabi deposits. The red arrows point to three compounds that are <u>a portion</u> of the SGH signature for VMS type deposits. This visible portion of the VMS signature of hydrocarbons can easily be seen in the analysis of each of these four samples.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u> (cont.)

The next question in our early objectives was to see if this SGH signature could also be observed in <u>surficial soil samples</u> that had been taken over VMS deposits. Through our research projects, soil samples were obtained from over the Ruttan Cu-Zn VMS deposit near Leaf Rapids, Manitoba and located in the Paleoproterozoic Rusty Lake greenstone belt. The profile obtained, as observed in the raw GC/MS chromatogram, is shown in this next image below:



The three compounds indicated by the red arrows represent the same <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature observed from the modern day black smoker samples and the ore samples taken from the Mattabi and Kidd Creek, even though this soil was taken from over a different VMS deposit in a geographically different area. Is this coincidence? Another soil sample was obtained from Noranda's Gilmour South base-metal occurrence in the Bathurst Mining camp in northern New Brunswick. As shown below, this sample contained a very complex SGH signature, however the <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature as indicated by the red arrows is still observed as in the black smoker, Mattabi and Kidd Creek ore samples.



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SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES (cont.)

In research conducted by the Ontario Geological Survey, this same portion of the SGH signature was also observed over the VMS deposit at Cross Lake in Ontario. Note that the visible signature shown as the three compounds indicated by the red arrows is only a small portion of the complete SGH VMS signature. The full VMS signature is made up of at least three groups, as three organic chemical classes, that together contain at least 35 of the individual SGH hydrocarbons.

The chromatograms shown on the preceding page from the GC/MS analysis are not used directly in the interpretation of SGH data. As we are only interested in a specific list of 162 hydrocarbons, the mass spectrometer and associated software programs specifically identifies the hydrocarbons of interest, runs calculations using relative responses to a short list of hydrocarbons used as standards, and develops an Excel spreadsheet of semi-quantitative concentration data to represent the sample. Thus the SGH results for a sample, like that observed in ore from the Ruttan, are filtered to obtain the concentrations for the specific 162 hydrocarbons. A simple bar graph drawn from the Excel spreadsheet of the hydrocarbons and their concentrations results in a DNA like **forensic SGH signature** as shown below. The portion discussed hear as the "visible" SGH VMS signature in the GC/MS chromatograms, is again shown by the red arrows.



Through the work done in the SGH CAMIRO research projects, it was observed that the hydrocarbon signature produced by the SGH technique appeared to also be able to be used to differentiate barren from This was explored further through the submission and analysis of specific ore-bearing conductors. specimen samples that represented a barren pyritic conductor and a barren graphitic conductor.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u> (cont.)

The GC/MS chromatograms from these two specimens are compared to that obtained from the Kidd-Creek ore as shown below. This diagram conclusively shows that the SGH signatures obtained from the two types of barren conductors are completely different than that obtained by SGH over VMS type ore. SGH is thus able to differentiate between ore-bearing conductors and barren conductors as <u>the Forensic SGH</u> <u>Geochemical signature is different</u>.



- SGH has been described by the Ontario Geological Survey of Canada (OGS) as a "REDOX cell locator". Many SGH surveys for Gold and other mineral targets can result in multiple types of anomalies, depending on the class of SGH compounds, even over the same target and in the same set of samples. Thus "Apical", "Nested-Halo", and "Rabbit-Ear" or "Halo" type SGH anomalies are all typically observed from the effect of REDOX cells that have developed over deposits. REDOX cells are also related to the presence of bacteriological activity.
- The VMS template of SGH Pathfinder Classes uses low and medium weight classes of hydrocarbon compounds. Again, at least three Pathfinder Class group maps, associated with the SGH signature for VMS, must be present to begin to be considered for assignment of a good rating. The Pathfinder Class anomalies in these maps must logically concur and support a consistent interpretation in relation to the expected geochromatographic characteristics of the Pathfinder Class, for a specific area. The SGH Pathfinder Class map(s) shown in this report is usually the most diagnostic for the presence of Volcanic Massive Sulphide based mineralization.



SGH DATA INTERPRETATION

DISCLAIMER:

This "SGH Interpretation Report" has been prepared to assist the user in understanding the development and capabilities of this Organic based Geochemistry. The interpretation of the Soil Gas Hydrocarbon (SGH) data is in reference to a template or group of SGH classes of compounds specific to a type of mineralization or target that is chosen by the client (i.e. the template for gold, copper, VMS, uranium, etc.). Although the template of SGH Pathfinder Classes that has been developed through research and review of case studies has proven to be able to address many lithologies, Activation Laboratories Ltd. cannot guarantee that the template is applicable to every type of target in every type of environment. The interpretation in this report attempts to identify an anomaly that has the best SGH signature in the survey for the type of mineralization or target chosen by the client. However, this interpretation is not exhaustive and there may be additional SGH anomalies that may warrant interest. It should not be viewed due to the generation of this SGH report, that Activation Laboratories Ltd. has the expertise or is in the business of interpreting geochemical data as a general service. As the author is the originator of the SGH geochemistry, has researched and developed this exploration tool since 1996, and has produced similar interpretations using SGH data for over 500 surveys, he is perhaps the best gualified to prepare this interpretation as assistance to clients wishing to use SGH. Activation Laboratories Ltd. can offer assistance in general suggestions for sampling protocols and in sample grid location design; however we accept no responsibility to the appropriateness of the samples taken. Activation Laboratories Ltd. has made every attempt to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information provided in this report. Activation Laboratories Ltd. or its employees, does not accept any responsibility or liability for the accuracy, content, completeness, legality, or reliability of the information or description of processes contained in this report. The information is provided "as is" without a guarantee of any kind in the interpretation or use of the results of the SGH geochemistry. The client or user accepts all risks and responsibility for losses, damages, costs and other consequences resulting directly or indirectly form using any information or material contained in this report or using data from the associated spreadsheet of results.



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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION - Lines 39-52

This report is based on the SGH results from the analysis of a total of 205 soil samples from these submissions for this survey area. This report specifically pertains to just those sample results from Lines 39 through to 52. These fifteen north-south trending transects in the Sturgeon Lake survey area are shown in the map below. Note that the most westerly two lines, Line 39 and 40 were previously analyzed and reported (June 30, 2010). The transects are about 100 to 150 metres apart with samples spaced at approx. 50 metres. UTM coordinates were provided for mapping of the SGH results for these soil samples. These samples were received by our Thunder Bay lab facility and then shipped to our head Ancaster laboratory where they were subsequently dried and sieved as per the procedure on page 5 of this report.



• The number of samples submitted for this project is adequate to use SGH as an exploration tool for Lines 39 through 52. Note that the SGH data is only reviewed for the particular target deposit type requested, in this case for the presence of a VMS based deposit. It is also assumed that there is only one potential target. To obtain the best interpretation the client should indicate if there are possible multiple targets, say from geophysical data. The possibility of multiple targets in "close proximity" should be known due to potential overlap and increased complexity of resulting geochromatographic anomalies which could alter the interpretation. Based on the size of the narrow targets expected in this Sturgeon Lake project, "close proximity" would mean "within 400 metres".



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SGH SURVEY "VMS" INTERPRETATION – Lines 39-52

- Note that the associated SGH results are presented in a separate Excel spreadsheet. This raw data is semi-quantitative and is presented in units of pg/g or **parts-per-trillion** (ppt).
- The overall precision of the SGH analysis for the samples in this SGH survey was excellent as • demonstrated by 14 samples taken from this survey area which were used for laboratory replicate analysis. The average Coefficient of Variation (%CV) of the replicate results for the project samples from lines 39 through 52 was 6.3% which represents an excellent level of analytical performance especially at such low parts-per-trillion concentrations.
- The plan view maps shown on page 22 and 23 in plan and 3D views are both SGH "Pathfinder Class maps" for targeting VMS mineralization and are the same classes as previously used for Lines 39 & 40. Each map represents the simple summation of several individual hydrocarbon compound concentrations that are grouped from within the same organic chemical class. SGH Pathfinder Class maps have been shown to be robust as they are each described using from 4 to 14 (unless otherwise stated) chemically related SGH compounds which are simply summed to create each class map. Thus each map has a higher level of confidence as it is "not" illustrating just one compound response. A legend of the SGH classes appears in the SGH data spreadsheet. The overall SGH interpretation rating (page 24) has even a higher level of confidence as it further relies on the consensus between at least three SGH Pathfinder Classes (the other classes are not shown in this report) that together make the signature of the target at depth.
- On the SGH Pathfinder Class map on page 22, six zones have been outlined as the interpretation of several areas having apical type anomalies. The apical anomaly for Zone A, outlined by a solid black line, is the same one reported on the left hand side of page 19 in the interpretation for VMS mineralization of the Sturgeon Lake survey in the report dated June 30, 2010 for Lines 39-40. The same data is used except 4 of the most northern samples on each of Lines 39-40 were re-sampled. All the data is used to develop this map from five separate submissions/workorders of samples. Apical anomalies have also been outlined and designated as Zones "B", "C", "D", "E" and "F". These same outlines have been applied to the SGH Pathfinder Class maps on page 23 and for reference purposes on pages 26, 27 and 30. These two Pathfinder Class maps on pages 22 and 23 are the same ones initially used in Lines 37-38. The Pathfinder Class map on page 23 is the same class as on the right hand map on page 19 of the report for Lines 39-40.



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SGH "VMS" PATHFINDER CLASS MAP - MAP #1 - Lines 39-52



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SGH "VMS" PATHFINDER CLASS MAP – MAP #2 – Lines 39-52



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SGH SURVEY "VMS" INTERPRETATION – Lines 39-52

- The Pathfinder Class map on page 23 is one of the confirmatory chemical classes that is expected to have a low response or halo type of anomaly that corresponds to the apical anomalies on page 22 if VMS mineralization is present and if the other SGH Pathfinder Class maps not shown in this report that complete the SGH signature for VMS concur. As shown on the right hand side of page 19 in the previous report for Lines 39-40, a halo anomaly or low response exists within the solid black line in Zone A. Similarly, the areas within the outlines as Zones B through F also have low responses that correspond to the apical anomalies shown on page 22 of this report.
- Other SGH Pathfinder Class maps also agree on the assignment of the interpretations as the areas within the black dotted outlines around Zone "B", "C", "D", "E" and "F. After review of all of the SGH Pathfinder Class maps, the SGH results from these samples suggest a "rating of 5.5" for each of the Zones "B" through "F" as shown on the plan view maps for Lines 39 through 52 as areas of potential mineralization. However, due to the complexity of the SGH signature in this survey, the "rating of these areas is 4.5" (Zone "A" inclusive and upgraded) as to the actual identification whether the mineralization that may be present is VMS as this signature overlaps significantly with the signature templates of Gold and IOCG type deposits. The review for Gold is conducted separately in the next section of this report. SGH predicts that mineralization may exist directly beneath these Zones as a vertical projection. This rating is based on a scale of 6.0 in 0.5 increments, with a value of 6.0 being the best. This rating represents the similarity of these SGH results with case studies over a Volcanic Massive Sulphide (VMS) type target, to the SGH case studies conducted at the Hanson Lake VMS deposit in Saskatchewan, the South Gilmour VMS deposit in New Brunswick and the Cross Lake VMS deposit in Ontario. The degree of confidence in the rating only starts to be "good" at a level of 4.0.
- These interpretations are based only on this survey and on these SGH results. The SGH VMS template used has been shown to be robust to a wide range of VMS lithology including Kidd Creek, Irish and Kuroko style deposits.
- Potential drill targets to further explore these Zones would be at the apical anomalies on page 22 as vertical projections.
- The client should use a combination of these SGH results and its report with additional geochemical, geophysical, and geological information to possibly obtain a more confident and precise target location.



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SGH SURVEY "GOLD" INTERPRETATION – Lines 39-52

- The Maps #3 and #4 are shown on page 26 and 27 in plan and 3D views and are both SGH "Pathfinder Class maps" for targeting GOLD mineralization. Each map represents the simple summation of several individual hydrocarbon compound concentrations that are grouped from within the same organic chemical class. SGH Pathfinder Class maps have been shown to be robust as they are each described using from 4 to 14 (unless otherwise stated) chemically related SGH compounds which are simply summed to create each class map. Thus each map has a higher level of confidence as it is "not" illustrating just one compound response. A legend of the SGH classes appears in the SGH data spreadsheet. The overall SGH interpretation rating (page 28) has even a higher level of confidence as it further relies on the consensus between at least three SGH Pathfinder Classes (the other classes are not shown in this report) that together make the signature of the target at depth.
- On the SGH Pathfinder Class maps on page 26 for Map #3 and 27 for Map #4, the six designated zones have been outlined from the VMS interpretation have been applied. Some of the apical anomalies on Map #3 overlap or flank the outlines developed from the apical anomalies that were shown on page 22 for VMS mineralization. The SGH Pathfinder Class Mp #3 is expected to illustrate apical responses directly over gold mineralization; however each apical anomaly is tested for agreement with the other SGH Pathfinder Classes for Gold. Thus several apical anomalies on Map #3 have a symbol, " (*) * beside them to illustrate that the anomaly is not associated with Gold. Other anomalies such as the apical anomaly in the easterly point in Zone B, anomalies in Zone D, the anomalies that form a portion of Zone E, and others, may be apical anomalies indicating Gold mineralization vertical projected beneath the anomaly. Map #4 is another SGH Pathfinder Class for Gold and was included in this report to emphasize the higher probability for Gold mineralization in Zone D, between Zone C and D, and to a lesser extent in Zone C. Other SGH Pathfinder Classes for Gold agree with this emphasis in the interpretation for Gold mineralization in this Sturgeon Lake survey.
- Additional confidence in the interpretation of Gold using SGH can be at apical anomalies in Map #3 that "flank" the outlines applied as the apical anomalies from potential VMS mineralization. SGH has been shown in Geoscience BC reports, such as the one at Mt. Milligan (GBC Report 2010-8), to be able to separate Gold from Copper mineralized areas of Copper-Gold Porphyry deposits that is similar in the SGH template to the IOCG SGH template derived from a study at Olympic Dam. This supports the identification of Gold mineralization as the apical anomalies that flanks Zone A in particular (Map #3).



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SGH "GOLD" PATHFINDER CLASS MAP - MAP #3 - Lines 39-52



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SGH "GOLD" PATHFINDER CLASS MAP - MAP #4 - Lines 39-52



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SGH SURVEY "GOLD" INTERPRETATION RATING - Lines 39-52

- Other SGH Pathfinder Class maps also agree on those apical anomalies on Map #3 that do not have an associated symbol, " (()" that are believed to be related to Gold mineralization. After review of all of the SGH Pathfinder Class maps, the SGH results from these soil samples suggest a "rating of 4.0" for small isolated anomalies and a "rating of 5.0" for anomalies in Zone D and between Zone C and D. SGH predicts that mineralization may exist directly beneath these areas as a vertical projection. This rating is based on a scale of 6.0 in 0.5 increments, with a value of 6.0 being the best. The rating represents the similarity of these SGH results, and the developed Pathfinder Class maps, primarily to case studies for Gold in Nunavut, shear hosted as well as sediment hosted deposits in Nevada, and Paleochannel Gold deposits in Australia. The degree of confidence in the rating only starts to be "good" at a level of 4.0.
- Potential drill targets to further explore for Gold mineralization would be at the apical anomalies that do not have an associated symbol, " (O) on Map #3 on page 26 as vertical projections.
- The client should use a combination of these SGH results and its report with additional geochemical, geophysical, and geological information to possibly obtain a more confident and precise target location.



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SGH SURVEY "ORGANO-SULPHIDE" INTERPRETATION – Lines 39-52

- The plan view Map #5 shown on page 30 in plan and 3D view is an SGH "Pathfinder Class map" that specifically illustrates the presence of "Organo-Suphides". This map is made up of just two compound responses as these compounds are difficult to detect.
- This map has been shown in this report to illustrate the significant presence of these compounds in Zone B. It is unknown at this time what specific type of mineralization would lead to such a distinctive anomaly. A hypothesis is that Zone B may have a significantly higher amount of Iron than in the other zones. Note that this does not imply that sulphides do not exists in the other zones in this survey as the map is normalized to the highest concentration. It is highly probable that sulphides exist in other areas but are suppressed due to the map normalization, are in a form that is not detected by SGH, or that sulphides are present at a concentration less than the reporting limit for these compounds that are so difficult to detect.
- Note that there is no Rating given to the responses on Map #5 relative to a certain type of mineralization. Map #5 is presented in the hopes that it can help Excalibur Resources Ltd. in their interpretation of Zone B relative to other geochemical and geophysical information they may have.
- The client should use a combination of these SGH results and its report with additional geochemical, geophysical, and geological information to possibly obtain a more confident and precise target location.



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SGH "ORGANO-SULPHIDE" PATHFINDER CLASS MAP – MAP #5 – Lines 39-52



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IN-FILL SAMPLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SGH ANALYSIS

Based on the results of this report and/or other information, the client may decide that infill sampling may be warranted. To obtain the best results from additional sampling for SGH it is recommended that sample locations within, or bordering, the area of interest be re-sampled rather than combining new results with the sample data from the initial survey. Although several SGH surveys have previously been easily and directly, combined without data leveling, it cannot be guaranteed that data leveling will not be required. It has been found that data leveling is more apt to be required should the new samples be collected under significantly different environmental conditions than during the initial sample survey, i.e. summer collection versus winter collection. The process of data leveling adds a minimum of 3 to 5 days of work to conduct the additional data evaluation, develop additional plots of the results, conduct new interpretations, and in additional report descriptions. Results from data leveling is also always considered "an approximation" thus having a lower level of confidence that newly re-sampled locations would have. As of September 2010, an additional cost will be invoiced should data leveling operations be required if the client requests that two SGH data sets be interpreted and reported together. Thus re-sampling locations will provide a faster turnaround time for results and provide more accurate and confident surveys for evaluation and aid in deciding specific drill targets.



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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

205 Soil samples were received and then shipped to our Ancaster Laboratory for analysis via the Actlabs Thunder Bay facility. These samples were prepared at our Ancaster Laboratory according to our Code S4 procedure.

The following analytical package was requested: Code SGH – Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry

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Notes:

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The author of this SGH Interpretation Report, Mr. Dale Sutherland, is the creator of the SGH organic geochemistry. He is a Chartered Chemist (C.Chem.) and Forensic Scientist specializing in organic chemistry. He is not a professional geologist or geochemist.

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SOIL GAS HYDROCARBON (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY - OVERVIEW

SGH is a deep penetrating geochemistry that involves the analysis of surficial samples from over potential mineral or petroleum targets. The analysis involves the testing for 162 hydrocarbon compounds in the C5-C17 carbon series range applicable to a wide variety of sample types. SGH has been successful for delineating targets found at over 500 metres in depth. Samples of various media have been successfully analyzed such as soil (any horizon), drill core, rock, peat, lake-bottom sediments and even snow. The SGH analysis incorporates a very weak leach, essentially aqueous, that only extracts the surficial bound hydrocarbon compounds and those compounds in interstitial spaces around the sample particles. These are the hydrocarbons that have been mobilized from the target depth. SGH is unique and should not be confused with other hydrocarbon tests or traditional analyses that measure C1 (Methane) to C5 (Pentane) or other SGH is also different from soil hydrocarbon tests that thermally extract or desorb all of the qases. hydrocarbons from the whole soil sample. This test is less specific as it does not separate the hydrocarbons and thus does not identify or measure the responses as precisely. These tests also do not use a forensic approach to identification. The hydrocarbons in the SGH extract are separated by high resolution capillary column gas chromatography to isolate, confirm, and measure the presence of only the individual hydrocarbons that have been found to be of interest from initial research and development and from performance testing in two Canadian Mining Industry Research Organization (CAMIRO) projects (97E04 and 01E02).

Over the past 14 years of research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has developed an in-depth understanding of the unique SGH signatures associated with different commodity targets. Using a forensic approach we have developed target signatures or templates for identification, and the understanding of the expected geochromatography that is exhibited by each class of SGH compounds. In 2004 we began to include an SGH interpretation report delivered with the data to enable our clients to realize the complete value and understanding of the SGH results in the shortest time frame and provide the benefit from past research sponsored by Actlabs, CAMIRO, OMET and other projects.

SGH has attracted the attention of a large number of Exploration companies. In the above mentioned research projects the sponsors have included (in no order): Western Mining Corporation, BHP-Billiton, Inco, Noranda, Outokumpu, Xstrata, Cameco, Cominco, Rio Algom, Alberta Geological Survey, Ontario Geological Survey, Manitoba Geological Survey and OMET. Further, beyond this research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has interpreted the SGH data for over 400 targets from clients since January of 2004. In both CAMIRO research projects over known mineralization and in exploration projects over unknown targets, SGH has performed exceptionally well. As an example, in the first CAMIRO research project that commenced in 1997 (Project 97E04), there were 10 study areas that were submitted blindly to Actlabs. These study sites were selected since other inorganic geochemistries were unsuccessful at illustrating anomalies related to the target.



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Although Actlabs was only provided with the samples and their coordinates, SGH was able to locate the blind mineralization with exceptional accuracy in 9 of the 10 surveys. SGH has recently been very successful in exploration and discovery of unknown targets e.g. Golden Band Resources drilled an SGH anomaly and discovered a significant vein containing "visible" gold. (www.goldenbandresources.com)

Sample Type and Survey Design: It is highly recommended that a *minimum* of 50 sample "locations" is preferred to obtain enough samples into background areas on both sides of small suspected targets (wet gas plays, Kimberlite pipes, Uranium Breccia pipes, veins, etc.). SGH is not interpreted in the same way as inorganic based geochemistries. SGH must have enough samples over both the target and background areas in order to fully study the dispersion patterns or geochromatography of the SGH classes of compounds. Based on our minimum recommendation of at least 50 sample locations we further suggest that all samples be evenly spaced with about one-third of the samples over the target and one-third on each side of the target in order for SGH to be used for exploration. Targets other than gas plays, pipes, dykes or veins usually require additional samples to represent both the target and background areas.

SGH has been shown to be very robust to the use of different sample types even "within" the same survey or transect. Research has illustrated that it is far more important to the ultimate interpretation of the results to take a complete sample transect or grid than to skip samples due to different sample media. The most ideal natural sample is still believed to be soil from the "Upper B-Horizon", however excellent results can also be obtained from other soil horizons, humus, peat, lake-bottom sediments, and even snow. The sampling design is suggested to use evenly spaced samples from 15 metres to 200 metres and line spacing from 50 metres to 500 metres depending on the size and type of target. A 4:1 ratio is suggested, however, larger orientation surveys have also been successful. Ideally even large grids should have one-third of the samples over the target and two-thirds of the samples into anticipated background areas. This will allow the proper assessment of the SGH geochromatographic vectoring and background site signature levels with minimal bias. Individual samples taken at significant distances from the main survey area to represent background are not of value in the SGH interpretation as SGH results are not background subtracted. Samples can be drip dried in the field and do not need special preservation for shipping and has been specifically designed to avoid common contaminants from sample handling and shipping. SGH has also been shown to be robust to cultural activities even to the point that successful results and interpretation has been obtained from roadside right-ofways.



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Sample Preparation and Analysis: Upon receipt at Activation Laboratories the samples are air-dried in isolated and dedicated environmentally controlled rooms set to 40°C. The dried samples are then sieved. In the sieving process, it is important that compressed air is not used to clean the sieves between samples as trace amounts of compressor oils "may" poison the samples and significantly affect some target signatures. At Activation Laboratories a vacuum is used to clean the sieve between each sample. The -60 mesh sieve fraction (<250 microns, although different mesh sizes can be used at the preference of the exploration geologist) is collected and packaged in a Kraft paper envelope and transported from our sample preparation building to our analytical building on the same street in Ancaster Ontario. Each sample is then extracted, separated by gas chromatography and analyzed by mass spectrometry using customized parameters enabling the highly specific detection of the 162 targeted hydrocarbons at a <u>reporting limit</u> of one part-per-trillion (ppt). This trace level limit of reporting is critical to the detection of these hydrocarbons that, through research, have been found to be related at least in part to the breakdown and release of hydrocarbons from the death phase of microbes directly interacting with a deposit at depth. The hydrocarbon signatures are directly linked to the deposit type which is used as a food source. The hydrocarbons that are mobilized and metabolized by the microbes are released in the death phase of each successive generation. Very few of the hydrocarbons measured are actually due to microbe cell structure, or hydrocarbons present or formed in the genesis of the deposit or from anthropogenic contamination. The results of the SGH analysis is reported in raw data form in an Excel spreadsheet as "semi-quantitative" concentrations without any additional statistical modification.

Mobilized Inorganic Geochemical Anomalies: It is important to note that SGH is essentially "blind" to any inorganic content in samples as only organic compounds as hydrocarbons are measured. Thus inorganic geochemical surface anomalies that have migrated away from the mineral source, and thus may be interpreted and found to be a false target location, is not detected and does not affect SGH results. This fact is of great advantage when comparing the SGH results to inorganic geochemical results. If there is agreement in the location of the anomalies between the organic and inorganic technique, such as Actlabs' Enzyme Leach, a significant increase in confidence in the target location can be realized. If there is no agreement or a shift in the location of the anomalies between the techniques, the inorganic anomaly may have been mobilized in the surficial environment.

The Nugget Effect: As SGH is "blind" to the inorganic content in the survey samples, any concern of a "nugget effect" will not be encountered with SGH data. A "nugget effect" may be of a concern for inorganic geochemistries from surveys over copper, gold, lead, nickel, etc. type targets.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

SGH Interpretation Report: All SGH submissions must be accompanied by relative or UTM coordinates so that we may ensure that the sample survey design is appropriate for use with SGH, and to provide an SGH interpretation with the results. In our interpretation procedure, we separate the results into 19 SGH subclasses. These classes include specific alkanes, alkenes, thiophenes, aromatic, and polyaromatic compounds. Note that none of the SGH hydrocarbons are "gaseous" at room temperature and pressure. The classes are then evaluated in terms of their geochromatography and for coincident compound class anomalies that are unique to different types of mineralization. Actlabs uses a six point scale in assigning a subjective rating of similarity of the SGH signatures found in the submitted survey to signatures previously reviewed and researched from known case studies over the same commodity type. Also factored into this rating is the appropriateness of the survey and amount of data/sample locations that is available for interpretation. This rating scale is described in detail in the following section.

SGH RATING SYSTEM - DESCRIPTION

To date SGH has been found to be successful in the depiction of buried mineralization for Gold, Nickel, VMS, SEDEX, Uranium, Polymetallic, and Copper, as well as for Kimberlites. SGH data has developed into a dual exploration tool. From the interpretation, a vertical projection of the predicted location of the target can be made as well as a statement on the rating of the comparability of the identification of the anticipated target type to that from known case studies, e.g. if the client anticipates the target to be a Gold deposit, what is the rating or comparability that the target is similar to the SGH results over a Gold deposit in Nunavut, shear hosted and sediment hosted deposits in Nevada, or Paleochannel Gold mineralization in Western Australia.

- A rating of "6" is the highest or best rating, and means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold related hydrocarbon signature are all present and consistently vector to the same location with well defined anomalies. To obtain this rating there also needs to be other SGH classes that when mapped lend support to the predicted location.
- A rating of "5" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are all present • and consistently describe the same location with well defined anomalies. The SGH signatures may not be strong enough to also develop additional supporting classes.
- A rating of "4" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present describing the location with well defined anomalies. Supporting classes may also be present.



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SGH RATING SYSTEM - DESCRIPTION (continued)

- A rating of "3" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present and describe the same location with <u>fairly well</u> defined anomalies. Some supporting classes may or may not be present.
- A rating of "2" means that some of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Some supporting classes may be present
- A rating of "1" is the lowest rating, and means that one of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature is present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Supporting classes are also not helpful.
- The SGH rating is directly and significantly affected by the survey design. Small data sets, especially if significantly <50 sample locations, or transects/surveys that are geographically too short <u>will automatically receive a lower rating no matter how impressive an SGH anomaly might be</u>. When there is not enough sample locations to adequately review the SGH class geochromatography, or when the sample spacing is inadequate, or if the spacing is highly variable such that it biases the interpretation of the results, then the confidence in the interpretation of any geochemistry is adversely affected. The SGH rating is not just a rating of the agreement between the SGH pathfinder classes for a particular target type; it is a rating of the SGH results without any information from other geochemical, geological or geophysical information unless otherwise specified.

SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING

The subjective SGH rating system has been used since 2004 when Activation Laboratories started providing an SGH Interpretation Report with ever submission for SGH analysis to aid our clients in understanding this organic geochemistry and ensuring that they obtain the best results for their surveys. As explained in the previous section, the SGH rating is not just a rating of how definitive an SGH anomaly is, and is not based just on the map(s) provided in this report. It is a rating of "confidence in the interpreted anomaly" from the combination of (i) are the expected SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds present from the template for this target type (one Pathfinder Class map is shown in the report, at least three must be present to adequately describe the correct signature for a particular target), (ii) how well do these SGH Pathfinder Classes agree in describing an particular area, (iii) how well does this agreement compare to SGH case studies over known targets of that type, (iv) how well is the interpreted anomaly defined by the survey (i.e. a single



<u>SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)</u>

transect does not provide the same confidence as a complete grid of samples), and (v) is there at least a minimum of 50 sample locations in the survey so that there may be an adequate amount of data to observe the geochromatography of the different SGH Pathfinder Class of compounds.

The question often arises by clients as to the frequency of a rating, e.g. "how often is a rating of 5.0 given in an interpretation". To better understand this we present this review of the history of the SGH rating program since 2004 and some of the underlying situations that can affect the historical rating charts.

Originally it was recommended that a minimum of 35 sample location be used for small target exploration, however it was quite quickly realized that this is often insufficient and at least 50 sample locations were required. In 2007, the rating scale was refined to include increments of 0.5 units rather than just integer values from 0 to 6.

A rating frequency may be biased high as most clients conduct an orientation study over a known target, thus several of these projects result in high ratings. Note that, at this time, the rating is not said to be linked to grade of a deposit or depth to the target. Even in exploration surveys clients tend to submit samples over more promising targets due to knowledge of the geology and prior geochemical or geophysical results. As shown in the following chart, projects with SGH data from 200 or more sample locations have a higher level of confidence in the interpretation as the geochromatography of the SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds can be more completely observed and reviewed.





SGH RATING SYSTEM - HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)

The rating frequency may be biased low as research projects often include a bare minimum of samples to reduce costs. Research projects may also be over targets known to be difficult to depict with geochemistry. Multiple targets in close vicinity in a survey may result in a low bias as the Pathfinder Class geochromatography is more difficult to deconvelute. Ratings may also be biased low if less than the recommended 50 sample locations is submitted as indicated by the following chart. This chart also illustrates that there is no interpretation bias to a particular rating value.



The overall rating frequency for over 400 targets from January 2004 to December 2009 is shown in the chart below illustrating that surveys over more promising targets are most often submitted for best use of research or exploration dollars. It also indicates that the 0.5 increments were less frequent as they started in 2007.



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SGH DATA QUALITY

- **Reporting Limit:** The SGH Excel spreadsheet of results contains the raw unaltered concentrations of the individual SGH compounds in units of "part-per-trillion" (ppt). The reporting of these ultra low levels is vital to the measurement of the small amounts of hydrocarbons now known to be leached/metabolized and subsequently released by dead bacteria that have been interacting with the ore at depth. To ensure that the data has a high level of confidence, a "reporting limit" is used. The reporting limit of 1 ppt actually represents a level of confidence of approximately 5 standard deviations where SGH data is assured to be "real" and non-zero. Thus in SGH the use of a reporting limit automatically removes site variability and there is no need to further background subtract any data as the reporting limit has already filtered out any site background effects. Thus we recommend that all data that is equal to or greater than 2 ppt should be used in any data review. It is important to review all SGH data as low values that may be the centre of halo anomalies and higher values as apical anomalies or as halo ridges are all important.
- **Laboratory Replicate Analysis:** A laboratory replicate is a sample taken randomly from the submitted survey being analyzed and are not unrelated samples taken from some large stockpile of bulk material. In the Organics laboratory an equal portion of this sieved sample, or pulp, is taken and analyzed in the same manner using the Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometer. The comparison of laboratory replicate and field duplicate results for chemical tests in the parts-per-million or even parts-per-billion range has typically been done using an absolute "relative percent difference (RPD)" statistic which is an easy proxy for error estimation rather than a more complete analysis of precision as specified by Thompson and Howarth. An RPD statistic is not appropriate for SGH results as the reporting limit for SGH is <u>1 part-per-trillion</u>. Further, SGH is a semi-quantitative technique and was not designed to have the same level of precision as other less sensitive geochemistry's as it is only used as an exploration tool and not for any assay work. SGH is also designed to cover a wide range of organic compounds with an unprecedented 162 compounds being measured for each sample. In order to analyze such a wide molecular weight range of compounds, sacrifices were made to the variability especially in the low molecular weight range of the SGH analysis. The result is that the first fifteen SGH compounds in the Excel spreadsheet is expected to exhibit more imprecision than the other 147 compounds. An SGH laboratory replicate is a large set of data for comparison even for just a few pairs of analyses. Precision calculations using a Thompson and Howarth approach should only be used for estimating error in individual measurements, and not for describing the average error in a larger data set. In geochemical exploration geochemists seek concentration patterns to interpret and thus rigorous precision in individual samples is not required because the concentrations of many samples are interpreted collectively. For these reasons recent and independent research at Acadia

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SGH DATA QUALITY (continued)

University in Canada promote that a percent Coefficient of Variation (%CV) should be used as a universal measurement of relative error in all geochemical applications. As SGH results are a relatively large data set for nearly all submissions, %CV is a better statistic for use with SGH. By using %CV, the concentration of duplicate pairs is irrelevant because the units of concentration cancel out in the formation of the coefficient of variation ratio. For SGH, the %CV is calculated on all values \geq 2 ppt. These values are averaged and represent a value for each pair of replicate analysis of the sample. All of the %CV values for the replicates are then averaged to report one %CV value to represent the overall estimate of the relative error in the laboratory sub-sampling from the prepared samples, and any instrumental variability, in the SGH data set for the survey. Actlabs' has successfully addressed the analytical challenge to minimize analytical variability for such a large list of compounds. Thus as SGH is also interpreted as a signature and is solely used for exploration and not assay measurement, the data from SGH is "fit for purpose" as a geochemical exploration tool.

Historical SGH Precision: In the general history of geochemistry, studies indicate that a large component of total measurement error is introduced during the collection of the initial sample and in subsampling, and that only a subordinate amount of error in the result is introduced during preparation and analysis. A historical record encompassing many projects for SGH, including a wide variety of sample types, geology and geography, shows that the consistency and precision for the analysis of SGH is excellent with an overall precision of 6.8% Coefficient of Variation (%CV). When last calculated, this number has a range having a maximum of 12.4% CV, a minimum of 3.0% CV, with a standard deviation of 1.6%, in a population made up of over 400 targets (over 45,000 samples) interpreted since June of 2004. Again the precision of 6.8% CV included all of the sample types as soil from different horizons, peat, till, humus, lake-bottom sediments, ocean-bottom sediments, and even snow. When field duplicates have been revealed to us, we have found that the precision of the field duplicates are in the range of about 9 to 12 %CV. As SGH is interpreted using a combination of compounds as a chemical "class" or signature, the affect of a few concentrations that may be imprecise in a direct comparison of duplicates is not significant. Further, projects that have been re-sampled at different times or seasons are expected to have different SGH concentrations. The SGH anomalies may not be in exactly the same position or of the same intensity due to variable conditions that may have affected the dispersion of different pathfinder classes. However, the SGH "signature" as to the presence of the specific mix of SGH pathfinder classes will definitely still exist, and will retain the ability to identify the deposit type and vector to the same target location.



LABORATORY MATERIALS BLANK – QUALITY ASSURANCE (LMB-QA):

The Laboratory Materials Blank Quality Assurance measurements (LMB-QA) shown in the SGH spreadsheet of results are matrix free blanks analyzed for SGH. These blanks are not standard laboratory blanks as they do not accurately reflect an amount expected to be from laboratory handling or laboratory conditions that may be present and affect the sample analysis result. The LMB-QA measurements are a pre-warning system to only detect any contamination originating from laboratory glassware, vials or caps. As there is no substrate to emulate the sample matrix, the full solvating power of the SGH leaching solution, effectively a water leach, is fully directed at the small surface area of the glassware, vials or caps. In a sample analysis the solvating power of the SGH leaching solution is distributed between the large sample surface area (from soil, humus, sediments, peat, till, etc.) and the relatively small contribution from the laboratory materials surfaces. The sample matrix also buffers the solvating or leaching effect in the sample versus the more vigourous leaching of the laboratory materials which do not experience this buffering effect. Thus the level of the LMB-QA reported is biased high relative to the sample concentration and the actual contribution of the laboratory reagents, equipment, handling, etc. to the values in samples is significantly lower. This situation in organic laboratory analysis only occurs at such extremely low part-pertrillion (ppt) measurement levels. This is one of the reasons that SGH uses a reporting limit and not a detection limit. The 1 ppt reporting limit used in the SGH spreadsheet of raw concentration data is 3 to 5 times greater than a detection limit. The reporting limit automatically filters out analytical noise, the actual LMB-QA, and most of the sample survey site background. This has been proven as SGH values of 1 to 3 parts-per-trillion (ppt) have very often illustrated the outline of anomalies directly related to mineral targets. Thus all SGH values greater than or equal to 1 or 2 ppt should be used as reliable values for interpretations.

The LMB-QA values thus should not be used to background subtract any SGH data. The LMB-QA values are only an early warning as a quality assurance procedure to indicate the relative cleanliness of laboratory glassware, vials, caps, and the laboratory water supply at the ppt concentration level. Do not subtract the LMB-QA values from SGH sample data.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u>

One of the first experiments in 1996 in the development of the SGH analysis was to observe if an SGH response could be obtained directly from an ore sample. From office shelf specimens, small rock chips were obtained which were then crushed and milled. The fine pulp obtained was then subjected to the SGH analysis. These shelf specimen samples were from well known Volcanic Massive Sulphide deposits of the Mattabi deposit from the Archean Sturgeon Lake Camp in Northwestern Ontario and from the Kidd Creek Archean volcanic-hosted copper-zinc deposit. Even these specimen samples contain a geochemical record of the hydrocarbons produced by the bacteria that had been feeding on these deposits at depth. As a comparison, SGH analysis were similarly conducted on modern-day VMS ore samples taken from a "black smoker" hydrothermal volcanic vent from the deep sea bed of the Juan de Fuca Ridge where high concentrations of microbial growth was also known to exist. The raw data profiles as GC/MS Total Ion Chromatograms are shown below to illustrate the "visible" portion of the VMS signature obtained from the SGH analysis.



The top two profiles were obtained from two samples of the modern day "black smokers". The third and fourth chromatograms in the above image were obtained from the Pre-Cambrian Zn-Cu Kidd Creek and Mattabi deposits. The red arrows point to three compounds that are <u>a portion</u> of the SGH signature for VMS type deposits. This visible portion of the VMS signature of hydrocarbons can easily be seen in the analysis of each of these four samples.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u> (cont.)

The next question in our early objectives was to see if this SGH signature could also be observed in <u>surficial soil samples</u> that had been taken over VMS deposits. Through our research projects, soil samples were obtained from over the Ruttan Cu-Zn VMS deposit near Leaf Rapids, Manitoba and located in the Paleoproterozoic Rusty Lake greenstone belt. The profile obtained, as observed in the raw GC/MS chromatogram, is shown in this next image below:



The three compounds indicated by the red arrows represent the same <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature observed from the modern day black smoker samples and the ore samples taken from the Mattabi and Kidd Creek, even though this soil was taken from over a different VMS deposit in a geographically different area. Is this coincidence? Another soil sample was obtained from Noranda's Gilmour South base-metal occurrence in the Bathurst Mining camp in northern New Brunswick. As shown below, this sample contained a very complex SGH signature, however the <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature as indicated by the red arrows is still observed as in the black smoker, Mattabi and Kidd Creek ore samples.



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In research conducted by the Ontario Geological Survey, this same portion of the SGH signature was also observed over the VMS deposit at Cross Lake in Ontario. Note that the visible signature shown as the three compounds indicated by the red arrows is only a small portion of the complete SGH VMS signature. The full VMS signature is made up of at least three groups, as three organic chemical classes, that together contain at least 35 of the individual SGH hydrocarbons.

The chromatograms shown on the preceding page from the GC/MS analysis are not used directly in the interpretation of SGH data. As we are only interested in a specific list of 162 hydrocarbons, the mass spectrometer and associated software programs specifically identifies the hydrocarbons of interest, runs calculations using relative responses to a short list of hydrocarbons used as standards, and develops an Excel spreadsheet of semi-quantitative concentration data to represent the sample. Thus the SGH results for a sample, like that observed in ore from the Ruttan, are filtered to obtain the concentrations for the specific 162 hydrocarbons. A simple bar graph drawn from the Excel spreadsheet of the hydrocarbons and their concentrations results in a DNA like **forensic SGH signature** as shown below. The portion discussed hear as the "visible" SGH VMS signature in the GC/MS chromatograms, is again shown by the red arrows.



Through the work done in the SGH CAMIRO research projects, it was observed that the hydrocarbon signature produced by the SGH technique appeared to also be able to be used to differentiate barren from This was explored further through the submission and analysis of specific ore-bearing conductors. specimen samples that represented a barren pyritic conductor and a barren graphitic conductor.



<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u> (cont.)

The GC/MS chromatograms from these two specimens are compared to that obtained from the Kidd-Creek ore as shown below. This diagram conclusively shows that the SGH signatures obtained from the two types of barren conductors are completely different than that obtained by SGH over VMS type ore. SGH is thus able to differentiate between ore-bearing conductors and barren conductors as <u>the Forensic SGH</u> <u>Geochemical signature is different</u>.



- SGH has been described by the Ontario Geological Survey of Canada (OGS) as a "REDOX cell locator". Many SGH surveys for Gold and other mineral targets can result in multiple types of anomalies, depending on the class of SGH compounds, even over the same target and in the same set of samples. Thus "Apical", "Nested-Halo", and "Rabbit-Ear" or "Halo" type SGH anomalies are all typically observed from the effect of REDOX cells that have developed over deposits. REDOX cells are also related to the presence of bacteriological activity.
- The VMS template of SGH Pathfinder Classes uses low and medium weight classes of hydrocarbon compounds. Again, at least three Pathfinder Class group maps, associated with the SGH signature for VMS, must be present to begin to be considered for assignment of a good rating. The Pathfinder Class anomalies in these maps must logically concur and support a consistent interpretation in relation to the expected geochromatographic characteristics of the Pathfinder Class, for a specific area. The SGH Pathfinder Class map(s) shown in this report is usually the most diagnostic for the presence of Volcanic Massive Sulphide based mineralization.


<u>SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION – Lines 39</u>-40

- This report is based on the SGH results from the analysis of a total of 87 soil samples from this submission. This report specifically pertains to just those sample results from Lines 39 and 40. These two lines are north-south trending transects in the Sturgeon Lake survey area having a total of 43 samples. These transects are about 100 metres apart with samples spaced at approximately 50 metres along each. UTM coordinates were provided for mapping of the SGH results for these soil samples. These samples were received by our Thunder Bay lab facility and then shipped to our head Ancaster laboratory where they were subsequently dried and sieved as per the procedure on page 5 of this report.
- The number of samples submitted for this project is barely adequate to use SGH as an exploration tool for Lines 39 & 40. Note that the SGH data is only reviewed for the particular target deposit type requested, in this case for the presence of a VMS based deposit. It is also assumed that there is only one potential target. To obtain the best interpretation the client should indicate if there are possible multiple targets, say from geophysical data. The possibility of multiple targets in "close proximity" should be known due to potential overlap and increased complexity of resulting geochromatographic anomalies which could alter the interpretation. Based on the size of the narrow targets expected in this Sturgeon Lake project, "close proximity" would mean "within 400 metres".
- Note that the associated SGH results are presented in a separate Excel spreadsheet. This raw data is semi-quantitative and is presented in units of pg/g or **parts-per-trillion** (ppt).
- The overall precision of the SGH analysis for the samples in this SGH survey was excellent as demonstrated by 3 samples taken from these two sample lines which were used for laboratory replicate analysis. The average Coefficient of Variation (%CV) of the replicate results for the project samples in this submission was 5.2% which represents an excellent level of analytical performance.



<u>SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION – Lines 39</u>-40

- The plan view maps shown on page 19 (and on page 20 in 3D view) are SGH "Pathfinder Class map" for targeting VMS mineralization. Each map represents the simple summation of several individual hydrocarbon compound concentrations that are grouped from within the same organic chemical class. SGH Pathfinder Class maps have been shown to be robust as they are each described using from 4 to 14 (unless otherwise stated) chemically related SGH compounds which are simply summed to create each class map. Thus each map has a higher level of confidence as it is "not" illustrating just one compound A legend of the SGH classes appears in the SGH data spreadsheet. response. The overall SGH interpretation rating (page 21) has even a higher level of confidence as it further relies on the consensus between at least three SGH Pathfinder Classes (other classes not shown) that together make the signature of the target at depth.
- The dotted black oval, applied to the SGH Pathfinder Class maps on page 19, outlines an area where the SGH data predicts the outer boundary of a potential VMS type target. The plan map on the left on page 19 is an SGH Pathfinder Class map for VMS that is expected to exhibit an apical anomaly while the SGH Pathfinder Class map on the right, also an SGH Pathfinder Class map for VMS, is expected to show a corresponding halo anomaly. The dotted black oval has been placed around the apical anomalies on the left hand Pathfinder Class map. These closely spaced apical anomalies have been documented in previous case studies over known VMS deposits, in particular at Cross Lake in research using SGH conducted by OGS. This is in essence what a platform apical response looks like from SGH data. It is interesting that these anomalies are only observed on the western line of this pair of transects. Still these apical anomalies are again nicely supported by the more distal anomalies that appear to define a halo anomaly on the right hand Pathfinder Class map outside of the dotted black oval. This type of confirmation is expected and is part of the SGH signature for over VMS type mineralization. This is also good confirmation of the interpretation of the presence of a REDOX cell which is also often indicative of the presence of buried mineralization and bacteriological activity. Other SGH Pathfinder Class maps (not shown at this price point) also agree on the assignment of this interpretation. These two sample lines appear to be at the very eastern edge of an anomaly, thus there are an insufficient number of samples to completely define this area and there will be no comment on a possible drill target location. This interpretation is based only on this survey and on these SGH results.



SGH "VMS" PATHFINDER CLASS MAPS - Lines 39-40



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SGH "VMS" PATHFINDER CLASS MAP - 3D VIEW - Lines 39-40





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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION RATING – Lines 39-40

- After review of all of the SGH Pathfinder Class maps, the SGH results from these soil samples suggest a <u>"rating of 3.0"</u> for the area within the dotted black oval interpretation on the plan view maps for Lines 39-40 on page 19, in relation to the presence of a VMS based target beneath this area. This rating is based on a scale of 6.0 in 0.5 increments, with a value of 6.0 being the best. This rating represents the similarity of these SGH results with case studies over a Volcanic Massive Sulphide (VMS) type target, to the SGH case studies conducted at the Hanson Lake VMS deposit in Saskatchewan, the South Gilmour VMS deposit in New Brunswick and the Cross Lake VMS deposit in Ontario. The degree of confidence in the rating only starts to be "good" at a level of 4.0.
- The SGH VMS template used has been shown to be robust to a wide range of VMS lithology including Kidd Creek, Irish and Kuroko style deposits.
- A value of 1.5 was deducted as the anomaly is on one side of the survey and thus has less data to define it and another 1.5 as other SGH pathfinder classes, not shown in this report, could have agreed on the location of the interpretation within the black dotted oval more clearly.
- The client should use a combination of these SGH results and its report with additional geochemical, geophysical, and geological information to possibly obtain a more confident and precise target location.



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The statements and target rating made in the Soil Gas Hydrocarbon (SGH) interpretive report or in other communications may contain certain forward-looking information related to a target or SGH anomaly.

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RE: Your Reference: Sturgeon Lake Survey – Lines 39 & 40

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

87 Soil samples were submitted for analysis via the Actlabs Thunder Bay facility.

These samples were prepared according to our Code S4 procedure.

The following analytical package was requested: Code SGH – Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry

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Notes:

The SGH - Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry is a semi-quantitative analytical procedure to detect and measure 162 hydrocarbon compounds as the organic signature in the sample material collected from a survey area. It is not an assay of mineralization but is a predictive geochemical tool used for exploration. This certificate pertains only to the SGH data presented in the associated Microsoft Excel spreadsheet of results.

The author of this SGH Interpretation Report, Mr. Dale Sutherland, is the creator of the SGH organic geochemistry. He is a Chartered Chemist (C.Chem.) and Forensic Scientist specializing in organic chemistry. He is not a professional geologist or geochemist.

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SOIL GAS HYDROCARBON (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY - OVERVIEW

SGH is a deep penetrating geochemistry that involves the analysis of surficial samples from over potential mineral or petroleum targets. The analysis involves the testing for 162 hydrocarbon compounds in the C5-C17 carbon series range applicable to a wide variety of sample types. SGH has been successful for delineating targets found at over 500 metres in depth. Samples of various media have been successfully analyzed such as soil (any horizon), drill core, rock, peat, lake-bottom sediments and even snow. The SGH analysis incorporates a very weak leach, essentially aqueous, that only extracts the surficial bound hydrocarbon compounds and those compounds in interstitial spaces around the sample particles. These are the hydrocarbons that have been mobilized from the target depth. SGH is unique and should not be confused with other hydrocarbon tests or traditional analyses that measure C1 (Methane) to C5 (Pentane) or other SGH is also different from soil hydrocarbon tests that thermally extract or desorb all of the qases. hydrocarbons from the whole soil sample. This test is less specific as it does not separate the hydrocarbons and thus does not identify or measure the responses as precisely. These tests also do not use a forensic approach to identification. The hydrocarbons in the SGH extract are separated by high resolution capillary column gas chromatography to isolate, confirm, and measure the presence of only the individual hydrocarbons that have been found to be of interest from initial research and development and from performance testing in two Canadian Mining Industry Research Organization (CAMIRO) projects (97E04 and 01E02).

Over the past 14 years of research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has developed an in-depth understanding of the unique SGH signatures associated with different commodity targets. Using a forensic approach we have developed target signatures or templates for identification, and the understanding of the expected geochromatography that is exhibited by each class of SGH compounds. In 2004 we began to include an SGH interpretation report delivered with the data to enable our clients to realize the complete value and understanding of the SGH results in the shortest time frame and provide the benefit from past research sponsored by Actlabs, CAMIRO, OMET and other projects.

SGH has attracted the attention of a large number of Exploration companies. In the above mentioned research projects the sponsors have included (in no order): Western Mining Corporation, BHP-Billiton, Inco, Noranda, Outokumpu, Xstrata, Cameco, Cominco, Rio Algom, Alberta Geological Survey, Ontario Geological Survey, Manitoba Geological Survey and OMET. Further, beyond this research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has interpreted the SGH data for over 400 targets from clients since January of 2004. In both CAMIRO research projects over known mineralization and in exploration projects over unknown targets, SGH has performed exceptionally well. As an example, in the first CAMIRO research project that commenced in 1997 (Project 97E04), there were 10 study areas that were submitted blindly to Actlabs. These study sites were selected since other inorganic geochemistries were unsuccessful at illustrating anomalies related to the target.

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SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

Although Actlabs was only provided with the samples and their coordinates, SGH was able to locate the blind mineralization with exceptional accuracy in 9 of the 10 surveys. SGH has recently been very successful in exploration and discovery of unknown targets e.g. Golden Band Resources drilled an SGH anomaly and discovered a significant vein containing "visible" gold. (www.goldenbandresources.com)

Sample Type and Survey Design: It is highly recommended that a *minimum* of 50 sample "locations" is preferred to obtain enough samples into background areas on both sides of small suspected targets (wet gas plays, Kimberlite pipes, Uranium Breccia pipes, veins, etc.). SGH is not interpreted in the same way as inorganic based geochemistries. SGH must have enough samples over both the target and background areas in order to fully study the dispersion patterns or geochromatography of the SGH classes of compounds. Based on our minimum recommendation of at least 50 sample locations we further suggest that all samples be evenly spaced with about one-third of the samples over the target and one-third on each side of the target in order for SGH to be used for exploration. Targets other than gas plays, pipes, dykes or veins usually require additional samples to represent both the target and background areas.

SGH has been shown to be very robust to the use of different sample types even "within" the same survey or transect. Research has illustrated that it is far more important to the ultimate interpretation of the results to take a complete sample transect or grid than to skip samples due to different sample media. The most ideal natural sample is still believed to be soil from the "Upper B-Horizon", however excellent results can also be obtained from other soil horizons, humus, peat, lake-bottom sediments, and even snow. The sampling design is suggested to use evenly spaced samples from 15 metres to 200 metres and line spacing from 50 metres to 500 metres depending on the size and type of target. A 4:1 ratio is suggested, however, larger orientation surveys have also been successful. Ideally even large grids should have one-third of the samples over the target and two-thirds of the samples into anticipated background areas. This will allow the proper assessment of the SGH geochromatographic vectoring and background site signature levels with minimal bias. Individual samples taken at significant distances from the main survey area to represent background are not of value in the SGH interpretation as SGH results are not background subtracted. Samples can be drip dried in the field and do not need special preservation for shipping and has been specifically designed to avoid common contaminants from sample handling and shipping. SGH has also been shown to be robust to cultural activities even to the point that successful results and interpretation has been obtained from roadside right-ofways.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

Sample Preparation and Analysis: Upon receipt at Activation Laboratories the samples are air-dried in isolated and dedicated environmentally controlled rooms set to 40°C. The dried samples are then sieved. In the sieving process, it is important that compressed air is not used to clean the sieves between samples as trace amounts of compressor oils "may" poison the samples and significantly affect some target signatures. At Activation Laboratories a vacuum is used to clean the sieve between each sample. The -60 mesh sieve fraction (<250 microns, although different mesh sizes can be used at the preference of the exploration geologist) is collected and packaged in a Kraft paper envelope and transported from our sample preparation building to our analytical building on the same street in Ancaster Ontario. Each sample is then extracted, separated by gas chromatography and analyzed by mass spectrometry using customized parameters enabling the highly specific detection of the 162 targeted hydrocarbons at a <u>reporting limit</u> of one part-per-trillion (ppt). This trace level limit of reporting is critical to the detection of these hydrocarbons that, through research, have been found to be related at least in part to the breakdown and release of hydrocarbons from the death phase of microbes directly interacting with a deposit at depth. The hydrocarbon signatures are directly linked to the deposit type which is used as a food source. The hydrocarbons that are mobilized and metabolized by the microbes are released in the death phase of each successive generation. Very few of the hydrocarbons measured are actually due to microbe cell structure, or hydrocarbons present or formed in the genesis of the deposit or from anthropogenic contamination. The results of the SGH analysis is reported in raw data form in an Excel spreadsheet as "semi-quantitative" concentrations without any additional statistical modification.

Mobilized Inorganic Geochemical Anomalies: It is important to note that SGH is essentially "blind" to any inorganic content in samples as only organic compounds as hydrocarbons are measured. Thus inorganic geochemical surface anomalies that have migrated away from the mineral source, and thus may be interpreted and found to be a false target location, is not detected and does not affect SGH results. This fact is of great advantage when comparing the SGH results to inorganic geochemical results. If there is agreement in the location of the anomalies between the organic and inorganic technique, such as Actlabs' Enzyme Leach, a significant increase in confidence in the target location can be realized. If there is no agreement or a shift in the location of the anomalies between the techniques, the inorganic anomaly may have been mobilized in the surficial environment.

The Nugget Effect: As SGH is "blind" to the inorganic content in the survey samples, any concern of a "nugget effect" will not be encountered with SGH data. A "nugget effect" may be of a concern for inorganic geochemistries from surveys over copper, gold, lead, nickel, etc. type targets.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

SGH Interpretation Report: All SGH submissions must be accompanied by relative or UTM coordinates so that we may ensure that the sample survey design is appropriate for use with SGH, and to provide an SGH interpretation with the results. In our interpretation procedure, we separate the results into 19 SGH subclasses. These classes include specific alkanes, alkenes, thiophenes, aromatic, and polyaromatic compounds. Note that none of the SGH hydrocarbons are "gaseous" at room temperature and pressure. The classes are then evaluated in terms of their geochromatography and for coincident compound class anomalies that are unique to different types of mineralization. Actlabs uses a six point scale in assigning a subjective rating of similarity of the SGH signatures found in the submitted survey to signatures previously reviewed and researched from known case studies over the same commodity type. Also factored into this rating is the appropriateness of the survey and amount of data/sample locations that is available for interpretation. This rating scale is described in detail in the following section.

SGH RATING SYSTEM - DESCRIPTION

To date SGH has been found to be successful in the depiction of buried mineralization for Gold, Nickel, VMS, SEDEX, Uranium, Polymetallic, and Copper, as well as for Kimberlites. SGH data has developed into a dual exploration tool. From the interpretation, a vertical projection of the predicted location of the target can be made as well as a statement on the rating of the comparability of the identification of the anticipated target type to that from known case studies, e.g. if the client anticipates the target to be a Gold deposit, what is the rating or comparability that the target is similar to the SGH results over a Gold deposit in Nunavut, shear hosted and sediment hosted deposits in Nevada, or Paleochannel Gold mineralization in Western Australia.

- A rating of "6" is the highest or best rating, and means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold related hydrocarbon signature are all present and consistently vector to the same location with well defined anomalies. To obtain this rating there also needs to be other SGH classes that when mapped lend support to the predicted location.
- A rating of "5" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are all present • and consistently describe the same location with well defined anomalies. The SGH signatures may not be strong enough to also develop additional supporting classes.
- A rating of "4" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present describing the location with well defined anomalies. Supporting classes may also be present.



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SGH RATING SYSTEM - DESCRIPTION (continued)

- A rating of "3" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present and describe the same location with <u>fairly well</u> defined anomalies. Some supporting classes may or may not be present.
- A rating of "2" means that some of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Some supporting classes may be present
- A rating of "1" is the lowest rating, and means that one of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature is present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Supporting classes are also not helpful.
- The SGH rating is directly and significantly affected by the survey design. Small data sets, especially if significantly <50 sample locations, or transects/surveys that are geographically too short <u>will automatically receive a lower rating no matter how impressive an SGH anomaly might be</u>. When there is not enough sample locations to adequately review the SGH class geochromatography, or when the sample spacing is inadequate, or if the spacing is highly variable such that it biases the interpretation of the results, then the confidence in the interpretation of any geochemistry is adversely affected. The SGH rating is not just a rating of the agreement between the SGH pathfinder classes for a particular target type; it is a rating of the SGH results without any information from other geochemical, geological or geophysical information unless otherwise specified.

SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING

The subjective SGH rating system has been used since 2004 when Activation Laboratories started providing an SGH Interpretation Report with ever submission for SGH analysis to aid our clients in understanding this organic geochemistry and ensuring that they obtain the best results for their surveys. As explained in the previous section, the SGH rating is not just a rating of how definitive an SGH anomaly is, and is not based just on the map(s) provided in this report. It is a rating of "confidence in the interpreted anomaly" from the combination of (i) are the expected SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds present from the template for this target type (one Pathfinder Class map is shown in the report, at least three must be present to adequately describe the correct signature for a particular target), (ii) how well do these SGH Pathfinder Classes agree in describing an particular area, (iii) how well does this agreement compare to SGH case studies over known targets of that type, (iv) how well is the interpreted anomaly defined by the survey (i.e. a single



<u>SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)</u>

transect does not provide the same confidence as a complete grid of samples), and (v) is there at least a minimum of 50 sample locations in the survey so that there may be an adequate amount of data to observe the geochromatography of the different SGH Pathfinder Class of compounds.

The question often arises by clients as to the frequency of a rating, e.g. "how often is a rating of 5.0 given in an interpretation". To better understand this we present this review of the history of the SGH rating program since 2004 and some of the underlying situations that can affect the historical rating charts.

Originally it was recommended that a minimum of 35 sample location be used for small target exploration, however it was quite quickly realized that this is often insufficient and at least 50 sample locations were required. In 2007, the rating scale was refined to include increments of 0.5 units rather than just integer values from 0 to 6.

A rating frequency may be biased high as most clients conduct an orientation study over a known target, thus several of these projects result in high ratings. Note that, at this time, the rating is not said to be linked to grade of a deposit or depth to the target. Even in exploration surveys clients tend to submit samples over more promising targets due to knowledge of the geology and prior geochemical or geophysical results. As shown in the following chart, projects with SGH data from 200 or more sample locations have a higher level of confidence in the interpretation as the geochromatography of the SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds can be more completely observed and reviewed.





SGH RATING SYSTEM - HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)

The rating frequency may be biased low as research projects often include a bare minimum of samples to reduce costs. Research projects may also be over targets known to be difficult to depict with geochemistry. Multiple targets in close vicinity in a survey may result in a low bias as the Pathfinder Class geochromatography is more difficult to deconvelute. Ratings may also be biased low if less than the recommended 50 sample locations is submitted as indicated by the following chart. This chart also illustrates that there is no interpretation bias to a particular rating value.



The overall rating frequency for over 400 targets from January 2004 to December 2009 is shown in the chart below illustrating that surveys over more promising targets are most often submitted for best use of research or exploration dollars. It also indicates that the 0.5 increments were less frequent as they started in 2007.



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SGH DATA QUALITY

- **Reporting Limit:** The SGH Excel spreadsheet of results contains the raw unaltered concentrations of the individual SGH compounds in units of "part-per-trillion" (ppt). The reporting of these ultra low levels is vital to the measurement of the small amounts of hydrocarbons now known to be leached/metabolized and subsequently released by dead bacteria that have been interacting with the ore at depth. To ensure that the data has a high level of confidence, a "reporting limit" is used. The reporting limit of 1 ppt actually represents a level of confidence of approximately 5 standard deviations where SGH data is assured to be "real" and non-zero. Thus in SGH the use of a reporting limit automatically removes site variability and there is no need to further background subtract any data as the reporting limit has already filtered out any site background effects. Thus we recommend that all data that is equal to or greater than 2 ppt should be used in any data review. It is important to review all SGH data as low values that may be the centre of halo anomalies and higher values as apical anomalies or as halo ridges are all important.
- **Laboratory Replicate Analysis:** A laboratory replicate is a sample taken randomly from the submitted survey being analyzed and are not unrelated samples taken from some large stockpile of bulk material. In the Organics laboratory an equal portion of this sieved sample, or pulp, is taken and analyzed in the same manner using the Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometer. The comparison of laboratory replicate and field duplicate results for chemical tests in the parts-per-million or even parts-per-billion range has typically been done using an absolute "relative percent difference (RPD)" statistic which is an easy proxy for error estimation rather than a more complete analysis of precision as specified by Thompson and Howarth. An RPD statistic is not appropriate for SGH results as the reporting limit for SGH is <u>1 part-per-trillion</u>. Further, SGH is a semi-quantitative technique and was not designed to have the same level of precision as other less sensitive geochemistry's as it is only used as an exploration tool and not for any assay work. SGH is also designed to cover a wide range of organic compounds with an unprecedented 162 compounds being measured for each sample. In order to analyze such a wide molecular weight range of compounds, sacrifices were made to the variability especially in the low molecular weight range of the SGH analysis. The result is that the first fifteen SGH compounds in the Excel spreadsheet is expected to exhibit more imprecision than the other 147 compounds. An SGH laboratory replicate is a large set of data for comparison even for just a few pairs of analyses. Precision calculations using a Thompson and Howarth approach should only be used for estimating error in individual measurements, and not for describing the average error in a larger data set. In geochemical exploration geochemists seek concentration patterns to interpret and thus rigorous precision in individual samples is not required because the concentrations of many samples are interpreted collectively. For these reasons recent and independent research at Acadia

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SGH DATA QUALITY (continued)

University in Canada promote that a percent Coefficient of Variation (%CV) should be used as a universal measurement of relative error in all geochemical applications. As SGH results are a relatively large data set for nearly all submissions, %CV is a better statistic for use with SGH. By using %CV, the concentration of duplicate pairs is irrelevant because the units of concentration cancel out in the formation of the coefficient of variation ratio. For SGH, the %CV is calculated on all values \geq 2 ppt. These values are averaged and represent a value for each pair of replicate analysis of the sample. All of the %CV values for the replicates are then averaged to report one %CV value to represent the overall estimate of the relative error in the laboratory sub-sampling from the prepared samples, and any instrumental variability, in the SGH data set for the survey. Actlabs' has successfully addressed the analytical challenge to minimize analytical variability for such a large list of compounds. Thus as SGH is also interpreted as a signature and is solely used for exploration and not assay measurement, the data from SGH is "fit for purpose" as a geochemical exploration tool.

Historical SGH Precision: In the general history of geochemistry, studies indicate that a large component of total measurement error is introduced during the collection of the initial sample and in subsampling, and that only a subordinate amount of error in the result is introduced during preparation and analysis. A historical record encompassing many projects for SGH, including a wide variety of sample types, geology and geography, shows that the consistency and precision for the analysis of SGH is excellent with an overall precision of 6.8% Coefficient of Variation (%CV). When last calculated, this number has a range having a maximum of 12.4% CV, a minimum of 3.0% CV, with a standard deviation of 1.6%, in a population made up of over 400 targets (over 45,000 samples) interpreted since June of 2004. Again the precision of 6.8% CV included all of the sample types as soil from different horizons, peat, till, humus, lake-bottom sediments, ocean-bottom sediments, and even snow. When field duplicates have been revealed to us, we have found that the precision of the field duplicates are in the range of about 9 to 12 %CV. As SGH is interpreted using a combination of compounds as a chemical "class" or signature, the affect of a few concentrations that may be imprecise in a direct comparison of duplicates is not significant. Further, projects that have been re-sampled at different times or seasons are expected to have different SGH concentrations. The SGH anomalies may not be in exactly the same position or of the same intensity due to variable conditions that may have affected the dispersion of different pathfinder classes. However, the SGH "signature" as to the presence of the specific mix of SGH pathfinder classes will definitely still exist, and will retain the ability to identify the deposit type and vector to the same target location.



LABORATORY MATERIALS BLANK – QUALITY ASSURANCE (LMB-QA):

The Laboratory Materials Blank Quality Assurance measurements (LMB-QA) shown in the SGH spreadsheet of results are matrix free blanks analyzed for SGH. These blanks are not standard laboratory blanks as they do not accurately reflect an amount expected to be from laboratory handling or laboratory conditions that may be present and affect the sample analysis result. The LMB-QA measurements are a pre-warning system to only detect any contamination originating from laboratory glassware, vials or caps. As there is no substrate to emulate the sample matrix, the full solvating power of the SGH leaching solution, effectively a water leach, is fully directed at the small surface area of the glassware, vials or caps. In a sample analysis the solvating power of the SGH leaching solution is distributed between the large sample surface area (from soil, humus, sediments, peat, till, etc.) and the relatively small contribution from the laboratory materials surfaces. The sample matrix also buffers the solvating or leaching effect in the sample versus the more vigourous leaching of the laboratory materials which do not experience this buffering effect. Thus the level of the LMB-QA reported is biased high relative to the sample concentration and the actual contribution of the laboratory reagents, equipment, handling, etc. to the values in samples is significantly lower. This situation in organic laboratory analysis only occurs at such extremely low part-pertrillion (ppt) measurement levels. This is one of the reasons that SGH uses a reporting limit and not a detection limit. The 1 ppt reporting limit used in the SGH spreadsheet of raw concentration data is 3 to 5 times greater than a detection limit. The reporting limit automatically filters out analytical noise, the actual LMB-QA, and most of the sample survey site background. This has been proven as SGH values of 1 to 3 parts-per-trillion (ppt) have very often illustrated the outline of anomalies directly related to mineral targets. Thus all SGH values greater than or equal to 1 or 2 ppt should be used as reliable values for interpretations.

The LMB-QA values thus should not be used to background subtract any SGH data. The LMB-QA values are only an early warning as a quality assurance procedure to indicate the relative cleanliness of laboratory glassware, vials, caps, and the laboratory water supply at the ppt concentration level. Do not subtract the LMB-QA values from SGH sample data.



SGH DATA INTERPRETATION

GEOCHEMICAL ANOMALY THRESHOLD VALUE:

In the interpretation of "inorganic" geochemical data one of the determinations to be made is to calculate a "Threshold" value above which data is considered anomalous. This is done on an element by element basis. In the interpretation of this "organic" geochemical data this determination is done differently. The determination of a threshold value is not calculated for each hydrocarbon compound. The determination of a threshold value is also a concentration below which geochemical data is considered as "noise" for the purposes of geochemical interpretation. As discussed on page 10, SGH uses a "Reporting Limit" instead of some type of Detection Limit. The amount of noise that is already eliminated in the data, as below the Reporting Limit of 1 part-per-trillion (shown in the data spreadsheet as "-1" as "not-detected at a Reporting Limit of 1 ppt") is equivalent to approximately 5 standard deviations of variability. To thus calculate an additional Threshold Value is a loss of real and valuable data. Further, in the interpretation of SGH data, individual compounds are not considered (unless explicitly mentioned in the report). The interpretation of SGH data is exclusively conducted by "compound chemical class" which is the sum of four to fourteen individual hydrocarbons in the same organic chemical class as these compounds naturally have the same chemical properties that ultimately define their spatial dispersion characteristics in their rise from a mineral target through the overburden. This combined class is more reliable than the measurement of any one compound. SGH also eliminates the need for a Threshold value determination above the Reporting Limit due to the "high specificity" of the specific hydrocarbons and the classes they form. Each of the hydrocarbons has been hand selected due to their lower probability of being found in general surface soils. Further, only those classes where the majority of the compounds are detected above the Reporting Limit are considered in the interpretation. This defines the SGH geochemistry as having less geochemical noise due to the use of a reporting limit and as having higher confidence in the use of groups (classes) of data instead of individual compounds. However the most important aspect of interpretation is the use of a forensic signature. At least three specific "Pathfinder" classes, based on the combinations or template of classes we have developed, must be present to define the hydrocarbon signature to confidently predict the presence of a specific type of mineral target. Do not calculate another Threshold value. FACT: It has been proven many times that important chemical anomalies can exist even at 5 ppt.

SGH PATHFINDER CLASS MAGNITUDE:

The magnitude of any individual concentration or that of a hydrocarbon class does not imply that the data is of more importance or that mineralization is of higher quantity or grade. SGH interpretation must use the review of the combination of specific hydrocarbon classes to make any interpretation.



SGH DATA INTERPRETATION (continued)

SGH DATA LEVELING:

The combination of SGH data from different field sampling events has rarely required leveling in order to combine survey grids. The only circumstances that have occasionally required leveling has been the combination of samples that are very fine in texture, thus having a combined large surface area to samples of peat that may be in nearby areas. Even after maceration of the peat and in using the maximum size of sample amenable to this test method, peat samples have a significantly lower surface area. Peat samples have only required leveling in one survey in the last 500 SGH interpretations.

In only the last year it has been observed that SGH data may require leveling when different field sampling events have significantly different soil temperature. It has been documented that only when "soil" samples are taken from "frozen" ground that data leveling may be required as frozen sample act as a frozen cap to the hydrocarbon flux and may collect a higher concentration of hydrocarbon compounds compared to sampling during seasons where the samples are not frozen. Only two surveys have required leveling in the last 500 SGH interpretations.

The author has taken introductory training in the leveling of geochemical data. If leveling is required, both data sets are reviewed in terms of maximum, minimum and average values for each SGH Pathfinder Class intended for use in the interpretation. Data in sectioned into quartiles and each section is assigned specific leveling factors that is then applied to one data set. It should be noted that any type of data leveling is an approximation.



Innovative Technologies

<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u>

One of the first experiments in 1996 in the development of the SGH analysis was to observe if an SGH response could be obtained directly from an ore sample. From office shelf specimens, small rock chips were obtained which were then crushed and milled. The fine pulp obtained was then subjected to the SGH analysis. These shelf specimen samples were from well known Volcanic Massive Sulphide deposits of the Mattabi deposit from the Archean Sturgeon Lake Camp in Northwestern Ontario and from the Kidd Creek Archean volcanic-hosted copper-zinc deposit. Even these specimen samples contain a geochemical record of the hydrocarbons produced by the bacteria that had been feeding on these deposits at depth. As a comparison, SGH analysis were similarly conducted on modern-day VMS ore samples taken from a "black smoker" hydrothermal volcanic vent from the deep sea bed of the Juan de Fuca Ridge where high concentrations of microbial growth was also known to exist. The raw data profiles as GC/MS Total Ion Chromatograms are shown below to illustrate the "visible" portion of the VMS signature obtained from the SGH analysis.



The top two profiles were obtained from two samples of the modern day "black smokers". The third and fourth chromatograms in the above image were obtained from the Pre-Cambrian Zn-Cu Kidd Creek and Mattabi deposits. The red arrows point to three compounds that are <u>a portion</u> of the SGH signature for VMS type deposits. This visible portion of the VMS signature of hydrocarbons can easily be seen in the analysis of each of these four samples.



Innovative Technologies

<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u> (cont.)

The next question in our early objectives was to see if this SGH signature could also be observed in <u>surficial soil samples</u> that had been taken over VMS deposits. Through our research projects, soil samples were obtained from over the Ruttan Cu-Zn VMS deposit near Leaf Rapids, Manitoba and located in the Paleoproterozoic Rusty Lake greenstone belt. The profile obtained, as observed in the raw GC/MS chromatogram, is shown in this next image below:



The three compounds indicated by the red arrows represent the same <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature observed from the modern day black smoker samples and the ore samples taken from the Mattabi and Kidd Creek, even though this soil was taken from over a different VMS deposit in a geographically different area. Is this coincidence? Another soil sample was obtained from Noranda's Gilmour South base-metal occurrence in the Bathurst Mining camp in northern New Brunswick. As shown below, this sample contained a very complex SGH signature, however the <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature as indicated by the red arrows is still observed as in the black smoker, Mattabi and Kidd Creek ore samples.



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SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES (cont.)

In research conducted by the Ontario Geological Survey, this same portion of the SGH signature was also observed over the VMS deposit at Cross Lake in Ontario. Note that the visible signature shown as the three compounds indicated by the red arrows is only a small portion of the complete SGH VMS signature. The full VMS signature is made up of at least three groups, as three organic chemical classes, that together contain at least 35 of the individual SGH hydrocarbons.

The chromatograms shown on the preceding page from the GC/MS analysis are not used directly in the interpretation of SGH data. As we are only interested in a specific list of 162 hydrocarbons, the mass spectrometer and associated software programs specifically identifies the hydrocarbons of interest, runs calculations using relative responses to a short list of hydrocarbons used as standards, and develops an Excel spreadsheet of semi-quantitative concentration data to represent the sample. Thus the SGH results for a sample, like that observed in ore from the Ruttan, are filtered to obtain the concentrations for the specific 162 hydrocarbons. A simple bar graph drawn from the Excel spreadsheet of the hydrocarbons and their concentrations results in a DNA like **forensic SGH signature** as shown below. The portion discussed hear as the "visible" SGH VMS signature in the GC/MS chromatograms, is again shown by the red arrows.



Through the work done in the SGH CAMIRO research projects, it was observed that the hydrocarbon signature produced by the SGH technique appeared to also be able to be used to differentiate barren from This was explored further through the submission and analysis of specific ore-bearing conductors. specimen samples that represented a barren pyritic conductor and a barren graphitic conductor.



SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES (cont.)

The GC/MS chromatograms from these two specimens are compared to that obtained from the Kidd-Creek ore as shown below. This diagram conclusively shows that the SGH signatures obtained from the two types of barren conductors are completely different than that obtained by SGH over VMS type ore. SGH is thus able to differentiate between ore-bearing conductors and barren conductors as <u>the Forensic SGH</u> <u>Geochemical signature is different</u>.



- SGH has been described by the Ontario Geological Survey of Canada (OGS) as a "REDOX cell locator". Many SGH surveys for Gold and other mineral targets can result in multiple types of anomalies, depending on the class of SGH compounds, even over the same target and in the same set of samples. Thus "Apical", "Nested-Halo", and "Rabbit-Ear" or "Halo" type SGH anomalies are all typically observed from the effect of REDOX cells that have developed over deposits. REDOX cells are also related to the presence of bacteriological activity.
- The VMS template of SGH Pathfinder Classes uses low and medium weight classes of hydrocarbon compounds. Again, at least three Pathfinder Class group maps, associated with the SGH signature for VMS, must be present to begin to be considered for assignment of a good rating. The Pathfinder Class anomalies in these maps must logically concur and support a consistent interpretation in relation to the expected geochromatographic characteristics of the Pathfinder Class, for a specific area. The SGH Pathfinder Class map(s) shown in this report is usually the most diagnostic for the presence of Volcanic Massive Sulphide based mineralization.



SGH DATA INTERPRETATION

DISCLAIMER:

This "SGH Interpretation Report" has been prepared to assist the user in understanding the development and capabilities of this Organic based Geochemistry. The interpretation of the Soil Gas Hydrocarbon (SGH) data is in reference to a template or group of SGH classes of compounds specific to a type of mineralization or target that is chosen by the client (i.e. the template for gold, copper, VMS, uranium, etc.). Although the template of SGH Pathfinder Classes that has been developed through research and review of case studies has proven to be able to address many lithologies, Activation Laboratories Ltd. cannot guarantee that the template is applicable to every type of target in every type of environment. The interpretation in this report attempts to identify an anomaly that has the best SGH signature in the survey for the type of mineralization or target chosen by the client. However, this interpretation is not exhaustive and there may be additional SGH anomalies that may warrant interest. It should not be viewed due to the generation of this SGH report, that Activation Laboratories Ltd. has the expertise or is in the business of interpreting geochemical data as a general service. As the author is the originator of the SGH geochemistry, has researched and developed this exploration tool since 1996, and has produced similar interpretations using SGH data for over 500 surveys, he is perhaps the best gualified to prepare this interpretation as assistance to clients wishing to use SGH. Activation Laboratories Ltd. can offer assistance in general suggestions for sampling protocols and in sample grid location design; however we accept no responsibility to the appropriateness of the samples taken. Activation Laboratories Ltd. has made every attempt to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information provided in this report. Activation Laboratories Ltd. or its employees, does not accept any responsibility or liability for the accuracy, content, completeness, legality, or reliability of the information or description of processes contained in this report. The information is provided "as is" without a guarantee of any kind in the interpretation or use of the results of the SGH geochemistry. The client or user accepts all risks and responsibility for losses, damages, costs and other consequences resulting directly or indirectly form using any information or material contained in this report or using data from the associated spreadsheet of results.



<u>SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION – Lines 19</u>-23

This report is based on the SGH results from the analysis of a total of 138 soil samples from these submissions for this survey area. This report specifically pertains to just those sample results from Lines 19 through to 23. These five north-south trending transects in the Sturgeon Lake survey area are shown in the map below. The transects are about 100 metres apart with samples spaced at approximately 50 metres. UTM coordinates were provided for mapping of the SGH results for these soil samples. These samples were received by our Thunder Bay lab facility and then shipped to our head Ancaster laboratory where they were subsequently dried and sieved as per the procedure on page 5 of this report.

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The number of samples submitted for this project is adequate to use SGH as an exploration tool for Lines 19 through 23. Note that the SGH data is only reviewed for the particular target deposit type requested, in this case for the presence of a VMS based deposit. It is also assumed that there is only one potential target. To obtain the best interpretation the client should indicate if there are possible multiple targets, say from geophysical data. The possibility of multiple targets in "close proximity" should be known due to potential overlap and increased complexity of resulting geochromatographic anomalies which could alter the interpretation. Based on the size of the narrow targets expected in this Sturgeon Lake project, "close proximity" would mean "within 400 metres".



<u>SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION – Lines 19-23</u>

- Note that the associated SGH results are presented in a separate Excel spreadsheet. This raw data is semi-quantitative and is presented in units of pg/g or **parts-per-trillion** (ppt).
- The overall precision of the SGH analysis for the samples in this SGH survey was excellent as • demonstrated by 10 samples taken from this survey area which were used for laboratory replicate analysis. The average Coefficient of Variation (%CV) of the replicate results for the project samples from lines 19 through 23 was 7.2% which represents an excellent level of analytical performance.
- The plan view maps shown on page 22 (and on page 23 in 3D view) are both SGH "Pathfinder Class map" for targeting VMS mineralization and are the same classes previously used for Lines 39 & 40. Each map represents the simple summation of several individual hydrocarbon compound concentrations that are grouped from within the same organic chemical class. SGH Pathfinder Class maps have been shown to be robust as they are each described using from 4 to 14 (unless otherwise stated) chemically related SGH compounds which are simply summed to create each class map. Thus each map has a higher level of confidence as it is "not" illustrating just one compound response. A legend of the SGH classes appears in the SGH data spreadsheet. The overall SGH interpretation rating (page 24) has even a higher level of confidence as it further relies on the consensus between at least three SGH Pathfinder Classes (other classes not shown) that together make the signature of the target at depth.
- On the left hand SGH Pathfinder Class map on page 22, three dotted black ovals have been applied as the interpretation that outlines areas having an apical response which is expected over VMS mineralization. These same ovals have been applied to the right hand SGH Pathfinder Class map where corresponding halo or low responses are observed, also expected over VMS mineralization. This type of confirmation between these two classes is expected as part of the SGH signature from over VMS type mineralization. This is also very good confirmation of the interpretation of the presence of three REDOX cells which is also often indicative of the presence of buried mineralization and bacteriological activity. Other SGH Pathfinder Class maps (not shown at this price point) also agree on the assignment of the interpretations.
- Four smaller black lightly dotted outlines of zones have been applied to the left hand SGH Pathfinder Class map on page 22. These areas appear to be connected to the adjacent main apical anomaly and are at near right angles to them. These areas might be "mineralized ore shoots".
- These interpretations are based only on this survey and on these SGH results.



SGH "VMS" PATHFINDER CLASS MAPS - Lines 19-23



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SGH "VMS" PATHFINDER CLASS MAP – 3D VIEWS – Lines 19-23



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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION RATING – Lines 19-23

- After review of all of the SGH Pathfinder Class maps, the SGH results from these soil samples suggest a "rating of 6.0" for the areas within the black dotted oval interpretations that cover the three main apical anomalies on the plan view maps for Lines 19 through 23 on page 22. SGH predicts that VMS mineralization exists directly beneath these areas as a vertical projection. This rating is based on a scale of 6.0 in 0.5 increments, with a value of 6.0 being the best. This rating represents the similarity of these SGH results with case studies over a Volcanic Massive Sulphide (VMS) type target, to the SGH case studies conducted at the Hanson Lake VMS deposit in Saskatchewan, the South Gilmour VMS deposit in New Brunswick and the Cross Lake VMS deposit in Ontario. The degree of confidence in the rating only starts to be "good" at a level of 4.0.
- The SGH VMS template used has been shown to be robust to a wide range of VMS lithology including Kidd Creek, Irish and Kuroko style deposits.
- The area within the smaller black lightly dotted interpretations, as areas of potential mineralized ore shoots, are not rated.
- Potential drill targets are most likely to be in the centre of the three rated black dotted oval interpretations that encompass the apical type anomalies, as the centre of the REDOX cell formed in the overburden, rather than at the flanking apical anomalies contained within these ovals.
- The client should use a combination of these SGH results and its report with additional geochemical, geophysical, and geological information to possibly obtain a more confident and precise target location.



IN-FILL SAMPLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SGH ANALYSIS

Based on the results of this report and/or other information, the client may decide that infill sampling may be warranted. To obtain the best results from additional sampling for SGH it is recommended that sample locations within, or bordering, the area of interest be re-sampled rather than combining new results with the sample data from the initial survey. Although several SGH surveys have previously been easily and directly, combined without data leveling, it cannot be guaranteed that data leveling will not be required. It has been found that data leveling is more apt to be required should the new samples be collected under significantly different environmental conditions than during the initial sample survey, i.e. summer collection versus winter collection. The process of data leveling adds a minimum of 3 to 5 days of work to conduct the additional data evaluation, develop additional plots of the results, conduct new interpretations, and in additional report descriptions. Results from data leveling is also always considered "an approximation" thus having a lower level of confidence that newly re-sampled locations would have. As of September 2010, an additional cost will be invoiced should data leveling operations be required if the client requests that two SGH data sets be interpreted and reported together. Thus re-sampling locations will provide a faster turnaround time for results and provide more accurate and confident surveys for evaluation and aid in deciding specific drill targets.



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Activation Laboratories Ltd. may also make a scientifically based reference in this interpretive report to an area that might be used as a drill target. Usually the nearest sample is identified as an approximation to a "possible drill target" location. This is based only on SGH results and is to be regarded as a guide based on the current state of this science.

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

138 Soil samples were submitted for analysis via the Actlabs Thunder Bay facility.

These samples were prepared according to our Code S4 procedure.

The following analytical package was requested: Code SGH – Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry

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Notes:

The SGH - Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry is a semi-quantitative analytical procedure to detect and measure 162 hydrocarbon compounds as the organic signature in the sample material collected from a survey area. It is not an assay of mineralization but is a predictive geochemical tool used for exploration. This certificate pertains only to the SGH data presented in the associated Microsoft Excel spreadsheet of results.

The author of this SGH Interpretation Report. Mr. Dale Sutherland, is the creator of the SGH organic geochemistry. He is a Chartered Chemist (C.Chem.) and Forensic Scientist specializing in organic chemistry. He is not a professional geologist or geochemist.

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SOIL GAS HYDROCARBON (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY - OVERVIEW

SGH is a deep penetrating geochemistry that involves the analysis of surficial samples from over potential mineral or petroleum targets. The analysis involves the testing for 162 hydrocarbon compounds in the C5-C17 carbon series range applicable to a wide variety of sample types. SGH has been successful for delineating targets found at over 500 metres in depth. Samples of various media have been successfully analyzed such as soil (any horizon), drill core, rock, peat, lake-bottom sediments and even snow. The SGH analysis incorporates a very weak leach, essentially aqueous, that only extracts the surficial bound hydrocarbon compounds and those compounds in interstitial spaces around the sample particles. These are the hydrocarbons that have been mobilized from the target depth. SGH is unique and should not be confused with other hydrocarbon tests or traditional analyses that measure C1 (Methane) to C5 (Pentane) or other SGH is also different from soil hydrocarbon tests that thermally extract or desorb all of the qases. hydrocarbons from the whole soil sample. This test is less specific as it does not separate the hydrocarbons and thus does not identify or measure the responses as precisely. These tests also do not use a forensic approach to identification. The hydrocarbons in the SGH extract are separated by high resolution capillary column gas chromatography to isolate, confirm, and measure the presence of only the individual hydrocarbons that have been found to be of interest from initial research and development and from performance testing in two Canadian Mining Industry Research Organization (CAMIRO) projects (97E04 and 01E02).

Over the past 14 years of research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has developed an in-depth understanding of the unique SGH signatures associated with different commodity targets. Using a forensic approach we have developed target signatures or templates for identification, and the understanding of the expected geochromatography that is exhibited by each class of SGH compounds. In 2004 we began to include an SGH interpretation report delivered with the data to enable our clients to realize the complete value and understanding of the SGH results in the shortest time frame and provide the benefit from past research sponsored by Actlabs, CAMIRO, OMET and other projects.

SGH has attracted the attention of a large number of Exploration companies. In the above mentioned research projects the sponsors have included (in no order): Western Mining Corporation, BHP-Billiton, Inco, Noranda, Outokumpu, Xstrata, Cameco, Cominco, Rio Algom, Alberta Geological Survey, Ontario Geological Survey, Manitoba Geological Survey and OMET. Further, beyond this research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has interpreted the SGH data for over 400 targets from clients since January of 2004. In both CAMIRO research projects over known mineralization and in exploration projects over unknown targets, SGH has performed exceptionally well. As an example, in the first CAMIRO research project that commenced in 1997 (Project 97E04), there were 10 study areas that were submitted blindly to Actlabs. These study sites were selected since other inorganic geochemistries were unsuccessful at illustrating anomalies related to the target.



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Although Actlabs was only provided with the samples and their coordinates, SGH was able to locate the blind mineralization with exceptional accuracy in 9 of the 10 surveys. SGH has recently been very successful in exploration and discovery of unknown targets e.g. Golden Band Resources drilled an SGH anomaly and discovered a significant vein containing "visible" gold. (www.goldenbandresources.com)

Sample Type and Survey Design: It is highly recommended that a *minimum* of 50 sample "locations" is preferred to obtain enough samples into background areas on both sides of small suspected targets (wet gas plays, Kimberlite pipes, Uranium Breccia pipes, veins, etc.). SGH is not interpreted in the same way as inorganic based geochemistries. SGH must have enough samples over both the target and background areas in order to fully study the dispersion patterns or geochromatography of the SGH classes of compounds. Based on our minimum recommendation of at least 50 sample locations we further suggest that all samples be evenly spaced with about one-third of the samples over the target and one-third on each side of the target in order for SGH to be used for exploration. Targets other than gas plays, pipes, dykes or veins usually require additional samples to represent both the target and background areas.

SGH has been shown to be very robust to the use of different sample types even "within" the same survey or transect. Research has illustrated that it is far more important to the ultimate interpretation of the results to take a complete sample transect or grid than to skip samples due to different sample media. The most ideal natural sample is still believed to be soil from the "Upper B-Horizon", however excellent results can also be obtained from other soil horizons, humus, peat, lake-bottom sediments, and even snow. The sampling design is suggested to use evenly spaced samples from 15 metres to 200 metres and line spacing from 50 metres to 500 metres depending on the size and type of target. A 4:1 ratio is suggested, however, larger orientation surveys have also been successful. Ideally even large grids should have one-third of the samples over the target and two-thirds of the samples into anticipated background areas. This will allow the proper assessment of the SGH geochromatographic vectoring and background site signature levels with minimal bias. Individual samples taken at significant distances from the main survey area to represent background are not of value in the SGH interpretation as SGH results are not background subtracted. Samples can be drip dried in the field and do not need special preservation for shipping and has been specifically designed to avoid common contaminants from sample handling and shipping. SGH has also been shown to be robust to cultural activities even to the point that successful results and interpretation has been obtained from roadside right-ofways.



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Sample Preparation and Analysis: Upon receipt at Activation Laboratories the samples are air-dried in isolated and dedicated environmentally controlled rooms set to 40°C. The dried samples are then sieved. In the sieving process, it is important that compressed air is not used to clean the sieves between samples as trace amounts of compressor oils "may" poison the samples and significantly affect some target signatures. At Activation Laboratories a vacuum is used to clean the sieve between each sample. The -60 mesh sieve fraction (<250 microns, although different mesh sizes can be used at the preference of the exploration geologist) is collected and packaged in a Kraft paper envelope and transported from our sample preparation building to our analytical building on the same street in Ancaster Ontario. Each sample is then extracted, separated by gas chromatography and analyzed by mass spectrometry using customized parameters enabling the highly specific detection of the 162 targeted hydrocarbons at a <u>reporting limit</u> of one part-per-trillion (ppt). This trace level limit of reporting is critical to the detection of these hydrocarbons that, through research, have been found to be related at least in part to the breakdown and release of hydrocarbons from the death phase of microbes directly interacting with a deposit at depth. The hydrocarbon signatures are directly linked to the deposit type which is used as a food source. The hydrocarbons that are mobilized and metabolized by the microbes are released in the death phase of each successive generation. Very few of the hydrocarbons measured are actually due to microbe cell structure, or hydrocarbons present or formed in the genesis of the deposit or from anthropogenic contamination. The results of the SGH analysis is reported in raw data form in an Excel spreadsheet as "semi-quantitative" concentrations without any additional statistical modification.

Mobilized Inorganic Geochemical Anomalies: It is important to note that SGH is essentially "blind" to any inorganic content in samples as only organic compounds as hydrocarbons are measured. Thus inorganic geochemical surface anomalies that have migrated away from the mineral source, and thus may be interpreted and found to be a false target location, is not detected and does not affect SGH results. This fact is of great advantage when comparing the SGH results to inorganic geochemical results. If there is agreement in the location of the anomalies between the organic and inorganic technique, such as Actlabs' Enzyme Leach, a significant increase in confidence in the target location can be realized. If there is no agreement or a shift in the location of the anomalies between the techniques, the inorganic anomaly may have been mobilized in the surficial environment.

The Nugget Effect: As SGH is "blind" to the inorganic content in the survey samples, any concern of a "nugget effect" will not be encountered with SGH data. A "nugget effect" may be of a concern for inorganic geochemistries from surveys over copper, gold, lead, nickel, etc. type targets.



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SGH Interpretation Report: All SGH submissions must be accompanied by relative or UTM coordinates so that we may ensure that the sample survey design is appropriate for use with SGH, and to provide an SGH interpretation with the results. In our interpretation procedure, we separate the results into 19 SGH subclasses. These classes include specific alkanes, alkenes, thiophenes, aromatic, and polyaromatic compounds. Note that none of the SGH hydrocarbons are "gaseous" at room temperature and pressure. The classes are then evaluated in terms of their geochromatography and for coincident compound class anomalies that are unique to different types of mineralization. Actlabs uses a six point scale in assigning a subjective rating of similarity of the SGH signatures found in the submitted survey to signatures previously reviewed and researched from known case studies over the same commodity type. Also factored into this rating is the appropriateness of the survey and amount of data/sample locations that is available for interpretation. This rating scale is described in detail in the following section.

SGH RATING SYSTEM - DESCRIPTION

To date SGH has been found to be successful in the depiction of buried mineralization for Gold, Nickel, VMS, SEDEX, Uranium, Polymetallic, and Copper, as well as for Kimberlites. SGH data has developed into a dual exploration tool. From the interpretation, a vertical projection of the predicted location of the target can be made as well as a statement on the rating of the comparability of the identification of the anticipated target type to that from known case studies, e.g. if the client anticipates the target to be a Gold deposit, what is the rating or comparability that the target is similar to the SGH results over a Gold deposit in Nunavut, shear hosted and sediment hosted deposits in Nevada, or Paleochannel Gold mineralization in Western Australia.

- A rating of "6" is the highest or best rating, and means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold related hydrocarbon signature are all present and consistently vector to the same location with well defined anomalies. To obtain this rating there also needs to be other SGH classes that when mapped lend support to the predicted location.
- A rating of "5" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are all present • and consistently describe the same location with well defined anomalies. The SGH signatures may not be strong enough to also develop additional supporting classes.
- A rating of "4" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present describing the location with well defined anomalies. Supporting classes may also be present.



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- A rating of "3" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present and describe the same location with <u>fairly well</u> defined anomalies. Some supporting classes may or may not be present.
- A rating of "2" means that some of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Some supporting classes may be present
- A rating of "1" is the lowest rating, and means that one of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature is present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Supporting classes are also not helpful.
- The SGH rating is directly and significantly affected by the survey design. Small data sets, especially if significantly <50 sample locations, or transects/surveys that are geographically too short <u>will automatically receive a lower rating no matter how impressive an SGH anomaly might be</u>. When there is not enough sample locations to adequately review the SGH class geochromatography, or when the sample spacing is inadequate, or if the spacing is highly variable such that it biases the interpretation of the results, then the confidence in the interpretation of any geochemistry is adversely affected. The SGH rating is not just a rating of the agreement between the SGH pathfinder classes for a particular target type; it is a rating of the overall confidence in the SGH results from this particular survey. The interpretation is only based on the SGH results without any information from other geochemical, geological or geophysical information unless otherwise specified.

SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING

The subjective SGH rating system has been used since 2004 when Activation Laboratories started providing an SGH Interpretation Report with ever submission for SGH analysis to aid our clients in understanding this organic geochemistry and ensuring that they obtain the best results for their surveys. As explained in the previous section, the SGH rating is not just a rating of how definitive an SGH anomaly is, and is not based just on the map(s) provided in this report. It is a rating of "confidence in the interpreted anomaly" from the combination of (i) are the expected SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds present from the template for this target type (one Pathfinder Class map is shown in the report, at least three must be present to adequately describe the correct signature for a particular target), (ii) how well do these SGH Pathfinder Classes agree in describing an particular area, (iii) how well does this agreement compare to SGH case studies over known targets of that type, (iv) how well is the interpreted anomaly defined by the survey (i.e. a single



<u>SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)</u>

transect does not provide the same confidence as a complete grid of samples), and (v) is there at least a minimum of 50 sample locations in the survey so that there may be an adequate amount of data to observe the geochromatography of the different SGH Pathfinder Class of compounds.

The question often arises by clients as to the frequency of a rating, e.g. "how often is a rating of 5.0 given in an interpretation". To better understand this we present this review of the history of the SGH rating program since 2004 and some of the underlying situations that can affect the historical rating charts.

Originally it was recommended that a minimum of 35 sample location be used for small target exploration, however it was quite quickly realized that this is often insufficient and at least 50 sample locations were required. In 2007, the rating scale was refined to include increments of 0.5 units rather than just integer values from 0 to 6.

A rating frequency may be biased high as most clients conduct an orientation study over a known target, thus several of these projects result in high ratings. Note that, at this time, the rating is not said to be linked to grade of a deposit or depth to the target. Even in exploration surveys clients tend to submit samples over more promising targets due to knowledge of the geology and prior geochemical or geophysical results. As shown in the following chart, projects with SGH data from 200 or more sample locations have a higher level of confidence in the interpretation as the geochromatography of the SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds can be more completely observed and reviewed.





SGH RATING SYSTEM - HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)

The rating frequency may be biased low as research projects often include a bare minimum of samples to reduce costs. Research projects may also be over targets known to be difficult to depict with geochemistry. Multiple targets in close vicinity in a survey may result in a low bias as the Pathfinder Class geochromatography is more difficult to deconvelute. Ratings may also be biased low if less than the recommended 50 sample locations is submitted as indicated by the following chart. This chart also illustrates that there is no interpretation bias to a particular rating value.



The overall rating frequency for over 400 targets from January 2004 to December 2009 is shown in the chart below illustrating that surveys over more promising targets are most often submitted for best use of research or exploration dollars. It also indicates that the 0.5 increments were less frequent as they started in 2007.



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SGH DATA QUALITY

- **Reporting Limit:** The SGH Excel spreadsheet of results contains the raw unaltered concentrations of the individual SGH compounds in units of "part-per-trillion" (ppt). The reporting of these ultra low levels is vital to the measurement of the small amounts of hydrocarbons now known to be leached/metabolized and subsequently released by dead bacteria that have been interacting with the ore at depth. To ensure that the data has a high level of confidence, a "reporting limit" is used. The reporting limit of 1 ppt actually represents a level of confidence of approximately 5 standard deviations where SGH data is assured to be "real" and non-zero. Thus in SGH the use of a reporting limit automatically removes site variability and there is no need to further background subtract any data as the reporting limit has already filtered out any site background effects. Thus we recommend that all data that is equal to or greater than 2 ppt should be used in any data review. It is important to review all SGH data as low values that may be the centre of halo anomalies and higher values as apical anomalies or as halo ridges are all important.
- **Laboratory Replicate Analysis:** A laboratory replicate is a sample taken randomly from the submitted survey being analyzed and are not unrelated samples taken from some large stockpile of bulk material. In the Organics laboratory an equal portion of this sieved sample, or pulp, is taken and analyzed in the same manner using the Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometer. The comparison of laboratory replicate and field duplicate results for chemical tests in the parts-per-million or even parts-per-billion range has typically been done using an absolute "relative percent difference (RPD)" statistic which is an easy proxy for error estimation rather than a more complete analysis of precision as specified by Thompson and Howarth. An RPD statistic is not appropriate for SGH results as the reporting limit for SGH is <u>1 part-per-trillion</u>. Further, SGH is a semi-quantitative technique and was not designed to have the same level of precision as other less sensitive geochemistry's as it is only used as an exploration tool and not for any assay work. SGH is also designed to cover a wide range of organic compounds with an unprecedented 162 compounds being measured for each sample. In order to analyze such a wide molecular weight range of compounds, sacrifices were made to the variability especially in the low molecular weight range of the SGH analysis. The result is that the first fifteen SGH compounds in the Excel spreadsheet is expected to exhibit more imprecision than the other 147 compounds. An SGH laboratory replicate is a large set of data for comparison even for just a few pairs of analyses. Precision calculations using a Thompson and Howarth approach should only be used for estimating error in individual measurements, and not for describing the average error in a larger data set. In geochemical exploration geochemists seek concentration patterns to interpret and thus rigorous precision in individual samples is not required because the concentrations of many samples are interpreted collectively. For these reasons recent and independent research at Acadia

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SGH DATA QUALITY (continued)

University in Canada promote that a percent Coefficient of Variation (%CV) should be used as a universal measurement of relative error in all geochemical applications. As SGH results are a relatively large data set for nearly all submissions, %CV is a better statistic for use with SGH. By using %CV, the concentration of duplicate pairs is irrelevant because the units of concentration cancel out in the formation of the coefficient of variation ratio. For SGH, the %CV is calculated on all values \geq 2 ppt. These values are averaged and represent a value for each pair of replicate analysis of the sample. All of the %CV values for the replicates are then averaged to report one %CV value to represent the overall estimate of the relative error in the laboratory sub-sampling from the prepared samples, and any instrumental variability, in the SGH data set for the survey. Actlabs' has successfully addressed the analytical challenge to minimize analytical variability for such a large list of compounds. Thus as SGH is also interpreted as a signature and is solely used for exploration and not assay measurement, the data from SGH is "fit for purpose" as a geochemical exploration tool.

Historical SGH Precision: In the general history of geochemistry, studies indicate that a large component of total measurement error is introduced during the collection of the initial sample and in subsampling, and that only a subordinate amount of error in the result is introduced during preparation and analysis. A historical record encompassing many projects for SGH, including a wide variety of sample types, geology and geography, shows that the consistency and precision for the analysis of SGH is excellent with an overall precision of 6.8% Coefficient of Variation (%CV). When last calculated, this number has a range having a maximum of 12.4% CV, a minimum of 3.0% CV, with a standard deviation of 1.6%, in a population made up of over 400 targets (over 45,000 samples) interpreted since June of 2004. Again the precision of 6.8% CV included all of the sample types as soil from different horizons, peat, till, humus, lake-bottom sediments, ocean-bottom sediments, and even snow. When field duplicates have been revealed to us, we have found that the precision of the field duplicates are in the range of about 9 to 12 %CV. As SGH is interpreted using a combination of compounds as a chemical "class" or signature, the affect of a few concentrations that may be imprecise in a direct comparison of duplicates is not significant. Further, projects that have been re-sampled at different times or seasons are expected to have different SGH concentrations. The SGH anomalies may not be in exactly the same position or of the same intensity due to variable conditions that may have affected the dispersion of different pathfinder classes. However, the SGH "signature" as to the presence of the specific mix of SGH pathfinder classes will definitely still exist, and will retain the ability to identify the deposit type and vector to the same target location.



LABORATORY MATERIALS BLANK – QUALITY ASSURANCE (LMB-QA):

The Laboratory Materials Blank Quality Assurance measurements (LMB-QA) shown in the SGH spreadsheet of results are matrix free blanks analyzed for SGH. These blanks are not standard laboratory blanks as they do not accurately reflect an amount expected to be from laboratory handling or laboratory conditions that may be present and affect the sample analysis result. The LMB-QA measurements are a pre-warning system to only detect any contamination originating from laboratory glassware, vials or caps. As there is no substrate to emulate the sample matrix, the full solvating power of the SGH leaching solution, effectively a water leach, is fully directed at the small surface area of the glassware, vials or caps. In a sample analysis the solvating power of the SGH leaching solution is distributed between the large sample surface area (from soil, humus, sediments, peat, till, etc.) and the relatively small contribution from the laboratory materials surfaces. The sample matrix also buffers the solvating or leaching effect in the sample versus the more vigourous leaching of the laboratory materials which do not experience this buffering effect. Thus the level of the LMB-QA reported is biased high relative to the sample concentration and the actual contribution of the laboratory reagents, equipment, handling, etc. to the values in samples is significantly lower. This situation in organic laboratory analysis only occurs at such extremely low part-pertrillion (ppt) measurement levels. This is one of the reasons that SGH uses a reporting limit and not a detection limit. The 1 ppt reporting limit used in the SGH spreadsheet of raw concentration data is 3 to 5 times greater than a detection limit. The reporting limit automatically filters out analytical noise, the actual LMB-QA, and most of the sample survey site background. This has been proven as SGH values of 1 to 3 parts-per-trillion (ppt) have very often illustrated the outline of anomalies directly related to mineral targets. Thus all SGH values greater than or equal to 1 or 2 ppt should be used as reliable values for interpretations.

The LMB-QA values thus should not be used to background subtract any SGH data. The LMB-QA values are only an early warning as a quality assurance procedure to indicate the relative cleanliness of laboratory glassware, vials, caps, and the laboratory water supply at the ppt concentration level. Do not subtract the LMB-QA values from SGH sample data.



SGH DATA INTERPRETATION

GEOCHEMICAL ANOMALY THRESHOLD VALUE:

In the interpretation of "inorganic" geochemical data one of the determinations to be made is to calculate a "Threshold" value above which data is considered anomalous. This is done on an element by element basis. In the interpretation of this "organic" geochemical data this determination is done differently. The determination of a threshold value is not calculated for each hydrocarbon compound. The determination of a threshold value is also a concentration below which geochemical data is considered as "noise" for the purposes of geochemical interpretation. As discussed on page 10, SGH uses a "Reporting Limit" instead of some type of Detection Limit. The amount of noise that is already eliminated in the data, as below the Reporting Limit of 1 part-per-trillion (shown in the data spreadsheet as "-1" as "not-detected at a Reporting Limit of 1 ppt") is equivalent to approximately 5 standard deviations of variability. To thus calculate an additional Threshold Value is a loss of real and valuable data. Further, in the interpretation of SGH data, individual compounds are not considered (unless explicitly mentioned in the report). The interpretation of SGH data is exclusively conducted by "compound chemical class" which is the sum of four to fourteen individual hydrocarbons in the same organic chemical class as these compounds naturally have the same chemical properties that ultimately define their spatial dispersion characteristics in their rise from a mineral target through the overburden. This combined class is more reliable than the measurement of any one compound. SGH also eliminates the need for a Threshold value determination above the Reporting Limit due to the "high specificity" of the specific hydrocarbons and the classes they form. Each of the hydrocarbons has been hand selected due to their lower probability of being found in general surface soils. Further, only those classes where the majority of the compounds are detected above the Reporting Limit are considered in the interpretation. This defines the SGH geochemistry as having less geochemical noise due to the use of a reporting limit and as having higher confidence in the use of groups (classes) of data instead of individual compounds. However the most important aspect of interpretation is the use of a forensic signature. At least three specific "Pathfinder" classes, based on the combinations or template of classes we have developed, must be present to define the hydrocarbon signature to confidently predict the presence of a specific type of mineral target. Do not calculate another Threshold value. FACT: It has been proven many times that important chemical anomalies can exist even at 5 ppt.

SGH PATHFINDER CLASS MAGNITUDE:

The magnitude of any individual concentration or that of a hydrocarbon class does not imply that the data is of more importance or that mineralization is of higher quantity or grade. SGH interpretation must use the review of the combination of specific hydrocarbon classes to make any interpretation.



SGH DATA INTERPRETATION (continued)

SGH DATA LEVELING:

The combination of SGH data from different field sampling events has rarely required leveling in order to combine survey grids. The only circumstances that have occasionally required leveling has been the combination of samples that are very fine in texture, thus having a combined large surface area to samples of peat that may be in nearby areas. Even after maceration of the peat and in using the maximum size of sample amenable to this test method, peat samples have a significantly lower surface area. Peat samples have only required leveling in one survey in the last 500 SGH interpretations.

In only the last year it has been observed that SGH data may require leveling when different field sampling events have significantly different soil temperature. It has been documented that only when "soil" samples are taken from "frozen" ground that data leveling may be required as frozen sample act as a frozen cap to the hydrocarbon flux and may collect a higher concentration of hydrocarbon compounds compared to sampling during seasons where the samples are not frozen. Only two surveys have required leveling in the last 500 SGH interpretations.

The author has taken introductory training in the leveling of geochemical data. If leveling is required, both data sets are reviewed in terms of maximum, minimum and average values for each SGH Pathfinder Class intended for use in the interpretation. Data in sectioned into quartiles and each section is assigned specific leveling factors that is then applied to one data set. It should be noted that any type of data leveling is an approximation.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u>

One of the first experiments in 1996 in the development of the SGH analysis was to observe if an SGH response could be obtained directly from an ore sample. From office shelf specimens, small rock chips were obtained which were then crushed and milled. The fine pulp obtained was then subjected to the SGH analysis. These shelf specimen samples were from well known Volcanic Massive Sulphide deposits of the Mattabi deposit from the Archean Sturgeon Lake Camp in Northwestern Ontario and from the Kidd Creek Archean volcanic-hosted copper-zinc deposit. Even these specimen samples contain a geochemical record of the hydrocarbons produced by the bacteria that had been feeding on these deposits at depth. As a comparison, SGH analysis were similarly conducted on modern-day VMS ore samples taken from a "black smoker" hydrothermal volcanic vent from the deep sea bed of the Juan de Fuca Ridge where high concentrations of microbial growth was also known to exist. The raw data profiles as GC/MS Total Ion Chromatograms are shown below to illustrate the "visible" portion of the VMS signature obtained from the SGH analysis.



The top two profiles were obtained from two samples of the modern day "black smokers". The third and fourth chromatograms in the above image were obtained from the Pre-Cambrian Zn-Cu Kidd Creek and Mattabi deposits. The red arrows point to three compounds that are <u>a portion</u> of the SGH signature for VMS type deposits. This visible portion of the VMS signature of hydrocarbons can easily be seen in the analysis of each of these four samples.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u> (cont.)

The next question in our early objectives was to see if this SGH signature could also be observed in <u>surficial soil samples</u> that had been taken over VMS deposits. Through our research projects, soil samples were obtained from over the Ruttan Cu-Zn VMS deposit near Leaf Rapids, Manitoba and located in the Paleoproterozoic Rusty Lake greenstone belt. The profile obtained, as observed in the raw GC/MS chromatogram, is shown in this next image below:



The three compounds indicated by the red arrows represent the same <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature observed from the modern day black smoker samples and the ore samples taken from the Mattabi and Kidd Creek, even though this soil was taken from over a different VMS deposit in a geographically different area. Is this coincidence? Another soil sample was obtained from Noranda's Gilmour South base-metal occurrence in the Bathurst Mining camp in northern New Brunswick. As shown below, this sample contained a very complex SGH signature, however the <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature as indicated by the red arrows is still observed as in the black smoker, Mattabi and Kidd Creek ore samples.



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In research conducted by the Ontario Geological Survey, this same portion of the SGH signature was also observed over the VMS deposit at Cross Lake in Ontario. Note that the visible signature shown as the three compounds indicated by the red arrows is only a small portion of the complete SGH VMS signature. The full VMS signature is made up of at least three groups, as three organic chemical classes, that together contain at least 35 of the individual SGH hydrocarbons.

The chromatograms shown on the preceding page from the GC/MS analysis are not used directly in the interpretation of SGH data. As we are only interested in a specific list of 162 hydrocarbons, the mass spectrometer and associated software programs specifically identifies the hydrocarbons of interest, runs calculations using relative responses to a short list of hydrocarbons used as standards, and develops an Excel spreadsheet of semi-quantitative concentration data to represent the sample. Thus the SGH results for a sample, like that observed in ore from the Ruttan, are filtered to obtain the concentrations for the specific 162 hydrocarbons. A simple bar graph drawn from the Excel spreadsheet of the hydrocarbons and their concentrations results in a DNA like **forensic SGH signature** as shown below. The portion discussed hear as the "visible" SGH VMS signature in the GC/MS chromatograms, is again shown by the red arrows.



Through the work done in the SGH CAMIRO research projects, it was observed that the hydrocarbon signature produced by the SGH technique appeared to also be able to be used to differentiate barren from This was explored further through the submission and analysis of specific ore-bearing conductors. specimen samples that represented a barren pyritic conductor and a barren graphitic conductor.



<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u> (cont.)

The GC/MS chromatograms from these two specimens are compared to that obtained from the Kidd-Creek ore as shown below. This diagram conclusively shows that the SGH signatures obtained from the two types of barren conductors are completely different than that obtained by SGH over VMS type ore. SGH is thus able to differentiate between ore-bearing conductors and barren conductors as <u>the Forensic SGH</u> <u>Geochemical signature is different</u>.



- SGH has been described by the Ontario Geological Survey of Canada (OGS) as a "REDOX cell locator". Many SGH surveys for Gold and other mineral targets can result in multiple types of anomalies, depending on the class of SGH compounds, even over the same target and in the same set of samples. Thus "Apical", "Nested-Halo", and "Rabbit-Ear" or "Halo" type SGH anomalies are all typically observed from the effect of REDOX cells that have developed over deposits. REDOX cells are also related to the presence of bacteriological activity.
- The VMS template of SGH Pathfinder Classes uses low and medium weight classes of hydrocarbon compounds. Again, at least three Pathfinder Class group maps, associated with the SGH signature for VMS, must be present to begin to be considered for assignment of a good rating. The Pathfinder Class anomalies in these maps must logically concur and support a consistent interpretation in relation to the expected geochromatographic characteristics of the Pathfinder Class, for a specific area. The SGH Pathfinder Class map(s) shown in this report is usually the most diagnostic for the presence of Volcanic Massive Sulphide based mineralization.



SGH DATA INTERPRETATION

DISCLAIMER:

This "SGH Interpretation Report" has been prepared to assist the user in understanding the development and capabilities of this Organic based Geochemistry. The interpretation of the Soil Gas Hydrocarbon (SGH) data is in reference to a template or group of SGH classes of compounds specific to a type of mineralization or target that is chosen by the client (i.e. the template for gold, copper, VMS, uranium, etc.). Although the template of SGH Pathfinder Classes that has been developed through research and review of case studies has proven to be able to address many lithologies, Activation Laboratories Ltd. cannot guarantee that the template is applicable to every type of target in every type of environment. The interpretation in this report attempts to identify an anomaly that has the best SGH signature in the survey for the type of mineralization or target chosen by the client. However, this interpretation is not exhaustive and there may be additional SGH anomalies that may warrant interest. It should not be viewed due to the generation of this SGH report, that Activation Laboratories Ltd. has the expertise or is in the business of interpreting geochemical data as a general service. As the author is the originator of the SGH geochemistry, has researched and developed this exploration tool since 1996, and has produced similar interpretations using SGH data for over 500 surveys, he is perhaps the best gualified to prepare this interpretation as assistance to clients wishing to use SGH. Activation Laboratories Ltd. can offer assistance in general suggestions for sampling protocols and in sample grid location design; however we accept no responsibility to the appropriateness of the samples taken. Activation Laboratories Ltd. has made every attempt to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information provided in this report. Activation Laboratories Ltd. or its employees, does not accept any responsibility or liability for the accuracy, content, completeness, legality, or reliability of the information or description of processes contained in this report. The information is provided "as is" without a guarantee of any kind in the interpretation or use of the results of the SGH geochemistry. The client or user accepts all risks and responsibility for losses, damages, costs and other consequences resulting directly or indirectly form using any information or material contained in this report or using data from the associated spreadsheet of results.



<u>SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION – Lines 24-27</u>

This report is based on the SGH results from the analysis of a total of 106 soil samples from these submissions for this survey area. This report specifically pertains to just those sample results from Lines 24 through to 27. These four north-south trending transects in the Sturgeon Lake survey area are shown in the map below. The transects are about 100 metres apart with samples spaced at approximately 50 metres. UTM coordinates were provided for mapping of the SGH results for these soil samples. These samples were received by our Thunder Bay lab facility and then shipped to our head Ancaster laboratory where they were subsequently dried and sieved as per the procedure on page 5 of this report.



The number of samples submitted for this project is adequate to use SGH as an exploration tool for Lines 24 through 27. Note that the SGH data is only reviewed for the particular target deposit type requested, in this case for the presence of a VMS based deposit. It is also assumed that there is only one potential target. To obtain the best interpretation the client should indicate if there are possible multiple targets, say from geophysical data. The possibility of multiple targets in "close proximity" should be known due to potential overlap and increased complexity of resulting geochromatographic anomalies which could alter the interpretation. Based on the size of the narrow targets expected in this Sturgeon Lake project, "close proximity" would mean "within 400 metres".



<u>SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION – Lines 24-27</u>

- Note that the associated SGH results are presented in a separate Excel spreadsheet. This raw data is semi-quantitative and is presented in units of pg/g or **parts-per-trillion** (ppt).
- The overall precision of the SGH analysis for the samples in this SGH survey was excellent as • demonstrated by 8 samples taken from this survey area which were used for laboratory replicate analysis. The average Coefficient of Variation (%CV) of the replicate results for the project samples from lines 24 through 27 was 6.42% which represents an excellent level of analytical performance especially at such low parts-per-trillion concentrations.
- The plan view maps shown on page 22 (and on page 23 in 3D view) are both SGH "Pathfinder Class map" for targeting VMS mineralization and are the same classes previously used for Lines 39 & 40. Each map represents the simple summation of several individual hydrocarbon compound concentrations that are grouped from within the same organic chemical class. SGH Pathfinder Class maps have been shown to be robust as they are each described using from 4 to 14 (unless otherwise stated) chemically related SGH compounds which are simply summed to create each class map. Thus each map has a higher level of confidence as it is "not" illustrating just one compound response. A legend of the SGH classes appears in the SGH data spreadsheet. The overall SGH interpretation rating (page 24) has even a higher level of confidence as it further relies on the consensus between at least three SGH Pathfinder Classes (the other classes are not shown in this report) that together make the signature of the target at depth.
- On the left hand SGH Pathfinder Class map on page 22, a dashed black oval has been applied as the interpretation that outlines a halo anomaly at the very northern extent of the grid designated as Zone "A". A second area just to the south has been outlined using black dotted lines as Zone "B" which also appears to be a halo or low response type anomaly. These same outlines have been applied to the SGH Pathfinder Class map on the right hand side on page 22. These two Pathfinder Class maps are the same ones previously used in the interpretation for VMS mineralization of the Sturgeon Lake survey Lines 39 and 40. On the right hand map there is another similar halo anomaly for Zone "A" within the dashed oval outline. Zone "B" appears to have developed an apical anomaly within the corresponding low response area on the left hand side map. Both Zone "A" and Zone "B" do not have the same confirmation of a VMS signature as previously found for lines 39 and 40, although REDOX condition do appear to be present that is often indicative of the presence of buried mineralization and bacteriological activity.



SGH "VMS" PATHFINDER CLASS MAPS - Lines 24-27



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SGH "VMS" PATHFINDER CLASS MAP - 3D VIEWS - Lines 24-27



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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION RATING – Lines 24-27

- Other SGH Pathfinder Class maps (not shown at this price point) also agree on the assignment of the interpretations as the black dashed oval over Zone "A" and black dotted outline over Zone "B" on page 22. After review of all of the SGH Pathfinder Class maps, the SGH results from these soil samples suggest a "rating of 2.0" for each of the Zones "A" and "B" as shown on the plan view maps for Lines 24 through 27 on page 22. SGH predicts that mineralization may exist directly beneath these areas as a vertical projection but the SGH signature does not imply that this is VMS based mineralization. This rating is based on a scale of 6.0 in 0.5 increments, with a value of 6.0 being the best. This rating represents the similarity of these SGH results with case studies over a Volcanic Massive Sulphide (VMS) type target, to the SGH case studies conducted at the Hanson Lake VMS deposit in Saskatchewan, the South Gilmour VMS deposit in New Brunswick and the Cross Lake VMS deposit in Ontario. The degree of confidence in the rating only starts to be "good" at a level of 4.0.
- These interpretations are based only on this survey and on these SGH results. A value of 4.0 from a maximum rating of 6.0 was subtracted as the SGH signature present in the northern grid area of Lines 24-27 does not match that of an SGH based VMS signature.
- The SGH VMS template used has been shown to be robust to a wide range of VMS lithology including Kidd Creek, Irish and Kuroko style deposits.
- Potential drill targets are not designated relative to VMS type mineralization due to the low rating.
- It is recommended that this survey be re-interpreted using a different SGH signature template, using different SGH Pathfinder Class maps to potentially identify a different type of mineralization that may be present.
- The client should use a combination of these SGH results and its report with additional geochemical, geophysical, and geological information to possibly obtain a more confident and precise target location.



IN-FILL SAMPLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SGH ANALYSIS

Based on the results of this report and/or other information, the client may decide that infill sampling may be warranted. To obtain the best results from additional sampling for SGH it is recommended that sample locations within, or bordering, the area of interest be re-sampled rather than combining new results with the sample data from the initial survey. Although several SGH surveys have previously been easily and directly, combined without data leveling, it cannot be guaranteed that data leveling will not be required. It has been found that data leveling is more apt to be required should the new samples be collected under significantly different environmental conditions than during the initial sample survey, i.e. summer collection versus winter collection. The process of data leveling adds a minimum of 3 to 5 days of work to conduct the additional data evaluation, develop additional plots of the results, conduct new interpretations, and in additional report descriptions. Results from data leveling is also always considered "an approximation" thus having a lower level of confidence that newly re-sampled locations would have. As of September 2010, an additional cost will be invoiced should data leveling operations be required if the client requests that two SGH data sets be interpreted and reported together. Thus re-sampling locations will provide a faster turnaround time for results and provide more accurate and confident surveys for evaluation and aid in deciding specific drill targets.



Cautionary Note Regarding Assumptions and Forward Looking Statements

The statements and target rating made in the Soil Gas Hydrocarbon (SGH) interpretive report or in other communications may contain certain forward-looking information related to a target or SGH anomaly.

Statements related to the rating of a target are based on comparison of the SGH signatures derived by Activation Laboratories Ltd. through previous research on known case studies. The rating is not derived from any statistics or other formula. The rating is a subjective value on a scale of 0 to 6 relative to the similarity of the SGH signature reviewed compared to the results of previous scientific research and case studies based on the analysis of surficial samples over known ore bodies. No information on other geochemistries, geophysics, or geology is usually available as additional information for the interpretation and assignment of a rating value unless otherwise stated. The rating does not imply ore grade and is not to be used in mineral resource estimate calculations. References to the rating should be viewed as forward-looking statements to the extent that it involves a subjective comparison to known SGH case studies. As with other geochemistries, the implied rating and anticipated target characteristics may be different than that actually encountered if the target is drilled or the property developed.

Activation Laboratories Ltd. may also make a scientifically based reference in this interpretive report to an area that might be used as a drill target. Usually the nearest sample is identified as an approximation to a "possible drill target" location. This is based only on SGH results and is to be regarded as a guide based on the current state of this science.

Unless stated, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has not physically observed the exploration site and has no prior knowledge of any site description or details. Actlabs makes general recommendations for sampling and shipping of samples. Unless stated, the laboratory does not witness sampling, does not take into consideration the specific sampling procedures used, season, handling, packaging, or shipping methods. The majority of the time, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has had no input into sampling survey design. Where specified Activation Laboratories Ltd. may not have conducted sample preparation procedures as it may have been conducted at the client's assigned laboratory. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ scientifically which may impact the associated interpretation and target rating from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended.

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RE: Your Reference: Sturgeon Lake Survey – Lines 24 - 27

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

106 Soil samples were received and then shipped to our Ancaster Laboratory for analysis via the Actlabs Thunder Bay facility. These samples were prepared at our Ancaster Laboratory according to our Code S4 procedure.

The following analytical package was requested: Code SGH – Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry

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Notes:

The SGH – Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry is a semi-guantitative analytical procedure to detect and measure 162 hydrocarbon compounds as the organic signature in the sample material collected from a survey area. It is not an assay of mineralization but is a predictive geochemical tool used for exploration. This certificate pertains only to the SGH data presented in the associated Microsoft Excel spreadsheet of results.

The author of this SGH Interpretation Report, Mr. Dale Sutherland, is the creator of the SGH organic geochemistry. He is a Chartered Chemist (C.Chem.) and Forensic Scientist specializing in organic chemistry. He is not a professional geologist or geochemist.

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SOIL GAS HYDROCARBON (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY - OVERVIEW

SGH is a deep penetrating geochemistry that involves the analysis of surficial samples from over potential mineral or petroleum targets. The analysis involves the testing for 162 hydrocarbon compounds in the C5-C17 carbon series range applicable to a wide variety of sample types. SGH has been successful for delineating targets found at over 500 metres in depth. Samples of various media have been successfully analyzed such as soil (any horizon), drill core, rock, peat, lake-bottom sediments and even snow. The SGH analysis incorporates a very weak leach, essentially aqueous, that only extracts the surficial bound hydrocarbon compounds and those compounds in interstitial spaces around the sample particles. These are the hydrocarbons that have been mobilized from the target depth. SGH is unique and should not be confused with other hydrocarbon tests or traditional analyses that measure C1 (Methane) to C5 (Pentane) or other SGH is also different from soil hydrocarbon tests that thermally extract or desorb all of the qases. hydrocarbons from the whole soil sample. This test is less specific as it does not separate the hydrocarbons and thus does not identify or measure the responses as precisely. These tests also do not use a forensic approach to identification. The hydrocarbons in the SGH extract are separated by high resolution capillary column gas chromatography to isolate, confirm, and measure the presence of only the individual hydrocarbons that have been found to be of interest from initial research and development and from performance testing in two Canadian Mining Industry Research Organization (CAMIRO) projects (97E04 and 01E02).

Over the past 14 years of research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has developed an in-depth understanding of the unique SGH signatures associated with different commodity targets. Using a forensic approach we have developed target signatures or templates for identification, and the understanding of the expected geochromatography that is exhibited by each class of SGH compounds. In 2004 we began to include an SGH interpretation report delivered with the data to enable our clients to realize the complete value and understanding of the SGH results in the shortest time frame and provide the benefit from past research sponsored by Actlabs, CAMIRO, OMET and other projects.

SGH has attracted the attention of a large number of Exploration companies. In the above mentioned research projects the sponsors have included (in no order): Western Mining Corporation, BHP-Billiton, Inco, Noranda, Outokumpu, Xstrata, Cameco, Cominco, Rio Algom, Alberta Geological Survey, Ontario Geological Survey, Manitoba Geological Survey and OMET. Further, beyond this research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has interpreted the SGH data for over 400 targets from clients since January of 2004. In both CAMIRO research projects over known mineralization and in exploration projects over unknown targets, SGH has performed exceptionally well. As an example, in the first CAMIRO research project that commenced in 1997 (Project 97E04), there were 10 study areas that were submitted blindly to Actlabs. These study sites were selected since other inorganic geochemistries were unsuccessful at illustrating anomalies related to the target.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

Although Actlabs was only provided with the samples and their coordinates, SGH was able to locate the blind mineralization with exceptional accuracy in 9 of the 10 surveys. SGH has recently been very successful in exploration and discovery of unknown targets e.g. Golden Band Resources drilled an SGH anomaly and discovered a significant vein containing "visible" gold. (www.goldenbandresources.com)

Sample Type and Survey Design: It is highly recommended that a *minimum* of 50 sample "locations" is preferred to obtain enough samples into background areas on both sides of small suspected targets (wet gas plays, Kimberlite pipes, Uranium Breccia pipes, veins, etc.). SGH is not interpreted in the same way as inorganic based geochemistries. SGH must have enough samples over both the target and background areas in order to fully study the dispersion patterns or geochromatography of the SGH classes of compounds. Based on our minimum recommendation of at least 50 sample locations we further suggest that all samples be evenly spaced with about one-third of the samples over the target and one-third on each side of the target in order for SGH to be used for exploration. Targets other than gas plays, pipes, dykes or veins usually require additional samples to represent both the target and background areas.

SGH has been shown to be very robust to the use of different sample types even "within" the same survey or transect. Research has illustrated that it is far more important to the ultimate interpretation of the results to take a complete sample transect or grid than to skip samples due to different sample media. The most ideal natural sample is still believed to be soil from the "Upper B-Horizon", however excellent results can also be obtained from other soil horizons, humus, peat, lake-bottom sediments, and even snow. The sampling design is suggested to use evenly spaced samples from 15 metres to 200 metres and line spacing from 50 metres to 500 metres depending on the size and type of target. A 4:1 ratio is suggested, however, larger orientation surveys have also been successful. Ideally even large grids should have one-third of the samples over the target and two-thirds of the samples into anticipated background areas. This will allow the proper assessment of the SGH geochromatographic vectoring and background site signature levels with minimal bias. Individual samples taken at significant distances from the main survey area to represent background are not of value in the SGH interpretation as SGH results are not background subtracted. Samples can be drip dried in the field and do not need special preservation for shipping and has been specifically designed to avoid common contaminants from sample handling and shipping. SGH has also been shown to be robust to cultural activities even to the point that successful results and interpretation has been obtained from roadside right-ofways.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

Sample Preparation and Analysis: Upon receipt at Activation Laboratories the samples are air-dried in isolated and dedicated environmentally controlled rooms set to 40°C. The dried samples are then sieved. In the sieving process, it is important that compressed air is not used to clean the sieves between samples as trace amounts of compressor oils "may" poison the samples and significantly affect some target signatures. At Activation Laboratories a vacuum is used to clean the sieve between each sample. The -60 mesh sieve fraction (<250 microns, although different mesh sizes can be used at the preference of the exploration geologist) is collected and packaged in a Kraft paper envelope and transported from our sample preparation building to our analytical building on the same street in Ancaster Ontario. Each sample is then extracted, separated by gas chromatography and analyzed by mass spectrometry using customized parameters enabling the highly specific detection of the 162 targeted hydrocarbons at a <u>reporting limit</u> of one part-per-trillion (ppt). This trace level limit of reporting is critical to the detection of these hydrocarbons that, through research, have been found to be related at least in part to the breakdown and release of hydrocarbons from the death phase of microbes directly interacting with a deposit at depth. The hydrocarbon signatures are directly linked to the deposit type which is used as a food source. The hydrocarbons that are mobilized and metabolized by the microbes are released in the death phase of each successive generation. Very few of the hydrocarbons measured are actually due to microbe cell structure, or hydrocarbons present or formed in the genesis of the deposit or from anthropogenic contamination. The results of the SGH analysis is reported in raw data form in an Excel spreadsheet as "semi-quantitative" concentrations without any additional statistical modification.

Mobilized Inorganic Geochemical Anomalies: It is important to note that SGH is essentially "blind" to any inorganic content in samples as only organic compounds as hydrocarbons are measured. Thus inorganic geochemical surface anomalies that have migrated away from the mineral source, and thus may be interpreted and found to be a false target location, is not detected and does not affect SGH results. This fact is of great advantage when comparing the SGH results to inorganic geochemical results. If there is agreement in the location of the anomalies between the organic and inorganic technique, such as Actlabs' Enzyme Leach, a significant increase in confidence in the target location can be realized. If there is no agreement or a shift in the location of the anomalies between the techniques, the inorganic anomaly may have been mobilized in the surficial environment.

The Nugget Effect: As SGH is "blind" to the inorganic content in the survey samples, any concern of a "nugget effect" will not be encountered with SGH data. A "nugget effect" may be of a concern for inorganic geochemistries from surveys over copper, gold, lead, nickel, etc. type targets.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

SGH Interpretation Report: All SGH submissions must be accompanied by relative or UTM coordinates so that we may ensure that the sample survey design is appropriate for use with SGH, and to provide an SGH interpretation with the results. In our interpretation procedure, we separate the results into 19 SGH subclasses. These classes include specific alkanes, alkenes, thiophenes, aromatic, and polyaromatic compounds. Note that none of the SGH hydrocarbons are "gaseous" at room temperature and pressure. The classes are then evaluated in terms of their geochromatography and for coincident compound class anomalies that are unique to different types of mineralization. Actlabs uses a six point scale in assigning a subjective rating of similarity of the SGH signatures found in the submitted survey to signatures previously reviewed and researched from known case studies over the same commodity type. Also factored into this rating is the appropriateness of the survey and amount of data/sample locations that is available for interpretation. This rating scale is described in detail in the following section.

SGH RATING SYSTEM - DESCRIPTION

To date SGH has been found to be successful in the depiction of buried mineralization for Gold, Nickel, VMS, SEDEX, Uranium, Polymetallic, and Copper, as well as for Kimberlites. SGH data has developed into a dual exploration tool. From the interpretation, a vertical projection of the predicted location of the target can be made as well as a statement on the rating of the comparability of the identification of the anticipated target type to that from known case studies, e.g. if the client anticipates the target to be a Gold deposit, what is the rating or comparability that the target is similar to the SGH results over a Gold deposit in Nunavut, shear hosted and sediment hosted deposits in Nevada, or Paleochannel Gold mineralization in Western Australia.

- A rating of "6" is the highest or best rating, and means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold related hydrocarbon signature are all present and consistently vector to the same location with well defined anomalies. To obtain this rating there also needs to be other SGH classes that when mapped lend support to the predicted location.
- A rating of "5" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are all present • and consistently describe the same location with well defined anomalies. The SGH signatures may not be strong enough to also develop additional supporting classes.
- A rating of "4" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present describing the location with well defined anomalies. Supporting classes may also be present.



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SGH RATING SYSTEM - DESCRIPTION (continued)

- A rating of "3" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present and describe the same location with <u>fairly well</u> defined anomalies. Some supporting classes may or may not be present.
- A rating of "2" means that some of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Some supporting classes may be present
- A rating of "1" is the lowest rating, and means that one of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature is present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Supporting classes are also not helpful.
- The SGH rating is directly and significantly affected by the survey design. Small data sets, especially if significantly <50 sample locations, or transects/surveys that are geographically too short <u>will automatically receive a lower rating no matter how impressive an SGH anomaly might be</u>. When there is not enough sample locations to adequately review the SGH class geochromatography, or when the sample spacing is inadequate, or if the spacing is highly variable such that it biases the interpretation of the results, then the confidence in the interpretation of any geochemistry is adversely affected. The SGH rating is not just a rating of the agreement between the SGH pathfinder classes for a particular target type; it is a rating of the overall confidence in the SGH results from this particular survey. The interpretation is only based on the SGH results without any information from other geochemical, geological or geophysical information unless otherwise specified.

SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING

The subjective SGH rating system has been used since 2004 when Activation Laboratories started providing an SGH Interpretation Report with ever submission for SGH analysis to aid our clients in understanding this organic geochemistry and ensuring that they obtain the best results for their surveys. As explained in the previous section, the SGH rating is not just a rating of how definitive an SGH anomaly is, and is not based just on the map(s) provided in this report. It is a rating of "confidence in the interpreted anomaly" from the combination of (i) are the expected SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds present from the template for this target type (one Pathfinder Class map is shown in the report, at least three must be present to adequately describe the correct signature for a particular target), (ii) how well do these SGH Pathfinder Classes agree in describing an particular area, (iii) how well does this agreement compare to SGH case studies over known targets of that type, (iv) how well is the interpreted anomaly defined by the survey (i.e. a single



<u>SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)</u>

transect does not provide the same confidence as a complete grid of samples), and (v) is there at least a minimum of 50 sample locations in the survey so that there may be an adequate amount of data to observe the geochromatography of the different SGH Pathfinder Class of compounds.

The question often arises by clients as to the frequency of a rating, e.g. "how often is a rating of 5.0 given in an interpretation". To better understand this we present this review of the history of the SGH rating program since 2004 and some of the underlying situations that can affect the historical rating charts.

Originally it was recommended that a minimum of 35 sample location be used for small target exploration, however it was quite quickly realized that this is often insufficient and at least 50 sample locations were required. In 2007, the rating scale was refined to include increments of 0.5 units rather than just integer values from 0 to 6.

A rating frequency may be biased high as most clients conduct an orientation study over a known target, thus several of these projects result in high ratings. Note that, at this time, the rating is not said to be linked to grade of a deposit or depth to the target. Even in exploration surveys clients tend to submit samples over more promising targets due to knowledge of the geology and prior geochemical or geophysical results. As shown in the following chart, projects with SGH data from 200 or more sample locations have a higher level of confidence in the interpretation as the geochromatography of the SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds can be more completely observed and reviewed.



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SGH RATING SYSTEM - HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)

The rating frequency may be biased low as research projects often include a bare minimum of samples to reduce costs. Research projects may also be over targets known to be difficult to depict with geochemistry. Multiple targets in close vicinity in a survey may result in a low bias as the Pathfinder Class geochromatography is more difficult to deconvelute. Ratings may also be biased low if less than the recommended 50 sample locations is submitted as indicated by the following chart. This chart also illustrates that there is no interpretation bias to a particular rating value.



The overall rating frequency for over 400 targets from January 2004 to December 2009 is shown in the chart below illustrating that surveys over more promising targets are most often submitted for best use of research or exploration dollars. It also indicates that the 0.5 increments were less frequent as they started in 2007.



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SGH DATA QUALITY

- **Reporting Limit:** The SGH Excel spreadsheet of results contains the raw unaltered concentrations of the individual SGH compounds in units of "part-per-trillion" (ppt). The reporting of these ultra low levels is vital to the measurement of the small amounts of hydrocarbons now known to be leached/metabolized and subsequently released by dead bacteria that have been interacting with the ore at depth. To ensure that the data has a high level of confidence, a "reporting limit" is used. The reporting limit of 1 ppt actually represents a level of confidence of approximately 5 standard deviations where SGH data is assured to be "real" and non-zero. Thus in SGH the use of a reporting limit automatically removes site variability and there is no need to further background subtract any data as the reporting limit has already filtered out any site background effects. Thus we recommend that all data that is equal to or greater than 2 ppt should be used in any data review. It is important to review all SGH data as low values that may be the centre of halo anomalies and higher values as apical anomalies or as halo ridges are all important.
- **Laboratory Replicate Analysis:** A laboratory replicate is a sample taken randomly from the submitted survey being analyzed and are not unrelated samples taken from some large stockpile of bulk material. In the Organics laboratory an equal portion of this sieved sample, or pulp, is taken and analyzed in the same manner using the Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometer. The comparison of laboratory replicate and field duplicate results for chemical tests in the parts-per-million or even parts-per-billion range has typically been done using an absolute "relative percent difference (RPD)" statistic which is an easy proxy for error estimation rather than a more complete analysis of precision as specified by Thompson and Howarth. An RPD statistic is not appropriate for SGH results as the reporting limit for SGH is <u>1 part-per-trillion</u>. Further, SGH is a semi-quantitative technique and was not designed to have the same level of precision as other less sensitive geochemistry's as it is only used as an exploration tool and not for any assay work. SGH is also designed to cover a wide range of organic compounds with an unprecedented 162 compounds being measured for each sample. In order to analyze such a wide molecular weight range of compounds, sacrifices were made to the variability especially in the low molecular weight range of the SGH analysis. The result is that the first fifteen SGH compounds in the Excel spreadsheet is expected to exhibit more imprecision than the other 147 compounds. An SGH laboratory replicate is a large set of data for comparison even for just a few pairs of analyses. Precision calculations using a Thompson and Howarth approach should only be used for estimating error in individual measurements, and not for describing the average error in a larger data set. In geochemical exploration geochemists seek concentration patterns to interpret and thus rigorous precision in individual samples is not required because the concentrations of many samples are interpreted collectively. For these reasons recent and independent research at Acadia

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SGH DATA QUALITY (continued)

University in Canada promote that a percent Coefficient of Variation (%CV) should be used as a universal measurement of relative error in all geochemical applications. As SGH results are a relatively large data set for nearly all submissions, %CV is a better statistic for use with SGH. By using %CV, the concentration of duplicate pairs is irrelevant because the units of concentration cancel out in the formation of the coefficient of variation ratio. For SGH, the %CV is calculated on all values \geq 2 ppt. These values are averaged and represent a value for each pair of replicate analysis of the sample. All of the %CV values for the replicates are then averaged to report one %CV value to represent the overall estimate of the relative error in the laboratory sub-sampling from the prepared samples, and any instrumental variability, in the SGH data set for the survey. Actlabs' has successfully addressed the analytical challenge to minimize analytical variability for such a large list of compounds. Thus as SGH is also interpreted as a signature and is solely used for exploration and not assay measurement, the data from SGH is "fit for purpose" as a geochemical exploration tool.

Historical SGH Precision: In the general history of geochemistry, studies indicate that a large component of total measurement error is introduced during the collection of the initial sample and in subsampling, and that only a subordinate amount of error in the result is introduced during preparation and analysis. A historical record encompassing many projects for SGH, including a wide variety of sample types, geology and geography, shows that the consistency and precision for the analysis of SGH is excellent with an overall precision of 6.8% Coefficient of Variation (%CV). When last calculated, this number has a range having a maximum of 12.4% CV, a minimum of 3.0% CV, with a standard deviation of 1.6%, in a population made up of over 400 targets (over 45,000 samples) interpreted since June of 2004. Again the precision of 6.8% CV included all of the sample types as soil from different horizons, peat, till, humus, lake-bottom sediments, ocean-bottom sediments, and even snow. When field duplicates have been revealed to us, we have found that the precision of the field duplicates are in the range of about 9 to 12 %CV. As SGH is interpreted using a combination of compounds as a chemical "class" or signature, the affect of a few concentrations that may be imprecise in a direct comparison of duplicates is not significant. Further, projects that have been re-sampled at different times or seasons are expected to have different SGH concentrations. The SGH anomalies may not be in exactly the same position or of the same intensity due to variable conditions that may have affected the dispersion of different pathfinder classes. However, the SGH "signature" as to the presence of the specific mix of SGH pathfinder classes will definitely still exist, and will retain the ability to identify the deposit type and vector to the same target location.


LABORATORY MATERIALS BLANK – QUALITY ASSURANCE (LMB-QA):

The Laboratory Materials Blank Quality Assurance measurements (LMB-QA) shown in the SGH spreadsheet of results are matrix free blanks analyzed for SGH. These blanks are not standard laboratory blanks as they do not accurately reflect an amount expected to be from laboratory handling or laboratory conditions that may be present and affect the sample analysis result. The LMB-QA measurements are a pre-warning system to only detect any contamination originating from laboratory glassware, vials or caps. As there is no substrate to emulate the sample matrix, the full solvating power of the SGH leaching solution, effectively a water leach, is fully directed at the small surface area of the glassware, vials or caps. In a sample analysis the solvating power of the SGH leaching solution is distributed between the large sample surface area (from soil, humus, sediments, peat, till, etc.) and the relatively small contribution from the laboratory materials surfaces. The sample matrix also buffers the solvating or leaching effect in the sample versus the more vigourous leaching of the laboratory materials which do not experience this buffering effect. Thus the level of the LMB-QA reported is biased high relative to the sample concentration and the actual contribution of the laboratory reagents, equipment, handling, etc. to the values in samples is significantly lower. This situation in organic laboratory analysis only occurs at such extremely low part-pertrillion (ppt) measurement levels. This is one of the reasons that SGH uses a reporting limit and not a detection limit. The 1 ppt reporting limit used in the SGH spreadsheet of raw concentration data is 3 to 5 times greater than a detection limit. The reporting limit automatically filters out analytical noise, the actual LMB-QA, and most of the sample survey site background. This has been proven as SGH values of 1 to 3 parts-per-trillion (ppt) have very often illustrated the outline of anomalies directly related to mineral targets. Thus all SGH values greater than or equal to 1 or 2 ppt should be used as reliable values for interpretations.

The LMB-QA values thus should not be used to background subtract any SGH data. The LMB-QA values are only an early warning as a quality assurance procedure to indicate the relative cleanliness of laboratory glassware, vials, caps, and the laboratory water supply at the ppt concentration level. Do not subtract the LMB-QA values from SGH sample data.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u>

One of the first experiments in 1996 in the development of the SGH analysis was to observe if an SGH response could be obtained directly from an ore sample. From office shelf specimens, small rock chips were obtained which were then crushed and milled. The fine pulp obtained was then subjected to the SGH analysis. These shelf specimen samples were from well known Volcanic Massive Sulphide deposits of the Mattabi deposit from the Archean Sturgeon Lake Camp in Northwestern Ontario and from the Kidd Creek Archean volcanic-hosted copper-zinc deposit. Even these specimen samples contain a geochemical record of the hydrocarbons produced by the bacteria that had been feeding on these deposits at depth. As a comparison, SGH analysis were similarly conducted on modern-day VMS ore samples taken from a "black smoker" hydrothermal volcanic vent from the deep sea bed of the Juan de Fuca Ridge where high concentrations of microbial growth was also known to exist. The raw data profiles as GC/MS Total Ion Chromatograms are shown below to illustrate the "visible" portion of the VMS signature obtained from the SGH analysis.



The top two profiles were obtained from two samples of the modern day "black smokers". The third and fourth chromatograms in the above image were obtained from the Pre-Cambrian Zn-Cu Kidd Creek and Mattabi deposits. The red arrows point to three compounds that are <u>a portion</u> of the SGH signature for VMS type deposits. This visible portion of the VMS signature of hydrocarbons can easily be seen in the analysis of each of these four samples.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u> (cont.)

The next question in our early objectives was to see if this SGH signature could also be observed in <u>surficial soil samples</u> that had been taken over VMS deposits. Through our research projects, soil samples were obtained from over the Ruttan Cu-Zn VMS deposit near Leaf Rapids, Manitoba and located in the Paleoproterozoic Rusty Lake greenstone belt. The profile obtained, as observed in the raw GC/MS chromatogram, is shown in this next image below:



The three compounds indicated by the red arrows represent the same <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature observed from the modern day black smoker samples and the ore samples taken from the Mattabi and Kidd Creek, even though this soil was taken from over a different VMS deposit in a geographically different area. Is this coincidence? Another soil sample was obtained from Noranda's Gilmour South base-metal occurrence in the Bathurst Mining camp in northern New Brunswick. As shown below, this sample contained a very complex SGH signature, however the <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature as indicated by the red arrows is still observed as in the black smoker, Mattabi and Kidd Creek ore samples.





SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES (cont.)

In research conducted by the Ontario Geological Survey, this same portion of the SGH signature was also observed over the VMS deposit at Cross Lake in Ontario. Note that the visible signature shown as the three compounds indicated by the red arrows is only a small portion of the complete SGH VMS signature. The full VMS signature is made up of at least three groups, as three organic chemical classes, that together contain at least 35 of the individual SGH hydrocarbons.

The chromatograms shown on the preceding page from the GC/MS analysis are not used directly in the interpretation of SGH data. As we are only interested in a specific list of 162 hydrocarbons, the mass spectrometer and associated software programs specifically identifies the hydrocarbons of interest, runs calculations using relative responses to a short list of hydrocarbons used as standards, and develops an Excel spreadsheet of semi-quantitative concentration data to represent the sample. Thus the SGH results for a sample, like that observed in ore from the Ruttan, are filtered to obtain the concentrations for the specific 162 hydrocarbons. A simple bar graph drawn from the Excel spreadsheet of the hydrocarbons and their concentrations results in a DNA like **forensic SGH signature** as shown below. The portion discussed hear as the "visible" SGH VMS signature in the GC/MS chromatograms, is again shown by the red arrows.



Through the work done in the SGH CAMIRO research projects, it was observed that the hydrocarbon signature produced by the SGH technique appeared to also be able to be used to differentiate barren from This was explored further through the submission and analysis of specific ore-bearing conductors. specimen samples that represented a barren pyritic conductor and a barren graphitic conductor.



SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES (cont.)

The GC/MS chromatograms from these two specimens are compared to that obtained from the Kidd-Creek ore as shown below. This diagram conclusively shows that the SGH signatures obtained from the two types of barren conductors are completely different than that obtained by SGH over VMS type ore. SGH is thus able to differentiate between ore-bearing conductors and barren conductors as <u>the Forensic SGH</u> <u>Geochemical signature is different</u>.



- SGH has been described by the Ontario Geological Survey of Canada (OGS) as a "REDOX cell locator". Many SGH surveys for Gold and other mineral targets can result in multiple types of anomalies, depending on the class of SGH compounds, even over the same target and in the same set of samples. Thus "Apical", "Nested-Halo", and "Rabbit-Ear" or "Halo" type SGH anomalies are all typically observed from the effect of REDOX cells that have developed over deposits. REDOX cells are also related to the presence of bacteriological activity.
- The VMS template of SGH Pathfinder Classes uses low and medium weight classes of hydrocarbon compounds. Again, at least three Pathfinder Class group maps, associated with the SGH signature for VMS, must be present to begin to be considered for assignment of a good rating. The Pathfinder Class anomalies in these maps must logically concur and support a consistent interpretation in relation to the expected geochromatographic characteristics of the Pathfinder Class, for a specific area. The SGH Pathfinder Class map(s) shown in this report is usually the most diagnostic for the presence of Volcanic Massive Sulphide based mineralization.



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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION - Lines 34, 35, 36

- This report is based on the SGH results from the analysis of a total of 103 soil samples from this submission. This report specifically pertains to just those sample results from Lines 34, 35, and 36. These three lines are north-south trending transects in the Sturgeon Lake survey area having a total of 90 samples. These transects are about 100 metres apart with samples spaced at approximately 50 metres along each transect. UTM coordinates were provided for mapping of the SGH results for these soil samples. These samples were received by our Thunder Bay lab facility and then shipped to our head Ancaster laboratory where they were subsequently dried and sieved as per the procedure on page 5 of this report.
- The number of samples submitted for this project is adequate to use SGH as an exploration tool for Lines 34, 35 & 36. Note that the SGH data is only reviewed for the particular target deposit type requested, in this case for the presence of a VMS based deposit. It is also assumed that there is only one potential target. To obtain the best interpretation the client should indicate if there are possible multiple targets, say from geophysical data. The possibility of multiple targets in "close proximity" should be known due to potential overlap and increased complexity of resulting geochromatographic anomalies which could alter the interpretation. Based on the size of the narrow targets expected in this Sturgeon Lake project, "close proximity" would mean "within 400 metres".
- Note that the associated SGH results are presented in a separate Excel spreadsheet. This raw data is semi-quantitative and is presented in units of pg/g or **parts-per-trillion** (ppt).
- The overall precision of the SGH analysis for the samples in this SGH survey was excellent as demonstrated by 8 samples taken from these two sample lines which were used for laboratory replicate analysis. The average Coefficient of Variation (%CV) of the replicate results for the project samples in this submission was 8.3% which represents an excellent level of analytical performance especially at such a low part-per-trillion concentration range.



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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION – Lines 34, 35, 36

- The plan view maps shown on page 19 (and on page 20 in 3D views) are SGH "Pathfinder Class maps" for targeting VMS mineralization. Each map represents the simple summation of several individual hydrocarbon compound concentrations that are grouped from within the same organic chemical class. SGH Pathfinder Class maps have been shown to be robust as they are each described using from 4 to 14 (unless otherwise stated) chemically related SGH compounds which are simply summed to create each class map. Thus each map has a higher level of confidence as it is "not" illustrating just one compound A legend of the SGH classes appears in the SGH data spreadsheet. response. The overall SGH interpretation rating (page 21) has even a higher level of confidence as it further relies on the consensus between at least three SGH Pathfinder Classes (other classes not shown) that together define the signature of the target at depth.
- The dotted black oval, applied to the SGH Pathfinder Class maps on page 19, outlines an area where the SGH data predicts the location of the outer boundary of a potential REDOX cell. The plan map on the left on page 19 is an SGH Pathfinder Class map for VMS that is often expected to exhibit an apical anomaly. It is the same class as previously reported for Lines 37 and 38. It is acceptable that this Pathfinder Class map appears to show the potential outline of a halo anomaly as part of a REDOX cell. Whether an apical or halo anomaly is observed for this class depends on the condition of the REDOX cell. As this anomaly is halo in nature it seems logical that this low molecular weight and thus rapidly moving class of hydrocarbons has had sufficient time to disperse horizontally in its rise through the overburden from the geological body at depth. This in turn may imply that the target is deep and/or large in size. This is currently conjectured but is being actively researched.
- The SGH Pathfinder Class map on the right is not the same as shown previously for the anomaly over Lines 37 and 38. The class shown in this report is less reliable in supporting the existence of a VMS signature in this Line 34, 35, 36 survey. The class previous shown over Lines 37 and 38 was not detected in this survey, thus the forensic signature related to VMS mineralization is incomplete. It is believed, from this SGH data, that the halo anomaly and zone within the dotted black oval is due to a relatively deep, non-ore bearing, and potentially conductive body. This is further supported by the fact that the SGH response is relatively low overall. SGH predicts that buried VMS mineralization is not present in this This interpretation is based only on this survey and on these SGH results. survey.



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SGH "VMS" PATHFINDER CLASS MAPS - Lines 34, 35, 36



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SGH "VMS" PATHFINDER CLASS MAP - 3D VIEW - Lines 34, 35, 36







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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION RATING - Lines 34, 35, 36

- After review of all of the SGH Pathfinder Class maps that were able to be detected, the SGH results from these soil samples suggest a "rating of 1.0" for the area within the dotted black oval interpretation on the plan view maps on page 19 for Lines 34, 35, 36, in relation to the presence of a VMS based target beneath this area. This rating is based on a scale of 6.0, in 0.5 increments, with a value of 6.0 being the best. This rating represents the similarity of these SGH results with case studies over a Volcanic Massive Sulphide (VMS) type target, to the SGH case studies conducted at the Hanson Lake VMS deposit in Saskatchewan, the South Gilmour VMS deposit in New Brunswick and the Cross Lake VMS deposit in Ontario. The degree of confidence in the rating only starts to be "good" at a level of 4.0.
- The SGH VMS template used has been shown to be robust to a wide range of VMS lithology including Kidd Creek, Irish and Kuroko style deposits.
- A value of 1.0 was deducted as there was insufficient samples to the east of the interpreted area to potentially observe the complete halo anomaly. Another value of 4.0 was deducted as there were no additional SGH pathfinder classes to define a complete VMS signature for this anomalous area. Thus it is believed that the anomaly shown is not due to the presence of buried VMS mineralization. Further, as there were so few pathfinder classes associated with this interpreted area, which together do not define a signature of other mineralization based on the wide variety of SGH templates that has been developed, it is believed that this anomaly is due to a non-ore bearing body that is able to support a REDOX cell.
- A rating of 1.0 is still allocated to the area within the dotted black oval to show that we recognize that it is not impossible that this anomaly may warrant further interest, in spite of these SGH results.
- No potential drill target location is indicated. Based on this SGH data, drilling this anomaly is not recommended.
- The client should use a combination of these SGH results and its report with additional geochemical, geophysical, and geological information to possibly obtain a more confident and precise target location.



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The statements and target rating made in the Soil Gas Hydrocarbon (SGH) interpretive report or in other communications may contain certain forward-looking information related to a target or SGH anomaly.

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

103 Soil samples were submitted for analysis via the Actlabs Thunder Bay facility.

These samples were prepared according to our Code S4 procedure.

The following analytical package was requested: Code SGH – Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry

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Notes:

The SGH - Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry is a semi-quantitative analytical procedure to detect and measure 162 hydrocarbon compounds as the organic signature in the sample material collected from a survey area. It is not an assay of mineralization but is a predictive geochemical tool used for exploration. This certificate pertains only to the SGH data presented in the associated Microsoft Excel spreadsheet of results.

The author of this SGH Interpretation Report, Mr. Dale Sutherland, is the creator of the SGH organic geochemistry. He is a Chartered Chemist (C.Chem.) and Forensic Scientist specializing in organic chemistry. He is not a professional geologist or geochemist.

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SOIL GAS HYDROCARBON (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY - OVERVIEW

SGH is a deep penetrating geochemistry that involves the analysis of surficial samples from over potential mineral or petroleum targets. The analysis involves the testing for 162 hydrocarbon compounds in the C5-C17 carbon series range applicable to a wide variety of sample types. SGH has been successful for delineating targets found at over 500 metres in depth. Samples of various media have been successfully analyzed such as soil (any horizon), drill core, rock, peat, lake-bottom sediments and even snow. The SGH analysis incorporates a very weak leach, essentially aqueous, that only extracts the surficial bound hydrocarbon compounds and those compounds in interstitial spaces around the sample particles. These are the hydrocarbons that have been mobilized from the target depth. SGH is unique and should not be confused with other hydrocarbon tests or traditional analyses that measure C1 (Methane) to C5 (Pentane) or other SGH is also different from soil hydrocarbon tests that thermally extract or desorb all of the qases. hydrocarbons from the whole soil sample. This test is less specific as it does not separate the hydrocarbons and thus does not identify or measure the responses as precisely. These tests also do not use a forensic approach to identification. The hydrocarbons in the SGH extract are separated by high resolution capillary column gas chromatography to isolate, confirm, and measure the presence of only the individual hydrocarbons that have been found to be of interest from initial research and development and from performance testing in two Canadian Mining Industry Research Organization (CAMIRO) projects (97E04 and 01E02).

Over the past 14 years of research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has developed an in-depth understanding of the unique SGH signatures associated with different commodity targets. Using a forensic approach we have developed target signatures or templates for identification, and the understanding of the expected geochromatography that is exhibited by each class of SGH compounds. In 2004 we began to include an SGH interpretation report delivered with the data to enable our clients to realize the complete value and understanding of the SGH results in the shortest time frame and provide the benefit from past research sponsored by Actlabs, CAMIRO, OMET and other projects.

SGH has attracted the attention of a large number of Exploration companies. In the above mentioned research projects the sponsors have included (in no order): Western Mining Corporation, BHP-Billiton, Inco, Noranda, Outokumpu, Xstrata, Cameco, Cominco, Rio Algom, Alberta Geological Survey, Ontario Geological Survey, Manitoba Geological Survey and OMET. Further, beyond this research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has interpreted the SGH data for over 400 targets from clients since January of 2004. In both CAMIRO research projects over known mineralization and in exploration projects over unknown targets, SGH has performed exceptionally well. As an example, in the first CAMIRO research project that commenced in 1997 (Project 97E04), there were 10 study areas that were submitted blindly to Actlabs. These study sites were selected since other inorganic geochemistries were unsuccessful at illustrating anomalies related to the target.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

Although Actlabs was only provided with the samples and their coordinates, SGH was able to locate the blind mineralization with exceptional accuracy in 9 of the 10 surveys. SGH has recently been very successful in exploration and discovery of unknown targets e.g. Golden Band Resources drilled an SGH anomaly and discovered a significant vein containing "visible" gold. (www.goldenbandresources.com)

Sample Type and Survey Design: It is highly recommended that a *minimum* of 50 sample "locations" is preferred to obtain enough samples into background areas on both sides of small suspected targets (wet gas plays, Kimberlite pipes, Uranium Breccia pipes, veins, etc.). SGH is not interpreted in the same way as inorganic based geochemistries. SGH must have enough samples over both the target and background areas in order to fully study the dispersion patterns or geochromatography of the SGH classes of compounds. Based on our minimum recommendation of at least 50 sample locations we further suggest that all samples be evenly spaced with about one-third of the samples over the target and one-third on each side of the target in order for SGH to be used for exploration. Targets other than gas plays, pipes, dykes or veins usually require additional samples to represent both the target and background areas.

SGH has been shown to be very robust to the use of different sample types even "within" the same survey or transect. Research has illustrated that it is far more important to the ultimate interpretation of the results to take a complete sample transect or grid than to skip samples due to different sample media. The most ideal natural sample is still believed to be soil from the "Upper B-Horizon", however excellent results can also be obtained from other soil horizons, humus, peat, lake-bottom sediments, and even snow. The sampling design is suggested to use evenly spaced samples from 15 metres to 200 metres and line spacing from 50 metres to 500 metres depending on the size and type of target. A 4:1 ratio is suggested, however, larger orientation surveys have also been successful. Ideally even large grids should have one-third of the samples over the target and two-thirds of the samples into anticipated background areas. This will allow the proper assessment of the SGH geochromatographic vectoring and background site signature levels with minimal bias. Individual samples taken at significant distances from the main survey area to represent background are not of value in the SGH interpretation as SGH results are not background subtracted. Samples can be drip dried in the field and do not need special preservation for shipping and has been specifically designed to avoid common contaminants from sample handling and shipping. SGH has also been shown to be robust to cultural activities even to the point that successful results and interpretation has been obtained from roadside right-ofways.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

Sample Preparation and Analysis: Upon receipt at Activation Laboratories the samples are air-dried in isolated and dedicated environmentally controlled rooms set to 40°C. The dried samples are then sieved. In the sieving process, it is important that compressed air is not used to clean the sieves between samples as trace amounts of compressor oils "may" poison the samples and significantly affect some target signatures. At Activation Laboratories a vacuum is used to clean the sieve between each sample. The -60 mesh sieve fraction (<250 microns, although different mesh sizes can be used at the preference of the exploration geologist) is collected and packaged in a Kraft paper envelope and transported from our sample preparation building to our analytical building on the same street in Ancaster Ontario. Each sample is then extracted, separated by gas chromatography and analyzed by mass spectrometry using customized parameters enabling the highly specific detection of the 162 targeted hydrocarbons at a <u>reporting limit</u> of one part-per-trillion (ppt). This trace level limit of reporting is critical to the detection of these hydrocarbons that, through research, have been found to be related at least in part to the breakdown and release of hydrocarbons from the death phase of microbes directly interacting with a deposit at depth. The hydrocarbon signatures are directly linked to the deposit type which is used as a food source. The hydrocarbons that are mobilized and metabolized by the microbes are released in the death phase of each successive generation. Very few of the hydrocarbons measured are actually due to microbe cell structure, or hydrocarbons present or formed in the genesis of the deposit or from anthropogenic contamination. The results of the SGH analysis is reported in raw data form in an Excel spreadsheet as "semi-quantitative" concentrations without any additional statistical modification.

Mobilized Inorganic Geochemical Anomalies: It is important to note that SGH is essentially "blind" to any inorganic content in samples as only organic compounds as hydrocarbons are measured. Thus inorganic geochemical surface anomalies that have migrated away from the mineral source, and thus may be interpreted and found to be a false target location, is not detected and does not affect SGH results. This fact is of great advantage when comparing the SGH results to inorganic geochemical results. If there is agreement in the location of the anomalies between the organic and inorganic technique, such as Actlabs' Enzyme Leach, a significant increase in confidence in the target location can be realized. If there is no agreement or a shift in the location of the anomalies between the techniques, the inorganic anomaly may have been mobilized in the surficial environment.

The Nugget Effect: As SGH is "blind" to the inorganic content in the survey samples, any concern of a "nugget effect" will not be encountered with SGH data. A "nugget effect" may be of a concern for inorganic geochemistries from surveys over copper, gold, lead, nickel, etc. type targets.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

SGH Interpretation Report: All SGH submissions must be accompanied by relative or UTM coordinates so that we may ensure that the sample survey design is appropriate for use with SGH, and to provide an SGH interpretation with the results. In our interpretation procedure, we separate the results into 19 SGH subclasses. These classes include specific alkanes, alkenes, thiophenes, aromatic, and polyaromatic compounds. Note that none of the SGH hydrocarbons are "gaseous" at room temperature and pressure. The classes are then evaluated in terms of their geochromatography and for coincident compound class anomalies that are unique to different types of mineralization. Actlabs uses a six point scale in assigning a subjective rating of similarity of the SGH signatures found in the submitted survey to signatures previously reviewed and researched from known case studies over the same commodity type. Also factored into this rating is the appropriateness of the survey and amount of data/sample locations that is available for interpretation. This rating scale is described in detail in the following section.

SGH RATING SYSTEM - DESCRIPTION

To date SGH has been found to be successful in the depiction of buried mineralization for Gold, Nickel, VMS, SEDEX, Uranium, Polymetallic, and Copper, as well as for Kimberlites. SGH data has developed into a dual exploration tool. From the interpretation, a vertical projection of the predicted location of the target can be made as well as a statement on the rating of the comparability of the identification of the anticipated target type to that from known case studies, e.g. if the client anticipates the target to be a Gold deposit, what is the rating or comparability that the target is similar to the SGH results over a Gold deposit in Nunavut, shear hosted and sediment hosted deposits in Nevada, or Paleochannel Gold mineralization in Western Australia.

- A rating of "6" is the highest or best rating, and means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold related hydrocarbon signature are all present and consistently vector to the same location with well defined anomalies. To obtain this rating there also needs to be other SGH classes that when mapped lend support to the predicted location.
- A rating of "5" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are all present • and consistently describe the same location with well defined anomalies. The SGH signatures may not be strong enough to also develop additional supporting classes.
- A rating of "4" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present describing the location with well defined anomalies. Supporting classes may also be present.



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SGH RATING SYSTEM - DESCRIPTION (continued)

- A rating of "3" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present and describe the same location with <u>fairly well</u> defined anomalies. Some supporting classes may or may not be present.
- A rating of "2" means that some of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Some supporting classes may be present
- A rating of "1" is the lowest rating, and means that one of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature is present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Supporting classes are also not helpful.
- The SGH rating is directly and significantly affected by the survey design. Small data sets, especially if significantly <50 sample locations, or transects/surveys that are geographically too short <u>will automatically receive a lower rating no matter how impressive an SGH anomaly might be</u>. When there is not enough sample locations to adequately review the SGH class geochromatography, or when the sample spacing is inadequate, or if the spacing is highly variable such that it biases the interpretation of the results, then the confidence in the interpretation of any geochemistry is adversely affected. The SGH rating is not just a rating of the agreement between the SGH pathfinder classes for a particular target type; it is a rating of the SGH results without any information from other geochemical, geological or geophysical information unless otherwise specified.

SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING

The subjective SGH rating system has been used since 2004 when Activation Laboratories started providing an SGH Interpretation Report with ever submission for SGH analysis to aid our clients in understanding this organic geochemistry and ensuring that they obtain the best results for their surveys. As explained in the previous section, the SGH rating is not just a rating of how definitive an SGH anomaly is, and is not based just on the map(s) provided in this report. It is a rating of "confidence in the interpreted anomaly" from the combination of (i) are the expected SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds present from the template for this target type (one Pathfinder Class map is shown in the report, at least three must be present to adequately describe the correct signature for a particular target), (ii) how well do these SGH Pathfinder Classes agree in describing an particular area, (iii) how well does this agreement compare to SGH case studies over known targets of that type, (iv) how well is the interpreted anomaly defined by the survey (i.e. a single



<u>SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)</u>

transect does not provide the same confidence as a complete grid of samples), and (v) is there at least a minimum of 50 sample locations in the survey so that there may be an adequate amount of data to observe the geochromatography of the different SGH Pathfinder Class of compounds.

The question often arises by clients as to the frequency of a rating, e.g. "how often is a rating of 5.0 given in an interpretation". To better understand this we present this review of the history of the SGH rating program since 2004 and some of the underlying situations that can affect the historical rating charts.

Originally it was recommended that a minimum of 35 sample location be used for small target exploration, however it was quite quickly realized that this is often insufficient and at least 50 sample locations were required. In 2007, the rating scale was refined to include increments of 0.5 units rather than just integer values from 0 to 6.

A rating frequency may be biased high as most clients conduct an orientation study over a known target, thus several of these projects result in high ratings. Note that, at this time, the rating is not said to be linked to grade of a deposit or depth to the target. Even in exploration surveys clients tend to submit samples over more promising targets due to knowledge of the geology and prior geochemical or geophysical results. As shown in the following chart, projects with SGH data from 200 or more sample locations have a higher level of confidence in the interpretation as the geochromatography of the SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds can be more completely observed and reviewed.





SGH RATING SYSTEM - HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)

The rating frequency may be biased low as research projects often include a bare minimum of samples to reduce costs. Research projects may also be over targets known to be difficult to depict with geochemistry. Multiple targets in close vicinity in a survey may result in a low bias as the Pathfinder Class geochromatography is more difficult to deconvelute. Ratings may also be biased low if less than the recommended 50 sample locations is submitted as indicated by the following chart. This chart also illustrates that there is no interpretation bias to a particular rating value.



The overall rating frequency for over 400 targets from January 2004 to December 2009 is shown in the chart below illustrating that surveys over more promising targets are most often submitted for best use of research or exploration dollars. It also indicates that the 0.5 increments were less frequent as they started in 2007.



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SGH DATA QUALITY

- **Reporting Limit:** The SGH Excel spreadsheet of results contains the raw unaltered concentrations of the individual SGH compounds in units of "part-per-trillion" (ppt). The reporting of these ultra low levels is vital to the measurement of the small amounts of hydrocarbons now known to be leached/metabolized and subsequently released by dead bacteria that have been interacting with the ore at depth. To ensure that the data has a high level of confidence, a "reporting limit" is used. The reporting limit of 1 ppt actually represents a level of confidence of approximately 5 standard deviations where SGH data is assured to be "real" and non-zero. Thus in SGH the use of a reporting limit automatically removes site variability and there is no need to further background subtract any data as the reporting limit has already filtered out any site background effects. Thus we recommend that all data that is equal to or greater than 2 ppt should be used in any data review. It is important to review all SGH data as low values that may be the centre of halo anomalies and higher values as apical anomalies or as halo ridges are all important.
- **Laboratory Replicate Analysis:** A laboratory replicate is a sample taken randomly from the submitted survey being analyzed and are not unrelated samples taken from some large stockpile of bulk material. In the Organics laboratory an equal portion of this sieved sample, or pulp, is taken and analyzed in the same manner using the Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometer. The comparison of laboratory replicate and field duplicate results for chemical tests in the parts-per-million or even parts-per-billion range has typically been done using an absolute "relative percent difference (RPD)" statistic which is an easy proxy for error estimation rather than a more complete analysis of precision as specified by Thompson and Howarth. An RPD statistic is not appropriate for SGH results as the reporting limit for SGH is <u>1 part-per-trillion</u>. Further, SGH is a semi-quantitative technique and was not designed to have the same level of precision as other less sensitive geochemistry's as it is only used as an exploration tool and not for any assay work. SGH is also designed to cover a wide range of organic compounds with an unprecedented 162 compounds being measured for each sample. In order to analyze such a wide molecular weight range of compounds, sacrifices were made to the variability especially in the low molecular weight range of the SGH analysis. The result is that the first fifteen SGH compounds in the Excel spreadsheet is expected to exhibit more imprecision than the other 147 compounds. An SGH laboratory replicate is a large set of data for comparison even for just a few pairs of analyses. Precision calculations using a Thompson and Howarth approach should only be used for estimating error in individual measurements, and not for describing the average error in a larger data set. In geochemical exploration geochemists seek concentration patterns to interpret and thus rigorous precision in individual samples is not required because the concentrations of many samples are interpreted collectively. For these reasons recent and independent research at Acadia

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SGH DATA QUALITY (continued)

University in Canada promote that a percent Coefficient of Variation (%CV) should be used as a universal measurement of relative error in all geochemical applications. As SGH results are a relatively large data set for nearly all submissions, %CV is a better statistic for use with SGH. By using %CV, the concentration of duplicate pairs is irrelevant because the units of concentration cancel out in the formation of the coefficient of variation ratio. For SGH, the %CV is calculated on all values \geq 2 ppt. These values are averaged and represent a value for each pair of replicate analysis of the sample. All of the %CV values for the replicates are then averaged to report one %CV value to represent the overall estimate of the relative error in the laboratory sub-sampling from the prepared samples, and any instrumental variability, in the SGH data set for the survey. Actlabs' has successfully addressed the analytical challenge to minimize analytical variability for such a large list of compounds. Thus as SGH is also interpreted as a signature and is solely used for exploration and not assay measurement, the data from SGH is "fit for purpose" as a geochemical exploration tool.

Historical SGH Precision: In the general history of geochemistry, studies indicate that a large component of total measurement error is introduced during the collection of the initial sample and in subsampling, and that only a subordinate amount of error in the result is introduced during preparation and analysis. A historical record encompassing many projects for SGH, including a wide variety of sample types, geology and geography, shows that the consistency and precision for the analysis of SGH is excellent with an overall precision of 6.8% Coefficient of Variation (%CV). When last calculated, this number has a range having a maximum of 12.4% CV, a minimum of 3.0% CV, with a standard deviation of 1.6%, in a population made up of over 400 targets (over 45,000 samples) interpreted since June of 2004. Again the precision of 6.8% CV included all of the sample types as soil from different horizons, peat, till, humus, lake-bottom sediments, ocean-bottom sediments, and even snow. When field duplicates have been revealed to us, we have found that the precision of the field duplicates are in the range of about 9 to 12 %CV. As SGH is interpreted using a combination of compounds as a chemical "class" or signature, the affect of a few concentrations that may be imprecise in a direct comparison of duplicates is not significant. Further, projects that have been re-sampled at different times or seasons are expected to have different SGH concentrations. The SGH anomalies may not be in exactly the same position or of the same intensity due to variable conditions that may have affected the dispersion of different pathfinder classes. However, the SGH "signature" as to the presence of the specific mix of SGH pathfinder classes will definitely still exist, and will retain the ability to identify the deposit type and vector to the same target location.



LABORATORY MATERIALS BLANK – QUALITY ASSURANCE (LMB-QA):

The Laboratory Materials Blank Quality Assurance measurements (LMB-QA) shown in the SGH spreadsheet of results are matrix free blanks analyzed for SGH. These blanks are not standard laboratory blanks as they do not accurately reflect an amount expected to be from laboratory handling or laboratory conditions that may be present and affect the sample analysis result. The LMB-QA measurements are a pre-warning system to only detect any contamination originating from laboratory glassware, vials or caps. As there is no substrate to emulate the sample matrix, the full solvating power of the SGH leaching solution, effectively a water leach, is fully directed at the small surface area of the glassware, vials or caps. In a sample analysis the solvating power of the SGH leaching solution is distributed between the large sample surface area (from soil, humus, sediments, peat, till, etc.) and the relatively small contribution from the laboratory materials surfaces. The sample matrix also buffers the solvating or leaching effect in the sample versus the more vigourous leaching of the laboratory materials which do not experience this buffering effect. Thus the level of the LMB-QA reported is biased high relative to the sample concentration and the actual contribution of the laboratory reagents, equipment, handling, etc. to the values in samples is significantly lower. This situation in organic laboratory analysis only occurs at such extremely low part-pertrillion (ppt) measurement levels. This is one of the reasons that SGH uses a reporting limit and not a detection limit. The 1 ppt reporting limit used in the SGH spreadsheet of raw concentration data is 3 to 5 times greater than a detection limit. The reporting limit automatically filters out analytical noise, the actual LMB-QA, and most of the sample survey site background. This has been proven as SGH values of 1 to 3 parts-per-trillion (ppt) have very often illustrated the outline of anomalies directly related to mineral targets. Thus all SGH values greater than or equal to 1 or 2 ppt should be used as reliable values for interpretations.

The LMB-QA values thus should not be used to background subtract any SGH data. The LMB-QA values are only an early warning as a quality assurance procedure to indicate the relative cleanliness of laboratory glassware, vials, caps, and the laboratory water supply at the ppt concentration level. Do not subtract the LMB-QA values from SGH sample data.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u>

One of the first experiments in 1996 in the development of the SGH analysis was to observe if an SGH response could be obtained directly from an ore sample. From office shelf specimens, small rock chips were obtained which were then crushed and milled. The fine pulp obtained was then subjected to the SGH analysis. These shelf specimen samples were from well known Volcanic Massive Sulphide deposits of the Mattabi deposit from the Archean Sturgeon Lake Camp in Northwestern Ontario and from the Kidd Creek Archean volcanic-hosted copper-zinc deposit. Even these specimen samples contain a geochemical record of the hydrocarbons produced by the bacteria that had been feeding on these deposits at depth. As a comparison, SGH analysis were similarly conducted on modern-day VMS ore samples taken from a "black smoker" hydrothermal volcanic vent from the deep sea bed of the Juan de Fuca Ridge where high concentrations of microbial growth was also known to exist. The raw data profiles as GC/MS Total Ion Chromatograms are shown below to illustrate the "visible" portion of the VMS signature obtained from the SGH analysis.



The top two profiles were obtained from two samples of the modern day "black smokers". The third and fourth chromatograms in the above image were obtained from the Pre-Cambrian Zn-Cu Kidd Creek and Mattabi deposits. The red arrows point to three compounds that are <u>a portion</u> of the SGH signature for VMS type deposits. This visible portion of the VMS signature of hydrocarbons can easily be seen in the analysis of each of these four samples.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u> (cont.)

The next question in our early objectives was to see if this SGH signature could also be observed in <u>surficial soil samples</u> that had been taken over VMS deposits. Through our research projects, soil samples were obtained from over the Ruttan Cu-Zn VMS deposit near Leaf Rapids, Manitoba and located in the Paleoproterozoic Rusty Lake greenstone belt. The profile obtained, as observed in the raw GC/MS chromatogram, is shown in this next image below:



The three compounds indicated by the red arrows represent the same <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature observed from the modern day black smoker samples and the ore samples taken from the Mattabi and Kidd Creek, even though this soil was taken from over a different VMS deposit in a geographically different area. Is this coincidence? Another soil sample was obtained from Noranda's Gilmour South base-metal occurrence in the Bathurst Mining camp in northern New Brunswick. As shown below, this sample contained a very complex SGH signature, however the <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature as indicated by the red arrows is still observed as in the black smoker, Mattabi and Kidd Creek ore samples.





SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES (cont.)

In research conducted by the Ontario Geological Survey, this same portion of the SGH signature was also observed over the VMS deposit at Cross Lake in Ontario. Note that the visible signature shown as the three compounds indicated by the red arrows is only a small portion of the complete SGH VMS signature. The full VMS signature is made up of at least three groups, as three organic chemical classes, that together contain at least 35 of the individual SGH hydrocarbons.

The chromatograms shown on the preceding page from the GC/MS analysis are not used directly in the interpretation of SGH data. As we are only interested in a specific list of 162 hydrocarbons, the mass spectrometer and associated software programs specifically identifies the hydrocarbons of interest, runs calculations using relative responses to a short list of hydrocarbons used as standards, and develops an Excel spreadsheet of semi-quantitative concentration data to represent the sample. Thus the SGH results for a sample, like that observed in ore from the Ruttan, are filtered to obtain the concentrations for the specific 162 hydrocarbons. A simple bar graph drawn from the Excel spreadsheet of the hydrocarbons and their concentrations results in a DNA like **forensic SGH signature** as shown below. The portion discussed hear as the "visible" SGH VMS signature in the GC/MS chromatograms, is again shown by the red arrows.



Through the work done in the SGH CAMIRO research projects, it was observed that the hydrocarbon signature produced by the SGH technique appeared to also be able to be used to differentiate barren from This was explored further through the submission and analysis of specific ore-bearing conductors. specimen samples that represented a barren pyritic conductor and a barren graphitic conductor.



SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES (cont.)

The GC/MS chromatograms from these two specimens are compared to that obtained from the Kidd-Creek ore as shown below. This diagram conclusively shows that the SGH signatures obtained from the two types of barren conductors are completely different than that obtained by SGH over VMS type ore. SGH is thus able to differentiate between ore-bearing conductors and barren conductors as <u>the Forensic SGH</u> <u>Geochemical signature is different</u>.



- SGH has been described by the Ontario Geological Survey of Canada (OGS) as a "REDOX cell locator". Many SGH surveys for Gold and other mineral targets can result in multiple types of anomalies, depending on the class of SGH compounds, even over the same target and in the same set of samples. Thus "Apical", "Nested-Halo", and "Rabbit-Ear" or "Halo" type SGH anomalies are all typically observed from the effect of REDOX cells that have developed over deposits. REDOX cells are also related to the presence of bacteriological activity.
- The VMS template of SGH Pathfinder Classes uses low and medium weight classes of hydrocarbon compounds. Again, at least three Pathfinder Class group maps, associated with the SGH signature for VMS, must be present to begin to be considered for assignment of a good rating. The Pathfinder Class anomalies in these maps must logically concur and support a consistent interpretation in relation to the expected geochromatographic characteristics of the Pathfinder Class, for a specific area. The SGH Pathfinder Class map(s) shown in this report is usually the most diagnostic for the presence of Volcanic Massive Sulphide based mineralization.



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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION – Lines 28 to 33

- This report is based on the SGH results from the analysis of a total of 119 soil samples from this submission. This report specifically pertains to just those sample results from Lines 28 through to 33. These six sample lines are three pairs of north-south trending transects in the Sturgeon Lake survey area having a total of 126 samples (the samples from these lines were actually from three different submissions/workorders). Each pair of transects are about 100 metres apart with samples spaced at approximately 50 metres along each transect. Each transect pair are separated by approximately 300 metres. UTM coordinates were provided for mapping of the SGH results for these soil samples. These samples were received by our Thunder Bay lab facility and then shipped to our head Ancaster laboratory where they were subsequently dried and sieved as per the procedure on page 5 of this report.
- The number of samples submitted for this project is adequate to use SGH as an exploration tool for Lines 28 through to 33. Note that the SGH data is only reviewed for the particular target deposit type requested, in this case for the presence of a VMS based deposit. It is also assumed that there is only one potential target. To obtain the best interpretation the client should indicate if there are possible multiple targets, say from geophysical data. The possibility of multiple targets in "close proximity" should be known due to potential overlap and increased complexity of resulting geochromatographic anomalies which could alter the interpretation. Based on the size of the narrow targets expected in this Sturgeon Lake project, "close proximity" would mean "within approximately 400 metres".
- Note that the associated SGH results are presented in a separate Excel spreadsheet. This raw data is semi-quantitative and is presented in units of pg/g or **parts-per-trillion** (ppt).
- The overall precision of the SGH analysis for the samples in this SGH survey was excellent as demonstrated by 8 samples taken from these two sample lines which were used for laboratory replicate analysis. The average Coefficient of Variation (%CV) of the replicate results for the project samples in this submission was 7.0% which represents an excellent level of analytical performance especially at such a low part-per-trillion concentration range.



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<u>SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION – Lines 28 to 33</u>

- The plan view maps shown on page 20 and 21 (and on page 22 in 3D views) are SGH "Pathfinder Class maps" for targeting VMS mineralization. Each map represents the simple summation of several individual hydrocarbon compound concentrations that are grouped from within the same organic chemical class. SGH Pathfinder Class maps have been shown to be robust as they are each described using from 4 to 14 (unless otherwise stated) chemically related SGH compounds which are simply summed to create each class map. Thus each map has a higher level of confidence as it is "not" illustrating just one compound A legend of the SGH classes appears in the SGH data spreadsheet. response. The overall SGH interpretation rating for each pair of sample lines (page 23, 24 and 25) has even a higher level of confidence as it further relies on the consensus between at least three SGH Pathfinder Classes (other classes not shown) that together define the signature of the target at depth.
- The dotted black oval, applied to the SGH Pathfinder Class maps on page 20 and 21, outlines three areas of interpretation, one for each pair of sample lines. Each pair of lines has been interpreted separately without influence from an adjacent pair of sample lines.
- The plan map on page 20 is an SGH Pathfinder Class map for VMS that is often expected to exhibit an apical anomaly. It is the same class as previously reported for Lines 37 and 38. For Lines 28 and 29 the interpretation illustrates a halo type anomaly. It is acceptable that this Pathfinder Class map may indicate a halo anomaly as it may reflect the characteristics of a possible REDOX cell. The positioning of the interpretation is in consideration of the results from other Pathfinder Class maps. The SGH Pathfinder Class map for VMS on page 21 is also the same class as previously reported for Lines 37 and 38. For Lines 28 and 29 reported here, this SGH Pathfinder class does not support the presence of an SGH VMS signature. Other SGH classes representing other portions of the SGH VMS signature also do not support the interpretation on page 20. Thus SGH predicts that buried VMS mineralization is not present beneath the area sampled by Lines 28 and 29. This interpretation is based only on this survey and on these SGH results.



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<u>SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION – Lines 28 to 33</u>

- For Lines 30 and 31 the interpretation on the SGH Pathfinder Class map on page 20 illustrates an apical type anomaly. The SGH Pathfinder Class map for VMS on page 20 is also the same class as previously reported for Lines 37 and 38. For Lines 30 and 31 reported here, the SGH Pathfinder class map on page 21 supports the presence of an SGH VMS signature. Other classes representing other portions of the SGH VMS signature also support the interpretation on page 20. Thus SGH predicts that buried VMS mineralization may be present beneath the area sampled by Lines 30 and 31. This interpretation is based only on this survey and on these SGH results.
- For Lines 32 and 33 the interpretation on the SGH Pathfinder Class map on page 20 illustrates a weak halo type anomaly. It is acceptable that this Pathfinder Class map may indicate a halo anomaly as it may reflect the characteristics of a possible REDOX cell. The positioning of the interpretation is in consideration of the results from other Pathfinder Class maps. The SGH Pathfinder Class map for VMS on page 21 is also the same class as previously reported for Lines 37 and 38. For Lines 32 and 33, this SGH Pathfinder class does not support the presence of an SGH VMS signature. This class may also illustrate a halo type of anomaly but is also relatively weak in response. Other classes representing other portions of the SGH VMS signature also do not support the interpretation on page 20. Thus SGH predicts that buried VMS mineralization is not present beneath the area sampled by Lines 32 and 33. This interpretation is based only on this survey and on these SGH results.



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SGH "VMS" PATHFINDER CLASS MAPS – Lines 28 to 33



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SGH "VMS" PATHFINDER CLASS MAP - 3D VIEW - Lines 28 to 33





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SGH "VMS" PATHFINDER CLASS MAP - 3D VIEW - Lines 28 to 33



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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION RATING – Lines 28 and 29

- After review of all of the SGH Pathfinder Class maps that were able to be detected, the SGH results from these soil samples suggest a "rating of 1.0" for the area within the dotted black oval interpretation on the plan view maps for Lines 28 and 29, on pages 20 and 21, in relation to the presence of a VMS based target beneath this area. This rating is based on a scale of 6.0, in 0.5 increments, with a value of 6.0 being the best. This rating represents the similarity of these SGH results with case studies over a Volcanic Massive Sulphide (VMS) type target, to the SGH case studies conducted at the Hanson Lake VMS deposit in Saskatchewan, the South Gilmour VMS deposit in New Brunswick and the Cross Lake VMS deposit in Ontario. The degree of confidence in the rating only starts to be "good" at a level of 4.0.
- The SGH VMS template used has been shown to be robust to a wide range of VMS lithology including Kidd Creek, Irish and Kuroko style deposits.
- A value of 1.0 was deducted as there were insufficient samples to the west of the interpreted area to potentially observe the complete anomaly for SGH Classes that are more dispersed. Another value of 4.0 was deducted as there were no additional SGH pathfinder classes to define a complete VMS signature for this anomalous area. Thus it is believed that the anomaly shown, within the black dotted oval, is not due to the presence of buried VMS mineralization. From the signature developed from the combined SGH Classes of compounds, it is believed that this anomaly is due to a different type of target.
- A rating of 1.0 is still allocated to the area within the dotted black oval to show that we recognize that it is not impossible that this anomaly may warrant further interest, in spite of these SGH results.
- No potential drill target location is indicated. Based on this SGH data, drilling within the area of the interpretation applied to lines 28 and 29 is not recommended in the exploration for VMS based mineralization.
- The client should use a combination of these SGH results and its report with additional geochemical, geophysical, and geological information to possibly obtain a more confident and precise target location.



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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION RATING – Lines 30 and 31

- After review of all of the SGH Pathfinder Class maps, the SGH results from these soil samples suggest a "rating of 4.5" for the area within the dotted black oval interpretation on the plan view maps for Lines 30 and 31, on page 20 and 21, in relation to the presence of a VMS based target beneath this area. This rating is based on a scale of 6.0, in 0.5 increments, with a value of 6.0 being the best. This rating represents the similarity of these SGH results with case studies over a Volcanic Massive Sulphide (VMS) type target, to the SGH case studies conducted at the Hanson Lake VMS deposit in Saskatchewan, the South Gilmour VMS deposit in New Brunswick and the Cross Lake VMS deposit in Ontario. The degree of confidence in the rating only starts to be "good" at a level of 4.0.
- The SGH VMS template used has been shown to be robust to a wide range of VMS lithologies including Kidd Creek, Irish and Kuroko style deposits.
- A value of 1.5 was deducted as there were insufficient samples to the east and west of the interpreted area to potentially observe a more complete anomaly for more dispersed SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds that may further represent a REDOX cell.
- A potential drill target location may be in the centre of the black dotted oval between Lines 30 and 31 as a vertical projection of the centre of the predicted REDOX cell and thus potentially over the centre of the mineralization. Note that vertical drilling may not be the best method to explore this anomaly.
- The client should use a combination of these SGH results and its report with additional geochemical, geophysical, and geological information to possibly obtain a more confident and precise target location.


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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION RATING – Lines 32 and 33

- After review of all of the SGH Pathfinder Class maps that were able to be detected, the SGH results from these soil samples suggest a "rating of 1.0" for the area within the dotted black oval interpretation on the plan view maps for Lines 32 and 33, on page 20 and 21, in relation to the presence of a VMS based target beneath this area. This rating is based on a scale of 6.0, in 0.5 increments, with a value of 6.0 being the best. This rating represents the similarity of these SGH results with case studies over a Volcanic Massive Sulphide (VMS) type target, to the SGH case studies conducted at the Hanson Lake VMS deposit in Saskatchewan, the South Gilmour VMS deposit in New Brunswick and the Cross Lake VMS deposit in Ontario. The degree of confidence in the rating only starts to be "good" at a level of 4.0.
- The SGH VMS template used has been shown to be robust to a wide range of VMS lithologies including Kidd Creek, Irish and Kuroko style deposits.
- A value of 1.0 was deducted as there were insufficient samples to the east of the interpreted area to potentially observe the complete anomaly for SGH Classes that are more dispersed. Another value of 4.0 was deducted as there is only a subtle halo anomaly over lines 32 and 33 for the VMS Pathfinder Class maps shown on both pages 20 and 21. There were also no additional SGH pathfinder classes to define a complete VMS signature for the area within the dotted black oval. Thus it is believed that the anomaly shown is not due to the presence of buried VMS mineralization. Further, as there were so few pathfinder classes associated with this interpreted area, which together do not define a signature of other mineralization based on the wide variety of SGH templates that has been developed, it is believed that this anomaly is due to a buried non-ore bearing body that is able to support a weak REDOX cell.
- A rating of 1.0 is still allocated to the area within the dotted black oval to show that we recognize that it is not impossible that this anomaly may warrant further interest, in spite of these SGH results.
- No potential drill target location is indicated. Based on this SGH data, drilling this anomaly found on lines 32 and 33 is not recommended in the exploration for VMS based mineralization.
- The client should use a combination of these SGH results and its report with additional geochemical, geophysical, and geological information to possibly obtain a more confident and precise target location.



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The statements and target rating made in the Soil Gas Hydrocarbon (SGH) interpretive report or in other communications may contain certain forward-looking information related to a target or SGH anomaly.

Statements related to the rating of a target are based on comparison of the SGH signatures derived by Activation Laboratories Ltd. through previous research on known case studies. The rating is not derived from any statistics or other formula. The rating is a subjective value on a scale of 0 to 6 relative to the similarity of the SGH signature reviewed compared to the results of previous scientific research and case studies based on the analysis of surficial samples over known ore bodies. No information on other geochemistries, geophysics, or geology is usually available as additional information for the interpretation and assignment of a rating value unless otherwise stated. The rating does not imply ore grade and is not to be used in mineral resource estimate calculations. References to the rating should be viewed as forward-looking statements to the extent that it involves a subjective comparison to known SGH case studies. As with other geochemistries, the implied rating and anticipated target characteristics may be different than that actually encountered if the target is drilled or the property developed.

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

119 Soil samples were submitted for analysis via the Actlabs Thunder Bay facility.

These samples were prepared according to our Code S4 procedure.

The following analytical package was requested: Code SGH – Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry

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Notes:

The SGH - Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry is a semi-quantitative analytical procedure to detect and measure 162 hydrocarbon compounds as the organic signature in the sample material collected from a survey area. It is not an assay of mineralization but is a predictive geochemical tool used for exploration. This certificate pertains only to the SGH data presented in the associated Microsoft Excel spreadsheet of results.

The author of this SGH Interpretation Report, Mr. Dale Sutherland, is the creator of the SGH organic geochemistry. He is a Chartered Chemist (C.Chem.) and Forensic Scientist specializing in organic chemistry. He is not a professional geologist or geochemist.

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EVALUATION OF SGH "SOIL SAMPLE" DATA

EXPLORATION FOR: "VMS" TARGETS

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SOIL GAS HYDROCARBON (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY - OVERVIEW

SGH is a deep penetrating geochemistry that involves the analysis of surficial samples from over potential mineral or petroleum targets. The analysis involves the testing for 162 hydrocarbon compounds in the C5-C17 carbon series range applicable to a wide variety of sample types. SGH has been successful for delineating targets found at over 500 metres in depth. Samples of various media have been successfully analyzed such as soil (any horizon), drill core, rock, peat, lake-bottom sediments and even snow. The SGH analysis incorporates a very weak leach, essentially aqueous, that only extracts the surficial bound hydrocarbon compounds and those compounds in interstitial spaces around the sample particles. These are the hydrocarbons that have been mobilized from the target depth. SGH is unique and should not be confused with other hydrocarbon tests or traditional analyses that measure C1 (Methane) to C5 (Pentane) or other SGH is also different from soil hydrocarbon tests that thermally extract or desorb all of the qases. hydrocarbons from the whole soil sample. This test is less specific as it does not separate the hydrocarbons and thus does not identify or measure the responses as precisely. These tests also do not use a forensic approach to identification. The hydrocarbons in the SGH extract are separated by high resolution capillary column gas chromatography to isolate, confirm, and measure the presence of only the individual hydrocarbons that have been found to be of interest from initial research and development and from performance testing in two Canadian Mining Industry Research Organization (CAMIRO) projects (97E04 and 01E02).

Over the past 14 years of research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has developed an in-depth understanding of the unique SGH signatures associated with different commodity targets. Using a forensic approach we have developed target signatures or templates for identification, and the understanding of the expected geochromatography that is exhibited by each class of SGH compounds. In 2004 we began to include an SGH interpretation report delivered with the data to enable our clients to realize the complete value and understanding of the SGH results in the shortest time frame and provide the benefit from past research sponsored by Actlabs, CAMIRO, OMET and other projects.

SGH has attracted the attention of a large number of Exploration companies. In the above mentioned research projects the sponsors have included (in no order): Western Mining Corporation, BHP-Billiton, Inco, Noranda, Outokumpu, Xstrata, Cameco, Cominco, Rio Algom, Alberta Geological Survey, Ontario Geological Survey, Manitoba Geological Survey and OMET. Further, beyond this research, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has interpreted the SGH data for over 400 targets from clients since January of 2004. In both CAMIRO research projects over known mineralization and in exploration projects over unknown targets, SGH has performed exceptionally well. As an example, in the first CAMIRO research project that commenced in 1997 (Project 97E04), there were 10 study areas that were submitted blindly to Actlabs. These study sites were selected since other inorganic geochemistries were unsuccessful at illustrating anomalies related to the target.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

Although Actlabs was only provided with the samples and their coordinates, SGH was able to locate the blind mineralization with exceptional accuracy in 9 of the 10 surveys. SGH has recently been very successful in exploration and discovery of unknown targets e.g. Golden Band Resources drilled an SGH anomaly and discovered a significant vein containing "visible" gold. (www.goldenbandresources.com)

Sample Type and Survey Design: It is highly recommended that a *minimum* of 50 sample "locations" is preferred to obtain enough samples into background areas on both sides of small suspected targets (wet gas plays, Kimberlite pipes, Uranium Breccia pipes, veins, etc.). SGH is not interpreted in the same way as inorganic based geochemistries. SGH must have enough samples over both the target and background areas in order to fully study the dispersion patterns or geochromatography of the SGH classes of compounds. Based on our minimum recommendation of at least 50 sample locations we further suggest that all samples be evenly spaced with about one-third of the samples over the target and one-third on each side of the target in order for SGH to be used for exploration. Targets other than gas plays, pipes, dykes or veins usually require additional samples to represent both the target and background areas.

SGH has been shown to be very robust to the use of different sample types even "within" the same survey or transect. Research has illustrated that it is far more important to the ultimate interpretation of the results to take a complete sample transect or grid than to skip samples due to different sample media. The most ideal natural sample is still believed to be soil from the "Upper B-Horizon", however excellent results can also be obtained from other soil horizons, humus, peat, lake-bottom sediments, and even snow. The sampling design is suggested to use evenly spaced samples from 15 metres to 200 metres and line spacing from 50 metres to 500 metres depending on the size and type of target. A 4:1 ratio is suggested, however, larger orientation surveys have also been successful. Ideally even large grids should have one-third of the samples over the target and two-thirds of the samples into anticipated background areas. This will allow the proper assessment of the SGH geochromatographic vectoring and background site signature levels with minimal bias. Individual samples taken at significant distances from the main survey area to represent background are not of value in the SGH interpretation as SGH results are not background subtracted. Samples can be drip dried in the field and do not need special preservation for shipping and has been specifically designed to avoid common contaminants from sample handling and shipping. SGH has also been shown to be robust to cultural activities even to the point that successful results and interpretation has been obtained from roadside right-ofways.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

Sample Preparation and Analysis: Upon receipt at Activation Laboratories the samples are air-dried in isolated and dedicated environmentally controlled rooms set to 40°C. The dried samples are then sieved. In the sieving process, it is important that compressed air is not used to clean the sieves between samples as trace amounts of compressor oils "may" poison the samples and significantly affect some target signatures. At Activation Laboratories a vacuum is used to clean the sieve between each sample. The -60 mesh sieve fraction (<250 microns, although different mesh sizes can be used at the preference of the exploration geologist) is collected and packaged in a Kraft paper envelope and transported from our sample preparation building to our analytical building on the same street in Ancaster Ontario. Each sample is then extracted, separated by gas chromatography and analyzed by mass spectrometry using customized parameters enabling the highly specific detection of the 162 targeted hydrocarbons at a <u>reporting limit</u> of one part-per-trillion (ppt). This trace level limit of reporting is critical to the detection of these hydrocarbons that, through research, have been found to be related at least in part to the breakdown and release of hydrocarbons from the death phase of microbes directly interacting with a deposit at depth. The hydrocarbon signatures are directly linked to the deposit type which is used as a food source. The hydrocarbons that are mobilized and metabolized by the microbes are released in the death phase of each successive generation. Very few of the hydrocarbons measured are actually due to microbe cell structure, or hydrocarbons present or formed in the genesis of the deposit or from anthropogenic contamination. The results of the SGH analysis is reported in raw data form in an Excel spreadsheet as "semi-quantitative" concentrations without any additional statistical modification.

Mobilized Inorganic Geochemical Anomalies: It is important to note that SGH is essentially "blind" to any inorganic content in samples as only organic compounds as hydrocarbons are measured. Thus inorganic geochemical surface anomalies that have migrated away from the mineral source, and thus may be interpreted and found to be a false target location, is not detected and does not affect SGH results. This fact is of great advantage when comparing the SGH results to inorganic geochemical results. If there is agreement in the location of the anomalies between the organic and inorganic technique, such as Actlabs' Enzyme Leach, a significant increase in confidence in the target location can be realized. If there is no agreement or a shift in the location of the anomalies between the techniques, the inorganic anomaly may have been mobilized in the surficial environment.

The Nugget Effect: As SGH is "blind" to the inorganic content in the survey samples, any concern of a "nugget effect" will not be encountered with SGH data. A "nugget effect" may be of a concern for inorganic geochemistries from surveys over copper, gold, lead, nickel, etc. type targets.



SOIL GAS HYDROCARBONS (SGH) GEOCHEMISTRY – OVERVIEW

SGH Interpretation Report: All SGH submissions must be accompanied by relative or UTM coordinates so that we may ensure that the sample survey design is appropriate for use with SGH, and to provide an SGH interpretation with the results. In our interpretation procedure, we separate the results into 19 SGH subclasses. These classes include specific alkanes, alkenes, thiophenes, aromatic, and polyaromatic compounds. Note that none of the SGH hydrocarbons are "gaseous" at room temperature and pressure. The classes are then evaluated in terms of their geochromatography and for coincident compound class anomalies that are unique to different types of mineralization. Actlabs uses a six point scale in assigning a subjective rating of similarity of the SGH signatures found in the submitted survey to signatures previously reviewed and researched from known case studies over the same commodity type. Also factored into this rating is the appropriateness of the survey and amount of data/sample locations that is available for interpretation. This rating scale is described in detail in the following section.

SGH RATING SYSTEM - DESCRIPTION

To date SGH has been found to be successful in the depiction of buried mineralization for Gold, Nickel, VMS, SEDEX, Uranium, Polymetallic, and Copper, as well as for Kimberlites. SGH data has developed into a dual exploration tool. From the interpretation, a vertical projection of the predicted location of the target can be made as well as a statement on the rating of the comparability of the identification of the anticipated target type to that from known case studies, e.g. if the client anticipates the target to be a Gold deposit, what is the rating or comparability that the target is similar to the SGH results over a Gold deposit in Nunavut, shear hosted and sediment hosted deposits in Nevada, or Paleochannel Gold mineralization in Western Australia.

- A rating of "6" is the highest or best rating, and means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold related hydrocarbon signature are all present and consistently vector to the same location with well defined anomalies. To obtain this rating there also needs to be other SGH classes that when mapped lend support to the predicted location.
- A rating of "5" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are all present • and consistently describe the same location with well defined anomalies. The SGH signatures may not be strong enough to also develop additional supporting classes.
- A rating of "4" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present describing the location with well defined anomalies. Supporting classes may also be present.



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SGH RATING SYSTEM - DESCRIPTION (continued)

- A rating of "3" means that the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are mostly present and describe the same location with <u>fairly well</u> defined anomalies. Some supporting classes may or may not be present.
- A rating of "2" means that some of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature are present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Some supporting classes may be present
- A rating of "1" is the lowest rating, and means that one of the SGH classes most important to describing a Gold signature is present but a predicted location is difficult to determine. Supporting classes are also not helpful.
- The SGH rating is directly and significantly affected by the survey design. Small data sets, especially if significantly <50 sample locations, or transects/surveys that are geographically too short <u>will automatically receive a lower rating no matter how impressive an SGH anomaly might be</u>. When there is not enough sample locations to adequately review the SGH class geochromatography, or when the sample spacing is inadequate, or if the spacing is highly variable such that it biases the interpretation of the results, then the confidence in the interpretation of any geochemistry is adversely affected. The SGH rating is not just a rating of the agreement between the SGH pathfinder classes for a particular target type; it is a rating of the SGH results without any information from other geochemical, geological or geophysical information unless otherwise specified.

SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING

The subjective SGH rating system has been used since 2004 when Activation Laboratories started providing an SGH Interpretation Report with ever submission for SGH analysis to aid our clients in understanding this organic geochemistry and ensuring that they obtain the best results for their surveys. As explained in the previous section, the SGH rating is not just a rating of how definitive an SGH anomaly is, and is not based just on the map(s) provided in this report. It is a rating of "confidence in the interpreted anomaly" from the combination of (i) are the expected SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds present from the template for this target type (one Pathfinder Class map is shown in the report, at least three must be present to adequately describe the correct signature for a particular target), (ii) how well do these SGH Pathfinder Classes agree in describing an particular area, (iii) how well does this agreement compare to SGH case studies over known targets of that type, (iv) how well is the interpreted anomaly defined by the survey (i.e. a single



<u>SGH RATING SYSTEM – HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)</u>

transect does not provide the same confidence as a complete grid of samples), and (v) is there at least a minimum of 50 sample locations in the survey so that there may be an adequate amount of data to observe the geochromatography of the different SGH Pathfinder Class of compounds.

The question often arises by clients as to the frequency of a rating, e.g. "how often is a rating of 5.0 given in an interpretation". To better understand this we present this review of the history of the SGH rating program since 2004 and some of the underlying situations that can affect the historical rating charts.

Originally it was recommended that a minimum of 35 sample location be used for small target exploration, however it was quite quickly realized that this is often insufficient and at least 50 sample locations were required. In 2007, the rating scale was refined to include increments of 0.5 units rather than just integer values from 0 to 6.

A rating frequency may be biased high as most clients conduct an orientation study over a known target, thus several of these projects result in high ratings. Note that, at this time, the rating is not said to be linked to grade of a deposit or depth to the target. Even in exploration surveys clients tend to submit samples over more promising targets due to knowledge of the geology and prior geochemical or geophysical results. As shown in the following chart, projects with SGH data from 200 or more sample locations have a higher level of confidence in the interpretation as the geochromatography of the SGH Pathfinder Classes of compounds can be more completely observed and reviewed.





SGH RATING SYSTEM - HISTORY & UNDERSTANDING (cont.)

The rating frequency may be biased low as research projects often include a bare minimum of samples to reduce costs. Research projects may also be over targets known to be difficult to depict with geochemistry. Multiple targets in close vicinity in a survey may result in a low bias as the Pathfinder Class geochromatography is more difficult to deconvelute. Ratings may also be biased low if less than the recommended 50 sample locations is submitted as indicated by the following chart. This chart also illustrates that there is no interpretation bias to a particular rating value.



The overall rating frequency for over 400 targets from January 2004 to December 2009 is shown in the chart below illustrating that surveys over more promising targets are most often submitted for best use of research or exploration dollars. It also indicates that the 0.5 increments were less frequent as they started in 2007.



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SGH DATA QUALITY

- **Reporting Limit:** The SGH Excel spreadsheet of results contains the raw unaltered concentrations of the individual SGH compounds in units of "part-per-trillion" (ppt). The reporting of these ultra low levels is vital to the measurement of the small amounts of hydrocarbons now known to be leached/metabolized and subsequently released by dead bacteria that have been interacting with the ore at depth. To ensure that the data has a high level of confidence, a "reporting limit" is used. The reporting limit of 1 ppt actually represents a level of confidence of approximately 5 standard deviations where SGH data is assured to be "real" and non-zero. Thus in SGH the use of a reporting limit automatically removes site variability and there is no need to further background subtract any data as the reporting limit has already filtered out any site background effects. Thus we recommend that all data that is equal to or greater than 2 ppt should be used in any data review. It is important to review all SGH data as low values that may be the centre of halo anomalies and higher values as apical anomalies or as halo ridges are all important.
- **Laboratory Replicate Analysis:** A laboratory replicate is a sample taken randomly from the submitted survey being analyzed and are not unrelated samples taken from some large stockpile of bulk material. In the Organics laboratory an equal portion of this sieved sample, or pulp, is taken and analyzed in the same manner using the Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometer. The comparison of laboratory replicate and field duplicate results for chemical tests in the parts-per-million or even parts-per-billion range has typically been done using an absolute "relative percent difference (RPD)" statistic which is an easy proxy for error estimation rather than a more complete analysis of precision as specified by Thompson and Howarth. An RPD statistic is not appropriate for SGH results as the reporting limit for SGH is <u>1 part-per-trillion</u>. Further, SGH is a semi-quantitative technique and was not designed to have the same level of precision as other less sensitive geochemistry's as it is only used as an exploration tool and not for any assay work. SGH is also designed to cover a wide range of organic compounds with an unprecedented 162 compounds being measured for each sample. In order to analyze such a wide molecular weight range of compounds, sacrifices were made to the variability especially in the low molecular weight range of the SGH analysis. The result is that the first fifteen SGH compounds in the Excel spreadsheet is expected to exhibit more imprecision than the other 147 compounds. An SGH laboratory replicate is a large set of data for comparison even for just a few pairs of analyses. Precision calculations using a Thompson and Howarth approach should only be used for estimating error in individual measurements, and not for describing the average error in a larger data set. In geochemical exploration geochemists seek concentration patterns to interpret and thus rigorous precision in individual samples is not required because the concentrations of many samples are interpreted collectively. For these reasons recent and independent research at Acadia

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SGH DATA QUALITY (continued)

University in Canada promote that a percent Coefficient of Variation (%CV) should be used as a universal measurement of relative error in all geochemical applications. As SGH results are a relatively large data set for nearly all submissions, %CV is a better statistic for use with SGH. By using %CV, the concentration of duplicate pairs is irrelevant because the units of concentration cancel out in the formation of the coefficient of variation ratio. For SGH, the %CV is calculated on all values \geq 2 ppt. These values are averaged and represent a value for each pair of replicate analysis of the sample. All of the %CV values for the replicates are then averaged to report one %CV value to represent the overall estimate of the relative error in the laboratory sub-sampling from the prepared samples, and any instrumental variability, in the SGH data set for the survey. Actlabs' has successfully addressed the analytical challenge to minimize analytical variability for such a large list of compounds. Thus as SGH is also interpreted as a signature and is solely used for exploration and not assay measurement, the data from SGH is "fit for purpose" as a geochemical exploration tool.

Historical SGH Precision: In the general history of geochemistry, studies indicate that a large component of total measurement error is introduced during the collection of the initial sample and in subsampling, and that only a subordinate amount of error in the result is introduced during preparation and analysis. A historical record encompassing many projects for SGH, including a wide variety of sample types, geology and geography, shows that the consistency and precision for the analysis of SGH is excellent with an overall precision of 6.8% Coefficient of Variation (%CV). When last calculated, this number has a range having a maximum of 12.4% CV, a minimum of 3.0% CV, with a standard deviation of 1.6%, in a population made up of over 400 targets (over 45,000 samples) interpreted since June of 2004. Again the precision of 6.8% CV included all of the sample types as soil from different horizons, peat, till, humus, lake-bottom sediments, ocean-bottom sediments, and even snow. When field duplicates have been revealed to us, we have found that the precision of the field duplicates are in the range of about 9 to 12 %CV. As SGH is interpreted using a combination of compounds as a chemical "class" or signature, the affect of a few concentrations that may be imprecise in a direct comparison of duplicates is not significant. Further, projects that have been re-sampled at different times or seasons are expected to have different SGH concentrations. The SGH anomalies may not be in exactly the same position or of the same intensity due to variable conditions that may have affected the dispersion of different pathfinder classes. However, the SGH "signature" as to the presence of the specific mix of SGH pathfinder classes will definitely still exist, and will retain the ability to identify the deposit type and vector to the same target location.



LABORATORY MATERIALS BLANK – QUALITY ASSURANCE (LMB-QA):

The Laboratory Materials Blank Quality Assurance measurements (LMB-QA) shown in the SGH spreadsheet of results are matrix free blanks analyzed for SGH. These blanks are not standard laboratory blanks as they do not accurately reflect an amount expected to be from laboratory handling or laboratory conditions that may be present and affect the sample analysis result. The LMB-QA measurements are a pre-warning system to only detect any contamination originating from laboratory glassware, vials or caps. As there is no substrate to emulate the sample matrix, the full solvating power of the SGH leaching solution, effectively a water leach, is fully directed at the small surface area of the glassware, vials or caps. In a sample analysis the solvating power of the SGH leaching solution is distributed between the large sample surface area (from soil, humus, sediments, peat, till, etc.) and the relatively small contribution from the laboratory materials surfaces. The sample matrix also buffers the solvating or leaching effect in the sample versus the more vigourous leaching of the laboratory materials which do not experience this buffering effect. Thus the level of the LMB-QA reported is biased high relative to the sample concentration and the actual contribution of the laboratory reagents, equipment, handling, etc. to the values in samples is significantly lower. This situation in organic laboratory analysis only occurs at such extremely low part-pertrillion (ppt) measurement levels. This is one of the reasons that SGH uses a reporting limit and not a detection limit. The 1 ppt reporting limit used in the SGH spreadsheet of raw concentration data is 3 to 5 times greater than a detection limit. The reporting limit automatically filters out analytical noise, the actual LMB-QA, and most of the sample survey site background. This has been proven as SGH values of 1 to 3 parts-per-trillion (ppt) have very often illustrated the outline of anomalies directly related to mineral targets. Thus all SGH values greater than or equal to 1 or 2 ppt should be used as reliable values for interpretations.

The LMB-QA values thus should not be used to background subtract any SGH data. The LMB-QA values are only an early warning as a quality assurance procedure to indicate the relative cleanliness of laboratory glassware, vials, caps, and the laboratory water supply at the ppt concentration level. Do not subtract the LMB-QA values from SGH sample data.



SGH DATA INTERPRETATION

GEOCHEMICAL ANOMALY THRESHOLD VALUE:

In the interpretation of "inorganic" geochemical data one of the determinations to be made is to calculate a "Threshold" value above which data is considered anomalous. This is done on an element by element basis. In the interpretation of this "organic" geochemical data this determination is done differently. The determination of a threshold value is not calculated for each hydrocarbon compound. The determination of a threshold value is also a concentration below which geochemical data is considered as "noise" for the purposes of geochemical interpretation. As discussed on page 10, SGH uses a "Reporting Limit" instead of some type of Detection Limit. The amount of noise that is already eliminated in the data, as below the Reporting Limit of 1 part-per-trillion (shown in the data spreadsheet as "-1" as "not-detected at a Reporting Limit of 1 ppt") is equivalent to approximately 5 standard deviations of variability. To thus calculate an additional Threshold Value is a loss of real and valuable data. Further, in the interpretation of SGH data, individual compounds are not considered (unless explicitly mentioned in the report). The interpretation of SGH data is exclusively conducted by "compound chemical class" which is the sum of four to fourteen individual hydrocarbons in the same organic chemical class as these compounds naturally have the same chemical properties that ultimately define their spatial dispersion characteristics in their rise from a mineral target through the overburden. This combined class is more reliable than the measurement of any one compound. SGH also eliminates the need for a Threshold value determination above the Reporting Limit due to the "high specificity" of the specific hydrocarbons and the classes they form. Each of the hydrocarbons has been hand selected due to their lower probability of being found in general surface soils. Further, only those classes where the majority of the compounds are detected above the Reporting Limit are considered in the interpretation. This defines the SGH geochemistry as having less geochemical noise due to the use of a reporting limit and as having higher confidence in the use of groups (classes) of data instead of individual compounds. However the most important aspect of interpretation is the use of a forensic signature. At least three specific "Pathfinder" classes, based on the combinations or template of classes we have developed, must be present to define the hydrocarbon signature to confidently predict the presence of a specific type of mineral target. Do not calculate another Threshold value. FACT: It has been proven many times that important chemical anomalies can exist even at 5 ppt.

SGH PATHFINDER CLASS MAGNITUDE:

The magnitude of any individual concentration or that of a hydrocarbon class does not imply that the data is of more importance or that mineralization is of higher quantity or grade. SGH interpretation must use the review of the combination of specific hydrocarbon classes to make any interpretation.



SGH DATA INTERPRETATION (continued)

SGH DATA LEVELING:

The combination of SGH data from different field sampling events has rarely required leveling in order to combine survey grids. The only circumstances that have occasionally required leveling has been the combination of samples that are very fine in texture, thus having a combined large surface area to samples of peat that may be in nearby areas. Even after maceration of the peat and in using the maximum size of sample amenable to this test method, peat samples have a significantly lower surface area. Peat samples have only required leveling in one survey in the last 500 SGH interpretations.

In only the last year it has been observed that SGH data may require leveling when different field sampling events have significantly different soil temperature. It has been documented that only when "soil" samples are taken from "frozen" ground that data leveling may be required as frozen sample act as a frozen cap to the hydrocarbon flux and may collect a higher concentration of hydrocarbon compounds compared to sampling during seasons where the samples are not frozen. Only two surveys have required leveling in the last 500 SGH interpretations.

The author has taken introductory training in the leveling of geochemical data. If leveling is required, both data sets are reviewed in terms of maximum, minimum and average values for each SGH Pathfinder Class intended for use in the interpretation. Data in sectioned into quartiles and each section is assigned specific leveling factors that is then applied to one data set. It should be noted that any type of data leveling is an approximation.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u>

One of the first experiments in 1996 in the development of the SGH analysis was to observe if an SGH response could be obtained directly from an ore sample. From office shelf specimens, small rock chips were obtained which were then crushed and milled. The fine pulp obtained was then subjected to the SGH analysis. These shelf specimen samples were from well known Volcanic Massive Sulphide deposits of the Mattabi deposit from the Archean Sturgeon Lake Camp in Northwestern Ontario and from the Kidd Creek Archean volcanic-hosted copper-zinc deposit. Even these specimen samples contain a geochemical record of the hydrocarbons produced by the bacteria that had been feeding on these deposits at depth. As a comparison, SGH analysis were similarly conducted on modern-day VMS ore samples taken from a "black smoker" hydrothermal volcanic vent from the deep sea bed of the Juan de Fuca Ridge where high concentrations of microbial growth was also known to exist. The raw data profiles as GC/MS Total Ion Chromatograms are shown below to illustrate the "visible" portion of the VMS signature obtained from the SGH analysis.



The top two profiles were obtained from two samples of the modern day "black smokers". The third and fourth chromatograms in the above image were obtained from the Pre-Cambrian Zn-Cu Kidd Creek and Mattabi deposits. The red arrows point to three compounds that are <u>a portion</u> of the SGH signature for VMS type deposits. This visible portion of the VMS signature of hydrocarbons can easily be seen in the analysis of each of these four samples.



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<u>SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES</u> (cont.)

The next question in our early objectives was to see if this SGH signature could also be observed in <u>surficial soil samples</u> that had been taken over VMS deposits. Through our research projects, soil samples were obtained from over the Ruttan Cu-Zn VMS deposit near Leaf Rapids, Manitoba and located in the Paleoproterozoic Rusty Lake greenstone belt. The profile obtained, as observed in the raw GC/MS chromatogram, is shown in this next image below:



The three compounds indicated by the red arrows represent the same <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature observed from the modern day black smoker samples and the ore samples taken from the Mattabi and Kidd Creek, even though this soil was taken from over a different VMS deposit in a geographically different area. Is this coincidence? Another soil sample was obtained from Noranda's Gilmour South base-metal occurrence in the Bathurst Mining camp in northern New Brunswick. As shown below, this sample contained a very complex SGH signature, however the <u>visible portion</u> of the VMS signature as indicated by the red arrows is still observed as in the black smoker, Mattabi and Kidd Creek ore samples.



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SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES (cont.)

In research conducted by the Ontario Geological Survey, this same portion of the SGH signature was also observed over the VMS deposit at Cross Lake in Ontario. Note that the visible signature shown as the three compounds indicated by the red arrows is only a small portion of the complete SGH VMS signature. The full VMS signature is made up of at least three groups, as three organic chemical classes, that together contain at least 35 of the individual SGH hydrocarbons.

The chromatograms shown on the preceding page from the GC/MS analysis are not used directly in the interpretation of SGH data. As we are only interested in a specific list of 162 hydrocarbons, the mass spectrometer and associated software programs specifically identifies the hydrocarbons of interest, runs calculations using relative responses to a short list of hydrocarbons used as standards, and develops an Excel spreadsheet of semi-quantitative concentration data to represent the sample. Thus the SGH results for a sample, like that observed in ore from the Ruttan, are filtered to obtain the concentrations for the specific 162 hydrocarbons. A simple bar graph drawn from the Excel spreadsheet of the hydrocarbons and their concentrations results in a DNA like **forensic SGH signature** as shown below. The portion discussed hear as the "visible" SGH VMS signature in the GC/MS chromatograms, is again shown by the red arrows.



Through the work done in the SGH CAMIRO research projects, it was observed that the hydrocarbon signature produced by the SGH technique appeared to also be able to be used to differentiate barren from This was explored further through the submission and analysis of specific ore-bearing conductors. specimen samples that represented a barren pyritic conductor and a barren graphitic conductor.



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SGH – FORENSIC GEOCHEMICAL SIGNATURES (cont.)

The GC/MS chromatograms from these two specimens are compared to that obtained from the Kidd-Creek ore as shown below. This diagram conclusively shows that the SGH signatures obtained from the two types of barren conductors are completely different than that obtained by SGH over VMS type ore. SGH is thus able to differentiate between ore-bearing conductors and barren conductors as <u>the Forensic SGH</u> <u>Geochemical signature is different</u>.



- SGH has been described by the Ontario Geological Survey of Canada (OGS) as a "REDOX cell locator". Many SGH surveys for Gold and other mineral targets can result in multiple types of anomalies, depending on the class of SGH compounds, even over the same target and in the same set of samples. Thus "Apical", "Nested-Halo", and "Rabbit-Ear" or "Halo" type SGH anomalies are all typically observed from the effect of REDOX cells that have developed over deposits. REDOX cells are also related to the presence of bacteriological activity.
- The VMS template of SGH Pathfinder Classes uses low and medium weight classes of hydrocarbon compounds. Again, at least three Pathfinder Class group maps, associated with the SGH signature for VMS, must be present to begin to be considered for assignment of a good rating. The Pathfinder Class anomalies in these maps must logically concur and support a consistent interpretation in relation to the expected geochromatographic characteristics of the Pathfinder Class, for a specific area. The SGH Pathfinder Class map(s) shown in this report is usually the most diagnostic for the presence of Volcanic Massive Sulphide based mineralization.



SGH DATA INTERPRETATION

DISCLAIMER:

This "SGH Interpretation Report" has been prepared to assist the user in understanding the development and capabilities of this Organic based Geochemistry. The interpretation of the Soil Gas Hydrocarbon (SGH) data is in reference to a template or group of SGH classes of compounds specific to a type of mineralization or target that is chosen by the client (i.e. the template for gold, copper, VMS, uranium, etc.). Although the template of SGH Pathfinder Classes that has been developed through research and review of case studies has proven to be able to address many lithologies, Activation Laboratories Ltd. cannot guarantee that the template is applicable to every type of target in every type of environment. The interpretation in this report attempts to identify an anomaly that has the best SGH signature in the survey for the type of mineralization or target chosen by the client. However, this interpretation is not exhaustive and there may be additional SGH anomalies that may warrant interest. It should not be viewed due to the generation of this SGH report, that Activation Laboratories Ltd. has the expertise or is in the business of interpreting geochemical data as a general service. As the author is the originator of the SGH geochemistry, has researched and developed this exploration tool since 1996, and has produced similar interpretations using SGH data for over 500 surveys, he is perhaps the best gualified to prepare this interpretation as assistance to clients wishing to use SGH. Activation Laboratories Ltd. can offer assistance in general suggestions for sampling protocols and in sample grid location design; however we accept no responsibility to the appropriateness of the samples taken. Activation Laboratories Ltd. has made every attempt to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information provided in this report. Activation Laboratories Ltd. or its employees, does not accept any responsibility or liability for the accuracy, content, completeness, legality, or reliability of the information or description of processes contained in this report. The information is provided "as is" without a guarantee of any kind in the interpretation or use of the results of the SGH geochemistry. The client or user accepts all risks and responsibility for losses, damages, costs and other consequences resulting directly or indirectly form using any information or material contained in this report or using data from the associated spreadsheet of results.



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<u>SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION – Lines 3-7, 10-14, 16, 18</u>

• This report is based on the SGH results from the analysis of a total of 259 soil samples from these submissions for this survey area. This report specifically pertains to just those sample results from Lines 3-7, 10-14, 16, and 18. These 12 north-south trending transects in the Sturgeon Lake survey area are shown in the map below. These transects are in 3 groups. Within each group transects are 100 metres apart with samples spaced at 50 metres. UTM coordinates were provided for mapping of the SGH results. These samples were received by our Thunder Bay lab facility and then shipped to our head Ancaster laboratory where they were subsequently dried and sieved as per the procedure on page 5 of this report.



• The number of samples submitted for this project is adequate to use SGH as an exploration tool for Lines 3-7, 10-14, 16 and 18. Note that the SGH data is only reviewed for the particular target deposit type requested, in this case for the presence of a VMS based deposit. It is also assumed that there is only one potential target. To obtain the best interpretation the client should indicate if there are possible multiple targets, say from geophysical data. The possibility of multiple targets in "close proximity" should be known due to potential overlap and increased complexity of resulting geochromatographic anomalies which could alter the interpretation. Based on the size of the narrow targets expected in this Sturgeon Lake project, "close proximity" would mean "within 400 metres".



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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION – Lines 3-7, 10-14, 16, 18

- Note that the associated SGH results are presented in a separate Excel spreadsheet. This raw data is semi-quantitative and is presented in units of pg/g or **parts-per-trillion** (ppt).
- The overall precision of the SGH analysis for the samples in this SGH survey was excellent as demonstrated by 17 samples taken from this survey area which were used for laboratory replicate analysis. The average Coefficient of Variation (%CV) of the replicate results for the project samples from this survey area was 7.3% which represents an excellent level of analytical performance.
- The plan view and 3D view maps shown on page 22 and 23 are both SGH "Pathfinder Class maps" for targeting VMS mineralization and are the same classes previously used for Lines 39 & 40. Each map represents the simple summation of several individual hydrocarbon compound concentrations that are grouped from within the same organic chemical class. SGH Pathfinder Class maps have been shown to be robust as they are each described using from 4 to 14 (unless otherwise stated) chemically related SGH compounds which are simply summed to create each class map. Thus each map has a higher level of confidence as it is "not" illustrating just one compound response. A legend of the SGH classes appears in the SGH data spreadsheet. The overall SGH interpretation rating (page 24) has even a higher level of confidence as it further relies on the consensus between at least three SGH Pathfinder Classes (other classes not shown) that together make the signature of the target at depth.
- On the SGH Pathfinder Class plan view map on page 22, seven dotted black outlines have been applied as the interpretation around areas having an apical response which is expected for this SGH Pathfinder Class over areas that potentially have VMS mineralization. These same ovals have been applied to another SGH Pathfinder Class map related to VMS mineralization on page 23. On this page the seven zones have been broken up and labeled as zones "A", "B" and "C".
- These interpretations are based only on this survey and on these SGH results.



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SGH "VMS" PATHFINDER CLASS MAP - Lines 3-7, 10-14, 16, 18



SEVEN APICAL ANOMALIES WITHIN DOTTED OUTLINES





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SGH "VMS" CONFIRMATORY PATHFINDER CLASS MAP - Lines 3-7, 10-14, 16, 18



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SGH SURVEY INTERPRETATION RATING – Lines 3-7, 10-14, 16, 18

- The seven outlined zones have been applied to the map on page 23. This SGH Pathfinder Class map is expected to have areas of low response or halo type anomalies that correspond to the areas of high response or apical anomalies that occur in the SGH Pathfinder Class map on page 22 when over VMS mineralization. The seven anomalous areas identified have been divided into 3 sets labeled "A", "B", and "C". Again, confirmation between these two classes is expected as part of the SGH signature from over VMS type mineralization. Such confirmation is also a very good indication of the presence of REDOX conditions in the overburden and to the presence of buried mineralization and bacteriological activity. Other SGH Pathfinder Class maps (not shown at this price point) are also used to confirm the interpretation, add confidence, and help in assignment of a rating. The zones designated as "A" appear to have the expected corresponding low response zones to the apical anomalies on page 22 and thus will have a higher rating. Zones designated as "B" have a portion that is low in response and a portion that is not on page 23 and will have a lower rating. Area designated as "C" may appear to have substantial apical anomalies but these do not match the signature in the SGH template as this pathfinder class on page 23 is expected to have a low response when over VMS type mineralization and thus is rated low.
- After review of all of the SGH Pathfinder Class maps, the SGH results from these soil samples suggest a "rating of 5.0" for the three "A" zones, a "rating of 4.0" for the two "B" zones, and a "rating of 2.5" for the two "C" zones that are within the black dotted oval interpretations on the plan view maps for Lines 3-7, 10-14, 16 and 18 as illustrated on page 22 and 23. SGH best predicts that VMS mineralization exists directly beneath these "A" zones as a vertical projection. These ratings are based on a scale of 6.0 in 0.5 increments, with a value of 6.0 being the best. The rating represents the similarity of these SGH results with case studies over a Volcanic Massive Sulphide (VMS) type target, to the SGH case studies conducted at the Hanson Lake VMS deposit in Saskatchewan, the South Gilmour VMS deposit in New Brunswick and the Cross Lake VMS deposit in Ontario. The degree of confidence in the rating only starts to be "good" at a level of 4.0.
- Potential drill targets are most likely to be in the centre of the black dotted oval interpretations at the "A" zones as the centre of the REDOX cells formed in the overburden. The SGH VMS template used has been shown to be robust to a wide range of VMS lithology including Kidd Creek, Irish and Kuroko style deposits.
- The client should use a combination of these SGH results and its report with additional geochemical, geophysical, and geological information to possibly obtain a more confident and precise target location.



IN-FILL SAMPLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SGH ANALYSIS

Based on the results of this report and/or other information, the client may decide that infill sampling may be warranted. To obtain the best results from additional sampling for SGH it is recommended that sample locations within, or bordering, the area of interest be re-sampled rather than combining new results with the sample data from the initial survey. Although several SGH surveys have previously been easily and directly, combined without data leveling, it cannot be guaranteed that data leveling will not be required. It has been found that data leveling is more apt to be required should the new samples be collected under significantly different environmental conditions than during the initial sample survey, i.e. summer collection versus winter collection. The process of data leveling adds a minimum of 3 to 5 days of work to conduct the additional data evaluation, develop additional plots of the results, conduct new interpretations, and in additional report descriptions. Results from data leveling is also always considered "an approximation" thus having a lower level of confidence that newly re-sampled locations would have. As of September 2010, an additional cost will be invoiced should data leveling operations be required if the client requests that two SGH data sets be interpreted and reported together. Thus re-sampling locations will provide a faster turnaround time for results and provide more accurate and confident surveys for evaluation and aid in deciding specific drill targets.



Cautionary Note Regarding Assumptions and Forward Looking Statements

The statements and target rating made in the Soil Gas Hydrocarbon (SGH) interpretive report or in other communications may contain certain forward-looking information related to a target or SGH anomaly.

Statements related to the rating of a target are based on comparison of the SGH signatures derived by Activation Laboratories Ltd. through previous research on known case studies. The rating is not derived from any statistics or other formula. The rating is a subjective value on a scale of 0 to 6 relative to the similarity of the SGH signature reviewed compared to the results of previous scientific research and case studies based on the analysis of surficial samples over known ore bodies. No information on other geochemistries, geophysics, or geology is usually available as additional information for the interpretation and assignment of a rating value unless otherwise stated. The rating does not imply ore grade and is not to be used in mineral resource estimate calculations. References to the rating should be viewed as forward-looking statements to the extent that it involves a subjective comparison to known SGH case studies. As with other geochemistries, the implied rating and anticipated target characteristics may be different than that actually encountered if the target is drilled or the property developed.

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Unless stated, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has not physically observed the exploration site and has no prior knowledge of any site description or details. Actlabs makes general recommendations for sampling and shipping of samples. Unless stated, the laboratory does not witness sampling, does not take into consideration the specific sampling procedures used, season, handling, packaging, or shipping methods. The majority of the time, Activation Laboratories Ltd. has had no input into sampling survey design. Where specified Activation Laboratories Ltd. may not have conducted sample preparation procedures as it may have been conducted at the client's assigned laboratory. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ scientifically which may impact the associated interpretation and target rating from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended.

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

259 Soil samples were submitted for analysis via the Actlabs Thunder Bay facility.

These samples were prepared according to our Code S4 procedure.

The following analytical package was requested: Code SGH - Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry

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Notes:

The SGH - Soil Gas Hydrocarbon Geochemistry is a semi-quantitative analytical procedure to detect and measure 162 hydrocarbon compounds as the organic signature in the sample material collected from a survey area. It is not an assay of mineralization but is a predictive geochemical tool used for exploration. This certificate pertains only to the SGH data presented in the associated Microsoft Excel spreadsheet of results.

The author of this SGH Interpretation Report, Mr. Dale Sutherland, is the creator of the SGH organic geochemistry. He is a Chartered Chemist (C.Chem.) and Forensic Scientist specializing in organic chemistry. He is not a professional geologist or geochemist.

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