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AEROMAGNETIC SURVEY

WALLS AND MINNIPUKA TOWNSHIPS

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INTRODUCTION

During the month of October, 1979, Aerodat Limited undertook an aeromagnetic survey, covering a large proportion of Walls and Minnipuka Townships, Northern Ontario, for Amax Minerals Exploration Limited.

The purpose of the survey was to supplement the limited geological information available on the above mentioned townships, and to provide a high-quality database for further mineral exploration activity in the area.

Key personnel present for the duration of the survey were; A. Watts, Amax staff geophysicist and W. Boyko, operating manager for Aerodat Limited. Other personnel involved were:

G. Tremblay - Amax geologist

M. Watt - Helicopter pilot

W. Courier - Dataman

SURVEY PROCEDURE

The survey was flown at a line spacing of 200 metres. Survey airspeed averaged 120 km/h, and the aircraft - (Bell 206 Jet-Ranger helicopter) maintained an average terrain clearance of 70 metres, with the magnetometer sensor located 15 metres below the helicopter, approximately \$5 metres above ground.

Survey equipment consisted of a Barringer AM-104 proton precession magnetometer, an Aerodat-Perle data acquisition system, a Hoffman radar altimeter a Geocam 35 mm flight path camera, and a Barringer 8-channel analogue recorder. All geophysical data were also recorded digitally on magnetic tape.

Flight path was recorded manually by an experienced navigator, and also automatically be 35 mm Geocam continuous strip camera. A base station magnetometer was established in the area to monitor local diurnal fluctuations.

DATA PRESENTATION

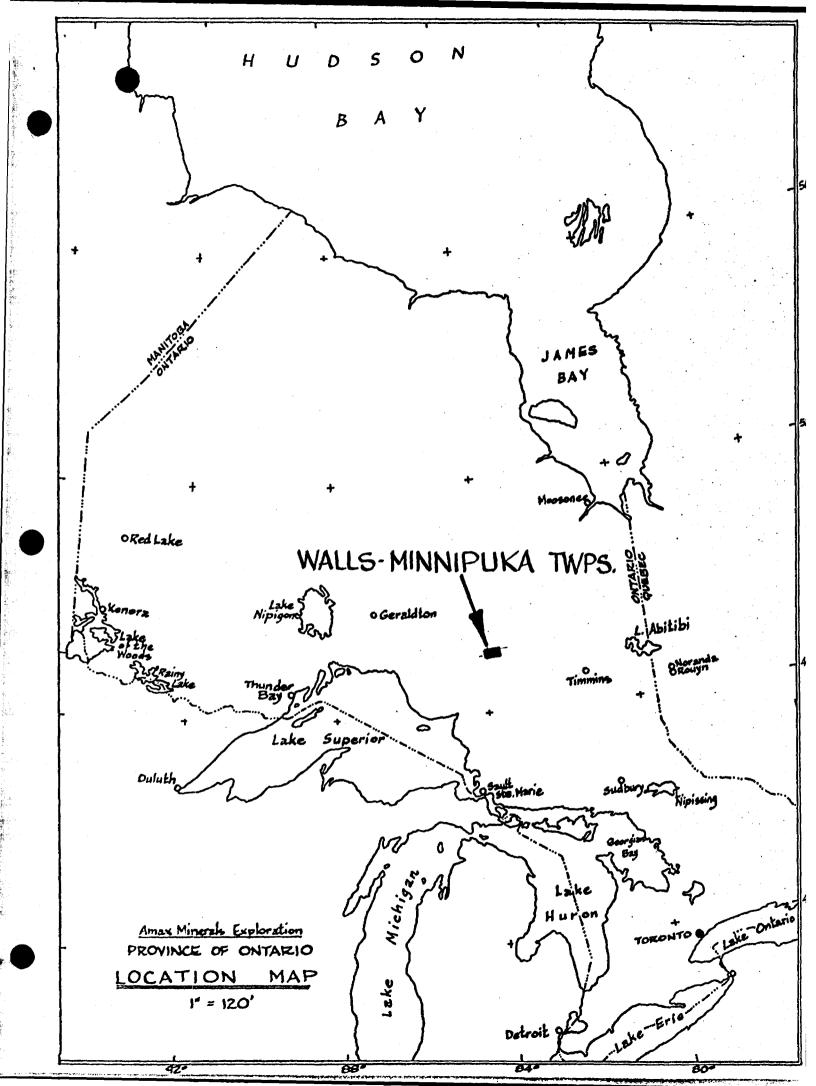
The aeromagnetic data is presented in computer contoured plan form. The data has been contoured at a nominal 20 gamma interval. Where steep magnetic gradients are encountered, over serpentinite and iron-formation for instance, the contouring interval is 100 gammas. No filtering has been carried out on the magnetic data.

The survey was flown in two contiguous blocks, flight direction differing by 20 degrees between the two so as to maintain orthogonality with anticipated geological strike. Thus the data is presented on two separate maps, Map 1 and Map 2. Matching of contours in the overlap region of the two maps is good. A summary interpretation, representing the gross geological features outlined by the survey, and condensing the above two 1:15 000 maps into a single 1:50000 map, is also presented in the report.

EXPLORATION HISTORY

Prior to Amax Survey, the narrow volcanic belt passing through Walls and Minnipuka Townships had received scant attention. Only two drill holes had been recorded for assessment credit in Walls and none in Minnipuka. Possible drill pad locations can also be discerned in three locations on recent aerial photography. Government geology maps of the area are rather sketchy and most geological boundaries are inferred.

The present survey, with its attendant excellent resolution, represents a substantial addition in both the geological and geophysical sense, to the limited exploration database available before the survey.



DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The aeromagnetic contour map is notable for the number of linear features of both high and low susceptibility variety, produced. The high susceptibility features fall into two categories:

i) N.W. and N.E. trending diabase dykes

Most of the dykes display the former - (N-W) orientation, the only major NE trending dyke being situated toward the eastern edge of Map 1, approximately 600 metres east of Walls Lake. Many of the NW trending dykes on Map 1 branch off from this dyke and are substantially less magnetic 50-200 (N-W) versus 200 - 400 (N-E), above a background of 60,000 % On Map 2, virtually all dykes trend NW and do not display the same branching character evident on Map 1.

ii) EW trending Iron Formation

This geological unit forms several dominantly EW linear magnetic features, one of which can be traced the width of the entire two survey blocks. The latter horizon occurs immediately south of the CNR railway line on Map 1, and continues onto Map 2, where it thickens markedly at the western edge, i.e. between lines 1 and 23, and then abruptly narrows again from line 23 eastward, passing by the southern tip of Goat Lake. The many minor (100-200 metres) dislocations of this zone along strike on Map 2 suggest the presence of a number of parallel NNE striking faults.

A second major iron formation horizon occurs along the northern boundary of the survey block on Map 2. This horizon is substantially more magnetic than the unit mentioned above, and the contorted nature of the contours between lines 17 and 45 suggest a complex pattern of folding.

The majority of <u>low susceptibility linear features</u> occur on Map 2, along the axes of the most prominent lakes in the area i.e Goat and Little Goat Lake. Where these linears cross iron formation a dislocation generally occurs, the inference being that they are fault zones.

The strongest magnetic response recorded on the survey occurs immediately north of the drill-hole recorded by Sand River Gold Company on the Pichogen River. This drill-hole intersected magnetite-rich serpentinite, which is therefore the attributed source of this ovoid magnetic feature.

The largest single magnetic feature on either of the survey maps is the pear-shaped positive magnetic anomaly which occupies the central portion of Map 2 from lines 26 to 87. reconnaissance geology carried out in the vicinity of Goat Lake, this feature would appear to relate to a granitic intrusion. Granites seldom exhibit as distinct a magnetic signature as is the case here, and magnetite contamination from surrounding iron formation is a possible source for the enhanced magnetic response. Reconnaissance geology indicates that most of the magnetically bland portions of Map 2 are a combination of non-magnetic basic to intermediate volcanics and/or metasedimentary units. Government geology maps infer the presence of intrusive granite in the Map 1 survey area, the contact of which approximates the portions of the Map 1 below background (60,000 %) level; but areas of similar magnetic tenor in Map 2 area are occupied by basic to intermediate Limited geological checking on the ground might volcanics. resolve this discrepancy.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The aeromagnetic survey has succeeded in outlining numerous geological features, most of which can be related to specific geologic rock types i.e. diabase dykes, iron formation, serpentinite, and granite.

The diabase dykes and the iron-formation horizons, which form three quasi-parallel zones on Map 1, two on Map 2, form a complex crosscutting pattern, especially at the eastern edge of Map 1. Faulting is suggested on Map 2, where easily recognisable iron formation is displaced in several places along strike.

The magnetic contour map should prove invaluable for regional geological correlations when the area is further investigated on the ground.

Respectfully submitted,

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