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REPORT ON THE INDUCED POLARIZATION AND RESISTIVITY SURVEY COUNTS LAKE PROPERTY FRASER LAKE AREA, BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR

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NAME AND LOCATION OF PROPERTY: COUNTS LAKE PROPERTY, FRASER LAKE AREA OMLNECA MINING DIVISION, B. C. 53"N, **124"W** - SE

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# NOTES ON THE THEORY OF INDUCED POLARIZATION

### **AND** THE METHOD OF **FIELD** OPERATION

Induced Polarization as a geophysical measurement refers to the blocking action or polarization of metallic or electronic conductors in a medium of ionic solution conduction.

This electro-chemical phenomenon occurs wherever electrical current is passed through an area which contains metallic minerals such as base metal sulphides. Normally, when current is passed through the ground, as in resistivity measurements, all of the conduction takes place through ions present in the water content of the, rock, or soil, i. e, by ionic conduction. This is because almost all minerals have a much higher specific resistivity than ground water. The group of minerals commonly described as "metallic", however, have specific resistivities much lower than ground waters. The induced polarization effect takes place at those interfaces where the mode of conduction changes from ionic in the solutions filling the interstices of the rock to electronic in the metallic minerals present in the rock.

The blocking action or induced polarization mentioned above , which depends upon the chemical energies necessary to allow the ions to give up or receive electrons from the metallic surface, increases with the time that a d, c, current is allowed to flow through

the rock; i. e. as ions pile **up** against the metallic interface the resistance to current flow increases. Eventually, there is enough polarization in the form of excess ions at the interfaces to effectively stop all current flow through the metallic particle. This polarization takes place at each of the infinite number of solution-metal interfaces in a mineralized rock.

When the d. c. voltage used to create this d. c. current flow is cut off, the Coulomb forces between the charged ions forming the polarization cause them to return to their normal position. This movement of charge creates a small current flow which can be measured on the surface of the ground as a decaying potential difference.

From an alternate viewpoint it can be seen that if the direction of the current through the system is reversed repeatedly before the polarization occurs, the effective resistivity of the system as a whole will change as the frequency of the switching is changed, This is a consequence of the fact that the amount of current flowing through each metallic interface depends upon the length of time that current has been passing through it in one direction.

The values of the "metal factor" or "M. F. " are a measure of the amount of polarization present in the rock mass being surveyed, This parameter has been found to be very successful in mapping areas of sulphide mineralization, even those in which all other geophysical methods have been unsuccessful, The induced polarization measurement is more sensitive to sulphide content than other electrical measurements

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because it is much more dependent upon the sulphide content. **As** the sulphide content of a rock is increased, the "metal factor" of the rock increases much more rapidly than the resistivity decreases.

Because of this increased sensitivity, it is possible to locate and outline zones of less than 10% sulphides that can't be located by E. M. Methods, The method has been successful in locating the disseminated "porphyry copper" type mineralization in the Southwestern United States,

Measurements and experiments also indicate that it should be possible to locate most massive sulphide bodies at a greater depth with induced polarization than with E.M.

Since there is no I. **P.** effect from any conductor unless it **is** metallic, the method is useful in checking E. M. anomalies that are suspected of being due to water filled shear zones or other ionic conductors. There is also no effect from conductive overburden, which frequently confuses E. M. results, It would appear from scale model experiments and calculations that the apparent metal factors measured over a mineralized zone are larger if the material overlying the zone **is** of low resistivity.

Apropos of this, it should be stated that the induced polarization measurements indicate the total amount of metallic constituents in the rock. Thus all of the metallic minerals in the rock, such as pyrite, as well as the ore minerals chalcopyrite, chalcocite, galena , etc, are responsible for the induced polarization effect, Some

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oxides such as magnetite, pyrolusite, chromite, and some forms of hematite also conduct by electrons and are metallic, All of the metallic minerals in the rock will contribute to the induced polarization effect measured on the surface,

In the field procedure, measurements on the surface are made in a way that allows the effects of lateral changes in the properties of the ground to be separated from the effects of vertical changes in the properties. Current is applied to the ground at two points a distance (X) apart, The potentials are measured at two other points **(X)** feet apart, in line with the current electrodes. The distance between the nearest current and potential electrodes is an integer number (N) times the basic distance (X),

The measurements are made along a surveyed line , with a constant distance (NX) between the nearest current and potential electrodes, In most surveys , several traverses are made with various values of (N); i, e, (N) = <sup>1</sup>, 2, **3, 4,** etc. The kind of survey required (detailed or reconnaissance) decides the number of values of (N) used. \*

In plotting the results, the values of the apparent resistivity and the apparent metal factor measured for each set of electrode positions are plotted at the intersection of grid lines, one from the center point of the current electrodes and the other from the center point of the potential electrodes. The resistivity values are plotted above the line and the metal factor values below. The lateral displacement of a given value is determined by the location along the survey

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line of the center point between the current and potential electrodes. The distance of the value from the line is determined by the distance (NX) between the current and potential electrodes when the measurement was made.

The separation between sender and receiver electrodes is only one factor which determines the depth to which the ground is being sampled in any particular measurement. These plots then, when contoured, are not section maps of the electrical properties of the ground under the survey line. The interpretation of the results from any given survey must be carried out using the combined experience gained from field, model and theoretical investigations, The position of the electrodes when anomalous values are measured must be used in the interpretation.

In the field procedure, the interval over which the potential differences are measured is the same as the interval over which the electrodes are moved after a series of potential readings has been made. One of the advantages of the induced polarization method is that the same equipment can be used for both detailed and reconnaissance surveys merely by changing the distance **(X)** over which the electrodes are moved each time. In the past, intervals have been used ranging from 100 feet to 1000 feet for  $(X)$ . In each case, the decision as to the distance  $(X)$ and the values of (N) is largely determined by the expected size of the mineral deposit being sought, the size of the expected anomaly and the speed with which it is desired to progress,

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The diagram in Figure 1 below demonstrates the method used in plotting the results. Each value of the apparent resistivity and the apparent "Metal factor" is plotted and identified by the position of the four electrodes when the measurement was made. It can **be** seen that the values measured for the larger values of (n) are plotted farther from the line indicating that the thickness of the layer of the earth that is being tested is greater than for the smaller values of (n); i. e. the depth of the measurement is increased.

# METHOD USED IN PLOTTING DIPOLE -DIPOLE INDUCED POLARIZATION AND RESISTIVITY RESULTS



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# **FOR**

#### **AMAX EXPLORATION INCORPORATED**

# **1.** INTRODUCTION

At **the** request **of** Mr. **W. W. Shaw,** geophysicist **for the Company** an induced polarization and resistivity survey **has been cazried** out on **the Counts Lake** Property in the **Fraser Lake Area**  *of* British Columbia **for Awax Exploration** Incorporated. **The** property **liee** in **the** Omineca **Mining** Division in **the NW** quadrant of the **1'** quadrilateral **whose SE** corner is at **53'N,** 124'W.

Overburden **ie** reported to **be quite heavy** in the area but float indicates that the central part of **the** grid **is** underlain **by Casey**  Granite. The **Endako** Quartz Monzonitc **occurs on** the **northern edge of the grid while most** *of the* southern half of **the property** *is* underlain **by** diorite. A geochemical. anomaly is located on the southern part **of the Casey** Granite near its contact with **the** diorite. Minor molybdenite mineralization is widely scattered in **all** rock types **a8 smears** on fracture **planes and** irregular quartz veinlets. Minor pyrite **and** traces

**of** chalcopyrite occur in **the** Casey Granite and diorite. Swarms of **dikes cut the** *Casey* **Granite and some of the more** basic **ones** are *5* **ot 15** feet **wide** and cuntain **up** to **5** percent **disseminated** pyrite,

The **ZP** field **surveying was** carried out **in June** 1967. **The purpose of** *the U?* **work was to** outline **areas of metallic** mineralization that may be of economic importance.

# **2. PRESENTATION OF RESULTS**

**The IF** and resistivity results **are shown on the** following **data** plots in **the** manner described in **the notes** preceding this report. The IP and resistivity results are shown on the followin<br>data plots in the manner described in the notes preceding this report<br>Line<br><u>Electrode Interval</u> <u>Dwg, No.</u><br>50F



**Enclosed** with this report is **Dwg,** Wsc. **3262, a plan map**  of the grid at a scale of  $1'' = 500$  feet. The definite and possible induced polarization **anomalies** are indicated **by** solid and broken bars respectively

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*on* **this plan mag a8** well ae **the data** plots. These bars represent the **surface** projection **of** the **anomalous** *zones* **as interpreted** from **the**  location **of the** transmitter and receiver electrodes **when** *the* anomalous values were measured.

**Since** *the* induced polarization measurement is essentially *8n*  **averaging process, as are** all potential methods, it is frequently difficult to exactly pinpoint **the** source **of** an **anomaly,** Certainly, no anomaly can **be** located **with** more accuracy than the spread **length; i. e, when using**  *300'* spreads the position **of a** narrow sulphide **body** can **only** be determined to lie **between** two stations *300'* apart. **In** order to locate sources at some depth, larger spreads must be used, with a corresponding in**crease** in **the** uncertainties **of** location. Therefore, while **the** center **of the** indicated anomaly probably corresponds fairly well with source, the length **of the** indicated anomaly **along the line should** not be **taken to** rep**resent the exact** edges **of the** anomalous material,

#### **3. DXSCUSSION OF RESULTS**

**Most of** the **Ip** responses encountered *on* the **property are**  typical **of those** obtained **over** areas **of** relatively **weak** mineralization. Experience in this area **has shown** that important deposits **of** molybdenum **can be** associated **with weak** sulphide mineralization **and** consequently unusual weak **IP** effects **have been shown as** anomaloue.

**The!** resistivity values on the north part of **the** grid are generally lower and **more** uniform **than on** the **South and** suggest **a** change **in** rock **type,** 

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**such as the change near 35 on 40E and at the base line on 20E. This feature has been correlated from line to line and is shown on the phn -pa There is no evidence of this change west of Line 0.** 

#### **Line** *5032*

**The weak IP effects between 6N and 18N indicate a complex source** *of* **low metallic content that is shallowest near 1ZNm** 

### **Line 40E**

**Narrow shallow sources may be the cause of the weak effects near 5N and 11N. Detailing with shorter spreads would be required to confirm these anomalies but they are too** *weak* **to warrant further work at present.** 

#### **Line 3023**

**A weak shallow source is shown between 0 and 9N. It has been interpreted** from **metal factor values that** *are* **only twice background and probably represents a slight increase in metallic content.** 

#### **Line ZOE**

**As on Line 30E, a weak shallow source occurs just north of the** *base* **Line, between 0 and SN.** 

**Weaker indications extend from 35** *to* **10s.** 

#### **Line** 1OE

*On* **this** Line, **shallow sources are indicated from 3N to 6s** 

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and from **15s** to **24S, with weaker** mineralization **in the area between these two anomalies.** 

#### **Line** *0*

**This line was** surveyed **with both** 300 **and 500 foot spreads**  and the results are quite different.

*On* **the** *500* **foot** data, **the IP** effects are **quite** strong from *0* **to 15s and suggest** a complex source that may improve with depth **near 12s. Weaker Ip** effects indicating **less** concentrated mineralization extend **from** *0* to **20N** and **also** from **25s** to **45S,** A second strong **source is** indicated **on** the **extreme south end of** *the* **line** but **the data is** incomplete **and the surveying would have** to **be extended** to determine ite importance.

**The portion of the** line **between 335 and 21N waa** surveyed using 300 foot dipolee, **A** narrow, steeply dipping **source** is indicated **between 3s and** *65.* **This** anomaly **could be** caused **by a** narrow source **of quite** concentrated **mineralization and** should **be detailed** with **shorter**  dipoles. **A second** narrow source **is** shown near **9N but** *the* pattern is not **as definite. The results on the remainder of** the **line are typical o€ those obtained** over widespread weakly disseminated **mineralization,** 

#### **Line IOW**

Anomalous effects **extend** over the entire length **of this** traverse. Indications of **shallow,** more concentrated mineralization **extend** from **145 to 22s** and from **3N** to **15N.** Near *9s* the results suggest **a narrow,** stronger **source** with **some** depth to its top.

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#### Line **2OW**

**This line is also anomalous** over **its** entire length. Stronger **metal** factor **values occur an the** north **part of the be and** indicate **that #,he source improves with depth.** 

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Most of **the Ip responses** encountered *on* the **property are typical of those obtained aver** sources **of very low** metallic content. **The**  results indicate *that* **this** material **is** quite extensive *on* **the** western **portian of** *the* gxid but **narrow6 and weakens to tke east. Minor** pyrite **and molyb**denite **are reported to** be **quite** widespread but it **is** not **known** if there **ia any direct association between these** *two* minerals, **Consequently the**  possible economic importance of the IP indications is difficult to assess. **However, important:** molybdenite deposits **are** sometimes **associated** with **very low sulphide** content **aer** illustrated **by the results** on **Figure 1 over**  the **weak** sulphide **zone** at Brenda **Mines, The** following series **of test**  drill holes is suggested to test sources of low metallic content:-

> **129** *on* **Line** 0, vertical, **length** 600 feet. **16s** on **Line 1OW, vertical,** length **400 feet. 13N on Line iOW,** vertical, **length 400** feet. *0 on* **Line 10E,** vertical, **length 400** feet.

In addition **to the broad zones** outlined **on the property, there is a good** indication **of a narrow** steeply **dipping source between 3s and**  *6s* on Line 0, Detailed **surveying with** shorter dipolea **ia recommended** 

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INDUCED POLARIZATION 24W **20W 16W**  $12W$ **8W** 4W  $12E$ **I6E**  $\Omega$ 4E 8E **20E**  $(\rho/2 \pi)$ a **AND** 222 - 267 242 287  $245/396 \ (850/238)$ DRILLING RESULTS - 420`  $\sqrt{200}$ 228 272  $310$ 346 387 334)  $[192]$ - 320) (100<sup>-</sup>  $\sqrt{242}$ (290  $(302)$ 356 236  $N - 3$  $247$ **FROM**  $-$  322 /297\ 192 \ 270 \ 322  $368$  245 / 196 222 BRENDA AREA 20W 24 W **16W**  $12W$ 8W 4W  $\circ$ 4E 8E  $12E$ **I6E 20E** PEACHLAND, B.C.  $(Fe)$ a  $-$  0.9 \ 15// 40  $N-1$   $4.3$  $3.5$  $30 / 26 / 14$  $\overline{60}$  $\overline{\phantom{0}}$  0.5  $N - 2 O·6$  $3.5$  $30$  $3.0$ <u>20</u>  $\overline{0.6}$  $\cdot$  2  $N-3$  $-0.3 \times$  $7/37$  $2.5$  $3.2$  $30$  $30$ ั เ∙8 ŀО  $30 / 50 / 10$  $-$  0.3  $\times$  1.7  $\searrow$  3.1  $N - 4 (N)$  $+5$  $2.4$  $LINE-8S$ 24W **20W**  $12E$ **16W**  $12W$ 4W  $4E$ 8E 16E 20E 8W ٥  $(Mf)$ a  $N-1$  $33$  $6.7/$  $17$  $75/129/158$  $15/$  $|4|$  $22$  $13$  $98$  $N-2$  $0.7$  $8.7$ . 3·0/  $3.6$  $30$  $6.3$ (io)  $N-3$  $10<sup>1</sup>$ FREQUENCIES - 0.318 5.0 CPS. n d 136  $10$ 84  $40$  $15\sqrt{(27)}$ — 09 1⁄/57∖  $(N)$  $N - 4$  $16$ ा।  $7.9$ --- Nx-----x--24W  $12W$  $12E$ **20W** I6W **8W**  $4W$ 4E 8E **I6E 20E**  $\mathbf O$ **DISSEMINATED** SULPHIDE ZONE to. +5% **ULPHIDES** 

X EQUALS 400 FEET

**to** *assest3* **the metallic content of this source and pinpoint ite location for drilling.** 

*Most* **of** *the* **surveying was carried out with 300 foot dipoles but one line was repeated using a 500 foot interval. The results are quite different** *cm* **the 500 foot data and the** *XP* **effects are notably stronger. This suggests that more concentrated mineralization occurs at greater depth and consideration should be given to some additional surveying with larger spreads,** 

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# **SUMMARY OF COST**

# **Counts Lake Property**



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