# AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY OR KIRKLAND LAKE-LARDER LAKE AREA, FOR

# UPPER CANADA WINES LIMITED.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

During July 15th to July 21st, 1964, Canadian Aero

Mineral Surveys Limited flew an airborne geophysical survey for

Upper Canada Mines Limited in the Kirkland Lake-Larder Lake area.

The survey block includes parts of Arnold, Katrine, Gauthier, and

McVittie Townships. Flight lines were spaced at 1/8 mile intervals

in a NNE'ly direction. A mean terrain clearance of 150 feet was

maintained except in areas of sharp relief.

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Details of the geophysical equipment, the survey procedures, and the ddta presentation are provided in Appendices II and III of the report. A list of all EM anomalies by flight line is contained in Appendix I. The EM anomalies are plotted on the plan map at \( \frac{1}{2} \) mile scale, produced from an airphoto laydown. The magnetic data is not compiled.

Four anomaly trends have been located on the plan map.

The characterisitics of the trends are discussed in detail. No priority classification has been given to the trends. The magnetic coincidence to the EM anomaly and a short strike length indicates a high probability of their being sulphide conductors.

#### II. GEOLOGY

The geology of the survey block can be divided into three areas. The northern most third of the block contains undifferentiated basic volcanics and interflow sedimentary rocks. The WNW'ly striking intrusive, because of its magnetic characterisites, exhibits a more basic characteristic and is likely a basic syenite or lamprophyric type. The magnetic map would indicate a lense of this intrusive, not shown on the Ontario geologic map, 2046, occurs in the basic volcanics near the rhyolite contact from the southwest tip of Beaverhouse Lake, almost to the west boundary of the block.

The midsection of the survey block is mainly rhyolite.

The Lake Beaverhouse Mine (Argonaut) is located on a N-S fault at the rhyolite-basic volcanic contact at the southwest tip of Beaverhouse Lake. Two conductors, 1 and 4, occur in the rhyolite at the contact with basic volcanics, but are not directly related to the mine. A weak response is mapped northwest of the mine along an old power line, and may be caused by the power line. However, its proximity to the rhyolite-basic volcanic contact and known mineralization, give the zone some value. A third conductor, 2, is

located along the rhyolite-sedimentary Temiskaming contact.

The southern third of the block contains sediments of the Timiskaming series, locally intruded by Algoman syenite and prophyry. It is from within this sedimentary series and the syenite intrusive, that most of the gold has been produced.

Varying amounts of pyrite, pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite, and to a lesser degree, galena, sphalerite and magnetite, are associated with the gold occurences. A conductor is associated with the Upper Canada mine north of Dobie.

Generally, the smaller isolated sulphide showings do not respond to the airborne survey because of their limited size and grade. The two sulphide occurrences in the northwest corner of the survey area are of this nature.

#### III. EM RESULTS

Four major conductors have been located on the plan map.

Their relationship to the general geology is discussed above.

Five very weak conductors, (x), occur on or near geologic contacts, and their validity as bedrock conductors is questioned.

As mentioned, there is no priority classification for the four conductors. They all likely represent sulphides. Their economic importance cannot be ascertained from the data alone, but must be judged from further geologic evidence. Anomaly 1 - Moderate to weak EM response with coincident magnetics. High probability of being pyrrhotite. Similar to Anomaly 4.

Anomaly 2 - Moderate to strong EM response with coincident magnetics at each end of the conductor. Some pyhrrotite likely, with central section non-magnetic sulphides. Very low probability of graphite.

Anomaly 3 - Strong multiple conductor at the Upper Canada mines north of Dobie. Multiplicity in part a response from surface buildings, power lines, etc. The conducting zone is associated with a magnetic high north of Dobie. Ground reconnaisance would be required to separate the surface interference from the bedrock conductor.

Anomaly 4 - Moderate to weak EM response with coincident magnetics. Characteristics identical to Anomaly 1, and a similar cause suspected.

# REFERENCES :- Ontario Department of Mines

- (a) Map 2046

  Timmins-Kirkland Lake Sheet

  1" = 4 Miles
- (b) Vol. XXX, Part II, 1921,
  Ontario Gold Deposits
  by P. E. Hopkins

REFERENCES :-

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(c) Vol. XXXVII, Part II, 1928,

Kirkland Lake Gold Area

by E. W. Todd

(d) GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA

Aeromagnetic Map 47 G

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Larder Lake.

Respectfully submitted,

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# PROJECT No. 4033 - GAUTHIER TOWNSHIP AREA

Anomaly	Fiducials	In-Phase Quad	Altitude	Magnetics	Rate	Comments
6 A	8562/5	30/90	150	Dir. 20g	3	
6 B	8525/9	40/20	160	Dir. 25g	3	Broad mag
7 A	8666/70	120/160	175	nil	2B	
7 B	8692/5	20/220	175	Broad 50g	3	Possible double on N. side
8 A	8961/5	220/80	165	nil	2B	Double
8 B	8931/4	0/100	155	Dir. 10g	3	
9 A	9072/6	0/20	175	10g	x	Weak EM, possible weak mag, possible overburden
16 A	621/4	20/30	135	10g	x	On S.flank 500g mag, possible culture
16 B	627/32	<b>(?)</b> 300 <i>2</i> 50	130-170	Dir.double 250g	2A	IP mag effect, multiple zone both sides of peak
17 A	0974/9	<b>(-)/</b> 50	140	EM at N. edge 60g	3	IP mag effect weak EM on N. contact 600g
42 A	58/61	10/40	140	nil	3	
42 B	01/3	0/20	110	Dir. 80g	x	Possible surface conductor
43 A	240/3	0/40	145	Dir. 40g	3	Apparent S. dip to mag

## PROJECT No. 4033 - GAUTHIER TOWNSHIP AREA

Anomaly	Fiducials	In-Phase Quad	Altitude	Magnetics	Rate	Comments
45 A	640/4	<b>(</b> )/40	150	Dir. 25g	3	Apparent S. dip to mag
46 A	778/81	90/80	160	N.Flank 350g	x	Possibly turbulence
46 B	0336/9	<b>(-)/</b> 30	155	Dir. 35g	3	

#### APPENDIX II

#### DESCRIPTION OF OTTER AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICAL SYSTEM

#### SURVEY BASIS

The basis of surveys with this equipment is <u>electromagnetic</u> and <u>magnetic</u> results obtained from units installed in a <u>deHavilland</u> Otter aircraft. In addition results are available on a Scintillation record which gives a rough indication of overburden conditions traversed in addition to its normal function.

Traverses of a survey area are made at an appropriate elevation (usually 100' to 200' above terrain) on parallel lines spaced from one-quarter to one-eighth mile apart, and crossing the implied regional strike at right angles. Continuous photographic record is made of the ground passing below the aircraft, and this is correlated by time markers with the geophysical equipment records.

In the electromagnetic unit a low frequency (320 cycles per second) field is produced by a 'transmitter' mounted on the starboard wingtip, and the resultant field is measured at the 'receive' coil on the port wingtip. Separation of these coils is 61 feet. An electronic null device is adjusted so that in the absence of a conductor within range of the system, no signal is recorded. The presence of a conductor distorts the received field, producing an anomalous signal which is recorded. The anomalous signal is divided into two components, one which has the same phase as the transmitted field, termed the 'in-phase' component, and the other whose phase is at right angles to the transmitted field, termed the 'quadrature' component. These are recorded on two channels of a six channel recorder, and the ratio of the in-phase to the quadrature components gives a measure of the conductivity of the disturbing body. Intensity of response depends on proximity to the body, conductivity of the body, and to its geometric configuration. In general, a body which bears dimensions and conductivity to be of interest will produce an anomalous signal larger than the background noise if the aircraft is within 300' to 400' of it.

The mangetometer installed in the aircraft measures short term variations in the total intensity of the earth's magnetic field. These short term variations are recorded simultaneously on the six channel recorder with the e.m. results. In addition, all variations in this total field are recorded on a Rectalinear recorder for possible subsequent magnetic contouring when required.

A radio altimeter within the aircraft measures and records continuously the height of the aircraft above ground. This information is subsequently used to relate geophysical anomalies at varying altitudes.

The scintillation counter results are also recorded on the six channel recorder. These results are frequently useful in estimating conditions of overburden thickness, where other means may not be available. It may also be useful in dividing broad geologic divisions within a survey area.

An indication of the air turbulence is also recorded on the sixchannel record, and spurious anomalies which may be due to an aircraft 'bump' may be eliminated.

The Aeropath camera continuously records the ground passing below the aircraft, and numbered fiducials are impressed on this same film at intervals usually of 10 seconds. These same fiducials are recorded on the six channel recorder and the rectalinear recorder, thus correlating all recorded information with accurate ground positions.

#### RECORDER TRACKS

In studying results from the six channel recorder, the following are the scales, reading from bottom to top of the chart, with increasing fiducial numbers to your left:

- 1) Fiducial marks are noted, with a time separation of 10 seconds, which is equivalent to a distance separation of approximately 1500 feet. The numbering is from right to left, this being the 'forward' direction of flight.
- Magnetometer Each 5 mm. represents approximately 80 gammas. When the unit "steps', approximately 400 gammas change is indicated. This applies to the 300-0-300 scale which is normal unless otherwise noted. Ten steps are available, beyond which, unless the range is advanced, the unit goes "of scale." It should be noted that this record is a differential record, with a time constant of some 4 seconds. The net result of this is to wipe out long term variations, but to leave short term changes relatively unaltered. Thus the magnetometer record in this case is useful largely for "correlating" magnetic features associated with the electromagnetic results.

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- 3) In-phase e.m. Each 5 mm. represents approximately 100 parts per million referred to the primary field at the receive coil. Noise level should not exceed 50 parts per million, although records are still considered useable until the noise level reaches 100 p.p.m. Intensity is linear until 600 p.p.m. is reached, after which compression occurs to a level of 1200 p.p.m., beyond which the value is 'off-scale'.
- 4) Quadrature e.m. Exactly the same scale values and comments apply to this trace as to the in-phase above.
- 5) Altimeter trace The center of this trace represents approximately 150' above ground; the bottom, approximately 50', and the top approximately 300'. Response on this trace is approximately linear.
- 6) Accelerometer trace One-third "G" force is indicated by 5 mm. deflection from the central point. Bumps of greater than one-half 'G" can cause spurious responses on the e.m. charts.
- 7) Scintillation trace 5 mm. represents an increase of 0.06 mr/hr.

The Rectalinear record charts produce absolute magnetic field results with scale of 300-0-300 gammas covering the full paper width.

#### APPENDIX III

#### SURVEY PROCEDURES AND RESULTS

#### PROCEDURE

Having laid out a proposed survey on a photomosaic at the required scale, the aircraft is navigated along the proposed flight lines at altitudes of 100' to 250' depending on topography. This is designed so that detection of bodies of interest to a depth of not less than 150' below surface should be accomplished. Actual flight paths are tracked from the recording camera, to the photomosaic, and thence to the base map, which is plotted directly from the mosaic. The control fiducials are plotted directly on the base map as well as the photo-mosaic.

Anomalies are numbered according to the line on which they fall, and a sequence letter; lettering from South to North, or from East to West. They are assigned fiducial numbers from the charts, and transferred to the base map by means of proportional devices. The overall grade of the anomaly is indicated by the manner in which it is plotted, as indicated on the base map. The intensity of directly correlating magnetics is indicated opposite the appropriate anomaly.

#### ANOMALY RATINGS

With due regard to the confusion which would arise from too large a number of grade symbols appearing on the base map, we recognize 6 grades of anomalies. The following factors are utilized in arriving at an anomaly rating:

- A) Magnitude of the in-phase component of the e.m. response, relating to a given altitude.
- B) Ratio of in-phase to quadrature responses.
- C) Shape, magnitude, and degree of magnetic correlation, if any.
- D) Character and shape of e.m. curves, with due regard to altitude and ambient noise level.

Anomaly listings are compiled and included as Appendix I of this report. Ultimate rating is a reflection of the above factors, with the immediate objective being the localizing of ground anomalous zones of sufficient interest to warrant further investigation on the ground.

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#### ANOMALY LISTING

The anomaly listing (Appendix I) shows most of the pertinent data concerning each anomaly recorded during the survey. From left to right the columns indicate:

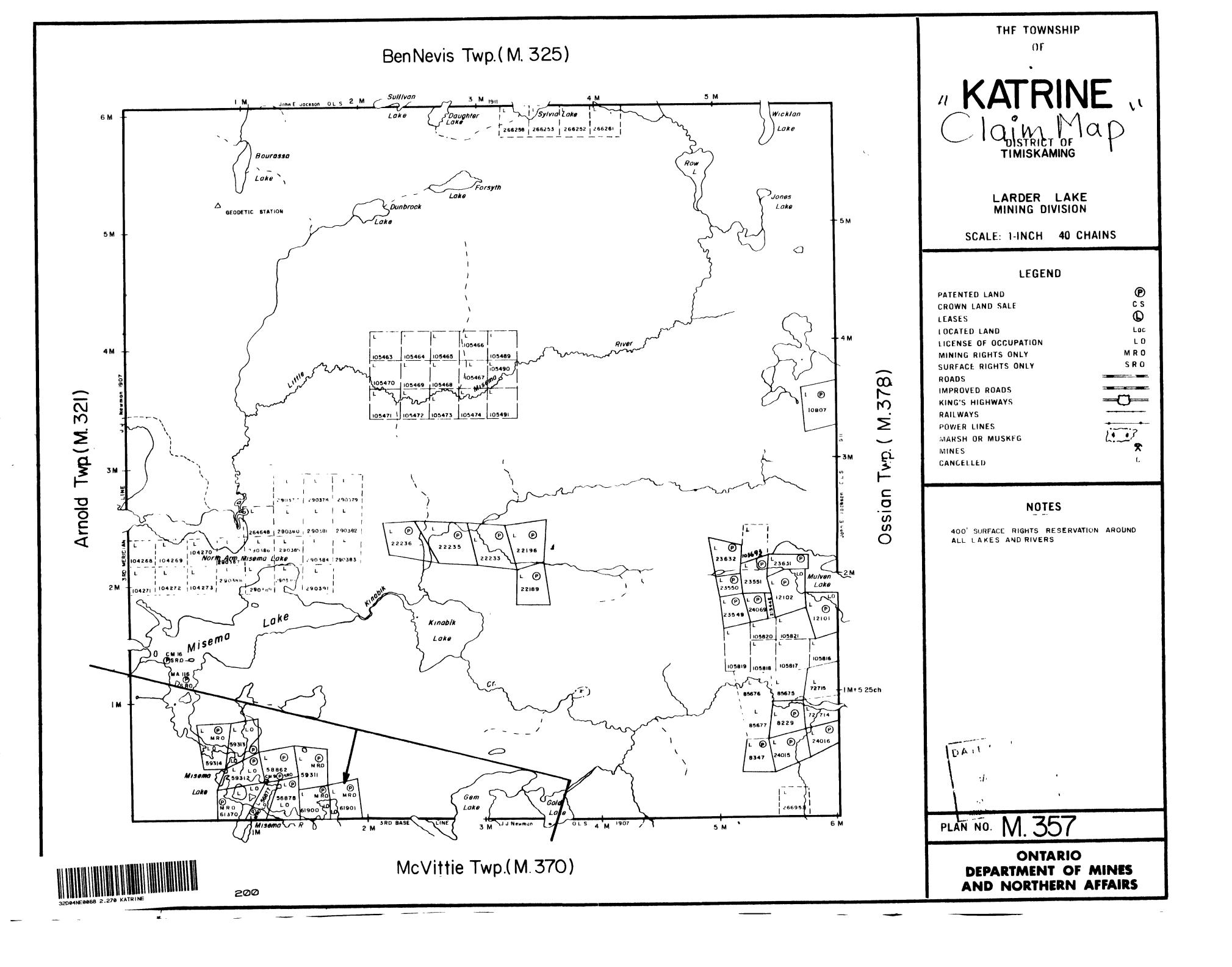
- 1) The anomaly appellation; the line number, followed by a letter, where the sequence is from South to North, or West to East.
- 2) The fiducial limits of the anomaly. These are taken for all intents as the full base-width of the e.m. response. Dual, or double anomalies, are grouped within one set of limits where the interpreter feels that their characteristics are similar, or where two zones lie within approximately 300 feet of each other. In this connection, resolution is such that conductive zones separated by only 100' should be distinguishable.
- 3) Electromagnetic (component) responses are recorded, in-phase first, following by quadrature. Response intensity is taken from the assigned base of the anomaly in each case.
- 4) Altitude above ground is recorded to the nearest 10 feet.
- 5) Magnetic phenomena associated with e.m. anomalies are noted. A consistent pattern is used here, whereby the indication of direct correlation followed by magnetic intensity, is just that. Curve shapes must coincide, as well as peak positions. An indication of the e.m. position relative to a magnetic feature which does not correlate directly is shown. Direction is indicated, and relative distance is indicated according to the words 'edge', 'flank', or 'side', and also the intensity of the magnetic disturbance involved.
- ot what might be called standard. In the case of multiple anomalies, the number of peaks are indicated. When the anomaly is broad, but does not reflect a wide zone, an indication of depth to disturbing body may be made. Possibilities of spurious anomalies are noted (these are confined to atmospherics and turbulence effects). When the interpreter finds a rating near a boundary, a comment may be made as to 'strong' or 'weak' referring to the rating category in which the anomaly has been placed. Topographic features, or manmade disturbances will also be noted in this column. Indications of body dip or odd strike will be noted where applicable.

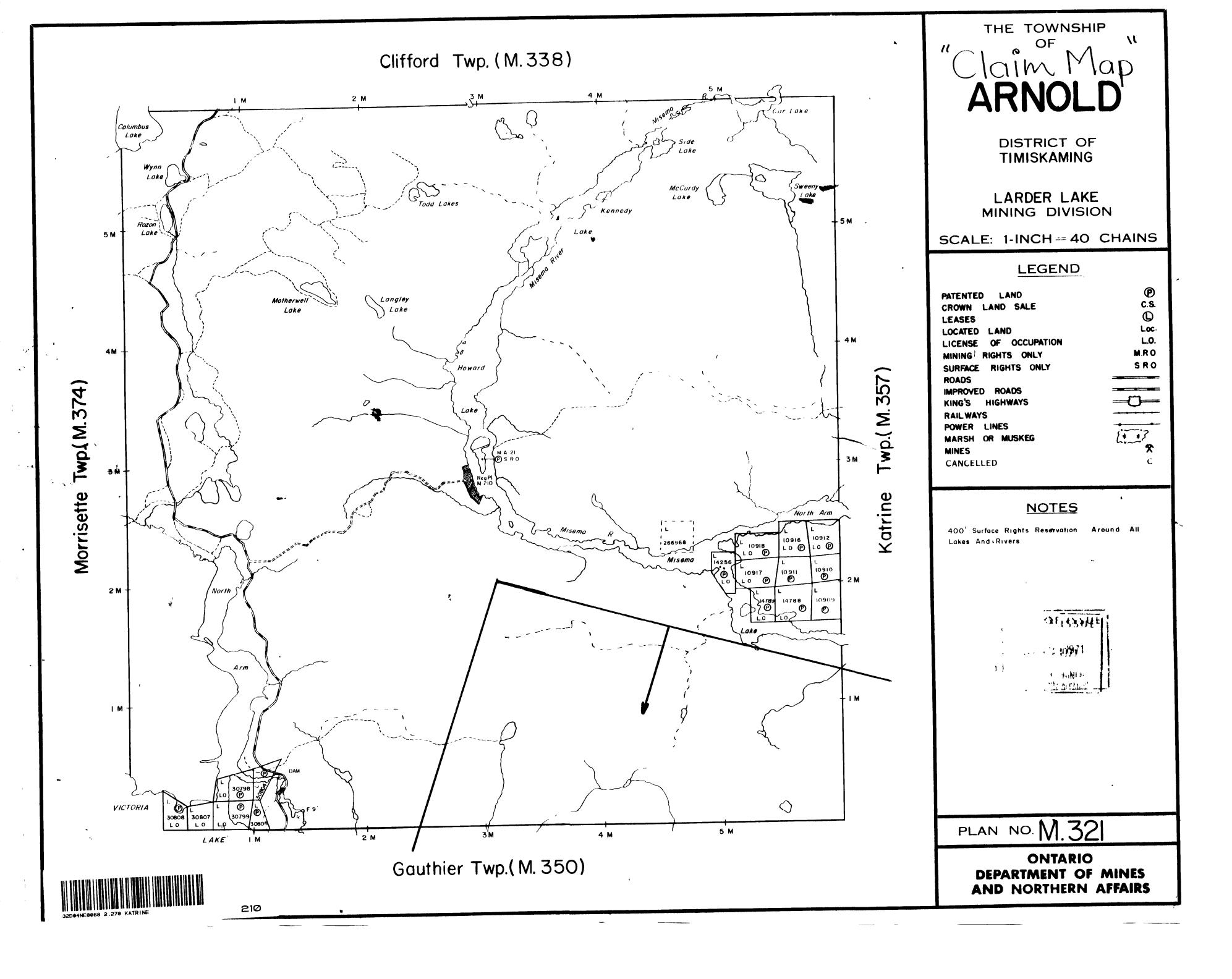
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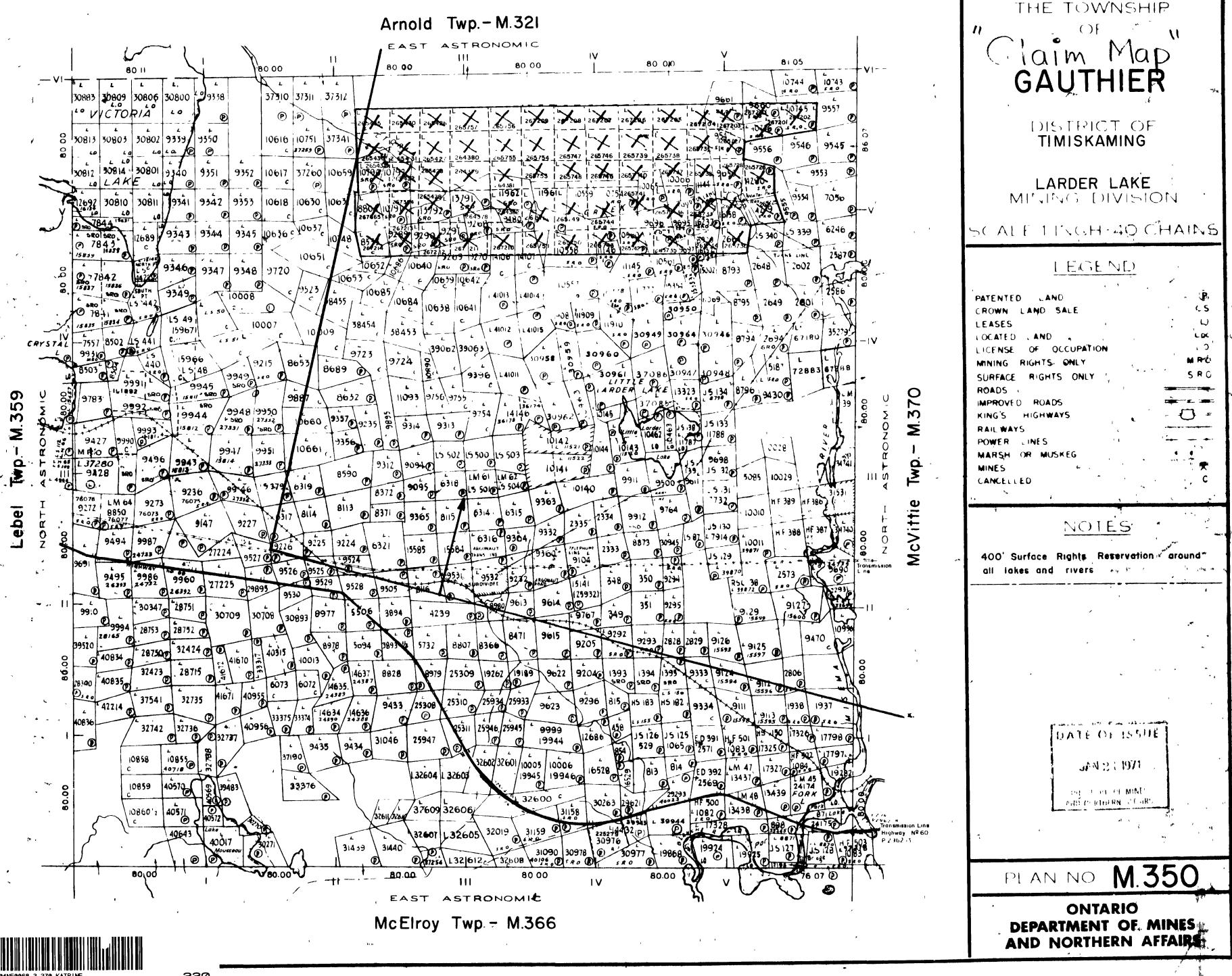
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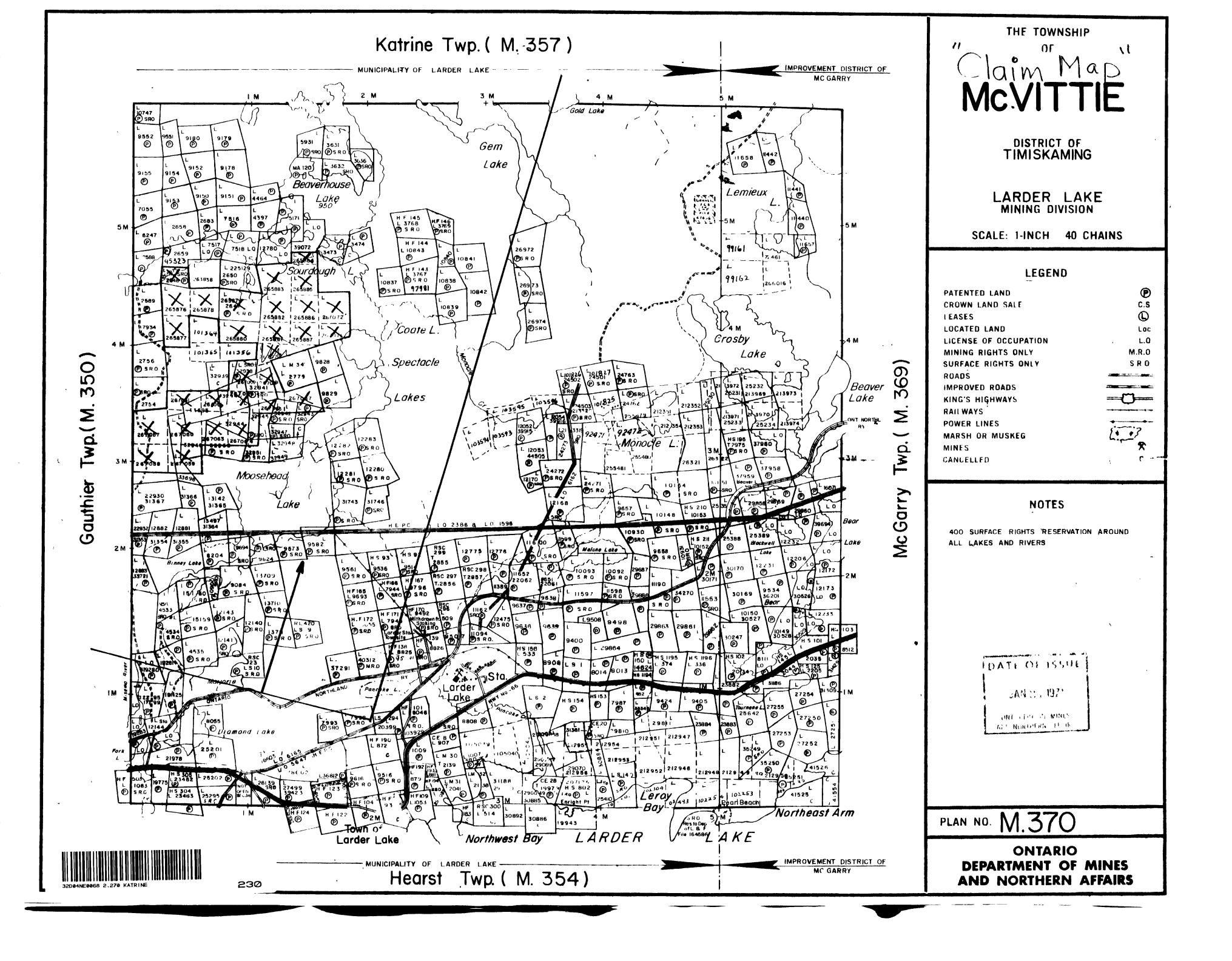
It is manifestly impossible to place all pertinent information on the base map, and although a boiling down of information is included, the base map should always be examined in conjunction with the anomaly listing for full appreciation of the assessment of the results made by the interpreter.

The purpose of a survey of this type is not to outline orebodies from the air, but to economically pin point those targets on the ground which warrant further expenditure as good bets in the exploration for orebodies.









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