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1 WELL INDEX SHEET

COMPANY: BHP Petroleum Pty Ltd
SPUDDED: 2030 hrs 18th September 1993
COMPLETED: 1915 hrs 21st September 1993
TD: 560 mRT

WELL: Minerva-2 TYPE: Appraisal
BASIN: Otway TENEMENT: VIC/P31
ELEV. W.D.: 60 m Lat: 38° 43' 04.165" South
R.T.: 25 m Long. 142° 57' 19.476" East
1st FLANGE: 30" @ 120m

STATUS: P & A

CASING/TUBING SIZE 30"
LANDED AT (m) 120

TEST RESULTS, FLUID ANALYSIS, LOST CIRCULATION, (INTERVAL, CAUSES) PLUGS , REMARKS

Fish cemented in hole 551 - 290m
Plug No 1 was set 184 - 134m

Minerva-2 was abandoned after the drillstring became stuck prior to setting 20" casing.

WELL INDEX SHEET

COMPANY: BHP Petroleum Pty Ltd
 SPUDDED: 1915 hrs 21st September 1993
 COMPLETED: 0830 hrs 17th October 1993
 TD: 2170 mRT
 STATUS: Suspended

WELL: Minerva-2A
 BASIN: Otway
 ELEV. W.D.:60 m
 R.T.:25 m Long. 142° 57' 20.800" East

TYPE: Appraisal
 TENEMENT: VIC/P31
 Lat: 38° 43' 04.535" South
 1st FLANGE: 30" @ 118m

FORMATION/ MARKER	DRILL	TOPS (m) SUB SEA	SEISMIC TWT	LITHOLOGICAL SUMMARY/ REMARKS
Heytesbury/Nirranda Groups	85	60		No returns 85 - 570m
Wangerrip Group Pember Mudstone	553(?) (from casing shoe)	528(?)	533	Silty claystone with minor interbedded sandstone and pebbly conglomerate
Pebble Point	631	606	600	Medium to coarse sandstone with minor clay and dolomite
Sherbrook Group	757	732	694	Claystone with trace sandstone and minor dolomite increasing towards the base
Upper Shipwreck Group	1583	1557	1260	Sandstone interbedded with silty claystone
Lower Shipwreck Group	2103	2078	1550	Interbedded sandstone, siltstone and claystone

LOGS:

SUITE 1

DLL-MSFL-AS-GR-AMS-SP
 CST
 CSI (VSP)

SUITE 2

DLL-MSFL-GR-AMS-SP
 SDT-LDL-CNL-GR-AMS-FMS
 CSI (VSP)
 RFT-HP
 CST

SWC: SHOT 30 REC 29
 STORED: KESTREL Management,
 Mt Waverley, VIC

DITCH SAMPLES: 565-2170m
 CORES: Core-1 1728.5-1733.5m
 100% Recovery
 Core-2 1838.8-1855.6m
 97.5% Recovery
 Core-3 1855.5-1882.5m
 100% Recovery
 Core-4 1915-1942.75m
 99% Recovery
 Core-5 1943-1969m
 100% Recovery

VIC/P31
Minerva-2A Well Completion Report
Interpretive Data

CASING/TUBING SIZE	30"	20"	13.375"
LANDED AT (m)	118	553	1526

TEST RESULTS, FLUID ANALYSIS, LOST CIRCULATION, (INTERVAL, CAUSES) PLUGS , REMARKS

Plug No 1 was set 1784 - 1975m
Plug No 2 was set 1686 - 1775m
Plug No 3 was set 1490 - 1575m
Bridge Plug at 1484m with 9m of cement on top
Plug No 4 was set 122-171m

RFT: one RFT run with 34 pretests; one segregated sample collected at 1849.7mTV DSS

2 WELL SUMMARY

Minerva-2A was drilled as an appraisal well designed to test the hydrocarbon potential of the southern block of the Minerva structure. Minerva-1 was drilled in March 1993, into the northern horst block and encountered a 128m gas column in high quality reservoirs of the Shipwreck Group. The Minerva-2 well was spudded on the 12th September, 1993 in 60 m of water, by the semi-submersible 'Byford Dolphin'. The well was abandoned at 560m, after 7 x 8" drill collars became stuck at the base of the well and fishing operations were unsuccessful. Minerva-2A was spudded on the 21st September, 1993 and drilled to a total depth of 2170mRT. The Minerva Field is located in the northern area of permit VIC/P31 in the eastern offshore Otway Basin (Figure 1) approximately 7km from the nearest landfall and 26.5km east of the Pecten-1A well.

The primary target was the sandstones of the Late Cretaceous Upper Shipwreck Group within the southern fault block of the Minerva structure. The structure is sealed by the overlying claystones of the Upper Shipwreck Group. Secondary targets exist higher in the Upper Shipwreck Group where gas was encountered in two small sands in Minerva-1 and in the Sherbrook Group where a total of 0.2m of net gas sand was encountered over a 25m column.

In Minerva-2A, although gas shows were recorded in the Sherbrook Group over the interval 1400 - 1405mRT, the sands are interpreted to be tight.

A total of 10m of net gas sand is interpreted in the upper sands of the Upper Shipwreck Group over a 20m gross interval with an average porosity of 16% and an average water saturation of 31%. In the lower sands a total of 97.9m of net gas sand is interpreted over a 111m gross interval with an average porosity of 19% and an average water saturation of 15%.

The well was cased and suspended as a future gas producer on the 17th October 1993.

3 HYDROCARBONS

There were no visual hydrocarbon shows recorded in the Tertiary section. Recording of ditch gas commenced within the Cretaceous section at 908mRT, where background readings, consisting dominantly of C1, were recorded up to 0.02%. Background gas increased gradually throughout the Sherbrook to between 0.1 and 0.2% with minor amounts of C2 and C3.

At 1402mRT a gas peak of 1% TG (total gas) was recorded corresponding to thin sands within the Sherbrook Group. No fluorescence was recorded in these sands and log interpretation (Appendix 3) indicates that they are tight.

A further gas bearing interval was intersected between 1719 - 1740mRT in the Upper Shipwreck Group, where gas readings peaked at 4% TG. Again no fluorescence was recorded throughout these sands. Log interpretation indicates a total of 10m of net gas sand over a 20m gross interval (50% N/G), with an average porosity of 16% and an average water saturation of 31%.

On penetrating the lower sands in the Upper Shipwreck Group at 1831mRT the gas increased to between 0.1 - 3% TG. Log interpretation indicates a total of 97.9m of net gas sand over a 111m gross interval (88% N/G), with an average porosity of 19% and an average water saturation of 15%.

Interpretation of the RFT pretest measurements (Appendix 4) indicate that the two gas bearing sands intersected by the Minerva-2A well, have a common gas gradient of 0.164 psi/m. The gas/water contact of the main Shipwreck sand is interpreted to be at 1915.1 mTVDSS, which compares well with that determined from Minerva-1 (1914.7 mTVDSS).

One segregated sample was taken from the main gas bearing interval in Minerva-2A at 1849.7 mTVDSS. Both the one gallon upper and the 2-3/4 gallon lower chambers were kept sealed for analysis.

Below 1950mRT the gas decreased to between 0.2 - 0.3% TG and the section is interpreted to be entirely water saturated.

4 STRATIGRAPHY

The stratigraphic sequence penetrated at Minerva-2A was very similar to the anticipated section (Figure 3). Minerva-2A reached a total depth of 2170mRT, terminating in the Late Cretaceous Lower Shipwreck Group. Delineation of age units is based primarily on log correlation with nearby wells, together with palynology (Appendix 1) to further define the formations.

The stratigraphic section is shown in Figure 3 and Enclosure 1. Age, lithology, and drilling data are marked on the composite well log accompanying this report. No ditch cuttings were obtained above 570m.

Lower Shipwreck Group (2170 - 2103mRT)

The Shipwreck group was deposited as a vast delta system and changes regionally from non-marine/fluviial facies onshore in the north to nearshore and offshore/deltaic in the southern permit areas.

In the Minerva-2A well 67m of Lower Shipwreck Group sediments were intersected. The sequence consists of interbedded argillaceous sandstone and claystone. The sands are generally clear to very light grey, very fine to fine grained, friable with abundant loose grains, subangular to subrounded and moderately sorted.

Upper Shipwreck Group (2103 - 1583mRT)

The base of the Upper Shipwreck Group is marked by a Turonian unconformity.

A 520m section of Upper Shipwreck sediments were intersected in the Minerva-2A well, which consist of argillaceous siltstones grading to silty claystones towards the top, and interbedded sandstones increasing in abundance towards the base. Five cores were cut over the intervals 1728.5 - 1733.5mRT (100% recovery); 1838.8 - 1855.6mRT (97.5% recovery); 1855.5 - 1882.5mRT (100% recovery); 1915 - 1942.75mRT (99% recovery) and 1943 - 1969.0mRT (100% recovery). The cores consisted of interbedded sandstone and claystone, with minor coal. The sands are clear to light grey, medium to coarse grained, subrounded to rounded, well sorted with common light grey argillaceous matrix. The sands generally have good reservoir characteristics. An interpretation of the cores is given in Appendix 5.

Sherbrook Group (1583 - 757mRT)

The base of the Sherbrook Group is marked by a regional, angular to occasionally parallel unconformity which formed in response to the breakup and onset of sea floor spreading, at around 85 Ma.

In Minerva-2A a 826m section of medium to dark grey claystones were intersected with minor interbedded sandstone. The sand content increases towards the top of the Sherbrook

Group, consisting of light grey, medium to coarse grained, moderately sorted quartz grains. The claystones of the Sherbrook Group act as the seal for the underlying Shipwreck Group.

Wangerrip Group (757 - 553mRT(?) from casing shoe)

Pebble Point Formation (757 - 631mRT)

Pember Mudstone (631 - 553mRT(?) from casing shoe)

Dilwyn Formation (?)

The base of the Wangerrip Group is marked by a regional unconformity which may represent a starvation of sediment in combination with a relative fall in sea level. The Wangerrip Group sediments prograde over this unconformity, and are deposited as a regressive deltaic sequence.

In Minerva-2A Wangerrip Group sediments were intersected with only the basal 204m sampled from cuttings. The base of the section consists of 126m of medium to coarse grained sandstone of the Pebble Point Formation. This passes up into the silty claystones of the Pember Mudstone. The Dilwyn Formation was not sampled, however it is known to consist of sands and silts elsewhere in the permit.

Heytesbury/Nirranda Groups (? - 82mRT)

The Nirranda Group was not sampled in this well, however is interpreted to consist of shoreface sands overlain by marls and limestones of the Narrawaturk Marl.

The Heytesbury Group was not sampled during the drilling of this well, however is interpreted to consist of a prograding bioclastic sequence.

5 STRUCTURE

The Minerva structure is an anticline that has been broken up into two rotated fault blocks by northwest to southeast trending normal faults. Minerva-2A was an appraisal well designed to prove up reserves in the southern fault block. Minerva-1 had previously discovered a gas accumulation in the northern block. Both of the fault blocks have three way dip closure in combination with fault closure to the southwest.

The Minerva structure began development at the end of the Early Cretaceous and continued to develop during the Late Cretaceous. It experienced very little growth during the Early Tertiary until the Oligocene or more recent times where significant structural growth has occurred. Two distinct phases of normal faulting are evident. The Early Cretaceous - Late Cretaceous faults terminating within the Sherbrook Group claystones and the Late Cretaceous - Tertiary faults extending to the water bottom and soling out within the claystones of the Upper Shipwreck Group.

6 GEOPHYSICAL DISCUSSION

6.1 Seismic Coverage

The Minerva structure is defined by a 1 by 1 to 1.5 kilometre grid of 2D seismic data which was acquired in 1980, 1981, and 1991. The data acquired in 1980 and 1981 were reprocessed in 1991 together with the 1991 acquired data. The data is of good quality and is correctly located in order to give optimum imaging of the faults in the area. A closer seismic line spacing is required to more accurately map horizons and correlate faults over the Minerva structure.

6.2 Post-Drill Mapping

Minerva-2A encountered a gas column some 39 metres deeper than prognosed. The pre-drill map at the Top Main Gas Zone level carried the seismic response (a peak) at the top of the reservoir in the northern block (Minerva-1) across to the southern block (Minerva-2A). Post-drill results indicate that the top of the reservoir corresponds to a trough in the southern block and it is this variation across the fault that caused the error in prognosis. A revised map at the Top Main Gas Zone was created after the drilling of Minerva-2A. It is included as Enclosure 2.

6.3 Time-Depth Conversion

The Minerva-1 time-depth curve was used for the time to depth conversion of horizons in Minerva-2A. The depths at Minerva-2A varied by less than 5% with differences at the primary objectives of 1% or less (Refer figure 1, predicted v's actual).

7 GEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION

7.1 Previous Work

Three wells had been drilled in the permit prior to Minerva-2A, viz. Mussel-1 (ESSO, 1969), Eric The Red-1 (BHPP, 1993), and Minerva-1 (BHPP, 1993).

Mussel-1 was drilled to a TD of 2450mRT where the drill string twisted off. Fishing operations were unsuccessful with electric logs being run to 2286mRT. The well was plugged and abandoned on the 18th September, 1969. The primary target was the Late Cretaceous Shipwreck Group on a structural high within a tilted fault block. Seismic remapping by BHPP has suggested the well was drilled off structure.

Eric The Red-1 was drilled to a TD of 1875mRT in the Otway Group sediments. The primary objective of the well was the Late Cretaceous Shipwreck Group, with the Otway and Sherbrook Groups as secondary objectives. The well was plugged and abandoned, without encountering hydrocarbon shows, on 6 March 1993.

Minerva-1 was drilled to a total depth of 2425mRT in the Otway Group sediments. The primary objective of the well was the Late Cretaceous Lower Shipwreck Group within a tilted fault block. The well encountered gas bearing sands within both the Sherbrook Group and the Upper Shipwreck Group. A total of 0.2m of net gas sand is interpreted in the Sherbrook Group and 2.9m and 118.5m of net gas pay from two sands in the Upper Shipwreck Group. The well was production tested and flowed at approximately 29MMSCFD.

7.2 Regional Geology

The Otway Basin, situated on the southeastern margin of Australia, is one of a series of basins formed in association with the breakup of Gondwana and Australia's separation from Antarctica.

Rifting within Gondwana was initiated at Late Jurassic to very Early Cretaceous time. Early Cretaceous sediments have only been penetrated in Pecten-1A in the permit area, however are known directly onshore from the permit area and to the west. Rifting produced northwest-southeast oriented normal faulting which controlled the major structural style of the area. Sediments deposited within the Early Cretaceous rift and post-rift sequences thicken southwestwards across faults towards the basin centre.

From Valanginian to Barremian times, it is interpreted that the Pretty Hill Formation was deposited in the permit as alluvial fan sands, silts and clays in tilted half-graben settings. An ensuing sag phase due to thermal cooling and contraction of the crust led to a regional unconformity above the Pretty Hill Formation. The Eumeralla Formation was deposited from the Aptian to the latest Albian during the sag, comprising of both fluvial and lacustrine sands, silts and clays, with common coals deposited in a lake margin coal-swamp environment.

Reactivation of rift activity is interpreted at the earliest Cenomanian, which created a regional unconformity above the Eumeralla Formation. The rifting enhanced the structural style of the previous rifting episode, generating a series of northwest-southeast trending terraces, such as the Mussel Terrace, stepping down into the basin.

Rifting continued from the Cenomanian to the Santonian. During this time sediments of the Upper and Lower Shipwreck Groups were deposited, with the two separated by an unconformity dated approximately at 90 Ma. The sediments were deposited as a vast delta system changing regionally from non-marine/fluviial facies onshore in the north to nearshore and offshore/deltaic in the south.

The end of the second rifting episode, and the inception of sea-floor spreading, is suggested to occur in the permit area at 85Ma, which resulted in a compressive episode which gently folded the Shipwreck Group sediments. This resulted in a regional to occasionally parallel unconformity.

The Sherbrook Group sediments onlap and downlap the breakup unconformity. The sediments consist predominantly of distal clays and silts which grade vertically to more proximal delta sand/silt facies. During the deposition of the Sherbrook Group the basin underwent continued northeast-southwest extension along pre-existing normal faults, coincident with periods of northwest-southeast compression. The compression overprinted the previous minor regional folding.

Overlying the regional unconformity above the Sherbrook Group are Maastrichtian to Middle Eocene Wangerrip Group sediments. After a rapid marine transgression, which is often represented by a basal sand of the Pebble Point Formation, the Wangerrip Group prograded basinward, being deposited as a regressive sequence in deltaic settings represented by sands and silts of the Pember Mudstone and Dilwyn Formation.

The Nirranda Group, comprising of the Mepunga Formation shoreface sands overlain by marls and limestones of the Narrawaturk Marl, unconformably overlies the Wangerrip Group. The Nirranda Group represents a large marine transgression at Late Eocene time.

Northwest-southeast compressional tectonism was reactivated at earliest Oligocene time, with partial inversion of some faults, folding of strata and formation of a regional unconformity.

Open marine conditions since the Oligocene have produced the prograding, bioclastic carbonate sequence of the Heytesbury Group. Minor extension and some compressional tectonism have continued until present day, particularly in the northeast of the permit area, resulting in the partial erosion of the Heytesbury and Nirranda Group sediments.

7.3 Contribution to Geological Concepts and Conclusions

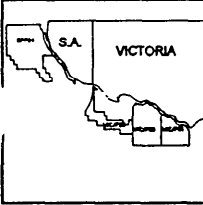
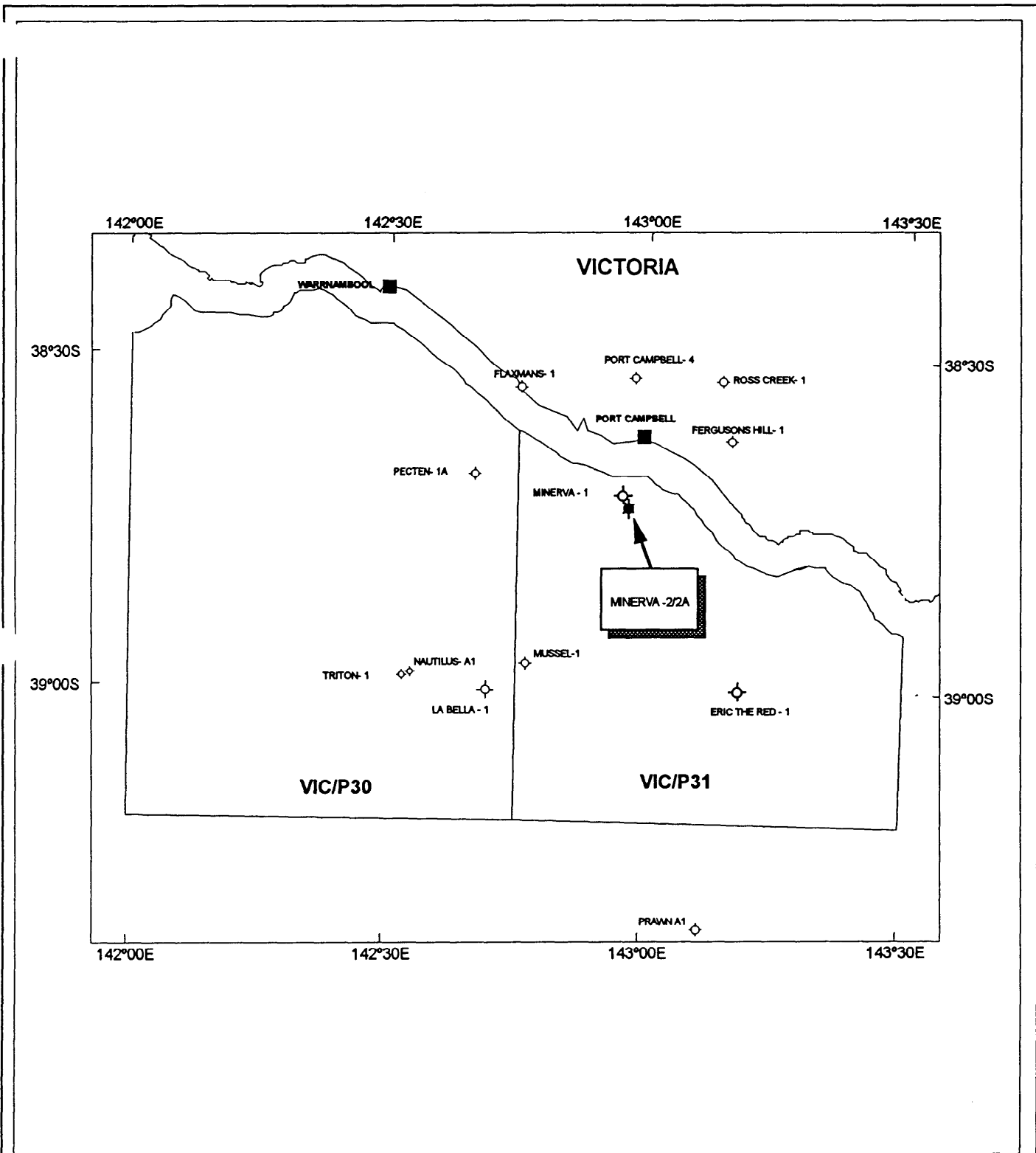
Minerva-2A was drilled as an appraisal well in order to test the lateral extent of the gas accumulation discovered by the Minerva-1 well. Minerva-1 tested the central horst block of the Minerva structure. The Minerva-2A well was located in a fault block immediately to the south of the Minerva-1 horst.

Minor gas shows only were encountered in the secondary objective, Sherbrook Group. The Minerva-1 well encountered a small (0.2m) amount of net gas sand in this group, however the sand is considered to be entirely tight at the Minerva-2A location.

In the Upper Shipwreck Group two gas bearing intervals were intersected. The upper sand is interpreted to have a total of 10m of net gas sand over the interval 1720 - 1740mRT (50% net/gross) with an average porosity of 16% and an average water saturation of 31%. In the lower sand a total of 97.9m of net gas sand is interpreted over the interval 1829 - 1940mRT (88% net/gross) with an average porosity of 19% and an average water saturation of 15%.

The RFT interpretation indicates that the two Upper Shipwreck Group sands have a common gas gradient of 0.164psi/m. The gas/water contact of the main Shipwreck sand is interpreted to be at 1915.1m TVDSS, which compares well with that determined from Minerva-1 (1914.7mTVDSS).

Five core chips over the interval 1732.8 - 1963.7 m were solvent extracted in an attempt to identify any residual hydrocarbons within the gas column (Appendix 2). Four of the samples amounted to less than 500 ppm, too low to represent residual hydrocarbon saturations. The fifth sample (1860.3 m), from a coal, yielded over 7000 ppm. Saturate-fraction GC data suggests that it was generated from higher land-plant, derived organic matter within source sediments deposited under strongly oxic conditions, consistent with its origin in a coal. Biomarker data also indicates the origin from an immature coal, suggesting that the recovered hydrocarbon is indigenous to the 1860.3m coal. None of the five extracts are considered to represent thermally mature, migrated hydrocarbons.



**MINERVA-2/2A
LOCATION MAP**



MINERVA-2/2A
LOCATION MAP



OTWAY BASIN STRATIGRAPHIC COLUMN

System Period	Epoch General	Group	Formation	Lithology	Depositional Env	Reservoir Source	Shows		
TERTIARY		Heytesbury	Port Campbell Limestone		Marine	SEAL			
			Gellibrand Marl						
		Nirranda	Narrawaturk		Marginal Marine	R			
			Mepunga						
		Wangerrip	Dilwyn		Marginal Marine	R			
			Pember			SEAL R			
			Pebble Point			R			
CRETACEOUS	Maastrichtian	Sherbrook			Fluvio/Deltaic	SEAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fahley-1 ● Curdes-1 ☼ Lindon-1 ☼ Port Campbell-1, North Paaratte-3, Najaba-1A, Minerva-1, La Bella-1 ☼ North Paaratte-1 & 2, Grumby-1, Iona-1, Wallaby Creek-1, Caroline-1 ● Port Cambell-4 ● Windermere-1, Crayfish-1A, Katnook-2 ☼ Katnook-1, Katnook-2 ☼ Troas-1ST ☼ Katnook-2, Katnook-3, Ladbrook Grove-1, Wallaby Creek-1 ☼ Laura-1 ☼ Sawpit-1 ☼ Kalangadoo-1 		
	Campanian				Marine				
	Santonian	Shipwreck (Informal)	Upper Shipwreck		Fluvial and Marginal Marine	S			
	Conocian		Lower Shipwreck						
	Turonian	Otway	Eumeralla			Fluvial/Lucastrine		SEAL	
	Cenomanian							S	
	Albian							SEAL	
	Aptian							S	
	Barremian			Crayfish Subgroup					SEAL
	Hauterman								R
Valanginian							R		
Berriasian	Casterton Beds				Fluvial/Lucastrine	SEAL			
Tithonian						R			
Kimmeridgian									
Oxfordian									
	Paleozoic	Undifferentiated Paleozoic Basement							



MINERVA-2A PREDICTED v ACTUAL

PERMIT: VIC/P31

LINE: OE80A-1056 LAT: 38°43'04.535" S ELEV: RT: 25m SPUD: 21-9-1993 STATUS: SUSPENDED
 SP: 4067 LONG: 142°57'20.800" E WATER DEPTH: 60m RIG RELEASE: 17-10-1993 RIG: Byford Dolphin

Depth mSS (TVD)	T.W.T. msec	Tops mSS (TVD)	Stratigraphy		Predicted Lithology	Objectives	Shows	Core	Actual Lithology	Stratigraphy		Tops mSS (TVD)	Thick- ness m	CSG mSS
			System Series	Group						Group	System Series			
0												Sea Level 60		
			Recent to Miocene	Heytesbury Group	Calcarenite									
	248	248		Narrawaturk	Mari									
	264	278 295	L. Eocene	Mepunga				Not Sampled	Heytesbury/ Nirranda Groups	Recent to Late Eocene		468		30" 93m
	474	460	Mid Eocene to Late Paleocene	Dilwyn	Sandstone							528 (?)		
	574	577 588		Pember	Claystone									
				Pebble Point	Sandstone			Silty Claystone	Pember Mudstone	Mid Eocene to Maastrich.		606	78 (?)	20"
	746	814			Interbedded sands and silty Claystones			Medium to Coarse Sandstones	Pebble Point			732	126	528m
			Maastrichtian to Mid Santonian	Sherbrook Group	Claystones with minor Silt and Sand			Dark Grey Claystones with minor interbedded Sandstone	Sherbrook Group	Maastrichtian to Santonian			826	
	1180	1452		FAULT										
	1304	1645	Mid Santonian to Coniacian	Upper Shipwreck Group	Silty Claystones with basal Sandstones			Argillaceous Siltstones grading to Silty Claystones	Upper Shipwreck Group	Late Turonian to Santonian		1558		13.375" 1501m
	1372	1765			Claystones and Silty Claystones			Interbedded Sandstone, Claystone with minor Coal					520	
					Interbedded Sands and Shales			Arg. Sst and Clst	Lower Shipwreck			2078		
	1546	2100										2145	67+	

APPENDICES



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FIGURE 1 : CRETACEOUS REGIONAL FRAMEWORK, OTWAY BASIN

FIGURE 2 : ZONATION USED HEREIN

FIGURE 3 : MATURITY PROFILE : MINERVA-2A

TABLE 1 : DETAILED SUGGESTED ENVIRONMENTS, RESERVOIR
SECTION OF MINERVA-2A

I SUMMARY

570-600m(cutts) : *diversus* Zone : Early Eocene : brackish to non-marine : immature

600-620m(cutts) : apparently *balmei* Zone : ? Paleocene : marginally marine :
immature

620-740m(cutts) : *balmei* Zone : Paleocene : marginally marine : immature

740-60m(cutts) : upper *longus* Zone (*druggii* dino Zone) : Maastrichtian : nearshore
marine : immature

760-840m(all cutts) : *longus* Zone (*druggii* dino Zone markers are probably caved) :
Maastrichtian marginally marine : immature

860-940m(cutts) : *lillei* Zone (900-940m *korojonense* dino Zone) : Maastrichtian-
Campanian : marginally marine : immature

960-1140m(all cutts) : upper *senectus* Zone (960-1020m upper *australis* dino Zone,
1040-1140 lower *australis* dino Zone) : Campanian : very nearshore to
marginal marine : immature

1140-1300m(all cutts) : middle *senectus* Zone (1140-1180m upper *aceras* dino Zone
1230-1300m middle to lower *aceras* Zone) : Campanian : nearshore to very
nearshore marine : immature

1340-60m(cutts) : lower *senectus* Zone (middle to lower *aceras* dino Zone) :
Campanian : nearshore marine : immature

1380(cutts)-1565.5m(swc), upper *apoxyxinus* Zone (1380-1460m upper *cretaceum*
dino Zone, 1480-1565.5m lower *cretaceum* Zone) : Santonian : nearshore
marine : immature

1589.5m(swc)-1701.0m(swc) : middle *apoxyxinus* Zone (1589.5m lower *cretaceum*
dino zone, 1620.0-1643.5m upper *porifera* dino Zone) : Santonian : nearshore
to very nearshore : immature

1717.75m(swc)-1820.5m(swc) : lower *apoxyxinus* Zone : Santonian : nearshore
marine : immature

1828.0m(swc)-1917.35(Core) : upper *mawsonii* Zone : Coniacian : marginal marine, brackish and non-marine : marginally mature for oil

1926.25m(Core)-2049.0m(swc) : lower *mawsonii* Zone : Turonian : nearshore marine below 1970m, very nearshore, brackish and non-marine above 1970m : marginally mature

2066.0m(swc)-2131.0m(swc) : *distocarinatus* Zone : Cenomanian : nearshore to non-marine : marginally mature.

Depth	Sample	S/P Zone	Dino %	Dino diversity	Algal %	Likely Environment
1728.50	Core	lower apoxyxinus	10	7	0	nearshore marine
1733.60	Core	lower apoxyxinus	8	10	0	nearshore marine
1755.0	swc	lower apoxyxinus	26	11	0	nearshore marine
1774.0	swc	lower apoxyxinus	15	12	0	nearshore marine
1801.5	swc	lower apoxyxinus	36	17	0	nearshore approaching intermediate marine
1820.5	swc	lower apoxyxinus	24	16	0	nearshore marine
1828.0	swc	upper mawsonii	15	16	1	nearshore marine
1839.75	Core	upper mawsonii	1	1	5	slightly brackish anoxic lake
1841.00	Core	upper mawsonii	1	1	11	slightly brackish oxic lake
1843.20	Core	upper mawsonii	<1	1	20	slightly brackish oxic lake
1857.30	Core	upper mawsonii	1	2	10	slightly brackish anoxic lake
1860.30	Core	upper mawsonii	3	2	10	brackish lake (tidal influence)
1866.50	Core	upper mawsonii	5	5	2	marginal marine lagoon or estuary
1876.50	Core	upper mawsonii	2	4	2	marginal marine lagoon or estuary
1879.00	Core	upper mawsonii	7	9	1	nearshore (?tidal lagoon or estuary)
1881.00	Core	upper mawsonii	5	4	2	very nearshore anoxic (?stagnant brackish lagoon or estuarine backwater)
1900.0	swc	upper mawsonii	absent	0	0	non-marine (?levee bank or freshwater swamp)
1917.35	Core	upper mawsonii	3	5	1	brackish swamp (wood shards)
1926.25	Core	lower mawsonii	absent	0	1	non-marine (?levee bank or freshwater swamp)
1933.10	Core	lower mawsonii	3	3	0	brackish swamp (wood shards, spores)
1935.50	Core	lower mawsonii	8	8	5	nearshore marine lagoon or estuary (significant freshwater algal influence)
1939.35	Core	lower mawsonii	6	6	8	nearshore marine lagoon or estuary (significant freshwater influence)
1941.65	Core	lower mawsonii	3	11	4	nearshore marine lagoon or estuary (significant freshwater influence)
1943.00	Core	lower mawsonii	absent	0	5	non-marine (freshwater lake)
1948.00	Core	lower mawsonii	absent	0	4	non-marine (freshwater lake or swamp)
1953.00	Core	lower mawsonii	6	3	3	brackish lagoon or estuary
1955.60	Core	lower mawsonii	3	10	1	very nearshore (near normal salinity estuary)
1961.25	Core	lower mawsonii	5	10	6	very nearshore (?backbarrier tidal lagoon-note significant freshwater and saline influences)
1968.25	Core	lower mawsonii	3	7	8	very nearshore (?backbarrier tidal lagoon-note significant freshwater and saline influences)
1996.5	swc	lower mawsonii	13	13	0	nearshore marine
2012.5	swc	lower mawsonii	28	9	1	nearshore marine
2049.0	swc	lower mawsonii	9	12	0	nearshore marine
2066.0	swc	distocarinatus	16	13	0	nearshore marine
2077.0	swc	distocarinatus	11	7	0	nearshore marine
2105.0	swc	distocarinatus	9	8	0	nearshore marine
2119.0	swc	distocarinatus	absent	0	4	freshwater lake or swamp
2131.0	swc	distocarinatus	1	5	0	very nearshore (?brackish tidal lagoon)

Table 1

Detailed suggested environments, reservoir section of Minerva-2A
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II INTRODUCTION

After well completion, sixty eight samples (23 core chips, 20 swcs, 25 cuttings) were submitted for detailed study. These results are summarised herein.

Palynomorph occurrence data are shown as Appendix I and form the basis for the assignment of the samples to fourteen spore-pollen and dinoflagellate units of Early Eocene to Cenomanian age.

Specimen counts were made on all assemblages and expressed in the raw data as percentages. In the running text, percentages from cuttings are always bracketed (5%) to show that they may be inaccurate due to caving.

The Cretaceous spore-pollen zonation is essentially that of Dettmann and Playford (1969), but has been significantly modified and improved by various authors since, and most recently discussed in Helby et al (1987), as shown on Figure 1. The Late Cretaceous zonation has been modified by Morgan (1992) in project work for BHPP (Figure 2). Tertiary zones are essentially those of Partridge (1976).

Maturity data was generated in the form of Spore Colour Index, and is plotted on Figure 3 Maturity Profile of Minerva-2A. The oil and gas windows on Figure 3 follow the general consensus of geochemical literature. The oil window corresponds to spore colours of light-mid brown (Staplin Spore Colour Index of 2.7) to dark brown (3.6). These correspond to vitrinite reflectance values of 0.6% to 1.3%. Geochemists argue variations on kerogen type, basin type and basin history. The maturity interpretation is thus open to reinterpretation using the basic colour observations as raw data. However, the range of interpretation philosophies is not great, and probably would not move the oil window by more than 200 metres.

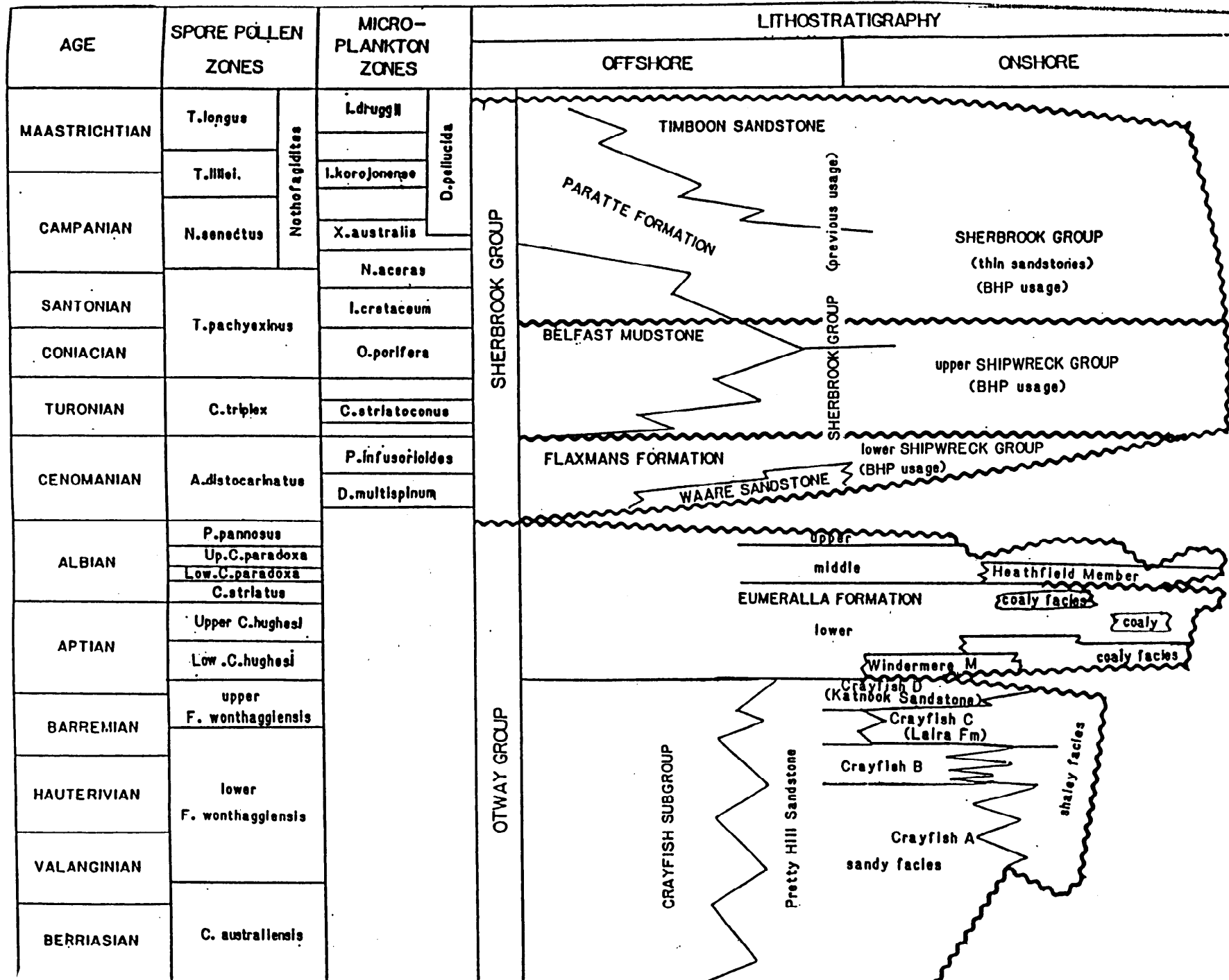


FIGURE 1. CRETACEOUS REGIONAL FRAMEWORK, OTWAY BASIN

SPORE-POLLEN ZONES	SPORE-POLLEN HORIZONS	DINOFLAGELLATE ZONES	DINOFLAGELLATE HORIZONS
LONGUS	upper T. confessus 1 T. sectilis G. rudata • 1b N. senectus • 1d	DRUGGII	M. conorata 1a M. conorata 1c M. druggii 1e I. pellucida 2
	lower T. sabulosus 2a T. longus 2b		
LILLEI	upper T. sectilis 3a	KOROJONENSE	I. korojonense 3 I. cretacea
	lower T. lillei 3b		I. korojonense 3c I. pellucida
SENECTUS	upper G. rudata 7a	upper AUSTRALIS	X. australis 4 X. ceratoides A. wisemaniae A. suggestium 4a
	middle T. sabulosus 7e	lower ACERAS	N. aceras 5 N. semireticulata X. australis ● 6
	lower N. senectus 9a	upper ACERAS	N. tuberculata 7 X. australis 7b N. tuberculata 7c N. semireticulata O. obesa 7d
APOXYEXINUS	upper A. cruciformis <1% A. cruciformis 1-4% 11	middle ACERAS	T. suspectum Heterosphaeridium 10%+ 8 Heterosphaeridium 20%+ 9
	middle 12	lower CRETACEA	N. aceras 9b I. belfastense 10 A. denticulata Heterosphaeridium 20%+ 10a I. belfastense A. denticulata 11a
	lower A. cruciformis 10%+ 12a	lower PORIFERA	I. cretacea 11b O. porifera 12b
MAWSONII	A. distocarinatus 12c	STRIATOCONUS	
	consistent 13 A. distocarinatus P. mawsonii 15a		C. edwardsii 14
DISTOCARINATUS		INFUSORIOIDES	C. edwardsii • 15 C. edwardsii • 15b
	common saccates A. cruciformis		dinoflagellates

FIGURE 2 ZONATION USED HEREIN SHOWING THE NUMBERED HORIZONS AGAINST THE EXISTING FORMAL ZONATION.

• = frequent (4-10%) ● = common (11-30%)

III PALYNOSTRATIGRAPHY

A 570-80m(cutts), 580-600m(cutts) : *diversus* Zone

Assignment to the middle *Malvacipollis diversus* Zone of Early Eocene age is suggested at the top by the absence of younger markers and at the base by oldest *Proteacidites kopiensis* (580m) *P. clarus* (600m) and *Triporopollenites ambiguus* (580m). The presence of *Cyathidites gigantis* at 580m may suggest the lower *diversus* Zone or older, but its range is not well documented in the Otway Basin. In these cuttings, the middle *diversus* markers may be caved, so a general *diversus* assignment only is made. Common species are *Proteacidites* and *Dilwynites granulatus* with frequent *Lygistepollenites florinii*, *Haloragacidites harrisii*, *Falcisporites* and *Cyathidites*.

Amongst the very rare dinoflagellates, *Deflandrea medcalfii* is consistent with the Early Eocene age.

Marginally marine (580m) to non-marine (600m) environments are indicated by the dominant and diverse spore-pollen, abundant cuticle, and rare dinoflagellates (1% and absent downhole). Common freshwater algae (26% and 39% downhole) indicate lake environments, although brackish at 580m.

Colourless spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

B 600-620m(cutts) : apparently *balmei* Zone

This assemblage appears to belong to the *Lygistepollenites balmei* Zone on youngest *L. balmei* without older markers. However, only one good specimen was seen and the other key marker *Gambierina rudata* was not seen. It is therefore possible that this sample might belong to the *diversus* Zone with minor reworking of *L. balmei*. Taxa normally restricted to the *diversus* and younger zones include *C. orthoteichus*, *Intratriporopollenites notabilis*, *Proteacidites clarus*, *P. ornatus* and *Spinozonocolpites prominatus*, but these could all be caved slightly in these cuttings. *Proteacidites* spp are common, with *Dilwynites* and *Falcisporites* very frequent and *H. harrisii*, *Cyathidites* and *Gleicheniidites* frequent.

Amongst the very rare dinoflagellates, youngest *Deflandrea speciosus* supports the *balmei* assignment and rare *Apectodinium* spp and *Wetziella articulata* suggest the very youngest part of it, but could be caved.

Brackish lake environments are favoured by the high freshwater algal content (12%) with low content (4%) and diversity of dinoflagellates. Spores and pollen are dominant and diverse. Considering the high *Botryococcus* contents above, part of their presence in this sample may be caved.

Colourless spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

C 620-40m, 720-40m(cutts) : *balmei* Zone

The presence of consistent *L. balmei* and *G. rudata* without older markers, indicates the *L. balmei* Zone. *Falcisporites* and *Proteacidites* are common with *Dilwynites*, *Cyathidites* and *Microcachryidites* frequent.

The dinoflagellate *Deflandrea speciosa* confirms the Paleocene assignment. A single *Homotriblium tasmaniense* is caved from upper *diversus* to *asperopolus* zones unsampled at the top of the section.

Marginally marine environments are indicated by the low dinoflagellate content (1% and 6%) and their low diversity. *Botryococcus* content is significant (7% and 4%) but could be partly caved.

Colourless spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

D 740-60m(cutts) : upper *longus* Zone

Assignment to the upper *Tricolpites longus* Zone of late Maastrichtian age is indicated at the top by youngest *T. longus* supported by youngest *Grapnelispora evansii*, *Tricolpites confessus*, *Tricolporites lillei* and *Triplopollenites sectilis*. At the base, oldest *Stereisporites punctatus* and low *Nothofagidites* content is diagnostic. *Proteacidites* and *Falcisporites* are common with *Cyathidites* and *Dilwynites* very frequent.

Amongst the scarce dinoflagellates (6%), *Manumiella coronata* and *M. druggii* indicate the *druggii* dinoflagellate Zone, correlative with the upper *longus* Spore-Pollen Zone. *M. coronata* and *Spiniferites* are the most frequent

dinoflagellates. *Deflandrea speciosa*, *D. striata* and *D. pachyceros* are all rare and considered caved.

Nearshore marine environments are indicated by the low dinoflagellate content (6%) and their low diversity. *Botryococcus* is frequent (9%) suggesting significant freshwater influence, but could be caved.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

E 760-80m, 820-40m(cutts) : *longus* Zone

Assignment to the lower *T. longus* Zone of Maastrichtian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger markers and a downhole influx of *Nothofagidites* and at the base by oldest *T. longus* (although this could be caved slightly). Common taxa are *Proteacidites* and *Falcisporites* with *Phyllocladidites mawsonii* very frequent. *Nothofagidites* (3%) outnumber *G. rudata* (1 and 2%). Minor Permian reworking was seen. The presence of *M. coronata* suggests the *druggii* dino Zone but these are considered caved.

Environments are probably marginally marine although the dinoflagellate content (11% and 8% downhole) suggests nearshore environments. This content is discounted here as it is probably caved. The correlable section in Minerva-1 contains 6% and 0% dinoflagellates.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

F 860-880m, 900-920m, 920-940m(cutts) : *lillei* Zone

Assignment to the *Tricolporites lillei* Zone of Campanian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger markers and at the base by oldest *T. lillei* (920m) and *T. sectilis* (940m) without older dinoflagellate markers. *Proteacidites* are common and *Cyathidites*, *Falcisporites* and *Podosporites microsaccatus* are frequent. *Tricolporites apoxyxinus* and *T. confessus* are rare elements. Rare Cretaceous and Permian reworking were seen, and the Cretaceous taxa notably include *Dingodinium cerviculum* at 920m (suggesting that marine Aptian is present in this part of the basin).

Dinoflagellates are rare and some are clearly caved. Present and probably in place is *Isabelidium korojonense* at 920m and 940m indicating the *korojonense* Dinoflagellate Zone, correlative with the *lillei* Spore-Pollen Zone.

Environments are marginally marine with rare dinoflagellates (3%, 2%, <1%) of low diversity, some of which are clearly caved (*M. coronata*). *Botryococcus* is common (4%, 13%, 3%) suggesting a brackish lake.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

G 960-80m, 1000-1020m, 1040-60m, 1080-1100m, 1120-40m(all cutts) : upper *senectus* Zone

Assignment to the upper *Nothofagidites senectus* Zone of Campanian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger markers confirmed by the dinoflagellates and at the base by oldest *G. rudata* (although this could be caved slightly). Common are *Falcisporites* and *Proteacidites* with frequent forms *Cyathidites*, *Gleicheniidites*, *Dilwynites* and *Microcachrydites*. *Tricolpites sabulosus* has a distinctive acme at 1100m (5%) and 1140m (3%). *T. confessus* was not seen below 1060m. Rare Permian and Triassic reworking was seen.

Amongst the dinoflagellates, youngest *Xenascus australense* (980m) and *Xenikoon australis* (1020m) without older markers indicate the upper *australis* Dinoflagellate Zone, correlative with the upper *senectus* Spore-Pollen Zone. Beneath this, youngest *Nelsoniella semireticulata* at 1060m (also present at 1100m), the presence of frequent to common *Xenikoon australis*, and the absence of older markers indicate the lower *X. australis* Zone, correlative with the upper *senectus* Spore-Pollen Zone. *X. australis* is the only common form, all other being rare. *Nelsoniella aceras* is a rare component of all assemblages.

Environments are very nearshore to marginal marine, as shown by the low dinoflagellate content (2%, 2%, 16%, 10%, 7% downhole). Spores and pollen are dominant and diverse.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

H 1140-60m, 1160-80m, 1220-40m, 1280-1300m(all cutts) : mid *senectus* Zone

Assignment to the mid *N. senectus* Zone of Campanian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger markers and at the base by oldest *T. sabulosus* (although this could be caved slightly). Common taxa are *Dilwynites*, *Falcisporites* and *Proteacidites* with *Cyathidites* and *Microcachrydites* frequent. *Nothofagidites* are rare (1-2%) and *T. sabulosus* is very rare but consistent.

Amongst the dinoflagellates, *Nelsoniella tuberculata* at 1160m and 1180m indicates the upper *Nelsoniella aceras* Dinoflagellate Zone, while the rare presence of *N. aceras* to the base suggests the middle to lower *aceras* Dinoflagellate Zone. *X. australis* occurs to the interval base but is considered caved below 1180m. *Heterosphaeridium heteracanthum*, *Spiniferites* and caved *X. australis* are the most frequent of the rare dinoflagellates.

Nearshore to very nearshore marine environments are indicated by the low dinoflagellate content (12%, 5%, 8%, 9% downhole) with low to moderate diversity. Spores and pollen are abundant and diverse.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

I 1340-60m(cutts) : lower *senectus* Zone

Assignment to the lower *N. senectus* Zone of Campanian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger markers and at the base by oldest *N. senectus* (which could be caved slightly in these cuttings) and the absence of older markers. *Dilwynites* and *Falcisporites* are common with *Proteacidites* and *Cyathidites* frequent. Minor Permian and early Cretaceous reworking was seen.

Amongst the dinoflagellates, *N. aceras* and *Odontochitina obesa* suggest the middle to lower *aceras* Zone, but these elements could be caved in these cuttings. *H. heteracanthum* is frequent (4%) with all other dinoflagellates rare, including *Odontochitina porifera*, *Gillinia hymenophora* and *Areosphaeridium suggestium*.

Environments appear to be nearshore with low dinoflagellate content (10%) but moderate diversity. Spores and pollen are abundant and diverse.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

J 1380-1400m, 1440-60m, 1480-1500m, 1535-38m(all cutts), 1565.5m(sw) : upper *apoxyexinus* Zone

Assignment to the upper *Tricolporites apoxyexinus* Zone of Santonian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger markers and confirmed by the dinoflagellates, and at the base by very rare *Amospollis cruciformis* and frequent *Proteacidites* without older markers. Within the interval, *Dilwynites* and *Falcisporites* are common, with *Microcachrydites*, *Podosporites* and *Proteacidites* frequent. Rare Permian reworking was seen.

Amongst the dinoflagellates, the presence of *Isabelidium belfastense* (1400m and 1460m) and youngest *Chatangiella victoriensis* (1400m) indicate the upper *Isabelidium cretaceum* Dinoflagellate Zone, but could be caved at the base. Beneath this, oldest *I. cretaceum* down to 1565.5m(sw) without younger markers, indicates the lower *I. cretaceum* Dinoflagellate Zone. *Heterosphaeridium* and *Odontochitina* spp are the most common taxa. *Trithyrodinium glabra* occurs at 1400m, 1460m and 1500m but could be caved at the base range.

Nearshore marine environments are indicated by the low dinoflagellate content (12%, 30%, 30%, 22%, 13% downhole) and moderate dinoflagellate diversity. Spores and pollen are dominant and diverse in generally inertinite dominated assemblages.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

K 1589.5m, 1620.0m, 1643.5m, 1664.0m, 1701.0m(all swcs) : middle *apoxyexinus* Zone

Assignment to the middle *T. apoxyexinus* Zone of Santonian age is indicated at the top by the downhole influx of *A. cruciformis* (from <1% above to 2-9% in the interval) and at the base by the absence of older markers. Within the interval, *Falcisporites* are common with *Cyathidites*, *Microcachrydites* and *Dilwynites* frequent. *A. cruciformis* is mostly around 5%. Minor Permian reworking is seen.

Amongst the dinoflagellates, oldest *I. cretaceum* at 1589.5m indicates the lower *cretaceum* Dinoflagellate Zone. At 1620.0m and 1643.5m, consistent *Isabelidinium rectangulare* occurs, indicating the upper *Odontochitina porifera* Dinoflagellate Zone. Beneath that, dinoflagellates do not clearly indicate workable dinoflagellate zones. *Conosphaeridium striatoconus* and *Isabelidinium balmei* occur at 1701.0m(swc). *H. heteracanthum* is very frequent with *Spiniferites* frequent. Other taxa are rare. *C. deflandrei* is consistent from 1565.5m and below. Oldest *O. porifera* is at 1643.5m.

Nearshore to very nearshore marine environments are indicated by low dinoflagellate content (16%, 20%, 14%, 9%, 23% downhole) and their low to intermediate diversity. Spores and pollen are dominant and diverse in inertinite dominated assemblages.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

L 1717.75m(swc), 1728.5m(Core), 1733.60m(Core), 1755.0m(swc), 1774.0m(swc), 1801.5m(swc), 1820.5m(swc) : lower *apoxyexinus* Zone

Assignment to the lower *T. apoxyexinus* Zone of Santonian age is indicated at top and base by the common presence of *A. cruciformis* (10% plus). Within the interval, *Falcisporites* are consistently common to very common, with *Cyathidites* frequent to common. *Dilwynites* are rare at the top (1, 2% at 1717.5m and 1755.0m) but frequent to common (8-31%) beneath. *A. cruciformis* is also frequent to common, mostly around 10%. Minor Permian reworking is seen.

Amongst the dinoflagellates, zone diagnostic taxa were not seen. Potentially useful are *I. balmei* (consistent down to 1755.0m) *Apteodinium granulatum* (top at 1733.60m), *Aptea* sp (top at 1801.5m) and *Chlamydomphorella nyei/ambigua* (top at 1820.5m). *H. heteracanthum* and *Spiniferites* are the most frequent forms. A single *Cribroperidinium edwardsii* occurs at 1820.5 but is considered reworked.

Nearshore marine environments are indicated by the low dinoflagellate content (30%, 10%, 8%, 26%, 15%, 36%, 24% downhole) and their moderate to high diversity. Spores and pollen are abundant and diverse in inertinite dominated microfloras.

Yellow to light brown spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

- M 1828.0m(swc), 1839.75m(Core), 1841.00m(Core), 1843.00m(Core),
1857.30m(Core), 1860.30m(Core), 1866.50m(Core), 1876.50m(Core),
1879.00m(Core), 1881.00m(Core), 1900.0m(swc), 1917.35m(Core) : upper
mawsonii Zone

Assignment to the upper *Phyllocladidites mawsonii* Zone of Coniacian age is indicated at the top by youngest *Appendicisporites distocarinus* coincident with the downhole decrease of *A. cruciformis* (from 10% plus above, to near 5% within the unit), and at the base by the downhole decrease of *A. cruciformis* (from 5% within the unit to 1% or less beneath). Within the zone, *Dilwynites* and *Falcisporites* are common with *Cyathidites* and *Microcachrydites* very frequent, and *A. cruciformis* frequent (around 5%). *A. distocarinus* and *P. mawsonii* are consistent but rare. Rare Permian and very rare Triassic reworking were seen. Dinoflagellates are scarce to very scarce and are not zone diagnostic. *Heterosphaeridium* and *Botryococcus* are the most frequent microplankton.

Environments are variable within the range of marginal marine, brackish, and non-marine, as shown by microplankton content of low to absent (15%, 1%, 1%, <1%, 1%, 3%, 5%, 2%, 7%, 5%, absent, 3%) and low to very low diversity. The single exception is the topmost sample (15% dinoflagellates of moderate diversity) which is considered nearshore marine. More detailed environments are suggested in table 1 which also tabulates the dinoflagellate diversity and the freshwater algal content. Dinoflagellate diversity is higher towards the base (1866.50-1881.0m) suggesting more marine influence, while freshwater algae are more common towards the top (1839.75-1860.30m) suggesting lakes and brackish lakes. Cuticle fragments are abundant throughout. Some anoxic environments are suggested by common amorphous organic matter (AOM). The detailed environments are suggestions only, based on the palynological data and should be evaluated in concert with the sedimentological data.

Light brown spore colours indicate marginal maturity for oil, but immaturity for gas/condensate.

- N** 1926.25m(Core), 1933.10m(Core), 1935.50m(Core), 1939.35m(Core), 1941.65m(Core), 1943.00m(Core), 1948.00m(Core), 1953.00m(Core), 1955.60m(Core), 1961.25m(Core), 1968.25m(Core), 1996.5m(swc), 2012.5m(swc), 2049.0m(swc) : lower *mawsonii* Zone

Assignment to the lower *P. mawsonii* Zone of Turonian age is indicated at the top by the downhole decrease of *A. cruciformis* (5% to <1%), and at the base on oldest *P. mawsonii*. Within the interval, *Cyathidites*, *Dilwynites* and *Falcisporites* are common to very common, with *Podosporites* and *Microcachrydites* frequent. *A. distocarinatus* and *P. mawsonii* are consistent but rare. Rare Permian and very rare Triassic reworking are seen.

Dinoflagellates are very rare to absent above 1970m and frequent to common beneath but largely lack zone diagnostic taxa. In the basal sample (2049.0m) rare *Cribooperidinium edwardsii* occurs, indicating the *Palaeohystrichophora infusorioides* Dinoflagellate Zone. *Heterosphaeridium* and *Botryococcus* are the most frequent microplankton.

Environments are variable but fall into two fairly distinct groups. The upper part of the section (above 1970m) is very nearshore, brackish and non-marine, as shown by low dinoflagellate contents (absent, 3%, 8%, 6%, 3%, absent, absent, 6%, 3%, 5%, 3%), low dinoflagellate diversity, and significant freshwater algae (*Botryococcus*) and high cuticle content. Some anoxic environments are indicated by significant to abundant amorphous organic matter (AOM). More detailed environments are suggested in table 1 but these are only suggestions, made in ignorance of the sedimentological data. The lower part of the section (below 1970m) is nearshore marine as shown by higher dinoflagellate content (13%, 28%, 9% downhole) and diversity. Spores and pollen are common and diverse throughout.

Light brown spore colours indicate marginal maturity for oil but immaturity for gas/condensate.

- O** 2066.0m(swc), 2077.0m(swc), 2105.0m(swc), 2119.0m(swc), 2131.0m(swc) : *distocarinatus* Zone

Assignment to the *A. distocarinatus* Zone of Cenomanian age is indicated at the top and base by *A. distocarinatus* without younger and older markers. Within the interval, *Falcisporites* are very common with *Dilwynites*,

Cyathidites and *Microcachryidites* common to frequent. *Clavifera triplex* occurs down to 2066m but not beneath. *Phyllocladidites ennuchus* occurs rarely to the interval base.

Amongst the rare dinoflagellates, *C. edwardsii* occurs down to 2105m indicating the *infusorioides* Dinoflagellate Zone. *Heterosphaeridium* and *Spiniferites* are the most frequent taxa.

Environments range from nearshore marine to non-marine with low dinoflagellate content (16%, 11%, 9%, absent, 1% downhole) and low diversity. High freshwater algal content at 2119.0m (4%) suggests a freshwater lake or swamp. Detailed environments are suggested in table 1. Spores and pollen are common and diverse in all samples.

Light brown spore colors indicate marginal maturity for oil, and immaturity for gas/condensate.

IV CONCLUSIONS

At the top, the sampled section is Tertiary (Paleocene to Early Eocene) in very nearshore marine and marginally marine environments. Conformably beneath, almost all of the late Cretaceous is seen from Cenomanian to Maastrichtian although the late Campanian *lillei* Zone is condensed. At the base, the reservoir section is mostly very nearshore to non-marine (Cenomanian *distocarinatus* to Coniacian *mawsonii* Zone). Above this, claystone dominated facies in mostly nearshore to marginal marine environments (Santonian *apoxyexinus* to Maastrichtian *longus* zones).

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N O T E S: all depths are in metres

all figures are percentages based on 100 specimen count

"X" represents RARE presence outside the count

in uncounted samples: "A" = abundant "C" = common

"F" = few "R" = rare

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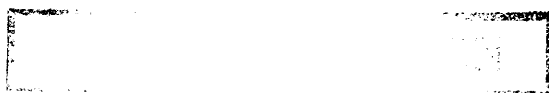


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1 INTRODUCTION

Following completion of the Minerva-2/2A well, an analytical programme was undertaken to evaluate the geochemical character of fluids recovered from the drilled sequence.

Five core fragments were solvent-extracted for contained hydrocarbons. One extract was then analysed by whole-extract GC, separated and analysed by the saturate fraction GC, SIR GC-MS (branched/cyclics) and SIR GC-MS (aromatics) techniques.

This report provides a compilation of the petroleum geochemistry data obtained from the Minerva-2/2A well, together with an interpretation of these data.

2 FLUIDS CHARACTERISATION

2.1 Whole-Extract GC Analysis

Five core-chip samples were solvent-extracted for their contained hydrocarbons. The resulting extract yields are listed in Table 1, and shown in Figure 1. Four of the yields were less than 500ppm; the fifth sample, a coal, yielded over 7000ppm.

Two of the extracts, from 1860.3m (7159ppm) and 1963.7m (472ppm), were analysed by the whole-extract GC method. The whole-extract GC traces are shown in Figure 2. No n-alkane abundances were reported for the 1963.7m extract, which was considered not to represent true hydrocarbons, and which was not therefore recommended for further analysis.

2.2 Saturate Fraction GC Analysis

The 1860.3m extract, after separation into its constituent fractions by liquid chromatography, was found to consist of 26% saturates, 38% aromatics and 36% NSOs, typical of a coal.

The saturate fraction of the 1860.3m extract was analysed by the saturate fraction GC method. The resulting saturate GC trace is shown in Figure 3; the n-alkane distribution data are reported in Table 2, normalised in Figure 4. The n-alkane compositional data for the extract are listed in Table 3 and partly summarised in Figure 5. Note that the value of Pr/Ph (4.59) and the ratio of Pr/nC₁₇ to Ph/nC₁₈ (4.71) in the 1860.3m extract are typical of hydrocarbons generated from terrestrial (non-marine) sediments deposited in an oxic environment and containing higher land plant-derived organic matter.

2.3 SIR GC-MS (Branched/Cyclics) Analysis

The branched and cyclic compounds were isolated from the saturate fraction of the 1860.3m extract and analysed by the SIR GC-MS (B/C) technique. Selected m/z 191 (triterpane) and m/z 217 (sterane) biomarker distributions are given in Figure 6; full suites of mass fragmentograms are provided in Volume 1 of the Minerva-2/2A well completion report (Basic Data).

Detailed compound abundances and calculated parameters are listed in Tables 4-1 and 4-2; normalised compound abundances and values for calculated parameters for the m/z 191 ions (terpanes) are summarised in Figure 7 and for the m/z 217 ions (steranes) in Figure 8.

2.3.1 Terpane Parameters

The relative abundance of C_{27} triterpanes, $18\alpha(H)$ -hopane (Ts) and $17\alpha(H)$ -hopane (Tm), is theoretically useful for the maturity assessment of medium to high maturity oils. With increasing maturity, more of the maturable C_{27} triterpane (Tm) is converted to the stable C_{27} triterpane (Ts). The relative amounts of Ts and Tm in the condensate and water-extract show a predominance of maturable (Tm) over stable (Ts) ($Ts/Ts+Tm = 7\%$), suggesting that they are thermally immature. Note that the $Ts/Ts+Tm$ parameter is lithofacies-dependent, and should be used with some caution as an absolute indicator of thermal maturity (it is best used as a maturity indicator of oils from a common source of consistent organic facies).

Moretanes are diastereomers of the hopanes, and, being less stable than the latter, are destroyed more rapidly with increasing maturity. The moretane/hopane ratio decreases from about 0.80 in immature bitumens to values of 0.15-0.05 in mature source rocks and oils. The relative abundances of the C_{29} and C_{30} moretanes and hopanes in the 1860.3m extract reveal a predominance of hopanes (moretane/hopane = 0.35), implying that they are immature. (Note that, like $Ts/Ts+Tm$, the moretane/hopane parameter is to some extent lithofacies-dependent, its value, for example, being higher in Tertiary source rocks.)

The $C_{31}22S$ -hopane/ $C_{31}22R$ -hopane ratio can be used to assess thermal maturity. As maturity increases, the proportion of the 22S isomer increases at the expense of the biologically produced 22R isomer, until equilibrium is reached, at which point the 22S isomer accounts for about 60% of the mixture. This is achieved soon after the onset of oil generation (at about 0.60% VR, before significant oil generation has occurred), limiting the use of this parameter at higher levels of maturity. In the 1860.3m extract, the 22S isomer accounts for 0.59% of the mixture, implying that isomeric equilibrium has been reached, and that the source rock was thermally matured at least to the point of initial oil-generation. Note that the 22S isomer of the C_{32} hopanes forms 53% of the isomeric mixture, contradicting the C_{31} hopane data, and indicating thermal immaturity to marginal maturity (concurring with the $Ts/Ts+Tm$ and moretane/hopane parameters).

$C_{28}28, 30$ -bisnorhopane is reported in the 1860.3m extract. This compound is considered to be derived from original (post-diagenetic) free bitumen (S_o) in thermally immature sediments, and its presence in the 1860.3m extract supports the view that the extract is indigenous to the coal, and does not represent a thermally mature, migrated fluid.

2.3.2 Sterane Parameters

The relative proportion of the geological 20S and biological 20R isomers of the C_{28} and $C_{29}\alpha\alpha\alpha$ (normal) steranes, expressed as the 20S/20S+20R ratios, is perhaps the most reliable biomarker maturity parameter (it is not greatly influenced by lithofacies variations). Equilibrium, when the 20S isomer forms about 52-55% of the mixture, is reached at, or around, 0.80% vitrinite reflectance. In the Minerva-2/2A 1860.3m extract, the 20S isomer forms 23% of the C_{29} mixture, suggesting generation at less than 0.60% vitrinite reflectance.

The relative proportions of C_{29} normal ($\alpha\alpha\alpha$) and iso- ($\beta\beta\alpha$) steranes can be effective in assessing the thermal maturity of source rocks and oils. The normal ($\alpha\alpha\alpha$) steranes, produced biologically, become less dominant relative to the iso-steranes ($\beta\beta\alpha$) with increasing maturity, until equilibrium is reached at a value of $\beta\beta\alpha/(\beta\beta\alpha+\alpha\alpha\alpha)$ of about 67-71% (VR=0.90%). In the Minerva-2/2A 1860.3m extract, the normal steranes dominate the iso-steranes ($\beta\beta\alpha/\alpha\alpha\alpha+\beta\beta\alpha = 36\%$), suggesting that the source rock was immature at the time the extract was generated.

Diasterane/sterane ratios are affected by both thermal maturity and inorganic (lithological) characteristics of the source rock. Conversion of steranes to diasteranes is catalysed by clay minerals, so that diasterane/sterane ratios are typically low (less than 0.30) in carbonate source rocks and derived oils. A high-Eh (oxidising) depositional environment and increasing thermal maturity can each result in a high diasterane/sterane ratio. C_{29} diasteranes dominate the C_{29} normal/iso-sterane mixture in the Minerva-2/2A 1860.3m extract, implying that these hydrocarbons were expelled from non-carbonate source rocks. It is difficult to estimate the absolute level of thermal maturity at which the extract was generated (the proportion of diasteranes being partly dependent on lithofacies), but it seems likely, based on other biomarker parameters, that the source sediment was immature.

Figure 9 shows a triangular plot of C_{27} , C_{28} and C_{29} normal steranes. Note that S isomers of the normal steranes were not reported for the extract; Figure 9 is constructed accordingly (R isomers only), and appears to show a predominance of $C_{28}R$ normal steranes rather than $C_{29}R$ or $C_{27}R$.

Figure 10 shows a crossplot of Pr/Ph ratio versus $C_{29}R/C_{27}R$ for the 1860.3m extract, suggesting a relatively oxic, non-marine environment for deposition of the source sediments, based on the dominance of the $C_{29}R$ steranes (and diasteranes) relative to C_{27} . By contrast, the triterpane/sterane ratio, as expressed by Ratio C, is low in the 1860.3m extract (0.65), suggesting generation from source sediments deposited in a relatively oxic, aquatic environment.

2.4 SIR GC-MS (Aromatics) Analysis

The aromatics fraction from the 1860.3m extract was analysed by the SIR GC-MS technique. Full suites of mass fragmentograms were provided in Volume 1 of the WCR (Basic Data). Detailed compound abundances, and parameters calculated from them, are listed in Table 5.

The primary application of these data is for maturity assessment. Perhaps the most widely used parameter is the Methylphenanthrene Index (MPI-1), due to its better calibration against the vitrinite reflectance scale, equivalent values of which can be calculated (Radke et al, 1982). Figure 11 shows a plot of MPI-derived vitrinite reflectance versus depth for the 1860.3m extract, which gave a value of $R_c(a)$ of 0.64%, appropriate to the entrance to the oil-generative window.

The relative abundances of certain aromatic compounds can be applied to source input assessment, particularly the degraded diterpanes, such as 1,2,5-TMN, 1,7-DMP, 1-MP and retene, which are thought to be derived from resin precursors in conifers (such as Araucariaceae, Cupressaceae and Podocarpaceae in the Jurassic to Lower Cretaceous of Australia). Source sediments which pre-date the appearance of such conifers in the Late Triassic will display different distributions of degraded aromatic compounds, so that the data provide a useful correlation tool. Figure 12 shows crossplots of ratios involving these compounds which can be used for the purposes of comparison with data from nearby wells.

2.5 Gas Analysis

One gas sample, recovered by RFT from 1875.0m in Minerva-2/2A, was analysed by Petrolab, Adelaide for its chemical composition.

2.5.1 Chemical Composition

The chemical composition of the RFT gas is summarised in Table 6 and normalised in Figure 13. The gas contains 94% methane, 2.2% ethane and 1.6% carbon-dioxide, revealing a composition very similar to the RFT gas recovered from 1931.0m in Minerva-1.

3 CONCLUSIONS

Five core-chips from the 1732.8-1963.7m interval in Minerva-2/2A were solvent-extracted in an attempt to identify any residual hydrocarbons within the gas column. Four of the extracts amounted to less than 500ppm, too low to represent genuine hydrocarbon saturations, even residual; the fifth sample, a coal from 1860.3m, yielded over 7000ppm.

The extract from 1963.7m (472ppm) was analysed by whole-extract GC, but did not reveal the presence of true hydrocarbons.

The extract from the 1860.3m coal was subjected to whole-extract GC, liquid chromatography, saturates-GC, SIR GC-MS (branched/cyclics) and SIR GC-MS (aromatics) analysis. Saturate-fraction GC data from the extract suggest that it was generated from higher land-plant-derived organic matter within source sediments deposited under strongly oxic conditions, consistent with its origin in a coal. Biomarker data, from SIR GC-MS analysis of the saturates and aromatics fractions, support this. Isomeric equilibria were not exceeded in the case of those biomarker indicators appropriate to lower levels of thermal maturity, indicating thermal immaturity. A value of $R_c(a) = 0.64\%$ was calculated from MPI-1. These GC-MS data, in particular the presence of C_{28} bisnorhopanes in the extract, point to it being indigenous to the 1860.3m coal.

None of the five extracts, therefore, is considered to represent thermally mature, migrated hydrocarbons.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY OF EXTRACTION AND LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY - SEDIMENTS

WELL NAME = MINERVA-2A
 COUNTRY = Australia
 BASIN = Otway

DEPTH UNIT = Metres
 DATE OF JOB =

DEPTH 1	DEPTH 2	WEIGHT OF ROCK EXTD (grams)	TOTAL EXTRACT (ppm)	LOSS ON COLUMN (ppm)	% REC.	SATURATES (ppm)	AROMATICS (ppm)	POLARS (ppm)	SATURATES (rel %)	AROMATICS (rel %)	POLARS (rel %)	EOM(mg)/ TOC(g)	SAT(mg)/ TOC(g)	SAT/ AROM	HC/ non-HC
1732.80	1732.80	60.90	208.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1860.30	1860.30	33.90	7158.9	1432.2	80.0	1502.7	2179.6	2044.4	26.2	38.1	35.7	-	-	.69	1.80
1928.20	1928.20	44.60	354.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1956.20	1956.20	53.60	278.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1963.70	1963.70	25.40	471.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

EOM = Extractable organic matter
 AROM = Aromatic compounds
 POLARS = Polar (Asphaltenes + resins)
 HC = Hydrocarbon
 TOC = Total organic carbon
 REC. = Recovered
 SAT = Saturated compounds
 - = no data

MINERVA-2A
Total Extract Yield vs Depth

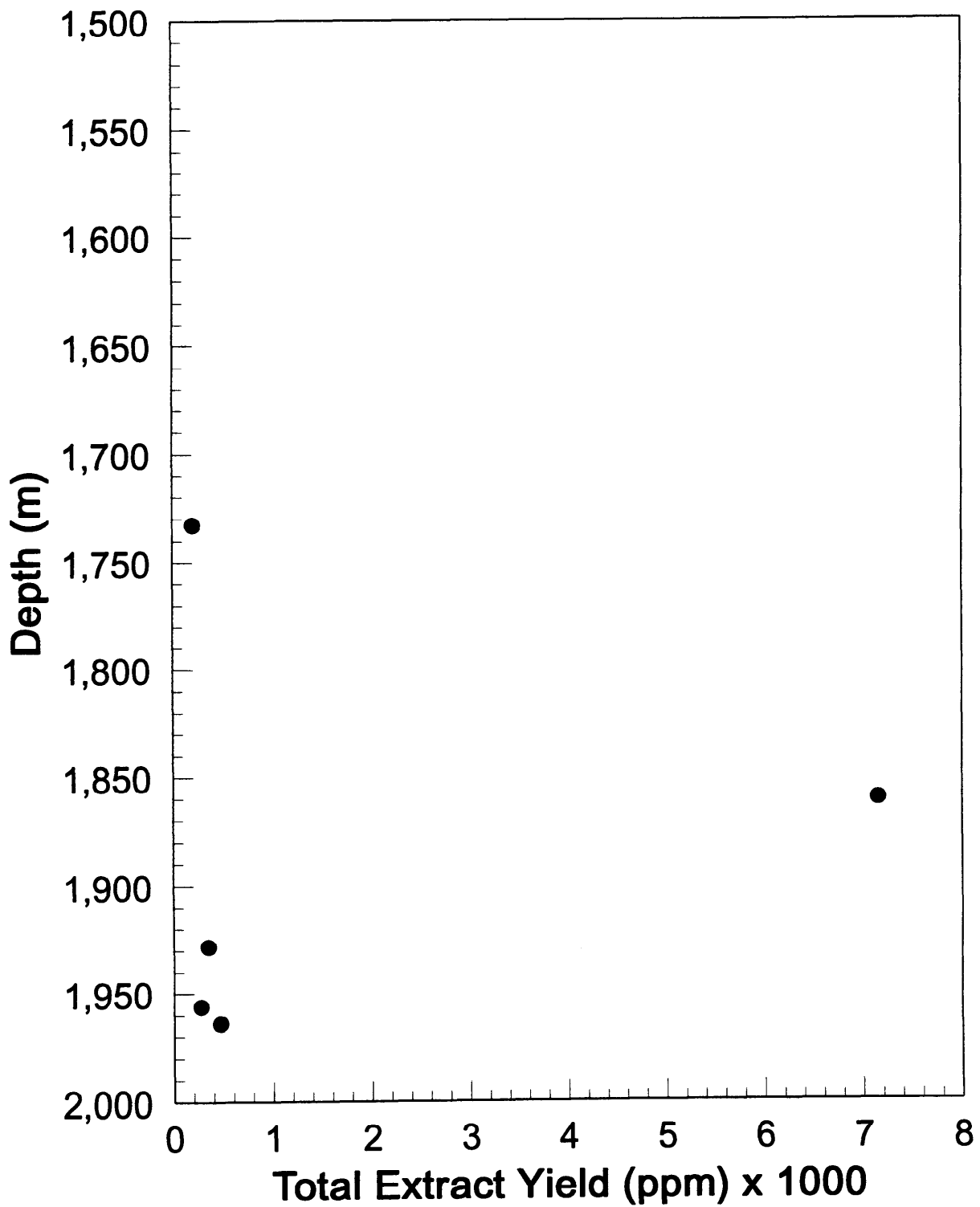
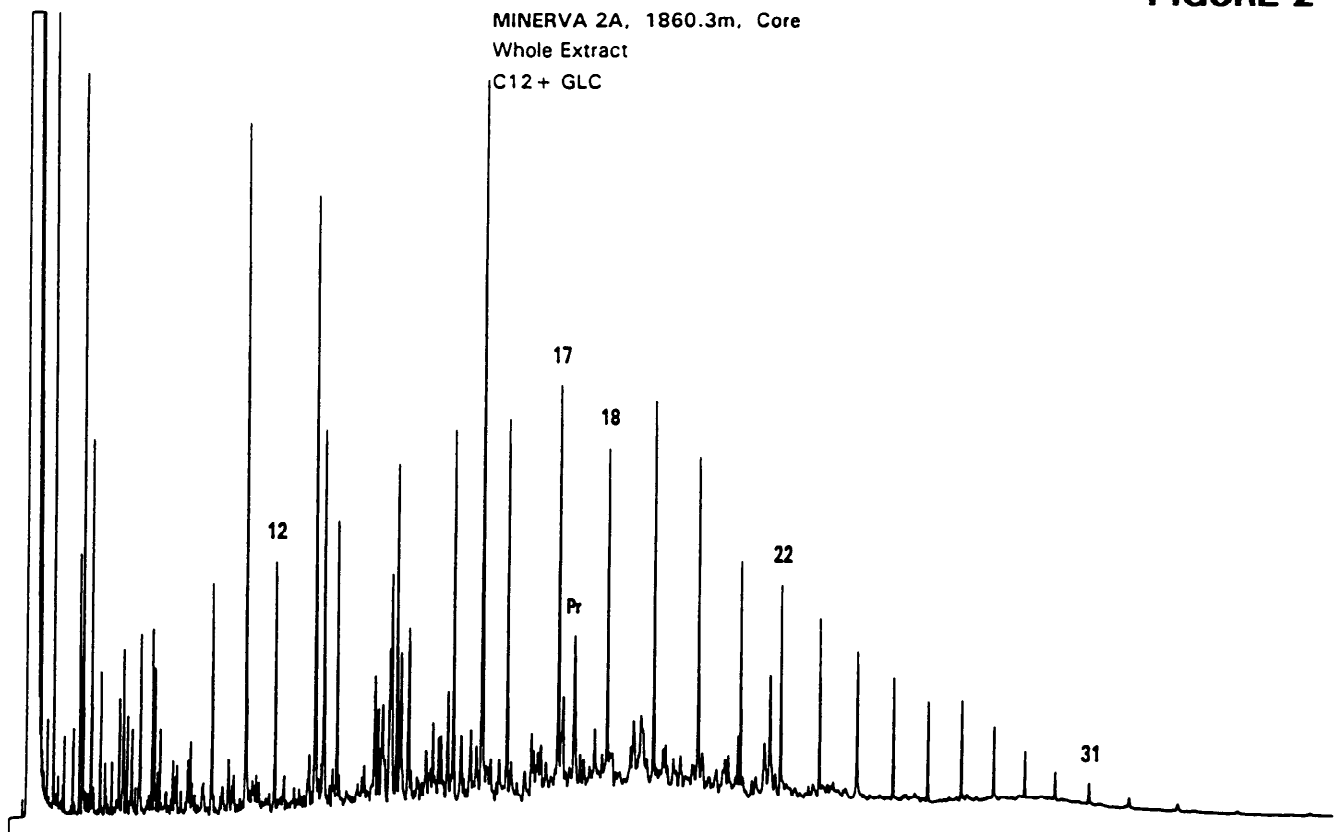


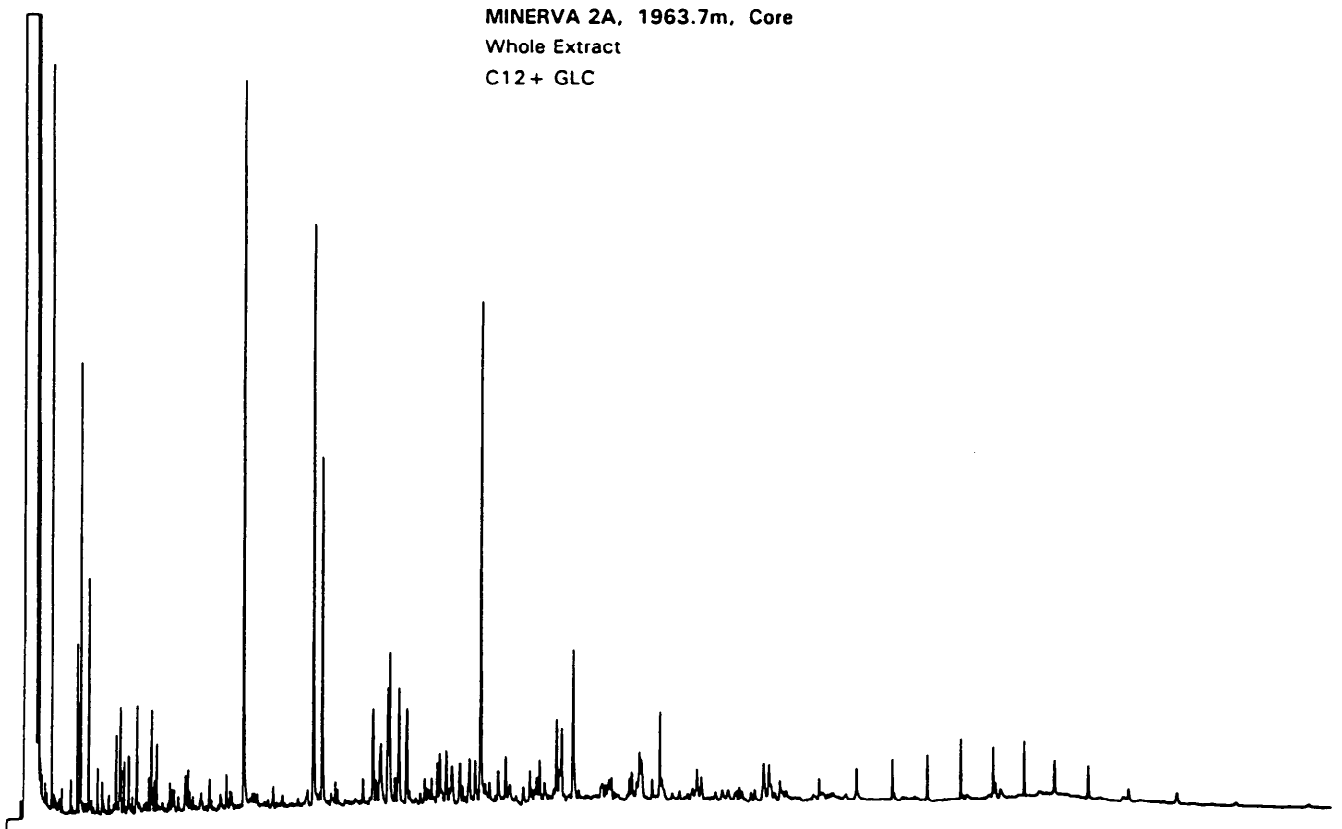
FIGURE 1

FIGURE 2



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MINERVA 2A, 1860.3m, Core
Saturate Fraction
C12 + GLC

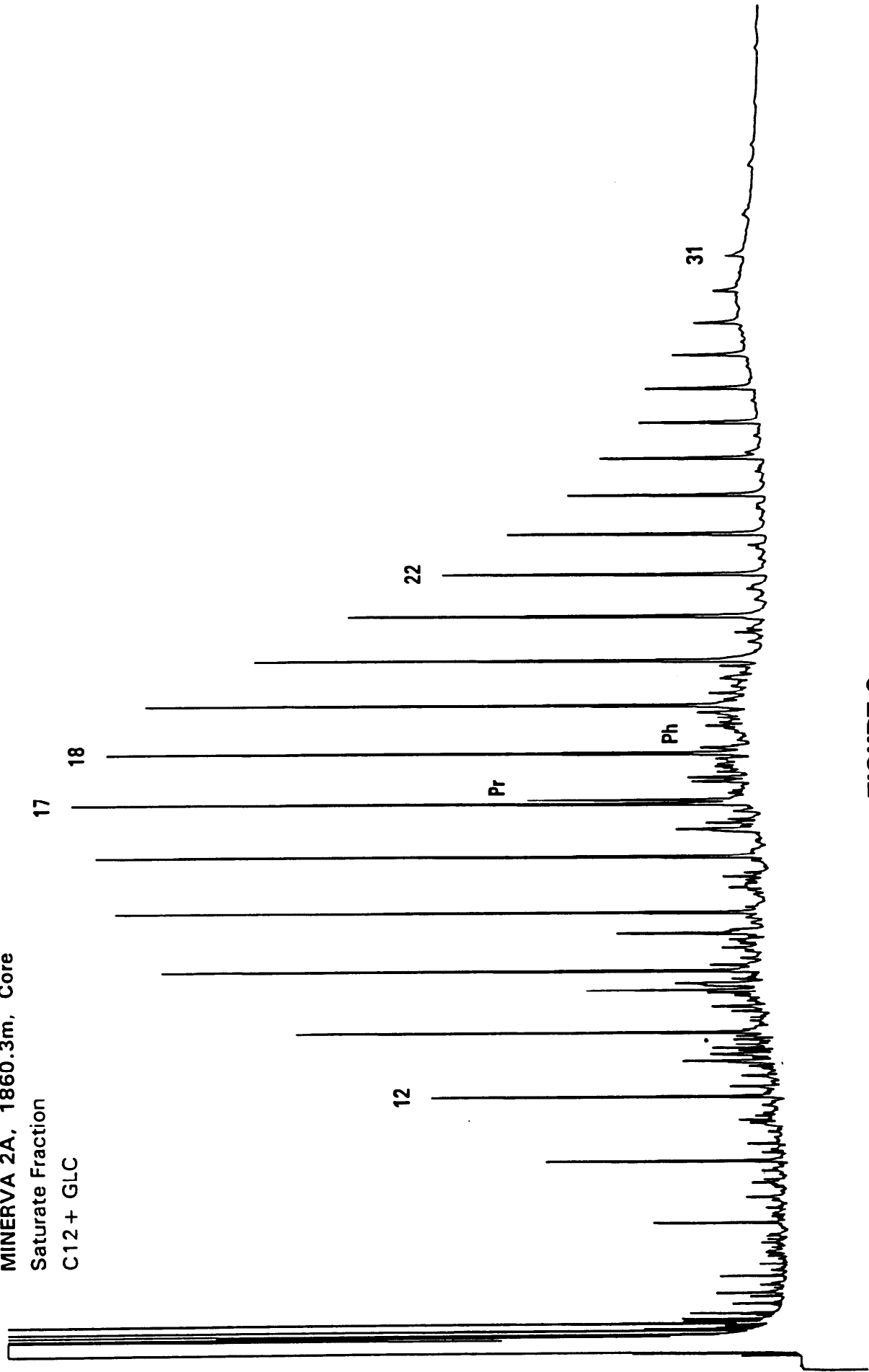


FIGURE 3

**MINERVA-2A: Extract 1860.3m
GC(Sats) Normalised Relative Abundance**

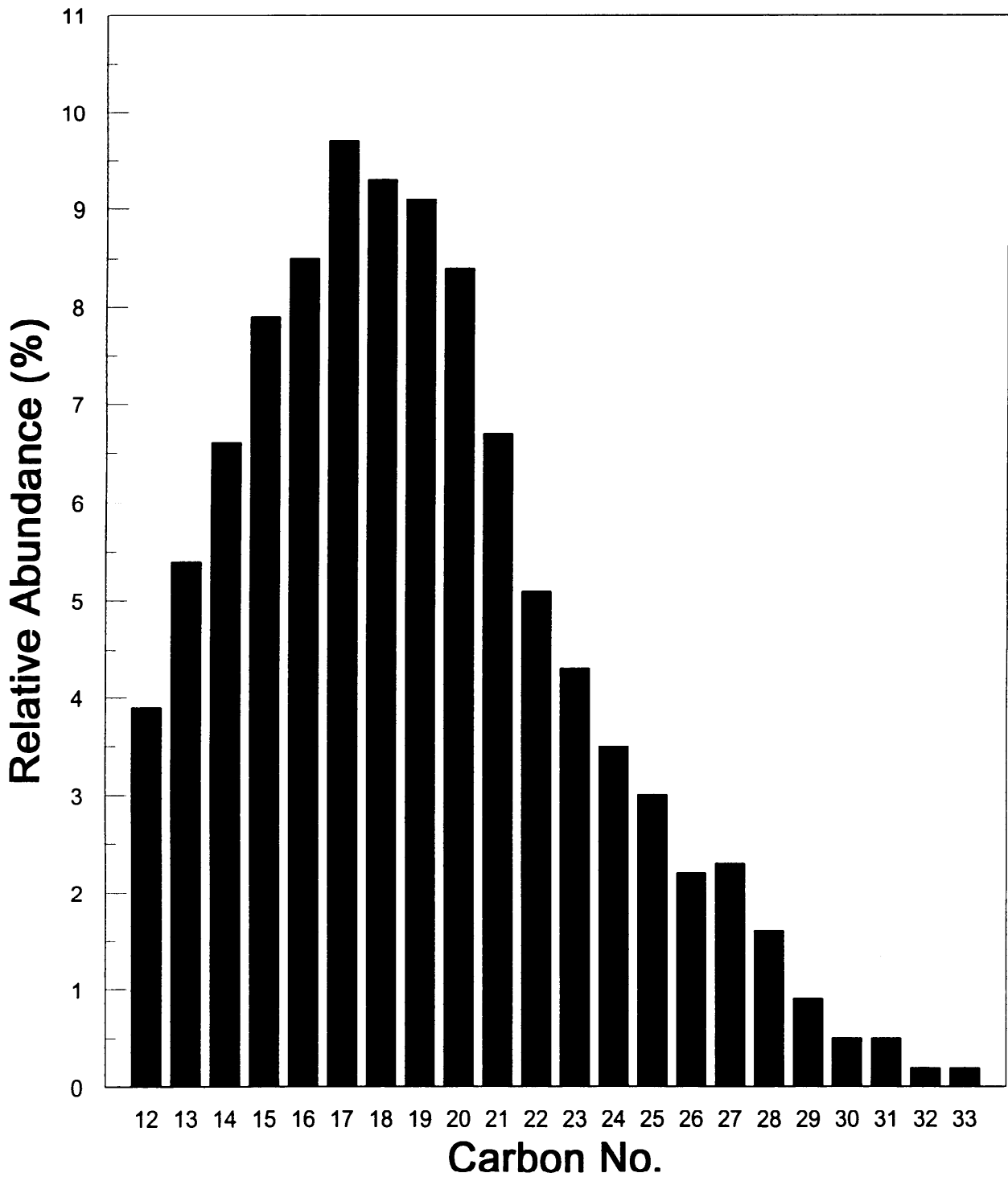
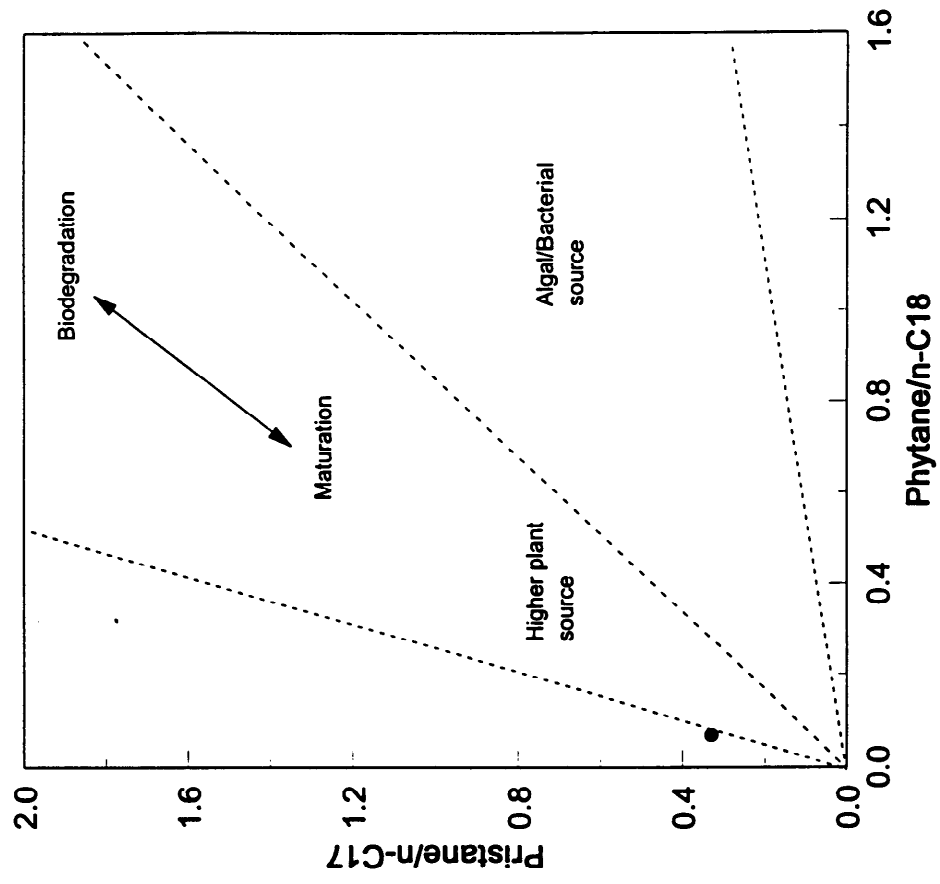


Figure 4

MINERVA-2A: Extracts
Pristane/n-C17 vs Phytane/n-C18



MINERVA-2A: Extracts 1860.3m
Pristane/Phytane vs Depth

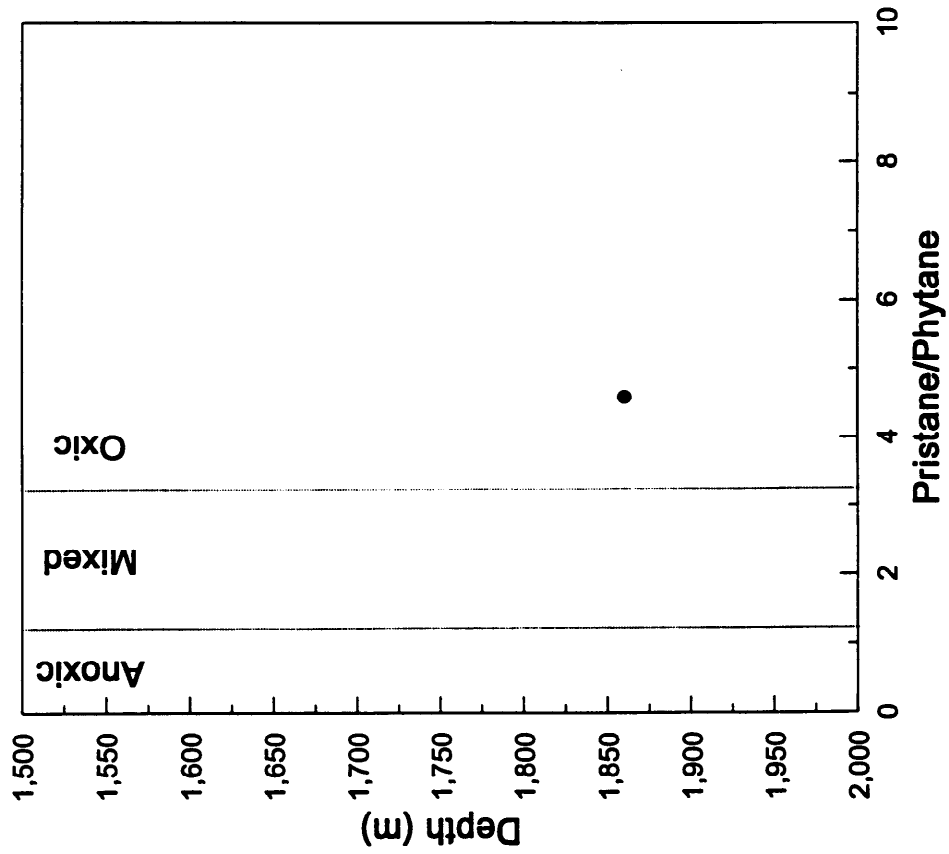


FIGURE 5

FIGURE 6

m/z 191 and m/z 217 BIOMARKER TRACES: 1860.3m Extract

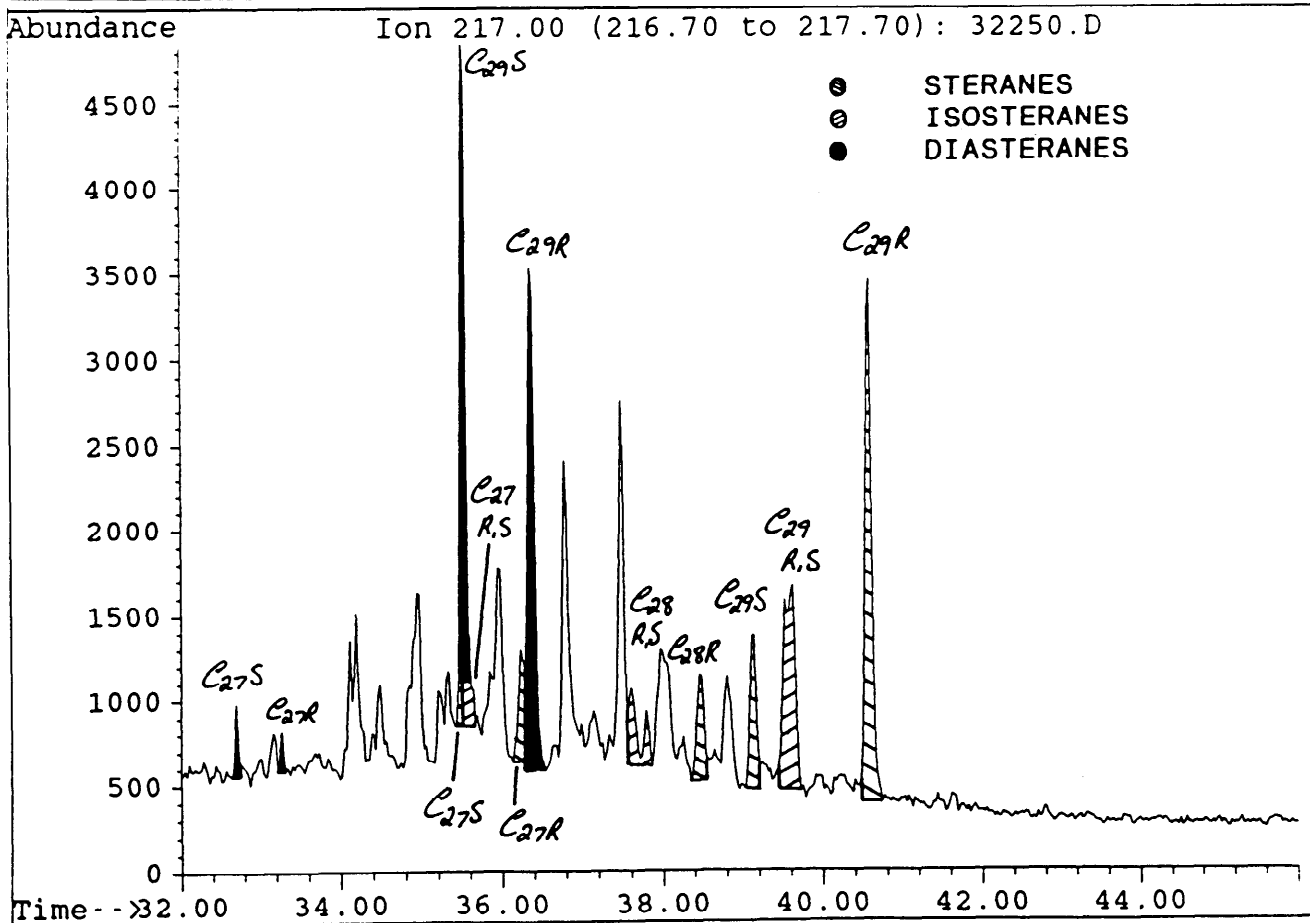
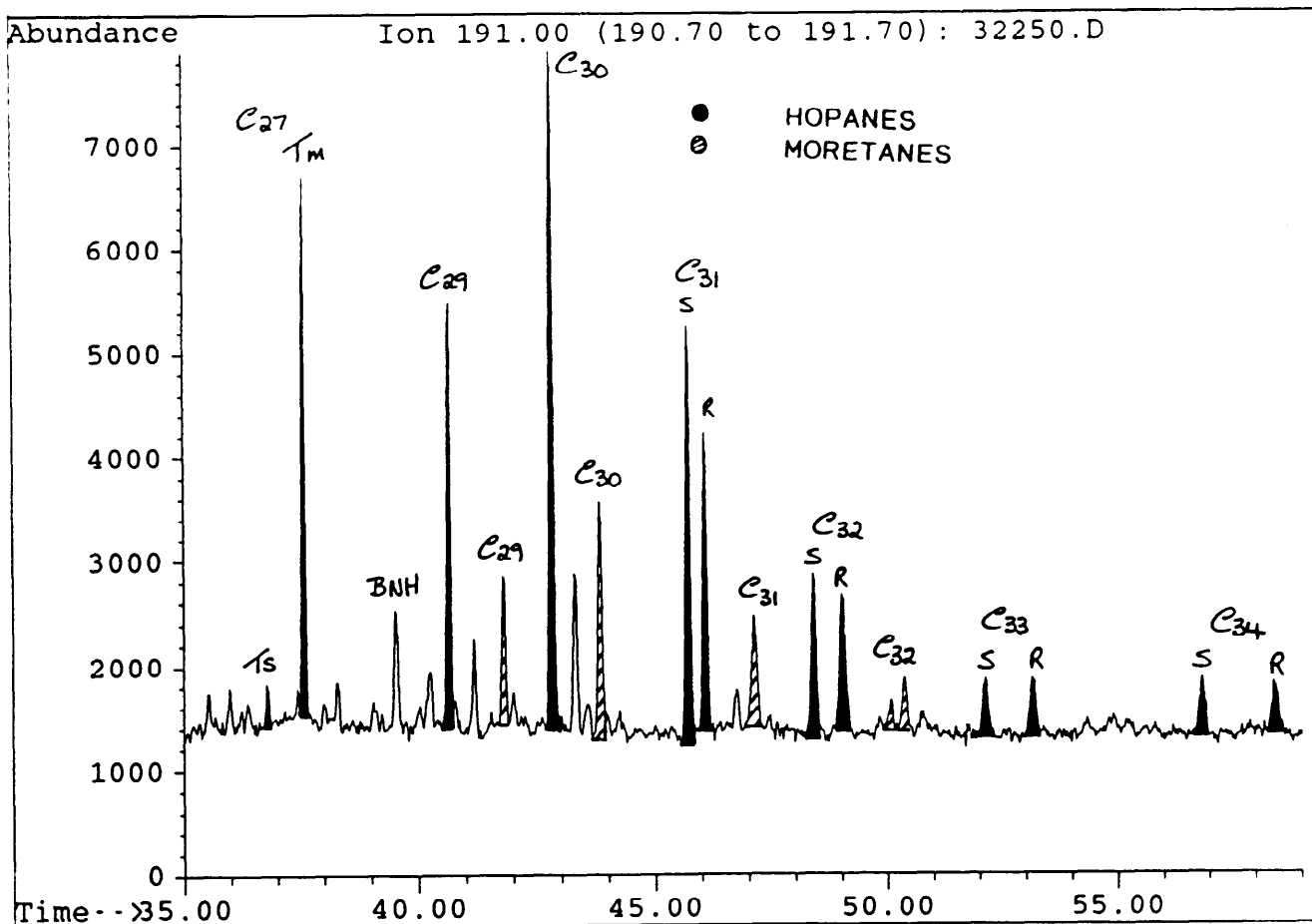


TABLE 3

SUMMARY OF GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY DATA - SEDIMENTS
 ALKANE COMPOSITIONAL DATA

WELL NAME = MINERVA-2A		COUNTRY = Australia		BASIN = Otway		DEPTH UNIT = Metres		DATE OF JOB =	
DEPTH 1	DEPTH 2	ANALYSIS TYPE	PRISTANE/PHYTANE	PRISTANE/n-C17	PHYTANE/n-C18	TMTD/PRISTANE	CPI(I)	CPI(II)	(C21+C22)/(C28+C29)
1732.80	1732.80	SF	4.59	0.33	0.07	0.63	1.12	1.10	4.62
1860.30	1860.30	SF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1928.20	1928.20	SF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1956.20	1956.20	SF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1963.70	1963.70	WE	-	-	-	-	0.93	0.91	0.40

CPI = Carbon preference index
 SF = Saturate fraction
 TMTD = Trimethyltridecane - = no data
 WE = Whole extract

TABLE 2

SUMMARY OF GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY DATA - SEDIMENTS
ALKANE DISTRIBUTIONS

WELL NAME = MINERVA-2A
COUNTRY = Australia
BASIN = Otway

DEPTH UNIT = Metres
DATE OF JOB =

DEPTH 1	DEPTH 2	nc12	nc13	nc14	TMTD	nc15	nc16	IC18	nc17	IC19	nc18	IC20	nc19	nc20	nc21	nc22	nc23	nc24	nc25	nc26	nc27	nc28	nc29	nc30	nc31	nc32	nc33	
1732.80	1732.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1860.30	1860.30	3.6	5.0	6.1	1.8	7.3	7.8	2.3	8.9	2.9	8.6	.6	8.4	7.7	6.2	4.7	4.0	3.2	2.8	2.0	2.1	1.5	.8	.5	.5	.2	.2	
1928.20	1928.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1956.20	1956.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1963.70	1963.70	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	2.2	5.7	4.7	8.6	7.1	8.3	10.7	10.4	9.4	8.0	7.2	3.7	3.9	

1 = Iso
- = no data

n = normal
TMTD = Trimethyltridecane

N.B. Values are relative %

TABLE 4-1

SATURATE FRACTION SIR GC/MS DATA - SEDIMENTS			DETAILED COMPOUND ANALYSIS		
WELL = MINERVA-2A					DEPTH UNIT = Metres
COUNTRY = Australia					DATE OF JOB =
BASIN = Otway	DEPTH 1 = 1860.30		DEPTH 2 = 1860.30		
COMPOUND	ION	RELATIVE AMOUNT	COMPOUND	ION	RELATIVE AMOUNT
C23 Tricyclic	191	-	C24 Tricyclic	191	-
C25 Tricyclic	191	-	C26 Tricyclic	191	-
C28 Tricyclic	191	-	C29 Tricyclic	191	-
C24 Tetracyclic	191	-			
C27 Hopane (Ts)	191	434.3	C27 Hopane (Tm)	191	5185.0
C27 Hopane (17B)	191	-			
C28 Hopane (25.30)	191	-	C28 Hopane (28.30)	191	1177.0
C29 Hopane	191	4105.0	C29 Moretane	191	1430.0
C29 Demeth. Hopane	191	552.0	C29 Hopane (BB)	191	-
C30 Hopane	191	6522.0	C30 Moretane	191	2270.0
C30 Hopane (BB)	191	-			
C31S Hopane	191	4043.0	C31R Hopane	191	2877.0
C31S+R Hopane (BB)	191	-	C31S+R Moretane	191	1123.0
C32S Hopane	191	1603.0	C32R Hopane	191	1390.0
C32S+R Hopane (BB)	191	-	C32S+R Moretane	191	973.0
C33S Hopane	191	-	C33R Hopane	191	-
Gammacerane	191	-	Oleanane (18a)	191	-
Unknown 1	191	-	Unknown 2	191	-
Unknown 3	191	-	Unknown 4	191	953.0
C27 Demeth. Hopane	177	-	C28 Demeth. Hopane	177	-
C29 Hopane	177	-	C29 Demeth. Hopane	177	-
C29 Moretane	177	-	C29 Hopane (BB)	177	-
Unknown 3	177	-			
C30 2-Methylhopane	205	-	C31 2-Methylhopane	205	-
C31S Hopane	205	-	C31R Hopane	205	-
C31S+R Moretane	205	-	C31S+R Hopane (BB)	205	-
C21 Sterane	217	-	C22 Sterane	217	-
C27S Normal Sterane	217	-	C27R Normal Sterane	217	661.0
C27S Isosterane	217	-	C27R Isosterane	217	-
C27S Diasterane	217	-	C27R Diasterane	217	-
C28S Normal Sterane	217	-	C28R Normal Sterane	217	632.0
C28S Isosterane	217	-	C28R Isosterane	217	-
C28S Diasterane	217	-	C28R Diasterane	217	-
C29S Normal Sterane	217	912.0	C29R Normal Sterane	217	3073.0
C29S Isosterane	217	1207.8	C29R Isosterane	217	1069.0
C29S Diasterane	217	3986.0	C29R Diasterane	217	2964.0
C27S+R Isosterane	218	188.0	C28S+R Isosterane	218	670.0
C29S+R Isosterane	218	2903.0			
C27S Diasterane	259	192.0	C27R Diasterane	259	189.0
C28S Diasterane	259	978.0	C28R Diasterane	259	945.0
C29S Diasterane	259	2532.0	C29R Diasterane	259	1727.0
16a Phyllocladane	123	-	16B Phyllocladane	123	34084.0
Beyerene	123	16280.0	Labdane	123	-
Fichtelite	123	-	Rimuanane	123	-
Nortetracyclane	123	8296.8	Pimerane	123	-
Isopimerane	123	-	Kaurane	123	14263.0
Norisopimerane	123	23988.0	Unknown 1	123	-
Drimane	123	34912.0	Homodrimane	123	46676.0
Rearranged Drimane 1	123	43647.0	Rearranged Drimane 2	123	24108.0
Eudesmane	123	-			
C15 Alkylcyclohexane	83	-	C17 Alkylcyclohexane	83	-
C21 Alkylcyclohexane	83	-	C22 Alkylcyclohexane	83	-
C25 Alkylcyclohexane	83	-	C29 Alkylcyclohexane	83	-

- - no data IUPAC names corresponding to common names used here are shown at the end of the tables

TABLE 4-2

SATURATE FRACTION SIR GC/MS DATA - SEDIMENTS

CALCULATED DATA

WELL = MINERVA-2A DEPTH 1(m) = 1860.30 DEPTH UNIT = Metres
 COUNTRY = Australia DEPTH 2(m) = 1860.30 DATE OF JOB =
 BASIN = Otway

----- TERPANE PARAMETERS -----

PARAMETER	ION(s)	VALUE
% Ts / (Ts + Tm)	191	7.73
% C29 M / (C29 H + C29 M)	191	25.84
% C30 M / (C30 H + C30 M)	191	25.82
% C31S H / (C31S H + C31R H)	191	58.42
% C31S H / (C31S H + C31R H)	205	-
% C32S H / (C32S H + C32R H)	191	53.56
% U1-U4 / (U1-U4 + C30 H)	191	-
% U1 / (U1 + C30 H)	191	-
% U2 / (U2 + C30 H)	191	-
% U3 / (U3 + C30 H)	191	-
% U4 / (U4 + C30 H)	191	12.75
% C29 H / (C29 H + C30 H)	191	38.63
% C31 2-MeH / (C31 2-MeH + C30 H)	191, 205	-
% C29 BB / (C29 BB + C 29H + C29 M)	191	-
% C29 DeMe / (C29 DeMe + C29H)	177	-
% C28 H's / (C28 H's + C30 H)	191	-
% (Ts + Tm + C28 H's) / C29(H + M) + C30(H + M)	191	-
% Oleanane (18a) / (Oleanane + C30H)	191	-
% Drimane / Homodrimane	123	74.80
% Rea. Drimanes / (Drimane + Homodrimane)	123	83.05
% C22 Alkycyclohex. / C30 H	83, 191	-
% C29 Alkycyclohex. / C30 H	83, 191	-
% C23-C29 Tricyclics / C30 H	191	-
% (C30 H + C30 M) / (C29(NS's + IS's + DS's))	191, 217	66.55

----- STERANE PARAMETERS -----

PARAMETER	ION(s)	VALUE
% C27 ST's / (C27 + C28 + C29) ST's	217	-
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% C27S NS / (C27S NS + C27R NS)	217	-
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% C29S NS / (C29S NS + C29R NS)	217	22.89
% C27 NS's / C29 NS's	217	-
% C27 IS's / C29 IS's	217	-
% C27 DS's / C29 DS's	217	-
% C27 DS's / C27 ST's	217	-
% C28 DS's / C28 ST's	217	-
% C29 DS's / C29 ST's	217	52.60
% C27 IS's / (C27 IS's + C27 NS's)	217	-
% C28 IS's / (C28 IS's + C28 NS's)	217	-
% C29 IS's / (C29 IS's + C29 NS's)	217	36.36

NOTES : H = Hopane M = Moretane Me = Methyl NS = Normal Sterane
 IS = Iso Sterane DS = Dia Sterane ST = NS + IS + DS U = Unknown
 - = no data available

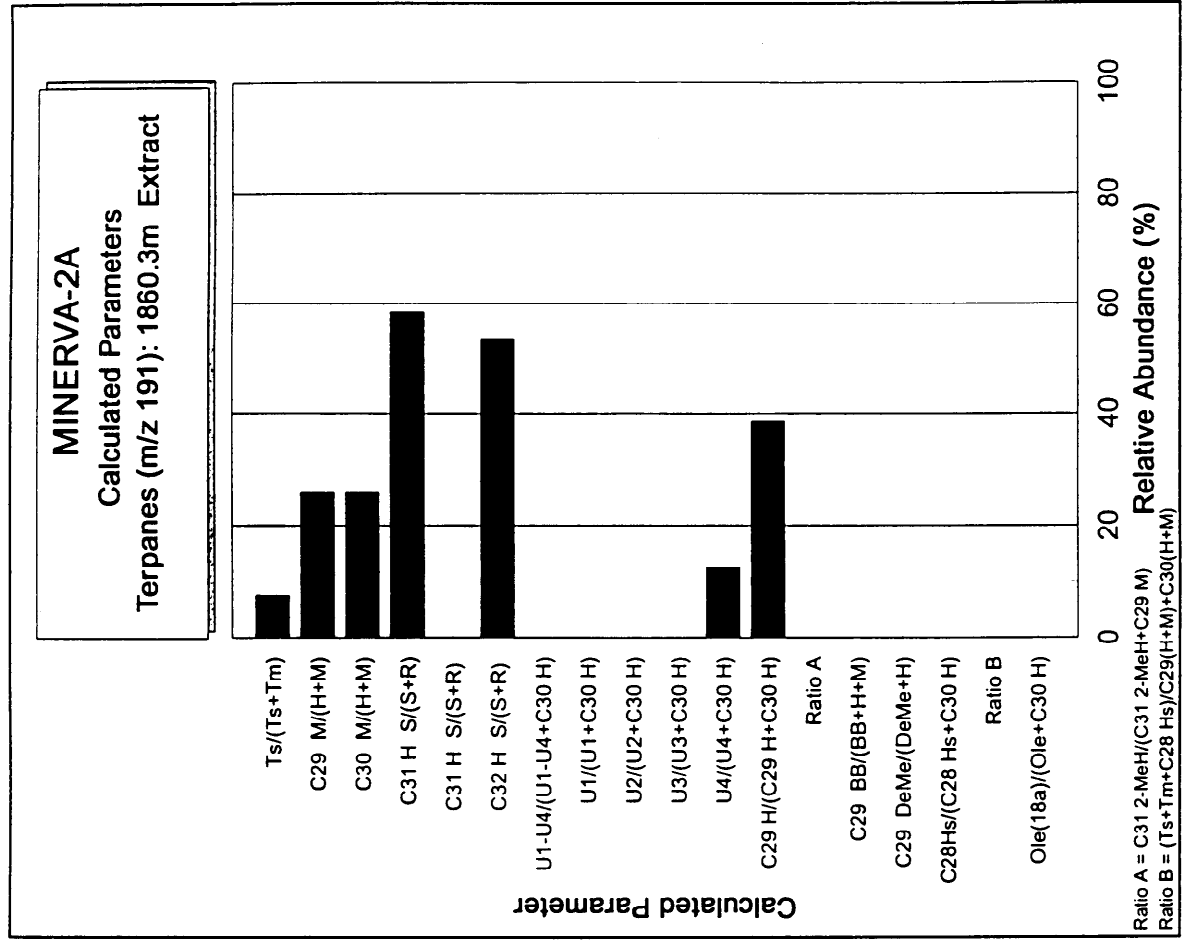
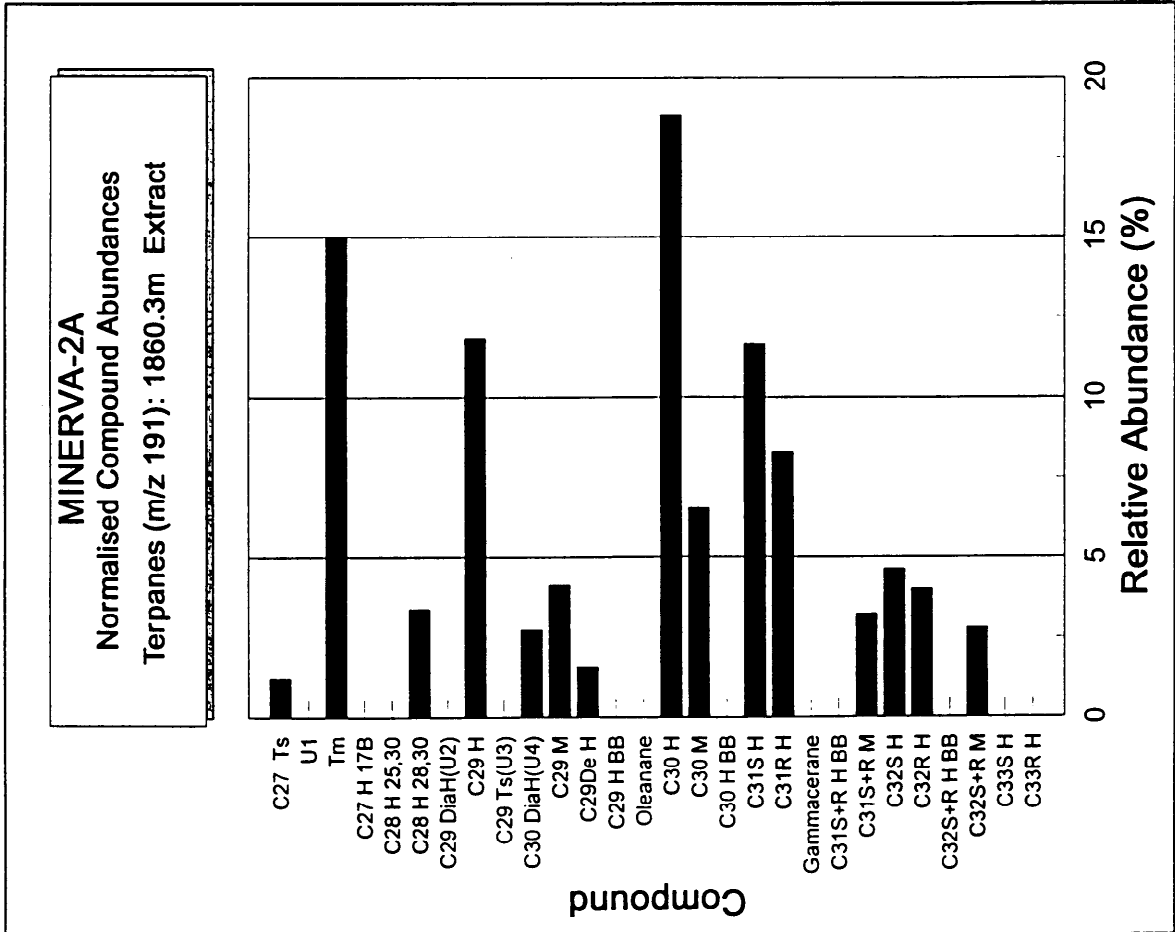


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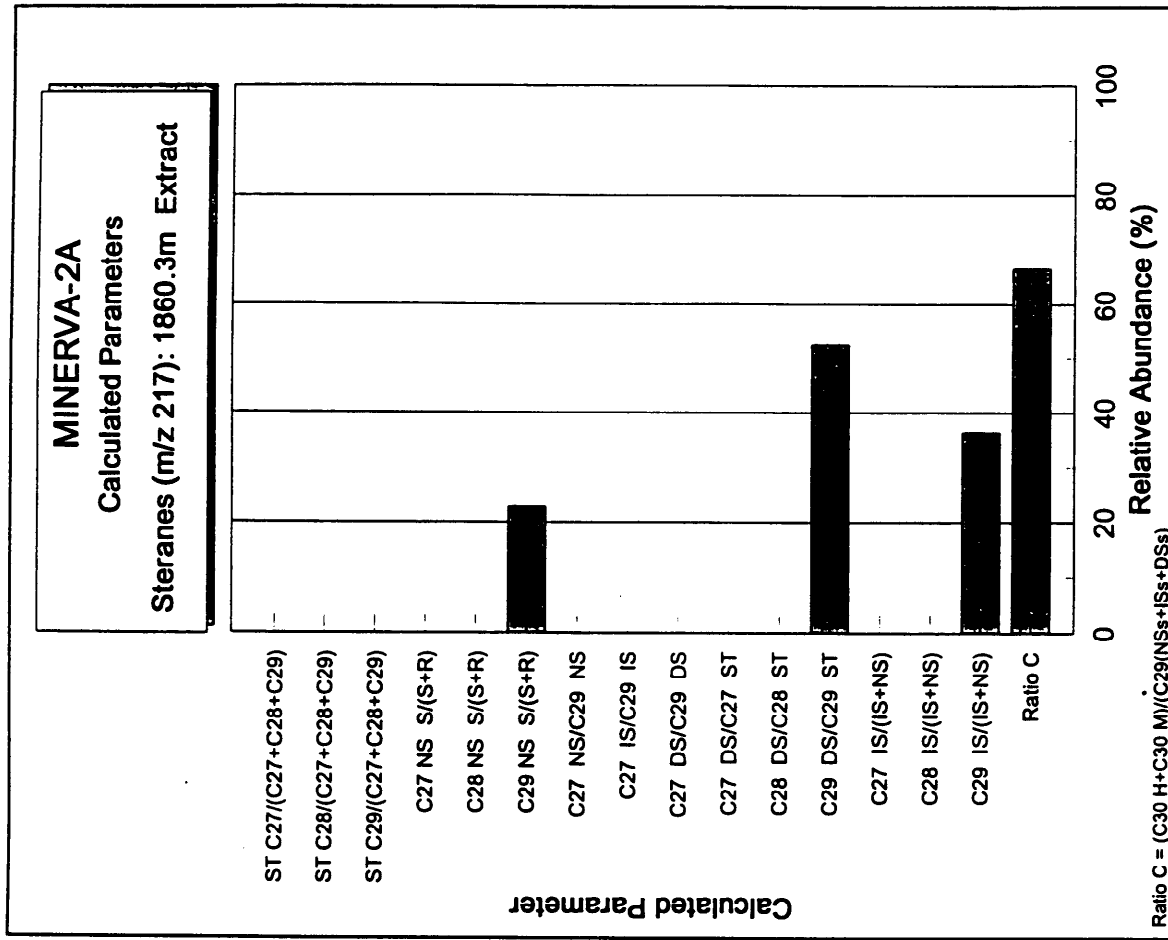
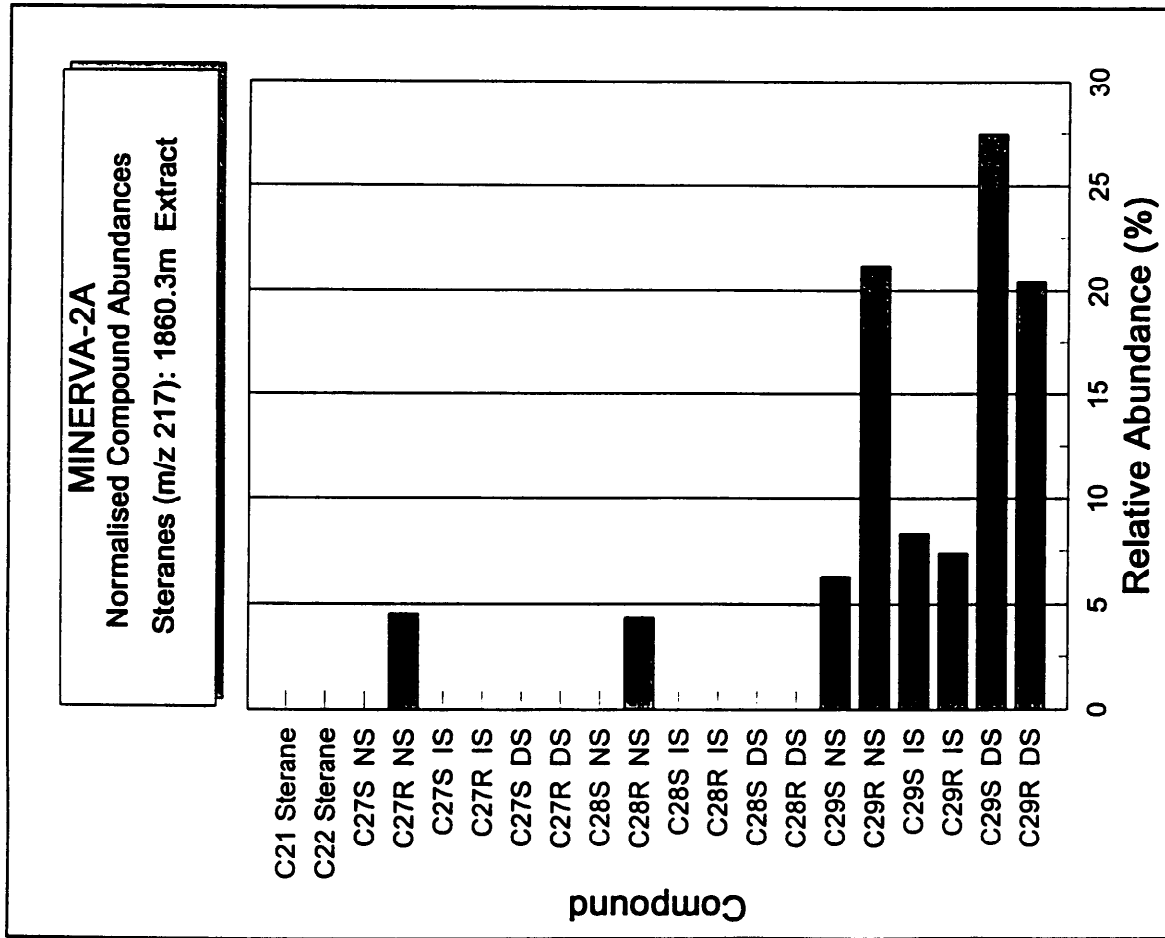


FIGURE 8

MINERVA-2A: 1860.3m
Facies Interpretation based on
Sterane Abundances (R Isomers Only)

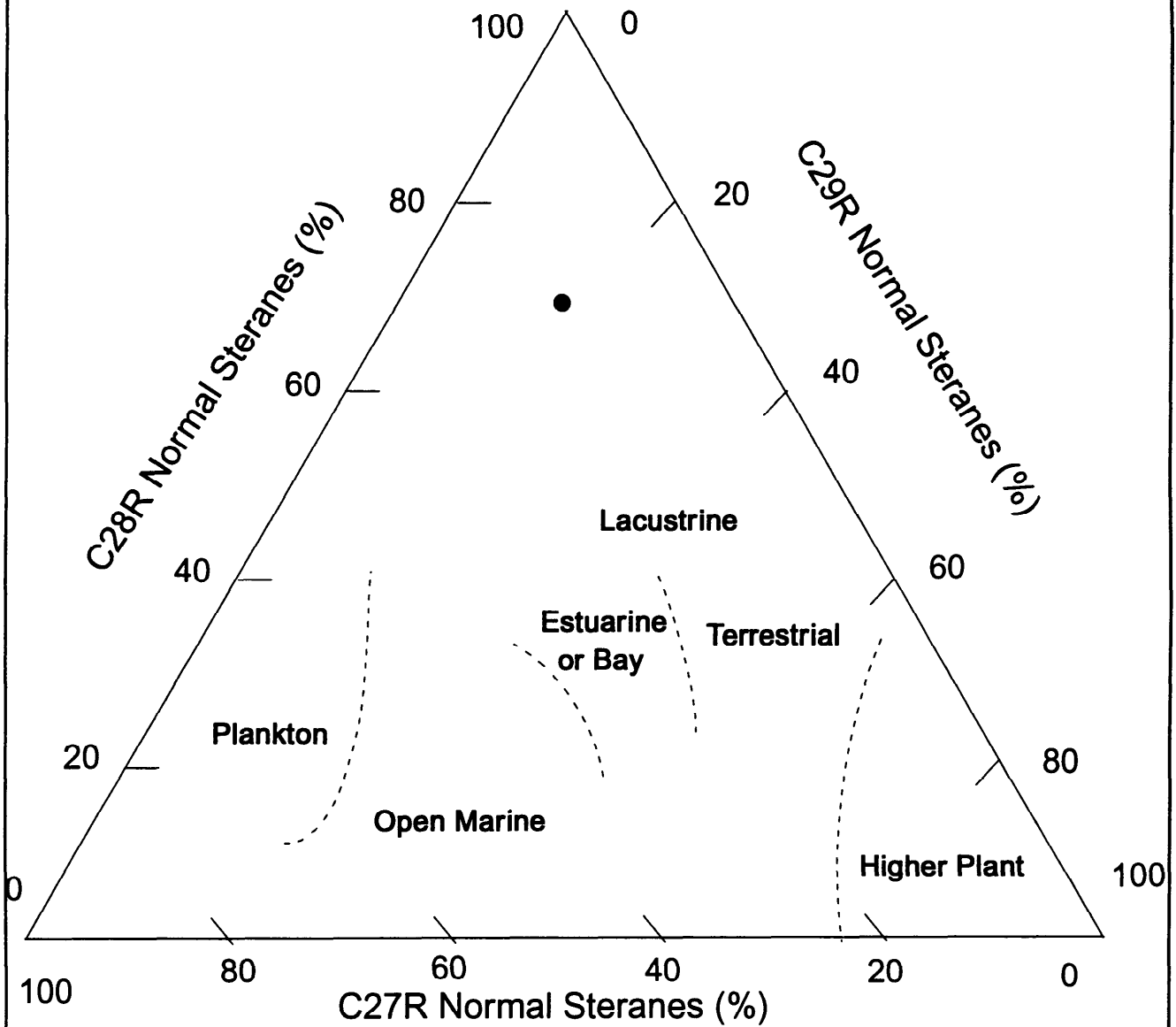


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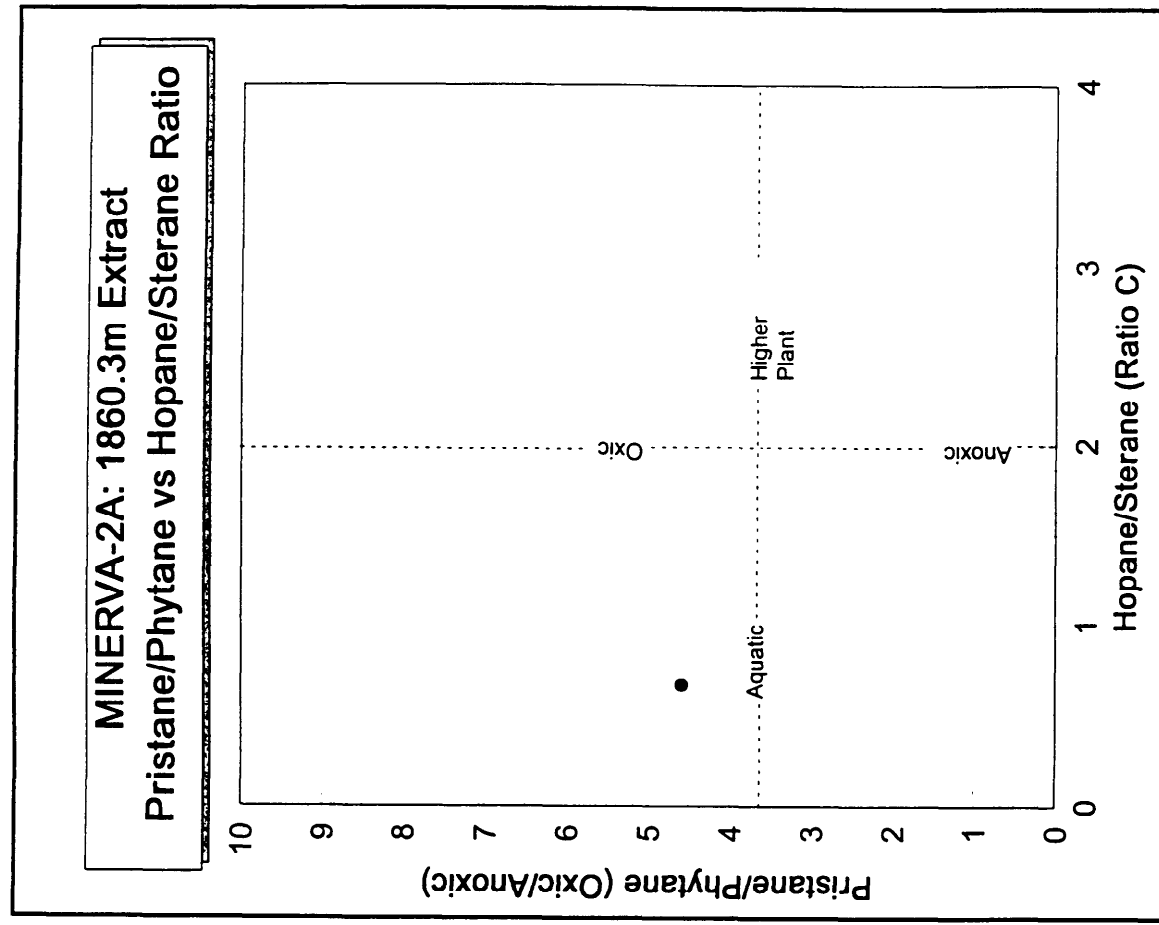
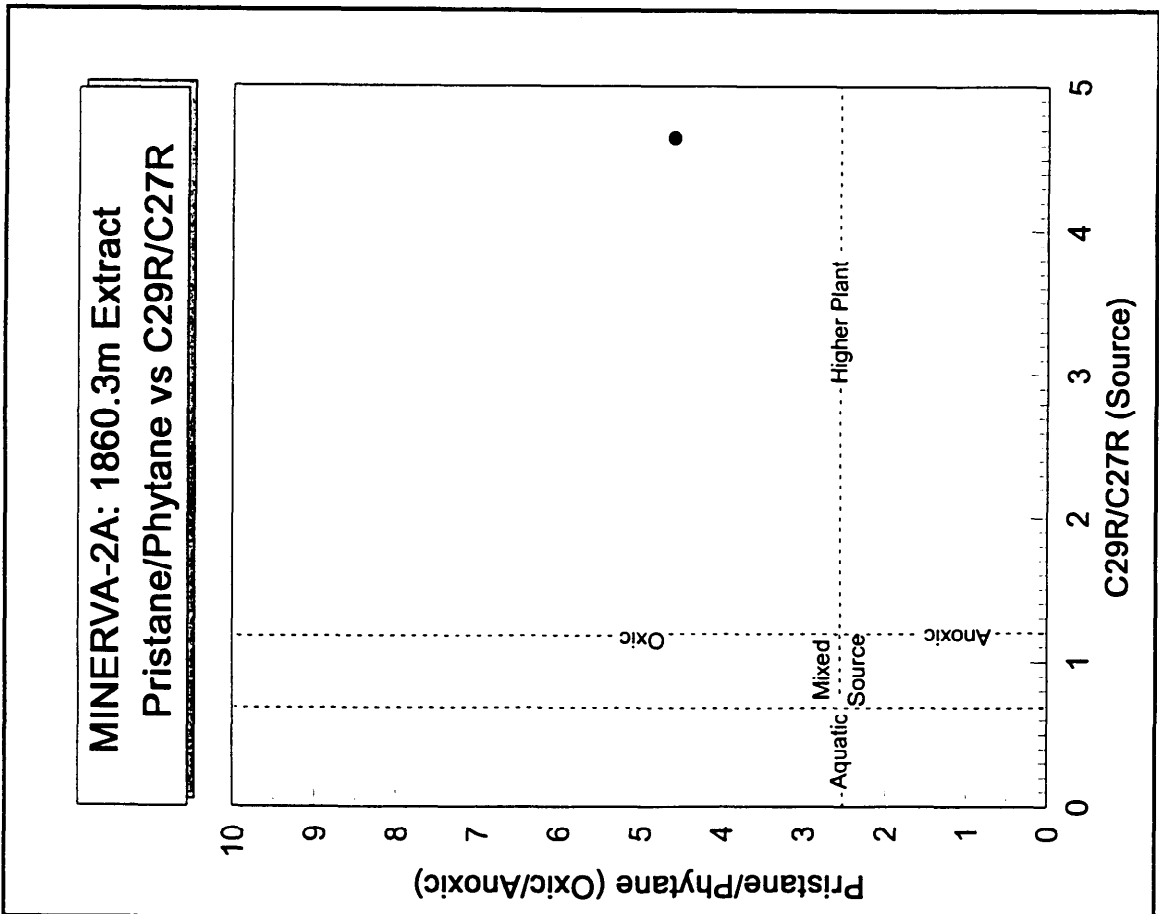


FIGURE 10

TABLE 5

DI & TRI NUCLEAR AROMATIC GC/MS DATA - SEDIMENTS

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 COUNTRY = Australia
 BASIN = Otway

DEPTH UNIT = Metres
 DATE OF JOB =

DEPTH 1 = 1860.30

DEPTH 2 = 1860.30

A. DETAILED COMPOUND ANALYSIS

COMPOUND -----	ION ---	RELATIVE AMOUNT -----
1,5-Dimethylnaphthalene	156	340221.0
1,6-Dimethylnaphthalene	156	1283462.0
1,8-Dimethylnaphthalene	156	10320.0
2,6-Dimethylnaphthalene	156	706275.0
2,7-Dimethylnaphthalene	156	0.0
1,4+2,3-Dimethylnaphthalene	156	607019.0
1,2,5-Trimethylnaphthalene	170	4262756.0
1,2,7-Trimethylnaphthalene	170	0.0
1,3,6-Trimethylnaphthalene	170	246200.0
1,3,7-Trimethylnaphthalene	170	123100.0
2,3,6-Trimethylnaphthalene	170	179073.0
1,3,5+1,4,6-Trimethylnaphthalene	170	356743.0
Phenanthrene	178	2342308.0
1-Methylphenanthrene	192	462488.0
2-Methylphenanthrene	192	423802.0
3-Methylphenanthrene	192	279023.0
9-Methylphenanthrene	192	647601.0
1,7-Dimethylphenanthrene	206	434304.0
Compound X (1,3 + 3,9 + 2,10 + 3,10-DMP)	206	168173.0
Retene	219	556555.0
Cadalene	198	-
Eudalene	184	-

B. CALCULATED DATA

PARAMETER -----	ION ---	VALUE -----
DNR-1 = (2,6-DMN + 2,7-DMN) / 1,5-DMN	156	2.08
DNR-2 = 2,7-DMN / 1,8-DMN	156	0.00
DNR-5 = 1,6-DMN / 1,8-DMN	156	124.37
DNR-6 = ((2,6-DMN + 2,7-DMN) / 1,4+2,3-DMN)*0.91	156	1.06
TNR-1 = (2,3,6-TMN / 1,3,5+1,4,6-TMN)*0.82	170	0.41
TNR-5 = (1,2,5-TMN / 1,3,6-TMN)*0.75	170	12.99
TNR-6 = 1,2,7-TMN / 1,3,7-TMN	170	0.00
MPR-1 = (2-MP + 3-MP) / 1-MP	192	1.52
MPI-1 = (1.5 x (2-MP + 3-MP)) / (0.667*Ph + 1-MP + 9-MP)	178,192	0.39
MPI-2 = (3 x 2-MP) / (0.667*Ph + 1-MP + 9-MP)	178,192	0.48
Rc(a) = (0.6 x MPI-1) + 0.4	na	0.63
Rc(b) = (-0.6 x MPI-1) + 2.3	na	2.07
1,7-Dimethylphenanthrene / Compound X	206	2.58
Retene / 9-Methylphenanthrene	192,219	0.86
1-Methylphenanthrene / 9-Methylphenanthrene	192	0.71

Notes : DMN = Dimethylnaphthalene TMN = Trimethylnaphthalene - = no data
 MP = Methylphenanthrene Ph = Phenanthrene na = not applicable

**MINERVA-2A: 1860.3m
MPI-1-derived Rc(a) vs Depth**

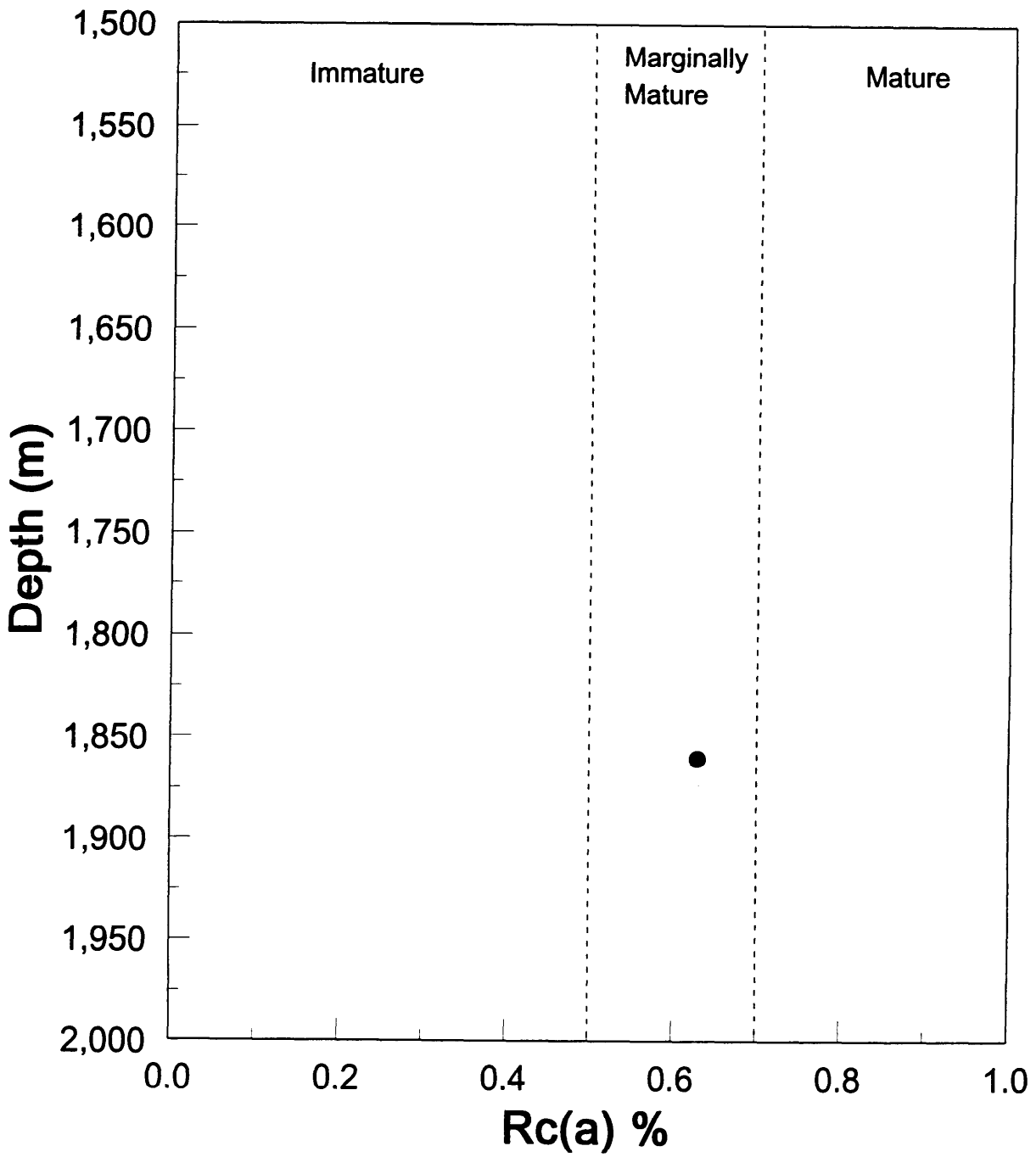
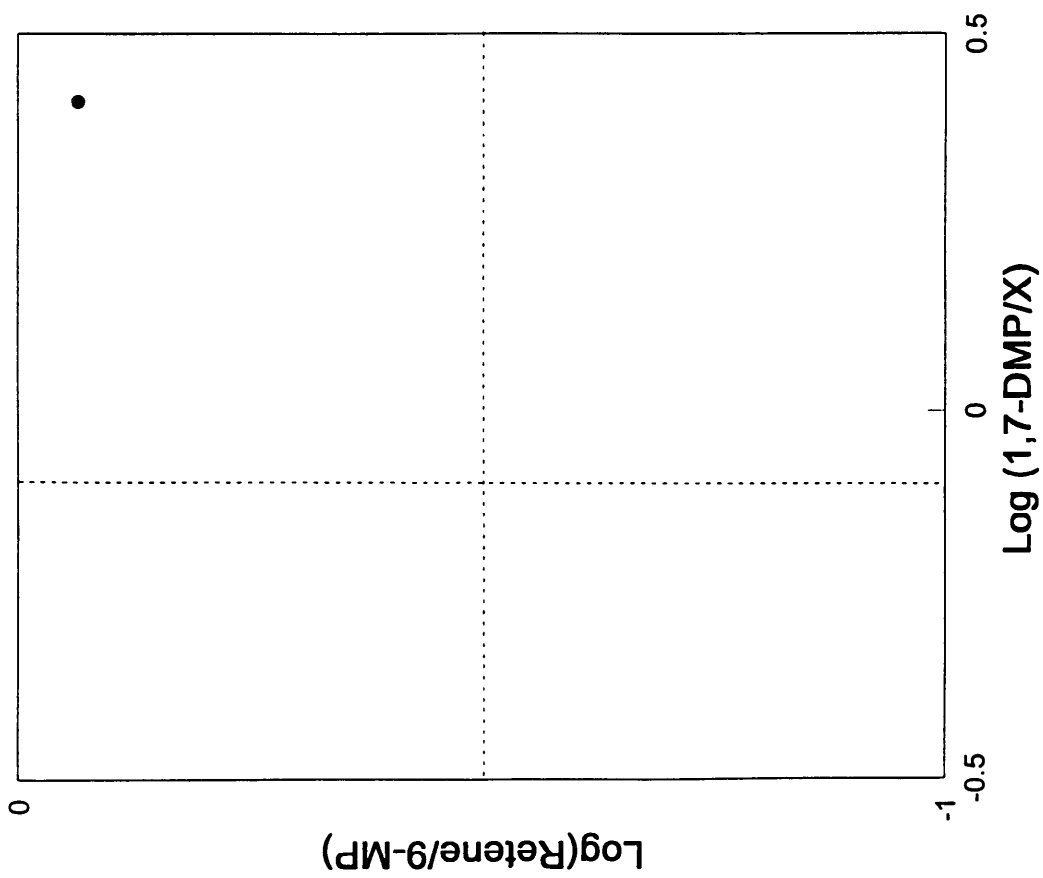


FIGURE 11

MINERVA-2A: 1860.3m Extract
Log(Retene/9-MP) vs Log(1,7-DMP/X)



MINERVA-2A: 1860.3m Extract
Log(1-MP/9-MP) vs Log(1,2,5-TMN/1,3,6-TMN)

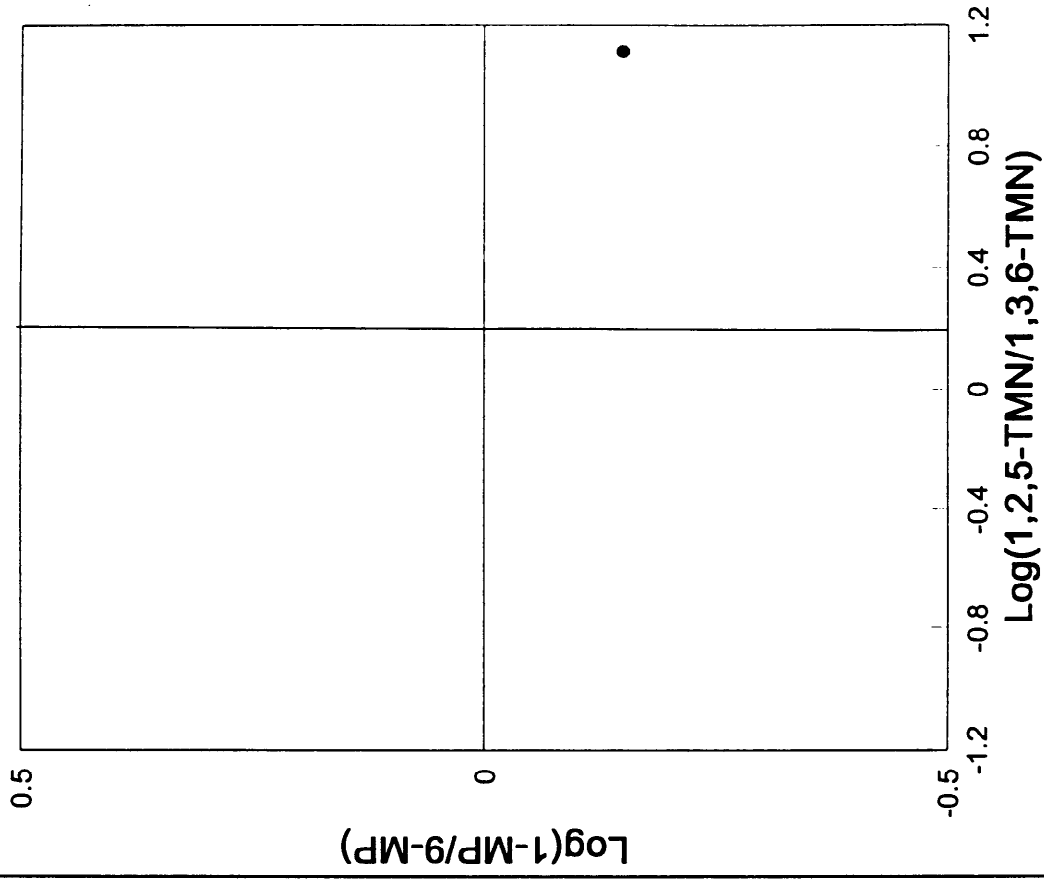


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MINERVA-2A: 1875m
Gas Analysis Data
Normalised Relative Abundances

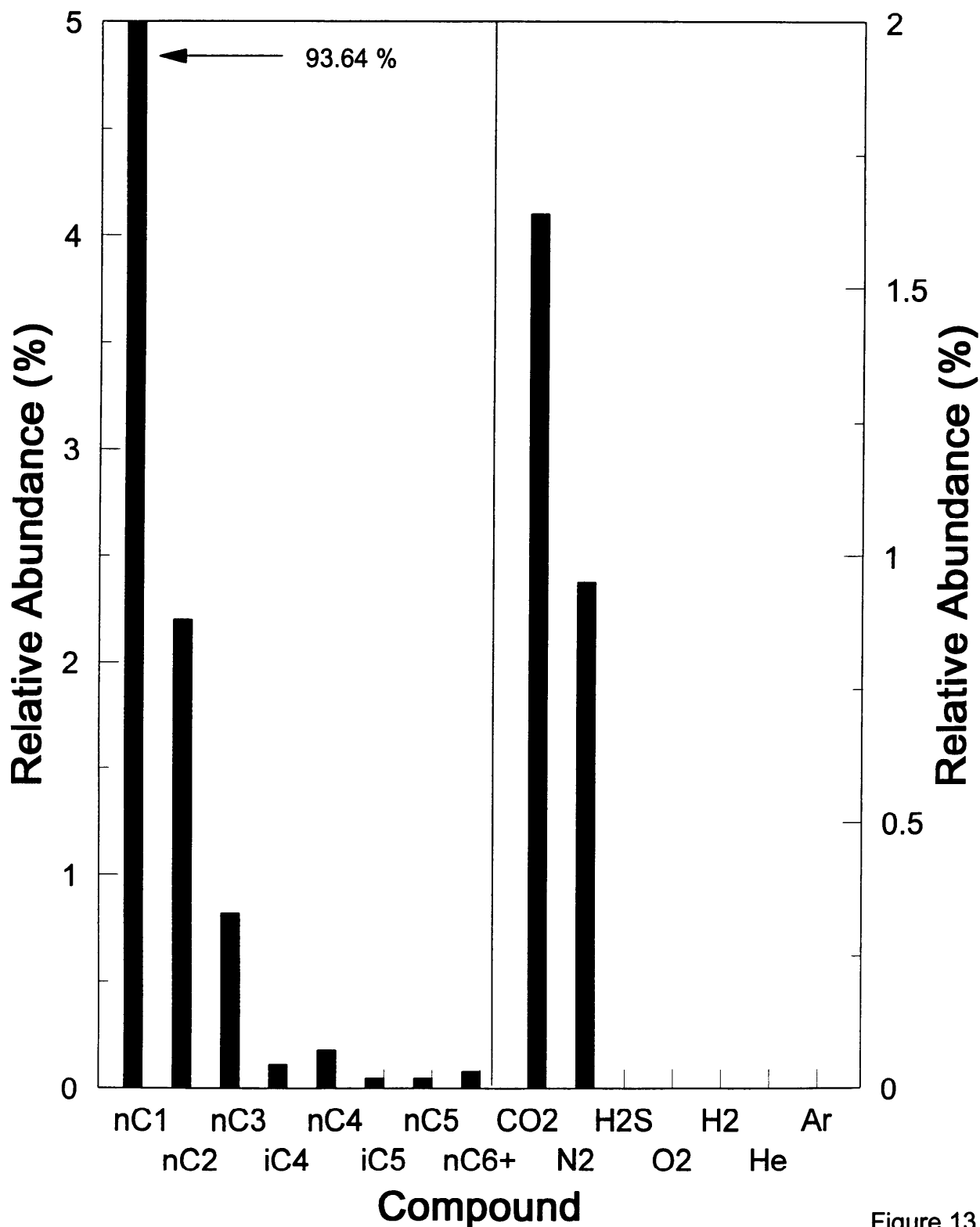


Figure 13



MINERVA-2A

PETROPHYSICAL INTERPRETATION

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SUMMARY

Minerva-2 was interpreted using the all the available log data and calibrated with core data. The logs were corrected for environmental effects using the relevant algorithms and interpreted using a shaly sand interpretation model. The well encountered 111 m of gross hydrocarbon column with a gas/water contact at 1940 m, which was in good agreement with the Repeat Formation tester derived contact. The main reservoir exhibited 97.9 m of net sand with an average porosity of 19% and an average water saturation of 15%.

All depths in this report are in metres along hole below the Rotary Table of the drilling rig Byford Dolphin, which was 25.0 m above mean sea level.

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1 BASIC DATA

1.1 Wireline Logs

Wireline logs were run by Schlumberger on a Maxis 500 logging unit. Table 1 shows the available log data, with temperature information and time data.

Table 1: Wireline Logs & Temperatures

Time Circ Stopped / Circ Time Time log on bottom	TOOL STRING	Maximum Temperature	INTERVAL
1-Oct-93 @ 01:00/2.75	Suite 1		
2-Oct-93 @ 11:30	DLL-MSFL-SDT-GR-SP- GPIT-CAL-AMS	58°C	553.0 - 1517.5 m
11-Oct-93 @ 20:00 / 1.00	Suite 2		
12-Oct-93 @ 03:45	DLL-MSFL-AS-GR-SP- CAL	76°C	1526.0 - 2170.0 m
12-Oct-93 @ 12:00	LDL-CNL-FMS-GR	82°C	1526.0 - 2170.0 m
13-Oct-93 @ 00:00/2.0	wiper trip		
13-Oct-93 @ 15:00	RFT-HP	73°C	
13-Oct-93 @ 21:00	CSI (VSP)	84°C	
14-Oct-93 @ 07:10	CST-GR [30 shot]		

1.2 Conventional Cores

Five conventional cores were cut in Minerva-2A. The first was cut in a thin sand above the main reservoir from 1728.5 - 1733.5 m (recovered 5.0 m, 100%). The second and the third cores were cut consecutively at the top of the main reservoir. Core 2 1838.8 - 1855.6 m (recovered 15.1 m, 97.5%), Core 3 1855.6 - 1882.5 (26.9 m, 100%). Cores 4 and 5 were also cut consecutively starting at 1915 m. Core 4 1915.0 - 1945.75 m (27.75 m, 99%) and Core 5 1943.0 - 1969.0 m (26 m, 100%).

A full program of routine core analyses was carried out and included core gamma, helium injection porosity and air permeability (at ambient and overburden conditions), summation of fluids porosity, water saturation determination, as well as the calculation of grain densities. The ambient conditions data was plotted against the overburden conditions data (2100 psi) to derive transforms for the conversion of all the ambient data given below.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Porosity } \phi_{\text{ovb}}(\%) &= 0.988 * \phi_{\text{amb}}(\%) - 0.63 \\ \text{Permeability } K_{\text{ovb}} &= 0.84 * K_{\text{amb}}^{1.002} \end{aligned}$$

The core data have been fully integrated into the log interpretation and were used to calibrate the petrophysical model. Core depths have been adjusted to match the wireline log data (see Enclosure 1). The depth shifts for the various sections of core are given in Table 2.

Table 2: Core Depth Shifts

Core Number	Drillers Depth (mRT) top of core section	Adjusted Depth (mRT)	Shift (+ core to be shifted down)
1	1728.5	1732.75	4.25 m
2 & 3	1388.8	1841.55	2.75 m
	1855.2	1858.2	3.0 m
	1876.4	1879.0	2.6
4 & 5	1915.0	1917.0	2.0
	1936.0	1937.65	1.65
	1961.5	1962.75	1.25

1.3 Sidewall Cores

30 sidewall cores were shot in the 12-1/4" open hole with 29 cores recovered; one bullet was empty.

1.4 RFT Data

Data from the RFT program was used primarily to indicate effective permeability, identify the type of hydrocarbons present, determine the maximum extent of the hydrocarbon column and to calculate the density of hydrocarbons recovered from RFT samples. For a complete discussion of RFT results refer to the Minerva-2A RFT Report.

1.5 Drill Stem/Production Tests

No production tests were carried out at Minerva-2A prior to the suspension of the well.

2 INTERPRETATION PROCEDURE

2.1 Data Preparation

Wireline log data was read from tapes and loaded into "Well Data System" (WDS), a log storage, manipulation, interpretation and presentation software package developed by Western Atlas International Inc. The Suite-2 wireline data was prepared for interpretation by depth matching and by applying environmental corrections as per the Schlumberger chart book, (Schlumberger, 1991).

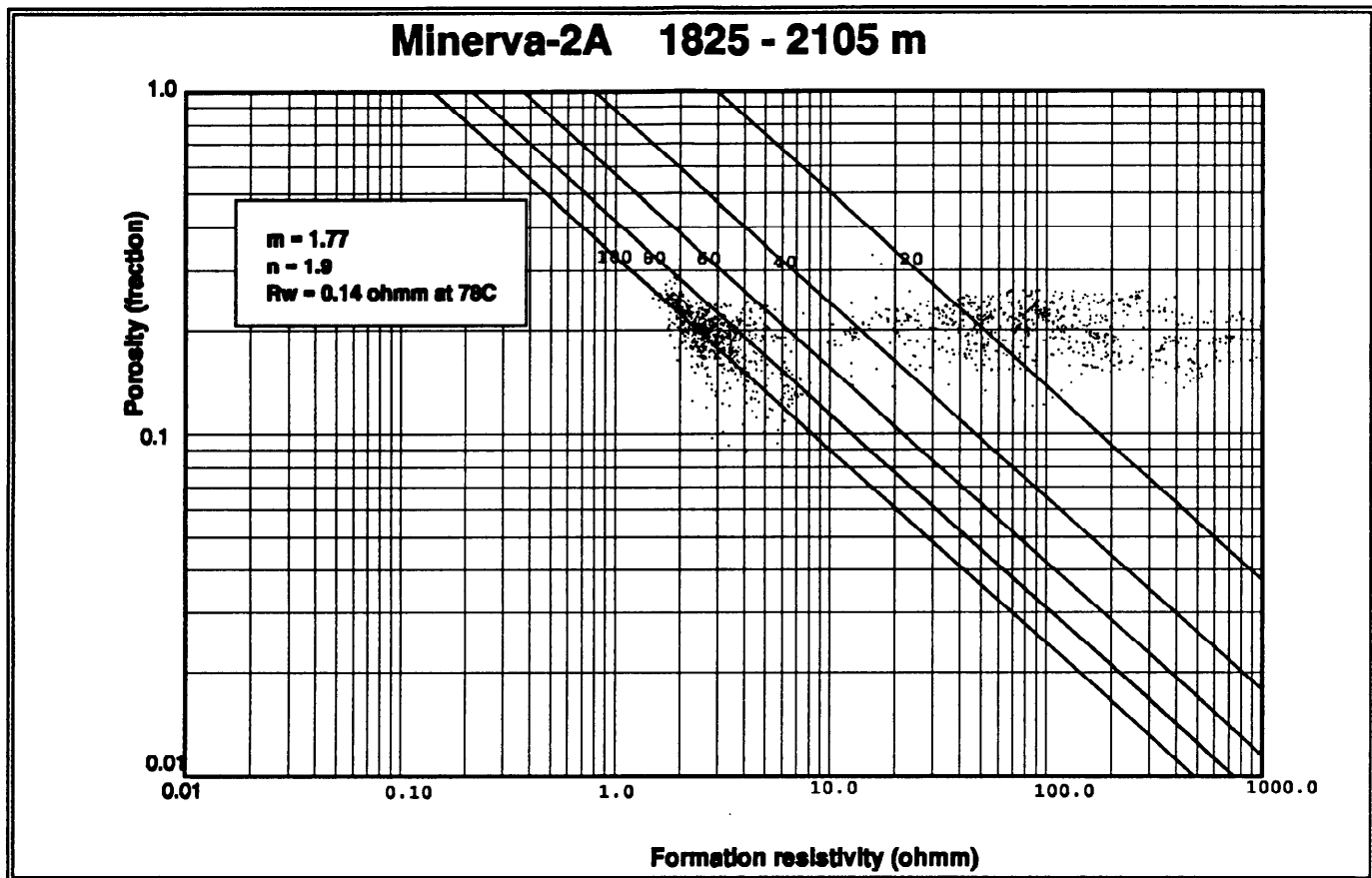
2.2 Interpretation Model

The data were interpreted using a shaly sand interpretation model which incorporated the Juhasz Water Saturation Model. Shale fraction was derived from the gamma ray and porosity was derived from the density and neutron logs, corrected for the effects of gas.

2.3 Water Salinity

The SP log is well developed in Minerva-2A . In the porous water sands below around 2025 m the maximum deflection recorded by the static SP was 50 mV using a sloping baseline. This suggests a value for R_w of $0.31\Omega\text{-m}$ at 25°C , or about 19,000 ppm NaCl equivalent and agrees with the Pickett plot derived value shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1 Pickett Plot



2.4 Formation Electrical Properties

The electrical properties were taken from measurements undertaken on the Minerva-1 core. The cementation exponent "m" was measured to be 1.77, "a" was taken to be 1.0 and the saturation exponent "n" was measured to be 1.90.

Table 3 contains a summary of the interpretation results using a porosity cut-off of 5% and a shale fraction cut-off of 50%. The depths and thicknesses are given along hole. The gas water contact was placed at 1940 m, which was in good agreement with the free water level calculated from the RFT pressure gradient.

Table 3: Interpretation Results

Zone	Depth (mRT)	Gross (m)	Net (m)	N/G (%)	Por. (%)	Sw (%)
Shipwreck (upper zone)	1720 - 1740	20	10.0	50	16	31
Shipwreck (lower zone)	1829 - 2105	276.0	253.9	92	17	n/a
Shipwreck (gas zone)	1829 - 1940	111.0	97.9	88	19	15

INTERPRETATION PARAMETERS

Tables 4, 5 & 6 contain the input parameters for the interpretation model.

Table 4: Interpretation parameters 1720 - 1740 m

Log	Matrix	Shale	Water	Filtrate	Gas
Gamma Ray	40	140			
Sonic	55.5	82		189	
Density	2.65	2.56		1.01	.1
Neutron	-.03	.22			.8 (excav)
Resistivity		20	.14	0.097	
Temperature	78		78	14	

Table 5: Interpretation Parameters 1825 - 1942 m

Log	Matrix	Shale	Water	Filtrate	Gas
Gamma Ray	35	155			
Sonic	55.5	82		189	
Density	2.65	2.62		1.01	.1
Neutron	-.03	.18			.82 (excav)
Resistivity		20	.14	0.097	
Temperature	78		78	14	

Table 6: Interpretation parameters 1942 - 2105

Log	Matrix	Shale	Water	Filtrate	Gas
Gamma Ray	35	185			
Sonic	55.5	82		189	
Density	2.65	2.56		1.01	1
Neutron	-.03	.22			1 (excav)
Resistivity		20	.14	0.097	
Temperature	78		78	14	

These results are preliminary and the data from Minerva-1 will be combined with Minerva-2A in a petrophysical field study (in progress) to determine whether field-wide parameters may be derived as well as incorporate the "special" core analysis (capillary pressure and drainage studies) which is being undertaken at the time of writing.

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MINERVA-2A RFT REPORT

Please find attached the Minerva-2A RFT report.

Summary/Conclusions

The results of the Minerva-2A open hole RFT survey indicated that the well intersected two gas bearing sands in the Upper Shipwreck Group, with a common gas gradient of 0.164 psi/m. A water bearing sand was intersected below the gas in the main reservoir sand and had a water gradient of 1.39 psi/m. Based on the pretest data, a free water level of 1915.1 mTVDSS was interpreted.

One sample was recovered from the main reservoir sand at 1849.7 mTVDSS. Analysis of the sample indicated dry gas with 93.64% methane.

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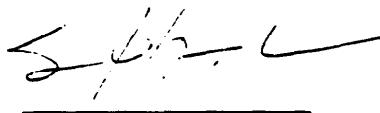


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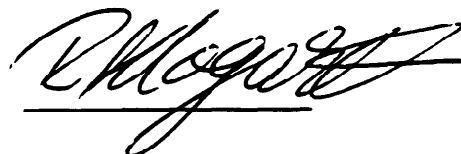
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Enclosure 1 Minerva-2A AS-MSFL-DLL-GR-AMS-SP Log, October 1993.

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

One RFT run was carried out in Minerva-2A on 12 October 1993 and the RFT operations from rig up to rig down of the RFT-B tool was approximately 15 hours.

A total of 34 pretests were performed but only 21 gave reliable formation pressures. Of the remaining pretests, 8 were tight, 1 resulted in seal failure and 4 were considered supercharged. One segregated sample comprising of a one gallon upper chamber and a 2-3/4 gallon lower chamber was taken at 1849.7 mTVDSS.

2. CONCLUSION

Based upon the data and interpretations contained in this report, the following conclusions can be made:

1. Two gas bearing sands were intersected in the Upper Shipwreck Group and they have a common gas gradient of 0.164 psi/m.
2. A water bearing sand was intersected below the gas in the main reservoir sand of the Upper Shipwreck Group. The aquifer had a pressure gradient of 1.39 psi/m, and is close to the expected hydrostatic pressure.
3. Fluid gradients measured in the Upper Shipwreck Group indicated a free water level at 1915.1 mTVDSS. No other fluid gradients were observed.
4. One segregated sample was recovered from the Main Upper Shipwreck sand at 1849.7 mTVDSS. The table below details the composition of the upper chamber .

<u>Component</u>		<u>Mole %</u>
Carbon Dioxide	CO ₂	1.64
Nitrogen	N ₂	0.95
Methane	C ₁	93.64
Ethane	C ₂	2.20
Propane	C ₃	0.82
n-Butane	n-C ₄	0.18
i-Butane	i-C ₄	0.11
Pentane+	C ₅ ⁺	0.46

3. GEOLOGY

Minerva-2A was drilled in the offshore Eastern Otway Basin of Vic/P31, approximately 1.7 km south of Minerva-1. It was an appraisal well to confirm the extension of the Shipwreck Group gas-bearing reservoir within the southern fault block of the Minerva structure.

The primary target, the Main Upper Shipwreck sand, was intersected at 1829 mRT and contained about 111m gross gas column as interpreted from the electric logs.

The secondary target, Upper Shipwreck 1 sand was intersected at 1722 mRT and was gas bearing.

Table 1 contains the well data sheet which summarises the well information.

4. RFT PROGRAM

4.1. Objectives

The main objectives of the Minerva-2A RFT program were as follows:

- a. Determine the fluid gradients and contacts within the reservoir sections of the Minerva-2A well.
- b. Recover representative hydrocarbon samples in order to determine PVT properties from the main reservoir sand.

4.2 RFT Tool Configuration

The formation sampling tool used on Minerva-2A was the Schlumberger RFT-B tool, incorporating a long nose probe with a standard packer and a HP quartz crystal gauge. The tool was run with an AMS and Gamma Ray sonde and three 1" stand-offs. A 1 gallon upper and a 2-3/4 gallon lower sample chamber were used, both with water cushions. Four x 20/1000" chokes were used in both the 1 and 2-3/4 gallon chambers.

4.3 Open-Hole Log Reference

All Minerva-2A RFT depths were correlated to the 12-1/4" open hole AS-MSFL-DLL-GR-AMS-SP log run on 12/10/93 (see Enclosure 1).

The hole diameter ranged between 12-1/4" and 13-1/2" between 1722 and 1829 mRT. The hole was in good condition over the remaining intervals programmed for the RFT survey.

4.4 Tool Performance

RFT-B

Stabilisation times were relatively short for the HP pressure gauge. There were no operational problems with the tool.

5. RFT PRETEST INTERPRETATION

5.1 Pressures

All pretest and sample pressures are given in Table 2 and are shown plotted in Figure 2. Of the 34 pretests attempted; 21 pretests recorded good formation pressures, 8 were tight, 1 unsuccessful due to seal failure and 4 pretests were considered supercharged.

All pretest pressures were obtained when both the HP and strain gauge pressures and temperatures had stabilised.

Figure 3 shows a plot of the initial and final hydrostatic pressure gradients measured with the HP gauge. The hydrostatic gradients indicate a mud specific gravity (S.G.) of 1.16. This is in good agreement with the mud S.G. measured on the rig (1.16 S.G.).

5.2 Temperature

Table 2 lists all the temperatures measured in Minerva-2A during the RFT survey. The maximum temperature recorded during the RFT survey was 73.4°C at 1959.2 mTVDSS. This temperature was recorded 15 hours after circulation was stopped. An accurate reservoir temperature on Minerva-2A could not be determined during the logging run and a reservoir temperature of 95°C was assumed based on the RFT survey and the DST flowback results from Minerva-1.

5.3 Reservoir Fluid Gradients

Figures 2 to 4 show the interpreted results of the Minerva-2A RFT survey. Two gas bearing sands were intersected by the well; the Upper Shipwreck 1 sand between 1696.5 and 1703 mTVDSS and the Main Upper Shipwreck sand between 1804 and 1960 mTVDSS.

The reservoir fluid gradients, which were determined from the HP gauge pretest data by linear regression, are given below:

Pretests	Fluid (psi/m)	Fluid Gradient(β) Level	Confidence Interval
3,4,11-23 (excl.12,20,22)	gas 0.164	95%	$0.163 < \beta < 0.167$
24,27-34	water 1.39	95%	$1.37 < \beta < 1.41$

There was considerable scatter in the pretest data in the Upper Shipwreck 1 sand and it could possibly be due to localised supercharging effects in the sand. Three of the pretest data (namely #3, #4 and 11) were incorporated with the pretest data from the Main Upper Shipwreck sand to determine the best fit fluid gradient intersected by the two sands. A best fit gas gradient of 0.164 psi/m was determined based on the assumption that these two sands were in hydraulic communication.

The best fit water gradient of 1.39 psi/m was interpreted below 1915.1 mTVDSS in the Main Upper Shipwreck sand. It should be noted that there was no significant scatter observed in the pretest data of the water bearing sand.

5.4 Fluid Contacts

A free water level at 1915.1 mTVDSS in the Main Upper Shipwreck sand is interpreted using the gas and water gradients derived from the pretest data (see Figure 2). This depth is in close agreement to the interpreted FWL of 1914.7 mTVDSS from Minerva-1 RFT survey (see Figure 4).

5.5 Permeabilities

Spherical mobility estimates from the pretests are given in Table 2. The assumptions made to correct the calculated spherical mobility to horizontal permeability are:

1. Mud filtrate viscosity = 0.43 cP
(Temp = 82°C, Pressure = 2742 psia,
Equivalent NaCl salinity = 74,250 ppm)
2. $K_h/K_v = 1$

The correction used was:

$$K_h = [K_D \times (K_h/K_D)]/K_{rw}$$

Where,

K_D	=	Drawdown permeability (Mobility) x (Filtrate Viscosity)
K_h/K_D	=	1 ratio of horizontal to drawdown permeability. This is a function of K_h/K_v and flow geometry; which is spherical, (Table A1, Ref [2]).
K_{rw}	=	relative permeability to filtrate.

Reference [2] suggests the use of $K_{rw} = 0.3$ for formations with a hydrocarbon saturation and a permeability greater than one Darcy, and $K_{rw} = 0.15$ for permeability less than 1 Darcy. A K_{rw} of 1.0 is used for water saturated sands.

From the results shown in Table 2, the main reservoir sand has permeabilities between 9 and 1096 mD. The Upper Shipwreck 1 sand has permeabilities between 19 and 390 mD.

5.6 Comparison to other wells

Minerva-1 was a gas discovery in the Upper Shipwreck formation. The well intersected a 98m gross gas column in the main reservoir sand with a free water level interpreted at 1914.7 mTVDSS.

The gas and water gradients intersected by Minerva-2A in the main reservoir sand of the Upper Shipwreck Group are within 2% of the corresponding gradients determined in Minerva-1. The pressure data in the aquifer obtained from Minerva-1 and 2A lie on the same line (see Figure 4) which indicates that the wells are now or were at one stage in hydraulic communication. The pressures in Minerva-1 and 2A and nearby wells Pecten-1A and Eric The Red-1 are all close to, or at normal hydrostatic pressure (see Figure 6).

However, the pressures recorded in La Bella-1 indicate that it is in a separate pressure regime (Ref. 1). The well intersected a 68m gross gas column in the Upper Shipwreck Group. The RFT data from the well indicated an overpressured Upper and Lower Shipwreck Group of 180 psi and about 600psi respectively with respect to the normally pressured water bearing sand of the Upper Shipwreck Group in the Minerva wells.

6. RFT SAMPLES

One segregated sample of the formation fluid was recovered from 1849.7 mTVDSS (1875 mRT). Both the one gallon upper and the 2-3/4 gallon lower chambers were kept sealed and sent to Petrolab for PVT analysis. Appendix A contains a copy of the Petrolab report, giving detailed analysis of the contents of the upper gallon chamber.

The lower 2-3/4 gallon chamber was flushed at high pressure from the single phase to atmospheric pressure and 30 cc of condensable liquid hydrocarbon was collected using the dry ice cold trap method. This liquid was forwarded to the BHPP laboratory for compositional analysis using the Simulated Distillation method. Appendix B details the results.

7. REFERENCES

- [1] Minerva-1 RFT Report, BHP Petroleum.
June 1993.
- [2] BHP Petroleum RFT Manual.
December 1988.

Well Data Sheet

Table 1.

Well:	Minerva-2A		
Permit:	VIC/P31		
Location:	Lat:	38 ° 43 ' 4.54 " South	
	Long:	142 ° 57 ' 20.80 " East	
Rig:	Semi-Submersible Byford Dolphin		
Seismic Reference Line:	OE80A-1056 SP 4067		
KB Elevation:	25.3 m above MSL		
Water Depth	60.0 m		
Well TD (12.25" Hole) :	2170.0 mKB		
Spud Date:	21st September 1993		
Date Reached TD:	11th October 1993		
Well Status:	Suspended		
Casing Points:	30" @ 118 mKB		
	20" @ 553 mKB		
	13 3/8" @ 1526 mKB		
Reservoir Tops:	Upper Shipwreck 1	1721.5	mKB
	Main Upper Shipwreck	1829.0	mKB
Datum Depth (FWL):		1915.1	mTVDSS
Pressure at Datum:		2747.1	psia
Reservoir Temperature:		95.0	deg C (ex-MINERVA-1)
Tritium Used:	No		
Fluids In Well:	Gas:	Yes	
	Oil:	No	
	Water:	Yes	
Contacts:	GOC:	N/A	
	OWC:	N/A	
	FWL:	1915.1	mTVDSS

MINERVA-2A OPEN HOLE RFT RESULTS

Test No.	Depth		Time hh:mm	Initial Hydrostatic Pressure		Formation Pressure		Temperature DegC	Final Hydrostatic Pressure		Mobility mD/cp	Permeability* mD	Comments
	mAHKE	mTVDS		Strain Gauge	HP Gauge	Strain Gauge	HP Gauge		Strain Gauge	HP Gauge			
				psig	psia	psig	psia		psig	psia			
1	1722.5	1697.2	06:10	2870.6	2890.86	2692.10	2711.99	65.1	2870.0	2890.49	18.1	52	Possibly supercharged
2	1723.5	1698.2	06:25	2871.2	2891.71	2696.00	2717.00	65.2	2871.3	2891.82	3.3	9	Tight
3	1724.5	1699.2	06:42	2872.6	2893.01	2691.30	2711.32	64.7	2872.1	2893.05	136.0	390	Good Test
4	1725.5	1700.2	06:58	2873.8	2894.64	2691.50	2712.15	64.9	2874.5	2895.36	6.8	19	Low Permeability
5	1726.5	1701.2	07:12	2876.1	2896.55	2695.50	2716.44	64.9	2876.1	2897.18	0.5	1	Tight
6	1727.3	1702.0	07:28	2877.3	2897.78	2698.10	2718.83	65.1	2877.4	2898.09	5.9	17	Tight?
7	1722.5	1697.2	07:45	2868.4	2889.56	-	-	65.3	2868.2	2890.02	-	-	Tight
8	1723.0	1697.7	07:55	2870.3	2891.15	2691.50	2712.38	65.1	2870.4	2891.40	9.3	27	Possibly supercharged
9	1723.5	1698.2	08:05	2871.2	2892.25	-	-	65.2	-	-	-	-	Lost Seal
10	1723.7	1698.4	08:12	2871.1	2892.34	2696.40	2717.50	65.3	2871.1	2893.08	0.9	3	Tight
11	1724.5	1699.2	08:27	2872.3	2892.81	2690.60	2711.52	65.4	2872.0	2893.37	9.8	28	Low Permeability
12	1729.2	1703.9	08:38	2880.1	2901.18	-	-	65.5	2880.7	2902.41	-	-	Tight
13	1833.0	1807.7	09:01	3052.5	3073.29	2710.30	2729.56	69.7	3052.2	3072.87	420.0	602	Good Test
14	1840.0	1814.7	09:16	3063.3	3084.26	2711.60	2730.76	69.2	3063.4	3084.13	224.3	643	Good Test
15	1853.0	1827.7	09:31	3085.7	3106.33	2713.40	2732.82	68.8	3085.4	3105.95	50.4	144	Good Test
16	1875.0	1849.7	09:50	3121.8	3142.62	2717.00	2736.12	69.1	3121.5	3142.19	764.6	1096	Good Test
17	1890.0	1864.7	10:08	3146.5	3167.25	2720.20	2738.98	69.5	3146.2	3166.70	362.0	519	Good Test
18	1907.0	1881.7	10:21	3174.7	3195.84	2722.50	2741.60	70.8	3174.8	3195.35	43.9	126	Good Test
19	1925.0	1899.7	10:45	3205.8	3226.42	2726.10	2744.82	72.5	3204.6	3224.93	12.4	36	Good Test
20	1930.0	1904.7	10:59	3213.1	3233.34	-	-	71.9	3212.2	3233.22	-	-	Tight (shale test)
21	1933.5	1906.2	11:06	3218.4	3238.85	2727.70	2745.93	71.2	3218.3	3238.34	22.7	65	Good Test
22	1937.5	1912.2	11:25	3225.0	3244.80	2732.00	2751.77	71.2	3224.7	3244.80	2.5	7	Possibly supercharged
23	1939.0	1913.7	11:56	3227.6	3247.26	2728.70	2746.75	71.5	3227.1	3247.28	N/A	N/A	Good Test
24	1940.5	1915.2	12:21	3229.6	3250.31	2729.00	2747.35	71.9	3229.2	3249.84	972.2	418	Good Test
25	1942.5	1917.2	12:33	3232.6	3253.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Tight
26	1942.8	1917.5	12:42	3233.2	3253.61	2733.70	2753.12	72.2	3233.6	3254.10	11.2	5	Possibly supercharged
27	1944.0	1918.7	12:56	3235.3	3256.27	2734.00	2752.47	72.3	3235.8	3256.47	135.0	58	Good Test
28	1947.0	1921.7	13:10	3240.9	3261.20	2738.20	2756.32	72.1	3240.3	3260.36	120.5	52	Good Test
29	1949.0	1923.7	13:27	3244.0	3263.59	2740.80	2758.60	72.0	3243.5	3263.20	268.1	115	Good Test
30	1954.0	1928.7	13:50	3251.9	3271.32	2748.10	2766.14	72.5	3251.3	3271.65	446.7	192	Good Test
31	1961.5	1936.2	14:04	3263.9	3284.47	2758.20	2775.90	72.5	3264.0	3283.76	191.2	82	Good Test
32	1971.0	1945.7	14:28	3279.3	3299.63	2770.80	2789.95	72.9	3279.2	3299.36	19.8	9	Good Test
33	1975.0	1949.7	14:35	3286.8	3307.18	2776.90	2795.28	73.1	3286.5	3306.16	86.7	37	Good Test
34	1984.5	1959.2	14:53	3302.3	3322.40	2790.30	2808.22	73.4	3302.3	3322.09	79.7	34	Good Test
S1	1875.0	1849.7	15:25	3121.2	3141.15	2717.70	2736.29	71.6	3120.9	3141.14	-	-	Segregated sample

Filtrate: Temp 179.6 Deg F
 % NaCl 74250 ppm
 Pressure 2742 psia
 Viscosity 0.43 Cp

*N.B. Permeabilities rounded.
 K(h)/k(v)=1
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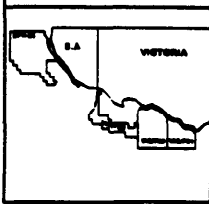
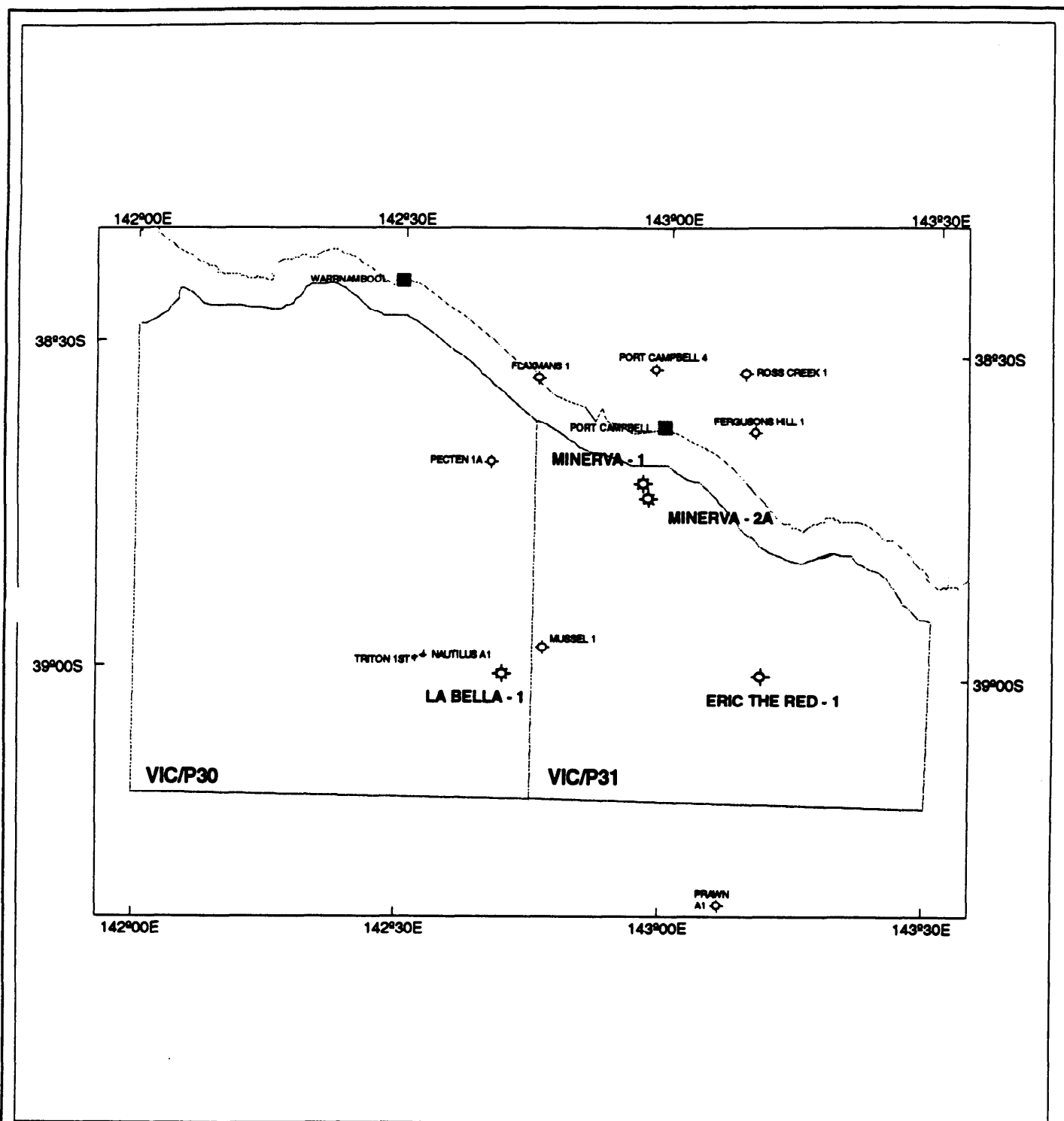
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Well: Minerva-2A Date: 13 October 1993.

KB: 25.3 m
 Sample No 1 Depth: 1875 mAHKB
 Formation Pressure 2736.3 psia

	Lower	Upper	
Chamber No:	RFS-AD-1289	RFS-AD-1227	
Chamber Size:	2.75	1	gal
Flowing Pressure:	approx 2500	approx 2700	psig
Time To Fill:	10	5	minutes
Opening Pressure:			psig
Gas Volume:	Preserved for	Preserved for	ft ³
Total Liquids:	PVT Analysis	PVT Analysis	cc
Oil/Condensate Volume:			cc
Filtrate/Water Volume:			cc
Gas Oil Ratio:			scf/stb
Condensate Gas Ratio:			stb/MMscf

Figure 1.



VICP30/31
WELL LOCATIONS



VICP30/31
LOCATION MAP

DATE:	05/04/93
SCALE:	1:50,000

Minerva-2A

Formation Pressure vs Depth

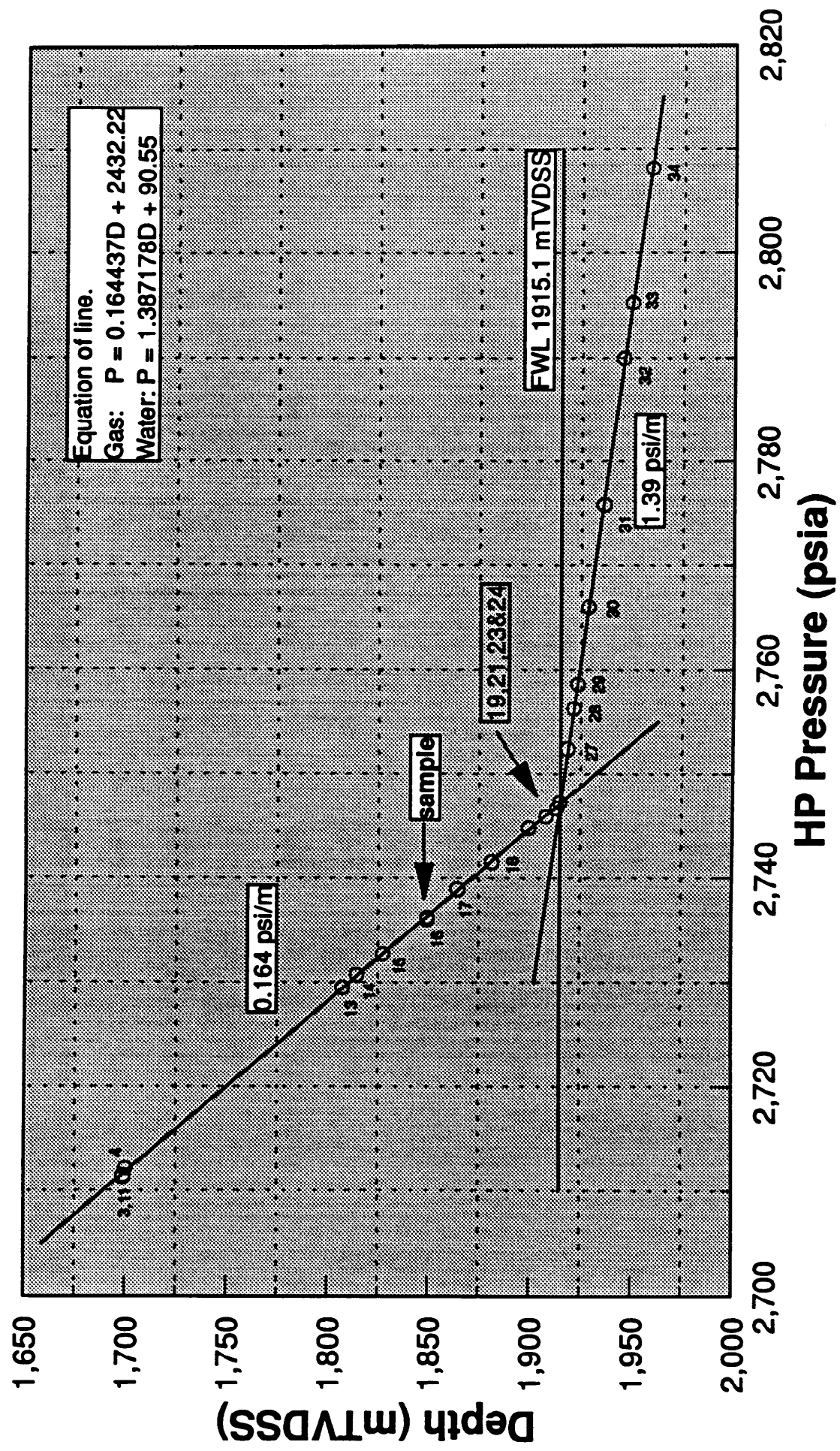


Figure 3.

Minerva-2A

Hydrostatic Pressure vs Depth

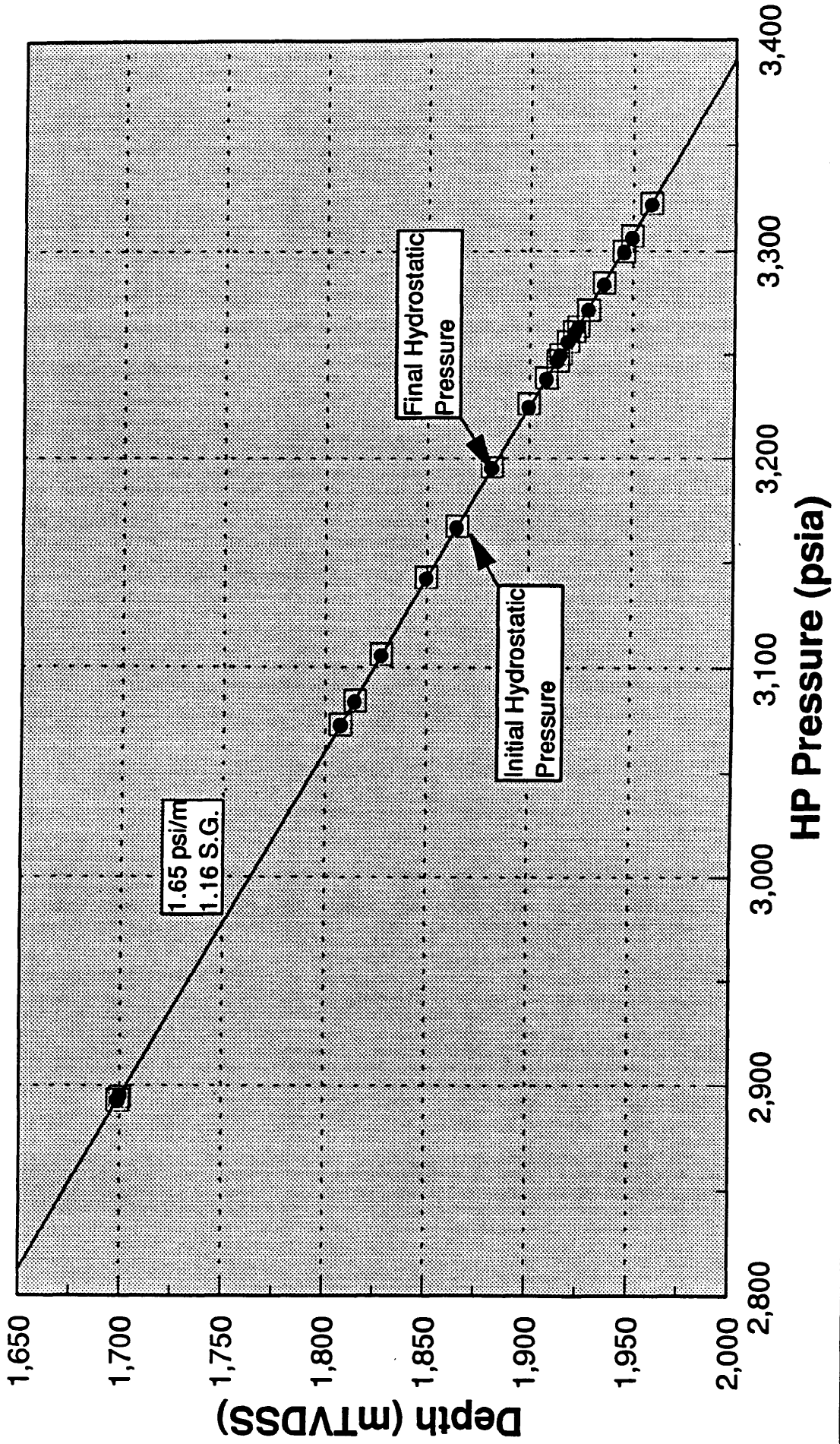
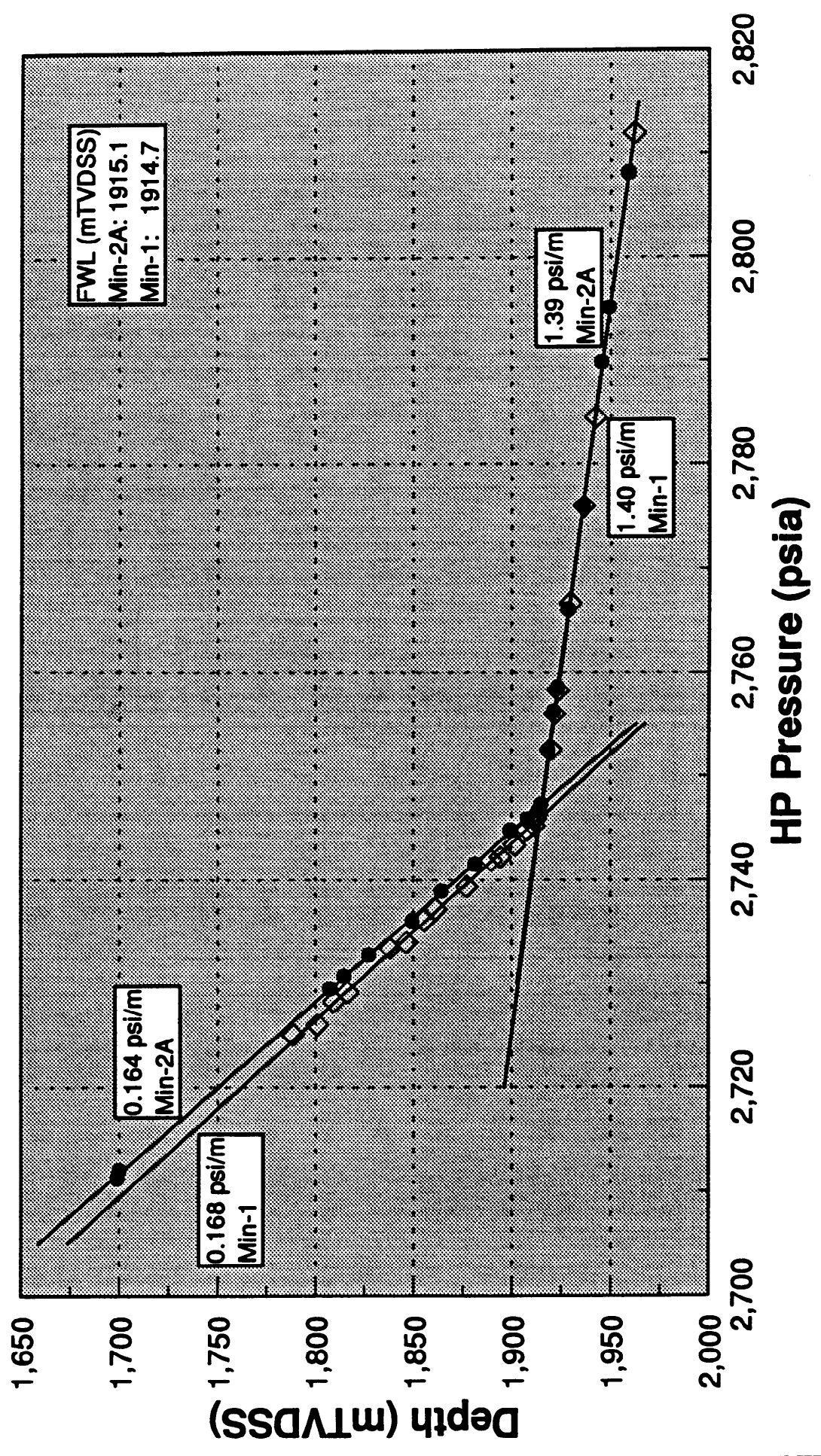


Figure 4.

Minerva-2A and Minerva-1 Formation Pressure vs Depth



Minerva-2A, Minerva-1 & La Bella-1

Formation Pressure vs Depth

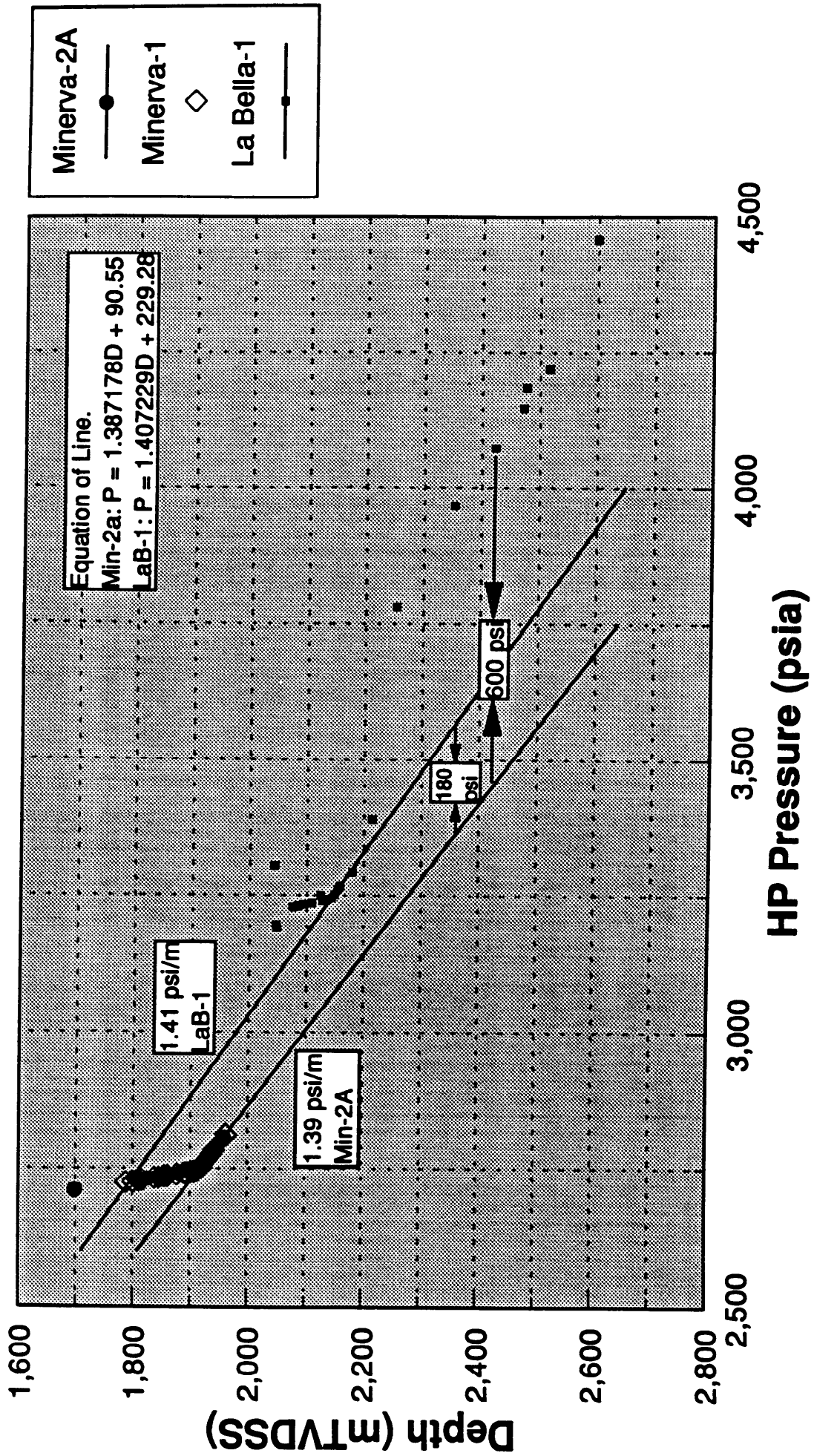
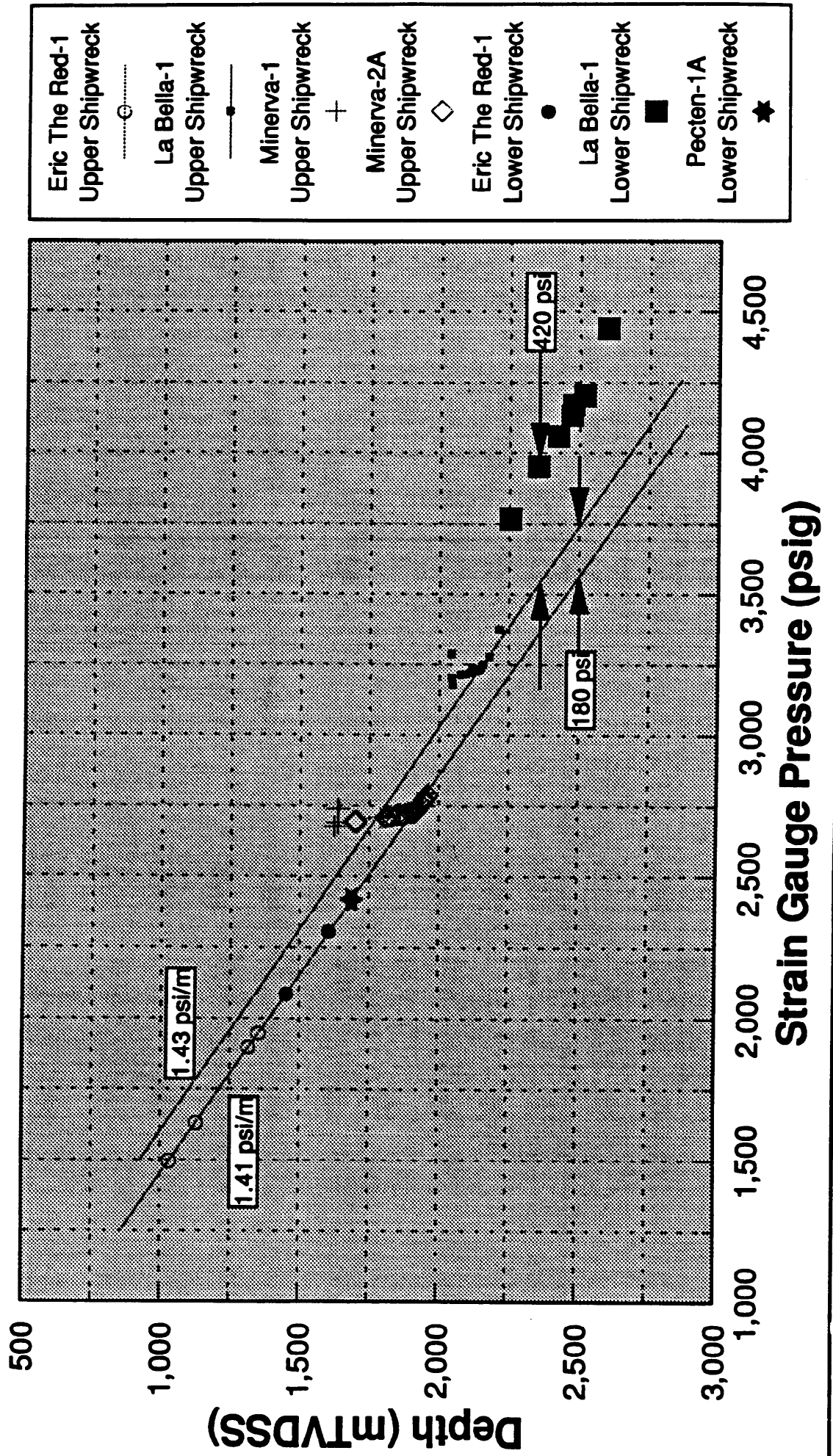


Figure 6.

VIC/P30 and VIC/P31 Formation Pressure Data

Formation Pressure vs Depth



- Eric The Red-1 Upper Shipwreck ○
- La Bella-1 Upper Shipwreck ●
- Minerva-1 Upper Shipwreck +
- Minerva-2A Upper Shipwreck ◇
- Eric The Red-1 Lower Shipwreck ●
- La Bella-1 Lower Shipwreck ■
- Pecten-1A Lower Shipwreck ★

APPENDIX A:

PETROLAB PVT ANALYSIS REPORT

PETROLAB

Company: BHP Petroleum Pty. Ltd.
Well: Minerva # 2A

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TRANSFER DETAILS

RFS # AD # 1227 Upper Chamber

Depth Datum	:	KB
Elevation above MSL(m)	:	25.3
Sample Type	:	Segregated Open Hole RFT
Depth	:	1875 m DF
Reservoir Pressure	:	2736.3 psia
Reservoir Temperature	:	95 ° C.
Capacity	:	1 Gallon
Received	:	October 23, 1993
Opening Pressure	:	2150 Psig @ 15 ° C.

Injected 100 cc's of mercury in chamber to stir up sample. Chamber compressed to 5000 psig with approximately 1850 cc's of water behind piston. Transferred 1975 cc's of gas into Petrolab cylinders # L-058, L-125 and L-329 @ 5000 psig. Recovered 3 cc's of water.

RFS # AD # 1289 Lower Chamber

Depth Datum	:	KB
Elevation above MSL(m)	:	25.3
Sample Type	:	Segregated Open Hole RFT
Depth	:	1875 m DF
Reservoir Pressure	:	2736.3 psia
Reservoir Temperature	:	95 ° C.
Capacity	:	2 3/4 Gallon
Received	:	October 23, 1993
Opening Pressure	:	2175 psig @ 15 ° C.

Chamber compressed to 5000 psig with approximately 5500 cc's of water behind piston. Flashed gas content to atmospheric pressure using the DRY ICE COLD TRAP method to collect any condensed hydrocarbon liquids. The gas was bled off slowly for a period of two days and the temperature of the cold trap was kept around - 100 deg. F using dry ice. Recovered 30 cc's of liquid in two separate bottles and forwarded them to BHP Petroleum on the November 11, 1993 and 80 cc's of water. Chamber (1 Gallon) dismantled and cleaned of all mercury. Both chambers (1 and 2 3/4 gal) shipped back to Schlumberger Sale on November 11, 1993.

P E T R O L A B

Company : BHP Petroleum Pty. Ltd.
Well : Minerva # 2A

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COMPOSITIONAL ANALYSIS OF Reservoir Fluid RFS # AD # 1227 Upper

Component	Mol %	GPM	
Hydrogen Sulphide	H2S 0.00		Pressure Base : 14.696
Carbon Dioxide	CO2 1.64	-	Zsc : 0.998
Nitrogen	N2 0.95		Mol Weight : 17.64
Methane	C1 93.64		Gas Gravity : 0.610
Ethane	C2 2.20	0.589	Pc : 670.4
Propane	C3 0.82	0.226	Tc : 356.7
Iso-Butane	iC4 0.11	0.036	Mol Weight C6+ : 101.8
N-Butane	nC4 0.18	0.057	Density C6+ : 0.6914
Iso-Pentane	iC5 0.05	0.018	Mol Weight C7+ : 106.9
N-Pentane	nC5 0.05	0.018	Density C7+ : 0.6979
Hexanes	C6 0.08	0.031	Mol Weight C8+ : 117.7
Heptanes	C7 0.14	0.059	Density C8+ : 0.7107
Octanes	C8 0.07	0.032	Mol Weight C11+ : 147.0
Nonanes	C9 0.04	0.020	Density C11+ : 0.7400
Decanes	C10 0.02	0.011	Mol Weight C12+ : --
Undecanes	C11 0.01	0.006	Density C12+ : --
Dodecanes Plus	C12+ 0.00	0.000	Heating Value (BTU/ft3)
TOTAL	100.00	1.103	Gross : 1044
			Nett : 942
			Wobbe Index : 1337
			Zpt * : 0.915

(P)ressure : 2622 psig (T)emperature: 203 °F

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Subject: Reservoir Fluid Study
Well: Minerva # 2A
File: B - 93038

Attention: Mr. Lee Yong

Dear Sirs,

Please find enclosed the dew point pressure determination performed on the gas sample stored in Petrolab Cylinder # L-058 from the Minerva # 2A RFT.

This sample has a dew point at 1885 psig and 203 °F.

We thank BHP Petroleum Pty. Ltd. for the opportunity to be of service. Please do not hesitate in contacting us should you require any further information or if we can assist you in any other way.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcel Volant", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Marcel Volant
Laboratory Manager

APPENDIX B:

BHPP LABORATORY ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample No : 1
Sample Name: Minerva-2A 2.3/4 gas RFT

BHP 12 - Simulated Distillation

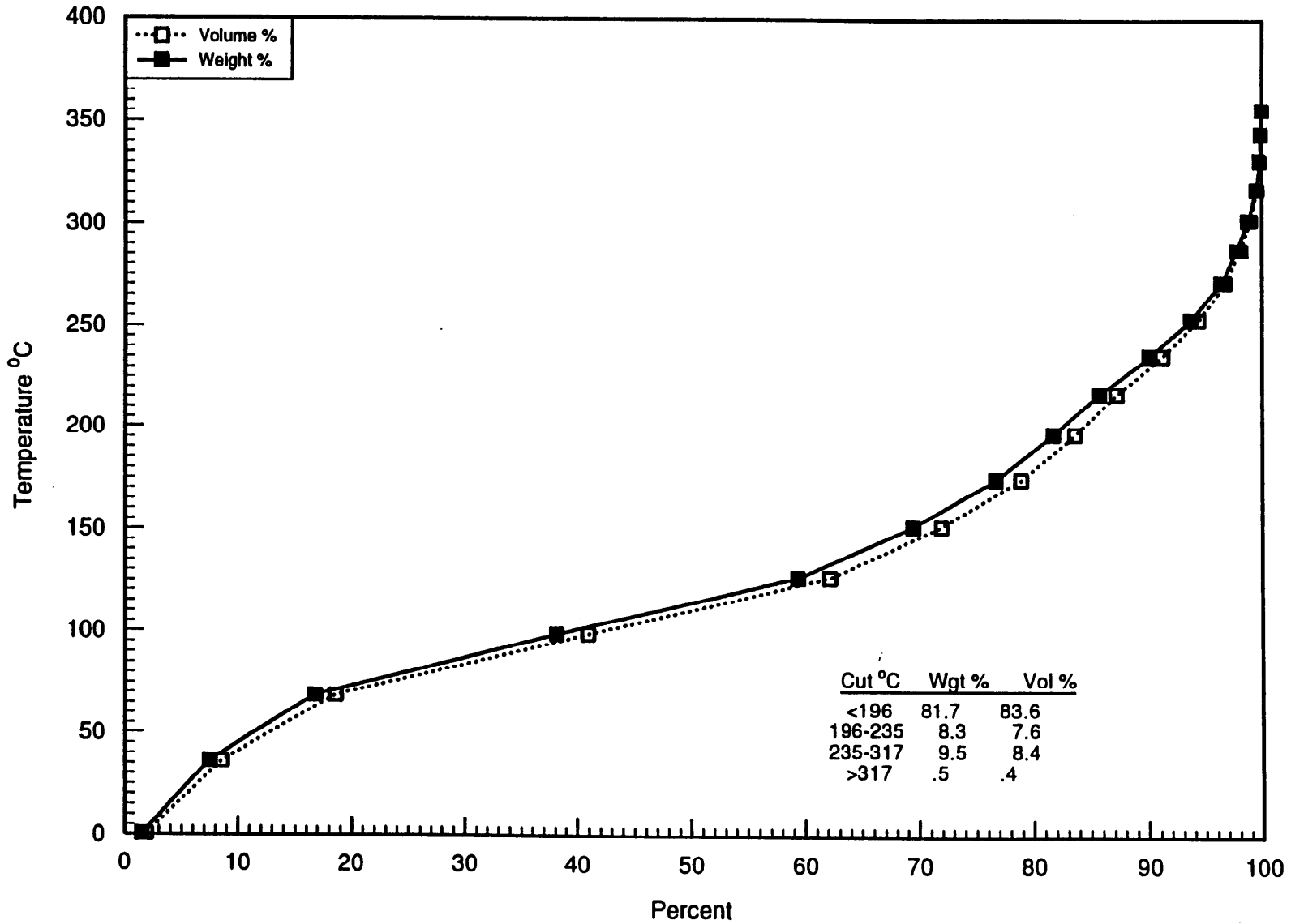
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C5	36.1	7.5	8.6
C6	68.7	16.8	18.6
C7	98.4	38.1	40.9
C8	126.0	59.3	62.1
C9	151.0	69.4	71.9
C10	174.0	76.7	78.9
C11	196.0	81.7	83.6
C12	216.0	85.7	87.2
C13	235.0	90.1	91.2
C14	253.0	93.7	94.4
C15	271.0	96.4	96.8
C16	287.0	97.8	98.1
C17	302.0	98.8	99.0
C18	317.0	99.5	99.6
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C20	344.0	99.9	99.9
C21	356.0	100.0	100.0

Summary

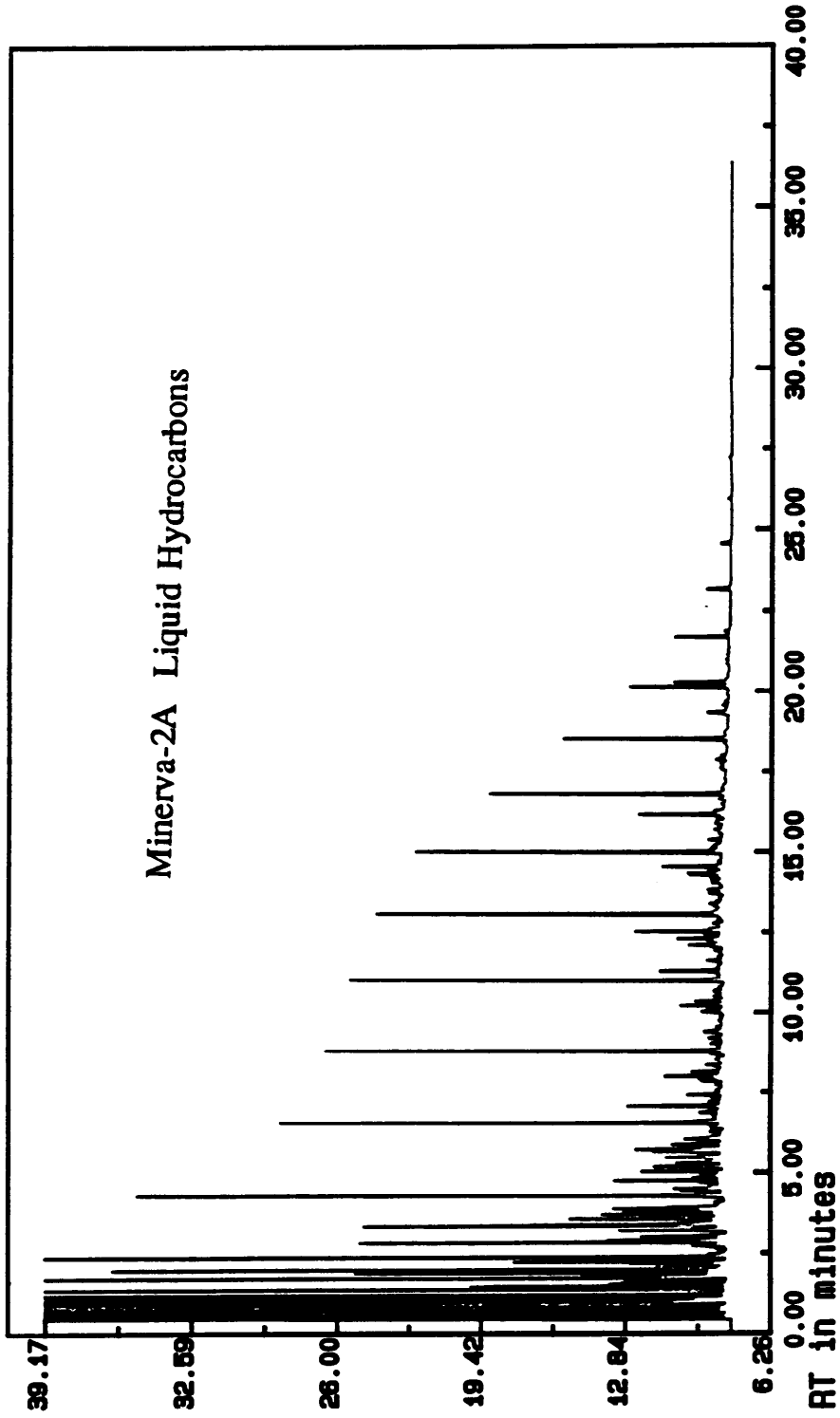
Cut degC	Wgt %	Vol %
<196	81.7	83.6
196-235	8.3	7.6
235-317	9.5	8.4
>317	0.5	0.4

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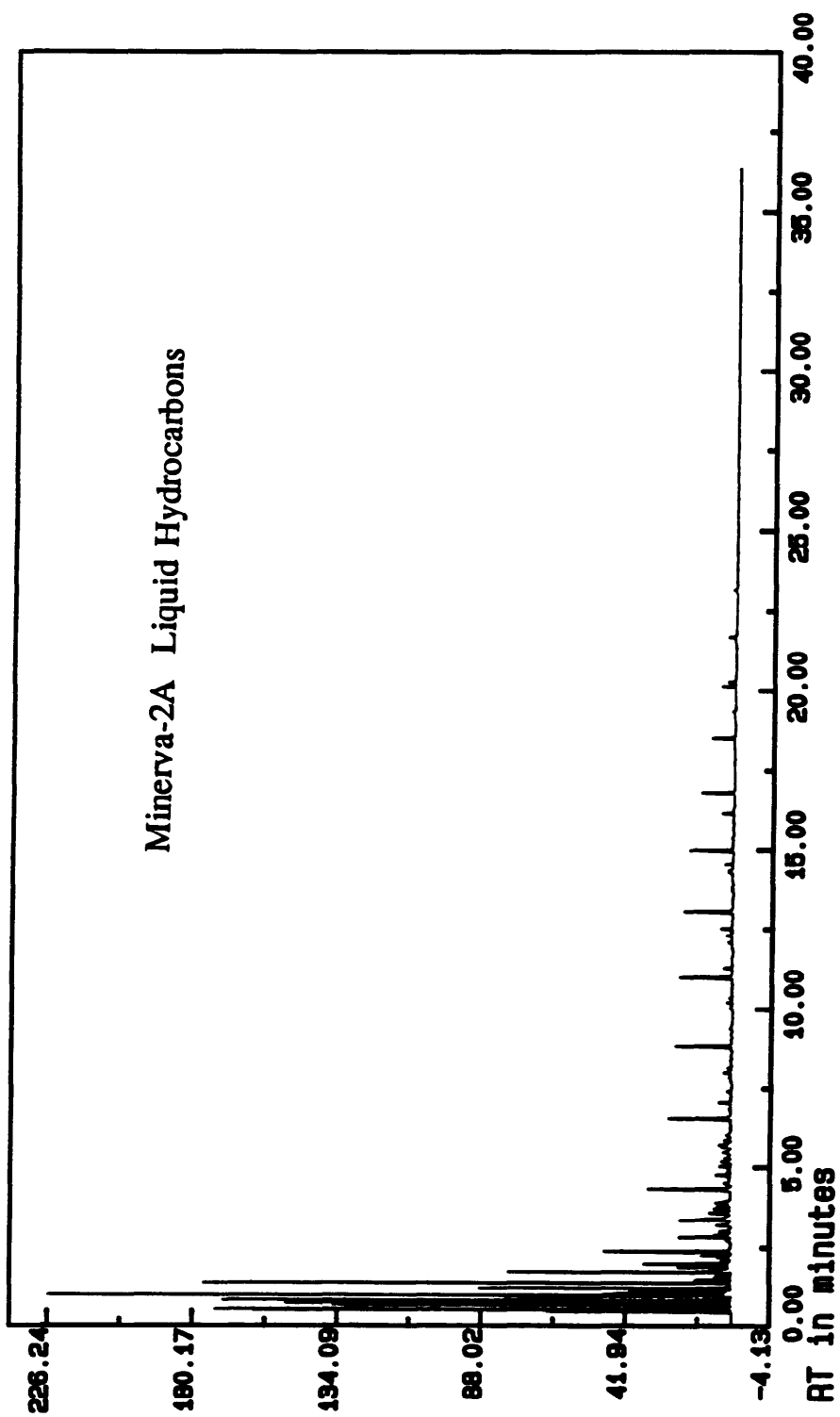
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Range Normalized



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Meth: SIMMIM Raw: RMN2A Proc: PMN2A



SAMPLE: MINERVA 2A INJECTED AT 15: 41: 21 ON NOV 19, 1993
Meth: SIMMIM Raw: RMN2A Proc: PMN2A

ENCLOSURE 1:

MINERVA-2A DLL-MSFL-SDT-GR-AMS LOG

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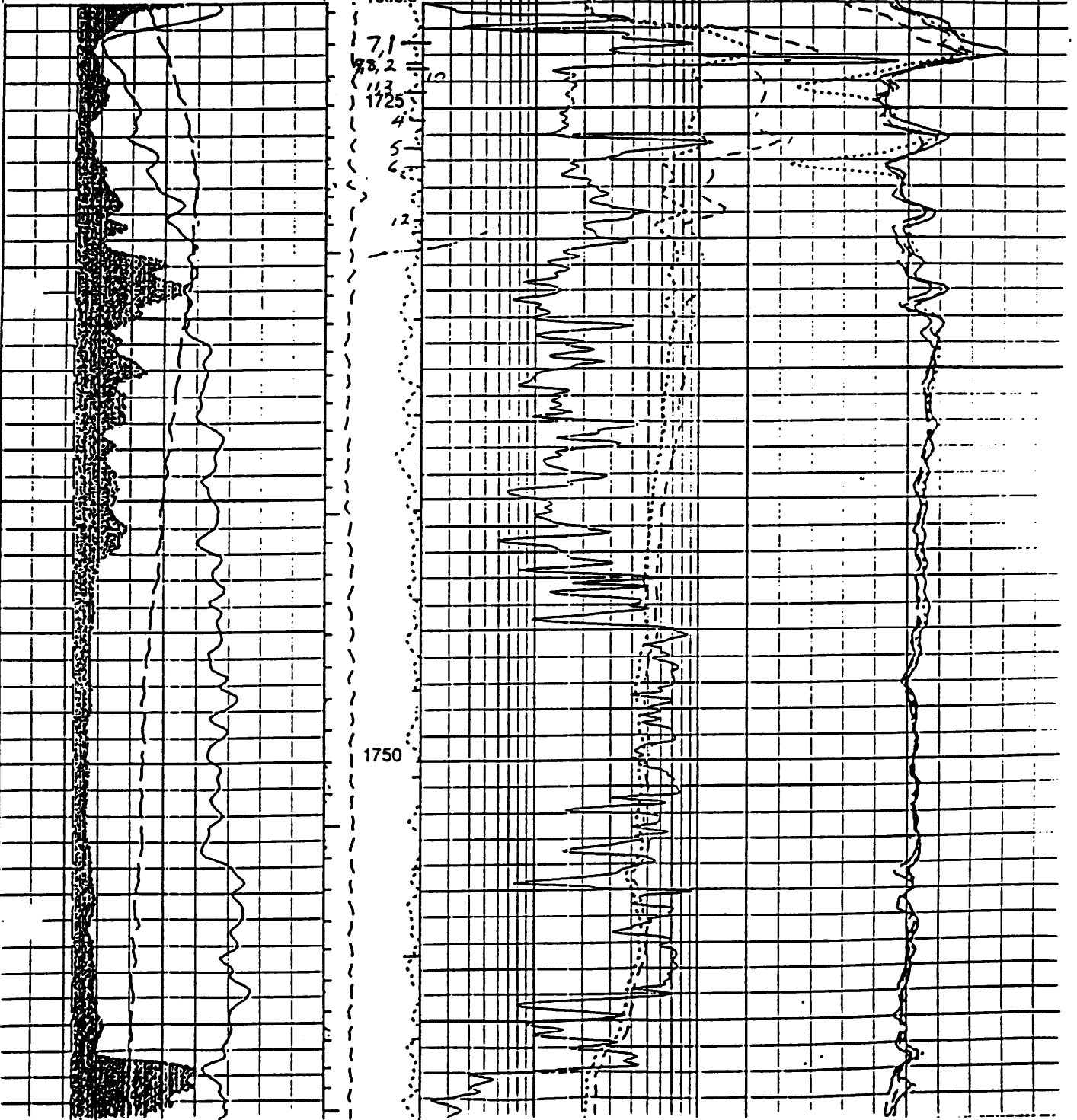
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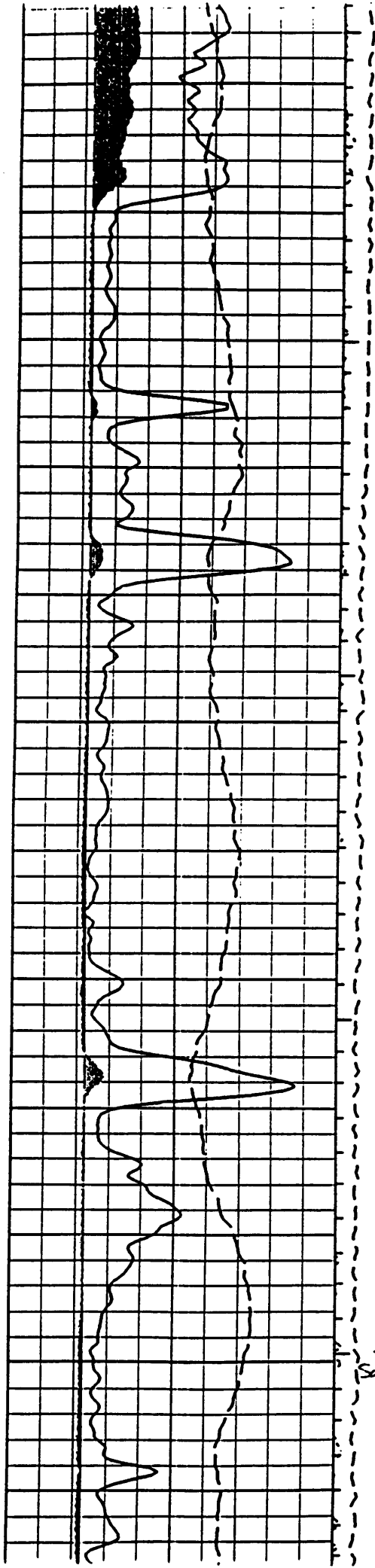
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Mud Cake From CALS to BS		
Washout From BS to CALS		
SP (SP)	(MV)	20.0
-80.0		
Gamma Ray (GR)	(GAPI)	150.0
0.0		
Caliper (CALS)	(IN)	20.0
10.0		
Bit Size (BS)	(IN)	20.0
10.0		

Micro SFL Resistivity (MSFL)	(OHMM)	2000.0
0.2		
Laterolog Shallow Resistivity (LLS)	(OHMM)	2000.0
0.2		
Laterolog Deep Resistivity (LLD)	(OHMM)	2000.0
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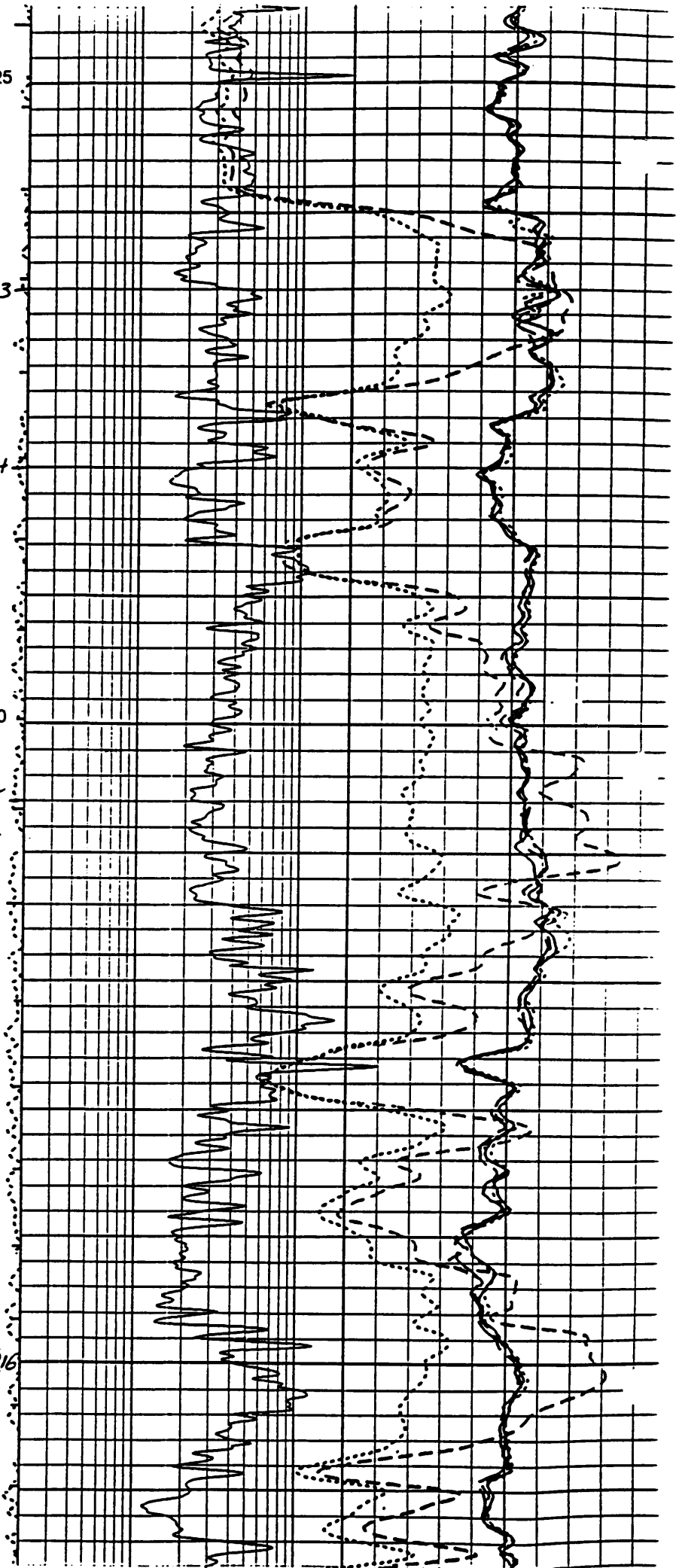
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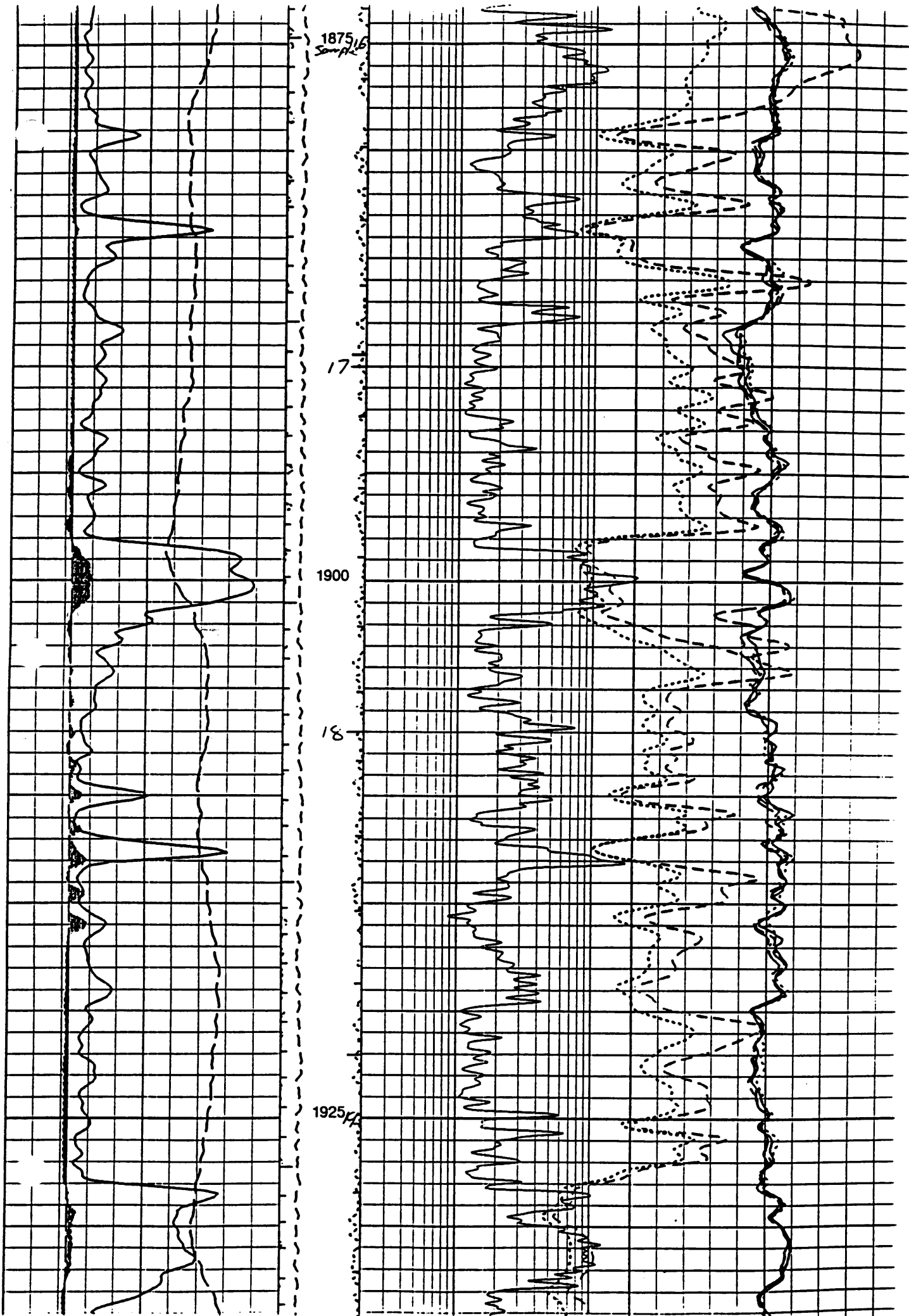
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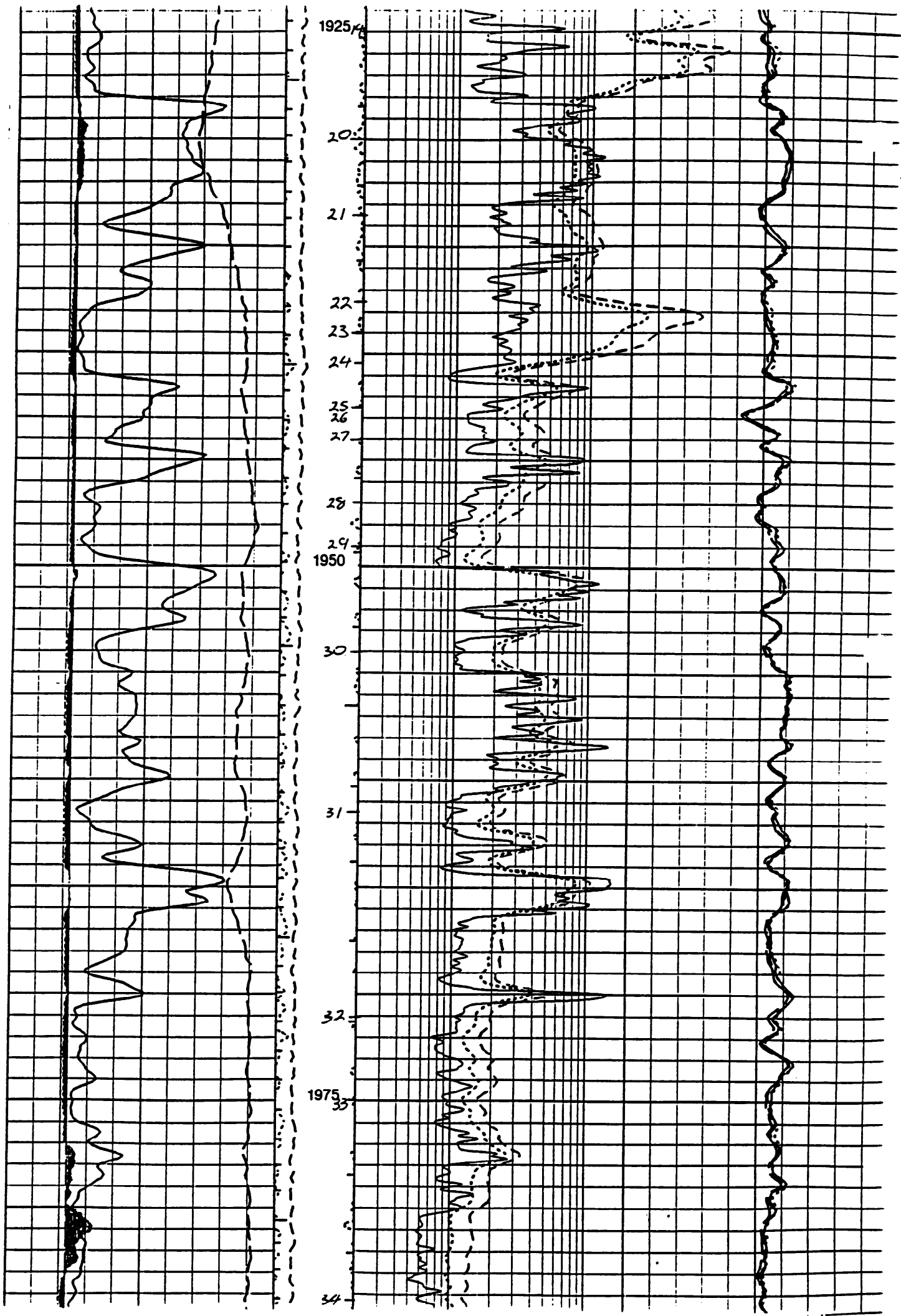
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REPORT ON A STUDY OF MINERVA-1 and MINERVA-2

CONVENTIONAL CORE, VIC/P31, OTWAY BASIN

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1 INTRODUCTION

This report is based on the detailed examination and description/interpretation of some 123 metres of conventional core cut in Minerva-1 and Minerva-2A in the BHP Petroleum operated permit VIC/P31 within the offshore eastern Otway Basin. The study was undertaken by Messrs P.A. Arditto and S. Horan initially on Minerva-2A core at the AMDEL laboratories in Adelaide (10-12 November, 1993) and later on Minerva-1 core at the Kestral warehouse in Melbourne (24 November, 1993). Minerva-1 had 20.67m of core recovered and Minerva-2A had 101.97m of core recovered for study.

Lithological description and environmental interpretation of each cored interval are followed by core description sheets at 1:25 scale, core gamma ray log data and a selection of wireline log data over and adjacent to the cored interval. A key to the symbols used on the core description sheets is given at the end of the report. Where available, depositional environment inferences from palynological data by Roger Morgan were used to augment environmental interpretation made from core observations.

The results and conclusions of this study form an integral part of the evaluation and characterisation of the reservoir section in the Minerva Gas Field as well as contributing to the regional geology of the basal portion of the Upper Shipwreck Group in the eastern Otway Basin.

2 SUMMARY

The main reservoir interval cored in Minerva-1 and Minerva-2A comprises an overall upward shoaling estuarine to fluvial succession of medium to very coarse grained sandstone channel fill lithofacies with minor preserved finer grained estuary bay and fluvial overbank lithofacies. The depositional model for the reservoir interval is that of a high energy fluvial system dumping significant quantities of coarse quartz detritus as it encroached into a nearshore marine setting along an embayed coastline.

The reservoir quality of these multistorey high energy channel sandstone successions is excellent as they are commonly coarse grained and very well sorted. The depositional setting inferred for the reservoir interval predicts that individual sandstone channel units will be highly interconnected across the field. The minor thin overbank shales present within the high energy fluvial succession comprising the upper portion of the reservoir interval would not be individually extensive as these would be incised and breached by successive channel cuts.

3 MINERVA-1**3.1 Core 1****3.1.1 Description and Interpretation****Lithological Description**

The interval 1821.00m to 1823.35m is sandstone, predominantly very coarse grained and poorly sorted, comprised of six upward fining units separated by scour surfaces with pebble lags. Internally it is homogeneous with minor trough cross bedding and sporadic shale rip up clast horizons. Abundant disseminated pyrite cement is present over the interval 1821.50m to 1822.75m. Unfortunately about one third of this part of the core is preserved as rubble which does not make more detailed observations possible.

The interval 1823.35m to 1824.04m is sandstone, medium grained and homogeneous with minor shale rip up clast horizons and pebble lags on scour surfaces. This entire interval is core rubble.

Environmental Interpretation

The relatively short length of core together with almost 50% of it preserved as rubble makes it difficult to be categorical on inferring depositional environments. The available evidence points to the cored section being cut in a succession of stacked lower point bar or braid bar channel units deposited during flood to early falling stage of a low sinuosity fluvial system. Core gamma ray and wireline log data are consistent with this interpretation.

3.2 Cores 2 and 3

3.2.1 Description and Interpretation

Lithological Description

Core 2 was cut over the interval 1828.00m to 1841.27m and core 3 over the interval 1842.50m to 1846.87m. The interval 1828.00m to 1829.50m is sandstone, very coarse grained to granule at the base (scour surface) fining upwards to medium to coarse grained at the top. The sandstone is well sorted and predominantly homogeneous with minor trough cross bedding in the upper half. The interval 1829.50m to 1833.15m is sandstone, predominantly very coarse grained, pebbly and very poorly sorted, comprising seven units separated by scour surfaces. Internally the units are homogeneous with minor planar inclined laminations (? trough cross bedding). The basal portion of each unit contains a concentration of pebbles and sporadic shale rip up clasts.

The interval 1833.15m to 1836.90m is sandstone, predominantly medium to coarse up to very coarse grained and moderately well sorted, comprising eleven upward fining units separated by scour surfaces. Internally these units are trough cross bedded with minor current ripple and carbonaceous to shaly flaser laminations at the top. Rare pillow and flame features and dewatering features are evident over the interval 1835.15m to 1835.30m. The lowermost metre of sandstone is very well sorted.

The interval 1836.90m to 1837.06m is shale, highly carbonaceous, with sporadic resin blebs and pyrite cement near the top contact (scour surface). The interval 1837.06m to 1837.23m is coal, black, brittle and sub bituminous with pyrite cement. The interval 1837.23m to 1838.85m is shale, dark grey to black and highly carbonaceous with rootlets, plant stems

and abundant resin blebs in the upper third and dark grey and homogeneous with minor plant stems and sporadic resin blebs in the lower two thirds.

The interval 1838.85m to 1839.70m is siltstone to very fine grained sandstone comprising two upward fining units. Internally the siltstone is homogenised through rootlet bioturbation and dewatering. The interval 1839.70m to 1840.35m is predominantly shale, dark grey with a thin coal and resin blebs in the upper half and becoming silty with microfoundering features in the lower half. The base is wavy and gradational into the unit below.

The interval 1840.35m to 1841.27m (base of core 2) is sandstone, predominantly fine to medium grained, comprising two upward fining units separated by a scour surface. The units are planar bedded to current ripple laminated in the lower half and flaser bedded to rooted with dewatering features in the upper half.

Core 3 commences at 1842.50m and the entire interval to 1846.87m (base) is sandstone, predominantly medium to coarse grained up to very coarse grained and well sorted, comprised of multiple upward fining cycles separated by scour surfaces and pebble lags. Internally the units are trough cross bedded and some unusually high angle trough cross bed laminae may indicate slump rotation during initial compaction.

The sandstone throughout this core has a sucrosic texture and the sand grains sparkle through abundant overgrowth development. Several subhorizontal to near vertical fractures healed by silica cement are developed over the interval 1844.21m to 1844.40m and 1845.60m to 1846.30m.

Environmental Interpretation

The interval 1828.00m to 1833.40m is interpreted as a stacked high energy channel succession deposited during late flood to early falling stage cycle in a low sinuosity fluvial system. The interval 1833.40m to 1836.90m is interpreted as a succession of lower point bar channel units deposited during the falling stage cycle in a low sinuosity fluvial system. The interval 1836.90m to 1838.85m represents deposition of overbank/abandoned channel fill during the low stage cycle of a low sinuosity fluvial system. The interval 1838.85m to 1840.35m is interpreted to represent deposition of distal crevasse splays and abandoned channel fill during a low stage cycle. The interval 1840.35m to 1841.27m (base of core 2) is interpreted to represent stacked middle point bar channel units deposited during a falling stage cycle.

The entire interval of core 3 (1842.50m to 1846.87m) is interpreted to be a succession of stacked channel units deposited during late flood to early falling stage cycle in a low sinuosity fluvial system.

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4.1 Core 1

4.1.1 Description and Interpretation

Lithological Description

The entire cored interval, 1728.50m to 1733.60m is sandstone, very fine grained and silty towards the base, grading upwards to very fine to fine grained muddy sandstone at the top. It is very poorly sorted through intensive bioturbation with sparse sand-filled dwelling burrows developed near the top of the interval. Faint subhorizontal disturbed laminations are developed throughout although primary sedimentary features are largely destroyed through biological churning of the original sediment. Sporadic sideritic nodular mudstone intervals are developed within some burrow features.

Environmental Interpretation

The relatively short length of core together with the *homogeneity of* lithology and structures make it difficult to be *categorically* depositional environment. The relatively *fine* bioturbated nature of the interval, combined with the *generated* features, indicate a possible offshore environment. Wireline log data indicates that core was taken from a *grossly upward coarsening (progradational) cycle* some 70

4 MINERVA-2A**4.1 Core 1****4.1.1 Description and Interpretation****Lithological Description**

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Environmental Interpretation

The relatively short length of core together with the homogeneity of lithology and structures make it difficult to be categoric in the discussion of depositional environment. The relatively fine grained and intensely bioturbated nature of the interval, combined with an absence of wave generated features, indicate a possible offshore open marine setting. Wireline log data indicates that core was taken from near the base of a grossly upward coarsening (progradational) cycle some 70 m thick. The

inferred environmental setting is that of a distal toe of a prograding shoreface (or ?deltaic) unit just below wavebase.

Samples for palynology taken at 1733.50m and 1733.60m had a high ratio and diversity of dinoflagellates and were inferred to be nearshore marine.

4.2 Cores 2 and 3

4.2.1 Description and Interpretation

Lithological Description

The interval 1838.80m to 1839.67m is sandstone, medium up to coarse grained and granule, comprised of fining upward cycles 0.1m to 0.3m in thickness separated by scour surfaces and pebble lags. The sandstone is well sorted and trough cross bedded with minor flasers towards the top of each unit. The interval 1839.67m to 1840.77m is shale, medium grey, mottled with sparse carbonaceous rootlets. It is generally homogeneous with minor starved ripple and microfoundering features in the lower half. Sparse scattered resin blebs occur in the upper half of the interval. The interval 1840.77m to 1840.79m is coal, black and sub bituminous. The interval 1840.79 to 1841.15m comprises shale, silty, with starved ripples and microfoundering features. Rare resin blebs occur at the top of the unit.

The interval 1841.15m to 1841.82m is sandstone, very coarse grained to granule, moderately sorted and trough cross bedded to planar laminated with rip up clasts and flasers near the top which is transitional into the overlying unit. The base of the unit rests on a scour surface. The interval 1841.82m to 1842.80m is sandstone, coarse to very coarse grained and well sorted with minor granule trains along sporadic lamina. Internally it is trough

cross bedded with minor high angle carbonaceous flaser drapes. The base of the unit rests of a prominent scour surface.

The interval 1842.80m to the base of core 2 (1855.05m) is sandstone, predominantly coarse to very coarse grained and well sorted. This interval is comprised of stacked upward fining units, typically 0.2m to 0.5m in thickness, separated by scour surfaces. Internally the sandstone units are trough cross bedded and typically have basal pebble lags and minor carbonaceous flaser laminated tops.

Core 3 commences at 1855.60m and the interval 1855.75m comprises grey argillaceous siltstone core rubble. The interval 1855.75m to 1860.23m is sandstone, fine to medium up to very coarse grained and comprised of upward fining units 0.15m to 0.70m in thickness separated by scour surfaces and pebble or shale rip up clast lags. Internally these units are trough cross bedded with several containing flaser laminations or lenticular bedded sandstone near the top. Several units over the interval 1858.90m to 1857.55m contain sparse up to abundant ophiomorpha burrows along with an overall upward fining throughout.

The interval 1860.23m to 1861.75m is shale, highly carbonaceous with sparse rootlets and minor thin coals, black and sub bituminous. Small resin blebs occur within the shale adjacent to the coaly horizons. Internally the shale is homogeneous throughout.

The interval 1861.75m to 1865.30m is predominantly sandstone, medium up to coarse grained, comprised of upward fining units 0.4m to 0.7m in thickness capped by carbonaceous flaser laminations or, more rarely, flasered thin shale intervals. Internally these units are trough cross bedded and separated by scour surfaces with sporadic basal shale rip up clast lags.

The interval 1865.30m to 1866.00m is sandstone, coarse grained at the base and fining up to fine to medium grained at the top. The lower one third contains shale rip up clasts and pebbles overlain by a trough cross bedded zone grading upward to flaser to lenticular bedded sandstone with burrows at the very top. The interval 1866.00m to 1866.75m is sandstone, predominantly fine to medium grained and muddy, comprised of three upward fining units. Internally it is heavily burrowed to bioturbated with recognisable ophiomorpha burrows. The lower half is flaser to lenticular bedded.

The interval 1866.75m to 1869.55m is sandstone, predominantly fine to medium grained, trough cross bedded in the lower half and flaser to current ripple laminated in the upper half. The interval 1869.55m to 1871.70m is sandstone, medium up to coarse grained, comprised of three upward fining units separated by scour surfaces. Internally the bulk of each unit is trough cross bedded with the uppermost part flaser laminated. The interval 1871.70m to 1873.90m is sandstone, predominantly coarse to very coarse grained up to granule and pebbly, comprised of four upward fining units, around 0.55m in thickness, separated by prominent scour surfaces and pebble lags. Internally these units have well developed trough cross bedding. The interval 1873.90m to 1876.35m is sandstone, predominantly medium to coarse grained, comprised of six upward fining units separated by scour surfaces and pebble lags. Internally these units are trough cross bedded and some have thin flaser laminated tops.

The interval 1876.35m to 1876.58m is shale, black and carbonaceous with silty starved ripples. The interval 1876.58m to 1880.63m is predominantly sandstone comprised of a series of stacked units, separated by scour surfaces, ranging in thickness from 0.40m to 0.90m. This interval displays an overall upward fining stacked succession from coarse to very coarse grained at the base to fine to medium grained at the top. Internally the

basal 0.80m is trough cross bedded (basal 0.30m pyrite cemented) and well sorted and grades upwards into muddy poorly sorted burrowed to bioturbated finer grained sandstone for the remainder of the interval. Recognisable ophiomorpha burrows occur throughout.

The interval 1880.63m to 1881.05m is shale, black and highly carbonaceous with fine silty starved current ripple flasers. It is pyritic throughout with a layer of resin blebs at the very top. The remainder of the core (1881.05m to 1882.50m) is sandstone, predominantly medium to coarse grained and moderately well sorted, comprised of five upward fining units separated by scour surfaces. Internally the units are homogeneous to current ripple and flaser laminated with local development of ophiomorpha burrow horizons.

Environmental Interpretation

The interval 1838.80m to 1839.67m is interpreted to be a series of stacked basal channel fill units deposited during the late flood to early falling stage cycle within a low sinuosity fluvial system. The interval 1839.67m to 1841.80m is interpreted to represent a relatively complete accretionary point bar cycle deposited during low stage within a high sinuosity fluvial system. The cycle grades up from a lower through middle to upper point bar/abandoned channel fill succession. The interval 1841.80m to 1855.05m (base core 2) is interpreted to be a succession of stacked basal channel fill units deposited during late flood to early falling stage in a low sinuosity fluvial system. Palynological studies on shale samples from 1839.75m, 1841.00m and 1843.20m interpreted the environment to be that of a slightly brackish oxic to anoxic lake setting.

The interval 1855.75m (in situ top of core 3) to 1860.23m is interpreted to be a series of stacked basal channel fill units. Much of the succession is interpreted to be deposited in a low sinuosity fluvial dominated system

although the 1857.55m to 1858.90m contains good ophiomorpha burrows which indicate shallow water marine conditions. This latter interval is interpreted to be deposited as a series of channel units building out into a shallow water estuary at the mouth of a fluvial complex and represents a small transgressive pulse into a predominantly fluvial system. A palynological study of a shale sample from 1857.30m gave a slightly brackish anoxic lake setting.

The interval 1860.23m to 1862.45m is interpreted to represent a relatively complete accretionary point bar cycle deposited during low stage within a high sinuosity fluvial system. This cycle grades relatively abruptly from lower point bar channel fill to upper point bar/abandoned channel fill with very little middle point bar preserved. A palynological study of a shale sample from 1860.30m was interpreted to be a brackish lake (tidal influence) setting. The interval 1862.45m to 1864.60m is interpreted as a series of stacked basal channel fill units deposited during late flood to early falling stage in a low sinuosity fluvial system.

The interval 1864.69m to 1866.00m contains two upward fining, trough cross bedded, sandstone channel fill units with flasered and burrowed tops. These are interpreted as a stream mouth bar or proximal estuary channel succession deposited in a nearshore marine setting at the mouth of a low sinuosity fluvial system. The interval 1866.00m to 1866.75m a distal tidal (estuary) stacked channel succession as indicated by the intensity of burrowing and bioturbation throughout. This interval represents the maximum extent of a minor marine transgression into a predominantly fluvial dominated system. A palynological study on a shale sample from 1866.50m was interpreted to be marginal marine lagoon or estuary.

The interval 1866.75m to 1871.70m is interpreted as a succession of stacked tidal/estuarine channel units within the mouth of a fluvial system entering a

bay. Although no burrows are evident the entire interval is highly flasered indicative of episodic (?tidal) flow. The interval also demonstrates an overall upward fining pattern suggestive of a rise in base level (onset of a transgression).

The interval 1871.70m to 1876.35m is interpreted as a succession of stacked basal channel fill units deposited during a late flood stage cycle in a low sinuosity fluvial system. This interval gradually coarsens up through the successive stacking of coarser grained channel units to 1872.80m followed by a gradual fining upwards through the successive stacking of finer grained channel units. This vertical grain size distribution is interpreted as initial prograding of the fluvial system over the underlying more marine units followed by a retreat of the fluvial system during a transgressive phase into the overlying more marine units.

The interval 1876.35m to 1882.50m is interpreted to be a succession of stacked tidal estuarine channel units deposited beyond the mouth of the feeding fluvial system. These channels typically have unidirectional current flow structures in the lower half with burrowed to bioturbated zones in the upper half. This estuary setting interpretation is further re-enforced by the presence of common ophiomorpha burrows within the channel sandstones.

Minor overbank/abandoned channel fill units occur over the interval 1876.35m to 1876.55m and 1880.63m to 1881.05m. These are interpreted to have been deposited during the low stage cycle of a high sinuosity tidal/estuary system and are preserved erosional remnants.

Palynological studies on shale samples taken over the above interval gave the following interpretations; 1876.50m (marginal marine lagoon or

estuary), 1879.00m (nearshore ?tidal lagoon or estuary) and 1881.00m (very nearshore anoxic ?stagnant brackish lagoon or estuarine backwater).

4.3 Cores 4 and 5

Lithological Description

The interval 1915.00m (top of core 4) to 1916.57m is sandstone, coarse grained up to very coarse grained and pebbly, comprised of several units separated by scour surfaces. Upward fining character is evident the upper units. Internally these units are trough cross bedded to flaser laminated with minor shale rip up clast horizons.

The interval 1916.57m to 1917.13m is sandstone, predominantly very coarse grained, muddy and poorly sorted, comprised of three units separated by scour surfaces. Internally the sandstone contains discontinuous flaser laminations and minor burrows. The interval 1917.13m to 1918.30m is sandstone, predominantly fine to medium grained, muddy and very poorly sorted. The upper 0.15m is pebbly and grades up to very coarse grained. Internally the interval is homogeneous and heavily burrowed with ophiomorpha burrows.

The interval 1918.30m to 1920.33m is sandstone, fine to medium grained up to medium to coarse grained, comprised of five units of variable thickness separated by scour surfaces. Internally these units are trough cross bedded with flaser laminated tops. The interval 1920.33m to 1921.75m is sandstone, predominantly fine to medium grained (ranging from very fine to coarse grained) muddy and very poorly sorted. Internally the sandstone contains minor trough cross bedding, flaser laminations and

burrows (including ophiomorpha) and can be divided into several units separated by scour surfaces.

The interval 1921.75m to 1926.20m is sandstone, predominantly medium to coarse grained and well sorted, comprised of nine upward fining units of variable thickness separated by scour surfaces. Internally these units are trough cross bedded with minor carbonaceous flaser laminations towards the top. Shale rip up clast horizons form basal lags in a few of these units.

The interval 1926.20m to 1926.75m is siltstone grading upwards to shale. The lower half is lenticular bedded with minor rootlets and the upper half is carbonaceous with common rootlets and minor resin blebs. The entire interval contains sparse nodular pyrite cement. The interval 1926.75m to 1928.90m is siltstone to very fine grained sandstone grading upwards into very fine grained sandstone. Internally the lower half of the interval contains abundant sandy microfoundering structures with minor current ripple to flaser laminations, rare wave oscillation ripple laminations, and minor pyrite cement. The upper half has better developed and common current ripple to flaser laminations and is burrowed to bioturbated. The topmost part contains carbonaceous rootlets.

The interval 1928.90m to 1930.35m is sandstone, comprised of three upward fining units fine to medium grained at the base grading upwards to very fine grained at the top and separated by scour surfaces. Internally they are current ripple to flaser laminated with minor microfoundering features and rare mud cracks. Rare burrows occur towards the base of the units. The interval 1930.35m to 1932.30m is sandstone, predominantly fine to medium up to coarse grained, comprised of eight units of variable thickness separated by scour surfaces. Overall the interval has an upward fining character developed through the stacking of successively finer grained units. Internally individual units are trough cross bedded or current ripple

laminated to flaser or lenticular bedded with burrows developed in the upper four units.

The interval 1932.30m to 1933.20m is sandstone, very fine grained and silty, lenticular bedded in the lower half and current ripple to flaser laminated in the upper half. The interval 1933.20m to 1933.97m is sandstone, fine to medium up to coarse grained and muddy, comprised of four upward fining units of varying thickness separated by scour surfaces. Internally these units are lenticular bedded and burrowed. The interval 1933.97m to 1934.50m is sandstone, coarse to very coarse grained and well sorted. Internally it is trough cross bedded with minor shale rip up clasts and flaser to lenticular bedded at the very top. The interval 1934.50m to 1935.55m is sandstone, fine up to fine to medium grained, muddy and poorly sorted. Internally it is flaser laminated to burrowed and bioturbated with a 15cm long sand-filled burrow projecting down from the top of the interval. Minor pyrite occurs throughout the interval.

The interval 1935.55m to 1937.25m is sandstone, predominantly medium to coarse grained, well sorted and trough cross bedded. The very top of the interval is burrowed. The basal 0.25m of this interval fines from very coarse grained, with a pebble lag above a scour surface upwards to medium to coarse grained. The interval 1937.25m to 1939.35m is sandstone, medium to coarse up to very coarse grained, comprised of five upward fining units separated by scour surfaces and basal pebble lags. Internally these units are homogeneous to trough cross bedded with rare flaser laminations and rip up clasts.

The interval 1939.35m to 1941.35m is sandstone, fine to medium towards the base fining upwards to very fine grained silty sandstone at the top through a succession of stacked progressively finer grained upward fining units. Internally the interval is flaser bedded and burrowed in the lower

half and burrowed to bioturbated with carbonaceous flasers and pyrite cemented towards the top. Overall the interval is muddy and very poorly sorted. The interval 1941.35m to 1942.70m (base of core 4) is sandstone, predominantly medium grained up to very coarse grained, comprised of seven upward fining units of variable thickness separated by scour surfaces. Internally these units are homogeneous to trough cross bedded with minor burrows and flaser laminations.

The interval 1943.00m (top of core 5) to 1943.20m is shale, dark grey with abundant silty microfoundering features. The interval 1943.20m to 1945.07m is sandstone, fine grained up to very coarse grained, comprised of a succession nine upward fining units of variable thickness separated by scour surfaces and pebble lags. Internally the units are homogeneous to trough cross bedded within the basal coarser grained part and are flaser to lenticular bedded in the finer grained upper part. The interval displays an overall upward fining character through the vertical stacking of successively finer sandstone units.

The interval 1945.07m to 1947.95m is sandstone, medium up to coarse grained and well sorted, comprised of six upward fining units separated by scour surfaces. The entire interval displays an overall upward fining through the stacking of successively finer units. Internally these units are trough cross bedded with flaser and lenticular bedding and dewatering features in the uppermost unit. The interval 1947.95m to 1949.25m is sandstone, medium to coarse grained at the base and grading upwards to very fine grained at the top. Internally the basal portion is trough cross bedded with the bulk of the interval current ripple to flaser laminated. The uppermost portion is lenticular bedded with microfoundering features. Sporadic pyrite cement is dispersed throughout the interval.

The interval 1949.25m to 1951.05m is sandstone, fine up to coarse grained, comprised of four upward fining units separated by scour surfaces.

Internally these units are current ripple to flaser laminated or lenticular bedded with sporadic microfoundering features in the finer grained units.

The interval 1951.05m to 1952.95m is sandstone, predominantly medium grained up to coarse grained and moderately well sorted, comprised of four upward fining units separated by scour surfaces. Internally these units are trough cross bedded in the lower half and current ripple to flaser laminated in the upper half. Shale rip up clasts occur as a basal lag in the lowest unit and the top of the uppermost unit is burrowed.

The interval 1952.95m to 1956.95m is sandstone, predominantly fine grained grading up to very coarse grained, comprised of a succession of upward fining units. The entire interval displays an upward fining character through the stacking of successively finer grained units. Internally the interval is muddy and very poorly sorted through intense bioturbation. Rare load (pillow) features, dewatering features and current ripple to flaser laminations occur towards the base. The basal 7 cm of the interval contains quartz pebble and shale rip up clast lag material. The interval 1956.95m to 1959.35m is a repeat of the above interval with coarse to very coarse grained sandstone at the base grading upwards, the stacking of successively finer units, to fine grained sandstone at the top. The basal half of the interval contains recognisable burrows and current ripple laminations while the upper half is bioturbated with thin lenticular bedded horizons and load cast (pillow) horizons.

The interval 1959.35m to 1960.60m is sandstone, predominantly coarse to very coarse grained and well sorted, comprised of four upward fining units separated by scour surfaces. Internally these units are trough cross bedded with thin flaser to lenticular bedded tops. The interval 1960.60m to 1960.78m is sandstone, coarse grained and heavily burrowed. The interval

1960.78m to 1962.24m is sandstone, predominantly medium grained, comprised of four upward fining units separated by scour surfaces. Internally the basal unit is homogeneous to trough cross bedded with successive overlying units having flaser to lenticular bedding with burrows to finally becoming bioturbated towards the top.

The interval 1962.24m to 1964.32m is sandstone, predominantly fine grained, comprised of eight fining upward units separated by scour surfaces. Internally the interval is homogeneous to current ripple laminated to lenticular bedded with rare burrows and bioturbation. The interval 1964.32m to 1967.03m is sandstone, medium grained, comprised of at least seven units separated by scour surfaces or load and flame surfaces. Internally the interval is current ripple to flaser laminated with rare trough cross bedding. The basal unit contains inclined flaser draped accretionary surfaces. The uppermost 0.4m of the interval contains long dwelling burrows. The interval 1967.03m to 1969.00m (base of core 5) is sandstone, comprised of stacked upward fining units, (separated by scour surfaces), varying in grain size from very coarse grained and pebbly to very fine to fine grained. Internally these units are trough cross bedded to current ripple and flaser laminated with sparse ophiomorpha burrows. Minor dewatering, load and flame features are locally developed.

Environmental Interpretation

The interval 1915.00m to 1917.13m is interpreted as a succession of stream mouth bar channel units deposited in a inner bay setting proximal to a fluvial system (only rare burrows are recognised). The interval 1917.13m to 1918.30m is interpreted to represent more distal tidal/estuary channel deposition as evidenced by the presence of abundant ophiomorpha burrows. This interval represents a small marine transgressive cycle into a

predominantly fluviially dominated system. A palynological study on a shale sample taken at 1917.35m gave a brackish swamp setting for the environment. The interval 1918.30m to 1920.33m is interpreted as a succession of stream mouth bar channel units deposited in an inner bay setting proximal to a fluvial setting (rare burrows preserved). The interval 1920.33m to 1921.75m is interpreted to represent more distal tidal/estuary channel deposition as evidenced by the presence of ophiomorpha and other non identifiable dwelling burrows.

The interval 1921.75m to 1926.20m is interpreted to represent a succession of stacked channel units deposited in a high energy low sinuosity fluvial system during the late flood stage cycle. The interval 1926.20m to 1926.75m is interpreted as deposition of overbank or abandoned channel fill during the low stage of a high sinuosity fluvial system. A palynological study of a shale sample taken at 1926.25m gave a non-marine (?levee bank or freshwater swamp) setting for the environment. The interval 1926.75m to 1930.35m is interpreted as a succession of proximal to distal crevasse splay units deposited during the falling stage cycle of a high sinuosity fluvial system.

The interval 1930.35m to 1932.30m is interpreted as a succession of stream mouth bar channels building into a proximal estuary setting. The interval 1932.30m to 1933.20m is interpreted to represent more distal deposition of the overlying channel units. A palynological study on a shale sample taken at 1933.10m gave a brackish swamp setting for the environment. The interval 1933.20m to 1934.50m is interpreted to be a succession of stacked stream mouth bar or tidal/estuary channel units building into a proximal bay setting. The interval 1934.50m to 1935.55m is interpreted as a succession of distal tidal/estuary channel units related to the overlying interval. A palynological study on a shale sample taken at 1935.50m gave a nearshore marine lagoon or estuary setting for the environment.

The interval 1935.55m to 1939.35m is interpreted as a succession of stacked channel units deposited in a high energy low sinuosity fluvial system during the late flood stage cycle. The interval 1939.35m to 1942.70m (base of core 4) is interpreted to represent a succession of stacked tidal/estuarine channel units deposited during an overall waning fluvial (early falling cycle grading upwards to late falling or low stage cycle). A palynological study made on shale samples taken at 1939.35m and 1941.65m gave a nearshore marine lagoon or estuary setting for the environment.

The interval 1943.00m (top of core 5) to 1945.07m is interpreted to be a succession of stacked channel units grading upwards from high energy basal channel fill to abandoned channel fill deposited during a flood to falling and low stage cycle within a low sinuosity fluvial system. A palynological study made on a shale sample taken at 1943.00 gave a non-marine (freshwater lake) setting for the environment. The interval 1945.07m to 1947.95m is interpreted to be a repeat of the above cycle. The interval 1947.95m to 1952.95m is interpreted to represent the deposition of three waning fluvial to estuary channel successions building into an inner bay setting. A palynological study made on a shale sample taken at 1948.00m gave a non-marine (freshwater lake or swamp) setting for the environment.

The interval 1952.95m to 1956.95m is interpreted to represent a succession of proximal to distal estuary channel units, which display an overall upward waning in energy, deposited in an inner to middle bay setting. A palynological study of shale samples over this interval made the following interpretation; 1953.00m (brackish lagoon or estuary) and 1955.60m (very nearshore - near normal salinity estuary). The interval 1956.95m to 1959.35m is a repeat of the above depositional setting. The interval 1959.35m to 1960.60m is interpreted to be a succession of stacked basal channel units deposited during the late flood stage of a low sinuosity fluvial system.

The interval 1960.60m to 1962.25m is interpreted to be a succession of stacked proximal estuary basal channel units deposited in an inner bay setting (good ophiomorpha and other dwelling burrows occur throughout). A palynological study made on a shale sample taken from 1961.25m inferred a very nearshore (?backbarrier tidal lagoon) setting for the environment. The interval 1962.25m to 1964.32m is interpreted as a succession of stacked middle to upper point bar tidal channel units deposited around the bay fringe near the mouth of a fluvial system. The interval 1964.32m to 1966.75m is interpreted as a succession of stacked middle point bar estuary channel units deposited at the mouth of a fluvial system. The interval 1966.75m to 1969.00m (base of core 5) is interpreted to be a succession of stacked proximal estuary basal channel units deposited at the mouth of a fluvial system. A palynological study made on a shale sample taken from 1968.25m inferred a very nearshore (?backbarrier tidal lagoon) setting for the environment and a study from a swc sample taken from 1996.50m inferred a nearshore marine setting for the environment.

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6 **FIGURES**

Key to sedimentary structures

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Core graphic logs (1:25 scale)

Core gamma ray log (1:200)

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K.B.: 25mRT W.D.: CORE BARREL & MUD TYPE:

DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T U	F	G	SILT V FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	V COARSE			
1838												
1839	— — —										SANDSTONE	TOP CORE 2



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION		
		T	U	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM			COARSE	V.COARSE
1839													SANDSTONE, medium to very coarse grained, trace granule, trough cross bedded with pyritized plant stems, shale rip ups.
1840													SHALE, medium grey, mottled with sparse carbonaceous rootlets, homogeneous with minor starved ripples and microfoundering feature near base.
1841													COAL, black, sub bituminous. SHALE, dark grey-black with starved ripples and microfoundering features. SANDSTONE, very coarse to granule moderately sorted, trough cross bedded to planar laminated with rip up clasts and flasers near top.
1842													SANDSTONE, coarse to very coarse grained, well sorted with minor granule trains along sporadic cross bed laminate. Trough cross bedded with minor high angle carbonaceous flaser drapes.
1843													SANDSTONE, medium to very coarse grained, well sorted, planar laminated. SANDSTONE, fine grained, flaser and lenticular bedded. SANDSTONE, very coarse trace granule, trough cross bedded. SANDSTONE, coarse granule, trace pebbles, trough cross bedded with carbonaceous flasers.
1844													SANDSTONE, fine grained, trough cross bedded, flaser to ripple laminated, minor carbonaceous ripples.



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		T	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1845	[Lithology symbols]										(((H) ? ((((?	SANDSTONE: very coarse grained, trough cross bedded to homogenous.
1846	[Lithology symbols]										Quartzose pebbles up to 1cm diameter SANDSTONE: coarse granule, scattered pebbles, trough cross bedded with shale / carbonaceous flasers.	
1847	[Lithology symbols]										SANDSTONE: medium to very coarse, trace granule, trough to planar bedded resin blebs, flaser bedded and homogenous in part.	
1848	[Lithology symbols]										SANDSTONE: medium to granule, planar to trough cross bedded, trace rip up clasts and carbonaceous flasers.	
1849	[Lithology symbols]										SANDSTONE: coarse to granule, scattered pebbles, planar to trough cross bedded. trace shale flasers.	
1850	[Lithology symbols]											



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION
		T	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE		
1850											<p>SANDSTONE: medium granule, trough cross bedded homogenous in part.</p>
1851											
1852										<p>SANDSTONE: coarse granule, trace scattered pebbles, planar bedded.</p>	
1853											
1854										<p>SANDSTONE: medium granule, trough cross bedded with plant stems and carbonaceous rip ups.</p>	
1855											BOTTOM CORE 2



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T U	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
TOP CORE 3												
1856												<p>Grey arg siltstone core rubble.</p> <p>SANDSTONE: medium granule, trough cross bedded with shale rip ups at the base.</p>
1857												<p>SANDSTONE: very coarse grained, well sorted, common shale and carbonaceous rip up clasts, trough cross bedded, trace flasers,</p> <p>SANDSTONE: coarse grained, lenticular bedded wavy carbonaceous drape</p>
1858												<p>SANDSTONE: coarse, poor to moderately sorted, scattered granule, slightly muddy, homogenised by abundant Ophiomorpha burrows.</p> <p>Carbonaceous drape.</p> <p>SANDSTONE: coarse to granule, trough cross bedded with flaser laminations in part, common Ophiomorpha.</p>
1859												<p>SANDSTONE: coarse to granule, trough cross bedded.</p>
1860												<p>SANDSTONE: coarse to granule, trough cross bedded.</p>
1861												<p>SHALE: black highly carbonaceous - coaly with resin blebs. minor pyrite.</p> <p>COAL: black, subbituminous, with resin blebs.</p> <p>SHALE: black, highly carbonaceous, minor rootlets.</p>



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1861	R											<p>COAL: black, bituminous</p> <p>SHALE: black - dark grey, highly carbonaceous</p> <p>1861.13 - 1861.33 slicken sided shale core rubble.</p>
1862												<p>SANDSTONE: medium to coarse trough cross bedded with flaser beds and shale rip up clasts.</p>
1863												<p>SANDSTONE: medium grained, homogenous with minor shale / carbonaceous rip ups, plant stems and dewatering structures.</p>
1864												<p>SHALE: dark grey, common flasers, microfoundering structures and load casts.</p>
1865												<p>SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, trough cross bedded with flasers, lenticular beds, burrows and carbonaceous / shale rip ups.</p>
1866												<p>SANDSTONE: heavily burrowed to bioturbated, trace Ophiomorpha burrows.</p>



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T U	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1867												SANDSTONE: fine to medium, well sorted, trough cross bedded, with common high angle flaser drapes, rare carbonaceous / shale rip ups, flaser grading to current ripple laminations in places.
1868												1867 - 1867.5m SANDSTONE: coarse rubble.
1869												
1870												SANDSTONE: fine to coarse, trough cross bedded in inclined flaser laminations.
1871												
1872												SANDSTONE: medium granule, scattered pebbles, trough cross bedded with shale / carbonaceous rip ups.



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CORE BARREL & MUD TYPE:			

DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1872	[Symbol: circles and dots]										[Symbol: wavy lines]	<p>SANDSTONE: very coarse to granule with common pebble, well sorted. Core rubble.</p>
1873	[Symbol: circles and dots]										[Symbol: wavy lines]	
1874	[Symbol: circles and dots]										[Symbol: wavy lines]	
1875	[Symbol: circles and dots]										[Symbol: wavy lines]	<p>SHALE: black, carbonaceous with starved ripples.</p> <p>SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, bioturbated with dewaterating features.</p> <p>SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, with ophiomorpha barrows, bioturbated near top.</p>
1876	[Symbol: circles and dots]										[Symbol: wavy lines]	
1877	[Symbol: circles and dots]										[Symbol: wavy lines]	



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T U	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1878	[Lithology symbols]											SANDSTONE: medium grained, well sorted, homogenous to burrowed with ophiomorpha.
1879	[Lithology symbols]											SANDSTONE: medium grained, muddy burrowed to bioturbated.
1880	[Lithology symbols]											SANDSTONE: medium to coarse grained, muddy with common ophiomorpha burrows.
1881	[Lithology symbols with 'R' markers]											SANDSTONE: medium to coarse grained, well sorted and trough cross bedded.
1882	[Lithology symbols]											SHALE: black, highly carbonaceous with fine silty starved ripple flasers, pyritic.
1883	[Lithology symbols]											SANDSTONE: medium to coarse grained, moderately sorted, current rippled to flaser, laminated with local ophiomorpha.
												BOTTOM CORE 3



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K.B.: 25mRT		W.D.:		CORE BARREL & MUD TYPE:					
DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE			SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION
		T U	F	G	SILT V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM COARSE		
1915	[Lithology symbols: dots, circles, dashes]							[Sedimentary structure symbols: wavy lines, H, U?]	SANDSTONE: medium grained, well sorted, trough cross bedded and shale rip up clasts and flasers.
1916								[Sedimentary structure symbols: wavy lines, H, U?]	SANDSTONE: coarse grained, trace pebbles, well sorted, trough cross bedded to flaser laminated, shale rip up clasts and carbonaceous material.
1917	[Lithology symbols: dots, circles, dashes]							[Sedimentary structure symbols: wavy lines, H, U?]	SANDSTONE: very coarse grained, poor sorted, argillaceous, discontinuous flasers and burrowed.
1918								[Sedimentary structure symbols: wavy lines, H, U?]	SANDSTONE: fine to medium with granule to pebble at top, poor to moderately sorted, homogenous bedding with abundant ophiomorpha and trace flaser bedding.
1918	[Lithology symbols: dots, circles, dashes]							[Sedimentary structure symbols: wavy lines, H, U?]	Escape burrow.
1919								[Sedimentary structure symbols: wavy lines, H, U?]	Saw cut surface.
1919	[Lithology symbols: dots, circles, dashes]							[Sedimentary structure symbols: wavy lines, H, U?]	SANDSTONE: medium to coarse, trough cross bedded to flaser draped.
1920								[Sedimentary structure symbols: wavy lines, H, U?]	SANDSTONE: fine to coarse grained, trough cross bedded to flaser laminated, homogenous in part with shale rip ups.



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T U	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1921												SANDSTONE: very fine to fine, flaser laminated with ophiomorpha burrows.
1922												SANDSTONE: very fine to coarse, with parallel to inclined flaser lamination, trace trough cross beds, burrows, and shale rip up clasts.
1923												SANDSTONE: coarse to very coarse, trace pebbles, trough cross bedded to flaser dropped.
1924												SANDSTONE: medium to coarse grained, well sorted, trough cross bedded with carbonaceous flasers, current ripple lamination, load features (dewatering) and homogenous bedding.
1925												SANDSTONE: medium to very coarse, scattered pebbles, trough cross bedded with carbonaceous/shale flasers, plant stems and shale rip up clasts.
1926												



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T U	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1926												SHALE: dark grey to black, homogenous with abundant coaly plant stems, sparse resin blebs, sparse nodular pyrite cement.
1927												SANDSTONE: silty to very fine grained, current ripple laminated to flaser bedded, burrowed to bioturbated, scattered pebbles and trace rootlet.
1928												SILTY SANDSTONE: silty to very fine grained, argillaceous, abundant sandy microfounding structures, rare current ripple to flaser laminations, trace burrows.
1929												SANDSTONE: very fine to medium grained, current ripple laminated to flaser bedded, mud crack and microfounding features at top.
1930												SANDSTONE: very fine to medium grained, flaser to current ripple laminated, trace trough cross beds, burrowed to bioturbated in part.
1931												



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T U	F	G	SILT V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	V.COARSE			
1832												SANDSTONE: fine to coarse grained, flaser to lenticular bedded, trough to homogenous bedding in part.
1833												SANDSTONE: silty to very fine grained, lenticular bedded, current rippled to flaser laminated, possible wave ripple laminated ?, burrowed ?.
1834												SANDSTONE: fine to coarse, trace silty, lenticular bedded, burrowed.
1835												Saw cut.
1835												Saw cut boundary, burrow incures 15cm and is filled by coarse sand.
1835												SANDSTONE: very fine to fine, carbonaceous/shale flasers, burrowed to bioturbated, plant stems, rootlets in burrows.
1836												SANDSTONE: medium to coarse, trough cross bedded, trace homogenous beds, pyritised plant stems, burrows and carbonaceous flasers.
1837												



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		T	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1937	[Lithology symbols: dots, diamonds, circles, horizontal lines]				[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Sedimentary symbols: H, I, wavy lines]	SANDSTONE: medium to very coarse grained, scattered granule, well sorted, trough to homogenous bedded, trace carbonaceous flasers and shale rip ups.
1938											[Sedimentary symbols: H, I, wavy lines]	
1939	[Lithology symbols: dots, diamonds, circles, horizontal lines]				[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Sedimentary symbols: H, I, wavy lines]	SANDSTONE: medium to very coarse fining to silt, trace scattered pebbles, poor to moderately sorted, shale/ carbonaceous flasers, burrowed to bioturbated, trace resin blebs.
1940											[Sedimentary symbols: H, I, wavy lines]	
1941	[Lithology symbols: dots, diamonds, circles, horizontal lines]				[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Grain size shading]	[Sedimentary symbols: H, I, wavy lines]	Saw cut boundary.
1942											[Sedimentary symbols: H, I, wavy lines]	
											[Sedimentary symbols: H, I, wavy lines]	Transitional contact.
											[Sedimentary symbols: H, I, wavy lines]	SANDSTONE: fine to medium, trough to flaser bedded, trace current ripple lamination, burrowed to bioturbated.



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		T	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1943												BOTTOM CORE 4
Empty space for depth												



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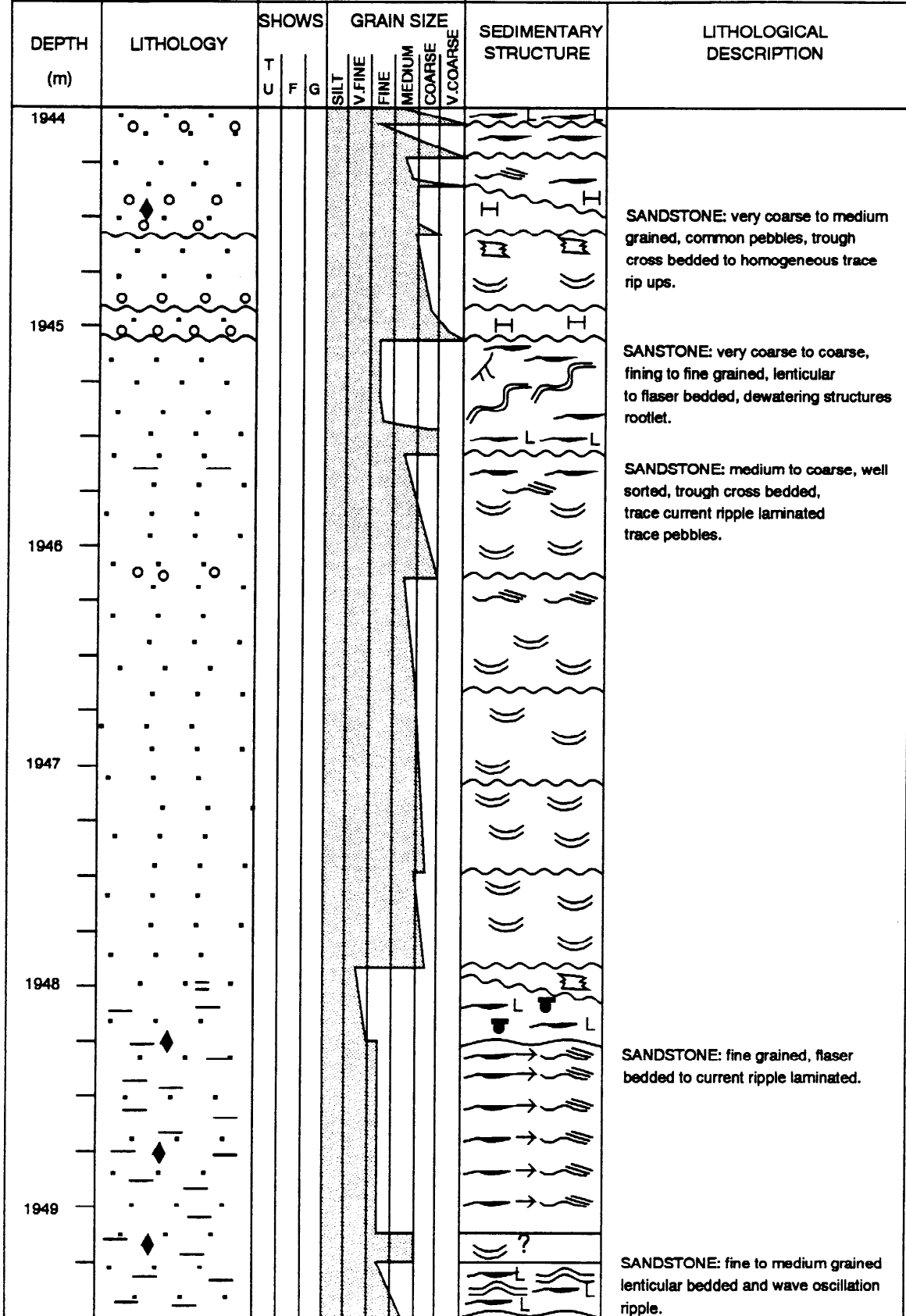
DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T U	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1943												TOP OF CORE 5
1944												? SHALE: silty, with abundant microfoundering features. SANDSTONE: very coarse to fine grained, flaser to current ripple laminated, commonly lenticular bedded, trace micro foundering structures.



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T U	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1950	R											SANDSTONE: coarse to fine grained flaser bedded to current ripple laminated, with micro foundering features.
1951												SANDSTONE: medium to very fine grained, trough cross bedded and current ripple laminated to flaser bedded.
1952												SANDSTONE: medium to coarse grained, fining to fine to medium, well sorted, shale rip up clasts, trough cross beds, current ripple laminated to flaser bedding.
1953	O O O O											SANDSTONE: very fine to fine grained in units 0.2m thick, muddy and bioturbated in upper half, lower half homogeneous.
1954												
1955												



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T U	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1955												SANDSTONE: very fine to fine grained, bioturbated, minor load casts, flasers and current ripple lamination.
1956												SANDSTONE: very coarse fining to fine grained, pebbles at base, rip up clasts, dewatering features, microfoudering features and bioturbated.
1957												SANDSTONE: very fine to fine grained, burrowed and bioturbated, load casts at base, flaser-lenticular bedding at top.
1958												SANDSTONE: very coarse to medium grained, trough cross bedded, flaser beds and minor burrows, trace current ripple lamination.
1959												
1960												



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		T	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1961												SANDSTONE: predominantly medium to fine grained trough crossbedded to current ripple laminated and flaser to lenticular bedded with burrowing to bioturbation. Units separated by scour surfaces.
1962												Concretionary pyrite.
1963												SANDSTONE: very fine to fine grained lenticular bedded with siltstone/shale abundant starved ripples. SANDSTONE: fine up to medium grained, thin lenticular bedded units separated by scour surfaces. Minor burrows.
1964												Resin blebs. SANDSTONE: medium grained, current ripple laminated to flaser laminated units separated by scour surfaces or load and flame surfaces. Uppermost 0.4m contains long dwelling burrows.
1965												
1966												



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CORE BARREL & MUD TYPE:				

DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION
		T U	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE		
1966											<p>SANDSTONE: medium grained current ripple laminated to flaser laminated.</p> <p>SANDSTONE: medium grained with a accretionary flaser draped inclined surfaces. Shale rip up clasts at base.</p>
1967											<p>SANDSTONE: coarse to medium grained, trough cross bedded with minor shale rip up clasts.</p> <p>SANDSTONE: very coarse to coarse grained with burrow.</p> <p>SANDSTONE: medium to coarse grained trough cross bedded.</p> <p>SANDSTONE: medium to coarse grained current ripple laminated, flasered in upper half, load cast/flame base.</p> <p>SANDSTONE: medium to coarse grained, current ripple laminated to flaser laminated, lenticular bedded at top.</p>
1968											<p>SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, bioturbated to fine grained lenticular and burrowed, shaley, pyrite nodules at base. Siderite nodules at top.</p> <p>SANDSTONE: fining to medium coarse, trough cross bedding, burrowed, pebbles 0.5cm diameter.</p> <p>SANDSTONE: coarse grained moderately sorted, trough cross bedded, minor carbonaceous laminations.</p>
1969											<p>BOTTOM CORE 5</p>
1970											



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K.B.: 25mRT	W.D.:	CORE BARREL & MUD TYPE:	

DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T U	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
												TOP OF CORE 1
1729												<p>Sandstone, very fine grained, silty, grading upwards to very fine to fine grained, muddy and very poorly sorted through extensive bioturbation. Faint subhorizontal disturbed laminations throughout although primary sedimentary structured largely destroyed through bioturbation. Sparse sand filled dwelling burrows near top of interval. Sporadic sideritic nodular mudstone intervals evident replacing burrow features.</p>
1730												
1731												
1732												
1733												
											BOTTOM OF CORE 1	



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T	U	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM			COARSE
1821											TOP OF CORE 1	
1822	[Lithology symbols: dots, diamonds, circles]										<div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">core rubble</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">core rubble</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">core rubble</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">core rubble</div>	<p>SANDSTONE, coarse up to granule, poorly sorted with common pebbles. Internally it is predominantly homogeneous with minor trough cross bedding and shale rip up clasts. Abundant disseminated pyrite cement as shown.</p> <p>Lag pebbles up to 2 cm diameter</p>
1823	[Lithology symbols: dots, diamonds, circles]										<div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">core rubble</div>	<p>SANDSTONE, very coarse to granule, poorly sorted with abundant pebbles up to 2 cm diameter. Homogeneous.</p> <p>SANDSTONE, predominantly medium grained (minor coarse grained), homogeneous with minor shale rip up clasts and pebbles on scour surfaces.</p>
1824											BOTTOM OF CORE 1	
1825												
1826												



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T U	F	G	SILT V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	V.COARSE			
1825												
1826												
1827												
1828												TOP OF CORE 2
1829												SANDSTONE, medium up to granule grained, well sorted, predominantly homogeneous with minor trough cross bedding in upper half.
1830												SANDSTONE, pebbly, very coarse grained to pebbly, very poorly sorted, homogeneous with rare shale rip up clasts. Lenticular bedded in upper 6 cm.



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1831	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○										H	SANDSTONE, medium up to granule with common pebbles in basal portions. Planar inclined to trough cross bedded near top. Possible trace current ripples.
1832	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○										H	SANDSTONE, very coarse to granule, poorly sorted with planar inclined bedding to ? trough cross bedding.
1833	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○										H	SANDSTONE, very coarse to granule with common pebbles, poorly sorted with shale rip up clasts up to 3 cm diameter. As above.
1834	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○										H	SANDSTONE, medium up to very coarse grained, moderately sorted with minor current ripple to flaser laminations at the top of each unit.
1835	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○										H	SANDSTONE, coarse grained to granule, common pebble, poor to moderately sorted, trough cross bedded, base of lower unit contains pillow and flame features. Plant root to burrow.
1836	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○										H	SANDSTONE, medium to coarse grained, well sorted, trough cross bedded with minor carbonaceous flaser laminations.



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K.B.:		CORE BARREL & MUD TYPE:									
DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION
		T	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE		
1836											SANDSTONE, medium to coarse, very well sorted, trough cross bedded.
1837											COAL, black, brittle, sub bituminous pyrite cemented in upper part of coal.
1838											SHALE, dark grey, highly carbonaceous with abundant rootlets and stems abundant resin blebs.
1838											SHALE, dark grey, homogenous with minor carbonaceous plant stems, sporadic pyrite nodule cemented, sporadic resin blebs, minor dewatering feature.
1839											Highly carbonaceous shale.
1839											SILTSTONE
1840											Wavy
1840											Saw cut SHALE, dark grey, subfissile in lower half, upper half carbonaceous with coaly streaks and resin blebs, with minor pyrite nodules base gradational with underlying unit.
1841											Flaser (carbonaceous) to current ripple laminated.
BOTTOM CORE 2											



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DEPTH (m)	LITHOLOGY	SHOWS			GRAIN SIZE					SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE	LITHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	
		T	F	G	SILT	V.FINE	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE			V.COARSE
1842												TOP OF CORE 3
1843												SANDSTONE, medium to coarse, up to very coarse to granule, moderately well sorted, trough cross bedded, separated by scours into fining upwards units. Scours have pebble lags on top of surface.
1844												SANDSTONE, has sucrosic texture due to abundant development of quartz overgrowths and several healed silica cemented fractures subhorizontal to near vertical. Some unusually high angle trough cross beds may indicate slump rotation. Overall sandstone appears extensively silica cemented.
1845												Heal fractures 1844.21-1844.40
1846												1846.20 - 1846.40 Siliceous mineral filled fractures.
1847												SANDSTONE, coarse grained.
												BOTTOM CORE 3

ENCLOSURES

PE602777

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The enclosure PE602777 is enclosed within the
container PE900102 at this location in this
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The enclosure PE602777 has the following characteristics:

ITEM-BARCODE = PE602777
CONTAINER_BARCODE = PE900102
 NAME = Minerva 2A Well Summary Log
 BASIN = Otway
 PERMIT = VIC/P31
 TYPE = WELL
 SUBTYPE = COMPOSITE_LOG
 DESCRIPTION = Minerva 2A Well Summary Log
 REMARKS = new barcode PE900512 replaced with
 PE602777
DATE-CREATED = *
DATE-RECEIVED = *
 W_NO = W1086
 WELL-NAME = MINERVA 2
 CONTRACTOR =
 CLIENT_OP_CO =

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PE900400

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container PE900102 at this location in this document.

The enclosure PE900400 has the following characteristics:

ITEM_BARCODE	=	PE900400
CONTAINER_BARCODE	=	PE900102
NAME	=	Minerva 2A Enclosure 2 Top Main Gas Zone

Depth Structure Map

BASIN	=	OTWAY
PERMIT	=	
TYPE	=	SEISMIC
SUBTYPE	=	HRZN_CONTR_MAP
DESCRIPTION	=	Minerva 2A Enclosure 2 Top Main Gas Zone

Depth Structure Map

DATE_CREATED	=	
DATE_RECEIVED	=	
W_NO	=	W1086
WELL_NAME	=	Minerva-2_2A
CONTRACTOR	=	BHP
CLIENT_OP_CO	=	BHP