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**Abstract**

Detailed study pf two drill holes, from the Samatosum deposit, in the Adams Plateau, South - central British Columbia, has revealed both syngenetic and epigenetic styles of alteration.

Alteration mineralogy is dominated by quartz, sericite, chlorite and aragonite.

Alteration overprints due to deformation, metamorphism and four phases of silification are present. This complexity must be considered in analysis of data.

The identification of silicified argillites, previously logged as cherts, and of fault breccias has significant importance the interpretation of ore zone lithologies.

Geochemical trends in drill hole Rg 85 indicate an inverted syngenetic ore zone sequence while trends in hole RG 122 are due to epigenetic quartz veins.

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## **1.0 GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

This paper examines alteration associated with volcanogenic massive sulphide mineralization at the Samatosum Deposit located near the community of Barriere in south - central British Columbia. While limited in its scope this study was designed to provide a practical and useful framework for further studies in the area.

A major object of this study was to identify and compare hydrothermal alteration patterns from two drill holes within the deposit. Comparison of structural hangingwall and footwall alteration facies was also emphasized.

Selected intervals of drill holes RG - 85 and RG - 122 were chosen to represent structural hangingwall, ore horizon and structural footwall lithologies of the deposit. Drill holes were logged and sampled in January of 1989. A total of 25 whole rock geochemical samples and 17 thin section samples were taken for detailed analysis. X-ray diffraction (X.R.D) analysis of specimens also analyzed in thin section helped to identify alteration mineralogy.

### 1.1 LOCATION

The Samatosum deposit (MINFILE 82M - 191), located approximately 70 kilometers north east of Kamloops (Fig. 1), British Columbia, is reached by an all weather road that connects the mine site to Highway #5 approximately 3 km south of Barriere. The deposit is situated at approximately  $51^{\circ} 09' 00''$  N latitude and  $120^{\circ} 59' 00''$  W longitude on N.T.S map sheet 82M 4/W.

### 2.0 REGIONAL GEOLOGY ( Fig. 1)

The Samatosum deposit is hosted by rocks of the Eagle Bay Assemblage, an allochthonous series of complexly deformed, low grade, metavolcanic and metasedimentary rocks. The Eagle Bay Assemblage occurs along the western margins of the Omineca Crystalline Belt between the Shuswap Metamorphic Complex to the east and rocks of the Intermontane Belt to the west. Devonian to Permian oceanic rocks of the Fennel Formation (Fig. 1) flank the Eagle Bay Assemblage to the north and appear to be tectonically emplaced over the latter (Schiarizza, 1987).

Age determinations on the west side of Adams Lake, within the Eagle Bay Assemblage, range from Early Cambrian to Mississippian (Schiarizza, 1987). However, most volcanogenic deposits in this area--including Samatosum, Rea and Homestake (Fig. 1),-- yield Devonian lead isotope dates (Goutier, 1986; A. Andrew, written communication, 1988.).

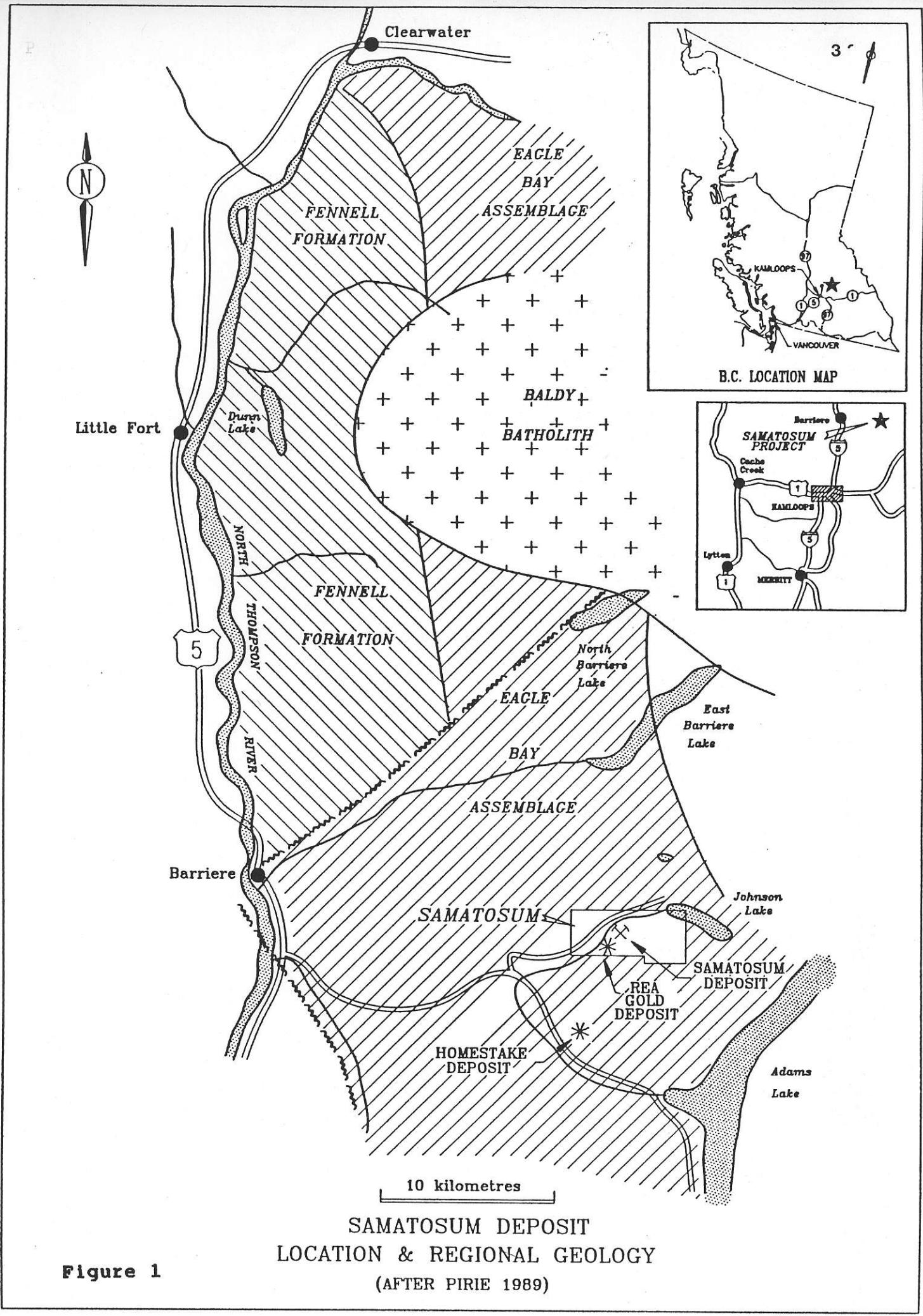


Figure 1

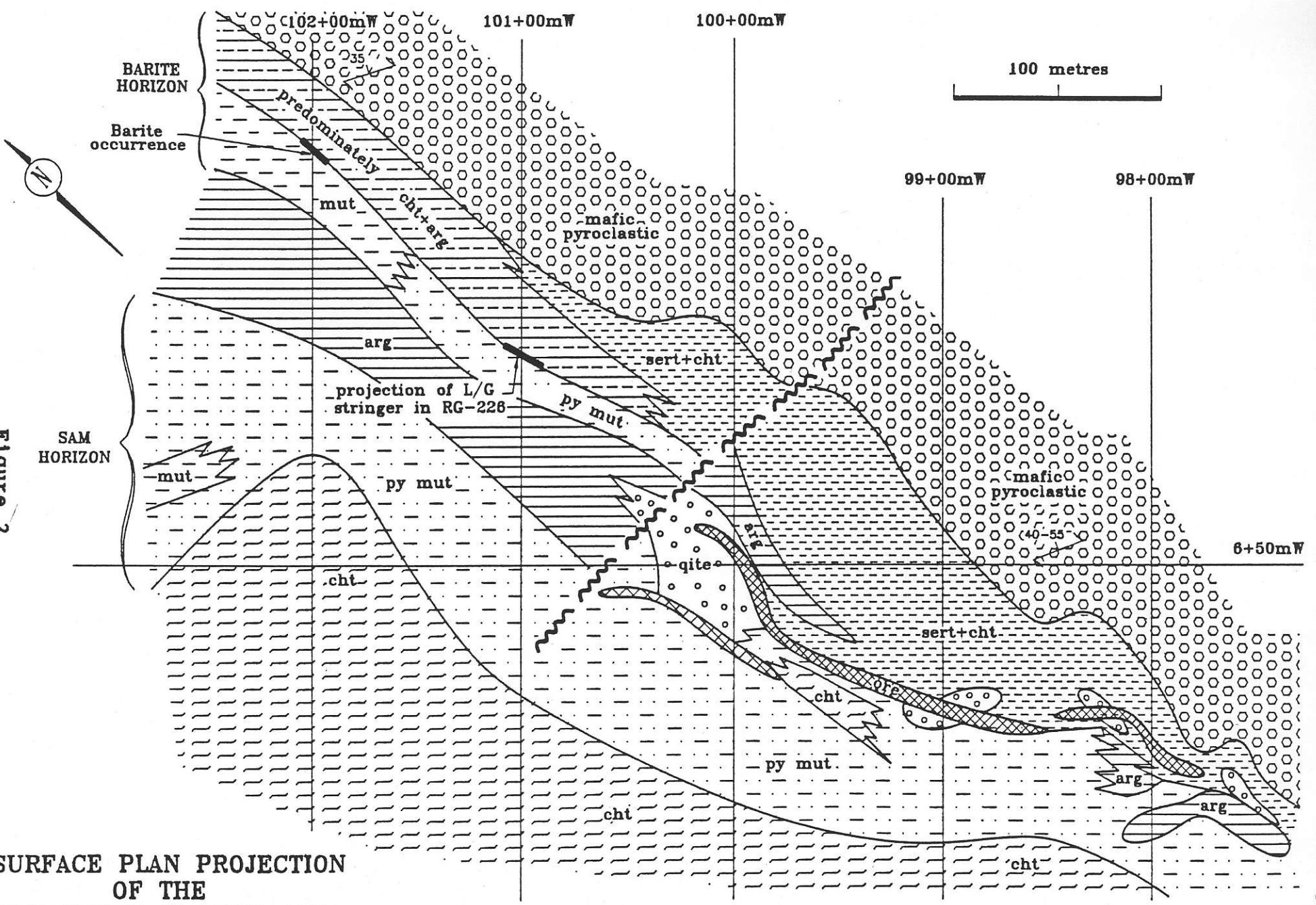
Deformation and lower greenschist grade metamorphism of the Eagle Bay Assemblage, together with the Fennel Formation, likely occurred during the formation of the Jurra - Cretaceous Columbian Orogeny (Schiarizza, 1987). The development, during this time, of tight to isoclinal folding with coincident southwesterly directed thrust faulting divided the Eagle Bay Assemblage into four imbricate thrust panels (Schiarizza, 1987). Synmetamorphic deformation was followed by the development, during the Cretaceous, of upright, northwest plunging folds associated with the intrusion of the Raft and Baldy batholiths. Other postmetamorphic fabrics are present but do not seriously effect the dominant isoclinal geometry (Schiarizza, 1987).

Faulting in the area consists of Eocene northeast and northerly trending strike slip faults. Late stage vulcanism is represented by Tertiary basalt flows which form discrete outliers in the area.

### 3.0 GEOLOGY OF THE SAMATOSUM DEPOSIT (Fig. 2)

Stratigraphic units within the Samatosum deposit are inferred to be on the inverted limb of a west verging syncline and the following discussion of stratigraphy is based on this conclusion. However, because of convention, the lack of consistent stratigraphic tops indicators and the association of ore with late crosscutting quartz veins, stratigraphy will be

Figure 2



SURFACE PLAN PROJECTION  
OF THE  
SAMATOSUM DEPOSIT AREA

(AFTER PIRIE 1989)

described elsewhere, in this paper on the basis of structural rather than stratigraphic criteria.

The Samatosum deposit was discovered in 1986 and is presently in the development stage with production scheduled for late 1989. Current reserves are 634 984 Tonnes grading 1035 g/T Ag, 1.9 g/T Au, 1.2% Cu, 3.6% Zn, and 1.7% Pb (Pirie, 1989).

The deposit is hosted within an inverted sequence of mafic, pyroclastic volcanics and allochthonous sediments. Massive sulphide deposition likely occurred at the end of the mafic volcanic cycle and appears to be partially interbedded with sediments.

Mafic pyroclastics and tuffs form the stratigraphic footwall (structural hangingwall) to the deposit. Sericitic tuffs conformably overlie the mafic volcanics and are inferred to represent a feeder zone to the deposit. Crosscutting alteration relationships between this unit and the basal mafics have not been recognized (Pirie, 1989).

Massive sulphides are enveloped within the muddy tuff, a term applied to an unusual, grey, homogeneous and otherwise nondescript unit thought to be derived from sediments and tuffaceous components (Pirie, 1989). This unit dominates ore zone stratigraphy and serves as a marker unit. Intercalation of

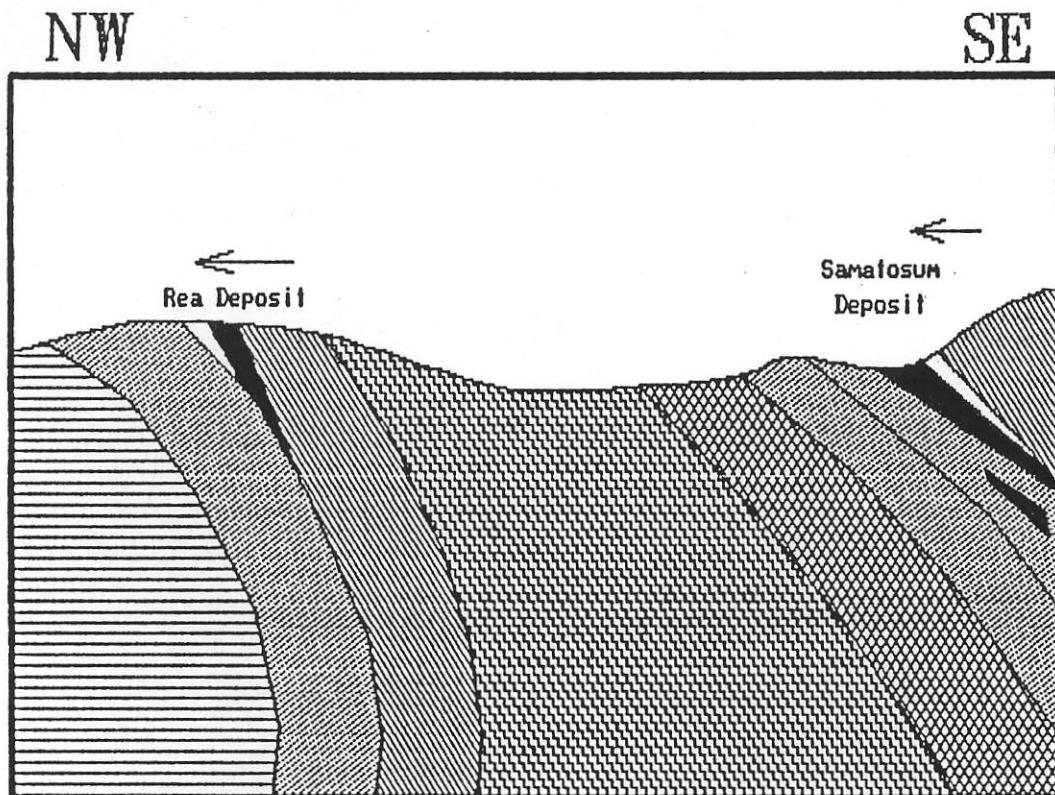
argillites, cherts and wackes occurs within the muddy tuff unit. Localized bands and disseminations of pyrite are also common. A thick sequence of banded cherts covers the stratigraphic footwall to the ore horizon.

Sulphide mineralogy within the deposit consists of pyrite, tetrahedrite, sphalerite, galena and chalcopyrite. Minor phases include electrum, bournonite, gersdorffite, chalcocite, arsenopyrite and covellite. Two sulphide phases, syngenetic and epigenetic, exist within the deposit. The syngenetic phase is supported by the presence of frambooidal pyrite outside the economic ore zone (Holder, 1989). Within the economic ore zone, epigenetic, coarse grained sulphides are dominant, often occurring as bands or selveges associated with late crosscutting quartz veins. Epigenetic ore is dominant in the higher areas of the deposit while syngenetic type sulphides dominate deeper levels (Pirie, 1989).

The ore body has a flat tabular shape with a slight southerly plunge and an average thickness of 6 metres.

### 3.1 GEOLOGY OF OTHER PROXIMAL VOLCANOGENIC DEPOSITS

Two volcanogenic deposits exist within 5 km of the Samatosum Deposit both of which occur on structurally lower horizons within the Eagle Bay Assemblage.



### Legend

- Legend:

  - 1 Mafic Volcanics
  - 2a Barite
  - 2b Samatosum Deposit
  - 3 Sediments
  - 4 Cherts
  - 5 Mixed Sediments and Mafics
  - 6 Mafic Volcanics
  - 7 Rea Deposit
  - 7a Barite
  - 8 Felsic Volcanics

Stratigraphic Tops Direction

APPROXIMATE SCALE

**Figure 3 Schematic Cross Section  
of the Rea/Samatosum Deposits**

The Homestake deposit (Fig. 1), located approximately 5 kilometers south - west of the Samatosum deposit was discovered in the late 1890's and spurred the beginning of exploration in the Eagle Bay Assemblage. This barite hosted Kuroko style massive sulphide deposit was worked, sporadically, until 1983. The deposit is hosted within a sequence of felsic, quartz - sericite schists, chlorite schists and minor intercalated bands of carbonaceous shales. Reserve estimates vary for the deposit but 1 000 000 tonnes grading 200 g/T Ag, 2.5 % Pb, 4 % Zn, 0.5% Cu and 28% barite are possible (Schiarizza, 1987).

The Rea deposit (Fig. 1), located approximately 700 m west of the Samatosum deposit, in a structurally lower horizon (Fig. 3), consists of three sulphide lenses within an inverted sequence of mafic pyroclastic volcanics. Barite is present in the deposits within the stratigraphic hangingwall while pyritic/chloritic/siliceous stringer zones within the stratigraphic footwall may represent feeder systems. The sulphide deposits are stratigraphically overlain by a series of turbiditic shales, greywackes and chert pebble conglomerates. Reserves within the Rea lenses are approximately 150,000 Tonnes of arsenical ore grading 0.21 oz/t Au, 2.5 oz/t Ag, 2.5% Pb, 2.6% Zn, and 0.6% Cu.

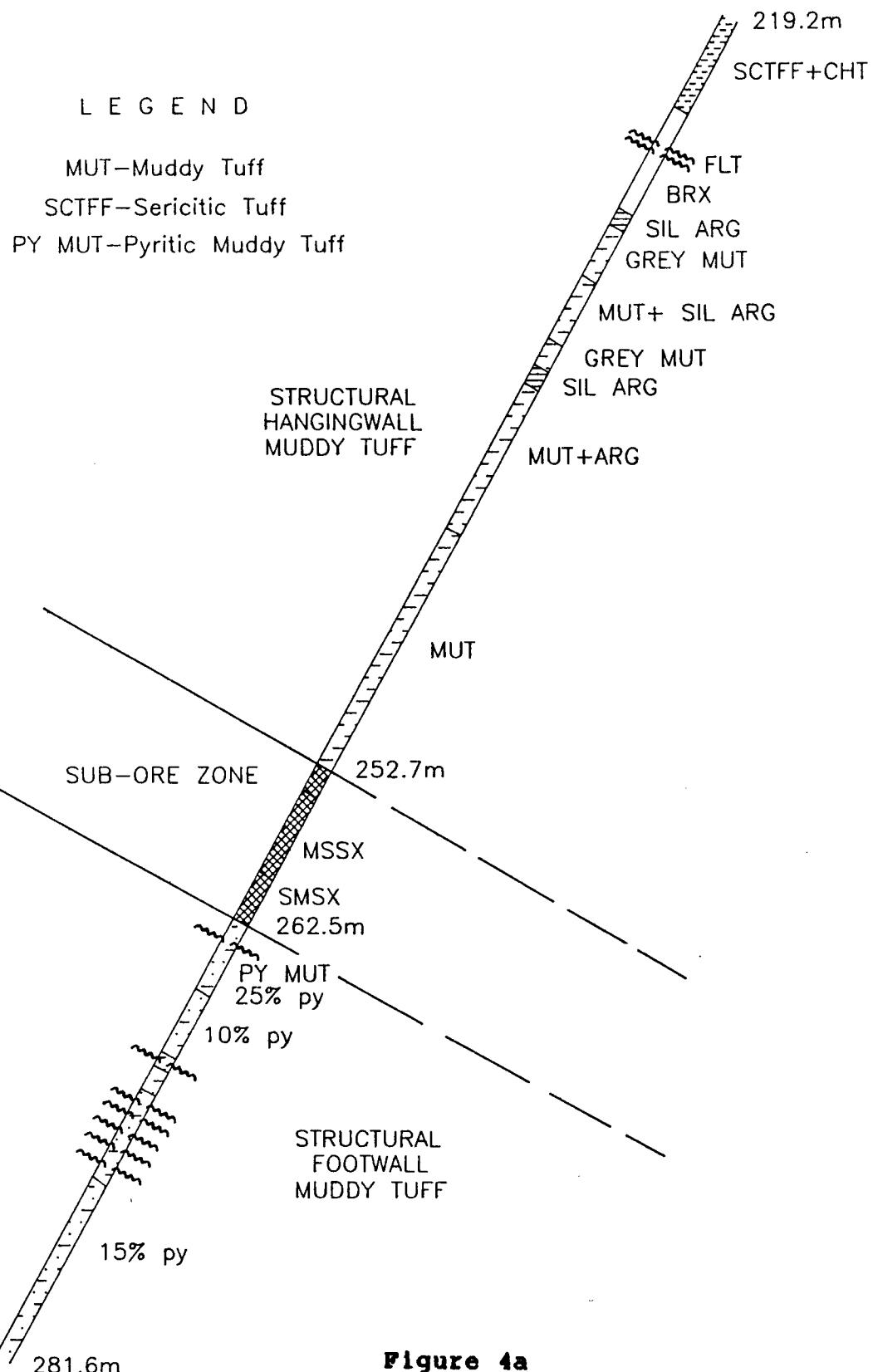
Genetic relations between the Rea and Samatosum deposits are at this time uncertain. The proximity of the deposits indicates either a structurally stacked sequence or two separate,

time stratigraphic, productive horizons (Fig. 3). Stratigraphic and metallurgical comparisons between the two deposits certainly supports the latter assumption. However, consideration of the large structural shortening associated with isoclinal folding, allows the interpretation that both are distal equivalents which have been structurally juxtaposed over one another.

The presence of barite and the close association with mafic pyroclastic volcanics in both the Rea and Samatosum deposits are considered significant exploration parameters.

#### 4.0 DATA COLLECTION METHODS

Two diamond drill holes were selected to represent possible syngenetic and epigenetic types of sulphides. Hole RG 85 contained fine grained, banded and fragmental, massive sulphides with grades below the economic cutoff. Hole RG 122 contained numerous quartz veins and ore grade intervals. Geologic intervals within drill holes were chosen to represent ore horizon lithology and potential alteration changes. Width of intervals were also selected with consideration of the scope of the project. Drill logs and sections are found in Figures 4 a,b and 5 a,b. The object of the study was to compare vertical alteration patterns within the stratigraphic footwall and hangingwall of each hole.

**Figure 4a**

**RG-85 ORE ZONE**  
**(219.2M to 281.6m)**

**GEOLOGY**  
**LOOKING NORTH EAST**

SCALE: 1:250

## Summary Log

DDH RG 85

Hole size: NQ

Dip: -62

from to	rock type	colour	grain size	texture and structure	alteration	sulphides
219.2	Sericitic Tuff	pale green	f.g.	strongly laminated with white chert folded w. axial planar shears and crenulations. chert increases at base.	strong sericite pervasive	Py bands m.g. parallel to foliation 5 - 7%
223.3						
223.3	Muddy Tuff	black to grey	f.g.	Phyllitic. chaotic and broken beds siliceous,grey and black shales	moderate sericite	Py 2 - 10% bands 1 - 4 cm
252.7				224.9 - 225.8 fault 223.3 - 227.8 fault early,rehealed,flattened qz frags. 228.3 - 228.6 silicified argillite	silica stringers	m.g. Py laminae in grey beds
				Generally finely intercalated sequences		
252.7	Semi Massive sulphides	grey to	f.g. to	Fine grained lesser fragments	mod	50% py
256.6		metallic	m.g.	siliceous mtx.	sericite	5% sph
256.6	massive sulphides	yellow	m.g.	very competant weak banding // foln.	minor qz veins	1% Gn
260						1% tt
260	Semi massive sulphides	yellow	m.g.	weakly phyllitic	mod	80% py
262.5					sericite	5% gn
262.5	Pyritic Muddy Tuff	grey	f.g.	phyllitic. sulphide laminae 5 - 10 cm wide. generally homogenous	5 - 10 %	10% spl
281.6				262.5 - 263.6 fault 268.2 - 268.6 fault 269.8 - 274.4 fault	sericite	2% cpy
					pre and post defm. qz veins	2% tt
						10 - 20% fg.diss. Py. tr. gn,tt
						tt,gn,spl

Figure 4b

## LEGEND

MUT—Muddy Tuff  
PY MUT— Pyritic Muddy Tuff  
QV—Quartz Vein  
QDV—Quartz Dolomite Vein  
SMSX—Semi Massive Sulphide

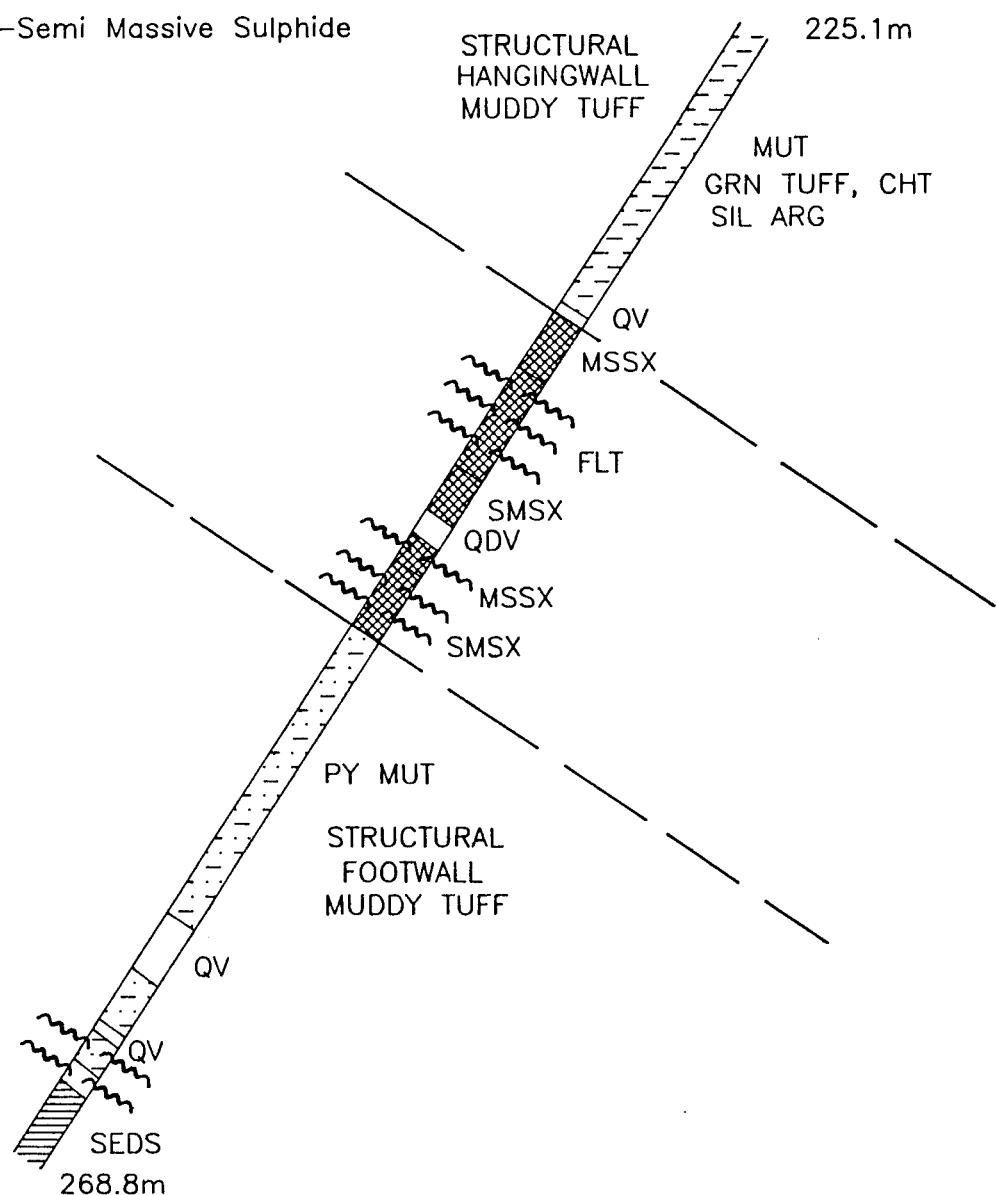


Figure 5a

RG-122 ORE ZONE  
(225.1m to 268.8m)

GEOLOGY  
LOOKING NORTH EAST

SCALE: 1:250

## Summary Log

DDH IRG 122

Hole size: NQ

Dip: -55

from to	rock type	colour	grain size	texture and structure	alteration	sulphides
225.1	Muddy Tuff	black and pale green	f.g.	interbedded black carbonaceous shales and green tuffs finely laminated and foliated Qz veins 15%	moderate sericite pervasive	Py 2-3% f.g. banded sub// foln. also porphyroblasts 5-7%
236.4	Ore zone Massive sulphides	metallic grey and yellow	f.g.	236.0 - 236.4 Qz vein  Fragmental or flaser textures 25% siliceous gangue  238.2 - 241.8 fault 241.8 - 243.5 semi massive sulphides 243.5 - 244.2 qz - dolomite vein <b>244.2 - 245.1 massive sulphides</b> 245.1 - 247.8 semi massive sulphides intense gouge at base	strong sericite  sericitic intervals  strong sericite  strong sericite	Py 70% f.g. Cpy 10% f.g. whisps Tt 10% f.g. diss. Sph 5% brown f.g. Gn 5% f.g. stringers
247.8	Muddy Tuff	grey	f.g.	Siliceous pyritic laminae and flasers homogenous mtx.	moderate sericite	Py 5 - 20% fg. bands and diss. trace Tt
264.3	Argillite and Wacke	black to grey	m.g. to f.g.	258.7 - 260.8 Qz vein 263.2 - 263.8 Qz vein ribbon text.  laminated interbedded repeating sequences  264.3 - 264.5 fault 268.1 - 268.3 fault	pervasive Qz stringers	pyritic near top 5% f.g. bands

Figure 5b

#### 4.1 SAMPLING METHODS

Lithogeochemical samples were taken over intervals of 1.1 to 3.3 metres according to abundance of material and width of lithologies. Where possible continuous sample strings were selected. Ore zones and intense fault gouges were avoided if possible and large quartz veins were not sampled. However, pervasive quartz stringers impossible to separate from the surrounding host were included. A total of 25 samples, including 4 duplicates, were analyzed for the study (Table 1).

XRD and thin section samples were taken, where possible, at coincident intervals to whole rock samples. Samples were chosen to reflect textural and mineralogical characteristics of respective lithologies (Table 1).

#### 4.2 ANALYTICAL METHODS

A combination of optical, geochemical and X - ray analyses were used for the study.

##### 4.2.1 LITHOGEOCHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Whole rock geochemical samples were sent to Min-En Analytical Laboratories Ltd. of North Vancouver, B.C.. A standard fusion process with induced coupled plasma finish was applied for all major elements. Au was determined by wet geochemistry while aqua-regia digestion with an ICP finish method

TABLE 1

LITHOGEOCHEMICAL AND THIN SECTION  
SAMPLES

DDH RG 85DDH RG 122

SAMPLE	FROM(m)	TO(m)	UNIT	THIN SECTION	SAMPLE	FROM(m)	TO(m)	UNIT	THIN SECTION
11864	219.2	222.2	SERICITIC TUFF	TSSC9	11851	225.1	228.1	MUDDY TUFF	TSSC1
11865	222.2	223.3	SERICITIC TUFF	TSSC10	11852	228.1	231.1	MUDDY TUFF	
11866	219.2	222.2	DUPLICATE		11853	231.1	233	MUDDY TUFF	TSSC2
11867	226.3	227.8	MUDDY TUFF(FLT.)	TSSC11	11854	233	234.9	MUDDY TUFF	TSSC3
11868	234.6	235.3	SIL. ARG.	TSSC12	11855	234.9	236.4	MUDDY TUFF	TSSC4
11869	237.1	240.1	MUDDY TUFF	TSSC13	11856	245.2	247.8	ORE ZONE	
11870	250.1	252.7	MUDDY TUFF	TSSC14	11857	247.8	251.1	MUDDY TUFF	
11871	262.5	265	MUDDY TUFF		11858	251.1	254.3	MUDDY TUFF	
11872	265	267.5	MUDDY TUFF	TSSC16	11859	254.3	258.2	MUDDY TUFF	TSSC5
11873	265	267.5	DUPLICATE		11860	254.3	258.2	DUPLICATE	
11874	274.2	275.6	MUDDY TUFF		11861	260.8	263	MUDDY TUFF	TSSC6 + 7
11875	278.7	281.2	MUDDY TUFF	TSSC17	11862	260.8	263	DUPLICATE	
					11863	266	268.8	WACKE	TSSC8

was used for other trace elements. Duplicate samples were checked for consistency and averaged.

#### 4.2.2 THIN SECTION ANALYSIS

Thin section samples were cut perpendicular to foliation and ground to standard thickness. Hand samples were taken to observe macroscopic textures. Modal mineralogy and textures are detailed in Appendix 2.

#### 4.2.3 XRD ANALYSIS

Small chips were crushed and water mounts were prepared following the procedure outlined by Godwin in Appendix 4.

Mounted samples were X-rayed using Cu radiation, with a scanning speed of 2 degrees two theta per minute. Slides were scanned from 2 degrees to 37 degrees two theta. Charts for unknown minerals were compared against known standards for identification of clay minerals.

### 4.3 CIPW NORMS

Normative mineralogy was calculated using PETCAL, a BASIC language computer program for PETrologic CALculations which is distributed by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology. Complete

data sets are included in Appendix 3.

## 5.0 INTERPRETATION OF DATA

All analysis were compiled in tables and graphed where appropriate.

### 5.1 XRD MINERALOGY (TABLES 2 AND 3)

XRD analysis for clay minerals revealed the presence of sericite (muscovite), quartz and potassium feldspar in all samples.

Chlorite and albite are absent in the structural footwall of RG 85 while present in the hanging wall.

Aragonite is present in all lithologies except for the silicified argillites of sample 11868.

Sediments in the structural footwall of RG 122 were notably absent in albite.

### 5.2 NORMATIVE MINERALOGY

All samples except 11851 display high amounts of normative quartz and are within rhyolite fields (O'Connor, 1965). Silification caused by multiple episodes of quartz and quartz

TABLE 2

MINERALOGY

## HANGINGWALL RG 85

## HANGINGWALL RG 122

Litho Geochem. sample	11864	11865	11867	11868	11869	11870	11851	11852	11853	11854	11855
Thin section sample	TSSC9 ScTff	TSSC10 ScTff Chk	TSSC11 Mut Flx	TSSC12 Sil Arg	TSSC13 Mut	TSSC14 Mut	TSSC1 Mut		TSSC2 Mut	TSSC3 Mut	TSSC4 Mut
X.R.D. mineralogy											
MU	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*
CL	*	*	*	*	*	*			*	*	
AB	*	*	*	*		*	*				
KF	*	*	*	*		*	*		*	*	*
ARAG	*	*	*		*	*	*		*	*	
QZ	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*
CIPW NORMS											
QZ	50.14	63.37	46.56	75.02	71.18	63.4	18.51	42.72	40.09	40.71	35.01
C	9.15	5.87	4.87	2.93	2.69	5.09	2.98	12.95	10.17	13.9	13.84
OR	16.96	10.7	9.34	6.86	6.38	6.14	22.52	20.63	16.55	21.1	21
AB	4.65	2.96	4.48	1.18	1.18	5.58	0.68	0.51	0.17	0.59	0.34
AN	0.8	0.65	7.78	2.19	2.19	0.28	25.97	1.12	5.73	0.58	2.66
HY	6.38	4.78	11.51	3.09	3.09	5.41	15.56	11.62	14.19	11.63	14
MT	8	7.13	9.26	4.31	4	9.27	9.42	8.79	11.12	9.35	10.22
IL	1.06	0.66	0.9	0.49	0.49	0.38	1.67	1.54	1.88	1.71	2.17
AP	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.28	0.28	0.09	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	2.37
MODAL mineralogy											
Sc	40	35	5	5	20	20	25		20	25	20
Qz	40	55	40	50	60	60	50		30	35	60
Arag			5						5	5	
Ch									5	15	
Bi			20	20	5		10		25	5	
Rutile				2	2	2					1
Opacques			5	15	5		10		15		
Sulphides	7	10	10	5	7	10	3		5	5	20

TABLE 3  
MINERALOGY

FOOTWALL RG 85

FOOTWALL RG 122

Litho Geochem. sample	11871	11872 11873	11874	11875	11856	11857	11858	11859 11860	11861 11862	11863	
Thin section sample		TSSC16 Mut		TSSC17 Mut				TSSC5 Mut	TSSC6 Mut	TSSC7 Arg	TSSC8 Wcke
X.R.D. mineralogy											
MU	*		*					*	*	*	*
CL								*			*
AB									*		
KF	*		*					*	*	*	*
ARAG			*					*	*	*	*
QZ	*		*					*	*	*	*
CIPW NORMS											
QZ	41.27	44.15	46.35	39.64	41.42	49.96	56.87	55.31	37.03	67.3	40.71
C	9.81	9	8.68	11.58	8.3	8.18	7.61	8.53	9.6	3.63	13.9
OR	16.9	17.97	18.74	25.47	16.14	17.55	16.31	18.56	20.51	8.69	21.1
AB	4.23	3.97	2.45	3.38	1.27	1.69	1.6	1.69	2.03	0.76	0.59
AN	0.53	0.38	0.2	1.67	1.47	0.82	8.35	0.23	6.13	0.58	
HY	8.96	7.49	7.12	3.32	7.56	5.72	4.53	4.37	9.08	6.25	11.63
MT	14	12.69	12.35	10.54	13.05	9.22	7.14	7.03	16.07	5.23	9.35
IL	0.09	0.95	0.91	1.15	1.1	0.8	0.78	0.87	1.19	0.68	1.71
AP	0.94	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
MODAL mineralogy											
Sc		20		15			20	10	15	15	
Qz		45		60			45	40	40	60	
Anag										5	
Chl								15			
Bi							5	5	10	15	
Rutile		2							2		
Opalines									20		
Sulphides		20		25			10	30	10	5	

carbonate veining is the likely source of excess normative quartz. Extremely variable percentages of SiO<sub>2</sub> in mudrocks, ranging from 11 to 84 percent (Blatt, Middleton and Murray, 1980) may also explain the high amounts of quartz present. Abnormal quartz and orthoclase values in samples 11851 are likely caused by late stage carbonate stringers.

RG 122 displays a distinct lack of normative albite compared to RG 85. High levels of normative quartz are present in the hangingwall of RG 85 compared to footwall lithologies.

Abnormal quartz content exists in all samples however values are extremely high in the hangingwall of RG 85. This is attributable to one or more stages of silification. None of the samples display normative mineralogy comparable to average, unaltered, major rock types (Best, 1982).

### 5.3 THIN SECTION STUDY

Thin section analysis yielded a variety of textural and mineralogical changes within lithologic units.

#### 5.3.1 MINERALOGY

The following notes describe major minerals observed.

QUARTZ - Fine grained, microcystalline in all samples except wackes (Plate 3.9) and fault breccias where coarse (>1mm), flattened, quartz vein fragments were identified. Commonly occurs in fine grained bands, flasers (<.3mm) and in pressure shadows around porphyroblastic pyrite (Plate 3.11).

SERICITE Defines foliation in all sections. High amounts of a pale green variety exist within the sericitic tuff unit. A silvery grey variety is common in sediments and the muddy tuff.

ARAGONITE is present in the hangingwall of RG 122 and in fault breccia (TSSC 11) and wacke (TSSC 8). Slightly curved twin lamellae indicate minor, probably post folding, strain.

CHLORITE is Mg-Fe rich and shows apparent cross cutting relationships in TSSC 3 (Plate 3.8). It is very fine grained along surfaces of foliation.

BIOTITE is present in argillite and wacke and minor amounts in Muddy Tuff.

RUTILE is red in thin section. It occurs in minor amounts in sediments and Muddy Tuff (Plate 3.12). It possibly occurs as a hydrothermal replacement of ilmenite.

### 5.3.2 TEXTURES

The notes that follow describe dominant textures.

Penetrative axial planar foliation dominates all lithologies.

Tight to isoclinal parasitic folds are noted within the sericitic tuffs (Plate 3.2) and within the Muddy Tuff (Plate 3.4) of RG 122. Analysis of folds infers antiformal east verging closure up hole and to the east. Micro - folds were not apparent close to the ore zone.

Flaser textures (Plate 3.10) and S-C fabric (Plate 3.11) indicate late stage shearing. This may be reflected in a reduction of grain size in some of the quartz rich rocks.

### 5.3.3 SILICIFICATION

Four phases of silification are recognized within thin sections and hand samples from the ore zone.

PHASE 1 - Pre - metamorphic, minute (<.1mm), quartz stringers are possibly associated with a feeder zone and are cut by foliation.

PHASE 2 - Pre isoclinal folding veins occur as ptygmatic quartz veins and stringers (Plates 3.5, 3.6).

PHASE 3 - Post - isoclinal folding bull quartz veining. Cross - cuts foliation at moderate to low angles (Plate 3.7). It is associated with epigenetic ore grade sulphides. This phase is highly fractured and open space textures were not apparent. A mesothermal origin is proposed.

PHASE 3 - Quartz-dolomite veins display intense wallrock alteration that overprints all metamorphic fabrics. Open space textures indicate a higher level origins for this event.

#### 5.3.4 PROTOLITHOLOGY

Many ambiguities persist in the analysis of textures and mineralogy with respect to protolithology.

SERICITIC TUFFS - The fine grained laminae, absence of chlorite, opaques and biotite indicates a probable dacitic water lain tuff. "Chert" bands may be due to compositional segregation or primary chert laminae recrystallized to a larger (at least microcrystalline) grain size during metamorphism. Vitroclastic textures are not apparent.

MUDDY TUFF - The exact genesis of the muddy tuff remains obscure. This unit consists of fine grained layers and flasers of quartz and sericite. Bands of fine grained sulphides give the unit its distinct grey colour. Minor amounts of biotite, rutile and carbon may infer a partial sedimentary origin. Drill hole geology indicates an active cycle of allochthonous sediment deposition during muddy tuff deposition. Association of this unit with massive sulphides suggests a synchronous deposition of both cherty, tuffaceous and continentally derived sediments during an exhalative event. Thick (>15m), homogenous sequences were apparent in the footwalls of both drill holes. Hangingwall sequences were finely interbedded with allochthonous sediments and green tuffs.

SILICIFIED ARGILLITES - This unit can be easily mistaken for black chert. Thin section analysis revealed the presence of up to 15% quartz stringers (Plate 3.7).

TECTONIC BRECCIA - This unit can be easily mistaken for debris flows. However, broken foliation, S-C fabric, and large (.5cm to

TABLE 4

## SAMATOSUM DEPOSIT - LITHOGEOCHEMISTRY

HANGING WALL RG B5

HANGINGWALL RG 122

**NOTE: DUPLICATE SAMPLES AVERAGED**

**FOOTWALL RG 85**

FOOTWALL RG 122

SAMPLE UNIT	11871 MUT	11872 11873 MUT	11874 MUT	11875 MUT		11856 SmSX	11857 MUT	11858 MUT	11859 11860 MUT	11861 11862 MUT	11863 MUT
MAJOR OXIDES %											
Al2O3	12.96	13.26	12.73	16.98		12.12	12.26	11.22	12.29	13.84	7.62
Ba	0.184	0.185	0.153	0.194		1.019	0.744	0.389	0.298	0.317	0.176
CaO	0.10	0.16	0.13	0.08		0.35	0.31	0.18	0.03	0.06	1.25
Fe2O3	9.65	8.75	8.52	7.27		9	6.36	4.93	4.85	11.09	3.61
K2O	2.86	3.04	3.17	4.31		2.73	2.97	2.76	3.14	3.47	1.47
MgO	0.50	0.49	0.41	0.47		0.5	0.5	0.48	0.48	0.46	1.53
MnO2	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.03		0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.08
Na2O	0.50	0.47	0.29	0.4		0.15	0.2	0.19	0.2	0.24	0.09
P2O5	0.40	0.04	0.04	0.03		0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
SiO2	58.47	62.34	63.74	60.24		57.09	65.92	71.14	70.7	56.12	79.51
Sr	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01		0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
TiO2	0.05	0.5	0.48	0.61		0.58	0.42	0.41	0.46	0.63	0.36
Zr	0.006	0.005	0.005	0.008		0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.007	0.009
S	11.63	8.4	7.9	7.1		9.16	7.2	5.64	5.18	11.13	0.18
TOTAL	97.28	97.66	97.59	97.73		92.7	96.9	97.38	96.65	97.34	95.87
TRACE ELEMENT PPM											
AG	1.9	5.4	1.8	2.4		86	15.4	7.9	9.1	118.5	1.3
AS	152	156	145	173		1	137	133	130	237	75
BA	118	114	129	141		129	246	301	208	122	315
CU	28	216	16	59		839	280	175	193	494	15
PB	418	360	141	82		20850	2356	552	191	1176	32
SB	16	87	9	23		341	140	99	98	257	6
ZN	798	268	34	37		27796	3362	1346	164	1622	52
TiO2-PPM	500	5000	4800	6100		5800	42300	4100	4600	6300	3600
NB	5	4	4	6		6	3	1	1	4	1
Y	8	9	7	9		12	11	8	8	9	12
ZR-PPM	36	29	22	56		34	15	20	13	56	62
AU-PPB	68	60	150	325		495	210	85	88	345	10

NOTE: DUPLICATE SAMPLES AVERAGED

2 cm) quartz vein fragments indicates a post isoclinal folding, origin for these zones.

#### 5.4 LITHOGEOCHEMISTRY

Results of whole rock analysis were divided between footwall and hangingwall lithologies and compiled (Table 4).

Graphs of most major elements and trace elements were produced to match results to respective lithology and to facilitate visualization of vertical zonation. Legends for summarized drill hole geology are provided in Figures 6 and 7.

The terms enrichment and depletion as used in the following discussion reflect empirical treatment of data and are not based on statistical methods. Statistics were not applied because of the small number of samples taken.

##### 5.4.1 MAJOR OXIDES (Figs. 8 to 12)

Two distinctly different major element trends are apparent in RG 85 and RG 122.

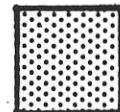
Oxide trends in RG 85 display trends more likely to appear in an upright sequence.  $K_2O$ ,  $Al_2O_3$ , Ba% and iron are enriched in the structural footwall (stratigraphic hangingwall). These

## LEGEND

### DDH RG 85

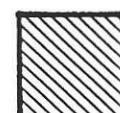
#### **Sericitic Tuff**

strongly sheared. White chert laminae increase towards base.



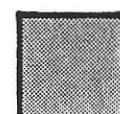
#### **Hangingwall Muddy Tuff**

Interbedded Grey siliceous and Black silicified, carbonaceous shales  
Py 5 - 15%, 1cm laminae, bands, and flasers.



#### **Ore Zone.**

Sub - economic  
50 - 70 % pyrite  
1 - 2% Cpy  
5% Gn bands 1 to 10 mm.  
7% Sph. fg. yellow



#### **Footwall Muddy Tuff**

Homogenous, grey, siliceous.  
Intense faulting  
minor Oz veins at base  
Pyrite 5 - 25%, bands and disseminated.

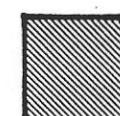
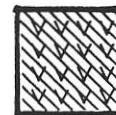


Figure 6

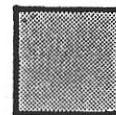
## LEGEND

### DDH RG 122

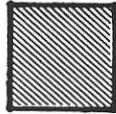
**Hangingwall Muddy Tuff**  
 Intercalated Black, carbonaceous  
 shales, green sericitic tuffs  
 and black cherts  
 M - folds.  
 Qz vein at base



**Ore Zone**  
 Semi massive to  
 massive sulphides.  
 Frags. or flasers  
 60% fg. Py  
 10% Cpy  
 10% TT  
 5% Sph.  
 Qz dolomite veins



**Footwall Muddy Tuff**  
 Homogenous, grey, siliceous.  
 sericitic bands and flasers  
 of fg. Qz.  
 Qz veins  
 Py 3 - 10%



**Argillite and Wacke**  
 Interbedded, carbonaceous.  
 Py rich flasers.  
 minor Qz - Carb. stringers.



**Fault**

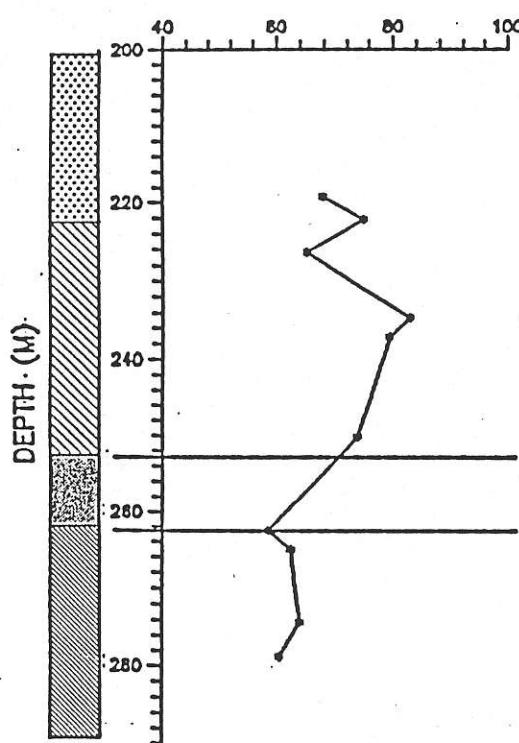
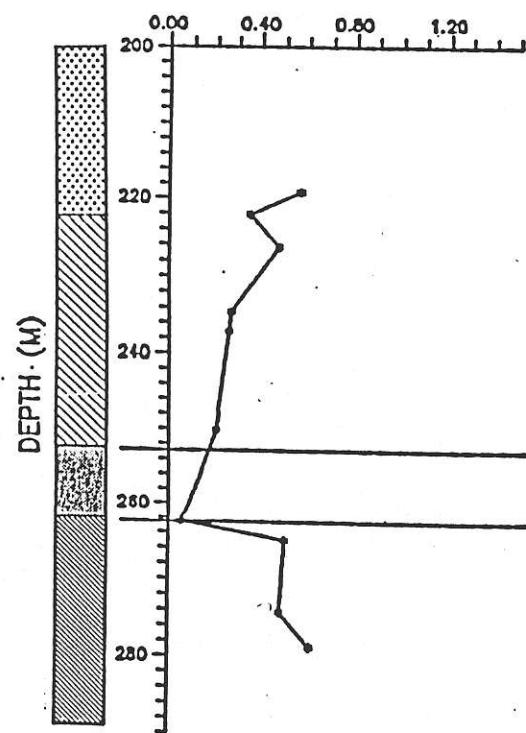


**Quartz vein**



Figure 7

## DDH RG 85

SiO<sub>2</sub> %TiO<sub>2</sub> %

## DDH RG 122

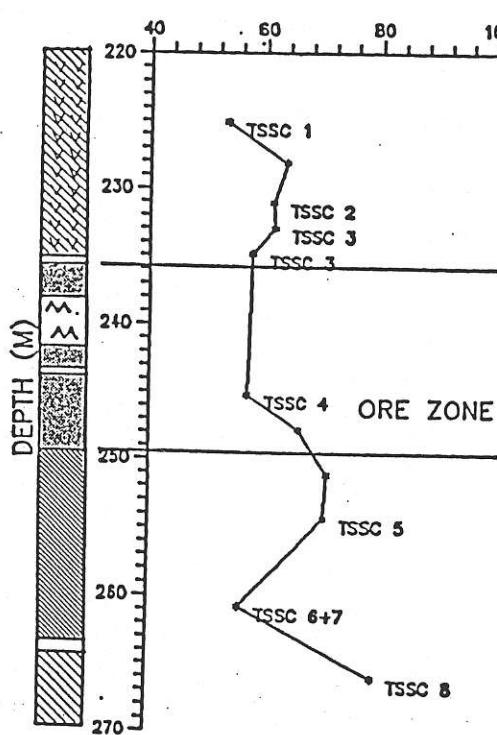
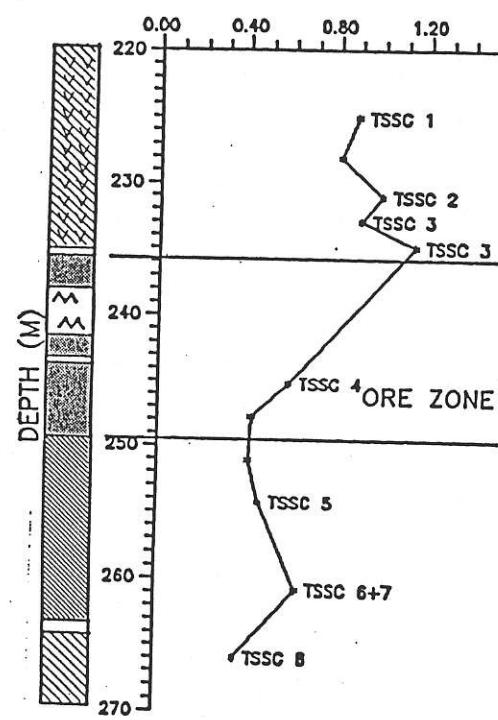
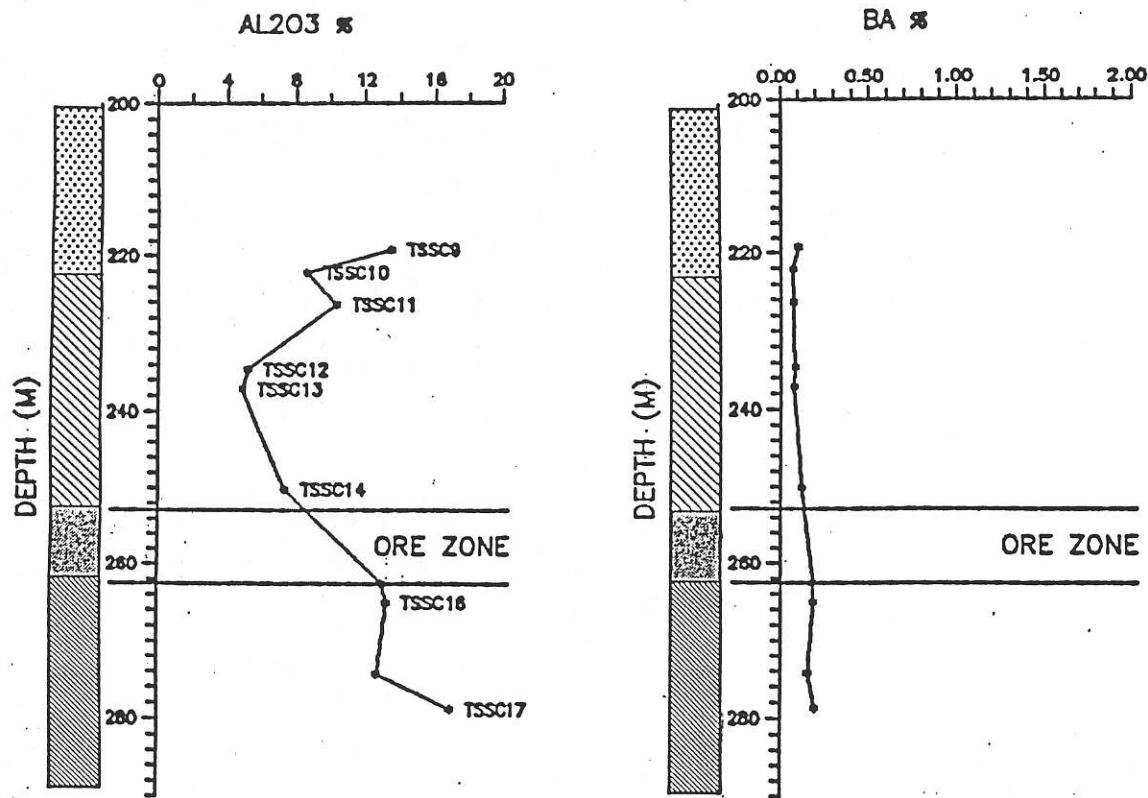
SiO<sub>2</sub> %TiO<sub>2</sub> %

Figure 8

## DDH RG 85



## DDH RG 122

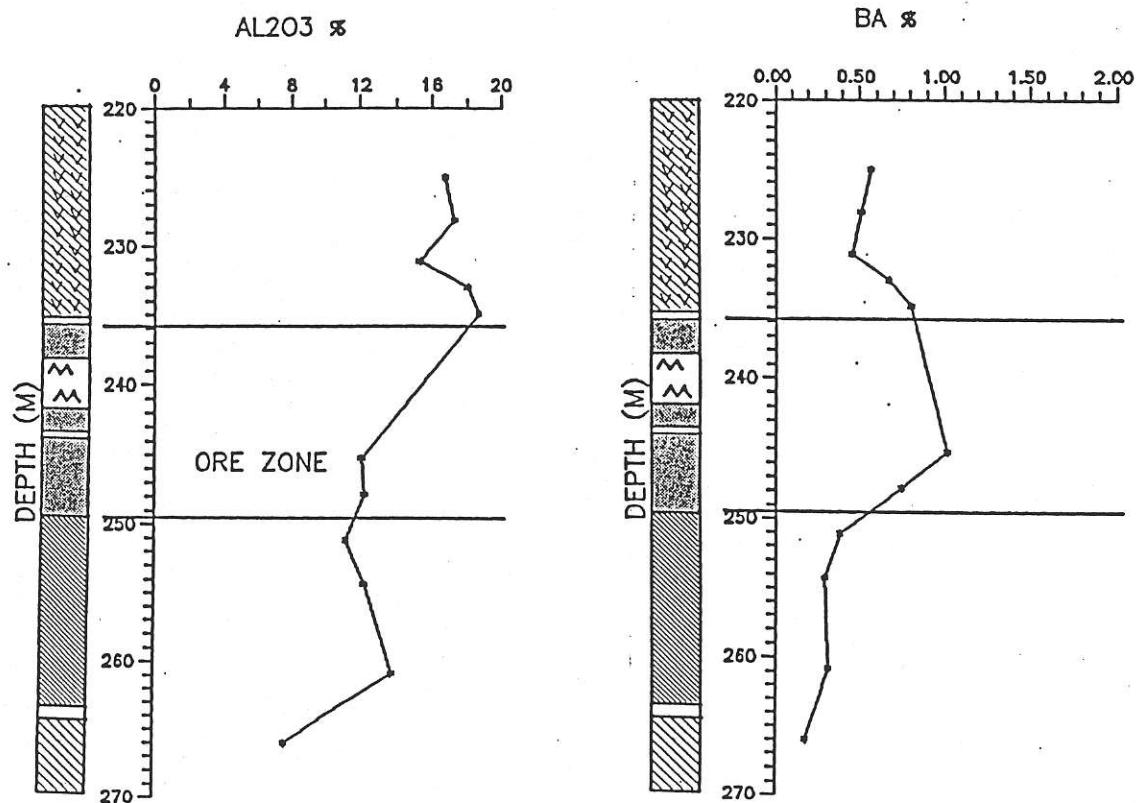
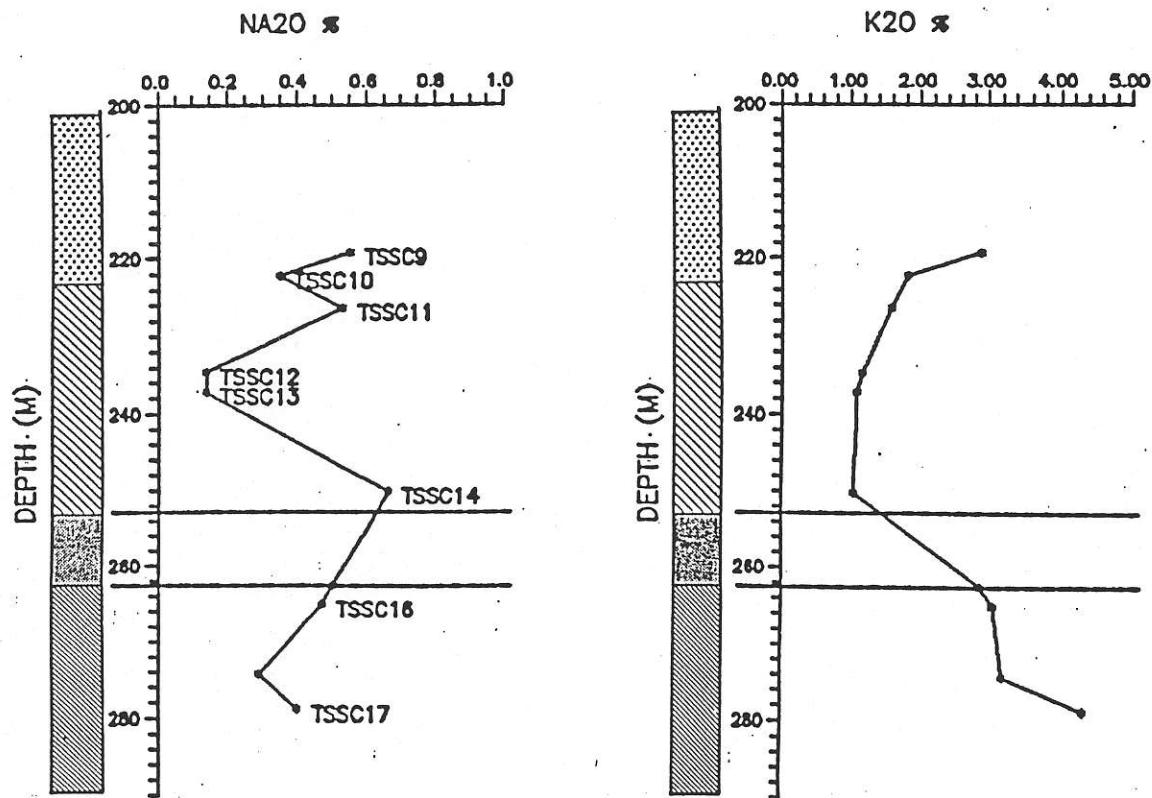


Figure 9

## DDH RG 85



## DDH RG 122

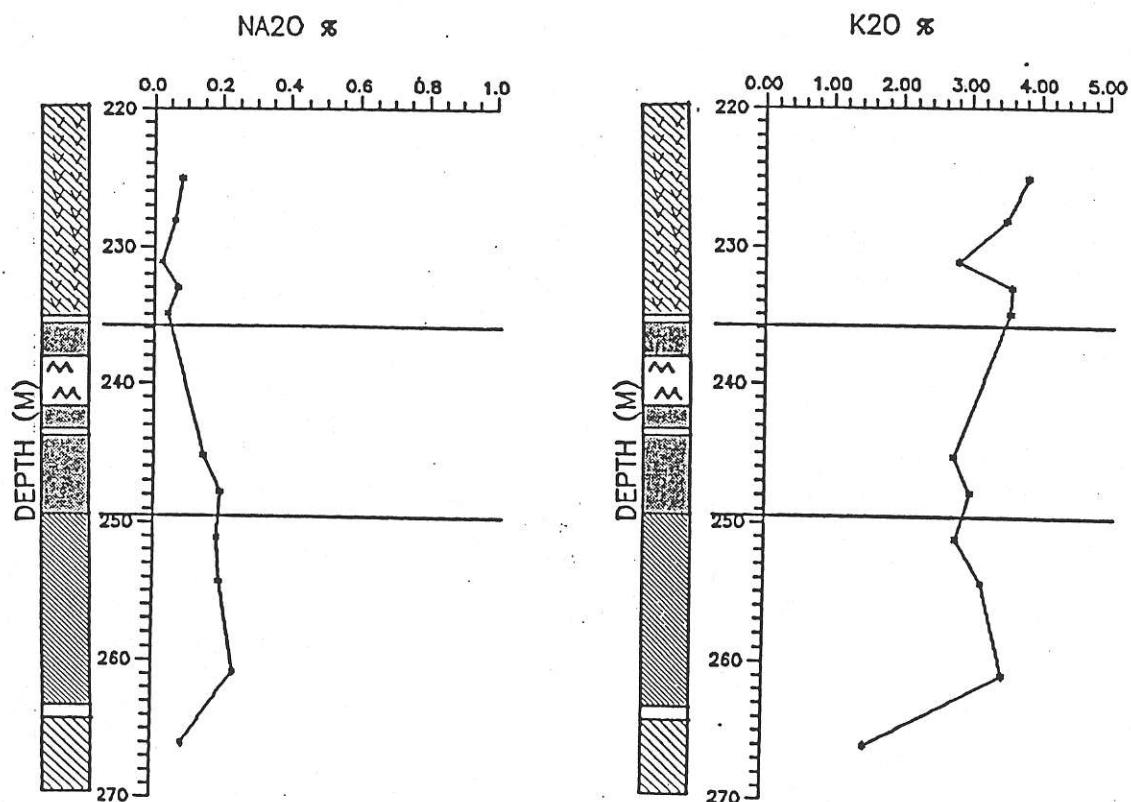
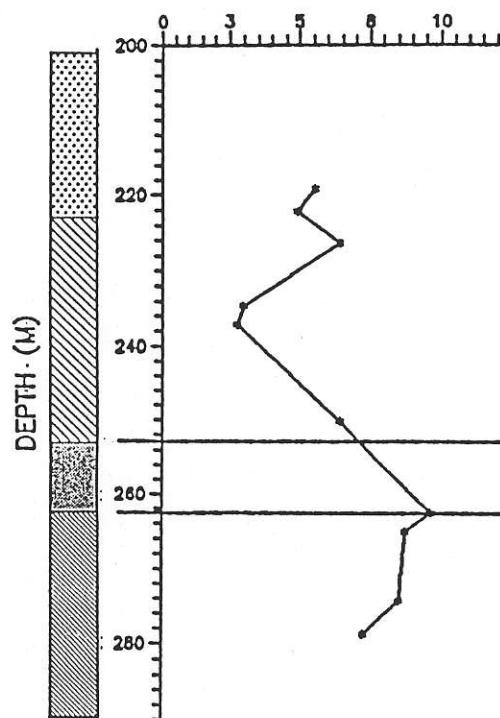


Figure 10

## DDH RG 85

FE203 %



## DDH RG 122

FE203 %

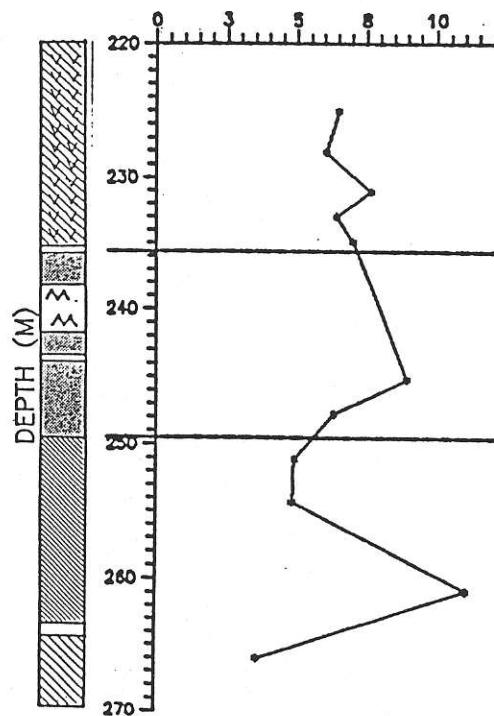
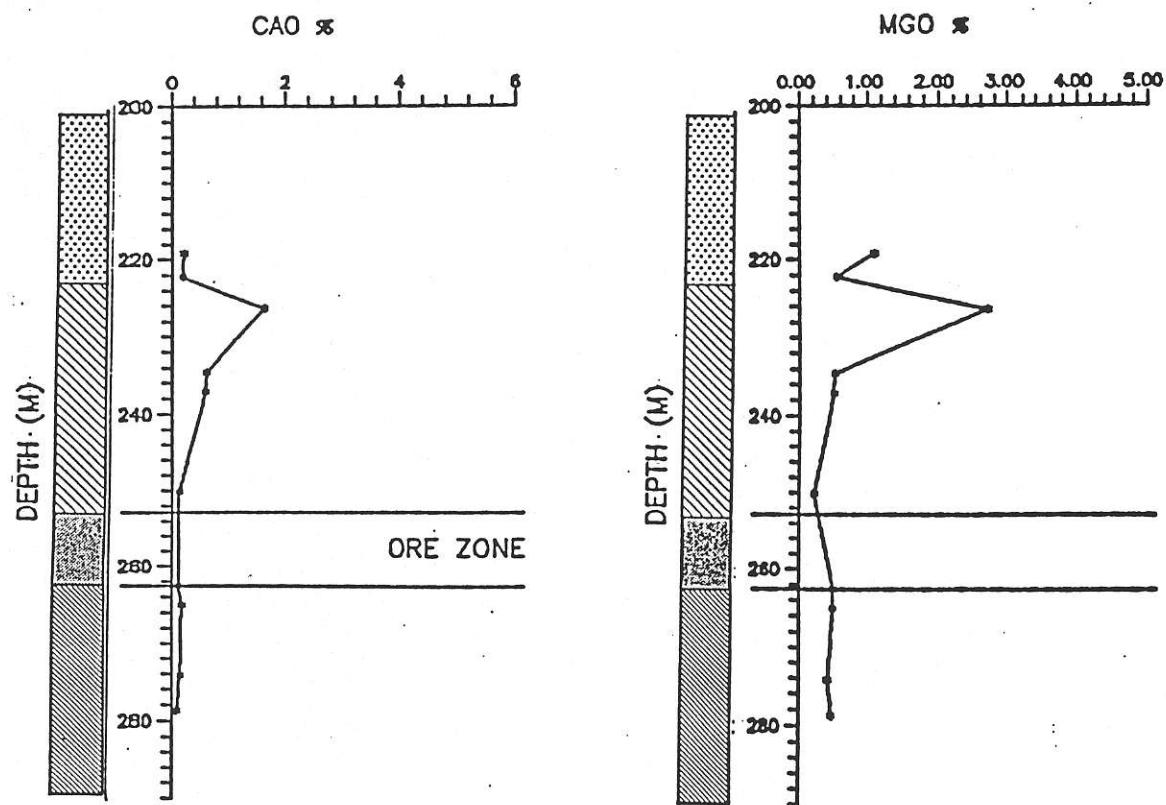


Figure 11

## DDH RG 85



## DDH RG 122

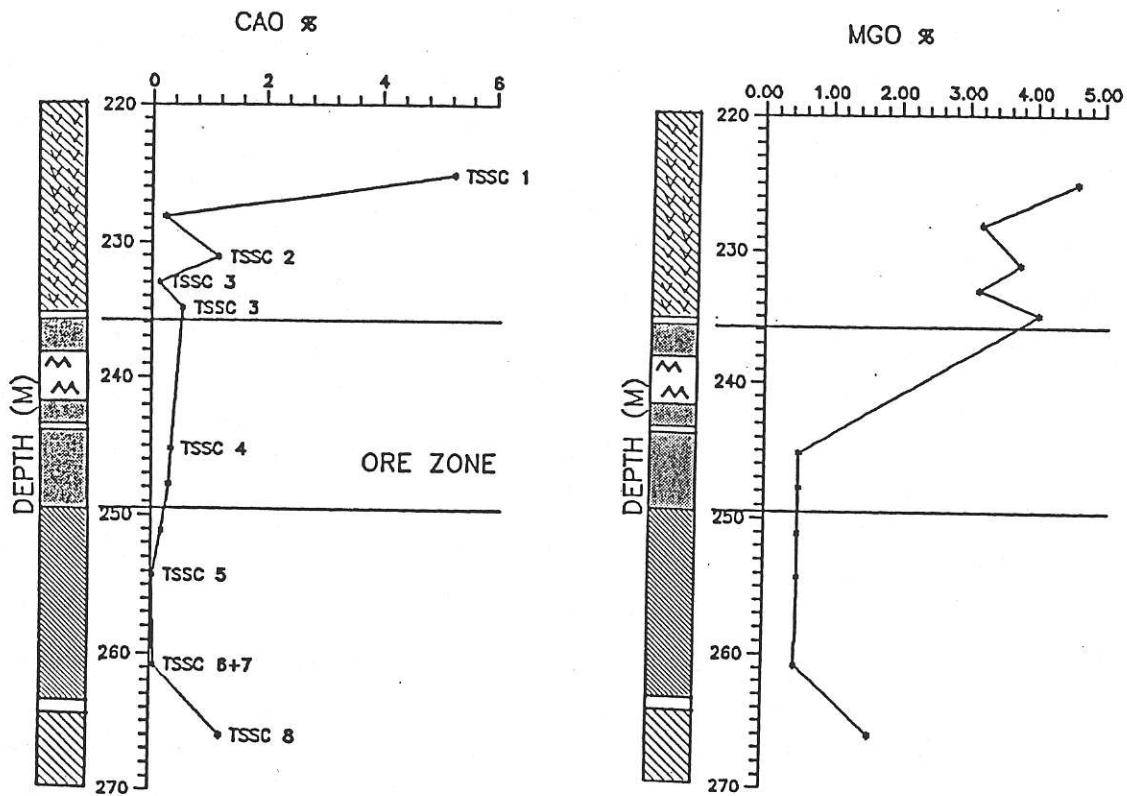


Figure 12

elements also show coincident depletion in the structural hangingwall.

Oxide trends in RG 122 are in general opposite to those found in RG 85. The presence of quartz vein related alteration may be reflected by depletion of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  and enrichment of Ba coincident with the ore zone.

Sharp increases on the amounts of CaO and MgO may be attributed to the increase of quartz-dolomite stringers.

$\text{SiO}_2$  values show marked decreases towards and within the ore zones of both holes.

#### 5.4.2 TRACE ELEMENTS

Trace element plots also show opposite trends within RG 85 and RG 122.

Metal enrichment occurs within the hangingwall with coincident depletion in the footwall of RG 85. Copper (Fig 13), silver and zinc (Fig 15), antimony (Fig 14), and arsenic (Fig.16) are all generally confined to the hangingwall. This is consistent with similar upright stratabound models (McConnell, 1976).

Barium - ppm (Fig. 16) shows a "pulse" at 234 m within the hangingwall muddy tuff. This is consistent with a sharp rise in

## DDH RG 85

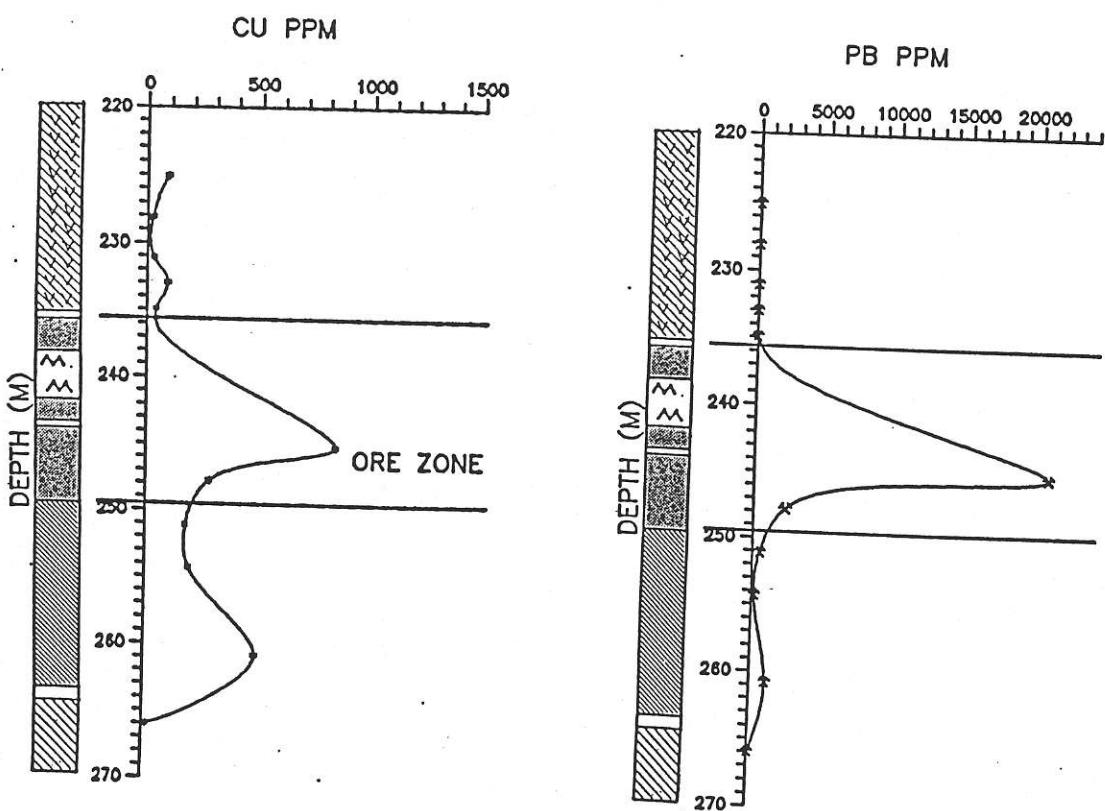
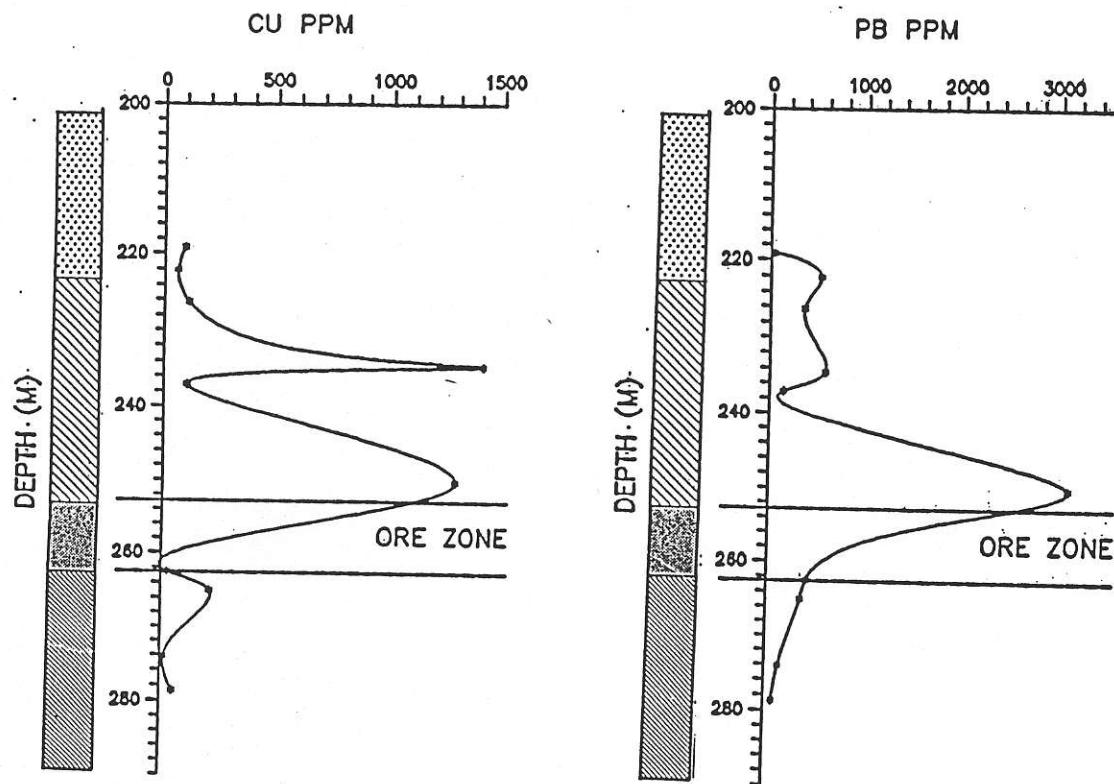
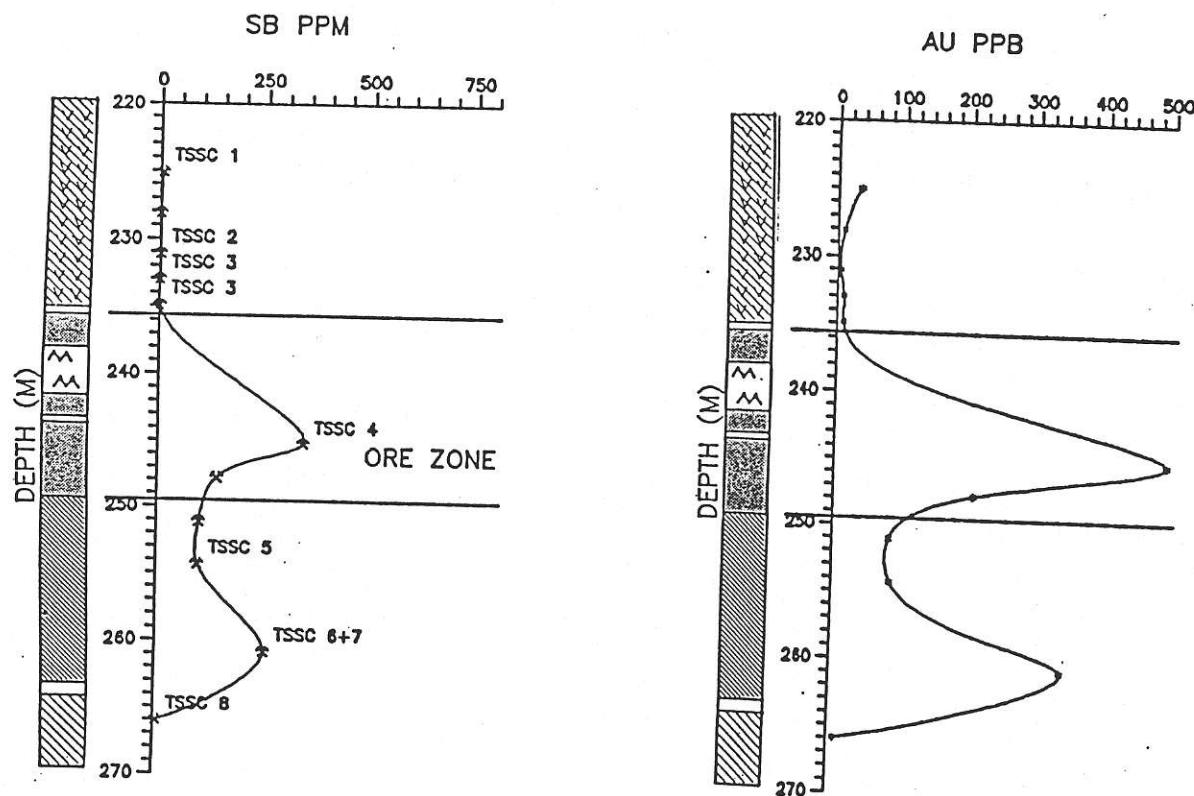
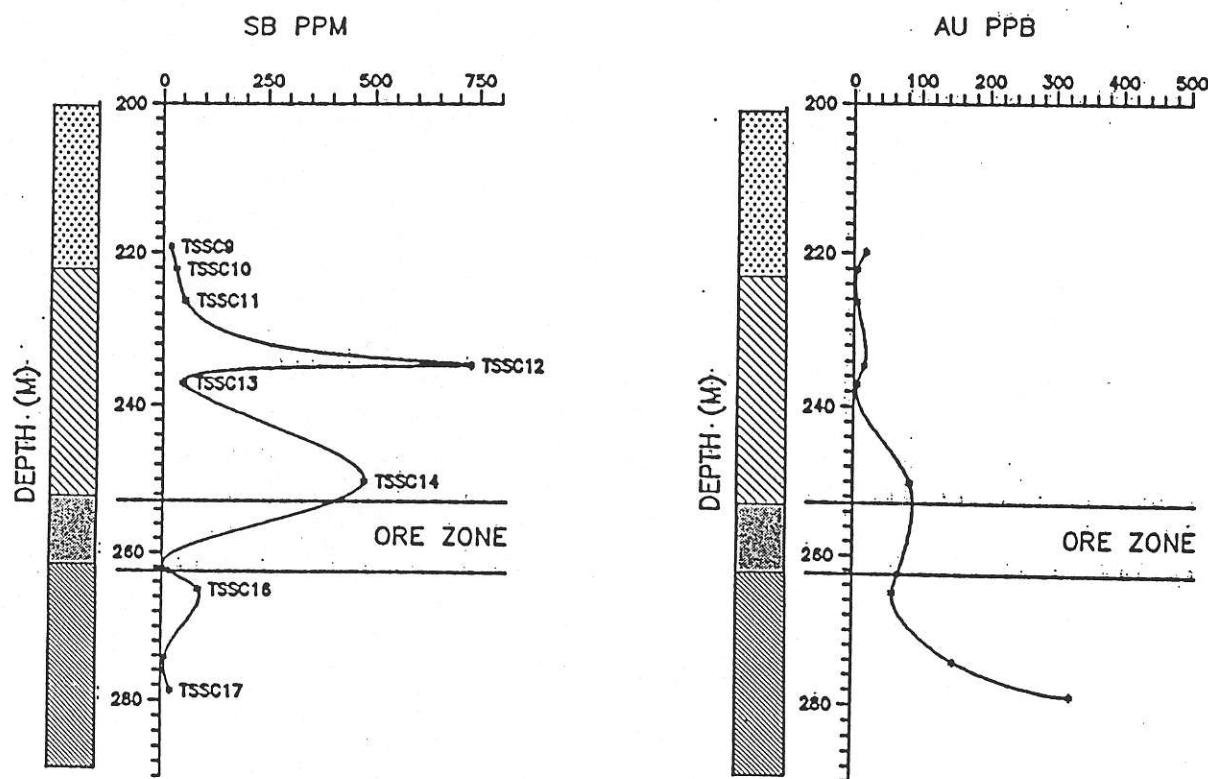


Figure 13

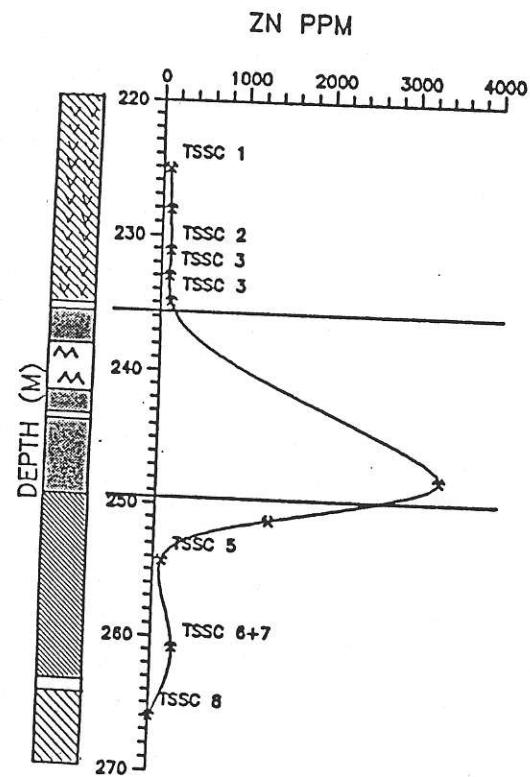
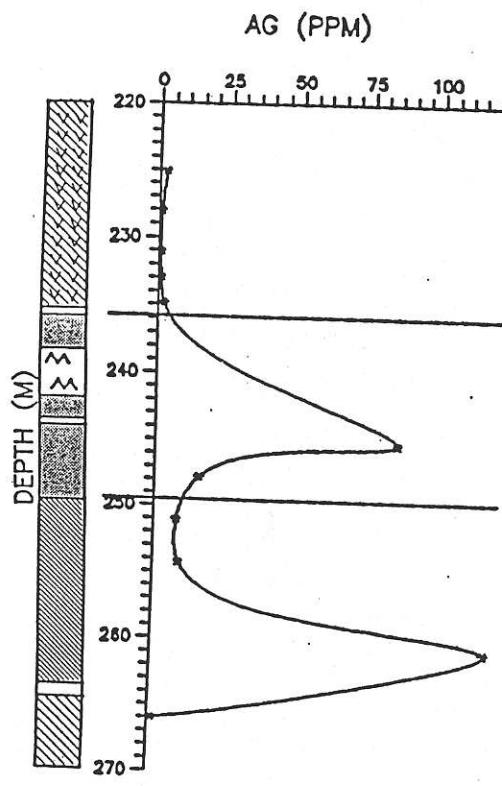
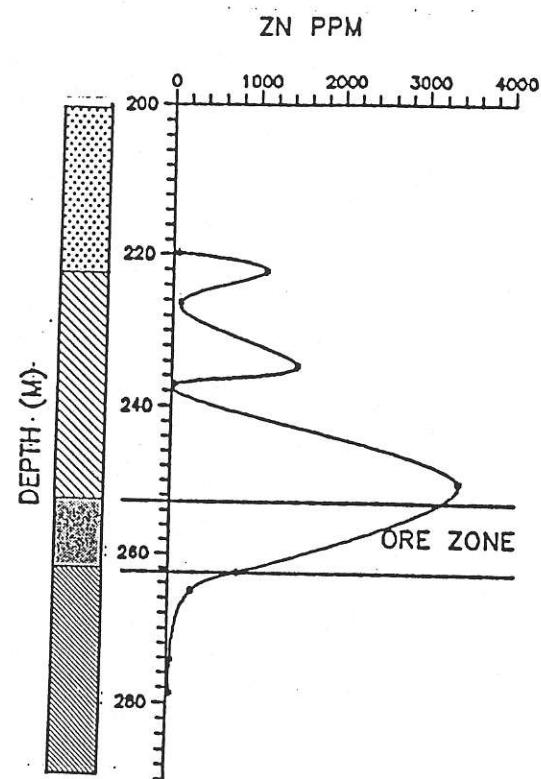
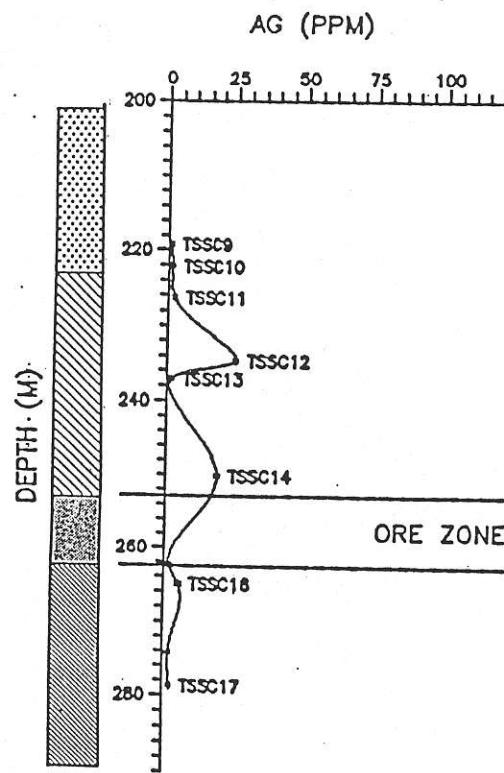
## DDH RG 85



DDH RG 122

Figure 14

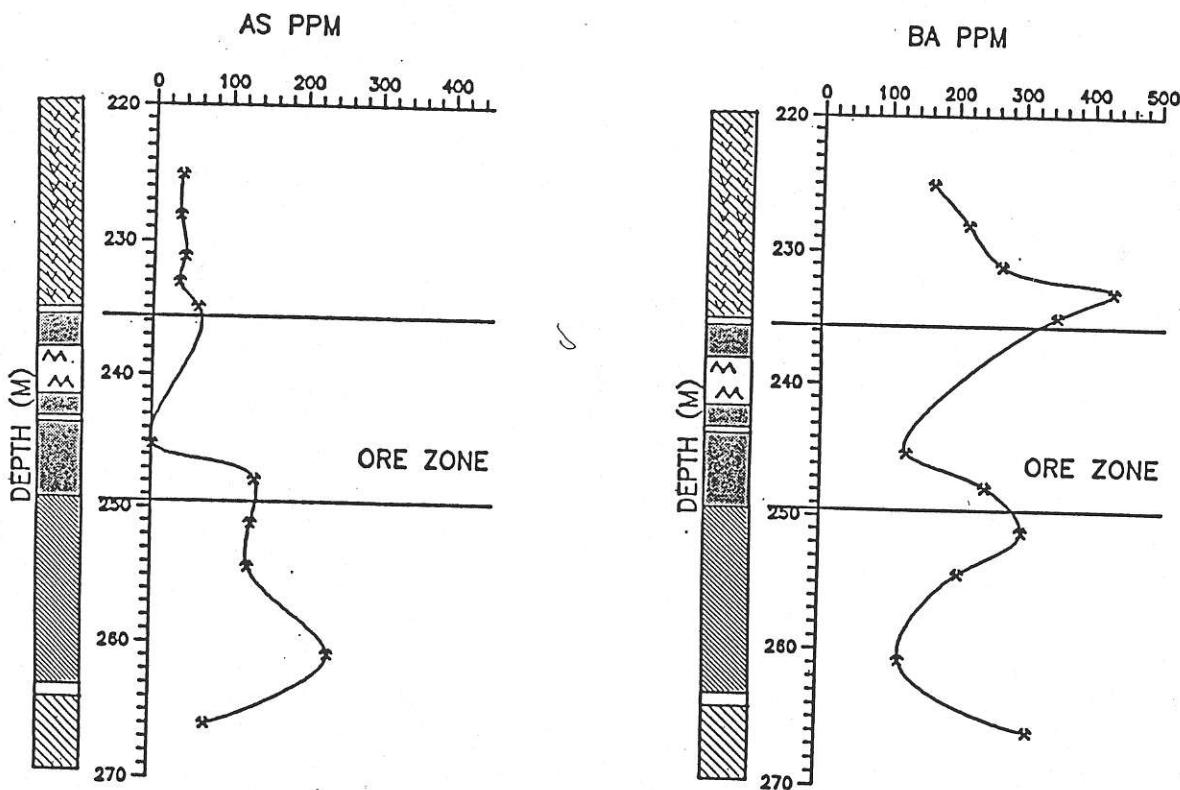
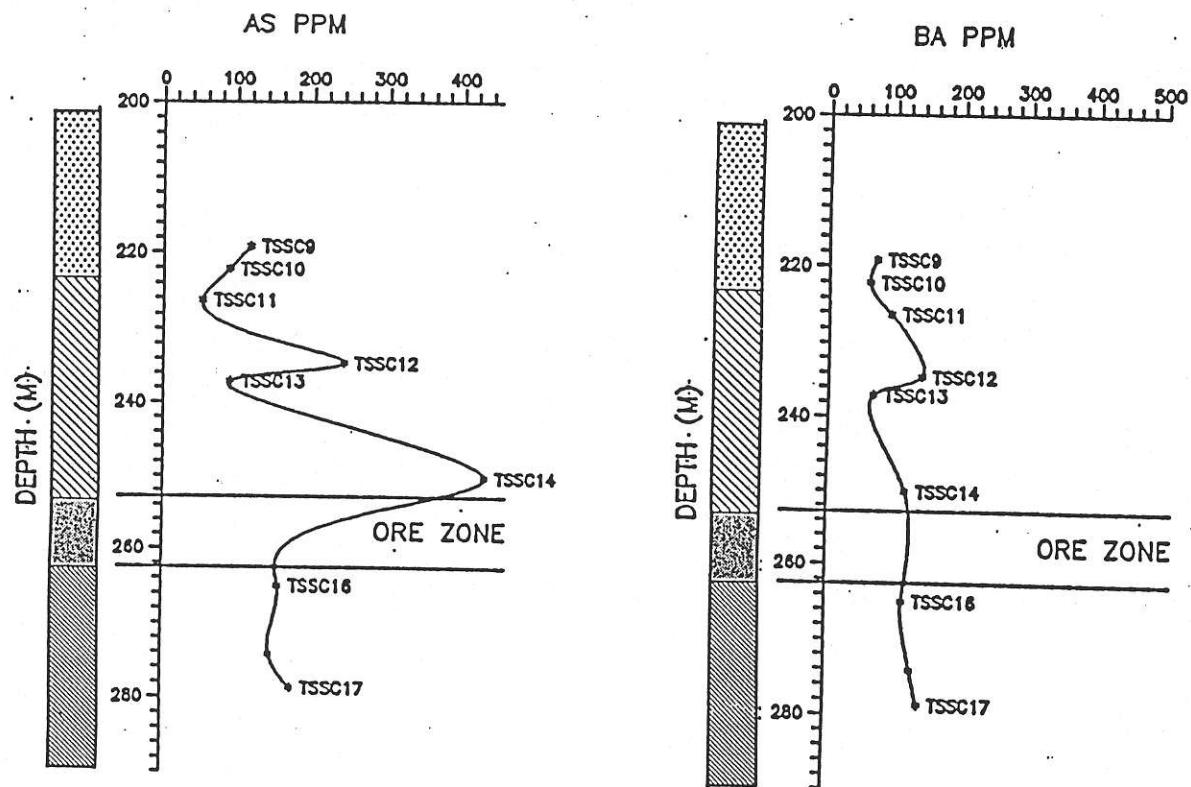
## DDH RG 85



## DDH RG 122

Figure 15

## DDH RG 85



## DDH RG 122

Figure 16

all other trace elements (except gold) in this interval.

Au content increases in the footwall of both holes.

RG 122 displays depletion of most metals adjacent to the ore zone. This may be attributed to remobilization and concentration due to late stage quartz veining.

#### 5.4.3 CaO vs. MgO (Fig. 19)

Values of MgO plotted against CaO to show that all rocks with the ore zone are altered with respect to these oxides. This diagram is applicable only to volcanic rocks (de Rosen-Spence, 1976). Many of the lithologies present in this study are obviously sediments and careful consideration must be given. Late stage dolomite veining also occurs.

#### 5.4.4 ALTERATION INDEX (FIG 20a,b)

The alteration index (AI, below) was developed as a measure of the degree of alteration associated with hydrothermal events in the Kuroko deposits. In Fukazawa, Japan the alteration index was found to rise from a value of 50% at a distance of 3 km to 90% close to the ore (Kalageropoulos and Scott, 1983). Different threshold values exist at many deposits.

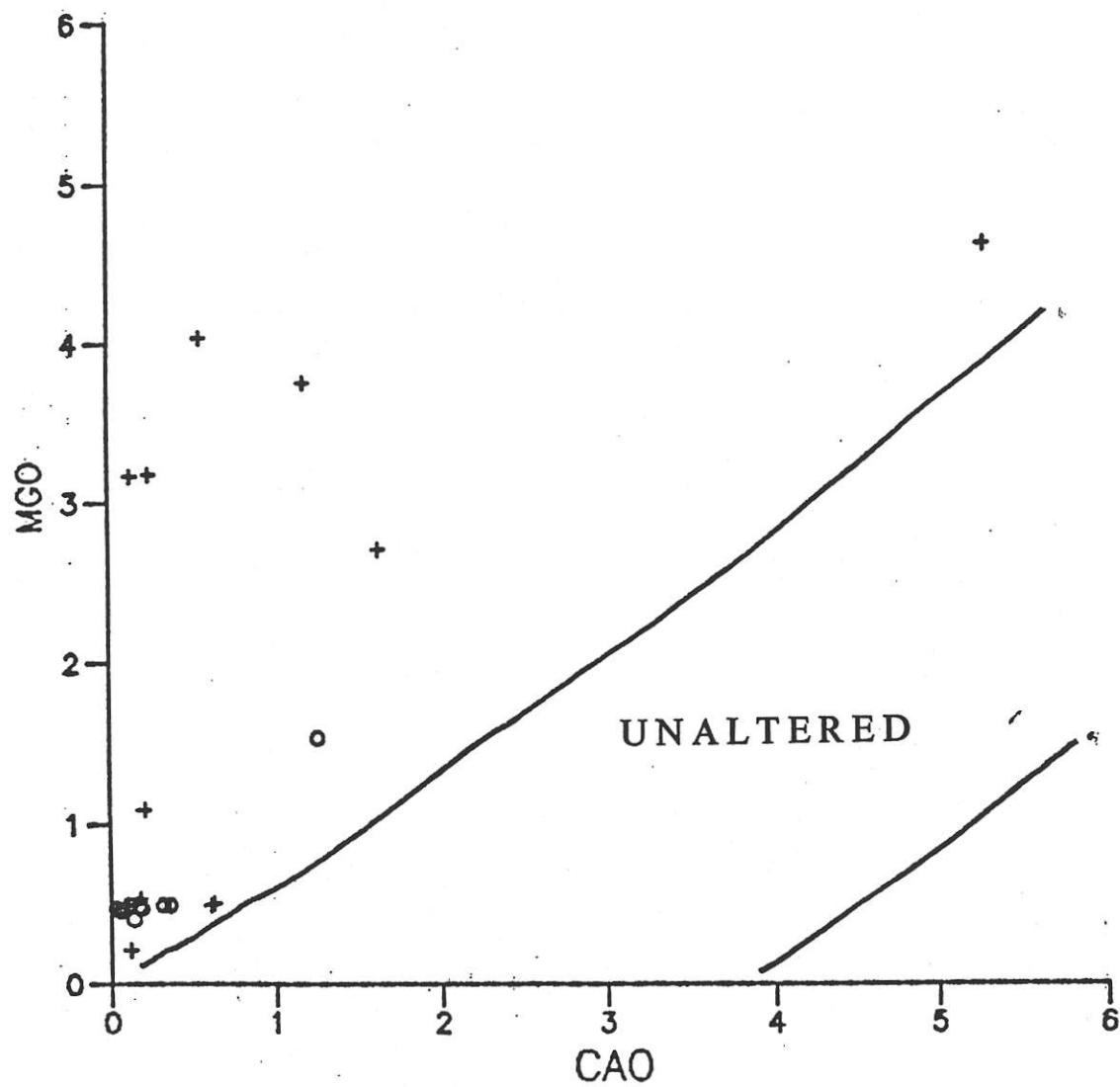


Figure 17 CaO vs. MgO

open squares = sediments  
triangles = sericitic tuff  
circles = footwall muddy tuff  
crosses = hangingwall muddy tuff  
Domains from de Rosen - Spence, 1976.

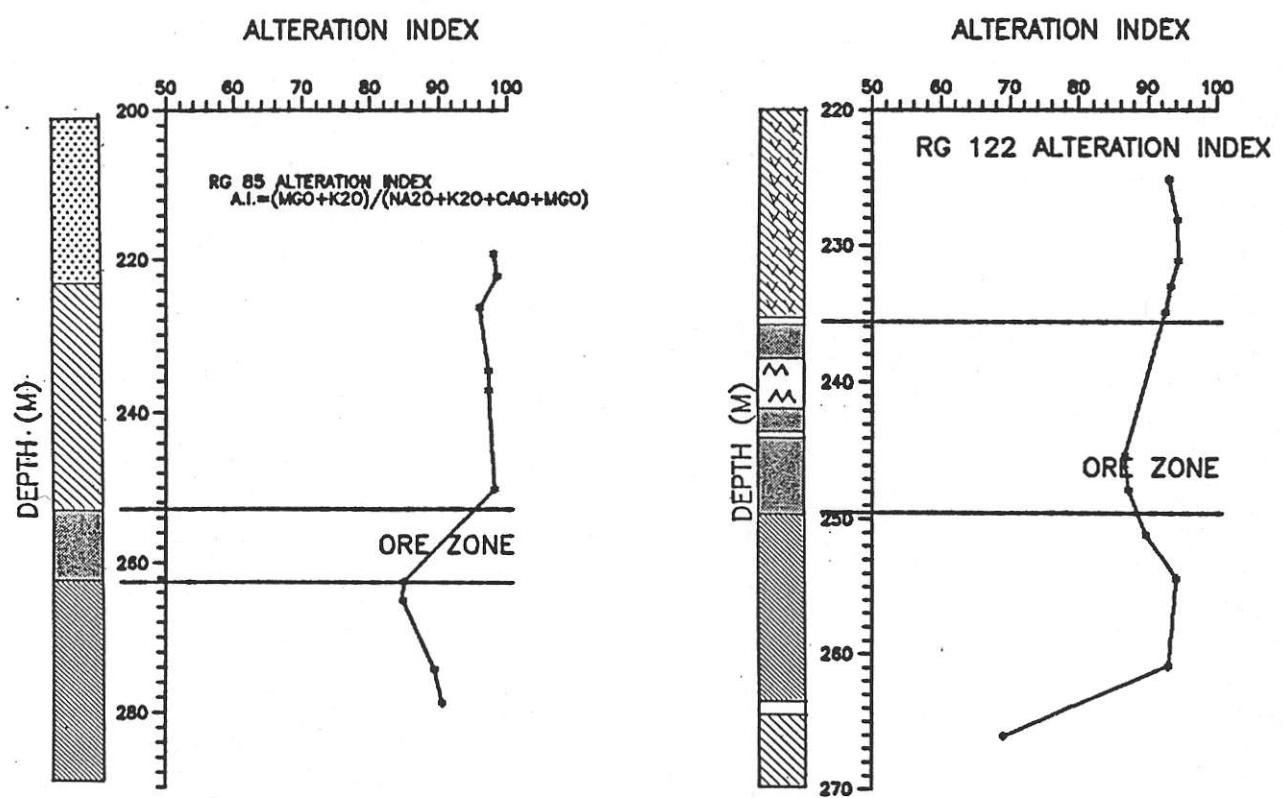


Figure 19 a,b

$$AI = (K_2O + MgO) / (Na_2O + K_2O + CaO + MgO) \times 100$$

Alteration indices for RG 85 display strong alteration in the hangingwall and lesser alteration in the footwall. This is consistent with an inverted syngenetic model.

RG 122 displays increased alteration adjacent to the ore zone. This is attributed to late stage quartz veining.

#### 5.4.5 IMMOBILE ELEMENTS (FIGS 21 AND 22)

Immobile element plots were produced to gain information on protolithology and are derived from similar plots on volcanic suites by Winchester and Floyd (1977). The sedimentary origin of many of the ore zone rocks must be considered.

Figure 21 shows major clusters within sub-alkaline basalt fields indicating possible parent source type. Figure 22 shows comparison when plotted against  $SiO_2$ . Increases towards rhyolitic fields may be due to phases of post deposition silification. Removal of 12%  $SiO_2$  would place most samples within sub-alkaline basalt fields.

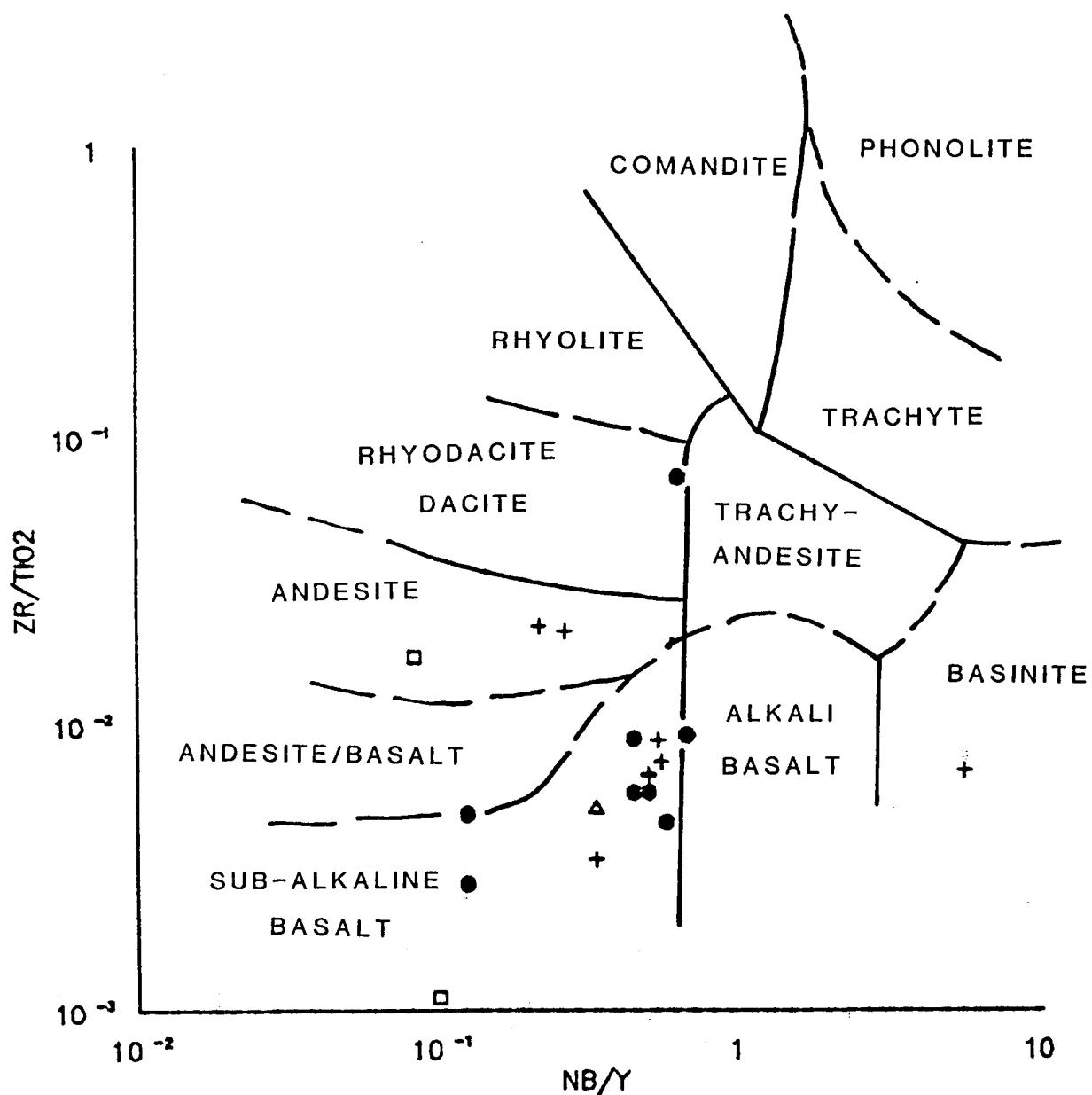


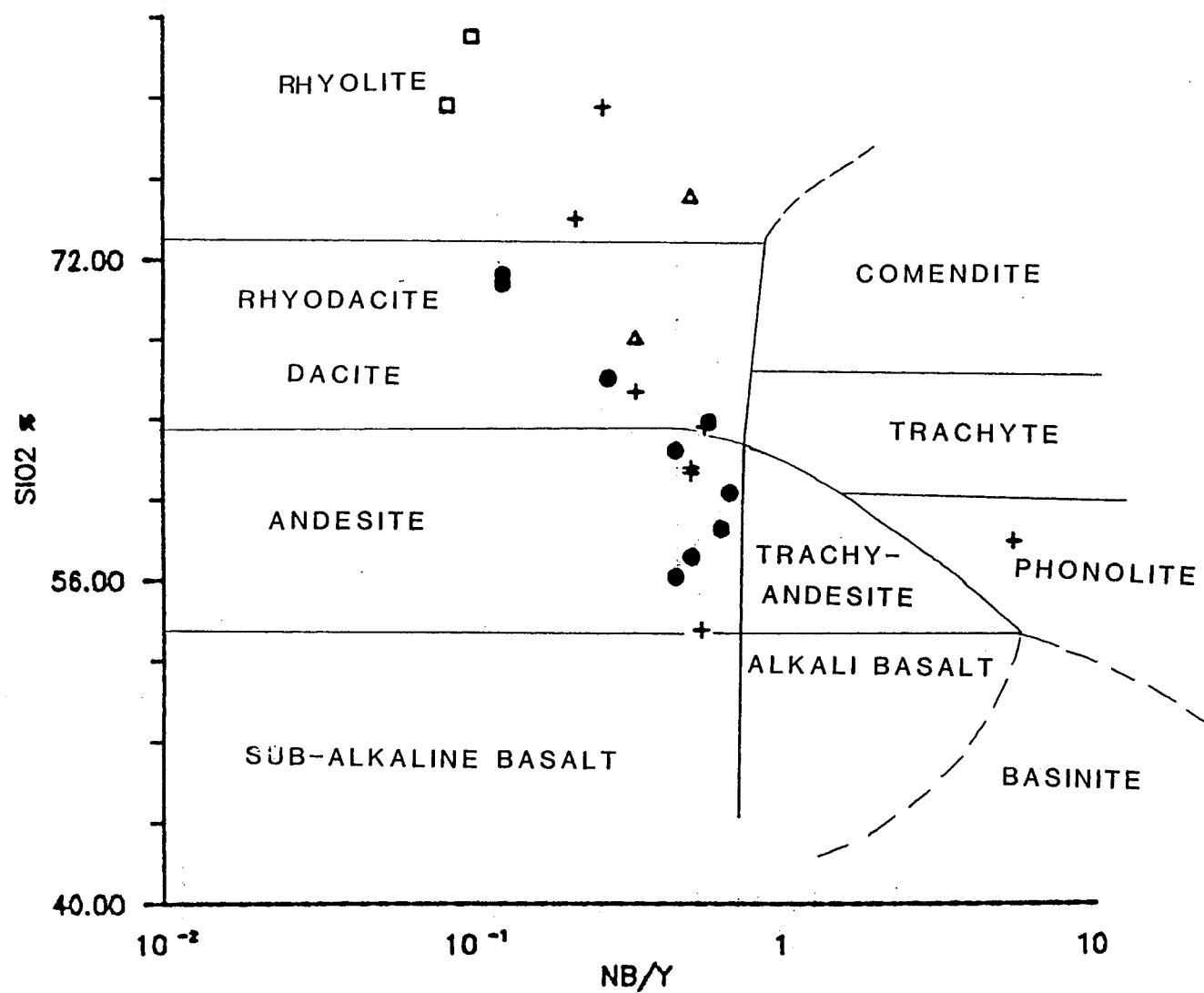
Figure 20 Zr/TiO<sub>2</sub> vs. Nb/Y  
squares = sediments

triangles = sericitic tuff

circles = footwall muddy tuff

crosses = hangingwall muddy tuff

Boundaries from Winchester and Floyd, 1977.



**Figure 21**  $\text{SiO}_2$  vs.  $\text{Nb}/\text{Y}$   
 squares = sediments  
 triangles = sericitic tuff  
 circles = footwall muddy tuff  
 crosses = hangingwall muddy tuff  
 Boundaries from Winchester and Floyd, 1977

## 6.0 CONCLUSIONS

Detailed study of drill hole RG 85 and RG 122 has indicated alteration mineralogy dominated by quartz and sericite with minor Mg-Fe chlorite. The absence of other clay minerals is caused by combined lower greenschist metamorphism and later stages of post-metamorphic quartz veining.

A total of four phases of quartz veining were identified. The first of these is pre-deformation and may be related to the original feeder zone. The second phase is also pre-deformational. A third post deformation, crosscutting phase is responsible for enrichment and remobilization of sulphide phases. This event is represented in drill hole RG 122. The fourth phase consists of quartz dolomite veins.

Vertical zonation of trace elements in RG 85 is highly characteristic of typical volcanogenic deposits with enrichment in the stratigraphic footwall and depletion in the hangingwall.  $\text{Si}_{\text{O}_2}$  amounts are abnormally high within the stratigraphic footwall of RG 85 while  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  enrichment occurs within the stratigraphic hangingwall.

Whole rock geochemistry samples in RG 122 show different trends to those obtained in RG 85. These patterns are attributed to alteration overprints induced by late stage quartz veins.

The identification of silicified argillites and tectonic breccias previously logged as cherts and debris flows respectively, suggests a re-interpretation of ore zone stratigraphy is necessary.

An absence of microfolds in the ore zone and may be attributed to either of the following:

1. The ore zone lies within the core of a major structure and is thus not subjected to the rigorous and ductile deformation seen on the limbs.
2. Tectonite zones may cause a significant overprint near and within the ore zone. Earlier fabrics related to isoclinal folding are obliterated.
3. The siliceous nature of many of the ore zone lithologies induced a ductility contrast with adjacent rocks, resulting in differing wavelengths of folds respectively (analysis 1. and 3. may be intimately related).

Limb shear, often filled with quartz stringers, is common in microfolds and may be significant the interpretation of large scale structures.

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**APPENDIX 1**

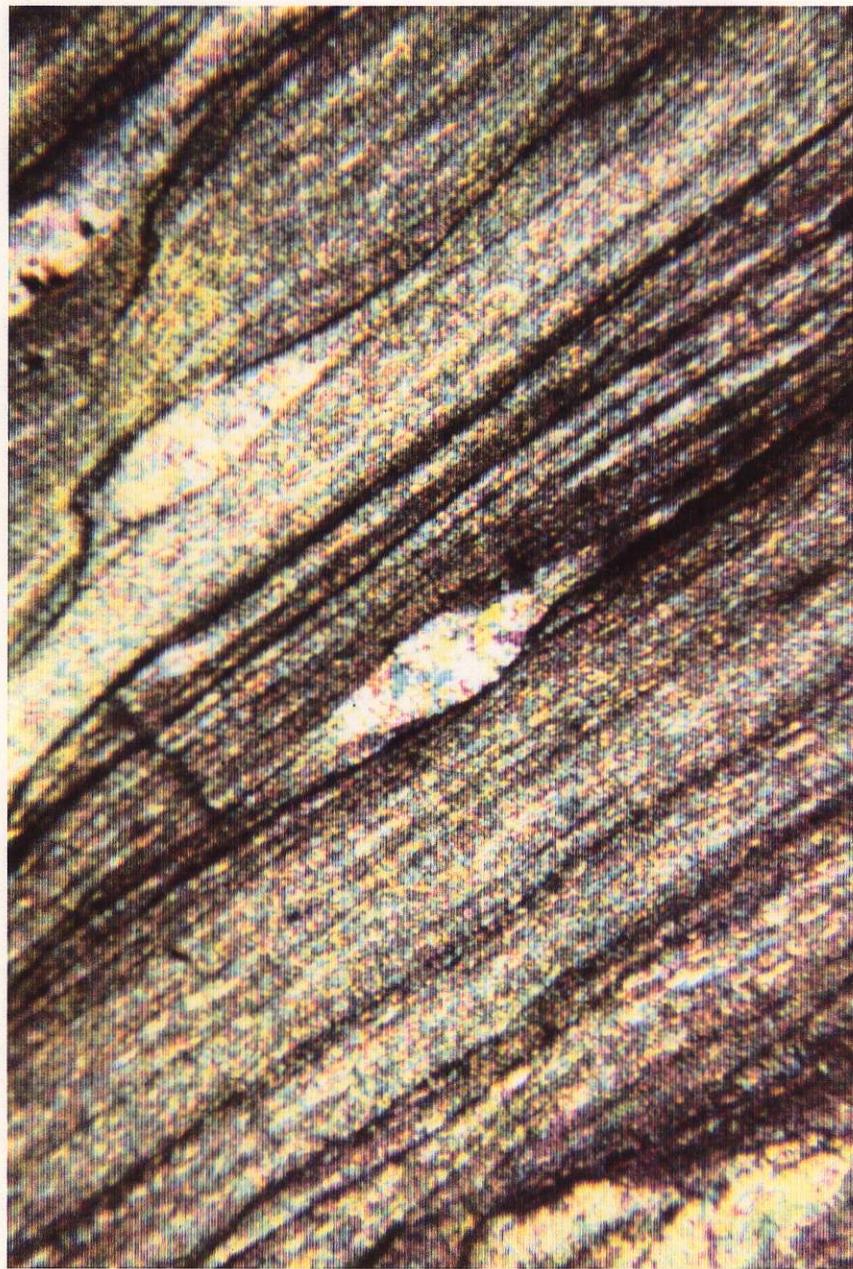


PLATE 3.1 TSSC 9

SERICITIC TUFF UNIT

Width: 1.2 mm with gypsum plate  
Fine laminae of QZ and sericite  
Note QZ flasers



PLATE 3.2   TSSC 10

SERICITIC TUFF UNIT

Width 1.2 mm with gypsum plate  
Folded, fine grained QZ laminae  
with limb shear. Crenulations  
in axial plane.



PLATE 3.3    HAND SPECIMEN

TYPICAL SERICITIC TUFF

Alternating bands of QZ and sericite.  
Strongly brecciated.

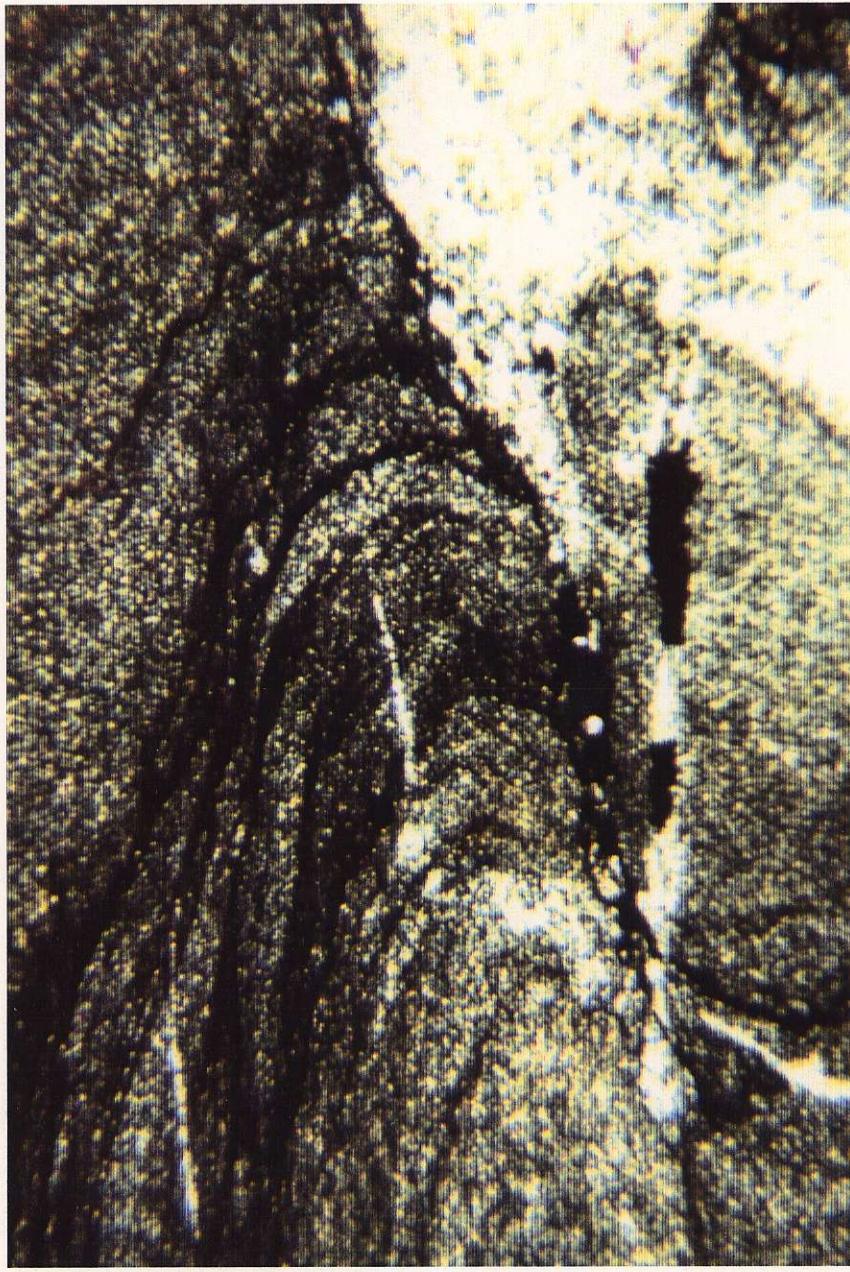


PLATE 3.4   TSSC 2

SERICITIC TUFF UNIT

Width: 1.2 mm  
Tight to isoclinal micro folds.  
Note limb shear filled with QZ  
stringer.

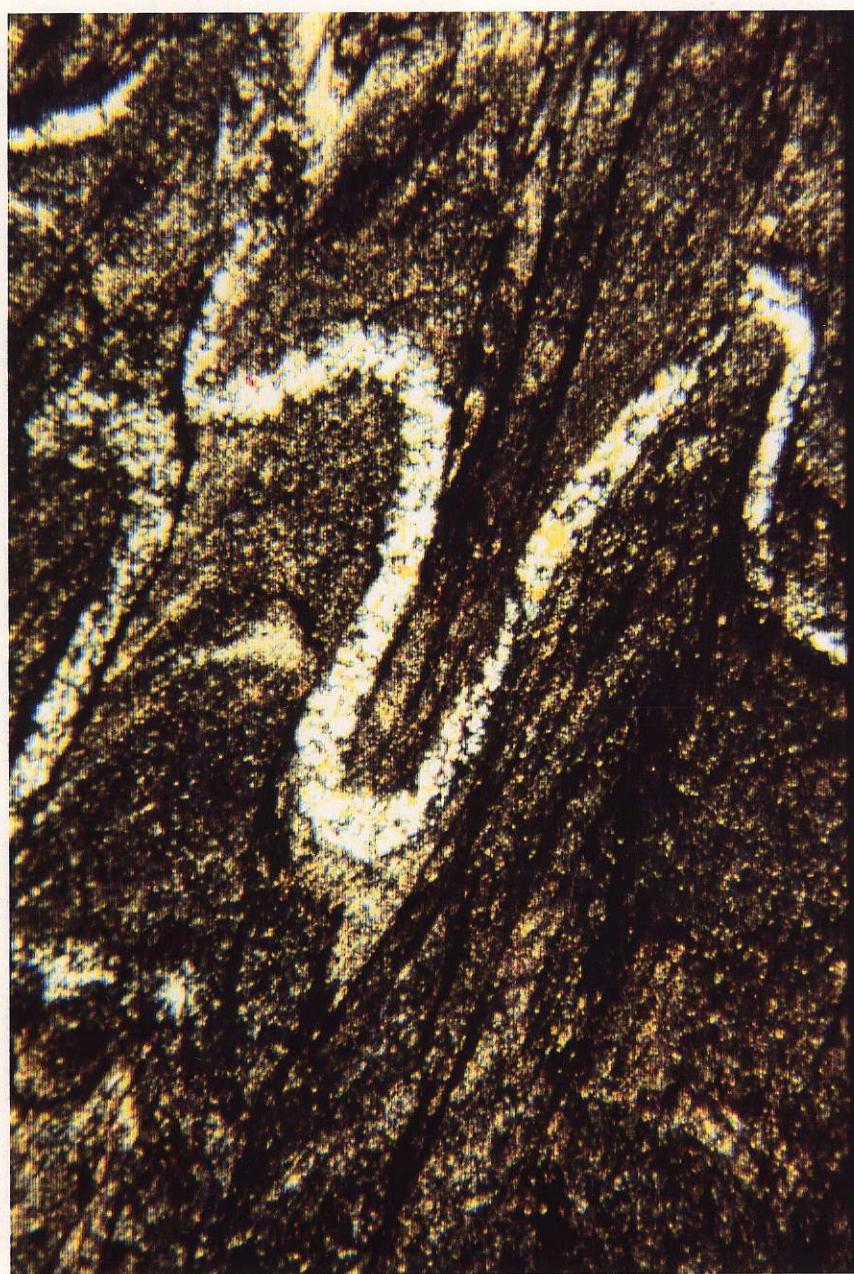


PLATE 3.5   TSSC 2

SERICITIC TUFF UNIT

Width: 1.2 mm  
Pre-deformation ptymatic QZ veins.  
Note strong axial planar fabric.

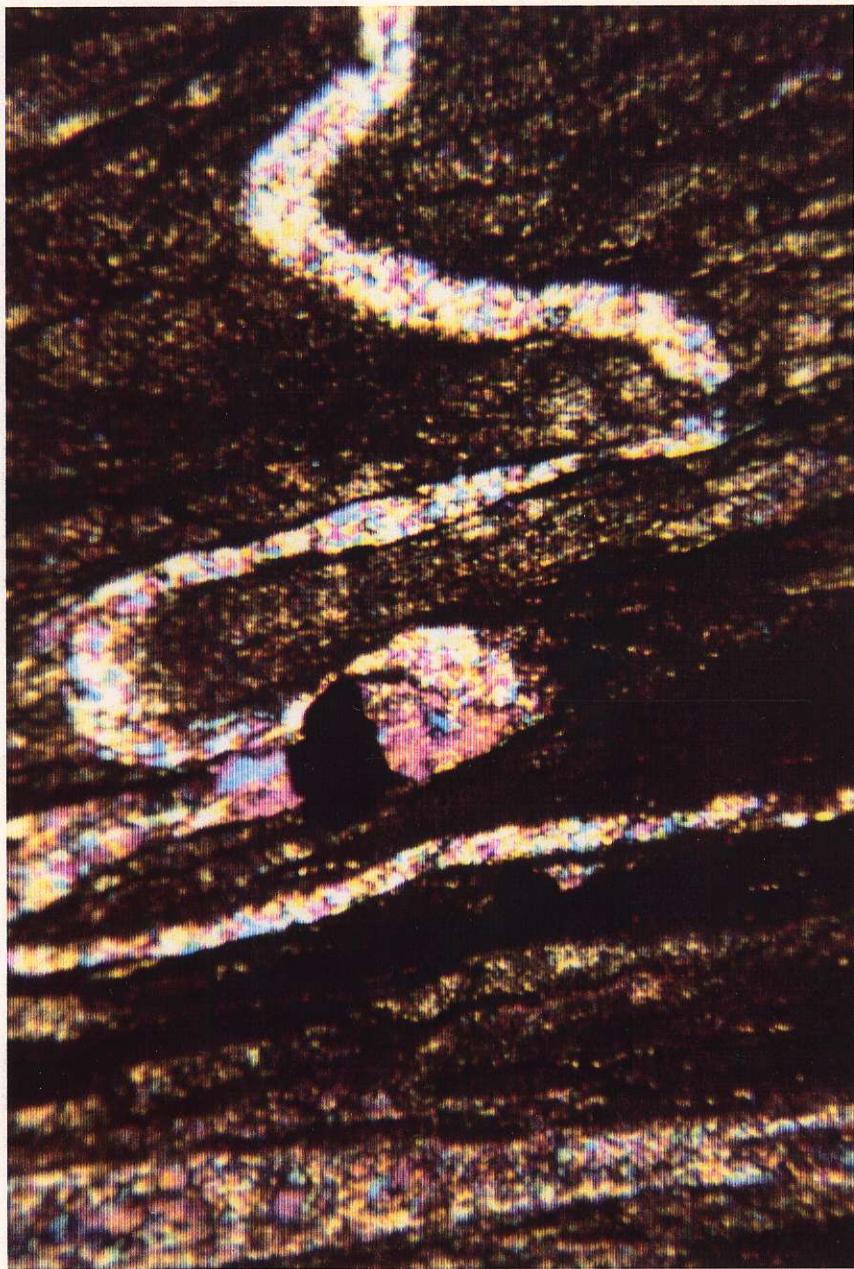


PLATE 3.6   TSSC 2

SERICITIC TUFF UNIT

Width: 1.2 mm with gypsum plate  
Pre-deformation ptigmatic QZ stringers.  
Note pyrite porphyroblast in center,  
and dark matrix

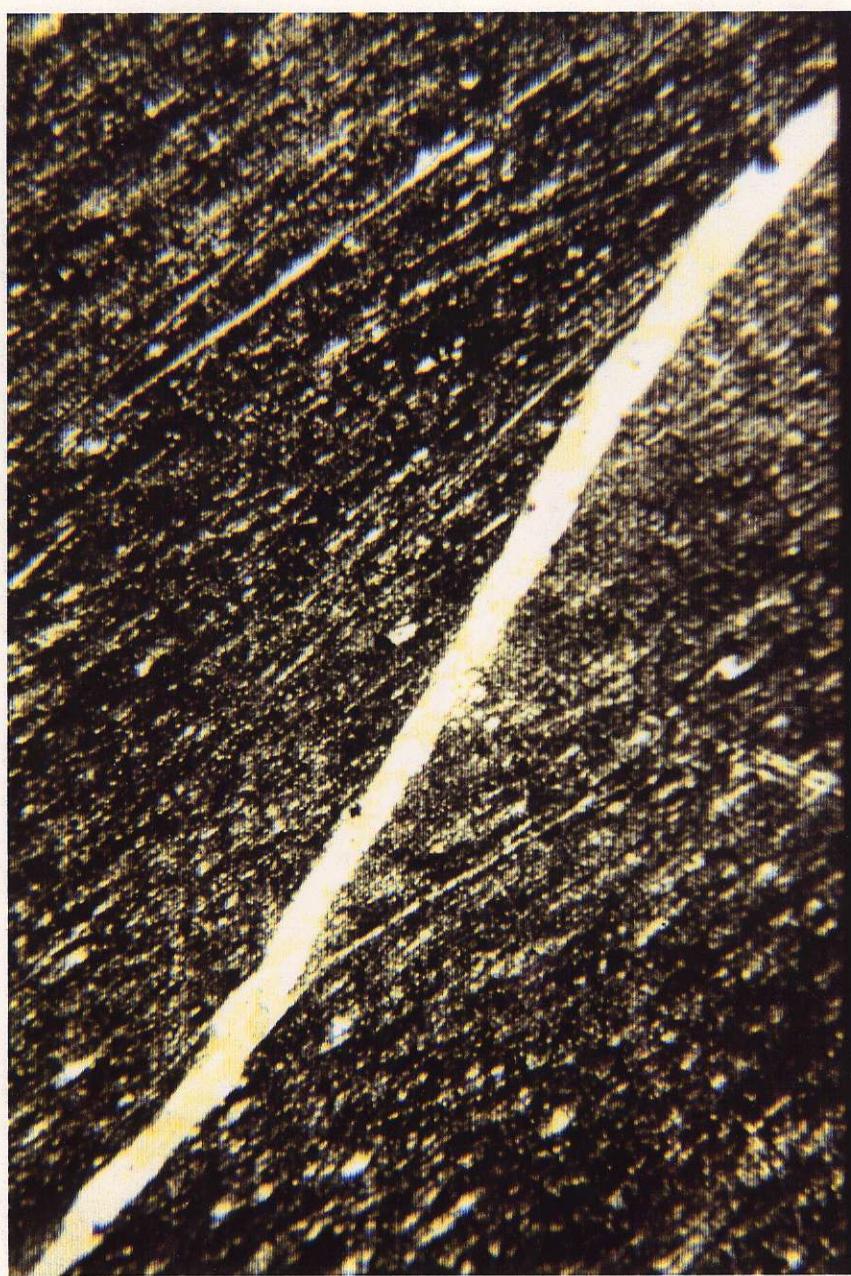


PLATE 3.7 TSSC 12

Width: 1.2 mm  
Post deformation, third order,  
QZ stringer in silicified argillite

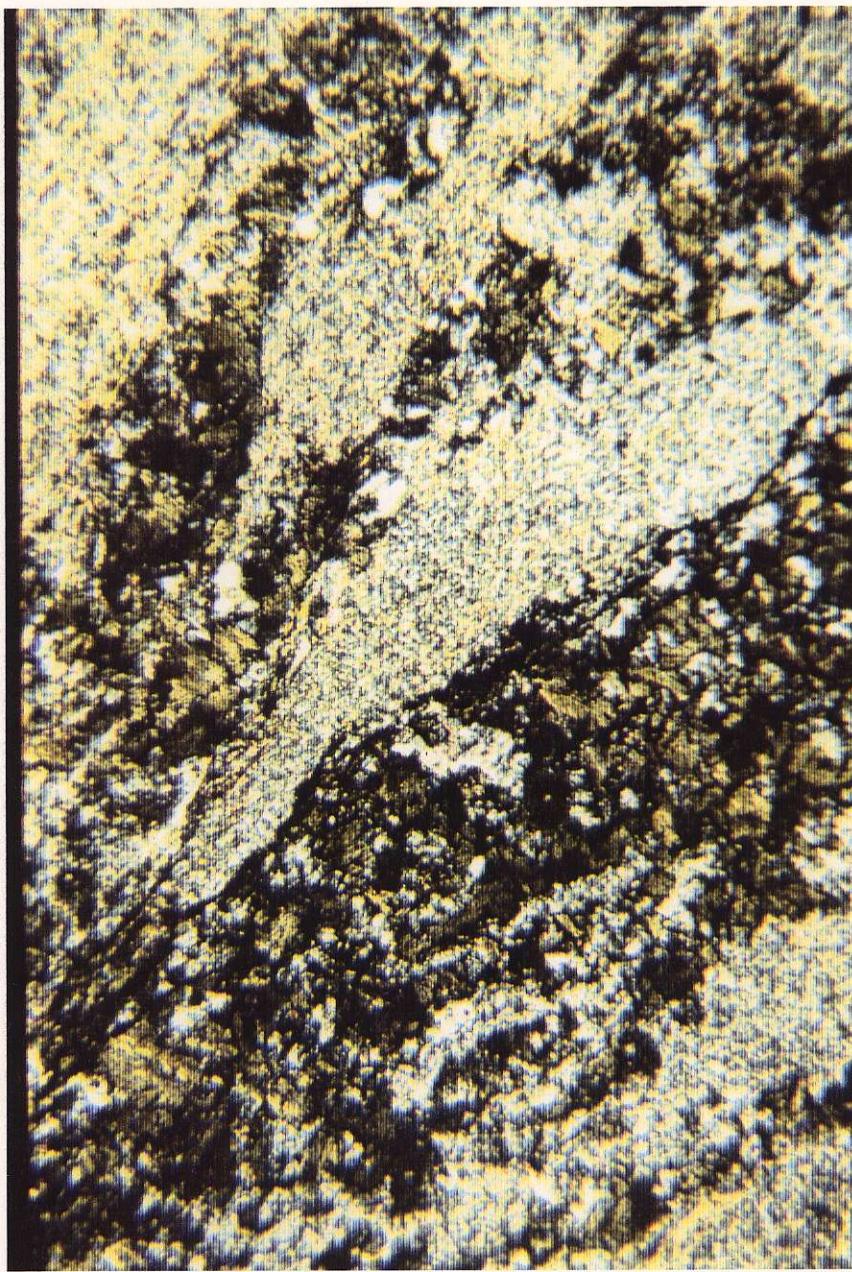


PLATE 3.8 TSSC 3

Width: 1.2 mm  
Mg rich chlorite and fine grained Qtz  
fragments.

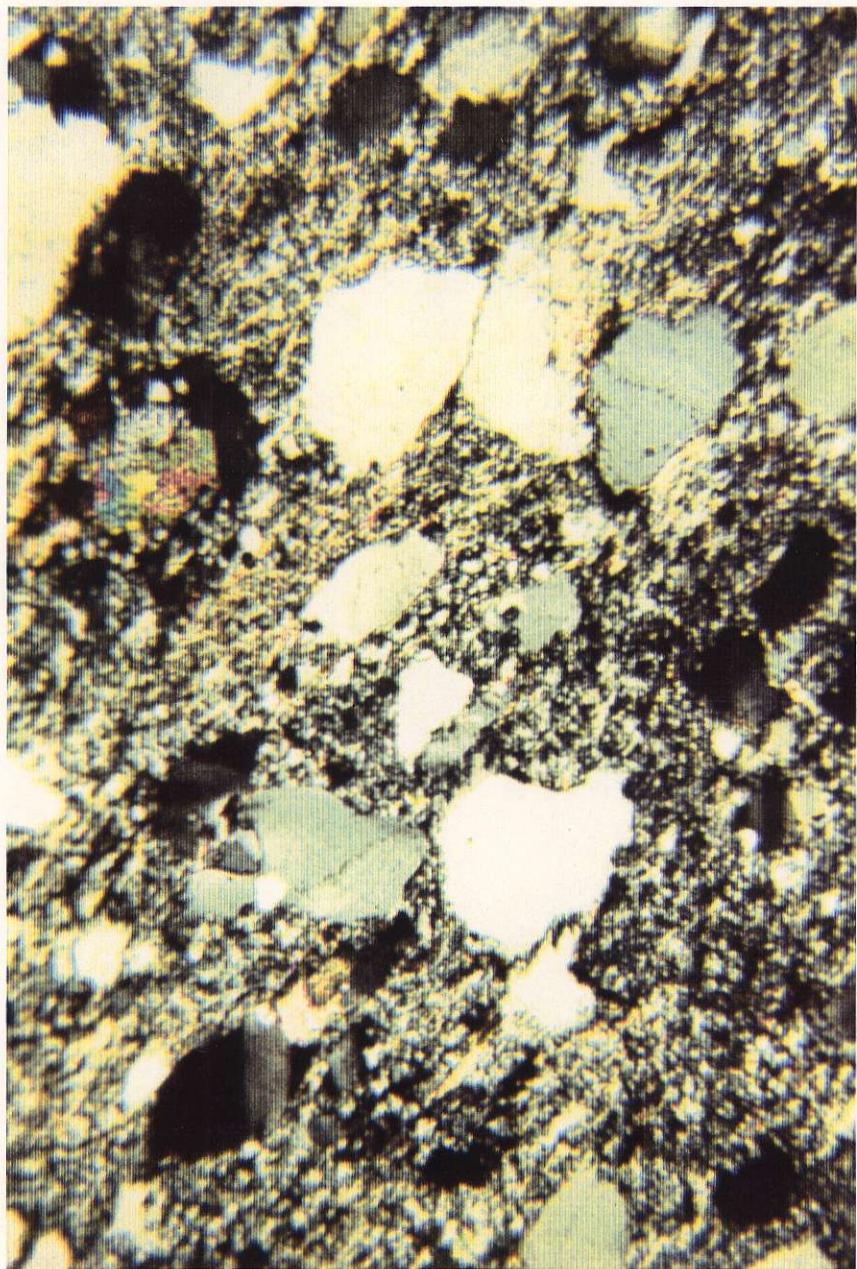


PLATE 3.9 TSSC 8

Width: 1.2 mm

Grey wacke. Note angular QTZ clasts  
and undulose extinction. Biotite  
shows high birefringence.

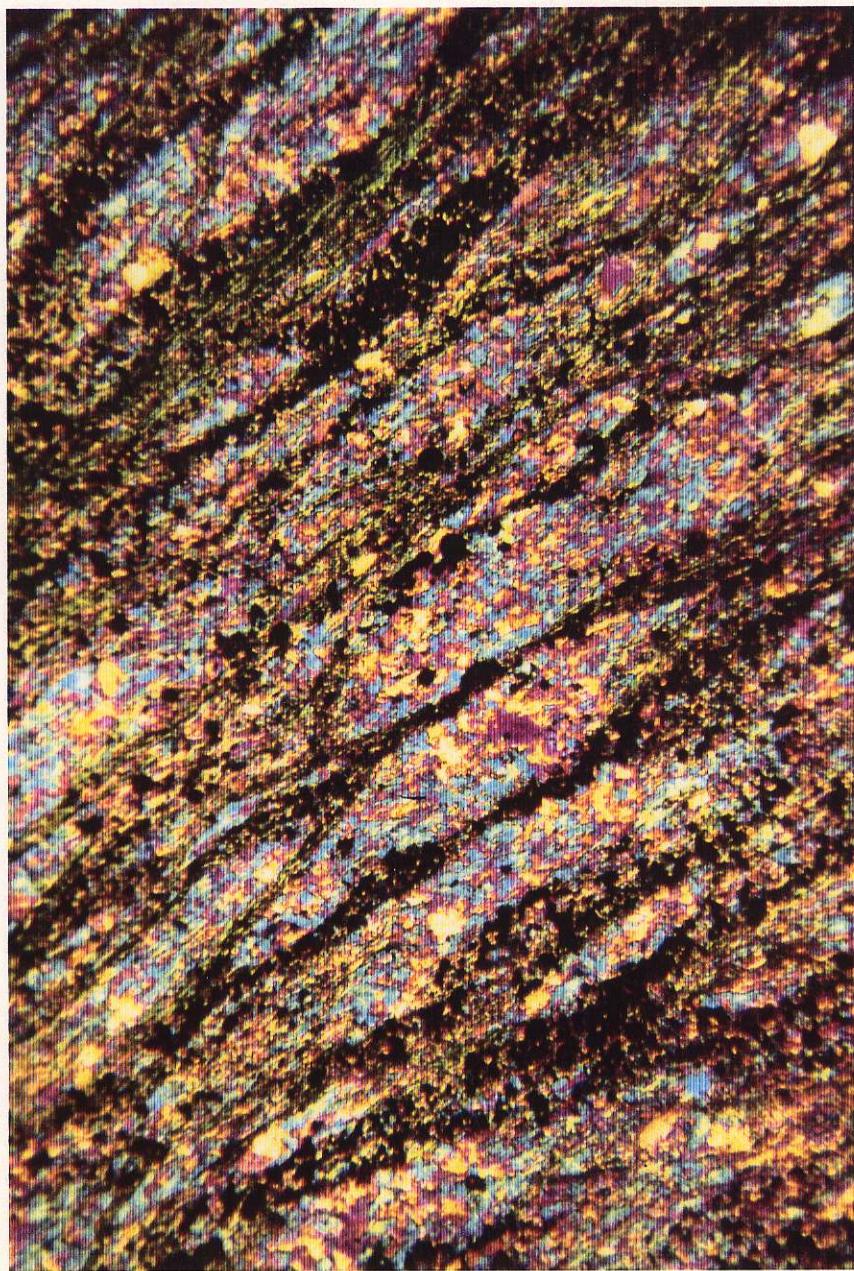


PLATE 3.10 TSSC 16

Width: 1.2 mm with gypsum plate  
Fine grained Qtz and sulphides  
in muddy tuff unit. Note flaser  
type texture.

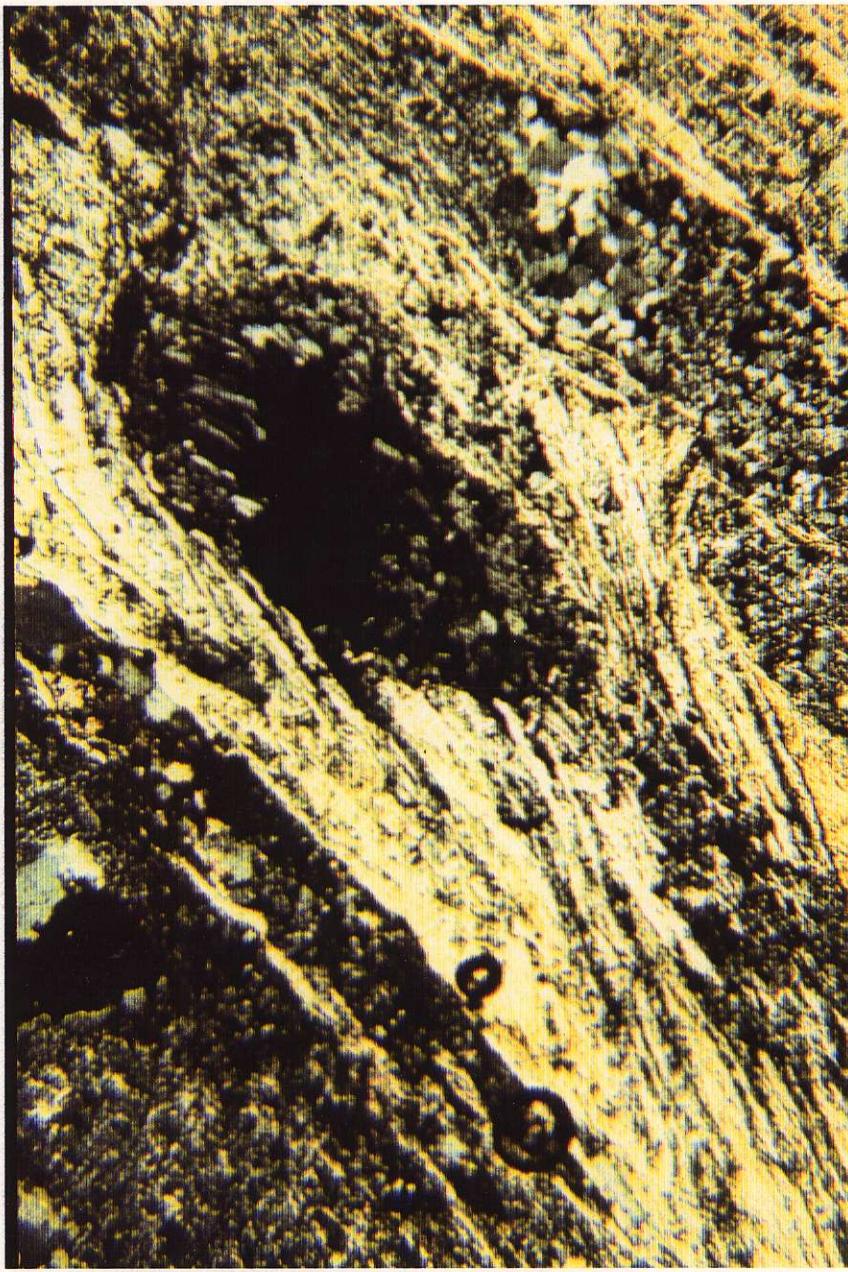


PLATE 3.11 TSSC 11

Width: 1.2 mm  
Pyrite porphyroblast with QZ in pressure shadow. Note low angle foliation and high angle shear cleavage (S-C fabric).

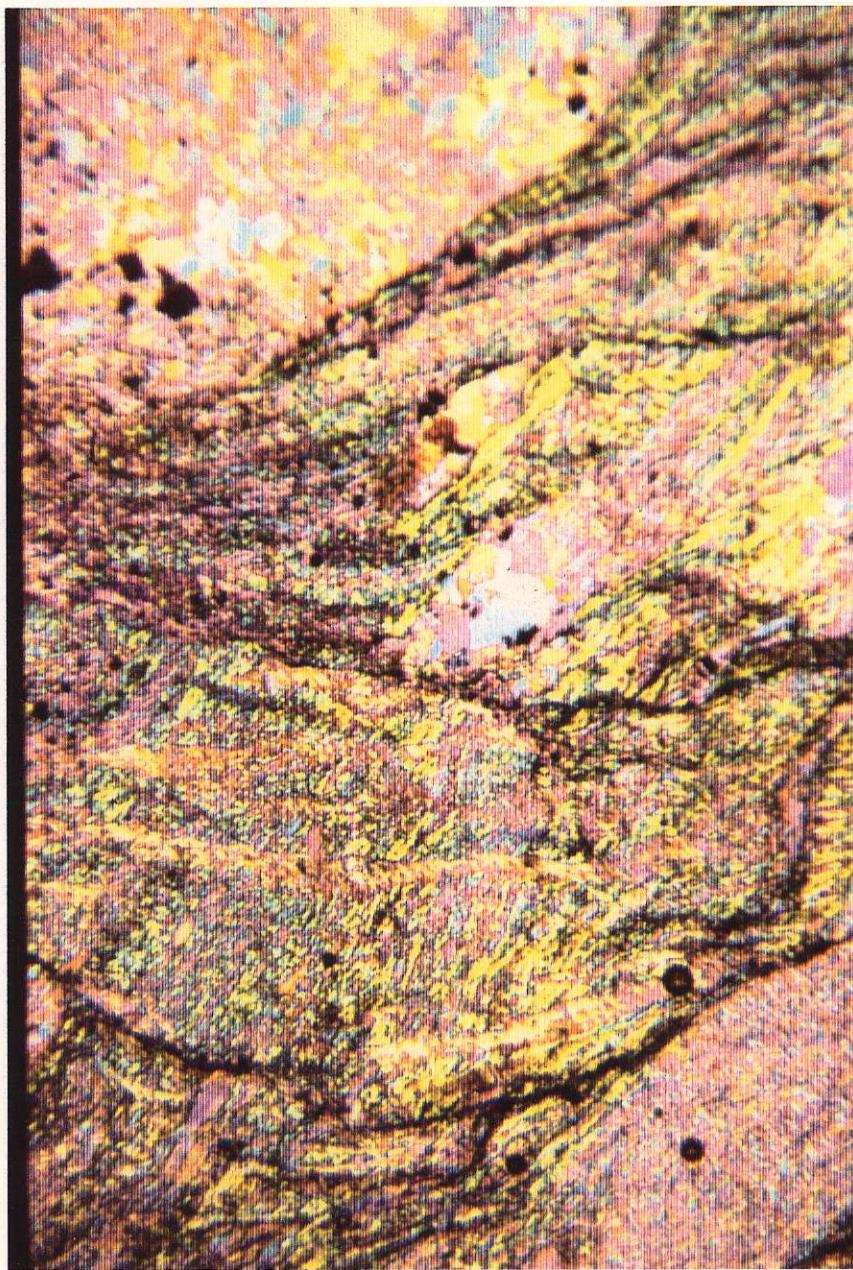


PLATE 3.12 TSSC 11

Width: 1.2 mm with gypsum plate  
Muddy tuff unit, broken, chaotic  
fabrics in QTZ sericitic rock.  
Note small rutile pheno (red)  
and crenulation cleavage.

**APPENDIX 2**

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 1

HOLE NO.: RG 122

UNIT: MUDDY TUFF (HW.)

COLOR INDEX: 15

FABRICS: DEF. FOLIATION  
AUGEN TEXTURE

### MINERALOGY:

MINERAL:	PERCENT:	REMARKS:
QTZ	50%	FINE ANHEDRAL AGGREGATES IN AUBENS AND BANDS.
Se	25%	DEFINES CLVG.
GR.	10%	Poss BEDDING?
PY	2-3%	SUB HEDRAL 1-2mm NOTE QTZ PRESSURE SHADOWS MINOR 5% QTZ STRING
BI	10%	ASSOCIATED WITH AND INTERSTITIAL TO QUARTZ GRAINS. - IN GRAPHITE TRAINS.
SMENE	TR	

### REMARKS:

NOTE AMT. OF BIOTITE → PELITIC SEQ.  
SILICIFIED

NOTE: BRWN. MIN.  
==

CARBONACEOUS SEQ WITH BANDS OF F.G. QTZ (GREYWACKE)  
PRE DEF.M. SILICA FLOODING.

### PHOTOS:

EXC. PRESSURE SHADOWS.

## **HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION**

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC / HOLE NO.: 122 LOCATION (FW/HW): FW(mjt)

**UNIT: MUDDY TUFF (BLACK TO GREY INCH. CARBONACEOUS MATERIAL)**

## COLOR INDEX:

## **TEXTURE:**

**GRAIN SIZE: V. F. G.**

**FABRIC:** CONTORTED COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING - PHYLLOCITIC  
**SIZE RELATIONS:** ALL FINE GRAINED

## **SIZE RELATIONS: ALL FINE GRAINED**

**BEDDING: POSSIBLE REMANENT BEDS DEFINED BY GRAPHITIC HORIZONS**

#### **COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: DEFINATELY - QUARTZ SERICITE**

## **COMPOSITION STRUCTURES:**

- QUARTZ AUGENS (3mm)
  - MINOR QTZ STRINGERS

## **MJ NERALOGY:**

## **PERCENT**

## COLOR

G. SIZE

SERICITE: 25% ± BIOTITE

GREY-GREEN

NFG

**QUARTZ:** 45%

GREY

FG - MG.

**ANKERITE:** 5%

Fe Yellow

## KSPARS:

**CHLORITE:** 5%

GREEN

**OTHER:**

Py 2-3%  
Carbon 10%

**NAME :**

## SILICEOUS SEDIMENT

**REMARKS:**

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 2

PHOTOS:

HOLE NO.: RG 122.

UNIT: HW MUDDY TUFF

COLOR INDEX: 15

FABRICS: EXC. FOLDING, CRENULATIONS.

### MINERALOGY:

MINERAL:	PERCENT:	REMARKS:
QTZ	30%	BIMODAL - 1° - F.G. AGGREGATES 2° - PTIGMATIC STRINGERS
CARBONATE	5%	- NOTE CURVED TWIN LAMELLAE
BIOTITE	25%	DEFINES CLVG.
SERICITE	20%	ASSOC. W 1° QTZ.
CHLORITE	5%	INPRESSURE SHADOWS W PY.
OPHAQUES (GR)	15%	DISCRETE TRAINS // TO CLVG.
PY.	5%	SUBHEMICAL 1-2mm

### REMARKS:

QTZ CARB. STRINGERS // FOLN

PTIGMATIC QTZ STRINGERS. - POST 1° DEFN, PRE 2°

NOTE AUGEN SHAPED QTZ AGGREGATES



## HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC2    HOLE NO.: 122    LOCATION (FW/HW): HW MUL.

UNIT: MUDDY TUFF.

COLOR INDEX: 90

TEXTURE: PRESSURE SOLN DEFORMATION FEATURES - FOLDING

GRAIN SIZE: VFG

FABRIC: PHYLLITIC

SIZE RELATIONS: ALL F.G.

BEDDING: YES

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: YES

STRUCTURES:

MICRO FOLDS

ANTIFORMAL VERGENCE UP HOLE

PARASITIC S FOLDS.

MINERALOGY:

PERCENT

COLOR

G.SIZE

SERICITE: 25% APPLE GRN

QUARTZ: 30% GREY

ANKERITE: (CALCITE) 15% NOTE FIZZ

VISIBLE  
STRUCTURES

KSPARS:

CHLORITE: 1-2%

OTHER: BIOTITE 25%

PY 2-3%

NAME:

REMARKS:

SERICITE ALTERATION DOES NOT CROSS DEFORMATIONAL  
FABRIC . . . PRE - DEF M.

## HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 3 HOLE NO.: 122 LOCATION (FW/HW): HW  
UNIT: MUL.  
COLOR INDEX: 35  
TEXTURE: PHYLLITIC

GRAIN SIZE: F.G. w QTZ STRINGS (BROKEN)

FABRIC: PHYLLITIC

SIZE RELATIONS:

BEDDING: NONE

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: YES

STRUCTURES:

CONTORTED + BROKEN LAYERING

MATERIALOGY:	PERCENT	COLOR	G.SIZE
SERICITE:	5%	PALE GRN.	V.F.G
QUARTZ:	40%	GREY + WHITE	M.G + Fd
ANKERITE:			
KSPARS:			
CHLORITE:			
OTHER:	GR 16%		
	BIOTITE 25%		

NAME:

REMARKS:

CARBONACKOW PELOITIC SEDIMENT

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 3

HOLE NO.: 122

UNIT: HW MUL.

COLOR INDEX:

FABRICS:

MINERALOGY:

MINERAL:	PERCENT:	REMARKS:
QTZ	35%	BI MODAL 25% - 10%, 10% STRING.
CHL	15%	BANODEO W QTZ 1°
BI	5%	MINOR
SC	25%	FG. W QTZ AGGREGATES
ARAG.	5%	2°
RUTILE	1%	
PEROVSKITE?	TR	
Py	2-3%	ISO TROPIC.

REMARKS:

NOTE INCREASE IN QTZ AND CL AND L IN BI  
MINOR QTZ STRING - 1°  
CNL APPEARS 2° ?

### HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 4    HOLE NO.: 122    LOCATION (FW/HW): ORE ZONE  
UNIT: MUL.  
COLOR INDEX: 5  
TEXTURE: WK PHYLLITIC

GRAIN SIZE: F.G.

FABRIC:

SIZE RELATIONS: ALL F.G.

BEDDING: NONE

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: YES, QTZ LAYERS.

STRUCTURES:

QTZ BANDS

MATERIALOGY:	PERCENT	COLOR	G.SIZE
SERICITE:	5%	GRN	
QUARTZ:	65%		
ANKERITE:			
KSPARS:			
CHLORITE:			
OTHER: PY	10%		
NAME:	Gr	5%	

REMARKS:

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 4

HOLE NO.: RG 122

UNIT: ORE ZONE

COLOR INDEX: 5

FABRICS: AUGEN TEXT.

### MINERALOGY:

MINERAL:	PERCENT:	REMARKS:
QZ	60%	BIMODAL 1° AGGREGATES W SC. 2° STRINGERS NOTE EPITAXIAL GROWTHS.
CL	-	
SC	20%	V.F.G LATHS + STRINGERS
SULPHIDES	20%	BANDS W INTERSTICIAL
BIOTITE	TR.	QTZ + SC.

### REMARKS:

NOTE THE AMOUNT OF EPITAXIAL QTZ IN STRINGERS ASSOCIATED WITH SULPHIDES.

LACK OF CHLORITE, BIOTITE - INCREASE IN SERICITE

LIKELY INTENSELY ALTERED SEDIMENT. SILICIFIED

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 5

### PHOTOS:

HOLE NO.: RG 122

EXCL. PRESS., SHADOWS,

UNIT: PY MUR

COLOR INDEX: 15

FABRICS: AUGEN TEXT  
WEAKLY PHYLLITIC

### MINERALOGY:

MINERAL:	PERCENT:	REMARKS:
Qz	45%	- 1° F.G. ANHEDRAL AGGREGATES. 2° MG. (0.5mm) UNDULOSE EXT' EPITAXIAL GROWTH
Sc.	20%	- IN STRINGERS AND FOL'N COMMONLY WITH SULPHIDES
Bi	5%	- IN FOL'N
Cl (Fe)	15%	- IN FOLIATION AS PRESSURE SHADOWS.
Sx	10%	- Py, SPL

### REMARKS:

NOTE AMT. OF QZ IN AGGREGATES

## HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 5 HOLE NO.: 122 LOCATION (FW/HW): FW

UNIT: MUDGY TUFF (PYRITIC)

COLOR INDEX: 20 - GREY

TEXTURE:

GRAIN SIZE: V.F.G

FABRIC: PHYLLOMIC

SIZE RELATIONS: ~~SIZE~~

BEDDING: NONE

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: WEAK DEF<sup>n</sup> BY QZ  
STRUCTURES:

AUGEN TEXTURE PROMINENT

QZ STRINGERS PERVERSIVE

MINERALOGY:	PERCENT	COLOR	G.SIZE
SERICITE:	15%	APPLE GRN	V.F.G
QUARTZ:	50%	2 <sup>o</sup> WHITE 1 <sup>o</sup> GREY	M.G.-F.G
ANKERITE:			
KSPARS:			
CHLORITE:	1-2%		
OTHER: Py	5-10%		
BIOTITE	10%		
OPAQUE	5%		
NAME:			

REMARKS:

### HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 6 HOLE NO.: 122 LOCATION (FW/HW): FW

UNIT: PY MUL

COLOR INDEX: 30

TEXTURE: FG. PHYLLITIC

GRAIN SIZE: V. FG

FABRIC:

SIZE RELATIONS:

BEDDING: POSS. REMANENT SX BEDS.

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: YES QZ, SX,

STRUCTURES:

NONE

MATERIALOGY:	PERCENT	COLOR	G.SIZE
SERICITE:	15%	GREY	
QUARTZ:	95%	GREY + WHITE	FG-MY
ANKERITE:	-		
KSPARS:	-		
CHLORITE:			
OTHER: SX	30%	CPY, TT, SL	

NAME:

REMARKS:

NOTE .75mm DK GREY QUARTZ PHENOS.

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 6

HOLE NO.: 122

UNIT: F.W. PY MUL.

COLOR INDEX: 20%

FABRICS: WEAKLY PHYLLITIC

### MINERALOGY:

#### MINERAL:

#### PERCENT:

#### REMARKS:

QB

90%

1<sup>0</sup> F.G. (<.1mm) AGGREGATE  
SUBHEDRAL.

Sc.

10%

W QUARTZ

BT

5%

IN FOLIATIONS

Sx

30%

BANDED AND CLASTS  
SL, PY. GN. TT.

### REMARKS:

NOTE BANDS OF F.G. QTZ ALTERNATING W Sx BANDS

ABSENCE OF Ch.

### PHOTOS:

PRESSURE SHADOWS  
AROUND Sx's.

### HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 7 HOLE NO.:

LOCATION (FW/HW): FW

UNIT: FW MUR. (SHALE?)

COLOR INDEX: 35

TEXTURE: WK. PHYLLITIC.

GRAIN SIZE: FG.

FABRIC: POOR

SIZE RELATIONS: SULPHIDE RICH CLASTS FG. CARBN MTX,

BEDDING: YES, FINE

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: WK. AND FINE  
STRUCTURES:

FINE QZ STRINGERS.

MINERALOGY:

PERCENT

COLOR

G. SIZE

SERICITE: 5%

QUARTZ: 95%

ANKERITE:

KSPARS:

CHLORITE:

OTHER:

GR. 25%

BT 10%

NAME:

REMARKS:

MINOR SILICIFICATION

WEAKLY PHYLLITIC

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 7

HOLE NO.: RG 122.

UNIT: SHALE

COLOR INDEX: 7<sub>0</sub> +

FABRICS: FINE BEDDING BUT POORLY INTEGRATED  
WEAK CRENULATION.

### MINERALOGY:

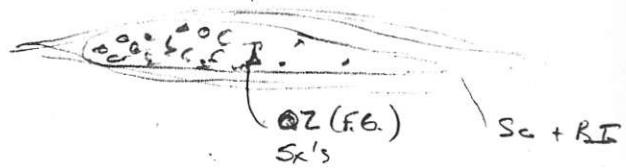
MINERAL:	PERCENT:	REMARKS:
QZ	40%	F.G. (.1-.5 mm) UNIDULOSE. OVOID CLASTS W SULPHIDES 4 mm
BI	10%	LARGER PHENOS STRONGLY UNIDULOSE FOLIATION SURFACES
Sc	15%	V.F.G. IN QZ AGG.
OP	20%	MAINLY GRAPHITE, Sc's.
Sc	10%	Py
RUTILE	1-2%	Red

### REMARKS:

NOTE RELATIVE ABSENCE OF SILICIFICATION.

### PHOTOS:

OVOID CLASTS W Sc's



### HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 8    HOLE NO.: RG 122    LOCATION (FW/HW): F.W

UNIT: WACKE

COLOR INDEX: 35

TEXTURE: V. WEAKLY PHYLLITIC

GRAIN SIZE: MG: .5mm

FABRIC:

SIZE RELATIONS: FG MATRIX.

BEDDING: NONE

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: YES    QTR RICH LAYERS.

STRUCTURES:

MINOR CARB. VEINS.

MINERALOGY:	PERCENT	COLOR	G.SIZE
SERICITE:	5%	MATRIX	
QUARTZ:	50%	BIMODAL SIZE	
ANKERITE:			
KSPARS:	/		
CHLORITE:	/		
OTHER: BI	25%	MATRIX	
OP	1%		

NAME:

GREY WACKE.

REMARKS:

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 8

PHOTOS:

HOLE NO.: RG 122.

WHY NOT !!

UNIT: GREY WACKE FW.

COLOR INDEX: 35.

FABRICS: Poorly Indurated.

MINERALOGY:

MINERAL:	PERCENT:	REMARKS:
QZ	60%	BIMODAL IN FRAMEWORK AND MATRIX.
BI	15%	F.G. MATRIX.
ARAG.	5%	IN STRINGERS
Sc.	15%	MATRIX.

REMARKS:

NOTE STRONG UNUSUAL REFLN IN QZ.

UNALTERED

### HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 9 HOLE NO.: 85 LOCATION (FW/HW): HW

UNIT: SERICITIC TUFF

COLOR INDEX: 5

TEXTURE: WELL INDURATED

GRAIN SIZE: V. F. G.

FABRIC: SCHISTOSE

SIZE RELATIONS:

BEDDING: POSSIBLE

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: DEFINATE SERICITE / QTZ

STRUCTURES:

WELL FOLDED LAYERS OF (CHERT) + SC.

MINERALOGY:	PERCENT	COLOR	G. SIZE
SERICITE:	65%	LIME GRN.	V. FG
QUARTZ:	25%	BIMODAL	M. G. / FG
ANKERITE:			
KSPARS:			
CHLORITE:	5%		
OTHER:	Py 10%		

NAME:

REMARKS:

NOTE QTZ STRINGERS SUB // TO FOL" CARRY PYRITE

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 9

PHOTOS:

HOLE NO.: RG 85

UNIT: SC TUFF

COLOR INDEX: 5-10

FABRICS: WELL FOLIATED (SCHISTOSE.)

### MINERALOGY:

#### MINERAL:

#### PERCENT:

#### REMARKS:

QZ

35%

1° VFG >1 mm

2° (.1-.3m) STRINGERS

AUGEN AGGREGATES WITH  
ALTERNATING BANDS OF QZ  
+ SC.

SC

40%

F.G BANDS. AND IN QZ  
MATRIX AS LATHS.

Py

7%

### REMARKS:

EXTREMELY FINE LAMINATIONS. COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING  
OVOID SHAPED QZ AUGENS COMPOSED OF FINE GRAINED  
AGGREGATES



### HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 10 HOLE NO.: RG 85 LOCATION (FW/HW): HW

UNIT: SC TUFF + CHT.

COLOR INDEX: 5

TEXTURE: PHYLLOLITIC

GRAIN SIZE: V.F.G

FABRIC: FOLIATED

SIZE RELATIONS: MICROCRYSTALLINE QTZ + SC.

BEDDING: POSSIBLE REMNANT

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: YES

STRUCTURES:

CONTORTED AND BROKEN FOLDS,

#### MATERIALOGY:

#### PERCENT

#### COLOR

#### G.SIZE

SERICITE:	40%	LIME GREEN	V.F.G
QUARTZ:	90%	LT. GREY	V.F.G
ANKERITE:			
KSPARS:			
CHLORITE:	/		
OTHER: PY	10%		

NAME:

REMARKS:

NOTE INCREASE IN F.G. (10%) QTZ FROM LAST SAMPLE.

DECREASE IN PENETRATIVE FABRIC

INCREASE IN DEF.M.

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 10

HOLE NO.: RG 85

UNIT: SERICITIC TUFF + CHERT.

COLOR INDEX: 10

### FABRICS:

WELL FOLDED - BUT FRACTURES // TO FOLN  
CRENULATED.

### MINERALOGY:

MINERAL:	PERCENT:	REMARKS:
Qtz	55%	V. FINE GRAINED 7/mm CHERT. ANHEDR. HC.
Sc	35%	V. FINE. BANDS 20-40 μm CRENULATED
Py	10%	7/mm SUBHEDR. HC Qtz PRESS. SHADOWS.

### REMARKS:

OPEN FOLDS - NOT ISOCLINAL - SHEARING ON LIMBS.

ALTERNATING CHERT AND TUFFACEOUS BANDS.

## HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 11 HOLE NO.: RG 122 LOCATION (FW/HW): FW

UNIT: MUDDY TUFF

COLOR INDEX: 70

TEXTURE: BRECCIATED

GRAIN SIZE: C.G. WITH VFG MATRIX

FABRIC: WEAKLY PHYLLITIC

SIZE RELATIONS:

BEDDING: NO

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: MINOR.

STRUCTURES:

FLATTENED CHEM. PEBBLES

MIXED ROCK FRAZMENTS

MINERALOGY:	PERCENT	COLOR	G.SIZE
SERICITE:	5%		
QUARTZ:	40%	GREY-WHITE	
ANKERITE:	5%		
KSPARS:			
CHLORITE:			
OTHER: BI	20%		
ARAG	5%		
GR	5%		
PY	10%		
NAME:			
REMARKS:			

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 11

PHOTOS:

HOLE NO.: RG 85

Yed.

UNIT: MUR

COLOR INDEX: 80

FABRICS: AUGEN TEXT.

### MINERALOGY:

#### MINERAL:

#### PERCENT:

#### REMARKS:

QZ 95%

BIMONAL 1° < .1mm  
BANDS AND OVOID AGGREG.

PY 5%  
Sc 20%

2° > 1mm PORPHYROCLASTS  
OR PEbbLES. STRONG UNDULOSE  
F.G. EUCRYSTAL  
BROKEN LAMMELAE, CRUNULATED

BI 15%

PERVASIVE 2°

RUTILE 1-2%

APAG 10%

ASSOCIATED W F.G. QZ  
NO TWINS. .1-.2mm  
SUB HEDRAL

#### REMARKS:

ROCK PROBABLY A FAULT BRECCIA

NOTE BROKEN MATRIX - NOT LAMINAR

QZ GRAINS 1mm + CHERTY CLASTS.

## HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 12 HOLE NO.: RG 85 LOCATION (FW/HW): FW

UNIT: SILICEOUS ARGILLITE

COLOR INDEX: 90

TEXTURE: SLATEY.

GRAIN SIZE: V.F.G.

FABRIC: WEAK FOLN.

SIZE RELATIONS: ALL F.G.

BEDDING: POSS

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: POSS,

STRUCTURES:

LAMINAR FABRIC

ATZ STRINGERS

MINERALOGY:	PERCENT	COLOR	G.SIZE
SERICITE:	5%		
QUARTZ:	40%		
ANKERITE:			
KSPARS:			
CHLORITE:			
OTHER: GR	30%		
BI	20%		

NAME:

REMARKS:

ABSENCE OF CARBONATES.

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 12

PHOTOS:

HOLE NO.: RG 85

UNIT: SILICIFIED ARGILLITE

COLOR INDEX: 80

FABRICS: SLATEY CLRG.

### MINERALOGY:

MINERAL:	PERCENT:	REMARKS:
Qtz	35%	F.G. ROOS IN MATRIX
Sc	15%	M.G. QZ STRINGERS.
Bi	5%	LAMINAR
Gr	20%	FOCN SETS.
Py	15%	DISEM. FUSED.
RUTILE	5%	
	1-2%	

### REMARKS:

FINE QZ STRINGERS ( $<1\text{mm}$ )  $\text{sub} \parallel$  TO FOLIATION

NOTE GR. SELVAGE ON STRINGERS.

## HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 13    HOLE NO.: 85    LOCATION (FW/HW):

UNIT: MUT

COLOR INDEX: 60-70 - GREY

TEXTURE: LAMINATED - PHYLLITIC

GRAIN SIZE:

FABRIC: AUGEN

SIZE RELATIONS: ALL FIG

BEDDING: NONE

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: MINOR

STRUCTURES:

AUGEN TEXT.

MINERALOGY:	PERCENT	COLOR	G.SIZE
SERICITE:	5%		
QUARTZ:	55%	GREY	F.G. LAMINAR
ANKERITE:			
KSPARS:			
CHLORITE:	/		
OTHER: PY	10%		
	Gr	1-2%	
NAME: BI	15%		

### REMARKS:

NOTE PRESENCE OF BIOTITE AND ABUNDANCE  
OF QTZ

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 13

PHOTOS:

HOLE NO.: RG 05.

UNIT: MUT

COLOR INDEX: 25

FABRICS: AUGEN TEXT.

### MINERALOGY:

#### MINERAL:

#### PERCENT:

#### REMARKS:

Qz	60 - 70%	F.G. LAMINAR RODS AND AGGREGATES MINOR PRE DEFIN STRINGERS
Sc	20%	BANDS
Bt.	5%	FOLIATION SETS
RUTILE	1-2%	ANHEDRAL
Py Gr	7% 5%	EUHEDRAL .5 mm

#### REMARKS:

NOTE STRONG PREFERRED ORIENTATION OF QUARTZ  
SHARDS, AND PHENOCO

### HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 14 HOLE NO.: R685 LOCATION (FW/HW): FW

UNIT: MUL.

COLOR INDEX: 70

TEXTURE: WK PHYLLOID

GRAIN SIZE: F.G.

FABRIC: PHYLLOID

SIZE RELATIONS: ALL F.G

BEDDING: NONE

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: WK QZ

STRUCTURES:

WK LAMINATED

AUGEN TEXT.

VERALOGY:

PERCENT

COLOR

G.SIZE

SERICITE: 5%

QUARTZ: 60% GRAY VF.G

ANKERITE:

KSPARS:

CHLORITE:

OTHER: GR 10%

Py 15%

NAME:

REMARKS:

MINOR QZ STRINGERS

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 14

PHOTOS:

HOLE NO.: RG 85

UNIT: MUR (Py)

COLOR INDEX: 30

FABRICS: AUGEN TEXT.  
PHYLLITE.

### MINERALOGY:

MINERAL:	PERCENT:	REMARKS:
QZ	60%	BIMORAL 40% V.F.G 15% F.G.
Sc	20%	BROKEN LAMINAE
Py	10%	F.G., ENHENCIAL
RUTILE	1-2%	

### REMARKS:

FINE GRAINED QZ RICH GROUNDMASS,

### HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 15 HOLE NO.: RG 85 LOCATION (FW/HW): FW

UNIT: MUT, (Py)

COLOR INDEX: 2a

TEXTURE: AGRINe FG.

GRAIN SIZE: F.G.

FABRIC: LAMINATED, PHYLIC

SIZE RELATIONS:

BEDDING: POSS

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: POSS

STRUCTURES:

#### MINERALOGY:

#### PERCENT

#### COLOR

#### G.SIZE

SERICITE: 15%

QUARTZ: 65%

F.G.

ANKERITE:

KSPARS:

CHLORITE:

OTHER: Py 20%

NAME:

REMARKS:

NOTE ALMOST GRANULAR TEXTURE  
OF THIS SPECIMEN (RECRYSTALLIZED?)

THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 15

HOLE NO.: RG 05

UNIT: MUR (PY) FW

COLOR INDEX: 20

FABRICS: WEAKLY LAMINATED  
SULPHIDE RICH (20%)

MINERALOGY:

MINERAL:	PERCENT:	REMARKS:
QZ	65%	LATH SHAPED, STRONGLY UNDULOSE. WELL CEMENTED.
Sc	25%	V.F.G. PATCHES INTERSTITIAL TO QZ NETWORK
rutile	1-2%	RED, TABULAR ARENOS.
SL		
PY	3-5%	I. REFL.
	3-5%	.1 mm TO 10 mm (V.F.G.)

REMARKS:

QUARTZ ARENITE ?? - SLICEOUS ~~SED~~

PHOTOS:

QZ HABIT.

### HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 16 HOLE NO.: RG 85 LOCATION (FW/HW): FW  
UNIT: Py mat (FW)  
COLOR INDEX: 50  
TEXTURE: AUGEN

GRAIN SIZE: FG  
FABRIC: AYLITIC  
SIZE RELATIONS: ALL FG.  
BEDDING: NONE  
COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: YES. PY, QZ.  
STRUCTURES:

AUGEN TEXTURE  
MINOR QZ STRING.

MINERALOGY:	PERCENT	COLOR	G. SIZE
SERICITE:	10%		
QUARTZ:	65%	GREY	
ANKERITE:			
KSPARS:			
CHLORITE:			
OTHER: Py	20%		

NAME:

CHERT?

REMARKS:

AMT. OF PY GIVES ROCK DK. GREY COLOUR

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 16

PHOTOS:

HOLE NO.: RG 05

UNIT:

COLOR INDEX: 50

FABRICS: WEAKLY FOLIATED  
AVGEN TEXTURE.

MINERALOGY:

MINERAL:	PERCENT:	REMARKS:
QZ	45%	BIMONAC 2° (0.2mm - 0.1mm)
SC	25%	1° (.05 - 0.01 mm)
Py + Sx's	20%	PATCHES AND LATHES INTERSTITIAL TO QZ BANDS // TO FOLN
RUTILE	1-2%	

REMARKS:

ALTERNATING BANDS OF QZ + SC.

F.G QZ

DISCONTINUOUS LAMINAEE.

FOLN DEANED BY SC. - SPACED.

GREY COLOUR DUE TO SX CONTENT.

## HAND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 17    HOLE NO.: RG 05    LOCATION (FW/HW): FW

UNIT: MUL (Py)

COLOR INDEX: 30

TEXTURE: PHYLLOLITHIC

GRAIN SIZE: F.G.

FABRIC: AUGEN

SIZE RELATIONS: ND.

BEDDING: NONE

COMPOSITIONAL LAYERING: POSS.

STRUCTURES:

PYRITIC BANDS IN SILICEOUS MTX.

AUGEN, PHYLLOLITHIC

MINERALOGY:

PERCENT

COLOR

G.SIZE

SERICITE: 15%

QUARTZ: 60% - GREY

ANKERITE:

KSPARS:

CHLORITE:

OTHER: 0 25%

NAME:

EXHALITE (CHERT)?!

REMARKS:

Grey colour due to Sx's

## THIN SECTION DESCRIPTION

SAMPLE NO.: TSSC 17

### PHOTOS:

HOLE NO.: RG 85

X POCKS

UNIT: PY MUD

W PLATE FOR  
AUGENS.

COLOR INDEX: 30-40

FABRICS: WEAKLY PHYLLOLITIC, SICKLEOUS,  
AUGEN TEXT.

### MINERALOGY:

MINERAL:	PERCENT:	REMARKS:
Qz	40%	BIMODAL
Sc	25%	
RUTILE	1-2%	
Py	20%	BANOS EUEUOKAL (h. 1mm)

### REMARKS:

Grey colour due to Sx's.

**APPENDIX 3**

**APPENDIX 4**