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Nova Township Prospect

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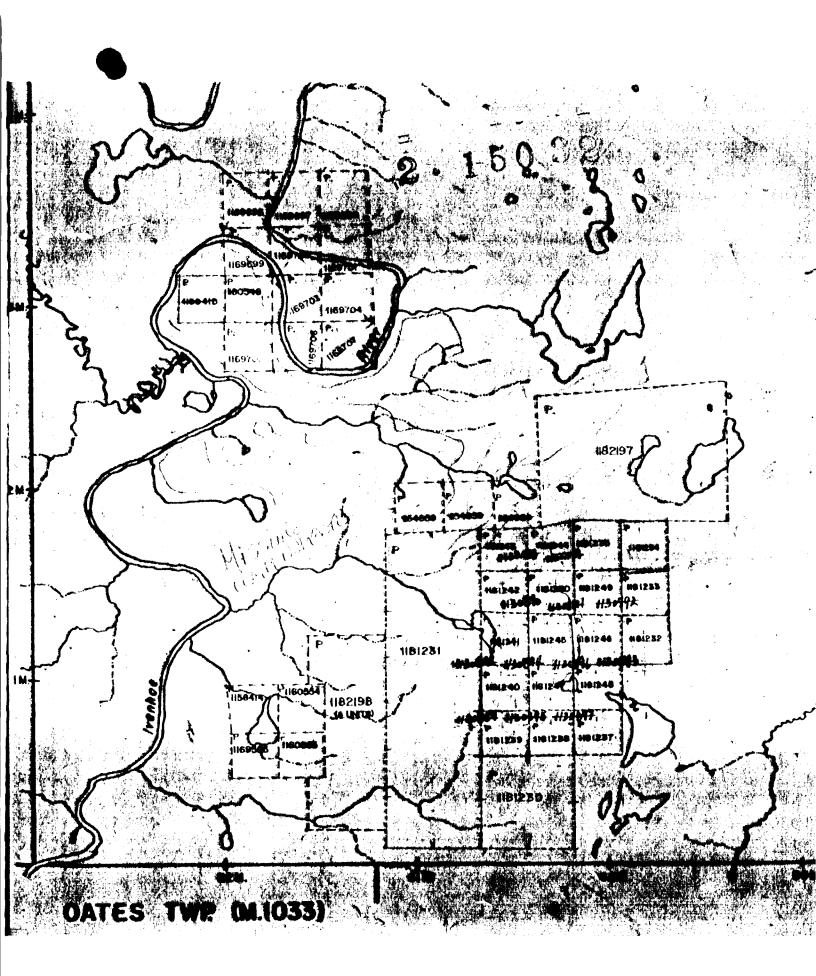
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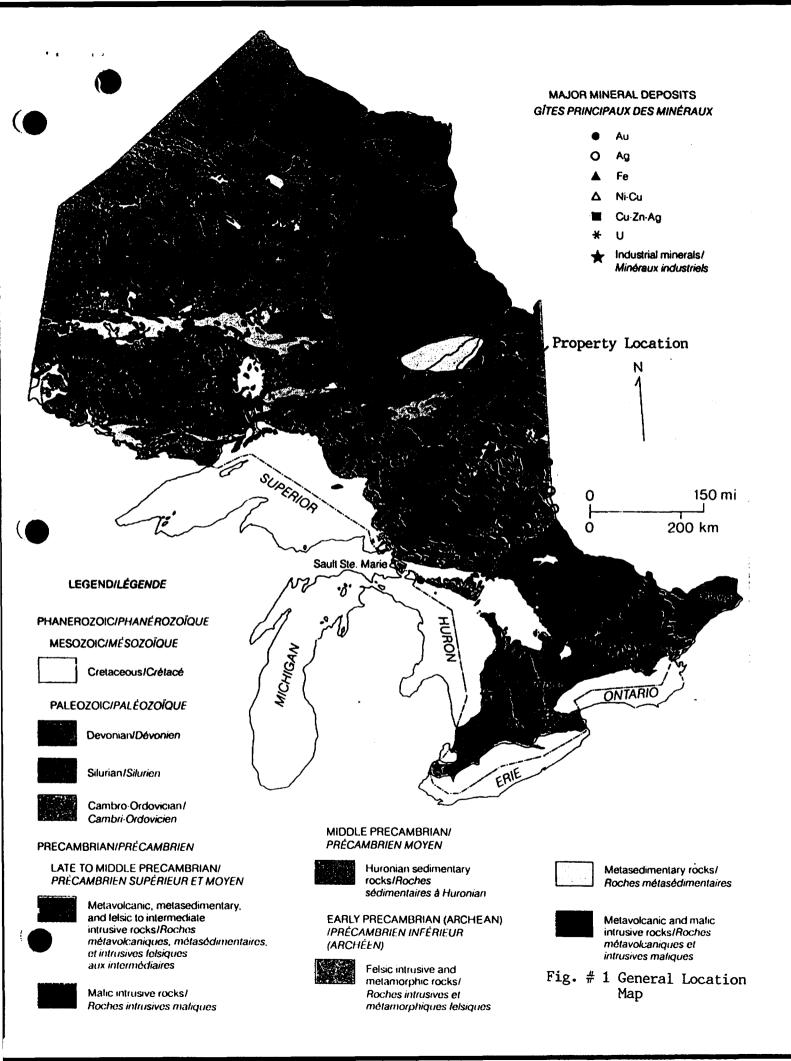






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INTRODUCTION

During 1992 Messrs. Filo & Jones carried out geological mapping and prospecting on their Nova Township base metal property as part of a 1992 OPAP project. The purpose of this work was to evaluate the geology of the prospect and examine a number of known mineral occurrences.

Prior to carrying out this program, geological, geochemical and geophysical reinterpretation work was carried out by Orofino Resources via an option agreement. This author only recently acquired this private data and consequently all new geological data from the recent work by this author and work by Orofino will be incorporated into the interpretation portion of this report.

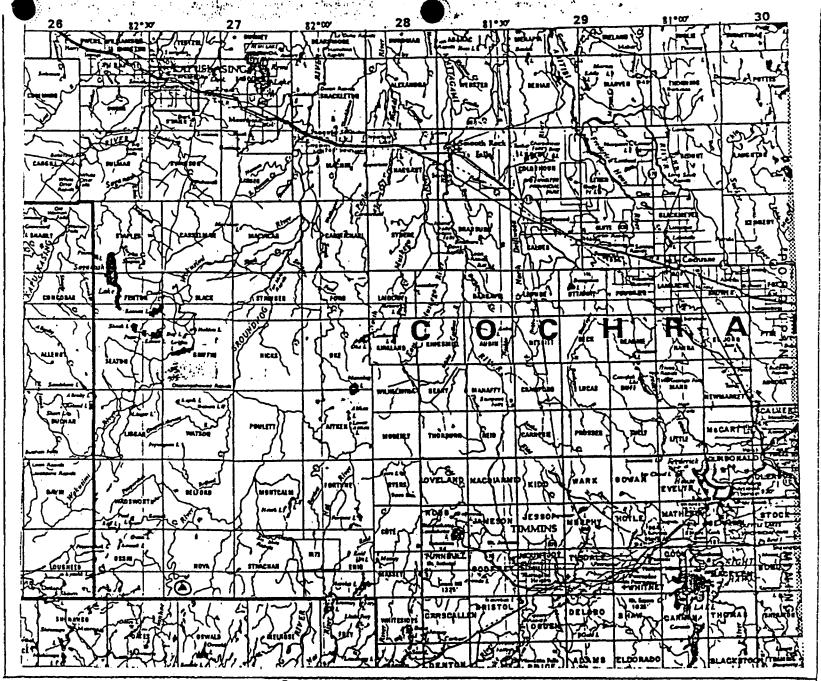


Fig. 35-1 General Location Map (3)
Nova Twp. Scale: 1:600,000

PROPERTY, LOCATION AND ACCESS

This property consists of 20 contiguous mining claims or 30 units as shown in Fig. S5-2 and it is located in Nova Township roughly 80 kilometres NNW of Timmins, Ontario (Fig. S5-1). Access to the subject property is via all-weather logging road from Malette's Mill in Timmins, Ontario, just off of Highway 101 west. From Malette's Mill it is approximately 95km to the prospect on a series of logging roads which lead to the northern boundary of the property.

PROPERTY HISTORY

Limited exploration work has been carried out on the subject property to date. The details on the current documented history for this claim is presented in point form as follows:

Area Mines 1964 (Assessment File T-879)

Area Mines carried out prospecting and trenching; one drill hole was drilled to test a pyritic zone with minor Cu-Zn mineralization. This hole was located within the central portion of the present subject block. This hole intersected a series of metasediments, chlorite-grunerite schists and quartzite?, with sulphides including pyrite, pyrrhotite, minor chalcopyrite and magnetite.

Canamax 1972 (Assessment File T-721)

Canamax carried out extensive airborne surveys in Nova and adjoining townships and staked a portion of the present subject property. Subsequent ground follow-up showed the presence of felsic volcanics associated with sulphides and minor zinc mineralization. This zone also had a related E-M anomaly, but no drilling was carried out, the claims eventually lapsed.

Filo & Associates 1991

In 1991, Filo & Associates picked up a series of claims covering airborne anomalies from the 1990 O.G.S. airborne survey. These claims covered the old Canamax and Area Mines showings. In September of 1991 the ground was optioned to Orofino Resources.

Orofino carried out line cutting, geological work, and airborne geophysical re-interpretation. The ground was then turned back to Filo & Associates in September of 1992. The work carried out was not filed for assessment and was not public information until April of 1993.

Fig. 85-2 Claim Location Map
Nova Township Prospect

Property Geology

Orofino's Nova Township property is located roughly ten miles east of a major regional structure known as the Kapuskasing High. It has been suggested that this area represented a structurally active zone, possibly caused by the rotation of continental blocks on either side of the zone (O.D.M. Miscellaneous Paper 10). Consequently, there has been extensive metamorphism and structural deformation within this area and in rocks proximal to this structure. The lithological units which make up the Nova Property have been extensively metamorphosed. For the most part they are of almandine-amphilibolite metamorphic facies. In some instances there are areas where the metamorphic overprint has not totally changed the original lithology. Some idea of the original lithologic composition can be ascertained. Preliminary geophysical interpretations (Bonniwell) on the prospect suggest extensive deformation in terms of faulting and folding. Some of this interpretation has been verified from the limited exposure that exists on this prospect. A more detailed account of this property's structural features will be discussed later in this report.

Lithology

The lithology on the subject property has been broken down into six basic groups; metafelsic volcanics, metamatic volcanics, metasediments, felsic intrusives, mafic intrusives, and high grade metamorphic rocks. A brief description of these units and some discussion about them is presented in the following paragraphs:

i) Metafelsic Volcanics

The units which all into this group are rhyolitic sericite schist, dacite tuff, and chert. Only one exposure of rhyolitic sericite schist exists on this prospect. This unit is strongly foliated aphanitic and ranges in colour from greenish to bleached white. Quartz eyes and

minor fushite were also noted. Previous whole rock geochem analysis substantiated that this unit is indeed a rhyolite geochemically.

The dacitic tuff has a bleached weathered surface and no fragments. The tuff could be considered an ash tuff. The weathered surface of this unit is bleached white in colour. The fresh surface is grey to dark grey. It sometimes contains quartz eyes and the unit is usually strongly foliated. It is most likely that this foliation is principally a result of metamorphic processes and not a remnant primary tuffaceous feature. In two instances (L2E 100N and L7E 1050N) this dacitic tuff unit becomes extremely foliated and boudinaged and at L2E 100N it eventually grades into a hornblende feldspar gneiss, with substantial feldspar content, both plagioclase and potassic feldspar making up at least 50% of the gneissic unit. This leads the author to believe that some of more felsic gneissic rocks are metamorphic equivalents of the dacitic tuffs. Some tiny red garnets, usually a few millimetres in diameter, are present in gradational transition zones.

The chert horizons that appear are basically bleached white in colour and brecciated with a grey black silicious matrix. The chert horizons may also contained argillaceous horizons and/or metamorphic equivalents of those horizons, i.e. micaceous schists, quartz, feldspar garnet schists. In one instance (L7E 1050N) substantial massive pyrite and pyrrhotite are found within this chert horizon. This area could be termed cherty-sulphide facies iron formation in this one area.

ii) Metamafic Volcanics

Only one outcrop of this unit was found on L12E 125S. This unit is grey black and fine

grained to aphanitic. The unit is foliated and some gossan (minor) is associated with the one exposure noted.

iii) Metasediments

Most of the quartzite exposures found exist west of the line zero south of Reference Lake. For the most part, these are bleached white units that are weakly foliated. The fresh surface is white to light grey in most instances and they have a "sugary texture:. The units appear to be mainly made up of quartz (80-90%) and some biotite. In one instance, a quartzite unit (L2W 250N) was somewhat more grey in colour and contained less quartz. This sample may be approaching sub-greywacke according to Pettijohn's classification of sedimentary rocks.

iv) Felsic intrusives

This category is made up of granite, granodiorite, pegmatite, and quartz veins. The granitic rocks are feldspar rich (40%) and pink in colour, at least 30% of the feldspar content being potassium feldspar. The remainder of the rock is mainly quartz with minor mafic minerals.

It is difficult to speculate as to what those units were prior to metamorphism; their present composition is explained by the names given to the specific units. It is this author's opinion that the hornblendite and hornblende garnet gneiss units probably represent mafic extrusive or intrusive rocks originally. Mafic remnants relatively unaltered were found to be associated with these units. From field evidence on the subject property and comments by Bennett et al (O.D.M. Miscellaneous Paper 10) it is suspected that the more

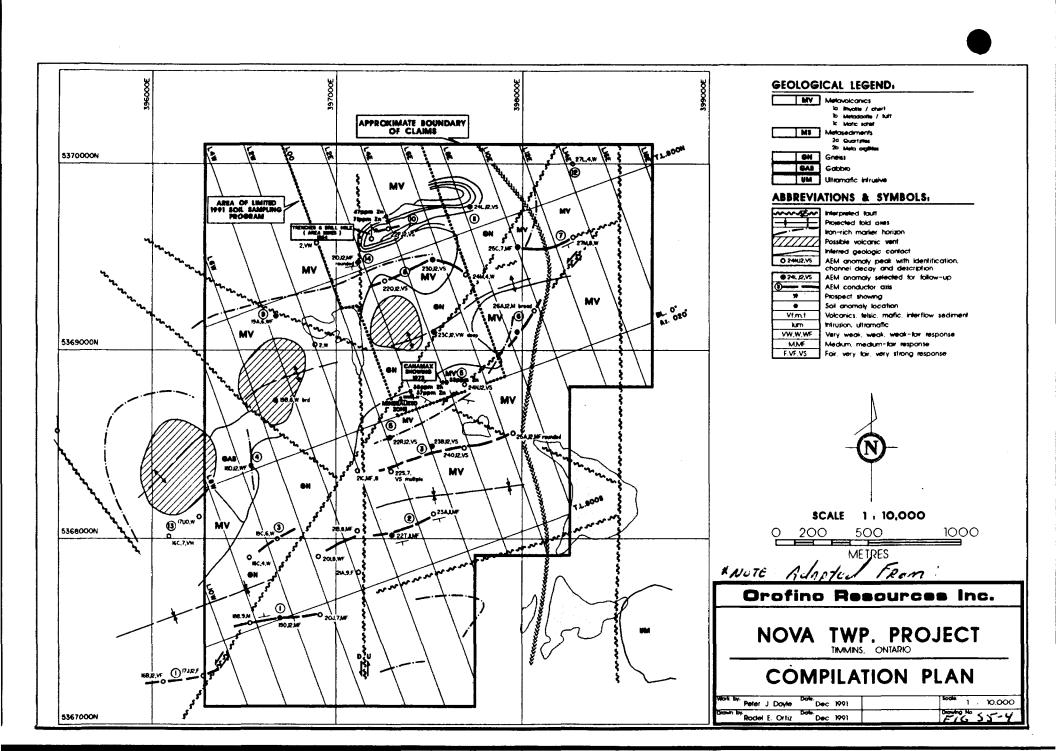
feldspathic and silicious gneissic rocks are indicative of felsic flows or tuffs and/or sedimentary sequences.

Geological Discussions

A preliminary interpretation of this property's geological structure was made by Bonniwell (1991) utilizing airborne geophysical data and some assessment file data. A copy of his property compilation is shown in Fig. S5-4. For the most part, interpretation utilizing geophysical data is the only type of interpretation that can be made due to the extensive overburden cover.

This author verified this interpretation where geological data was available and refined the interpretation where geology permitted. For the most part, this author concurs with Bonniwell's work. Bonniwell states that there is a major fold axis striking NNE through the southern tip of Reference Lake. This fold axis is considered to be anticline. Field evidence and ground geological evidence in the form of similar strata on both sides of the fold limbs suggests this interpretation is true. Distinct contact bedding dips were not attainable, so it is difficult for this author to say if this fold axis is truly an anticline or not, but for discussion purposes this interpretation will be taken as valid.

This author believes that this large anticline may be small anticlinorium made up of a series of asymmetrical folds as shown from 12E to 7E from 800N to 1100N. These folds also reflect the nature of the folding on a larger property-wide scale as demonstrated in Bonniwell's interpretation. Geophysical interpretation shows a N-S striking fault through Reference Lake. This fault likely



exists as there is a distinct change in lithology, foliation, strata orientation, and metamorphic grade from L2E to L2W. Bonniwell shows the anticlinal axis described above cutting across this fault with little or no displacement. He also suggests that on this fault the eastern block has been thrust upwards. Thus the principal movement of this fault must therefore be dip-slip with little or no strike slip movement.

Further, Bonniwell suggested that a portion of the central part of the anticline west of Reference Lake may be underlain by a volcanic vent. Geological evidence suggests this may be indeed true, albeit a distal vent. In this area there are chert horizons, dacitic ash tuffs, and sericitic altered rhyolitic volcanics. No evidence of major explosive volcanism, i.e. "mill rock" usually proximal to a major volcanic centre was observed.

The eastern portion of the property east of the accurate magnetic structure making up the anticlinal fold nose on Bonniwell's maps is likely underlain by mafic volcanics. These volcanics are likely inter-fingered with the dacitic tuffs and folded on a similar pattern relative to the rest of the property. Evidence for this interpretation was taken from government data and the examination of one such outcrop on the property, and a number of outcrops on adjoining ground.

A second volcanic vent is postulated for an area west of Reference Lake as well. Geological evidence to support this interpretation is present on L5W 275N. A dacitic tuff unit was noted here, however, no sericitic alteration was found. Fine disseminated sulphides exist throughout this unit. If the rock in this area had not been so heavily metamorphosed, more convincing evidence for this vent may have been found. For instance, the quartite units may be of felsic

volcanic origin as postulated in other base metal camps associated with high grade metamorphic rock. (Manitouwadge Ontario, Sherridon Manitoba). It is possible that these high grade metamorphic rocks which have little or no evidence of their original rock type left were stratigraphically equivalent to somewhat less metamorphosed dacitic tuffs and felsics east of the fault prior to deformation.

Lastly, Bonniwell suggested that a magnetic high in the extreme west central portion of the property may have been caused by a mafic intrusive. This interpretation was confirmed. A gabbroic intrusive is present in this area.

Other intrusive granite and granodiorite exist on this property as well. These are believed to be the youngest rocks on this property as contact relationship and the presence of rafts of gneissic rock within granitic rocks supports this.

Geochemical Survey Results

A limited geochemical survey was carried out over a portion of the NW quarter of the property between Reference Lake and the large esker along the eastern extremity of the property. Results from this survey were very poor, basically very low back round values were detected. However, it is extremely interesting to note that the weak back round values< particularly zinc, become substantially enhanced locally (3-5 times back round) over know favourable stratigraphy and mineral occurrences.

A contributing factor to the poor results of the soil geochem survey may have been the environment from which they were collected. The author suspects that much of the area covered

has little overburden, but subcrop is covered by mainly sandy outwash from the esker, and hence low values.

CONCLUSION

From both geophysical evidence and geology, it is evident that a favourable volcanic environment exists on the Nova Prospect for valcanagenic massive sulphide deposits.

This author believes that there are distinct similarities in the geology relative to known distal exhalative deposits in higher grade metamorphic terrain such as those found in Sherridon Manitoba and Manitouwadge, Ontario. Such similarities include cherty sulphide facies iron formation with associated gneissic and sericitic rhyolites such as those found at Geco in Manitouwadge. There are also hornblende garnet gneissic rocks in contact with quartzite units. Usually these contacts are associated with a number of pyrite and pyrrhotite occurrences. This environment is similar to that found in Sherridon, Manitoba at the formerly producing Sherritt Gordon Mine. The reader may review the papers enclosed in the appendix of this report and draw comparisons for himself.

Further, the prospect also contains documented occurrences of copper and zinc, and a series of new and unexplored conductors which may be indicative of a Cu-Zn volcanogenic massive sulphide deposits.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations should be considered for this prospect:

- 1) Carry out a HLEM survey and magnetic survey over the property to define airborne conductors and help with any further geological interpretation.
- 2) Carry out diamond drilling in esker or swamp covered areas where priority conductors exist and no other work can be done to further enhance or write off these conductors. It would be advisable to carry out drilling on the conductors south of the baseline during winter as this area is covered in spruce bog and it is fairly wet.
- A stripping, trenching, and sampling program should be considered for the area around L5E 1050N. Also, trenching and sampling should be considered for the around L5W 275N as well to test mineralized areas associated with the quartzite units southwest of Reference Lake. Other trenching and sampling priorities could be assigned when full assay results are in for this project.

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LINE 3E 225N	7	21	
LINE 3E 250N	1	1	
LINE 3E 275N	3	7	
LINE 3E 300N	2	13	
LINE 3E 325N	1	1	
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#### THE SHERRITT GORDON MASSIVE SULPHIDE DEPOSIT

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The Sherritt Gordon deposit at Sherridon, Manitoba consists of stratiform orebodies, about 5 m thick, interlayered with quartz-rich gneisses of the Sherridon Group. The ore is composed of pyrite, pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite, and sphalerite. The coarse grain size, the abundance of pyrrhotite, and the presence of gahnite indicate that the orebodies, together with the enclosing rocks, have been metamorphosed. The massive ore is separated from the host rock by a narrow zone of disseminated sulphides. Although there is no alteration zone below the deposit, cordierite-anthophyllite rocks along the same stratigraphic horizon probably represent metamorphosed detritus of hydrothermally altered rocks clastically transported to the present site of deposition prior to metamorphism. The sulphides may have been either similarly sedimented from a suspension or, alternatively, chemically precipitated from a brine. Although the Sherridon Group has been correlated with the alluvial Missi Group of the Flin Flon-Snow Lake belt, calc-silicate gneisses in the Sherridon Group suggest a marine environment. Also, in contrast to most successions in the Missi and Sherridon Groups, the Sherridon Group in the vicinity of Sherridon includes volcanic rocks. This suggests that volcanic activity in a marine environment may have been essential for the formation of the Sherritt Gordon deposit.

#### RÉSUMÉ

Le dépôt de Sherritt Gordon, Manitoba, consiste en amas sulfurés stratiformes d'environ 5m d'épaisseur, interstratifiés dans les gneiss très quartzeux du groupe de Sherridon. Le minerai se compose de pyrite, pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite et sphalérite. Le grain grossier, l'abondance de pyrrhotite et la présence de gahnite sont preuves que ces gisements ont été métamorphisés en même temps que les roches encaissantes.

Le minerai massif est séparé de la roche encaissante par une mince zone à sulfures

disséminés. Bien qu'il n'y ait pas de zone d'altération visible sous le dépôt, on trouve le long du même niveau stratigraphique des roches à cordiérite-anthophyllite qui représentent probablement des détritus de roches altérées hydrothermalement et transportées à leur place actuelle avant le métamorphisme. Les sulfures ont été soit sédimentés à partir d'une suspension, soit précipités chimiquement à partir d'une solution saline. Bien que le groupe de Sherridon ait été correlé avec le groupe alluvial de Missi dans le ceinture de Flin Flon-Snow Lake, les silicates calciques du groupe de Sherridon suggèrent un environement marin. De même, à l'inverse de la pluspart des successions rencontrées dans les groupes de Missi et de Sherridon, la succession au voisinage de Sherridon même comprend des roches volcaniques. Ceci suggère qu'une activité volcanique en milieu marin a joué le rôle essentiel dans la formation du dépôt de Sherritt Gordon.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Kisseynew gneisses grade through a metamorphic transition into lower grade metamorphic rocks of the Flin Flon-Snow Lake belt (Fig. 1) commonly considered to be of Aphebian age (Sangster, 1978). In the Flin Flon-Snow Lake belt, volcanic rocks and interlayered greywacke and shale of the Amisk Group are overlain by lithic arenites of the Missi Group. Robertson (1953) subdivided the Kisseynew gneisses into the Nokomis Group and the Sherridon Group and Bailes (1971, 1980) suggested a correlation with the sedimentary part of the Amisk Group and with the Missi Group, respectively. In the vicinity of Sherridon, the Sherridon Group consists of both metasedimentary and metavolcanic rocks exposed in a crescent-shaped structural basin surrounded by quartzofeldspathic gneisses, migmatites, and granitoid gneisses of the Nokomis Group. In this particular locality, rocks of the Nokomis Group do not resemble metamorphosed Amisk sedimentary rocks, indicating that the Nokomis Group may include rocks which have no equivalents in the Amisk Group. In contrast to most successions in the Missi Group, the Sherridon Group contains calc-silicate gneisses. Only in an area east of Wekusko Lake, does the Missi Group include calc-silicate gneisses (Bailes, 1976; Bailes, pers. commun., 1981). Volcanic rocks, which are atypical of the Sherridon Group, are present in the Sherridon area. In the Missi Group volcanic rocks have been reported only in the area east of Wekusko Lake (Frarey, 1950; Shanks and Bailes, 1977).

The Sherridon basin, straddling two one-mile map sheets (Bateman and Harrison, 1946; Robertson, 1953), has recently been mapped by Froese and Goetz (1981). The disposition of lithologic units (Fig. 2) suggests a continuous, single-facing succession from the margin towards the centre of the structural basin. This interpretation, in contrast to Tuckwell's (1979) suggestion of possible facing reversals, implies that early isoclinal folding did not produce major repetitions of strata. The origin of various rock types within the Sherridon Group has been considered by Goetz (1980); in the absence of primary features, deductions were based on compositions and rock associations. The main rock type of the Sherridon Group is a quartz-rich gneiss, derived from a lithic arenite. Several discontinuous layers of amphibolites, derived from volcaniclastic rocks and tholeitic lavas, form part of the Sherridon Group. Copper-zinc deposits occur along two horizons within the quartz-rich gneiss. The stratigraphically lower horizon includes the Sherritt Gordon orebodies and the Park Lake and Jungle Lake deposits; the second horizon includes the Bob Lake and Fidelity deposits and a surface prospect near Lost Lake (Fig. 2). Cordierite-

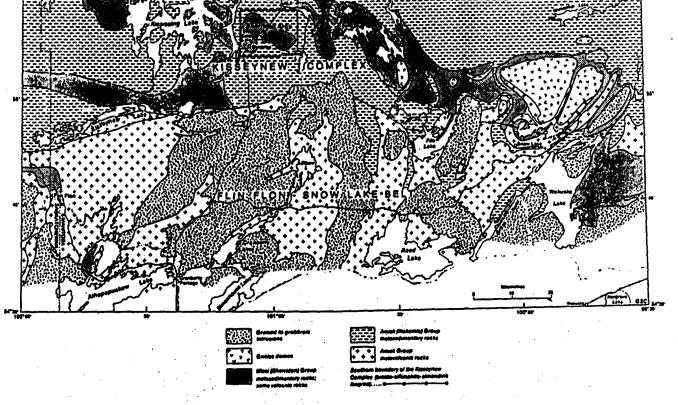


Figure 1. Location and geological setting of the Sherridon area (from Proese and Goetz, 1981).

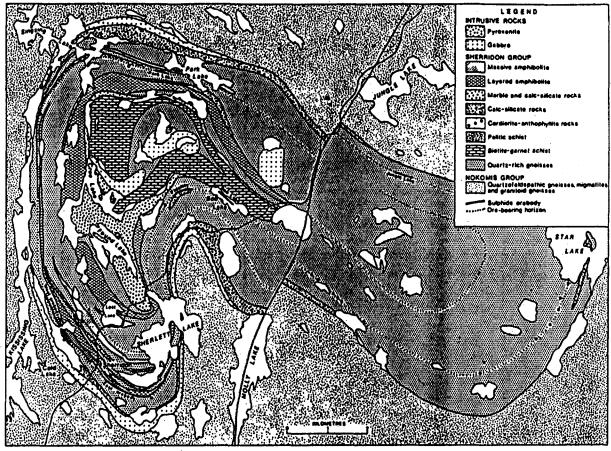


Figure 2. Geological sketch map of the Sherridon area (from Froese and Goetz, 1981).

anthophyllite rocks are present along the mineralized horizons in several places and a thin layer of pelitic schist, locally with disseminated sulphides, connects the Sherritt Gordon west orebody with the Park Lake deposit. Calc-silicate rocks and marble constitute an appreciable portion of the Sherridon Group. Thin layers of a siliceous rock, probably metamorphosed chert, with disseminated pyrrhotite, are present within the calc-silicate rocks. These rocks typically contain only trace amounts of copper and zinc.

Small isoclinal folds represent the earliest recognized deformation. The rocks display one prominent foliation parallel to lithologic contacts, probably produced by this deformation. The structural basin itself presumably was the result of an interference of two fold systems which deformed the foliation and gave rise to a less prominently developed lineation of greatly varying orientation. The grade of metamorphism is uniform, corresponding to that of the upper amphibolite facies. The sulphide ores have also been subjected to metamorphism as indicated by coarse grain size, abundant pyrrhotite, and the presence of gahnite (Sangster and Scott, 1976).

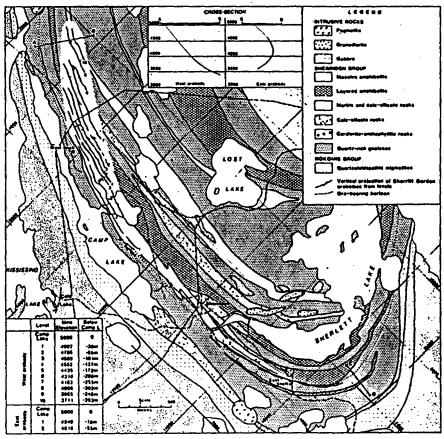
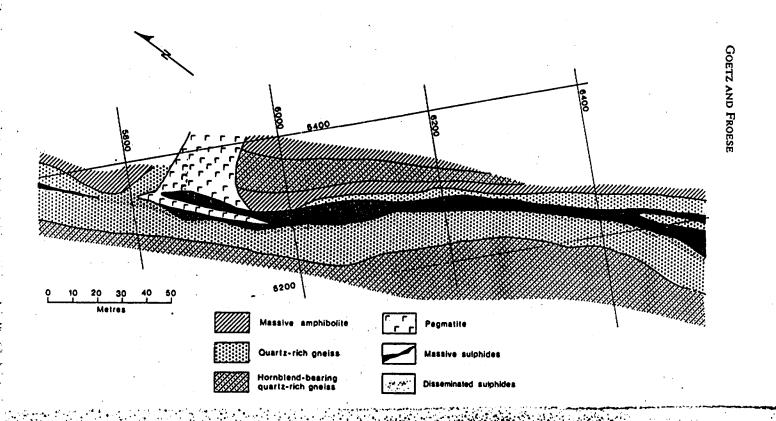


Figure 3. Surface geology of the Sherritt Gordon deposit. Level plans compiled from unpublished maps of Sherritt Gordon Mines Limited (from Froese and Goetz, 1981).



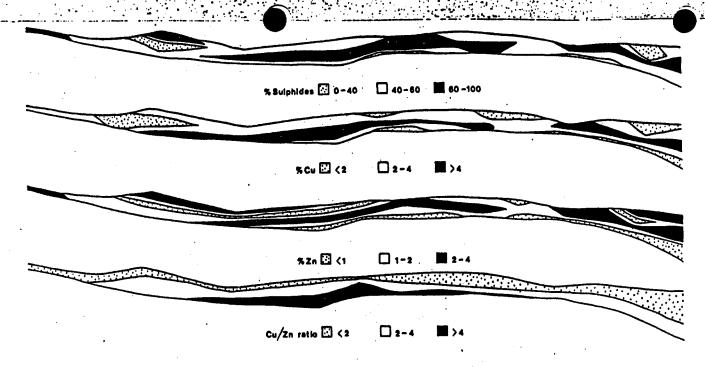


Figure 4. Geology and zoning of a portion of the 3. level of the west orebody of the Sherritt Gordon deposit. Compiled from unpublished information of Sherritt Gordon Mines Limited (from Froese and Goetz, 1981).

#### SHERRITT GORDON OREBODIES

The surface geology in the vicinity of the Sherritt Gordon mine is shown in Figure 3. The orebodies, about 5 m thick, occur as two lenticular layers of massive and disseminated sulphides and as irregular remobilized masses (offshoot orebodies). A total of 7 739 506 tonnes were mined from 1931 to 1951 (Davies et al., 1962). Farley (1949) gave an "overall average grade" of 2.45% copper, 2.97% zinc, 0.62 g/tonne Au, and 19.9 g/tonne Ag, but it is not clear whether this refers to the Sherritt Gordon deposit as a whole or to the east orebody only. Early ore reserve calculations gave the following grades (Sherritt Gordon Mines Limited, 1930):

East orebody	tonnes 785 780	Cu% 2.14	Zn% 5.78	Au g/tonne 0.65	Ag g/tonne 26.1
West orebody	2 968 215	2.91	2.76	0.62	32.2
West orebody (low grade area)	1 012 871	1.40	0.80	0.41	42.0
Total tonnes and grade	4 766 866	2.46	2.84	0.58	33.3

During the exploration stage, the deposit was described by Wright (1929, 1931), Bruce (1929, 1933), and by the staff of Sherritt Gordon Mines Limited (1930). A brief note (Derry, 1942) was followed by a more detailed account (Farley, 1948, 1949). The surface geology has been mapped by Bateman (1944) and Goetz (1980). The ore is contained entirely in quartz-rich gneiss. Even where it occurs close to an amphibolite layer on the northeast side of the deposit, the ore is separated from the amphibolite by a narrow layer, one to 3 m thick, of quartz-rich gneiss. From the dip reversal of the east orebody, Bruce (1933) deduced an easterly plunge, whereas the west orebody has a northerly plunge (Farley, 1949). The shape of the orebody is shown by vertical projections of mine workings (Fig. 3).

#### MINERALOGY AND ZONING

The mineralogy of the ore is simple. The dominant opaque minerals are pyrite, pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite, and sphalerite. Sphalerite coexisting with pyrite and pyrrhotite has a composition of  $13\pm1$  mole per cent FeS (Goetz, 1980). Magnetite is rare. A few exsolution blades of cubanite are present in chalcopyrite. The gangue minerals are those of the host rock composed of quartz-rich gneiss with small interlayers of calc-silicate gneiss: quartz, plagioclase, biotite, almandine, hornblende, clinopyroxene. Gahnite is present in a few specimens. There is one occurrence of sapphirine in a cordierite-anthophyllite rock (Froese and Goetz, 1981). This association has also been noted in another metamorphosed sulphide deposit (Raymond et al., 1980).

The distribution of minerals and zoning on a part of the third level of the west orebody is shown in Figure 4. The Zn/Cu ratio increases towards the east, i.e., into the centre of the Sherridon structural basin. Accepting an upward increase of the Zn/Cu ratio in massive sulphide deposits (Sangster and Scott, 1976), this feature is the best indicator of stratigraphic facing in the Sherridon area. Farley (1949) men-

tioned a relatively sharp hanging wall contact and a gradational footwall contact characterized by disseminated sulphides, but most level plans (e.g., Fig. 4) show disseminated sulphides on both sides of the orebody. There is no zone of stringer ore below the orebody. Cordierite-anthophyllite rocks are present along the mineralized stratigraphic horizon but do not form an alteration zone underlying the orebody. Ore reserve estimates indicate pronounced lateral zoning in the east orebody and weak lateral zoning in the west orebody (Fig. 5).

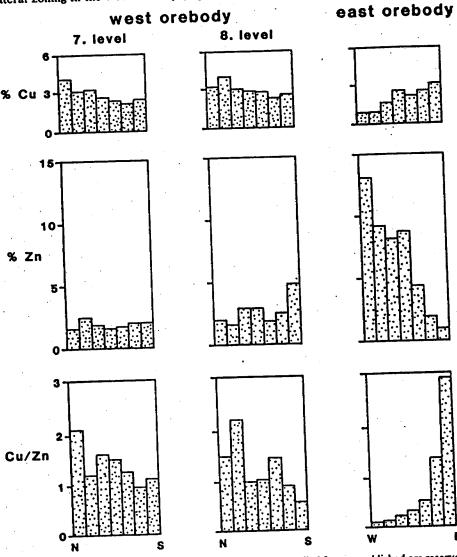


Figure 5. Lateral zoning of the Sherritt Gordon deposit. Compiled from unpublished ore reserve estimates of Sherritt Gordon Mines Limited (from Froese and Goetz, 1981).

#### **ENVIRONMENT OF DEPOSITION**

The Sherridon Group, which hosts the Sherritt Gordon deposit has been correlated with the Missi Group in the Flin Flon-Snow Lake belt (Bailes, 1971). At Flin Flon, the Missi sandstone is composed largely of quartz grains and volcanic rock fragments (Mukherjee, 1974; Stauffer, 1974) and may be termed lithic arenite. Froese and Goetz (1981) consequently regarded the quartz-rich gneiss of the Sherridon Group as metamorphosed lithic arenite. This interpretation is consistent with the present composition. Pollock (1964) also suggested that similar rocks in the Duval Lake area, west of Sherridon, were derived from subgreywacke (i.e., lithic arenite). Despite its correlation with the Missi Group, the Sherridon Group displays distinct differences. For example, cross-bedding is common in the Missi Group and fluviatile conglomerates are present in many places, features which suggest an alluvial fan deposit (Mukherjee, 1974). By comparison, the metamorphosed lithic arenite units near the base of Sherridon Group are thin-bedded and contain calc-silicate layers ranging in size from small partings to mappable units. Thus the Sherridon Group probably is a marine deposit and may represent the subaqueous portion of an alluvial fan that spread by eroding the volcanic terrain of the Flin Flon-Snow Lake belt. In the vicinity of Sherridon, the Sherridon Group includes volcanic rocks. In other areas, volcanic rocks are not present in the Sherridon Group. With the exception of an area east of Wekusko Lake (Frarey, 1948; Shanks and Bailes, 1977), this is also true of the Missi Group. Here the Missi Group also includes calc-silicate gneisses (Bailes, 1976; Bailes, pers. commun., 1981).

The high content of Cu and Zn in the Sherritt Gordon deposit and the presence of some volcanic rocks in the nearby Sherridon Group suggest a volcanogenic origin. The large lateral extent of the orebodies and the absence of underlying alteration zones indicate a distal volcanogenic deposit, i.e., one deposited away from the hydrothermal vent (Large, 1977). Following Turner and Gustafson (1978), Goetz (1980) proposed that the sulphides of the Sherritt Gordon deposit were precipated from hot brines moved great distances from their source area. It has been suggested that sulphides could also be transported by sediment gravity flows (Schermerhorn, 1970; Henley and Thornley, 1979; MacGeehan et al., 1981; Walker and Barbour, 1981). Features of clastic sedimentation have been reported from the Iberian pyrite belt (Schermerhorn, 1970, 1978), from some Japanese volcanogenic deposits (Clark, 1971; Lambert and Sato, 1974), from the Norita mine in Quebec (MacGeehan et al., 1981), and from the Buchans deposits (Thurlow and Swanson, 1981). This method of transport could have played a role in the formation of the Sherritt Gordon orebodies.

Cordierite-anthophyllite rocks are associated with many metamorphosed sulphide deposits and have been interpreted as metamorphosed hydrothermally altered rocks (Froese, 1969; Whitmore, 1969). In the Sherridon area, cordierite-anthophyllite rocks are present as lenses along stratigraphic horizons; some occurrences are associated with sulphide mineralization. The stratabound nature of the cordierite-anthophyllite rocks in the Sherridon area was pointed out by Robertson (1953). Recently, similar rocks have been interpreted as metamorphosed volcanogenic chlorite-rich muds laid down on the sea-floor (Schermerhorn, 1978) and as metamorphosed distal deposits of chloritic rocks produced by fumarolic activity (Warren, 1979). Cordierite-anthophyllite rocks require chloritic rocks as precursors

and these could be produced by hydrothermal alteration. Chloritization is a common process in hydrothermal alteration which involves the selective dissolution and removal of calcium and sodium, producing a rock depleted in these elements and enriched in aluminum. Thus, mafic rocks could acquire the composition of a quartz-chlorite mixture and felsic rocks could become chloritized by a combination of some aluminum with iron and magnesium from the hydrothermal solution (Large, 1977). The protolith of the cordierite-anthophyllite rocks of the Sherridon area might have been detritus of hydrothermally altered rocks, transported to their present site either as a fine suspension in a brine (Wilkinson, 1976; Goetz, 1980) or as a sediment gravity flow (Middleton and Hampton, 1976).

In the Sherridon area, a favourable environment for the deposition of a distal volcanogenic deposit includes the presence of volcanic rocks in the predominantly sedimentary Sherridon Group and the occurrence of pelitic rocks and cordierite-anthophyllite rocks along the ore-bearing stratigraphic horizon.

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# GEOLOGY OF THE GECO BASE METAL DEPOSIT

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#### ABSTRACT

The Geco Cu-Zn-Ag deposit lies within a highly deformed sequence of Archean metasedimentary and metavolcanic rocks located near the interface between the Quetico and Abitibi-Wawa Belts.

Three distinct types of mineralization occur within the deposit: disseminated chalcopyrite-pyrrhotite-pyrite, massive pyrite-pyrrhotite-sphalerite-chalcopyrite and disseminated pyrite-sphalerite. The massive sulphide and pyrite-sphalerite zones contain important amounts of silver. All the above mineralization occurs within a dragfolded quartz-muscovite schist interbedded between a lower altered mafic volcanic unit and an overlying quartzite unit containing siliceous iron-formation.

The folding which developed the present Manitouwadge Synform and related Geco drag fold also caused foreshortening and remobilization of the mineralized horizons. The amphibolite grade of metamorphism at Geco is indicated by zones of abundant sillimanite, anthophyllite, garnet and cordierite.

Stratigraphy, alteration, metal zoning, and age relationships between known intrusions and the majority of the sulphide zones, indicate that Geco is a syngenetic-stratiform base metal deposit which has been overturned.

#### RÉSUMÉ

Le gisement de Cu-Zn-Ag de Geco est encaissé dans une série très déformée de roches métasédimentaires et métavolcaniques archéennes localisées près limites des ceintures de Ouetico et de l'Abitibi-Wawa.

Trois types distincts de minéralisation existent dans le gisement: disséminé à chalcopyrite-pyrrhotite-pyrite, massif à pyrite-pyrrhotite-sphalérite-chalcopyrite et disséminé à pyrite-sphalérite. Les sulfures massifs et les zones de pyrite-sphalérite contiennent des quantités importantes d'argent. La minéralisation est située dans un pli d'étirement d'un niveau de

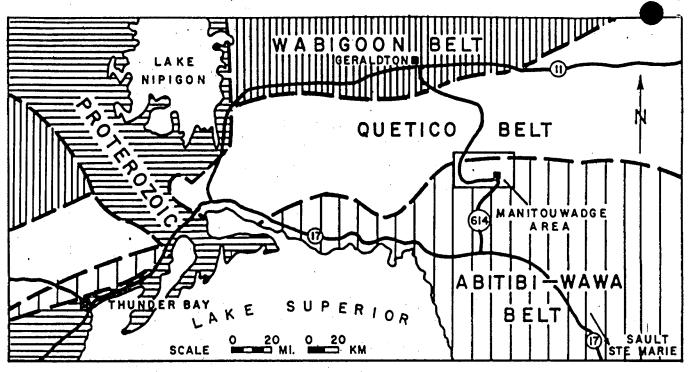


Figure 1. Location map, Manitouwadge area.

schiste à quartz et muscovite, intercalé entre une unité inférieure volcanique mafique et altérée et un mau supérieur de quartzite contenant une formation ferrugineuse siliceuse.

de Geco qui lui est à l'origine de l'actuel synforme de Manitouage et du pli d'étirement de Geco qui lui est associé, a aussi causé le raccourcissement et la remobilisation des niveaux minéralisés. Le métamorphisme est de degré amphibolite tel qu'indiqué par des zones riches en sillimanite, anthophyllite, grenat et cordiérite.

La stratigraphie, l'altération, la zonalité des métaux et les âges relatifs des intrusions connues et de la majorité des zones sulfurées indiquent que Geco est un amas sulfuré syngénétique et stratiforme qui a été inversé.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Geco Cu-Zn-Ag deposit is in the Manitouwadge mining camp, in the Thunder Bay Mining District of northwestern Ontario, 320 kilometres east of Thunder Bay (Fig. 1); and lies 5 kilometres east of the town of Manitouwadge. The Manitouwadge area has been severely glaciated yet displays moderate to high relief. The higher areas have abundant bedrock exposure whereas the lower areas are covered by glacial tills.

In 1931 Dr. J. E. Thomson of the Ontario Department of Mines located copperbearing gossans near the northeastern arm of Manitouwadge Lake. Little work was done in the area until 1953, when three Geraldton prospectors – Forster, Barker and Dawd – staked the gossans described by Thomson. Subsequent work outlined the Geco orebody and initiated one of the largest staking rushes in Canadian mining history. This led to the discovery of the Willroy, Willecho and Nama Creek orebodies west of Geco. Production began at Geco in September, 1957, based on an ore reserve of 13.8 million tonnes. Table I gives production and current ore reserve statistics for the entire mining camp.

#### REGIONAL GEOLOGY

#### General Stratigraphy and Structure

The Manitouwadge mining camp is located along the northern edge of the Abitibi-Wawa metavolcanic belt, near its interface with the Quetico metasedimentary belt; both of which are part of the Superior Province of the Precambrian Shield (Fig. 1). The interface between these two Archean belts is transitional and their age relationship is controversial. Published regional mapping in the area was carried out by Thomson (1932), Pye (1957), Coates (1968 and 1970), Milne (1968, 1969 and 1974) and Giguere (1972); however, most of the conclusions presented here on the regional geology and structure, are based on detailed mapping by geologists of Noranda Mines Ltd., Geco Division (Fig. 2).

The supracrustal sequence in the Manitouwadge area has been highly metamorphosed to form gneisses and schists locally of the almandine-amphibolite grade of regional metamorphism. In the Manitouwadge area, this sequence may be subdivided into four distinct, conformable, east-west trending units which, from north to south are: 1) Quetico paragneisses, 2) granitized felsic and mafic gneisses, 3) the Manitouwadge Mine Series (metavolcanic and metasedimentary gneisses and schists) and 4) granitized felsic gneisses.

TABLE I
Production history and reserves of the Manitouwadge district.

PROPERTY	PRODUCTION	N	R	ESER	VES	
	Tonnes %Cu %Zn	Agg/I	Tonnes	% Cu	% Z n	Ag g/1
Total for Geco	26,933,742 1-97 4-01	61-4	23,182,032	1.88	3.73	52.5
Willroy Camp Willecho NamaCreek	4,180,997 All process 3,502,159 the Willro 236,988 7,920,144 0.94 4.59	y mill	Ceased op	peratio	ns in IS	)77
Total for Manitouwadge Mining Camp	Total production Total reserves Camp total	34,85 23,18 58,03	•	1·73 1·88 1·79	4·14 3·73 3·97	61·2 52·5 57·6

These rocks have undergone at least two major periods of deformation. The folds of the initial and dominant period were formed about a series of 055° to 070°-trending axes. The Manitouwadge area is considered to be located on the overturned limb of a major fold developed during this period. Individual folds in this system are typically assymetrical and vary in amplitude from several centimetres to tens of kilometres. A second fold system is believed to have developed about a series of northwest-trending axes. Though difficult to illustrate on an outcrop scale, such folds are indicated by a systematic broad scale undulation in plunge of the northeast-trending folds. Interaction of these fold systems has developed four major structures (Fig. 2). From west to east these are the Blackman Lake Antiform, the Manitouwadge Synform, the Banana Lake Antiform and the Moshkanabi Lake Synform. All known orebodies are contained in the Manitouwadge Synform.

The oldest known intrusions in the area are isolated lenses of metagabbro associated with mafic orthogneiss. Widespread granitization, possibly of Algoman age has produced hybrid rocks, some of which are truly intrusive. Locally, these are represented by pegmatite dykes up to 100 m thick and by various rocks of granitic to granodioritic composition. Diabase dykes up to 70 m thick intrude all rocks in the area and generally follow the major fault trends which are north, northeast, and northwest. These faults appear as prominent regional lineaments and typically have near-vertical dips. They exhibit strike-slip movement with only minor displacements.

### Manitouwadge Mine Series

Following Pye (1957), the Manitouwadge Mine Series has been subdivided into four generally continuous conformable units best seen in the Manitouwadge Synform (Fig. 3). These are: 1) The Hornblende Schist Group, a 1600 m thick band of mafic schist which Pye (1957) considered to be mafic waterlain meta-volcanic rocks; 2) the Grey Gneiss Group, a zone up to 1500 m thick, divided into upper and lower subunits, of felsic to intermediate gneiss with interbedded quartzite and iron-formation near its northern edge; 3) the Sericite Schist Group, a band of felsic schist generally

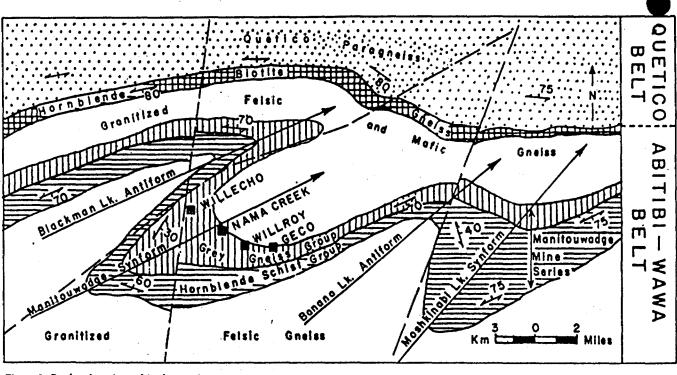


Figure 2. Regional geology, Manitouwadge area.

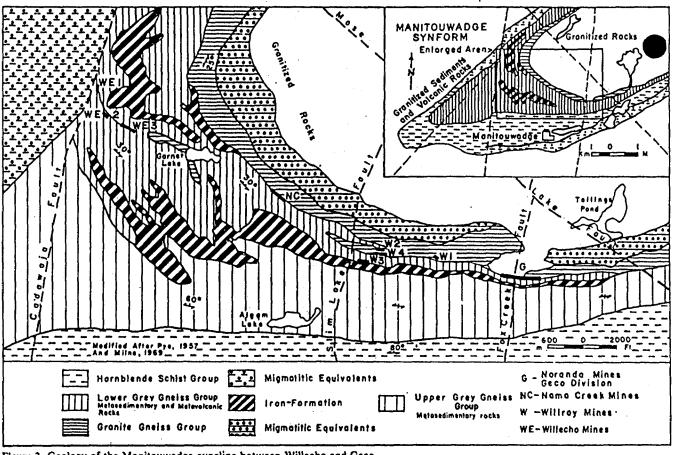


Figure 3. Geology of the Manitouwadge syncline between Willecho and Geco.

less can 200 m thick (not shown in Fig. 3) which hosts the Geco orebodies and is postary of volcano-sedimentary derivation; and 4) the Granite Gneiss Group, a 700 m thick zone of altered intermediate to mafic gneiss. This latter group forms the northern edge of the Mine Series and grades rapidly into highly granitized rocks characteristic of those found throughout the core of the Manitouwadge Synform.

Previous workers mapping in the Manitouwadge Synform considered the Hornblende Schist Group to be the lowest stratigraphic member of the Mine Series. Reliable top determinations are rare and this interpretation is based chiefly on present structural position of the units in the synform. Recent regional mapping (Fig. 2) however, shows the reverse stratigraphic sequence in the eastern and western portions of the area. The writers therefore consider the entire Manitouwadge Synform to represent an overturned portion of the Manitouwadge Mine Series, with the Granite Gneiss Group forming the basal member of this series.

#### MINE GEOLOGY

#### Introduction

The geology of the deposit has been described by Langford (1955), Pye (1957), Brown and Bray (1960), Milne (1969) and Watson (1970). Specific aspects of the deposit have been discussed by McNiece (1956), Pushkar (1960), Graham (1967), Mookerjee and Dutta (1970), Suffel et al. (1971), Bannerjee (1972) and Alldrick (1974). W.L. Brown and R.C.E. Bray were employees of Geco Mines Limited and were responsible for much of the initial geological interpretation. Their unit nomenclature is still in use.

The Geco deposit is located on the south limb of the Manitouwadge Synform and is associated with a complimentary, easterly plunging, "Z"-shaped drag fold. The deposit contains three types of sulphide zones which occur in the northern, lower members of the Manitouwadge Mine Series (Fig. 4): 1) a disseminated chalcopyrite-pyrrhotite-pyrite zone located at the Granite Gneiss/Sericite Schist contact (4/2 Cop-

TABLE II

Average major element compositions of main rock types in the Mine Series, Geco.

ROCK TYPE	310 2	A1203	TotalFa	Meo	C+0	Ne 20	KZO	TIO2	P205	MaO	
Granite	70-57	15-17	1.51	0.52	1 -78	4 -51	3-49	0.27	0.05	0.02	·
Otz Dierite	61-54	15-57	5-58	3-16	4.23	3-37	2-42	0.65	0.26	0.10	
Hnb. Schist	50-60	14-64	10-57	5.74	8-75	5.53	0.63	123	0.27	0.53	HORNBLENDE SCHIST
Q1z-fel-Ble Gn	64-80	12-82	8.76	5.03	3-17	5.53	2.20	0.21	0.05	0.66	
Siliceous IF	67-43	0.40	24.76	1-42	1-80	0.00	0.03	0-04	0-00	0.54	GREY ONEISS
Chleritic IF	66-22	0.74	25.92	1-94	2.21	0.30	0.08	0.03	0.12	1-65	
Bie Quertzlte	76-64	11-70	2-03	0-44	0.36	3-12	4-45	0.11	0.00	0 03	
Ser. Schist	84-53	7.58	1.77	0.37	0-19	0.25	1-74	0.01	0.01	0.01	
Ser Schlet Bie't	71.23	10-56	6.05	2.79	0.31	0.73	3-17	0.13	0.01	0.04	SERICITE SCHIST
Ser-Sill Schial	78-67	9.80	3.93	1.98	0.19	0.24	1 · 63	0.11	0.00	0.02	GROUP
Qiz-Bio-Anth Hfls	69.90	8-77	11-30	4.32	0.23	0.50	0.70	0-10	0.01	0.05	
Bio-Anth-Cord Gn	51-25	13-08	20.56	6.83	1.28	0.15	0.26	2.92	0.58	0.26	
Bie-Sill Gneiss	74-09	12-03	5.04	3-27	0.51	0.07	2.05	0.21	0.06	0.06	
Bio-Hab Gaeiss	45-53	15-88	16-11	6.71	6.39	1-43	0.78	2-41	0.33	0.41	GROUP .

per Zone), 2) a massive pyrite-pyrrhotite-sphalerite-chalcopyrite zone and associated disseminated chalcopyrite-pyrrhotite-pyrite zone in the Sericite Schist Group (Main-Orebody) and 3) a disseminated pyrite-sphalerite zone at the Sericite Schist/Grey Gneiss contact (8/2 Zinc Zone).

#### Mine Stratigraphy

The rocks at Geco have undergone high rank metamorphism and deformation which have obscured many of the original features of this deposit. Despite this, the main rock units may be further subdivided to show a significant internal succession. The stratigraphic columns in Figure 4 relate this internal stratigraphy to that of the Manitouwadge Mine Series. Table II gives typical whole rock analyses for the major rock units at Geco.

# Granite Gneiss Group

Only the upper portion of this complex group of medium- to coarse-grained, highly altered, mafic to intermediate gneisses is exposed on surface and in underground workings. Based on this exposure and a series of deeper diamond drill holes this group can be subdivided into biotite-hornblende gneiss, biotite gneiss, biotite-sillimanite gneiss and biotite-anthophyllite-cordierite gneiss members. Garnet is common in all the members. The biotite-hornblende gneiss is found in the western and lower portions of the group and is not encountered to any extent in the underground workings. The biotite, biotite-sillimanite and biotite-anthophyllite-cordierite gneisses are interbedded and individual units are up to 5 m thick. The garnetiferous biotite-sillimanite and biotite-anthophyllite-cordierite gneisses are most abundant near the overlying Sericite Schist Group.

The biotite and biotite-sillimanite gneisses can be differentiated only on sillimanite content as they grade into one another both laterally and vertically. They typically contain 20 to 40% biotite, 15 to 30% quartz, 10 to 20% feldspar, 10 to 20% hornblende, 0 to 15% sillimanite and 0 to 15% garnet (all mineral percentage compositions are estimated from hand speciments). Sillimanite typically occurs as elongated clusters up to 2 cm in length and garnet (almandine) as porphyroblasts up to 2 cm across. Magnetite is a common accessory mineral.

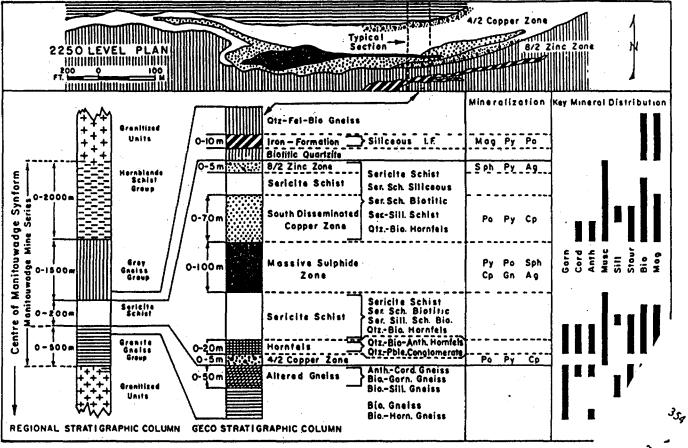
The biotite-anthophyllite-cordierite gneisses typically contain 5 to 20% biotite, 10 to 50% anthophyllite, 5 to 35% cordierite, 0 to 10% quartz. Accessory minerals include feldspar, staurolite, chlorite, magnetite and spinel. Anthophyllite rosettes, up to 5 cm across, are developed parallel to foliation and cordierite is found interstitial to these rosettes where it is commonly altered to pinite.

Although erratic lenses of fine-grained disseminated chalcopyrite are present throughout the group, no mineable zones have yet been located.

#### Scricite Schist Group

The Sericite Schist Group is a series of highly altered felsic schists which conformably overlies the Granite Gneiss Group. Typically ranging up to 200 m in width, this key horizon contains all the known orebodies at Geco.

The lowest ore horizon, the 4/2 Copper Zone; a thin zone of disseminated chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite, and pyrite; generally occurs at the base of this group. Ranging



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Figure 4. Schematic stratigraphic columns illustrating generalized stratigraphic relationships of sulphide zones, Geco Min'

from a few cm to 5 m in thickness, this sulphide zone is usually overlain by a 5 to 20 m the band of quartz-biotite-anthophyllite hornfels. This peculiar unit is typically medium- to coarse-grained, poorly foliated and shows a highly variable composition. The major minerals are: 50 to 80% quartz, 5 to 15% biotite and 5 to 20% anthophyllite. Accessory minerals include cordierite, staurolite, garnet, spinel, sericite, sillimanite, plagioclase and diopside. The more mafic and coarser-grained varieties of the hornfels resemble the anthophyllitic members of the Granite Gneiss Group. A distinct marker band known as quartz-pebble conglomerate occurs locally at the base of this hornfels. Up to 3 m thick, this band contains discus-shaped quartz pebbles averaging 10 cm in diameter in a biotite-anthophyllite matrix. This band contains low grade copper mineralization – some of which is gradational into the underlying 4/2 Copper Zone.

Overlying the hornfels unit is the typical sericite schist which can be subdivided into two members: 1) sericite-sillimanite schist, best developed in the lower and eastern portions of the group, and 2) sericite schist, more common in the upper part of the group. The sericite-sillimanite member is typically medium- to coarse-grained, grey to black, well foliated, and shows a distinct spotted texture. It is found as 0.5 to 5.0 m thick bands generally displaying gradational contacts with other schist members and contains 50 to 60% quartz, 5 to 15% biotite, up to 10% muscovite and 3 to 20% sillimanite. The distinct spotted appearance of this rock is caused by white knots or bundles of sillimanite up to 3 cm in diameter which are aligned parallel to foliation. As a rule, this member is poorly mineralized and contains significant amounts of magnetite which occurs both as irregular blebs in the dark biotitic groundmass and as tiny (1-2 mm) crystals in the cores of sillimanite bundles.

The sericite schist member is typically medium- to coarse-grained, buff colored and displays highly developed schistosity and crenulations. This schist can be further divided into various submembers based on relative amounts of quartz, muscovite and biotite. Individual bands of these schists range from 0.5 to 10 m thick. Where best developed the sericite schist has a pearly white luster and is composed of 40 to 70% quartz and 30 to 60% muscovite. Accessory minerals are biotite, sillimanite, garnet, feldspar and magnetite. Locally, where the quartz content is high, the term "siliceous" is used, and where significant amounts of biotite occur, the schists are termed "biotitic".

The Main Orebody is located in the upper half of the Sericite Schist Group and is composed of a 0.1 to 100 m thick zone of massive pyrite, pyrrhotite, sphalerite and chalcopyrite overlain by a zone of disseminated sulphides. This overlying sulphide zone is essentially siliceous sericite schist containing disseminated chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite and pyrite. Throughout the disseminated zone, but more commonly around the upper and lower margins of the massive sulphides, a unit termed "quartz hornfels" is locally present. This siliceous unit contains near-massive concentrations of fine-grained chalcopyrite. Locally displaying intrusive-like textures, this member may represent a remobilized phase of the sulphide zone.

The upper disseminated portion of the Main Orebody grades upward through a band of poorly mineralized sericite schist into the overlying 8/2 Zinc Zone. The 8/2 Zinc Zone is essentially a 1 to 5 m wide band of schist containing disseminated to near-massive concentrations of sphalerite and pyrite which marks the top of the Sericite Schist Group.

#### **Grey Gneiss Group**

The Grey Gneiss Group conformably overlies the Sericite Schist Group. Characteristically unaltered, this Group contains interbedded biotitic quartzite, quartz-feldspar-biotite gneisses and iron-formation. The upper members of this group are not present in the mine area.

The biotitic quartzite predominates in the lower 30 m of the group. It is a well banded, fine-grained, light grey to buff-colored rock typically containing 80% quartz, 15% potash feldspar and 5 to 15% biotite. Accessory minerals include sericite, plagioclase, amphibole, garnet, pyrite and magnetite.

The quartz-feldspar-biotite gneiss is the most common rock of the Grey Gneiss Group in the mine area. It is a medium- to coarse-grained, light to dark grey gneiss essentially composed of 40% quartz, 40% potash feldspar and 20% biotite. Accessory minerals are hornblende, sericite, garnet, plagioclase and magnetite.

Bands of iron-formation are found in the lower 100 m of this group. Typically lenticular, individual bands generally do not exceed 300 m in length and range from 1 to 10 m thick. Two types are present: 1) siliceous iron-formation and 2) chloritegarnet iron-formation. The siliceous iron-formation is by far the more common and consists of 60 to 70% fine-grained quartz; up to 20% combined magnetite, pyrite and pyrrhotite; and 5 to 30% biotite. Accessory minerals include garnet, feldspar, amphibole and pyroxene. Although it displays a glassy, dark grey to black appearance on fresh surfaces, older exposures are usually highly oxidized. Siliceous iron-formation generally shows well-developed banding where significant amounts of pyrite, pyrrhotite or magnetite are present. Although near-massive concentrations of iron sulphides and oxides are present, siliceous iron-formation does not contain mineable mineralization.

The chlorite-garnet iron-formation is found only in the western and eastern extremities of the mine near the Sericite Schist/Grey Gneiss contact, and therfore is not often seen in the mine workings. Typically dark and siliceous, it displays no obvious banding but shows a distinct ropy, fibrous texture due to the habit of chlorite and biotite, which bend about garnet porphyoblasts that are up to 1 cm in diameter. The magnetite content is similar to that of the siliceous iron-formation but here magnetite occurs as small massive blebs. Known to grade laterally into garnetiferous quartz-feldspar-biotite gneiss, the iron-formation commonly contains minor amounts of disseminated pyrite and pyrrhotite and is locally associated with sphalerite mineralization of the 8/2 Zinc Zone.

#### Intrusive Rocks

The oldest intrusions are quartz diorite dykes which are found throughout the mine area but are most abundant between the Main Orebody and the Granite Gneiss Group, where they constitute upwards of 30% of the rock. Compositionally similar to the quartz-feldspar-biotite gneisses of the Grey Gneiss Group, they show highly variable textures. Averaging 1 m thick, these dark grey to black dykes may locally reach 10 m in thickness. They typically cut gneissosity at very low angles (less than 10°) and for this reason their intrusive nature can be questioned; however, they are everywhere foliated parallel to their contacts.

Younger, well foliated mafic dykes are occasionally encountered in the mine. These dark green dykes, composed mainly of hornblende and biotite, are most common in the Grey Gneiss Group and are known to transect the quartz diorites. These dykes are believed to be genetically related to the Hornblende Schist Group.

A later series of pegmatite and granite dykes is common throughout the mine area. These felsic dykes occur on all scales and are typically parallel to the axial planes of the major folds (northeast to east). Within the Sericite Schist Group these dykes display appreciable thinning where they have been partially transposed into the plane of schistosity. These dykes cut all major rock units except the massive sulphide orebody; although they commonly occur as remnants in this zone. Recent work on the pegmatite and granite dykes indicates they have diverse compositions. Although some of these dykes may be true igneous intrusions, others may have formed by metasomatic processes.

The youngest intrusions are diabase dykes (Pye 1957, Milne 1969, 1974) which follow the major fault systems in the area. These dykes range from a few cm to 20 m in thickness and cut all other rock types in the mine area. Typically fine-to coarse-grained, and black to dark green in colour, these dykes are commonly equigranular but locally contain plagioclase phenocrysts.

#### **ORE ZONES**

The isometric projection in Figure 5 shows the relative positions of the ore zones and host rocks at Geco. The inset illustrates the distribution of these zones in longitudinal section.

#### 4/2 Copper Zone

The 4/2 Copper Zone is a tabular, vertically dipping, fine-to medium-grained chalcopyrite-pyrrhotite-pyrite orebody. The sulphides are contained in a highly siliceous matrix and are present in both massive and disseminated concentrations.

This zone attains mineable grades in the lower and eastern portion of the mine area where it averages 2 m in thickness. The typical 4/2 Ore Zone consists of a high-grade, near-massive sulphide core containing quartz "eyes" and wall-rock fragments, which grades outwards into the poorly mineralized host rocks. The fine-grained massive core often appears veined or remobilized but the orebody itself is conformable with the host rocks, though it locally shows sheared contacts. Eastward, along its strike, the orebody contains increased amounts of sphalerite and pyrite. A series of randomly oriented, very coarse grained quartz-cordierite "dykes" are found along its upper contact. These "dykes" contain erratic mineralization, are typically less than 1 m thick, have sharp contacts with upper host rocks and pinch out rapidly upwards, probably within 3 m.

#### Main Orebody

The lower portion of the Main Orebody consists of a massive coarse-grained sulphide zone which contains in excess of 60% combined sulphides, up to 10 to 30% wall-rock remnants and locally, an abundance of quartz and mica gangue. This zone forms the major mineable orebody and typically contains 10 to 60% pyrite, 5 to 30%

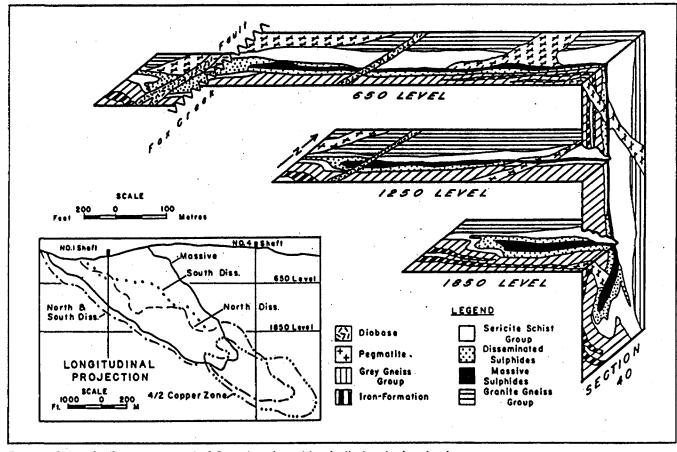


Figure 5. Isometric diagram, west end of Geco deposit, and longitudinal projection showing relative positions of various sulphide zones.

sphalerite, 5 to 30% pyrrhotite, 2 to 25% chalcopyrite and minor galena and silver. This orebody also contains recoverable amounts of gold, bismuth and cadmium as well as non-recoverable amounts of tin. Ranging from less than 1 m up to 100 m in thickness, this vertically dipping orebody attains a maximum strike length of 975 m on the 250 Level of the mine and has been outlined down plunge for 1750 m. As with the overlying disseminated orebody this zone reaches maximum thickness in the western portions of the mine near the drag fold. The massive zone is thus "teardrop" shaped and gradually thins upwards and to the east.

Within this massive sulphide horizon, pyrite, the predominant sulphide, occurs both as disseminated coarse-grained, subhedral to euhedral crystals and in fine-to coarse-grained massive form. Individual crystals display crushed, rolled or brecciated textures and locally appear to be porphyroblastic. Sphalerite is most commonly associated with the pyrite-rich portions of this ore zone where it occurs as finer-grained, subhedral to anhedral grains surrounding or locally filling fractures in the pyrite grains. The sphalerite- and pyrite-rich ore occasionally shows crude banding. Pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite are intimately associated and generally form a very fine-grained, poorly crystalline matrix for the more coarsely crystalline sphalerite pyrite. Both pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite show flow textures and may embay or form fracture fillings in other sulfides. Chalcopyrite also occurs as fine-grained inclusions within individual sphalerite crystals. Galena is present primarily as thin selvages surrounding quartz diorite dyke remnants.

The massive sulphide zone appears to be a conformable stratiform horizon; however its contact relationships with host rocks and known intrusions are complex. The massive sulphides locally appear discordant to the sericite schist host and often contain abundant remnants of intrusive rocks such as pegmatite and quartz diorite dykes. This zone shows a complex mineral paragenesis which has been described in detail by Pye (1957).

The upper portion of the Main Orebody consists of a disseminated sulphide zone which typically contains 5 to 6% chalcopyrite, 8 to 10% pyrrhotite and 4 to 5% pyrite. These sulphides occur as blebs and stringers parallel to schistosity in the siliceous sericite schist host. Within the disseminated zone, these mineralized schists alternate with weakly mineralized bands of biotitic, siliceous and sillimanitic schist. Ranging from 0 to 70 m thick, this zone continues down plunge for 200 to 300 m beyond the massive portion of the Main Orebody. It attains maximum thickness in the lower and western portions of the mine where it is overthickened by the Geco drag fold. Eastward, beyond the limits of the underlying massive sulphides, this disseminated zone thins and splits into narrow chalcopyrite stringers which locally are discordant with schistosity.

Narrow isolated lenses of disseminated sulphides also occur below the massive Main Orebody in the underlying schists and are termed "north ore" lenses. Although it is evident that much of this north ore may be a separate sulphide zone there are also occurrences which suggest that these lenses may be dislocated or attenuated portions of the main disseminated zone.

#### 8/2 Zinc Zone

The 8/2 Zinc Zone is a tabular, fine-to coarse-grained sulphide zone containing sphalerite, pyrite and important amounts of silver. Though it occurs almost

everywhere along the Grey Gneiss/Sericite Schist contact, it is best developed in the lower and eastern portions of the mine. Typically ranging in thickness from 1 to 5 m, this zone can locally be subdivided into disseminated and near-massive members. The lower disseminated member consists of fine-grained sphalerite and pyrite in sericite schist. This low grade (1 to 5% zinc) member locally directly overlies the disseminated portion of the Main Orebody and grades upwards into the high-grade (5 to 15% zinc) near-massive member of the zone. Generally averaging 1 m in thickness, this member may also contain minor amounts of chalcopyrite (up to 1%) and locally shows alternating pyrite- and sphalerite-rich bands.

#### COPPER-ZINC DISTRIBUTION IN THE MASSIVE SULPHIDES

The metal distribution in the massive sulphides reflects primary distribution as well as the effects of metamorphism and structural adjustments including recrystallization, local remobilization, boudinage etc. (Suffel et al., 1971; Vokes, 1968). The present thicknesses of the sulphides show dominant structural control, being greatest in the folded, lower western margins of the zone (Fig. 6). The highest grades of zinc follow the central portions of the massive sulphide zone down plunge. Zinc is however, fairly uniformly distributed throughout the zone and shows only limited remobilization. Copper, on the other hand commonly shows evidence of considerable remobilization. Above 1650 Level, the best grades of copper are fold-related. Below 1650 Level, the high-grade copper values leave this fold system and cross the plunge

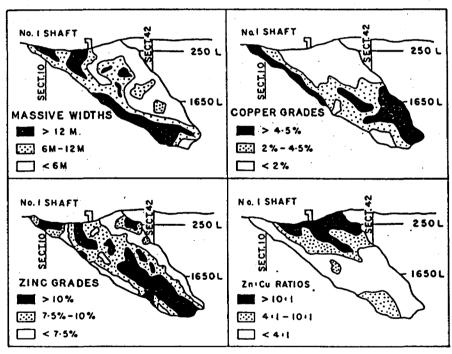


Figure 6. Widths and metal distribution of the massive sulphide zone. Geco Mine.

of the massive zone. The zinc to copper ratios show a similar pattern as they are control primarily by the copper grades. The horizontal trend below 1650 Level is not completely understood, but may, in part, represent primary copper distribution.

#### MINE STRUCTURE

High-grade regional metamorphism formed the gneisses and schists of the Manitouwadge Mine Series. The gneissosity and schistosity were developed parallel to the original bedding. Tight isoclinal folding described as typical of many high-grade metamorphic terrains cannot be demonstrated in the Manitouwadge area. No structural or stratigraphic evidence for such initial folds can be found, and examples of original bedding discordant to schistosity are not known.

The Geco deposits have undergone several phases of folding which possibly developed during a late stage of metamorphism. The dominant fold pattern at the mine belongs to the northeast fold system which is also strongly developed regionally. Typically assymetrical and "Z"-shaped in plan, folds belonging to this system are found underground on scales ranging from several centimetres up to tens of metres. Most of the fold-related features at Geco can be attributed to this stage of deformation. These include the Geco drag fold and numerous smaller-scale folds of a similar pattern, well-developed crenulations, and strong boudinage. Numerous shear zones which formed parallel to the axial planes of this fold system transposed quartz diorite dykes and, to a lesser extent, pegmatite and granite dykes into the plane of the foliation. Within the mine area, the majority of northeast trending folds have well-defined northeasterly plunges. Undulation downplunge however, of many of these folds may reflect the influence of a second deformation.

An unusual series of "Z"-shaped, west plunging folds similar in style to the northeast folds are intimately associated with northeasterly striking pegmatite dykes. Typically less than 10 m in amplitude, these folds are widespread underground. It is not certain how these folds developed; their direct association with pegmatite dykes suggests that they were generated by these dykes; yet in style, they resemble the northeast folds and may represent a refolded portion of this system.

The dominant structure throughout the mine is the Geco drag fold which is best outlined by the Grey Gneiss/Sericite Schist contact (Figs. 4, 5). This "Z"-shaped fold is open and poorly developed at surface but down plunge, it develops into a more complex fold. Attaining an overall easterly plunge of 30°, this fold undulates down its length in a series of step-like structures. The Main Orebody also reflects the Geco dragfold. Where the dragfold is well developed, the massive sulphide body attains its distinct teardrop shape and the overlying disseminated zone is wrapped around the massive zone. The development of this fold produced thickening, strong boudinage and numerous tight crenulations. Boudinage is best displayed by the massive zone but occurs to some extent in many of the mine units. Two sets of crenulations are found and are best developed in the Sericite Schist Group. The dominant set is east-plunging and is locally accompanied by a weaker, second set oriented perpendicular to the dominant set. Shearing associated with the development of the fold systems is most intense near the margins of the more competent units. Macroscopic and microscopic adjustment to the folding have resulted in the partial transposition into the plane of foliation of many otherwise discordant features.

Two regional faults affect the mine area. The main fault is the north trending, vertically dipping Fox Creek Fault (Fig. 5). This left-hand, strike-slip fault, which is 15 to 30 m wide, presents a mining problem on the western end of the deposit where it has displaced the ore zone laterally for up to 60 m. The Mose Lake Fault occurs in the extreme eastern end of the property, strikes northwesterly, and is principally a right-hand, strike-slip fault. This fault zone averages 10 m in width, dips vertically and shows lateral displacement of up to 60 m.

#### **METAMORPHISM**

Metamorphic assemblages in the mining camp are complex and no complete study of these assemblages has yet been undertaken at Geco. Regionally, the Mine Series reaches the almandine-amphibolite grade; whereas at Geco, the upper subfacies of this grade is indicated by abundant sillimanite. Both the timing and sequence of metamorphic events are difficult to establish. Within the deposit it is difficult to separate syngenetic alteration characteristics from the regional metamorphic effects. The intensity of metamorphism is demonstrated by the local remobilization of the sulphide zones and by partial melting of the more siliceous units ("pegmatized" zones). Specific aspects of the sulphide recrystallization were discussed by Suffel et al. (1971).

#### DISCUSSION

The Geco deposit displays features which can be interpreted to support both syngenetic and epigenetic processes of ore deposition. The authors favor the syngenetic model and consider the ore deposit to be an integral part of the Geco stratigraphic succession in the Manitouwadge Mine Series.

#### Stratigraphy and Alterations

Primary features and textures of the original rock units at Geco have been subsequently obscured by intense regional metamorphism. Without such primary features, the true nature of the original host rocks will remain problematic. The present authors believe that the Granite Gneiss Group forms the basal member of the Manitouwadge Mine Series. At Geco this unit is considered to represent the footwall strata above which the ore zones developed. The diversity of the group is shown by the chemical data (Table II). This Group is interpreted as a series of mafic and intermediate volcanic rocks locally containing interbedded siliceous sedimentary and possibly volcaniclastic rocks. It is possible however, that some of the mafic members were pelitic sediments. A peculiar member termed "stretched pebble gneiss" has been outlined within this Group north and west of Geco (Watson, 1970). Although this rock may have formed in several ways, it may represent a coarse pyroclastic unit similar to those found in many Archean base metal camps.

At Geco, the upper portions of the Granite Gneiss Group and locally, the lower portions of the overlying Sericite Schist Group are dominated by biotite, anthophyllite- and cordierite-rich gneiss and schist. The Mg-Fe enrichment and Na-Ca-K depletion shown by these members (Table II) indicates that they may represent the highly altered footwall rocks typical of volcanogenic deposits (Sang-

ster, 19 Sangster and Scott, 1976). These altered units, though only roughly outlined to tale, typically do not show strong discordancies to foliation and may in fact represent altered stratigraphic units and not the more typical pipe-shaped feeder system. Alternatively, such feeder pipes may now be difficult to recognize, having been partially transposed into the plane of gneissosity during development of the Manitouwadge Synform. Regardless of their present distribution, these Mg-rich gneisses are considered to represent a high-grade metamorphic equivalent of primary "chloritic" alteration zones developed in the footwall units by the initial ore-forming solutions.

Pods and lenses of these Mg-rich units are locally present in the overlying biotitic, sillimanitic and siliceous members of the Sericite Schist Group. Na-K depletion continues through these upper schists but Ca depletion is not evident and the overall Mg-Fe enrichment, though present, is less intense. The high silica content of these upper schists may indicate that these units have been highly silicified.

Although the parent material of the schists cannot be established definitely, their spatial association with, and broad chemical similarities to the overlying biotitic quartzites indicate that they may be related to the quartzite unit. Quartzite flanking the Sericite Schist Group is locally sericitic, and distinguishing between the two units is sometimes difficult. These quartzites represent the lateral equivalents of a sequence of quartz-feldspar-gneisses outlined by Milne (1969, 1974). Figure 3 shows the lateral distribution of these felsic gneisses in the synform. The high alumina content of this group indicates that they were not likely formed as chemical precipitates. Rather, we consider these siliceous gneisses to represent highly metamorphosed felsic volcanic or detrital volcanogenic sedimentary rocks. Thickening rapidly westward, these gneisses attain maximum thicknesses in the hinge area of the syncline near Willecho. Over-thickening of the siliceous gneisses in this area is considered in part a primary depositional feature and may indicate relative proximity to a major volcanic centre. Despite its strongly developed alteration, thinning of this unit near the Geco deposit may indicate that the Geco orebody formed at a greater distance from a volcanic centre than did the other deposits of the camp (Timms and Marshall, 1959; Chown, 1957).

The Sericite Schist Group, is intimately associated with base metal mineralization and is believed to have developed by the interaction of ore-forming solutions with the pre-metamorphic equivalents of the siliceous gneiss series. These units now lie beneath a thick series of biotite and quartz-feldspar-biotite gneisses of intermediate compositions. These gneisses form the upper member of the Grey Gneiss Group and are considered to have developed from a series of intermediate volcaniclastic or detrital sediments. The transition from felsic (quartz-feldspar) to intermediate (quartz-feldspar-biotite and biotite) gneisses marked the close of base metal deposition and was accompanied by the precipitation of iron-formation. Within the mining camp, ore-related alteration does not occur above the main iron-formation sequence. At Geco, this alteration stops below the iron-formation at the upper contact of the Sericite Schist Group. The iron-formations are characteristically low in alumina and are therefore considered to have been chemical precipitates, perhaps indicating a period of waning clastic sedimentation and volcanism.

The close of sedimentation in the Mine Series is marked by the deposition of the

Hornblende Schist Group. These matic schists are considered to represent a thick serged of basalts and andesites deposited in a submarine environment — perhaps indicating the beginning of a new volcanic cycle.

#### Orezones and Metal Zoning

Metal zoning at Geco is similar to that of other Archean massive base metal deposits. This zoning can be shown both vertically and laterally in the deposit, i.e. both across and along strike. Figure 4 illustrates the strong vertical zoning. The sulphide zones, from the basal 4/2 Copper Zone to the overlying iron-formation series are considered to represent a complete cycle of mineralization. Metal distribution grades upward through the deposit from disseminated chalcopyrite-pyrrhotite-pyrite to massive pyrite-pyrrhotite-sphalerite-chalcopyrite, disseminated chalcopyrite-pyrrhotite-pyrite and finally, pyrite-sphalerite sulphide zones. The ore zones in this cycle are directly related; whereas the iron-formations, which mark the close of this cycle, typically occur in the unaltered rocks immediately above the deposit. Within each ore zone some degree of lateral Cu-Zn-Fe zoning can be recognized. This lateral zoning is most apparent in the massive sulphide portion of the Main Orebody (Fig. 6) even though the detailed internal metal zoning in this body is complex.

The basal copper-rich ore zones, including the 4/2 and other erratic zones below the massive, show local discordancies to stratigraphy, have fine-grained "remobilized" or perhaps "intrusive" textures and are often spatially related to Mg-rich rock units. These zones may represent the mineralized channelways for the oreforming solutions whose original discordancies to stratigraphy may have been largely obscured by structural and metamorphic events including transposition and remobilization of sulphides, etc. The uppermost 8/2 Zinc Zone however, is typically stratiform and locally shows weak sulphide banding. The Main Orebody, though partially remobilized, shows only minor discordancies to its host schists and is therefore also considered stratiform. On its lower eastern margin however, the massive sulphide portion of this orebody thins rapidly and grades laterally into a high-grade disseminated copper zone. This zone often contains discordant copper stringers and is locally associated with Mg-rich hornfels, which suggests that it may possibly be related also to the 4/2 Copper Zone.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Many of the primary features of the Geco deposit have been obscured by highgrade regional metamorphism and intense deformation; however, the general stratigraphy, wall-rock alteration and metal zoning of the original deposit can still be recognized. These latter features are very similar to those described as typical in Archean volcanogenic massive sulphide deposits. It is therefore concluded that Geco is a syngenetic ore deposit which has subsequently undergone intense metamorphism and deformation.

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#### The Sherritt Gordon Mine

The Sherritt Gordon mine was located 100 miles north of The Pas. Copperzine ore was discovered on the property in 1922. Production began in 1931 and continued to June 1932, when operations were suspended because of the low price of copper. Mining was resumed on August 1st, 1937, and was carried on continuously until the ore reserves were exhausted and milling stopped in September, 1951. The mine equipment and many of the town buildings were then moved to the new mine at Lynn Lake. The production of metals from the mine was: copper 366,244,801 lbs., zinc concentrate (50 per cent) 148,961 tons; gold 101,026 oz., silver 3,218,324 oz. The total value of production was \$58,732,366, from 8,531,352 tons milled.

The East and West orebodies of the Sherritt Gordon mine together formed an unusually long sulphide deposit having a combined total length of almost 16,000 feet, of which 3,600 feet, between the two orebodies, carried no ore. Both were enclosed in gneisses that are highly metamorphosed sedimentary and volcanic derivatives and that formed the southwest limb of an overturned syncline. The rock forming the footwall of the deposit was gneissoid quartzite; the hanging-wall rock was garnetiferous hornblende gneiss. Pegmatite commonly occurred along both footwall and hanging wall peripheries and as isolated blocks and fragments within the ore zone. These blocks and fragments were considered to be residuals of unreplaced host rock.

The ore was relatively coarse grained and ranged from the massive to the disseminated type. The metallic sulphides in the deposit in order of their abundance were pyrite and pyrrhotite (2-1 ratio), chalcopyrite, sphalerite (marmatite), and minor chalmersite; subordinate amounts of gold and silver were recovered. The insoluble gangue content of the ore-bearing material averaged about 35 per cent.

The Bob Lake deposit also occurs within a pegmatite sill that lies along the east limb of an overturned anticline superimposed on the main syncline (Figure 27).

Farley (1948) was of the opinion that deformational thrusting accompanied by invasion of granite along an upward and south to north direction produced dragfolding, anticlinal folding, and faulting within the main syncline. The pegmatite injection was believed to have occurred during this period of deformational movement; the resultant stresses initiated shear fractures along the contacts of rocks of widely different competencies, i.e., a brittle quartzite and a hornblende gneiss. The parallelism between the major pegmatite sills and the axial planes of the folds suggests this period of disturbance. Further structural deformation followed the intrusion of the pegmatite, with accompanying differential movement taking place in the direction of the plunge and parallel to the axial planes of the folds. Fracturing within the more competent pegmatite sill created openings for ingress of ore-forming solutions.

From 20 to 25 per cent of the ore in the mine occurred in offshoot orebodies. At intervals along the main ore zone, fractures were developed in the hanging wall at acute angles to the main zone of fracturing. Pegmatite from the main sill channel

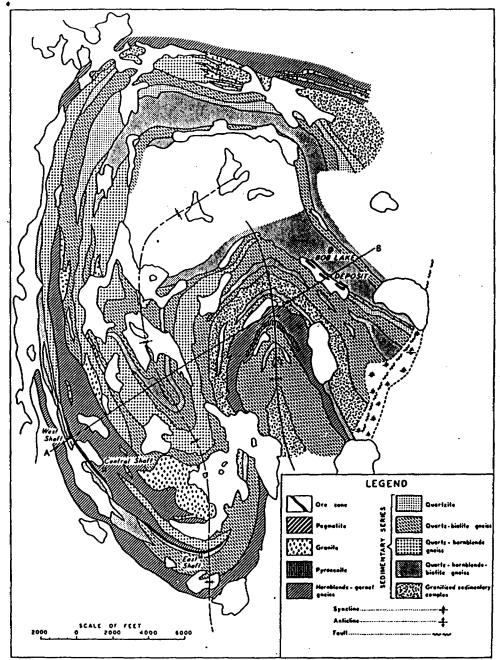


FIGURE 27 Geology of Sherritt Gordon Mine Area, Sherridon

was injected into these fractures to form dyke-like masses normal to the parent sill. The major offshoot fracture zones developed along east-plunging drag-folds. The dyke-like masses of pegmatite were subjected to deformational movement, previously described; the same processes of fracturing and ore replacement have taken place within the offshoot structures as in the main zone.





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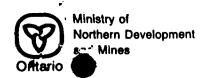
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Statement of Costs for Assessment Credit

État des coûts aux fins du crédit d'évaluation

Mining Act/Loi sur les mines

Transaction No./Nº de transaction W9360. 000 96

Personal information collected on this form is obtained under the authority of the Mining Act. This information will be used to maintain a record and ongoing status of the mining claim(s). Questions about this collection should be directed to the Provincial Manager, Minings Lands, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, 4th Floor, 159 Cedar Street, Sudbury, Ontario P3E 6A5, telephone (705) 670-7264. Les renseignements personnels contenus dans la présente formule sont recueillis en vertu de la Loi sur les mines et serviront à tenir à jour un registre des concessions minières. Adresser toute quesiton sur la collece de ces renselgnements au chef provincial des terrains miniers, ministère du Développement du Nord et des Mines, 159, rue Cedar, 46 étage, Sudbury (Ontario) P3E 6A5, téléphone (705) 670-7264.

#### 1. Direct Costs/Coûts directs

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Note: The recorded holder will be required to verify expenditures claimed in this statement of costs within 30 days of a request for verification. If verification is not made, the Minister may reject for assessment work all or part of the assessment work submitted.

Total des coûts directs

#### 2. Indirect Costs/Coûts Indirects

** Note: When claiming Rehabilitation work Indirect costs are not allowable as assessment work. Pour le remboursement des travaux de réhabilitation, les coûts indirects ne sont pas admissibles en tant que travaux d'évaluation.

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Montant admissible (n'excédant pas 20 % des coûts directs)

Total Value of Assessment Credit (Total of Direct and Allowable indirect costs)

Valeur totale du crédit d'évaluation (Total des coûts directs

Note: Le titulaire enregistré sera tenu de vérifier les dépenses demandées dans le présent état des coûts dans les 30 jours suivant une demande à cet effet. Si la vérification n'est pas effectuée, le ministre peut rejeter tout ou une partie des travaux d'évaluation présentés.

# Filing Discounts

- 1. Work filed within two years of completion is claimed at 100% of the above Total Value of Assessment Credit.
- 2. Work filed three, four or five years after completion is claimed at 50% of the above Total Value of Assessment Credit. See calculations below:

Total Value of Assessment Credit	Total Assessment Claimed
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## Remises pour dépôt

- 1. Les travaux déposés dans les deux ans sulvant leur achèvement sont remboursés à 100 % de la valeur totale susmentionnée du crédit d'évaluation.
- 2. Les travaux déposés trois, quatre ou cinq ans après leur achèvement sont remboursés à 50 % de la valeur totale du crédit d'évaluation susmentionné. Voir les calculs ci-dessous.

Valeur totale du crédit d'évaluation	Evaluation totale demandée
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# **Certification Verifying Statement of Costs**

I hereby certify:

that the amounts shown are as accurate as possible and these costs were incurred while conducting assessment work on the lands shown on the accompanying Report of Work form.

that as	7.11.1-160	I am authorized	
	(Recorded Holder, Agent, Position in Company)		

to make this certification

## Attestation de l'état des coûts

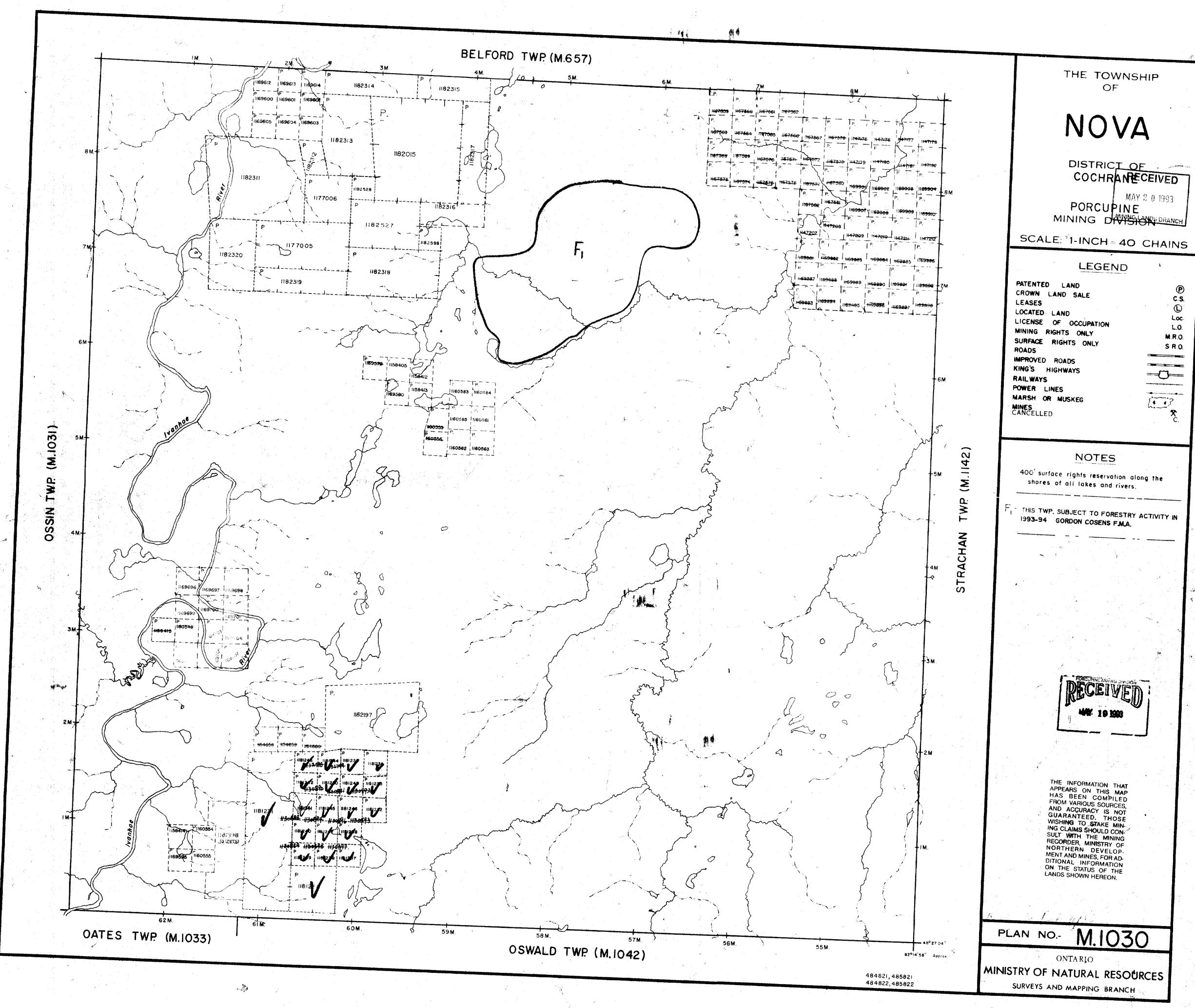
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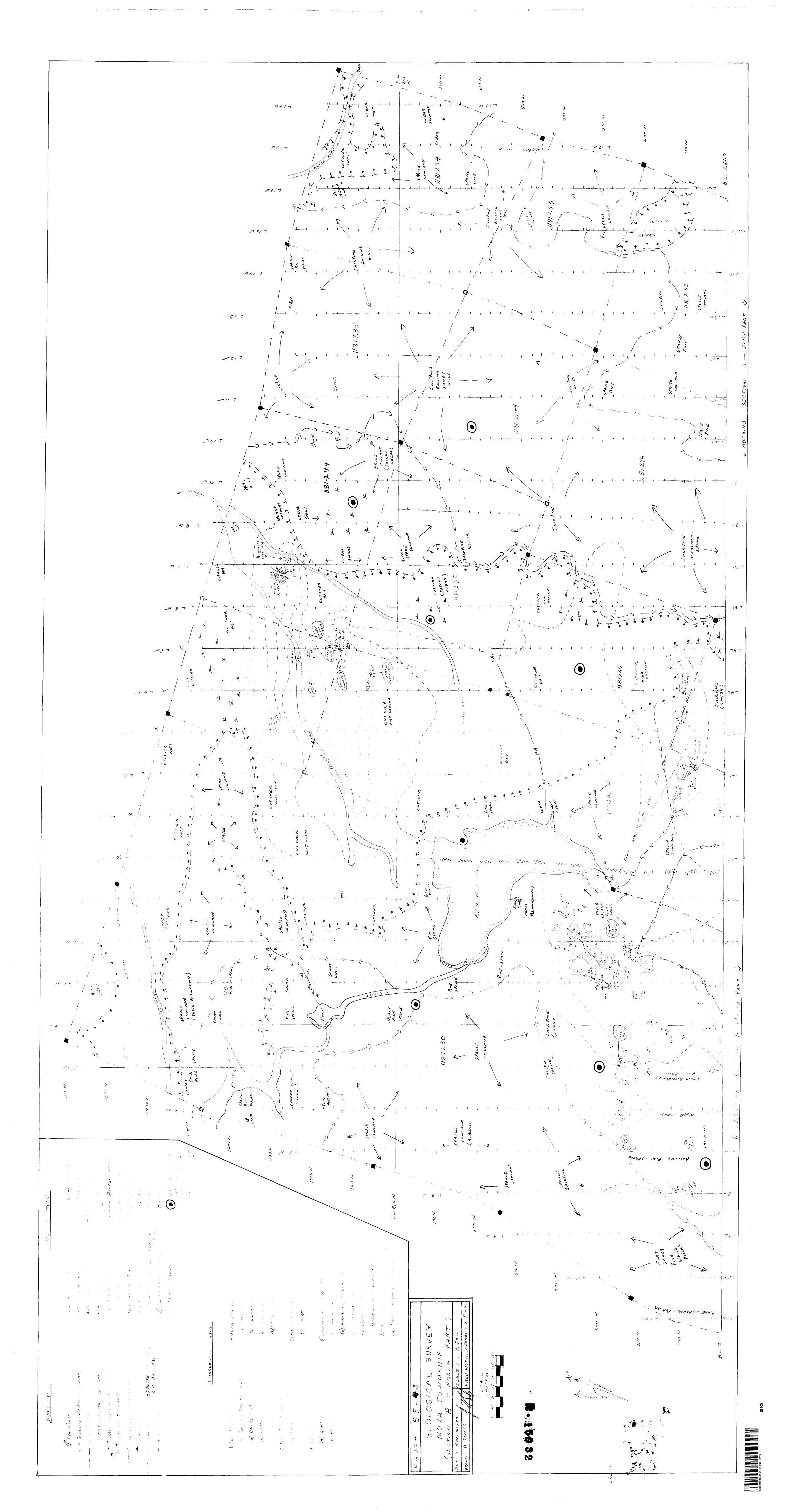
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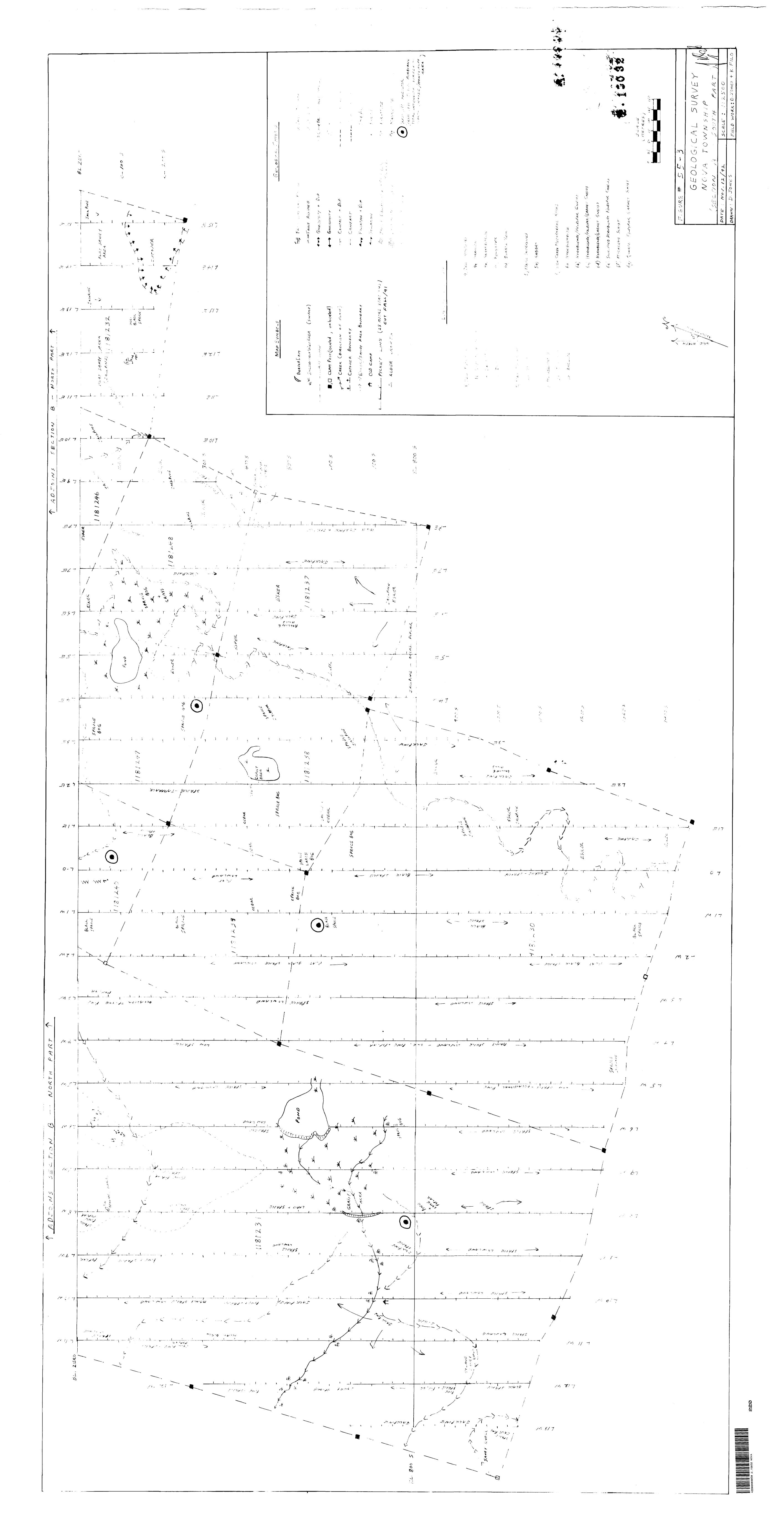
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