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# LODER (AOG) No1

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# COMPARISON OF BMR UNITS WITH COMPANY INTERPRETATION

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BMR UN	ITS	BOUNDARY	COMPANY (AOG., 1963)							
MAJOR	MINOR	DEPTHS. (FT)	FORMATION	GROUP	AGE					
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	L3	200jā.		MAIT						
L4	L4	2260 2258 2540 2580		GRETA C.M.	÷					
L5-6	L5 L6	2960 3000 3058 3058	FARLEY .		7					
L 7	L7	3881 3882	RUTHERFORD		PERMIAN					
	L8	4060 4590	*	٥	PER					
10.10	L11 L12	4900	ALLANDALE	8	*					
L8-18	L14 L15 L16 L17	5230 5375 600Q 5745	3	DALM						
	L18	т.о. 6767								
		7000								

#### ABSTRACT

This petrological study of Loder (A.O.G.) No. 1 was undertaken as part of a review of the Sydney Basin, currently being carried out by the Basin Study Group of the Petroleum Exploration Branch. The principal objective was to establish and define clearly recognisable rock units, and to reassess the petroleum possibilities of the section.

Eighteen lithologic units were recognised in Loder (A.O.G.)

No. 1, and are summarised in Fig. 1. The section starts at the surface in Permian marine sediments of the Branxton Sub-Group, penetrates the Greta Coal Measures, and the marine sediments of the Farley and Rutherford Formations of the Dalwood Group to 3,882'; from there to 6767' (T.D.) the section consists of intermediate to basic volcanics. The eighteen units could be grouped into five major lithogenetic units.

Most of the sedimentary sequence was too tight to act as reservoir rocks, though eleswhere Unit L 1 may have some value as a reservoir rock, and Unit L 7 as a source rock. These units are equated with part of the Branxton Sub-Group and the Rutherford Formation respectively.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Well Data

Well Name, No. : Loder (A.O.G.) No. 1 Well

Operating Co. : Australian Oil and Gas Corporation Ltd. N.S.W.

Location: Latitude 32° 38' 07" South

Longitude 151° 08' 00" East

1:250,000 Sheet : Singleton SI/56/1

General Location: about 6 miles S.W. of Singleton, N.S.W.

Elevation: Kelly Bushing: 355.15'

Ground Level: 338.40'

Total Depth: Schlumberger: 6769'

Driller: 6767'

Logs Run: Electric Logs: Run 1 - 100' - 537'

Run 2 - 433' - 545'

Run 3 - 545' - 2667'

Run 4 - 2667' 6768'

Microcaliper: Run 1 - 433' -2665'

Caliper: Run 1 - 2527' - 6768'

Sonic: Run 1 - 433' - 2664'

Run 2 - 2664' - 6765'

Formation Testing: D.S.T. No. 1: 3238' - 3383', Recovered 240' of

drilling mud with no indications of gas or oil.

Hydrocarbons: Faint trace of gas in cuttings,

180' -200' and 522'-537'

Faint trace of gas in drilling mud, 265'-275',

285', and 455' -465'

Poor trace of oil fluorescence, 525'-535'

Trace to good shows of oil fluorescence from

3375'-3815'

Small blobs of tarry, residual oil in cores at

3540'-3550' and 3815'-3825', and occuring

sporadically from 3058'-3882'

Good indications of gas from 3250' -3882'

#### Major Reference used in present study

Australian Oil and Gas Corporation Limited, N.S.W. 1963 - Loder No. 1 Well Completion Report (unpubl), by R.G. Perry and J. Stuntz.

#### Summary of Major Reference

"The Loder No. 1 well, located about 85 miles north of Sydney, was drilled in an area where Permian rocks crop out in the Hunter River Valley along the northern side of the Permo-Triassic Sydney Basin, New South Wales.

"The bore hole penetrated sediments of Permian age between 0' and 3882' and a volcanic sequence, comprised of lavas and tuffs, of probable Permian age between 3882' and total depth of 6767'.

"The recording of oil and gas shows and the proving of reasonably thick sections of promising source rock, notably in the Rutherford Formation, are regarded as positive contributions to the search for petroleum in the Sydney Basin. The arenites encountered in the Well, however, were too tight to act as reservoir beds.

"The stratigraphic units actually intersected by the drill hole are compared.....with the predicted units as anticipated from outcrop sections on the Lochinvar Anticline. The most marked difference relates to the occurrence, in the bottom part of the well, of an unexpectedly thick section of bedded volcanics.

"The volcanic section encountered in the Loder No. 1 Well, while correlatable on a rock type basis with the Allandale Formation, is probably the time equivalent of the Allandale and part of the underlying Lochinvar Formation. These two units appear to represent a section in the lower part of the Permian Dalwood Group which is composed essentially of interwedging volcanic beds and marine sediments. Consequently the proportion of sediments to volcanics in the section can be expected to change repidly from place to place."

#### Methods used

(a) Examination of cuttings and core samples. The cuttings samples were examined using a low power binocular microscope, and the results plotted on Petrographic Well Log sheets at a scale of 1" - 100' (Plates 1A-D). Thin sections from selected intervals were examined with the petrological microscope, and these results were also plotted on the above log.

The cores were slabbed and examined under the binocular microscope, and these results together with the thin section studies of selected core samples were plotted on Petrographic Core Log sheets (Plates 2A-D). This part of the study was done initially by L.E. Kurylowicz; but additional thin section work has been carried out, and the logs have been redrawn.

Eighteen rock units were recognised in the sedimentary and volcanic sequence. They were numbered from the surface, and each unit number prefixed by the letter "L" the code letter for this well. Five major groupings of units were established on lithogenic grounds. A summary of the rock units is shown in Fig. 1.

The specific rock names used are from the sedimentary rock classification of Pettijohn (1957); the one modification is the use of the term "quartz greywacke" for sandstone with 75% quartz in the frame work, but with 15% matrix.

(b) <u>Calcimetry</u> was carried out by G. Parker. Cuttings of the main lithology were selected at 100' intervals through the sedimentary sequence, only omitting the coal measures. The results of the calcimetry were plotted on the Petrographic Well Log.

(c) Differential Thermal Analysis D.T.A. was carried out by

I.K. Kraitsowits. The results are set out below:-

#### Carbonate Analysis

#### Clay Analysis

There were structural differences between the illite from 3000-30' to that from 3,300 and 4350-80'. According to Kraitsowits, such differences are possibly related to the environment of deposition if fresh water in the former case and marine in the latter two.

#### Brief Notes on Dawsonite

Mineralogical description. The following description is taken from Dona (1958):-

Name: Dawsonite

Composition: Basic carbonate of aluminium and sodium Na<sub>3</sub>
Al(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> 2Al(OH)<sub>3</sub>

System: Orthorhombic

Form: Thin encrustations of white radiating acicular or

bladed crystals.

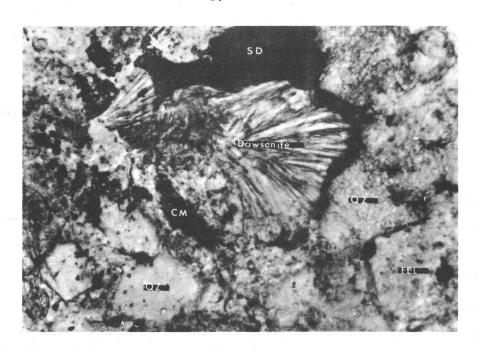
Cleavage: Perfect (010)

Optical properties:

d = 1.466

3 = 1.542

X = 1.596



Photomicrograph No. 1 Photomicrograph showing radiating aggregate of dawsonite together with quartz (QZ), felspar (FEL), siderite (SD) and carbonaceous matter (CM). Loder (AOG) No. 1, Core 5 (1395'-95'4"). Plane polarised light, x60 Photograph by I.K. Kraitsowits.

Dawsonite has been identified with X-Ray Diffraction by the B.M.R. in Kurrajong Heights No. 1 well. It has been identified optically in Loder (AOG) No. 1 - see Photomicrograph and in Belford (A.O.G.) No. 1 and East Maitland (Planet) No. 1 wells.

# Geology

#### Units L 1-3

This sequence extends from the surface to 2260' and has been subdivided into three units. It consists of a monotonous sequence of lithic sandstone, with minor siltstone interbedded in parts. Quartz, chert, quartz sandstone, and rare limestone pebbles occur throughout, but decrease upwards. Carbonaceous matter is present throughout, though sparse in the top 800' of Unit L1. Secondary silicification occurred in most places, but carbonate was the dominant cement; siderite and dawsonite were the principal cements except in the top 200' of L1 where calcite was also common. Pyrite occures throughout except in the top 200', it shows a steady upward decrease.

Wire-line logs were of only limited use in subdividing this 2260' interval. Resistivity, Sonic and Microlog were all utilised but the S.P. was found to be quite useless. On the Petrographic Well Log, the Microlog has been drawn instead of the normal S.P. trace.

The sediments were deposited in a shallow water marine environment, with lithological differences possibly due to minor fluctuations in sea level. They have been equated with the Branxton Sub-Group by the Company A.O.G. (1963).

# Unit L 1 (Plate 1A).

Characteristics: This unit extends from the surface to 1570'; it consists of a sequence of sub-greaywacke and protoquartzite, very fine to medium grained and with siltstone interbeds from 960' to 1,090'. Coal is scattered through the lower 700', and at one place probably forms a minor seam; this is also indicated on eht Sonic log. Cores from this unit show mainly disrupted bedding, churned by burrowing organisms. Brachiopod shells and spines and fenestellid bryozoa occur commonly above 600', but become sparser below. Other characteristics have been referred to under the description of the major unit. Boundary criteria: The lower boundary of the unit is marked by an increase in carbonate (dawsonite) cement and pyrite, and by a matching sharp increase in resistivity on both microlog and resistivity logs. Environment and provenance: Shallow water, marginal marine conditions existed throughout the deposition of the unit. The presence of carbonaceous matter, abundant siderite, together with the churned bedding and evidence of burrowing organisms and the sparseness of marine fossils, all suggest a more restricted and somewhat reducing environment for the lower half of the unit; conditions were better aerated higher in the unit, with plentiful bryozoa and less carbonaceous material. The moderate sorting and plentiful pebbles and pebble bands throughout, suggest that moderate currents existed for much of the time. The provenance appears to be dominantly sedimentary, but the presence of accessory amounts of plagioclase, muscovite, zircon and rare microcline indicate the

possibility of a subsidiary granitic provenance.

# Unit L2 ( Plates 1A,B.)

Characteristics: This unit extends from 1570' to 1810'; it consists of fine grained, well cemented sub-greywacke, grading in parts to medium-grained protoquartzite. There are some siltstone partings, and the base of the unit is rich in pebbles of quartz, chert, and sandstone. Pyrite and carbonaceous material is present throughout, and a possible metaquartzite lithic was observed. The unit is well cemented with dawsonite and silica, the dawsonite being particularly abundant toward the top. The Resistivity and Sonic logs show a very distinctive "saw tooth" pattern, quite different from both the overlying and underlying units.

Boundary criteria: The lower boundary has been placed at the base of the pebbly band at 1810'. There is also a reduction of siderite and silica cement and pyrite at this point. Below this level, the logs show much less fluctuation - though the mean values are very similar. Environment and provenance: A shallow water marginal marine environment is envisaged for this unit, with moderate current action during the deposition of the lower part; conditions became quieter toward the top of the unit, where there is an increase in coal and carbonaceous matter. The provenance appears to be dominantly sedimentary, but the presence of accessory amounts of plagioclase, zircon, and rare microcline indicate the possibility of a subsidiary granitic provenance.

# Unit L 3 (Plate 1B)

Characteristics: This unit extends from 1810' to 2260' and consists of well cemented protoquartzite with very variable content of pyrite; carbonaceous material is less common than in Unit L 2. Rare coal fragments occur and vein calcite is common in the lower part. Pebbles are present throughout, but tend to be concentrated towards the upper and lower limits of the unit. Dawsonite and silica cement are reduced in the lower part. Core 6 (1852' to 1862') has finely laminated and churned bedding and contains sparse volcanic lithics. The sonic and resistivity logs show very steady readings comparable to the mean values in the overlying Unit L 2.

Boundary Criteria: The lower boundary is marked by increases in coal and in chert lithics, and the appearance of volcanic lithics and a clay matrix. These lithological changes are accompanied by a local drop of resistivity and in sonic velocity.

Environment and provenance: The sediments were deposited under shallow marginal marine conditions. The pebble bands and pebbles throughout suggest moderate current action. The sparseness of marine fossils, and presence of siderite and carbonaceous material indicate a restricted, somewhat reducing, environment. A dominantly sedimentary provenance is suggested, with the possibility of subsidiary granitic and volcanic indicated by the sparse volcanic pebbles, and accessory amounts of muscovite and zircon.

#### Unit L 4

<u>Characteristics</u>: This unit extends from 2260' to 2540' and consists of a series of five thin coal seams associated with cherty lithic sandstone and a lithic conglomerate.

Difficulty was experienced in reconciling the Cuttings Percentage Log with the Sonic Log fluctuations - apparent on Plate 1B. However a later examination of duplicate set of cuttings revealed a big discrepency in the cuttings from this interval. The duplicate set of cuttings from the same interval was clearly far more reliable and this information was used for the Interpreted Lithology on plate 1B.

The top seam is overlain by a carbonaceous protoquartzite, chert and clay lithics, and rests on a conglomerate that grades upwards to a carbonaceous sub-greywacke. The conglomerate contains pebbles of quartz, chert, quarts sandstone and volcanics; it is well cemented with siderite. The sub-greywacke is pyritic, sideritic and carbonaceous. This sequence appears to be equivalent to the Greta Conglomerate and Greta Seam as described elsewhere in the Hunter Valley. (F.W. Booker 1960)

Beneath the conglomerate is a series of thin coal seams with partings of pebbly, pyritic, carbonaceous well cemented protoquartzite containing abundant chert lithics and grading to siltstone in parts. This sequence is possibly equivalent to the Homeville Seam as described elsewhere in the Hunter Valley (F.W. Booker 1960).

Boundary Criteria: The lower boundary is marked by a lithological change from the coarse-grained pebbly protoquartzite associated with the coal seams, to the finer grained better sorted lithic sandstone of the underlying unit. At this level, the wire-line logs show a steadying of values indicating an absence of coal seams and a much more uniform lithology below.

Environment and provenance: The coal in the Greta Coal Measures is considered to be, most likely, allochthonous (F.W. Booker 1960), lacking underclays, and in which "Plant stems of any size are rare and large stems standing vertical to the bedding planes are unknown." This hypothesis is supported by the present study. A mainly sedimentary provenance is suggested for the conglomerate and lithic sandstones, with a subsidiary volcanic and minor metamorphic source.

#### Units L 5-6

This sequence extends from 2,540' to 3,058' and was deposited under shallow water marine conditions, during a period of regression, culminating in the development of coal in the overlying unit.

It has been divided into two units; the lower consists of a feldspathic sandstone interbedded with siltstone, and the upper unit is a protoquartzite.

# Unit L 5 (Plate 1B)

Characteristics This unit extends from 2,540' to 2,960', and consists of a very fine to fine grained protoquartzite, containing coal fragments and carbonaceous material, clay lithics, rare volcanic and metaquartzite lithics; quartz, chert and rare volcanic pebbles occur - abundant at the base of the unit but decreasing upwards. The cements are calcite and siderite with minor dawsonite. Toward the top of the unit there is no calcite, and there the cements are silica and siderite. Pyrite is present toward the top of the unit, and there is also a lens of sideritic sandstone. The wire-line logs show a fairly even resistivity - very similar to the pattern for Unit L 3; the sonic curve is relatively smooth and the few small peaks are associated with higher concentration of carbonaceous material. Boundary criteria: The lower boundary is marked by a lithological change to feldspathic sandstone. There is a local increase in resistivity and velocity in sonic.

Environment and provenance: The sediments were deposited in a shallow water, marginal, probably backish environment, with current action decreasing over the period of deposition. A mainly sedimentary provenance is suggested, with a subsidiary granitic source indicated by the accessory amounts of plagicclose and zircon; there is a possibility of minor metamorphic and volcanic sources.

#### Unit L 6 (Plate 1B)

Characteristics: This unit extends from 2960' to 3,058' and consists of a very fine to fine grained feldspathic sandstone interbedded in part with a coarse grained siltstone. The sandstone contains volcanic and clay lithics, and coal and plant fragments; this is the uppermost unit in which volcanic lithics are common. The cements siderite and dolomite. The siltstone is pyritic and carbonaceous.

The wire-line logs are marked by strong fluctuations, reflecting the sandstone - the sandstone shows increased resistivity compared with that in Unit L 5.

Boundary criteria: The lower boundary is marked by a lithological change to a darker grey lithic sandstone with siltstone partings, and by a decrease in resistivity and sonic velocity.

Environment and provenance: A marginal, shallow, brackish to marine environment is postulated for this unit. Core 9 contains sparse marine fossils in addition to plant fragments, also and evidence of burrowing. The provenance is mainly sedimentary with subsidiary volcanic and granitic influences.

# Unit L 7 ( Plate 1B C)

Characteristics: This unit extends from 3,058' to 3,882' and consists of poorly bedded, pyritic, carbonaceous siltstone increasing in grain size up the sequence. Locally fine sandstone occurs at a number of levels, and the top of the succession is a fine sandstone with siltstone partings. Shell fragments occur together with volcanic and clay lithics. There are scattered pebbles throughout, and calcite and siderite cement. Cores 10 (3,220' to 4029') 11 (3,540' to 3550') and 12 (3,815' to 3,825') all show churned bedding. Burrows were observed in Core 10, and poorly preserved bivalves in Cores 11 and 12.

The wire-line logs reflect the interbedding where it occurs; but otherwise the logs are rather featureless and show a steady low resistivity and high sonic velocity.

Boundary criteria: The lower boundary is marked by a lithological change to the basalt at the top of the underlying volcanic sequence, and an increase in resistivity and sonic velocity.

Environment and provenance: A near shore, possibly tidal flat environment for the deposition is suggested for this unit. Sedimentary, granitic and volcanic sources all contributed detritus.

#### Units L 8 - 18

Units L 8 to 18 consist of a sequence of intermediate to basic volcanics extending from 3,882' to 6767' (T.D.). The units have been delineated mainly on the basis of thin section examination, supported by the wire-line logs.

# Unit L 8 (Plate 1 C)

Characteristics: This unit extends from 3,882' to 4,050' and consists of an altered zeolitic, pyritic basalt.

Boundary Criteria: The lower boundary is marked by a lithological change to an agglomerate, and a change in the character of the resistivity log from a broad "saw tooth" pattern to a steady featureless trace.

#### Unit L 9 (Plate 1 C)

Characteristics: This unit extends from 4,050' to 4,590' and consists of an agglomerate made up of vuggy andesite.

Boundary outline: The lower boundary is marked by a lithological change to a conglomerate; there is a corresponding sharp increase in resistivity and in sonic velocity.

#### Unit L 10 (Plate 1 C)

<u>Characteristics</u>: This unit extends from 4,590' to 4,740' and consists of a conglomerate containing pebbles of chert, altered andesite basalt, and possible metaquartzite.

Boundary criteria: The lower boundary is marked by the change to a tuff; there is also a decrease in resistivity, although the overall pattern of the wire-line log is not very different in the underlying unit.

#### Unit L 11 (Plate 1 C)

Characteristics: This unit extends from 4,740' to 4,900' and consists of a lapilli tuff with trachytic textured fragments and some very fine-grained sedimentary lithics. Vughs are very common, filled with chlorite and chalcedonic silica.

Boundary criteria: The lower boundary is marked by a change to conglomerate and a slight increase in resistivity.

#### Unit L 12 (Plate 1 C)

Characteristics: This unit extends from 4,900' to 4,985' and consists of interbedded conglomerate and lapilli tuff, both lithologies similar to those described in units 10 and 11.

Boundary criteria: The lower boundary was placed at a change observed in the cuttings from dark green to reddish brown volcanics. There is also a sharp decrease in sonic velocity.

# Unit L 13 (Plate 1 C)

Characteristics: This unit extends from 4,985 to 5,230'. It has been tentatively designated a tuff - similar to that of Unit L 11 - because of the similarity in resitivity and sonic responses.

Boundary Criteria: The lower boundary is marked by the change to an andesite; there is also a sharp increase in resistivity below this level.

# Unit L 14 (Plate 1 C)

<u>Characteristics</u>: This unit extends from 5,250' to 5,245' and consists of an adesite with a fine-grained devitrified glass matrix. It contains feldspar phenocrysts (altered to carbonate(, and pyroxene (altered to epidote).

Boundary Criteria: The lower boundary is marked by a change seen in the cuttings from grey-green to orange-red volcanics, and by a decrease in resistivity and sonic velocity.

# Unit L 15 (Plate 1 C)

<u>Characteristics:</u> This unit extends from 5,345' to 5,00' and consists of orange-red, to grey-green volcanics - possibly tuff or agglomerate.

Boundary Criteria: The lower boundary is marked by a change to a grey-black volcanic rock. There is also a change to a walling fluctuating sonic response.

# Unit L 16 (Plate 1 C)

Characteristics: This unit extends from 5,500' to 5,520' and consists of a relatively fresh basalt.

Boundary Criteria: The lower boundary is marked by a lithological change from the grey-black basalt, to reddish-grey highly altered volcanics.

# Unit L 17 (Plate 1 C and D)

<u>Characteristics:</u> This unit extends from 5,520' to 5,745' and is a very altered sequence of intermediate to basic volcanic rocks in which chlorite and hematite are common.

Boundary Criteria: The change in lithology to a distinctive tuff. There is also a sharp decrease in resistivity and in sonic velocity on the wire-line logs.

#### Unit L 18 (Plate 1C, D.)

Characteristics: This unit extends from 5,745' to 6,767' (T.D.).

It is predominantly a tuff. Thin sections from Core 18 (5803'-11'), Core 19 (6296-99') and Core 20 (6761' to 67') all tuffs, though part of lapilli tuff. Core 19 is a lapilli tuff at the top, but the rest of the core is an altered andesite. Core 20, at the bottom of the well is a lapilli tuff. The wire-line log characteristics in the upper half of the sequence are very uniform and very similar to those of Unit L 9, and to the lower half of Unit L 11. It is therefore considered that although the unit may contain minor flows, it is mainly tuffaceous.

Boundary Criteria: The unit extends to the bottom of the well.

#### CONCLUSIONS

#### Degree of agreement with Well Completion Report.

A comparison between unit boundaries chosen in this study, and the stratigraphic subdivisions set out in the Well Completion Report (A.O.G., 1963) is given in Fig. 2.

The major unit L 1-3 corresponds to the Branxton Sub-Group as defined by the Company. Unit L 4 is a equivalent to the Greta Coal Measures, with the difference that the Company has placed the base at 2,580', while the base of Unit L 4 is at 2,540'. The Company took the base from the Sonic Log..." where a sharp change in velocity values occurs, and is supported by a change in resistivity on the electro-log". In the present work, the base was placed at a lithological change from the coarse-grained pebbly sandstone of the Unit L 4 coal measures and the finer grained, better sorted sandstone of the underlying Unit L 5.

Units L 5 and 6 are comparable to the Farley Formation as defined by the Company except for the difference in the upper boundary referred to above.

Unit L 7 can be equated to the Rutherford Formation and Units L 8 and 18 to the Allandale Formation.

#### Summary of New Data

As detailed above, the total section consists of 3,882' of sediments underlain by 2,885' of predominantly basic to intermediate volcanics. The sediments have been divided into eighteen lithological units representing two phases of marine deposition separated by a fresh water sequence.

In the lower marine phase there is a transition from siltstone with calcite and siderite cement, to sandstone with dawsonite and siderite cement.

Dawsonite and siderite cements persist through the fresh-water and upper marine sequence, with calcite playing little or no part as a cementing agent. It is suggested that the dawsonite was precipitated penecontemporaneously along with the siderite. Volcanic lithics are present in the siltstone of the lower marine sequence and in the lower sandstone unit. They were observed in the Coal Measure conglomerate, and rarely in the lower part of the upper marine sequence.

#### Possible influence of new data on hydrocarbon prospects

It would seem that Unit L 1 may have some value as a reservoir rock, and Unit L 7 as a source rock. The other units are considered to be too tight, or of unsuitable character to act either as source or reservoir rocks.

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Breccia to conglomerate LITHOLOGICAL SYMBOLS PETROGRAPHIC WELL LOG WELL NAME, No. LODER (A.O.G.) No. 1. ELEVATION (A.S.L.) SAMPLE STORAGE OPERATING Co. A.O. G. Quartz sand sandstone : Ground Level 338-40ft | B.M.R. Canberra MINERAL ABBREVIATIONS LODER (A.O.G.) No.1 Calcite Si Silica Microd Microdine WELL LOCATION . K.B. Datum 355-15 ft. Sittstone Dolomite Lat.: 32° 38' 075. Long.: 151° 08' 00"E. Hem Hematite Shale and mudstone HYDROCARBON SYMBOLS Claystone Chlor Chlorite Geology by. E. Nicholas, Basin SYDNEY Dawsonite Zeo Zeolite Fe Tron oxide interval and Number A A Breccia // I Volcanic Calcirudite Epidote Iron Oxides State N.S.W. Pyrite O Trace of oil of Formation Test Limestone Muce Muscovite Tenement No. P.E.L. 9 VVV Tuff. Volcanic VVVV Fine Tuff siderite Silica Calcarenite serc Sericite # See Report O Trace of gas orth orthoclase 1:250,000 Sheet No. S I 56 1 from interval Calcilutite Biotite R. > Fluorescence / SONIC FOSSILS CARBONATE GRAIN SIZE COMPANY DESCRIPTION R-rare C-common DESCRIPTIONS OF OFES PLE UNITS NTERPRETATIO OTING A - abundant X- presen Estim, size MICROLOG CUTTINGS range 8 mode INTERPRETED FORMATION Ę LITHOLOGY GROUP Description 3 refers to lithological MAJOR U pattern 3 at corresponding depth) Formation MN 2" Rock Name 50% (after Pettijohn, 1957) ← Test Data 1. PALE YELLOW SANDSTONE. FERRUGINOUS. 포티보·동· BILT LITHTCS. MICA. SCATTERED QUARTE PERBLES TO 1%. AND CHART PARRIES TO 1%. CALCITE.
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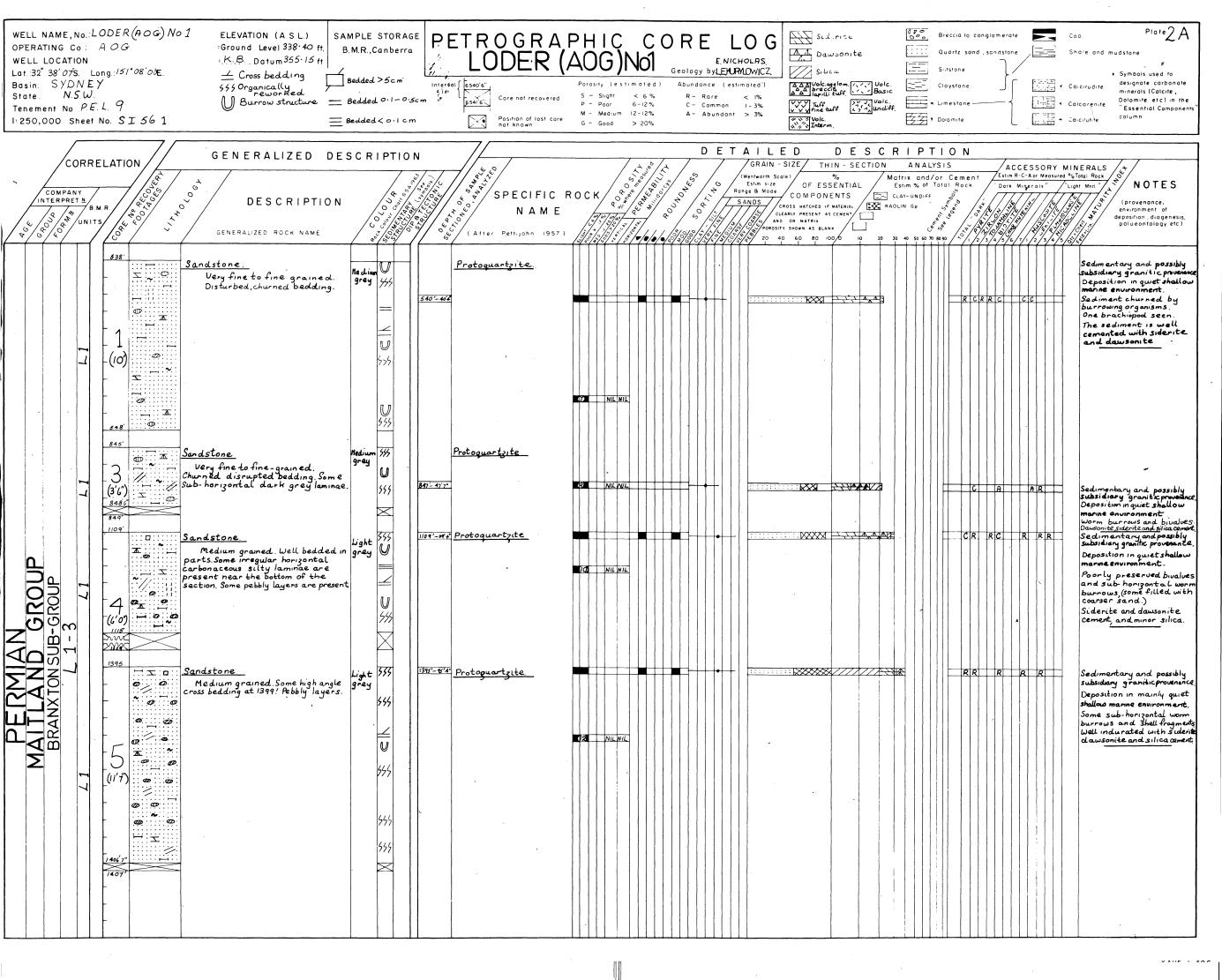
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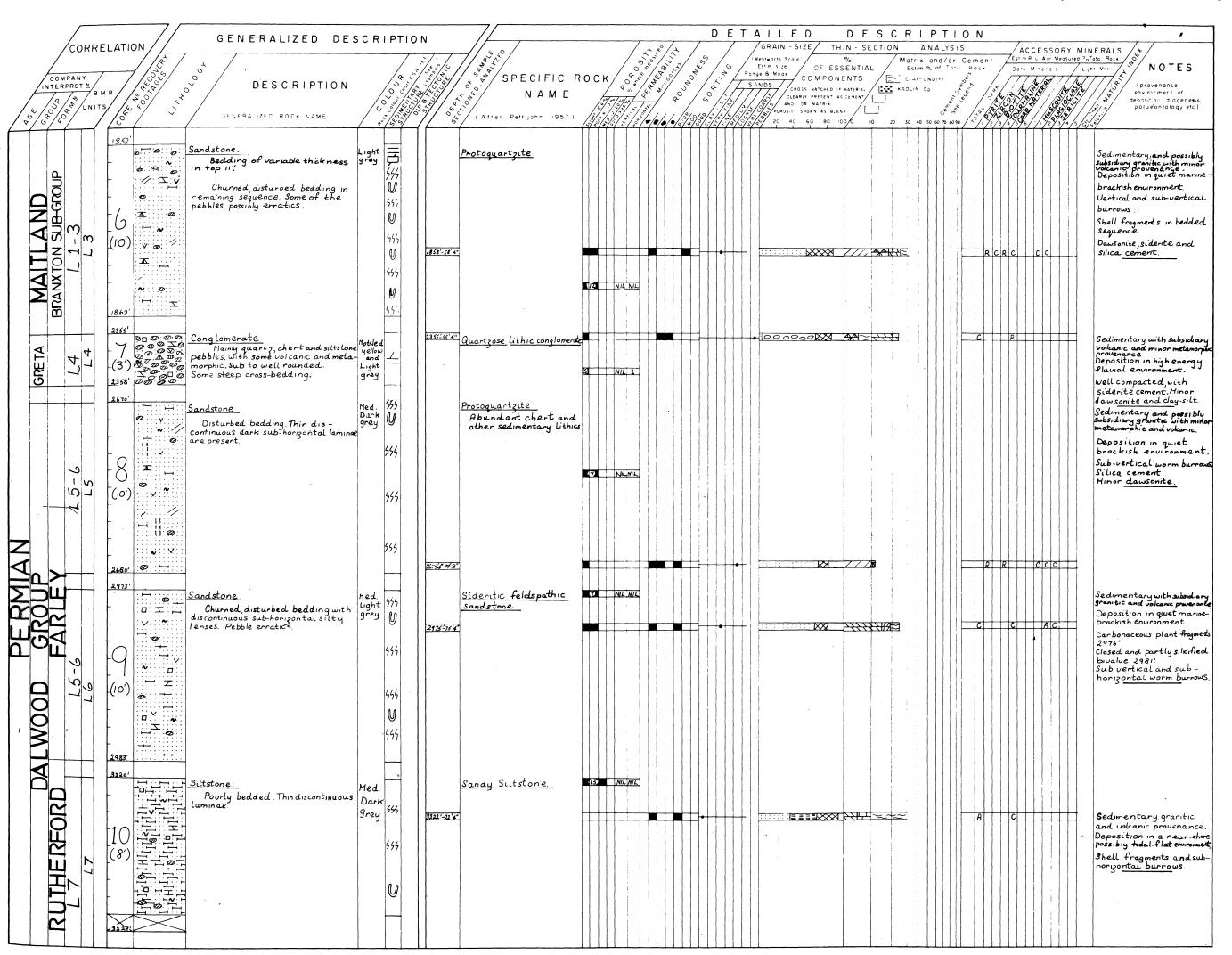
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	3940' Vo.	Icanic lava.	grey	Altered zeolitic basalt	NISNIL				Basaltic lava flow. Altered fellspar pheno- crysts.
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		nygdaloidal agglomerate Minor flow banding.	gray green	Andesitic agglomerate.	19 NILNIL				Volcanic provenance. A little basaltic material but rock mainly composed
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	4571	Poorly bedded.		voicanic conglomerate.		<b>→ Ø</b> ⊙ Ø Ø Ø Ø Ø Ø Ø			metaguartzite pabble
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CORRELATION	GENERALIZED DESCRIPTION		DETAILED DESCRIPTION  S/4 / / GRAIN - SIZE/ THIN - SECTION ANALYSIS	ACCESSORY MINERALS /+/
COMPANY STATE	DESCRIPTION	SPECIFIC ROCK	Wentworth Scale ) % Matrix and/or Cement Estim % of Total Rock Page 8 Mode COMPONENTS CLAR-UNDIFF	Dark Minerals "Light Mari" NOTES
UNITS LE CONTRACTOR LE CONTRAC	GENERALIZED ROCK NAME	(After Perinjohn 1957)	CHOSS MATCHED IF NATERIAL ( ADLIN GD )  CHOSS MATCHED IF NATERIAL ( ADLIN GD )  CLEARLY PRESENT AS CEMENT	deposition diagenesis, palueontotag, etc.)
$ \begin{array}{c c}  & 4840 \\  & \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta $	Poorly bedded.  Dark grey green  9	Lapilli tuff(Trachytic)		Coarse pyroclastic mainly trachytic.  Uery fine grained Sedimentary lithics.  Vugs are common filled with chlorite orchakedony.
32897 4 17 (2'11)	inely crystalline volcanic. Pale green armatite or zeolite.	Altered andesite.		Andesitic lava flow. Fine grained devitrified matrix. Plagicolase phenocrysts affered to carbonate. Pyroxene altered to epidote.
$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{A} \\ $	No bedding  No bedding  S8045	Tuff Lapilli tuff in parts, but mainly finer, with only the larger fragments > 4mm		Intern-basic pyroclastic. Common chlorite and haematite. Altered fildspar pheno- crysts.
	apilli tuffat thetop.  inely crystalline volcanic elsewhere green with haematite filled fractures.	Altered andesite Similar to 17.		Interm-basic pyroclastic. Very altered felspar phenocrysts in andestic There quarts grains secondary Common chlorite and
(768)	Fractured tuff. Haematite in fractures. No bedding.  Red and olive green	17 Altered intermediate basic lithic lapillitust.		haematite. Common vugs, filled with concentrically arranged silica and carbonate.  Volcanic provenance. great mixture of vokanc material. Common chlorite and haematite.