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Note: Ar<sup>40\*</sup> refers to radiogenic Ar<sup>40</sup>. M.Y. refers to millions of years.



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#### POTASSIUM-ARGON AGE DETERMINATION

#### **REPORT OF ANALYTICAL WORK**

Date Received: 24 April 1978

Date Reported: 1 June 1978

Our Sample No. **R-417s** 

Your Reference: WA- I- 3-C

Submitted by: **L. Clark Arnold** Pillar, Lowell & Assoc. **5115 North Oracle Road<br>Tucson, ARIZONA 85704 Tucson, ARIZONA** 

Sample Description & Locality: Sample TEV 033,  $\#WA-1/3-C$ . Crushed rock.

 $1657' - 1663'$ 

**Material** 

Whole rock,  $-60/+100$  mesh. Treated with mixture of  $\sim$  $HNO<sub>3</sub>$  and HF to remove alterations.



#### Constants Used:

 $\lambda_{\beta} = 4.72 \times 10^{-10}$ / year  $\lambda_e = 0.585 \times 10^{-10}$ / year K  $^{40}/K = 1.22 \times 10^{-4}$  g $/g$ .

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Note: Ar  $40*$  refers to radiogenic Ar  $40$ . M.Y. refers to millions of years.



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1 June 1978

L. Clark Arnold Pillar, Lowell & Assoc. 5115 North Oracle Road Tucson, ARIZONA 85704

Dear Mr. Arnold:

I am enclosing the final written reports on the three rock samples you sent to *us* for K-At age *determinations. Enclosed* also is the invoice for this work for you to approve and 9ass along for payment.

All three of analyses had to be done as whole rocks, and all three were sufficiently altered that we had to remove the carbonates and alteration products with a mixture of nitric and hydrofluoric acid. Samples R-4176 and R-4186 were similar mineralogically and similar in their potassium content, and were of nearly equal ages. Sample R-4175 was quite different from the others mineralogically, in potassium content, and also appears to be somewhat older.

If you should have any questions concerning these analyses, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

We look forward to serving you again in the future.

Sincerely,

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FROM THOMAS W, MITCHAM  $\overline{DATE}$   $\frac{1/8}{75}$ 

PANGEA RESOURCES, INC. 2002 N. Forbes Blvd., Suite I01 Tucson, Arizona.85705

#### January 6, 1975

MEMO TO: Thomas W. Mitcham<br>From: John E. Kinnison From: John E. Kinnison Subject: *New Deal* (Faulkner-Riebold) claims, drill holes, Graham County, Arizona

According to the arrangement reached with Mike Riebold at our conference December 28, I reviewed the drill core from two holes, at Safford, December 31.

The attached logs, location map, and graphic logs are of these two diamond drill holes (Nos. 3 and 4). Although other holes (Nos. 1 and 2) are shown on Ted Faulkner's other holes (Nos. 1 and 2) are shown on the seemed of conduction. DDH claim map, I have not seen samples or core from them. DDH 3 and 4 were drilled at *the* expense of Riebold, and are stored at Alfred Haralson's farm *at* Safford, whereas Nos. 1 and 2 were drilled by Faulkner-- who has the samples, if any.

The drill core is poorly stored and difficult of access. The upper half of ND-4 requires complete re-staking *before*  moving any boxes, and so only the upper box of each stack in the upper half was seen. For the most *part, my* review was limited to spot checking at intervals, due to time limitation imposed by R/ebold's conditions of examination.

Important conclusions *are:* 

- 1. Mineralization in ND-3 could be the pyritic margin or .fringe of a zone of copper mineralization, possibly  $2000-4000$  feet distant.
- 2. Thickness of post-mineral volcanics is not exactly known, but is not more than the rotary depths (DD-3, 1776'; *~-4 , 1080').*
- **3.** The Silver Bell formation has been eroded in this area. Apparently the drill holes penetrated the underlying Claflin Ranch formation and the Cretaceous Pinkard formation.
- 4. Quartz monzonite porphyry in ND-3 lends additional encouragement to the Faulkner ground.

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New Deal Claims Faulkner-Riebold  $DDH-3$ 

Notes on spot logging Dec. 31, 1974; JEK

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Core begins *at* 177'. Only 10'(2690-2700) split.



- 2748-55 Porphyry? St clay. 3% py diss, first inch below 45 ° contact is *granulated.*
- 2760 Por? odd texture. St clay.
- 2770 Qtz monz por. Hornblend pheno. No sulph.
- *2800-2820*  Qtz monz por. 2% diss py. Mod clay alt. Texture still looks a bit funny-- more like a very porph volc, but can't tell for sure.
- @ 2934 Tight, sharp, healed contact between funny porph, and siltstone below. Probably intrusive contact. Both rocks have 2-3% diss py. Two or three grains possible cpy.
- 2993 White siltstone above changes *to white arkose,* i% py in arkose as fine discrete grains. Rocks gradationai, sedimentary contact.
- 3070 Siltstone or tuff? Fine white matrix w/ little blebs (pheno?) of white (clay) feldspar, thin crenulated rims of py enclose the white feld. Also, bed? dips  $b_4$ <sup>5</sup> marked by silica grains in thin layers, with a *crenulated* network of py enclosing the area around the grains. Total sulph: 3%.
- 5210 Fine arkose. St. sericite with 2% py as discrete diss grains.

3450 Siltstone, white. 2% py, diss grains.

Total depth.

New Deal Claims Yaulknew-Kiebdld DDH-A

## Notes on spot logging Dec. 31, 1974; JEK

Core begins *at* I080 ft. None has been split.

Notes Footage

- 1080 Red brown cgl. Rounded frags to 4". Red shaly partings. Fairly hard.
- 1305 Red brown cgl. Arkosic matrix. Hard. Frags of gray-green alt. andeslte, hornblend por, monz pot.
- 1464 **Same**
- 1640 Red brown cgl.
- 1820 Brown cgl. Some frags w/ st. chl. looks more like the cgl in ND 3.
- 1980 Greenish cgl. Frags very well rounded; granules to  $4$ <sup> $n$ </sup>.
- 2130 Andesite or latite. Brown. Few rounded frags of andesite.
- 2290 Brown siltstone or mudstone. Mod soft w/ irreg curving fractures or parting planes.
- 2440 Porphyritic andesite. St fracs, high-angle, w/ soft transported red hematite, probably after pyrite. Chl alt.
	- *Note:*  1080-2440 core boxes are in 9 stacks, all leaning badly and ready to fall over. Only the top box of each stack was examined.
- 2590 Brown sandy siltstone, some hem on thin fracs.
- 2740 Banded sandy siltstone w/ layers of siltstone/mudstone. Beddings dip 20". Gray to olive. These beds are essentially hornfels. No sulphide mineralizatlon seen.
- 2890 Same, with a layer of softer mudstone.
- 3051 Olive siltstone, then 2 feet nearly *black mudstone*  depositional on arkose, white, very porous-- soaks up water.
- 3060-3123 Arkose as above *alternating* with 2 - 5 ft. hands of olive siltstone. At 3121', intraformation cgl of black siltstone.

3123-3310 Stack tipper over-- not examined.

3310 Olive brown siltstone

3310-3464 White arkose and olive *siltstone,* w/some *black mudstone.* 

Total Depth



NEW DEAL CLAIMS FAULKNER-RIEBOLD

GRAPHIC LOGS  $1^{\frac{1}{n}} = 200^{\frac{1}{n}}$ 



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For that area of the Safford and Guthrie quadrangles east of Safford and southeast of the Gila River. Compiled from field checks, courthouse records, core logging, and other sources during 1972-1975 by David K. Brummett.





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December 31, 1975



Land status.--Since initiating the Safford district study, we *have at* various times attempted to discuss terms on the New Deal property, culminating with an interview at Tucson with Riebold who at that *time* held an option in the Faulkner New Deal group. This meeting, in December, 1974, resulted only in stalemate over the terms. Riebold did, however, make available core for inspection from New Deal drill holes 3 and 4, on which I reported I-6-75.

According to the Riebold contract, his option expired in July of chls year. Faulkner now presumably has legal grounds for clear title, in so far as the Riebold interest clouded it, but Riebold *has a quitclaim*  deed for I/2 interest in the ground and it may be necessary for Faulkner to go to court to obtain a release from this conveyance.

Ted Faulkner is the principal *holder* of the New Deal claims, and apparently controls terms for the property. He has, however, conveyed *unspecified* interests to relatives and friends to raise cash, and a title search will be necessary to determine these conveyances. Faulkner now resides at the Buena Vista Hotel in Safford.

Claim maps prepared for Faulkner by Dave Brummett are placed in our map file. These maps appear to accurately depict the rather large *area* of claims activity SE of Sanchez.

The Sol group adjoins the New Deal on the west, and is held by Amax. A number of drill holes have been put down by Amax, and by Amax in joint venture with Phelps Dodge, and with Quintana. Claims held  $P^{12}$ vately by a Mr. Whitmore, including the  $CO$ , ND 19-28, and Illiany, adjoin the New Deal on the east. Exxon at one time had an option on =his group and drilled *at least two holes.* To the south and southeast of the New Deal, are the Verum and OPT claims held by Phelps Dodge. *Faulkner's* Trendex group adjoins the OPT claims on their south side.

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During this past fall, I have met with Faulkner on three different occasions to discuss terms for the New Deal group. Faulkner has not been willing to propose any deal in concise terms but has indicated he will not accept a standard mining option with a nominal front-end payment and a nominal purchase price. I do not think we should completely despair of obtaining some type of agreement with him, but there is little doubt *that* it would be costly--even in comparison with other Safford district options which have been among the most costly in Arizona.

Faulkner may be regarded as a friendly *contact* in *the* district who is well informed on general district activity. He has offered to make the New *Deal* core *available* for inspection at any time and I would recommend continued contact with him, and a final effort to reach a specific set of *terms.* It may also be appropriate at this time to *contact Whitmore* regarding the CO et al. groups.

Geology.--The rocks which crop out in the Sol, New Deal, and CO area consist of flat-lying basalts of the upper sequence, overlain by Gila conglomerate. According to Dave Brummett's log of the rotary section of New Deal holes 3 and 4, a conglomerate underlies this basalt. This is probably the case, for I have found a volcanic pebble conglomerate beneath the basalt in an erosional bank in the Gila River below Earvan *flat,* 1.5 miles east of Sanchez. A preliminary map in our map file shows the distribution of basalt, and erosional remnants of dissected Gila conglomerate, based on reconnaissance during October and November, 1975.

The drill hole pattern on the Sol group is sufficiently close-spaced to indicate that Amax was obtaining quite a bit of encouragement, but no reference to *actual ore* intercepts of significance have appeared in rumors around the Safford area. Dave *Brummett* has compiled a list of these holes, probable depths, and rumors of weak mineralization encountered, which has been placed in our Safford files.

I have scouted the New Deal and Whitmore ground for evidence of holes other than those shown by Faulkner, and have found only one--on the CO group on the common endcenter between CO 14 and 15. The drill sumps and sites have been bulldozed over, and I found only a few very small fragments of epidotized porphyry which may have been derived from this hole. At the site of Exxon 2, in section 9, only basalt cuttings were evident. At the site of New Deal 2, I found a single large piece of core consisting of a porphyry with weak epidote and chlorite, similar to the fragments at the site on  $CO$  14-15.

The site of New Deal 4 is bulldozed over. At New Deal 3, I was *able*  to ol . diamond drill sludge, and from this panned rather abundant pyrit reby confirming *that* pyritic *mineralization* was *encountered*  in this no~e.

The principal exploration *objective to date* recognized, consists of a re-occurrence of mineralization along the SE projection of the Sanchez fault zone, which appears to pass through the New Deal and part of the CO groups. The pyritic mineralization in the Cretaceous Pinkard forma-

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**Report on VIP Work** 

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The attached report by Roger Andrews presents an analysis of one VIP line which we surveyed over the Sol sulfide system, discovered near Safford by Amax. The sulfide system is completely buried beneath 500 to I, 500+ feet of Tertiary lake-bed sediments and volcanic rocks. The discovery was apparently made by IP surveying of a positive gravity anomaly (indicating shallow cover) which runs as a gravity ridge south from the Safford district. Since the discovery, Amax has invited a number of groups to survey a specific line with their equipment. This represented one of the few opportunities we have to compare our equipment with that of other s.

A number of points brought up in Roger's report merit further discussion. In 197Z we covered the area surrounding Sol with RIP without detecting an anomaly. At that time it was not possible to place electrodes in the heart of the s'ystem because Amax held the ground and was actively exploring, We did, however, have two receiver sites over what is now believed to be portions of the mineralized area (our sketchy knowledge of the size and location of the mineralized area is only by inference from our VIP data and from discussions with Amax geologists during which Amax was quite secretive). There has been much controversial discussion regarding why our RIP did not detect Sol, and the data presented in this report sheds much light on the question.

A glance at Andrews' Figure 6, reproduced here as Figure A, shows that receiver site 33 W from transmitter T 33 can be projected northward to fall between DH 4 and DH 1, which are on our VIP line. Looking at my Figure B we see that the RIP site projects at 15 W of the line. Now with a transmitter site to the east, the RIP value expected from a receiver site in this location would be given roughly by the fourth separation reading of the diagonal on the VIP line which trends down and east from the 5  $W$  - $5 \text{ E interval, i.e., a value of 9 miles, as circled. We actually observed$ 

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4 mils on the RIP survey. In similar fashion, RIP receiver site 34 SE. projects west of DH 6 on the VIP line, and the expected reading from such a site would be given roughly by the fourth separation value on the west trending diagonal from the 35 W - 45 W interval as *circled. This* value was not read, but surrounding values make a 10-14 mil reading likely. A 9 was actually observed on the RIP survey. My check of RIP data quality shows  $+3-4$  mils to represent the expected measurement noise level. In addition the dipole-dipole VIP measurements are expected to be about 20 percent higher than the RIP measurements because the VIP data were taken with Mark IV receivers which read higher values than the Mark III receivers used for the RIP work.

Furthermore, Figure C of this cover memo provides a case for comparison with the RIP data. The numbers given are the percentage of intrinsic source response which would be observed from receiver sites situated around transmitters as indicated and for a source body  $5,000' \times 5,000'$  in plan, 4, 000' thick, and buried I, 000' (top figure) and Z, 000' (bottom figure). Because the intrinsic response of Sol is estimated by Andrews to be about 100 mils, the numbers on Figure A can be read as mils of predicted RIP response. These computer models show that it is not sufficient simply to have a receiver site somewhere on the body-- the responsive body must comprise a considerable proportion o£ the volume *between* transmitter and receiver, and high amplification in response occurs only when both transmitter and receiver are over the body. This is especially true for deeper bodies, but would not be true for outcropping bodies where either transmitter or receiver in the body is sufficient for detection.

My conclusion from the above analysis is that given the sulfide system as presently known, one would not expect to detect it with the 1972 RIP Coverage configuration we were able to obtain at Sol. In fact our "thoroughness of search" study, presented and discussed in Tucson in August 1974, shows that only in the area shaded in Blue on Andrews' Figure 6 would we expect to detect the one cubic mile of 50-mil response, which the RIP program sought, for a sulfide system buried between 500 and I, 000 feet to top, as Sol is. Increasing the size of the sulfide system to Sol proportions and intrinsic response aids detection, of course, but does not materially change my conclusion. In this regard, I must disagree with Roger's comment on page 6 that "we do not normally countenance the possibility that twosquare mile 50-100 mil sulfide systems can lurk undetected" in holes in our data. We geophysicists do recognize this possibility, and it should also be recognized by others.

A second point for discussion is Roger's words on "residual coupling errors" in our data. That our EM coupling removal procedures do not always remove all of the EM effect is well documented by Gerry Hohrnann. In areas where resistivity is very low, like at Sol, total EM coupling is usually very high. In these cases our reduced data may retain some coupling. This

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residual coupling may be reduced by I) using more frequencies to obtain a better coupling extrapolation, 2) using lower frequencies, or 3) using a different array. Both (1) and (2) were tried at Sol. We attempted to read 0.0625 Hz data, one frequency step lower than our usual 0.125 Hz low frequency, but were not able to obtain useful data because of high telluric current noise. We were not able to try (3) because Amax restricted our %york to a dipole-dipole *survey* of the one line.

That the MGS IP survey was able to detect the Sol sulfide system in spite of severe coupling is due to the high intrinsic response of the system, which added onto the coupling. MGS may or may not have applied a simple couplin'g correction such as subtracting theoretical coupling from their data, but it is reasonable to assume that they tried this, for what else could, they do with such data? Andrews shows that this coupling removal procedure is reasonably good at Sol, although it does not work well in general. Had they done this they would have obtained a profile which resembles Figure D of this cover memo. "Figure D shows a residual anomaly which is dissimilar to our own only on the west end, where coupling becomes large. It is not surprising that such a residual IP indication in the Safford district, however shaky the theoretical grounds for its construction, would be drill tested.

I draw the following conclusions from the present data at Sol:

- 1. The deposit is detectable with competitor's IP gear because its high intrinsic response adds sufficiently to the severe coupling that it can still be seen;
- Z. The fact that our RIP survey did not detect the deposit is consistent with known characteristics of the IP technique, and
- 3. Our VIP anomaly shows the best relation to known sulfide distribution of the five sets of IP data to which we have access. Roger's presentation of these other data easily bears this out.

The last point I would like to make is that discussion of differing viewpoints as expressed in this and the companion memo is a natural characteristic of exploration and written documentation of this is a healthy but infrequent occurrence.

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cc: H. L. Bauer, Jr. R. K. Andrews





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#### SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Arrangements were made with Amax to run a VIP line over their Sol sulfide system in February of 1975. Accordingly, we repeated a line that had previously been run by several other mining or contracting companies, using a variety of different IP systems. Amax were interested in comparing our results with those obtained by the other IP systems. We were interested in obtaining data over the Sol system, specifically to assist with our interpretation of IP data from the Goat Well area, located immediately south of Sol, and, more generally, to increase our knowledge of the electrical characteristics of covered sulfide systems.

The Sol salfide system is located ten miles east of the town of Safford, The system is developed in Cretaceous andesites that are totally covered by 500 to i, 500 feet of Tertiary gravels and volcanics, with the nearest exposed premineral bedrock located about five miles north. Amax discovered the system in 1972 by running conventional time-domain IF over the northern part of a gravity high that extends south from the Safford district. It appears that Sol is one of the few unquestionable IP discoveries in the Southwest, and possibly the only totally covered sulfide system, with no indications in adjacent bedrock, known to occur in Arizona.

The Mark IV VIP system showed a strong, coherent dipole-dipole response up to 20 mils above background despite the existence of highly conductive (5 ohm-meter) cover. Drilling shows that the sulfide system is at minimum 6,000 feet east-west along the IP line. IP indicates that its total east-west extent may exceed two miles. Amax has indicated that the north-south extent of the system is at least one mile. Mineralization apparently does not cut off with depth. Sulfide content within the system is reportedly between 2 and 10 percent by volume. We know little about copper content.

The land situation over the ten square-mile covered area between Sol and Sanchez is presently being compiled. IP is recommended if sufficient open land exists.

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The Sol sulfide system was discovered in I97Z when Amax contracted Mining Geophysical Surveys (MGS) of Tucson, to run an IP survey over a pronounced, covered gravity high situated east of Safford, and south of Inspiration's Sanchez property. Some 27 line-miles of in-line dipoledipole IP was run using Newmont-type time domain equipment. Following discovery of an IP anomaly, Amax staked land, drilled several holes and discovered sulfides at depths between 485 and I, 443 f'eet. At this point, they joint ventured the property with Phelps Dodge, and several more holes were drilled. At the time of this writing, ten to fifteen holes have been drilled to an average depth of 2, 000 feet. Phelps Dodge have now terminated their joint-venture agreement with Amax.

Since the IP anomaly at Sol was discovered in 1972 by MGS, McPhar, Phelps Dodge and Zonge Engineering and Research Organization (ZERO) have run IP over the system. All surveys were carried out along the same line at the request of Amax. In November of 1974, Frank Fritz, the Amax geophysicist in Tucson, presented the results of these surveys at the Society of Exploration Geophysicists convention in Dallas, Texas. According to Fritz, although the different systems gave results that varied significantly in detail, they all effectively defined the same anomaly. Fritz reiterated Amax's invitation to other companies to run over Sol with their IP systems. We felt that we would gain valuable information by so doing, and accordingly a VIP seven-spread was run on February 19th and Z0th, 1975. The results of this seven-spread, which form the main subject of this report, were givento Amax, who have indicated their intention to poublish a paper that includes our data at some stage in the future.

#### GEOLOGY

The geology of the Sol system is shown on a section along the IP line pro-. vided to us by Amax (Fig. 5, With location map, Fig. Z). This section shows:

- i) Cretaceous andesites intruded by a Laramide stock with Z-5 volume percent, sulfides within the stock and andesites and a zone of higher sulfides (5-10 percent) in the andesites east of the stock;
- Up to 600 feet of oxidation in and around the stockin the eastern ii) part of the system with no oxidation in the andesites in the western part of the system;

iii) The system is totally covered by 500 and 1, 500 feet of Tertiary lake bed sediments. At location 0 on the section, these sediments are cut off against Tertiary volcanics by a fault that displaces the andesites only about 100 feet. Amax is mystified by this fault.

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Drilling has apparently established no cutoffs to mineralization, either to the north, south, east or west, or with depth. Reasonable horizontal dimensions for the system would be about two miles east-west by at least one mile north-south. The section shown is located in an area where. according to Amax, the system is "effectively two-dimensional" in the IP sense.

#### THE VIP LINE

The results of our VIP line are shown in Figure 4. This line is plotted in relation to the geologic section first presented in Figure 2. Extrapolated phases are calculated using the least-squares polynominal fit for  $f = 1.0$ , 0.5, 0.25 and 0.125.

The Tertiary lake bed sediments that cover the system west of 0 have a resistivity of only about 6 ohm-meters. The decrease in apparent resistivities to the west reflects the thickening of this unit in this direction. I Tertiary volcanics Vexposed east of 0 have resistivities in the 20-50 ohmmeter range. A higher-resistivity layer, dipping west from the volcanicsediment contact, is apparent in the data, and this is believed to be the higher-resistivity bedrock.

A coherent IP anomaly of up to 27 mils apparent response in a background of about 6 mils is obvious on the IP section. We would qualitatively interpret this anomaly as representing a strongly responsive source, extending westward beyond our data from about 5 E, and shallowest (around 1,000<sup>t</sup> deep) at about 20 W. This interpretation correlates reasonably closely with the Amax drilling data.

The IP source obviously has some topography on its top surface, and is probably associated with a concealed zone of higher resistivities. Neither of these features are commonly associated with the gravel responses we know about in Arizona. Furthermore, neither the gravels nor volcanics in the area are responsive in outcrop. Finally, the anomaly is associated with a strong gravity high. There is little doubt that we would have identified this anomaly as shown on this one VIP line as a concealed sulfide system.

However, certain problems are inherent in the interpretation of Mark IV IP data in areas of very low resistivities. Chief among these is the fact that the strong electromagnetic coupling effects generated by the conductive ground do not extrapolate to background IP values in the absence of an anomaly using our usual reading frequencies and extrapolation techniques. These residual coupling errors have been investigated by Hohmann (1974).

The calculated residual coupling errors after our usual coupling removal at  $n = 6$  vary from 2 mils on the east end of the Sol line to 9 mils on the

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west end. Theoretically, this residual coupling should be subtracted from the observed data in order to obtain a coupling-free response. However, these residual coupling errors here are not large enough materially to alter the shape or amplitude of the response.

The correlation between theoretically predicted total coupling and observed coupling at Sol is very close (Fig. 5). Consequently, we are confident that our estimates of coupling errors are fairly accurate.

In an effort to overcome residual coupling errors, measurements were taken at  $0.0625$  Hz. at Sol. Extrapolations using this low a frequency should be virtually error-free for the Sol resistivity conditions. Unfortunately, noise levels below  $0.1$  Hz. were very high at the time, and the extrapolated phase values using  $0.0625$  exhibit a great deal of scatter.

The amplitude of the recorded anomaly at Sol is somewhat larger than might be expected in view of the fact that the system is covered by very low resistivity gravels. This indicates that the intrinsic response of the system must be very high. A layered-earth interpretation of the IP line west of 35 W gives a layer of 5 mils and 6 ohm-meters overlying a layer of 80 mils and 60 ohm-meters, at a depth of 1, 300 feet. Residual coupling errors were subtracted from the data before this interpretation was carried out. *Layered-earth interpretations normally* ascribe minimum intrinsic responses to buried sources, since the sources are never infinite in the horizontal dimension. Consequently, the intrinsic response of Sol might be as high as 100 mils. Some detailed computer modeling of the system would greatly improve our estimates of intrinsic response.

Owing to the resistivity contrast between the cover and the IP source, we are only seeing about 10 percent of the intrinsic IP response of the source at  $n = 6$  on the west end of the line. Were the sulfides weaker or more deeply buried, it is unlikely that they would be IP-detectable in this area.

#### PREVIOUS RIP WORK

Three RIP sites were read around the Sol system in 1972, using the Mark III receiver (Mackelprang, 1972). The results of this work are shown in Figure 6. Because the land was held by Amax, it was impossible to work directly over the Sol system.

There is no doubt that a RIP transmitter located near the center of the • vIP line would have recorded an anomaly on most, if not all, receiver legs. However, transmitter sites located around the edge of the Sol system, with receiver sites located *within the* system, failed *to record a*  response. This is theoretically conceivable in the light of RIP computer modeling. However, comparatively small 'holes' in our RIP coverage,

like the one at Sol, are frequently unavoidable owing to culture or access problems, and we do not normally countenance the possibility that twosquare mile 50-100 mil sulfide systems can lurk undetected in these holes. It is also interesting to speculate on whether we would have followed up a noisy RIP anomaly of 25 mils and 15 ohm-meters in this area. Othersimilar responses in the general area have apparently generated no interest.

#### COMPARISON WITH OTHER IP SYSTEMS

Figures 7 to 10 show our VIP data plotted against the MGS time-domain data, the P.D. "decoupled" frequency domain data, the McPhar multimode data and the ZERO CR data, respectively. All lines were run with 1,000foot dipole spacing.

In general, the Mark IV anomaly is significantly more coherent, and more representative of known sulfide distribution at depth, than any other anomaly.- Resistivity data for all systems compare'very closely, and consequently are not reproduced here.

A brief commentary on the other sets of IP data is appropriate.

#### 1. The MGS Data (Fig.  $7)$ )

This was recorded with conventional Newmont-type time domain equipment, with the anomaly contoured in milliseconds (1 millisecond = about  $.7$  milliradian). Of all the IP sections, the MGS section probably correlates best with ours. This, however, is somewhat surprising. Theoretical coupling for the Newmont system approaches 30 milliseconds at  $n = 6$  at Sol, and this is close to the amplitude of the MGS response at that level. My evaluation of the MGS data would probably be that the response was largely caused by electromagnetic coupling. There can be little doubt, however, that MGS and Amax interpreted the data otherwise, since a hole was drilled into the anomaly near 5 W,

#### 2. The P.D. 'Decoupled' Data

Phelps Dodge record IP in the frequency domain with a conventional pfereading receiver at  $f = 3.0$  and  $0.1$  Hz. In conductive areas like Sol, the electromagnetic coupling in the results can be huge (up to 50 pfe). P.D. overcame this problem by subtracting theoretically predicted coupling from the observed data. The results shown in Figure 8 have been thus manipulated. The section shows an anomaly, but one can question the objectivity of the coupling-removal procedure in a case where covered sulfides are known to exist,

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#### 3. The McPhar Multimode System

McPhar and Amax selected Sol as an excellent area for a test of the new 'multimode' system. This system is a phase-reading system that removes coupling by extrapolation, which records in milliradians, and which in theory is very similar to our Mark III VIP gear. The multimode results, however, (Fig. 9) show that McPhar, at the time, had some bugs remaining in the system. The scatter in the data is very bad, and this system was rated least coherent of all models tested. Although McPhar defined an anomaly in about the right place, additional McPhar lines in the Goat Well area to the south defined similar responses in areas where we found no &nomalies whatsoever.

#### 4. The ZERO Complex Resistivity System

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Ken Zonge's results at Sol are shown on Figure 10. The ZERO CR system is a phase-reading system that records phase shift over a very wide range of frequencies. Coupling is removed individually, at each frequency, by means of an undisclosed technique. The results, as shown here, appear to be coupling-free phase values, in milliradians, comparable to our *extrapolated* phases. Although an *anomaly* was *recorded, it does net*  correlate very well with known sulfide distribution. The shape of the response indicates that sulfides ought to be about Z, 000 feet deep. ZERO were reported to have had trouble reading at Sol, owing to high noise levels. Presumably this is a result of their low transmitter output (2 amps.).

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Ts - Tertiary lake bed sediments  $\frac{1}{2}$  5-10 vol.<sup>0</sup>/0 pyrite Tv - Tertiary Volcanics  $\therefore$  2-5 vol. % pyrite Ka - Cretaceous andesites --- Base of oxidation TKg - Laramide porphyry ? no cutoff to sulfides.

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 $SOL$ 

THEORETICAL VS. DISERVED COUPLING.

USING WEST HALF OF LINE . THEORETICAL COUPLING BASED ON:

 $5$  ohm-m.

 $1000<sup>7</sup>$ .  $50 cm-m$ 

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SOL<br>GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA MGS TIME-DOMAIN VS. V.I.P. DATA

2000'





SOL 8 GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA  $P.D.$ 'DECOUPLED' vs. V.I.P. DATA

2000

**SCALE** 

2000'

LINE NUMBER 1



MCPHAR 'MULTIMODE' VS. V.I.P. DATA

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ZERO 'CR' vs. V.I.P. DATA

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#### SURVEY STATISTICS AND COST ESTIMATE (INCLUDING OVERHEAD)

#### Sol (Amax) Sulfide System (Project Name and District) Code No. 04217210

To: February 20, 1975 Time Interval From: February 19, 1975

Lapsed Days 2 Field Days 2 Mob/Demob Travel Days 0 Expl Days(1)  $\mathbf{2}$ 



#### **Estimated Costs**



#### Notes:

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(1) Expl. Days = Field Days + Mob. /Demob. Travel Days

(2) TMED - Technical man exploration days, NTMED = Non-technical man exploration (3) \$70/day for an IP crew and \$15/day for gravity/magnetic/EM crew

(4) \$180/day for an IP crew and \$110/day for gravity/magnetic/EM crew

Remarks:



## *Bear Creek Mining Company*

*TUCSON Office* 

Exploration Subsidiary of Kennecott Copper Corporation -- Metal Mining Division

February *16,* 1978

Mr. Charles Mil|er AMAX Exploration, Inc. 130 South Scott Avenue Tucson, Arizona 85701

Dear Charles:

Subject: IP Work at Sol Prospect, Arizona

Bear Creek Mining Company conducted three (3) line miles of IP survey at the subiect prospect during January 26 through 31, 1978. A five man crew made the survey and the *cost* of the survey is  $$1,800.00$ .

i am enclos;ng a sketch map showlng the IP fine and a copy of the IP data.

We appreciate the opportunity to test our equipment on the subject prospect.

Sincerely,

*F. f3Fa|ne Greenhalgh*  Landman

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Enclosures

cc: CIaron E. Macke|prang







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**Bear Creek Mining Company** 

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Files DATE: May 4, 1978

FROM: C. E. Mackelprang

SUBJECT: TEST OF MARK 1V SQUARE **WAVE RECEIVER OVER THE**  SOL SULFIDE SYSTEM, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA

Because poor comparison of phase *data* was obtained on *Phe Saffard NorPhwest*  prospect between Mark IV sine wave and square wave detection receivers, it was necessary to compare *results* aver known su|ffde systems. AMAX's Sol sulfide system was a logical choice in that its phase anomaly was associated with low background apparent reslstlvities.

Two lines were repeated, Line IA north-south outside the AMAX claim block and Line 1 east-west across the sulfide system for which permission was obtained from AMAX. Apparent reslsfivifies are comparable on both Iines in data taken with the two receivers. Phase data are nat as good. The north end of Line 1A had a deep response upwards of 70 mils using the sine wave detection. This response disappeared when the line was mad *using a receiver* with *square wave*  detection. Only a deep, weak response which appears valid remalned beneath Stations 3-4 south.

Line 1, trending east-west, has several drill holes along it with sulfide intercepts recorded. Phase data with *both* sine and square wave receivers dis play a coherent anomaly. The square wave data, however, apparently have less inherent noise with increasing n-separatlon. These data also have a *magnitude*  roughly 80 *percent that* from the sine wave receiver.

The results obtained with the square wave detection receivers appear much more plausible. Furthermore, the sine wave receivers appear capable of generating *"ghost" anomalies° Such certainly has been the* case of VIP Line 1A at Sol.

Mackelprang

cc: R. K. Andrews





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## GEOLOGY, GEOCHEMISTRY, ALTERATION, AND MASS TRANSFER IN THE SOL PROSPECT, A SUB-ECONOMIC PORPHYRY COPPER-MOLYBDENUM DEPOSIT, SAFFORD DISTRICT,

GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Element and mineral gains and losses resulting from alteration in the Sol porphyry copper deposit were studied to determine characteristics that distinguish this subeconomic occurrence from productive, or potentially productive, porphyry copper systems. Time-integrated fluxes of components were analyzed along with fracture abundances, paragenetic relationships, and calculated mineral stabilities to determine the most favorable parts of the system for copper-molybdenum mineralization, and to evaluate the efficiency of transport and depositional mechanisms across the system.

Laramide hornblende quartz monzonite porphyry intruded the sedimentary-volcanic pile at Sol but resulted in no significant copper mineralization. A younger hornblende-biotite diorite porphyry intruded the quartz monzonite and volcanic pile under a modified stress field and resulted in significant copper-molybdenum mineralization. Highest copper values were deposited in quartz monzonite and volcanic sediments adjacent to the diorite porphyry. No high copper values were deposited in the diorite porphyry because the activity of Fe+++ and  $f(0<sub>2</sub>)$  were kept high by the presence of magnetite. Low fracture abundance in the diorite did not provide the permeability necessary for circulating hydrothermal fluids to leach and redistribute the 0.06% average copper values present in the upper portions of the stock. Silica, potassium, sulfur, and molybdenum were added to zones of highest estimated permea-



Location of Known Porphyry Copper Deposits and Premineral Figure 1. Outcrop in the Safford District. -- Geology adapted from Dunn, 1978.

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During the logging procedure, all core not significantly affected by supergene alteration was examined by the author. Mesoscopic study of the core consisted of routine recording of thefollowing data; rock type; volumes of primary and alteration minerals in each ten-foot interval; veinlet paragenesis and paragenetic sequence; the number of mineralized fractures per foot of core; and the dips of any contacts, schlieren, or alignments of phenocrysts in chill zones of the intrusive rocks. Thirty samples of the intrusive rocks were chosen to characterize fresh rock composition and the composition of various alteration assemblages in the intrusive rocks, and to check previous chemical analyses. Bulk and grain density measurements were also carried out on these representative samples, and approximately ii0 thin sections were examined to determine the mineralogies of the alteration assemblages, to estimate mineral percentages, and to choose representative mineral samples for analysis with the microprobe.

Chemical, mineralogic, and density data were used to calculate mineral and element-gains and losses and porosity in the abovementioned 30 samples using the Fortran IV program QUANMIN developed by Norton and Koolvard as described in Villas and Norton (1977) and Villas (1975), Mineral and element gains and losses were also calculated for an additional 18 50-foot composite samples which were relatively free of supergene alteration. The mass abundances of

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