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SUMMARY

Stratigraphic drilling was undertaken in the Edenhope and Nhill-Kaniva areas of central western Victoria to investigate the stratigraphy and sedimentology of the Late Cainozoic sequence, parts of which form a series of regionally prominent, sub-parallel, strandline ridges. Ten holes ranging in depth from 46 to 101 m were drilled, intersecting several major units including the Woorinen and Coonambidgal Formations (Quaternary), the Parilla Sand (Pliocene), and the Bookpurnong Beds (Pliocene). Several holes bottomed in lower to middle Miocene sediments of the Duddo Limestone.

The Parilla Sand, which constitutes most of the sequence, has been studied in detail. It consists of a series of quartz sands with minor silt, clay, and gravel components. The sands in the upper (dune) part of the unit in the ridges are predominantly medium or medium to fine-grained, moderately well sorted, and fine skewed. In general these are underlain by a series of similar but texturally less uniform sands (typical beach deposits) containing thin layers of quartz gravel in their lower parts. In the Edenhope area these are in turn underlain by a series of fine to very fine-grained, well sorted, fine skewed sands of probable shallow marine or estuarine origin. All the sands are devoid of carbonate. Heavy-mineral concentrations are generally moderately low (usually less than 0.5 percent), although in the lower (beach) part of the sequence, laminae and thin bands of concentrated heavy minerals occur in a number of places. The suite is mineralogically mature and consists of between 50 and 70 percent opaques (mainly ilmenite and leucoxene), 10 to 30 percent tourmaline, 3 to 5 percent rutile, and 5 to 15 percent zircon.

INTRODUCTION

Between January and April 1977 stratigraphic drilling was carried out in the Edenhope and Nhill-Kaniva areas of central western Victoria. Ten holes ranging in depth from 45.9 to 101.5 m were drilled using a Mayhew 1000 rig. The drilling (for the most part continuous coring) was undertaken to obtain stratigraphic, sedimentological, and other information from a series of regionally prominent, sub-parallel, south-southeast-trending ridges west and northwest of Horsham. These ridges apparently form an inland (older) continuation to the Quaternary beach ridge sequence drilled in 1974 and 1975 in the adjacent area of southeastern South Australia (Cook et al., 1977).

The western Victorian ridges occur within the Parilla Sand of Firman (1965a,b) (Diapur Sandstone of Lawrence, 1966), a unit which forms a continuous extensive cover at the top of the Murray Basin sequence over wide areas of southwestern New South Wales, southeastern South Australia, and western Victoria. The Parilla Sand is believed to be Pliocene although its base may be diachronous and may include late Miocene units (Lawrence, 1975).

First mapped by Hills (1939) and subsequently in greater detail by Lawrence (1966) and Blackburn et al. (1967), the ridges vary considerably in height reaching a maximum of about 60 m above the adjacent inter-ridge flat in the Lawloit Range, 20 km west of Nhill. They are up to several kilometres wide and are separated by inter-ridge corridors which, except for minor rises and shallow depressions, are regionally flat. Lakes and swamps commonly occur in these areas, particularly to the south of the Little Desert.

Over the years the ridges have been studied by a number of workers including Fenner (1918), Hills (1939), Blackburn (1962), Lawrence (1966), Blackburn et al. (1967), and Lawrence (1975). Several hypotheses on the formation of the alternating ridge-corridor topography have been proposed. These include:

- (i) formation related to the shape and tectonic deformation of

the basement Grampians Group (Hills, 1939), (ii) formation as a result of erosion, perhaps by a system of parallel flowing rivers (Fenner, 1918), and (iii) formation as a system of beach-dune coastal deposits associated with the retreat of a former Murravian Gulf (Blackburn, 1962; Blackburn et al., 1967; Lawrence, 1966, 1975). The last hypothesis is, as noted by a number of the workers, supported by: similarities in height, form, and direction of strike to the southeastern South Australia beach ridge sequence; approximate parallelism; and terminal curvature or convergence near basement outcrops. Features of the sediments constituting the ridges (this Record and elsewhere) appear to be consistent with the beach-dune strandline hypothesis.

In this Record initial results of the 1977 drilling program (including a fairly detailed description of the sediments) are presented.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE STRATIGRAPHY

The Tertiary stratigraphy of the western part of the Victorian section of the Murray Basin is shown in Table 1, and is described by Lawrence (1966 & 1975). Boundaries between the units although shown as being synchronous may, at least in part, be diachronous (Lawrence, 1975).

The Tertiary sequence is overlain by Quaternary surficial deposits consisting of aeolian quartz-sands (Lowan Sand) and fluvial lacustrine-paludal and aeolian clays (Woorinen and Coonambidgal Formations).

RESULTS OF THE DRILLING

The locations of the holes drilled during the 1977 program are shown in Figure 1, five holes (Horsham 1-5) being located to the northeast of Edenhope, 4 holes (Horsham 6-9) between Nhill and Kaniva, and one hole (Horsham 10) immediately to the east of Nhill. All sites were levelled to the Australian Height Datum by staff of the Australian Survey Office, Department of Administrative Services.

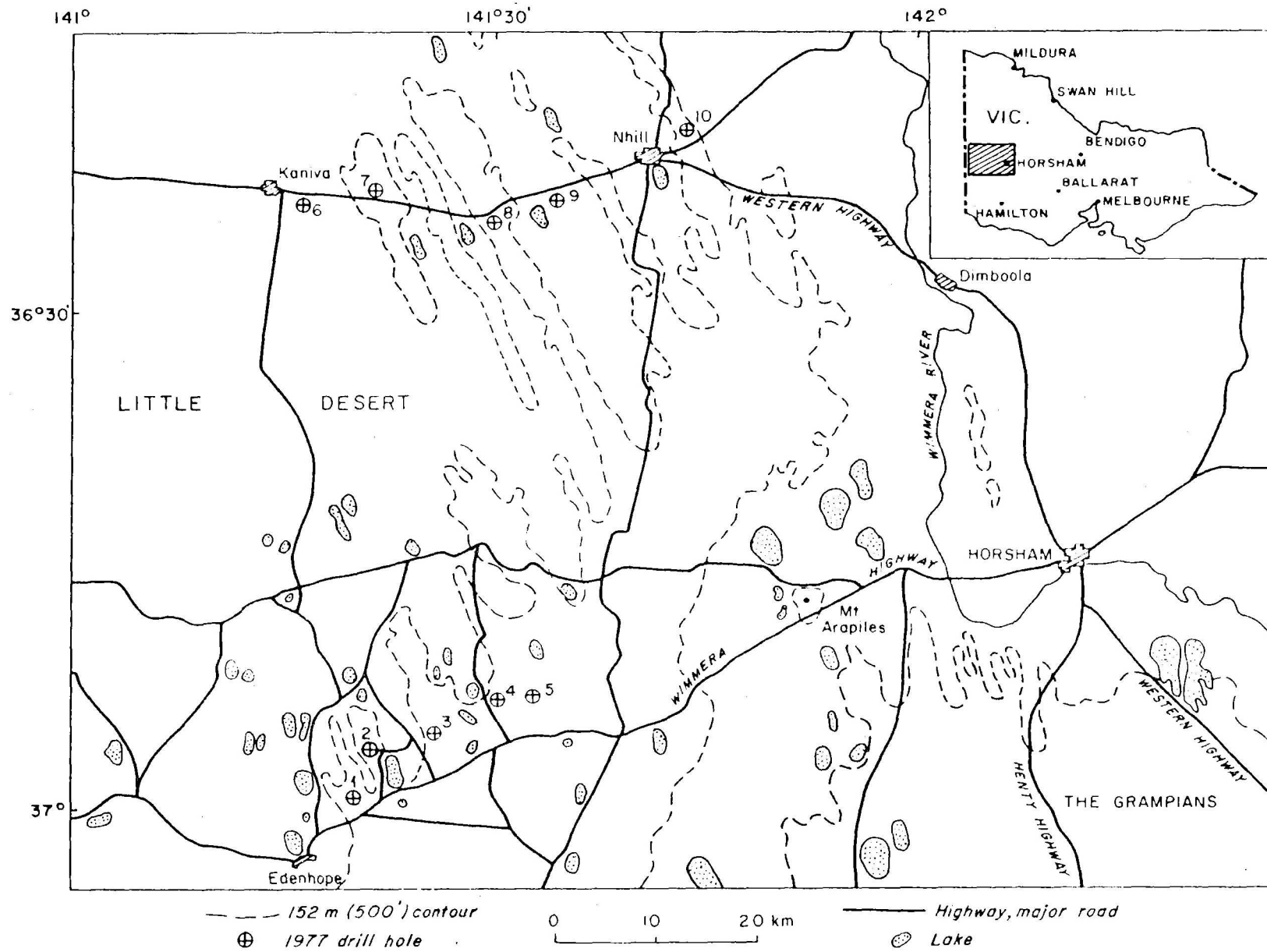


TABLE 1. TERTIARY STRATIGRAPHY OF THE MURRAY BASIN IN WESTERN VICTORIA

EPOCH		STAGES	UNIT	
PLIOCENE	L	KALIMNAN MITCHELLIAN & CHELTENHAMIAN BAIRNSDALIAN BALCOMBIAN LONGFORDIAN JANJUKIAN ALDINGAN	PARILLA SAND	
	E			
MIOCENE	L		MURRAY GROUP	BOOKPURNONG BEDS
	M			DUDDO LIMESTONE
	E			
OLIGOCENE	L			
	M			ETTRICK MARL
	E			
EOCENE & PALAEOCENE			REMARK GROUP	OLNEY FORMATION
				WARINA SAND

(After Lawrence, 1975)

Field logs of the holes form Appendix 1 of this report. Cross-sections and stratigraphic columns are given in Figures 2 and 3. Ages of the fossiliferous (pre-Parilla Sand) units were determined by C. Abele of the Victorian Geological Survey from the foraminiferal faunas. Several suggestions on stratigraphic nomenclature by Abele (1977) on the basis of these ages have been incorporated in this report. The resulting stratigraphic nomenclature differs somewhat to that shown by the Mines Department (1974) and Lawrence & Abele (1976) with both the Bookpurnong Beds and Duddo Limestone extending farther to the south than previously indicated.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SEDIMENTS

TERTIARY UNITS

Duddo Limestone

Holes 2, 6, 7, and 9 bottomed in early to middle Miocene, bryozoan sediments of the Duddo Limestone (Figs. 2 and 3). All other holes were too shallow to reach the formation.

The term Duddo Limestone was introduced by Lawrence (1966) for the mid-Tertiary limestone unit of the Murray Basin. It is equivalent to the Gambier Limestone of the adjacent Otway Basin and, as proposed by Lawrence (1975), incorporates the Morgan, Mannum, and Pata Limestones of Ludbrook (1957) and O'Driscoll (1960).

Where encountered in the Nhill-Kaniva and Edenhope areas, the formation consists of light grey (N7) to yellowish grey (5Y7/2) skeletal limestones. Bryozoans are the predominant fossil group. In several holes, the upper eroded surface of the formation is marked by a hard ferruginous crust 1 to 3 cm thick.

Bookpurnong Beds

Sediments here considered referable to the Bookpurnong Beds of Lukbrook (1957) and Lawrence (1966, 1975), a unit which disconformably overlies the Duddo Limestone (Table 1), were intersected in all but one of the holes drilled in the region. They appear, on the basis of their presence in holes in the Edenhope area (holes 1 to 5), to extend farther south than previously shown by the Mines Department (1974) and Lawrence & Abele (1976).

The sediments are Pliocene (Abele, 1977) and are lithologically variable, ranging from brown clayey silts and very fine-grained sands to grey, micaceous and glauconitic marls. They form 3 major lithological units.

(i) Calcareous quartz sands - quartzose calcarenites.

These sediments, which were encountered only in hole 6, are fine or very fine-grained, dark yellowish orange, moderately well sorted, and slightly micaceous. Their carbonate content generally increases with increasing depth, and ranges from 10 to 30 percent in the upper part of the sequence (calcareous quartz sands) to 80 percent at the base of the unit (calcarenites). The carbonate is mainly biogenic and consists of fragments of molluscs, gastropods, bryozoans, and algae, with minor foraminiferal, echinoid, and other components. Secondary calcite cements parts of the sequence into thin hard layers.

The sediments appear to be partly leached and this probably largely accounts for their variable carbonate content. Quartz grains are typically iron-stained and fragments of biogenic carbonate are commonly partly replaced by iron oxides.

The composition and fragmented and abraded nature of the carbonate fraction suggest deposition either close to, or in, a high-energy environment such as a beach.

(ii) Clayey silts and very fine-grained quartz sands.

These typically brown (5Y4/4 - 10YR 5/4) to olive grey (5Y 3/1) slightly micaceous sediments form part of the Bookpurnong Bed sequence in holes 5, 7, 9, and 10. They are of relatively uniform quartzose lithology and in most places appear to have undergone fairly extensive weathering and leaching before the deposition of the overlying sediments. They may be weathered and leached equivalents of the calcareous sands, silts, and marls into which they grade with increasing depth.

(iii) Micaceous and glauconitic calcareous sands, silts, and marls. These sediments were intersected in holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 9 and are typically grey to greenish grey (N3.5 - 5GY 4/1). They are texturally varied and generally fossiliferous (mainly whole and fragmented bivalves and gastropods with fewer foraminiferal, bryozoan, and other components). The sediments are composed predominantly of varying proportions of quartz, biogenic carbonate and clay. Mica (mainly biotite), glauconite, and in some places pyrite, are also present.

A shallow water environment is suggested by the textural variability and by the nature and composition of the carbonate fraction.

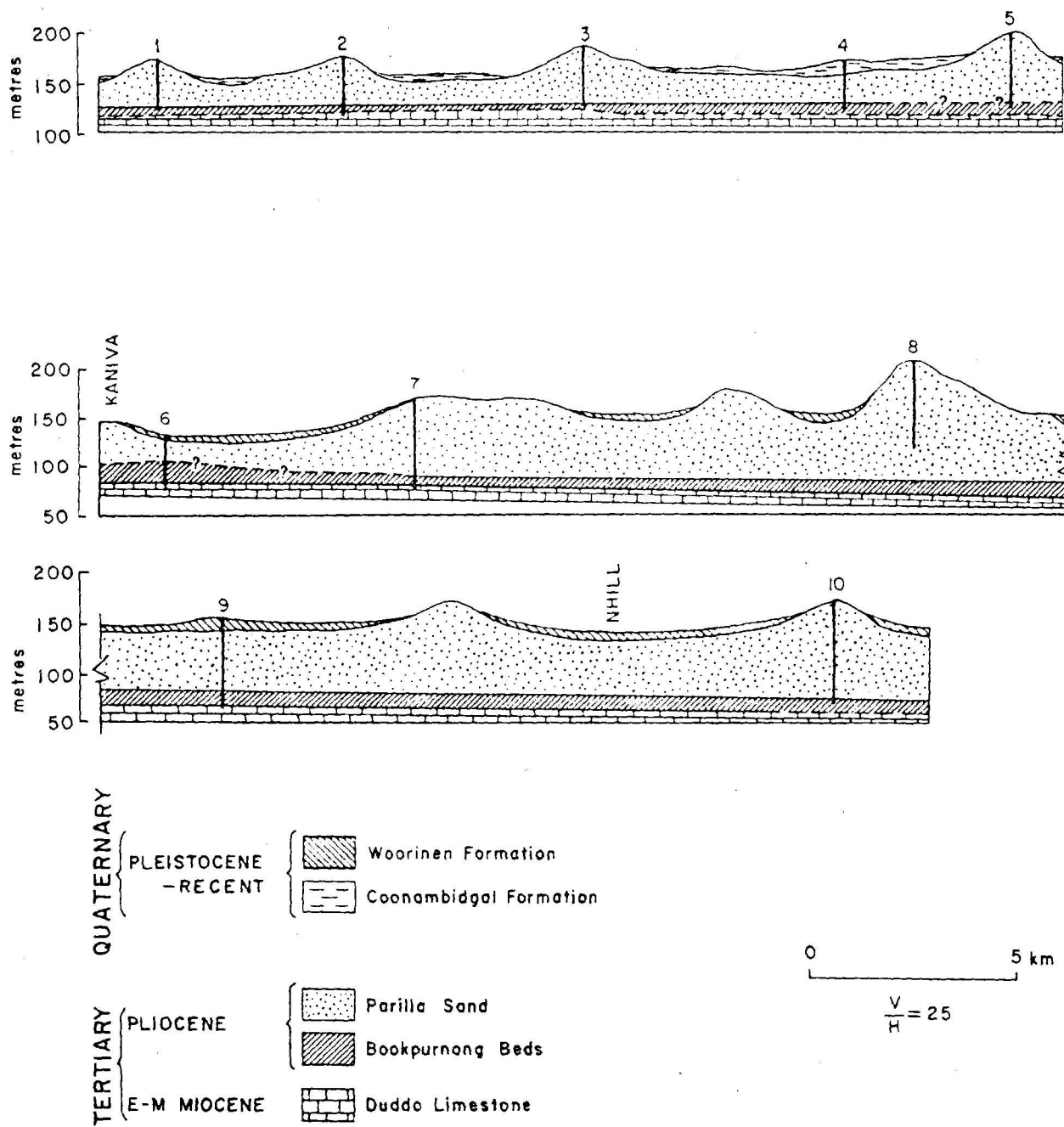


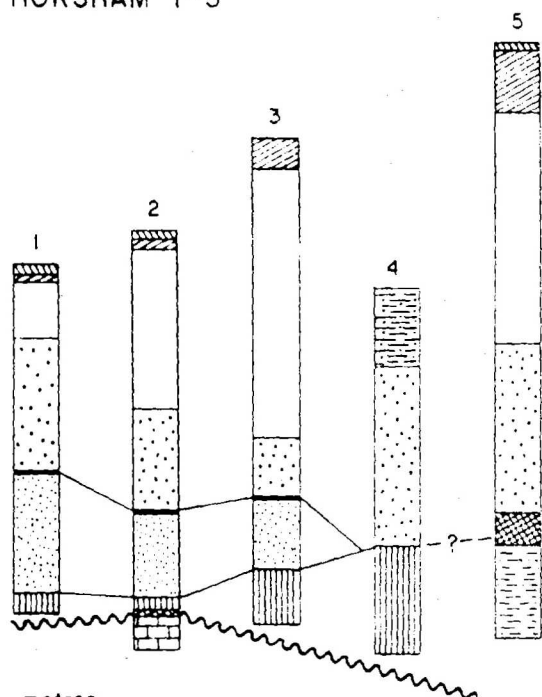
Fig.2 Cross-sections showing the major Late Cainozoic units

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HORSHAM 6-10



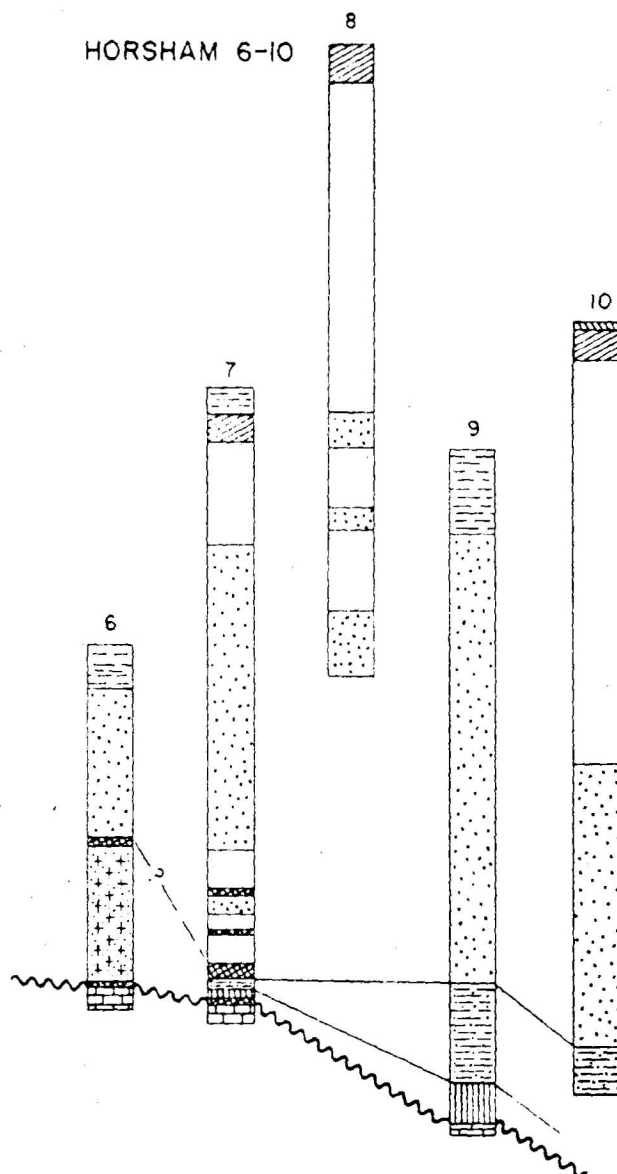
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QUATERNARY
PLEISTOCENE & RECENT

LOWAN SAND		Light grey, aeolian qtz sands
WOORINEN FORMATION		Mottled, aeolian clays & sandy clays
COONAMBID-GAL FM		Mottled, lacustrine-paludal clays & sandy clays

TERTIARY
PLIOCENE

1		Red strongly mottled clays	
2		Yellowish-orange, slightly clayey sands	
PARILLA SAND	3		Light grey, clean qtz sands with minor gravel
4		Black clays	
5		Light yellowish grey fine-grained, slightly micaceous sands	
		Palaeosol, ferricrete	



TERTIARY

PLIOCENE

1		Yellowish orange calc. qtz sands - calcarenites	
BOOKPURNONG BEDS	2		Brown-grey clays & silts
3		Grey sandy marls, calc. sands - silt	
		Middle Miocene - Pliocene disconformity	
E-M MIOCENE	DUDDO LST		Bryozoal limestone

Fig.3 Stratigraphic columns of the Late Cainozoic geology

Parilla Sand

The Parilla Sand, as defined by Firman (1965 a,b), is equivalent to the Diapur Sandstone of Lawrence (1966), and is a correlative of the Dorodong Sand of the Otway Basin (Kenley, 1971). It consists of quartz sand and sandstone (clayey in parts) and minor silt, clay and gravel. The unit forms a series of regionally prominent, sub-parallel ridges separated by inter-ridge corridors.

Sediments referable to the Parilla Sand were encountered in all holes drilled in the region. Unlike the younger ridge-forming sediments of southeastern South Australia, the Parilla Sand extends beneath the inter-ridge corridors. The sediments, although predominantly quartzose sands, vary in lithology owing to weathering profile development and changes in depositional environment. The following zones and units can be recognised on lithological grounds in the sections of the formation intersected by the drill holes.

(i) A highly weathered zone. This zone, which forms the B horizon of the lateritic soil profile described by Blackburn et al. (1967), is present on all of the ridges drilled. It consists of strongly mottled, moderate reddish brown and dark yellowish orange clay, sandy clay, and clayey sand with well-developed pedis. Solution pipes and iron oxide accretionary structures are present in many of the sediments; primary sedimentary structures are obscured. Ironstone pisolites (0.5 to 1 cm in diameter) commonly occur, usually as a thin (2 to 4 cm) layer within the top metre of sediment. The sediments generally contain 40 to 70 percent clay plus silt. The sand fraction is typically medium-grained, moderately sorted, and fine skewed.

The thickness of the zone ranges from less than 1 m in holes 1 and 2 to 9 m in hole 5. It is probably significant that the thinnest non-truncated development occurs in holes 1 and 2 which are situated on the westernmost, and therefore presumably youngest, ridges.

(ii) A zone of less intense, but still moderately strong, weathering underlies the highly weathered zone on the ridges (holes 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 10). It is characterised by mottled (moderate reddish brown and dark yellowish orange) clayey sandstone and dark yellowish orange to moderate reddish brown slightly clayey sand.

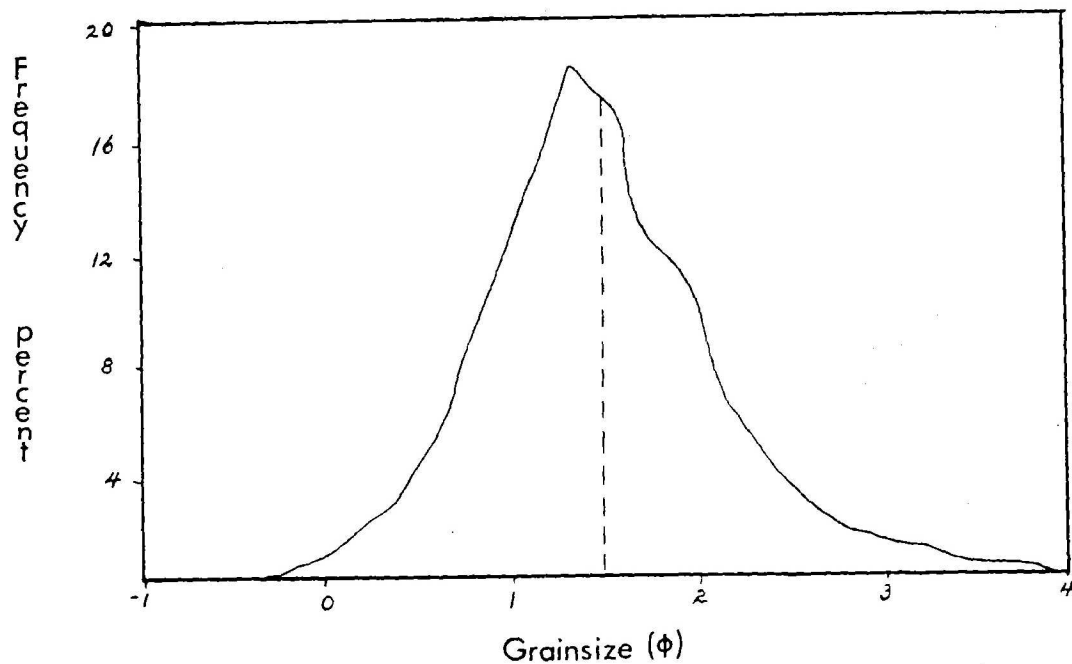
The sediments in this zone are moderately to weakly cemented by iron oxides (limonite) and clay minerals (mainly kaolinite). Quartz grains are typically coated and stained with iron oxides and this, together with the iron oxides in the clay matrix, impart the characteristic yellowish orange to reddish brown colour to the sediments. Total iron values determined for 30 samples range from 1.1 to 6.3 percent and average 2.7 percent.

In general, sedimentary structures have been obscured by the weathering, iron mobilisation etc. Only at one locality (a quarry near the Nhill Pistol Club) were sedimentary structures (cross-stratification on an angle of 15 to 25 degrees) observed.

The framework of the sediments is composed almost entirely of sub-angular to angular grains of monocrystalline quartz. Polycrystalline quartz occurs as a relatively minor component; feldspar, lithic fragments, and heavy minerals occur in trace amounts. Carbonate is absent.

Grainsize analyses were undertaken on approximately 110 samples of the sediments. Results indicate that the sediments generally contain 10 to 20 percent clay plus silt. Gravel size (> 2 mm) material is absent. The sand fraction is relatively uniform and has a mean grainsize generally within the 1.3 to 2.0 ϕ range (Table 2). The sands are typically moderately well sorted (σ_1 generally between 0.5 and 0.8) are fine skewed (Fig. 4).

* Inclusive graphic standard deviation of Folk (1968)



Mean : 1.56
 Sorting : 0.69
 Skewness : 0.71
 Kurtosis : 0.84

Figure 4 Typical example of the grainsize frequency distribution

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within the sand fraction of the moderately weathered zone

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TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF THE GRAINSIZE DATA OF SANDS IN THE MODERATELY WEATHERED ZONE OF THE PARILLA SAND.

Hole	No. of samples	Range of mean grainsizes (ϕ)	Average mean grainsize (ϕ)	Sorting (6_I)
1	8	1.8 - 2.2	1.9	0.6 - 0.8
2	6	1.3 - 2.0	1.7	0.6 - 0.7
3	12	1.3 - 1.9	1.8	0.5 - 0.7
5	23	1.4 - 1.8	1.5	0.5 - 0.6
7	17	1.9 - 2.0	1.9	0.6 - 0.7
8	32	1.3 - 2.0	1.7	0.6 - 0.8
10	14	1.4 - 1.8	1.6	0.5 - 0.8

(iii) Loose, relatively clean, light yellowish grey quartz sands underlie at depth the weathered sands of the ridges and the clays and sandy clays of the inter-ridge corridors (see Fig. 3). The transition from the oxidised weathered zone to the underlying clean, light-coloured sands is, as indicated by Lawrence (1966), probably largely a function of water-table depth; oxidised iron compounds occur above the water-table, reduced compounds below.

In their upper part, the sands generally have the same grainsize characteristics as the overlying sands of the weathered zone i.e. they are medium or medium to fine-grained (mean grainsizes for 50 samples range between 1.2 and 2.2 ϕ), moderately well sorted (6_I 0.5 to 0.8), and fine skewed. Unlike the overlying sands, matrix clay and silt constitute less than 10 percent by weight of the sediment. Quartz grains are typically subangular to angular, monocrystalline and unstained.

At depths below 23 m in hole 1, 31 m in hole 2, 30 m in hole 3, 29 m in hole 4, 40 m in hole 5, 45 m in hole 7, 30 m in hole 9, and 76 m in hole 10, the sands become less uniform in texture and increase slightly in overall grainsize. Coarse-grained (mean grainsize generally between 0.3 and 1.0 ϕ in the 55 samples examined), moderately sorted quartz sands alternate with finer-grained sands. In a number of places (notably in holes 7, 9, and 10) thin layers of quartz gravel (mainly of granule size)

occur interspersed with the other sediments towards the base of the unit. In holes 5, 6, 7, and 9, thin bands and laminae of concentrated heavy minerals also occur towards the base of the unit in fine, very fine and/or medium-grained sediments.

Three palaeosols, including ferricrete layers containing iron oxide casts of whole and fragmented bivalves, occur near the base of the sand sequence in hole 7. Truncation, erosion, and weathering of the sequence are clearly indicated.

(iv) A 30 to 60 cm thick layer of dark grey-black clay occurs in the 3 westernmost holes of the Edenhope area. The clay layer, which is approximately flat-lying (intersected at a depth of 27 m in hole 1, 39 m in hole 2, and 48 m in hole 3) occurs at the top of the sequence of fine and very fine-grained, slightly micaceous quartz sands described below. Deposition probably occurred under restricted estuarine - lacustrine conditions.

(v) Light yellowish grey, fine, and very fine-grained micaceous quartz sands occur over a 10 to 15 m interval at the base of the Parilla Sand sequence in holes 1, 2, and 3. The sands, which are possible equivalents of the micaceous Loxton Sands of Ludbrook (1957), are unconsolidated and relatively clean, although they become slightly more clayey towards the base of the unit. Mean grainsize ranges between 2.0 and 3.4 ϕ and sorting between 0.4 and 1.1 (moderately to well sorted) (Table 3).

The sands consist of angular, equant grains of monocrystalline quartz, flakes of clear mica, and traces of heavy mineral. Carbonate is absent.

TABLE 3. SUMMARY OF GRAINSIZE DATA OF SANDS IN THE BASAL UNIT OF THE PARILLA SAND (HOLES 1, 2, AND 3)

Hole	No. of samples	Range of mean grain sizes (ϕ)	Average mean grain size (ϕ)	Sorting (6_I)
1	7	2.6 - 2.7	2.6	0.5 - 0.9
2	8	2.0 - 3.0	2.7	0.7 - 1.0
3	5	2.1 - 3.4	2.7	0.4 - 1.1

Discussion: Interpretation of the environments of deposition of the Parilla Sand sequence is made difficult by its unfossiliferous nature, by the presence of highly weathered zones in its upper part, and by the general lack of sedimentary structures. The following depositional environments are suggested on the bases indicated.

- (i) An estuarine or shallow marine environment for the fine and very fine-grained micaceous quartz sands occurring at the base of the sequence in holes 1, 2, and 3. Basis - lithology, similarity to the Loxton Sands which are described as estuarine by Firman (1969).
- (ii) A lacustrine or restricted estuarine environment for the clays overlying the micaceous sands in holes 1, 2, and 3. Basis - lithology.
- (iii) A beach environment for the sands of variable texture occurring in the lower part of the sequence (holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 10). Basis - lithology (including the presence of thin layers of quartz gravel and bands and laminae of concentrated heavy minerals), occurrence of casts of fragmented bivalves, etc.
- (iv) A beach passing into aeolian dune environment for the relatively uniform (medium to medium-fine grained, moderately well sorted) sands forming the upper part of the sequence (holes 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10). Basis - lithology, nature and form of the ridges.

Based upon these interpretations of the depositional environments, the complete sequence appears to reflect a transition with time and changing position of the shoreline, from estuarine-shallow conditions, to restricted estuarine-lacustrine conditions, to beach conditions, to aeolian dune conditions. Laterally, contemporaneous deposition would have rapidly changed from one depositional environment to another.

The absence of carbonate in the sequence and its occasional replacement by iron oxides is, as has been suggested by Lawrence (1966) and other workers, probably the result of (i) the deep weathering which the sediments have undergone, and (ii) groundwater solution; similar processes leading to the complete removal of the carbonate are reported by Smart (1976) in beach ridges on Cape York Peninsula.

The marked difference in composition between the siliceous sediments of the Parilla Sand sequence, and the calcareous sediments of the younger southeastern South Australia strandline sequence probably reflects a number of factors. These may include: (i) a significant age difference between the two sequences, perhaps as much as a million years; (ii) Pliocene weathering and 'lateritization' of the Parilla Sand; and (iii) differences in initial sediment composition. The relative importance of these factors is difficult to determine. It seems unlikely, in view of the absence of carbonate and the infrequent occurrence of shell casts, that the western Victorian sediments were originally as calcareous as those deposited at a later stage in southeastern South Australia. If they were, then their volume must have been reduced as a result of total weathering and solution of the carbonate by about 50 to 70 percent. In the light of the overall evidence it seems most probable that the two sequences had significantly different initial compositions, the western Victorian sequence containing a much higher proportion of terrigenous material derived from highland areas around the margins of the basin. Heavy-mineral studies (Colwell, 1976) have shown the terrigenous fraction of southeastern South Australian sediments to be largely derived from local source areas such as the Padthaway Ridge.

QUATERNARY UNITS

Lowan Sand

The Lowan Sand is defined by Lawrence (1966) and is part equivalent to the Molineaux Sand of Firman (1965a). It consists of white to yellow aeolian quartz sands which occur mainly as extensive dune fields (characterised by parabolic dune chains, teardrop longitudinal dunes, and sand plans) within the Little,

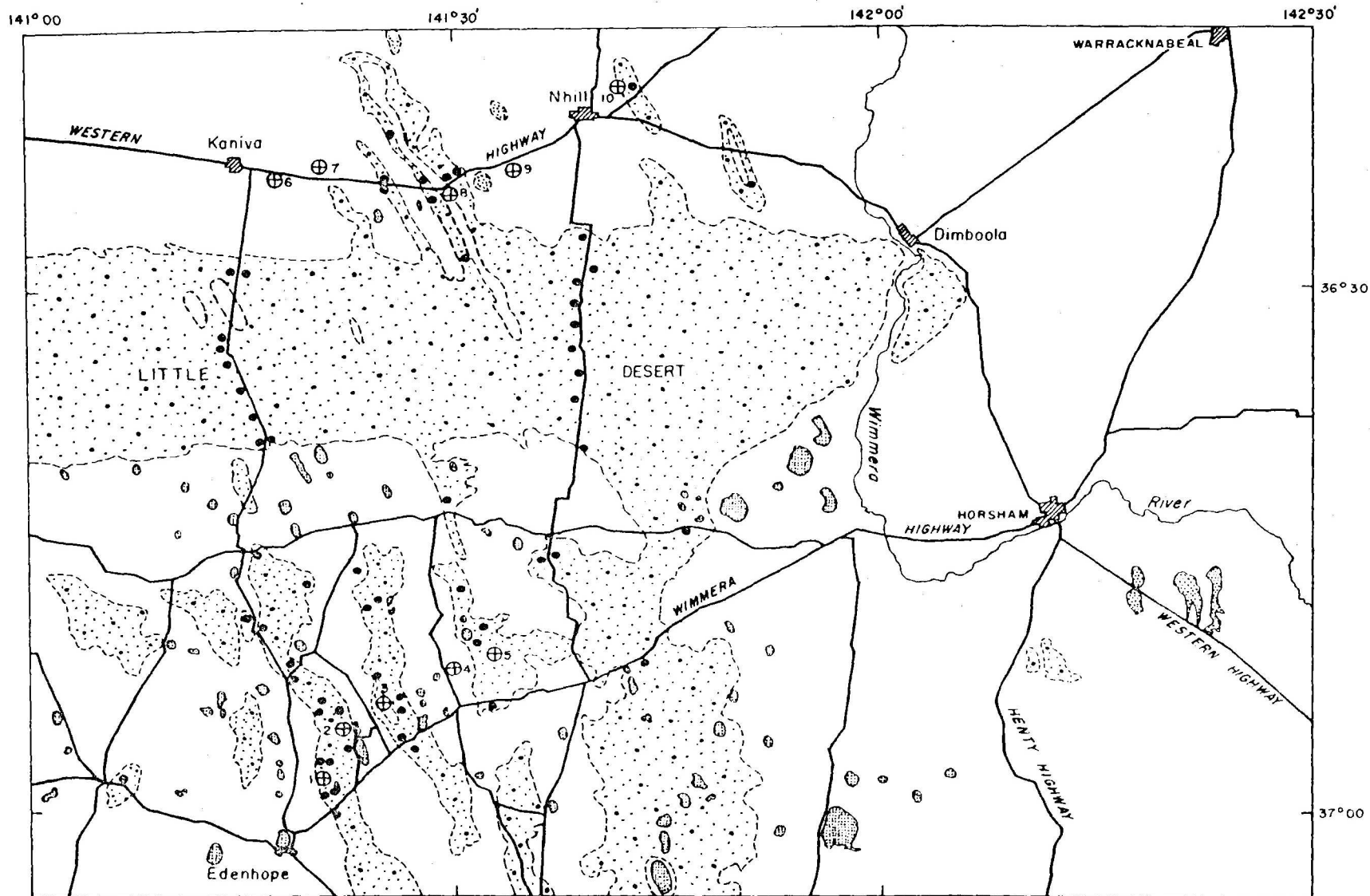
Big, and Sunset Deserts (Lawrence, 1975). Within the Nhilla-Kaniva and Edenhope areas it forms the Little Desert and surficial sand layers associated with the prominent south-southeast-trending ridges of the region (Fig. 5).

The unit was intersected in holes 1, 2, 5, and 10 where it occurs as a thin (generally less than 60 cm) highly leached layer of loose white to light yellowish grey quartz sand. It occurs on the flanks and crests of most of the region's ridges (particularly those south of the Little Desert) although in places localised stripping (e.g. at the site of hole 3) has occurred leaving a pisolitic ironstone gravel layer exposed at the surface.

The Lowan Sand forms the A horizon of the lateritic podzolic profile described by Blackburn et al. (1967) as the major soil type developed on the ridges. The close association of the unit with the ridges in the areas drilled reflects the sand's derivation by localised erosion and leaching of the underlying sand sequence.

TABLE 4. SUMMARY OF GRAINSIZE DATA OF SAMPLES OF THE LOWAN SAND

MEAN GRAINSIZE (ϕ)		SORTING (6_I)		SKEWNESS (SK_I)	
Range	No. of samples	Range	No. of samples	Range	No. of samples
1.2 - 1.4	1	0.5 - 0.6	6	-0.3 - -0.2	2
1.4 - 1.6	7	0.6 - 0.7	24	-0.2 - -0.1	3
1.6 - 1.8	10	0.7 - 0.8	14	-0.1 - 0	4
1.8 - 2.0	13	0.8 - 0.9	7	0 - 0.1	6
2.0 - 2.2	17	0.9 - 1.0	4	0.1 - 0.2	8
2.2 - 2.4	6			0.2 - 0.3	7
2.4 - 2.6	1			0.3 - 0.4	7
				0.4 - 0.5	6
				0.5 - 0.6	4
				0.6 - 0.7	3
				0.7 - 0.8	3
				0.8 - 0.9	2
	Total 55		Total 55		Total 55



Distribution of Lowan Sand
 Sampling site
 ⊕ 1977 Drill hole

Lake

Fig.5 Distribution and location of sampling sites of the Lowan Sand

Mean grainsize, sorting, and other data from 55 samples of the Lowan Sand collected throughout the region (Fig. 5) are shown in Table 4. The sands are medium or medium to fine-grained, fairly well or moderately sorted, and generally strongly to moderately fine skewed. Grains are generally subangular. Contrary to the suggestion of Blackburn et al. (1967), no regional trend in grainsize is apparent within the area sampled.

Woorinen and Coonambidgal Formations

Throughout the region, the lowland areas and inter-ridge corridors are covered by surficial deposits of either the Woorinen or Coonambidgal Formations. Both formations were defined by Lawrence (1966) and consist of clays with minor sandy clay and calcilutite components.

The Coonambidgal Formation occurs south of the Little Desert (Mines Department, 1974) where it is associated with the lakes, swamps, and ephemeral streams of the inter-ridge corridors. It was intersected in hole 4 where it is approximately 12 m thick. In its upper part it consists of olive-black and olive-grey clays, and sandy clays with minor calcilutite components. These are underlain by a sequence of moderately-strongly mottled yellowish grey, dark grey and yellowish orange slightly sandy clays grading into strongly mottled clays at the base. The upper part of the sequence forms part of a lunette, the remainder of the sequence being of probable lacustrine and paludal origin.

The Woorinen Formation occurs in the lowland areas north of the Little Desert where it consists of aeolian clays with minor lacustrine and paludal components (Mines Department, 1974). It was intersected in holes 6, 7, and 9. In hole 6 (4.5 m thick), it consists of brown clays passing into a mottled clay/calcilutite (40/60) zone which is in turn underlain by mottled (light grey, reddish brown, and dark yellowish orange) slightly sandy clays. In hole 7 the formation is 6 m thick and consists of grey clays and mottled (light grey, dusky yellow, and reddish brown) slightly sandy clays. These appear to have been carried onto the ridge by aeolian movement from the adjacent western inter-ridge corridor.

In hole 9 the formation is 12 m thick and consists of 3 m of light grey to yellowish grey clays and calcilutites underlain by a sequence of slightly sandy mottled (light grey, yellowish orange, reddish brown) clays.

In all cases the clays are moderately well differentiated into grey soils of heavy texture similar to those described by Blackburn et al. (1967).

HEAVY MINERALS

The heavy-mineral fraction of the quartz sands and silts, which form much of the Late Cainozoic sequence, has been investigated. This follows a similar study made on the heavy-mineral fraction of the younger, southeastern South Australian, strandline sediments by Colwell (1976). Although the abundance of heavy minerals in the southeastern South Australian sediments was uniformly low, the much higher terrigenous component in the western Victorian sediments substantially increases the likelihood of concentrations of heavy minerals occurring. Disseminated and concentrated heavy minerals have been noted in parts of the Parilla Sand by Lawrence (1966, 1975) and Macumber (1969), attracting some company interest.

Within the sediments intersected by the BMR drilling heavy minerals occur with variable abundance. Concentrations are generally moderately low (less than 0.5 percent total heavies), although in parts of the sequence thin bands and laminae of concentrated heavy mineral occur. None of the concentrations appear to be of potential economic importance. Details are given below.

TABLE 5. AVERAGE COMPOSITION OF HEAVY-MINERAL FRACTIONS

Hole	Cores	No. of samples	Opakes	Brown Tourmaline	Rutile	Zircon	Blue-Green Tourmaline	Andalusite	Others
5	16-19	14	72.3 (7.5)	16.5 (5.6)	4.2 (3.2)	5.2 (4.6)	0.3 (0.3)	0.4 (0.3)	0.6 (0.4)
5	24-26	10	69.1 (4.4)	18.4 (3.6)	3.3 (1.4)	7.1 (3.6)	0.8 (0.3)	0.4 (0.2)	0.5 (0.3)
6	6-11	18	51.3 (6.4)	32.2 (8.4)	3.5 (1.1)	5.9 (4.1)	1.4 (0.5)	2.4 (1.2)	0.7 (0.4)
7	18, 19, 20, 28-36	39	66.4 (5.0)	13.2 (6.7)	3.9 (1.0)	12.6 (5.4)	1.0 (0.6)	1.3 (0.7)	1.0 (0.5)
9	25-34	23	70.5 (4.2)	13.0 (6.5)	2.6 (0.8)	9.2 (5.3)	1.1 (0.6)	1.4 (0.8)	0.7 (0.4)

(STANDARD DEVIATION IN PARENTHESES)

HORSHAM 1 : Lowan Sand and Parilla Sand - trace amounts only
(less than 0.2 percent).

HORSHAM 2 : Lowan Sand and Parilla Sand - trace amounts only.

HORSHAM 3 : Parilla Sand - trace amounts only.

HORSHAM 4 : Parilla Sand - trace amounts only.

HORSHAM 5 : Lowan Sand - trace amounts only.

Parilla Sand - trace amounts except in cores 18 and 19 (30.8 to 34.9 m) where thin bands and laminae of concentrated heavy minerals occur in medium-grained sands. In this zone heavy-mineral abundances (average over a 30 cm interval of core) range from 0.4 to 5.5 percent by weight, and over the entire 4 metre interval the average abundance is 1.6 percent.

Bookpurnong Beds - numerous thin (2-5 mm thick) laminae of concentrated heavy minerals occur at the top of the brown, clayey, quartz sand - silt sequence (cores 24 and 25, 67.1 to 70.5 m). In this zone heavy-mineral abundances range from 0.6 to 5.6 percent and have an average value over the entire interval of 3.4 percent.

HORSHAM 6 : Parilla Sand - generally low abundances (less than 0.2 percent) except in cores 9 and 10 (14.0 to 17.0 m) where thin laminae and several bands of concentrated heavy minerals occur in fine-grained sands. Within these cores samples taken over a 30 cm interval contain 0.9 to 4.8 percent total heavies. Individual bands (up to 2 cm thick) contain 15 to 20 percent heavy minerals.

HORSHAM 7 : Parilla Sand - low concentrations (generally less than 0.2 percent) except in the lower part of the sequence (cores 31, 32, and 34; intervals 60.0 to 64.0 m, and 68.0 to 69.0 m) where numerous thin bands and laminae of concentrated heavy minerals occur in very fine-grained sands. In this part of the sequence, heavy-mineral concentrations calculated over a 30 cm interval range from 0.1 to 12 percent. The overall average abundance is 1.5 percent. The thin bands (1.3 cm thick) contain up to 20 percent total heavies.

HORSHAM 8 : Parilla Sand - trace amounts only.

HORSHAM 9 : Parilla Sand - generally low concentrations (less than 0.3 percent) except in cores 26 and 30 (intervals 58.5 to 61.0 m, and 65.0 to 67.0 m) where thin laminae of concentrated heavy minerals occur in fine and very fine-grained sands. Abundance ranges up to 2.8 percent.

HORSHAM 10 : Lowan Sand and Parilla Sand - trace amounts only.

Heavy-mineral separations were carried out using standard heavy liquid (bromoform) techniques as outlined by Carver (1971).

The heavy mineral assemblage (determined by 'ribbon' counting of approximately 300 grains in each of 104 samples) remains relatively uniform in all samples examined. It is mineralogically mature and consists of 50 to 70 percent opaques, 10 to 30 percent brown tourmaline, 3 to 5 percent rutile, 5 to 15 percent zircon, 0.5 to 1.5 percent blue-green tourmaline, and 0.5 to 1.0 percent andalusite (Table 5). Other minerals present in very low abundances in some assemblages include garnet, kyanite, staurolite, sillimanite, and monazite. The opaque fraction (examined in reflected light and by XRD) consists predominantly of leucoxene and ilmenite with lesser amounts of magnetite, hematite, and limonite. Zircon and tourmaline grains range from well rounded to euhedral.

Specific sources areas are difficult to identify although sialic igneous (tourmaline, rutile, zircon, monazite, etc), ?mafic igneous (ilmenite), and metamorphic components (andalusite, garnet, etc.) appear to be present. The well rounded nature of many zircon and tourmaline grains suggests a partial multicyclic source.

The mineralogical maturity of the suite may be partly due to the removal of less stable components by weathering and intrastratal solution.



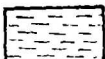
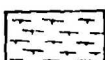
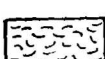

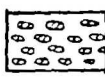
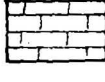






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APPENDIX
LOGS OF THE DRILL HOLES

LEGEND

	Quartz sand & sst.
	Calcareous sand
	Clay - non-calc.
	Calcilutite
	Shell grit
	Quartz granules & pebbles
	"Ironstone" pisolites
	Bryozoal limestone
	Ferruginised layer; ferricrete
	Calcrete
	Mica
	Glauconite
	Macrofossils; whole, fragmented
	Microfossils

N.B. IN MOST CASES A MIXING OF THE
LITHOLOGICAL SYMBOLS HAS BEEN NECESSARY.
GRAINSIZE, SORTING & SHAPE ARE ESTIMATES
MADE IN THE FIELD USING A BINOCULAR
MICROSCOPE

Hole Name: HORSHAM 1														
LAT. 36° 58' S			LONG. 141° 21' E			RL. 168.3 m			TD. 45.9 m			SPUDDED 10-2-77 COMPLETED 12-2-77		
DEPTH m	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOR	GRAIN SIZE				SOFT-ING	SHAPE	UNIT CORING	REMARKS	START UNIT
						CLAY	SAND	SILT	GRAVEL	FLUID	PLASTIC	TEST		
														LOWLAND SAND
1.22	1	1			5Y8/1									AROLIAN sand
		2			10R4/6									Strongly mottled
1.84	2	1			10YR6/6									Clay 30-35%
		2												
2.44	3	1												Mottled. Clay 15-20%
		2			10R4/6									& 2 Fe stained
3.05	4	1			10YR6/6									Trace of heavier s
		2												junction
		3												
		4												
		5												
		6			10YR6/6									
		7			10R4/6									
		8												
		9												
6.25		10												
		11												
		12												
		13												
		14												
7.60		15			10YR7/4									
		16			10YR6/6									
		17												
		18			10R4/6									Clay 5-10%
		19			10YR6/6									
		20			10R4/6									
10.67		21			5Y7/2									
		22			5Y7/6									
		23												
		24			5Y7/2									
12.19		25												
		26												
		27												
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		29												
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15.24		31			5Y7/2									Yellowish grey
		32												~5% clay
		33												
		34												
16.76		35			5Y7/2									
		36												
		37												
		38												
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19.81		40												
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		42												
21.34		43												
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HOLE NAME													
HORSHAM 1 (CONT)													
LAT.		LONG.		AL		TD		SHADED		COMPLETED			
DEPTH	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOR	GRAINSIZE	SOAT-LING	SHAPE	UNIT	REMARKS	START	UNIT	UNIT
25.91			C3		SV7/2					Loose yellowish grey qtz sand			
27.43			C4		N1					Lignitic clay			
28.03	13	1								Micaceous in part (muscovite?).			
	14	2											
			C5		SV7/2					slightly micaceous			
31.09													
32.61			C6										
34.14			C7		SV7/2								
35.66			C8										
37.19			C9							Sandstone clean micaceous in part			
38.71			C10		SV7/2								
40.24			C11										
41.77			C12		104A 6/2								
43.28			C13		SV 7/2								
45.00	15	1			SV 4/1					micaceous colour change			
45.87	16	2			SV4/1					micaceous			

PARILLA SAND

(? LIXTON SANDS)

BOOPURONG
DESS

J54/A/18

HOLE NAME											
HORSHAM 2											
LAT. 36° 56' S		LONG. 141° 22' E		AL 173.8 m		TD 57.2 m		SPURRED 14-2-77			
								COMPLETED 16-2-77			
DEPTH m	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE	SOAT-ING	SHAPE	CORING	REMARKS	START UNIT
0.61					N7 SYR/1					Loose medium sand	LOWAN SAND
1.22	1	1			10AR4/6 & SY7/6 SY7/2					Strongly mottled, pisolites.	
1.83	2	2									
2.44	3	2			10AR4/6 & SY7/2						
3.05	4	2									
		1									
		2									
		3									
		4									
		5			10AR4/6 & 10YR6/6					Mottled, clay 10-15% 2% iron pyrites. Trace of lignite.	
5.94		6									
		1									
		2			10YR6/6						
7.62		3									
		4									
		5									
		6									
		7									
		8									
10.67		1									
		2			10YR6/6					clay 10-15%	
		3									
		4									
12.18		5									
		6									
		7									
		8									
		9									
15.24		1									
		2			10YR6/6						
		3			10YR6/6 & 10YR7/4					Slight mottling	
16.76		4								clay & 5%	
		5			SYR6/4						
		6									
		7			10YR6/6 & 10YR7/4					Grains clear or translucent.	
18.29		8									
		9									
		10									
		11									
		12									
19.81		1			10YR7/4 & SYR7/4						
		2									
		3			10YR6/6 & SY7/2						
21.34		4									
		5									
		6									
		7									
		8									
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		10									
		11									
		12									
		13									
		14									
		15									
		16									
24.38		1			SYR4/6 10YR7/4					clay & 5%	
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		3									
		4									
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PAILA SAND

HOLE NAME										HORSHAM 2 (CONT.)									
LAT.			LONG.			RL			TD			SPUDDER COMPLETED							
DEPTH	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOR	GRAINSIZE	SOAT-LING	SHAPE	UNIT	REMARKS	START	UNIT							
25.91	16	1			10Y 4 7/4														
		2																	
		3																	
	17	4																	
		1																	
		2																	
		3																	
27.43		4			5Y 7/2														
		5																	
		1																	
		2																	
	18	3																	
		4																	
28.16		5																	
	19																		
		1			N7 & 5Y 7/2														
30.48																			
	20																		
		1			N7 & 5Y 7/2														
32.00																			
	21																		
33.52																			
		C1																	
35.06																			
		C2			5Y 7/2														
36.58																			
		C3																	
38.10																			
		C4			N4														
39.62																			
		C5			5Y 7/2														
41.15																			
	22																		
42.67																			
		C6			5Y 7/2														
44.20																			
		C7			N5														
45.75																			
		C8																	
47.25					5Y 7/2														
		C9																	
48.77																			
		C10			N5														

PARILLA SAND

(? LOXTON SANDS)

HOLE NAME										HORSHAM 2 (CONT.)									
LAT.			LONG.			RL			TD			SPUDDER COMPLETED							
DEPTH M	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG		COLOR	GRAINSIZE				SPAT- TING		SHAPE		COATING	REMARKS	START UNIT		
							CLAY	SAND	SILT	GRAVEL	COARSE SAND	FINE SAND	COARSE SILT	FINE SILT					
50.20						NS													
51.82						SY4/1													
53.34						SY4/1													
	22	1				SGY 4/1													
		2				SY4/1													
		3				SY4/1													
		4				SY4/1													
		5				SY4/1													
		6				SY4/1													
54.96						NS													
	23	1				NS													
		2				NS													
		3				NS													
		4				NS													
		5				NS													
		6				NS													
		7				NS													
57.20						NS													

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HOLE NAME												
HORSHAM 3												
LAT. 36° 55' S			LONG. 141° 26' E			RL 185.7 m			TD 65.5 m			SPUN 17-2-77
												COMPLETED 20-2-77
DEPTH m	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAIN SIZE				SOAT LING	SHAPE	REMARKS
						CLAY	SAND	SILT	GRAVEL	COARSE	FINE	
0.61												
1.22	1	1			SY6/6							
1.83	2	2			SY6/4							
2.43	3	3			SY7/2							
2.90	4	4			10A4/6							
3.50	5	5			N7							
4.11	6	6			5SY6/4							
5.64	7	7			N7 & 10A4/6							
7.92	8	8			10A4/6							
10.97	9	9			10A4/6							
12.50	10	10			10A4/6							
15.54	11	11			10A4/6							
17.07	12	12			10A4/6							
18.59	13	13			10A4/6							
19.81	14	14			10A4/6							
21.34	15	15			10A4/6							
22.86	16	16			10A4/6							
24.38					10A4/6							

Hole Name														HORSHAM 3 (CONT.)									
LAT.		LONG.		RL		TD		SHADED		COMPLETED													
DEPTH	CORE	SECTION	CUTTING	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE	SOAT-LING	SHAPE	UNIT	COATING	REMARKS	START	UNIT										
25.91			C2																				
			C3																				
27.43			C4		10YR 6/6																		
28.95			C5																				
30.48			C6		10YR 6/6																		
32.00			C7																				
33.53			C8		10YR 6/6																		
35.05			C9																				
36.58			C10		10YR 6/6																		
38.10			C11																				
39.62			C12		10YR 7/6																		
41.15			C13		5YR 7/4 10YR 7/6																		
42.67			C14																				
44.20			C15		10YR 7/4																		
45.72			C16		5Y 7/2																		
47.24			C17		N2																		
48.77			C18		5Y 5/6																		

Slightly clayey
Tone of field par 2
hard to

Less clayey
becoming lighter
color

Black, lignitic?
clay 30-40%
S. S. 10-20%
M. S. 10-20%

PARILLA SAND

HOLE NAME										HORSHAM 3 (CONT.)										
LAT.			LONG.			AL			TD			SHADED COMPLETED								
DEPTH m	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE					SOFT LING			SHAPE			SOFT COATING V. HAD	REMARKS	START UNIT	
						CLAY	SAND	SILT	GRAVEL	COBBLES	CLAY	SAND	SILT	GRAVEL	COBBLES	CLAY				SAND
50.29																		Slightly micaceous & clayey. 20% clay	PARILLA SAND	
51.82																				
53.34																				
54.86																				
56.39																		Slightly micaceous	(PLOTTON SANDS)	
57.91																				
59.44																		Grayish olive finely in parts Glaucousitic? Biogenic carb.	BEDS	
61.48																				
63.53																				
65.53																				
																		Glaucousitic Calcilutite 40% Retic. 65% carb. 35% shells, forams, biogenic	BOOKPURNING	

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Hole Name											
HORSHAM 4											
LAT. 36° 53'S			LONG. 141° 30'E			RL 166.4 m			TD: 50.0 m		
									SPUBBED 21-2-77		
									COMPLETED 24-2-77		
DEPTH m	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOR	GRAINSIZE	SOFT LING	SHAPE	TEST CORING	REMARKS	START UNIT
0.61					SY2/1						
1.22	1	1									
1.83	2	2			SY6/1						
2.44	3	3			NB						
3.05	4	4			SY6/1						
		5			SY7/1						
		6			10YA6/6						
		7			SY7/1						
		8			A. NW						
6.10	6	10			SY6/1						
		7			10YA6/6						
7.62		1			SY6/1						
		2			SY8/1						
8.84		3			SY6/1						
		4			10YA6/6						
		5			SY6/1						
		6			10YA6/6						
		7			SY6/1						
11.58		8			SY8/1						
		9									
14.63		10									
16.74											
		C1			SY8/1						
19.81											
		C2			SY7/1						
21.34											
		C3									
22.86					SY7/1						
		C4									
24.38											

COONAMBIGAL FORMATION

PARILLA SAND

Hole Name										HORSHAM 4 (CONT.)									
LAT.			LONG.			RL			TD			SAUBED COMPLETED			REMARKS			START. UNIT	
DEPTH	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE	SOFT-ING	SHAPE	COATING										
25.91			C5																
			C6		5Y7/1												Trace of heavy		
27.43			C7																
28.76			C8																
30.48			C9																
32.00			C10		5Y8/2														
33.53			C11																
35.05																			
	11	1			5Y4/4												Qtz 70% Carb w/ls		
		2															Shaly in part		
		3															Slightly micaceous		
		4															& glauconitic.		
		5															Clay ~20%		
		6																	
		7																	
		8																	
38.10																			
	12	1			5Y4/4														
		2																	
39.62																			
		1																	
	13	1			5Y4/4														
		2																	
		3																	
		4																	
		5																	
42.47					GI NI												20% carb. Some calcareous		
		1															Micaceous		
		2																	
		3																	
		4																	
		5																	
44.20					5Y4/4														
	14	1																	
		2																	
		3																	
		4																	
		5																	
45.75					NI														
		1																	
		2																	
		3																	
		4																	
		5																	
48.46					NI														
		1																	
		2																	
		3																	
		4																	
		5																	
		6																	
		7																	
		8																	
		9																	
	16	1			10Y4/2														
		2																	
		3																	
		4																	
		5																	
		6																	
		7																	
		8																	
		9																	
	17	1			5Y3/2														
		2																	
		3																	
		4																	
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		83																	

PARILLA SAND

BOOKFURNING BEDS

J54/A/21

HOLE NAME												
HORSHAM 5												
LAT. 36° 52' S			LONG. 141° 35' E			RL 198.2 m			TD 79.2 m			SPUDDED 24-2-77
												COMPLETED 28-2-77
DEPTH m	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAIN SIZE	SOAT INC	SHAPE	TEST CORING	REMARKS	START UNIT	UNIT
0.61	1	1			SV7/2					Well cemented. (Lith.)	LOWLAND SAND	
1.22	2	2			SV7/2					Minor mottling		
1.83	3	3			SV7/2					Minor mottling		
2.28	4	4			SV7/2							
2.89	5	5			SV7/2							
3.50	6	6			SV7/2							
4.88	7	7			SV7/2							
7.92	8	8			SV7/2							
9.45	9	9			SV7/2							
12.50	10	10			SV7/2							
15.54	11	11			SV7/2							
17.07	12	12			SV7/2							
20.12	13	13			SV7/2							
21.64	14	14			SV7/2							
24.61					SV7/2							

HOLE NAME			HORSHAM 5 (CONT.)									
LAT.			LONG.		RL	TD		SPUDDED COMPLETED				
DEPTH m	COAS	SECTION	CUTTING	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOR	GRAINSIZE	SCAT- TING	SHAPE	SOIL COATING	REMARKS	START UNIT	
						SAND FINE MEDIUM COARSE	GOOD FAIR POOR	ANGULAR SUB-ANGULAR ROUND	Y-NAD			
26.21	15	1 2 3 4	X									
	16	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9			10AY 4/6 A 10YR 6/6					Slightly clayey (10/1)		
29.26		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	X									
	17	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9										
30.78		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9			10YR 6/6							
	18	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9										
31.85		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10										
	19	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10			10YR 6/6					Thin laminar and bands of concentrated heavy minerals		
34.90		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10										
	20	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10			N7 L 5R5/6 10YR 6/6					Mottled color change No iron oxides or grain iron stain		
37.95		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	X									
	21	1 2 3			10YR 6/6 5R5/6, L N7							
39.93		1 2 3										
	22	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	X									
40.84		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	X									
	23	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	X									
44.10		1			5Y8/v 5Y7/1					Clay 2% sand clay < 5%		
			C1									
45.76												
			C2									
47.24					10YR 7/y							
			C3									
48.77												
			C4									

Hole Name										HORSHAM 5 (CONT.)													
LAT.			LONG.			RL			TD			SPURD			COMPLETED								
DEPTH M	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE			SORTING			SHAPE			UNIT	COATING	REMARKS	START	UNIT				
50.15																							
51.82			C5																				
53.34			C6														Clear						
54.86			C7																				
56.37			C8			10YR7/4																	
57.91			C9																				
59.44			C10																				
60.96			C11			10YR7/4																	
62.48			C12																				
64.01			C13																				
65.53			C14			10R5/6																	
67.06			C15																				
68.58	24	1																					
69.19	25	2				5Y4/4																	
70.78	26	3				5Y5/6																	
71.39		4																					
72.00		5																					
72.61		6																					
73.22		7																					
73.83		8																					
74.44		9																					
75.05																							
75.66						5Y5/6																	
76.27																							
76.88																							
77.49																							
78.10																							
78.71																							
79.32																							
79.93																							
80.54																							
81.15																							
81.76																							
82.37																							
82.98																							
83.59																							
84.20																							
84.81																							
85.42																							
86.03																							
86.64																							
87.25																							
87.86																							
88.47																							
89.08																							
89.69																							
90.30																							
90.91																							
91.52																							
92.13																							
92.74																							
93.35																							
93.96																							
94.57																							
95.18																							
95.79																							
96.40																							
97.01																							
97.62																							
98.23																							
98.84																							
99.45																							
100.06																							

PARILLA SAND

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HOLE NAME													
HORSHAM 5 (CONT.)													
LAT.		LONG.		RL		TD		SPUDDER COMPLETED					
DEPTH	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE	SOAT LING	SHAPE	TEST	COATING	REMARKS	START	UNIT
	27	1			545/6								
7620		2											
		3											
	28	1											
		2			545/6								
7725		3											

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HOLE NAME				HORSHAM 6										
LAT. 36°24'S			LONG. 141° 17'E			RL 123.6 m			TD 48.3 m			SPUDDED 11-3-77 COMPLETED 16-3-77		
DEPTH m	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAIN SIZE			SOFT- LING	SHAPE	TEST CORING	REMARKS	START UNIT	
						CLAY	SAND	SILT						
1	1				STAY/H								WOODRIVEN FM.	
2	2				STAY/H									
3	3				STAY/H									
4	4				STAY/H									
5	5				STAY/H								SAND	
6	6				STAY/H									
7	7				STAY/H									
8	8				STAY/H									
9	9				STAY/H									
10	10				STAY/H									
11	11				STAY/H									
12	12				STAY/H									
13	13				STAY/H									
14	14				STAY/H									
15	15				STAY/H								PARILLA	

HOLE NAME												
HORSHAM 6 (CONT.)												
LAT.		LONG.		RL		TD		SPUDDED COMPLETED				
DEPTH	CORE	SECTION	CUTTING	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE	SORT- ING	SHAPE	COATING	REMARKS	START	UNIT
m												
26.21	15	1			5YR 6/6					Marker colour change	P.S.	
		2			10YR 4/6					Marker		
		3			10YR 6/6					Iron oxides & nodules		
	16	4			10YR 6/6					15%		
		5			5.10					Engine & Judday		
28.04		6			?					carb. 20% 20%		
	17	1			10YR 6/6					Alternating hard &		
		2								soft layers		
29.72		3								well cemented -		
	18	1								white		
		2										
30.78		3										
		4										
	19	5			10YR 6/6					Clay matrix 20-25%		
		6								Alumina 10-12 50%		
		7								carb 20%		
		8								V. slightly micaceous		
33.83		9								Trace of kaolinite		
		10								Grains with coarse		
	20	1			10YR 6/6					stained - coated		
		2										
35.36		3										
	21	1			10YR 6/6							
		2										
		3										
37.17		4										
		5										
	22	1			10YR 6/6					Alternating cement		
		2								- calc and cement		
		3								- calc layers		
39.77		4										
	23	1			10YR 6/6					Calc 70%		
		2								Argillaceous carb 30%		
41.60		3										
	24	1			10YR 6/6							
		2										
		3										
43.59		4										
	25	1			10YR 6/6					Biogenic carbon		
		2								70%		
45.41		3								Foraminifera, bryozoa,		
		4								broken shells etc.		
46.48	26	1			10YR 6/6							
		2										
	27	1			to 27					Bryozoan limestone		
		2										
48.31		3										
		4										

HOLE NAME				HORSHAM 7											
LAT. 36° 23'S		LONG. 141° 21'E		RL 159.4m		TD 85.6m		SPURRED 5-3-77		COMPLETED 10-3-77					
DEPTH m	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE					SOAT-ING	SHAPE	UNIT CORING	REMARKS	START. UNIT
						SAND	SILT	CLAY	GRAVEL						
0.61					SYS/1									Loamy soil	WOODRIVEN FORMATION
1.22	1	1													
1.83	2	2													
2.03	3	1			SYS/1									Irregular pschotic pebbles	
2.44	4	1													
3.05	5	2			SYS/4										
3.35	6	1													
	7	2			N7A									Mottled	
		3			SYS/4										
		4													
6.40		5													PARILLA SAND
	8	6			N7										
		7			10R 4/6									Strongly mottled.	
7.62		8													
		9			10R 4/6										
	9	10			10R 4/6										
		11			10R 4/6										
		12			10R 4/6										
10.97		13			10R 4/6										
	10	14			10R 4/6										
12.50		1			10R 4/6										PARILLA SAND
	11	2			10R 4/6									clay 10%	
		3			10R 4/6										
		4			10R 4/6										
14.02		5			10R 4/6										
	12	6			SYS/1										
		7													
		8			10R 4/6										
17.07		9			10R 4/6									Mottled	
	13	10													
		11			10R 4/6										
		12			10R 4/6										
		13			10R 4/6										
20.12		14			10R 4/6									etc grains show - stained - coated.	
		1			N7									Mottled colour change	
21.64		2													
		3			10R 4/6										
	15	4			N7										
		5			N8										
24.89		6												Grains are clear	
		7												Trace of foliation & debris	
		8													
		9													
		10													

HOLE NAME										HORSHAM 7 (CONT.)														
LAT.			LONG.			RL			TD			SPURRED COMPLETED												
DEPTH		CORE	SECTION	CUTTING	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE			SOAT- LING			SHAPE			Y-SIT CORING	REMARKS	START	UNIT					
							20-25	25-50	50-100	100-200	200-400	400-600	600-800	800-1000	1000-1500									
27-74	16	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8				N7 -N8											Clear ytz sand							
30-78	17	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10				N7-N8																		
33-83	18	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10				N7 N SY4/1																		
35-36	19	1 2 3 4 5				10A7/4																		
38-40	20	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9				SY47/2 N7 & SY8/1											Clear ytz sand Some heavier							
39-93	21	1																						
40-84	22	1				SY8/4																		
43-89	23	1																						
46-17	24	1 2 3 4 5 6 7				10A 7/4																		
47-39	25	1				SY8/4																		
49-07	26	1				SY8/4																		
	27	1																						

PARTIAL SAND

HOLE NAME														HORSHAM 7 (CONT.)											
LAT.			LONG.			RL			TD			SAVED			COMPLETED										
DEPTH	CORE	SECTION	CUTTING	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE	SOAT-ING	SHAPE	SOAT-ING	SHAPE	SOAT-ING	SHAPE	SOAT-ING	SHAPE	SOAT-ING	SHAPE	REMARKS							START	UNIT
52-43	27	1			SY 1/4												clean gty sand								
53-64	28	1			SY 1/1																				
54-69	29	1															Medium 5-10% Some gravel Trace of pebbles (See gamma-ray log)								
55-74	30	1			SY 1/2 SY 1/1																				
62-79	31	1			SY 1/1 10% 7/4 N 7 10% 7/6												Colour more brown- orange downward Thin bands and laminae of coal heavy minerals								
65-83	32	1			SY 1/6												Very slightly micaceous - brown - yellow - reddish brown								
67-86	33	1			SY 1/6 SY 1/1 10% 4/6 SY 1/6 SY 1/1																				
70-41	34	1			SY 1/4 SY 1/2 SY 1/4												Weathered (paleose) profile Shall cracks Heavy minerals								
71-63	35	1			SY 1/4												few fish scales of grey clay								
73-76	36	1			SY 1/4 10% 5/6												Weathered profile Paleoseol.								
	37	1																							

PARTIAL SAND

HOLE NAME										HORSHAM 7 (CONT.)										
LAT.			LONG.			RL			TD			SPURSED COMPLETED								
DEPTH	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE			SOAT-ING	SHAPE	TEST	COATING	REMARKS	START	UNIT					
7650	37	5 6 7 8			10YR 6/6								Clayey 1/2 sand							
		9 1 2 3 4			10YR 6/6								Clay ~20%							
	38	5 6 7 8 9 10			10YR 6/6 5R 4/6 R N7								Mottled clayey sand. Armita 50% Lutite 50%		PARILLA SAND.					
7955		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10																		
	39	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10			5Y 3/1								Marked colour change							
8260		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10			5Y 5/1								60% Armita - 50% Qz 50% Core		BOOKBURNING BEDS					
	40	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10			N7 to N9								Skeletal 1st. Bryozoan		DUDDO LST.					
8565																				

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HOLE NAME				HORSHAM 8															
LAT. 36° 25' S				LONG. 141° 21' E				RL 205.3 m				TD 85.3 m				SPUDDED 17-3-77 COMPLETED 22-3-77			
DEPTH m	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE					SOFT-ING		SHAPE		1-MET COATING	REMARKS	START UNIT		
						CLAY	SAND	GRAVEL	COBBLES	PEBBLES	100	200	400	800	1600				
0-51																			
1-22	1	1			10YR 6/6 & 10R 4/6												Clayey, strongly mottled		
	2	2																	
1-83	3	1																	
2-13		1																	
2-74	4	2			10R 4/6 & 10YR 6/6														
	5	1																	
3-35		2																	
	6	1			10YR 4/6 & 10R 4/6												Clay - 15%		
4-27		2																	
	7																		
5-79																			
					10R 4/6 & 10YR 6/6														
7-92																			
	8	1																	
		2			10YR 4/6														
9-45		3			5YR 5/6 & 10R 4/6												Mottled.		
9-90	9	1																	
		2																	
	10																		
		1																	
12-50		2			10YR 6/6												Grains iron-oxide stained - coated		
	11	1															Trace of lenses		
13-41		2			10R 4/6 & 10YR 6/6												Typical mottling		
		3															Clay - 15%		
	12	4			10YR 6/6 & 10R 4/6														
		5																	
		6																	
		7																	
		8																	
		9																	
16-76		10			10R 4/6														
		1																	
		2																	
		3																	
		4																	
	13	5			10R 4/6														
		6																	
		7																	
		8																	
		9																	
17-81		10																	
	14																		
		1			10R 4/6 & 10YR 6/6														
22-86		2																	
	15																		
					10R 4/6														

PARILLA SAND

PARTIAL SAND

HOLE NAME										HORSHAM 8 (CONT.)									
LAT.			LONG.			RL			TD			SPUDDER COMPLETED							
DEPTH m	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE				SORTING			SHAPE		F-SIFT CORING	REMARKS	START UNIT		
						CLAY	SAND	GRAVEL	COBBLES	VERY FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FLAT				ANGULAR	ROUND
15.91	15	2 3 4 1			10R 4/6												Slightly clayey ~ 10% Trace only of leaching		
	16																		
20.76																			
	17																		
30.78		1			10R 4/6														
			C2																
32.31																			
	18	1 2 3 4			10R 4/6														
33.83					10R 4/6 & 10YR 6/6														
			C3																
34.75																			
35.26	19	1 2			10R 4/6 5YR 5/6														
	20	1 2 3			10R 4/6 5YR 5/6												Clay matrix 5-10% Trace of leaching & feldspar		
36.88																			
			C4																
38.40																			
	21	1 2 3			5YR 5/6														
39.13																			
			C5																
41.45																			
	22	1 2 3			5YR 5/6 10R 4/6 10YR 6/6														
42.91																			
	23																		
44.50																			
	24	1 2 3 4 5 6			10YR 6/6 5YR 4/6														
46.23																			
	25	1 2 3 4 5			5YR 5/6 10R 4/6												Clay matrix ~10%		
48.47																			
	26	1 2			5YR 4/6												Marked colour change		

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HOLE NAME										HORSHAM 8 (CONT.)									
LAT.			LONG.			RL			TD			SPURRED COMPLETED							
DEPTH	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE				FOOT- ING		SHAPE		FOOT CORING	REMARKS	START UNIT			
						CLAY	SAND	SILT	GRAVEL	CLAY	SAND	SILT	GRAVEL						
31-51	26	4 5 6 7 8			5Y8/1											Clear - no iron scale staining on grains			
53-64	27																		
54-25	28	1			10YR 6/6											Colour change Iron scale in matrix Iron scales present			
	29																		
57-30																			
59-01			66																
60-35			67		10YR 6/6														
61-01			68																
	30	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9			10YR 7/6											Matrix 5% - Relatively clean. Grains are distant. Trace only of heavier			
64-72		1 2 3 4 5 6 7																	
	31	1 2 3 4 5 6 7			10YR 4/6 10YR 4/6														
67-06		1 2 3 4																	
	32	1 2 3 4			10YR 6/6											Matrix 10-15%			
68-27		1 2 3 4 5 6 7																	
	33	1 2 3 4 5 6 7			10YR 4/6 10YR 7/6											Iron scale cement + clay Increasing colour down core			
71-32		1 2 3 4 5 6 7																	
	34	1 2 3 4 5 6 7			10YR 6/6 5YR 5/1 5YR 1/1											Matrix - clay + iron scale - 10%			
74-37	35	1																	

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HOLE NAME														
HORSHAM 8 (CONT.)														
LAT.			LONG.			AL			TD			SPUDDED COMPLETED		
DEPTH	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE					SOFT LING	SHAPE	TEST	REMARKS
						CLAY	SAND	SILT	CLAY	SAND	SOFT LING	SHAPE	TEST	
76.20	35	2			10% 6/6									
		3			5% 7/6									
		4												
		5												
	36													
		1			5% 6/6									
79.25		2												
		3												
	37													
80.70														
	38													
83.82														
	39													
		1			5% 6/6									
85.34		2												

clay - matrix - 5%

LAST CALCULATION

HOLE CUTTING - IN

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HOLE NAME											
HORSHAM 9											
LAT. 36° 24' S		LONG. 141° 33' E		RL 151.6 m		TD 92.6 m		SPUDED 23-3-77 COMPLETED 28-5-77			
DEPTH m	CORE	SECTION	CUTTING	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE	SOAT-LING	SHAPE	UNIT CORING	REMARKS	START UNIT
1.22	1	1			SY2/1					40% calcif. lute.	WOORINEEN FORMATION
1.83	2	1			SY2/1					40% Lutite.	
2.44	3	1			N9					30% Armita.	
3.05	4	2			SY2/1					Mottled. Sand ~15%.	
4.57	5	2			SY2/1					Mottled clay	
					SY2/1					Sand ~10%.	
7.62	6	3			N7						
8.23	7	2			10YR 4/6						
10.67	8	5			N7					Slightly mottled	
12.19	9	5			N7					Sand ~15%.	
15.24	10	10			N7					Clay ~20%.	
16.76	11				N9					Trace of fold-pore lenticles	
19.81	12	4			N8					Clay 40-25%.	PARILLA SAND
21.34	13				10YR 4/6					Grains - lumps & fragments	
24.38	14	3			N8						

HOLE NAME													
HORSHAM 9 (CONT.)													
LAT.		LONG.		RL		TD		SPUDDED		COMPLETED			
DEPTH	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOR	GRAINSIZE	SOAT-ING	SHAPE	UNIT	COATING	REMARKS	START	UNIT
27.43	15				NB (0046/8)								
30.48	16				10YR 6/6 & 5Y 8/1 10YR 6/6 & 10A 4/6						Marked colour change. Iron staining, mottling		
33.53	17				10YR 6/6								
36.58	17A												
39.42	18				5Y 8/1								
42.67	19												
44.28		C1											
45.72		C2			5Y 8/1						Clear matrix 5%.		
47.24		C3											
48.77	20				5Y 8/1								
	21				N7 5Y 8/1						Slightly clayey (15%) Smooth micaceous		

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HOLE NAME										HORSHAM 9 (CONT.)									
LAT.			LONG.			RL			TD			SPUDDED COMPLETED							
DEPTH m	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE				SOAT- ING	SHAPE		T-SIFT CORING V. MUD	REMARKS	START UNIT				
						COARSE	MED	FINE	VERY FINE		FLAT	ANGULAR							
17-21	21	5 6 7 8			N7 518/1									Slightly cloudy & micaceous					
	22																		
53-03 53-64	23	1			518/1									Most of grains are equant & clear					
	24																		
56-69	25	1 2 3			518/1									Trace only of heavy					
57-61		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10			1018 7/4 1018 4/6									Slightly micaceous - in micaceous & biotite.					
60-66	26													Thin laminae of heavy minerals H.M. sent Opagite P Leucosene C Tircon C Rutile C + others					
62-68	27																		
64-68	28	1 2 3 4 5 6			1018 7/4 N7														
66-72	29	1 2 3 4 5 6			N7 (1018 4/6)									Qtz grains clear					
67-07																			
	30	1 2 3 4 5 6			517 1/2 1018 5/6									Slightly micaceous					
70-70	31																		
71-73		1 2			517 1/2														
	32	1 2 3 4			N7 517 1/2 518 4/4									Marked colour change					
73-75	33	1 2 3 4			1018 5/4														

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HOLE NAME					HORSHAM 10												
LAT. 36° 13' S			LONG. 141° 41' E			AL 167.1 m			TD 101.5 m			SPUNDED 30-3-77 COMPLETED 1-4-77					
DEPTH m	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOR	GRAINSIZE				SOAT-ING		SHAPE		COATING	REMARKS	START UNIT	
						10R 4/6	10YR 6/6	10YR 6/6	10YR 6/6	10YR 6/6	10YR 6/6	10YR 6/6	10YR 6/6	10YR 6/6	10YR 6/6		
0.60	1	1			10R 4/6											LOOSE, medium sand	LOWAN SAND
1.21	2	2			5YR 5/6											Lutite 45% Argilla 55%	
1.83	3	3			10YR 6/6											Med. S.L.	
2.44	4	4			10R 4/6												
3.05	5	5			10YR 6/6												
5.33	6	6			10YR 6/6												
6.86	7	7			10R 4/6											Med. clay & silt. various - 10%. (10% yellow iron scale obtained - coarse)	
9.45	8	8			10YR 6/6												
10.77	9	9			10R 4/6												
12.50	10	10			10YR 6/6												
14.02	11	11			10YR 6/6												
15.54	12	12			10YR 6/6												
17.07	13	13			10R 4/6												
19.96	14	14			10YR 6/6											Slightly mottled clay - 10%.	
21.79	15	15			10YR 6/6												
23.69	16	16			10YR 6/6												

PARILLA SAND

HOLE NAME										HORSHAM 10 (CONT.)													
LAT.			LONG.			RL			TD			SPURDED COMPLETED											
DEPTH	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE			SORT- ING			SHAPE			UNIT CORING	REMARKS	START	UNIT					
50-21																							
51-82			C21		10X6/6											clay ~10%							
			C22		10X4/6											R+L grains are mainly clean							
53-34			C23																				
54-86																							
	11	1			5X6 1/4																		
		2			10X4/6																		
		3																					
		4																					
		5																					
		6																					
		7																					
57-91		8																					
	12	1			10X6/6																		
		2			5X8/1											clean							
		3			5X7 1/2											NO iron-oxide stains							
60-16		4																					
	13	1			N9 -																		
		2			5X8/4											Relatively clean							
		3														matrix ~5%							
63-48		4																					
	14	1			10X6 1/4																		
		2																					
		3																					
		4																					
66-53		5																					
	15																						
67-06			C24													Increase in clay matrix ~20%							
68-58			C25													Some thin layers of white clay							
70-10			C26		N9																		
					5X8/4																		
71-83			C27																				
73-10			C28																				
74-88																							

PARILLA SAND

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HOLE NAME					HORSHAM 10 (CONT.)											
LAT.			LONG.		RL		TD		SPUDED COMPLETED							
DEPTH m	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOR	GRAIN SIZE				SORT- ING		SHAPE		COATING V. MMS	REMARKS	START UNIT
						CLAY	SAND	SILT	GRAVEL	POSS. CLAY	POSS. SAND	POSS. SILT	POSS. GRAVEL			
50.24																
			C21													
51.82					10YR 4/6											clay ~10%
			C22		10R 4/6											Qtz grains are mainly clear
53.34																
			C23													
54.86																
	11	1														
		2														
		3														
		4														
		5														
		6														
		7														
		8														
57.91																
	12	1			10R 6/6											
		2			5YR 8/1											clean
		3			5YR 7/2											no iron-oxide staining
60.96																
	13	1			N9 -											
		2			5YR 4/4											Relatively clean matrix ~ 5%
		3														
62.48																
	14	1														
		2														
		3														
		4														
		5														
65.53																
	15															
67.06																Increased in clay matrix ~ 20%
			C24													
68.58																Same thin layers of white clay
			C25													
70.10					N9											
					5YR 4/4											
			C26													
71.63																
			C27													
73.10																
			C28													
74.68																

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PARTIAL SAND

HOLE NAME												
HORSHAM 10 (CONT.)												
LAT.			LONG.			RL			TD			SPUDDER COMPLETED
DEPTH	CORE	SECTION	CUTTINGS	GRAPHIC LOG	COLOUR	GRAINSIZE			SOFT LING	SHAPE	COATING	REMARKS
						CLAY	SAND	GRAVEL	COARSE SAND	FINE SAND	GRAVEL	START UNIT
76.20		C29										
		C30			5Y8/1							C29 grains - clastic translucent.
77.72					5Y8/1							
	16											
80.47												
	17											
83.51					10YR 6/6 10YR 7/4 10YR 8/1 5YR 4/4							Trace of oolitic feldspar
	18											
86.07					N9							Red gravel
		C31										
88.39					5Y8/1							
		C32										
89.72					N9							
		C33										
91.44												
		C34										
92.91												
		C35										
94.49												
		C36										
96.01												
		C37			N9							
97.54					5Y4/4 N4							Marked colour change to medium dark grey. Very slightly mottled pyrite? Glauconite.
		C38										
100.0	19	1-5										

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