

**Logistics Report**

for a

**DETAILED AIRBORNE  
MAGNETIC, RADIOMETRIC AND  
DIGITAL TERRAIN SURVEY**

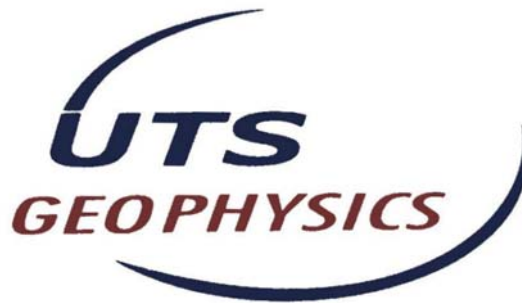
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**MT ISA/CLONCURRY PROJECTS**

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## 1 GENERAL SURVEY INFORMATION

UTS Geophysics conducted several low level airborne geophysical surveys for the following company:

Deep Yellow Limited  
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Acquisition for the surveys commenced on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007 and was completed on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2007. The base location used for operating the aircraft and performing in-field quality control was Mt Isa, Queensland.

## 2 SURVEY SPECIFICATIONS

The areas surveyed were located near Mt Isa in Queensland.. The surveys were flown using the MGA94 coordinate system (a Universal Transverse Mercator projection) derived from the Geocentric Datum of Australia and was contained within zone 54 with a central meridian of 141 degrees. Details of the datum and projection system are provided in Appendix B of this report. Survey boundary coordinates are listed in Appendix C.

The survey data acquisition specifications for each area flown are specified in the following table:

PROJECT NAME	LINE SPACING	LINE DIRECTION	TIE LINE SPACING	TIE LINE DIRECTION	SENSOR HEIGHT	TOTAL LINE KM
A89201	100m	090-270	1000m	000-180	50m	721
A89202	100m	090-270	1000m	000-180	50m	223
A89203	100m	090-270	1000m	000-180	50m	336
A89204	100m	090-270	1000m	000-180	50m	391
A89205	100m	090-270	1000m	000-180	50m	319
A89206	100m	090-270	1000m	000-180	50m	563
A89207	100m	090-270	1000m	000-180	50m	835
A89208	100m	090-270	1000m	000-180	50m	891
A89209	100m	090-270	1000m	000-180	50m	1,194
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>5,473</b>

The specified sensor height for the magnetic samples is as stated in the above table. This sensor height may be varied where topographic relief or laws pertaining to built up areas do not allow this altitude to be maintained, or where the safety of the aircraft and equipment is endangered.

### 3 AIRCRAFT AND SURVEY EQUIPMENT

The UTS navigation flight control computer, data acquisition system and geophysical sensors were installed into a specialised geophysical survey aircraft.

The list of geophysical and navigation equipment used for the survey is as follows:

#### **General Survey Equipment**

- FU24 – 954 fixed wing survey aircraft.
- UTS proprietary flight planning and survey navigation system.
- UTS proprietary high speed digital data acquisition system.
- Novatel 3951R, 12 channel precision navigation GPS.
- OMNILITE 132 real time differential GPS system.
- UTS LCD pilot navigation display and external track guidance display.
- UTS post mission data verification and processing system.
- Bendix King KRA-405 radar altimeter.

#### **Magnetic Data Acquisition Equipment**

- UTS tail stinger magnetometer installation.
- Scintrex Cesium Vapour CS-2 total field magnetometer.
- Fluxgate three component vector magnetometer.
- RMS Aeromagnetic Automatic Digital Compensator (AADC II).
- Diurnal monitoring magnetometer (Scintrex Envimag).

#### **Radiometric Data Acquisition Equipment**

- Exploranium GR-820 gamma ray spectrometer.
- Exploranium gamma ray detectors.
- Barometric altimeter (height and pressure measurements).
- Temperature and humidity sensor.

### 3.1 **Survey Aircraft**

The aircraft used for this survey was a FU24 – 950 series fixed wing survey aircraft, owned and operated by UTS Geophysics, registration VH-UTR. The specifications are as follows:

#### **Power Plant**

- Engine Type                      Single engine, Lycoming, IO-720
- Brake Horse Power              400 bhp
- Fuel Type                          AV-GAS

#### **Performance**

- Cruise speed                      105 Kn
- Survey speed                      100 Kn
- Stall speed                        45 Kn
- Range                                970 Km
- Endurance (no reserves)        5.6 hours
- Fuel tank capacity                490 litres



### 3.2 **Data Positioning and Flight Navigation**

Survey data positioning and flight line navigation was derived using real-time differential GPS (Global Positioning System).

Navigation was performed using a UTS designed and built electronic pilot navigation system providing computer controlled digital navigation instrumentation mounted in the cockpit as well as an externally mounted track guidance system.

GPS derived positions were used to provide both aircraft navigation and survey data location information.

The GPS systems used for the survey were:

- Aircraft GPS Model                      Novatel 3951R
- Sample rate                                0.5 Seconds (2 Hz)
- GPS satellite tracking channels        12 parallel
- Typical differentially corrected accuracy    1-2 metres (horizontal)  
3-5 metres (vertical)

### 3.3 *UTS Data Acquisition System and Digital Recording*

All geophysical sensor data and positional information measured during the survey was recorded using a UTS developed, high speed, precision data acquisition system. Survey data was downloaded onto magnetic tape on completion of each survey flight.

Instrument synchronisation times were measured and removed in real-time by the UTS data acquisition system.

### 3.4 *Altitude Readings*

Accurate survey heights above the terrain were measured using a King radar altimeter installed in the aircraft. The height of each survey data point was measured by the radar altimeter and stored by the UTS data acquisition system.

- Radar altimeter models                      King KRA- 405 twin antenna altimeter
- Accuracy    0.3 metres
- Resolution    0.1 metres
- Range     0 - 500 metres
- Sample rate                                         0.1 Seconds (10Hz)

The digital terrain model is calculated by subtracting the terrain clearance (radar altimeter) from the GPS height (interpolated to 0.1 Hz), and as such the accuracy is constrained by the differentially corrected GPS position.

### 3.5 *UTS Stinger Mounted Magnetometer System*

The installation platform used for the acquisition of magnetic data was a tail mounted stinger. This proprietary stinger system was constructed of carbon fibre and designed for maximum rigidity and stability.

Both the total field magnetometer and three component vector magnetometer were located within the tail stinger.



### 3.6 *Total Field Magnetometer*

Total field magnetic data readings for the survey were made using a Scintrex Cesium Vapour CS-2 Magnetometer. This precision sensor has the following specifications:



- Model Scintrex Cesium Vapour CS-2 Magnetometer
- Sample Rate 0.1 seconds (10Hz)
- Resolution 0.001nT
- Operating Range 15,000nT to 100,000nT

### 3.7 *Three Component Vector Magnetometer*

Three component vector magnetic data readings for the survey were made using a Develco Fluxgate Magnetometer. This precision sensor has the following specifications:

- Model Develco Fluxgate Magnetometer
- Sample Rate 0.1 seconds (10Hz)
- Resolution 0.1nT
- Operating Range -100,000nT to 100,000nT

### 3.8 *Aircraft Magnetic Compensation*

At the start of the survey, the system was calibrated for reduction of magnetic heading error. The heading and manoeuvre effects of the aircraft on the magnetic data was removed using an RMS Automatic Airborne Digital Compensator (AADC II).

Calibration of the aircraft heading effects were measured by flying a series of pitch, roll and yaw manoeuvres at high altitude while monitoring changes in the three axis magnetometer and the effect on total field readings. A 26 term model of the aircraft magnetic noise covering permanent, induced and eddy current fields was determined. These coefficients were then applied to the data collected during the survey in real-time.

UTS static compensation techniques were also employed to reduce the initial magnetic effects of the aircraft upon the survey data.





### 3.11 *Temperature and Humidity*

Temperature and humidity measurements were made during the survey at a sample rate of 10Hz. Ambient temperature was measured with a resolution of 0.1 degree Celsius and ambient humidity to a resolution of 0.1 percent.

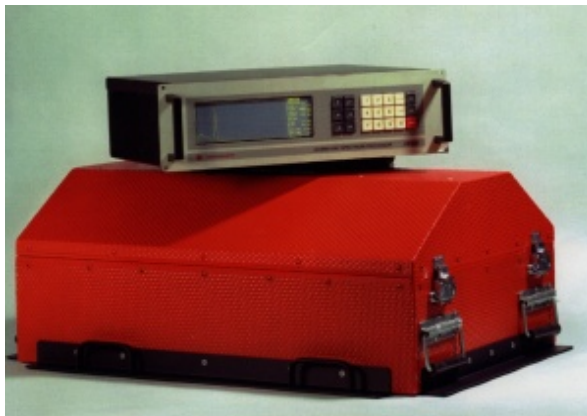
### 3.12 *Radiometric Data Acquisition*

The gamma ray spectrometer used for the survey was capable of recording 256 channels and was self stabilising in order to minimise spectral drift. The detectors used contain thallium activated sodium iodide crystals.

Thorium source measurements were made each survey day to monitor system resolution and sensitivity. A calibration line was also flown at the start and end of each survey day to monitor ground moisture levels and system performance.

Spectrometer model                      Exploranium GR820

- Detector volume                      32 litres
- Sample rate                              1 Hz



## **4 PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

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## 5 DATA PROCESSING PROCEDURES

### 5.1 *Data Pre-processing*

The raw survey data was loaded from the field tapes and the recorded data trimmed to the correct survey boundary extents. Any survey lines subsequently reflight were removed from the dataset.

At the commencement of each acquisition flight, all the instrumentation clocks were synchronized to local time, and the error and latency of each instrument in providing its data measurement calculated. The results of these latency measurements were recorded into a synchronisation file, and the results used to assign GPS positions to the magnetic, radiometric and elevation data. As a result of the physical separation of the sensors, a small residual offset still exists between instrument timings.

To compensate for this residual parallax error, an adjustment was made to the instrument clocks. The magnetic and radar altimeter data was adjusted by 0.600 seconds, and the radiometric data was adjusted by 1.375 seconds for each flight.

The synchronized, parallax corrected data was then exported as located ASCII data.

## **5.2 Magnetic Data Processing**

The diurnal base station data was checked for spikes and steps, and suitably filtered prior to the removal of diurnal variations from the aircraft magnetic data.

The filtered diurnal measurements were subtracted from the diurnal base field and the residual corrections applied to the survey data by synchronising the diurnal data time and the aircraft survey time. The average diurnal base station value was added to the survey data.

The X and Y positioning of the data was then checked for spikes before applying the IGRF correction. Any spikes in the positions were manually edited. The updated IGRF 2005 correction was calculated at each data point (taking into account the height above sea level).

This regional magnetic gradient was subtracted from the survey data points.

Tie line levelling was applied to the data by least squares minimisation, using a polynomial fit of order 0, of the differences in magnetic values at the crossover points of the survey traverse and tie line data.

In order to remove any residual long wavelength variations in the tie line levelled data along the traverse lines, polynomial levelling was then applied.

Final micro-levelling techniques were then selectively applied to the tie line levelled data to remove minor residual variations in profile intensity

Located and gridded data were generated from the final processed magnetic data.

### **5.3 Radiometric Data Processing**

Statistical noise reduction of the 256 channel data was performed using the Maximum Noise Fraction (MNF) method described by Dickson and Taylor (1998). This method constructs a noise covariance model from the survey data, which is then decorrelated and re-scaled so that the model has unit variance and no channel-to-channel correlation.

A principal component transformation of the noise-whitened data is performed, and the number of components to be saved is determined by ranking the eigenvectors by signal-to-noise ratio. The signal-rich components are retained, and the spectral data reconstructed without the noise fraction.

Channels 30-250 only are noise-cleaned, as these contain the regions of interest and are not dominated by the lower end of the Compton continuum. The energy spectrum between the potassium and thorium peaks was recalibrated from the noise-cleaned 256 channel measurements.

The aircraft background spectrum and the scaled unit cosmic spectrum were then subtracted from the 256 channel data. This 256 channel data was then windowed to the 5 primary channels of total count, potassium, uranium, thorium and low-energy uranium. Dead time corrections were then applied to the data. Radon background removal was performed using the Minty Spectral Ratio method (1992).

The radar altimeter data was corrected to standard temperature and pressure, and height corrected spectral stripping was then applied to the windowed data. Height attenuation corrections based on the STP radar altimeter were then performed to remove any altitude variation effects from the data.

The corrected count rate data was then converted to ground concentrations for potassium, uranium and thorium (sensitivity coefficients are supplied in Appendix E).

Final micro-levelling techniques were then selectively applied to the tie line levelled data to remove minor residual variations in profile intensities. Located and gridded data were generated from the final processed radiometric data.

#### **5.4 Digital Terrain Model Data Processing**

The radar altimeter data was subtracted from the GPS altimeter data. The separation distance between the GPS antenna and the radar altimeter of 1.4 metres was subtracted from the digital terrain data.

The digital terrain data thus derived was tie line levelled and gridded. Tie line levelled data was then examined and selectively microlevelled to produce a grid without line dependent artifacts.

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## APPENDIX A - LOCATED DATA FORMATS

### MAGNETIC LOCATED DATA

FIELD	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION	UNITS
1	I8	LINE NUMBER	
2	I4	FLIGHT/AREA NUMBER	AAFF (Area/Flight)
3	I9	DATE	YYMMDD
4	F10.1	TIME	sec
5	I8	FIDUCIAL NUMBER	
6	I4	UTM ZONE	
7	F12.6	LATITUDE (WGS84)	degrees
8	F12.6	LONGITUDE (WGS84)	degrees
9	F12.2	EASTING (MGA94)	metres
10	F12.2	NORTHING (MGA94)	metres
11	F8.1	RADAR ALTIMETER HEIGHT	metres
12	F8.1	GPS HEIGHT (WGS84)	metres
13	F8.1	TERRAIN HEIGHT (WGS84)	metres
14	F10.2	RAW MAGNETIC INTENSITY	nT
15	F10.2	DIURNAL CORRECTION	nT
16	F10.2	IGRF CORRECTION	nT
17	F10.2	DRN AND IGRF CORRECTED TMI	nT
18	F10.2	FINAL TOTAL MAGNETIC INTENSITY	nT

### RADIOMETRIC LOCATED DATA

FIELD	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION	UNITS
1	I8	LINE NUMBER	
2	I4	FLIGHT/AREA NUMBER	AAFF (Area/Flight)
3	I9	DATE	YYMMDD
4	F10.1	TIME	sec
5	I8	FIDUCIAL NUMBER	
6	I4	UTM ZONE	
7	F12.6	LATITUDE (WGS84)	degrees
8	F12.6	LONGITUDE (WGS84)	degrees
9	F12.2	EASTING (MGA94)	metres
10	F12.2	NORTHING (MGA94)	metres
11	F8.1	RADAR ALTIMETER HEIGHT	metres
12	F8.1	GPS HEIGHT (WGS84)	metres
13	I5	LIVE TIME	milli sec
14	F8.1	PRESSURE	hPa
15	F6.1	TEMPERATURE	Degrees Celcius
16	F6.1	HUMIDITY	percent
17	I6	TOTAL COUNT (RAW)	Counts/sec
18	I6	POTASSIUM (RAW)	Counts/sec
19	I6	URANIUM (RAW)	Counts/sec
20	I6	THORIUM (RAW)	Counts/sec
21	I6	COSMIC (RAW)	Counts/sec
22	F8.1	TOTAL COUNT (CORRECTED)	Counts/sec
23	F8.1	POTASSIUM (CORRECTED)	Counts/sec
24	F8.1	URANIUM (CORRECTED)	Counts/sec
25	F8.1	THORIUM (CORRECTED)	Counts/sec
26	F9.4	DOSE RATE	nGy/hr
27	F9.4	POTASSIUM GRND CONCENTRATION	%
28	F9.4	URANIUM GRND CONCENTRATION	ppm
29	F9.4	THORIUM GRND CONCENTRATION	ppm

## GRIDDED DATASET FORMATS

Gridding was performed using a bicubic spline algorithm.

The following grid formats have been provided:

- ER-Mapper format

## LINE NUMBER FORMATS

Line numbers are identified with a six digit composite line number and have the following format - ALLLLB, where:

A	Survey area number
LLLL	Survey line number 0001-8999 reserved for traverse lines 9001-9999 reserved for tie lines
B	Line attempt number, 0 is attempt 1, 1 is attempt 2 etc..

## UTS FILE NAMING FORMATS

Located and gridded data provided by UTS Geophysics uses the following 8 character file naming convention to be compatible with PC DOS based systems.

File names have the following general format - JJJJAABB.EEE, where:

JJJJ	UTS Job number
AA	Area number if the survey is broken into blocks
BB	M    Magnetic data R    Radiometric data TC   Total count data K    Potassium counts U    Uranium counts Th   Thorium counts DT   Digital terrain data
EEE	File name extension LDT  Located digital data file FMT  Located data format definition file ERS  Ermapper gridded data header file Ermapper data portion has no extension GRD  Geosoft gridded data file



## APPENDIX B - COORDINATE SYSTEM DETAILS

Locations for the survey data are provided in both geographical latitude and longitude and Universal Transverse Mercator metric projection coordinate systems.

<b>WGS84</b>	World Geodetic System 1984
Coordinate Type	Geographical
Semi Major Axis	6378137m
Flattening	1/298.257223563
<b>MGA94</b>	Map Grid of Australia 1994
Coordinate type	Universal Transverse Mercator Projection Grid
Geodetic datum	Geocentric Datum of Australia
Semi major axis	6378137m
Flattening	1/298.257222101

## APPENDIX C - SURVEY BOUNDARY DETAILS

A89207 Project COORDINATES REPORT

Job ID code: A89207t1

Client: Deep Yellow Limited Job:

Mt Isa MGA94 Grid Zone: 54

Include Point: 0.0 0.00

Surround

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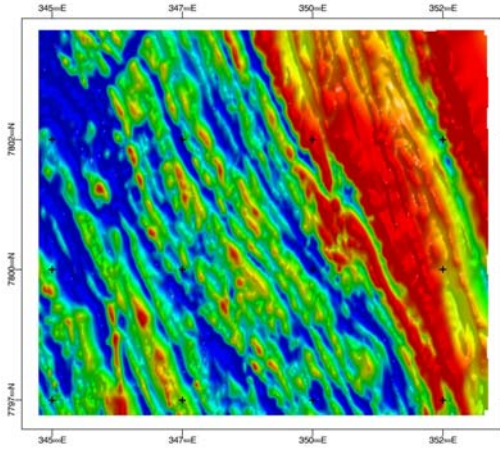
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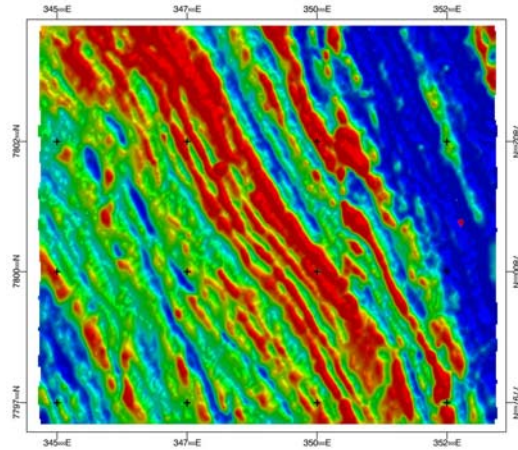
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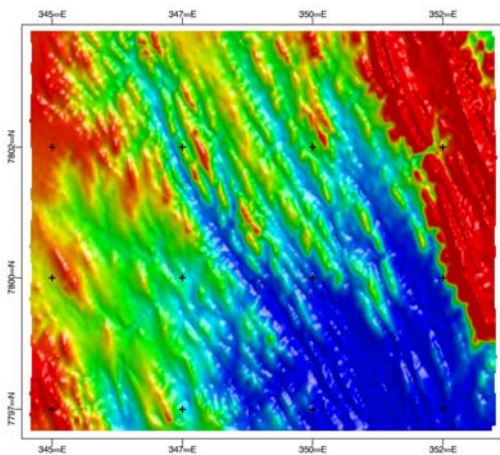
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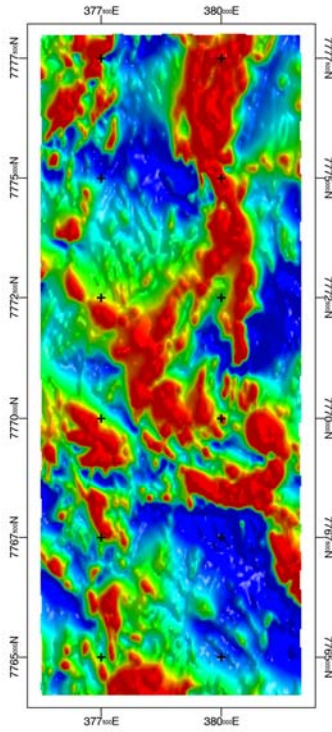


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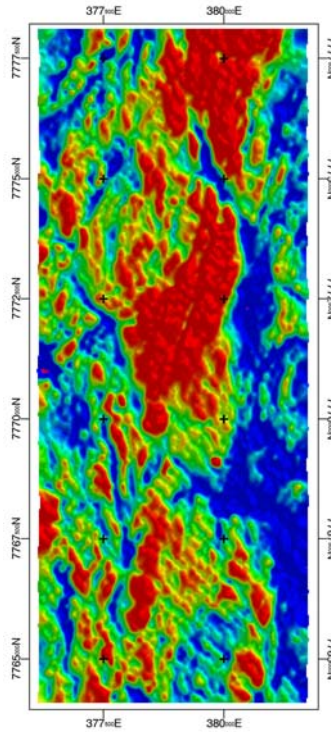


Digital Terrain Model

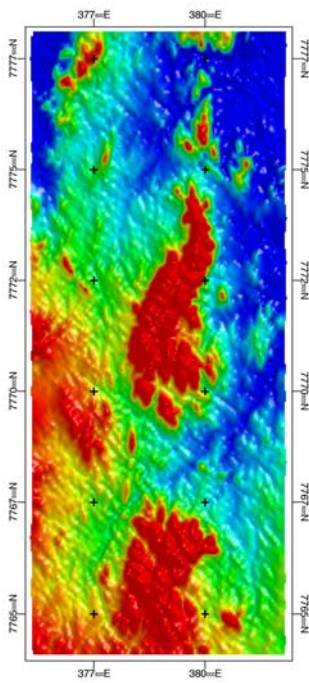
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Total Magnetic Intensity



Radiometric Total Count



Digital Terrain Model

## **APPENDIX E – ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING PARAMETERS**

### **A89207 Magnetic Processing Parameters**

**IGRF date - 2007.44**

**IGRF mean value - 50568.11 nT**

**Magnetic inclination -50.36 deg**

**Magnetic declination - 6.22 deg**

**Diurnal base value - 51010.00 nT**

**A89201-09****Radiometric Processing Parameters****Height Attenuation Coefficients**

Total Count: -0.0074  
Potassium: -0.0094  
Uranium: -0.0084  
Thorium: -0.0074

**Aircraft Background Coefficients**

Total Count: 61.09  
Potassium: 10.23  
Uranium: 1.44  
Thorium: 1.53

**Cosmic Correction Coefficients**

Total Count: 0.867  
Potassium: 0.055  
Uranium: 0.039  
Thorium: 0.045

**Sensitivity Coefficients**

Total Count: 40.0 cps/dose rate  
Potassium: 167.0 cps/%k  
Uranium: 15.0 cps/ppm  
Thorium: 8.0 cps/ppm

**Final Reduction** - All data reduced to STP height datum 50m