ESSO NAUTILUS A-1

## FINAL COMPLETION REPORT

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## [. SUMMARY

(a) Drilling

This well was drilled in Victorian waters approximately 35 miles off Warrnambool, Victoria and 28 miles off the nearest land. The well drilled in 327 feet of water was spudded at 0700 hours 13 April 1968 . The well was abandoned at a depth of 6597 feet at 0800 hours 10 May 1968. This was a total of 27.04 days from spud or 30.53 days from rig release on Prawn A-1-C. The Ocean Digger was towed from the Prawn location, a distance of approximately 54 miles , in 15.25 hours using the Smit-Lloyd 12 and 14. The first anchor was dropped on the Nautilus location at 2100 hours on 11 April 1968.

The Smit-Lloyd work boats supplied the rig from the Portland terminal approximately 60 miles away. Helicopter operations were based at the Warrnambool airport 43 miles distant. Bell 47 J helicopters were utilized. As many as three helicopters were used to make crew changes but adverse flying conditions necessitated two crew changes by boat.

Down time was cut to a minimum on the Nautilus location, with only 4.25 hours spent on rig repair, 16.74 hours spent waiting on weather and 24.00 hours on repairs to the under sea gear. Twenty. seven hours were lost in restoring the location marker buoys on the Nautilus location. The location buoys originally installed were lost in the storm which caused considerable delay in the abandonment of Prawn A-1-C. There were no significant delays directly attributable to the Cameron sub sea gear on this location, although 36.75 hours were spent trying to obtain a seal on the $133 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ hanger and seal assembly, and subsequent tests on the $133 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ casing for possible collapse due to failure of the seal assembly. Modification to the riser slings amounted to another 1.50 hours downtime.

## (b) Geological

The Nautilus A-1 exploratory test was drilled to test a discrete "fan shaped wedge" which was believed to be lower 0ligocene in age and from amplitude and frequency, seismic character was believed to contain an interbedded sandshale sequence.

At the anticipated interval of this "fan-shaped wedge", the Nautilus A-1 drill encountered a hard, grey to dark grey brown, skeletal limestone interbedded with dark grey, hard, calcareous shale. The presence of up to $20 \%$ sponge spicules for most of this intierval of interest is the only unique geologic occurrence noted which would serve to differentiate the so-called "fan-shaped wedge" from the sediments above and below. Therewere no coarse clastics in the zone of interest, and likewise no effective porosity or permeability was observed.

Nautilus A-1 probably penetrated Miocene Port Campbell Limestone at $420^{\prime}$ (sea floor depth). Samples were not recovered until depth 1000', so that the Port Campbell Limestone is known to extend from $1000^{\prime}$ to $1250^{\prime}$. The Miocene-Oligocene Gellibrand Marl Equivalent extends from $1250^{\circ}$ to $5653^{\prime}$ and although marly at the top, becomes mainly micritic limestone and shale in the lower part. The top of the Oligocene is placed at $4500^{\prime}$ on the basis of the attached micropaleontological report and does not represent a perceptable change in lithology.

A poorly developed Basal Tertiary Sand was noted from 5653' to 5720'. This sand could represent the basal Paleocene Pebble Point Formation, but is more likely to be the basinal edge of the Eocene (Mepunga formation) sand as known in Port Campbell area.

## II. INTRODUCTION

(a) Concept of the Prospect

The concept of the prospect was for a discrete and local wedge of sediments, thought to be of Lower Dligocene age, to pinch out updip against older and more regionally distributed basin margin deposits. Numerous reflection events of high amplitude within the wedge indicated the presence of many acoustic boundaries which were thought to be from interbedded sands and shales.

Above and below the wedge widely spaced low amplitude reflection events indicated enclosure by more homogeneous rocks, probably fine grained, transgressive sediments.,

The Nautilus A-1 was designed to test the updip edge of this geologically unique wedge of sediments.
(b) Structure

The Nautilus A-1 was located on a small Tertiary structure near the up dip end of the-"fan shaped" wedge. (See structure maps; Nautilus A-1, Subsidy Request).
Structure contours on the top of the "fan-shaped" wedge show regional northwest-southeast strike with a southwest dip of 150 feet per mile. There is 100 to 130 feet of closure on this 15 square mile area of minor Tertiary structure. The Nautilus A-1 location was designed to test the structural high crest as well as the depositional thick. The structural high reflected on the top of the wedge is carried on through the wedge on individual beds; the structure on the base of the wedge is complicated by erosional topography.

There are three large channel systems which appeared on seismic to erode into, or through, the "fan-shaped" wedge. They were designated the East Channel, Central Channel and the West Channel. These Channels were outlined and described in the Application for Subsidy, Nautilus A-1.

The East Channel, which is the nearest to the Nautilus prospect, cuts a minimum 500 feet into the top of the 'fan-shaped' wedge. An updip seal for the Nautilus prospect was provided in part by the pinchout of the wedge unit, but mainly by proposed tight channel facies. The Marlin Field in the Gippsland area owes most of its trapping mechanism to such a subsurface channel. Using a minimum channel depth of 500 feet there are 77 square miles of closure with an average of 300 feet vertical section, available at the Nautilus prospect.

## III. WELL HISTORY

1. General Data
(a) Well Name and Number:
(b) Name and Address of Operator:
(c) Name and Address of Tenement Holder:
(d) Details of Petroleum Tenement:
(e) District:

Esso Nautilus A-1
Esso Exploration \& Production (Australia) Inc. G.P.O. Box 4249 , Sydney, N.S.W.

Hematite Explorations Pty, Ltd, 440 Collins Street Melbourne, Victoria.

PEP-49 issued by the State of Victoria covering an area of 1,690 square miles, Farmed in by Esso Exploration (Australia) Inc. from Hematite Exploration Pty. Ltd,

Otway - Offshore S.W. Victorin
(f) Location:

Latitude $38^{\circ} 58^{\prime} 40.972$ South
Longitude $142^{\circ} 32 \prime 45.744$ East
At shot point 6550, Line EP-22.
Zone 6
(g) Elevation Permanent Datum:
(h) Total Depth:

Mean sea level
Kelly Bushing 93 feet above mean sea level.
(i) Date Drilling Commenced:
(j) Date Drilling Completed:
(k) Date Well Abandoned:
(1) Date Rig Released:
(m) Drilling Time to Total Depth:
(n) Status

6,597 feet
April 13, 1968
May 5, 1968.
May 10,1968.
May 10, 1968.
23 days ( 27 days to abandonment)
(o) Total Cost:

Plugged and abandoned.
To be furnished later.
2. DRILLING DATA
(a) Drilling Contractor:
(b) Drilling Plant:
(c) Derrick:
(d) (i) Pumps: (4)
(ii) Electric Power:
(e) B,O.P. Equipment:
(f) Hole Sizes and Depths:

Ocean Drilling \& Exploration Co. (Aust.) Ltd. 180 Russell Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000.

| Make: | EMSCO |
| :--- | :--- |
| Type: | A1500E |
| Rated Capacity: | 20,000 feet with 5" D.P. |
| Motors: | $2-1000$ HP D.C. electric. |
|  |  |
|  | motors, |
|  |  |

Lee C. Moore $40^{\prime} \times 40^{\prime} \times 142^{\prime}$ Cantilever mast, $1,000,000$ hook load capacity. (in pounds)

| Make: | EMSCO |
| :--- | :--- |
| Type: | D-1350 |
| Size: | $8^{\prime \prime} \times 18^{\prime \prime}$ |
| Motor: | D.C, electric direct drive, |
|  | 1350 HP. |

Two (2) Fairbanks-Morse Model 38 D-8-1/8 O.P. diesel engines, each rated 1800 HP at 720 RPM each driving 2-1200 KW D.C. generators and one 300 KVA volt alternator. One (1) Fairbanks Morse Model 38 D-8-1/8 O.P. diesel engine rated at 1800 HP at 720 RPM driving 3-1200 KW D.C. generators and one 300 KVA 440 volt alternator.

| Make: | Hydril Cameron Triple "U" |
| :--- | :--- |
| Size: | $16-3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ (G.K.) |
| Working Pressure: 5000 psi. |  |

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\text { Working Pressure: } 5000 \text { psi. }
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36" to 576'
26" to 1000'
17%'' to 2170'
12\" to 6572'
85/16" to 6597'
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(g) Casing and Cementing Details


Note: Cemented 13 3/8' casing with 1450 sx Australian Portland $6 \%$ gel - average slurry 13.7 pounds/gallon followed with 500 sx Australian Portland neat cement average 15.7 pounds/gallon slurry. Displaced with 320 barrels sea water. The plug was bumped with 1000 psi and the float held,

Cemented $20^{\prime \prime}$ with 1200 sx Australian Portland cement, with $6 \%$ Gel; average slurry 13.5 pounds/gallon. The delivery line from the cement pod failed, so were not able to follow with neat cement tail.

Cemented $30^{\prime \prime}$ with 500 sx Australian Portland cement with $6 \%$ gel and $3 \% \mathrm{CaCl}_{2}$ mixed with sea water. Average slurry 13.5 pounds/galion.

Weekly Summaries of Mud properties

|  | Week of April 19th | Week of April 26 | Week of May 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WT | 9.5 pounds/gallon | 10 pounds/gallon | 10.2 pounds/gal. |
| Viscosity | 47 seconds | 41 seconds | 54 seconds |
| Fluid loss | 9 cc | 9.6 cc | 8.3 cc |
| Filter Cake | 2/32'1 | 2/32'1 | 2/32'1 |
| \% Sand | 2\% | . $5 \%$ | . $5 \%$ |
| \% Solid | 10\% | 12\% | 15\% |
| 011 | NA | NA | NA |
| P.H. | 8 | 10 | . 10 |
| NaCl | 2560 ppm | 6600 | 3300 |
| AlK | 0.50 | 0.28 | 0.19 |

(i) Water supply:
(j) Perforation Record:
(k) Plugs
Depth:
Cement Sacks:

Type:
(1) Fishing Operations:
(m) Side-Tracked Hole:

Fresh water was transported by SmitLloyd vessels No. 12 and 14 from Portland.

No perforations
$2350^{\prime}-1850^{\prime}$
$650^{\prime}-460^{\prime}$
265
148
Aust "N" with $3 \% \mathrm{CaCl}_{2}$ Aust "N"
None
None

## 3. LOGGING AND TESTING

(a) Ditch Cuttings: Cuttings were taken over a normal shale shaker at 10 foot intervals from $1000^{\prime}$ to total depth 6597 and at 5 foot intervals during coring if any sample was recovered. All samples were lagged and caught by the mud logging personnel under the supervision of the Esso geologists and are representative of the labelled depths. Representative suites of samples are stored with the Bureau of Mineral Resources, the Victoria Mines Department, Hematite Explorations Pty. Ltd. and with Esso Exploration (Australia) Inc.
(b) Coring: The original coring programme called for the taking of 14 cores - every 300 feet from approximately $2750^{\prime}$ to the predicted total depth of 6500 feet. It was later agreed by all concerned to extend this interval to 500 feet.

A total of 10 cores were taken between $2772^{\prime}$ and the actual total depth of 6597 feet.

| Core | Interval Cored | Feet <br> Cut | Recovery (feet) | Recovery $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2772-2780 | 8 | 8. | 100 |
| 2 | 2780-2810 | 30 | 20 | 66.2/3 |
| 3 | 3122-3152 | 30 | 30 | 100 |
| 4 | 3656-3672 | 16 | 16 | 100 |
| 5 | 4133-4149 | 16 | 16 | 100 |
| 6 | 4640-4670 | 30 | 30 | 100 |
| 7 | 5175-\$205 | .-... 30 | 26 | 87 |
| 8 | 5674-5691 | 17 | 4.3/4 | 28 |
| 9 | 6102-6117 | 15 | 15 | 100 |
| 10 | 6572-6597 | 25 | 25 | 100 |

A total of 217 feet of core was cut and $190.3 / 4$ feet were recovered.
The coreswere slabbed into three parts. One slab from each core is stored at the Bureau of Mineral Resources, the Victorian Mines Department and with Esso in Melbourne.
(c) Sidewall Sampling: Two runs for sidewall cores were made between 999 and 6377 feet, Of the 60 cores attempted 50 were recovered.
(d) Electrical and Other Logging: Wireline logging was carried out by Schlumberger Seaco. The following logs were run on the Nautilus A-1:-

| IES | Interval <br> Run 1 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Run 2 | $250^{\prime}-2209^{\prime}$ |
| SGRC | $2137^{\prime}-6566^{\prime}$ |
| Run 1 |  |
| Run 2 | $250^{\prime}-2200^{\prime}$ |
| FDC | $2137^{\prime}-6566^{\prime}$ |
| Run 1 |  |
| CDM | $2137^{\prime}-6566^{\prime}$ |
| Run 1 |  |

A wave compensating device was used during all logging operations, to compensate for movement of the platform.
(e) Penetration Rate Log: A record of penetration rate was kept at all times during drilling and is included in this report. (figure 6)
(f) Mud Gas Log: Mud gas logging services were carried out by Exploration Logging Inc, under the supervision of Esso geologists. In addition to the continuous hot wire, a chromatograph was used to detail all mud gas shows. Also a $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ analyser was in operation during drilling of the well. Cuttings gas was measured with a Waring blender and recorded.

The cuttings were examined for stain and fluorescence.

The mud gas $\log$ is included as part of the composite well log.
(g) Formation Testing: No formation tests were performed.
(h) Deviation Surveys: Deviation surveys were carried out with an Eastman instrument, and the results are plotted on the composite log. Deviations did not exceed $2.5^{\circ}$ during drilling of the well.
(1) Temperature Surveys: None, except thermometer run on Schlumberger logs.
(1) Velocity Surveys: A velocity survey was performed at 6597 feet on May 7, 1968, by United Geophysical Corporation. The results are included as an appendix:. (figure 5)
(k) Other Well Surveys: None.
(1) Production Testing: None.
IV. GEOLOGY

## 1. SUMMARY OF PREV IOUS WORK

The search for petroleum has been carried out in the Otway Basin for many years and, although no commercial occurrences of hydrocarbons have been discovered to date, several wells have recorded shows of gas and oil. For example, the Frome-Broken Hill Pty. Limited Port Campbell No. 1 recorded an initial gas flow of 4.2 MMCFD with some condensate from what is believed to be the Upper Cretaceous Waarre Formation. Rapidly declining pressure, however, proved the interval to be noncommercial in this well. An offset Port Campbell No. 4 produced small quantities of oil emulsion with gas cut salt water. More recently, the Shell Development (Australia) Pty, Ltd. Pecten $1 A$ flowed gas at the rate of 90 MCFD plus salt water from a $42^{\prime}$ interval of the Waarre Formation.

Other gas shows are of a minor nature except at Alliance Oil Development Caroline No. 1 which produced carbon dioxide from both the Lower and Upper Cretaceous.

Hematite Petroleum Pty. Ltd.

1. Aeromagnetic Survey completed in 1962.
2. 743 miles of single-fold seismic coverage in 1963
3. 1554 miles of 3 -fold CDP and 321 miles of single-fold seismic coverage completed in 1965.

Esso Exploration and Production Australia

1. 2364 miles of 6 -fold seismic coverage completed in 1966 and early 1967.
2. . 970 miles of 6 -fold seismic coverage shot in late 1967 early 1968 .

# Existing Geological Work <br> A considerable amount of geological work has been done onshore in the Otway Basin (see list of selected references at the end of this section). However, offshore information has come mainly from seismic control in conjunction with geological and geophysical data from the Crayfish A-1, Prawn A-1 drilled by Esso and the Pecten 1A, Nerita 1A and Voluta 1A drilled by Shell Development (Aust.) Ltd. 

SUMMARY OF REGIONAL GEOLOGY - OTWAY BASIN (Refer figure 1)
The Otway Basin is mesozoic to Late Tertiary, trending east-west across southwestern Victoria into South Australia, almost at right angles to the major trend in the underlying basement rocks, which are probably Paleozoic metasediments deposited in the Tasman Geosyncline.

The Otway Basin encompasses a 33,000 square mile area, and as such is relatively small in size when compared with the similar aged Great Artesian and Murray Basin downwarps.

Otway Basin sedimentation was initiated by sporadic deposition of thick Lower Cretaceous, non-marine, clastics which are locally known as the Pretty Hill sand, and/or the Crayfish sand facies of the Otway Group. At the termination of coarse clastic deposition, these sediments were uplifted and truncated. Typical Merino-Otway Group finer sediments overly the older coarse clastics. Typical Otway Group consists of non-marine greywackes, mudstones and coal deposited in a northwest-southeast trending trough which was parallel to the present coast of Victoria and South Australia from Gippsland to Cape Jaffa.

The Otway Group is unconformably overlain by paralic clastics of the Sherbrook Group of Upper Cretaceous age. At the close of the Upper Cretaceous time the pre-Tertiary rocks were subjected to uplift and erosion and a wideopread regional unconformity developed in the Otway Basin.

During Paleocene through to Upper Eocene time gentle subsidence took place in the Otway Basin and up to 4000 feet of predominantly clastic sediments were deposited in an environment ranging from paralic to neritic. In Upper Eocene through Lower Pliocene time, marls and limestones were deposited in the Otway Basin by an overall transgressive sea. Marine conditions persisted into late Miocene time when the transgression reached its fullest extent. During Pliocene time the Otway Basin was subjected to regional uplift which was probably accompained by some gentle folding and faulting. Volcanism was widespread during this time in Tasmania and west-central Victoria. In late Pliocene and Pleistocene time the sea assumed its present position.

## Generalized Stratigraphy of the Otway Basin

## Paleozoic Rocks

Marine and non-marine Paleozoic sediments, metasediments, metamorphics, intrusive and extrusive volcanics were deposited in the north-south trending Tasman Geosyncline and underlie sediments of the Mesozoic and Tertiary Otway Basin. Foir onshore wells, Frome-Broken Hill Ferguson's Hill-1, Pretty Hill-1, Alliance Kalangadoo-1 and Robertson-1 have encountered Palcozoic rocks without a show of hydrocarbons.

The western portion of the old Tasman Geosyncline received up to 10,000 feet of Devonian continental and paralic deposits whereas in western Victoria limestone is predominant. Middle Devonian and older sediments in the Tasman Geosyncline area were highly folded by the Tabberabberan Orogeny.

Permian strata consisting of paralic sediments associated with glacial tillites and cutting across earlier trends attain thicknesses of 2000 to 3000 feet in South Australia. In the Gidgealpa Field of northeastern South Australia gas and condensate are produced from beds of Permian age. The Arco-Woodside Duck Bay-1 well in the Gippsland Basin penetrated approximately 624 feet of sediments which, on the basis of palynological evidence, are considered Permian. These sediments consist of non-marine sandstones interbedded with shale. Most of Tasmania during the late Carboniferous or early Permian was covered by ice. After ice withdrawal during the Artinskian, the sea covered most of Tasmania. By the end of Permian time the seas for the most part had receded. In the Strahan-Point Hibbs area in central westernmost Tasmania over 1400 feet of Permian sediments are exposed and these consist of basal tillites, siltstones and sandstones.

## Mesozoic Rocks

Non-marine clastics of Triassic age are fairly widespread onshore in Tasmania. There, Triassic clastics reach a thickness of approximately 4000 feet and contain numerous coal beds. During Jurassic time volcanic activity in Tasmania resulted in local dolerite intrusions which attain thicknesses of up to 1500 feet.

One onshore well, on mainland of Victoria, Planet Oil's Casterton-1, in the Otway Basin, may have encountered a section of Jurassic (?) clastics and dolerites some 1262 feet thick, unconformably overlying Paleozoic slate. This Jurassic consisted of 490 feet of sub-greywacke underlain by dark grey carbonaceous siltstones and.chloritic mudstones. The sandstones usually contain abundant matrix material, resulting in very low permeabilities. A clean quartzose sandstone of Lower Cretaceous age was however encountered in the Frome-Broken Hill Pretty Hill-1 well, which exhibited excellent reservoir characteristics. This sandstone unit is 1910 feet thick with measured porosities of 19 to $25 \%$. The permeabilities were very high, ranging from 198 to 2756 millidarcies. More recently, Esso Crayfish A-1 encountered over 5200' of Lower Cretaceous age sands within the Otway Group

The Upper Cretaceous sequence in the Otway Basin was deposited during a major marine transgression and is represented by the Sherbrooke Group. This sequence consists of basal sandstone called the Waarre Formation, an overlying ferruginous sandstone called the Flaxman's Formation which in turn is overlain by carbonaceous mudstones of the Belfast Formation. This mudstone grades upward into shallow water sandstones and siltstone of the Paaratte Formation which facies into the overlying non-marine sandstones of the Curdies Formation.

## Tertiary Rocks

The Tertiary section in the Otway Basin attains thicknesses in excess of 6000 feet.

Paleocene to Upper Eocene (Wangerrip Group \& Mepunga Fm).
A marine clastic regression deposited lagoonal to shallow neritic mudstones, sandstones and conglomerates during Paleocene to Upper Eocene time. The Wangerrip Group at the base of the Tertiary consists of the Pebble Point Formation, and the Rivernook mudstone member within the Dilwyn Formation, in ascending order. At the top of the Wangerrip Group a regional unconformity is generally recognized and is diachronous from Upper Paleocene to Middle Eocene in age. The Mepunga sands overlying this unconformity represent the last phase of marine regression before the major transgression of the overlying marl limestone sequence. This terminology is primarily for the Port Campbell area, but overall unconformity, clastic deposition and transgression relationships exist throughout the basin. This Paleocene to Upper Eocene section can get up to 4000 feet thick, but was interpreted to be absent in the immediate area of the Nautilus A-1 location.

## Upper Eocene to Pliocene

During Upper Eocene to Pliocene time the overall transgression of the sea covers the sandy regressive phase with a thick marl and limestone sequence.

## Pliocene to Recent

During Pliocene time, tectonic movement uplifted south-eastern Australia and the sea began to regress. Extensive volcanism also occurred during Pliocene time, resulting in extensive lava flows which now cover large areas of the onshore Otway Basin.

## STRATIGRAPHIC TABLE

The following stratigraphic nomenclature suggested for Nautilus A-1 is similar to the nomenclature accepted in the Port Campbell area, and correlated on figure 2 b .

Water Depth 327'
(Depths Relative to Kelly Bushing - subtract $93^{\prime}$ for M.S.L.)

Interval
Thickness
Water
93'-420'

Miocene Oligocene
Port Campbell Limestone fm.
$420^{\prime}$ *-1250'
(830')

* Note: samples only recovered below $1,000^{\prime}$

Gellibrand Marl fm
Basal Tertiary Sand

| $1250^{\prime}-5653^{\prime}$ | $\left(4403^{\prime}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $56^{19} 5^{\prime} 3^{\prime}-5720^{\prime}$ | $(671)$ |

Upper Cretaceous - Sherbrook Group Belfast Shale fm.

GENERALIZED LITHOLOGY
Port Campbell Limestone $1000^{\prime}-1250^{\prime}$
100'-1250' Calcarenite, fine to coarse grained, white to light grey, fossiliferous, in part Coquina. Traces glauconite lithic sand grains and siltstone. The calcarenite and sand grains represent in general, porous and permeable reservoirs.

Gellibrand Marl Equivalent $1250^{\prime}(38 \mathrm{dm})$
1250'-1370' Calcareous, hard siltstone, light grey to buff. The total rock is believed marly, but the clay fines are washed out.

1370'-1610' Clayey siltstone with traces fine grained sandstone.
Minor traces coal 1470'-1500', 1540'-1550'. Minor traces glauconite.

1610'-2210' Siltstone, light grey to buff with about 20\% loose fossiliferous fragments, mostly very fine bryozoa, becoming very clayey by $1950^{\prime}$.

2210'-2710' Marl, light grey, soft sticky, very fossiliferous with bryozoans, forams, etc. $20-40 \%$ limestone, buff to light grey; silty, hard, skeletal and micritic.
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| $1$ | 2710'-2840' | 75 to 90\% Limestone, micritic-skeletal, to grey hard. The remainder is shale, micritic-skeletal, firm to hard and brittle. Note: D. J. Taylor's report in Appendix (1) notes up to $20 \%$ sponge spicules 2800'-4029'. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2840'-3520' | 40-60\% Limestone, white to light brown to grey, hard, micritic to micritic skeletal. The remainder is shale dark grey, micritic, hard to brittle, micritic skeletal. |
|  | $3520^{\prime}-4040^{\prime}$ | 75-100\% Shale, micritic, skeletal, dark grey, brittle to slightly friable. Remainder is Limestone, light grey to greyish brown, micritic-micritic skeletal. |
|  | 4040'-4080' | Shale, hard to brittle, dark grey brown, micritic, fossiliferous, brittle to friable. |
|  | $4080^{\prime}-4550^{\prime}$ | 50-90\% Shale dark grey to dark grey brown; hard to slightly brittle. The remainder is Limestone, light grey, to dark grey brown; micritic and and hard. |
|  | 4550'-4790' | 75-90\% Shale, becoming more friable, grey to dark brownish grey, micritic to micritic skeletal. The remainder is Limestone, light grey to greyish brown, micritic to micritic skeletal. The shale below $4600^{\prime}$ becomes hard and brittle once again. |
|  | 4790'-5300' | $60-90 \%$ Shale, as above, but with more silt to clay sized material. The remainder is Limestone, grey brown to dark grey, micritc. |
|  | 5300'-5653' | 50-100\% Limestone, light grey, mainly very finely granular, very hard, skeletal fragments, bryozoans and forams. The remainder is shale, medium grey, very hard and calcareous in part. |
|  |  | Basal Tertiary Sand 5653 ${ }^{\circ}$-5720 ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| $\rho \rho$ | 5653'-5720' | $70-80 \%$ Linestone as above <br> $20-30 \%$ Sand, clayey, very fine grained to medium grained, subangular to subrounded, with traces glauconite |
|  |  | Top Upper Cretaceous (Belfast Formation) 5720'-6597TD |
|  | 5720'-65971 | Shale, dark brown to black, non calcareous, medium hard with traces pyrite. |

## 4. STRATIGRAPHY IN NAUTILUS A-1

## Miocene

Port Campbell Limestone 1000'-1250' depth
The first sediments encountered below depth $1000^{\prime}$ were white to light grey, medium to coarse grained calcarenite which towards the bottom of the section at 1250 feet grades into a marly coquina composed of loose calcareous skeletal debris (mainly bryozoa, echinoid radioles and fragments and foraminifera). Traces of siltstone and sand grains ranging from fine to pebble size indicate occasional thin stringers of sandy siltstone within the limestone.

Gellibrand Marl Equivalent $1250^{\prime}-5653^{\prime}$ depth
The Gellibrand Marl was picked at 1250' on cuttings descriptions. The Upper Gellibrand Marl (1250'-2710') contains thin stringers of hard calcareous siltstone and traces of fine grained sand grains.

It contains abundant fossil fragments as the overlying limestone, with bryozoa dominant. Towards 2700 stringers of buff to light grey skeletal, micritic limestones are interbedded with the marl. The sample descriptions indicate mainly hard calcareous siltstone between 1250'-2700'. However, it was ascertained that much of the clayey material of the marl was washed out of the samples leaving mainly silt material. Very occasional traces of coal were encountered. The Lower to Middle Miocene, Gellibrand Marl, Port Campbell Limestone represent the youngest transgressive sediments in the basin.

At 2707', within the Gellibrand Marl equivalent, a minor lithologic change to hard, grey to dark grey brown, micritic, skeletal limestone interbedded with hard grey brown calcareous shale was noted. This minor lithologic change coincides with a velocity change on the sonic log, and is probably the top of the "fan-shaped wedge" conceived in the Nautilus A-1 pre-drill Subsidy Request.

As noted in D. J. Taylor's Report in Appendix 1, the section from $2800^{\prime}$ to $4029^{\prime}$ was conspicuous for the presence of up to $20 \%$ sponge spicules. The presence of the spicules in this interval is theorized to be a function of differential settiling. There is no true base "fan shaped wedge" be picked at or near the pre-drill estimated base. Lithologically, the Gelifbrand Marl equivalent consists of interbedded skeletal limestone and shales down to 5653', although the sediments seem less hard and brittle below 4200'.

The Miocene-oligocene boundary was placed at $4500^{\prime}$ on the basis of the attached foraminiferal study by D. J. Taylor. There is no perceptable lithologic change at this boundary.
Basal Tertiary Sandstone 5653' -5720'
A 67 foot thick sandstone body was encountered at 5653 feet very fine to medium grained, unconsolidated, subangular to subrounded with very fine to fine grains of glauconite. $43 / 4$ feet of core was recovered from a zone of siltstone within the section exhibiting a dark brown to black, very shaly non calcareous medium hard siltstone with pyrite (see Appendix 3). The age and correlation of this sandstone body is questionable. Possibly it is a thin seaward extension of the Pebble Point Formation (Paleocene).

It is possible that the sandstone represents Upper Cretaceous sandstone (Upper Sherbrooke Group) as the Upper Cretaceous shale lies beneath it. More probably, this sand represents the seaward edge of the Eocene sand as it clinoforms down onto the Upper Cretaceous unconformity (see Figure 2b).

This sandstone is interpreted to have ineffective porosity and permeability in the Nautilus A-1 well.

Upper Cretaceous

Belfast Fm. 5720'-6597' | Total |
| :--- |
| depth |

Underlying the Basal Tertiary Sandstone an erosional unconformity exists. Immediately below this the Belfast Mudstone Formation is penetrated indicating truncation of the Curdies and Paaratte Formations of the Upper Sherbrooke Group. At the Nautilus A-1 location the Belfast Mudstone is composed of dark brown to black shale, non calcareous medium hard with traces of pyrite and mica.

## 5. STRUCTURE

Nautilus A-1 was located on the crest of a minor domal closure with 100 ' to $130^{\prime}$ effective closure over an area of 15 square miles. This closure was mapped on a horizon which approximates bedding at depth $2700^{\prime}$ in the Nautilus A-1 well, on the top of the originally conceived "wedge".

From the results of the dip $\log (C D M)$, low angle northerly dips are in évidence from depth $5580^{\prime}$ up to depth $4950^{\prime}$. Since northerly dips are opposed to the normal southerly regional dips in the areas, the Nautilus A-1 well must haye been located $\approx:$ the north flank of the domal structure, and the northerly dips are probably caused by drape into the East Channel (refer original Nautilus Subsidy Request).

A lack of porosity and permeability within the Tertiary section down grades the significance of the structural aspect.
6. Relevance to the Occurrence of Petroleum

During drilling of the Nautilus A-1 well no significant shows of hydrocarbon were encountered in the mud. Also from the cores and cutting samples no evidence of hydrocarbons was observed.
7. Porosity and Permeability of Section Penetrated

With the exception of $67^{\prime}$ of basal Tertiary sandstone no porous sediments were penetrated. One core from the sandstone body 5674'-5691' was cut in a zone exhibiting no porosity or permeability, Log calculations indicate $25-30 \%$ porosity in the upper 20 feet of this sandstone and the sand was calculated to be saturated with saltwater. However the section is impermeable judging from sample description and more subtle E-log character.
8. Contributions to Geological Concepts Resulting from Drilling

Prior to drilling the Nautilus A-1 prospect it was inferred from good seismic data that the so-called "fan-shaped" wedge contained interbedded coarse and fine clastic sediments, sealed above and below by fine transgressive marls and shales of Oligocene age. As a result of driliing it was found that. the wedge, instead of containing the expected interbedded sands and shales consists of interbedded calcareous shales and limestone and is Miocene in age. As is obvious from the previous discussion, the term "wedge: is no longer applicable to the seismic events mapped, since the base appears gradational.

The documentation of the Oligocene basinal facies, overlying Upper Cretaceous shales, is a signficant contribution to the geology of the Otway Basin resulting from Nautilus A-1 test. The thin sandy zone at the base of the Tertiary is a good regional "fix" for the near pinchout edge of the Tertiary sands documented by many less basinward tests. The shale facies of the Upper Cretaceous points out a basin pinchout of sands and associated porosity and permeability within the Upper Cretaceous rocks.

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## APPENDIX 2

## NAUTILUS A-1

## SAMPLE DESCRIPTIONS



| 1190-1120 | As for 1170-1180 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1200-1210 | As above |
| 1210-1220 | As above with strong trace of very coarse sandstone with angular quartz and lithic fragments and a līght brown muddy matrix. Trace lithics. <br> Strong contamination with pipe dope. |
| 1120-1230 | $100 \%$ white very fine to medium calcarenite, fossiliferous, glauconitic, porous and permeable. <br> Trace light brown marl. <br> Trace lithics <br> Minor fluorescence only. |
| 1230-1240 | As above, no marl. |
| 1240-1250 | As above, very fossiliferous, echinoid radioles, corals, bryozoa. |
| 1250-1260 | Trace calcareous brown mudstone. |
| 1260-1270 | As above, but becoming much siltier, fossiliferous and change in fossil type (a flattened bryozoa). |
| 1270-1280 | Calcareous hard siltstone, trace fine grained sandstone, light grey to buff with large fossiliferous fragments, (shells, echinoid radioles, byrozoa, forams.) Trace glauconite, lithics. |
| $!$ | Minor fluorescence. Porosity and permeability still fair. |
| 1280-1290 | As above. |
| 1290-1300 | As above |
| 1300-1310 | As above. |
| 1310-1320 | As above, trace pyrite. |
| 1320-1330 | As above, no pyrite. |
| 1330-1340 | As above. |
| 1340-1350 | As above |
| 1350-1370 | As above. |
| 1370-1380 | As above, becoming a little finer, more clay fraction so probably less porous and permeable. |
| 1380-1390 | As above. |
| 1390-1400 | As above. |
| 1400-1420 | As above. |
| 1420-1430 | As above. |
| 1430-1440. | As above, less fossiliferous, no glauconite, slight carbonaceous |
| $\cdot 1440-1450$ | As above, very fossiliferous (numerous echinoid radioles)in parts glauconitic, slightly carbonaceous. |
| 1450-1460 | As above, less fossiliferous, slight trace glauconite. |
| 1460-1470 | As above. |


| 1470-1500 |  | As above, very fossiliferous, bryozoa, corals? echinoid radioles, no glauconite, slight trace pyrite, slight trace coal. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1500-1510 |  | As above, trace glauconite. |
| 1510-1520 |  | As above, no glauconite, trace lithics (chert) and angular, clear quartz. |
| 1520-1530 |  | As above, trace glauconite, strong trace of angular clear quartz pebbles (probably broken up rounded pebbles) |
| 1530-1540 |  | As above. |
| 1540-1550 |  | As above, no pyrite observed, trace coal. |
| 1550-1560 |  | As above. |
| 1560-1570 |  | As above. |
| 1570-1580 |  | As above. |
| 15801590 |  | As above. |
| 1590-1610 |  | As above. |
| 1610-1620 | 15\% | Echinoid radioles. Increase in forams and bryzoa. Total discrete fossiliferous fragments about $25-30 \%$. |
| 1620-1630 |  | As above. |
| 1630-1650 |  | As above. |
| 1650-1660 |  | As above. |
| 1660-1670 |  | As above. |
| 1670-1680 |  | As above. |
| 1680-1690 |  | As above. |
| 1690-1700 |  | A; above. About $15-20 \%$ fossiliferous fragments mostly bryozoa. Trace of calcareous and chloritic siltstone and trace of brown, non calcareous siltstone. |
| 1700-1710 |  | As above. |
| 1710-1720 |  | As above. |
| 1720-1730 |  | As above, i.e. light grey to buff calcareous siltstone with about 20-25\% loose fossiliferous fragments - mostly very fine bryozoa. |
| 1730-1740 |  | As above. |
| 1740-1750 |  | As above. |
| 1750-1760 |  | As above. |
| 1770-1780 |  | As above. |
| 1780-1790 |  | As above. |
| 1790-1800 |  | As above. |
| 1800-1810 |  | As above, trece coal. |
| 1810-1820 |  | As above. |
| 1820-1830 |  | As above. |


| 1830-1840 | As above. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1840-1850 | As above. |
| 1850-1860 | As above. |
| 1860-1870 | As above. |
| 1870-1880 | As above. |
| 1880-1890 | As above. |
| 1890-1900 | As above. |
| 1900-1910 | As above. |
| 1910-1920 | As above, trace pyrite. |
| 1920-1930 | As above. |
| 1930*1940 | As above. |
| 1940-1950 | As above. |
| 1950 1960 | Light grey to buff calcareous siltstone and claystone. Samples are very sticky and clayey and show few consolidated grains. Porosity and permeability should be very low, Still contains about $20 \%$ loose fossiliferous fragments - mainly bryzoa with occasional echinoid radioles. |
| 1960-1970 | As above, difficult to describe because sample consists mainly of loose fossiliferous fragments - as above.in sticky clay. Fragments have been broken up in washing. |
| 1970-1980 | As above. |
| 1980-1990 | As above. |
| 1990-2000 | Light grey to buff calcareous siltstone and fine grained sandstone medium hard to hard, fairly porous and permeable, well sorted, fossiliferous. Contains aout $20 \%$ loose fossils, mainly fine bryzoal fragments and occasional echinoid radioles. Mineral fluorescence. |
| 2000-2010 | As for 1950-1960 |
| 2010-2020 | As above. |
| 2020-2030 | As for 1990-2000 but with a little more clay material. |
| 2030-2040 | As above. |
| 2040-2050 | As above |
| 2050-2060 | As for 1960-1970 |
| 2060-2070 | Calcareous $\qquad$ and loose fossiliferous fragments, as for 2040-2050. |
| 2070-2080 | As above. |
| 2080-2090 | As above. |
| 2090-2100 | Calcareous siltstone in sticky clay as in 2050-2060 porosity and permeability should be very low. |
| 2100-2110 | As above. |
| 2110-2120 | As for 2060-2090, calcareous siltstone and loose fossiliferous fragments. |


| $2120-2140$ | As above. |
| :--- | :--- |
| $2140-2150$ | Calcareous silt stone and clay as in 2090-2110. |
| $2150-2160$ | As above. |
| $2160-2180$ | As above. |
| $2180-2200$ | As above <br> (Clay material does not appear bentonitic.) |


| 2210-2220 | $100 \%$ Marl - light grey, soft, sticky, very fossiliferous with bryozoans, forams, etc. (also high percentage of grey cement) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2220-2230 | 100\% Marl - as above |
|  | Note: screaming yellow cut believed caused by spersene contaminatio No show on mudlogger. |
| 2230-2240 | 100\% Marl - as above. Not badly contaminated |
| 2240-2250 | $100 \%$ Mar1 - light grey, very soft, very fossiliferous (bryozoans, echinoid spines, foraminifera etc.) |
| 2250-2260 | 80\% Marl - as above |
|  | $20 \%$ Sand - light grey, friable very calcareous, silty to very finegrained, soft calcareous clay matrix. |
| 2260-2270 | $100 \%$ Marl; as above, silty becoming silty, buff, skeletal micritic grey limestone |
| 2270-2280 | 100\% Mar1 - as above, very sticky, "gluey" |
| 2280-2290 | 100\% Marl - as above |
| 2290-2300 | $50 \%$ Marl - light grey, very fossil, soft, silty, "slightly sticky" $50 \%$ Limestone - buff to light grey; silty, hard, skeletal, micritic (very fine skeletal material and silt) |
| 2300-2310 | 75\% Marl - as above but "non sticky" <br> $25 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 2310-2320 | 80\% Marl - as above 20\% Limestone - as above |
| 2320-2330 | $100 \%$ Marl - light grey, soft and "soupy", scattered fragments of grey silty skeletal micritic limestone. |
| 2330-2340 | $100 \%$ Marl - light grey, soft; very sticky; very fossiliferous; with scattered fragments of silty light grey skeletal micritic limestone. |
| 2340-2350 | $100 \%$ Mar1 - as above, soft; with scattered fragments of 1 imestone as above |
| 2350-2360 | 75\% Marl - as above <br> $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ Limestone - buffito light grey, skeletal-micritic, hard |
| 2360-2370 | 90\% Mar1 - as above "very soupy" <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - skeletal micritic, buff hard |
| 2370-2380 | 90\% Mar1 - as above <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 2380-2390 | 60\% Marl - as above <br> 40\% limestone - as above buff-light grey, hard, skeletal micritic |
| 2390-2400 | $60 \%$ Marl - light grey, soft, silty, very fossiliferous $40 \%$ Limestone - buff brown to light grey, silty; skeletal micritic hard |
| 2400-2410 | 75\% Marl - as above <br> $25 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 2410-2420 | $60 \%$ Mar1 - as above <br> $40 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 2420-2430 | $60 \%$ Marl - as above <br> . $40 \%$ Limestone - as above |


| 2430-2440 | 50\% Marl - as above <br> $50 \%$ Limestone - as above, slightly sandy, large fragments |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2440-2450 | $60 \%$ Limestone - white to light grey, skeletal micritic, fragments 40\% Marl - as above |
| 2450-2460 | $50 \%$ Limestone - white-buff grey, skeletal micritic, hard fragments silty with occasional chloritic mixed. <br> $50 \%$ Marl - as above |
| 2460-2470 | $60 \%$ Limestone - as above, very skeletal, hard fragments, occasional chloritic mineral <br> 40\% Marl: 'as above |
| 2470-2480 | 50\% Marl - as above <br> $50 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 2480-2490 | $70 \%$ Marl - as above grey, silty, very fossiliferous 30\% Limestone - as above |
| 2490-2500 | $\begin{array}{ll} 60 \% & \text { Marl } \\ \text { 40\% Limestone } \end{array}$ |
| 2500-2510 | $70 \%$ Limestone - white to light grey, skeletal micritic limestone, very fossiliferous, large fragments and unconsolidated fossils. $30 \%$ Marl - as above |
| 2510-2520 | $60 \%$ Marl - as above <br> 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 2520-2530 | $60 \%$ Marl - as above <br> 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 2530-2540 | $60 \%$ Limestone - as above; 1 fragment of limestone has specks of pyrite <br> 40\% Mar1 - as above |
| 2540-2550 | 90\% Marl - grey; soft; sticky; very fossiliferous $10 \%$ Limestone - white to buff grey; skeletal micritic; large fragments of limestone and loose unconsolidated fossiliferous fragments. |
| 2550-2560 | 75\% Mar1 - as above <br> 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 2560-2570 | $60 \%$ Limestone - light grey to brown, very hard large fragments, skeletal micritic, silty <br> 40\% Marl - as above |
| 2570-2580 | $70 \%$ Marl - as above <br> $30 \%$ Limestone - as above but large fragments of white skeletal micritic hard limestone with "chlorite" streaks present |
| 2580-2590 | $80 \%$ Mar1 - as above <br> 20\% Limestone - as above |
| 2590-2600 | 80\% Mar1 - as above <br> $20 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 2600-2610 | $75 \%$ Marl - as above <br> 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 2610-2620 | 75\% Mar1 - as above <br> 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 2620-2630 | 80\% Mar1 - as above <br> 20\% Limestone - as above and unconsolidated fossiliferous fragment; 1 large fragment of orange chert and another of black chert. |
| 2630-2640 | 75\% Marl - as above <br> 25\% Limestone - as above |


| 2640-2650 | 60\% Marl - as above <br> 40\% Limestone - as above with large limestone fragments partially coated with manganese. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2650-2660 | 75\% Marl - as above <br> 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 2660-2670 | 90\% Marl - as above <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 2670-2680 | $60 \%$ Marl - light grey, very fossiliferous, soft $40 \%$ Limestone - light grey, to buff brown, micritic skeletal, hard large fragment and unconsolidated shells. |
| 2680-2690 | 75\% Marl - as above <br> 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 2690-2700 | 75\% Mar1 - as above <br> $25 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 2700-2710 | $90 \%$ Marl - as above <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 2710-2720 | $60 \%$ Limestone - grey to dark grey, micritic to micritic skeletal, hard, less fossiliferous; one"huge" large textularia 40\% Marl - as above |
| 2720-2730 | 60\% Limestone - as above 40\% Marl - as above |
|  | All above samples examined from Blend er |
| 2730-2740 | 75\% Limestone - grey to dark grey brown, finely crystalline, micritic-skeletal, hard large fragment, numerous textularias, silty, almost calcareous mudstone <br> 25\% Marl - grey, soft, very fossiliferous <br> Note: The white to buff skeletal-micritic limestone seems to be absent now. Section is changing. |
| 2740-2750 | $75 \%$ Micritic-skeletal limestone to micritic shale - dark grey as above; brittle, hard, fewer fossils; as above $25 \%$ Mar1 - as above |
|  | Last two samples definitely different; marl is almost gone. The last 2 samples washed up very well |
| 2750-2760 | $90 \%$ Micritic shale and micritic skeletal limestone - as above $10 \%$ Marl - as above |
| 2760-2770 | $90 \%$ Micritic skeletal and micritic shale - as above $10 \%$ Marl - as above |
| 2770-2772 | $90 \%$ Micritic skeletal limestone and micritic shale - as above <br> $10 \%$ Marl - as above <br> See Core No. 1 and Core No. 2 Description |
| 2800-2810 | $100 \%$ Micritic-shale and micritic skeletal limestone - dark grey to grey brown, hard limestone fragment, brittle shale fragment slightly pyritic. |
| 2810-2820 | 50\% Limestone - micritic-skeletal to micritic; grey; hard $50 \%$ Shale - micritic-skeletal; firm to hard, brittle |
| 2820-2830 | 75\% Limestone - as above - very micritic; few fossils 25\% Shale - as above |
| 2830-2840 | 75\% Limestone - as above, very micritic; few fossils 25\% - Shale - as above |


| 2840-2850 | 60\% Shale -grey to green-grey; very fossiliferous and calcerous $40 \%$ Limestone - grey to white, micritic to skeletal-micritic hard large fragments |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2850-2860 | $50 \%$ Shale - dark grey to brown-grey, hard-brittle, micritic-skeletal $50 \%$ Limestone - grey to brown grey, micritic to micritic-skeletal; hard |
| 2860-2870 | $60 \%$ Shale - as above <br> 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 2870-2880 | $60 \%$ Shale - as above <br> 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 2880-2890 | $60 \%$ Limestone - as above $40 \%$ Shale - as above |
| 2890-2900 | 60\% Shale - as above <br> $40 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 2900-2910 | 75\% Shale - dark grey, micritic, hard-slightly brittle 25\% Limestone - light grey to brown grey; micritic-micritic skeletal very hard; occasional fragment of white micritic limestone - hard |
| 2910-2920 | $60 \%$ Limestone - white to light grey brown; micritic, few fossils, very hard, large fragment; abundant white limestone fragments. 40\% Shale - dark grey, hard to brittle, micritic, occasional fossils |
| 2920-2930 | 50\% Limestone - as above <br> $50 \%$ Shale - as above |
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| 2930-2940 | 60\% Limestone - as above less white limestone $40 \%$ Shale - as above |
| 2940-2950 | 60\% Shale - as above <br> 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 2950-2960 | $60 \%$ Limestone - white to 1 ight brown grey; hard, micritic to micritic skeletal <br> 40\% Shale - dark grey, micritic, hard to brittle; micritic skeletal |
| 2960-2970 | 60\% Limestone - as above $40 \%$ Shale - as above |
| 2970-2980 | $50 \%$ Limestone - as above <br> $50 \%$ Shale - as above Note: No pyrite observed |
| 2980-2990 | 60\% Limestone - as above 40\% Shale -as above |
| 29903000 | $50 \%$ Limestone - as above $50 \%$ Shale - as above |
| 3000-3010 | $50 \%$ Limestone - as above $50 \%$ Shale - as above |
| 3010-3020 | $60 \%$ Shale - as above <br> 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 3020-3030 | $50 \%$ Shale - as above <br> 50\% Limestone - as above |
| 3030-3040 | $60 \%$ Shale - as above <br> 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 3040-3050 | $75 \%$ Shale - dark grey; micritic to micritic skeletal, hard to brittle <br> 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 3050-3060 | $60 \%$ Shale - as above <br> $40 \%$ Limestone - as above, one fragment streaked with pyrite |


| 3060-3070 | 60\% Shale - as above <br> 40\% Limestone - white-light grey brown; micritic to micritic skeletal. The white limestone is micritic-skeletal while dark limestone is micritic, very hard large fragments. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 3070-3080 | $60 \%$ Shale - dark grey, micritic to micritic skeletal, hard to brittle; more soft clay in sample <br> 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 3080-3090 | 75\% Shale - as above but soft clay becoming abundant 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 3090-3100 | 90\% Shale - as above, abundant sticky clay <br> 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 3100-3110 | $90 \%$ Shale - dark grey; calcareous, very fossiliferous, brittle to friable abundant clay <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 3110-3120 | $75 \%$ Shale - dark grey to light grey; micritic skeletal, hard to brittle, occasionally soft to friable <br> 25\% Limestone r as above <br> See Core No. 3 Description |
| 3150-3160 | $50 \%$ Micritic Shale - dark grey to grey-brown, slightly skeletal (bryozoans) hard to brittle <br> $50 \%$ Micritic Limestone - light grey to brown grey; very hard |
| 3160-3170 | 60\% Shale - as above <br> 40\% - Limestone - as above |
| 3170-3180 | $75 \%$ Shale - dark grey to brownish grey; micritic; slightly skeletal with numerous bryozoans; very hard to brittle; large fragments. $25 \%$ Limestone - light grey to greybrown; micritic to micritic skeletal very hard large fragments. |
| 3180-3190 | $75 \%$ Shale - as above slightly more brittle and softer $25 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 3190-3200 | $75 \%$ Shale - as above <br> 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 3200-3210 | 60\% Shale - as above <br> 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 3210-3220 | 60\% Shale - as above 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 3220-3230 | 50\% Shale - as above <br> 50\% Limestone - as above |
| 3230-3240 | 50\% Shale - as above $50 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 3240-3250 | ```60% Limestone - white to light grey brown; micritic; slightly skelet very hard 40% Shale - dark grey, micritic to micritic skeletal, hard to brittl``` |
| 3250-3260 | 60\% Limestone - as above 40\% Shale - as above |
| 3260-3270 | $50 \%$ Limestone - as above 50\% Shale - as above |
| 3270-3280 | $60 \%$ Limestone - as above, more white micritic skeletal limestone $40 \%$ Shale - as above |
| 3280-3290 | $50 \%$ Limestone - as above; large fragments of bryozoan fragments, with glauconitic flecks present <br> $50 \%$ Shale - as above micritic skeletal etc. <br> Note increase of $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ to 240 ppm |



## APPENDIX 3

CORE DESCRIPTION ANALYSES




| 3720-3730 | $75 \%$ Shale - as above <br> 25\% Limestone - as above |
| :---: | :---: |
| 3730-3740 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above grading to micritic limestone, hard $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 3740-3750 | $75 \%$ Shale - as above <br> 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 3750-3760 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 3760-3770 | $60 \%$ Shale - as above <br> 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 3770-3780 | $50 \%$ Shale - as above <br> $50 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 3780-3790 | $90 \%$ Shale - grey to dark greyish brown; micritic, slightly skeletal; hard to brittle <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - light grey to dark grey; micritic to micritic skeletal; very hard; occasional fragments of clear calcite |
| 3790-3800 | 75\% Shale - as above <br> 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 3800-3810 | $75 \%$ Shale - as above - occasional fragments of soft calcareous shale <br> $25 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 3810-3820 | $90 \%$ Shale - dark grey brown, micritic; occasionally micriticskeletal; very hard grading to micritic limestone; occasionally soft fragments. <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 3820-3830 | $75 \%$ Shale - as above <br> $25 \%$ Limestone - as above with occasionally large white-light grey micritic limestone fragments; very hard |
| 3830-3840 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above, darker grey <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 3840-3850 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above <br> 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 3850-3860 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above <br> 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 3860-3870 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 3870-3880 | $75 \%$ Shale - dark grey to grey brown; hard to brittle, micritic to micritic skeletal <br> $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ Limestone - grey to dark grey-brown; micritic to slightly skeletal; very hard large fragments. |
| 3880-3890 | $75 \%$ Shale - as above <br> 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 3890-3900 | $75 \%$ Shale - as above <br> 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 3900-3910 | 75\% Shale - as above; abundant soft grey calcareous clay $25 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 3910-3920 | $50 \%$ Shale - as above <br> $50 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 3920-3930 | 90\% Shale - as above; abundant soft clay $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |


| 3930-3940 | 90\% Shale - as above occasional soft grey clay $10 \%$ Limestone - as above occasional soft grey clay |
| :---: | :---: |
| 3940-3950 | 90\% Shale - as above occasional soft grey clay $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 3950-3960 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above occasional soft grey clay $10 \%$ Limestone - as above. |
| 3960-3970 | 75\% Shale - as above occasional soft grey clay 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 3970-3980 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 3980-3990 | 90\% Shale - as above, very dark grey brown as above $10 \%$ Limestone - as above but white-light grey |
| 3990-4000 | ```90% Shale - as above becoming very micritic to micritic - skeletal limestone 10% Limestone - as above``` |
| 4000-4010 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above; micritic-slightly skeletal, hard to brittle $10 \%$ Limestone - white-grey brown; micritic to micritic skeletal; hard and dense. |
| 4010-4020 | 80\% Shale - as above <br> 20\% Limestone - as above; abundant loose fossil material |
| 4020-4030 | ```90% Shale - dark greyish brown; micritic, fossiliferous; brittle to friable 10% Limestone - dark brownish grey; micritic to micritic skeletal; very hard``` |
| . $4030-4040$ | $90 \%$ Shale - as above $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 4040-4050 | $100 \%$ Shale - as above, hard to brittle to friable with occasional limestone fragments as above |
| 4050-4060 | 100\% Shale - as above |
| 4060-4070 | $100 \%$ Shale = as above |
| 4070-4080 | 100\% Shale - as above |
| 4080-4090 | $90 \%$ Shale - dark grey-brown; micritic, very slightly fossiliferous; hard to brittle and slightly friable. <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - grey, micritic, very hard, occasionally fossiliferou |
| 4090-4100 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above with occasional fragments of soft friable marly clay; grades into <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 4100-4110 | 100\% Shale - as above ; occasional limestone fragments, as above |
| 4110-4120 | ```90% Shale - as above micritic to micritic skeletal; abundant sticky soft grey clay 10% Limestone - light grey; micritic to micritic skeletal; very hard.``` |
| 4120-4130 | 90\% Shale - as above <br> 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4130-4133 | $100 \%$ Shale - as above; occasional grey-brown hard micritic to micritic skeletal limestone and abundant soft grey calcareous clay; abundant loose fossil material. |


| 4133-4159 | See Description Core No. 5 |
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| 4150-4160 | 90\% Shale - As above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4160-41 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 1.0\% Limestone - as above |
| 4170-4180 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4180-4190 | 75\% Shale - as above |
|  | 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 4190-4200 | 75\% Shale - dark grey to greyish brown; micritic, slightly skeletal; hard to brittle |
|  | $25 \%$ Limestone - grey to bronw grey; micritic to micritic-skeletal; very hard |
| 4200-4210 | 90\% Shale - as above; very few fossils |
|  | 10\%.Limestone - as above; very few fossils light grey to grey brown |
| 4210-4220 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4220-4230 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4230-4230 | 80\% Shale - |
|  | 20\% Limestone - |
| 4240-4250 | 80\% Shale - as above |
|  | 20\% Limestone - as above |
| 4250-4260 | 60\% Shale - dark grey to dark rey hrown hard to slightly brittle |
|  | 40\% Limestone - ight grey to datk grey brown; micritic; hard slightly glauconitic |
| 4260-4270 | 60\% Shale - as above |
|  | 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 4270-4280 | 60\% Shale - as above |
|  | 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 4280-4290 | 50\% Shale - as above |
|  | 50\% Limestone - as above predominantly dark greyish brown |
| 4290-4300 | 50\% Shale - as above |
|  | 50\% Limestone - as above |
| 4300-4310 | 60\% Shale - as above with occasional fragments of light green marl brittle to soft silty |
|  | 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 4310-4320 | 50\% Shale - as above |
|  | 50\% Limestone - as above |
| 4320-4330 | 60\% Shale - as above |
|  | 40\% Limestone - as above |
| 4330-4340 | 75\% Shale - as above |
|  | 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 4340-4350 | 75\% Shale - as above dark grey-brown; micritic to slightly skeletal hard to slightly brittle |
|  | 25\% Limestone - as above dark brey to dark grey brown; micritic; |
|  | silty scattered faint specks of glauconite; hard |
| 4350-4360 | 90\% Shale - as above more brittle |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |


| 4360-4370 | ```75% Shale - as above 25% Limestone - as above; occasional fragments of light grey micritic limestone - very hard``` |
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| 4370-4380 | 90\% Shale - as above <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above dark grey-grey brown; micritic, hard |
| 4380-4390 | 90\% Shale - as above <br> 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4390-4400 | 75\% Shale - as above <br> 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 4400-4410 | 90\% Shale-micritic - as above 10\% Limestone :- as above |
| 4410-4420 | 90\% Shale - as above <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 4420-4430 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above but more brittle and soft $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 4430-4440 | 90\% Shale - as above <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 4440-4450 | 90\% Shale - as above <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 4450-4460 | 90\% Shale - as above harder 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4460-4470 | 90\% Shale - as -above <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 4470-4480 | 80\% Shale - as above; softer <br> 20\% Limestone - as above |
| 4480-4490 | 80\% Shale - as above <br> 20\% Limestone - white-greyish brown; hard, micritic to micriticskeletal; faint trace glauconite. |
| 4490-4500 | $80 \%$ Shale - as above relatively soft <br> 20\% Limestone - as above |
| 4500-4510 | $75 \%$ Shale - grey to dark brownish grey; micritic to micriticskeletal, hard to brittle and slightly soft. <br> $25 \%$ Limestone - light grey to greytsh brown; micritic to micritic skeletal; very hard; trace of glauconite. |
| 4510-4520 | 80\% Shale - as above <br> 20\% Limestone - as above with occasional fragments of buff white <br> limestone |
| 4520-4530 | ```75% Shale - as above with occasional fragment of light grey green marl - soft 25% Limestone - as above``` |
| 4530-4540 | $75 \%$ Shale - as above;brittle to friable; rare light green marl (soft) fragments. <br> 25\% Limestone - buff grey to greyish brown; micritic to micritic skeletal; hard |
| 4540-4550 | ```50% Limestone - grey to greyish brown; micritic, to micritic skelete hard 50% Shale. - dark grey to greyish brown, micritic-skeletal; brittle to Eriable; occasional grey=green marl fragments - soft``` |
| 4550-4560 | ```90% Shale - as above but getting more friable; occasional grey greer marl fragments 10% Limestone - as above``` |
| 4560-4570 | 90\% Shale - as above <br> $10 \%$ Limestone |


| 4570-4580 | 90\% Shale - as above but getting more friable; occasional grey green -marl fragments. <br> 10\% Limestone - as above |
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| 4580-4590 | 80\% Shale - as above; harder |
|  | 20\% Limestone - as above with occasional light grey micritic very hard fragments of micritic limestone. |
| 4590-4600 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4600-4610 | 90\% Shale - as above but hard to brittle; occasionally slightly |
|  | friable . |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above; occasionally cyrstalline of calcite |
| 4610-4620 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4620-4630 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4630-4640 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4640-4670 | See Core Description No. 6 |
| 4670-4680 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4680-4690 | $75 \%$ Shale - dark grey-brown; micritic to slightly micritic-skeletal; hard to brittle; |
|  | $25 \%$ Limestone - light grey brown; micritic; slightly micritic-skeletal; very hard, occasional dark grey and white very dense fragments |
|  | of micritic limestone. |
| 4690-4700 | 75\% Shale - as above |
|  | $25 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 4700-4710 | 80\% Shale - as above |
|  | $20 \%$ Limestone - grey-greyish brown; micritic to micritic-skeletal hard |
| 4710-4720 | 75\% Shale - as above |
|  | $25 \%$ Limestone - as above but occasional fragments of micritic hard white limestone. |
| 4720-4730 |  |
|  | $25 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 4730-4740 | 75\% Shale - as above |
|  | 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 4740-4750 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above grey to greysih brown |
| 4750-4760 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4760-4770 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | $10 \%$ Limestone - as above with occasional dark grey smooth micritic limestone fragments. |
| 4770-4780 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4780-4790 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4790-4800 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above; possibly more clay <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |


| 4800-4810 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above; possibly more clay <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
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| 4810-4820 | 80\% Shale - as above |
|  | 20\% Limestone - as above |
| 4820-4830 | $90 \%$ Shale - dark grey-brown; micritic to micritic skeletal; hard to brittle |
|  | $10 \%$ Limestone - buff to light grey brown; micritic to micriticskeletal; very hard. |
| 4830-4840 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4840-4850 | 80\% Shale - as above |
|  | 20\% Limestone - as above with rare white micritic limestone fragments, very hard |
| 4850-4860 | 80\% Shale - as above |
|  | 20\% Limestone - as above |
| 4860-4870 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above with occasional grey fragments of soft marl |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4870-4880 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above; abundant soft grey calcareous clay |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4880-4890 |  |
|  | $40 \%$ Limestone -.grey brown to dark grey; micritic; hard,slightly skeletal |
| 4890-4900 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | $10 \%$ Limestone - as above; 1 fragment of calcite replacement of a bryozoan fragment believed to be dolomitic - brown angular, hard. |
| 4900-4910 | 50\% Shale - as above |
|  | 50\% Limestone - as above |
| 4910-4920 | $50 \%$ Shale - as above |
|  | $50 \%$ Limestone - as above, very hard and angular, grey, micritic |
| 4920-4930 | 60\% Shale - as above |
|  | $40 \%$ Limestone - as above, grey to grey-brown, micritic, slightly skeletal, hard. |
| 4930-4940 | 75\% Shale -, as above |
|  | 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 4940-4950 | 75\% Shale - as above |
|  | 25\% Limestone - as above |
| 4950-4960 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4960-4970 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 4970-4980 | $90 \%$ Shale - as above - very hard to slightly brittle, very micritic |
|  | 10\% Limestone - dark greyish brown; micritic, very hard |
| 4980-4990 | $90 \%$ Shale - dark grey to dark greyish brown; miciritic to micriticskeletal; hard to brittle; slightly silty. |
|  | 10\% Limestone - dark grey to brownish grey, micritic, very hard |
|  | slightly glauconitic (faint trace). |
| 4990-5000 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 5000-5010 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |


| 5010-5020 | 90\% Shale - as above occasional grey marl fragments (cavings) <br> $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
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| 5020-5030 | 90\% Shale - as above $10 \%$ |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 5030-5040 | $90 \%$ Shale - grey to dark grey-brown; becoming very brittle $10 \%$ Limestone - as above |
| 5040-5050 | 80\% Shale - as above <br> 20\% Limestone - as above |
| 5050-5060 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above 1 or 2 quartz grains subangular |
| 5060-5070 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 5070-5080 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |
| 5080-5090 | 90\% Shale - as above |
|  | 10\% Limestone - as above |


| 5090-5100 | $\begin{aligned} & 90 \% \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | Shale as above <br> Limestone as above - no sand |
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| 5100-5110 | $10 i \%$ | Shale - dark grey to greyish brown, micritic to micritic skeletal, brittle to hard, |
| 5110-5120 | 100\% | Shale as above |
| 5120-5130 | 100\% | Shale as above. occasional fragments of limestone |
| 5130-5140 | 90\% 10\% | Shale, medium dark grey, micritic with frequent bryozoans and forams. <br> limestone, tan - light brown, micritic, finely granular |
| 5140-5150 |  | As above |
| 5150-5160 |  | As above |
| 5160-5170 |  | As above |
| 5175-5205 |  | Core \# 7 see descriptions |
| 5210-5220 | 100\% | Shale; medium grey, very hard, very calcareous |
| 5220-5230 |  | As above, frequent bryozoan and forms |
| 5230-5240 |  | As above |
| 5240-5250 | $\begin{aligned} & 90 \% \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | Shale as above <br> Limestone, light groy, micritic to very finely granular. very hard, skeletal, ahaly. |
| 5250-5260 | $\begin{aligned} & 80 \% \\ & 20 \% \end{aligned}$ | Shale asabove <br> Limestone as above |
| 5260-5270 |  | As above |
| 5270-5280 | $\begin{aligned} & 75 \% \\ & 25 \% \end{aligned}$ | Shale as above <br> Limestone as above |
| 5280-5290 |  | As above |
| 5290-5300 |  | As above |
| 5300-5310 | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \% \\ & 50 \% \end{aligned}$ | Shale as above <br> Limestone, light grey, mainly very finely granular, very hard, skeletal fragments, bryozoans and forams. |
| 5310-5320 |  | As above |
| 5320-5330 | $\begin{aligned} & 30 \% \\ & 70 \% \end{aligned}$ | Shale as above <br> Limestone as above |
| 5330-5340 | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \% \\ & 80 \% \end{aligned}$ | Shale as ;above frequent forams, ocasional bryozoans Limestone; as above |
| 5340-5350. |  | As above |
| 5350-5360 |  | As above |
| 5360-5370 | 100\% | $\frac{\text { Limestone }}{\text { limestone }}$ as above, occasional glauconite grains in |
| 5370-5380 |  | As above |
| 5380-5390 |  | Aa above. |


| 5390-5400 | As above |
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| 5400-5410 | As above |
| 5410-5420 | As above |
| 5420-5430 | As above |
| 5430-5440 | As above |
| 5440-5450 | As above |
| 5450-5460 | As above |
| 5460-5470 | As above |
| 5470-5480 | As above, light grey and tan withe several grains coated with pyrite. |
| 5480-5490 | As above |
| 5490-5500 | As above |
| 5500-5510 | As above with only trace pyritec, occasional glauconite grains. |
| 5510-5520 | As above |
| 5520-5530 | As above |
| 5530-5540 | As above, finely granular - many fragments ohowing abundant fine forams. scattered glauconite grains. |
| $\stackrel{\mid}{\text { 5540-5550 }}$ | As above |
| 5550-5560 | As above |
| 5560-5570 | As above |
| 5570-5580 | As above |
| 5580-5590 | As above |
| 5590-5600 | As above |
| 5600-5610 | As above |
| 5610-5620 | As above |
| 5620-5630 | As above |
| 5630-5640 | As above |
| 5640-5650 | As above |
| 5650-5660 | $80 \%$ limestone as above <br> $20 \%$ sand, clay,, very fine - medium grain, unconsolidated, subangular - subrounded, with frequent very fine - fine grains of glauconite. |
| 5660-5670 | $70 \%$ limestone as above $30 \%$ sand as above |
| 5674-5691 | Core No. 8 see descriptions. |
| 5690-5700 | $100 \%$ shale - dark brown - black, non calcareous, medium hard with trace pyrite. |
| 5700-5710 | As above, abundant cavings. |
| 5710-5720 | As above |


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| 1. | 6377 | 13＂ | Shale；medium dark grey，non－calcareous，medium hard， |
| 1738.884 ．massive，sligitily micaceous． |  |  |  |
| 5. | 5705 | 1言＂ | Siltstone；medium grey brown，slightly calcareous， medium hard，non porous，massive． |
| 1729.13 边 13 |  |  |  |
| 7. |  | 2＂ | Sandstone；medium brown grey，non porous，very fine－ coarse grained，subangular－subrounded，well sorted， very silty，very calcareous，glauconitic． |
| 8. | 5662 | 1娄＂ | Sandstone；light green－white，non porous，very fine medium grain，fair sorting，subangular－surbrounded， calcareous，clay choked，with abundant glauconite． |
| 9. | 5657 | 1娄＂ | Sandstone；as above． |
| 10. | 5385 | $1 "$ | Siltstone；light grey brown，non porous，medium hard， very calcareous，massive． |
| 11. | 5365 | 1产＂ | Siltstone；as above． |
| 13， | 4884 | 3／4＂ | Shale；light grey，medium hard，very silty，very calcareous，massive，as above． |
| 14. | 4434 | 3／4＂ | Shale；as above． |
| 15. | 4340 | 12＂ | Shale；light grey，silty，very calcareous，medium hard， with very thin white laminae of calcareous material， trace fossil remains． |
| 16. | 4246 | $1 "$ | Shale；as above． |
| 17. | 4077 | 13＂ | Shale；as above． |
| 18. | 4029 | 13＂ | Shale，light grey，very calcareous，silty，medium soft， massive． |
| 19. | 3825 | 1－3／4＂ | Siltstone；light brown grey，very calcareous，medium soft，with abundant fossil remains，massive． |
| 21. | 3791 | $1 "$ | Mudstone；light grey，very calcareous，hard，with abundant fossil fragments． |
| 22. | 3471 | $1 "$ | Mudstone；as above． |
| 24. | 3417 | 1＂ | Mudstone；as above． |
| 27. | 2940 | 2＂ | Mar1，white－light grey，medium soft，very calcareous， massive． |
| 28. | 2845 | 2＂ | Marl；as above，with silty texture． |

## APPENDIX 4

SIDE WALL CÖRE DESCRIPTION

| $6390-6410$ | As above |
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| $6410-6430$ | As above |
| $6430-6450$ | As above |
| $6450-6480$ | As above |
| $6480-6510$ | As above |
| $6510-6520$ | As above |
| $6520-6530$ | As above |
| $6530-6560$ | As above |
| $6560-6570$ | As above |
| $6572-6597$ | Core No. 10 (see description) |



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Core No........
WELL: Nautilus..........
Interval Cored 2772-2780....ft., Cut....... 8 $\qquad$ f., Recovered............... 8 $\qquad$ ff, (..180 \% Fm.Narrawaturk.
it Type. $\qquad$ C. -14 $\qquad$ Bit Size. $\qquad$ in., Desc. by...s<compat>ᄋ<compat>.<compat>. A. C. Col $\qquad$ Date April 25,1968


REMARKS: No oil fluereskence or cut observed
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## CORE DESCRIPTION

## Core No. 2

WEL: $N$ Ruti/es $A-1$



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Core No.......... 3
wELL: Nautilus $A-1$
 it Type...... $C-20 A$
, Bit Size........... $8 \frac{5}{14}$ $\qquad$ in., Desc. by... $B, \angle$. $\sim$ Date. App_i: $26,19<8$


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Core No. 4
wel: Nantiles A-1



Core No....... 5
WELL: Nacf:\%』A-1
 Tit Type $C-2 \circ A$, Bit Size $8 \frac{5}{16}$ in., Desc. by. B. 2.


REMARKS: No oil flurrescence a cot visible.

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Core No....... $\qquad$
WEL: Nautilus A-1
 it Type $C-20$

Bit Size $8 \frac{5}{18}$ $\qquad$ in., Desc. by....B. $<.<-1 \rho$

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REMARKS:
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Core No.........................
WELL:...NAUTKLUS...A-/.........

it Type........... 20
Bit Size.......... $8^{5 / 16}$



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Core No.... 8
WELL: NAUTILUS AMI.




REMARKS:

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CORE DESCRIPTION
Core No. 9
WEL: NAUTLLUSA-1
 it Type C-20 , Bit Size $85 / 16 \quad$ in., Desc. by C.KLLUNT, Date. 5 MAY/ 968


REMARKS:

## ESSO STANDARD OIL (AUSTRALIA) LTD. CORE DESCRPTHON

Core No... 10
WEI: NAUTLLUSA-1 Interval Cored 6572-97 ff., cut 25 ft., Recovered $25 \quad$ fin., (100 \%) Fm. Belfast it Type C-20, Bit Size B5/16 in., Desc. by C.K.Lunt Date 6 May 1968





## CORE ANALYS REPORY




CORE ANALYSIS REPORT
COMPANY ESSO
WELL NAUTILUS A-1
LOCATION/FIELD OFFSHORE/OTWAY BASIN
COUNTY
$\qquad$ STATE VICTOBIA
COUNTRY _ AUSTRALIA
REMARKS CuT 16',REC. 16': SHALE, HIGHLY
CALCAREOUS, DARK GREY, WITH PALE GREY STREAKS
IORITIC LDBESTONE FORAMS \& BRYOZOANS EALRLY
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APPENDIX 1

MICROPALEONTOLOGY
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Nautilus A-1 was drilled in the central portion of the Otway Basin, 40 miles in a southerly direction offshore from Warrnambool.

Samples were examined from 999' to total depth at 6597'; ie. rotary cutting samples at $50^{\prime}$ or less interval: 29 sice wall cores and 8 conventional cores. Contamination in rotary cuttingswas sporadic and varied in intensity. All depths quoted were those on submitted samples and were related to datum; Kelly Bushing at $+95^{\prime}$ M.S.L. Water depth at the site was $327^{\prime}$ M.S.L.

An upper Tertiary calcareous sequence recorded from first returns down to $565^{\prime \prime}$ where lower Oligocene planktonic faunas were reported. Between 5650' and 5720' sandy glauconitic siltstones were present with rare Oligocene planktonic foraminifera. At 5720', dark mudstones were penetrated, which contained Upper Cretaceous faunas and the drilling terminated at 6597', still in Upper Cretaceous dark mudstones. The faunas suggest that the uppermost Cretaceous was not represented. For a summary of the sequence see fig. 1.

The drilled sequence was almost completely marine. Apart from the interval between $5650^{\circ}$ and $5720^{\circ}$ (see fig. 2), abunclant foraminiferal faunas afforded adequate biostratigraphic and environmental control. To this extent the Nautilus sequence is atypical for the Otway Basin where the thicker sections contain at least $3000^{\prime}$ of Eocene to uppermost Cretaceous sands and silts (see figs 3 and 5), with faunas occupying less than $10 \%$ of the total thickness. The summary of biostratigraphy on fig. 1 and facies diagram on fig. 4 shows clearly that the normal lower Tertiary to uppermost Cretaceous interval is absent in the Nautilus section.

At $1500^{\prime}$ the well penetrated the Orbulina surface (see Glaessner 1967, P.3) passing from middle Miocene (= upper Miocene of Glaessner) into the lower Miocene with a planktonic fauna of Globigerinoides bisphericus, G. trilobus and G. glomerosus curvus in cuttings and sidewall core at 1570'. This fauna is the immediate precurser to the development of Orbulina suturalis, marking the top of Taylor's (1966) Zonule $F$ and the Praeorbulina glomerosa curva Zone of Jenkins (1967). The sequence of planktonic events throughout the lower Miocene is normal with that in sequences in the Otway, Bass and Gippsland Basins and is expressed in terms of Taylor's (1966) down sequence zonal scheme (see fig. 1). The sequence also agrees with the zonation of the New Zealand lower Miocene by Jenkins (1967) although Taylor differs in detail due to the necessity of using rotary cutting samples. The significant point in the Nautilus sequence is that there is no biostratigraphic break at the Orbulina surface, when comparing with the Barraceuta (Taylor, 1966) and other Gippsland sequences where Zonules Fand $G$ are absent.

The Miocene/Oligocene boundary has been placed at 4500' on the initial appearance of Globiqerina euapertura which indicates the top of Zonule I. Jenkins (1965) work suggests that this event is still in the lower Miocene. But here the complete reliance on rotary cuttings makes this determination a matter of convenience for consistency in local correlation. A conventional core sample at $4640^{\prime}$ contains a poor fauna with $\underline{G}$. euapertura without $G$. woodi or other lower Miocene planktonics, thus corresponding with Jenkins' Globigerina euapertura Zone which he places at the top of the Oligocene.

The highest appearance of Globorotalia testaruqosa equates the top of Taylor's (1966) Zonule J with the 5170' level in Nautilus. The highest appearance of Glohigerina anqioporoides is in cutting samples at 5250' thus correlating with the top of Jenkins' (1965) Globigerina angioporoides angioporoides Zone. Once again there is a discrepancy between the observed southern Australian and

New Zealand sequences in that Globorotalia testarugosa persists throughout Jenkins Globigerina euapertura Zone and not just for a few feet above the extinction of Globigerina angioporoides as is illustrated here, also in the Gippsland and by Lindsay (1967) in South Australia zoned sequence. Zonule $J=$ the Chiloguembelina cubensis Zone of Lindsay (i.e. fig. 2), although Lindsay's Zonal indicator Chiloquembelina cubensis is only present in one sample well below the top of Zonule $J$ in Nautilus. C. cubensis is also uncommon in the Gippsland sequences. On the other hand Globigerina angioporoides is much more common in the Nautilus sequence than in Lindsay's sequence (compare fig. 2 this report with fig. 2 of Lindsay). In the New Zealand sequence (Jenkins, 1965, fig. 2) Chiloquembelina cubensis is shown as an important form in this part of the sequence.

In correlating from Nautilus to a land section in the proximity, one finds that $C$. cubensis becomes more frequent whilst Globigerina anqioporoides is less abundant and taxonomically more nondescript.- For instance in the Narrawaturk-2 section (Vict. Mines Dept. water bore at Peterborough; see.fig. 5) the interval between $1804^{\prime}$ and $1847^{\prime}$ was constantly cored (37 feet recovered), with a coring gap 1847-1894', thence another core. The sequence is as follows:-

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Globigerina euapertura common I-1


This agrees with Lindsay's sequence and Zonule I-2 is an obvious correlate of his Guembelitra stavensis Zone. The question of why Chiloquembelina sp. is very rare and Guembelitra sp. absent in Nautilus is possibly a function of depositional depth. It is either ecological, related to water mass movement and preferred depth habitat, or to selective solution of calcium carbonate at depth. The tests of both species are extremely delicate in the Narrawaturk and other faunas whilst the Nautilus planktonic faunas below 5000' are thick and robust. This suggests that selective solution may be the answer upon considering the evidence put forward by Berger (1968). This question of depth will be discussed later.

Cutting samples below 5400' contain Globigerina brevis and Globorotalia gemma. The former species has not been recognised before in Southern Australia by either Lindsay (1967) or myself. The short and restricted range of Globigerina brevis allowed Jenkins (1965) to establish the G. brevis Zone for the entire biostratigraphic range of the species. Globorotalia gemma has an identical range in New Zealand. Jenkins shows that Globigerina ampliapertura ranges through the G. brevis zone into the overlying G. angioporoides angioporoides Zone. Lindsay (1967, fig. 2) does not extend $G$. ampliapertura above the range of $G$. linaperta and a similar situation occurs in Narrawaturk-2 (see above). In Nautilus a form associated with G. brevis is regarded as the transitional morphotype G. ampliapertura-euapertura.

The interval from 5400' to at least $5650^{\prime}$ in Nautilus, is equates with Jenkins' Globigerina brevis Zone of the New Zealand sequence. This is obviously the lower part of Taylor's (1966) Zonule $J$ as it is above the highest appearance of $G$. linaperta (= Zonule K). Therefore Zonule $J$ can be split into the upper biostratigraphical interval -
$J-1=G$. angioporoides angoiporoides Zone of Jenkins
and the lower J-2 $=$ G.brevis Zone of Jenkins.
The faunal constituents of these intervals in Nautilus are shown on Fig. 2.

Zonule J-2 was first recognised in Esso's Prawn A-l well (Otway Basin - offshore Tasmania) by Taylor (appendix in Esso's completion report), though Globigerina brevis cannot be recognised probably due to facies. It may be present in Narrawaturk2 (see above), but unfortunately samples are inadequate between 2847'; i.e.between $\mathrm{J}-1$ and $K$.

Below 5650' the calcareous sequence changes suddenly to sandy glauconitic siltstones. No faunas were isolated from sidewall cores at 5657', 5662', 5673' and 5705' but one sample from core 8 (5674-91') contained very small specimens of Globigerina ampliapertura - euapertura. The interval between $5650^{\prime}$ and $5720^{\prime}$ is believed to be lowermost Oligocene as the single morphotype would suggest a lineage fragmentation interval equating with Zonule J-2. This statement requires further verification.

Because of evidence discussed both above and below the base of the upper Tertiary sequence is placed at $5720^{\prime}$ on the faunas contained in submitted samples. The base of the upper Tertiary sequence is regarded as lowermost Oligocene, although from Jenkins' (1965) discussion it could be placed in the uppermost Eocene.

## THE LOWER TERTIARY SEQUENCE

No lower Tertiary foraminiferal species (either planktonic or benthonic) were identified in the Nautilus sequence, nor were such forms present as mud-contaminants in rotary cuttings lower in the sequence. Apart from the fact that Zonule J-2 (equated with Jenkins $G$. brevis Zone) may straddle the Oligocene/Eocene boundary, Eocene and Paleocene sediments are not apparent in the Nautilus section.

## THE UPPER CRETACEOUS SEQUENCE

Distribution of all upper Cretaceous species is shown on Fig.2. The discussion is on the species isolated in Nautilus but not recorded by Taylor (1964).

The fauna in cutting samples below 5650-5720' changes. dramatically from a dominance of thick tested, robust planktonic forms to a sudden appearance of fine grained arenaceous species. This is demonstrated on both fig. 2 and fig. 4. The arenaceous species (listed on fig. 2) are those of Taylor's (1964) upper Cretaceous fauna and are not of the lower Tertiary arenaceous assemblages (Taylor 1965 and manuṣcript). At 5800' the cutting samples contain benthonic calcareous species referable to Taylor's (1964) Victorian upper Cretaceous sequence and not to the Victorian Paleocene species monographed by McGowran (1965).

The benthonic species Stensioeina exsculpta is recorded at 5950'. Morphologically the 2 specimens are probably assignable to S. exsculpta granulata. Cita (1966, pp. 249-250) would limit the genus to the Upper Cretaceous (Turonian-Maastrichtain), showing (l.c., tab.-1) a range of Coniacian to Campanian for $\mathrm{S}_{\text {. }}$ exsculpta (sensu lato) and limiting $\underline{s}$. exsculpta granulata to the santonian. The associated benthonic forms at 5950' are amongst those recorded by Taylor (1964) in his Victorian upper Cretaceous Zonule A.

The highest appearance of upper Cretaceous planktonic species is in the core between 6102-17'; Hedbergella trocoidea being present. At 6200' Globigerinelloides asperus is associated with Taylor's Zonule A benthonic species. Pessagno's (1967) recent study of Upper Cretaceous planktonics from the Gulf Coast plain and Carribbean Areas, shows that $G$. asperus ranges from the Coniacian, through the Santonian into the early Campanian (1.c., text fig. 4 and p. 275) . In Western Australia Belford (1960) found the species in both Santonian and Campanian sediments. Belford does not record Coniacian or upper Turonian faunas, as discussed by Burckle et al (1967).

In Nautilus the side wall core at 6377' contains a planktonic range overlap with the lowest appearance of Globigerinelloides asperus and the highest appearance of Hedbergella brittonensis. On refering to Pessagno (1967, text. fig. 4), a
time correlation is suggested, close to the Coniacian/Turonian boundary. This suggestion is supported by the highest appearance of Stensioeina praeexsculpta, which is the oldest representative of the genus and is regarded by cita (1966, tab. -1) as signifying a Turonian age. The presence of endemic arenaceous benthonic species Textularia trilobita shows that the sidewall core at 6377' marks the top of Taylor's upper Cretaceous Zonule B.

The new evidence presented here supports Taylor's (1964, pp. 547-549) original contention that Zonule A has strong Santonian affinities and that Zonule $B$ was Turonian. It is shown here and on fig. 2 that :-
(i) the interval between 5800-6117' contains Santonian faunas which are assignable to Zonule A;
(ii) the fauna at 6200' could be either Santonian or Coniacian but yet represents Zonule A;
(iii) the sparse arenaceous faunas between 6200' to 6377' are of Zonule A and are probably Coniacian on superposition. A similar sparse fauna exists in the same stratigraphic position on shore (refer Taylor, l.c., fig. 3 and 5);
(iv) the top of Zonule B (at 6377') corresponds with the Coniacian/Turonian boundary;
(v) Zonule B continued to total depth (at 6597') so that the Nautilus section was terminated whilst still in Turonian (probably upper Turonian) sediment.

Local biostratigraphic correlation has been achieved for the Nautilus Upper Cretaceous sequence between 5800' and total depth (6597'). This correlation can be extended to the terms of the standard Cretaceous stage classification with an increased degree of accuracy. However, the highest horizon of the upper Cretaceous in Nautilus (5800-5720') presents a problem in that the fauna is purely arenaceous, although it would be assigned to Taylor's Zonule A. In other Otway Basin wells (see Taylor,
i.c. and Shell Development's Pecten and Voluta well completion reports) there are mainly arenaceous faunas above the faunas equivalent to those at 5800-6117' in Nautilus. In Flaxmans-1 this upper interval reaches a thickness of $1800^{\prime}$ and is considered to extend above the Santonian to at least Campanian (see fig. 3). The interval above 5800' in Flaxmans-l is informally referred to as Zonule $Z$. The Upper Cretaceous Zonule'A of Taylor (1964) (sensu stricto) is below 5800' in Flaxmans-l and is referred to as Zonule XA in the extension of Taylor's (1966) down sequence classification from Upper Tertiary to Upper Cretaceous. 'Thus the interval 5800-5720' in Nautilus could be referred to as the base of $z$ or top of $X A$.

## THE CORRELATION OF THE NAUTILUS SEQUENCE

Correlation between Nautilus A-l, Shell's Pecten lA and Frome-Broken Hill's Flaxmans-l are demonstrated on fig. 3, from the comparison of the foraminiferal sequence. It is noted that the Pecten lA sequence hās been reinterpreted slightly from that given in the completion report.

From all five figures presented in this report it is obvious that there is a dramatic change in sedimentation at 5720' in Nautilus. The facies analysis diagram on fig. 4 shows that the Upper Cretaceous sequence of alternating anaerobic and aerobic dark mudstones (= Belfast mudstones) is identical to the diagram given for Port Campbell-2 by Taylor (1964, fig. 5), apart from the silty sandstone interval which contains the highest arenaceous fauna in Port Campbell (= Paaratte Formation). But this highest arenaceous fauna is only $80^{\prime}$ thick in Nautilus and as it is contained in dark mudstone this may support Taylor's contention that the detrital inundation (= base of Paaratte Formation) of the Upper Cretaceous marine embayment was diachronous.

At $5720^{\prime}$ the sediment is a detrital sandy siltstone to silty sandstone containing rare Oligocene planktonic foraminifera. 70' higher (at 5650' - see fig. 4) skeletal micrites contain an abundance of Lower Oligocene planktonic foraminifera
and the original sediment would best be described as a globigerinid ooze.

The section on fig. 3-A is drawn to demonstrate the relationship between time and thickness of sedimentation, taking into account that the Lower Oligocene Zonule $J$ is absent in both Pecten-1A and Flaxmans-1. All three sections are drawn from a datum taken as the base of Oligocene (base J) or top of Eocene (top K), irrespective of drilled depths relative to sea level. Biostratigraphic correlation points are joined where possible. It can then be read off the diagram that a maximum thickness of 3600' Eocene to uppermost Cretaceous sediment is absent in Nautilus when compared with Pecten and.Flaxmans.

The normal section on fig. $3-B$ shows that the missing $3600^{\prime}$ maximum time/thickness gap was rapidly filled during Oligocene and Lower Miocene times by marine calcareous sediment. The Oligocene to Lower Miocene sediment in Nautilus is considerably. thicker than that in Pecten and Flaxmans (see fig. 3-B), Narrawaturk-2 (see fig. 5) or any other section drilled in the Otway Basin, partially due to an oligocene hiatus in many sections.

The correlations demonstrate that the Nautilus sequence is anomalous when compared with any other known sections in the Otway Basin. The apparent unconformity in Nautilus (fig. 3-A and B) requires more consideration as to its significance. On evidence so far presented it could be either a subaqueous erosional unconformity, a structural or even faulted unconformity, or a hiatus due to sediment starvation.

FACIES OF OLIGOCENE/MIOCENE FILL
Section fig. 3-B and section fig. 5 shows that rapid Oligocene/Lower Miocene sediment filled the time thickness gap when comparing Nautilus with other sections. In the section of fig. 5 Narrawaturk-2 has been used instead of Flaxmans-5 due to the more detailed information regarding the Upper Tertiary (see earlier discussion). Fig. 5 was compiled by quantitatively
selecting the dominant lithological and faunal constituents of samples and assessing the significance of the benthonic foraminifera.

The following facies sequence in Nautilus can be demonstrated in fig. 5 together with the detail in fig. 4 over a more limited interval:
(i) 5720-5650' - Initial sediment of glauconitic silty sands and sandy silts, which may be reworked older material, although no recycled fauna was present.
(ii) 5650-5400' - The analysis on fig. 4 (based on 10 gms of sediment) support the contention that this was a globig-. erinid ooze: As already mentioned, the planktonic specimens are all large, ( $>.3 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) robust and thick tested without the delicate species of equivalent horizons on-shore. Berger (1968) ranks calcium carbonate solution susceptibility with specific character, habitat depth and total water depth. An empirical depth figure cannot be given, even for recent oceans, because of the coincidence between increased solution and top of Antarctic Bottom waters. The associated benthonic species (fig. 2) would indicate a depth of at least 3000 '.
(iii) 5400-4900' - A pelagic limestone rather than a globigerinid ooze with more calcareous (inorganic mud) than above, (fig. 4).
(iv) 4900-4500' - is dominantly a pelagic limestone but containing up to $10 \%$ of detrital elements. These elements are fragments of carbonate cemented quartz and glauconite grains, together with "battered Robulus". The worn Robulus spp. are from . 3 - . 6 mm diameter lens and are nondescript because of lack of ornament. Both detrital elements are common constituents of the Clifton Formation (seen in Pecten - 22 miles away) . The Clifton Formation and the Nautilus interval between 4900-4500' are synchronous as both contain Zonule I planktonics. This
interval is considered relatively shallower than that of 5650-5400' because of the presence of detrital material and an autochthonous benthonic foraminifera fauna rich in fine grained arenaceous species including Gaudyrina heywoodensis, Vulvulineria granulose and. Textularia spp; the oldest recording of arenaceous Tertiary species in the section.
(v) 4500-4209' - a palagic limestone with additional elements of quartz and glauconite of size range < 15 mm , thus differing from the coarser detritus between 4900 4500'. Benthonic and planktonic foraminifera are rare and all speciments $\langle .3 \mathrm{~mm}$; in many samples the foraminifera are only in the $\langle .15 \mathrm{~mm}$ fraction. This suggests size sorting and differential size settling and that the benthonic fauna is completely allochthonous. The difference between interval (iv) and this interval may be more a function of current velocity and angle of sediment repose rather than of depth. But if it is a function of the repose angle, then interval (v) must be further upsiope than interval (iv).
(vi) 4029-2800' - The sediment contains a high proportion of sponge spicules (up to $20 \%$ of total sediment). These rodshaped hollow spicules would tend to be held in suspension longer than the material in intervals (iv) and (v). Thus differential size sorting and settling are once again evoked with a suspicion of grading from the coarser (iv) to the slow settling (vi), when compared with Connoily and Von der Borch's (1967) examples from recent sediments on the southern Australian sea-floor. But Connolly and Von der Borch's graded beds are measured in less than 10 cm . units, whilst those of Nautilus are measured in hundreds of feet. The fine sedimentation of this interval was interrupted at least once (3825') by the introduction of coarser detritus, including bryozoal fragments and "battered" Robulus spp.
(vii) A bryozoal rich marly limestone and marls containing planktonic foraminiferal faunas, which correlate with the bryozoal Gellibrand Marl of the Port Campbell Embayment, e.g. Pecten, Flaxmans, Narrawaturk, etc.). In Nautilus the benthonic foraminiferal fauna is rich in Cibicides refulgens, $C$. mediocris, Diocidicides biserialis and Karreria maoria which were probably adherent on seaweed, as were the bryozoa. The site of the seaweed growth would be on the continental shelf and the Gellibrand Marls (e.g. in Narrawaturk or in outcrop) are inner continental shelf deposits. Reed (1965, p.55) reaches this conclusion in respect to the Heywood Marl (= the Gellibrand Marl in the western part of the Basin). The 2800-1800' interval in Nautilus may represent inner continental shelf deposits, but the entire fauna could be allochthonous, having been rafted on seaweed onto the outer shelf or slope.
(viii) 1800 - ?' A white rubbly limestone with occasional bryozoal marls. The benthonic fauna includes the species from 2800-1800' with Cassidulina subglobossa, Rosalina australia and Patellina corrugata. This fauna is similar to that of the present day continental shelf, where there is considerable current and wave base action.

Much of the faunal constituent of these calcareous sediments is either pelagic, or apparently allochthonous material which can be traced to synchronous sediments which were deposited in shallow water. The record of this sequence cannot be considered complete, because of inadequate samples, so that the account given above is very simplified. Yet there is a definite upsequence trend from deep water sediments to shallow water. The sedimentation can be described as fill, in that the continental shelf has been built out from a position near Pecten in Oligocene to the position of Nautilus by mid Miocene times (see fig. 5) . The amount of allochthonous material suggests that it was
carried over the edge of the shelf by slumping or current action (in the case of seaweed rafting). Inorganic material (including calcareous clays) would have been accumulated by the same mechanisms. The nature of the sediment particles in recent deep sea sediments off southern Australia support this view (Connolly and Von der Borch, 1967).

Difficulty exists in explaining the thickness of pelagic limestones in the sequence (5650-5170') with $480^{\prime}$ of lower Oligocene sediment. In Narrawaturk-2 the same interval occupies 65' of shallow water sediment. A possible explanation is that with the Oligocene transgression nutrient rich cold waters upwelled onto the edge of the continental shelf stimulating the growth of a large plankton stock. Any large scale slumping would have muddied the water and killed vast quantities of plankton.

## THE NAUTILUS UNCONFORMITY

The outstanding feature of the Nautilus section is the total absence of uppermost Cretaceous to Eocene sediment (approximating 3500' in sediment thickness in other sections) and the presence of a thick Oligocene to Miocene sediment fill which is approximately 3500' thicker than in other sections. The situation is compensatory and the coincidence of relative thicknesses is too close to imply structural movement and then readjustment. The apparent upper Cretaceous to Oligocene unconformity is not considered to be the result of exposure then sinking.

The Lower Oligocene sediment in Nautilus is approximately 3500' lower than any other known section in the Otway Basin. In three other sections the Lower Oligocene is represented by shallow water deposits or are absent. The Nautilus Lower Oligocene is globigerinid ooze with associated benthonic species indicating a water depth of greater than $3000^{\prime}$. Thus there is. a coincidence between assumed water depth and present elevation differences. This is shown on the scale in fig. 5.

The immediate conclusion is that an approximate $3500^{\prime}$ thickness of sediment was moved by slumping into deeper water, exposing Santonian sediment at the Nautilus site. This slumping must have occurred in later Eocene or early Oligocene times. Sedimentation would therefore have resumed at a depth of 3500', which is consistent with all data presented here. Under these circumstances an unconformity due to sub-aqueous erosion is postulated at 5720' in Nautilus.

Coring projects reveal that unconformities in deep-sea sediments are the rule rather than the exception especially on the continental slope and marginal plateaux. Unconformities and missing Tertiary time units are shown by JOIDES, (1965, figs. 3 and 4) on the Florida-Hatteras slope and the Blake plateau. An interesting local example is a core taken in 3000 metres of water in the Naturaliste plateau off south western Australia. In this core Burckle et al (1967) reports:-

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    9-1l9 cm Pleistoceñe planktonic foraminifera deposited
    in >1000m of water;
119 - 222 cm Upper Cretaceous (Mid-Turonian) planktonic .
    foraminifera deposited in > 1000m of water.
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The core exhibits a clear cut time break, though angularity of the unconformity could not be clearly demonstrated on the seismic profiles (Burckle et al, l.c., fig. 4). The time break may have been due to sediment and plankton starvation at the site.

Sediment starvation may be the explanation for the Nautilus unconformity although Esso's seismic profiles do exhibit angularity. In the Naturaliste model; deep-sea sediment rests on deep-siea sediment after a time break. In Nautilus, deep-water pelagic Oligocene sediments rests on fairly shallow water Upper Cretaceous deposits which have an extremely low planktonic count ( $<1 \%$ ). The benthonic constituents of the Nautilus Upper Cretaceous faunas are those of the Otway Basin dark mudstones which raylor (1964, p.552) regarded as indicating a maximum
depth of 200 m . Thus there is marked change in sedimentary environment on either side of the unconformity (refer fig. 4), which can only be accounted for in terms of structural or sediment movement.

Abbreviation of sedimentation cannot be completely dismissed in considering the Nautilus section as coring was not constant over the interval between definite Upper Cretaceous and definite lowermost Oligocene (i.e. between 5720' and 5650'). Coring was carried out between 5674' and 5691' and 4 sidewall cores were taken. It has been emphasised that $3500^{\prime}$ of uppermost Cretaceous to Upper Eocene sediment is absent in Nautilus. Abbreviation into 70' of sparsely fossiliferous silts and sands (between 5720' and 5650') is difficult to comprehend especially as the only foraminifera present suggest a lower Oligocene age. The lack of any recycled material suggests that exposure of older (pre-Oligocene) material was sudden and the exposures were quickly sealed by slumped. or suspended clays or silts. The 70' of sands and silts in Nautilus are probable remnants of the slumped material captured in a subaqueous erosional hollow. The Oligocene planktonic fauna was added ("salt and pepper" addition) at the time of slumping.

The preferred explanation of the Nautilus unconformity is that sudden slumping removed $3500^{\prime}$ of loosely consolidated sands and silts. The base of the slumping was the lithologically homogeneous dark mudstone (= Belfast Mudstone - drilled thickness of $880^{\prime}$ ) which is now indurated. Surely with 3500' of overburden, induration would have taken place by Oligocene times. This lithological unit would have been more resistent to slumping and scouring than the units above.

The data produced validates the argument that the Nautilus unconformity was in fact the continental slope in oligocene times. The Oligocene sequence is complete in the Nautilus section but this is not so in many other Otway Easins sections as shown on fig. 3, and in the data compiled by Taylor (in press). A lower Oligocene hiatus was suggested originally by Carter's
(1958) Aire Coast (eastern Otway Basin) foraminiferal sequence. Following the subaerial exposure, a shallow water sandy calcarenite was deposited. This Upper Oligocene unit, the clifton Formation, is rich in bryozoal fragments, is cemented by iron carbonates and hydrates and contains phosphatic nodules. Baker's (1962) description of the sediment and mineral content shows clearly that it was the result of an unconformity in an area of low relief. Thus there was slumping and deep water deposition in one part of the basin corresponding with subaerial exposure in the marginal areas. Even in marginal areas where Oligocene sedimentation was continuous in some sections (e.g. Narrawaturk - fig. 5) the Lower Oligocene marls were shallow water deposits and the Upper Oligocene is represented by the typical Clifton Formation lithology. From fig. 5 it appears that Narrawaturk was in a lower structural position than Pecten where the Lower Oligocene is absent.

A Lower oligocene structural adjustment is obvious with two apparently simultaneoüs events; uplift in the northern part of the basin; down-warp on the southern extension of the continental shelf resulting in slumping and formation of a new continental slope. The Nautilus section shows that sediment built up during Oligocene to Miocene times so that the continental shelf was extending southward to establish its present position.

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NAUTILUS A.I
Summary Biostratigraphy


Foraminiferal distrimution chart - Nantlus-A-1
from 5008 to s580.

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Pecten to Nautilus
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BASIN & \(=\) & OTWAY & \\
PERMIT & \(=\) & & \\
TYPE & \(=\) & WELL & \\
SUBTYPE & \(=\) & DIAGRAM & \\
DESCRIPTION & \(=\) & Nautilus 1 Figure 3 Cross section & Flaxmans to
\end{tabular}
Pecten to Nautilus
DATE_CREATED =
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WELL NAME N
WELL_NAME = Nautilus 1
CONTRATOR
CLIENT_OP_CO = Esso
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Fig. 4
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## PE900448

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Oligocene to lower Miocene BASIN
= OTWAY
PERMIT
TYPE
=

SUBTYPE
DESCRIPTION
e to lower Miocene
DATE CREATED
DATE_RECEIVED
W_NO
WELLL_NAME
$=\quad$ W516
CONTRATOR
$=\quad$ Nautilus 1

CLIENT_OP_CO
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## PE600319

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        DATE-RECEIVED = *
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        CONTRACTOR = Exploration Logging Inc
    CLIENT_OP_CO = Esso
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## PE600324

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                        3
            REMARKS =
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    DATE-RECEIVED = *
            W_NO = W516
        WELL-NAME = Nautilus 1
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    CLIENT_OP_CO = Esso
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PE900449

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CONTAINER_BARCODE = PE900446
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BASIN = OTWAY
PERMIT = PEP 49
PERMIT = PEP 49
TYPE = GENERAL
TYPE = GENERAL
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SUBTYPE = PROSPECT-MAP
DESCRIPTION = Nautilus 1 Locality Map Showing
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Significant Tests and Principal
Offshore Geologic Provinces, Figure 1
Offshore Geologic Provinces, Figure 1
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## PE900450

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            PERMIT = PEP 49
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                                    Digger, Figure 6
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            PERMIT = PEP 49
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            WELL-NAME = Nautilus 1
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## PE900452

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A-A' Showing esSO Nautilus A-l, Figure
2b
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SUBTYPE = CROSS_SECTION
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A-A' Showing ESSO Nautilus A-1, Figure
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W NO $=$ W516
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CONTRACTOR = Esso
CLIENT_OP_CO = Esso
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## PE900556

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                                    Figure 2a
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            PERMIT = PEP 49
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            SUBTYPE = CROSS_SECTION
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                                    A-A' Showing Proposed Nautilus A-1,
                                    Figure 2a
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    DATE-RECEIVED =
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From Core Samples
BASIN = Otway
PERMIT = PEP 49
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From Core Samples
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