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INTRODUCTION TO THE GEOLOGY OF THE
NOLANS BORE REE/P/U DEPOSIT

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NOLANS BORE EXPLORATION

ARAFURA RESOURCES NL 1999-2006

- 1999 - COMPREHENSIVE SURFACE CHIP SAMPLING - 32 SAMPLES AVERAGE ABOUT 7% TOTAL REE
- 2000 - 890 M OF COSTEANING AND 9 PITS, MAPPING & SAMPLING
- 2001 - 856 M OF RC DRILLING IN 12 RC HOLES. MAX 96 M EOH.
- 2004 – 1525 M OF RC DRILLING IN 20 HOLES AND 571 M CORE DRILLING IN 5 HOLES (INCL NTGS CORE HOLE). MAX 120 M EOH.
- 2005 – 7532 M RC DRILLING IN 58 HOLES AND 1038 M CORE DRILLING IN 12 HOLES (INCLUDING EXTENSIONS). MAX 241 M EOH.
- 2005 – GEOLOGICAL MAPPING 3 KM RADIUS
- 2006 – 3500 M RC DRILLING PROGRAM CURRENTLY UNDERWAY

NOLAN'S BORE IDENTIFIED MINERAL RESOURCES

21/11/05 (JORC Compliant)

	MT	REO%	REO (kt)	P₂O₅%	U₃O₈ lb/t
High grade	3.9	4.4	174	18.3	0.70
Medium grade	6.6	2.4	158	11.1	0.37
Total Indicated	10.5	3.1	332	13.8	0.50
Total Inferred	8.1	3.0	245	14.3	0.43
TOTAL	18.6	3.1	577	14.0	0.47

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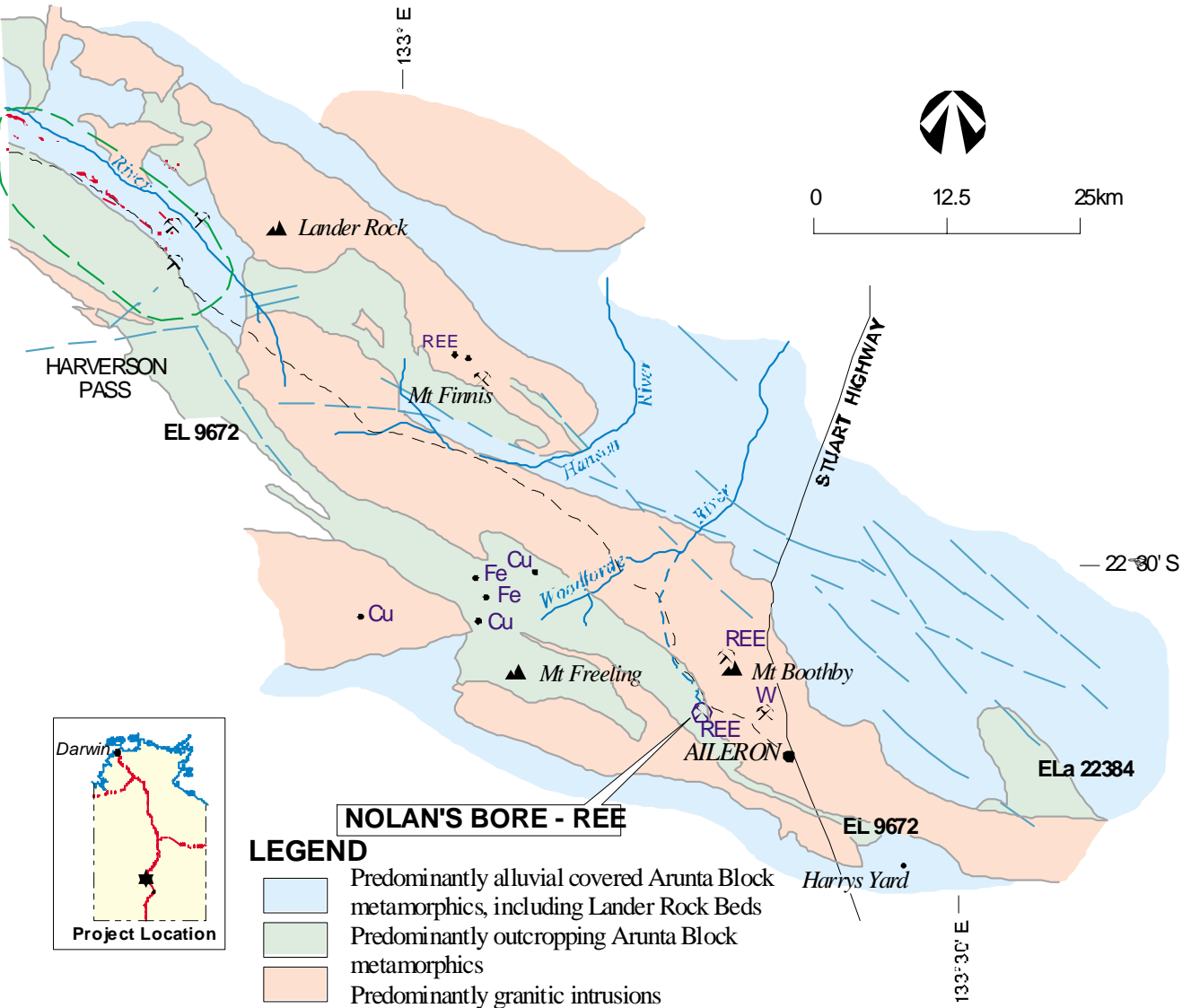
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NOLANS BORE REGIONAL GEOLOGY

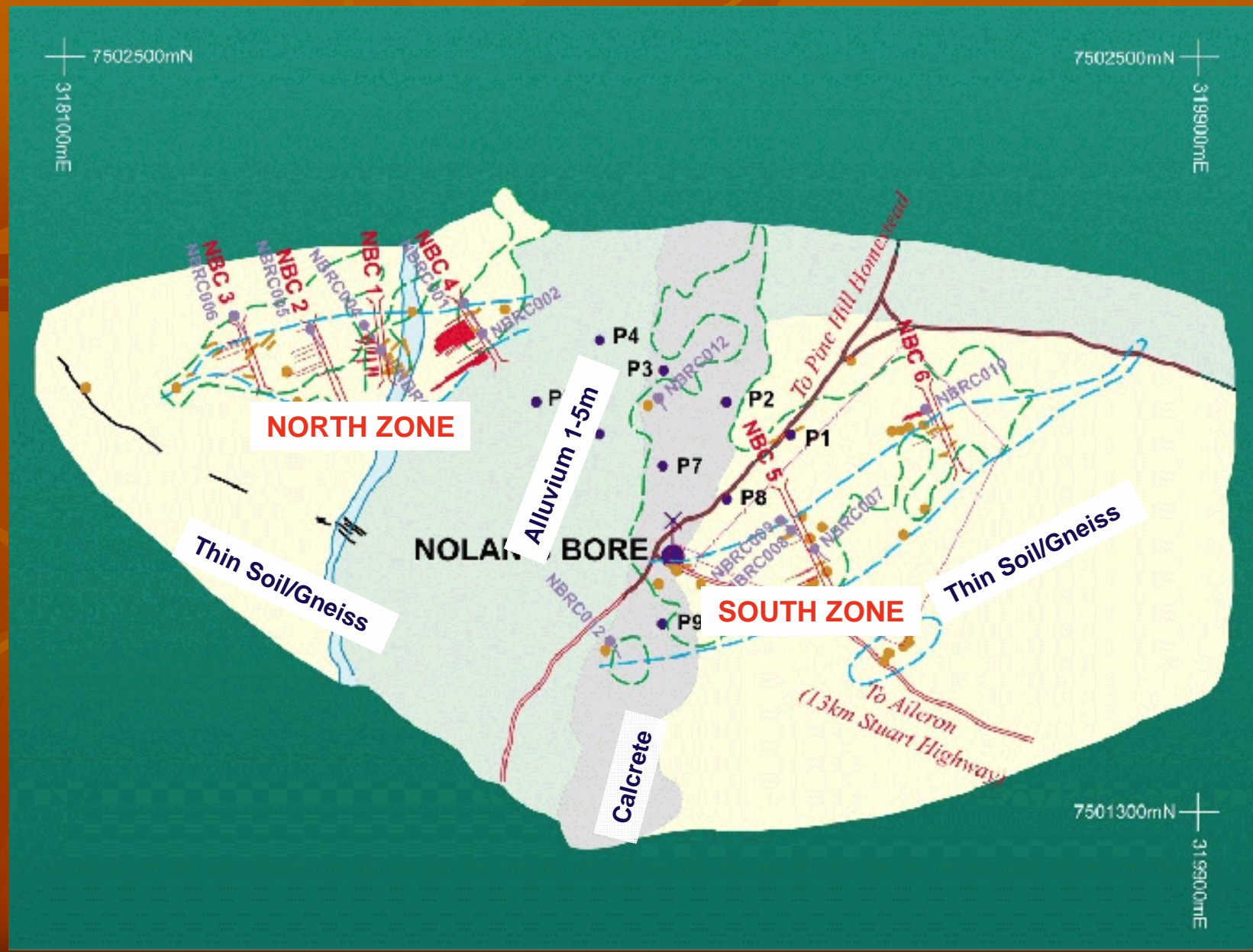


NOLAN'S BORE - REE

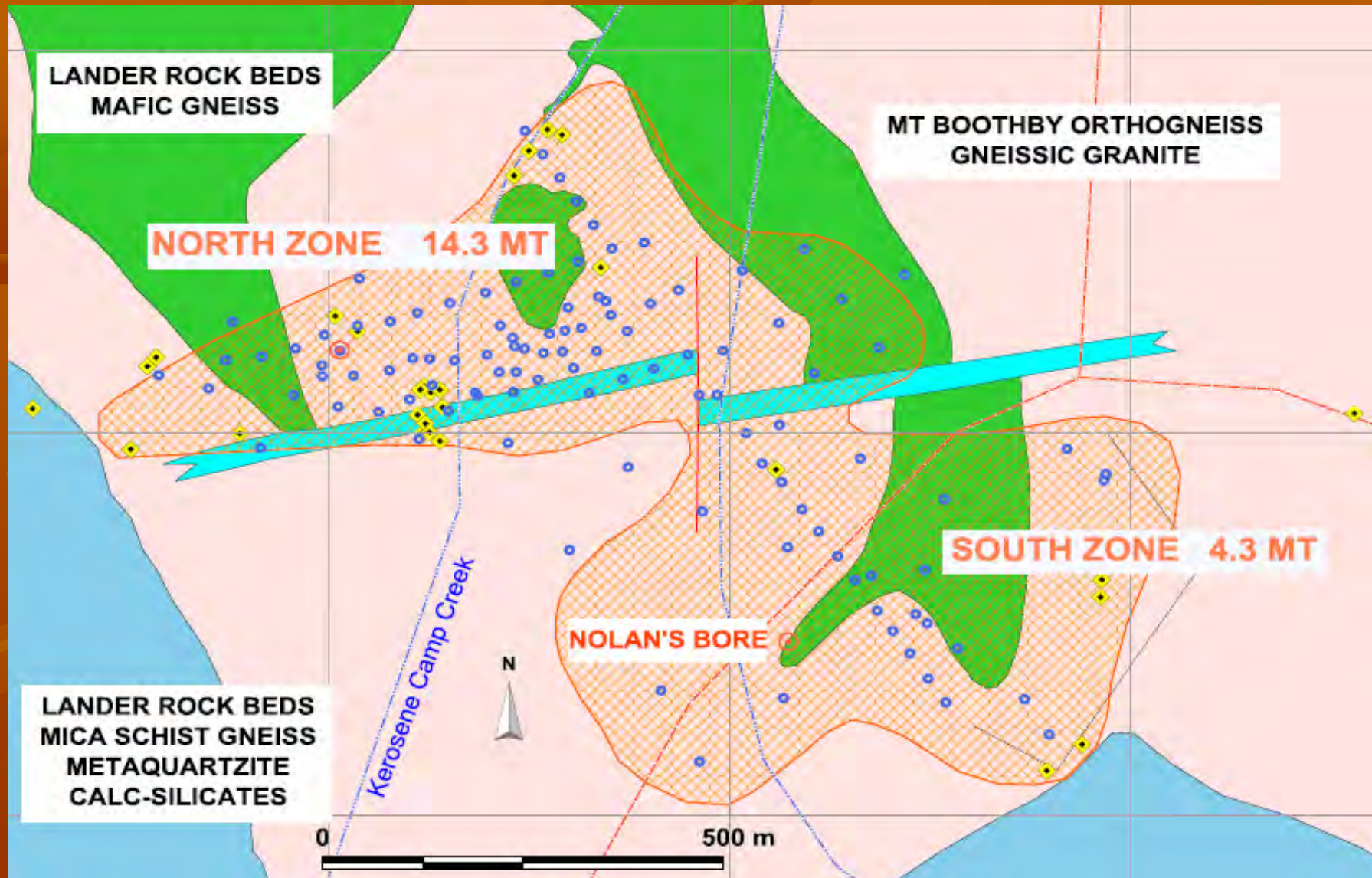
LEGEND

- Predominantly alluvial covered Arunta Block metamorphics, including Lander Rock Beds
- Predominantly outcropping Arunta Block metamorphics
- Predominantly granitic intrusions

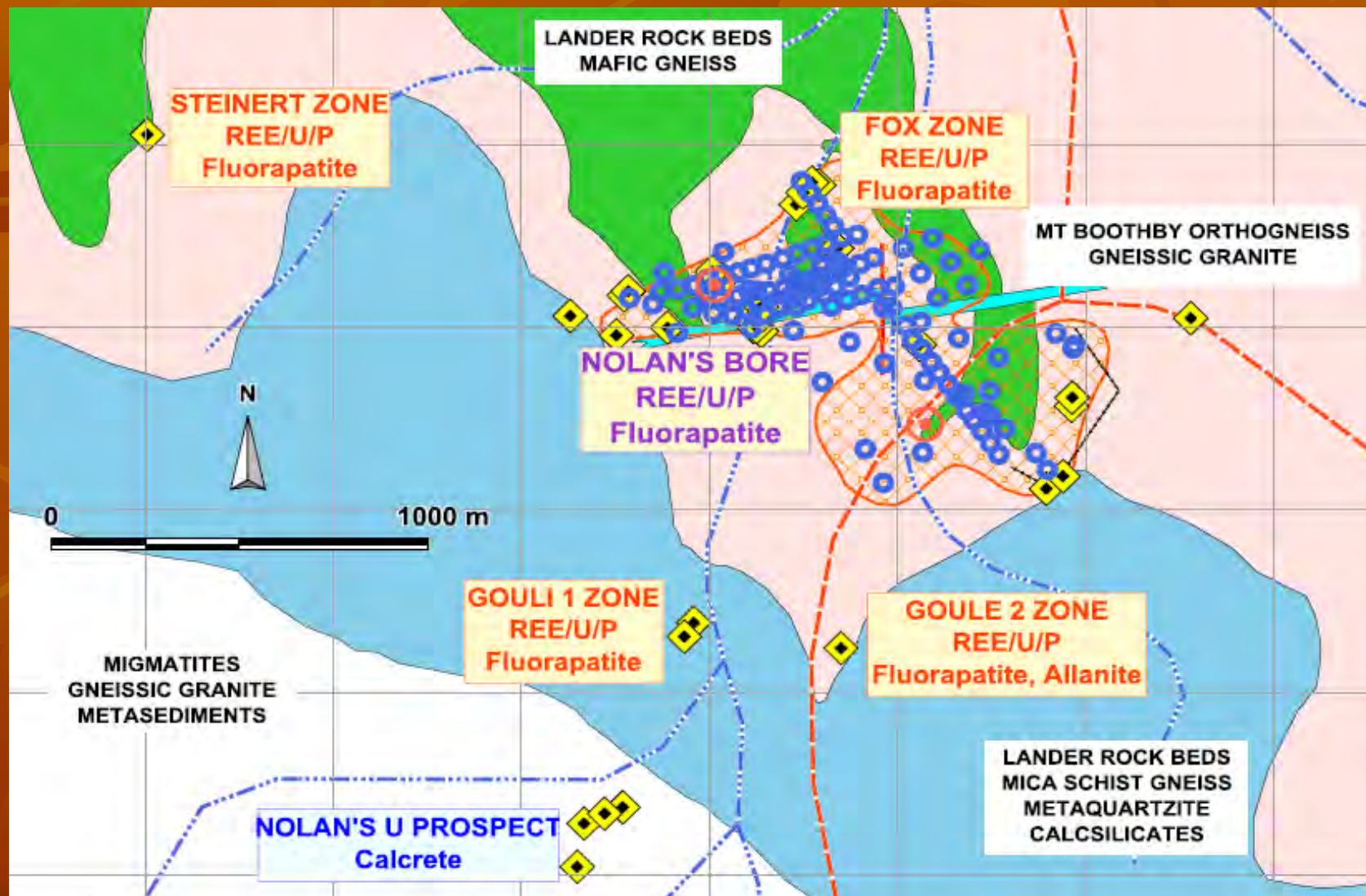
NOLANS BORE SURFACE GEOLOGY



NOLAN'S BORE BASEMENT GEOLOGY



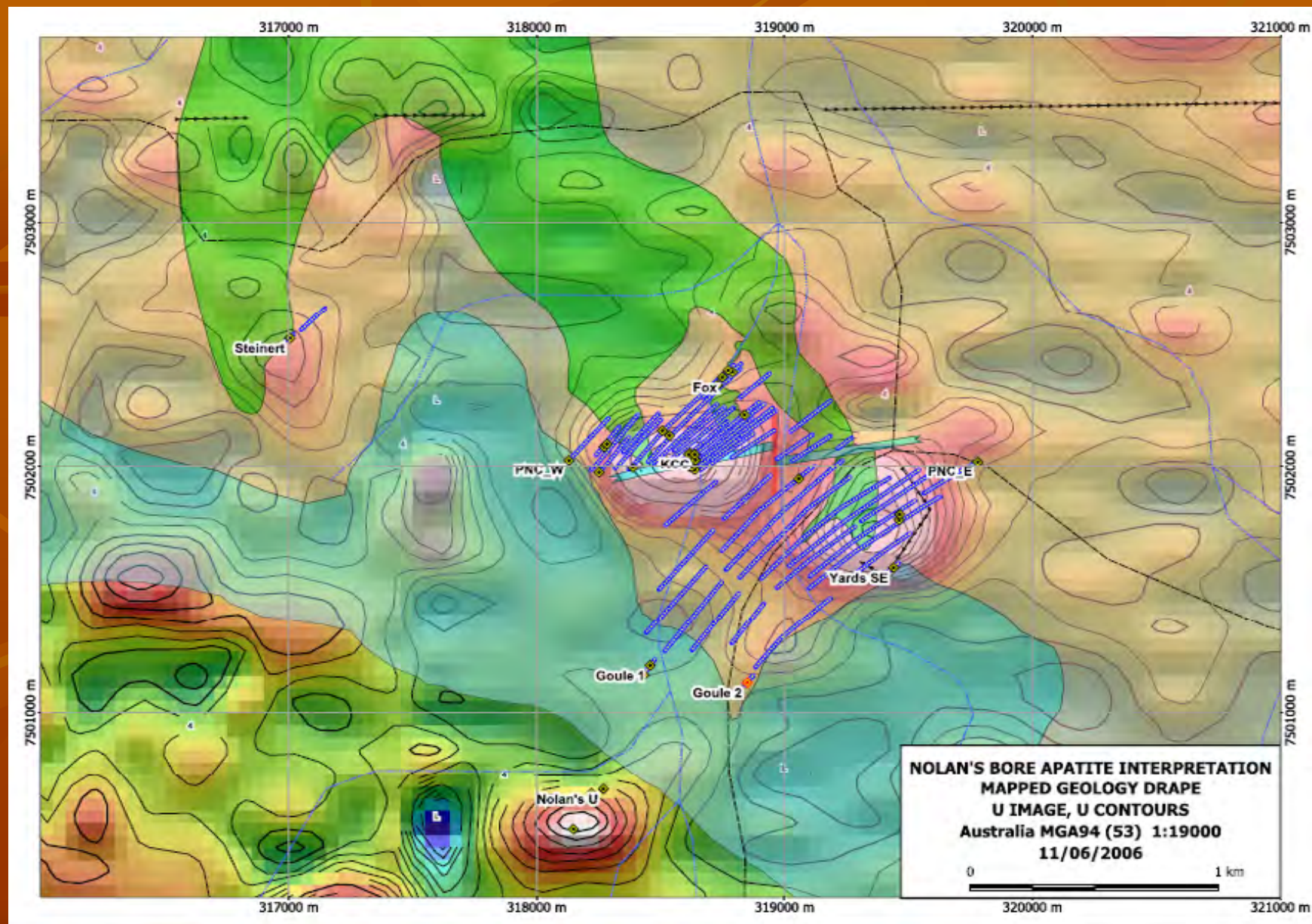
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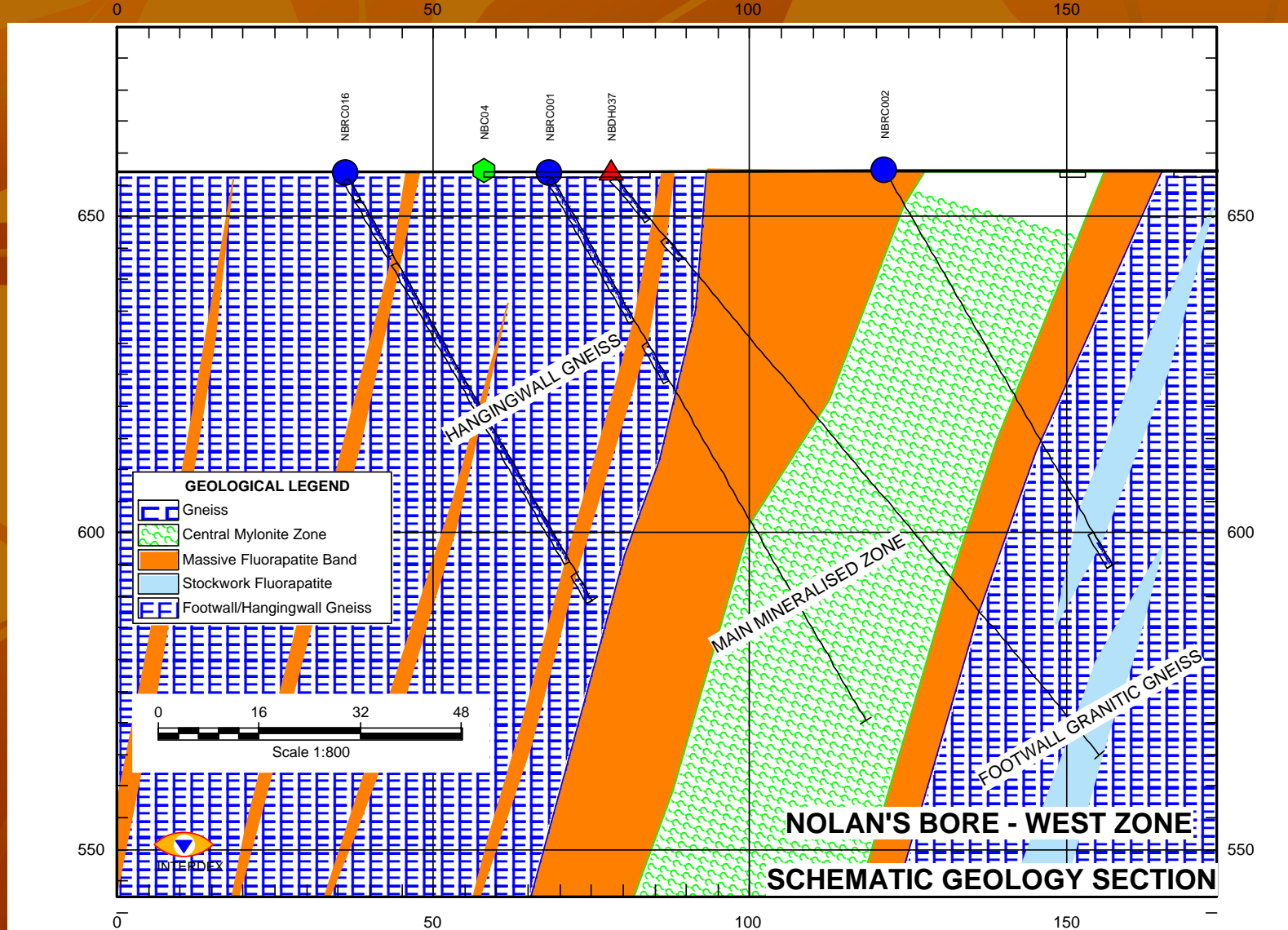
NOLAN'S BORE RESOURCE ZONES AND LOCAL PROSPECTS (View to SW)



NOLAN'S BORE INTERP FAP BANDS



NOLAN'S BORE SCHEMATIC INTERPRETATION NORTH ZONE



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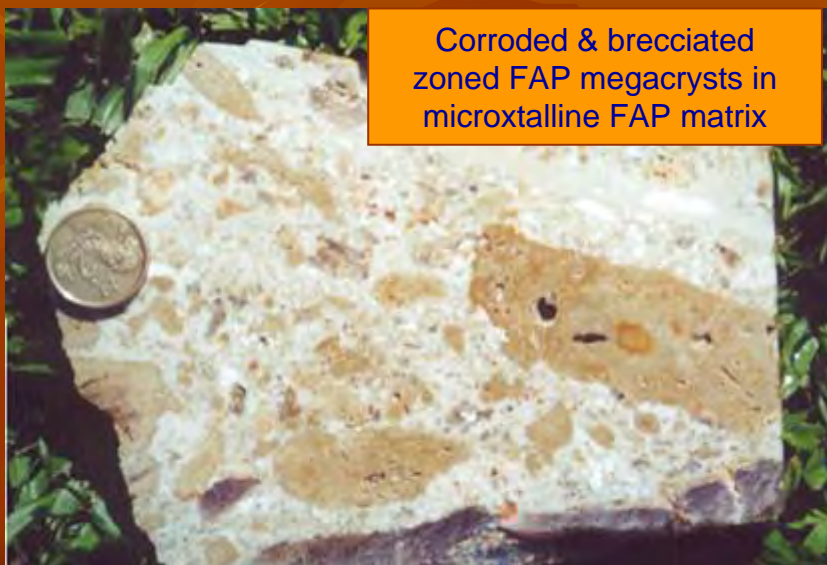
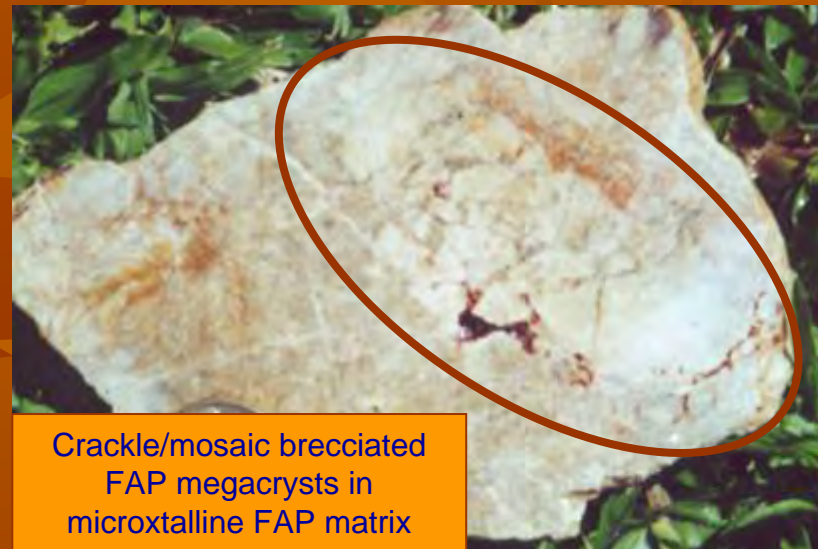
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Discovery Outcrops



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Meso-textures I



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Meso-textures II



Euhedral & anhedral FAP megacrysts
AND unicastalline breccia clasts in
microxtalline FAP matrix



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Stockwork veins & alteration



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Main Mineral Zone - Massive Fluorapatite



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Main Mineralised Zone - Mylonite
Stockwork Fluorapatite, Kaolinised Mylonite



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Footwall Gneiss - Stockwork Fluorapatite

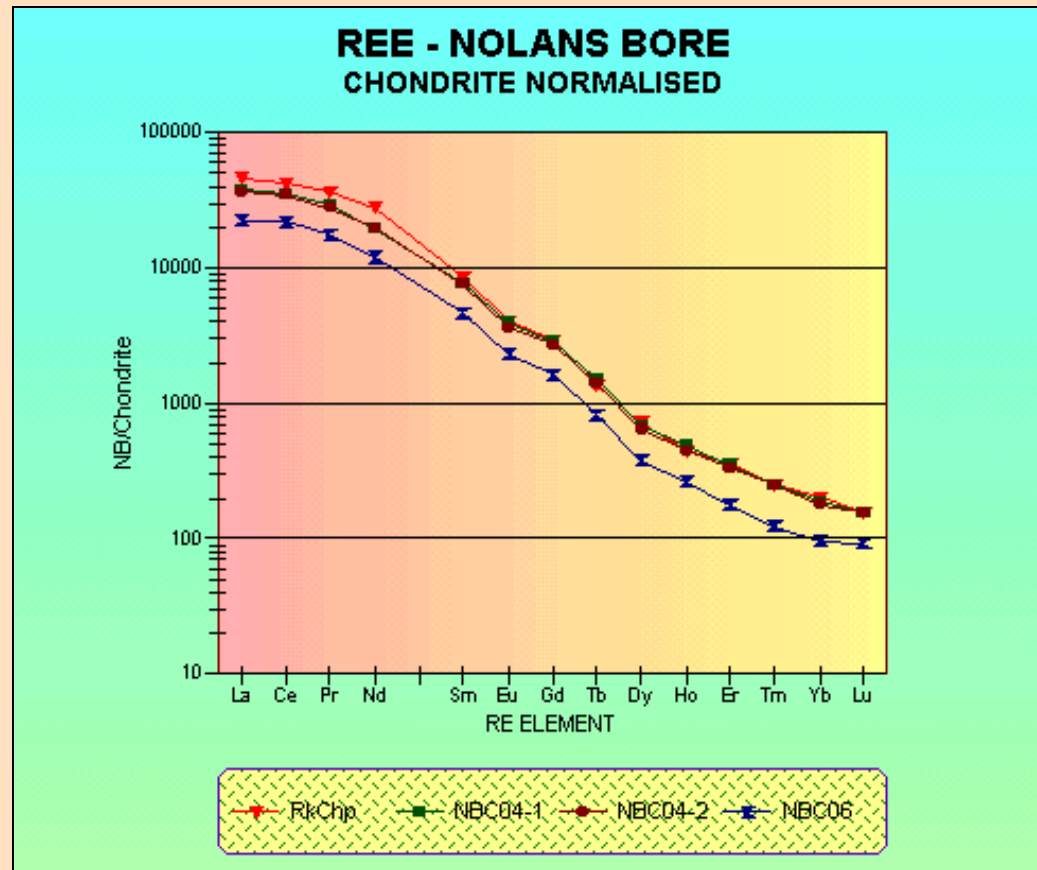


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Hanging Wall Gneiss - Fluorapatite Bands



NOLANS BORE FLUORAPATITE LREE Enrichment



RkChp Average of 32 surface rock chip samples, 1999

NBC04-1 Length weighted average 35.1-69.5 metres (34.4 metres) costean NBC04, 2000

NBC04-2 Length weighted average 95-109 metres (14 metres) costean NBC04, 2000

NBC06 Length weighted average 31.8-41 metres (9.2 metres) costean NBC06, 2000

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REE Comparisons

COMPARATIVE RARE EARTH CONTENTS OF SELECTED DEPOSITS

(100% REO BASIS)

	NB-Ap %/TotalOx	KHB-Ap %/TotalOx	MP-Bas %/TotalOx	BO-Bas %/TotalOx	WA-Mon %/TotalOx	MW-Mon %/TotalOx
Ce	47.77	45.00	49.10	50.00	46.00	51.00
Dy	0.34	1.10	tr	0.10	0.70	0.20
Er	0.11	0.20	tr	0.20	0.20	0.40
Eu	0.45	0.55	0.10	tr	0.05	0.20
Gd	1.15	2.00	0.20	0.70	1.49	1.00
Ho	0.05	0.10	tr	tr	0.05	0.10
La	19.51	27.00	33.20	23.00	23.90	26.00
Lu	0.01		tr	tr	tr	tr
Nd	20.55	14.50	12.00	18.50	17.40	15.00
Pr	5.98	5.00	4.34	6.20	5.00	4.00
Sm	2.45	1.50	0.80	0.80	2.53	1.80
Tb	0.11	0.15	tr	0.10	0.35	0.10
Tm	0.01		tr	tr	0.04	tr
Yb	0.06	0.10	tr	tr	0.10	0.10
Y	1.45	3.00	0.10	tr	2.40	tr
Sum	100	100	100	100	100	100

NB - Nolans Bore

KHB - Khibini, Russia

Ap - Apatite

MP - Mountain Pass, California, USA

Bas - Bastnasite

BO - Bayan Obo, Inner Mongolia, China

Mon - Monazite

WA - Nth Capel, Western Australia

MW - Mt Weld, Western Australia

NOLANS BORE GEOLOGY I

- REE MINERALISATION IS IN TWO DISCRETE ZONES
 - NORTH ZONE 900x350 M
 - SOUTH ZONE 1000x700 METRES
- CENTRAL PART OF DEPOSIT COVERED BY 500 METRE WIDE BELT OF CALCRETE AND ALLUVIUM (PALAEOCHANNEL)
- SWARMS OF FLUORAPATITE BANDS (?VEINS/?DYKES) HOST MOST OF THE REE MINERALISATION IN EACH ZONE
- FLUORAPATITE BANDS ARE 0.5-35 METRES THICK, 10s TO 100s OF METRES LONG & EXTEND >200 METRES BELOW THE SURFACE
- MASSIVE FLUORAPATITE BANDS DIP 60-80 DEGREES NW
- LESSER FLUORAPATITE MINERALISATION OCCURS IN IRREGULAR STOCKWORK VEINS IN MYLONITE ZONE AND FOOTWALL GNEISSIC GRANITE
- HOST ROCKS INCLUDE GNEISSIC GRANITE (MT BOOTHBY ORTHOGNEISS), FELSIC AND MAFIC GNEISS (LANDER ROCK BEDS), GRANITE/PEGMATITE, MYLONITE

NOLANS BORE GEOLOGY II

Mineralisation

- HIGH REE GRADE (7-9% REE) & LOW U GRADE (0.05-0.06% U) CONFIRMED IN ALL FLUORAPATITE BANDS
- FLUORAPATITE IS VERY COARSELY CRYSTALLINE AND BRECCIATED IN MOST, IF NOT ALL, BANDS
- SOME BANDS DISPLAY A 'PORPHYRITIC' TEXTURE WITH EUHEDRAL FLUORAPATITE MEGACRYSTS TO 10 CM IN MICROCRYSTALLINE FLUORAPATITE MATRIX
- 25-30% OF REE HOSTED IN FLUORAPATITE, 65-70% BY CHERALITE MICROVEINLETS IN FLUORAPATITE, 5% BY MASSIVE CHERALITE ZONES (?VEINS, SHEARS)
- THE REEs ARE DOMINATED BY Ce La Nd and Pr (LREE ENRICHED) - THESE COMPRISE ABOUT 94% OF TOTAL REE

NOLANS BORE GEOLOGY III

Fluorapatite Relationships

- MASSIVE FLUORAPATITE BANDS DISPLAY SHARP CURVILINEAR CONTACTS WITH HOST ROCKS
- MASSIVE FLUORAPATITE DYKES DISPLAY NO INTERNAL ZONING AND NO MINERAL ALIGNMENT
- FLUORAPATITE TRANSGRESSES METAMORPHIC FABRIC IN HOST ROCKS - FABRIC DIPS STEEPLY NNE
- STRONGEST FLUORAPATITE DEVELOPMENTS ARE SPATIALLY ASSOCIATED KAOLINISED N-DIPPING MYLONITE ZONE
- FLUORAPATITE VEINS/BANDS TRANSGRESS MYLONITE TREND AND FOLIATION
- FLUORAPATITE MINERALISATION AND ASSOCIATED ALTERATION OCCURS IN LATE GRANITIC PEGMATITES

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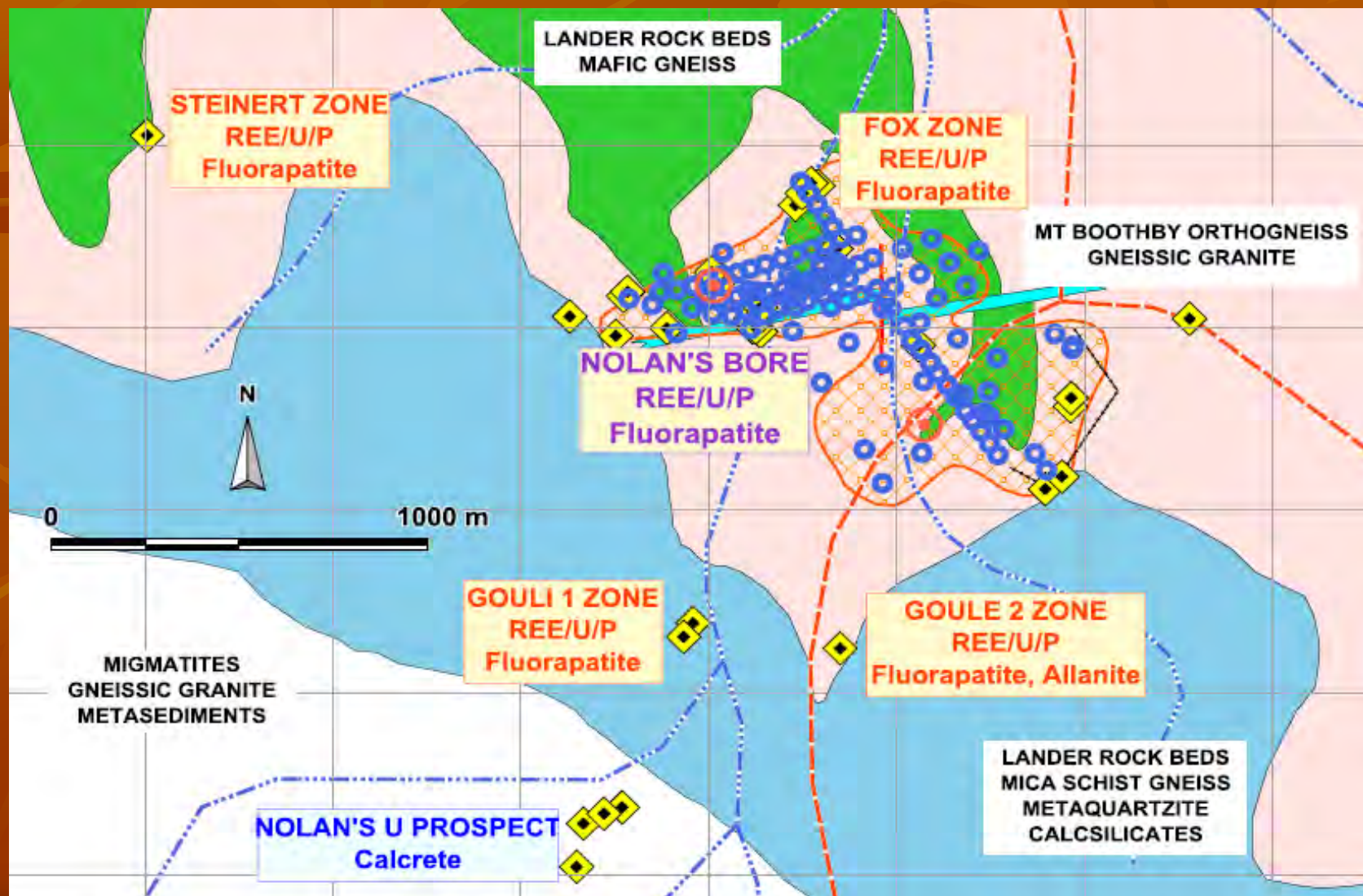
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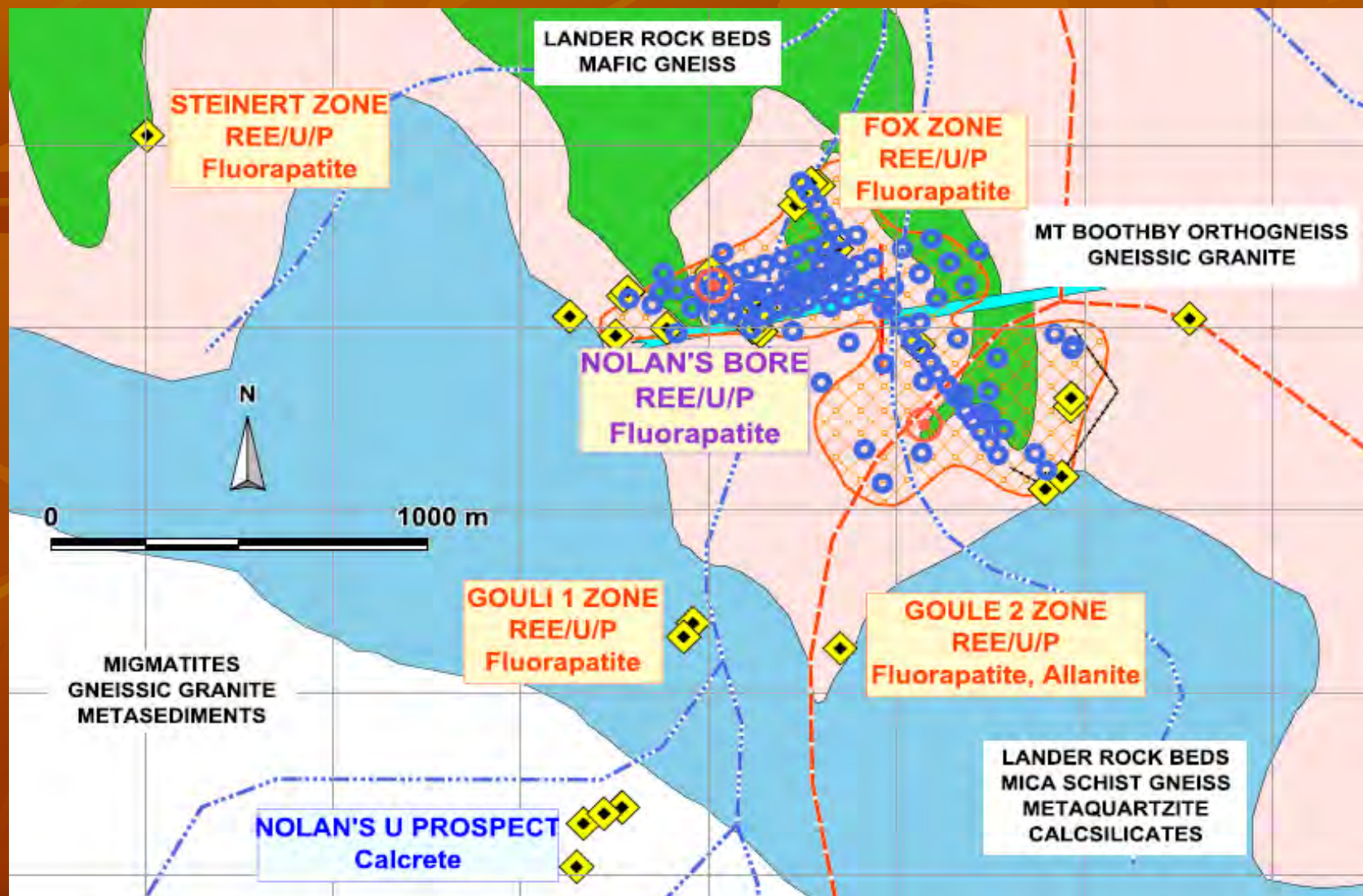


NOLANS BORE HOST ROCKS I

Gneissic granite – Mt Boothby Orthogneiss



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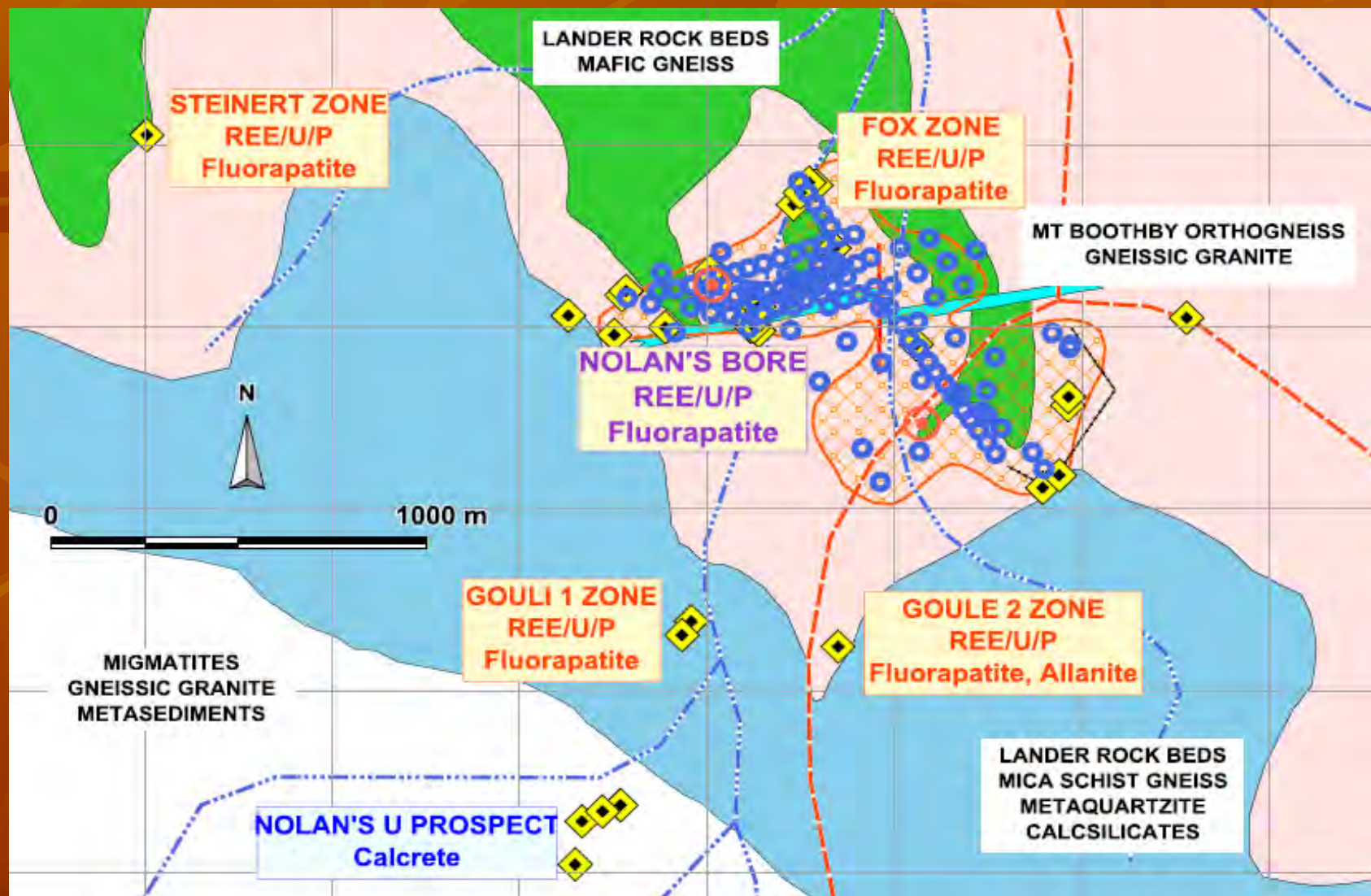
NOLANS BORE HOST ROCKS II

Cordierite-Magnetite Psammopelitic Gneiss

Lander Rock Beds (North)



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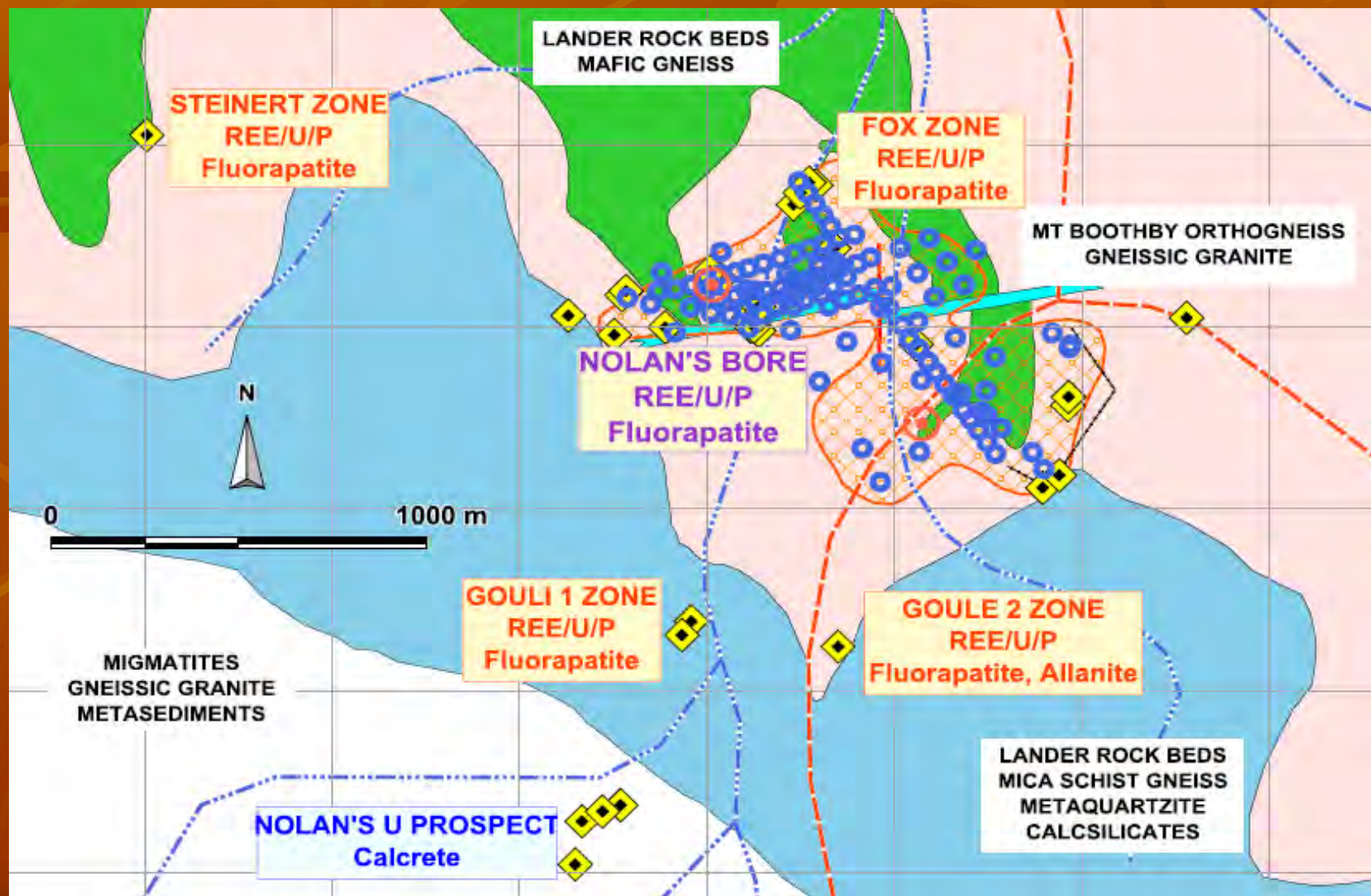
NOLANS BORE HOST ROCKS III

Mica Schist & Gneiss, Quartzite

Lander Rock Beds (South)



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NOLANS BORE HOST ROCKS IV

Southern Migmatite gneiss – ?Napperby Gneiss



NOLANS BORE HOST ROCKS V

Granitic Pegmatite



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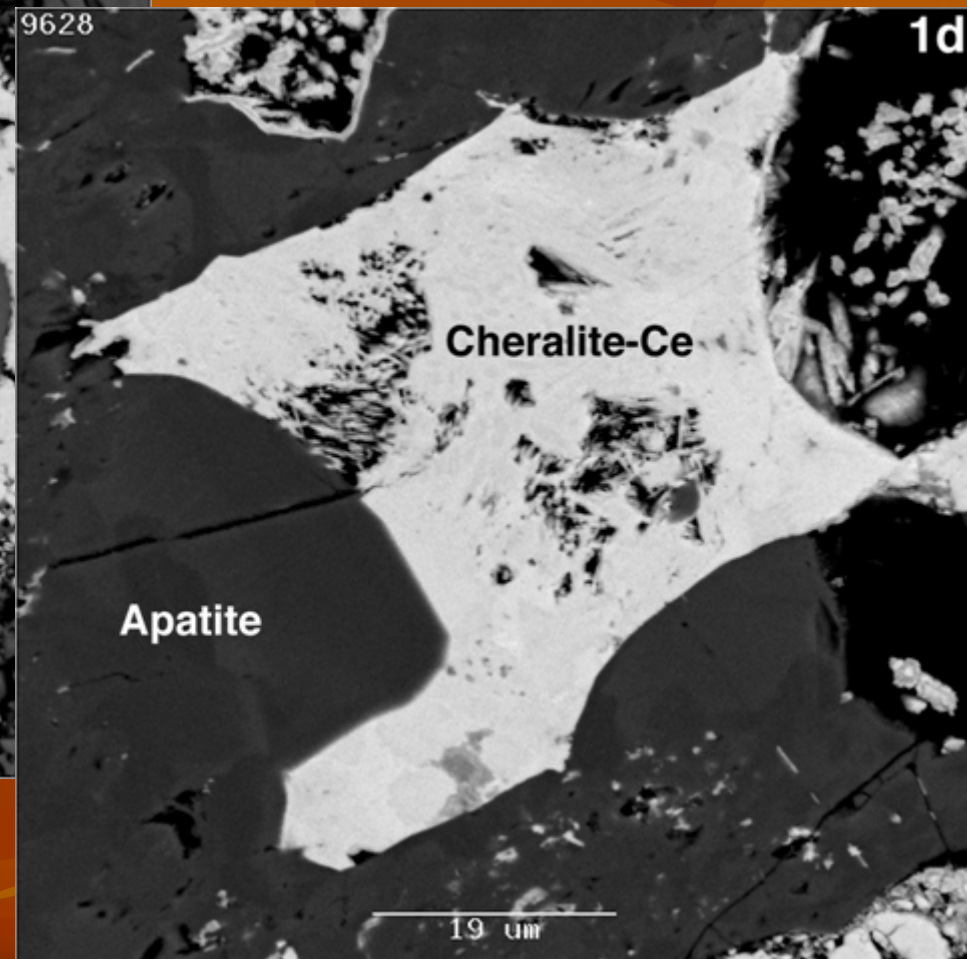
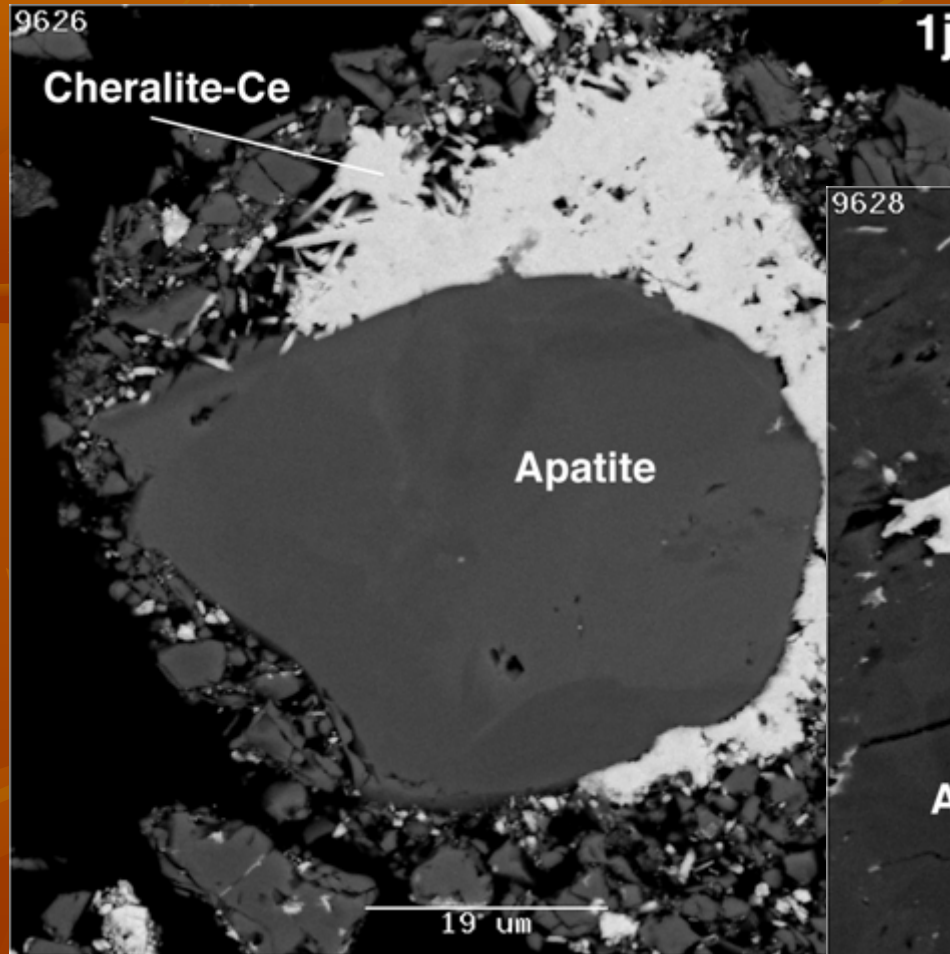
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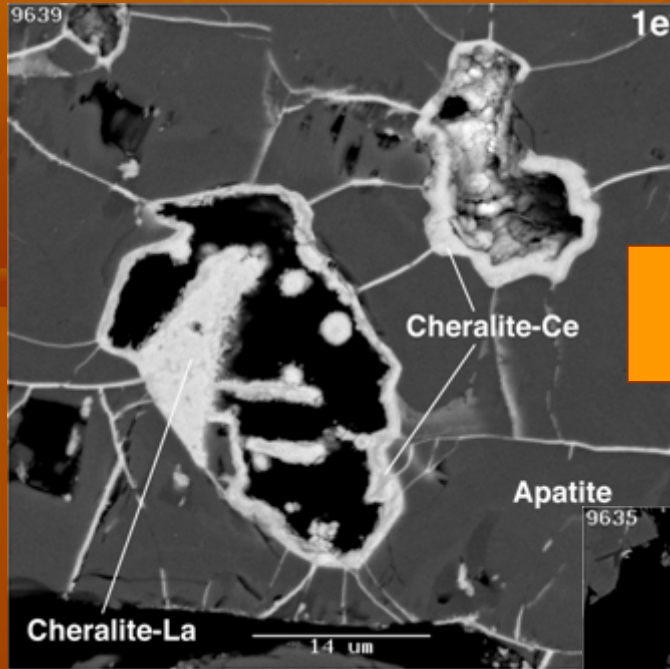
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SEM Micro-textures I – Fluorapatite variations

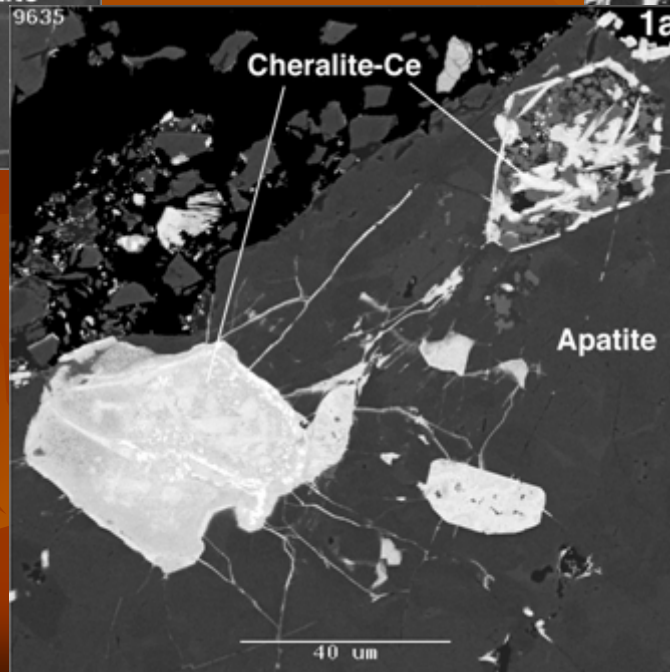
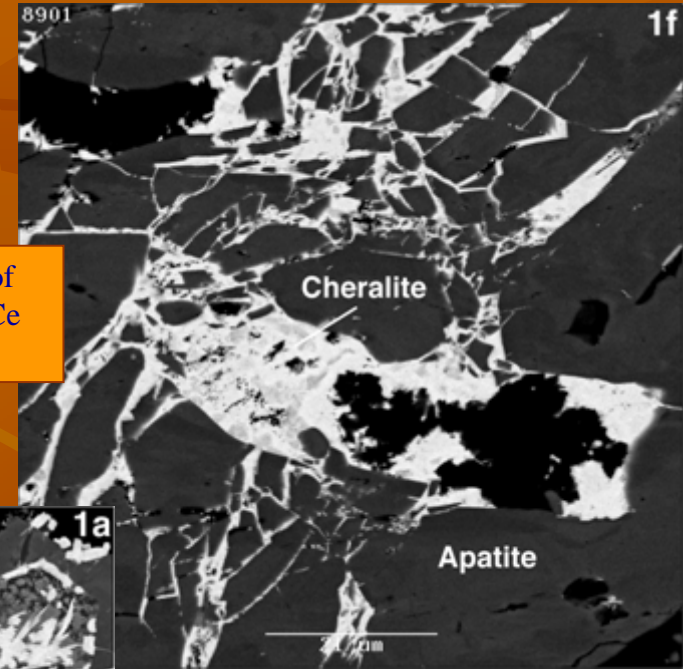


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SEM Micro-textures II – Fluorapatite Brecciation

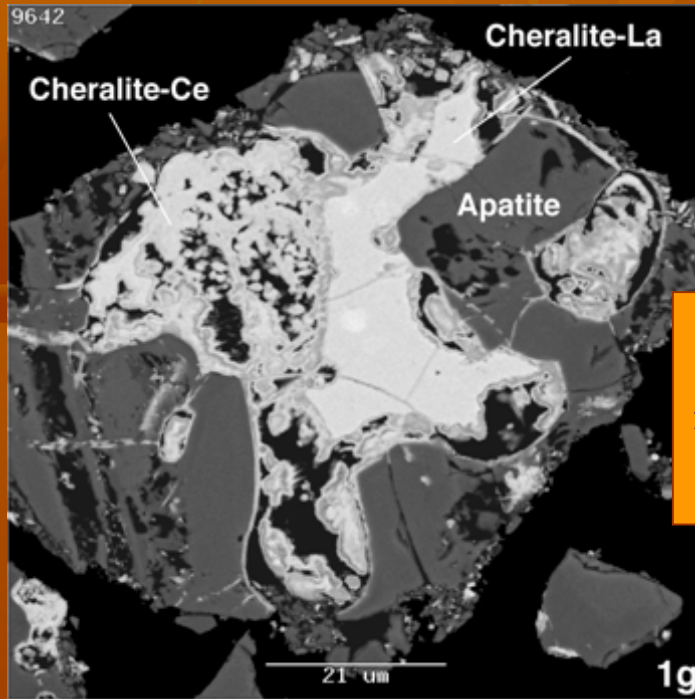


Crackle/mosaic/rubble brecciation of fluorapatite with infill by cheralite-Ce and cheralite-La

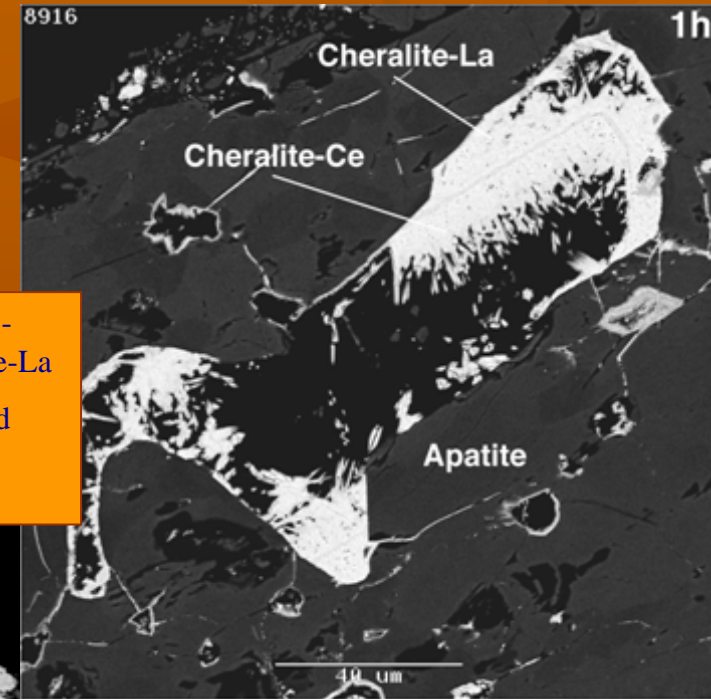


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SEM Micro-textures III – Cheralite-Ce/La

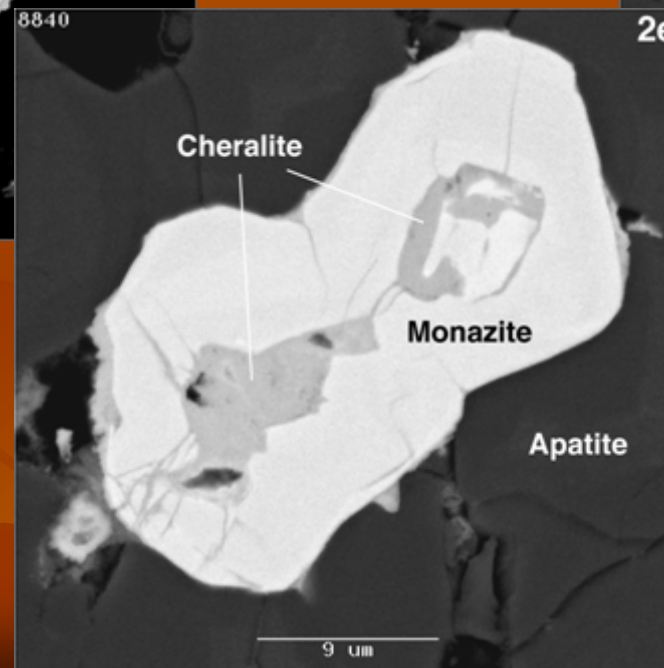
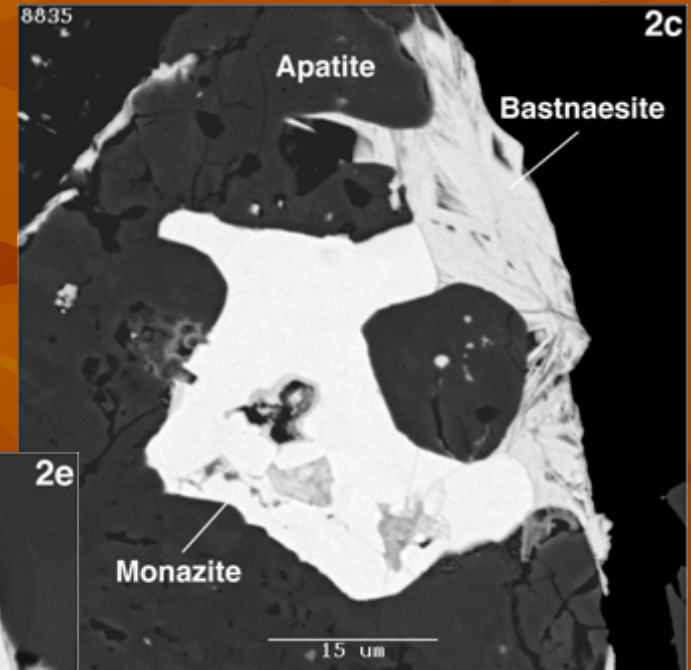
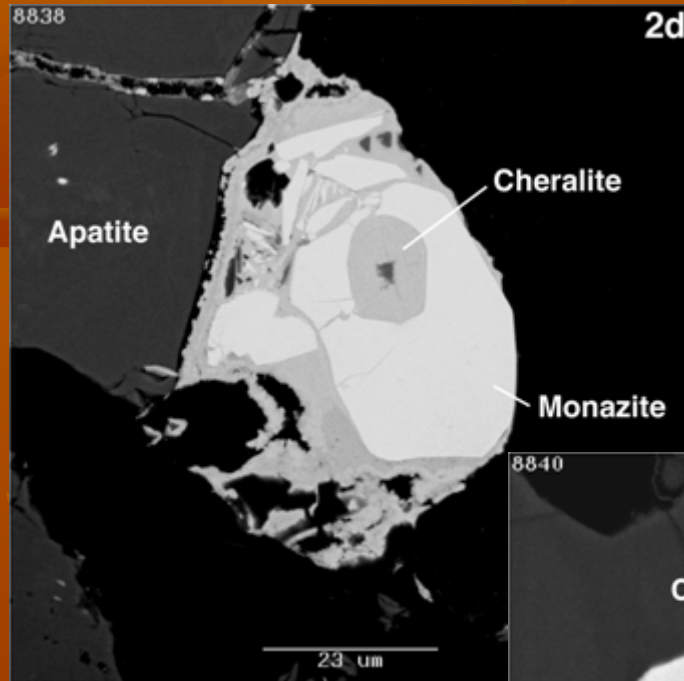


1. Corrosion of fluorapatite - infill by massive cheralite-La
2. Corrosion of cheralite and fluorapatite - infill by colloform cheralite-Ce



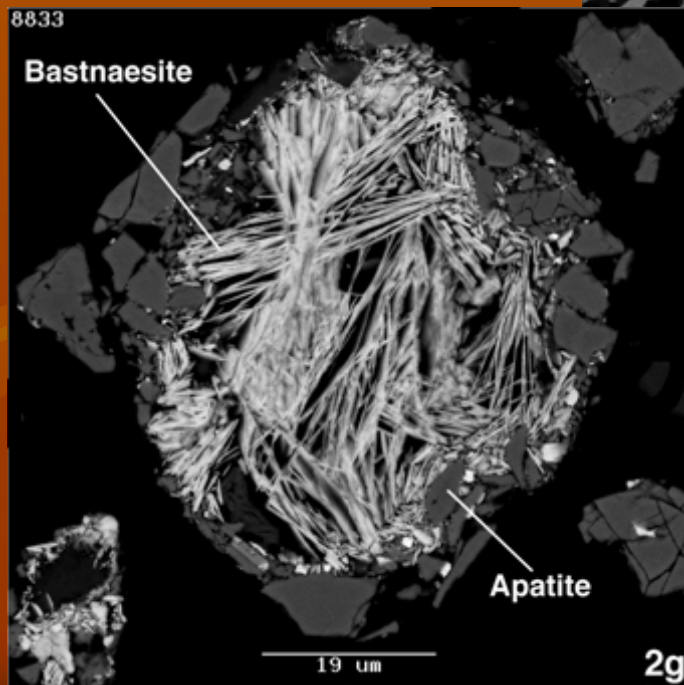
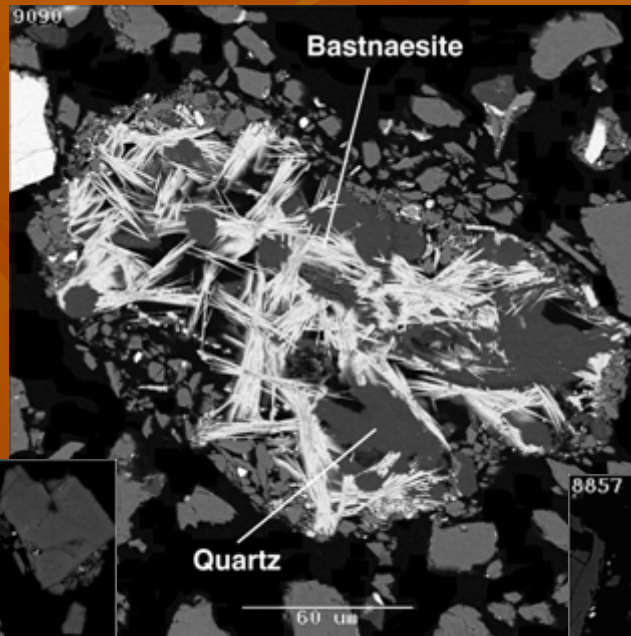
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SEM Micro-textures IV - Monazite



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SEM Micro-textures V- Bastnaesite



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