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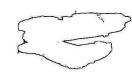
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SUMMARY

In the Swansea area 'test and define' core drilling by the Bureau has indicated coal reserves of approximately 302,000 tons within the physical limits required for open cut exploitation. This total is made up of more than 87,000 tons in the "Open Cut Block" and 215,000 tons in the "West Block".

Proving is recommended for the open cut Block and for the West Block, except that in the latter area the obstruction which will be offered to open cutting by the presence of the P.M.G. cable should be considered before proving is undertaken.

INTRODUCTION.

This statement sets out the results of drilling by the Bureau within Swansea Sub-area N.S.W. (J.C.B. plan BG-4). The area investigated comprises approximately 115 acres, about 2 miles south of the township of Swansea in the parish of Wallarah, County Northumberland. Here pebbly sandstones of probably Triassic age rest conformably on the youngest strata of the Newcastle beds of the Upper Coal Measures. The drilling target, the top split of the Wallarah Seam, was intersected in each of the eight holes drilled. The sub-area is divided by the Facific Highway into two parts, an eastern and Western block which correspond roughly to the open cut Block and Swansea West Block respectively of J.C.B. Flan BG. 4, and are shown as such on the accompanying plan N14-43, and a plane table survey of the area made (Flan N14-43). Bore sites were determined by field officers of the Geological Section of the Bureau, under the supervision of C. Bursill and G.M. Burton.

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The Drilling was carried out by Sullivan type drills owned and operated by the Petroleum Technology Section of the Bureau of Mineral Resources.

Proximate analyses and calorific value determinations of coal cores and samples were carried out by the N.S.W. Mines Department laboratory in Sydney. Coal cores were forwarded from the field to the laboratory where the analysts selected samples by rejecting shale and sandstone bands which had a thickness of inch or more. Inferior coal or carbonaceous shale with specific gravity exceeding 1.6 was also excluded from the samples submitted to analysis. Consequently the analyses quoted indicate a composition roughly equivalent to that which might be expected for cleaned or hand-picked coal from this area. Where the bores intersected coal of workable thickness bands are few and therefore analyses of such cores gives a reliable estimate of quality; however poor core recovery detracts from the value of these analyses. Details of bands excluded from analysis are shown in Tables 1 and 2.

DEFINITION OF SUITABLE COAL

Coal intersected has been included in the computation of reserves when it conforms to the following conditions which are regarded as suitable for open cut mining.

Depth of floor of seam feet		coal not	less than
80 or less 90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160 170	5 5 6 6 7 8 8 9 10	-7306295 - 7	

Calorific value: not less than 10,000 B.Th.U's per pound.

DRILLING RESULTS.

Of eight holes drilled, four, S.7, S.6, S.13, & S.12 intersected coal which conforms to the above definition. Two holes, S.4 and S.11 were abandoned because of drilling difficulty and poor recovery and re-drilled near the original sites as S.6 and S.12. Recovery in S.13 is poor and this hole was redrilled as S.14, but owing to the broken nature of the coal no improvement in results was obtained. The total footage drilled including repeated holes was more than 780 feet.

Twenty feet of overburden was considered the minimum cover necessary to protect coal from weathering, and the area used for the computation of reserves is based on this assumption. Principal details of the four successful bores are shown in summarized form below.

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INDICATED COAL RESERVES

(a) Western Block.

On plan 14/43 the area underlain by economic coal is divided into two parts, A and B. The average thickness of the upper split of the Wallarah Seam in area A, 9.4 acres, is 8 feet;

the indicated reserves in area A are therefore 120,300 tons, using a factor of 1600 tons per acre foot. No information is available about the coal in the old workings bordering area B and a bore will be sunk in the area; meanwhile coal present is assumed to be of the same quality and thickness as that in Area A. The total area of parts A and B im 16.8 acres and thus the indicated coal reserves for the Western Block are 215,000 long tons.

(b) Open Cut Block.

The area underlain by coal conforming to the definition is labelled C on plan N14/43. The two successful bores are S.8 and S.13. The average thickness of coal in the upper split of the Wallarah Seam has been estimated at 3 ft. 6 ins. throughout an area of 8.43 acres; indicated reserves are 87,600 tons.

Coal core recoveries in both S.8 and S.13 are poor, and confirmation of these results by proving will be necessary.

In bore S.8 the lower split of the Wallarah Seam is 5 ft. 2 ins. thick and is beneath 74 feet of cover. There is therefore a small area about S.8 in which the lower split conforms to the definition of suitable coal; how far this area extends north-westward from S.8 however, is uncertain from available data, and it has been assumed to extend no further in that direction than it does to the south and east. This assumption restricts the area of economic coal to less than half an acre, and the usable coal to approximately 4,000 tons. This figure has not been included in reserves.

OVERBURDEN.

Overburden in both the West and Open Cut Blocks consists dominantly of pebbly sandstone and conglomerate. Average overburden ratio for the West Block is 5.5/1 and that for the Open Cut Block 7/1; other details are given in Table I. A P.M.G. cable traverses the whole of the West Block, and part of area B is crossed by an electric power line.

RECOMMENDATION.

Indicated reserves in the Open Cut Block are small, but proving is recommended so that if the results of testing and defining are confirmed the area can be exploited as an extension of the existing McCarthy's open cut;

Reserves in the West Block are sufficient to warrant exploitation by open cutting; however, other factors beyond the scope of this report, such as the necessity for the removal of the F.M.G. cable prior to open cutting, require consideration before a proving campaign is undertaken.

TABLE I.

INDICATED COAL RESERVES

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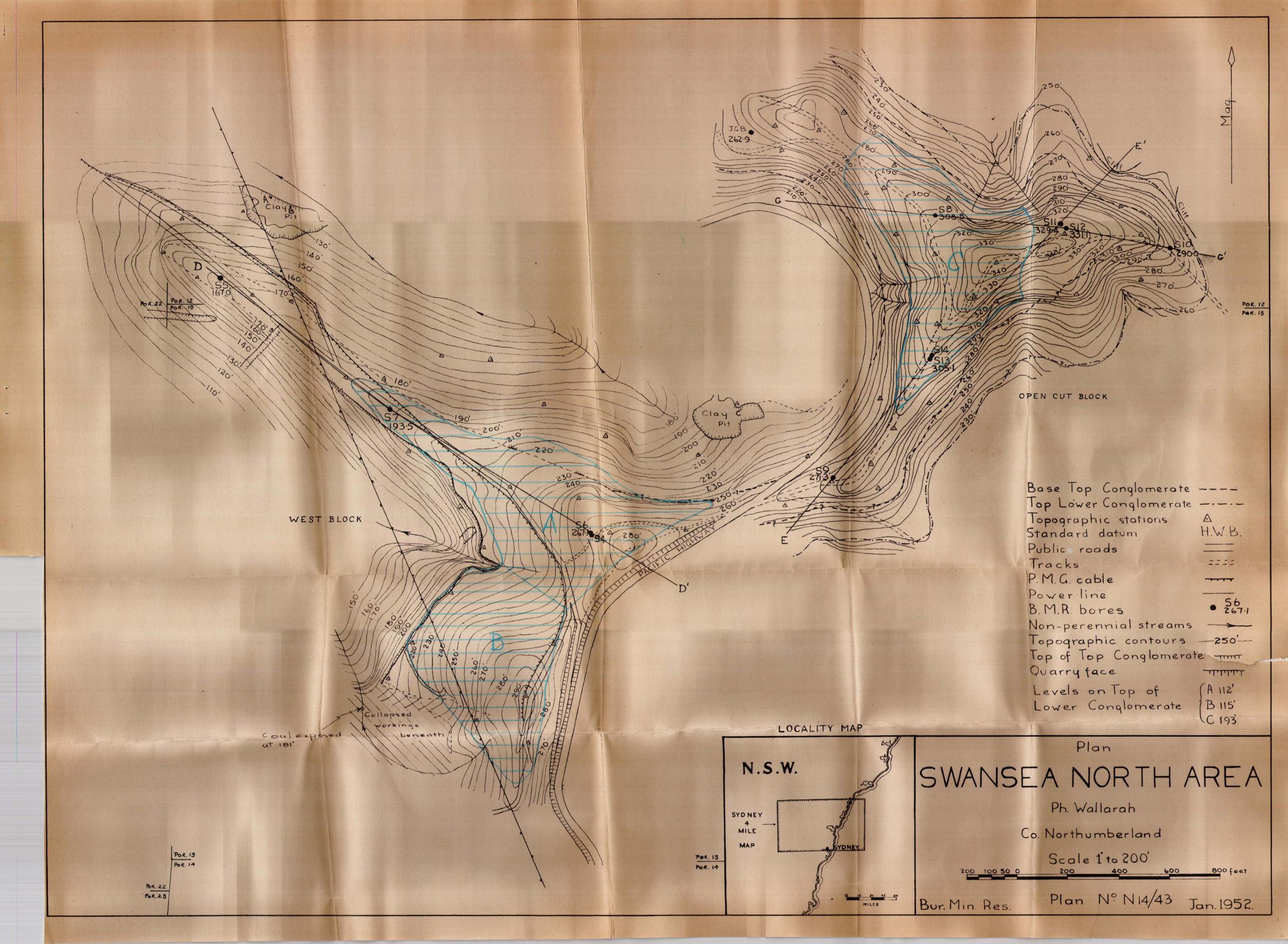
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Details of bores in coal not included in reserves. (Lower split of Wallarah Seam)

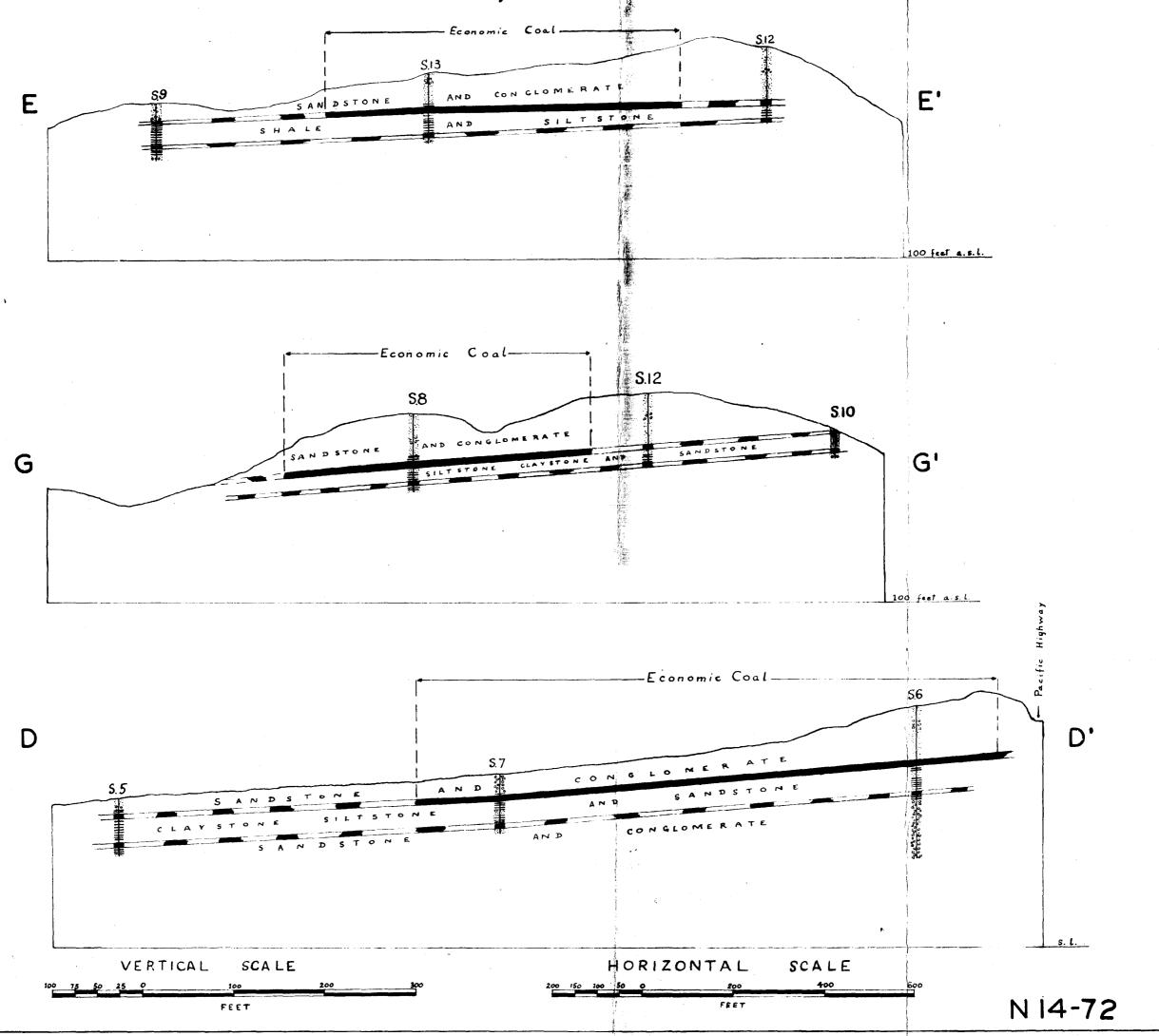
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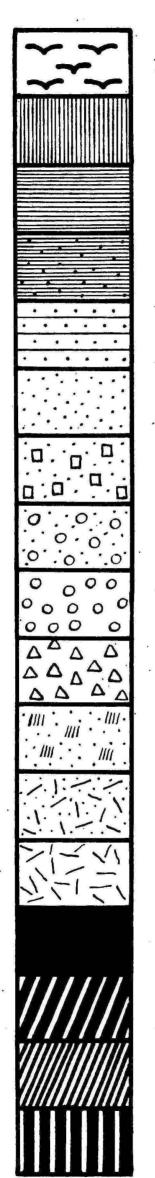
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Tuff

Igneous Rock

Coal

(Under 20%)

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Carb. Shale (Over 30%)
Carb. Shale or Coal
composition unknown

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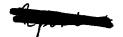
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SUPPLEMENT

RESULTS OF DRILLING IN THE SWANSEA AREA.

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RESULTS OF DRILLING IN THE SHANSEA AREA.

An additional hole, BMR18 Swansea (West Block), has been drilled to test the seam quality and overburden in part B of the Seat Llock and thus reach the "testing and defining" objective of the Buroau in the Swansea North Area. The results of this hole have been embodied in this statement which supplements Records 1952/24 "Results of Drilling in the Swansea Area N.S.W." by W.J. Perry.

BMR18 indicated that part B contains 92,000 long tons (on the basis of 1600 tons/acre-foot) of good quality coal in the upper split of the ballarah Seam and is covered by a maximum overburden of approximately 82 feet composed almost ontirely of fine to medium conflomerate. The analysis area of 1800 square yards of the part has an overburden ratio exceeding 10/1 and in no place does the ratio exceed 11/1. Total quantity of overburden for the whole of the bestern Block has not been reassessed.

The quality of the coal sampled from this hole which is near the area of maximum overburden probably gives a slightly more optimistic view of the area because much of it is under a far thinner cover of overburden. The mean obtained by weighting the samples, with bands of more than & excluded, shows the seam to have an ash content of 13.3% and calorific value of 12,130 BThUs/lb. If bands are included and considered to be 100% ash and to have no heating value the seam weighted mean drops to 15.1% ash and 11,870 BThUs/lb. A more detailed statement is contained in Table 1.

The lower split was below the required open out standard. Thickness was estimated at only 3 feet 11 inches and was separated from the upper split by 22 feet 1 inch of sediments which were almost entirely sandstone. No sample of the coal core from this split was analysed. Maximum overburden to the roof of the lower split would be approximately 112 feet.

Conclusions: Total open-cutable reserves for the whole of the Western Blook are assessed now as 212,000 long tons. The original recommendation to proceed with proving in the block is endorsed fully.

G.M. BURTON.

TABLE 1.

ANALYSES OF SEAR SAMPLES

Sample No.	Mines Dept. Analysis 1952/	Section Depths.	Estimated Coal Core Recovery#	H.M.	Vol.	F.C.	ash	Coke Nature	Ash Colour	SThUe/ 1b	Sands Excluded
/Bin18	957	7316" to 74143"	76	3.2	27.7	54.8	14.3	Ne	Gream	11,970	12" from 75'102"
/BMR18	958	74*45* to 76*5"	84	3.2	26.7	57.4	12.7	No	Cream	18,210	2" from 74° 35"
/BER18	959	76'5" to 77'65"	100	3.1	30.3	56.5	10.1	AW	Cream	12,570	· galacteristics
/BER18	960	77'6 to 79'11")	89	3.4	24.5	58.9	13.2	No	Gream	12,140	
/BMR18	961	79'11" to 81'5")		3.0	29.7	51.3	16.0	Af	Pink	11,740	

Coal sampled by W.A. McKinnon in the Bureau Field Laboratory and samples analysed by N.S.W. Dept. of Nines Laboratory, Sydney

BMR 18 Swansea (West Block) AND NUMBERS

COLLAR R.L. 281.1 ft. A.S. TPRO

BORE LOCATION S.W. Corner of Port 13 600 1530 ft.

15.4.1952 COMPLETED 17.4.1952

(Swansea North) REFERENCE PILE OR Supplement INFORMATION SOURCE Supplement No.C. Kones	ki			DING ER LEVEL			a	ISTRICT	Howeas	tle	D.M.E.	
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Area: Swansea Hole No.BMR 18 Elevation: 281.1' ASL. (West Block) Reference: BMR Records 1952/24 Datum: H.W.B. and Supplement 17.4.1952. Begun: 15.4.1952. Finished: Depth: 124'6" COAL DETAIL (1"-2") __STRATIGRAPHIC LOG (1"-10') 61 6" Sandstone 6' 6" 0 0 0 67 1 0" Conglomerate BThU/1b 730 8" Ash% 9월" 11,970 74' 32" 0 0 21 011 12.7 12,210 0 0 78 5" 10.1 12,570 771 62" 13.2 12,140 73 , 6" 0 Coal with sandstone and silt-79'11" 11" 16.0 11,740 stone bands. (see detail) 81 5." 81' 5" Siltstone 821 6" 0" Claystone 841 6 103' 6" 19! , 0" Sandstone Coal, dull with frequent siltstone bands. 105' 6" 3'11" (see detail) 3' 11" 107 5 .21 Ou Clayey shale 109' 5" 1" 107' 5" 121 Sandstone 34 / 0" Siltstone 124 56

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