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Borehole	Location	Depth Below Grade (m)	Soil Type	Nanisivik Mine Lab				Almor Laboratory Testing								
				Bulk Density (kg/m ³)	Moisture Content (%)	% Sand and Gravel	% Silt and Clay	Moisture Content (%)	% Gravel	% Sand	% Silt	% Clay	Gs	TS ₍₃₀₎ Diametral/ Axial (MPa)	Atterberg Limits	
BGC03-13	Surface Cell	0.8	Tailings	2462	15.7	76.3	23.7									
		2.9	Tailings		11.4	89.2	10.8									
		3.5	Tailings		16.3	81.9	18.1									
		5.0	Tailings		13.3	81.1	18.9									
		7.2	Tailings					17.8								
		16.1	Tailings	2562	23.0	31.3	68.8									
16.3		Lake Bed Sediments														
16.4		Dolostone					10.9									
BGC03-14		1.1	Tailings		13.8	41.9	58.1									
		2.9	Tailings		15.1	83.5	16.5									
		4.7	Tailings		14.7	91.2	8.8									
		8.1	Tailings			75.9	24.1									
BGC03-15		13.0	Tailings		18.6	86.5	13.6									
		2.3	Tailings		14.6	85.3	14.7									
		2.9	Tailings		14.5	88.5	11.5									
		10.6	Tailings		16.3	84.6	15.4									
		11.4	Tailings	2744	19.6	44.2	55.8									
		14.3	Tailings		19.0	53.0	47.0									
BGC03-20		16.3	Tailings	2608	18.8	25.8	74.2									
		16.5	Dolostone													
		1.8	Tailings			80.5	19.6									
		2.1	Tailings		17.9	57.5	42.5									
		4.5	Tailings		21.2	31.9	68.1									
		5.3	Tailings			36.3	63.7									
		5.6	Tailings					14.0								
		8.7	Tailings		24.3	16.0	84.0									
		9.4	Tailings		21.9	16.1	83.9									
		10.6	Tailings					15.7	0.0	25.0	73.4	1.6	3.9			
BGC03-21		19.7	Lake Bed Sediments		21.1	92.8	7.2									
		20.0	Lake Bed Sediments		19.0	83.7	16.3									
		1.5	Ice and Tailings			67.5	32.5									
		1.7	Ice and Tailings		69.9	17.1	82.9									
		4.1	Tailings		15.1	89.2	10.8									
		5.0	Tailings		17.4	69.1	30.9									
		5.6	Tailings		19.3	66.2	33.8									
		8.8	Tailings		30.4	30.2	69.9									
		10.3	Tailings					18.5	0.0	7.5	90.1	2.4	3.9			
		14.5	Tailings					12.0	81.6		18.4					
BH 10		4.75	Tailings			30.3	69.7									
		14.4	Tailings			81.2	18.8									
		30.2	Lake Bed Sediments				96.4	3.6								
		BGC02-08	1.5	Tailings	3366	18.5	34.2	65.8								
3.0	Tailings		2748	31.3	18.6	81.4		0.0	5.3	92.7	2.0	4.14				
4.0	Tailings			17.1	15.9	84.1										
4.6	Lake Bed Sediments			9.0	85.6	14.4										
BGC02-10	6.1		Lake Bed Sediments		9.9	84.7	15.3									
	4.9		Tailings	3102	23.9	10.1	89.9									
	5.2	Tailings	3190	21.5	28.7	71.3										
BGC03-18	1.7	Tailings		16.8	83.5	16.5										
	2.9	Tailings		26.2	89.1	10.9										
	4.1	Tailings		16.7	84.6	15.4										
	6.0	Tailings		22.9	45.5	54.5										
	6.9	Lake Bed Sediments		31.6	81.1	18.9										
	8.4	Dolostone														
BGC03-19	1.4	Tailings			29.8	70.2										
	2.7	Tailings		17.1	81.0	19.0										
	3.5	Tailings		19.2	83.2	16.8										
	4.2	Tailings		23.4	98.9	1.1										
	5.1	Tailings		24.2	30.8	69.2										
	5.9	Tailings		16.5	84.2	15.8										
	7.5	Tailings		15.8	80.9	19.1										
	9.3	Tailings		16.3	47.6	52.4										
	9.6	Lake Bed Sediments					36.7									
	BGC02-09	7.0	Tailings	2988	15.0	93.9	6.1									
8.8		Tailings	3062	14.9	95.9	4.1										
10.1		Tailings	3192	15.6	95.6	4.4										
13.7		Tailings	2141	15.4	68.2	31.8										
14.3		Tailings	2128	17.2	16.7	83.3										
29.9		Tailings		13.3	67.3	32.7										
BGC03-22	4.1	Tailings		10.4	88.7	11.3										
	4.4	Tailings		5.2	93.0	7.0										
	5.3	Tailings		12.0	71.5	28.5										
	7.0	Tailings			83.3	16.7										
	9.0	Tailings		11.0	92.3	7.8										
	11.7	Tailings		11.0	84.6	15.4										
	16.3	Tailings														
	17.8	Tailings		14.5	85.4	34.6										
		Lake Bed Sediments														
	27.4			50.8	77.4	22.7										

Table 5: Results of pH/Conductivity Testing on Pore Water samples from Surface Cell

Monitoring Well/ Station	Jul-99		2001		September 2002		19-Aug-03	
	pH	Conductivity (μ S/cm)	pH	Conductivity (μ S/cm)			pH	Conductivity (μ S/cm)
BGC02-04					10.7	> 20,000		
BGC02-05					10.4	>20,000		
BGC03-12							9.17	4110
BGC03-14							10.36	6230
TC13 (seepage)	6.7	3700						
TC18 (seepage)	6.6	5350						
Station 159-2 (Reclaim Pump House)			8.8 to 12.2	3450 to 5500				

Table 6: Summary of Water Quality Testing

	Water	Ice
pH	8.73 to 10.7	-
SO ₄	575 mg/L to 1390 mg/L	<1 mg/L to 14 mg/L
Cu _(T)	0.014 mg/L to 0.09 mg/L	0.842 mg/L
Cu _(D)	<0.006 mg/L	-
Fe _(T)	1.68 mg/L to 30 mg/L	38.3 mg/L
Fe _(D)	<0.006 mg/L to 0.013 mg/L	-
Pb _(T)	0.517 mg/L to 3.32 mg/L	14.0 mg/L
Pb _(D)	<0.025 mg/L	-
Zn _(T)	0.250 mg/L to 4.75 mg/L	5.36 mg/L
Zn _(D)	0.013 mg/L to 0.025 mg/L	-

Note: (D) – Dissolved Value
(T) – Total Value

Table 7: Summary of Boreholes Drilled and Instrumentation Installed

Area	Number of Boreholes Drilled in 2002/2003	Number of Thermocouples Installed	Number of Thermistors Installed	Number of Piezometers/ Monitoring Wells Installed
Surface Cell	38	11	16	7
Toe of West Twin Dike	4	3	1	0
Test Cell Area and Test Cell Dike	2	0	2	0
Total	44	14	19	7

Table 8: Geotechnical Issue Identification

Issue	Root Cause	Possible Consequence	Reasons For	Reasons Against	Likelihood
Increase in pore water pressures	Permafrost aggradation into talik (closed vs. open system)	- Heave - Elevated pore pressures in talik - Expulsion of movement of pore water from talik potentially towards Reservoir.	- Have documented permafrost aggradation already. - Observed artesian pore pressures in talik currently - Probably have closed system due to low hydraulic gradient to Reservoir - Normal cryoconcentration already noted.	No specific information against.	- It is likely that pore pressures in the talik will continue to rise as permafrost continues to aggrade into the Surface Cell talik. - It is unlikely that the Surface Cell talik water will report to the Reservoir immediately after freezing at surface. - It is likely that pore water expulsion will occur from the Test Cell talik to the Reservoir.
Cryoconcentration	Solute rejection during permafrost aggradation around talik in a closed system	Remnant cryopeg remains at depth in Surface Cell	- Probably have closed system due to low hydraulic gradient to Reservoir. - Nominal cryoconcentration already noted.	- No specific information at the current time. - If open system freezing occurs, then solute levels should stay level or decline.	- It is likely that cryoconcentration will occur in the Surface Cell talik resulting in a cryopeg. - It is unlikely that cryoconcentration will occur in the Test Cell talik due to seepage into the Reservoir.
Frost Heave	9% expansion due to pore water freezing in closed system. No heave if frozen in an open system. Variable heave if due to segregated ice or pingo formation.	Surface deformation and cover cracking	- Permafrost aggradation will occur. - Probably have closed system due to low hydraulic gradient to reservoir. - Artesian pore pressure already noted.	No specific information.	It is likely that some amount of frost heave will occur, either due to 9% expansion or due to frost heave and segregated ice.

Table 8: Geotechnical Issue Identification Continued

Issue	Root Cause	Possible Consequence	Reasons For	Reasons Against	Likelihood
Hydraulic Fracturing	Elevated pore pressures exceed tensile strength and overburden pressure of frozen ground	Transport of pore water (from talik or cryopeg) or tailings to surface	Elevated pore pressures noted already.	High specific gravity tailings provide comparatively high overburden pressures to counteract pore pressures.	It is unlikely that hydraulic fracturing of the tailings will occur.
Pingo Formation	Gradual freezing below lake (pond) bottom traps expulsion pore pressures and begins to heave.	Surface deformations and possible cover cracking.	- Removal of pond (lake) leading to permafrost aggradation. - Noted elevated pore pressures	- No residual pond left after draining. - No differential aggradation since no residual pond. - High rate of initial frost penetration in tailings.	Unlikely, but will monitor for occurrence of heave and excess pore pressure.

Table 9: Freezeback Monitoring of Tailings and West Twin Dike

Monitoring Methods	Monitoring Component	Determinator	Purpose
Existing thermistors and thermocouples plus additional deep thermistors.	Surface Cell and Test Cell Tailings	Ground Temperatures	Slower (or faster) than anticipated talik freezeback.
Existing vibrating wire piezometers plus additional installations.		Pore Pressures	Could lead to pingo formation, dike instability or transport of tailings or pore water to surface.
Existing monitoring wells plus additional installations.		Water Quality	Pore water expulsion and cryoconcentration of solutes could have impact on Reservoir water quality
Visual monitoring. Topographic surveys of selected points in the Surface Cell and Test Cells.	Surface Deformation	Frost Heave and Pingo/Frost Mound Formation	Cracking and deformation of cover would allow for release of talik pore water, release of tailings and damage to the cover.
Visual monitoring. Topographic surveys of dike slope and crest. Vibrating wire piezometers. Existing thermistors and thermocouples in the dike.	West Twin Dike	Dike Instability • Heave deformations • Cracking • Pore pressures • Thawing at depth	Dike instability may release talik pore water and tailings into the Reservoir.

Table 10: Reclamation Period Freezeback Monitoring Schedule

Monitoring Method	Year of Reclamation Activities	
	1	2
Thermistors and Thermocouples	Monthly	Monthly
Vibrating Wire Piezometers	Monthly	Monthly
Monitoring Wells	Twice in Summer Period	Twice in Summer Period
(Water Quality Samples)		
Visual Inspections (by site or local staff)	Weekly (June - October) Every Two Weeks (November - May)	Weekly (June - October) Every Two Weeks (November - May)
Geotechnical Inspections	Twice/year (Spring/ Fall)	Twice/year (Spring/ Fall)
Topographic Survey	Twice/year (of selected points)	Twice/year (of selected points)

Table 11: Closure Freezeback Monitoring Schedule

Monitoring Method	Year Following Completion of Reclamation Activities				
	1	2	3	4	5
Thermistors and Thermocouples	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly
Vibrating Wire Piezometers	Quarterly until Frozen	Quarterly until Frozen	Quarterly until Frozen	Quarterly until Frozen	Quarterly until Frozen
Monitoring Wells (Water Quality Samples)	Once per Summer	Once per Summer	Once per Summer	Once per Summer	Once per Summer
Visual Inspections (by site or local staff)	Every two weeks (June - October) Monthly (November - May)	Every two weeks (June - October) Monthly (November - May)	Every two weeks (June - October) Monthly (November - May)	None	None
Geotechnical Inspections	Twice/ year (Spring/ Fall)	Once/year pending suitable performance	Once/year pending suitable performance	Once/year pending suitable performance	Once/year pending suitable performance
Topographic Survey of selected points	Once/year	Once/year	Once/year	None	None

Table 12: Contingency Plans for Talik Freezeback Issues

Issues	Consequences	Mitigation Approach
Slower than anticipated freezeback of talik	Freezeback has not progressed at rate predicted by geothermal modelling.	- Review of physical conditions and geothermal data by geotechnical engineer to recalibrate the model. - Continue to monitor freezeback rate beyond current anticipated closure monitoring period, with consideration of potential impacts.
Elevated pore pressures in talik	Could lead to pingo formation, dike instability or transport of tailings or tailings to surface.	- Increase frequency of data collection and review. - Review of physical conditions and piezometric data by geotechnical engineer to identify root cause of pressures. - Install relief wells into high pressure areas.
Poor water quality talik that impacts Reservoir water quality	Cryoconcentration of solutes related to pore water expulsion during freezeback of the taliks may have a negative impact on the Reservoir water quality.	- Increase water quality monitoring frequency. - Review of physical conditions and geothermal and water quality data to quantify volumes, water quality and expected duration. - Treat Reservoir water prior to release to environment
Formation of pingo or frost mound	- Cracking or deformation of cover possibly allowing release of tailings or water. - Possible interference with surface drainage grades.	- Review of physical conditions and geothermal data by geotechnical engineer to identify root cause of deformation. - Pressure relief wells into pingo or frost mound to reduce surface deformation. - Maintenance and repair of cover to achieve design specifications.
West Twin Dike Instability	Potential to release talik pore water and tailings into the reservoir.	- Review of physical conditions and geothermal and piezometric data to identify root cause of observations noted. - Pressure relief wells to reduce pore pressures if appropriate. - Maintenance and repair of dike crest and slope if appropriate. - Continued vigilant monitoring.

FIGURES

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LEGEND

ROAD

GROUND CONTOUR
(50 m INTERVAL)

CREEKS, DRAINAGE,
STREAMS, SHORELINE

EXTENT OF
UNDERGROUND
WORKINGS

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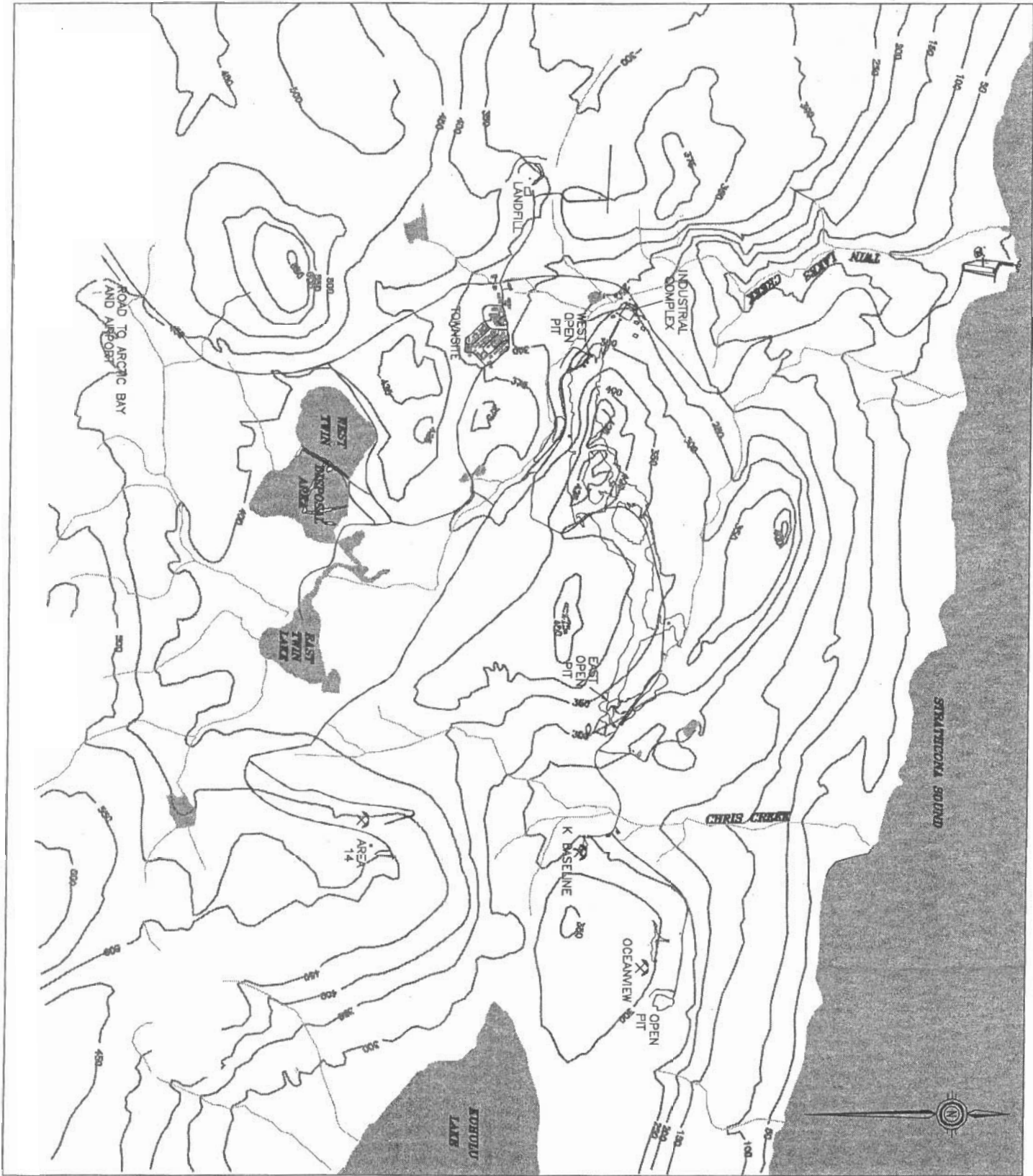
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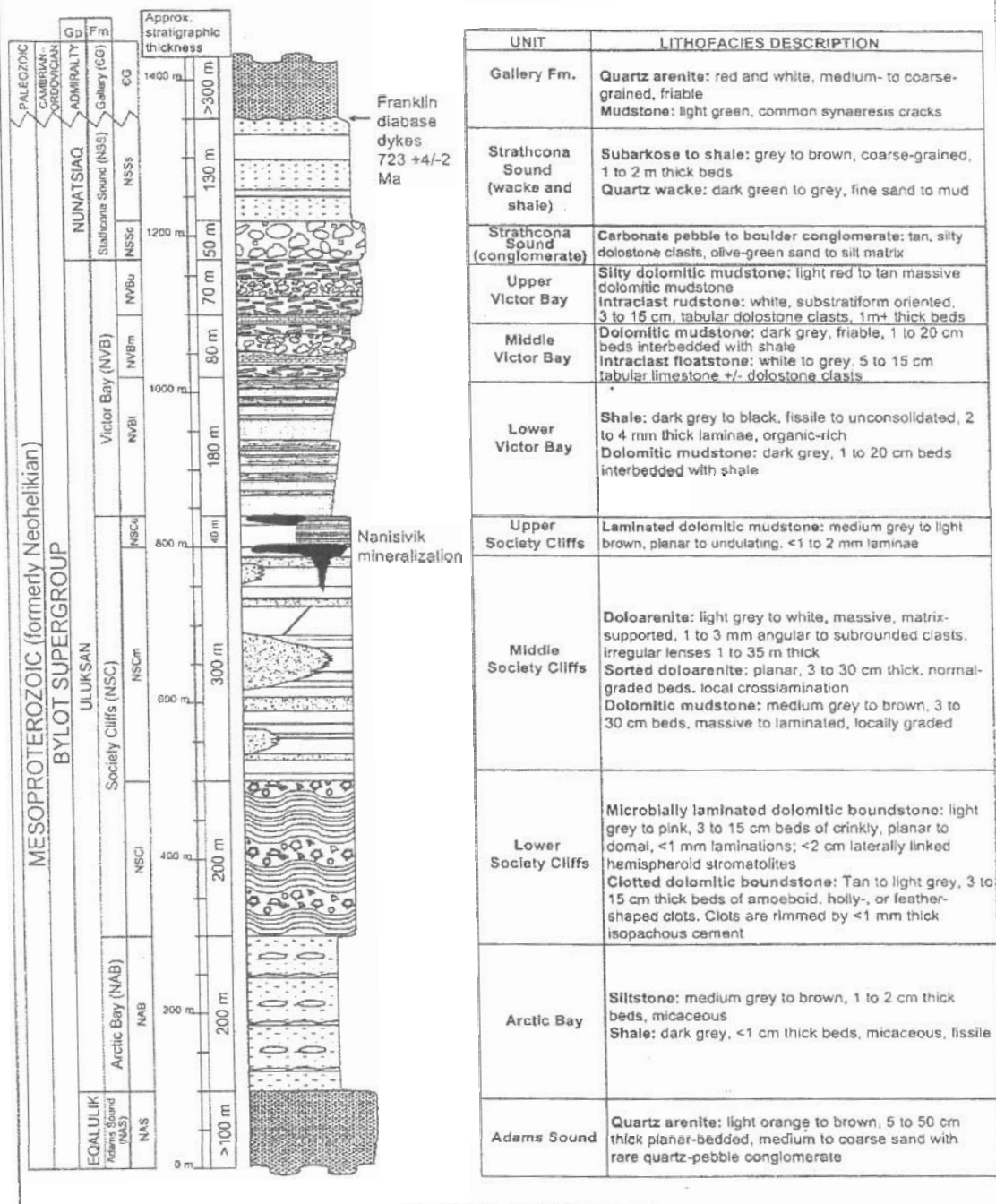
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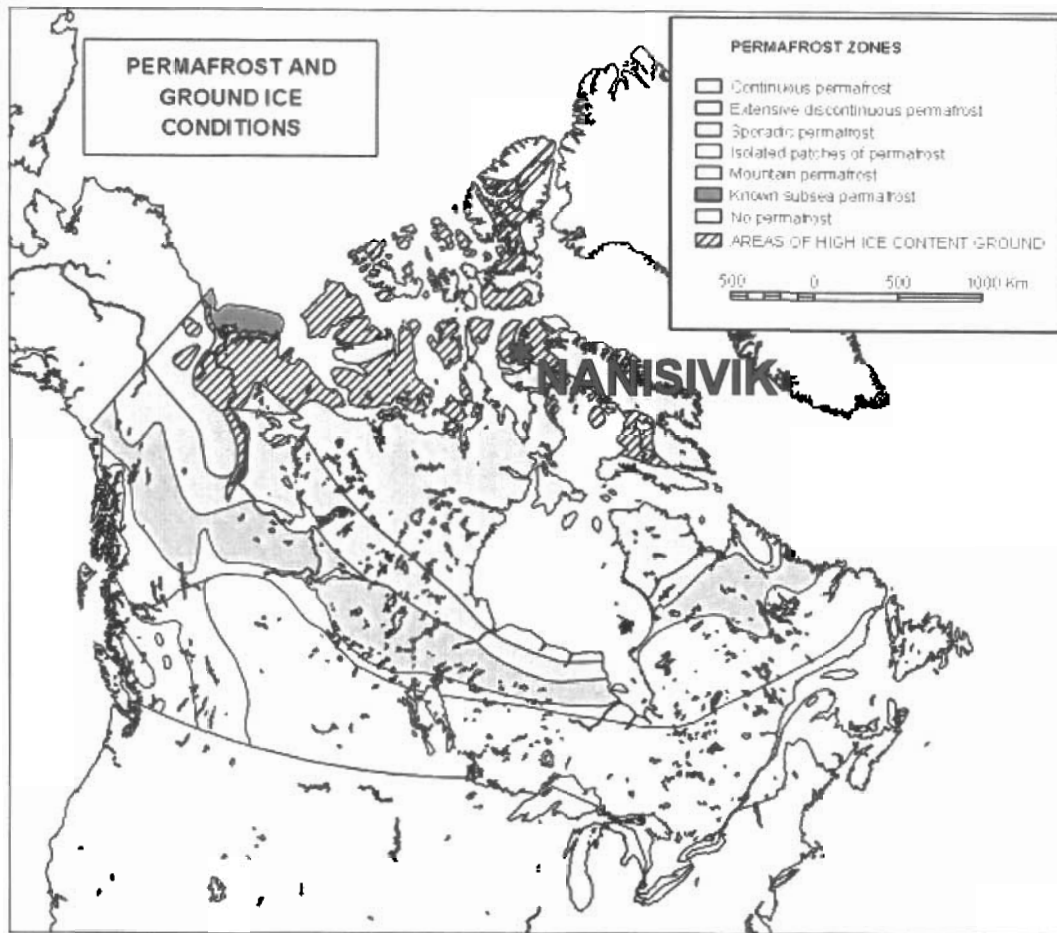
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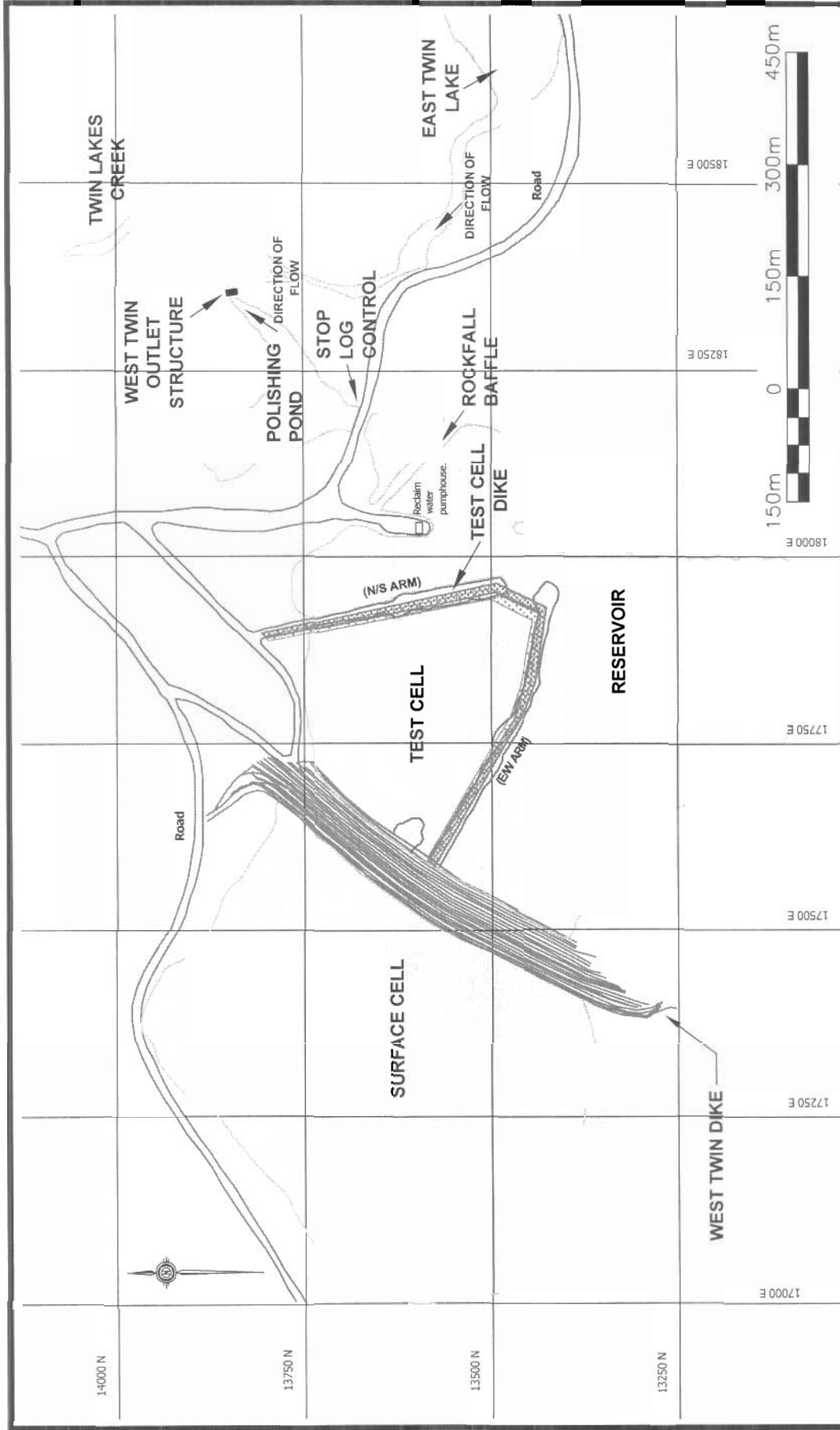
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