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0-8 feet - Ochreous sandstone, consisting almost entirely of coarse to fine angular quartz grains.

8-11 feet - Ochreous sandstone, consisting of quartz grains and pebbles also particles of grey clay.

11-12 feet - Grey, gritty clay, with fine angular quartz grains and clay particles.

12-26 feet - Quartz sand, consisting of coarse to fine angular grains.

26-34 feet - Lignitic shale, containing fragments of carbonaceous material, foraminifera, bryozoa and ostracoda.

Foraminifera - Bulimina aculeata, Bolivina sp., Globigerina trilobus, Globorotalia cf. fimbriata, Spirillina decorata, Planulina wuellerstorfi, Gibicides ungerianus, G. cf. pseudoungerianus, Discorbis sp., Nonion umbilicatum, Elphidium crespinae.

Bryozoa - Adeonellopsis sp.

Ostracoda - Atrypa clavata, Alatocythere preantiarctica

34-38 feet - Lignite, containing fragments of carbonaceous material, angular to subangular quartz grains, ? resin and foraminifera (Elphidium crespinae).

38-48 feet - Bauxitic clay.

50-83 feet - Bauxite.

No. 27 Bore, Hirboo North, is one of a series of bores being drilled in that area to prove the extent of the bauxite deposits.

From the surface down to the depth of 26 feet, the bore passes through sands and sandstones, which are Post Pliocene in age. Ligneous shale and lignite are present from 26 feet down to 38 feet. The sample from 26 to 34 feet contains several small foraminifera and ostracoda, with small fragments of bryozoa. One foraminifer is present in the sample 34 to 38 feet. The forms referable to those recorded from similar beds underlying the marine sediments in bores east and south-east of Sale. The present discovery of marine influence in the lignitic beds overlying the bauxite deposits at Hirboo North is probably the first west of Sale, for, as far as is known, these beds have not been previously examined microscopically for evidence of such an influence. Lignitic beds have been proved by boring, to extend as far west as Noo, but it is understood they have not been recorded as far to the south-west as Hirboo North.

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