

## **APPENDIX A**

### Fieldwork Report

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## **IRON VALLEY**

### **Fieldwork undertaken for the Below Water Table Mining Groundwater Study**

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## **1 BACKGROUND**

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BC Iron (BCI) have already assessed the option of mining the existing ore body lying above the water table at Iron Valley and have received Ministerial approval to proceed. BCI would now like to assess the option of mining below the water table and AQ2 were asked to help assess the potential impacts that mining could have on the surface and groundwater systems, as well as the measures that would need to be introduced to reduce any impacts.

The Iron Valley deposit is located in the central Pilbara, adjacent to the Weeli Wolli Creek and upstream of the Fortescue Marsh system (Figure 1). Both of these surface water systems are sensitive, requiring careful management of adjacent water resources. These surface water systems are linked to the adjacent groundwater systems, so any changes to the groundwater are likely to have an impact on the adjacent surface water. With the ore body known to be a major aquifer, dewatering at moderate to high pumping rates is expected, while the cone of dewatering may extend as far as the adjacent Weeli Wolli Creek and into the Fortescue River valley (where saline groundwater is known to occur). It is clear then, that water management at the site will be an important part of any approvals assessment.

### **1.1 Key Issues**

AQ2 believes that the key issues related to assessing the hydrogeology and hydrology and in gaining approval to mine below the water table are:

- The volume of dewatering necessary to allow mining below the water table;
- Impacts of dewatering on the Weeli Wolli Creek;
- Excess water disposal and impacts of disposal plans proposed (on flow volumes and water chemistry);
- Potential changes in groundwater quality due to intrusion of saline water associated with the Fortescue Marsh;
- Potential impacts of dewatering on groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs) including vegetation, and stygofauna;
- Diversion of intercepted upstream surface water flow paths;
- Management of stormwater runoff generated on the mine site;
- Acceptable water resources management after mine closure.

### **1.2 Scope of Work**

Prior to assessment of the above listed key issues, it was necessary to collect site specific data. A fieldwork programme was carried out and is reported on in this report.

## 2 FIELDWORK UNDERTAKEN

The fieldwork programme was based on a review of all available data and work undertaken during the earlier above water table mining study. Historical groundwater related fieldwork (see References for list of previous URS studies) has covered the installation of ten monitoring bores and two test bores (Table 1). However, aquifer parameter information was only obtained from packer tests of two geotechnical bores. As a result, it was still necessary to collect site specific groundwater data to:

- obtain data on the permeability of the orebody aquifer and adjacent bedrock material;
- better understand the extension of the orebody aquifer system, especially to the north, where it could potentially be in direct contact with the saturated alluvium of the Weeli Wolli Creek;
- assess the permeability of the river alluvium along the southern end of the main pit and possible connections to the underlying orebody aquifer.

The work undertaken to collect the data required was:

- Installation of 50mm pvc casing into 2 existing, open RC mineral exploration bores to north of the dyke and permeability testing of these bores.
- Installation of 50mm casing into four selected open mineral exploration bores that pass through the pit walls and permeability testing of these bores, to ascertain the pit wall hydraulic properties.
- Permeability testing of all monitoring bores installed previously.
- Sampling of all the monitoring bores tested (same time as permeability testing).
- Logging of the saltwater transition in bores to the north and north-east of the mine site, where access is possible. Down the hole conductivity profiling to take place (undertaken by AQ2 staff), to identify the transition from fresh to saline water.
- Aquifer tests on the two existing production bores, to determine hydrogeological properties of the aquifer.

**Table 1: Details of Existing Bores**

Bore	Type	Easting (m)	Northing (m)	Completion Date	Total Depth (mbgl)	Screen Depth (mbgl)
MBA	Monitoring bore	739780.392	7485810.512	24-Feb-12	86	49-86
MBC	Monitoring bore	738371.000	7485400.000	5-Dec-11	162	54-162
MBD	Monitoring bore	738398.529	7485251.231	29-Nov-11	146	54-144
MBE	Monitoring bore	738045.000	7484794.000	10-Nov-11	136.5	39-136
MBF	Monitoring bore	737627.000	7484196.000	9-Dec-11	130	40-124
MBG	Monitoring bore	737899.977	7484191.235	11-Dec-11	128	44-122
MBH	Monitoring bore	738617.946	7485601.365	24-Feb-12	104	34-104
MBJ	Monitoring bore	736443.981	7481199.218	26-Feb-12	140	10-64
MBK	Monitoring bore	739240.607	7484895.366	9-Feb-12	128	90-128
MBL	Monitoring bore	737326.000	7482593.000	24-Feb-12	113	53-113
PB01	Production bore	738127.483	7485006.600	25-Nov-11	142.5	58-142.5
PB02	Production bore	737704.000	7484194.000	29-Jan-12	170	58.5-154.5

### 3 MONITORING BORE INSTALLATION

#### 3.1 Work Undertaken

During May 2015, six existing exploration holes were converted to monitoring bores, by re-entering and cleaning the holes and equipping with 50mm PVC casing, gravel-packs and bentonite seals. An R/C drill-rig equipped with a downhole hammer and 5½" bit was employed to clean, and where necessary, to open up collapsed exploration holes.

Table 2 details the chosen exploration holes, while locations of existing monitoring bores and the new monitoring bores, are shown in Figure 2. Of the six sites chosen, three were successfully re-entered and bores constructed as planned. In two cases, the existing holes were open to such depths that backfilling to the planned "base of casing" proved impractical and new bores were drilled and completed adjacent to the exploration holes. In one instance, environmental approvals required that a new bore be drilled some 50m away from the planned position.

Existing monitor bores in and around the Iron Valley mine site have been numbered from MBA –MBL and the new bores were numbered MBM – MBR. Detailed logs showing geology, construction and static water levels (SWLs) are presented in Appendix A.

**Table 2: Details of New Monitor bores Constructed**

Monitor Bore ID	Exploration Hole ID	Collar East	Collar North	Exploration Hole Type	Exploration Hole Diameter	Casing installed	Slotted casing depths (m bgl)	SWL (m bgl) on 15 Mar 2015
<b>MBM</b>	IV233 / IV234	736,900	748,2550	RC	140mm	0-46m x 50mm uPVC	13-25	12.89
<b>MBN</b>	IV228	737,457	748,3593	RCD	140mm	0-124m x 50mm uPVC	18-116	17.11
<b>MBO</b>	IV227	737,590	748,3803	RCD	140mm	0-124m x 50mm uPVC	12-120	14.14
<b>MBP</b>	IV357	737,695	748,4100	RCD	unknown	0-64m x 50mm uPVC	12-60	12.13
<b>MBQ</b>	IV379	737,848	748,5398	RCD	unknown	0-64m x 50mm uPVC	54-100	54.36
<b>MBR</b>	IV196	738,309	748,5399	RC	140mm	0-100m x 50mm uPVC	54-100	46.41

Details on the drilling of each hole are provided below:

- Initially two sites were selected for **MBM**, viz. mineral exploration bores IV233 and IV234. However as, environmental clearance was unavailable for either site, MBM was drilled at a new position in the alluvium some 50m south of IV233 and IV234.
- MBN** was designed to be constructed to 116m in existing exploration hole IV228 which was originally drilled to 278m. The hole was cleared by re-drilling to 124m (limit of drill-rods) where caving and collapse effectively backfilled the lower part of the hole. Construction was completed as planned.

- **MBO** was constructed in IV227 with the base of the PVC casing planned at 120m. The hole was open to this depth but an additional 4m was drilled using the hammer to ensure the remainder of the hole was blocked by caving and collapse. Construction was as planned.
- **MBP** was planned to be constructed to 64m in IV357 which was tagged and found to be open to 120m. Attempts to backfill from 120 – 64m were unsuccessful with the backfill (low-grade fines) continually bridging off near the surface. A decision was made to drill a new bore close to IV357 on the same drill-pad.
- **MBQ** was constructed in IV379 with the base of the PVC casing at 100m. Originally drilled to 144m, IV379 was tagged at 102.5m after the re-drill with caving and collapse effectively backfilling the lower part of the hole. Construction was as planned.
- **MBR** was planned for IV196 where tagging showed the hole to be open to at least 200m. In light of the experience at MBP it was decided against backfilling to the required depth of 100m and a new bore was drilled on the same pad.



## 4 AIRLIFT PERMEABILITY TESTING

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### 4.1 Work Undertaken

Airlift permeability testing was completed in all of the monitoring bores at Iron Valley (Table 3), to gain some understanding of the aquifer permeability in each of the bores. The bores testing included the original 10 bores MBA to MBL (excluding MBB and MBI which don't exist), as well as the six new bores (MBM to MBR) which were re-drilled and equipped during this programme (Figure 2).

At all sites, the testing was undertaken by the Resource Water Group (RWG), covering the provision and operation of the trailer-mounted compressor, installation of the airline and pressure transducers, construction of the V-Notch and undertaking of the test. Programming of the pressure transducer loggers and measurement of flows over the V-Notch was the responsibility of the supervising hydrogeologist from AQ2. The setup utilized for airlifting is shown in Figure 3.

At most sites, a single airlift was completed over a nominal period of 1 hour. In the case of MBC and MBD, two airlifts were completed, with the airline at different depths while at MBF, four airlifts were completed with the airline at different depths. In most cases the logger was suspended 15 or 20m below the airline. Exceptions to this occurred during some of the tests which had the airline at different depths. Where airlifting could not be carried out due to submergence issues (bore MBM), a slug test was undertaken to assess the permeability.

Airlift yields from the narrow diameter bore casing was low, ( $< 0.45\text{L/s}$ ). Water quality measurements (EC and pH) were collected at each bore and will be discussed in more detail in the Water Quality section. Test details summarised in Table 3, while the airlift data is provided in Appendix B.

### 4.2 Results

#### 4.2.1 Aquifer permeability

The data from the airlift testing exercise was subjected to analysis. Generally, the drawdown data was unsuitable for analysis, but the recovery data allowed analysis, essentially by the Theis Recovery Method. The exception was MBM where, a slug-test was completed and the results analysed by the Bower-Rice method. Results are presented in Table 4.

Table 3: Monitoring bores – Airlift Details

Bore ID	No of Airlifts	Airlift Duration (hrs:mins)	Reading frequency (sec)	Airlift depths (mbgl)	Logger depths (mbgl)	V Notch (L/sec)	pH	EC (uS/cm)	Comments
MBA	1	1:16	1	50	70	0.05	8.1	807	
MBC	2	1:10	1	100, 80	120, 120	0.01	8.13	950	
MBD	2	0:51	30	80, 70	120, 120	0.45	7.55	934	Test terminated early due to excessive back pressure
MBE	1	1:00	30	70	90	0.45	7.81	911	Extended recovery time due to clearing the area close to the ramp
MBF	4	2:08	30	104, 90, 70, 70	111, 111, 111, 111	0.31	7.83	995	
MBG	1	1:00	30	70	80	0.45	8.02	981	
MBH	1	1:00	1	70	90	0.05	8.25	621	
MBJ	1	0:42	30	40	55	0.03	7.92	390	Logger malfunction, retested
MBJ Retest	1	0:17	30	40	55	0.03	7.92	390	Shorter recovery as known from last test recovery is fast
MBK	1	1:02	30	70	90	0.15	7.93	1141	
MBL	1	1:00	30	70	90	0.37	7.92	955	
MBM	Slug test	0:00	1						20L added at 07:00
MBN	1	1:00	30	70	90	0.19	8.13	1006	Extended recovery time due to slow recovery on others
MBO	1	1:00	1	70	90	0.11	8.03	915	
MBP	2	2:20	30	50, 50	57, 57	0.15	8.08	925	Airlift blew logger up hole on both tries
MBQ	1	1:07	30	70	90	0.02	8.31	824	
MBR	1	1:00	30	80	90	0.08	8.17	873	

Table 4: Results of Permeability Testing of Monitor Bores

Bore ID	Pumping Test Type	Screened in Formation	Transmissivity (m <sup>2</sup> /d)	K (m/d)	Analysis	Comments
MBA	Airlift	Mineralised Weeli Wolli	19	0.2	Theis Recovery	
MBC	Airlift	Mineralised Weeli Wolli (possibly BRK at the base)	0.06	0.0002	Theis Recovery	Screens from 54-72, 84-90. 114-120, 126-132 & 144-162.
MBD	Airlift	Mineralised Weeli Wolli (possibly BRK at the base)	18	0.13	Theis Recovery	Screens from 54-60, 66-72, 78-84, 90-96, 102-108, 114-120, 126-132 & 138-144
MBE	Airlift	Mineralised Brockman	134	1.03	Theis Recovery	
MBF	Airlift	Mineralised Brockman	6.4	0.06	Theis Recovery	Screens from 40-52, 58-64, 70-76, 82-88, 94-100, 106-112 & 118-124
MBG	Airlift	Mineralised Weeli Wolli	10.6	0.07	Theis Recovery	Screens from 44-56, 62-74, 80-86, 92-98, 104-110 & 116-122m.
MBH	Airlift	Mineralised Weeli Wolli	13.6	0.10	Theis Recovery	
MBJ	Airlift	Mineralised Weeli Wolli	0.1	0.002	Theis Recovery	
MBK	Airlift	Mineralised Weeli Wolli	18	0.16	Theis Recovery	Only smaller drilled diameter has been used (0-90m = 0.25m and 90-128m = 0.165)
MBL	Airlift	Mineralised Weeli Wolli	84	0.80	Theis Recovery	
MBM	Airlift	Alluvium	20	0.80	Theis Recovery	SWL below top of screen - Low confidence of slug test analysis
MBN	Airlift	Mineralised Weeli Wolli	6.5	0.05	Theis Recovery	SWL below top of screen
MBO	Airlift	Mineralised Weeli Wolli	5.5	0.05	Theis Recovery	SWL below top of screen
MBP	Airlift					Test not completed - 2 failed attempts
MBQ	Airlift	Detrital/Ore (Ore = Joffre)	14	0.20	Theis Recovery	Poor Analysis
MBR	Airlift	Mineralised Brockman (Joffre)	5.1	0.04	Theis Recovery	

Analysis of the airlift data (Appendix B) shows a range in permeabilities between  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  and 1 m/day. These permeabilities are lower than would have been expected, with the suggestion that the diamond drilling (without any consequent bore development), has resulted in the clogging of the aquifers.

## 5 AQUIFER TESTING

The two production bores used at the mine site (PB1 and PB2) were subjected to full aquifer testing (step, constant rate and recovery analysis).

### 5.1 Work Undertaken

In order to complete the step rate tests and constant rate tests (SRT and CRT) in production bores PB1 and PB2 (see Figure 2), the existing pump infrastructure was removed/disconnected by RWG. This included the submersible pump, the generator and switchbox, the electrical cabling and all the pipework. RWG utilized their own equipment, comprising a 300kVA generator, a submersible pump capable of delivering 10 – 50 L/sec water, a 4" riser and 6" lay-flat hosing.

#### 5.1.1 Bore PB1

At PB1, the bore depth is 140m with continuous screens installed from 58-140m. The pump inlet was set at 117mbgl. Three existing exploration holes were utilized as monitor bores. One of these was confirmed as IV369 while the other two were not numbered and were named MB Mike and MB Steve. Details are provided in Table 5 below. The lay-flat discharged water at a point 450m from the wellhead.

**Table 5: Production and Monitor Bore Details for PB1**

Bore ID	Easting	Northing	Distance from PB (m)	SWL (mbtoc)
PB1	738128	7485007	0.00	7.93
MB Mike	738126	7484941	56.04	6.60
MB Steve	738072	7484949	80.62	9.58
IV369	738102	7485102	98.49	8.55

##### 5.1.1.1 Step Rate Test

Details of the SRT at PB1 are summarised in Table 6, with the water level response to pumping illustrated graphically in Figure 4. Full results are presented in Appendix C.

The bore is moderately high yielding, delivering 50 L/s, with a drawdown of ~3.6m at an efficiency of above 63%.

**Table 6: Step Test Details for PB1**

Step No.	Flow rate (L/sec)	Duration (mins)	Maximum Drawdown (m)
1	22	60	1.02
2	30	60	1.76
3	40	60	2.63
4	50	60	3.62

##### 5.1.1.2 Constant Rate Test

Based on the results of the SRT and the pump's ability, the pumping rate for the CRT was set at 40L/sec for a duration of 48 hours. Over this period the drawdown reached 3.03m. The results of

the CRT are presented in Figure 5. In the monitoring bores the maximum drawdowns were logged at 1.054 in IV369, 0.820 in MB Steve and 0.591 in MB Mike.

Recovery in PB1 was measured over a period of 23 hours at which time the bore had recovered to 8.10m, only 0.17m from the original SWL. Results are illustrated in Figure 6.

### 5.1.2 Bore PB2

PB2 was drilled to 170m with screens installed between 58.5 and 154.5m. The test pump was installed to a depth of 115m bgl. An existing monitoring bore (MBF) and an old exploration hole (IV391) were utilized as monitor bores. Details are provided in Table 7 below. The lay-flat discharged water at a point 600m from the wellhead. The SWL in PB2 was measured at 13.34mbrp.

**Table 7: Production and Monitor Bore Details for PB2**

Bore ID	Easting	Northing	Distance from PB2 (m)	SWL (m btoc)	Available Drawdown (m)
PB2	737704	7484194	0.00	13.34	102m
MBF	737627	7484196	77.03	13.40	117m
IV391	737752	7484298	114.54	10.69	>50m

#### 5.1.2.1 Step Rate Test (SRT)

Details of the SRT at PB2 are summarised in Table 8, while the water level response to pumping is illustrated graphically in Figure 7. Full results are presented in Appendix C.

The bore is moderately high yielding, delivering a maximum of 27 L/s, with a drawdown of ~54m at an efficiency of above 76%.

**Table 8: Step Test Details for PB2**

Step No.	Flow rate (L/sec)	Duration (mins)	Maximum Drawdown (m)
1	10	60	16.14
2	15	60	24.85
3	20	60	35.57
4	27	60	54.02

#### 5.1.2.2 Constant Rate Test

Based on the results of the SRT, the pumping rate for the CRT was set at 25L/sec for a duration of 48 hours. Over the pumping period the drawdown reached 48.76m and a total of 4.4ML was discharged. In monitor Bore MBF the drawdown after 48 hours was 0.558m and in IV391 it was 0.565. The results are presented graphically in Figure 8. In PB2 recovery to 13.75m was achieved after 110mins and in Monitor bore MBF recovery to 13.54 (SWL = 13.40) was reached in 120mins. Recovery was not measured in IV391.



## **5.2 Results of Aquifer Test Analysis**

### **5.2.1 Aquifer Permeability**

Various methods were used to analyse the aquifer test data from PB1 and PB2, as well as from the adjacent monitor bores. A summary of the results is presented in Table 9. Detailed results can be found in Appendix C.

The analysis shows the orebody aquifer to have variable permeability between 2-20 m/day, depending on the degree of fracturing and weathering, with a storativity between  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  -  $1 \times 10^{-4}$

Table 9: Aquifer permeability results from the Step and Constant Rate Tests at PB1 and PB2

Test Bore	Monitoring Bore	Bore Type	Pumping Test Type	Length of screen	Screened Formation	Transmissivity (m <sup>2</sup> /d)	K (m/d)	S	Analysis	Comments
PB1	PB1	Prod.	CRT	82	Mineralised Brockman	2701	21		Theis	Screens from 59 - 141
	PB1	Prod.	REC	82	Mineralised Brockman	2679	21		Theis Recovery	
	MB Steve	Mon.	CRT			2986		0.001	Theis	
	MB Mike	Mon.	CRT			3615		0.004	Theis	
	IV369	Mon.	CRT			2250		0.0005	Theis	
PB2	PB2	Prod.	CRT	61	Mineralised Brockman	80-280	0.5 - 1.75		Theis (unconfined and confined)	Screens from 58-61, 70-73, 81-84, 92-122 & 130-152.
	PB2	Prod.	REC	61	Mineralised Brockman	255 - 316	1.6 - 2.4		Theis Recovery	
	MBF	Mon.	CRT	40	Mineralised Brockman	3400		0.0001 - 0.00006	CJ Confined, Theis Confined, P/C Confined	Screens from 40-52m, 58-64, 70-76, 82-88, 94-100, 106-112 & 118-124.
	IV391	Mon.	CRT			1450	11.6	0.002	Theis Confined	

## 6 WATER SAMPLING

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### 6.1 Airlift sample collection

Samples were collected from each of the monitor bores during the permeability testing programme, with the exception of MBM, which did not yield any water. Detailed water chemistry results are presented in Appendix D.

The following chemical parameters were measured:

- pH in water
- Conductivity and TDS by calculation in water @ 25°C
- Alkalinity:       Total Alkalinity as CaCO<sub>3</sub>,  
                      Carbonate Alkalinity as CO<sub>3</sub>  
                      Bicarbonate Alkalinity as HCO<sub>3</sub>
- Chloride (Cl)
- Sulphate (SO<sub>4</sub>)
- Ca, K, Mg, Na,
- Total Iron
- As, Cd, Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Se, Zn, Mn, Al
- Mercury (Hg)

The following broad conclusions for the 15 monitor bores tested were reached:

- The pH is alkaline, with a narrow range from 8.2 – 8.6.
- The electrical conductivity (EC) lies in a range from 720 -1000µS/cm, except for bore MBJ which is much lower at 340µS/cm (top of the screens are in river alluvium of adjacent creek bed). As expected, the TDS follows a similar trend, ranging from 420 – 590mg/L, except for MBJ which measured 290mg/L.
- The ICPMS trace element results illustrate a few anomalies:
  - Total Iron varies from below detection (5µg/L) to 13µg/L in all but four samples which gave significantly higher results (20µg/L in MBJ, 34µg/L in MBK, 74µg/L in MBC and a highly anomalous 400µg/L in MBH.
  - As is elevated in MBL
  - Cd, Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Se and Hg are at or below detection in all bores.
  - Zn and Al are elevated in MBC and MBH
  - Mn ranges from below detection (1mg/L) to a maximum of 60mg/L in all bores except MBQ where it is strongly elevated at 210mg/L.

## 6.2 Aquifer test sample collection

PB1 and PB2 were both sampled at the end of the CR tests. Results are presented in Table 10. Hydrochemically, the two production bores are very similar and the water quality is that expected during the dewatering programme expected in the future. The main difference is Total Fe where PB1 (120µg/L) is far higher than PB2 (18µg/L) and is, in fact higher than all the monitor bores with the exception of MBH (see earlier discussion in section 4.2.2). Although most dissolved trace metals are below detection limit it is noteworthy that PB2 has significantly higher levels of Zn and Mn (37µg/L and 26µg/L) than PB1 (<5µg/L and 9µg/L).

**Table 10: Hydrochemistry of production bores PB1 and PB2**

		<b>PB1</b>	<b>PB2</b>
<b>Analyte Name</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Result</b>
pH**	pH Units	8.3	8.2
Conductivity @ 25 C	µS/cm	830	850
Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 175-185°C	mg/L	480	490
Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	270	280
Carbonate Alkalinity as CO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	<1	<1
Bicarbonate Alkalinity as HCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	330	340
Chloride, Cl	mg/L	87	86
Sulphate, SO <sub>4</sub>	mg/L	51	53
Calcium, Ca	mg/L	44	45
Potassium, K	mg/L	8.5	7.9
Magnesium, Mg	mg/L	44	45
Sodium, Na	mg/L	53	54
Total Iron	µg/L	120	18
Arsenic, As	µg/L	<1	<1
Cadmium, Cd	µg/L	<0.1	<0.1
Chromium, Cr	µg/L	<1	<1
Copper, Cu	µg/L	<1	<1
Nickel, Ni	µg/L	<1	<1
Lead, Pb	µg/L	<1	<1
Selenium, Se	µg/L	<1	<1
Zinc, Zn	µg/L	<5	37
Manganese, Mn	µg/L	9	26
Aluminium, Al	µg/L	<5	<5
Mercury	mg/L	<0.00005	<0.00005

## 7 ASSESSMENT OF FORTESCUE MARSH SALINE WEDGE

### 7.1 Work Undertaken

In order to refine the position and geometry of the Fortescue Marsh Saline Wedge, permission was obtained from the Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) to access nine monitor bores drilled on their Nyidinghu property, located directly to the north of the Iron Valley tenement, to measure SWL's and to conduct EC profiling measurements. All of these bores contain nested piezometers targeting deep, intermediate and shallow aquifers. Details of these bores are provided in Table 11 and a map of the bore locations is provided in Figure 9.

**Table 11: Nyidinghu Monitoring Bore Details**

Bore ID	Piezometer ID	Easting [m]	Northing [m]	Surface Elevation [mAHD]	Top of Screen [m bgl]	Base of screen (m bgl)	Casing Type
NMB1001	NMB1001_D	741702	7487160	456.28	195.5	243.5	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1001_I	741702	7487160	456.28	82	172	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1001_S	741702	7487160	456.28	34.5	64.5	50 mm PN18 uPVC
NMB1002	NMB1002_D	739797	7487024	457.75	250	256	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1002_I	739797	7487024	457.75	77	137	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1002_S	739797	7487024	457.75	46.6	64.6	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1002_WT	739797	7487024	457.75	14.5	32.5	50 mm PN18 uPVC
NMB1003	NMB1003_D	739096	7486580	459.9	93.3	99.3	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1003_I	739096	7486580	459.9	63.1	87.1	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1003_S	739096	7486580	459.9	18.6	54.6	50 mm PN18 uPVC
NMB1004	NMB1004_D	738684	7486156	468.6	121	177.5	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1004_I	738684	7486156	468.6	68	104	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1004_S	738684	7486156	468.6	34	58	50 mm PN18 uPVC
NMB1005	NMB1005_D	739981	7486157	461.12	199	247	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1005_I	739981	7486157	461.12	65	137	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1005_S	739981	7486157	461.12	25.3	43.3	50 mm PN18 uPVC
NMB1007	NMB1007_D	740130	7490200	449.96	152	164	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1007_I	740130	7490200	449.96	108	144	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1007_S	740130	7490200	449.96	64	94	50 mm PN18 uPVC
NMB1009	NMB1009_D	744593	7491209	444.44	218.2	226.2	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1009_I	744593	7491209	444.44	162.2	204.2	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1009_S	744593	7491209	444.44	73	151	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1009_WT	744593	7491209	444.44	26	50	50 mm PN18 uPVC
NMB1013A	NMB1013A_S	741101	7487394	462	45	57	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1013A_WTS	741101	7487394	462	24.2	36.2	50 mm PN18 uPVC
NMB1003B	NMB1013B_D	741113	7487395	462	114	176	50 mm PN18 uPVC
	NMB1013B_I	741113	7487395	461	66	96	50 mm PN18 uPVC

During the period 5 – 9 June 2015, AQ2 personnel measured SWL's in every piezometer and completed EC profiling. Previous SWL measurements had been recorded by FMG during 14 – 15 April 2015. A Heron EC dipper was used to measure the EC at intervals from static water level, either to the base of the bore or to the 150m limit of the dipper. In some bores the EC meter did not work effectively (possibly due to flotsam in the bore) and a full set of measurement could not be obtained. All the data from this exercise is attached as Appendix E.



## 7.2 Water Quality Profiles

Downhole profiles for all the Nyidinghu monitoring bores are attached in Appendix E. A summary of the results is presented in Table 12 (with the bores listed in order of their location away from the Iron Valley mine site), and a brief description of the characteristics of each bore follows:

**Table 12: Summary of Nyidinghu Downhole EC Profiles**

Bore ID	Water Type	Electrical Conductivity Range ( $\mu\text{S/cm}$ )
NMB1004S	Fresh	684 – 711
NMB1004I	Fresh	702 - 1059
NMB1004D	Fresh	1394 - 1477
NMB1003S	Fresh	669 - 730
NMB1003I	Fresh	556 – 631
NMB1003D	Fresh	774 - 862
NMB1005S	Fresh	405 – 418
NMB1005I	Fresh	401 - 484
NMB1005D	Fresh	463 – 526
NMB1002S	Fresh	431 – 439
NMB1002I	Fresh	441 – 506
NMB1002D	Saline	18,720 – 19,939
NMB1002WT	Blocked at 13.3m	Blocked at 13.3m
NMB1013AS	Fresh	376 – 377
NMB1013AWT	Fresh	435 - 474
NMB1013BD	Fresh	459 – 490
NMB1013BI	Fresh	485 – 497
NMB1001S	Fresh	520 - 599
NMB1001I	Fresh	601 - 622
NMB1001D	Fresh	490 - 498
NMB1007S	Fresh	417 – 431
NMB1007I	Fresh	323 – 338
NMB1007D	Fresh	557 - 572
NMB1009S	Brackish to Hypersaline	7,793 – 16,516
NMB1009I	Hypersaline	31,261 – 48,987
NMB1009D	Brackish to Hypersaline	6,736 – 112,963
NMB1009WTS	Brackish	2,967 – 3,134

Review of the data collected allows the following comments:

- Water quality generally decreases to the north-east of the Weeli Wolli Creek
- The shallow aquifers generally have a better quality than the deeper bedrock aquifers.
- Although all the water from **NMB1004** is classified as fresh, the quality from the deep piezo is markedly more saline than the shallow and intermediate. The profile for the intermediate piezo shows a marked inflection at around 70m from 700 $\mu\text{S/cm}$  to >1,000 $\mu\text{S/cm}$
- **NMB1003** was fresh in all 3 piezos with a range of 556-862 $\mu\text{S/cm}$
- **NMB1005** is all fresh ranging from 401 - 526 $\mu\text{S/cm}$

- **NMB1002** returned saline results ( $>18,000\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ ) from the deep piezo while those from the shallow and intermediate piezos were fresh. The deep piezo quality is anomalous, being higher than the bedrock quality in bores further to the north-east, into the Fortescue valley.
- **NMB1013** comprises two adjacent bores (NMB013A and B) which together contain 4 piezos. All returned EC values consistent with fresh water.
- **NMB1001** shows virtually no difference in EC with depth or between the 3 piezos at different depths. All results are in the range  $490\text{--}622\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ , signifying fresh water.
- **NMB1007** is all fresh ranging from  $323\text{--}572\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
- **NMB1009** is complex. There are 4 piezos nested in this bore with the two shallowest returning EC values in the brackish range while the intermediate piezo is hypersaline. The deep piezo showed a rapid deterioration in water quality over 5m, with the EC increasing from  $6,736\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  at 37m to  $11,191\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  at 42m (see Figure 10).

### 7.3 DoW Data

Data available from the Department of Water (DoW) database was utilized to assess the water quality further to the north-east of the FMG tenement. The DoW data distinguishes between the shallow, Tertiary aquifers and a deeper bedrock aquifer dominated by the Wittenoom Formation.

### 7.4 Location of Saline Wedge

The recently acquired FMG data, combined with that from the DoW was used in defining the position of the saline wedge to the north-east of Iron Valley.

The Tertiary aquifer exhibits fresh to slightly brackish water quality with the quality decreasing in a northerly direction away from the Hamersley Ranges, which represents the recharge zone. Typical TDS values range from  $<1,000\text{mg}/\text{L}$  ( $\sim 1500\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ ) near the ranges to  $6,000\text{mg}/\text{L}$  ( $8960\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ ) some 15km to the north (Figure 11).

The basement aquifer shows a significantly steeper saline gradient. Although water quality is similar in the south ( $<1,000\text{mg}/\text{L}$  TDS, salinity is in excess of  $70,000\text{mg}/\text{L}$  TDS ( $104,500\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ ) less than 10km further north.

The water sampled from the two production bores at the Iron Valley site is in the range of  $830\text{--}850\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  ( $480\text{--}490\text{mg}/\text{L}$  TDS). As a result, the majority of groundwater between the mine site and the Weeli Wolli Creek (which could be drawn in towards the areas of dewatering), is of a fresher water quality. The saline wedge (as is evident in bore NMB1009) is at least 7kms to the north-east.

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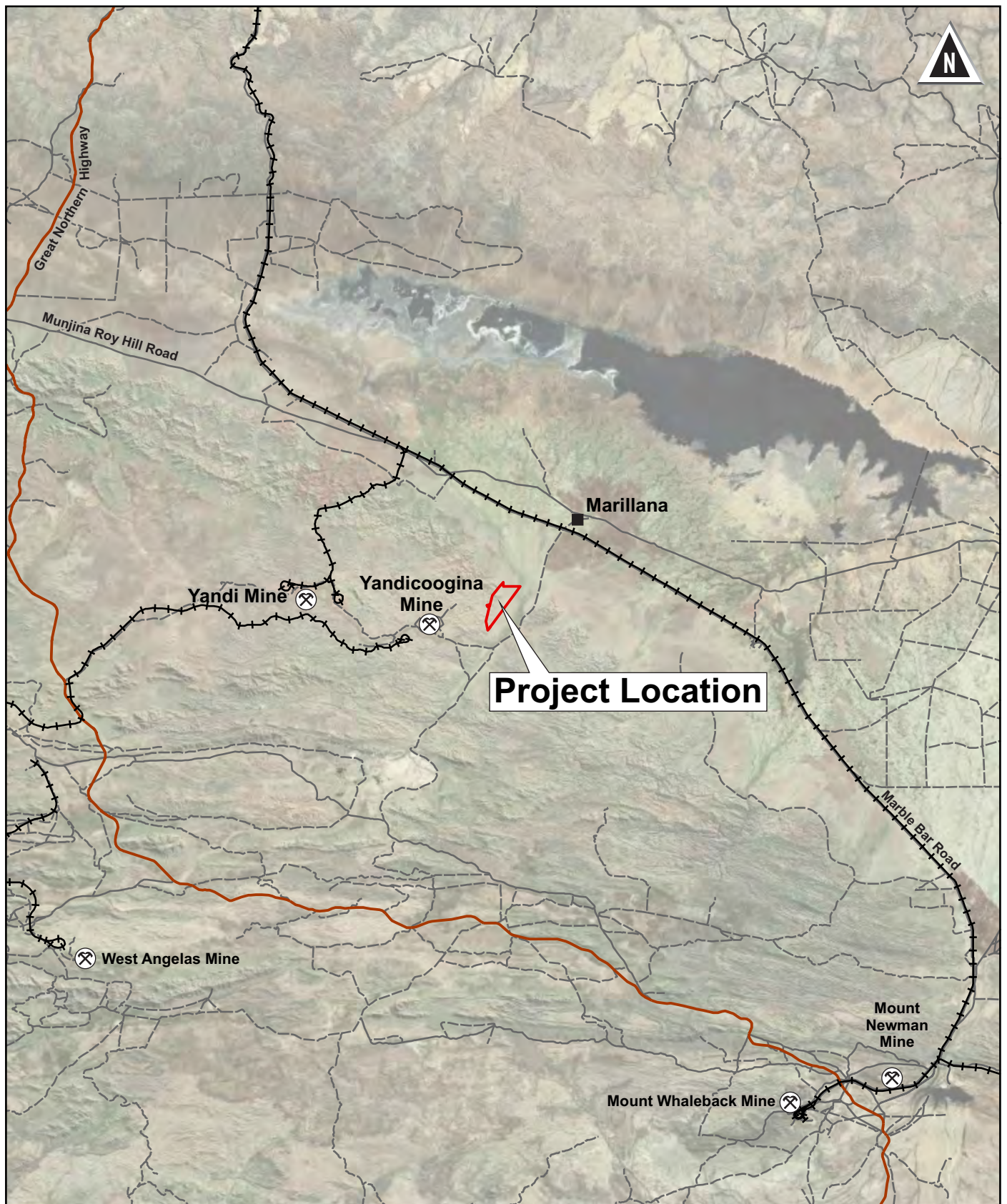
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## FIGURES



#### LEGEND

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| Homesteads       | Major Road |
| Project Location | Minor Road |
|                  | Track      |

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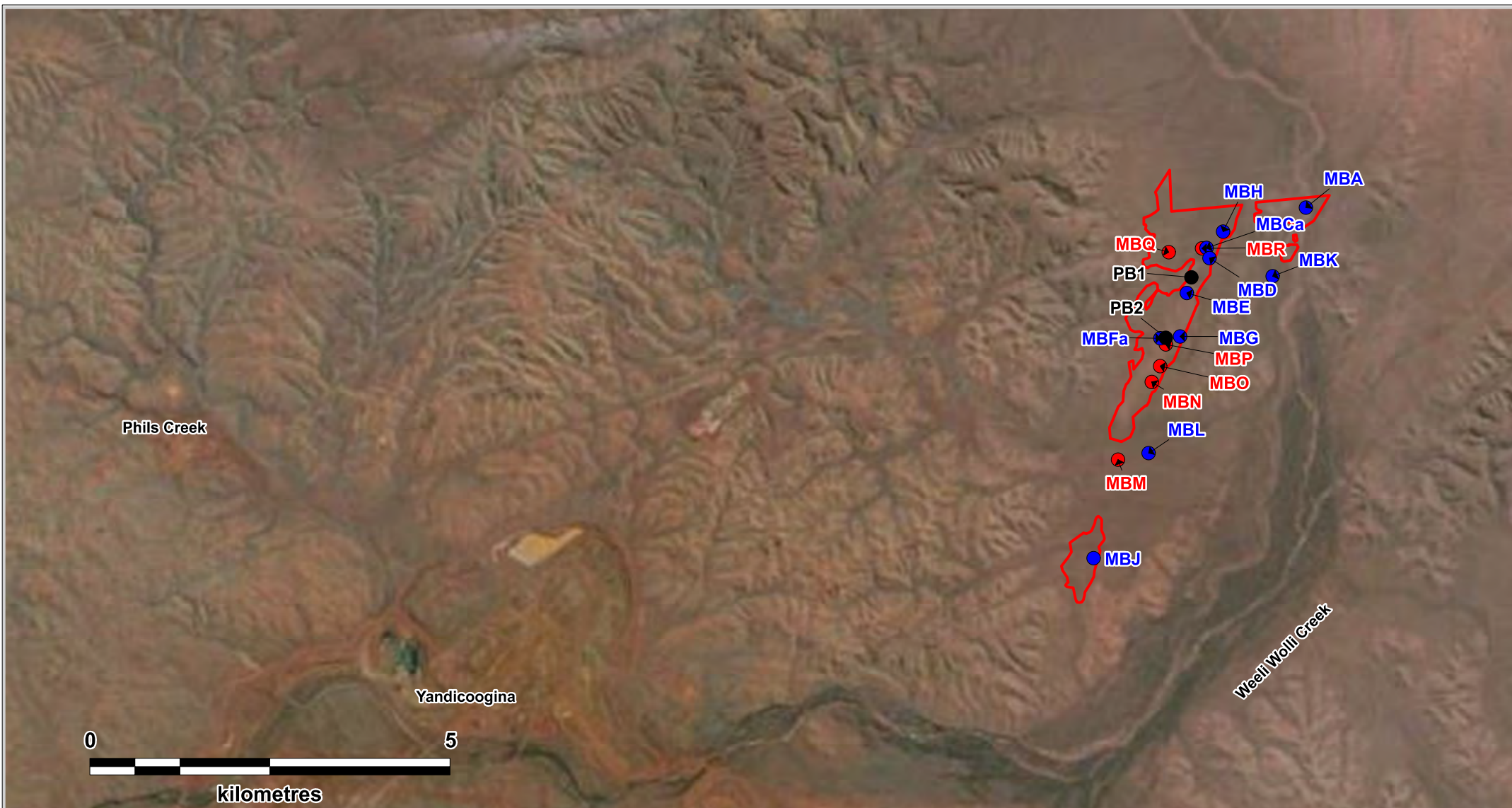
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**FIGURE 1  
IRON VALLEY PROJECT  
REGIONAL LOCATION**





LOCATION MAP



Location: XXXX

# KEY

- Production Bores
- Old Monitoring Bores
- New Monitoring Bores

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FIGURE 2  
LOCATION OF BORES





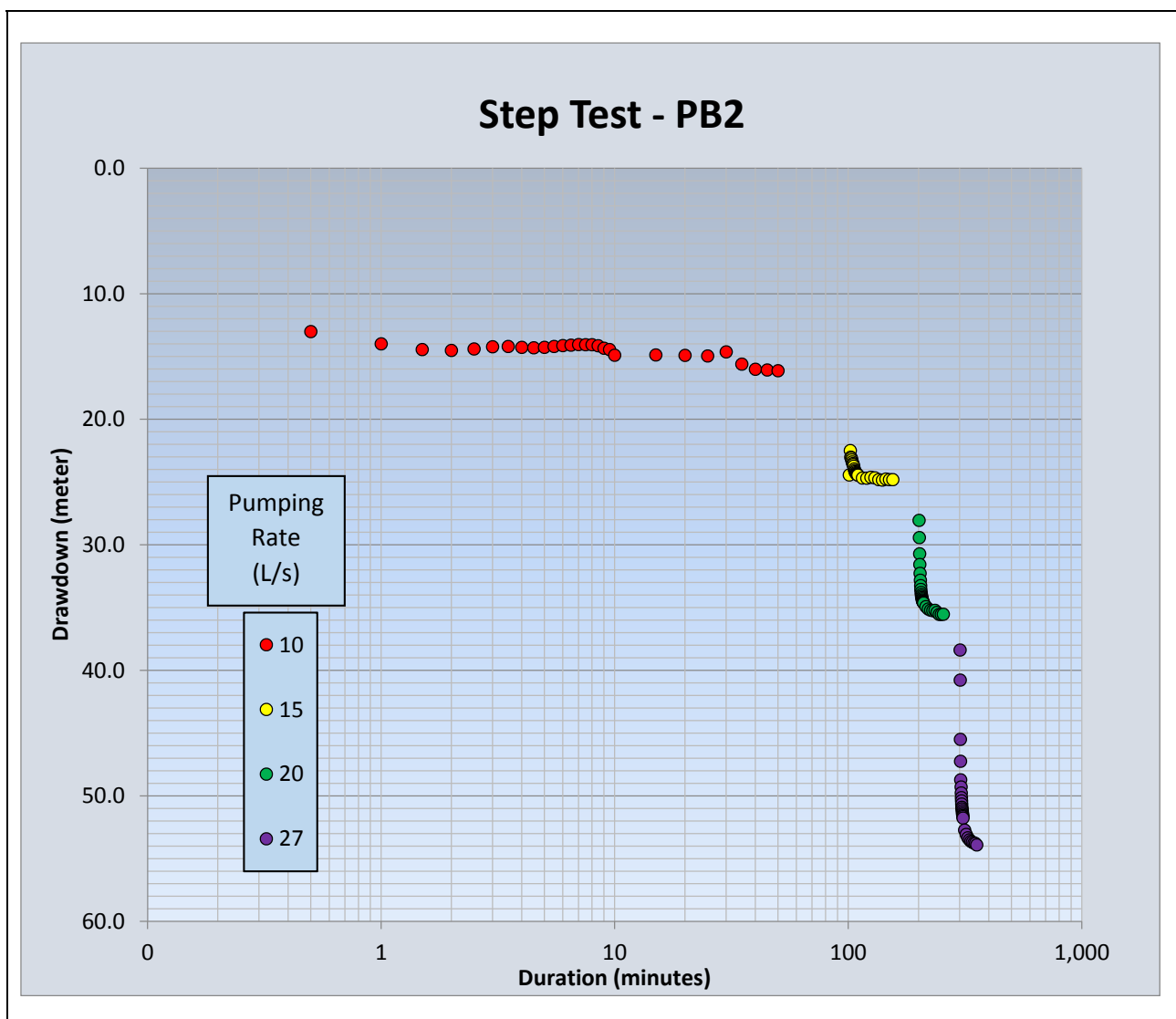
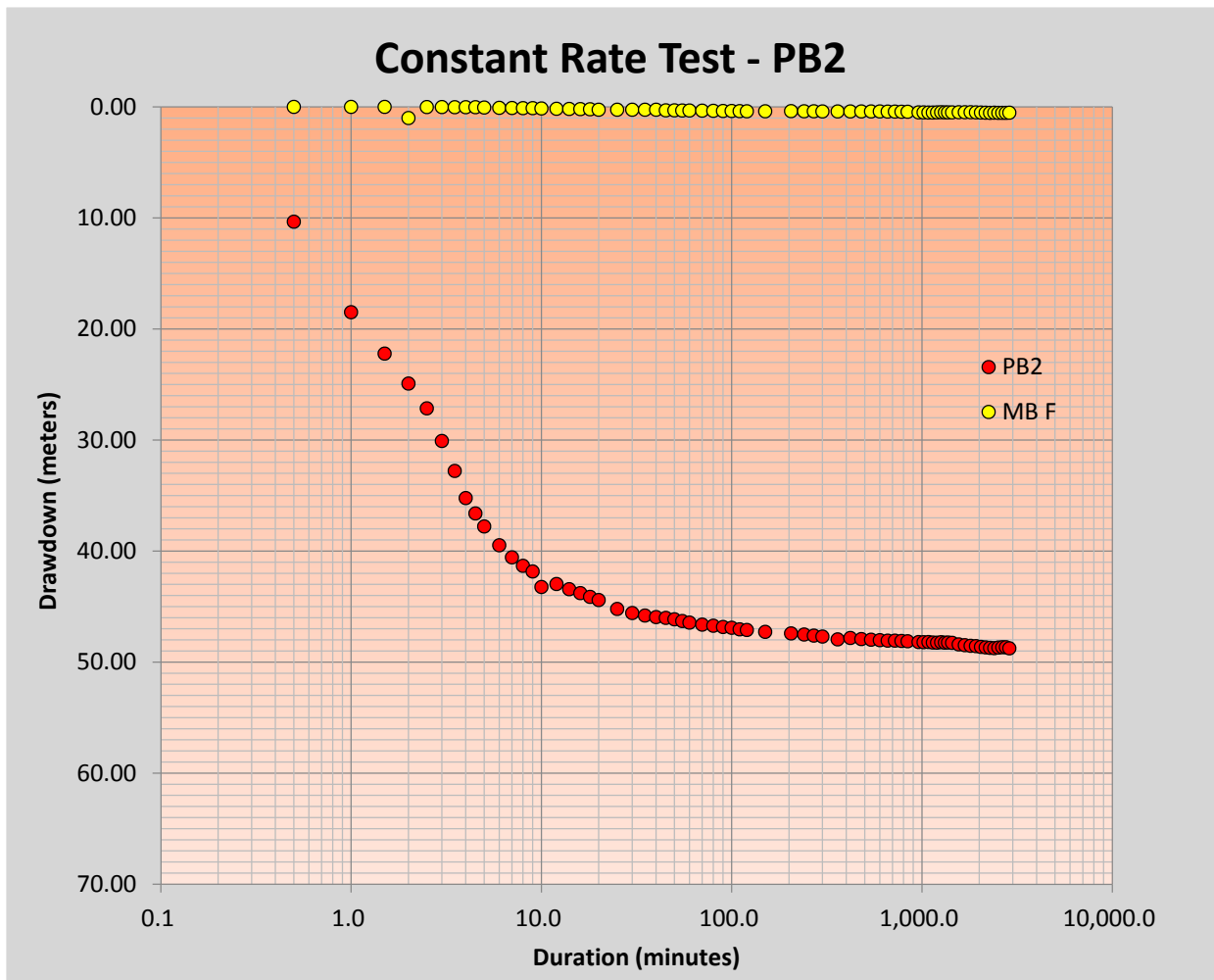


FIGURE 4: PB2 – Step Test Drawdown



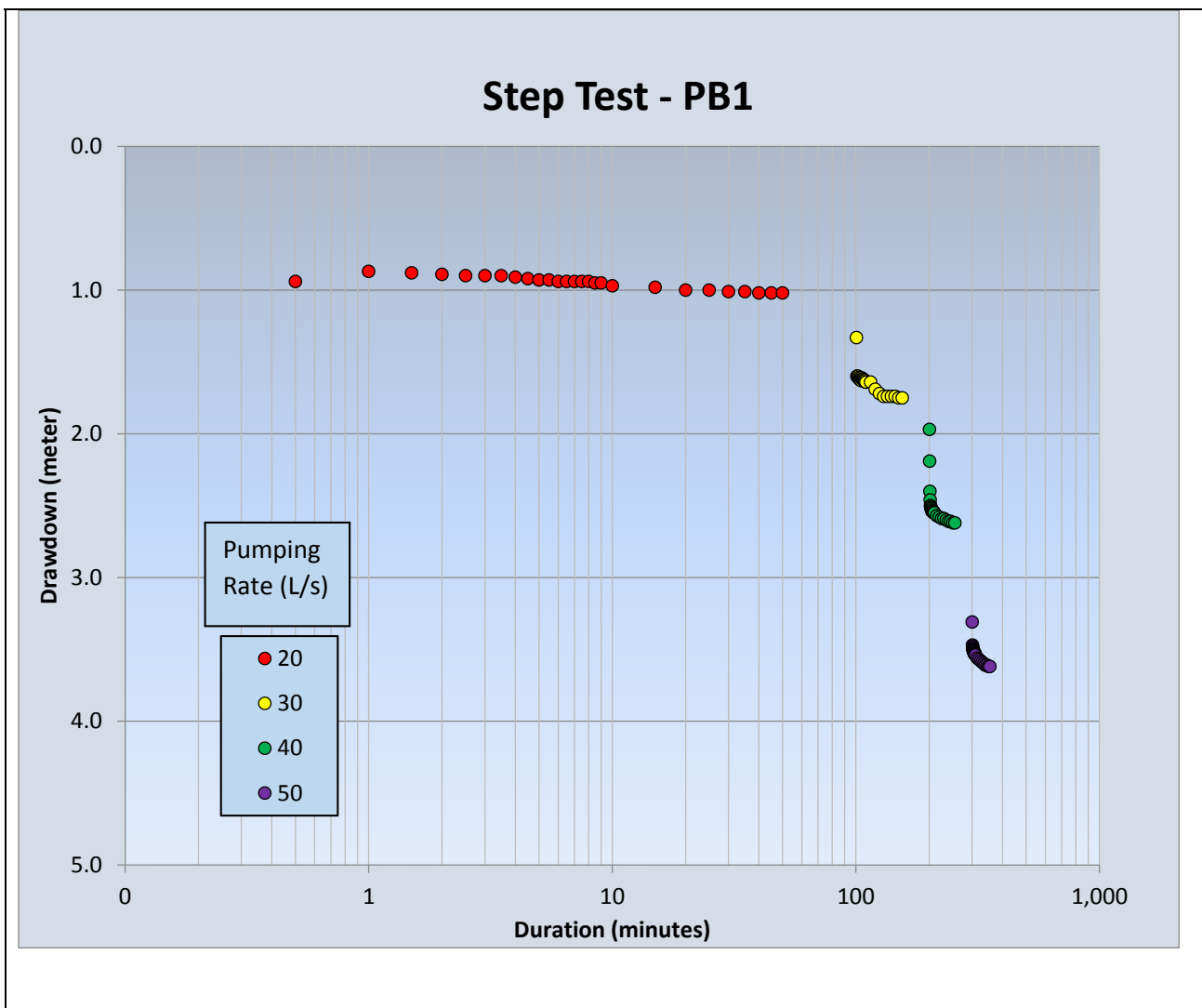


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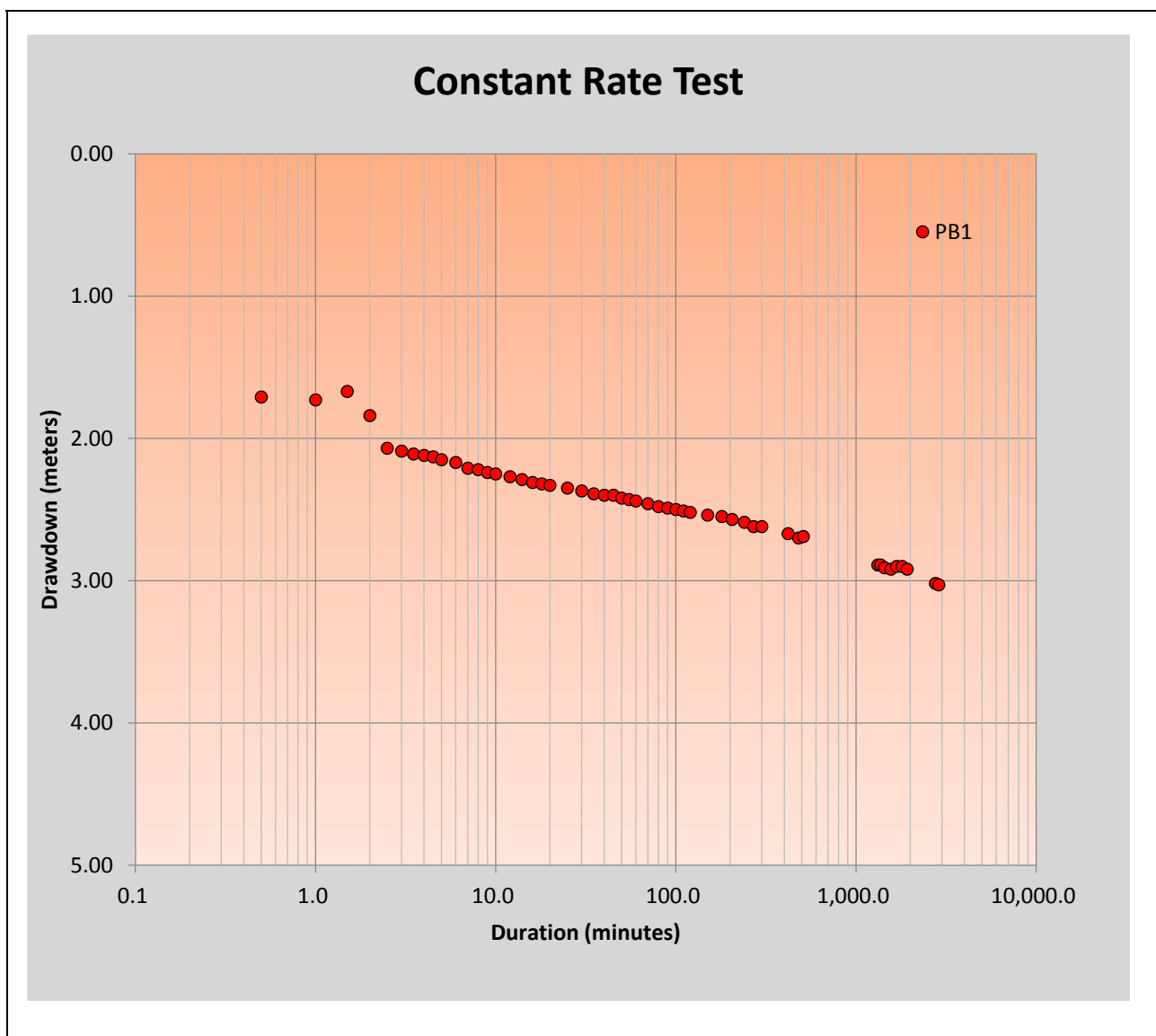


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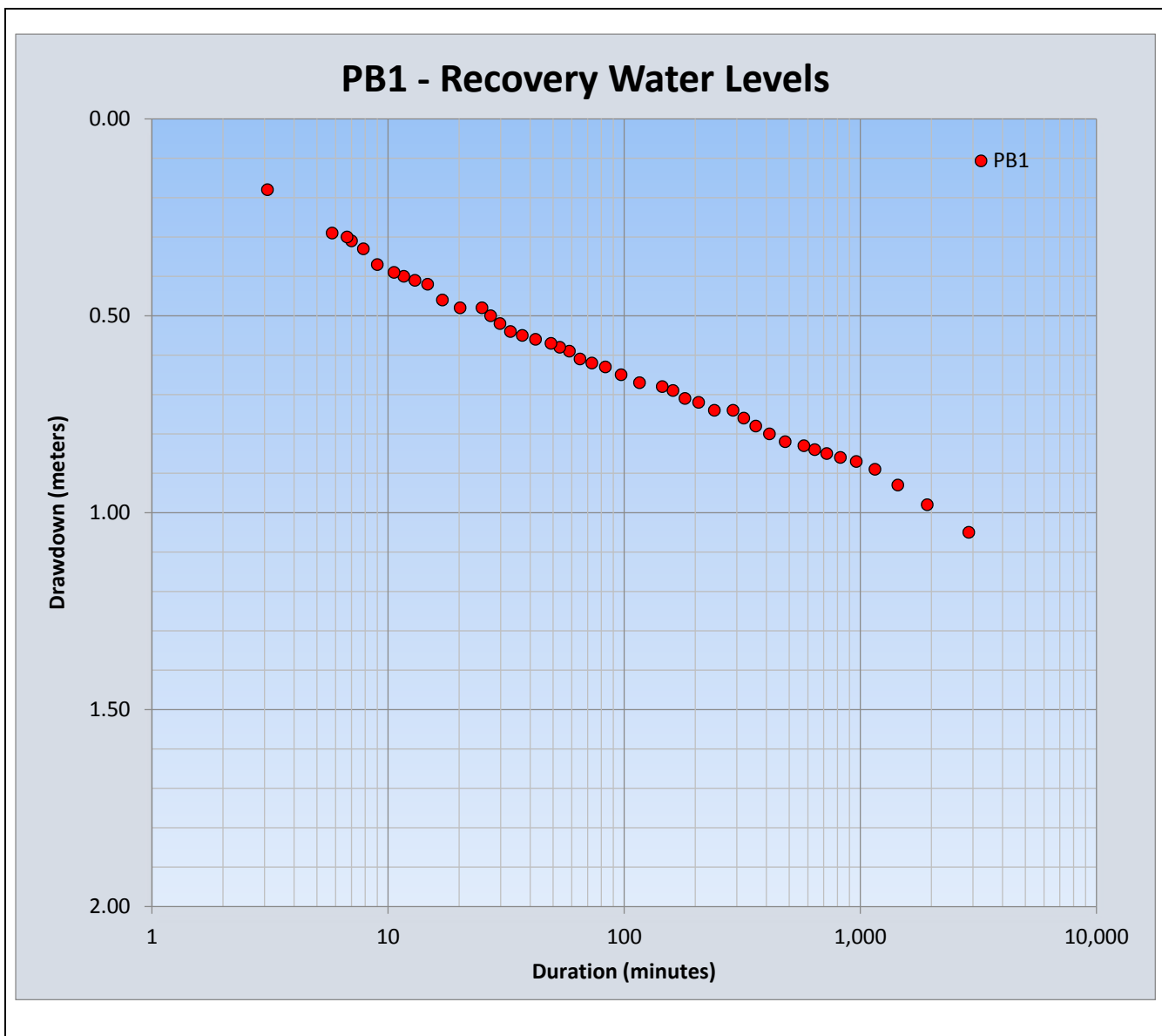


FIGURE 8: PB1 – Constant Rate Recovery





LOCATION MAP



Location: XXXX

# KEY

 Bores with EC Monitoring

 Tenement

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FIGURE 9  
LOCATION OF EC PROFILES



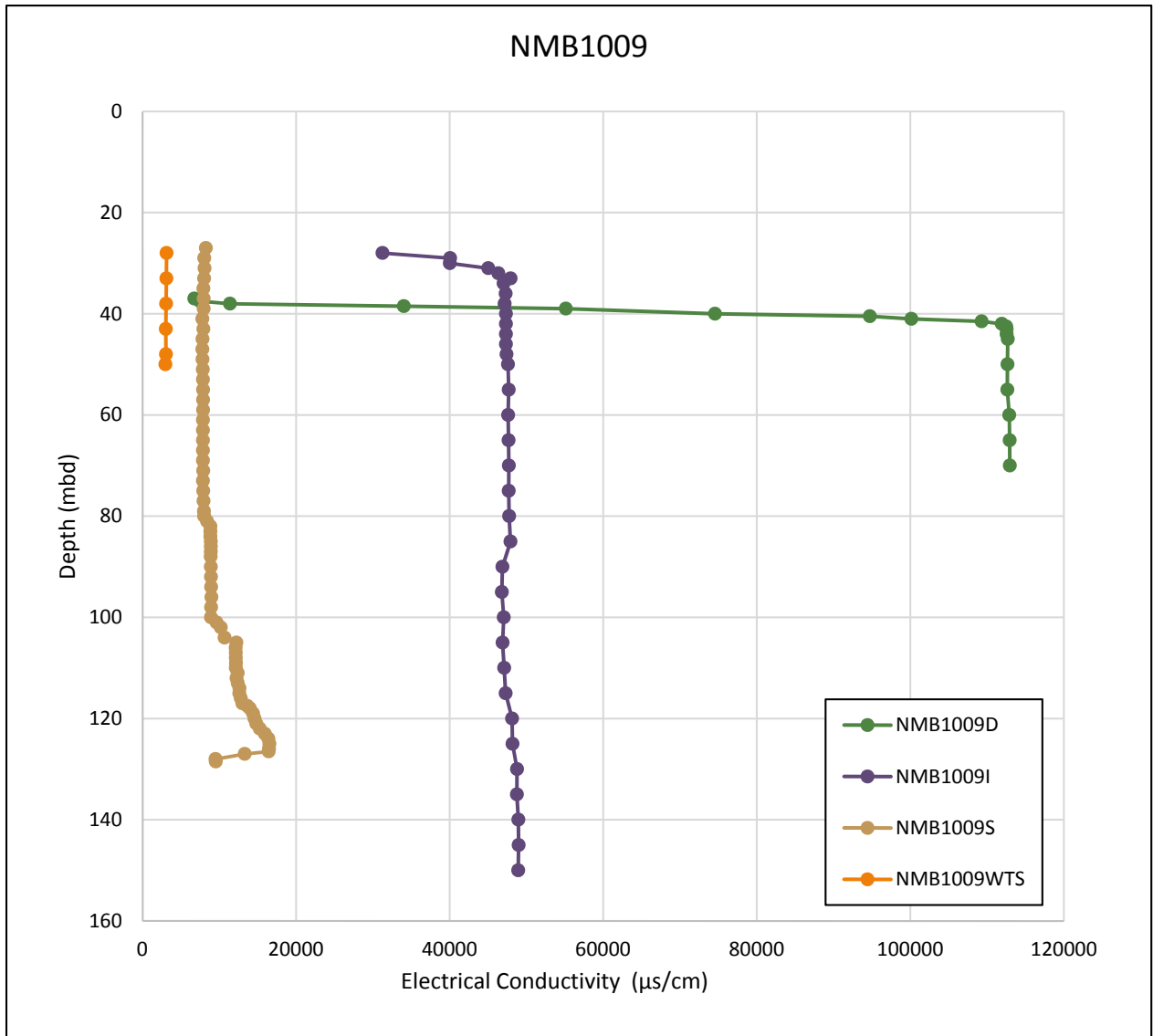
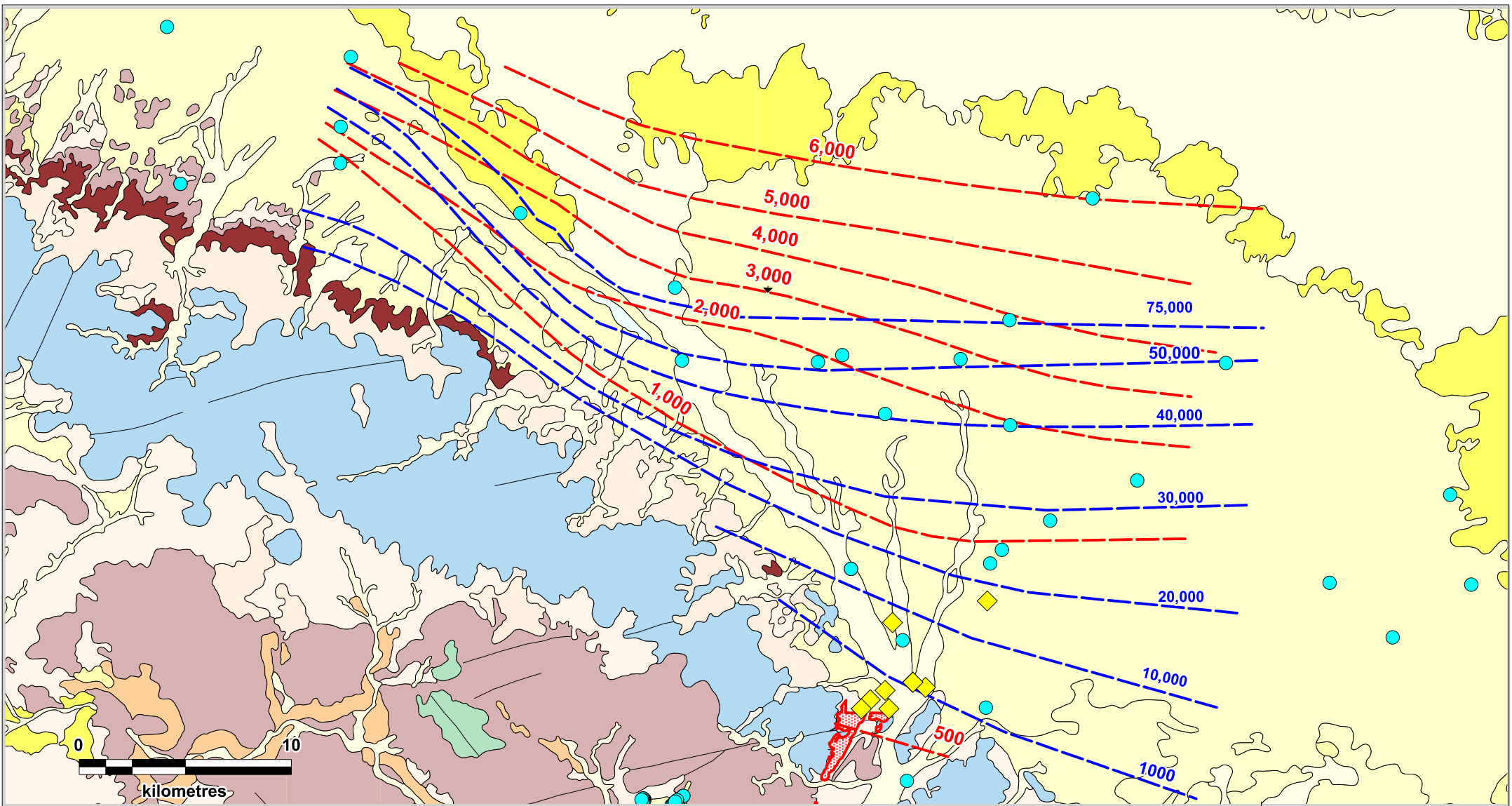


FIGURE 10: EC Profiles through NMB1009 bores



Location: XXXX

#### KEY

- DOW Data
- ◆ FMG Bores
- Shallow Aquifer Water Quality (mg/L TDS)
- Bedrock Water Quality (mg/L TDS)

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Figure 11

GROUNDWATER QUALITY  
NORTH OF IRON VALLEY  
TENEMENT, WITHIN  
FORTESCUE VALLEY

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Bore Logs**



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# COMPOSITE WELL LOG

Well No: MBM

Client: BC Iron

Project: Iron Valley BWT

Commenced: 20/05/2015

Method: RC (0-46m)

Area: Iron Valley

Completed: 21/05/2015

Fluid: Air (0-46m)

Elevation: 490.242 mRL

Drilled: Easton Wells

Bit Record: 5 5/8 (0-46m)

Easting: 736900

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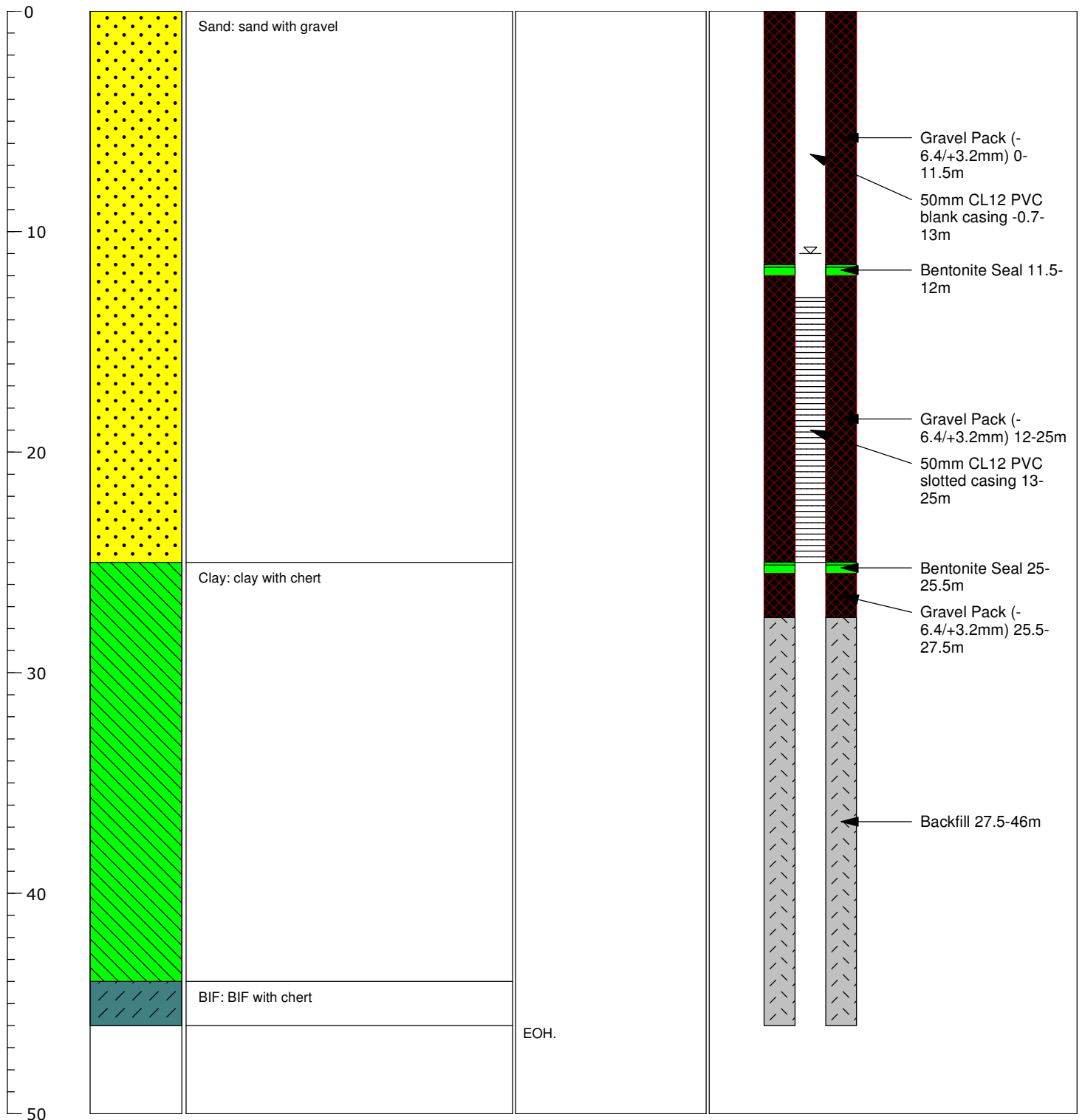
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Static Water Level: 11 mbgl

Date: 28/05/2015

Remarks:

Depth (mbgl)	Graphic Log	Lithological Description	Field Notes	Well Completion	
				Diagram	Notes





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# COMPOSITE WELL LOG

Well No: MBN

Client: BC Iron

Project: Iron Valley BWT

Commenced: 22/05/2015

Method: RC

Area: Iron Valley

Completed: 23/05/2015

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Elevation: 491.055mRL

Drilled: Easton Wells

Bit Record: 5 5/8 (0-124m)

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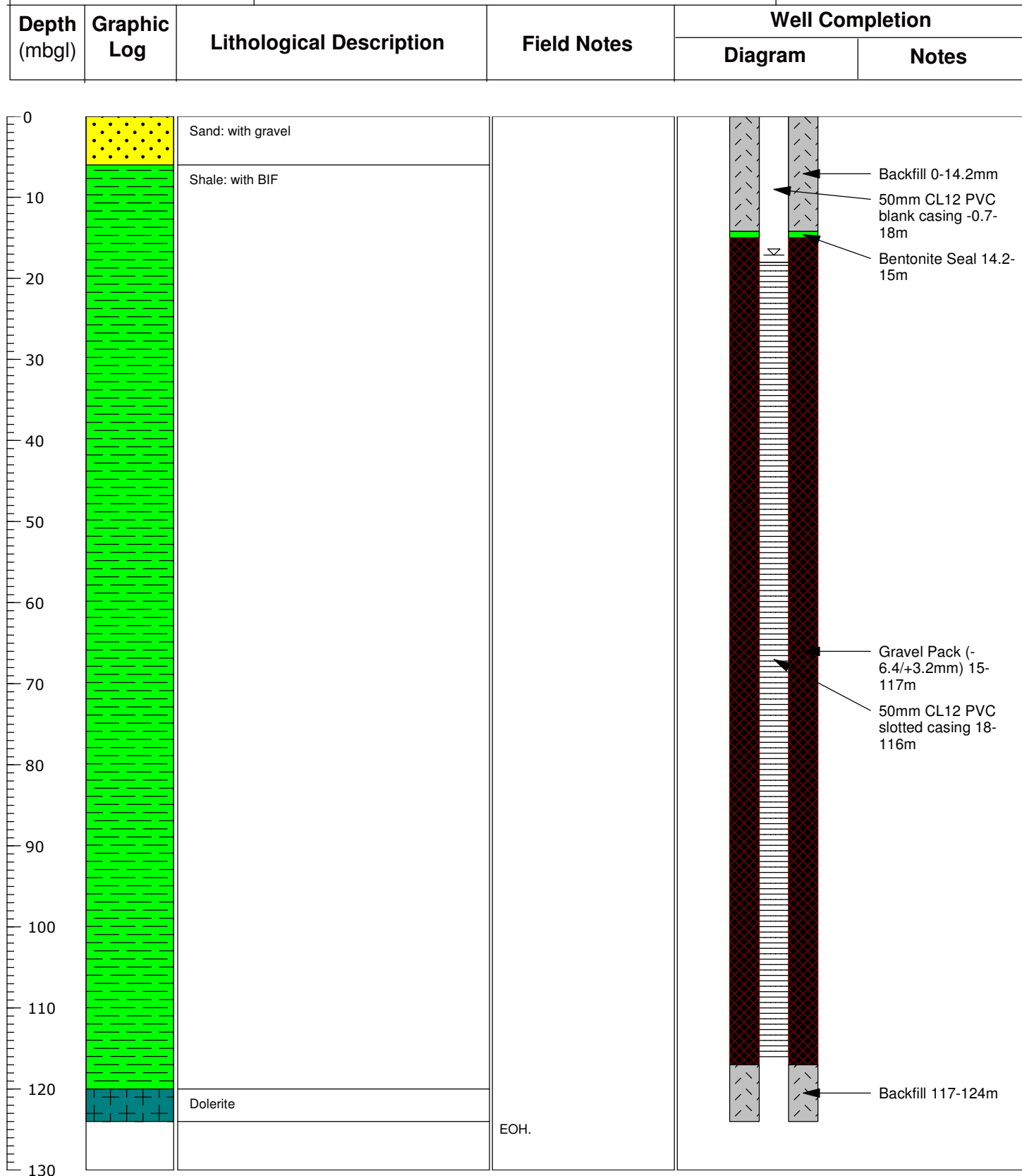
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Northing: 737457.102

Static Water Level: 17.11 mbgl

Date: 28/05/2015

Remarks:





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# COMPOSITE WELL LOG

Well No: MBO

Client: BC Iron

Project: Iron Valley BWT

Commenced: 23/05/2015

Method: RC

Area: Iron Valley

Completed: 25/05/2015

Fluid: Air (0-124m)

Elevation: 489.186

Drilled: Easton Wells

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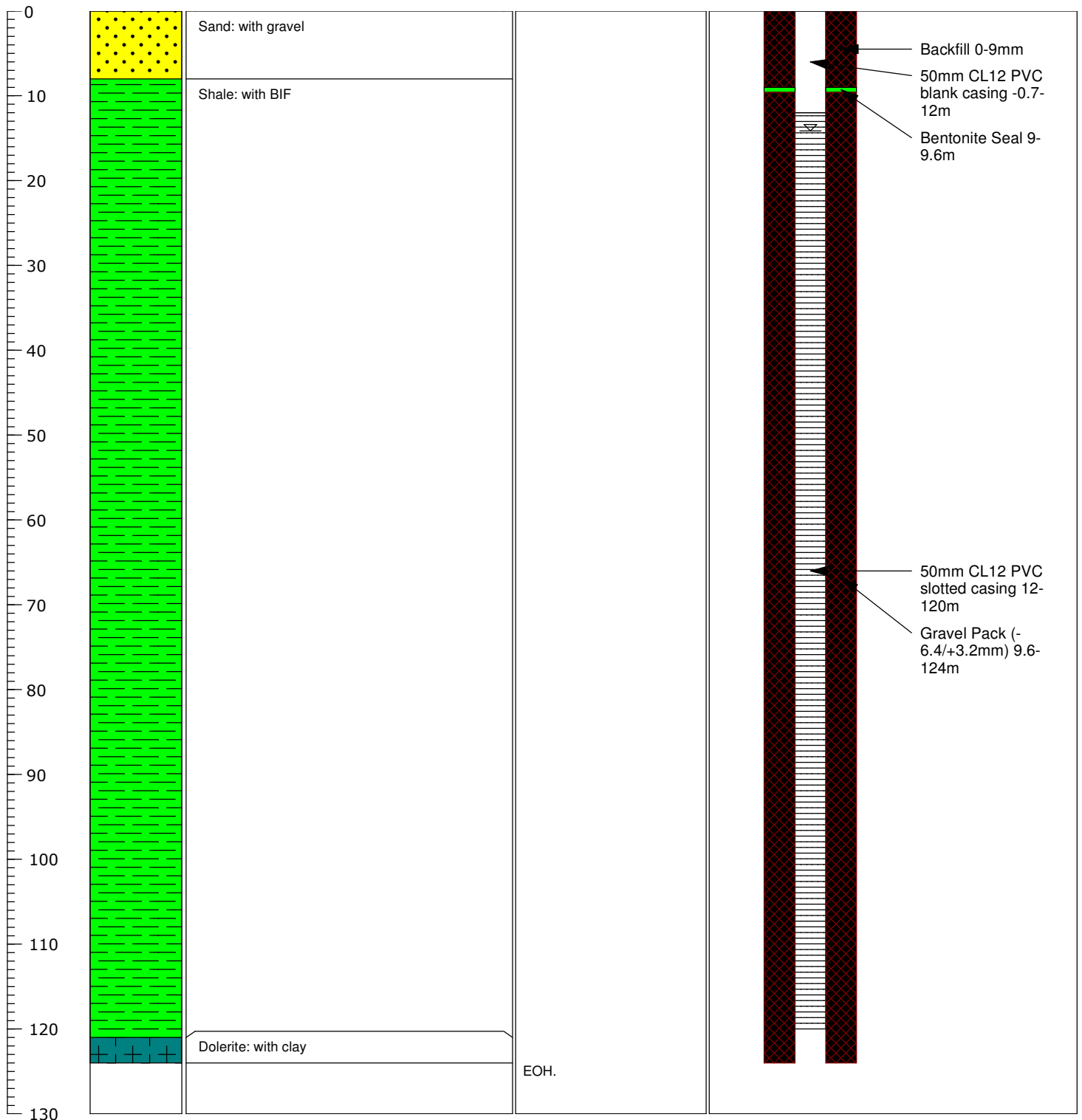
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# COMPOSITE WELL LOG

Well No: MBP

Client: BC Iron

Project: Iron Valley BWT

Commenced: 25/05/2015

Method: RC

Area: Iron Valley

Completed: 26/05/2015

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Drilled: Easton Wells

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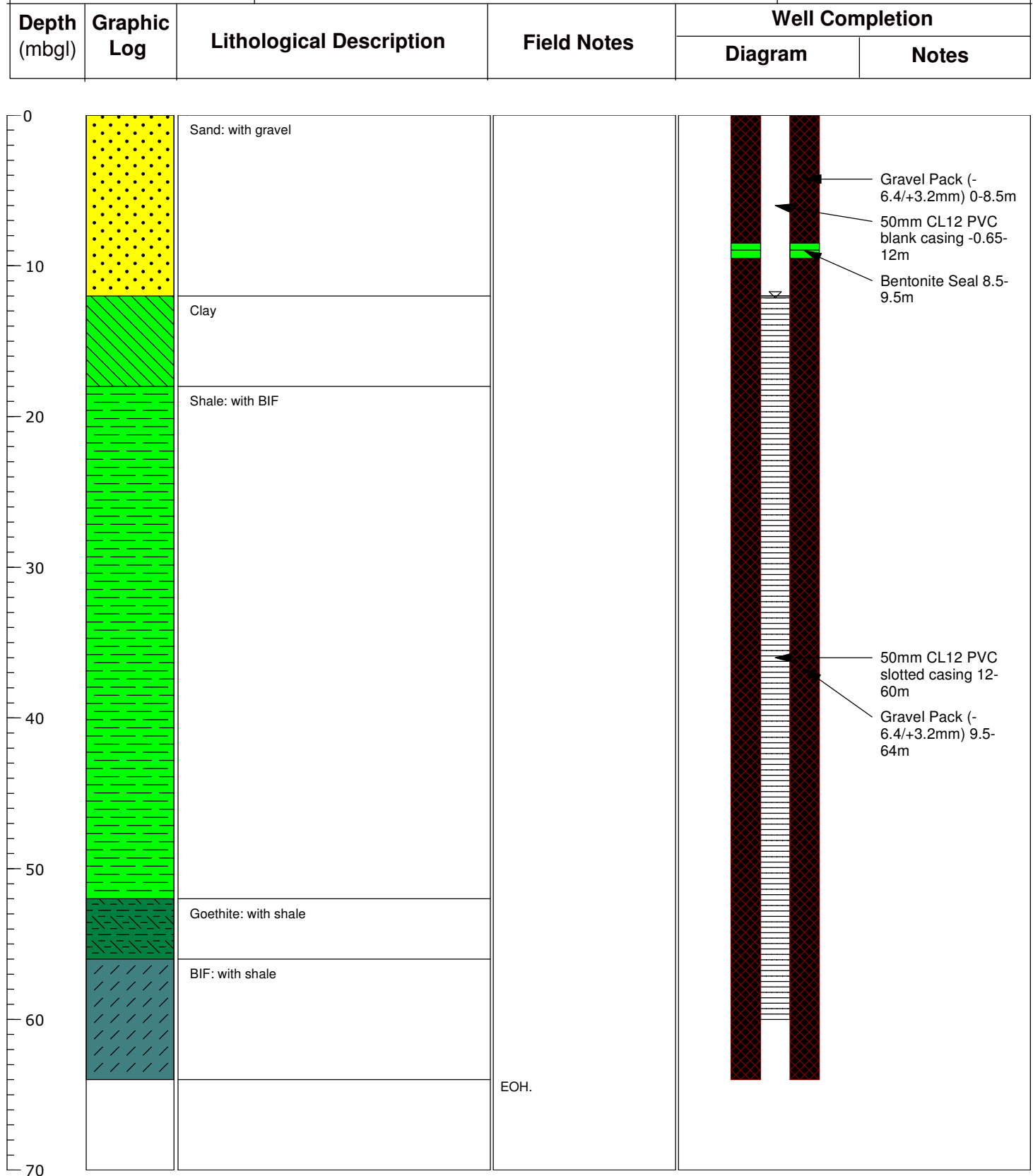
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Static Water Level: 12.13 mbgl

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# COMPOSITE WELL LOG

Well No: MBQ

Client: BC Iron

Project: Iron Valley BWT

Commenced: 26/05/2015

Method: RC (0-102.5m)

Area: Iron Valley

Completed: 27/05/2015

Fluid: Air (0-102.5m)

Elevation: 486.563mRL

Drilled: Easton Wells

Bit Record: 5 5/8

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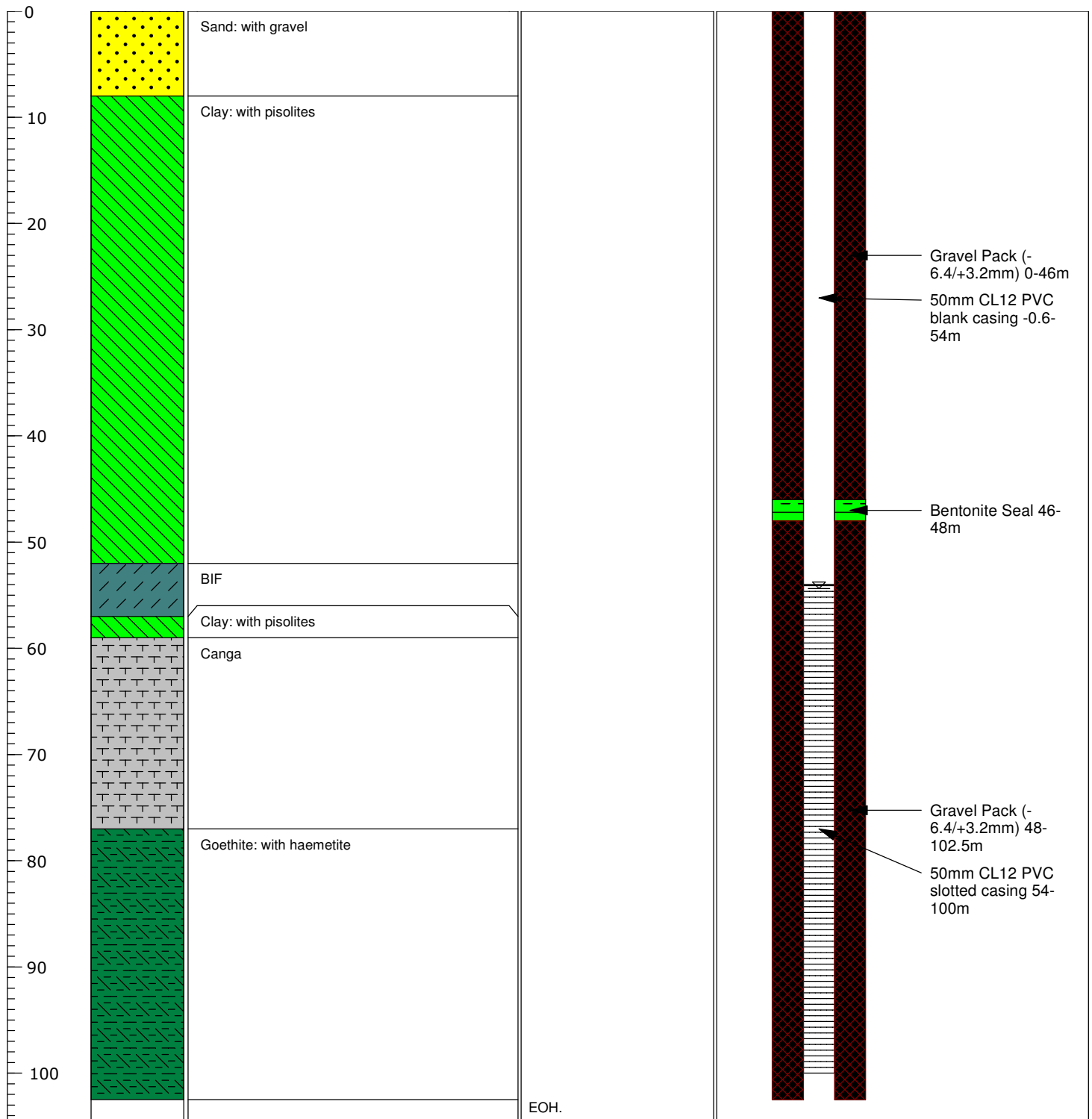
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# COMPOSITE WELL LOG

Well No: MBR

Client: BC Iron

Project: Iron Valley BWT

Commenced: 27/05/2015

Method: RC (0-100.5m)

Area: Iron Valley

Completed: 28/05/2015

Fluid: Air (0-100.5m)

Elevation: 479.041mRL

Drilled: Easton Wells

Bit Record: 5 5/8 (0-110.5m)

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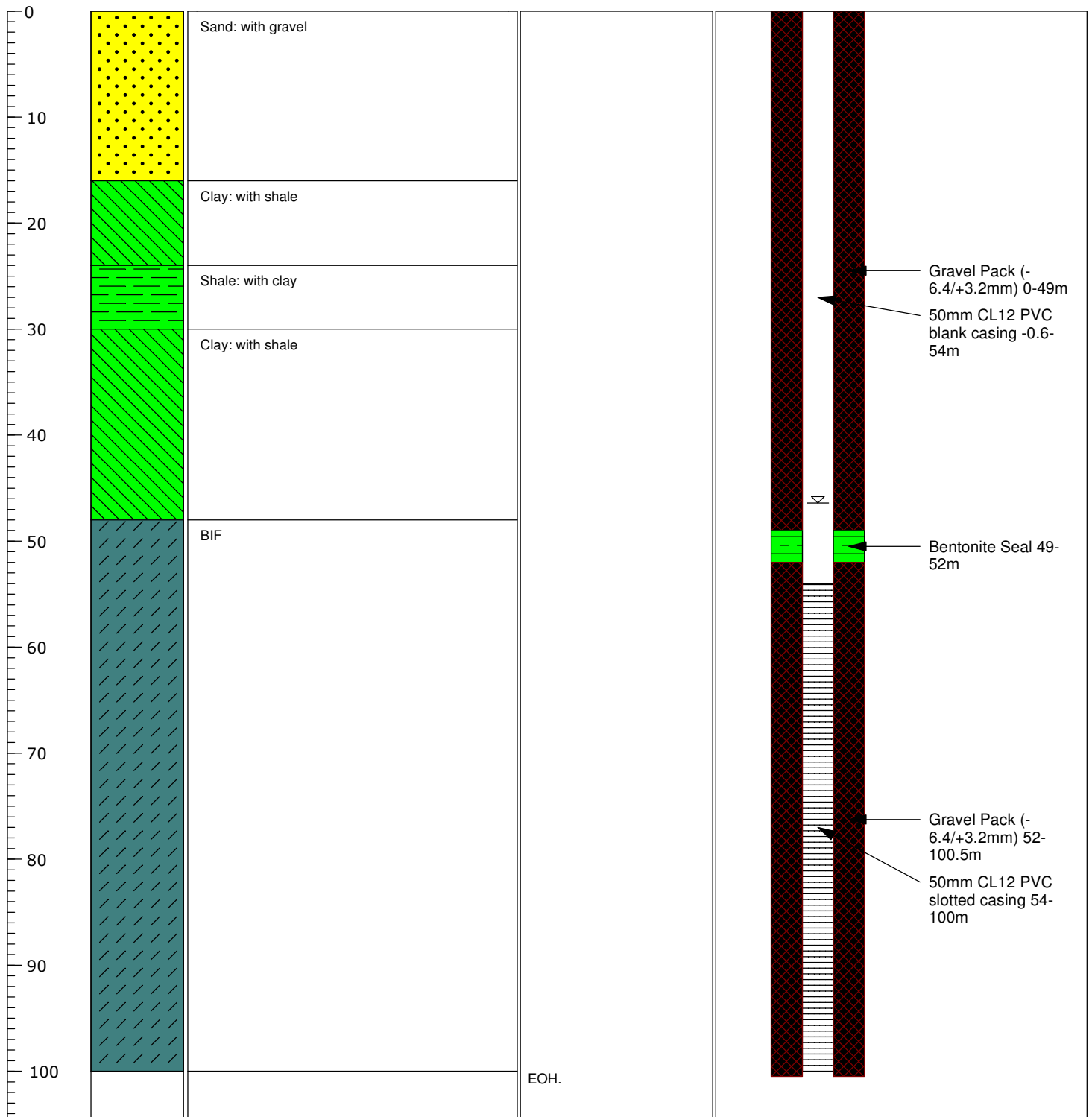
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BORE COMPLETION REPORT

PB01

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Grid System

Coordinates: 738127 mE 7485007 mN

Ground Elevation:

Logged By: F.Carosone

Start Date: 08.11.2011

Purpose of Bore: Production Bore

Static Water Level:

Water Level Date:

Drilling Contractor: Connector Drilling

Drilling Method: Air Hammer

Hole Diameter: 500 mm 0 - 24 mbgl

375 mm 24 - 144 mbgl

Total Depth: 144 mbgl

Casing - Blank: 0 - 58 mbgl

Casing - Slotted: 58 - 144 mbgl

Drilling Rig: IR T65

Geophysical Company:

DEPTH (mbgl)

STRATIGRAPHY

GRAPHIC LOG

LITHOLOGY

BORE CONSTRUCTION

GAMMA LOG (cps)

RESISTIVITY (OHM-Metres)

CALIPER (mm)

0200010300

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The figure is a bore completion log for bore PB01, showing data from 0 to 50 meters below ground level (mbgl). The log is organized into several columns: Depth (mbgl), Stratigraphy, Graphic Log, Lithology, Bore Construction, Gamma Log (cps), Resistivity (OHM-Metres), and Caliper (mm). The Lithology column contains detailed descriptions of the rock formations encountered, including Red-brown alluvium, Red-brown-orange banded iron formation, Grey-black banded iron formation, and Dark grey-black banded iron formation. The Bore Construction column shows the casing and slotted sections. The Gamma Log, Resistivity, and Caliper columns are currently empty.

DEPTH (mbgl)	STRATIGRAPHY	GRAPHIC LOG	LITHOLOGY	BORE CONSTRUCTION	GAMMA LOG (cps)	RESISTIVITY (OHM-Metres)	CALIPER (mm)
0	Alluvium		Red-brown alluvium, large chip size.				
10	BIF		Red-brown-orange banded iron formation with dark grey flat chips. Water cut at about 8 m.				
15	BIF		Grey-black banded iron formation with yellow/orange shale.				
20	BIF		Dark grey-black banded iron formation chips with yellow-orange shale.				
25	BIF		Grey-black banded iron formation with orange chips.				
30	BIF and Shale		Light brown-orange banded iron formation with fine shale bands.				
35	BIF and Shale		Dark grey-black banded iron formation with cream-brown-grey microbanded shale.				
40	BIF and Shale						
45	BIF and Shale						
50	BIF		Dark grey-black banded iron formation with large microbanded chips.				

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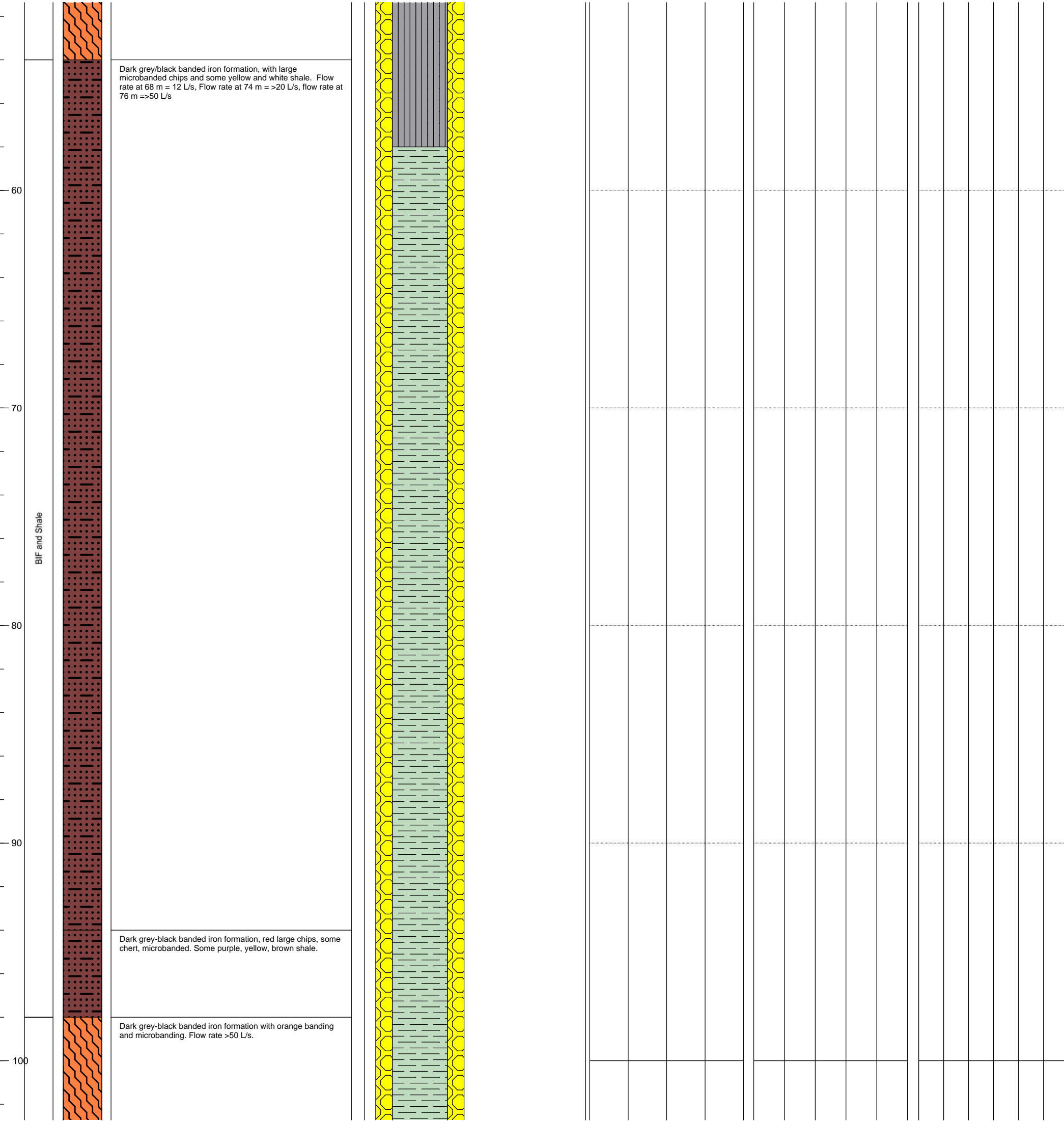
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Ground Elevation:				Hole Diameter:	500 mm	0 - 24 mbgl	
Logged By:	F.Carosone				375 mm	24 - 144 mbgl	
Start Date:	08.11.2011	Compl. Date:		21.11.2011			
Purpose of Bore:	Production Bore			Total Depth:	144 mbgl		
Static Water Level:				Casing - Blank:	0 - 58 mbgl		
Water Level Date:				Casing - Slotted:	58 - 144 mbgl		

DEPTH (mbgl)	STRATIGRAPHY	GRAPHIC LOG	LITHOLOGY	BORE CONSTRUCTION	GAMMA LOG (cps)	RESISTIVITY (OHM-Metres) SHORT (16") — — — — — LONG (64") —————	CALIPER (mm)
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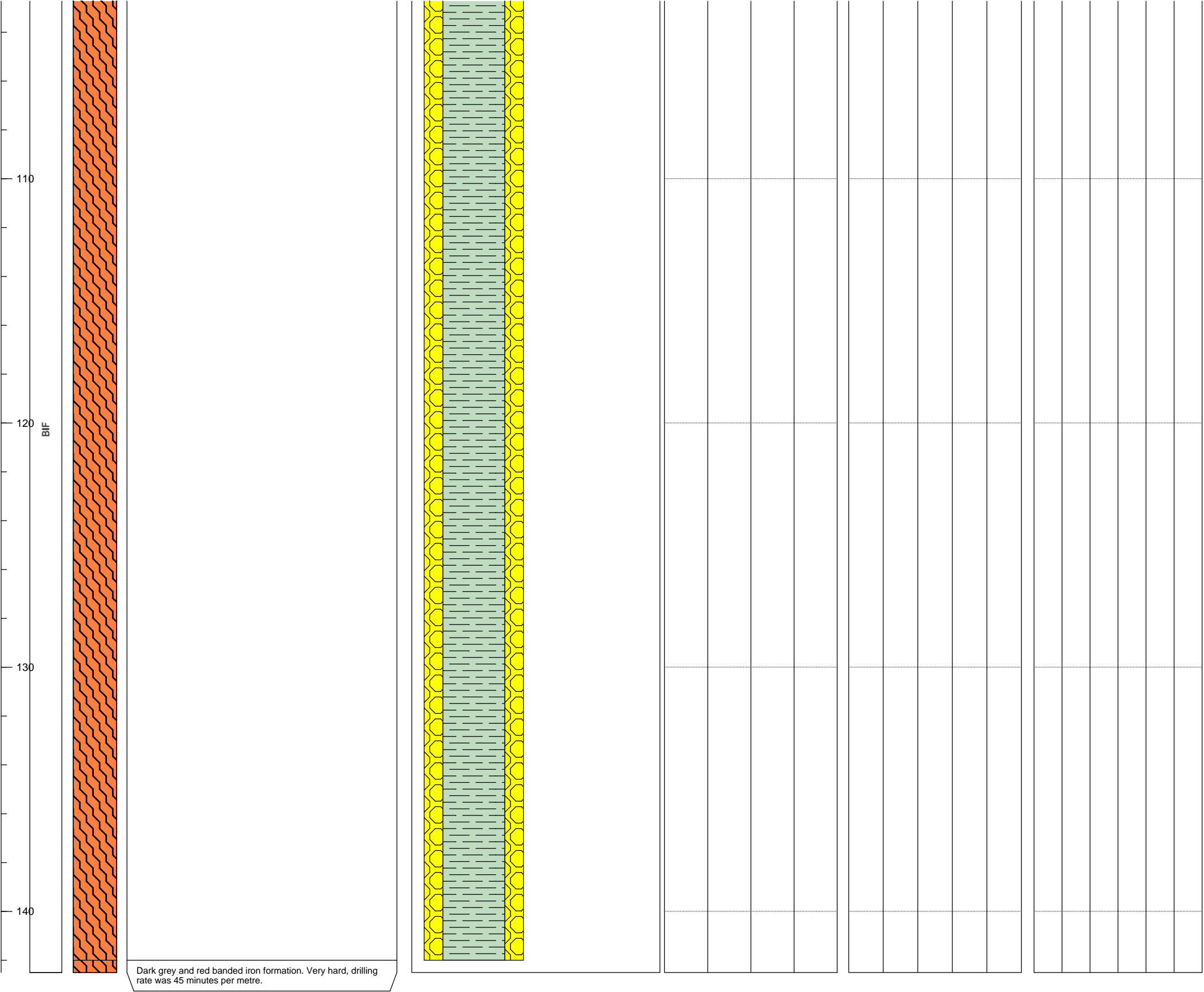
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Grid System				Drilling Contractor: Connector Drilling				Drilling Rig: IR T65			
Coordinates: 738127 mE 7485007 mN				Drilling Method: Air Hammer				Geophysical Company:			
Ground Elevation:				Hole Diameter: 500 mm 0 - 24 mbgl							
Logged By: F.Carosone				375 mm 24 - 144 mbgl							
Start Date: 08.11.2011 Compl. Date: 21.11.2011											
Purpose of Bore: Production Bore				Total Depth: 144 mbgl							
Static Water Level:				Casing - Blank: 0 - 58 mbgl							
Water Level Date:				Casing - Slotted: 58 - 144 mbgl							
DEPTH (mbgl)	STRATIGRAPHY	GRAPHIC LOG	LITHOLOGY	BORE CONSTRUCTION	GAMMA LOG (cps)		RESISTIVITY (OHM-Metres)		CALIPER (mm)		
					0	200	0	10	0	300	



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Geophysical Company:

This figure is a geological cross-section diagram of a borehole, showing depth in meters on the left (0 to 50) and lithological descriptions in the center. The borehole is divided into four main sections based on depth and lithology:

- 0 to 10 meters:** Red-brown, light brown, clayey. The diagram shows a dark red/brown pattern.
- 10 to 18 meters:** Light brown, with green shale bands. The diagram shows a light brown pattern with green bands.
- 18 to 38 meters:** Grey, white and dark grey chips. Some yellow clay. Cavities were encountered at 18-20 m. The diagram shows a grey pattern with white and dark grey chips, and yellow clay.
- 38 to 50 meters:** Red and yellow, clayey. The diagram shows a red and yellow pattern.

The diagram also includes a vertical scale on the left (0 to 50 meters) and a horizontal scale at the bottom (0 to 100 meters). The borehole is shown as a vertical line with a central axis and two side axes.

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BORE COMPLETION REPORT

PB02

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Grid System

Coordinates: 737704 mE 7484194 mN

Ground Elevation:

Logged By: F.Carosone

Start Date: 13.12.2011    Compl. Date: 29.01.2012

Purpose of Bore: Production Bore

Static Water Level:

Water Level Date:

Drilling Contractor: Connector Drilling

Drilling Method: Air Hammer

Hole Diameter: 430 mm    0 - 43 mbgl

368 mm    43 - 170 mbgl

Drilling Rig: IR T65

Geophysical Company:

Total Depth: 144 mbgl

Casing - Blank: 0 - 58.5 mbgl

Casing - Slotted: 58.5 - 170 mbgl

DEPTH (mbgl)

STRATIGRAPHY

GRAPHIC LOG

LITHOLOGY

BORE CONSTRUCTION

GAMMA LOG (cps)

RESISTIVITY (OHM-Metres)  
SHORT (16")  
LONG (64")

CALIPER (mm)

0200010300

0100

0300

The figure is a bore completion log for bore PB02. It displays data from 0 to 100 meters depth. The leftmost column shows depth in meters (mbgl). The next column is the stratigraphy, showing a sequence of layers: a top layer of red and yellow clayey shale with increasing white shale, followed by a layer of grey-black material with minor microbanding and some chert chips. The lithology column provides a detailed description of the rock layers, noting the presence of yellow orange chips at 153-160 m and 164-168 m. The bore construction column shows the casing and slotted sections. The gamma log column shows counts per second (cps). The resistivity column shows short (16") and long (64") resistivity values. The caliper column shows the borehole diameter in millimeters.

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BORE COMPLETION REPORT

PB02

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Grid System

Coordinates: 737704 mE 7484194 mN

Ground Elevation:

Logged By: F.Carosone

Start Date: 13.12.2011    Compl. Date: 29.01.2012

Purpose of Bore: Production Bore

Static Water Level:

Water Level Date:

Drilling Contractor: Connector Drilling

Drilling Method: Air Hammer

Hole Diameter: 430 mm    0 - 43 mbgl

368 mm    43 - 170 mbgl

Drilling Rig: IR T65

Geophysical Company:

Total Depth: 144 mbgl

Casing - Blank: 0 - 58.5 mbgl

Casing - Slotted: 58.5 - 170 mbgl

DEPTH (mbgl)

STRATIGRAPHY

GRAPHIC LOG

LITHOLOGY

BORE CONSTRUCTION

GAMMA LOG (cps)

RESISTIVITY (OHM-Metres)  
SHORT (16")  
LONG (64")

CALIPER (mm)

0200010300

0100

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The figure is a bore completion log for bore PB02. It displays various data points against depth (0 to 150 mbgl). The stratigraphy column shows an orange wavy pattern. The lithology column shows green horizontal lines. The bore construction column shows yellow circles. The gamma log column shows values from 0 to 200 cps. The resistivity column shows values from 0 to 10 OHM-Metres. The caliper column shows values from 0 to 300 mm.

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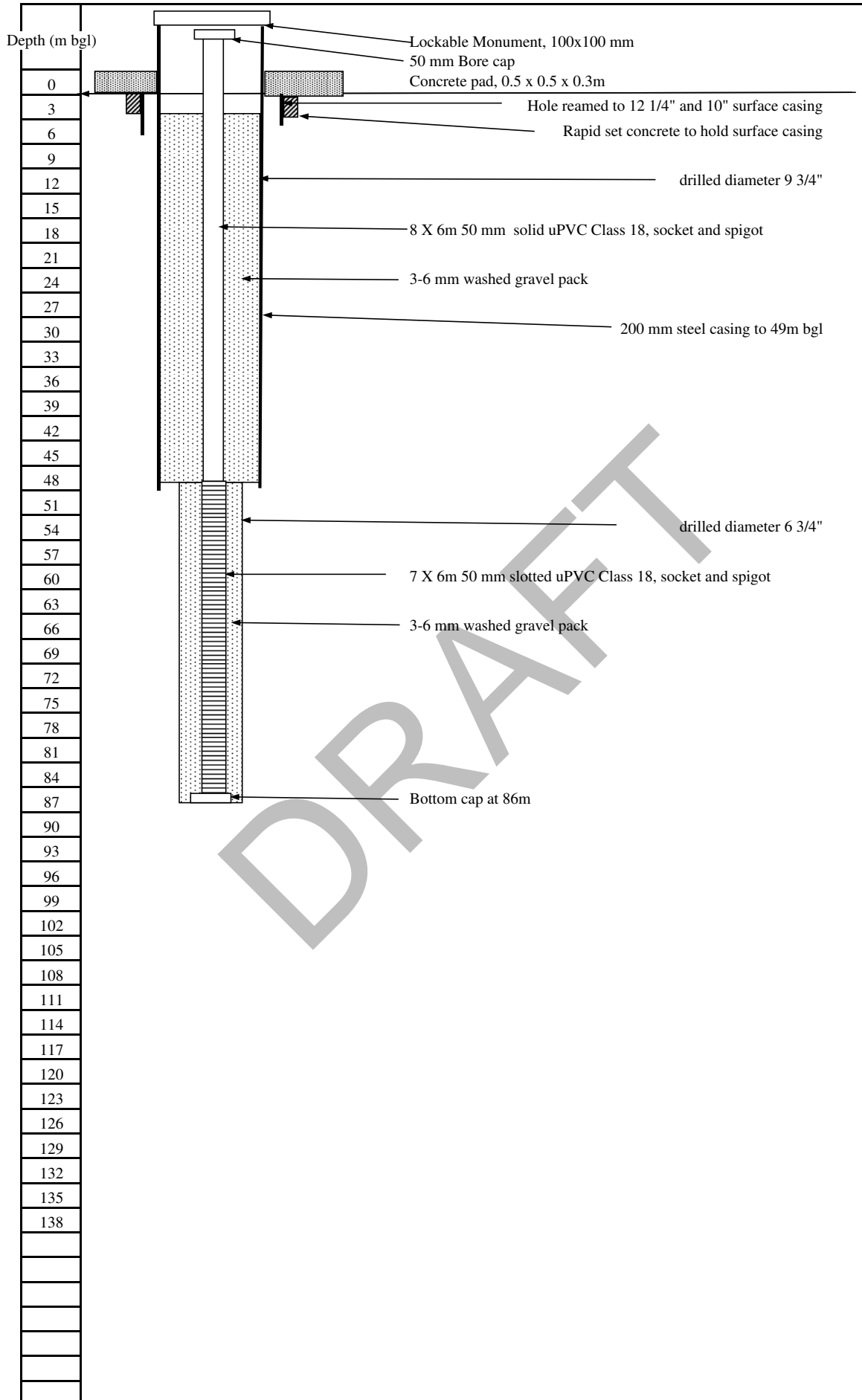
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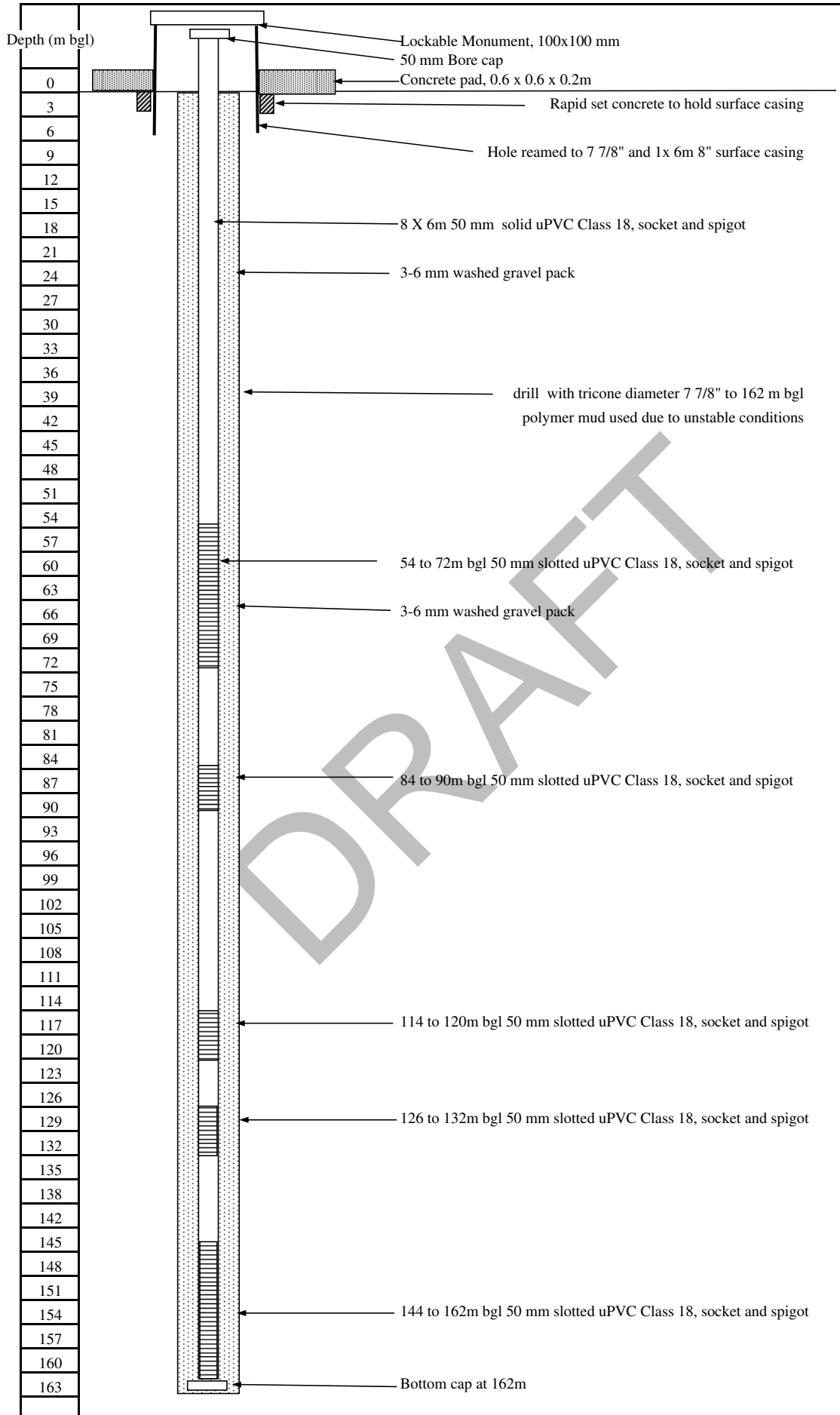
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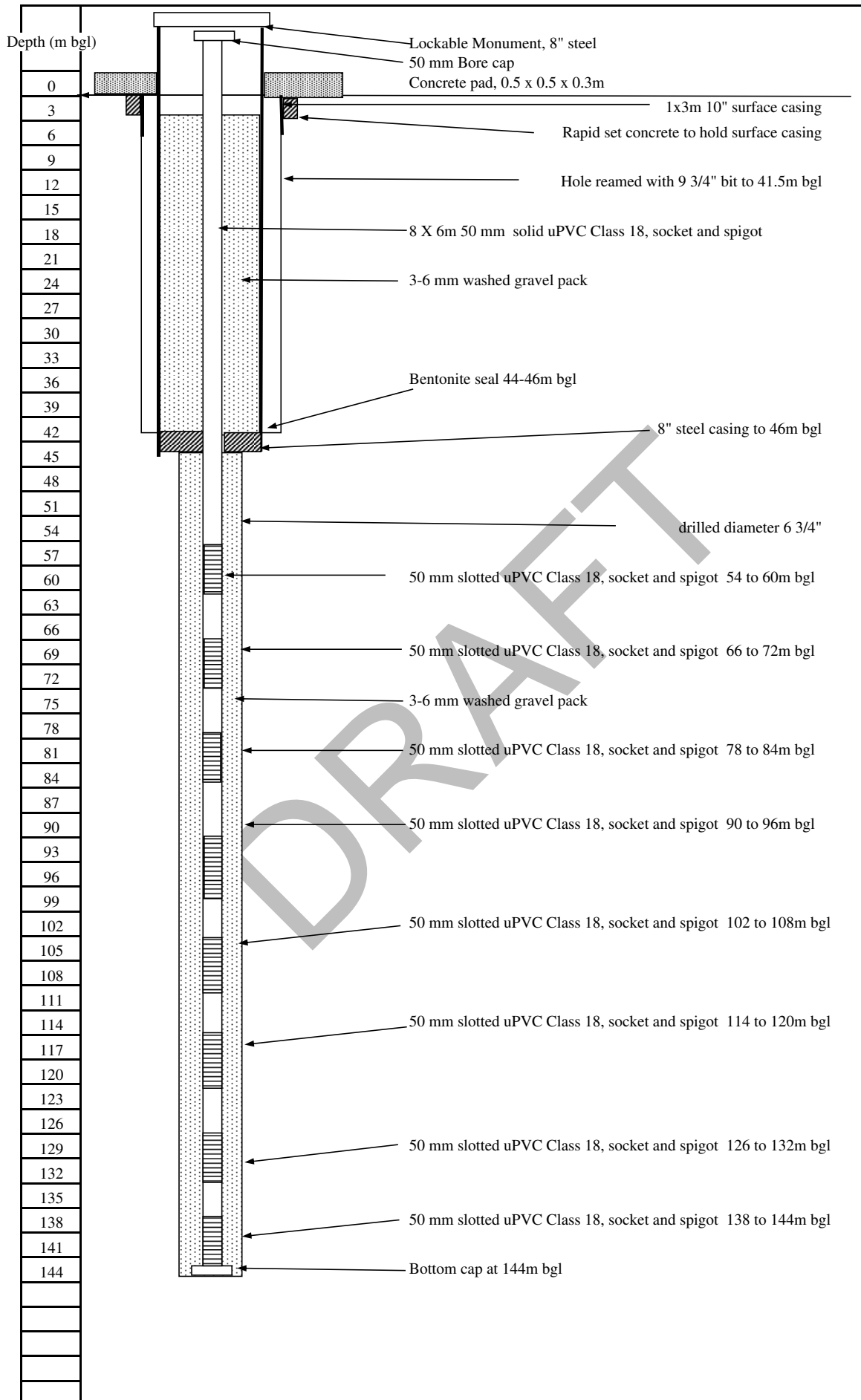


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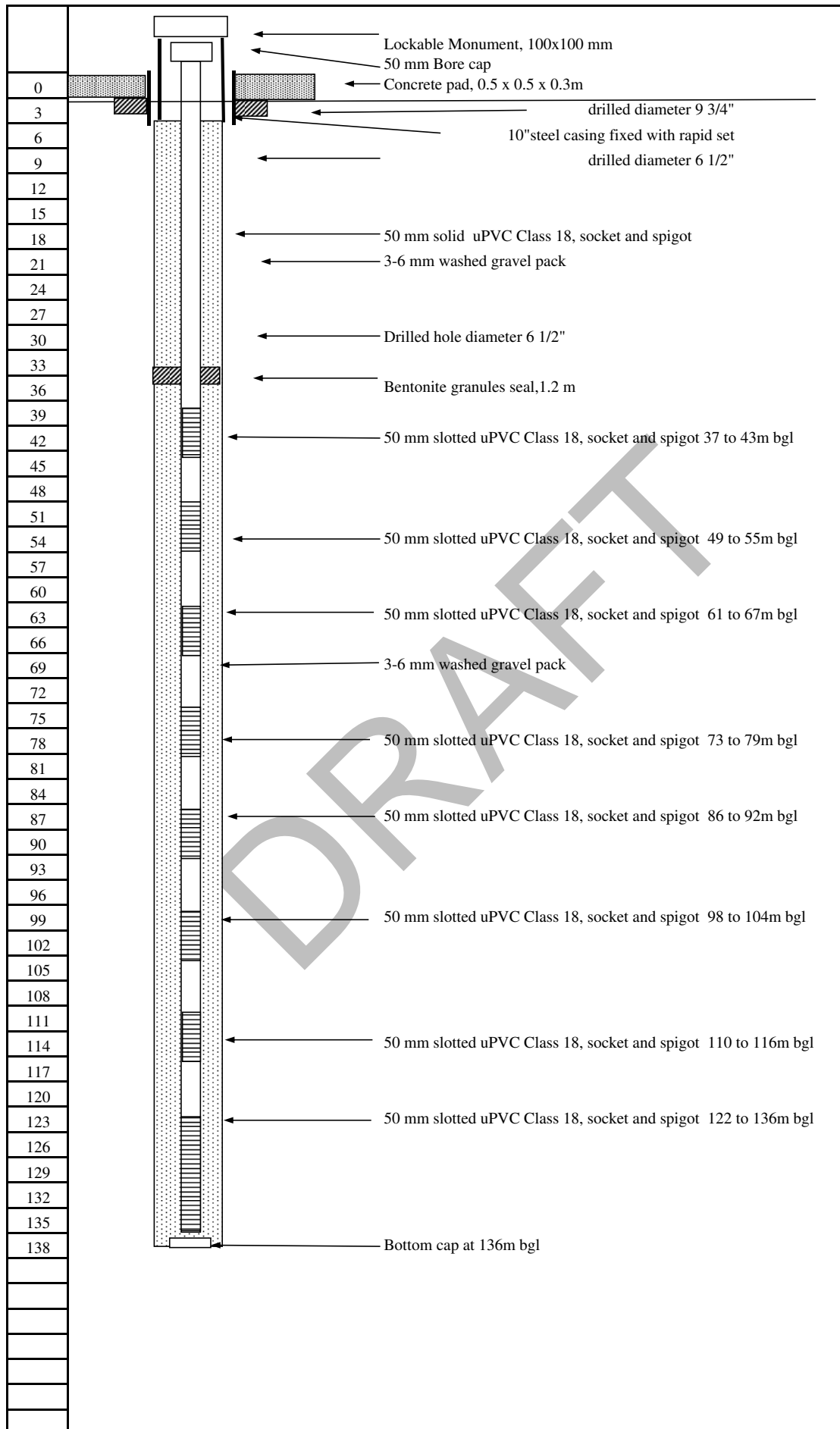
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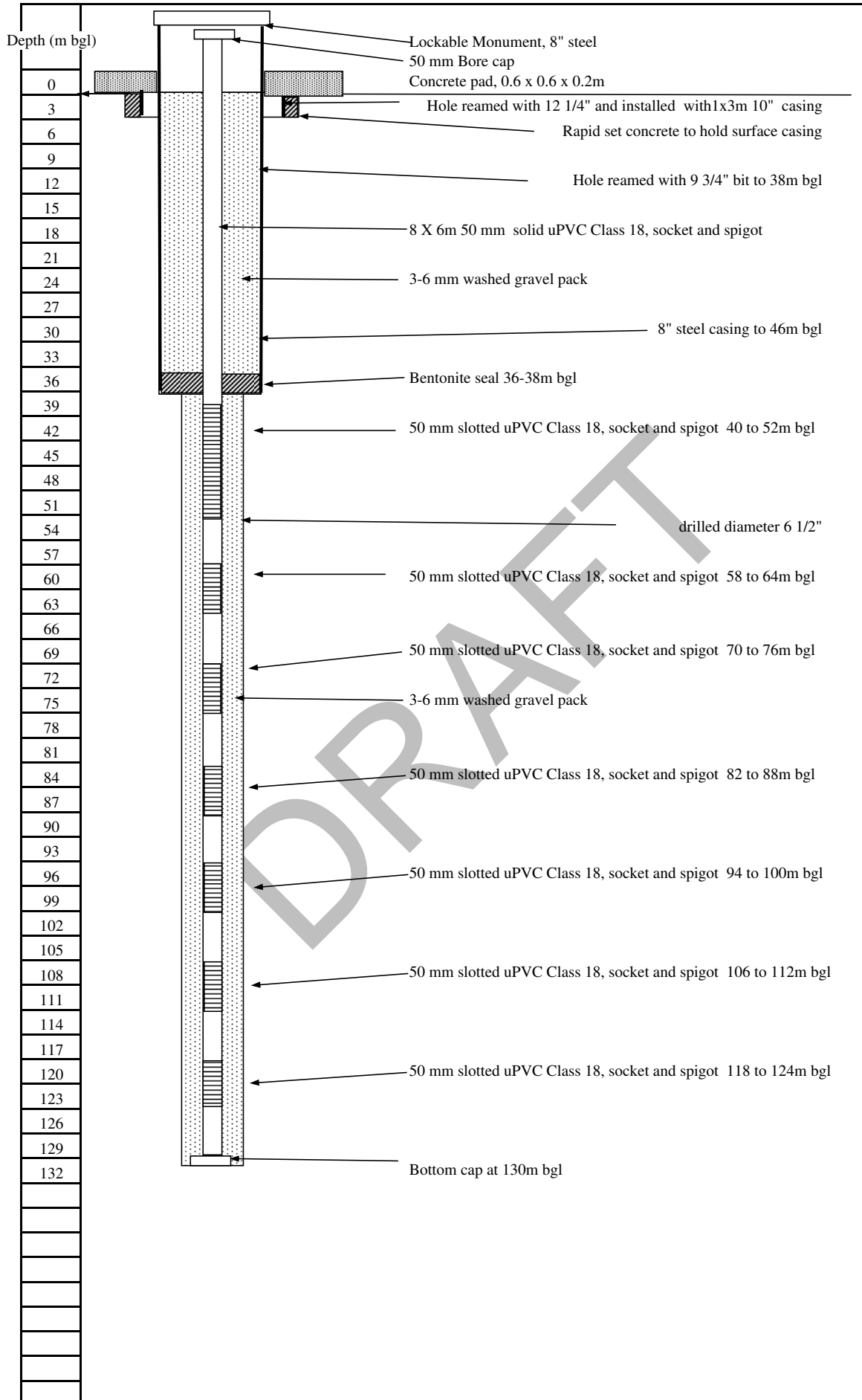
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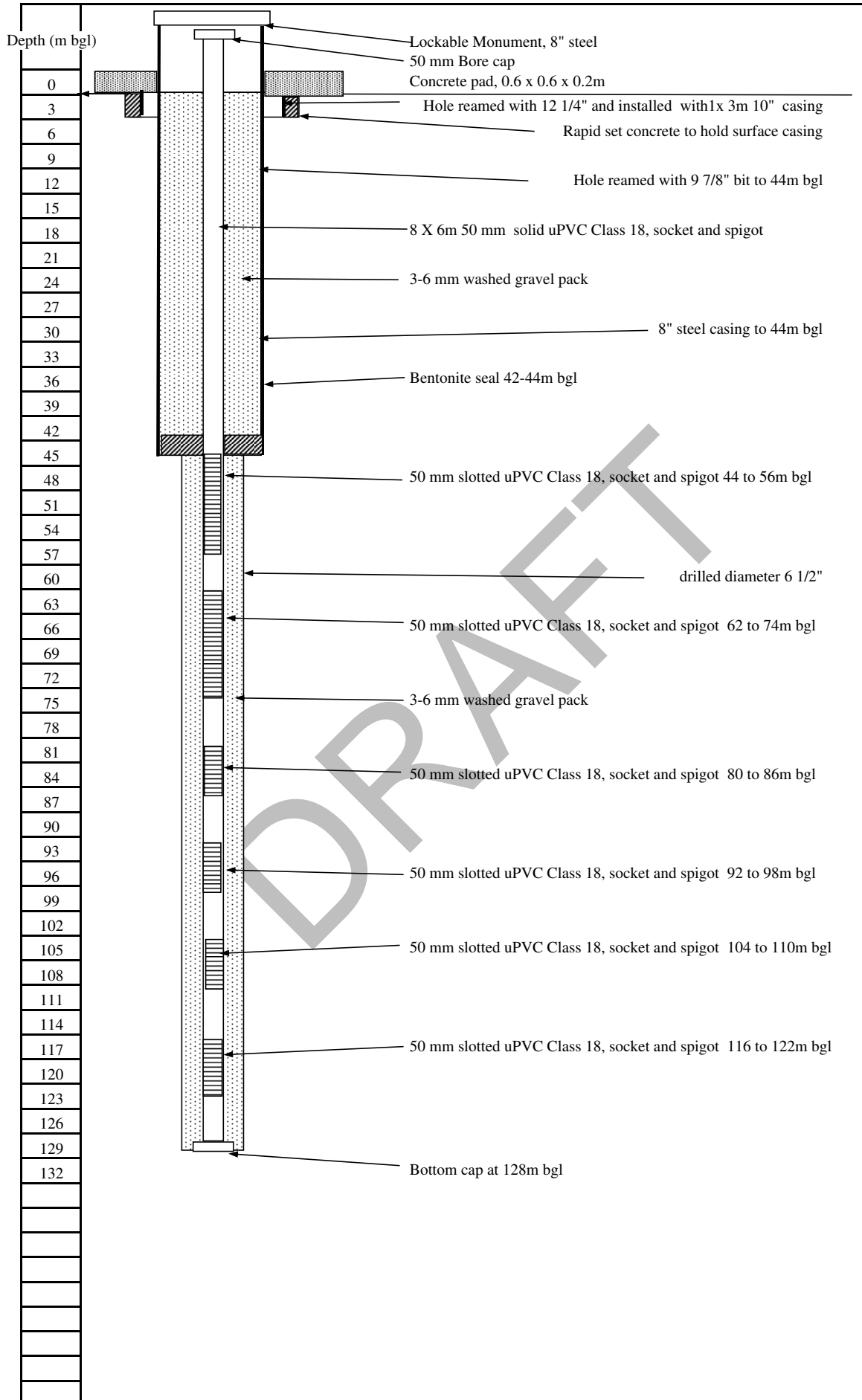
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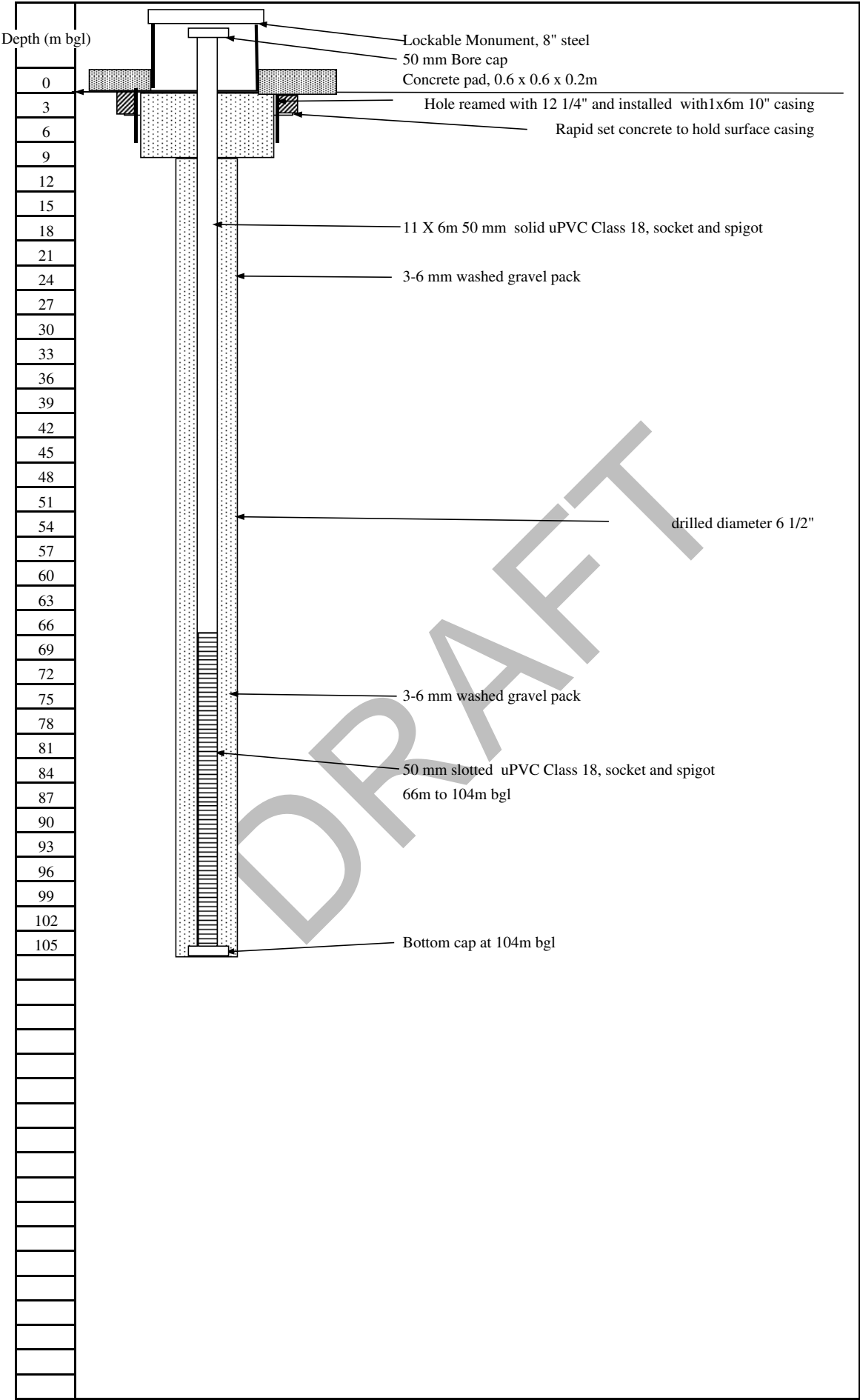
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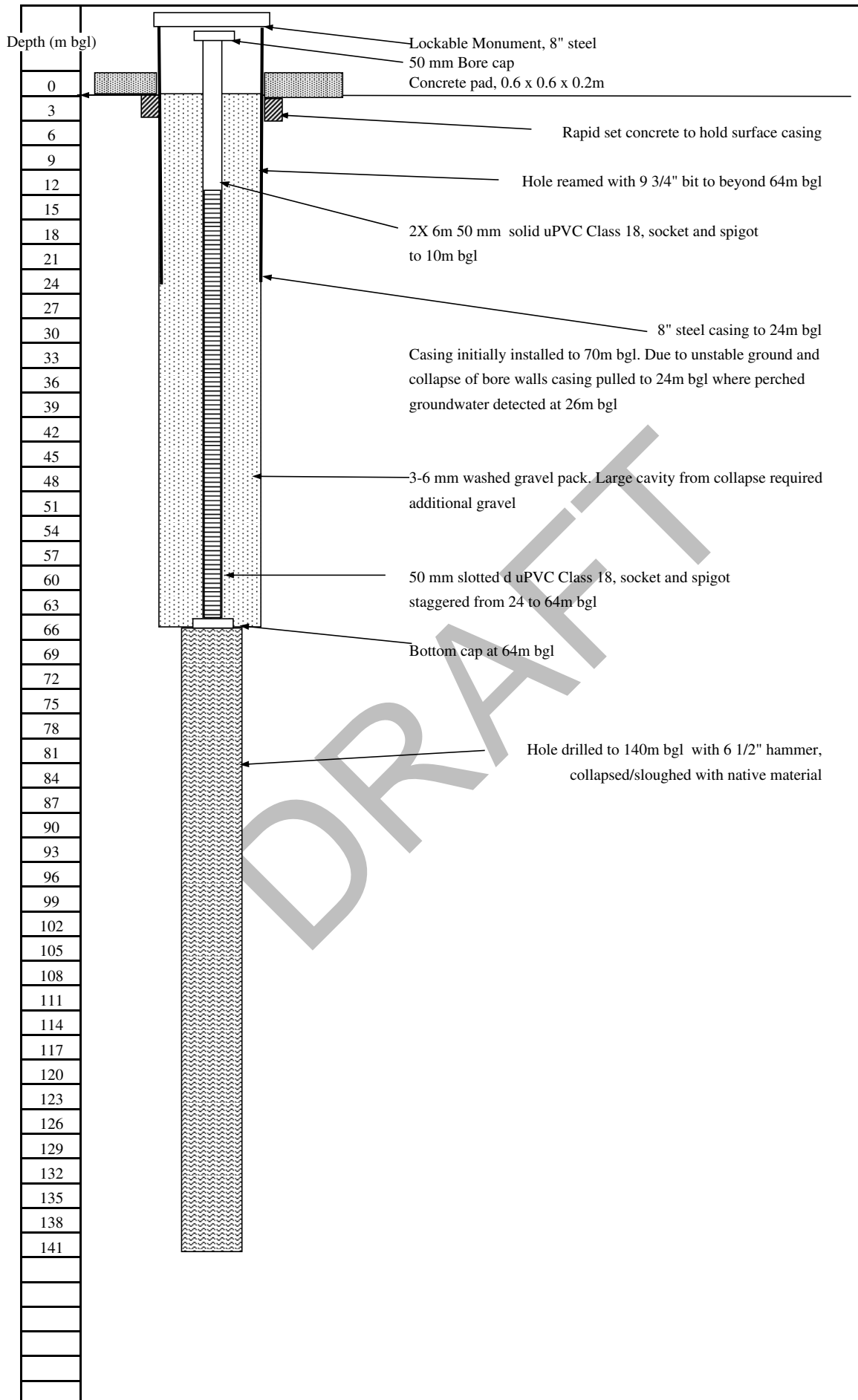


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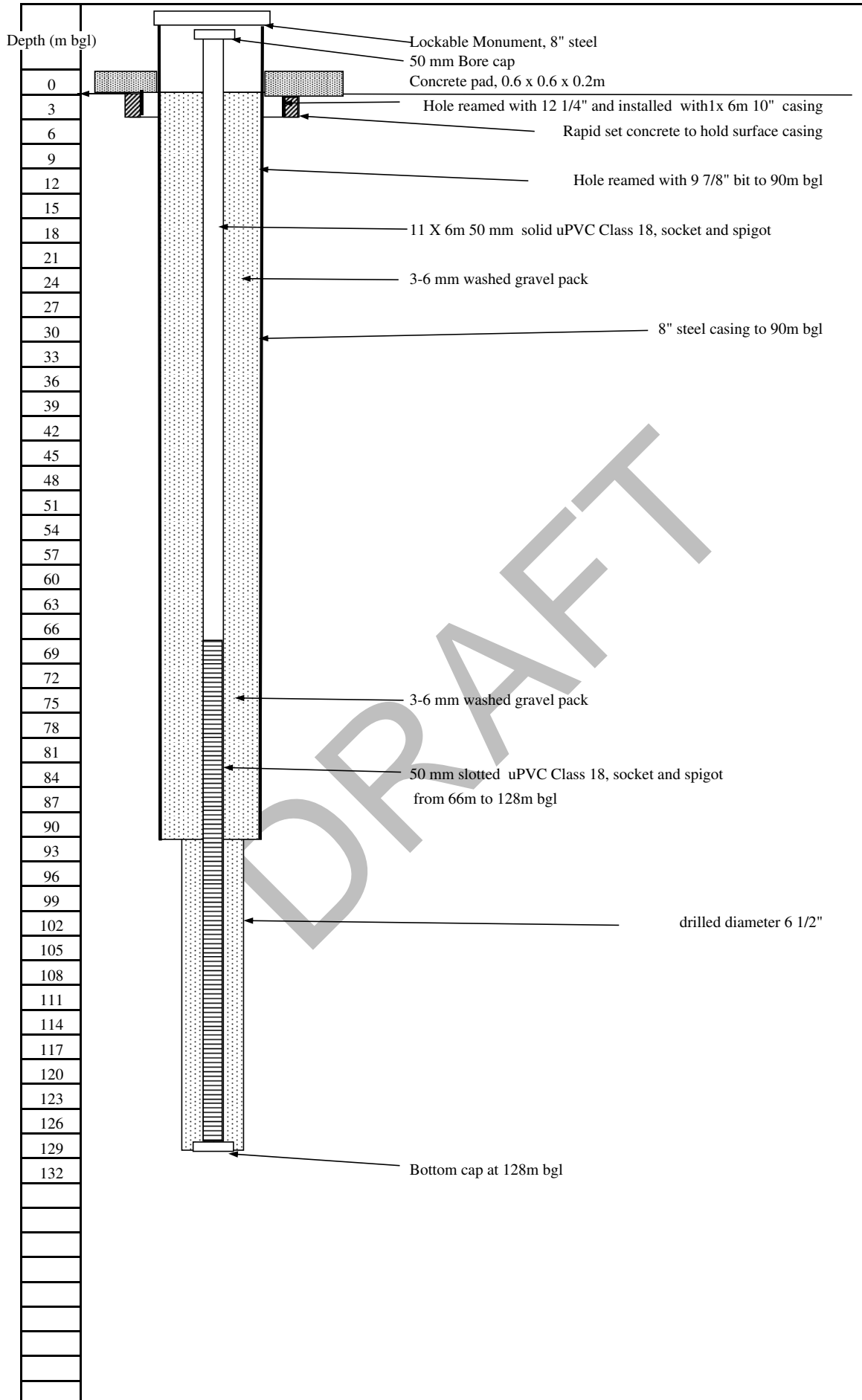


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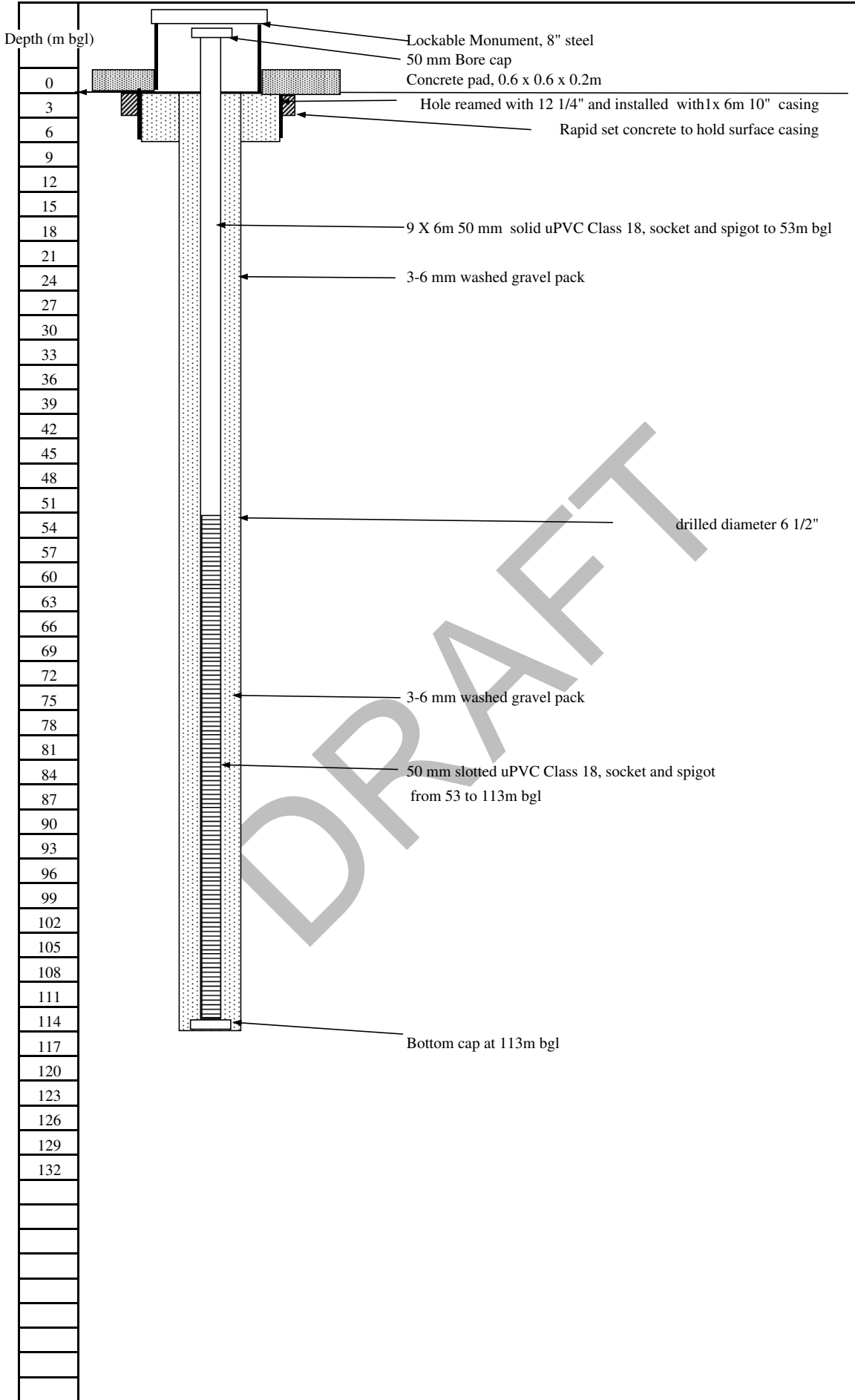
## MBK MONITORING BORE CONSTRUCTION



Prepared By:.....  
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# MBL MONITORING BORE CONSTRUCTION



Prepared By:.....  
Checked By:.....

Depth (m bgl)

0

3

6

9

12

15

18

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Lockable Monument, 20" steel

Concrete pad, 1.0 x 1.0 x 0.5m

Hole reamed with 22" bit and installed with 1x3m 20" casing

Rapid set concrete to hold surface casing

Cement grout to 3m bgl

Hole reamed with 17 1/4" bit to 24m bgl

3 x 6m 16" solid steel casing

3-6 mm washed gravel pack

10x6m 10" solid steel casing to 58m bgl

drilled diameter 14 3/4" to 144m bgl

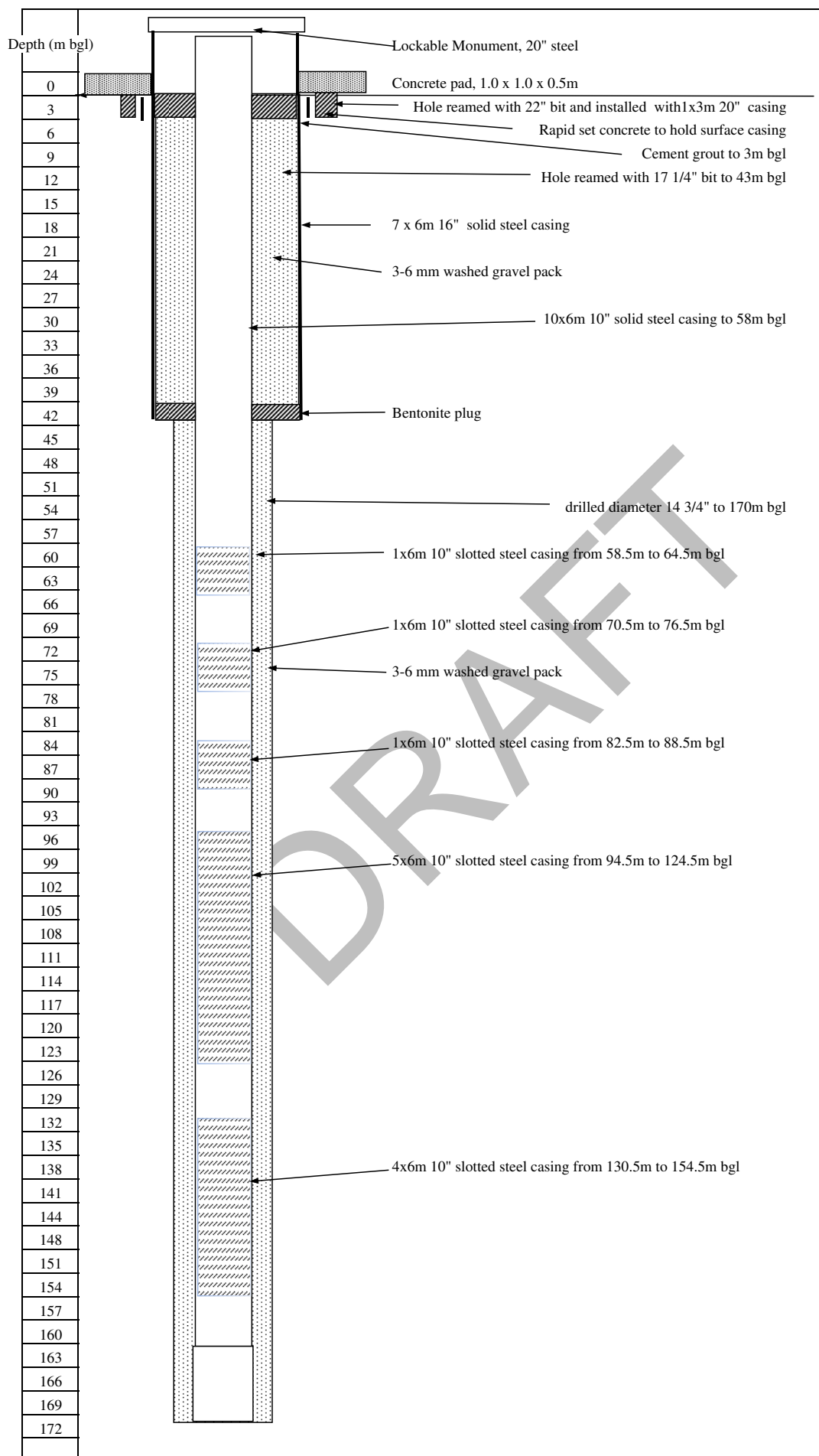
14x6m 10" slotted steel casing from 58m to 144m bgl

3-6 mm washed gravel pack

Bottom cap at 142m bgl

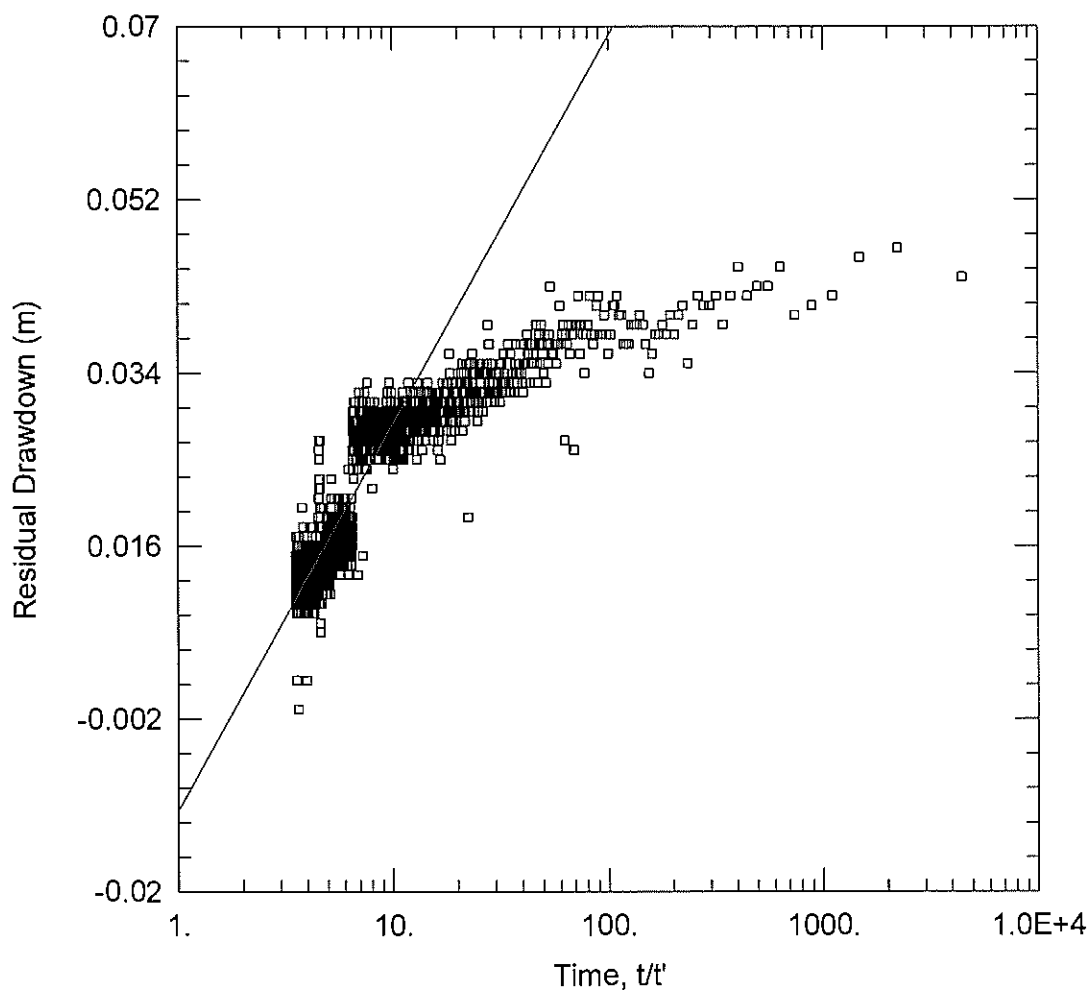
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## PB02 PRODUCTION BORE CONSTRUCTION



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**APPENDIX B**  
**Airlift Permeability Test Data**



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: F:\013B\2 TECH\Aquifer testing\AQTESOLVE\Airlift Tests\MBA\_rec\_14.07.15.aqt

Date: 01/06/16

Time: 16:09:37

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: AQ2

Client: BC Iron

Project: 013B

Location: Iron Valley

Test Well: MBA

Test Date: 16/06/2015

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 61 m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 1

### WELL DATA

#### Pumping Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
MBA	0	0

#### Observation Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
□ MBA	0	0

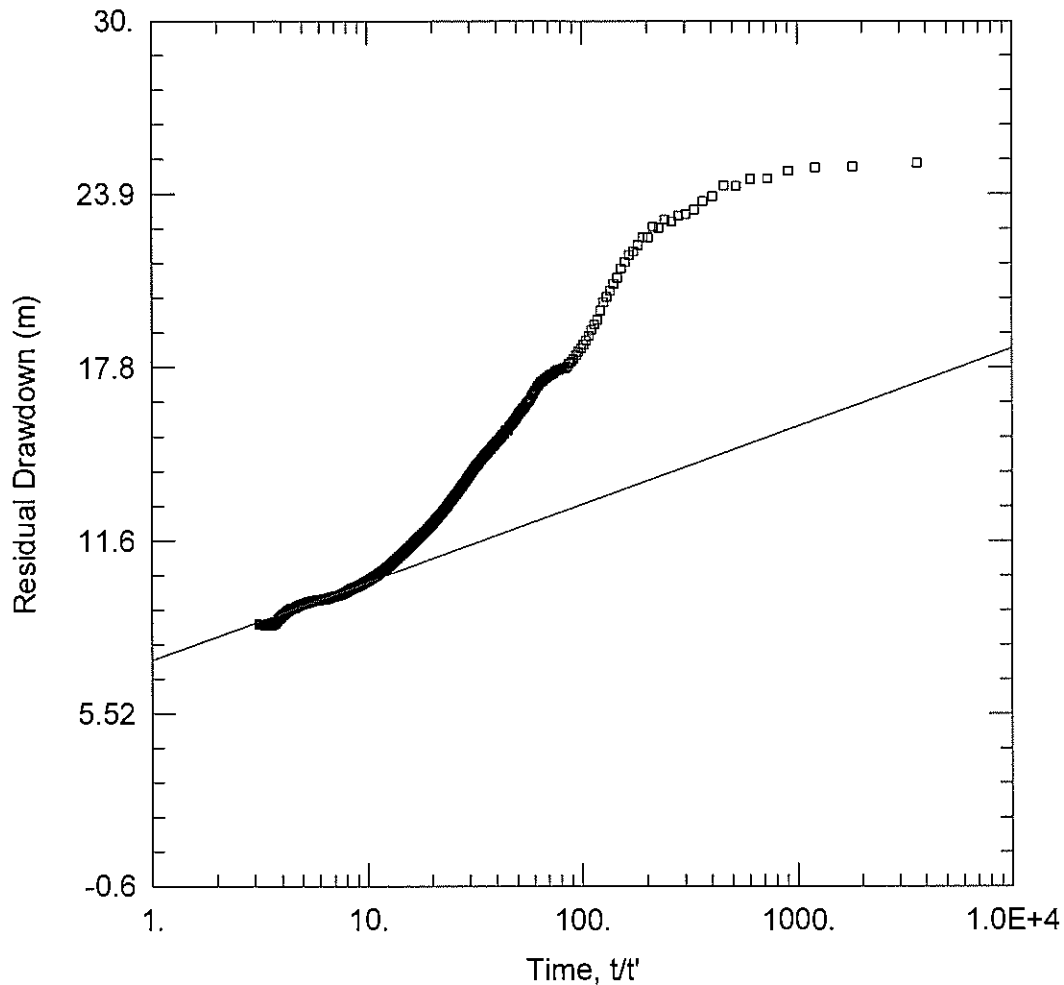
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Theis (Recovery)

$T = 19.69 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$

$S/S' = 1.937$



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: F:\013B\2 TECH\Aquifer testing\AQTESOLVE\Airlift Tests\MBCa\_rec\_14.07.15.aqt

Date: 01/06/16

Time: 16:10:00

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: AQ2

Client: BC Iron

Project: 013B

Location: Iron Valley

Test Well: MBCa

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 125. m

Anisotropy Ratio (Kz/Kr): 1.

### WELL DATA

#### Pumping Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
MBCa	0	0

#### Observation Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
□ MBCa	0	0

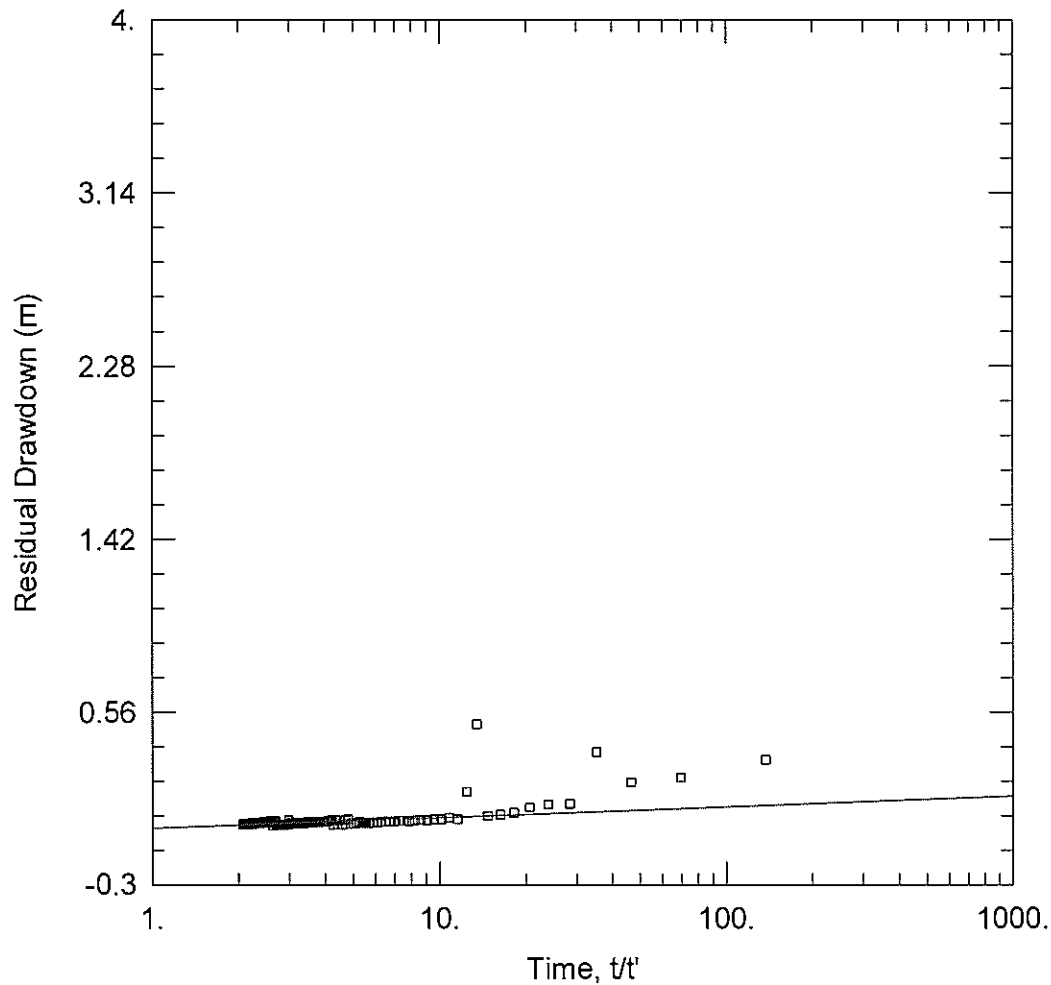
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Theis (Recovery)

T = 0.0574 m<sup>2</sup>/day

S/S' = 0.002073



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: F:\013B\2 TECH\Aquifer testing\AQTESOLVE\Airlift Tests\MBE\_rec\_14.07.15.aqt

Date: 01/06/16

Time: 16:14:58

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: AQ2

Client: BC Iron

Project: 013B

Location: Iron Valley

Test Well: MBE

Test Date: 18/06/2015

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 130. m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 1.

### WELL DATA

#### Pumping Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
MBE	0	0

#### Observation Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
□ MBE	0	0

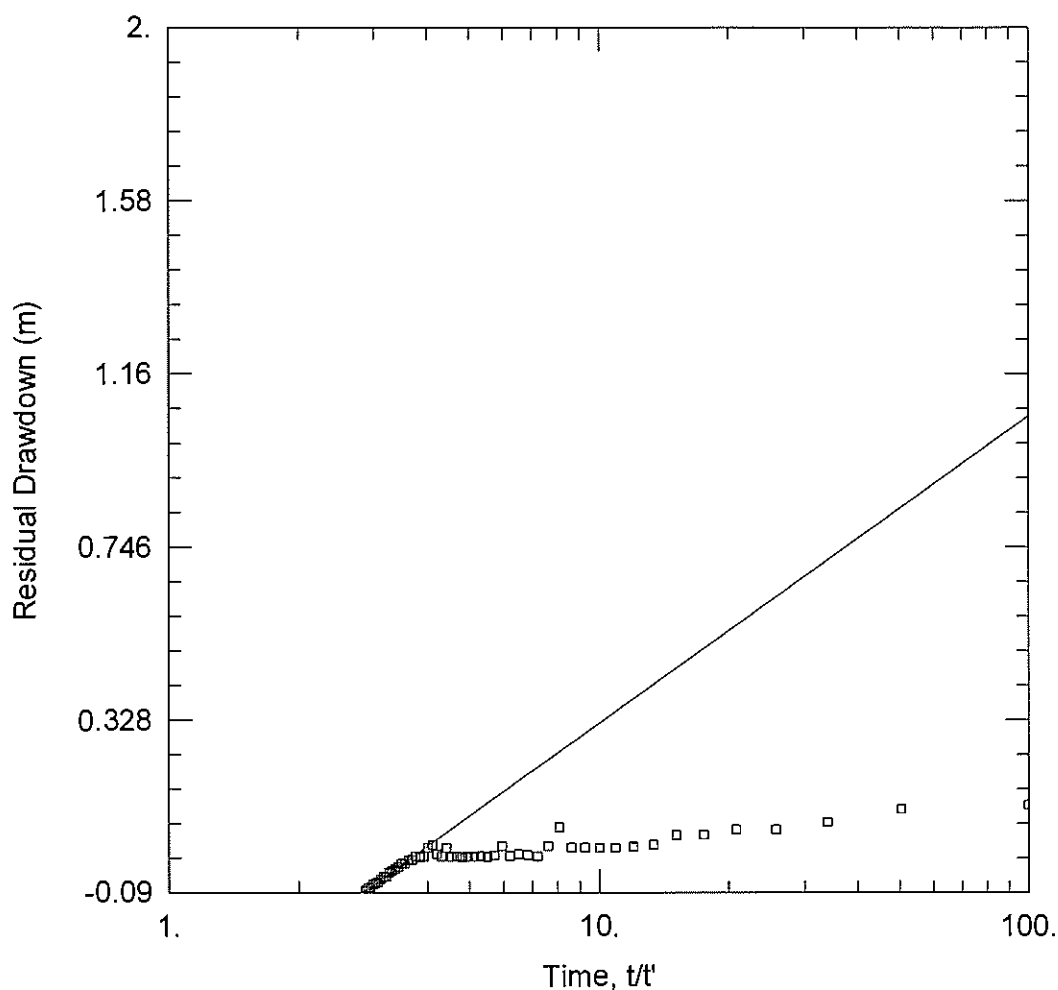
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Theis (Recovery)

$T = 133.8 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$

$S/S' = 2.212$



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: F:\013B\2 TECH\Aquifer testing\AQTESOLVE\Airlift Tests\MBFa\_rec\_14.07.15.aqt

Date: 01/06/16

Time: 16:15:50

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: AQ2

Client: BC Iron

Project: 013B

Location: Iron Valley

Test Well: MBFa

Test Date: 14/06/2015

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 115. m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 1.

### WELL DATA

#### Pumping Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
MBFa	0	0

#### Observation Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
□ MBFa	0	0

### SOLUTION

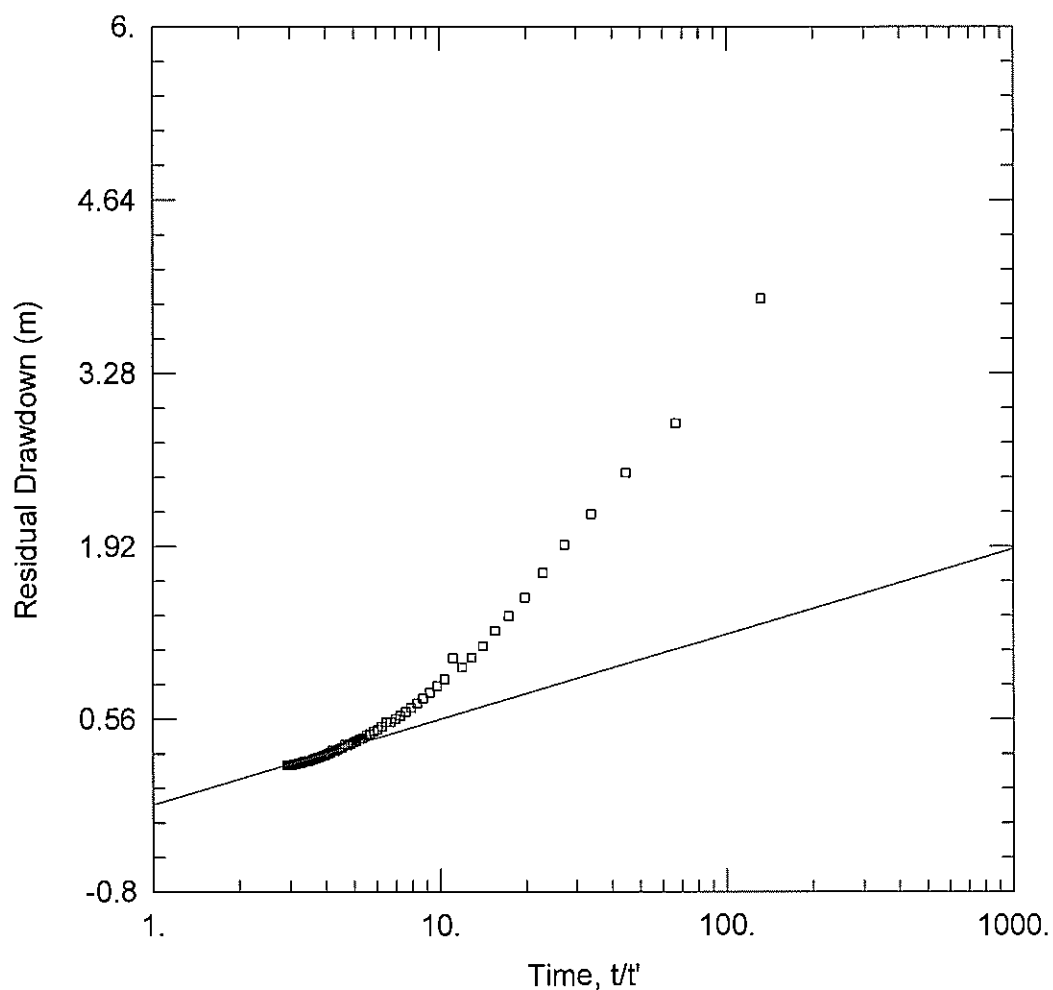
Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Theis (Recovery)

$T = 6.398 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$

$S/S' = 3.714$





### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: F:\013B\2 TECH\Aquifer testing\AQTESOLVE\Airlift Tests\MBG\_rec\_14.07.15.aqt

Date: 01/06/16

Time: 16:16:20

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: AQ2

Client: BC Iron

Project: 013B

Location: Iron Valley

Test Well: MBG

Test Date: 14/06/2015

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 125. m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 1.

### WELL DATA

#### Pumping Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
MBG	0	0

#### Observation Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
□ MBG	0	0

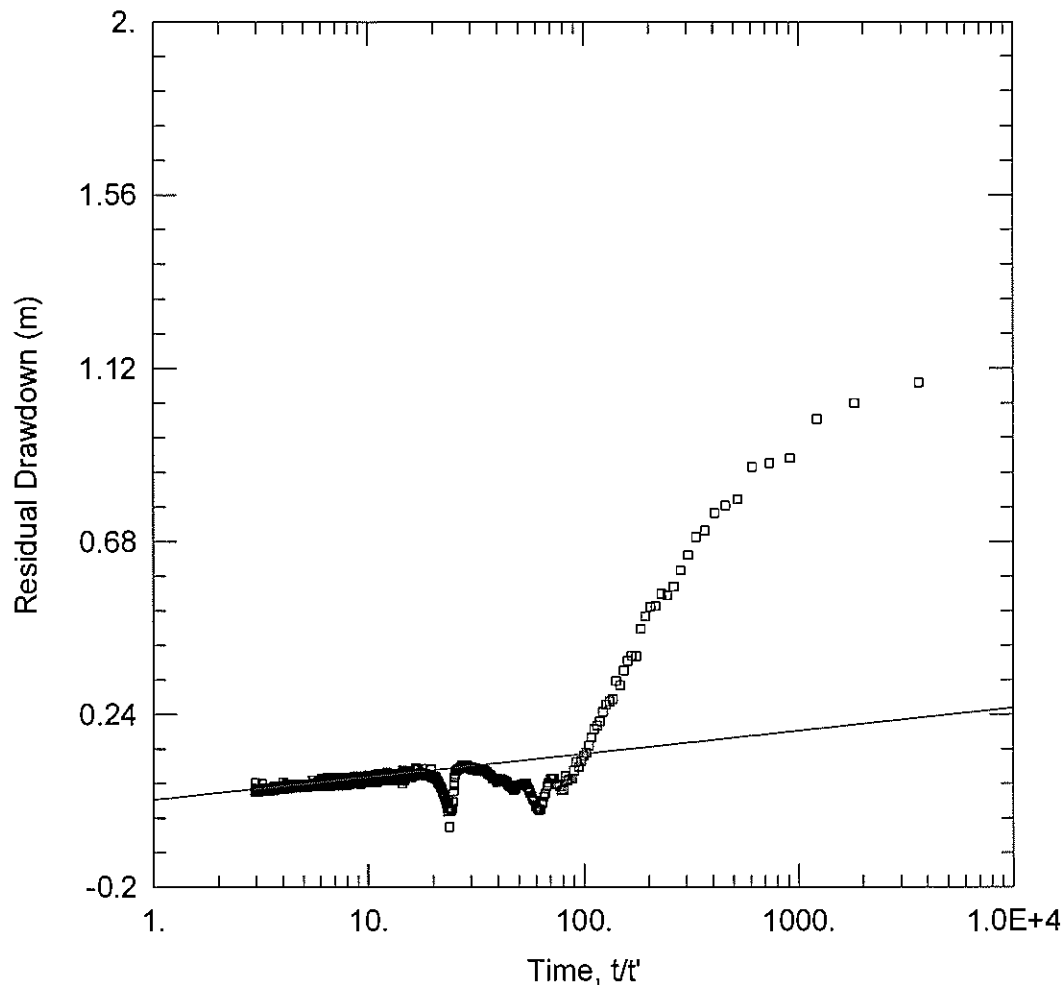
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Theis (Recovery)

$T = 10.62 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$

$S/S' = 1.477$



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: F:\013B\2 TECH\Aquifer testing\AQTESOLVE\Airlift Tests\MBH\_rec\_14.07.15.aqt

Date: 01/06/16

Time: 16:17:12

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: AQ2

Client: BC Iron

Project: 013B

Location: Iron Valley

Test Well: MBH

Test Date: 16/06/2015

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 150. m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 1.

### WELL DATA

#### Pumping Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
MBH	0	0

#### Observation Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
□ MBH	0	0

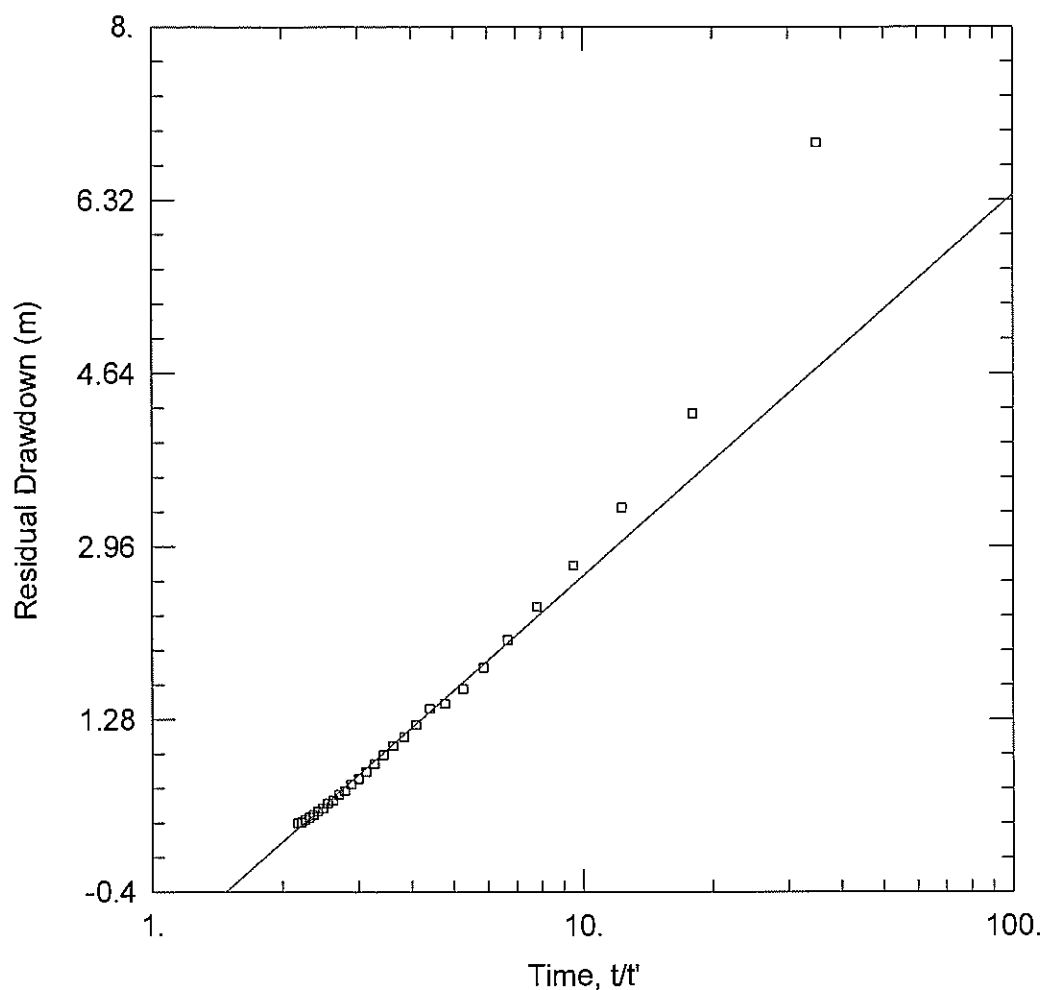
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Theis (Recovery)

$T = 13.55 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$

$S/S' = 0.4158$



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: F:\013B\2 TECH\Aquifer testing\AQTESOLVE\Airlift Tests\MBJ\_rec\_14.07.15.aqt

Date: 01/06/16

Time: 16:18:18

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: AQ2

Client: BC Iron

Project: 013B

Location: Iron Valley

Test Well: MBJ

Test Date: 17/06/2015

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 150. m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 1.

### WELL DATA

#### Pumping Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
MBJ	0	0

#### Observation Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
□ MBJ	0	0

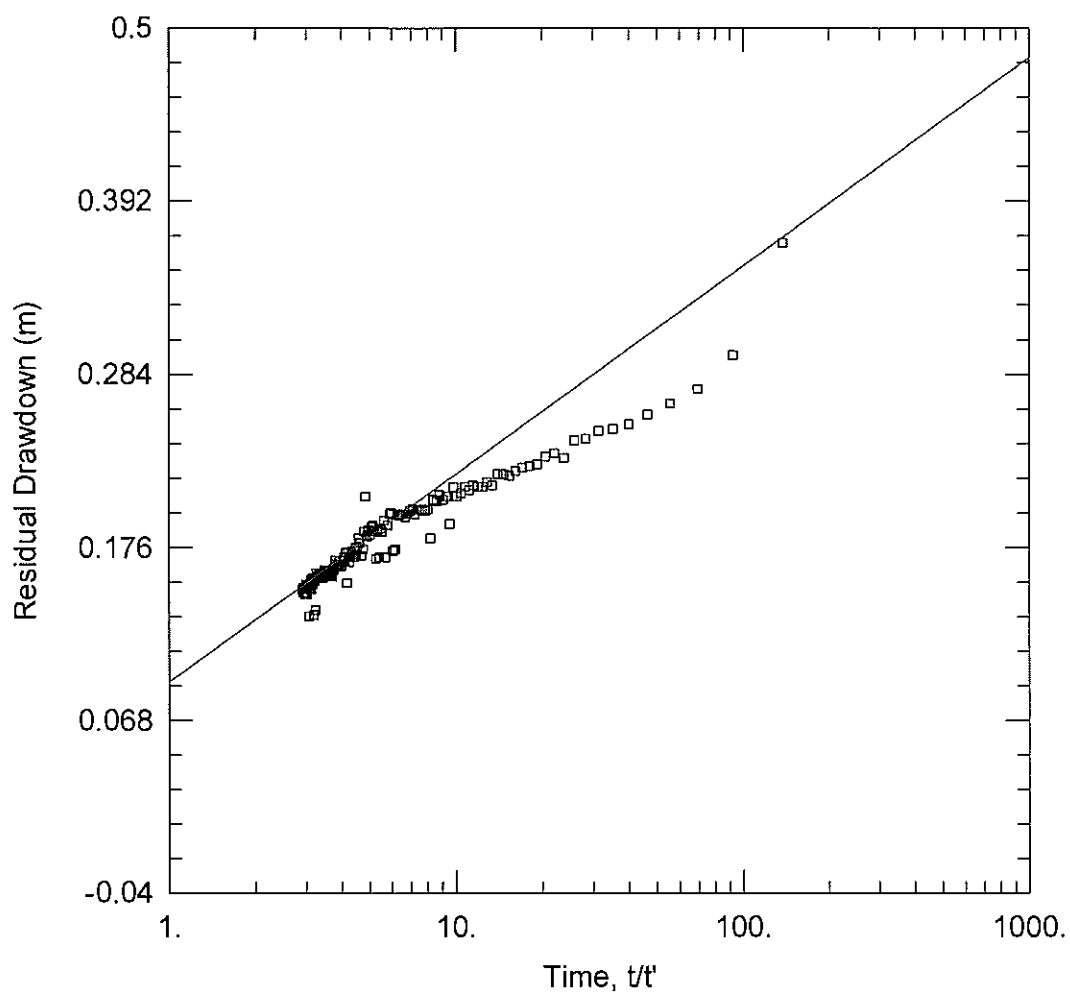
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Theis (Recovery)

$T = 0.1285 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$

$S/S' = 1.893$



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: F:\013B\2 TECH\Aquifer testing\AQTESOLVE\Airlift Tests\MBK\_rec\_14.07.15.aqt

Date: 01/06/16

Time: 16:18:54

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: AQ2

Client: BC Iron

Project: 013B

Location: Iron Valley

Test Well: MBK

Test Date: 18/06/2015

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 115. m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 1.

### WELL DATA

#### Pumping Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
MBK	0	0

#### Observation Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
□ MBK	0	0

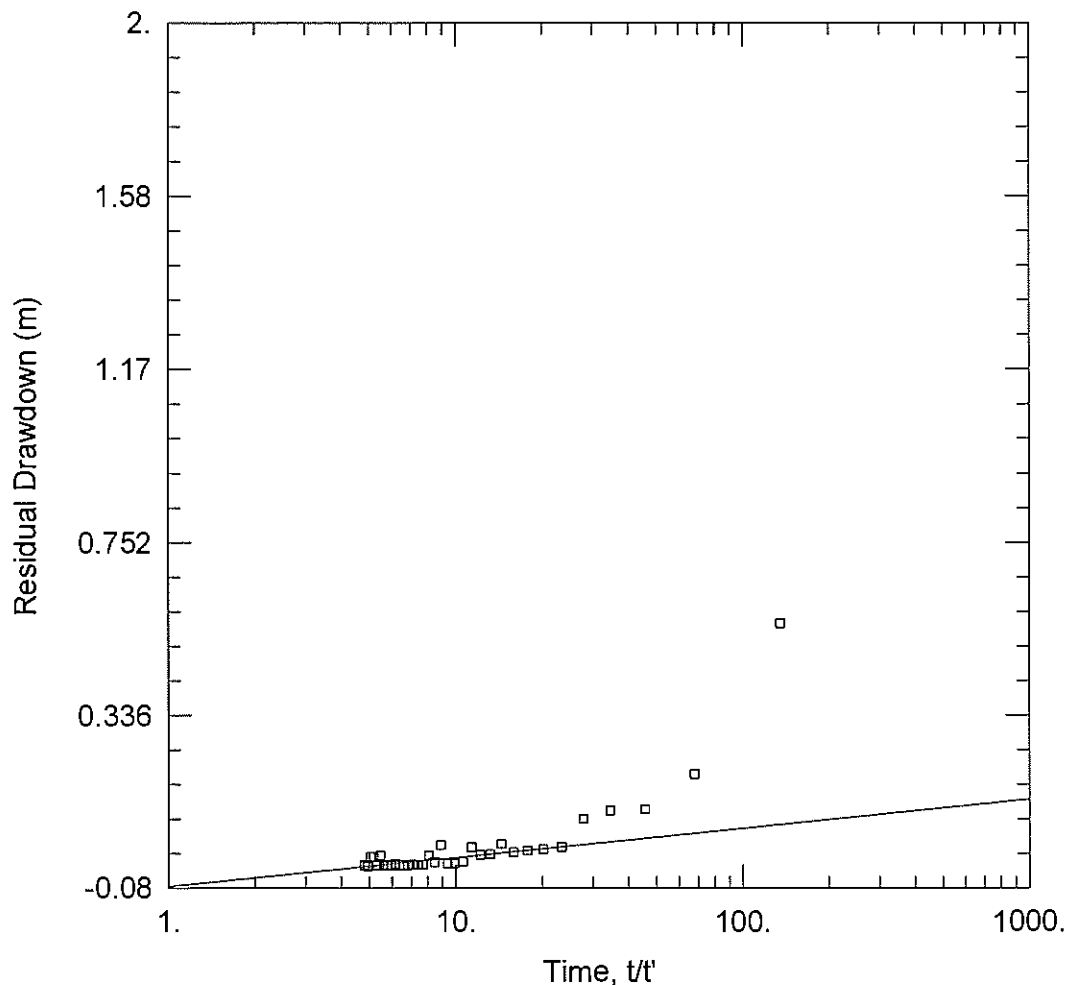
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Theis (Recovery)

$T = 18.31 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$

$S/S' = 0.1956$



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: F:\013B\2 TECH\Aquifer testing\AQTESOLVE\Airlift Tests\MBL\_rec\_14.07.15.aqt

Date: 01/06/16

Time: 16:19:33

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: AQ2

Client: BC Iron

Project: 013B

Location: Iron Valley

Test Well: MBL

Test Date: 17/06/2015

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 150. m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 1.

### WELL DATA

#### Pumping Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
MBL	0	0

#### Observation Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
□ MBL	0	0

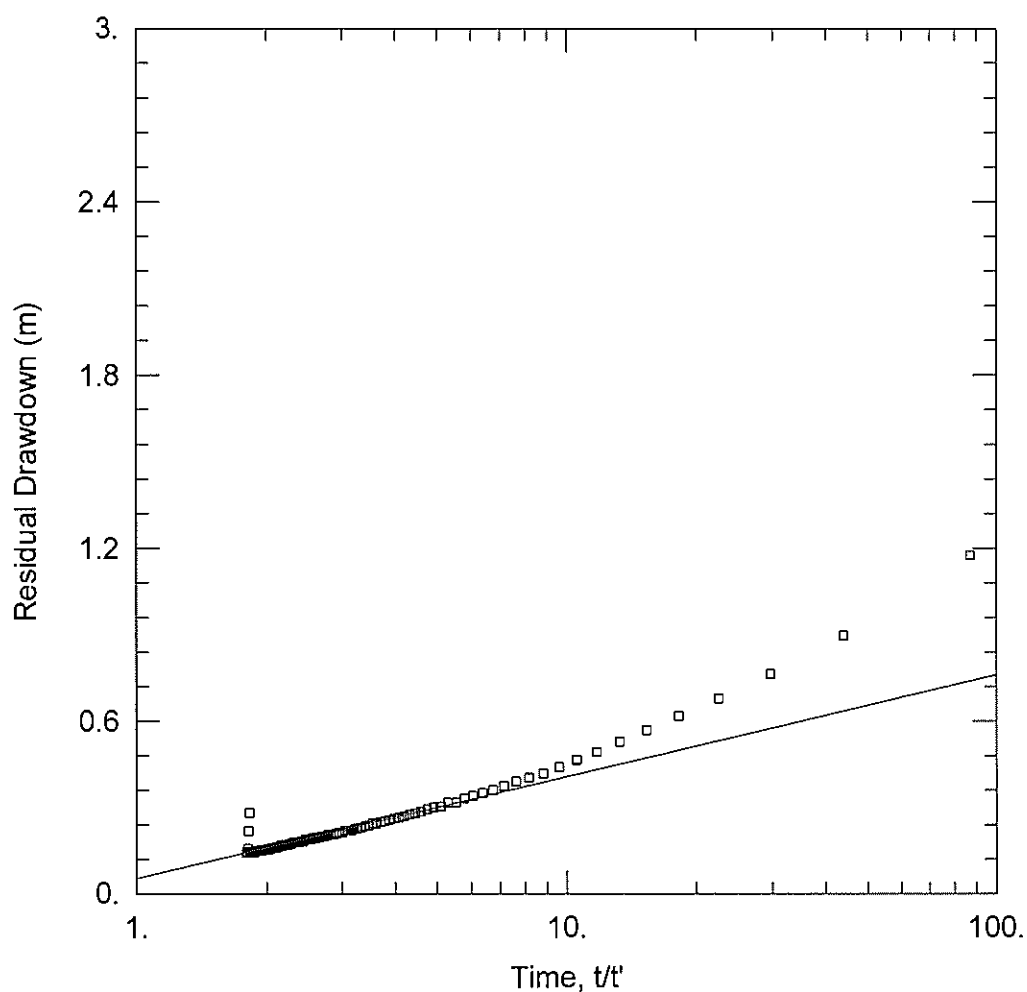
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Theis (Recovery)

$T = 84.03 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$

$S/S' = 12.37$



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: F:\013B\2 TECH\Aquifer testing\AQTESOLVE\Airlift Tests\MBD\_rec\_13.07.15.aqt

Date: 01/06/16

Time: 16:14:05

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: AQ2

Client: BC Iron

Project: 013B

Location: Iron Valley

Test Well: MBM

Test Date: 18/06/2015

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 150. m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 1.

### WELL DATA

#### Pumping Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
MBD	0	0

#### Observation Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
□ MBD	0	0

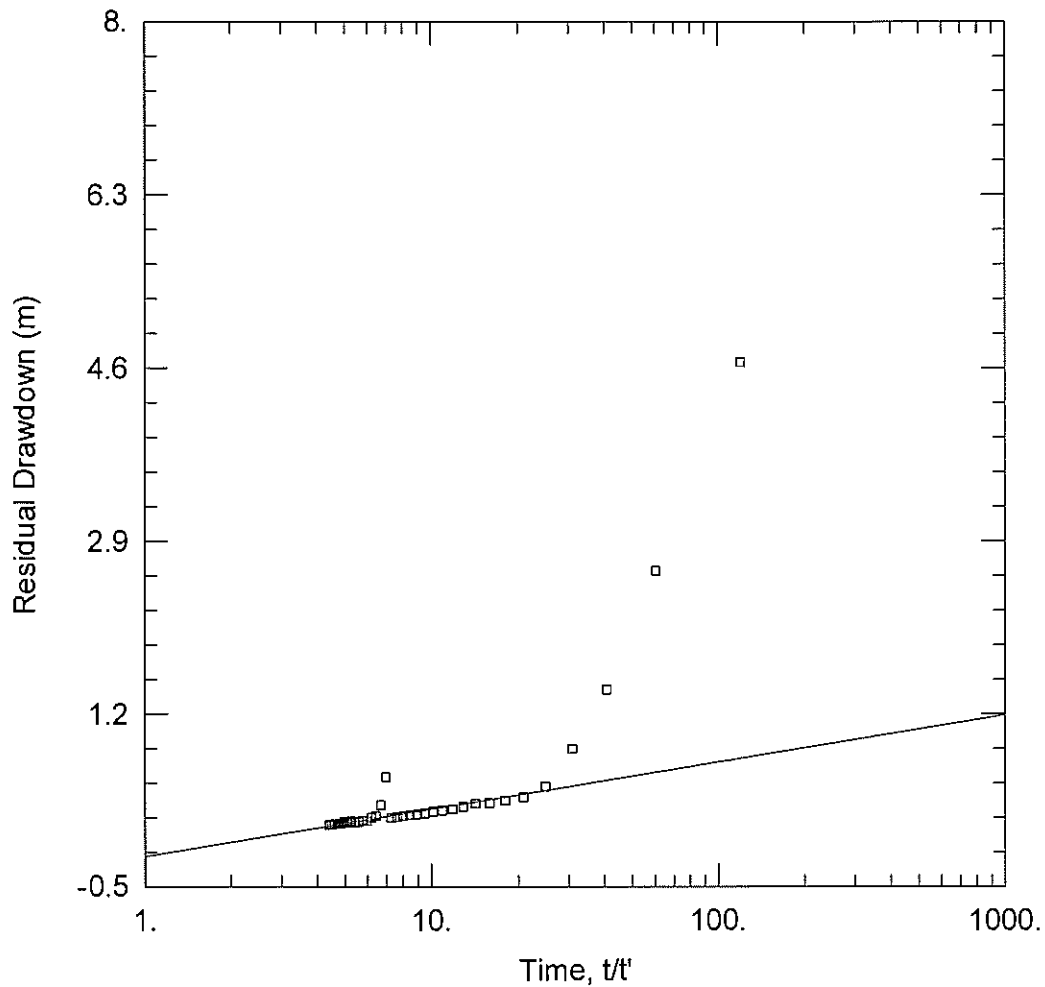
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Theis (Recovery)

$T = 20.17 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$

$S/S' = 0.7062$



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: F:\013B\2 TECH\Aquifer testing\AQTESOLVE\Airlift Tests\MBN\_rec\_14.07.15.aqt

Date: 01/06/16

Time: 16:21:58

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: AQ2

Client: BC Iron

Project: 013B

Location: Iron Valley

Test Well: MBN

Test Date: 17/06/2015

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 150. m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 1.

### WELL DATA

#### Pumping Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
MBN	0	0

#### Observation Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
□ MBN	0	0

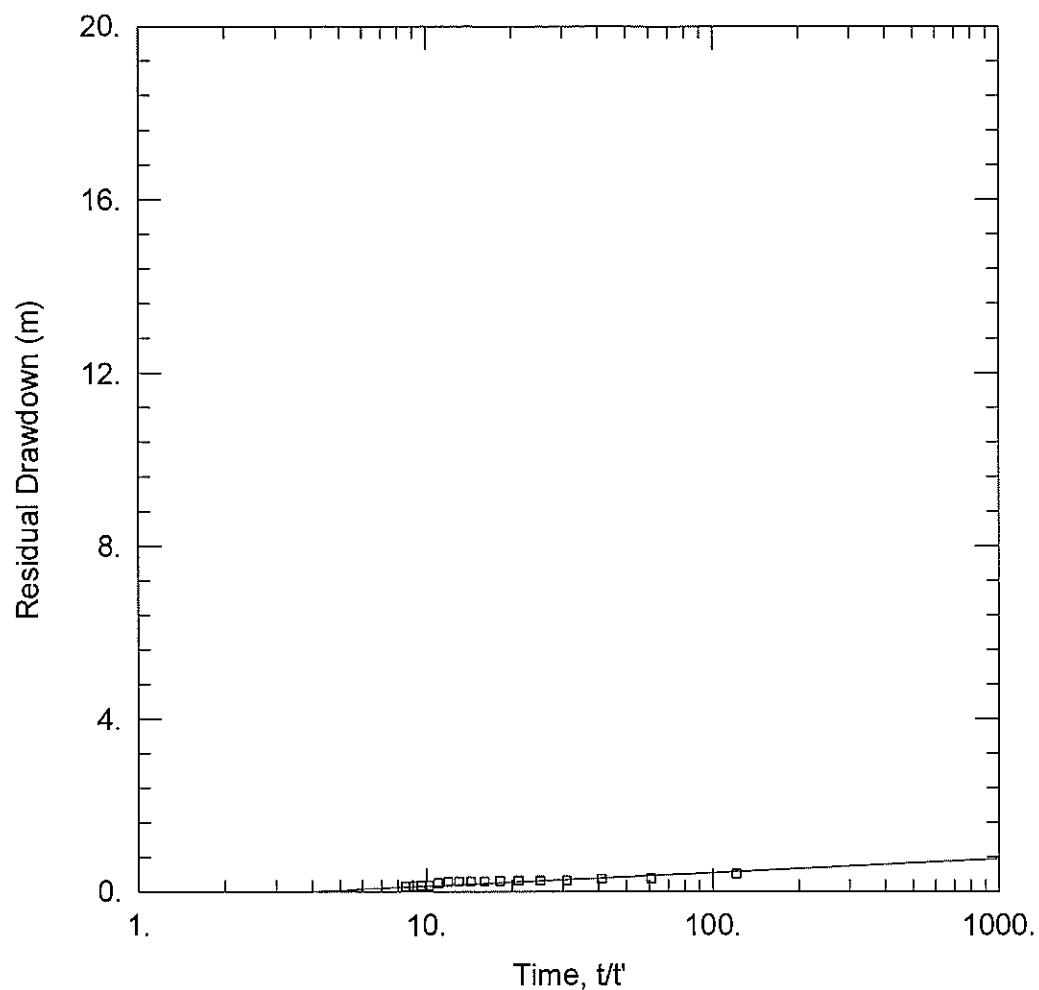
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Theis (Recovery)

$T = 6.485 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$

$S/S' = 2.727$



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: F:\013B\2 TECH\Aquifer testing\AQTESOLVE\Airlift Tests\MBO\_rec\_14.07.15.aqt

Date: 01/06/16

Time: 16:22:23

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: AQ2

Client: BC Iron

Project: 013B

Location: Iron Valley

Test Well: MBO

Test Date: 16/06/2015

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 150. m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 1.

### WELL DATA

#### Pumping Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
MBO	0	0

#### Observation Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
□ MBO	0	0

### SOLUTION

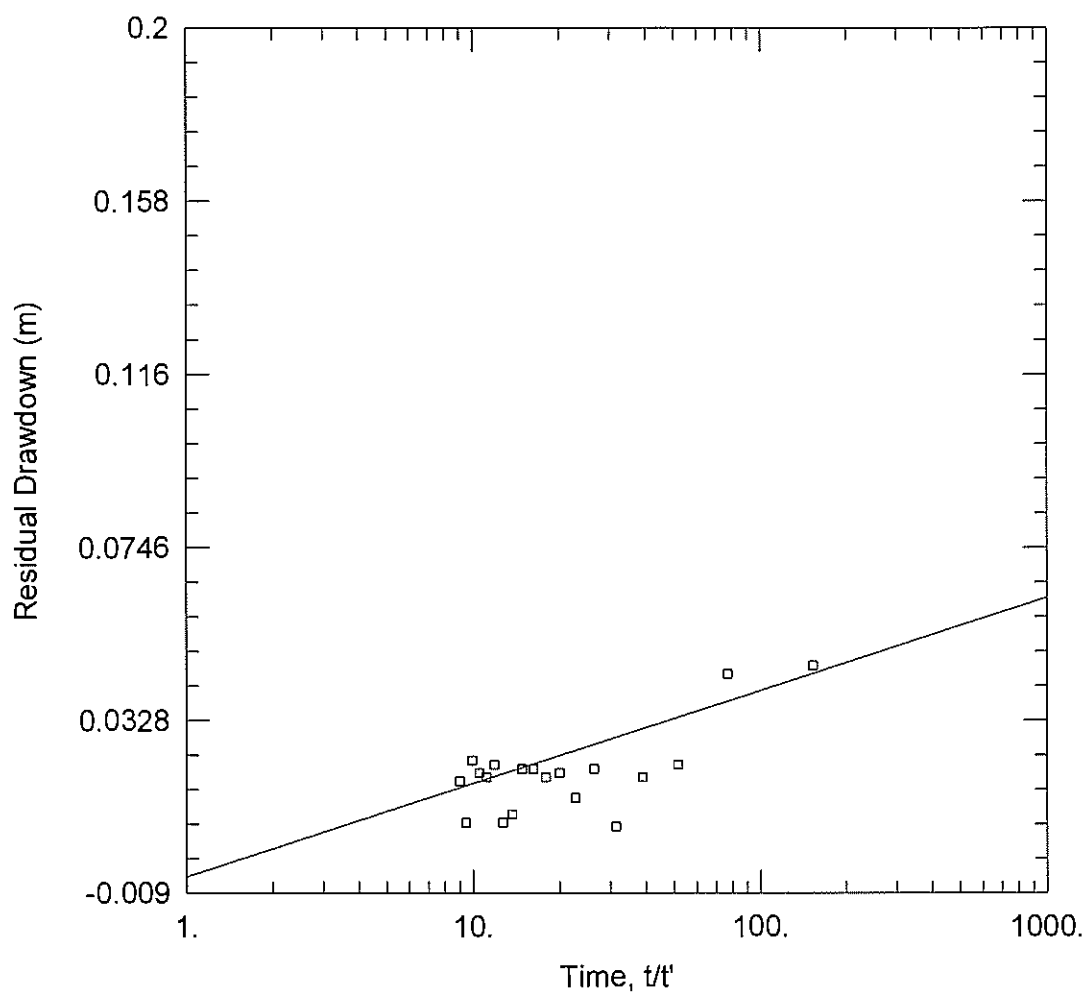
Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Theis (Recovery)

$T = 5.53 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$

$S/S' = 4.077$





### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: F:\013B\2 TECH\Aquifer testing\AQTESOLVE\Airlift Tests\MBQ\_rec\_14.07.15.aqt

Date: 01/06/16

Time: 16:23:15

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: AQ2

Client: BC Iron

Project: 013B

Location: Iron Valley

Test Well: MBQ

Test Date: 15/06/2015

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 150. m

Anisotropy Ratio ( $K_z/K_r$ ): 1.

### WELL DATA

#### Pumping Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
MBQ	0	0

#### Observation Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
□ MBQ	0	0

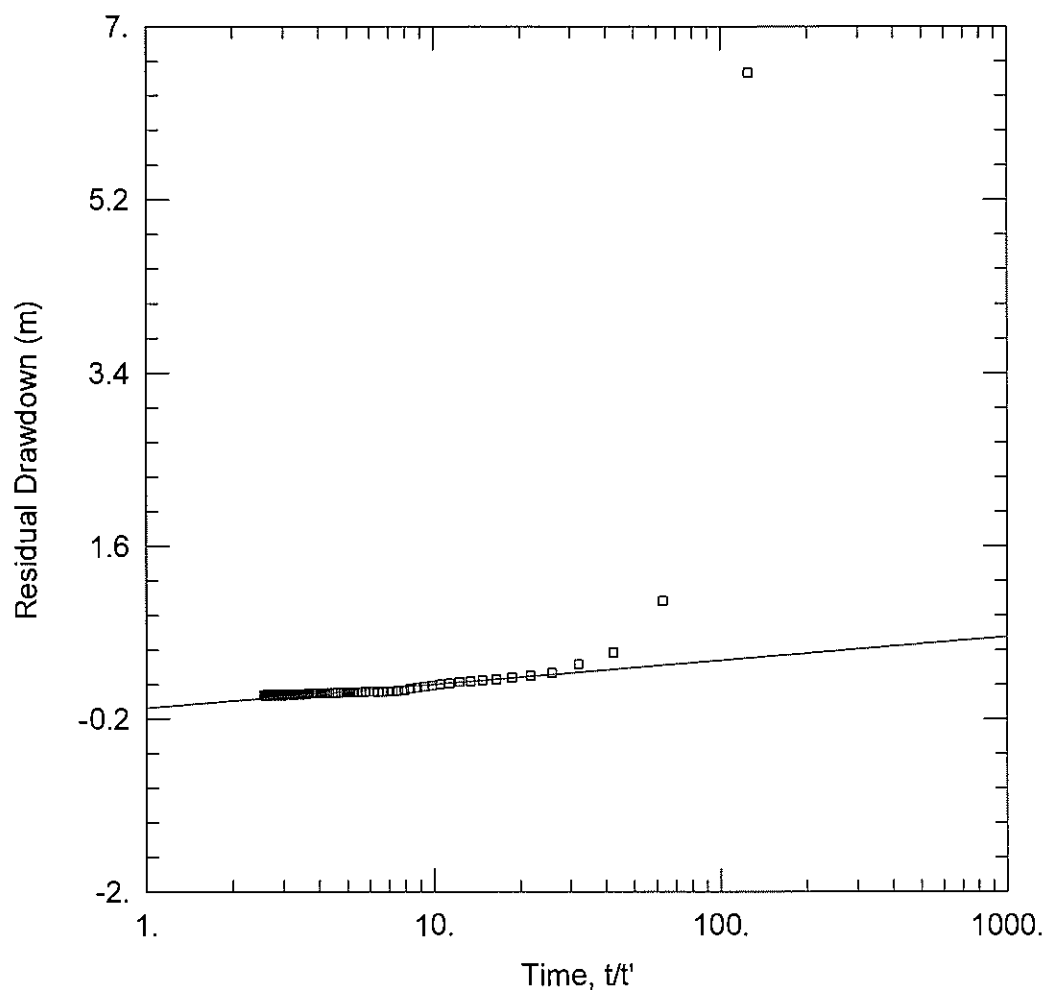
### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

Solution Method: Theis (Recovery)

$T = 14.09 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$

$S/S' = 1.672$



### WELL TEST ANALYSIS

Data Set: F:\013B\2 TECH\Aquifer testing\AQTESOLVE\Airlift Tests\MBR\_rec\_14.07.15.aqt

Date: 01/06/16

Time: 16:23:32

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Company: AQ2

Client: BC Iron

Project: 013B

Location: Iron Valley

Test Well: MBR

Test Date: 15/06/2015

### AQUIFER DATA

Saturated Thickness: 150. m

Anisotropy Ratio (Kz/Kr): 1.

### WELL DATA

#### Pumping Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
MBR	0	0

#### Observation Wells

Well Name	X (m)	Y (m)
□ MBR	0	0

### SOLUTION

Aquifer Model: Confined

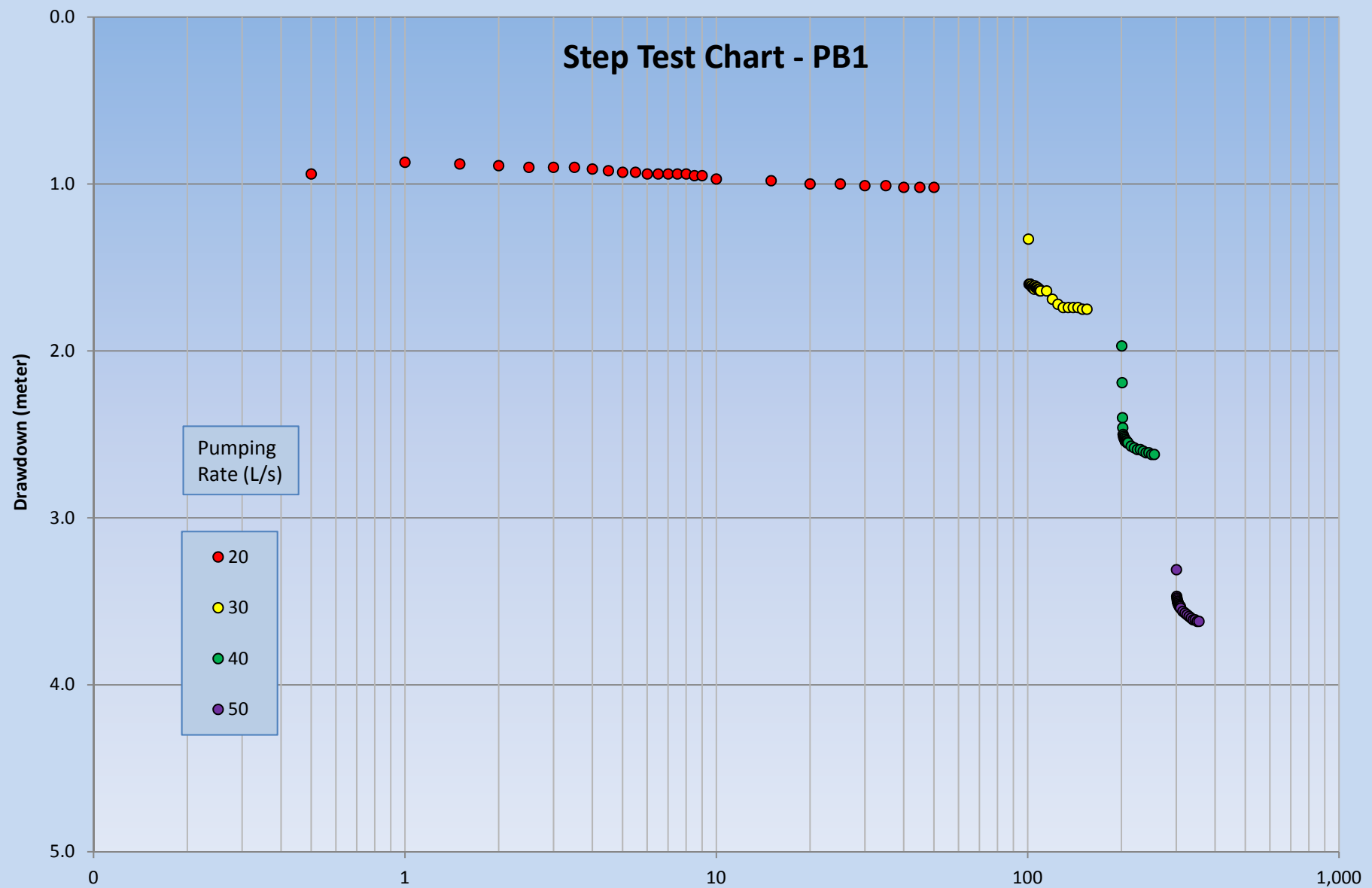
Solution Method: Theis (Recovery)

T = 5.115 m<sup>2</sup>/day

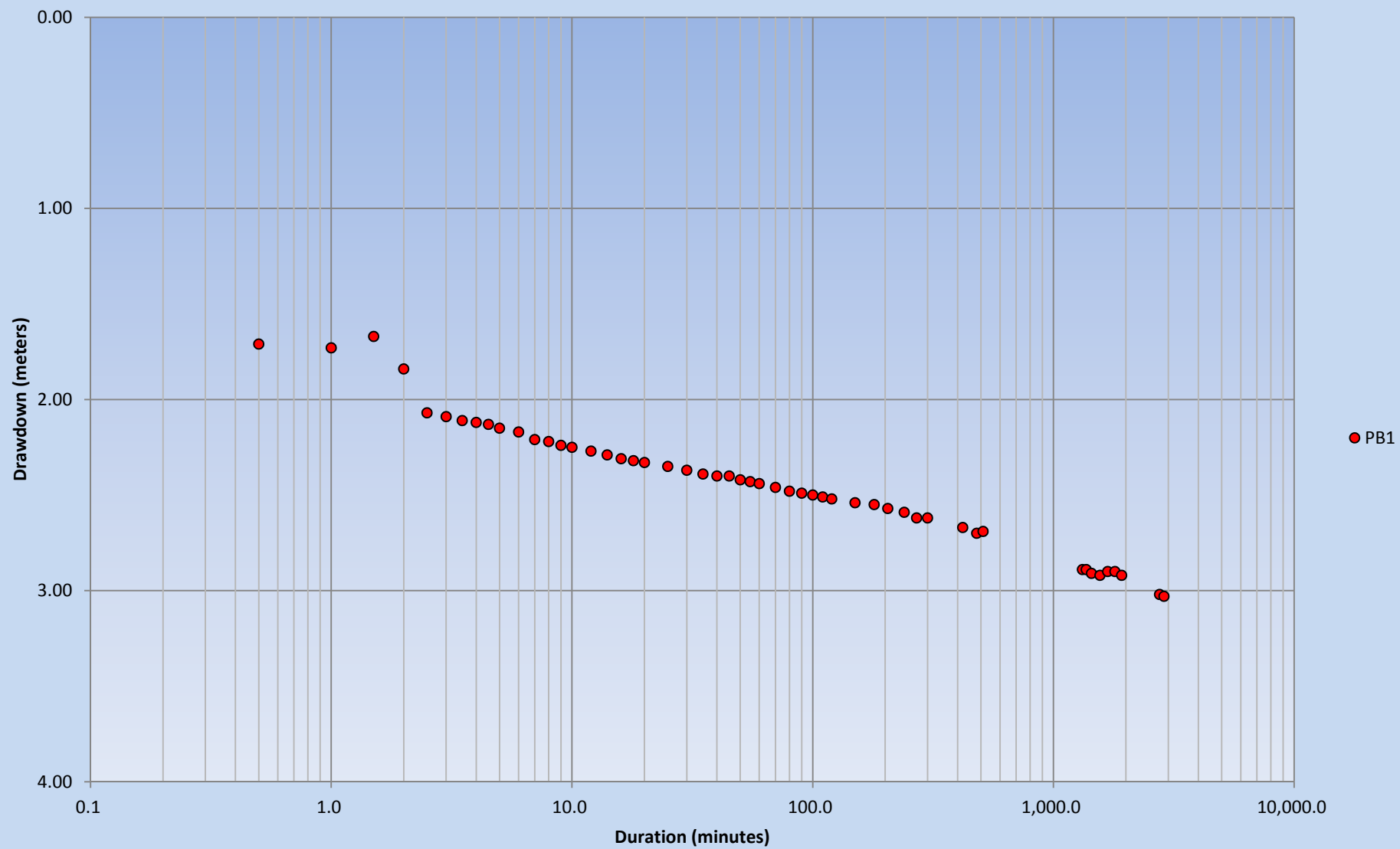
S/S' = 2.262

**APPENDIX C**  
**Aquifer Test Data**

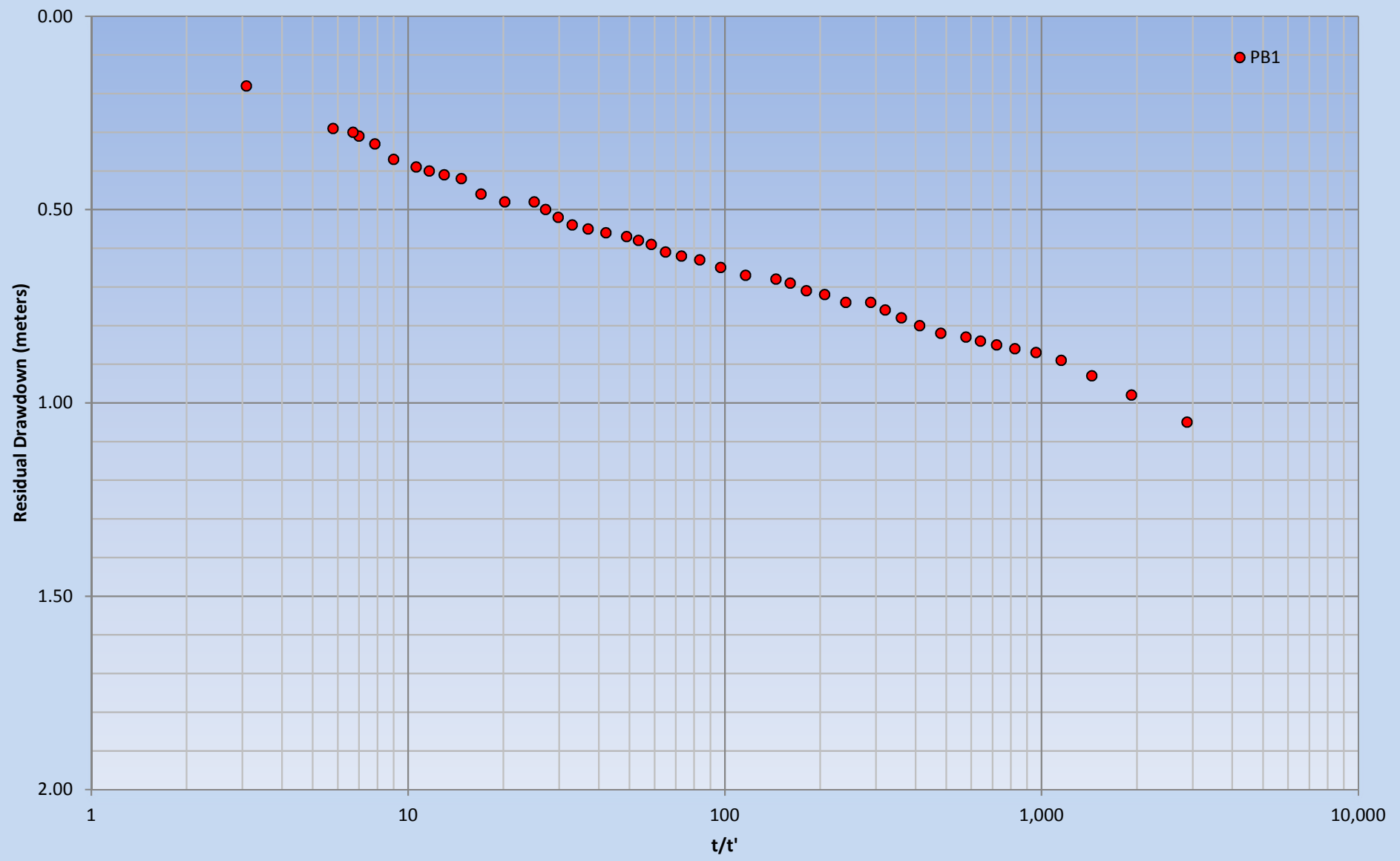
# Step Test Chart - PB1



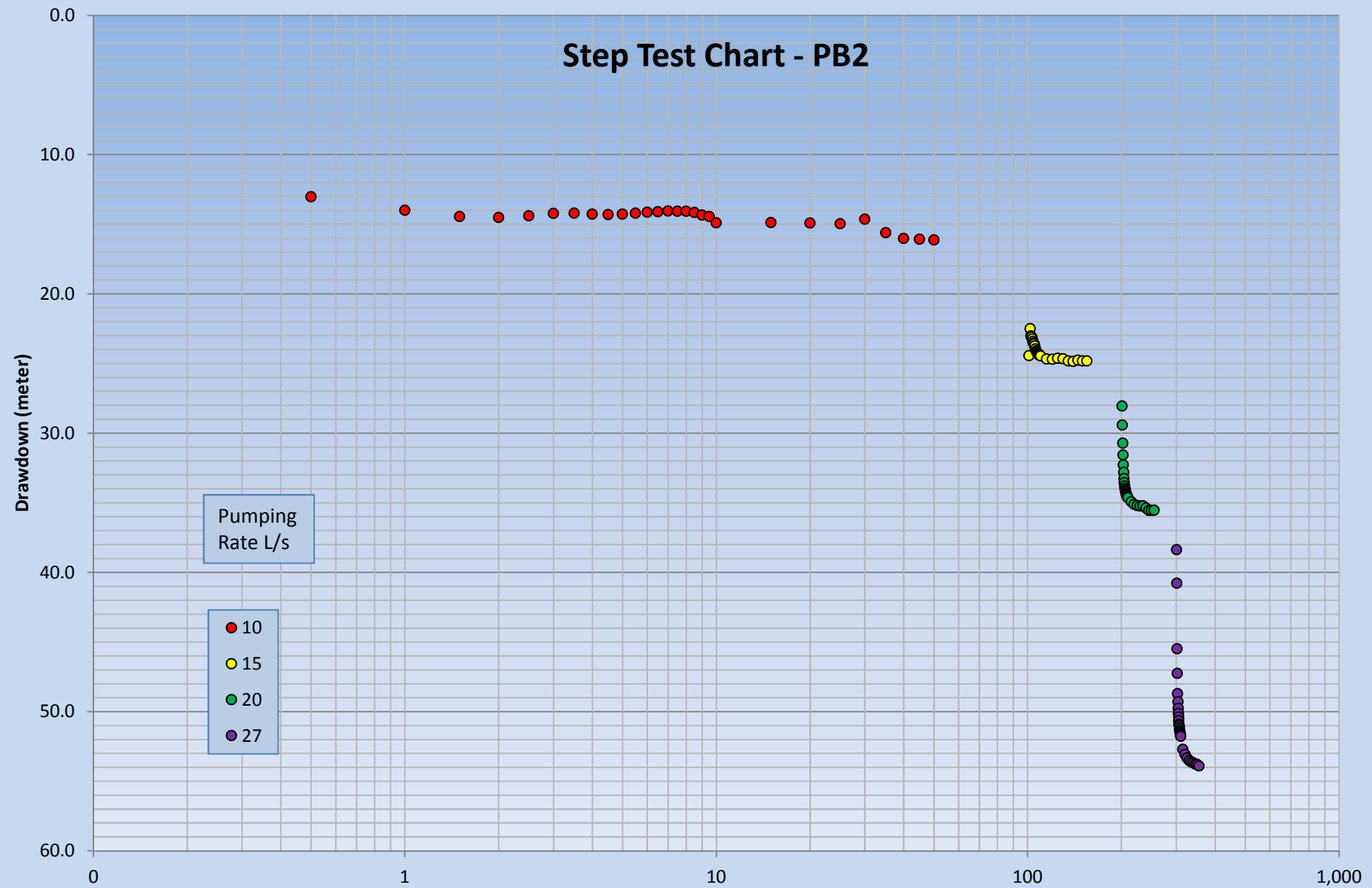
# Constant Rate Test Chart - PB1



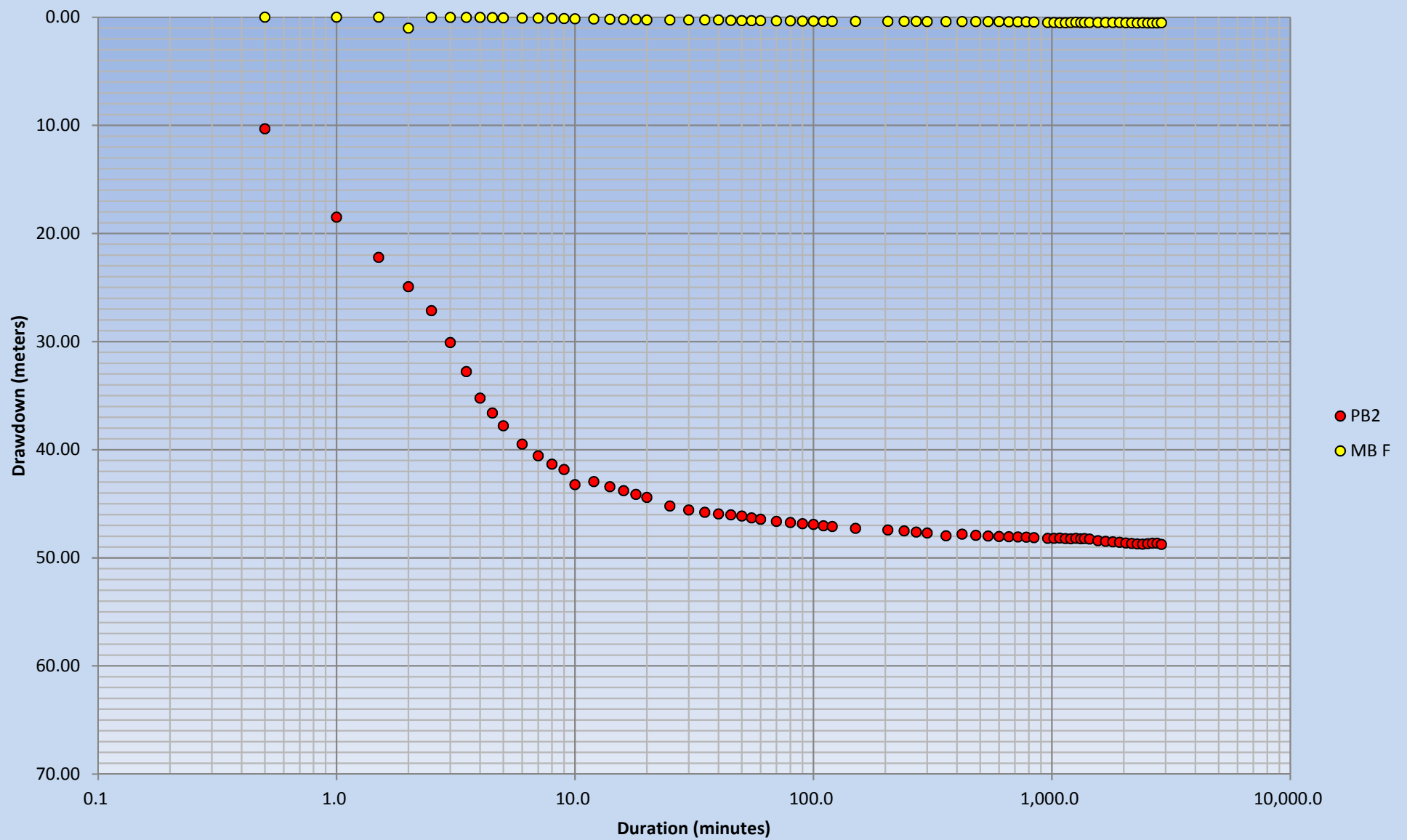
# Recovery Water Levels - PB1



## Step Test Chart - PB2

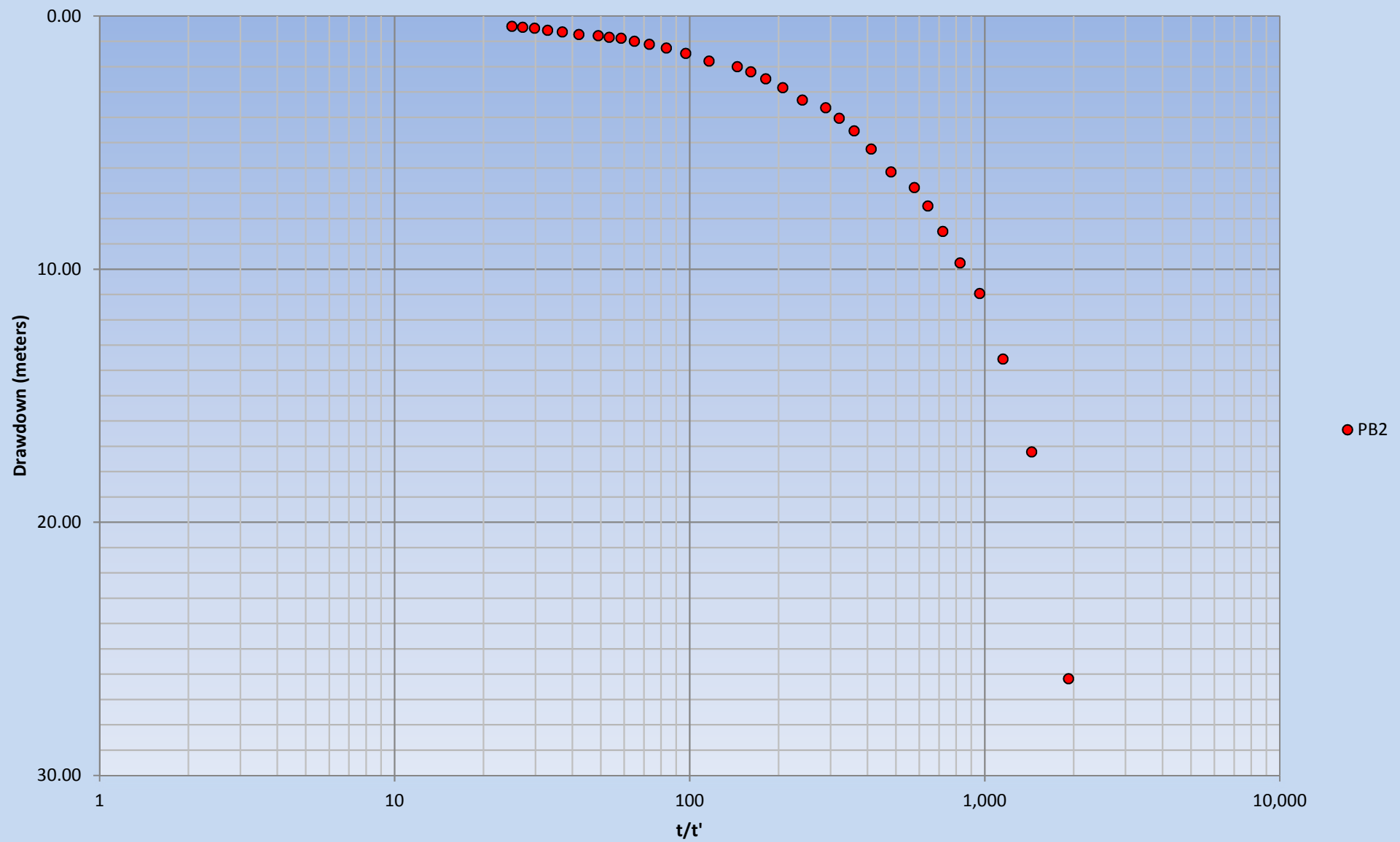


# Constant Rate Test Chart - PB2





Recovery Chart - PB2



## **APPENDIX D**

### **Water Quality**

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Project **Iron Valley 013B**  
 Order Number **(Not specified)**  
 Samples **16**  
 Date Started **25 Jun 2015**

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SGS Reference **PE099816 R0**  
 Report Number **0000109783**  
 Date Reported **01 Jul 2015**  
 Date Received **23 Jun 2015**

### COMMENTS

Accredited for compliance with ISO/IEC 17025. NATA accredited laboratory 2562(898/20210).

Metals: The over range results on ICPMS Method AN318 were reported using ICPOES method AN320.

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Parameter	Units	LOR	Sample Number	PE099816.001	PE099816.002	PE099816.003	PE099816.004
			Sample Matrix	Water	Water	Water	Water
			Sample Date	16/6/15 14:02	15/6/15 16:20	16/6/15 7:50	18/6/15 10:10
			Sample Name	MBA	MBCa	MBD	MBE

pH in water Method: AN101 Tested: 23/6/2015

pH**	pH Units	-	8.4	8.5	8.3	8.3
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Conductivity and TDS by Calculation - Water Method: AN106 Tested: 23/6/2015

Conductivity @ 25 C	µS/cm	2	730	830	880	800
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Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) in water Method: AN113 Tested: 30/6/2015

Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 175-185°C	mg/L	10	420	490	500	490
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Alkalinity Method: ME-AU-ENVAN135 Tested: 23/6/2015

Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	5	230	270	300	280
Carbonate Alkalinity as CO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	1	5	8	<1	<1
Bicarbonate Alkalinity as HCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	5	270	310	380	320

Chloride by Discrete Analyser in Water Method: AN274 Tested: 25/6/2015

Chloride, Cl	mg/L	1	82	90	95	88
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Sulphate in water Method: AN275 Tested: 25/6/2015

Sulphate, SO <sub>4</sub>	mg/L	1	43	55	58	49
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Metals in Water (Dissolved) by ICPOES Method: AN320/AN321 Tested: 25/6/2015

Calcium, Ca	mg/L	0.2	42	44	48	43
Magnesium, Mg	mg/L	0.1	38	44	48	43
Potassium, K	mg/L	0.1	7.5	9.6	8.9	8.4
Sodium, Na	mg/L	0.5	46	56	57	53

Parameter	Units	LOR	Sample Number	Sample Matrix	Sample Date	Sample Name	PE099816.001	PE099816.002	PE099816.003	PE099816.004
				Water	16/6/15 14:02	MBA	Water	Water	Water	Water
							15/6/15 16:20	16/6/15 7:50	18/6/15 10:10	
							MBCa	MBD	MBE	

**Trace Metals (Total) in Water by ICPMS Method: AN022/AN318 Tested: 25/6/2015**

Total Iron	µg/L	5	<5	74	13	<5
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**Trace Metals (Dissolved) in Water by ICPMS Method: AN318 Tested: 25/6/2015**

Aluminium, Al	µg/L	5	<5	24	<5	<5
Arsenic, As	µg/L	1	<1	1	<1	<1
Cadmium, Cd	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Chromium, Cr	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Copper, Cu	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Lead, Pb	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Manganese, Mn	µg/L	1	1	9	30	<1
Nickel, Ni	µg/L	1	<1	1	<1	<1
Selenium, Se	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Zinc, Zn	µg/L	5	<5	16	<5	<5

**Mercury (dissolved) in Water Method: AN311/AN312 Tested: 29/6/2015**

Mercury	mg/L	0.00005	<0.00005	<0.00005	<0.00005	<0.00005
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Parameter	Units	LOR	Sample Number	Sample Matrix	Sample Date	Sample Name
			PE099816.005	Water	14/6/15 12:55	MBF
			PE099816.006	Water	14/6/15 15:20	MBG
			PE099816.007	Water	16/6/15 10:35	MBH
			PE099816.008	Water	17/6/15 10:25	MBJ

pH in water Method: AN101 Tested: 23/6/2015

pH**	pH Units	-	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.2
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Conductivity and TDS by Calculation - Water Method: AN106 Tested: 23/6/2015

Conductivity @ 25 C	µS/cm	2	840	900	820	340
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Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) in water Method: AN113 Tested: 30/6/2015

Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 175-185°C	mg/L	10	470	500	490	290
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Alkalinity Method: ME-AU-ENVAN135 Tested: 23/6/2015

Total Alkalinity as CaCO3	mg/L	5	280	290	270	120
Carbonate Alkalinity as CO3	mg/L	1	2	8	8	<1
Bicarbonate Alkalinity as HCO3	mg/L	5	340	350	310	150

Chloride by Discrete Analyser in Water Method: AN274 Tested: 25/6/2015

Chloride, Cl	mg/L	1	89	100	89	24
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Sulphate in water Method: AN275 Tested: 25/6/2015

Sulphate, SO4	mg/L	1	52	59	52	10
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Metals in Water (Dissolved) by ICPOES Method: AN320/AN321 Tested: 25/6/2015

Calcium, Ca	mg/L	0.2	45	50	45	19
Magnesium, Mg	mg/L	0.1	45	50	45	15
Potassium, K	mg/L	0.1	8.7	9.5	9.4	8.0
Sodium, Na	mg/L	0.5	55	58	57	24

Parameter	Units	LOR
Sample Number	PE099816.005	PE099816.006
Sample Matrix	Water	Water
Sample Date	14/6/15 12:55	14/6/15 16:20
Sample Name	MBF	MBG
		MBH
		MBJ

### Trace Metals (Total) in Water by ICPMS Method: AN022/AN318 Tested: 25/6/2015

Total Iron	µg/L	5	8	6	400	20
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### Trace Metals (Dissolved) in Water by ICPMS Method: AN318 Tested: 25/6/2015

Aluminium, Al	µg/L	5	<5	<5	34	10
Arsenic, As	µg/L	1	<1	1	<1	<1
Cadmium, Cd	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Chromium, Cr	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Copper, Cu	µg/L	1	<1	<1	1	<1
Lead, Pb	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Manganese, Mn	µg/L	1	8	41	1	31
Nickel, Ni	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Selenium, Se	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Zinc, Zn	µg/L	5	<5	<5	26	<5

### Mercury (dissolved) in Water Method: AN311/AN312 Tested: 29/6/2015

Mercury	mg/L	0.00005	<0.00005	<0.00005	<0.00005	<0.00005
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Parameter	Units	LOR	Sample Number	PE099816.009	PE099816.010	PE099816.011	PE099816.012
			Sample Matrix	Water	Water	Water	Water
			Sample Date	18/6/15 15:55	17/6/15 13:20	17/6/15 8:12	16/6/15 16:40
			Sample Name	MBK	MBL	MBN	MBO

**pH in water** Method: AN101 Tested: 23/6/2015

pH**	pH Units	-	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.4
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**Conductivity and TDS by Calculation - Water** Method: AN106 Tested: 23/6/2015

Conductivity @ 25 C	µS/cm	2	1000	880	910	880
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**Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) in water** Method: AN113 Tested: 30/6/2015

Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 175-185°C	mg/L	10	590	500	540	520
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**Alkalinity** Method: ME-AU-ENVAN135 Tested: 23/6/2015

Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	5	310	290	270	290
Carbonate Alkalinity as CO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	1	<1	<1	3	6
Bicarbonate Alkalinity as HCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	5	380	350	320	340

**Chloride by Discrete Analyser in Water** Method: AN274 Tested: 25/6/2015

Chloride, Cl	mg/L	1	130	91	110	95
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**Sulphate in water** Method: AN275 Tested: 25/6/2015

Sulphate, SO <sub>4</sub>	mg/L	1	65	52	65	57
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**Metals in Water (Dissolved) by ICPOES** Method: AN320/AN321 Tested: 25/6/2015

Calcium, Ca	mg/L	0.2	45	48	48	48
Magnesium, Mg	mg/L	0.1	48	47	48	48
Potassium, K	mg/L	0.1	17	8.6	9.4	9.3
Sodium, Na	mg/L	0.5	92	57	66	57



Parameter	Units	LOR
Sample Number	PE099816.009	PE099816.010
Sample Matrix	Water	Water
Sample Date	18/6/15 15:55	17/6/15 13:20
Sample Name	MBK	MBL
		MBN
		MBO

### Trace Metals (Total) in Water by ICPMS Method: AN022/AN318 Tested: 25/6/2015

Total Iron	µg/L	5	34	<5	<5	<5
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### Trace Metals (Dissolved) in Water by ICPMS Method: AN318 Tested: 25/6/2015

Aluminium, Al	µg/L	5	<5	<5	<5	5
Arsenic, As	µg/L	1	<1	8	<1	<1
Cadmium, Cd	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Chromium, Cr	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Copper, Cu	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Lead, Pb	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Manganese, Mn	µg/L	1	52	60	2	41
Nickel, Ni	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Selenium, Se	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Zinc, Zn	µg/L	5	<5	<5	<5	<5

### Mercury (dissolved) in Water Method: AN311/AN312 Tested: 29/6/2015

Mercury	mg/L	0.00005	<0.00005	<0.00005	<0.00005	<0.00005
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Parameter	Units	LOR	Sample Number	Sample Matrix	Sample Date	Sample Name	PE099816.013	PE099816.014	PE099816.015	PE099816.016
				Water	15/6/15 7:35	MBP	Water	Water	Water	Water
							15/6/15 12:00	15/6/15 14:15	15/6/15 6:45	
							MBQ	MBR	PB1 CRT	

pH in water Method: AN101 Tested: 23/6/2015

pH**	pH Units	-	8.4	8.6	8.5	8.3
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Conductivity and TDS by Calculation - Water Method: AN106 Tested: 23/6/2015

Conductivity @ 25 C	µS/cm	2	800	750	820	830
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Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) in water Method: AN113 Tested: 30/6/2015

Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 175-185°C	mg/L	10	470	480	490	480
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Alkalinity Method: ME-AU-ENVAN135 Tested: 23/6/2015

Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	5	280	250	280	270
Carbonate Alkalinity as CO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	1	4	15	10	<1
Bicarbonate Alkalinity as HCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	5	310	270	320	330

Chloride by Discrete Analyser in Water Method: AN274 Tested: 25/6/2015

Chloride, Cl	mg/L	1	84	76	85	87
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Sulphate in water Method: AN275 Tested: 25/6/2015

Sulphate, SO <sub>4</sub>	mg/L	1	50	47	52	51
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Metals in Water (Dissolved) by ICPOES Method: AN320/AN321 Tested: 25/6/2015

Calcium, Ca	mg/L	0.2	43	38	45	44
Magnesium, Mg	mg/L	0.1	42	39	45	44
Potassium, K	mg/L	0.1	8.5	9.0	9.2	8.5
Sodium, Na	mg/L	0.5	53	50	55	53

Parameter	Units	LOR	Sample Number	Sample Matrix	Sample Date	Sample Name
			PE099816.013	Water	15/6/15 7:35	MBP
			PE099816.014	Water	15/6/15 12:00	MBQ
			PE099816.015	Water	15/6/15 14:15	MBR
			PE099816.016	Water	15/6/15 6:45	PB1 CRT

## Trace Metals (Total) in Water by ICPMS Method: AN022/AN318 Tested: 25/6/2015

Total Iron	µg/L	5	11	<5	13	120
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## Trace Metals (Dissolved) in Water by ICPMS Method: AN318 Tested: 25/6/2015

Aluminium, Al	µg/L	5	<5	7	8	<5
Arsenic, As	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Cadmium, Cd	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Chromium, Cr	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Copper, Cu	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Lead, Pb	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Manganese, Mn	µg/L	1	<1	210	2	9
Nickel, Ni	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Selenium, Se	µg/L	1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Zinc, Zn	µg/L	5	<5	<5	<5	<5

## Mercury (dissolved) in Water Method: AN311/AN312 Tested: 29/6/2015

Mercury	mg/L	0.00005	<0.00005	<0.00005	<0.00005	<0.00005
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MB blank results are compared to the Limit of Reporting

LCS and MS spike recoveries are measured as the percentage of analyte recovered from the sample compared to the amount of analyte spiked into the sample.

DUP and MSD relative percent differences are measured against their original counterpart samples according to the formula : *the absolute difference of the two results divided by the average of the two results as a percentage*. Where the DUP RPD is 'NA', the results are less than the LOR and thus the RPD is not applicable.

### Alkalinity Method: ME-AU-ENVAN135

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery
Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	LB104601	mg/L	5	<5	0 - 1%	100 - 101%
Carbonate Alkalinity as CO <sub>3</sub>	LB104601	mg/L	1	<1		
Bicarbonate Alkalinity as HCO <sub>3</sub>	LB104601	mg/L	5	<5		

### Chloride by Discrete Analyser in Water Method: ME-(AU)-[ENV]AN274

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery	MS %Recovery
Chloride, Cl	LB104571	mg/L	1	<1	0 - 1%	102%	88 - 93%

### Conductivity and TDS by Calculation - Water Method: ME-(AU)-[ENV]AN106

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery
Conductivity @ 25 C	LB104596	µS/cm	2	<2	0%	99%

### Mercury (dissolved) in Water Method: ME-(AU)-[ENV]AN311/AN312

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery	MS %Recovery
Mercury	LB104736	mg/L	0.00005	<0.00005	0%	106%	117%

### Metals in Water (Dissolved) by ICPOES Method: ME-(AU)-[ENV]AN320/AN321

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery	MS %Recovery
Calcium, Ca	LB104545	mg/L	0.2	<0.2	2%	95%	91%
Magnesium, Mg	LB104545	mg/L	0.1	<0.1	1 - 2%	98%	94%
Potassium, K	LB104545	mg/L	0.1	<0.1	1 - 2%	110%	104%
Sodium, Na	LB104545	mg/L	0.5	<0.5	2%	102%	100%

MB blank results are compared to the Limit of Reporting

LCS and MS spike recoveries are measured as the percentage of analyte recovered from the sample compared the the amount of analyte spiked into the sample.

DUP and MSD relative percent differences are measured against their original counterpart samples according to the formula : *the absolute difference of the two results divided by the average of the two results as a percentage*. Where the DUP RPD is 'NA', the results are less than the LOR and thus the RPD is not applicable.

### pH in water Method: ME-(AU)-[ENV]AN101

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery
pH**	LB104596	pH Units	-	5.5 - 5.7	0%	100%

### Sulphate in water Method: ME-(AU)-[ENV]AN275

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery	MS %Recovery
Sulphate, SO4	LB104571	mg/L	1	<1	0 - 1%	102%	92 - 97%

### Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) in water Method: ME-(AU)-[ENV]AN113

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery	MS %Recovery	MSD %RPD
Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 175-185°C	LB104784	mg/L	10	<10	0%	97%	100%	3%

### Trace Metals (Dissolved) in Water by ICPMS Method: ME-(AU)-[ENV]AN318

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery	MS %Recovery
Aluminium, Al	LB104554	µg/L	5	<5	0%	98%	105%
Arsenic, As	LB104554	µg/L	1	<1	0 - 6%	103%	107%
Cadmium, Cd	LB104554	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	0%	105%	106%
Chromium, Cr	LB104554	µg/L	1	<1	0%	99%	103%
Copper, Cu	LB104554	µg/L	1	<1	0%	103%	101%
Lead, Pb	LB104554	µg/L	1	<1	0 - 15%	106%	105%
Manganese, Mn	LB104554	µg/L	1	<1	3 - 6%	97%	98%
Nickel, Ni	LB104554	µg/L	1	<1	0%	102%	103%
Selenium, Se	LB104554	µg/L	1	<1	0%	103%	107%
Zinc, Zn	LB104554	µg/L	5	<5	0%	110%	105%

### Trace Metals (Total) in Water by ICPMS Method: ME-(AU)-[ENV]AN022/AN318

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery	MS %Recovery
Total Iron	LB104609	µg/L	5	<5	0 - 3%	98%	112%

## METHOD

## METHODOLOGY SUMMARY

AN022/AN318	Following acid digestion of un filtered sample, determination of elements at trace level in waters by ICP-MS technique, in accordance with USEPA 6020A.
AN101	pH in Soil Sludge Sediment and Water: pH is measured electrometrically using a combination electrode (glass plus reference electrode) and is calibrated against 3 buffers purchased commercially. For soils, an extract with water is made at a ratio of 1:5 and the pH determined and reported on the extract. Reference APHA 4500-H+.
AN106	Conductivity and TDS by Calculation: Conductivity is measured by meter with temperature compensation and is calibrated against a standard solution of potassium chloride. Conductivity is generally reported as $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$ or $\mu\text{S/cm}$ @ 25°C. For soils, an extract with water is made at a ratio of 1:5 and the EC determined and reported on the extract, or calculated back to the as-received sample. Total Dissolved Salts can be estimated from conductivity using a conversion factor, which for natural waters, is in the range 0.55 to 0.75. SGS use 0.6. Reference APHA 2520 B.
AN113	Total Dissolved Solids: A well-mixed filtered sample of known volume is evaporated to dryness at 180°C and the residue weighed. Approximate methods for correlating chemical analysis with dissolved solids are available. Reference APHA 2540 C.
AN135	Alkalinity (and forms of) by Titration: The sample is titrated with standard acid to pH 8.3 (P titre) and pH 4.5 (T titre) and permanent and/or total alkalinity calculated. The results are expressed as equivalents of calcium carbonate or recalculated as bicarbonate, carbonate and hydroxide. Reference APHA 2320. Internal Reference AN135  Free and Total Carbon Dioxide may be calculated using alkalinity forms only when the samples TDS is <500mg/L. If TDS is >500mg/L free or total carbon dioxide cannot be reported. APHA4500CO2 D.
AN274	Chloride by Aquakem DA: Chloride reacts with mercuric thiocyanate forming a mercuric chloride complex. In the presence of ferric iron, highly coloured ferric thiocyanate is formed which is proportional to the chloride concentration. Reference APHA 4500Cl-
AN275	sulfate by Aquakem DA: sulfate is precipitated in an acidic medium with barium chloride. The resulting turbidity is measured photometrically at 405nm and compared with standard calibration solutions to determine the sulfate concentration in the sample. Reference APHA 4500-SO42-. Internal reference AN275.
AN311/AN312	Mercury by Cold Vapour AAS in Waters: Mercury ions are reduced by stannous chloride reagent in acidic solution to elemental mercury. This mercury vapour is purged by nitrogen into a cold cell in an atomic absorption spectrometer or mercury analyser. Quantification is made by comparing absorbances to those of the calibration standards. Reference APHA 3112/3500.
AN318	Determination of elements at trace level in waters by ICP-MS technique, in accordance with USEPA 6020A.
AN320/AN321	Metals by ICP-OES: Samples are preserved with 10% nitric acid for a wide range of metals and some non-metals. This solution is measured by Inductively Coupled Plasma. Solutions are aspirated into an argon plasma at 8000-10000K and emit characteristic energy or light as a result of electron transitions through unique energy levels. The emitted light is focused onto a diffraction grating where it is separated into components.  Photomultipliers or CCDs are used to measure the light intensity at specific wavelengths. This intensity is directly proportional to concentration. Corrections are required to compensate for spectral overlap between elements. Reference APHA 3120 B.

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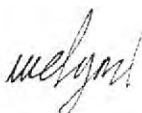
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Sample Number PE099623.001  
Sample Matrix Water  
Sample Date 10/6/15 6:45  
Sample Name PB2

Parameter Units LOR

Trace Metals (Dissolved) in Water by ICPMS Method: AN318 Tested: 17/6/2015

Aluminium, Al	µg/L	5	<5
Arsenic, As	µg/L	1	<1
Cadmium, Cd	µg/L	0.1	<0.1
Chromium, Cr	µg/L	1	<1
Copper, Cu	µg/L	1	<1
Lead, Pb	µg/L	1	<1
Manganese, Mn	µg/L	1	<b>26</b>
Nickel, Ni	µg/L	1	<1
Selenium, Se	µg/L	1	<1
Zinc, Zn	µg/L	5	<b>37</b>

Mercury (dissolved) in Water Method: AN311/AN312 Tested: 19/6/2015

Mercury	mg/L	0.00005	<0.00005
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MB blank results are compared to the Limit of Reporting

LCS and MS spike recoveries are measured as the percentage of analyte recovered from the sample compared the the amount of analyte spiked into the sample.

DUP and MSD relative percent differences are measured against their original counterpart samples according to the formula : *the absolute difference of the two results divided by the average of the two results as a percentage*. Where the DUP RPD is 'NA', the results are less than the LOR and thus the RPD is not applicable.

### pH in water Method: ME-(AU)-[ENV]AN101

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery
pH**	LB104187	pH Units	-	5.7	0%	100%

### Sulphate in water Method: ME-(AU)-[ENV]AN275

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery	MS %Recovery
Sulphate, SO4	LB104160	mg/L	1	<1	0 - 1%	103 - 104%	92 - 102%

### Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) in water Method: ME-(AU)-[ENV]AN113

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery	MS %Recovery	MSD %RPD
Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 175-185°C	LB104276	mg/L	10	<10	1 - 2%	97 - 101%	100%	3%

### Trace Metals (Dissolved) in Water by ICPMS Method: ME-(AU)-[ENV]AN318

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery	MS %Recovery
Aluminium, Al	LB104148	µg/L	5	<5	0 - 196%	118%	
Arsenic, As	LB104148	µg/L	1	<1	0%	98%	99%
Cadmium, Cd	LB104148	µg/L	0.1	<0.1	0 - 199%	116%	108%
Chromium, Cr	LB104148	µg/L	1	<1	0 - 180%	103%	103%
Copper, Cu	LB104148	µg/L	1	<1	0 - 200%	106%	100%
Lead, Pb	LB104148	µg/L	1	<1	0 - 193%	105%	98%
Manganese, Mn	LB104148	µg/L	1	<1	5 - 198%	111%	105%
Nickel, Ni	LB104148	µg/L	1	<1	0 - 172%	106%	104%
Selenium, Se	LB104148	µg/L	1	<1	0%	115%	100%
Zinc, Zn	LB104148	µg/L	5	<5	6 - 198%	112%	97%

### Trace Metals (Total) in Water by ICPMS Method: ME-(AU)-[ENV]AN022/AN318

Parameter	QC Reference	Units	LOR	MB	DUP %RPD	LCS %Recovery	MS %Recovery
Total Iron	LB104223	µg/L	5	<5	2%	92%	104%

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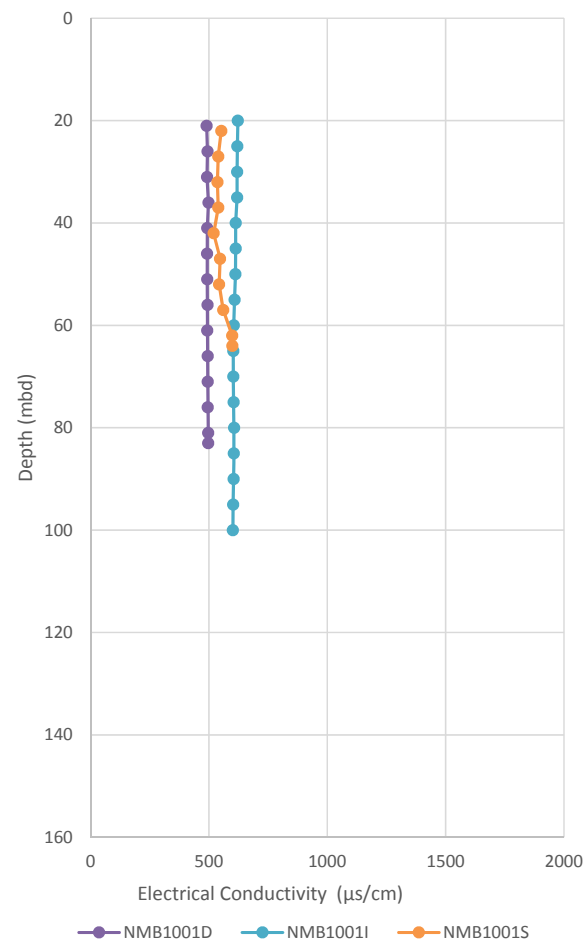
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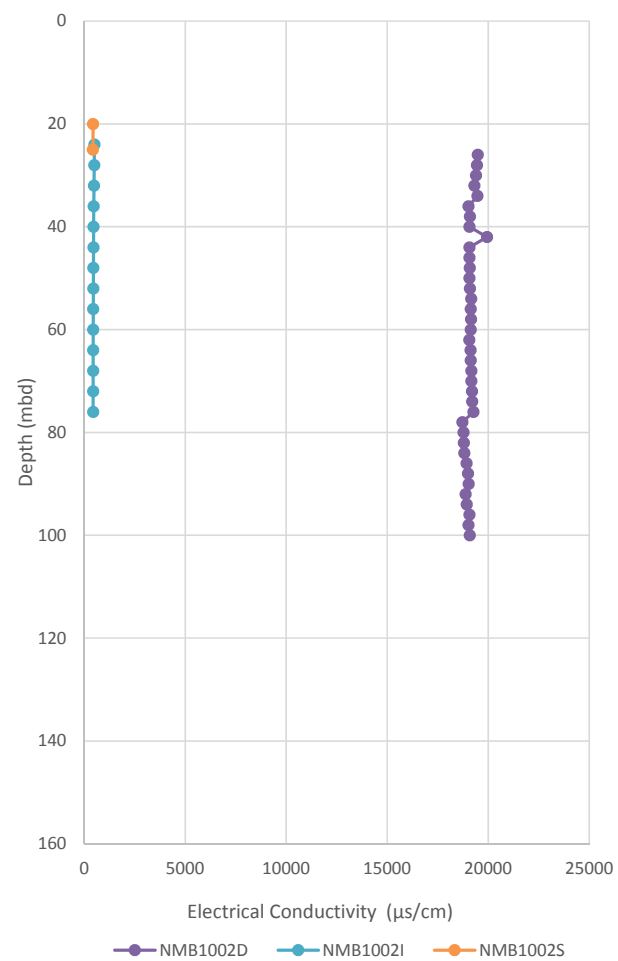
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NMB1002_D	15/04/2012	29.737	8/06/2015	25.29
NMB1002_I	15/04/2012	27.731	8/06/2015	23.32
NMB1002_S	15/04/2012	23.675	8/06/2015	19.49
NMB1002_WT	15/04/2012	17.02	8/06/2015	blocked
NMB1003_D			8/06/2015	27.61
NMB1003_I	15/04/2012	30.63	8/06/2015	27.61
NMB1003_S	15/04/2012	30.43	8/06/2015	27.72
NMB1004_D			5/06/2015	37.43
NMB1004_I	15/04/2012	39.71	5/06/2015	37.42
NMB1004_S	15/04/2012	39.89	5/06/2015	37.77
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NMB1005_S	15/04/2012	24.6	5/06/2015	19.51
NMB1007_D	15/04/2012	21.78	8/06/2015	20.22
NMB1007_I	15/04/2012	21.76	8/06/2015	20.19
NMB1007_S	15/04/2012	21.72	8/06/2015	20.19
NMB1009_D	15/04/2012	37.039	9/06/2015	36.89
NMB1009_I	15/04/2012	33.801	9/06/2015	27.545
NMB1009_S	15/04/2012	26.904	8/06/2015	25.13
NMB1009_WT	15/04/2012	27.911	9/06/2015	27.35
NMB1013A_S	14/04/2012	24.49	8/06/2015	21.34
NMB1013A_WT	14/04/2012	23.93	8/06/2015	21.55
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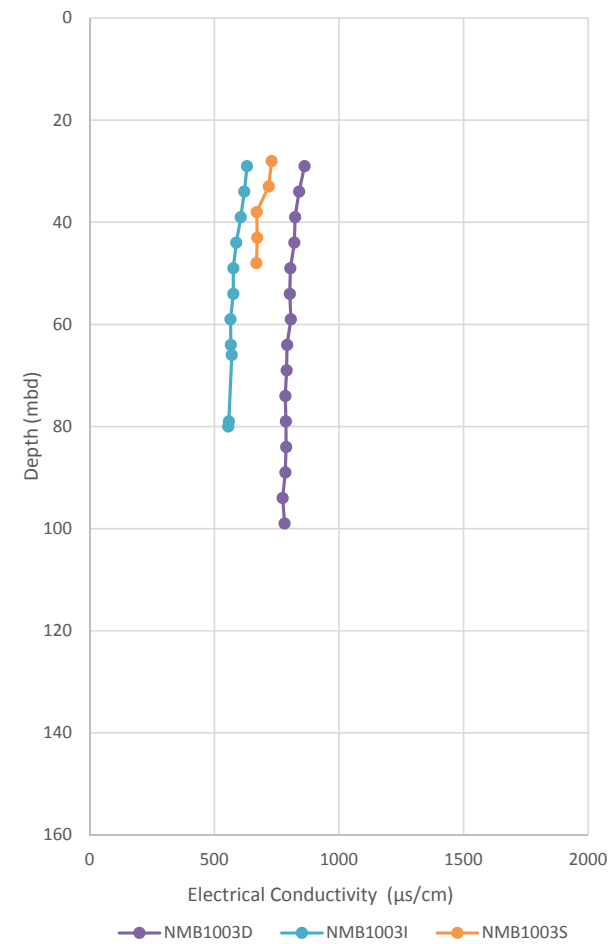
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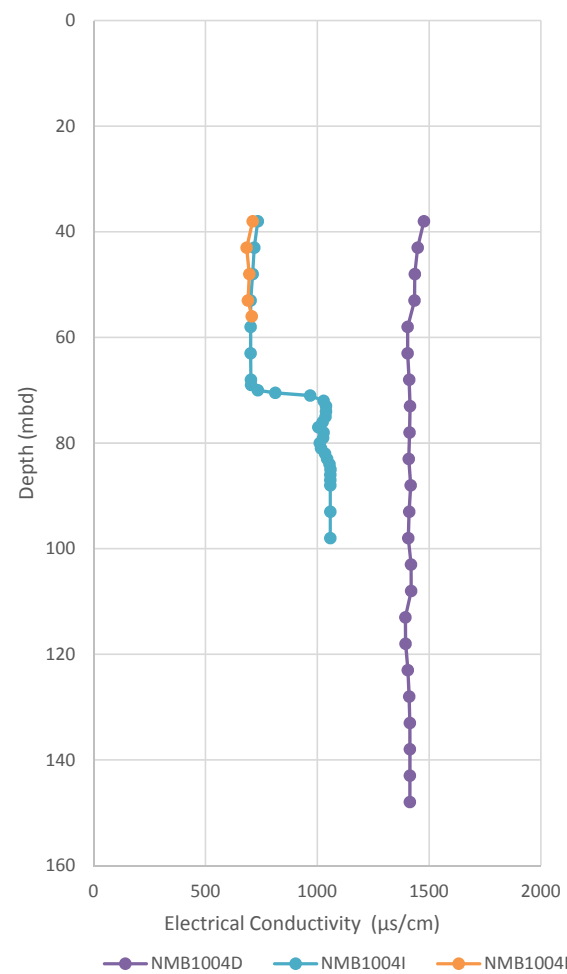
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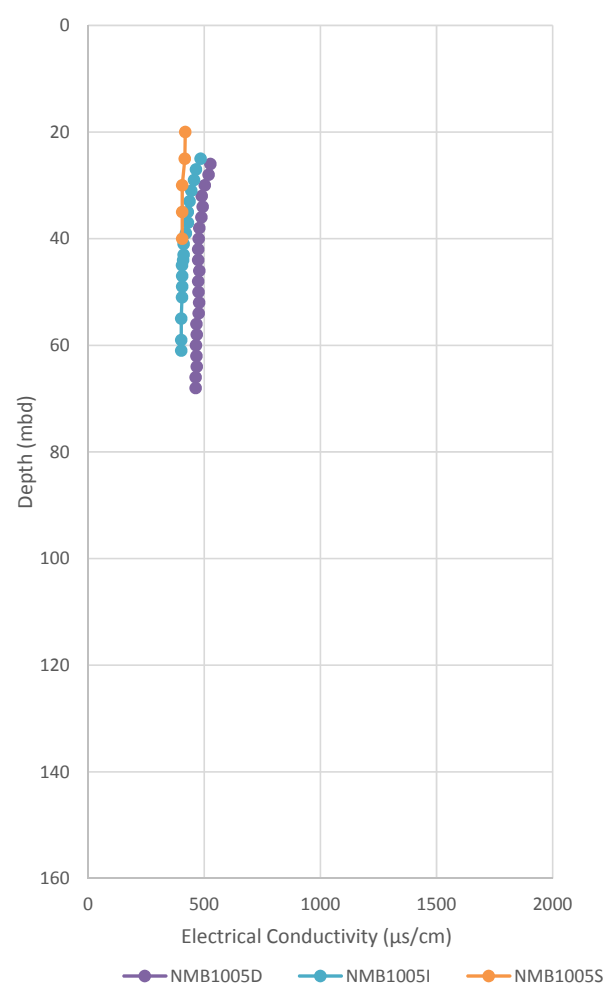
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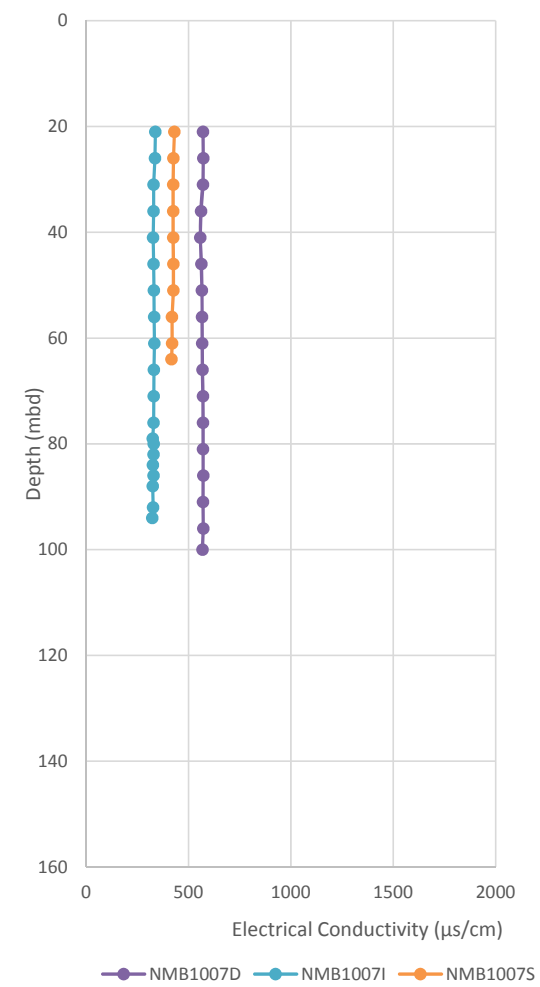
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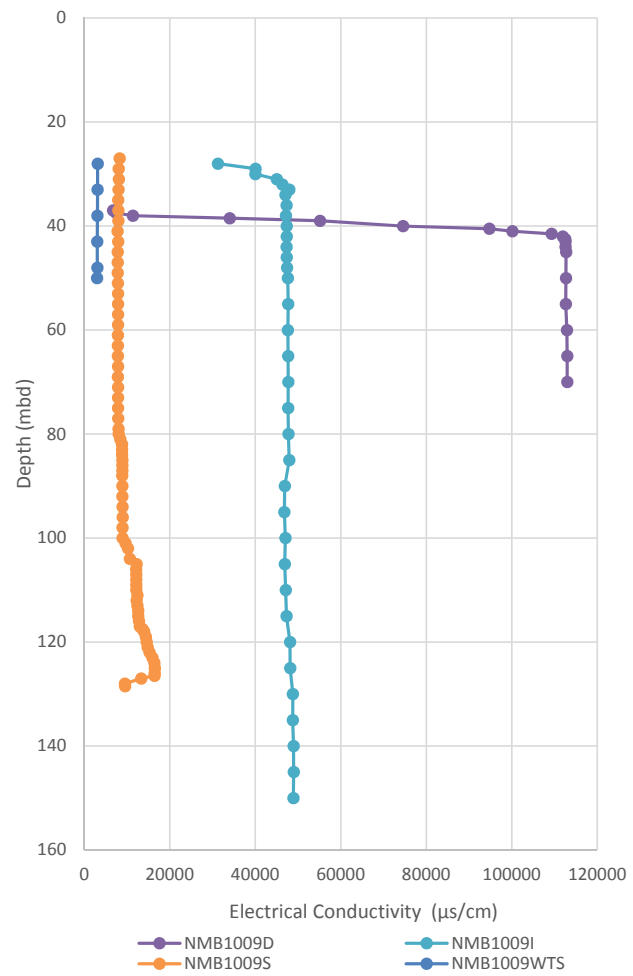
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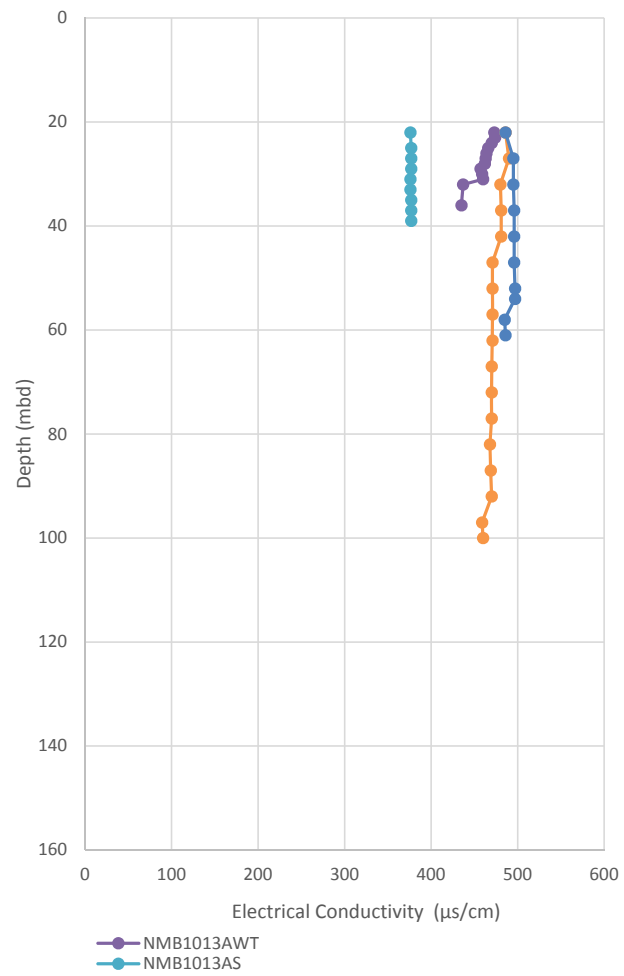
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## **APPENDIX B**

### Modelling Background

## APPENDIX B MODEL UNCERTAINTY ANALYSIS

An Uncertainty Analysis has been completed to assess the potential range of predicted dewatering given the uncertainty in some of the model assigned parameters. The Uncertainty Analysis was completed by re-running the model calibration (steady state and transient) with changes to aquifer parameters of interest. Then using the model generated water levels from the end of the transient calibration (end of December 2014), model predictions, with a similar set up to the Base Case were completed with the same changes to aquifer parameters. A summary of parameters changed in the calibrated and Base Case predictive model is presented in Table B1.

**Table B1: Summary of Uncertainty Runs**

Uncertainty Case	Description
1	Specific yield of orebody aquifer increased from 5% to 10% Specific yield of fault east of orebody increased from 15% to 20%
2	Hydraulic conductivity of scree increased to 0.1 m/d from 0.01m/d Specific yield of scree increased to 5% from 1%
3	Hydraulic conductivity of orebody aquifer increased from 3m/d to 5m/d. Hydraulic conductivity of submineralised orebody aquifer increased from 0.5m/d to 1m/d.
4	Hydraulic conductivity of fault east of orebody aquifer decreased from 100m/d to 50m/d

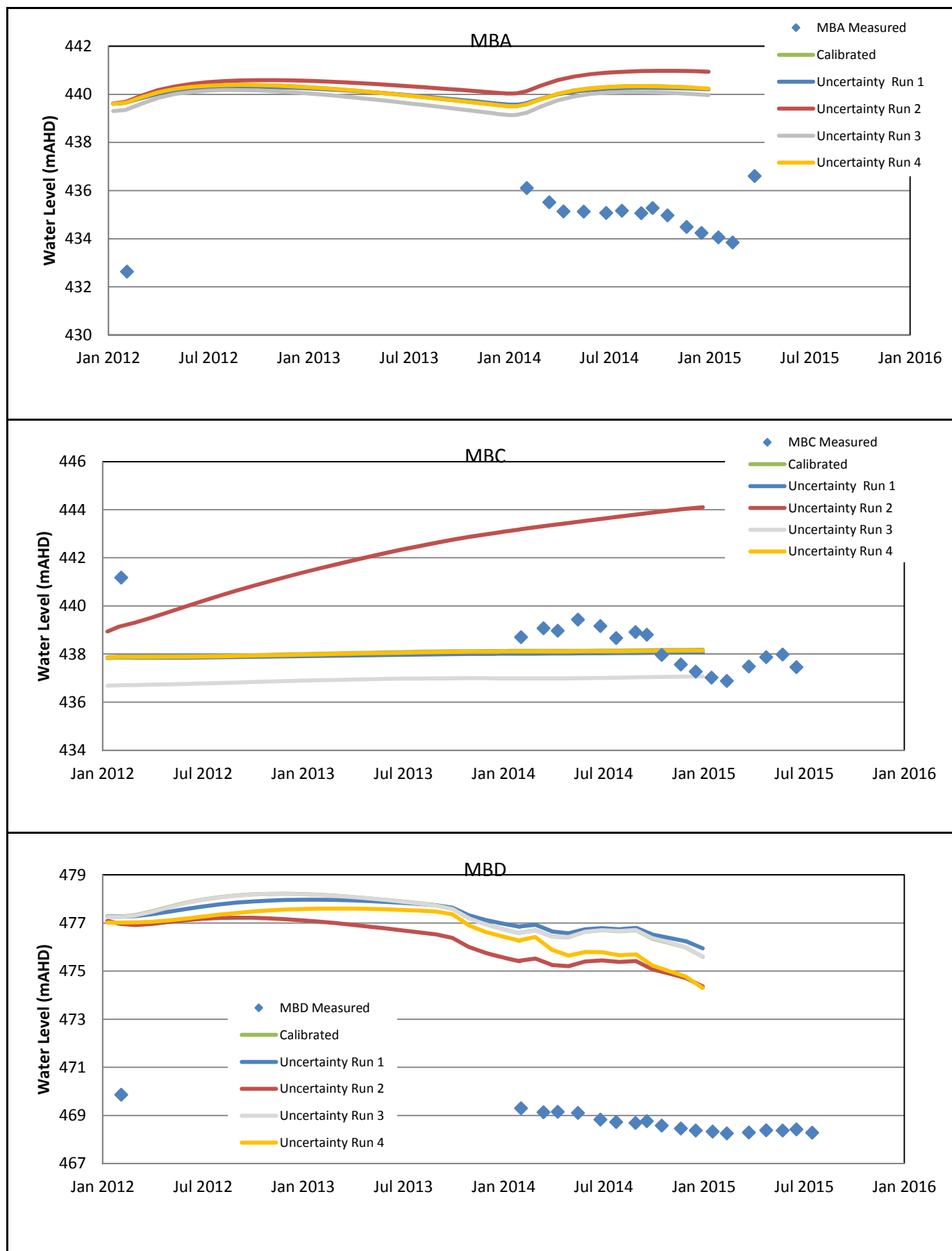
It is noted that for the current Uncertainty Analysis, other model parameters (in addition to those listed in Table B1) were not changed to improve the model calibration performance. Instead, the models were run only with the changes outlined in Table B1.

Predicted water levels over the model calibration period for the Calibrated Case and the Uncertainty Cases are presented in Figures B1 to B6. In most areas the model performance is unchanged when the aquifer parameters summarised in Table B1 are included. The following observations are made in areas where the model performance changes significantly as a result of the parameter changes in Table B1.

- For Uncertainty Run 2, which tests the parameters assigned to the scree, the model response to ongoing pumping is over predicted (MBD (Figure B1), MBE, MBF and MBG (Figure B2)). Additionally, the model predicts ongoing water level rises at MBC (Figure B1), MBH (Figure B2) MBQ (Figure B5) and MBR (Figure B6). This parameter change allows the water level variations associated with ongoing pumping and recharge to Weeli Wolli Creek to be propagated more readily across the area between Weeli Wolli Creek and the Iron Valley mine area.
- For Uncertainty Run 4, which tests a reduced aquifer hydraulic conductivity in the fault east of the orebody, the response to ongoing pumping is also over predicted.

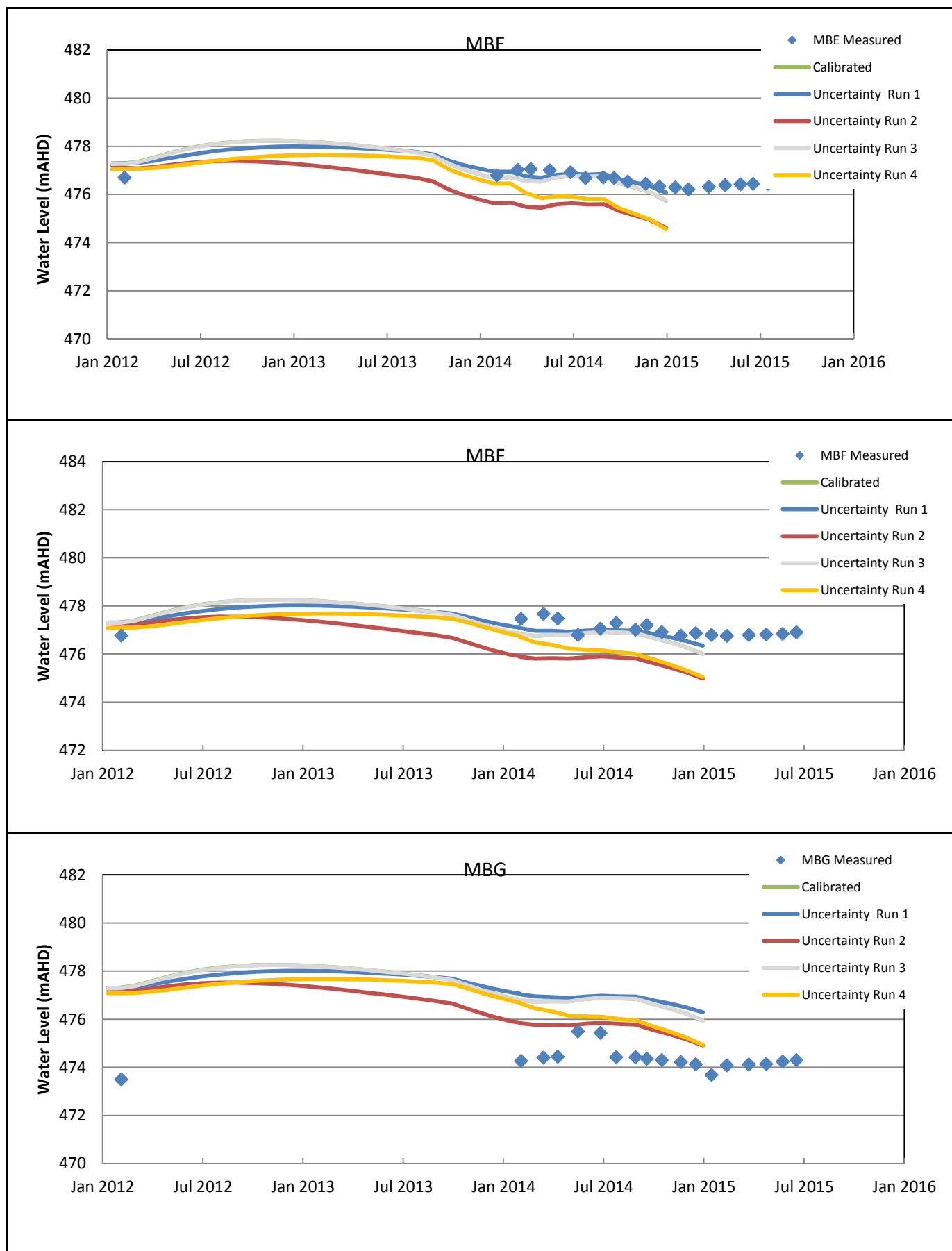
The observed differences in model calibration performance are only small for the parameters changes associated with Uncertainty Runs 2 and 4.

The results of Uncertainty Predictions are summarised in Section 4.9.



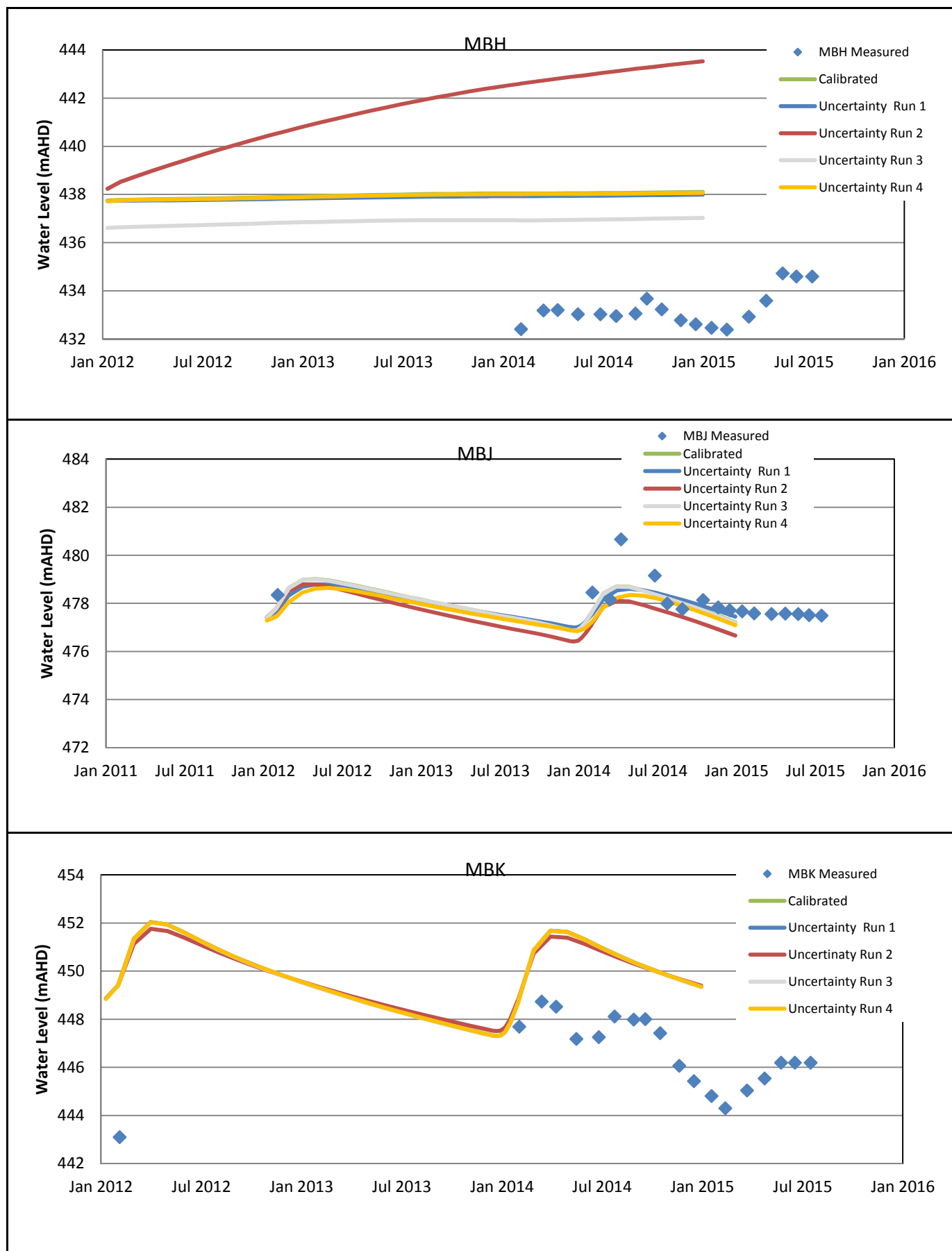
**CALIBRATION AND UNCERTAINTY HYDROGRAPHS** FIGURE B1

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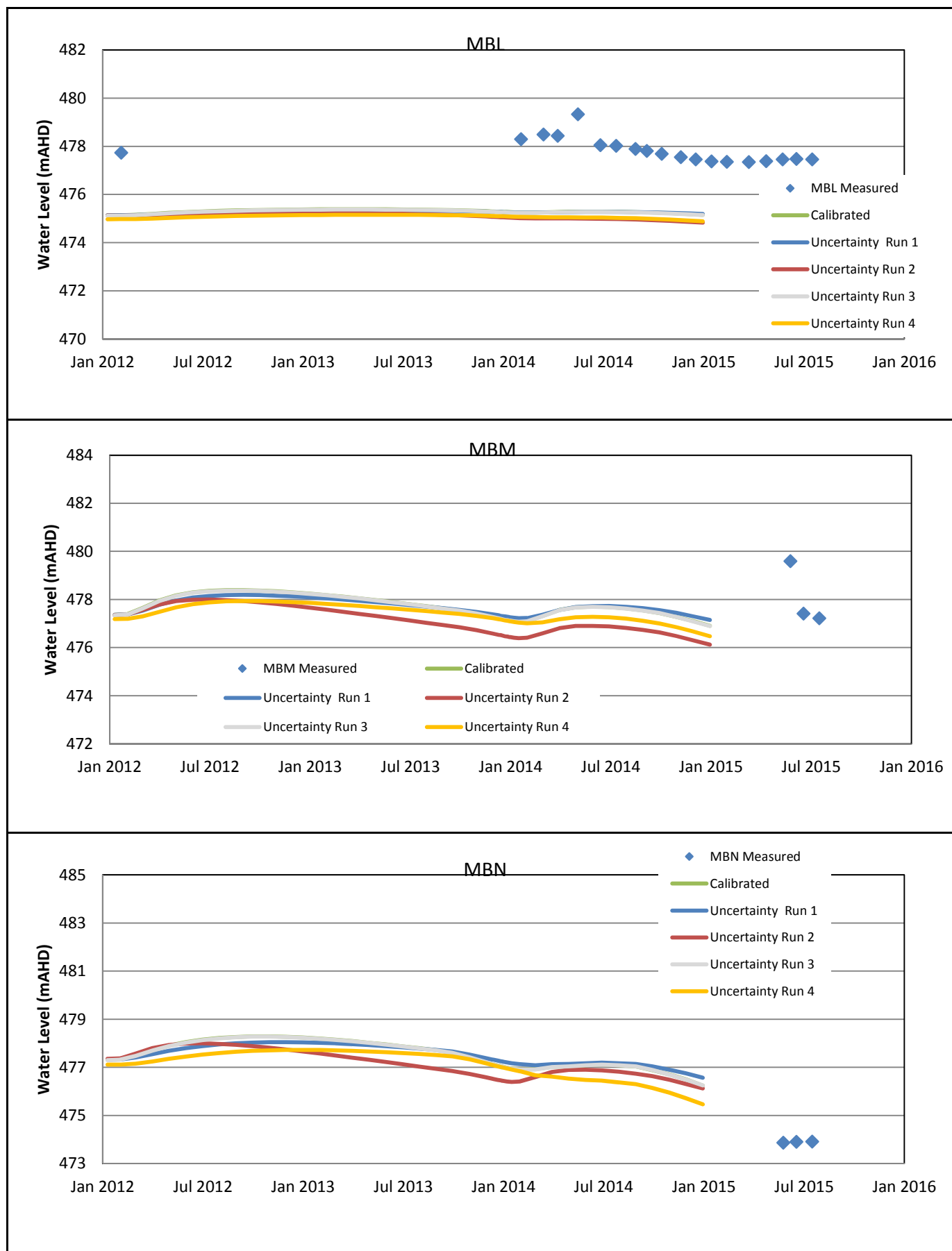
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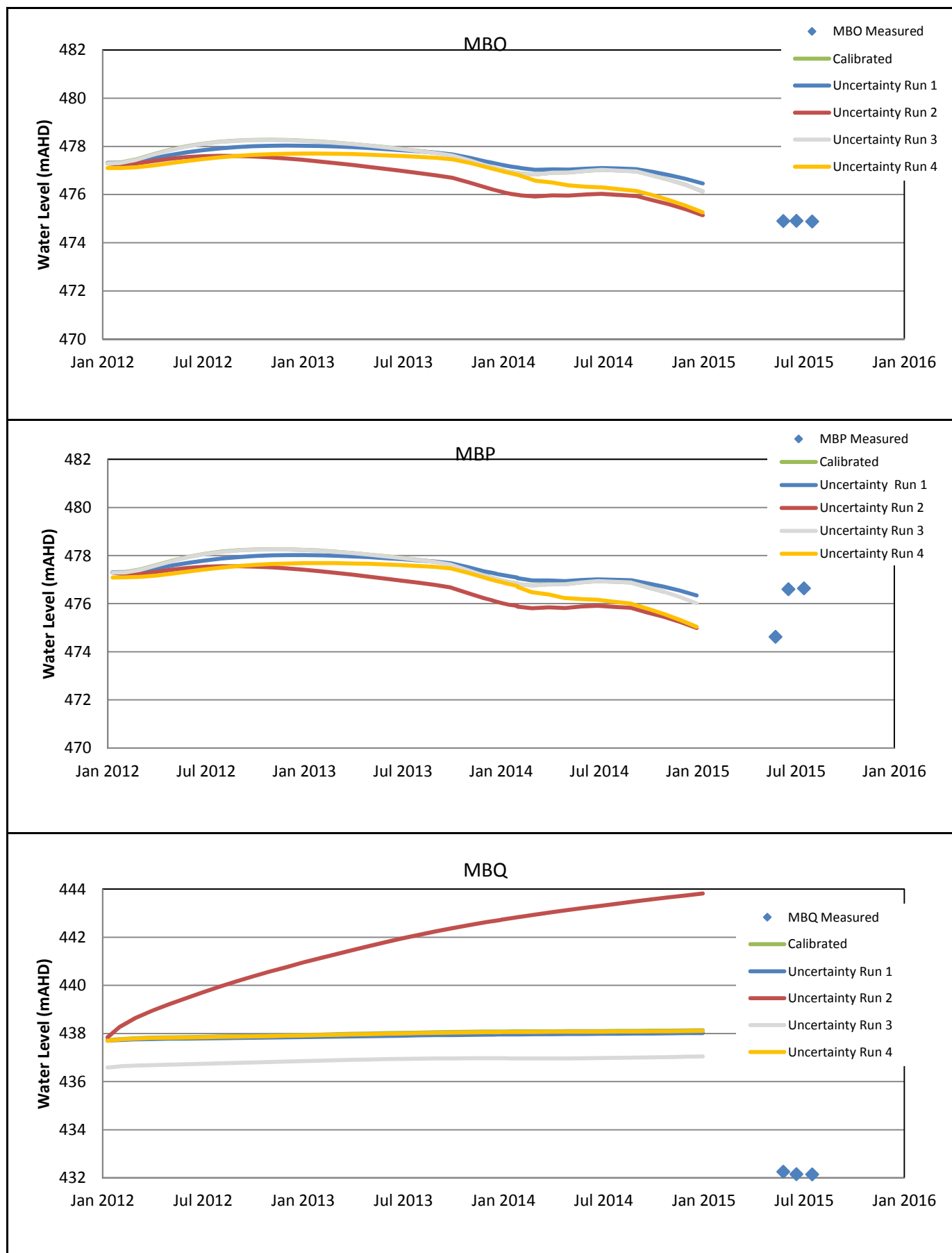
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CALIBRATION AND UNCERTAINTY HYDROGRAPHS FIGURE B4

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Note: Different vertical scales

**CALIBRATION AND UNCERTAINTY HYDROGRAPHS** FIGURE B5

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**CALIBRATION AND UNCERTAINTY HYDROGRAPHS** FIGURE B6

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## **APPENDIX C**

### Dewatering System – Capital Costs

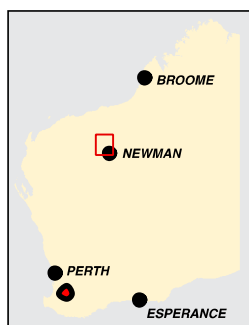
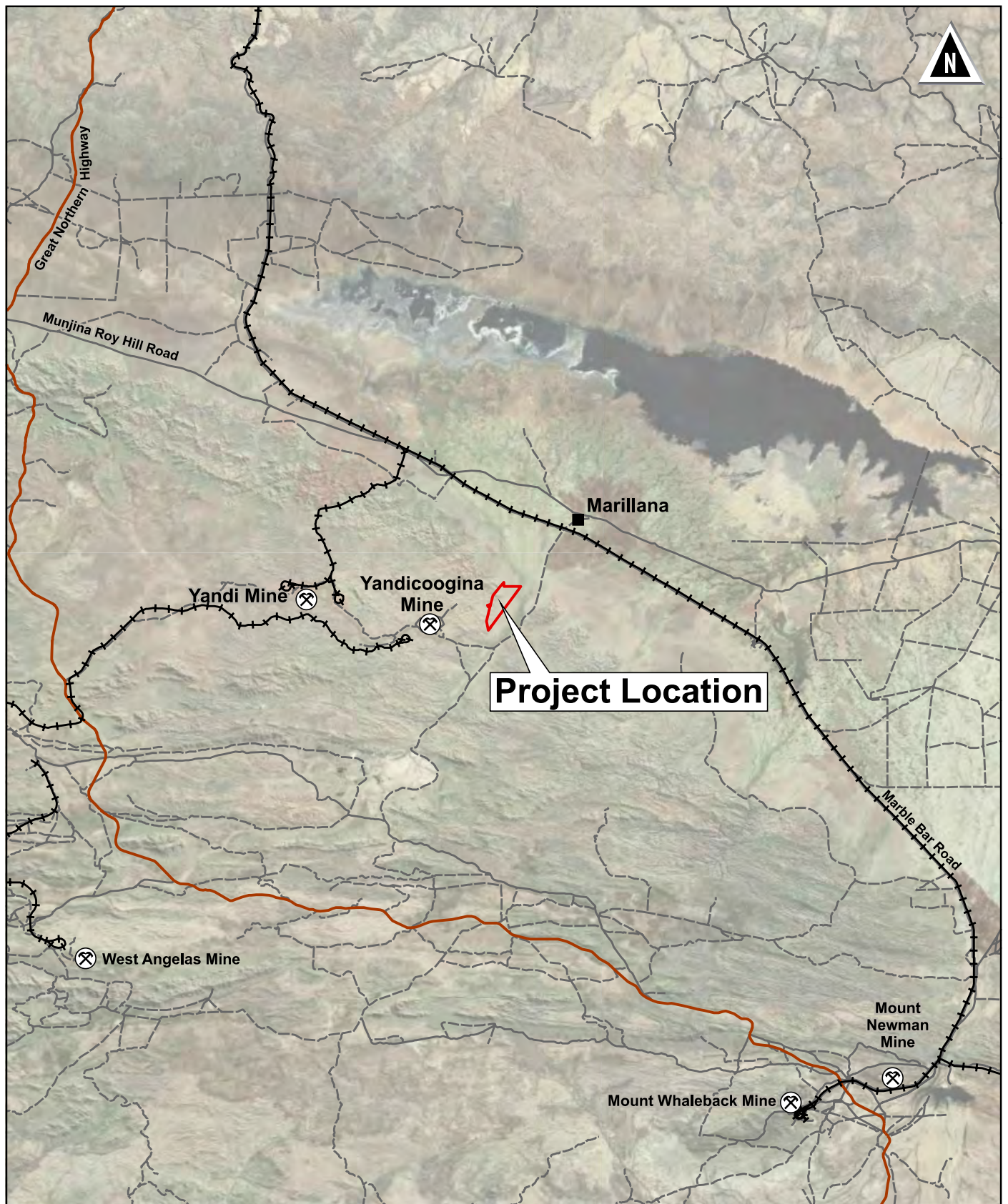
**APPENDIX C**  
**Capital Cost Estimate**  
**Iron Valley**  
**Dewatering and Discharge System**

Item	Unit Cost	Unit	Quantity	Spares	Total
<b>S Deposit</b>					
<b>Bore Fitout</b>					
110kW submersible pump	\$ 25,000	No.	8	2	\$ 250,000
125NB Pump Column	\$ 100	m	1360	340	\$ 170,000
125NB Bore Headworks Trailer	\$ 25,000	No.	8	2	\$ 250,000
Electrical Control Panel (inc Soft Starter)	\$ 25,000	No.	8	2	\$ 250,000
Diesel Generator and Fuel Pod	\$ 50,000	No.	8	2	\$ 500,000
Installation	\$ 25,000	Allowance	8	2	\$ 250,000
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>\$ 1,670,000</b>
<b>Pipework</b>					
315DN PN25 Pipe Supply/Install (Bore Spurs)	\$ 225	m	2400		\$ 540,000
500DN PN10 Pipe Supply/Install (Discharge Pipe)	\$ 250	m	600		\$ 150,000
Miscellaneous (valves, road crossings etc.)	\$ 10,000	Allowance	1		\$ 10,000
Outfall Structure	\$ 50,000	Allowance	1		\$ 50,000
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>\$ 750,000</b>
<b>C Deposit</b>					
<b>Bore Fitout</b>					
110kW submersible pump	\$ 25,000	No.	10	2	\$ 300,000
55kW submersible pump	\$ 16,000	No.	2	1	\$ 48,000
125NB Pump Column	\$ 100	m	2000	400	\$ 240,000
80NB Pump Column	\$ 60	m	400	200	\$ 36,000
125NB Bore Headworks (ex-pit)	\$ 15,000	No.	6	0	\$ 90,000
125NB Bore Headworks Trailer	\$ 25,000	No.	4	2	\$ 150,000
80NB Bore Headworks Trailer	\$ 20,000	No.	2	1	\$ 60,000
Electrical Control Panel (inc Soft Starter)	\$ 25,000	No.	12	3	\$ 375,000
Diesel Generator (110kW) and Fuel Pod	\$ 50,000	No.	10	2	\$ 600,000
Diesel Generator (55kW) and Fuel Pod	\$ 30,000	No.	2	1	\$ 90,000
Installation	\$ 25,000	Allowance	12	3	\$ 375,000
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>\$ 2,364,000</b>
<b>Pipework</b>					
200DN PN25 Pipe Supply/Install (Bore Spurs)	\$ 110	m	600		\$ 66,000
315DN PN10 Pipe Supply/Install (Bore Spurs)	\$ 110	m	1800		\$ 198,000
315DN PN25 Pipe Supply/Install (Bore Spurs)	\$ 225	m	1200		\$ 270,000
500DN PN10 Pipe Supply/Install (Trunk Main)	\$ 250	m	3500		\$ 875,000
Miscellaneous (valves, road crossings etc.)	\$ 30,000	Allowance	1		\$ 30,000
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>\$ 1,439,000</b>
<b>N Deposit</b>					
<b>Bore Fitout</b>					
110kW submersible pump	\$ 25,000	No.	1	1	\$ 50,000
55kW submersible pump	\$ 16,000	No.	1	1	\$ 32,000
125NB Pump Column	\$ 100	m	190	190	\$ 38,000
80NB Pump Column	\$ 60	m	190	190	\$ 23,000
125NB Bore Headworks (ex-pit)	\$ 15,000	No.	1	1	\$ 30,000
80NB Bore Headworks Trailer	\$ 20,000	No.	1	1	\$ 40,000
Electrical Control Panel (inc Soft Starter)	\$ 25,000	No.	2	2	\$ 100,000
Diesel Generator (110kW) and Fuel Pod	\$ 50,000	No.	1	1	\$ 100,000
Diesel Generator (55kW) and Fuel Pod	\$ 30,000	No.	1	1	\$ 60,000
Installation	\$ 25,000	Allowance	2	2	\$ 100,000
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>\$ 573,000</b>
<b>Pipework</b>					
315DN PN10 Pipe Supply/Install (Bore Spurs)	\$ 110	m	1200		\$ 132,000
200DN PN25 Pipe Supply/Install (Bore Spurs)	\$ 110	m	300		\$ 33,000
Miscellaneous (valves, road crossings etc.)	\$ 10,000	Allowance	1		\$ 10,000
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>\$ 175,000</b>

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<b>Bore Fitout</b>					
110kW submersible pump	\$ 20,000	No.	2	1	\$ 60,000
125NB Pump Column	\$ 100	m	440	220	\$ 66,000
125NB Bore Headworks Trailer	\$ 25,000	No.	2	1	\$ 75,000
Electrical Control Panel (inc Soft Starter)	\$ 25,000	No.	2	1	\$ 75,000
Diesel Generator and Fuel Pod	\$ 50,000	No.	2	1	\$ 150,000
Installation	\$ 5,000	Allowance	2	1	\$ 15,000
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>\$ 441,000</b>
<b>Pipework</b>					
315DN PN25 Pipe Supply/Install (Bore Spurs)	\$ 225	m	600		\$ 135,000
400DN PN10 Pipe Supply/Install (Trunk)	\$ 160	m	800		\$ 128,000
Miscellaneous (valves, road crossings etc.)	\$ 10,000	Allowance	1		\$ 10,000
Outfall Structure	\$ 50,000	Allowance	1		\$ 50,000
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>\$ 323,000</b>
<b>Water Disposal System</b>					
<b>Turkeys Nest</b>					
Earthworks	\$ 40	m3	5000		\$ 200,000
Liner	\$ 20	m2	3600		\$ 72,000
Pipework	\$ 10,000	Allowance	1		\$ 10,000
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>\$ 282,000</b>
<b>Discharge System</b>					
Diesel Transfer Pump Station	\$ 250,000	No.	2		\$ 500,000
400DN PN10 Pipe Supply/Install (Discharge Pipe)	\$ 160	m	5000		\$ 800,000
Controls	\$ 10,000	Allowance	2		\$ 20,000
Outfall Structure	\$ 50,000	Allowance	2		\$ 100,000
<b>Sub Total</b>					<b>\$ 1,420,000</b>
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$ 9,437,000</b>
Preliminaries	10%				\$ 944,000
EPCM	15%				\$ 1,416,000
Contingency	30%				\$ 2,831,000
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>\$ 14,628,000</b>

## FIGURES



#### LEGEND

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| Project Location | Minor Road |
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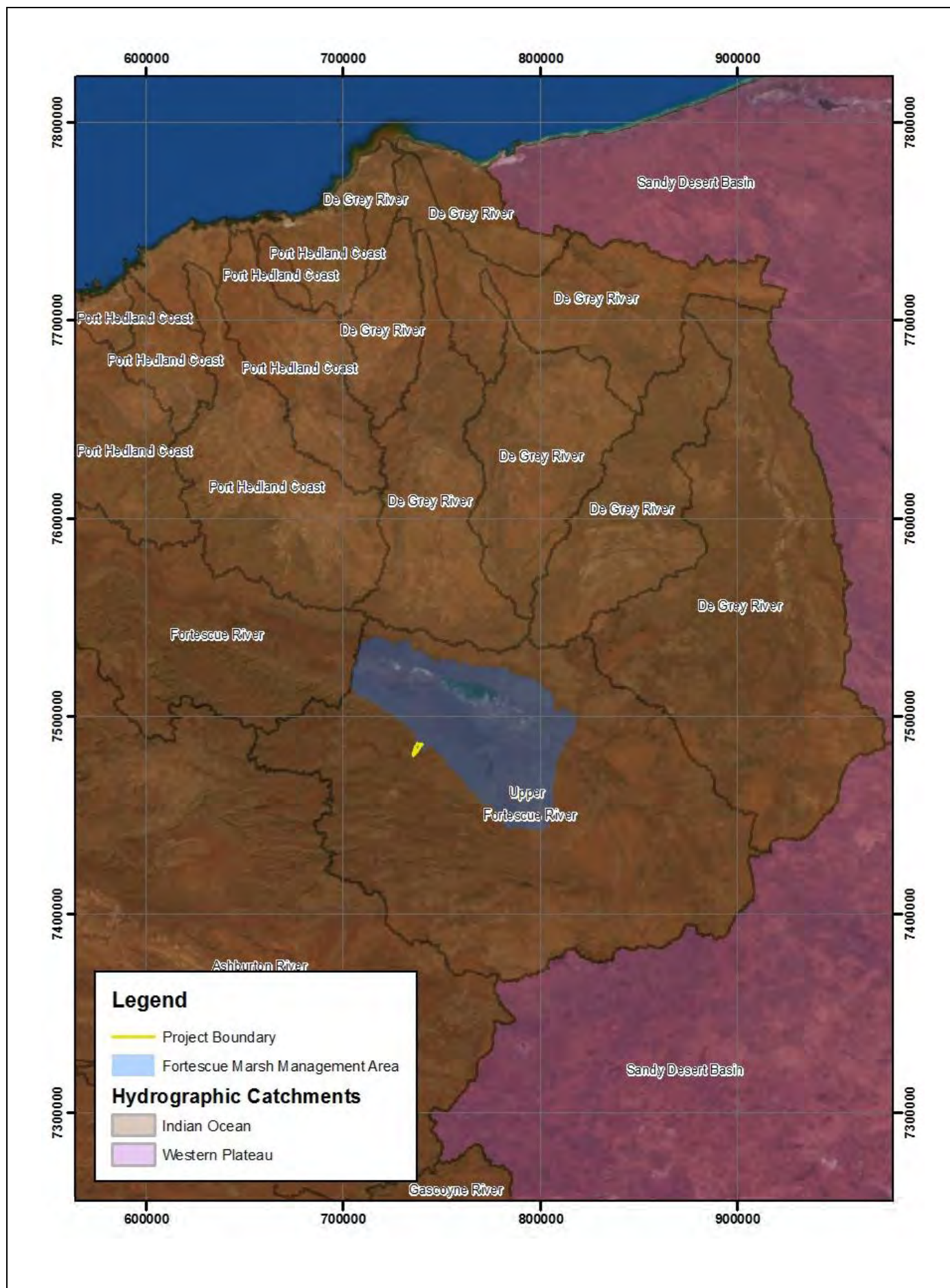
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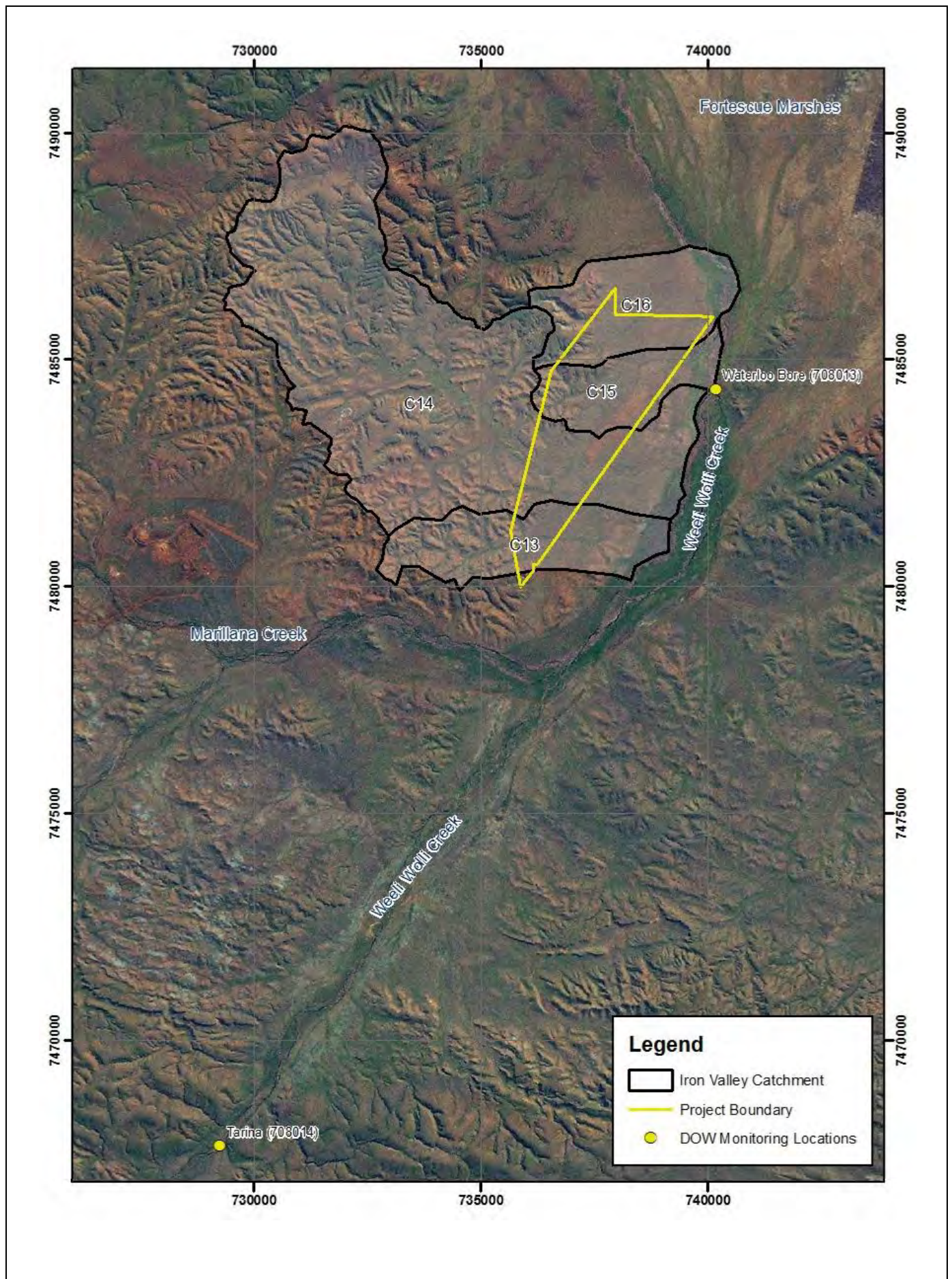
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**FIGURE 1.1  
IRON VALLEY PROJECT  
REGIONAL LOCATION**

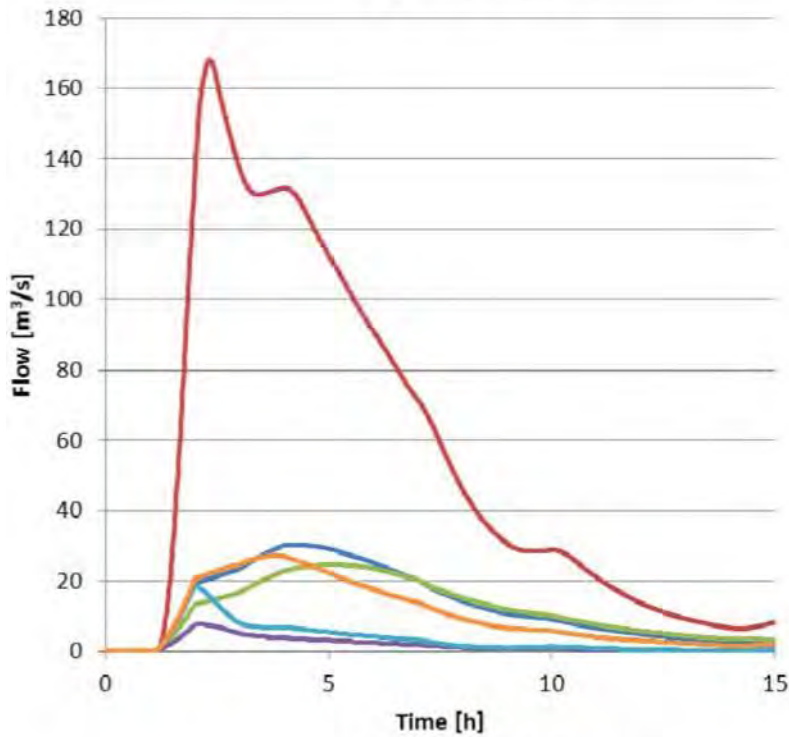








### 50 yr ARI flows



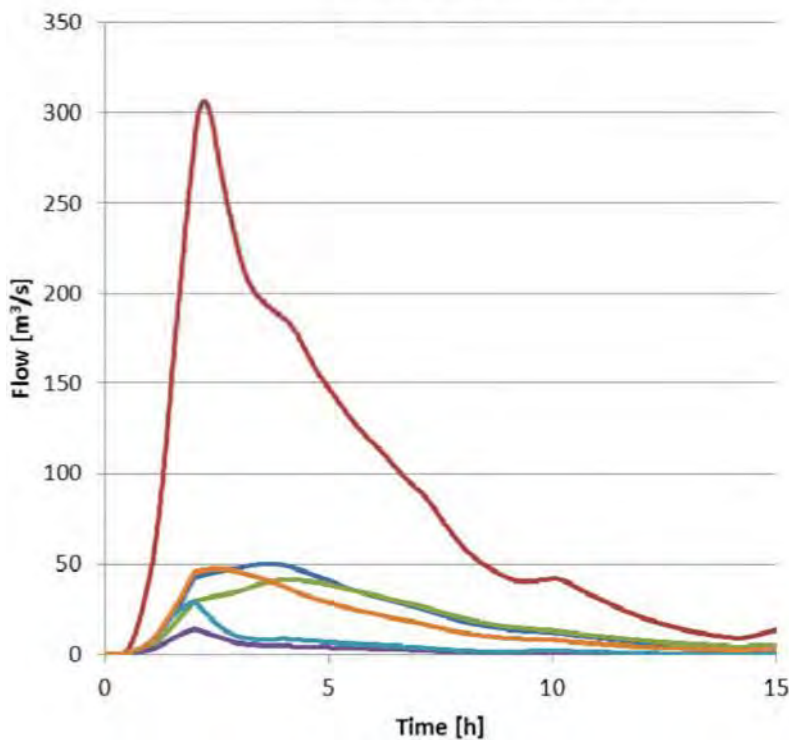
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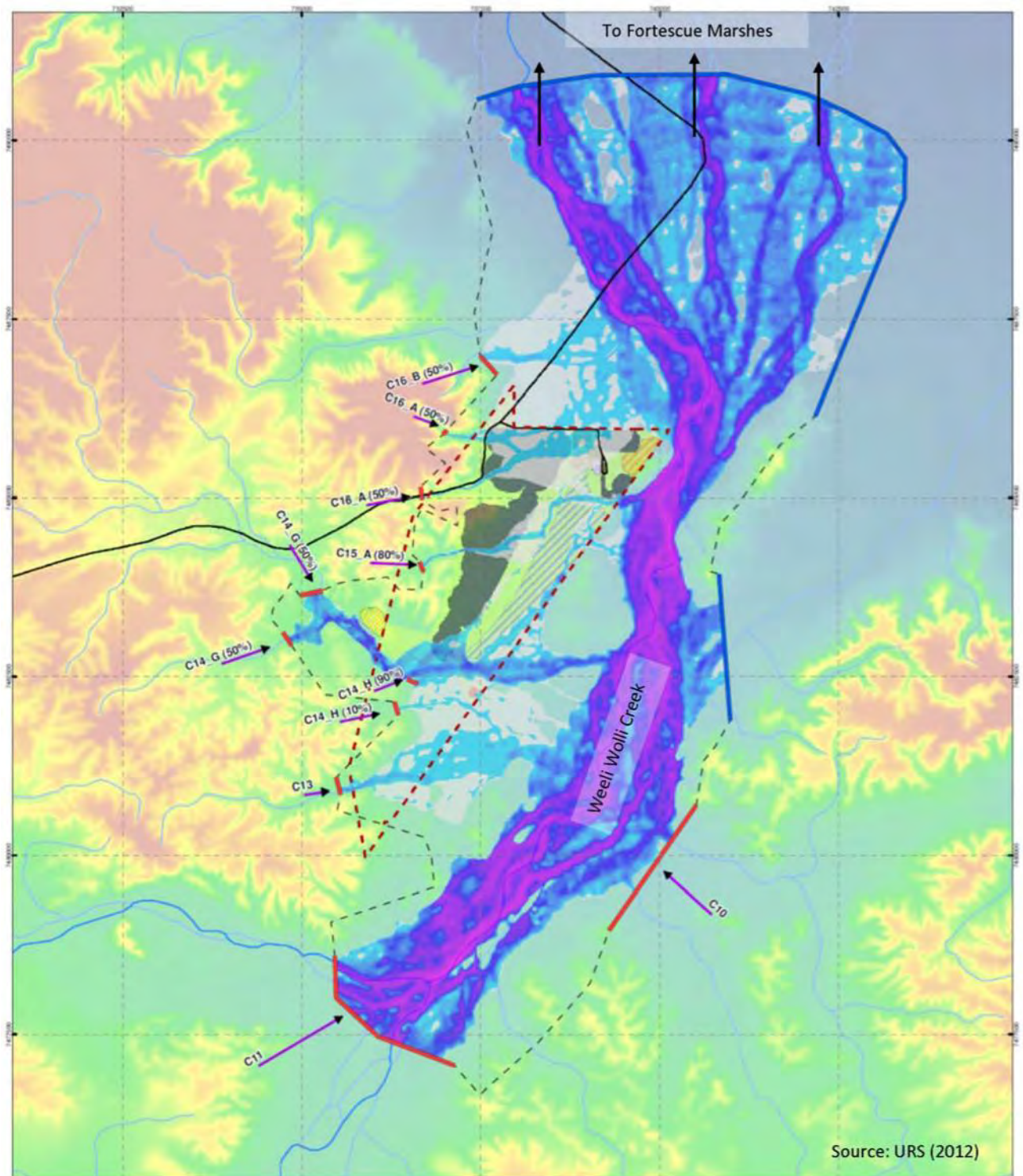
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### 100 yr ARI flows







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0.26 - 0.5	1.51 - 1.75	4.01 - 5
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→ Inflow Hydrograph and percentage of the flow

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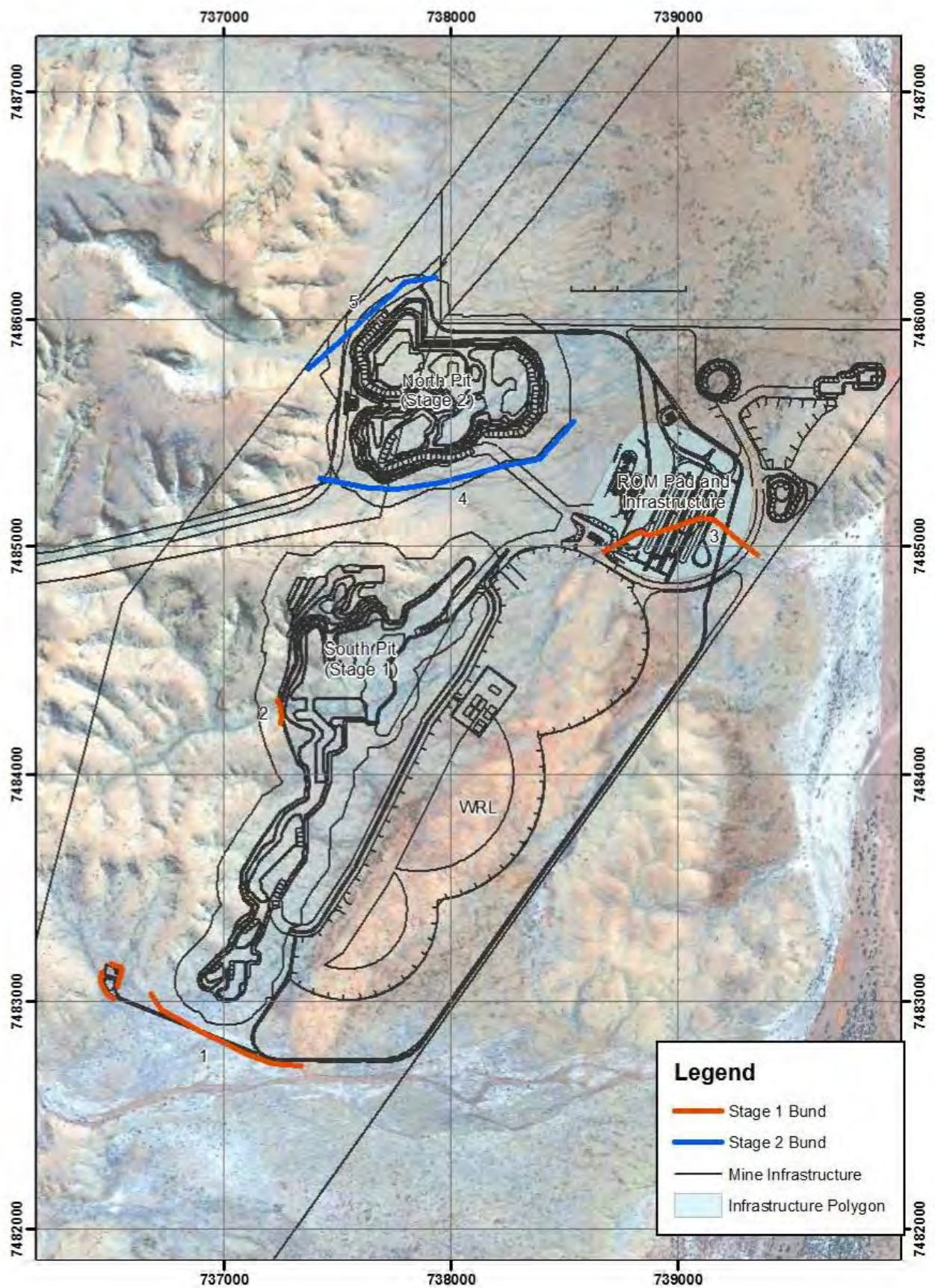
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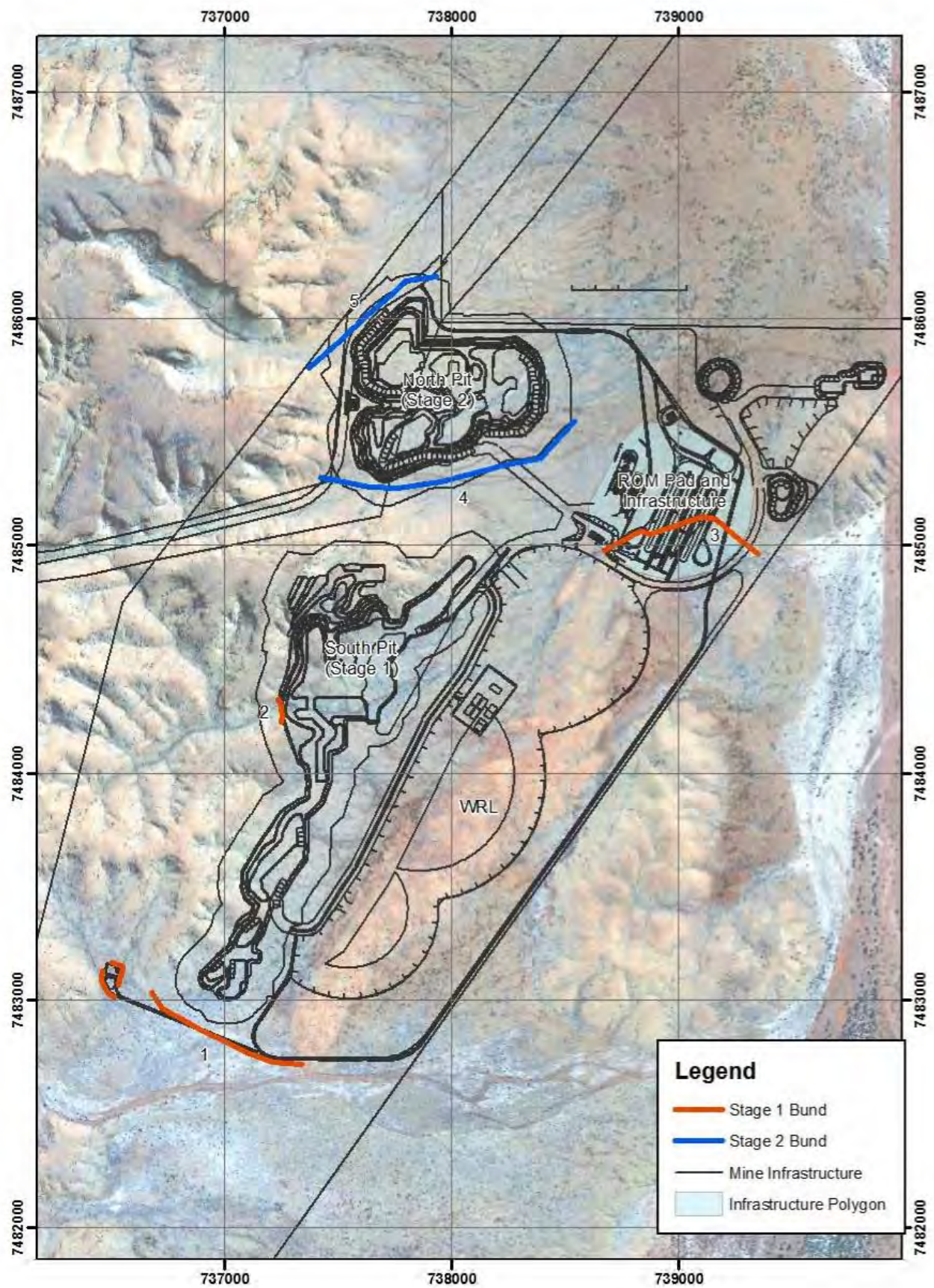
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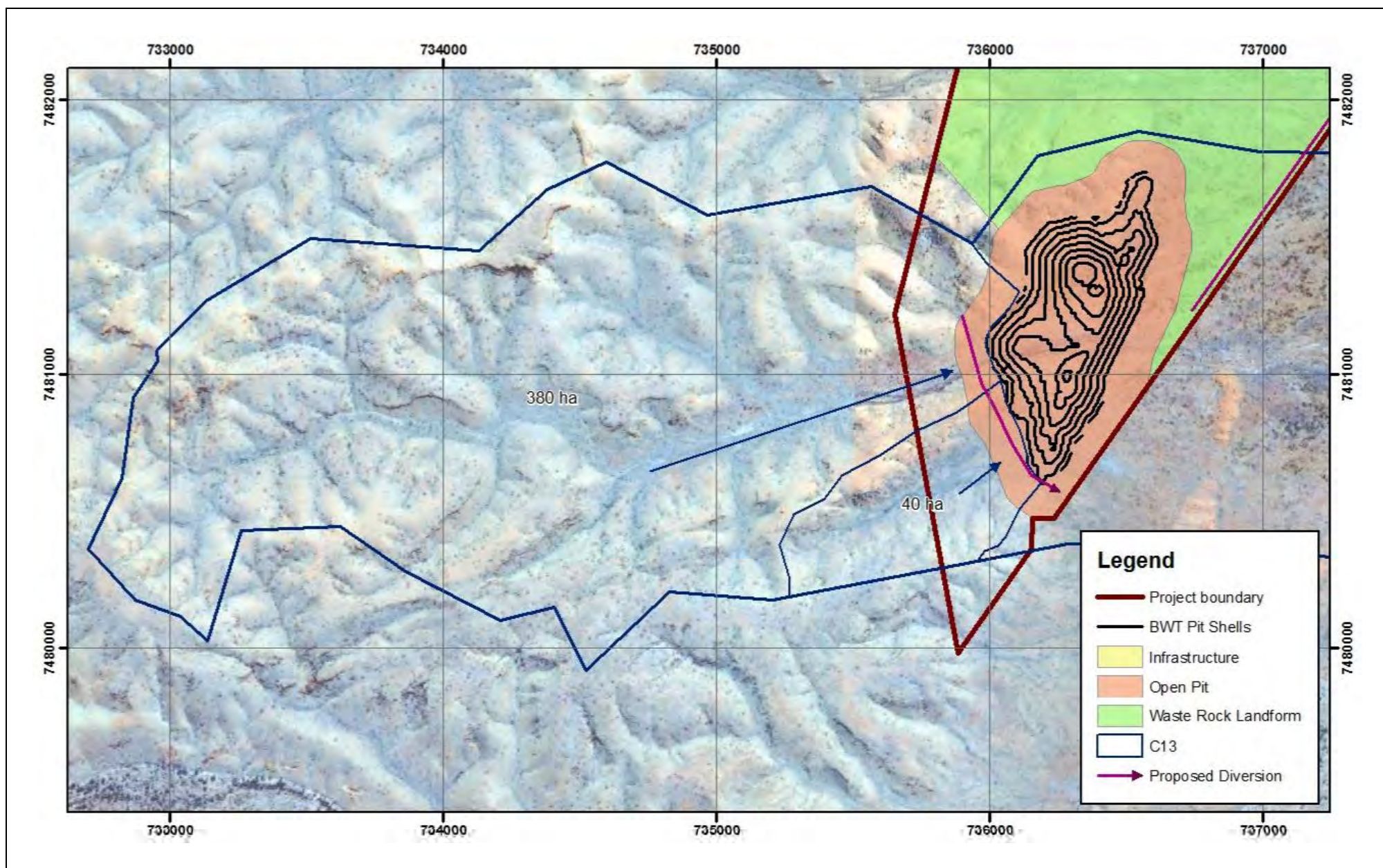




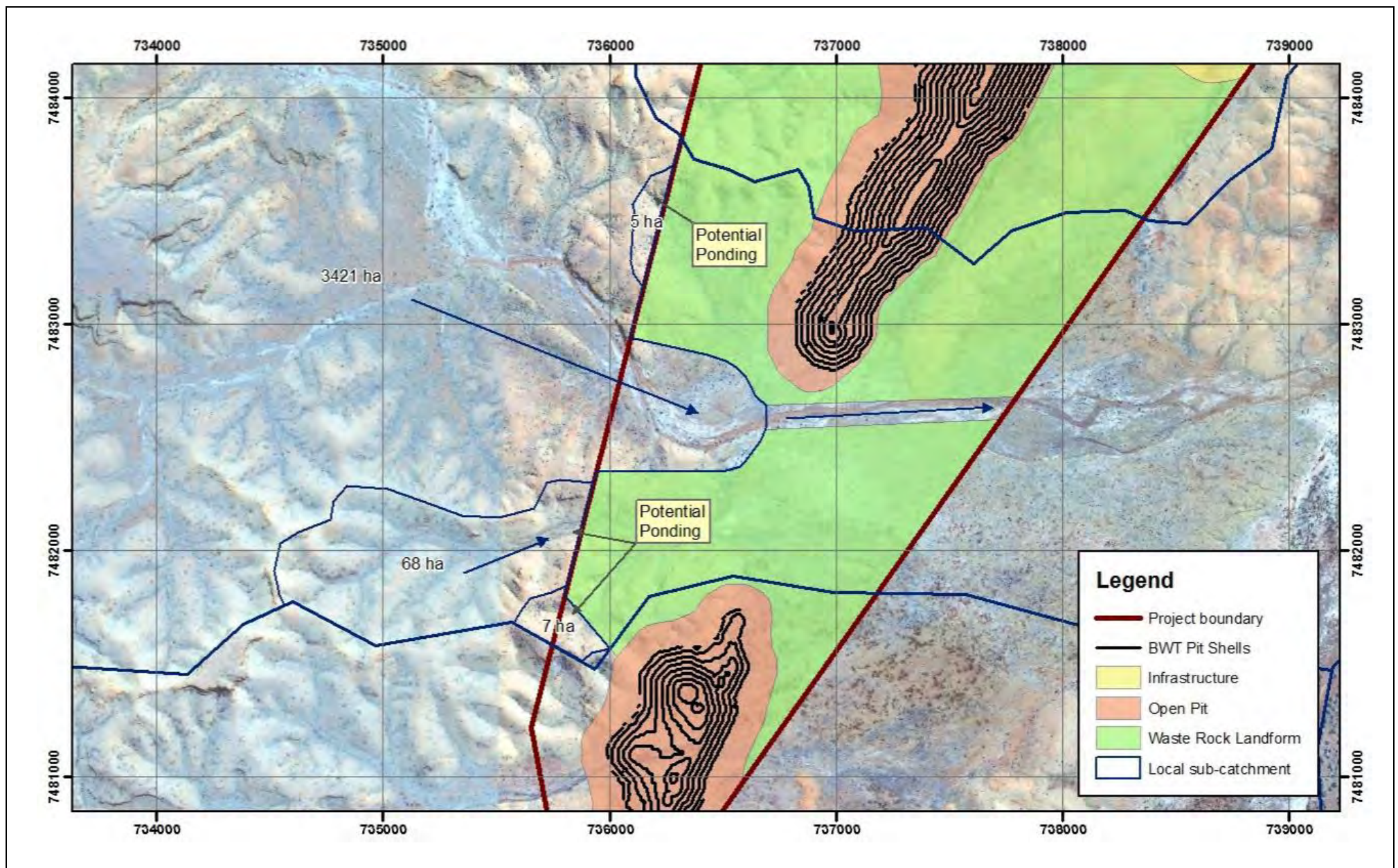




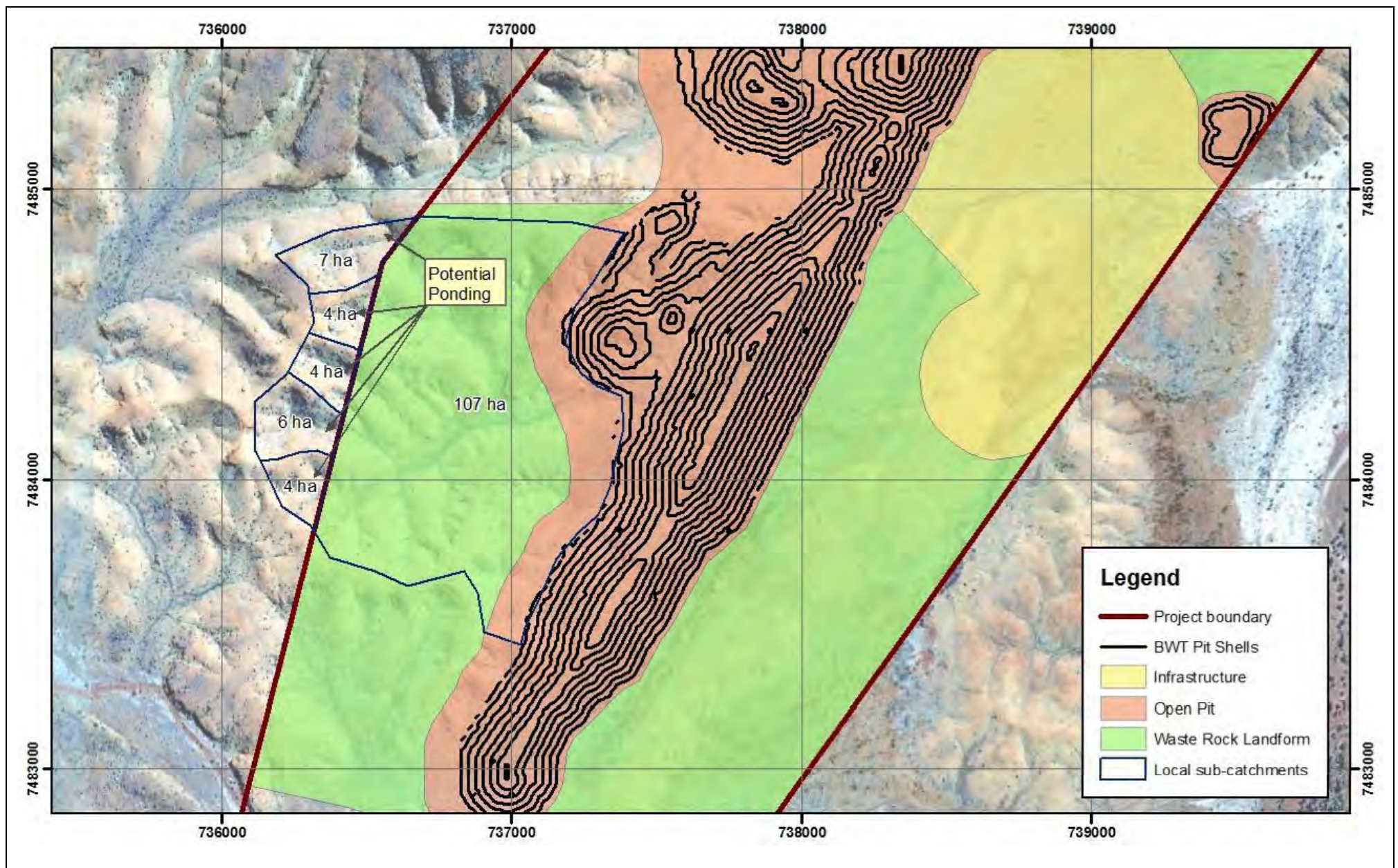




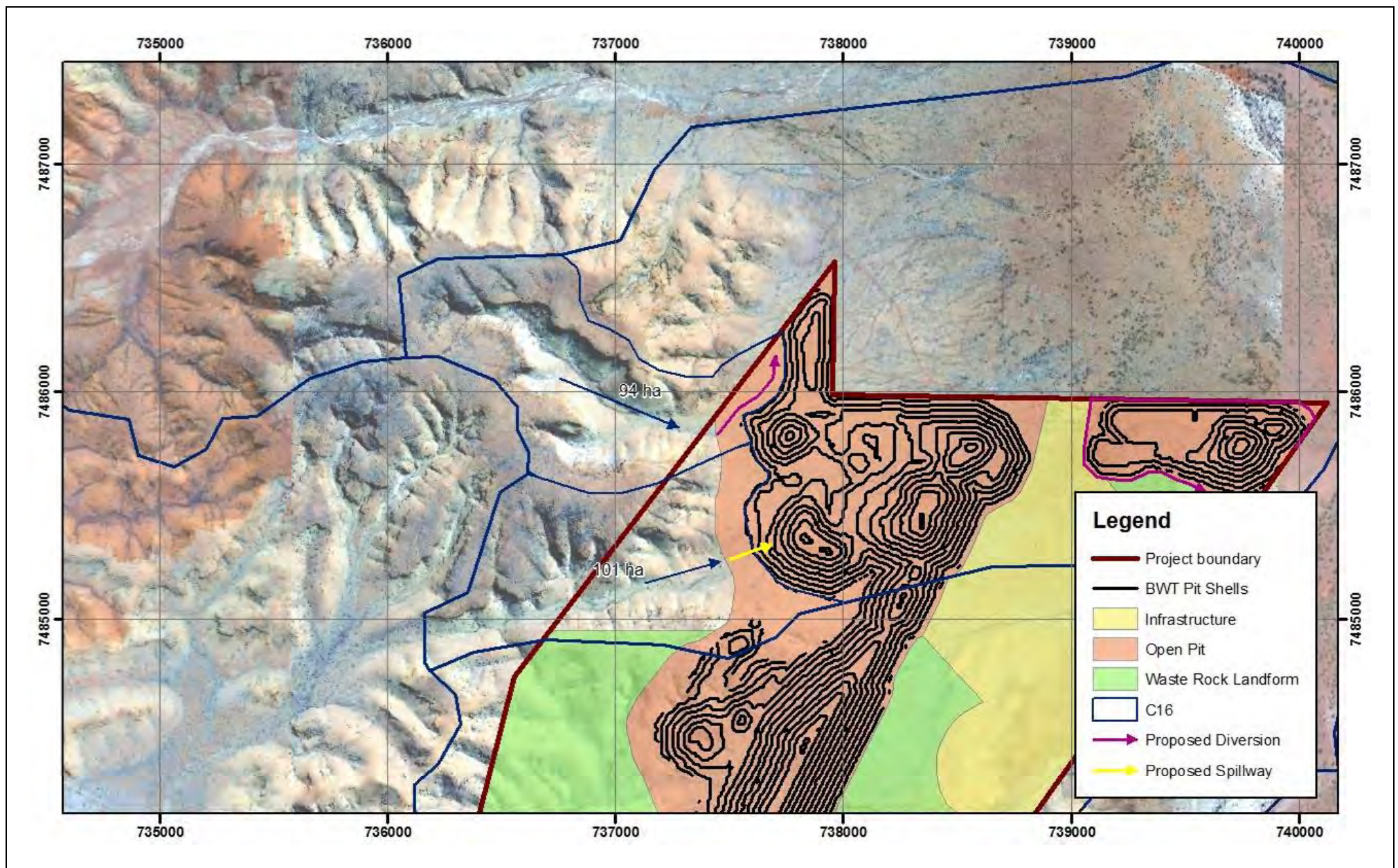




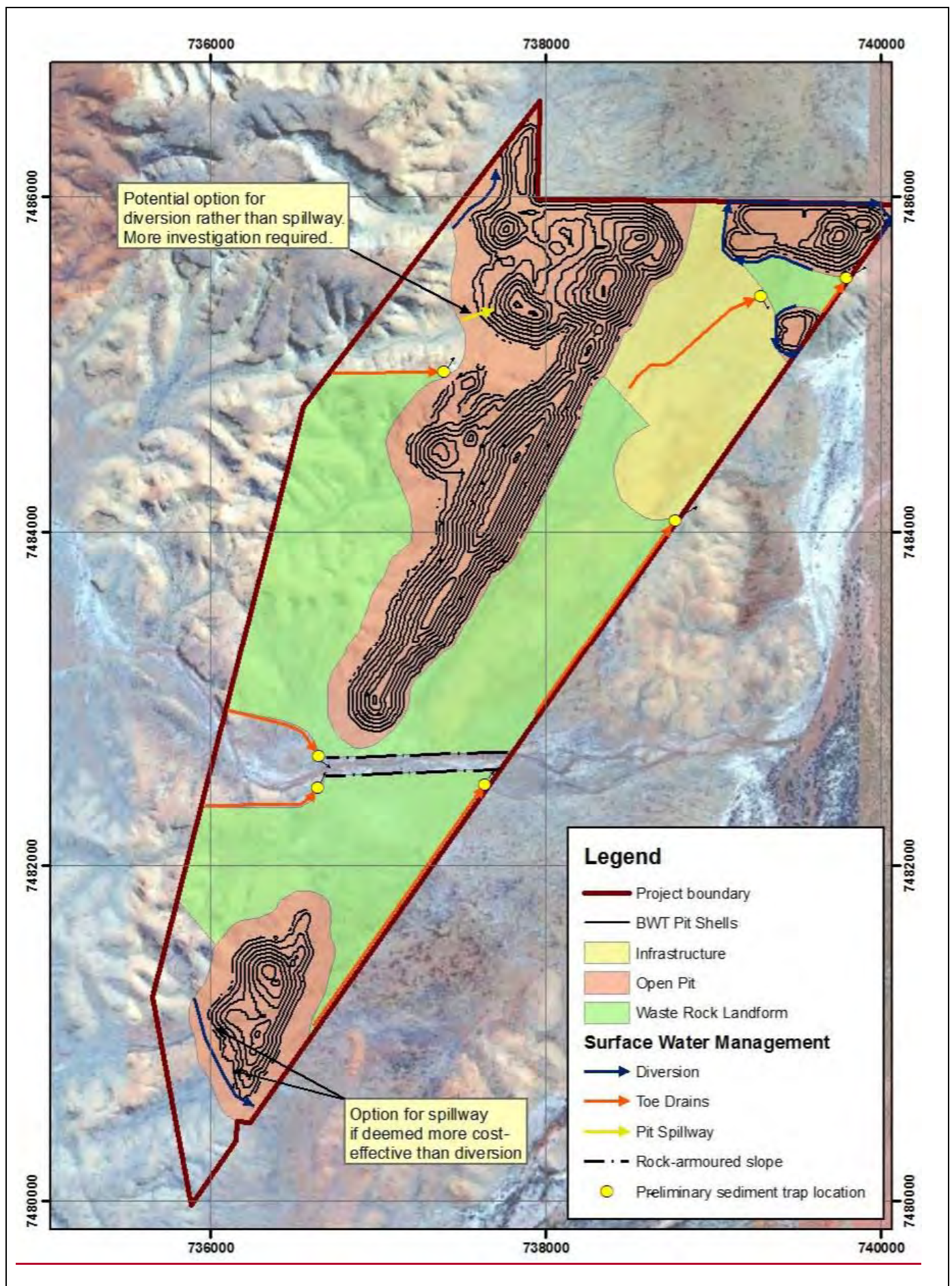




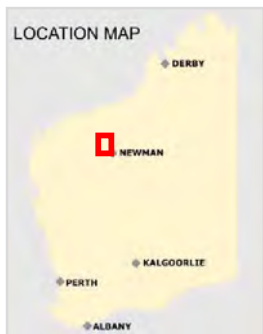
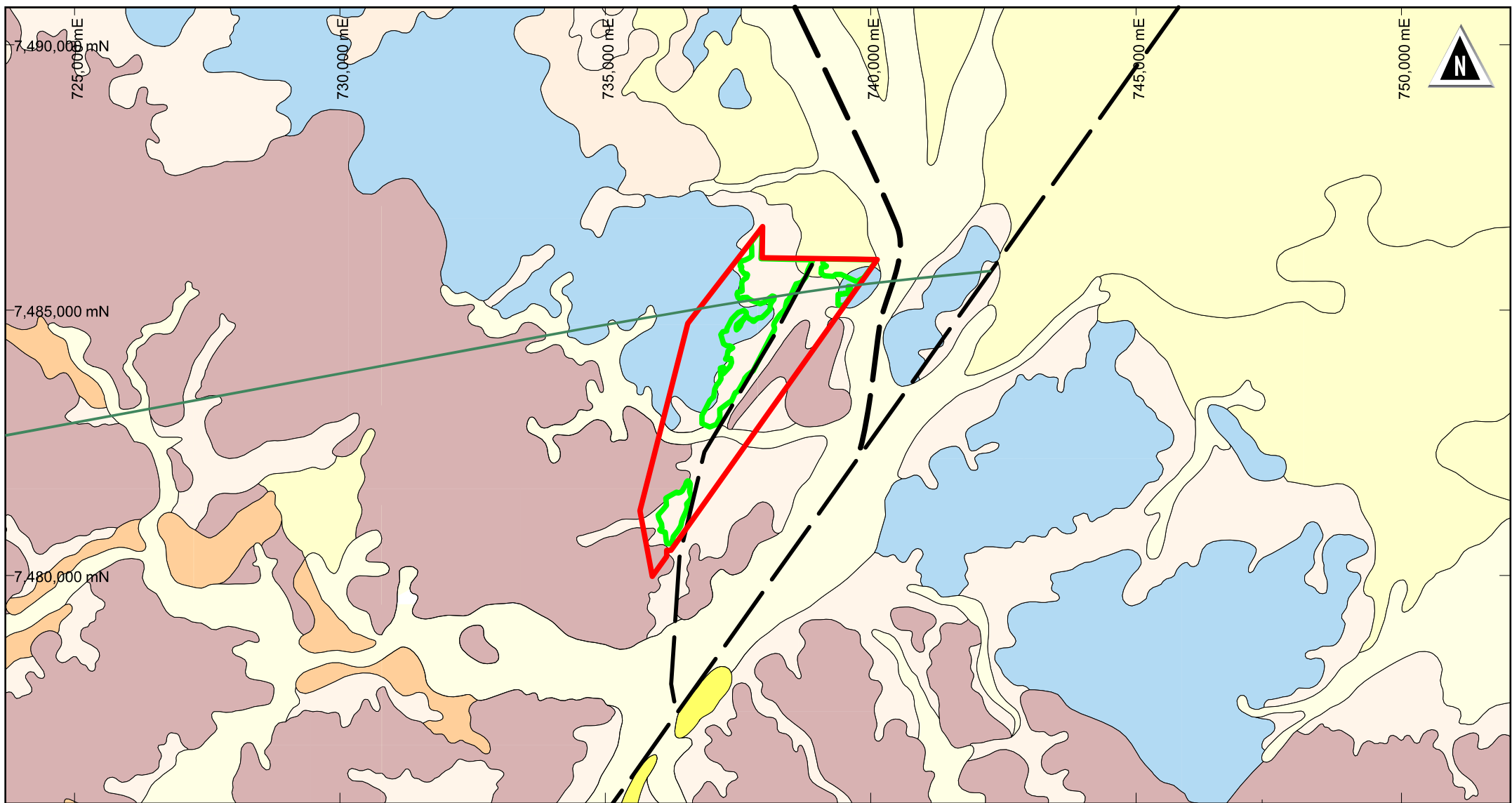












#### LEGEND

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Weeli Wolli Creek Alluvium | Weeli Wolli Formation   |
| Weeli Wolli Creek Outwash  | Brockman Iron Formation |
| Scree                      | Interpreted Faults      |
| Channel Iron Deposit       | Dyke                    |

- |              |
|--------------|
| Project Area |
| Pit Outline  |

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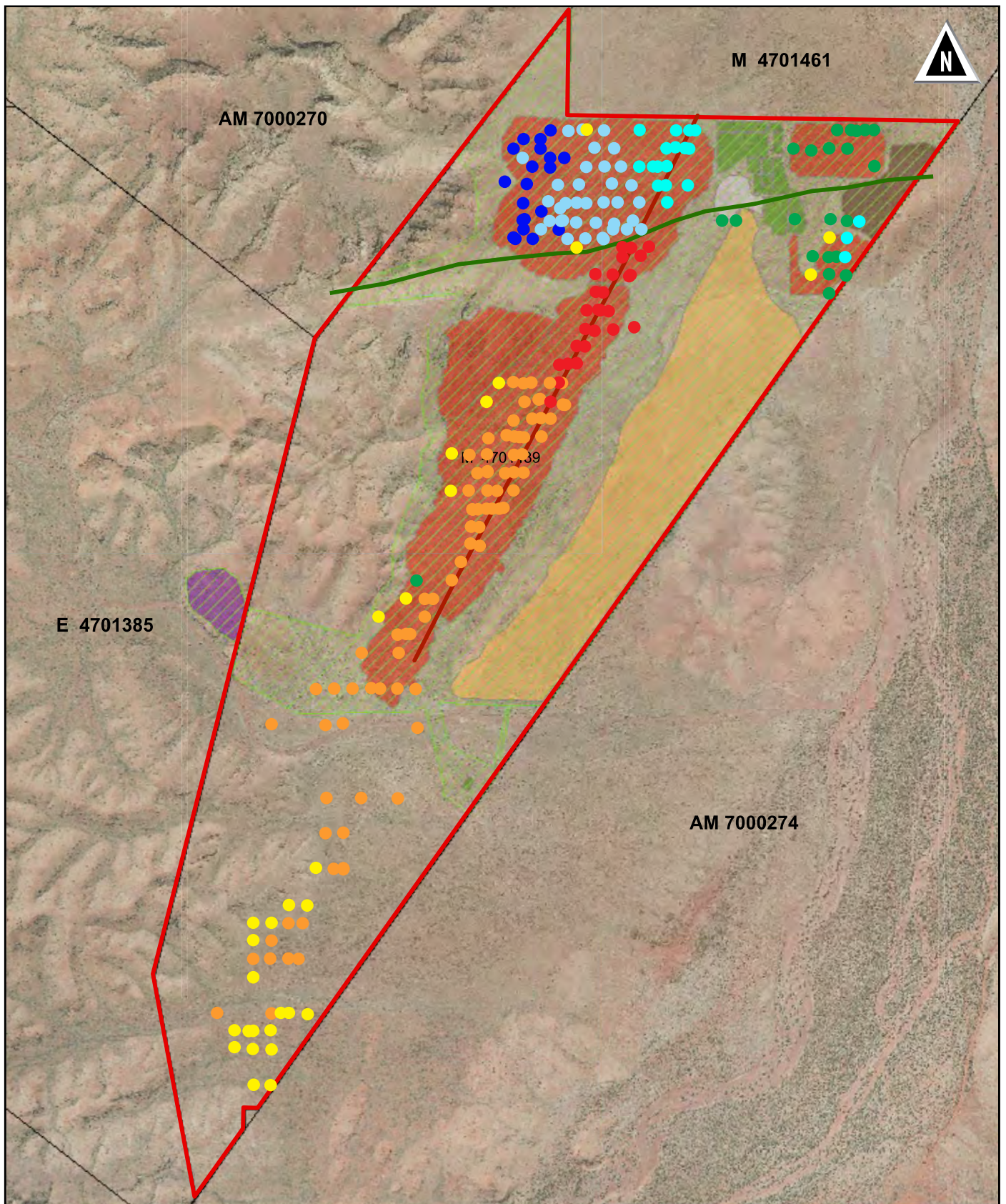
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**FIGURE 3.1**  
**GEOLOGY**  
**IRON VALLEY PROJECT**



#### LEGEND

- Project Location
- Mining Tenements
- Dolerite Dyke (approx.)
- Orebody Fault (approx.)

- Depth To Groundwater (mbgl)**
- 1 - 10
  - 11 - 20
  - 21 - 30
  - 31 - 40
  - 41 - 50
  - 51 - 60
  - 61 - 70

- Accommodation Village
- Infrastructure Areas
- Pit Areas
- ROM Pad
- Topsoil Storage
- Waste Rock Landform
- Total Disturbance Footprint

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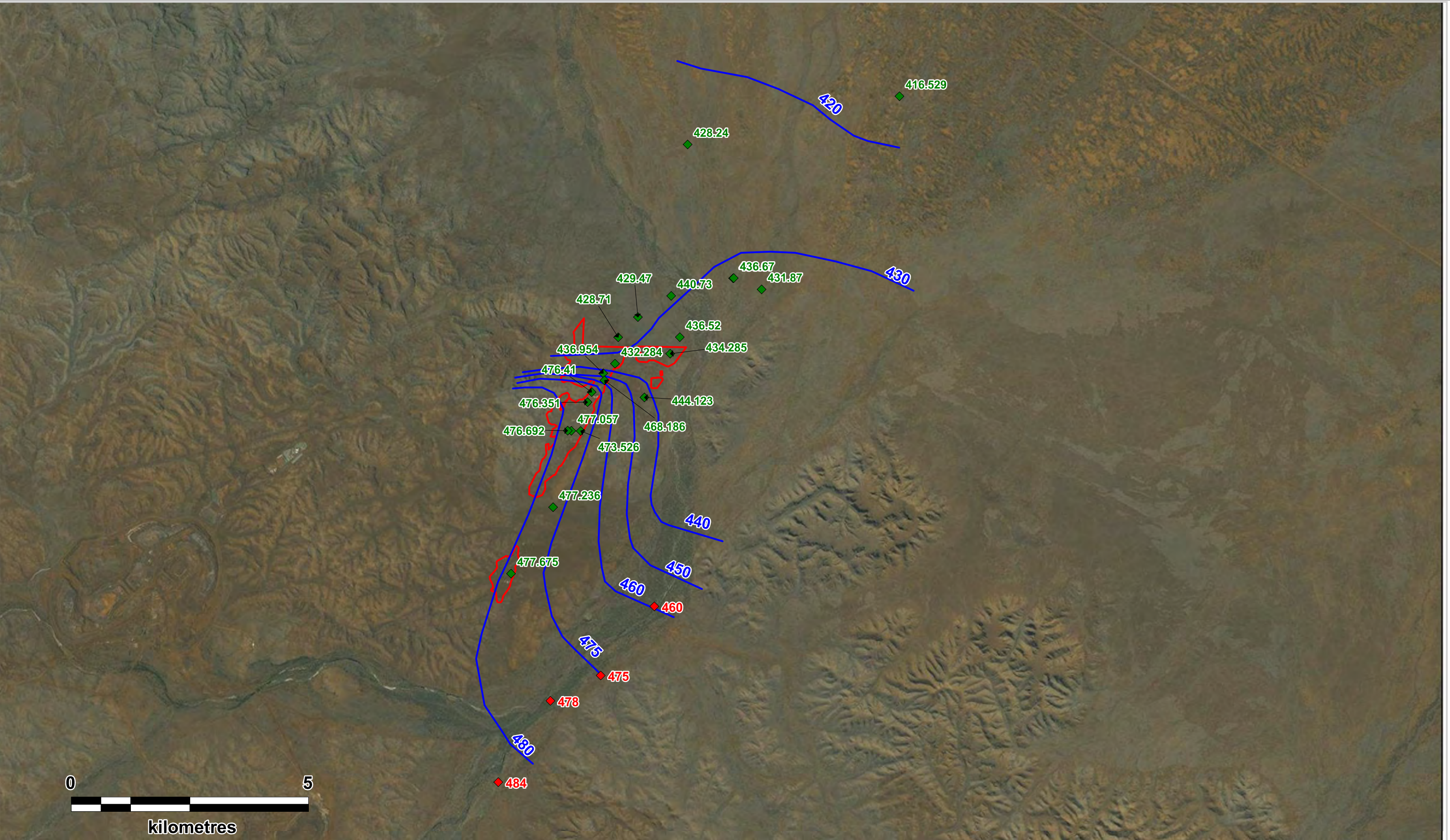
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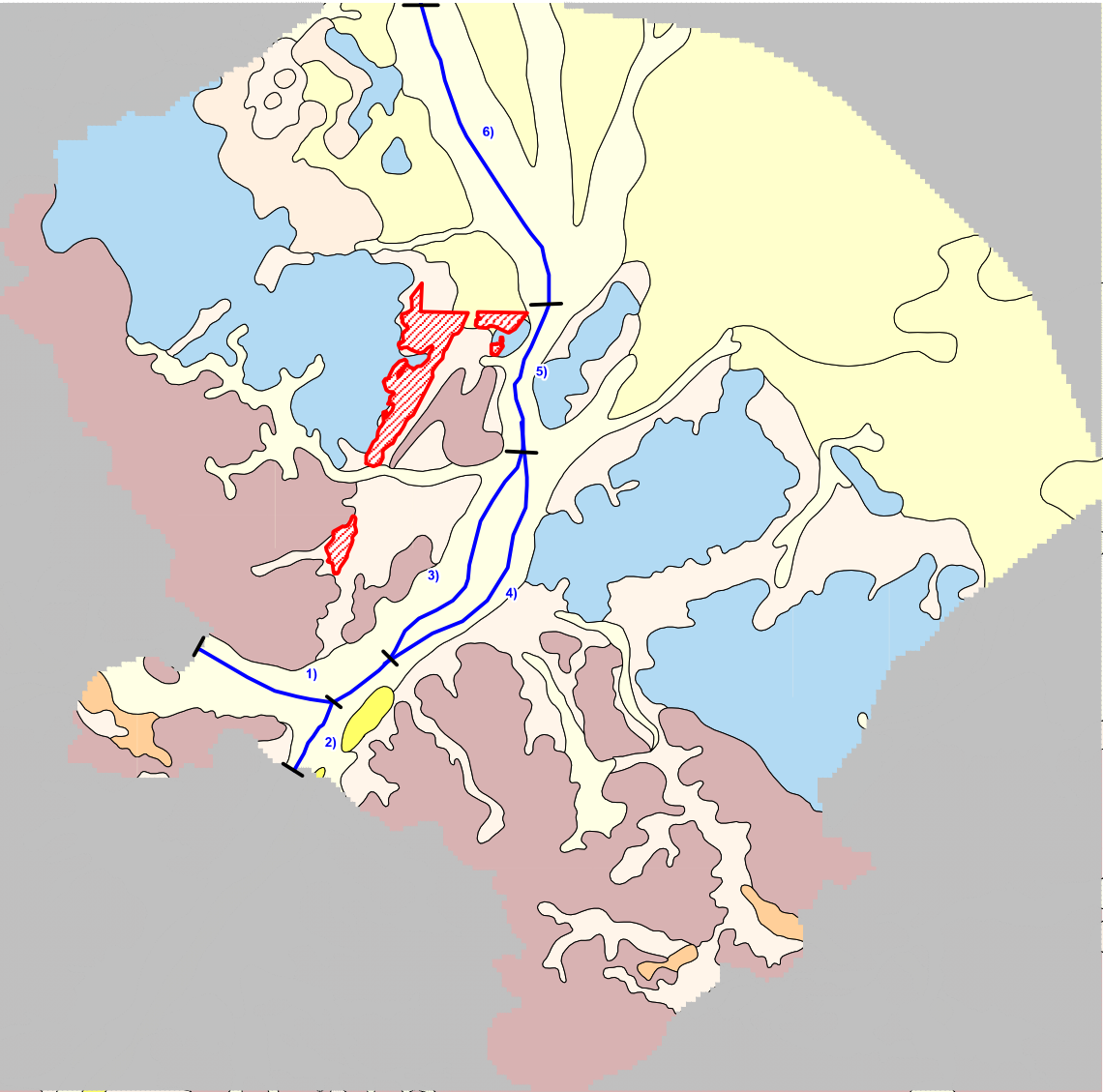
**FIGURE 3.2  
PRE-GROUNDWATER  
ABOVE WATER TABLE  
LEVEL DATA  
REGIONAL LOCATION**





<b>LOCATION MAP</b>  Location: Pilbara		<b>KEY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><span style="color: red;">◆</span> Rio Tinto Water Levels (from Dogramaci et al 2014)</li><li><span style="color: green;">◆</span> Iron Valley Water Levels</li><li><span style="color: blue;">—</span> GW Contours (mAHd)</li><li><span style="color: red;">□</span> Pit Outline</li></ul>			
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<b>FIGURE 3.3 GROUND WATER LEVELS- 2015 IRON VALLEY PROJECT</b>					





LOCATION MAP



Location: XXXX

KEY

- Reaches of Weeli Wolli Creek used for Catchment Water Balance
- Pit Outline

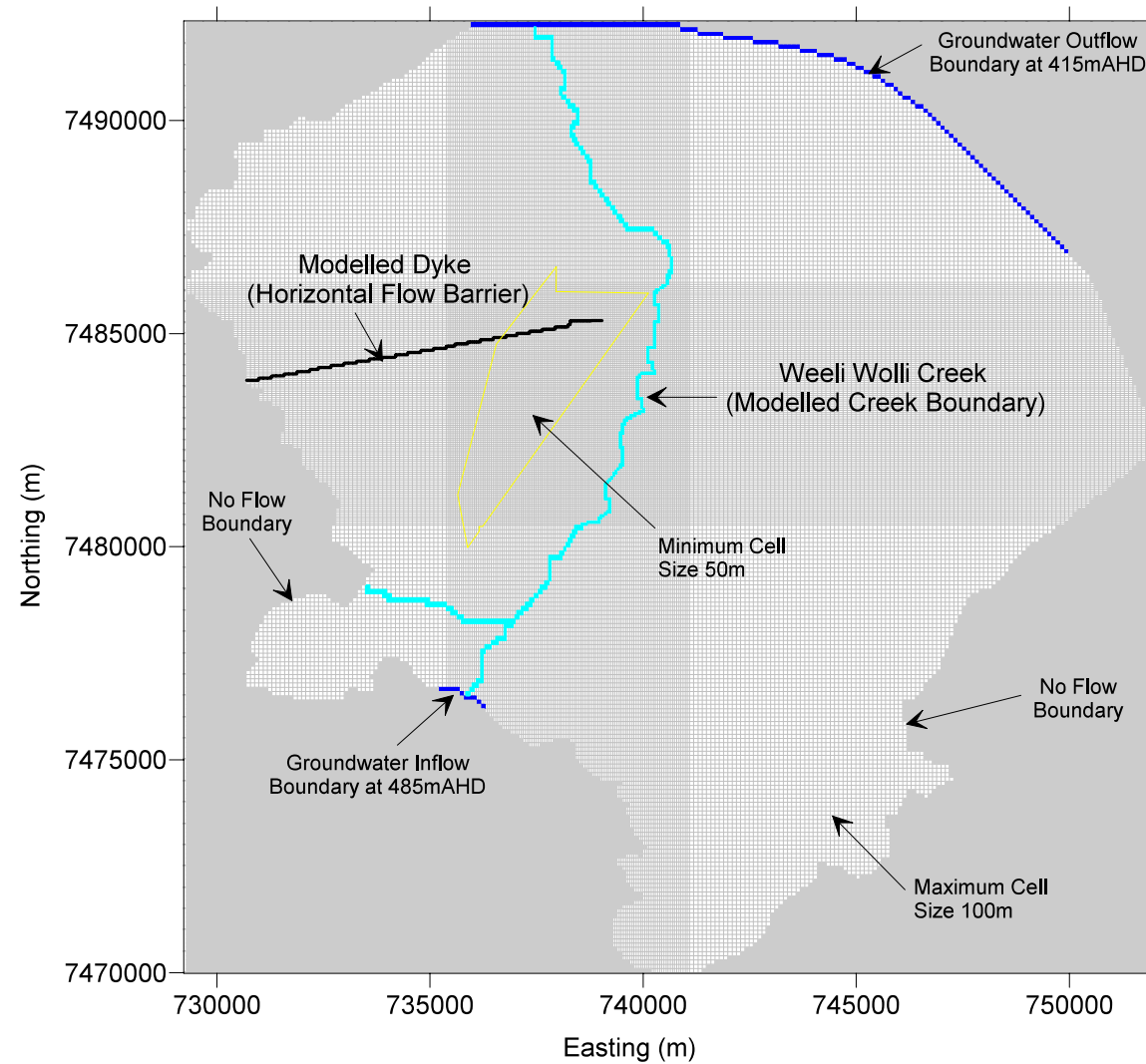
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**FIGURE 3.4  
CATCHMENT FOR  
WATER BALANCE**



#### LOCATION MAP



#### LEGEND

- Constant Head Boundary
- Horizontal Flow Barrier (Dyke)
- Modelled Creek Boundary (Weeli Wolli Creek)
- Project Area Boundary

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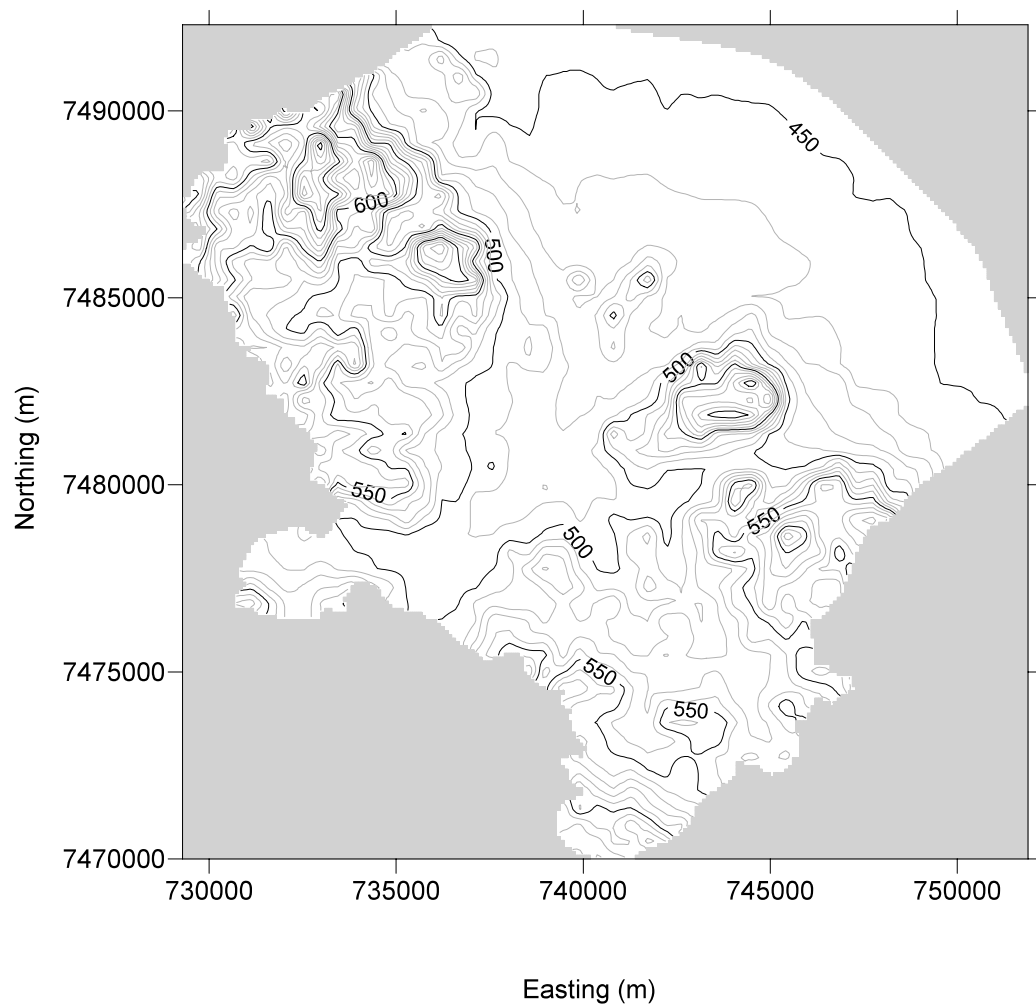
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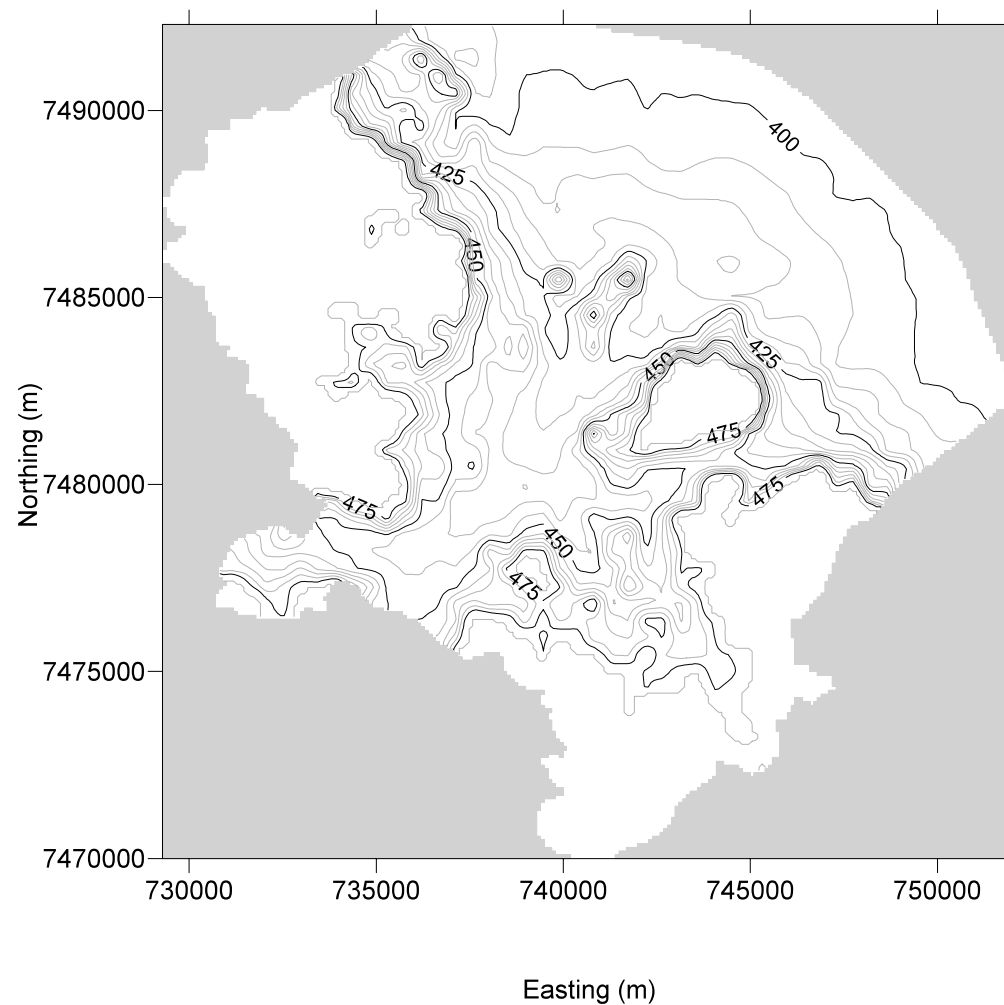


**FIGURE 4.1  
MODEL EXTENT  
AND BOUNDARY  
CONDITIONS**

Top of Layer 1 (Ground Surface)



Base of Layer 1



LOCATION MAP



LEGEND

- Minor Elevation Contour (mAHD), shown at 10m interval
- Major Elevation Contour (mAHD)m shown at 50m interval

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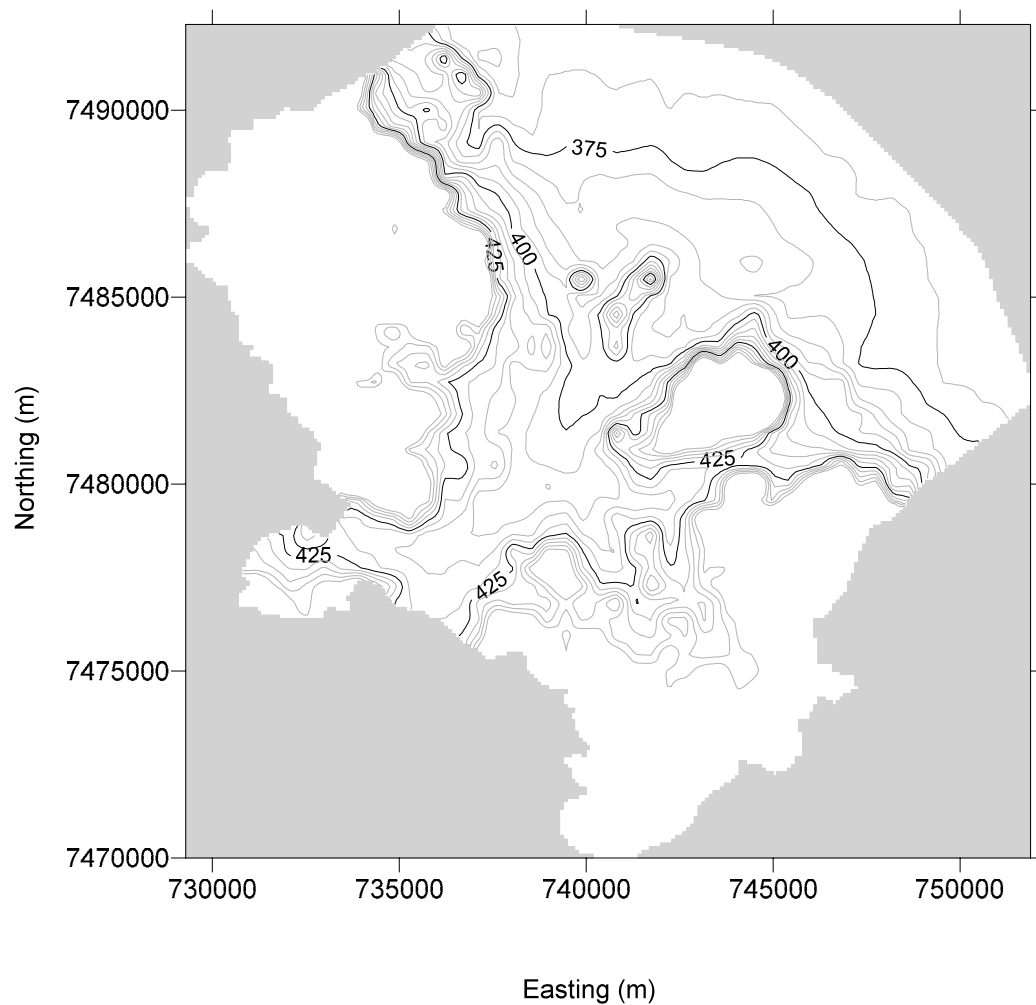
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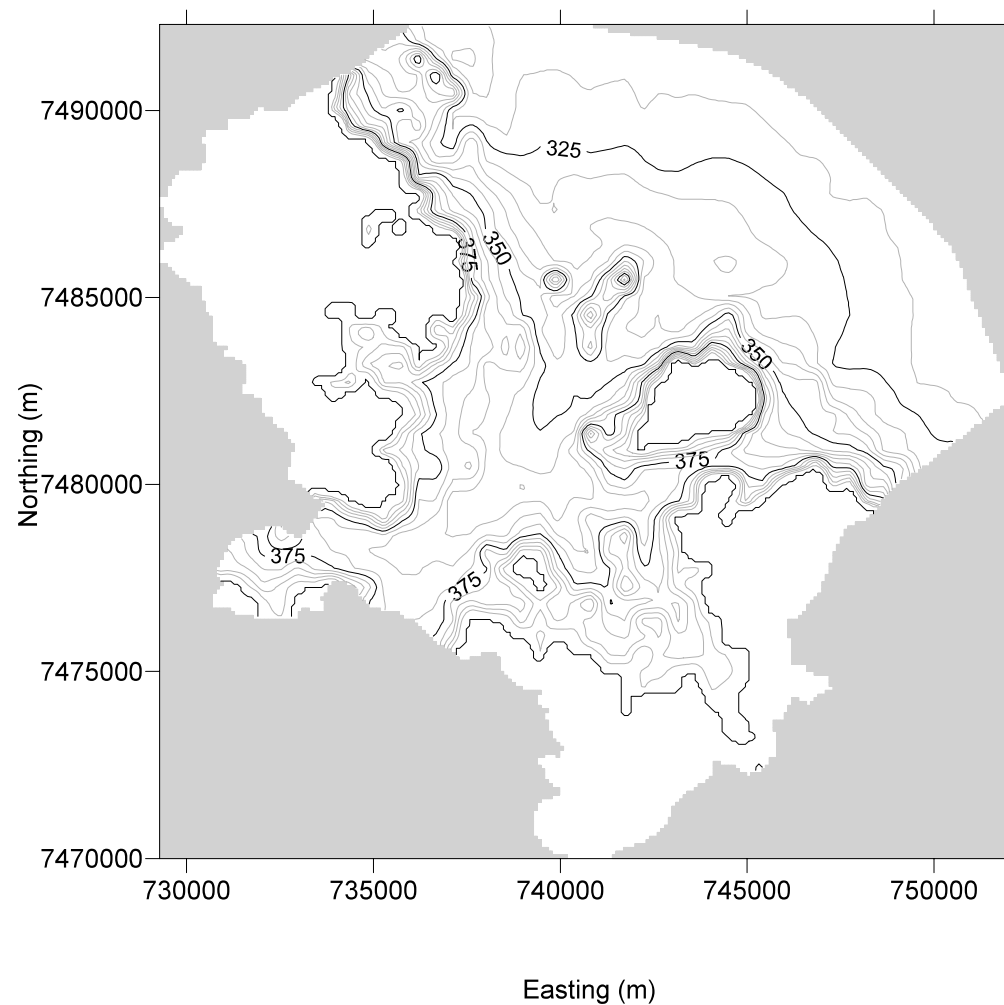
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FIGURE 4.2  
CONTOURS OF  
TOP AND BASE  
ELEVATION LAYER 1

Base of Layer 2



Base of Layer 3



LOCATION MAP



LEGEND

- Minor Elevation Contour (mAHD), shown at 5m interval
- Major Elevation Contour (mAHD)m shown at 25m interval

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FIGURE 4.3  
CONTOURS OF  
BASE ELEVATION  
LAYER 2 AND LAYER 3

## Appendix B2 PMP Flood Modelling



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Les,

Soilwater Consultants (SWC) have undertaken a desktop flood assessment for the C14 catchment area at the Iron Valley Project (IVP). The primary objectives of this study was to calculate the volume of a Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) event to allow modelling of a Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) event within the C14 creek line which intersects the proposed below water table (BWT) project plan Waste Rock Landform (WRL) footprint (Figure 1). This modelling has been undertaken so that the potential environmental impacts of such an event interacting with the WRL on either flank (southern and northern) of the creek line post closure can be understood.

This report is intended as an addendum to the Iron Valley BWT Hydrological Assessment Report (REF – AQ2-001-01-03) and utilises derived parameters from this work and previous surface water assessment conducted by URS (2012). This work contains an assessment of the local flow pathways over the project area including the local catchment of interest, labelled C14 within previous reports. This catchment has been determined utilising 2m contour coverage to be approximately 34 km<sup>2</sup> in area, 10 km in length, with an average channel slope of approximately 0.005 m/m.

The primary creek channel contains the largest of the watercourses within the IVP mining lease. The primary surface water flows is approximately 20-30 m wide within the middle and lower catchment areas and is reasonably well defined throughout the length of the catchment. The flow catchment broadens at the end of the catchment, forming less well-defined and braided secondary channels where it enters the Weeli Wolli Creek floodplain.

### 1 PROBABLE MAXIMUM PRECIPITATION (PMP) ANALYSIS

The following equations were used to calculate total rainfall depths (mm) for the PMP events ranging in duration from 0.5-120 hrs, according to the GSDM and GTSMR methods (BOM, 2003; BOM, 2005):

$$PMP_{GDSM} = PMP_{Raw} \times MAF \times EAF$$

$$PMP_{GTSMR} = PMP_{Raw} \times MAF \times DAF \times EAF$$

The following multiplication factors MAF, DAF and TAF/EAF were determined to be applicable for the Iron Valley Area:

- MAF = 0.86
- DAF = 1.0
- TAF/EAF = 1.0

The final PMP event depths calculated by the GSDM and GTSMR methods are summarised in Figures 2 and 3. Temporal distributions of the PMP depths were assigned according to each method to compile storm rainfall curves for each event which are available upon request.

## 2 PEAK FLOW ASSESSMENT

The expected peak flow rate within the creek channel passing between the two WRL structures was calculated for a range of PMP events. As peak flow prediction in remote areas is inherently uncertain, two different methods were used – a modified Rational Method and a Runoff-Routing Model (RORB).

### 2.1 RATIONAL METHOD

This method employs probabilistic techniques to estimate the peak flow of selected Average Recurrence Interval (ARI) rainfall intensities. The method was adapted for use with the PMP calculations by calculating the time of concentration for the catchment ( $t_c = 2.1$  hrs). Following this the average intensity of the calculated 2 hr duration PMP event were used with the Rational Method equations specific to the Pilbara region of Western Australia after Pilgrim (2003).

The resulting peak flow rate for the critical duration PMP event within the catchments was 4050 m<sup>3</sup>/s. By comparison, the 1:100-yr event flow calculated using the Rational Method was 500 m<sup>3</sup>/s.

### 2.2 RUNOFF ROUTING MODEL (RORB)

The RORB model applies a rainfall hyetograph corresponding to a given ARI rainfall event within a predefined catchment area. In this instance, it was set up as an “initial loss / continuing loss” model, in which an initial loss (IL = 20 mm) was subtracted from the beginning of the design rainfall event, and a continuing loss (CL = 5.0 mm/hr) was subtracted thereafter. All rainfall in excess of the losses was transmitted through the catchment as runoff.

Input parameters were adopted as recommended for the Pilbara region of Western Australia (Pilgrim, 2003) using the following model equation:

$$k_c = 1.06 \times L^{0.87} \times S_e^{-0.46}$$

Where;

$k_c$  = Catchment coefficient (3.72, dimensionless)

$L$  = Length of main stream (10 km)

$S_e$  = Equal area slope (5.1 m/km)

Model runs were completed for the PMP events ranging from 5 minutes to 120 hours. The resulting set of flow hydrographs was examined to determine the event duration which produced the greatest peak flow rate for the catchment. The resulting peak flow rate for the critical duration PMP event in the main creek catchment was 3640 m<sup>3</sup>/s, and resulted from the 2 hr PMP storm.

Peak flow rates determined by runoff-routing methods are generally considered to be more reliable than regional methods, such as the Rational Method. Therefore the peak flow rate modelled in RORB was used as the input to the flood estimation procedure presented in the following section.

### 3 PROBABLE MAXIMUM FLOOD (PMF) ESTIMATION

The topographic contours were used to construct a digital elevation model (DEM) grid with a horizontal resolution of 2 m. The narrow area between the two WRL footprints is approximately 110 m wide, 1050 m long and drops approximately 10 m along the length of the channel. The topography in this area is relatively flat, with a slight depression within the centre of the channel. A series of cross-sections were created through the creek channel between the two WRL footprints which were then used as the basis for the creation of a trapezoidal cross-section which represents the generalised geometry of the creek channel; represented by a 30 metre-wide channel base, 1 m channel depth, and bank slopes 40 m wide with an angle of approximately 1.5° up to the base of each WRL. The WRL batters have been represented as 10 m high, with an 18° slope angle (Figure 4).

Manning's equation was used to assess the idealised channel. A Manning's "n" value of 0.038 (from URS, 2013) and channel slope of 0.01 m/m were used for the calculation. The resultant maximum channel capacity within the gap between the two WRLs defined by the creek channel and 'flood plain' area is 136 m<sup>3</sup>/s; approximately equivalent to the Rational Method estimate using the 1:10-yr peak flow event.

As the maximum peak flow volume calculated using the RORB model was 3640 m<sup>3</sup>/s, during these events (and ARI calculated rainfall events with intervals of 20 and above), the depth of water flow will exceed the channel and cause water to bank up against the batter slopes of the flanking WRLs. Using the above Manning's equation inputs and a throughput of 3460 m<sup>3</sup>/s, the maximum height modelled for the peak flood on the WRL slopes is 4.3 m, equating to the bottom 14 m of WRL slope length being inundated by flood water.

### 4 CONCLUSIONS

- The area between the two WRLs through which the majority of the C14 catchment will drain using the current BWT design is approximately 110 m wide, relatively flat in cross section with an overall slope angle downstream of 0.01 m/m.
- Creek flows greater than the 1:10-year peak flow (approximately 130 m<sup>3</sup>/s), are modelled to result in overtopping of the area between the two WRLs, resulting in flood water scouring the WRL batter slopes.
- The probable maximum flood (PMF) flow was estimated using RORB modelling to be 3640 m<sup>3</sup>/s. This volume of water will cause the flood water to cover the bottom 14 m of WRL slope length.

Should you have any queries regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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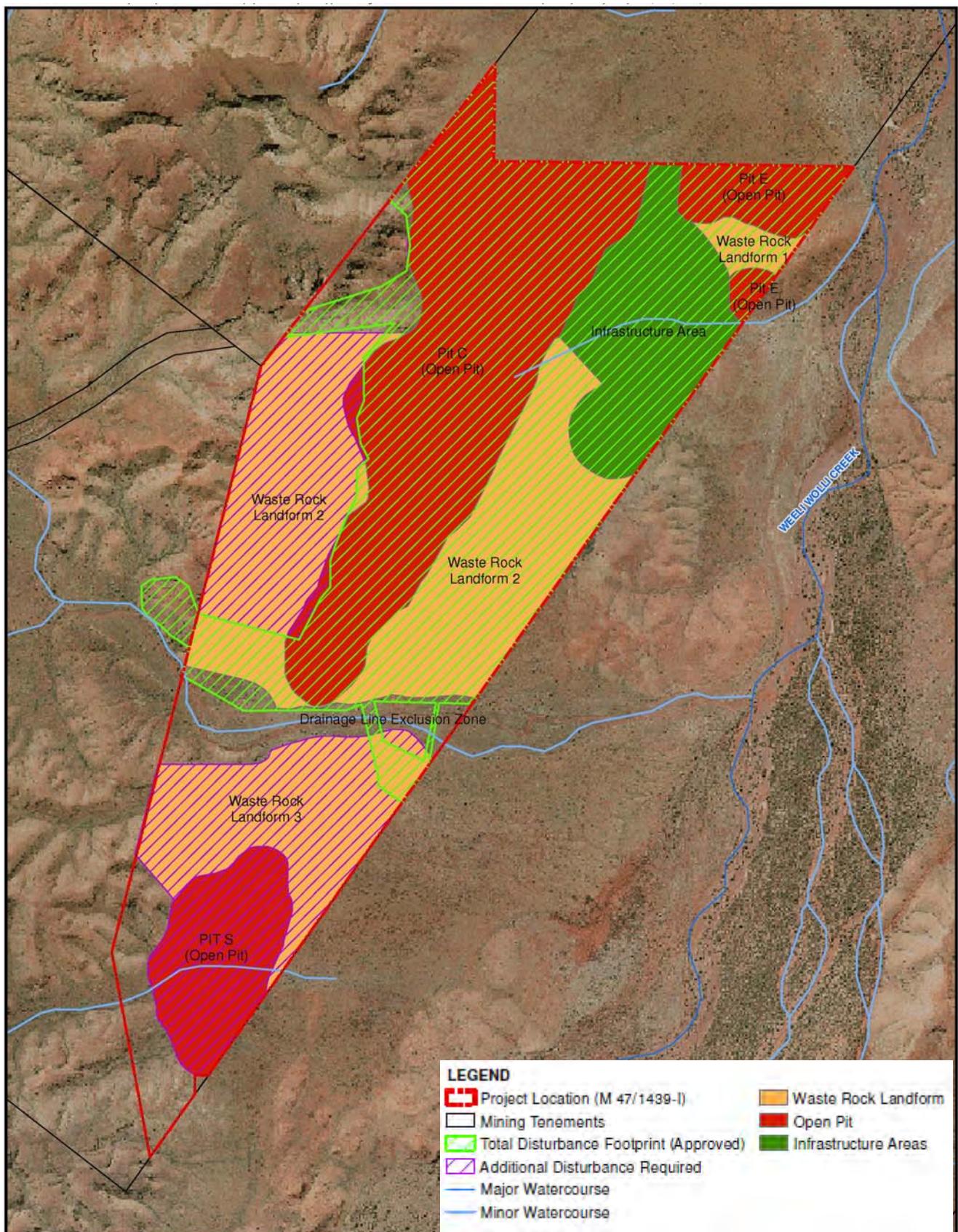
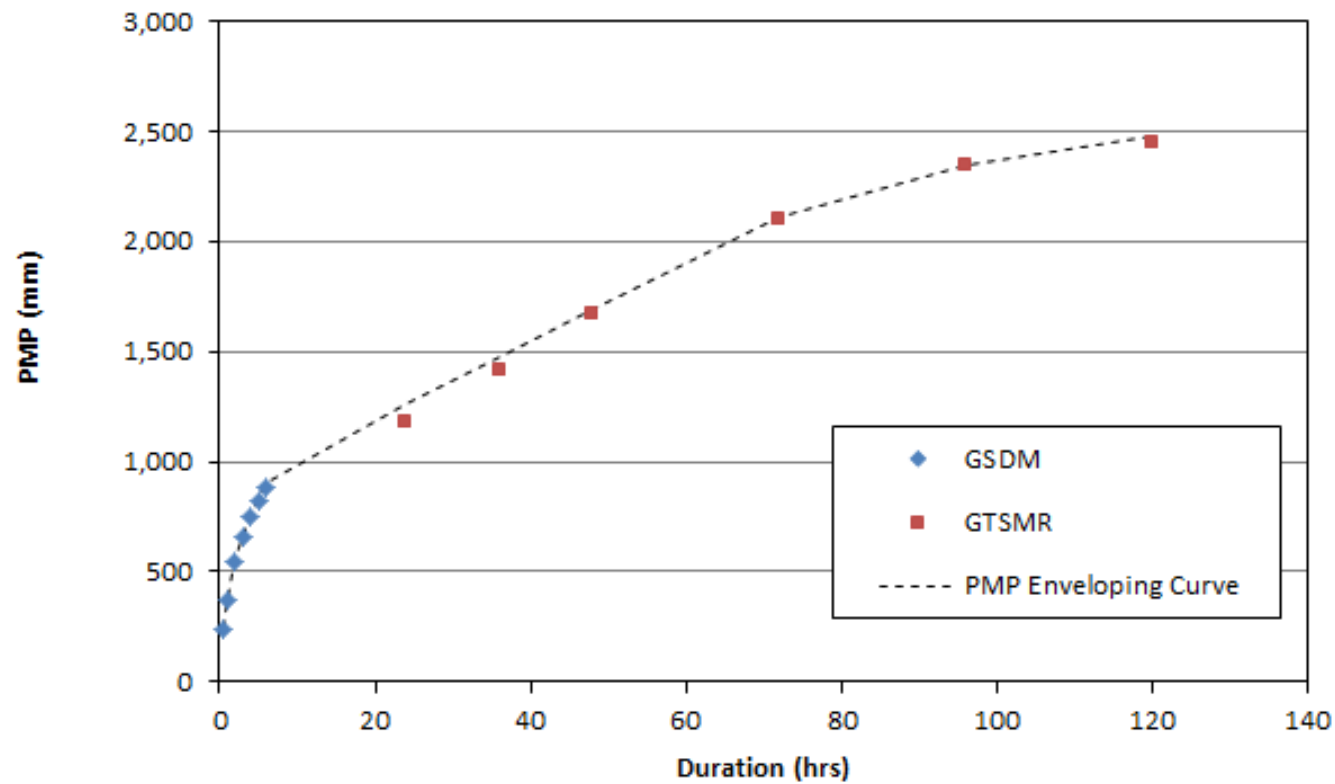


Figure 1: BWT IVP mine site layout



Duration (hrs)	Depth (mm)	
	GSDM ( $D_R$ )	GTSMR
0.5	240	-
1	370	-
2	550	-
3	660	-
4	750	-
5	820	-
6	880	-
24	-	1183
36	-	1419
48	-	1668
72	-	2098
96	-	2348
120	-	2451

Notes:

MAF = 0.86

DAF = 1.0

TAF/EAF = 1.0

Figure 2: Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) depths calculated for the Iron Valley Project area



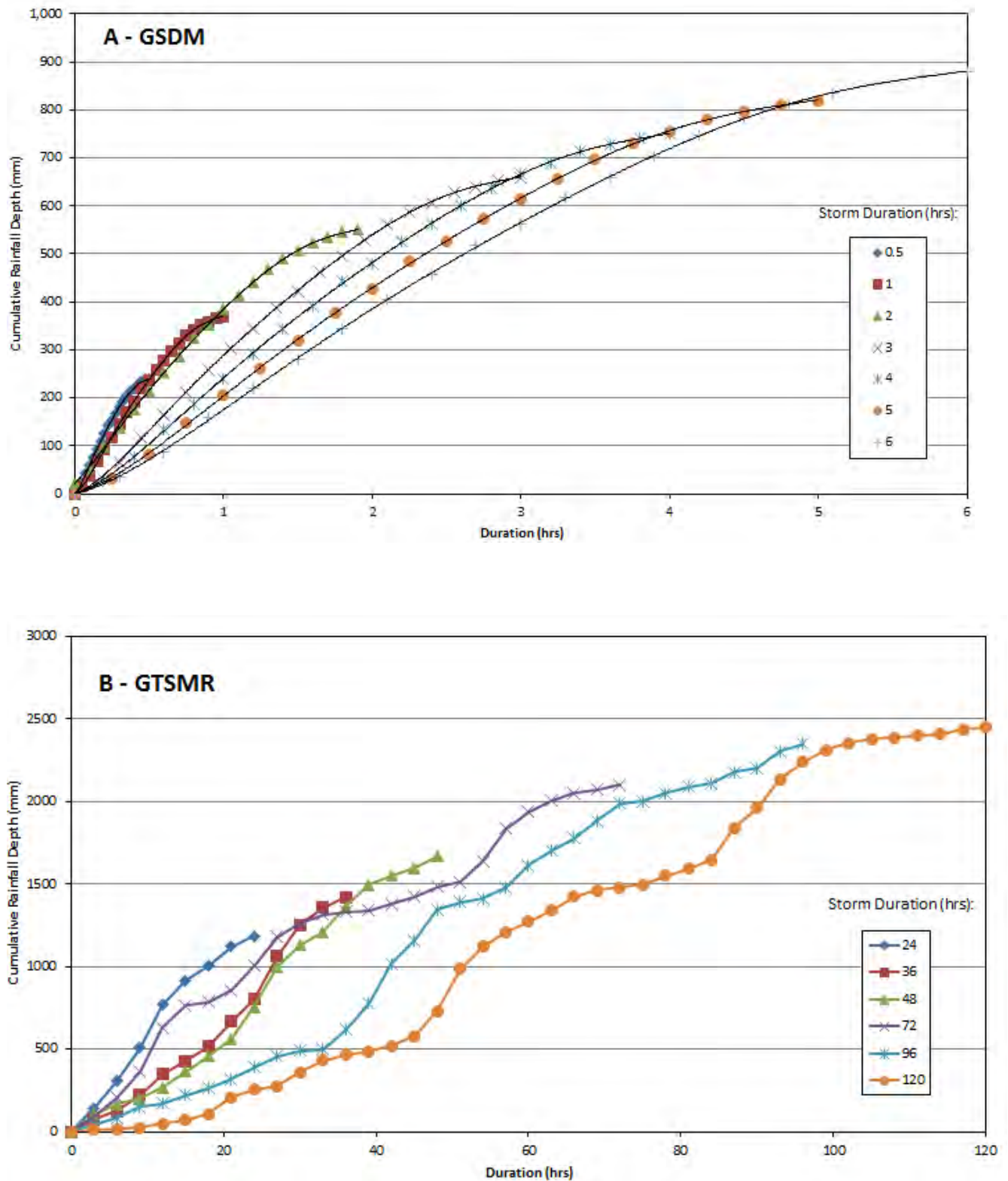


Figure 3: Cumulative rainfall pluviographs generated for IVP area PMP events

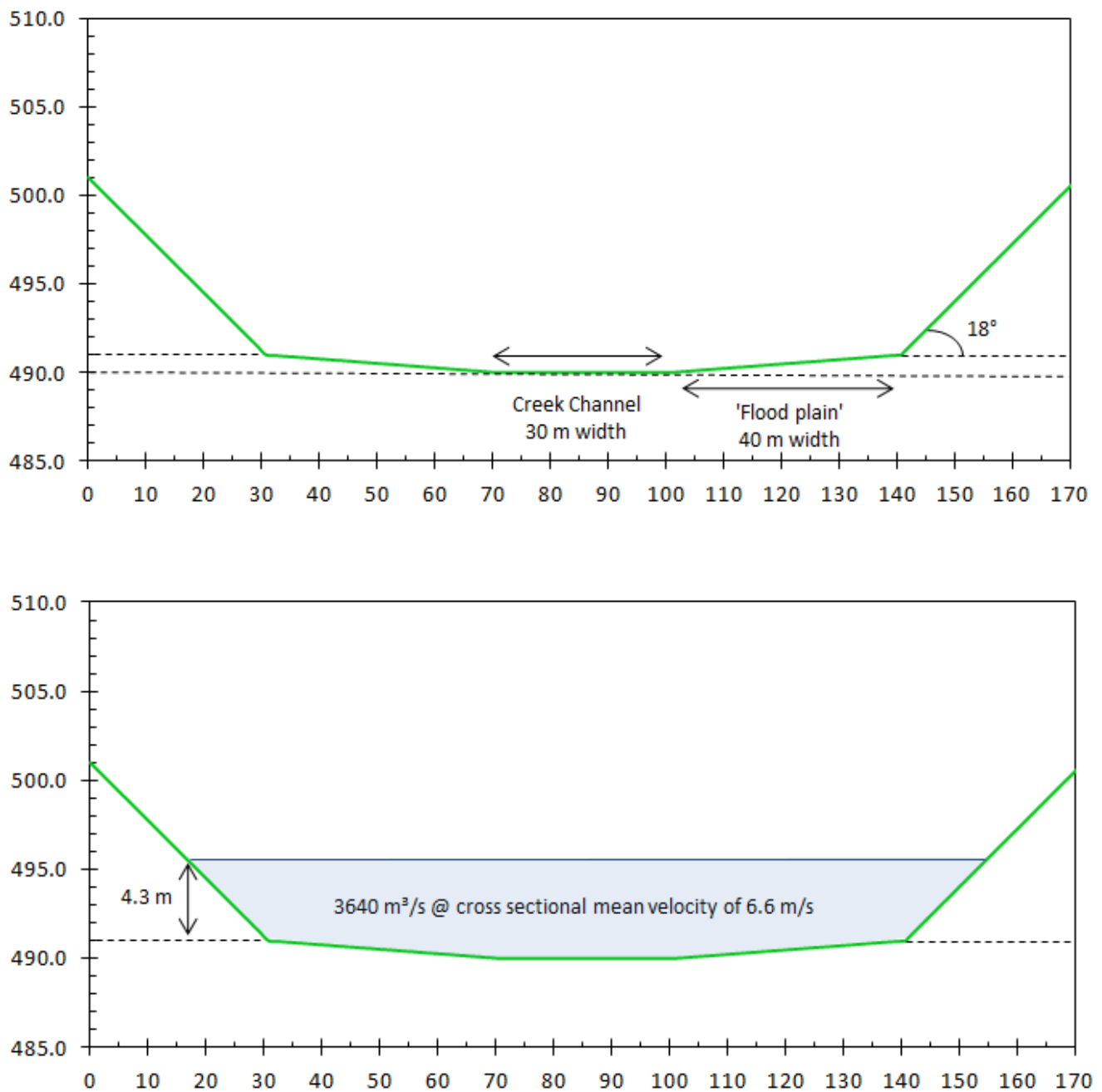


Figure 4: Representative trapezoidal cross-sections of the C14 catchment creek channel