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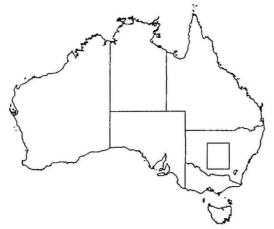
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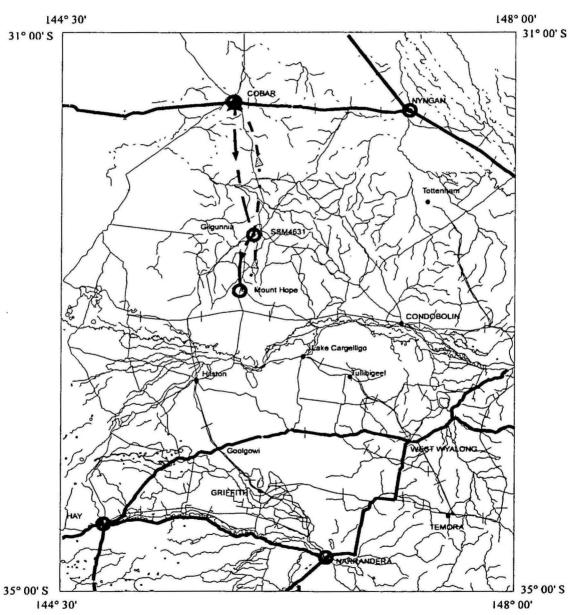
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LOCATION OF SURVEY

SUMMARY

This report describes a gravity survey to establish two new gravity control stations in the Mt Hope area of NSW. As the new stations are located in an area poorly covered by existing control stations, they will be incorporated into the Fundamental Gravity Network of Australia (previously called the Isogal Network).

Two LaCoste and Romberg gravity meters, G20 and G101, were used to measure the gravity intervals during the survey which was conducted over three days in April 1993.

The new base stations were established using station 8090.0143 at the Cobar airport as the control point. The new base stations have been marked with inscribed blue identifier plugs set into concrete at the observation sites. The following table summarises the new station values.

NEW STATIONS ESTABLISHED DURING THIS SURVEY

Station ID	Latitude	Longitude	Location	Gravity (μms ⁻²)	Ties
93911105	32° 49.47'	145° 52.27'	Windsock Mt Hope A/s.	9794943.68	4
93912105	32° 27.20'	145°58.32'	SSM4631 (9001)	9794523.59	4

INTRODUCTION

The Australian Geological Survey Organisation (AGSO) has the responsibility of maintaining the Australian Fundamental Gravity Network (AFGN), previously known as the Isogal Network. This network provides a consistent gravity datum to control all gravity surveys carried out in and around Australia.

AGSO is currently putting additional effort into a project to refurbish the AFGN since the last systematic survey of the network in 1980. A large number of base stations have been destroyed by redevelopment of roads and buildings etc. During each annual survey program, as well as progressively restoring and augmenting the AFGN, new control stations are installed in areas nominated by the mineral exploration industry where there is only a sparse distribution of existing control stations.

The aim of this survey was to assist industry in their gravity exploration work by establishing two new control stations in the area of Mt Hope in central NSW as shown in figure 1.

Between the 4th and 8th of April 1993, the Gravimetry Section of AGSO performed a gravity survey from Cobar airport to a State Survey Marker #4631 (SSM4631) approximately 125 km south of Cobar and then to the Mt Hope airstrip windsock approximately 171 km south of Cobar. Two La Coste and Romberg gravity meters were read by one operator over a total period of three days.

SURVEY METHOD AND OPERATIONS

The field party consisted of one Senior Officer (Technical), John Williams, with a 4WD vehicle, and two La Coste & Romberg gravity meters G20, G101, and a Pronav GPS receiver.

Leaving Canberra on the 4th of April 1993 and travelling direct to Mt Hope airstrip a private company gravity base station, which had been read at the windsock, was located and read with the two meters. Another station at SSM4631 was then located some 46km north of Mt Hope where a new station was prepared and read. The last station read for the day was the Fundamental gravity control station 8090.0143 sited in the Cobar aerodrome terminal building.

On the 6th of April two complete gravity loops were read between these 3 points and concrete station markers and identifier plugs were installed.

These ties were repeated again on the 7th of April before returning to Canberra on the 8th of April 1993. The Data were recorded on field sheets and were then entered into the gravity processing system on return to Canberra.

SURVEY DATA PROCESSING

The survey data processing was done in Canberra on a Sun workstation (via an IBM PC) by John W Williams. The field data from both meters was transferred to an input file format suitable for calculation of Earth tidal gravity correction, drift, and gravity interval, using AGSO programs ERTIDE and GRVHTS. The processing program GRVHTS was modified so that field gravity loop readings extending over more than 24 hours could be processed.

The readings were arranged to form loops which were then corrected for Earth tide, using program ERTIDE.

The corrected readings were then input to the network adjusting program GRVHTS, which used the two unknown stations as free nodes, the primary control station (fixed node) being at the Cobar airport Teminal building. The closed loops defined the drift of each meter. The drift, and tide corrected measured gravity intervals, between the nodes for each loop and for each meter, were least square adjusted to provide best fit values for all measured intervals. Final gravity values were then calculated for each station, using the control station value and the adjusted intervals.

RESULTS

Both meters performed well. Adjustments for and between meters were better than $0.2 \mu ms^{-2}$. The standard deviation of adjustments was $0.08 \mu ms^{-2}$.

No readings were discarded for the final processing as shown in Appendix 5.

The reults are shown below.

Final Station Values

AUSTRALIAN GRAVITY DATA

9391 MTHOPE GRAVITY TIE

Station	Latitude(S) L	ongitude(E)	Gravity	Location
80900143	31.00540° 14	45.00079°	9793892.60	Cobar Airport
93911105	32.82437° 14	45.87094°	9794943.67	Mt Hope A/S W/sock
93912105	32.45329° 14	45.97200°	9794523.58	SSM4631

APPENDIX 1 Field Party and Equipment

Personnel;

John Williams (Senior Officer (Technical) C),

Gravity Meters

LaCoste and Romberg numbers G20 and G101.

Vehicle

Toyota Landcruiser station wagon, registration number ZJE250

Other Equipment

Compac portable PC, Base plates camera, cement, station markers

Pro Nav GPS receiver.

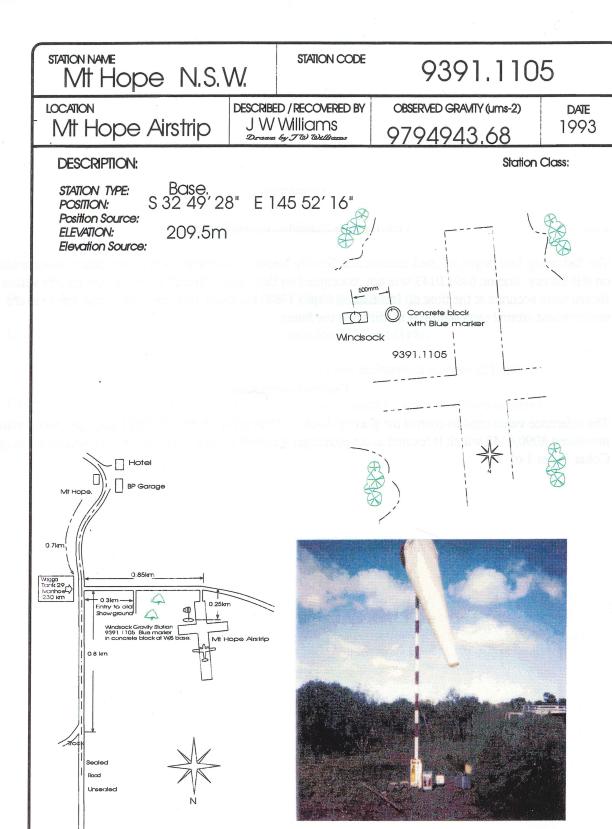
Gravity Base Station Location Diagrams.

The following four pages are the Fundamental Gravity Network diagrams for the three base stations measured on this survey. Station 6491.0143 was not reoccupied on this survey. The descriptions and gravity values shown were accurate at the time of installation (April 1993) but these may change to some degree as the environment around each station is modified in the future.

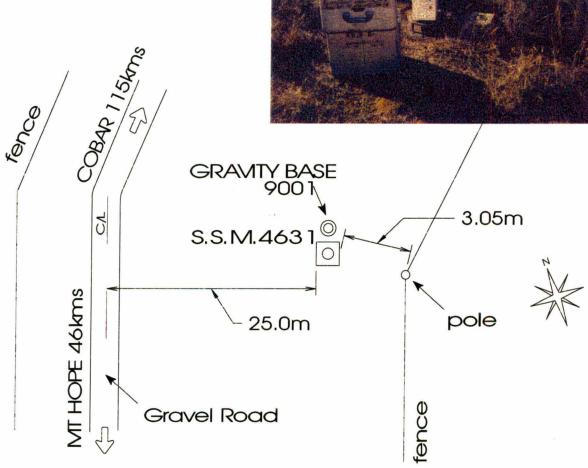
Control Information.

The reference value used to control the gravity datum for this survey was 9793892.6 µms⁻² at gravity station numbered 8090.0143 which is located at the passenger terminal at the Cobar airport as shown on the diagram Cobar Sheet 1 of 2.





GRAMTY STATIONS AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GRAMTY NETWORK

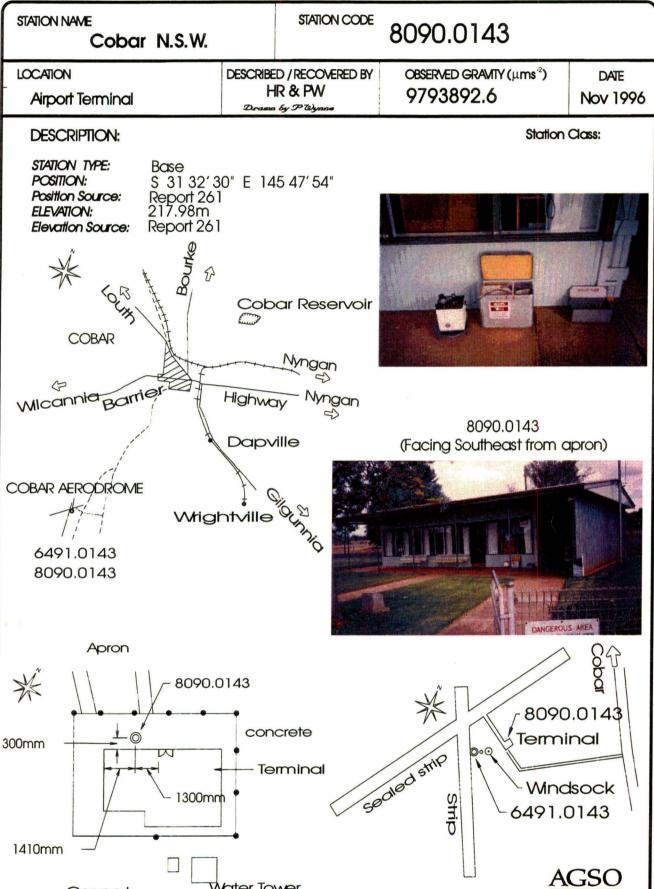


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Station No. 9391.2105 SSW4631 NSW

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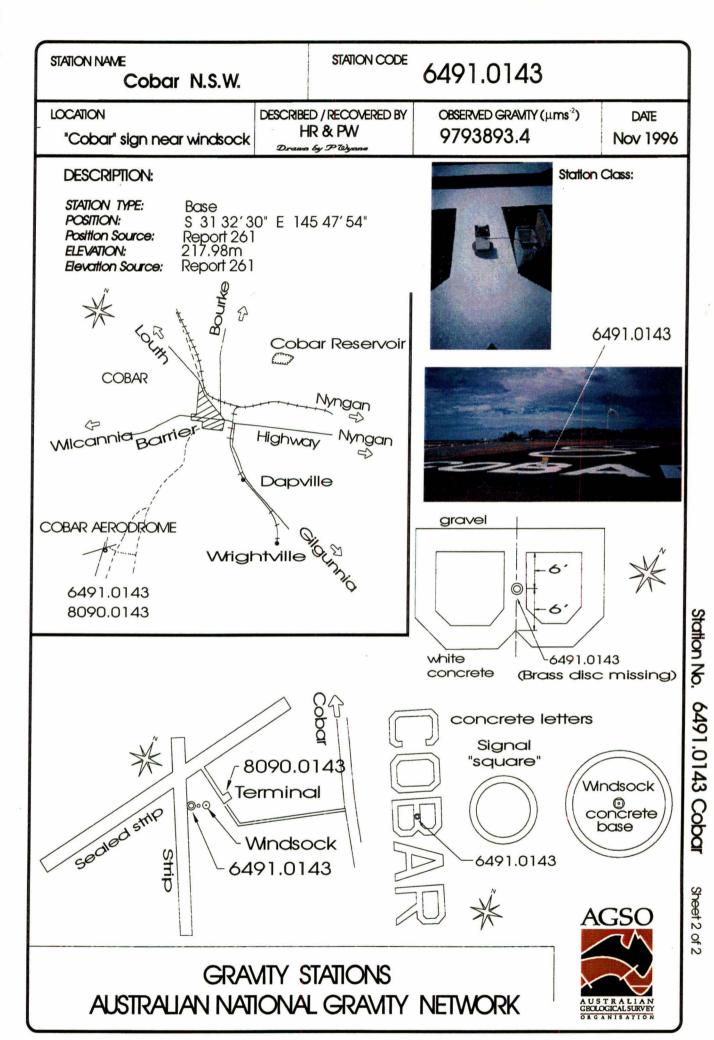


GRAMTY STATIONS AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GRAMTY NETWORK

Water Tower

Car park

Station No. 8090.0143 Cobar



Field Observations

Station#	Date Meter Time Reading	Location	n Cor	mments	
	PE GRAVITY TIE	1 050000	•		GRAVITY
	1060493 20L 1408 2952295 32			Windsock Mt Hope A/S	
93912105	1503 2912378 32	2719777145	583200	Survey Marker SSM4631	
80900143	1657 2852393 31	3240 145	477	Cobar A/S Terminal	
TRAVERSE1	2070493 201.	1.05	1.		ENDFLGH
	0726 2852398	1.05	_		
93912105	0851 2912420				
	0945 2952342				
	1023 2912326 1147 2852250				
	1340 2912340				
	1437 2952317				
	1516 2912357				
30900143	1637 2852388				
DAWEDCE1	3080493 20L	1.05	1		ENDFLG
30900143	0736 2852405	1.05	•		
93912105	0903 2912445				
93911105	1008 2952365				
PDAUFDCF2	1060493 101L	1.05	1		ENDFLGH
	1412 2985552	1.05	L		
93912105	1459 2945532				
30900143	1700 2885438				
PDAUEDCE2	2070493 101L	1.05	1		ENDFLGH
	0729 2885451	1.05	L		
3912105	0855 2945565				
3911105	0948 2985585				
	1027 2945490 1152 2885301				
3912105	1344 2945485				
	1440 2985584				
	1518 2945540				
30900143	1641 2885428				
PAUTDCTO	3080493 101L	1.05	1		ENDFLGE
	0739 2885462	1.05	_		, ,
	0907 2945605				
3911105	1011 2985615				
					ENDFLGE
					ENDGRAY

Tidal Gravity Corrections

Block name is - 9391 MTHOPE GRAVITY TIE GRAVITY

Computed on 1993/04/19

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Station. Hrs	Min Corr.rdg.	Lat(deg.min)	Long(deg.min)	Correction(mGal)
93911105 16		20L 1.05000 32 49.4622 S 32 27.1977 S 31 .3240 S 32 49.4622 S 32 49.4622 S	GMT+ 10H 145 52.2564 E 145 58.3200 E 145 .0477 E 145 52.2564 E 145 52.2564 E	0M .019 026 099 101 012 *
93911105 9 93912105 10 80900143 11 93912105 13 93911105 14 93912105 15	7/ 4/93 26 2852.302 51 2912.370 45 2952.330 23 2912.342 47 2852.312 40 2912.383 37 2952.325 16 2912.339 37 2852.318	20L 1.05000 31 .3240 S 32 27.1977 S 32 49.4622 S 32 27.1977 S 31 .3240 S 32 27.1977 S 32 49.4622 S 32 27.1977 S 31 .3240 S	GMT+ 10H 145 .0477 E 145 58.3200 E 145 52.2564 E 145 58.3200 E 145 .0477 E 145 58.3200 E 145 52.2564 E 145 58.3200 E 145 .0477 E	0M101052012 .017 .066 .045 .009019073
		20L 1.05000 32 49.4622 S 31 .3240 S 32 27.1977 S 32 49.4622 S	GMT+ 10H 145 52.2564 E 145 .0477 E 145 58.3200 E 145 52.2564 E	0M .009 * 102 074 034
93912105 14 80900143 17	6/ 4/93 12 2985.567 59 2945.510 0 2885.343 48 2985.575	101L 1.05000 32 49.4622 S 32 27.1977 S 31 .3240 S 32 49.4622 S	GMT+ 10H 145 52.2564 E 145 58.3200 E 145 .0477 E 145 52.2564 E	0M .016 023 100 010 *
93911105 9 93912105 10 80900143 11 93912105 13 93911105 14 93912105 15	7/ 4/93 29 2885.355 55 2945.518 48 2985.575 27 2945.509 52 2885.365 44 2945.526 40 2985.590 18 2945.520 41 2885.356	101L 1.05000 31 .3240 S 32 27.1977 S 32 49.4622 S 32 27.1977 S 31 .3240 S 32 27.1977 S 32 49.4622 S 32 27.1977 S 32 49.4622 S 32 27.1977 S 31 .3240 S	GMT+ 10H 145 .0477 E 145 58.3200 E 145 52.2564 E 145 58.3200 E 145 .0477 E 145 58.3200 E 145 52.2564 E 145 58.3200 E 145 .0477 E	0M100049010 .020 .067 .043 .007021076
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Coordinate averaging has been done

*** End Ertide. ***

Note: * These stations were taken from previous, or following days, to provide drift control.

Initial Processing Summary And Statistics.

GRVHTS Version 6 of November 1992 - Phase one sub-program Computed on 1993/04/20 at 16:57:56

********* Input data for this pass being read from non-standard unit 40

Gravity meter data reduction

Latitude-Longitude data saved

Segment ident	ification	*9391 MTHOPE GRA	ITY TIE		GRAVITY *
TRAVERSE Flight	1 1 6/	4/93 Meter	OL Scale factor	1.05000	
Scale correction facto Station 9391.1105 9391.2105 8090.0143 9391.1105	r is Time 1408 1503 1657 3345	1.0004060268402 Gravity .000 -41.998 -105.105 .000	Drift .000 .001 .003 .018	Diff Readir .000 2952.33 .000 2912.33 .000 2852.23 .000 2952.33	L3 53 99
TRAVERSE Flight			20L Scale factor	1.05000	. •
Scale correction factor	Time 726 851 945 1023 1147 1340 1437 1516 1637	1.00040602684023 Gravity .000 63.098 105.105 63.098 .000 63.098 105.105 63.098 .000	Drift .000 .003004008001 .007002011009	Diff Readir 013 2852.30 .007 2912.37 .004 2952.33 011 2912.34 001 2852.31 .017 2912.38 012 2912.33 .013 2852.31	2 70 80 80 82 2 83 85
Scale correction factor Station 9391.1105 8090.0143 9391.2105 9391.1105	Time 1437 3136 3303 3408	1.00040602684021 Gravity .000 -105.113 -41.994 .000		Diff Readir .000 2952.32 .000 2852.30 .000 2912.37 .000 2952.33	15 18 15
Scale correction factor Station 9391.1105 9391.2105 8090.0143 9391.1105	Time 1412 1459 1700 3348	1.00292801856994 Gravity .000 -42.011 -105.111 .000	Drift .000 .000 .001 .008	Diff Readin .000 2985.56 .000 2945.51 .000 2885.34 .000 2985.57	.7 0 3
TRAVERSE Flight 2 Scale correction factor		4/93 Meter 10 1.00292801856994 Gravity .000 63.090 105.108 63.090 .000 63.090 105.108 63.090 .000	1L Scale factor 6 Drift000 .003 .002 .002 .007 .011 .010 .008 .006	1.05000 Diff Readin .000 2885.35 .002 2945.51004 2985.57005 2945.50 .003 2945.52 .004 2985.59 .000 2945.52004 2885.35	5 8 5 9 5 6 0 0

TRAVERSE Flight 2 3 8/ 4/93 Meter 101L Scale factor 1.05000

Scale correction fact	or is	1.0029280185699	46		
Station	Time	Gravity	Drift	Diff	Reading
9391.1105	1440	.000	.000	.000	2985.590
8090.0143	3136	-105.105	005	.000	2885.365
9391.2105	3307	-42.000	006	.000	2945.537
9391.1105	3411	.000	006	.000	2985.584

1.2 seconds. MNSLOPE completed at

Position data saved on scratch file

Position data transfer completed at 1.5 sec

16:57:57

****** Scratch file closed ******

GRVHTS Version 6 of November 1992 - Phase two sub-program Computed on 1993/04/20 at 16:57:58

> Least squares adjustment phase - commenced 2.2 sec

Number of segments to adjust together

GRAVITY * *9391 MTHOPE GRAVITY TIE

Free nodes

9391.1105 9391.2105

Fixed nodes Values

8090.0143 9793892.600

Free and fixed node lists compared

Number of free nodes deleted is 0 Final number of free nodes is Final number of fixed nodes is Total number of nodes in list is

Maximum adjustment expected - Height Gravity Height 5.00 metres Gravity 1.00 mums-Magnetic 10.00 gammas Data search commenced

2.3 sec

 Segment identification
 *9391 MTHOPE GRAVITY TIE

 TRAVERSE
 1 1
 6/ 4/93

 TRAVERSE
 1 2
 7/ 4/93

 TRAVERSE
 1 3
 8/ 4/93

 TRAVERSE
 2 1
 6/ 4/93

 TRAVERSE
 2 2
 7/ 4/93

 TRAVERSE
 2 3
 8/ 4/93

Linkage search commenced

2.4 sec

Matrix inversion commenced

2.4 sec

Matrix inversion completed

2.4 sec

Least squares values for free nodes

node

VALUE

9391.1105 9391.2105

9794943.678 9794523.588

Connection table and adjustments

Node		Node		Difference	Adjustment	Flight	
9391.1105		9391.2105		-419.979	112	TRAVERSE	1 1
9391.2105		8090.0143	FIXED	-631.075	.087	TRAVERSE	1 1
8090.0143	FIXED	9391.1105		1051.054	.024	TRAVERSE	1 1
8090.0143	FIXED	9391.2105		630.979	.009	TRAVERSE	1 2
9391.2105		9391.1105		420.075	.016	TRAVERSE	1 2
9391.1105		9391.2105		-420.075	016	TRAVERSE	1 2
9391.2105		8090.0143	FIXED	-630.979	009	TRAVERSE	1 2
8090.0143	FIXED	9391.2105		630.979	.009	TRAVERSE	1 2
9391.2105		9391.1105		420.075	.016	TRAVERSE	1 2
9391.1105		9391.2105		-420.075	016	TRAVERSE	1 2
9391.2105		8090.0143	FIXED	-630.979	009	TRAVERSE	1 2
9391.1105		8090.0143	FIXED	-1051.133	.055	TRAVERSE	1 3
8090.0143	FIXED	9391.2105		631.188	200	TRAVERSE	1 3
9391.2105		9391.1105		419.945	.146	TRAVERSE	1 3
9391.1105		9391.2105		-420.106	.016	TRAVERSE	2 1
9391.2105		8090.0143	FIXED	-631.002	.014	TRAVERSE	2 1
8090.0143	FIXED	9391.1105		1051.108	030	TRAVERSE	2 1
8090.0143	FIXED	9391.2105		630.897	.091	TRAVERSE	2 2
9391.2105		9391.1105		420.180	090	TRAVERSE	2 2
9391.1105		9391.2105	333000000000000000000000000000000000000	-420.180	.090	TRAVERSE	2 2
9391.2105		8090.0143	FIXED	-630.897	091	TRAVERSE	2 2 2 2
8090.0143	FIXED	9391.2105		630.897	.091	TRAVERSE	
9391.2105		9391.1105		420.180	090	TRAVERSE	2 2
9391.1105		9391.2105		-420.180	.090	TRAVERSE	2 2
9391.2105		8090.0143	FIXED	-630.897	091	TRAVERSE	2 2
9391.1105		8090.0143	FIXED	~1051.052	026	TRAVERSE	2 3
8090.0143	FIXED	9391.2105		631.051	063	TRAVERSE	2 3
9391.2105		9391.1105		420.001	.089	TRAVERSE	2 3

Standard deviation of adjustments
Mean of adjustments .00
Maximum adjustment .20 .08

Number of lines in network 28

Flight data adjusted - starting 2.6 sec.

Segment identification *9391 MTHOPE GRAVITY TIE Gravity differences scaled by 10.0 for micrometres

Station list sort commenced

2.7 sec

GRAVITY *

GRAVITY *

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PAGE 1
          Final sorted values
          *9391 MTHOPE GRAVITY TIE
                                                                                                  GRAVITY *
                        9793892.600
                                       NODE
        8090.0143
        9391.1105
                        9794943.678
                                       NODE
        9391.2105
                        9794523.588
                                       NODE
          Number of stations in sorted list
          Number of different stations
                                                   2.7 sec
          Station list sort completed
1
 GRVHTS Version 6 of November 1992 - Phase two sub-program Computed on 1993/04/20 at 16:57:59
          Latitude-longitude insertion phase - Commenced
                                                                    2.8 sec
          Number of segments to merge
          Segment identification *9391 MTHOPE GRAVITY TIE
                                                                                              LATLONG *
               TRAVERSE
                                        6/ 4/93
7/ 4/93
8/ 4/93
                             1 1
                              1 2
1 3
               TRAVERSE
               TRAVERSE
                                No latitude or longitude on field sheet for station 9391.110500
                                        6/ 4/93
7/ 4/93
8/ 4/93
               TRAVERSE
                              2 1
               TRAVERSE
                              2 2
               TRAVERSE
                              2
                                7
                                No latitude or longitude on field sheet for station 9391.110500
          Final position list checked
         Merging of position data completed
                                                       3.0 sec
                    2 Non-fatal mistakes discovered
                    O Missing positions in final list
                    O Fatal errors occurred in merging
 GRVHTS Version 6 of November 1992 - Phase two sub-program Computed on 1993/04/20 at 16:57:59
          Creation of new segment file
          New output file created on unit 2 labelled *AUSTRALIAN GRAVITY DATA
                                                                                                93/04/20*
                          3 Stations output in newly created segment on unit labelled *9391 MTHOPE GRAVITY TIE
                                                                                                93/04/20*
         New output file on unit
                                       2 terminated
         labelled *AUSTRALIAN GRAVITY DATA
93/04/20*
         CREATE completed at
                                       3.1 sec.
                                           Processing completed for job run
at 16:57:59 on 1993/04/20
 Copy from file
                            2 to file
                    1 named 9391 MTHOPE GRAVITY TIE
 Segment
Number of stations = 3
End of copy - final output file is unit
Stop - Program terminated.
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