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RADIOMETRIC SURVEY REPORT SNOOK LAKE GRANITE PROPERTY SNOOK LAKE AREA DISTRICT OF KENORA, ONTARIO

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## SUMMARY

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A radiometric survey was conducted during the summer of 1988 across two mining claims which make up the Snook Lake Granite Property. Readings were taken at 25 metre intervals along East-West pace and compass lines spaced 100 metres apart. A Scintrex BGS-1 Scintillation Counter was used to obtain readings of total gamma-ray energy.

The result of this survey indicates that the red porphyritic granite has a significantly higher gamma-ray radiation count than the host gneisses. The Scintillation Counter then becomes a useful tool in mapping the contact of the main granite body in areas of shallow overburden and moss or lichen covered outcrop.

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Figure 1: Location Map

#### INTRODUCTION

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The Snook Lake Granite Property consists of 2 contiguous unpatented claims north of Snook Lake, Kenora Mining Division Ontario ( see Fig 2). The deposit was discovered and staked by the author in the summer of 1987.

The main granite body is an attractive reddish brown porphyritic granite covering an area 500 ft. by 600 ft. It is found on a prominent hill rising 110 ft. above a swamp. Using an average quarry depth of 70 ft. and a 50% waste factor the deposit could contain in excess of 10 million cubic feet of saleable stone.

A radiometric survey was conducted over the property in order to determine;

a) Whether there was a significant difference in gammaray count between the red porphyritic granite and the host gneisses to be useful in mapping the boundaries of the granite deposit, and

b) Whether there were areas within the granite containing excessive amounts of uranium or thorium which would detract from the marketability of this stone.

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#### LOCATION, ACCESS, TOPOGRAPHY

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The Snook Lake Granite Property is located north of Tourist Lake in the Snook Lake Area, Kenora Mining Division.

Access to the property is via Highway 128 north of Kenora, the English River Road, the Sand Lake Road, and the Snook Lake Road a total of 88 Kilometres. The total distance is suitable for travel by large logging trucks and or heavily loaded flat deck trucks transporting stone.

The Topography of the area varies Aflat deep organic soiled Black Spruce swamps and deep gravel soiled Jack Pine flats ( now cutover ) to bare rock ledges supporting scattered stunted Pine. A high ridge transects the property in a north south direction attaining a hight in places in excess of 100 feet.



#### GEOLOGY

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The Snook Lake Granite Property occurs within the English River Gneiss Belt, part of the Superior Province in the Canadian Shield.

The geology of the property area consists mainly of gneiss ( possibly paragneiss ) and migmatites, red porphyritic granite and minor granite pegmatites.

The red pporphyritic granite contains potassium feldspar phenocrysts thank vary in size from 1 to 2 centimetres and make up 50 to 80 % of the stone. The fine grained matrix also contains a large amount of potassium feldspar, biotite mica, fine flecks of illmanite, and other as yet undetermined minerals.

There are three main directions of jointing in the main granite body 300, 45, and 84. The dip of the joints is near vertical at 87°, 85°, and 82°. Joint spacing varies from about 4 to 20 metres. Sheeting appears to be near horizontal and sheet spacing is 2 to 3 metres.

Soil cover over the main granite zone is for the most part nil. Small depressions with shallow soil cover (generally less than 30 centimetres) are scattered over the area.

## SURVEY PROCEEDURE

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The radiometric survey was conducted over the property using a Scintrex BGS-1 Scintillation Counter. Readings were taken at 25 metre intervals along east-west pace and compass lines.

Total gamma-ray radiation readings, geological rock types, and estimated depth of soil was noted at each station and are retained as field notes.

Two property maps were produced at a scale of 1 - 2500;

- a) Radiometric Survey Map
- b) Outcrop Geology Map

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and are appended to the report.

#### DISCUSSION

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There was a definite significant difference in radiometric readings over areas of red porphyritic granite and areas of host gneisses. In general readings over the red porphyritic granite having no soil cover were in the range of 220 to 250 counts per second while readings over the host gneisses having no soil cover were in the range of 150 to 180 counts per second. This was probably due to the much higher potassium feldspar content in the red porphyritic granite. In fact most of the radiation is beleived to be from potassium sources rather than uranium or thorium, because of the everness of the readings ( a reflection of the homogenious nature of the granite body ). Radiation from uranium or thorium sources would in all probability have given higher and more erratic results.

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#### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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The scintilometer has proven useful in mapping this granite deposit and may prove useful in exploring for other granite deposits where distinguishable differences in radioactivity exist between rock types.

It does not appear that the uranium or thorium content of the granite is significant. A geochemical test to confirm this is recommended.

The granite from the main zone is attractive, massive, appears to be fairly uniform, and suitable for the quarrying of large blocks, It is recommended that further work be done on this deposit.

Work should consist of;

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- a) stripping of the quarry
- b) removal of a number of large blocks for a market study and for test purposes.
- c) testing the physical properties and minerology of the granite
- d) drilling a number of diamond drill holes to confirm the quarryable depth of the deposit, uniformity of material, sheet spacing, etc.

Submitted Most Respectfully ...

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