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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited – Meadowbank Division (Agnico Eagle) is proposing to develop Whale Tail Pit, a satellite deposit located on the Amaruq property, in continuation of mine operations and milling of the Meadowbank Mine. The Amaruq Exploration property is a 408 square kilometre (km²) site located on Inuit Owned Land approximately 150 kilometres (km) north of the hamlet of Baker Lake and approximately 50 km northwest of the Meadowbank Mine in the Kivalliq region of Nunavut (Figure 1-1). The property was acquired by Agnico Eagle in April 2013 subject to a mineral exploration agreement with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.

The Meadowbank Mine is an approved mining operation and Agnico Eagle is looking to extend the life of the mine by constructing and operating Whale Tail Pit and Haul Road (the Project), which is located on the Amaruq Exploration property. As an amendment to the existing operations at the Meadowbank Mine, the Project is subject to an environmental review established by Article 12, Part 5 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA). Baseline data have been collected in support of the Environmental Review to document existing conditions and to provide the foundation for a qualitative and quantitative assessment of Project operations and the extension of the mine development, to be evaluated in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project.

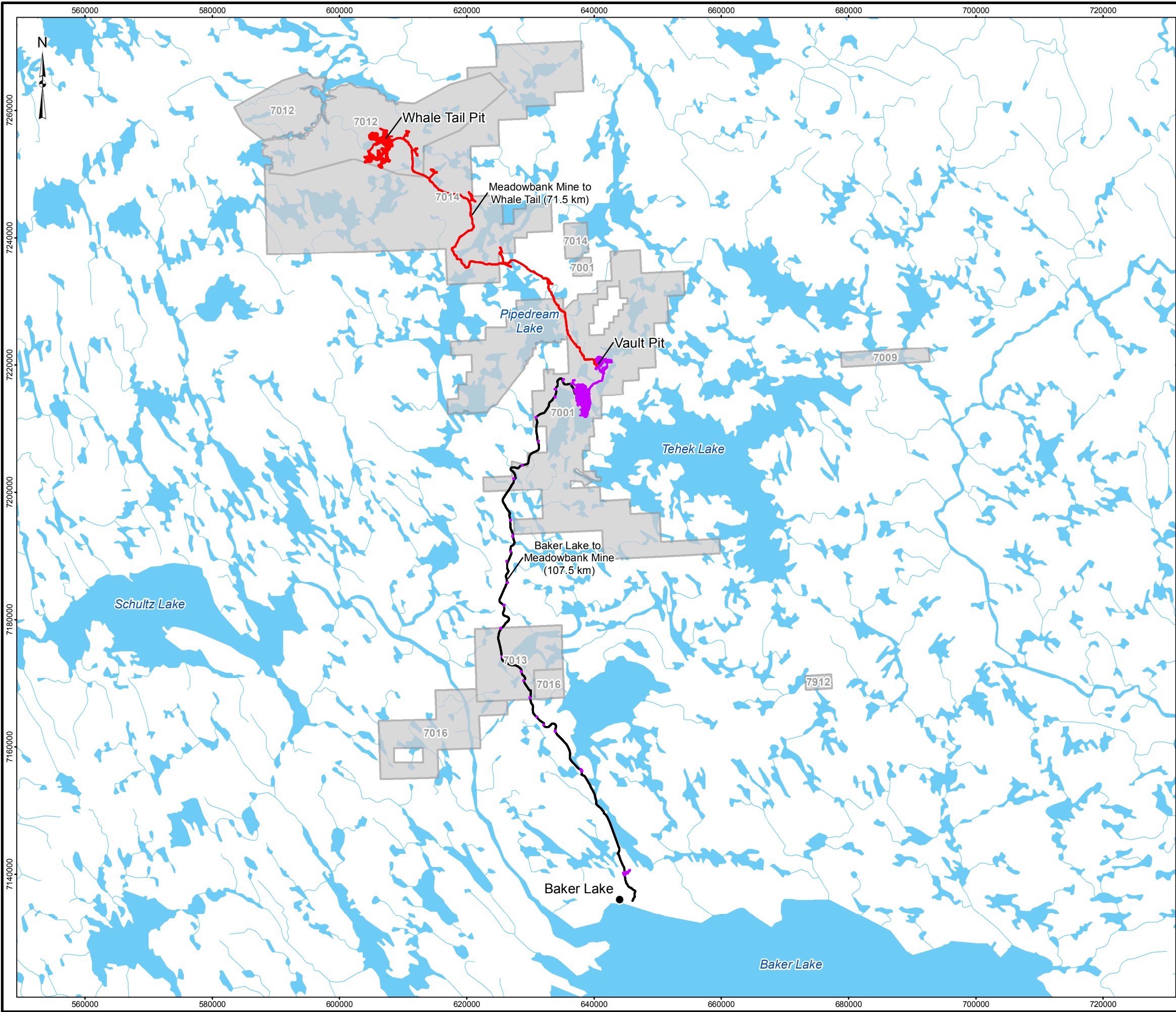
This report presents the results of the hydrogeology baseline conditions for the Project. The baseline conditions presented in this report represent an update to the initial characterization conducted by Knight Piésold (2015a, b).

1.1 Hydrogeology Study Area

The hydrogeology baseline study area (Hydrogeology BSA) for the Project forms an irregular polygon approximately 24,000 hectares in area (Figure 1-2). Whale Tail Lake and the site of the proposed Whale Tail Pit are located in the central-eastern area of the Hydrogeology BSA.

The elevations of large lakes within the Hydrogeology BSA range from approximately 99.8 metres above sea level (masl) at DS1, located over 5 km to the north of Whale Tail Lake, to 170.5 masl at A60, located approximately 750 metres (m) southeast of Whale Tail Lake.

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LEGEND

- COMMUNITY
- PROPOSED HAUL ROAD
- ALL WEATHER ROAD
- WHALE TAIL PIT
- MEADOWBANK OPERATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
- CLAIM BOUNDARY
- WATERCOURSE
- WATERBODY

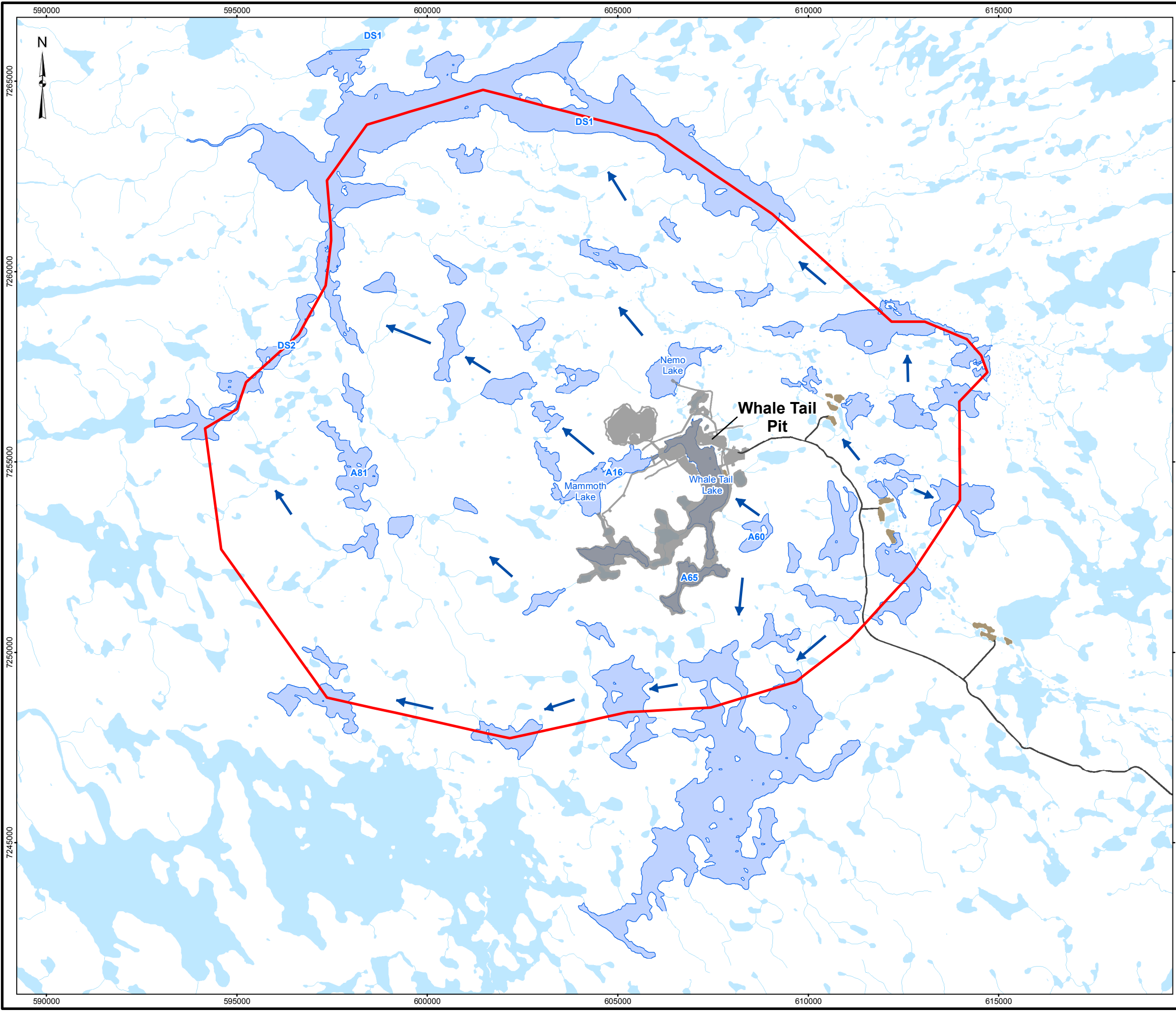


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LEGEND

- HYDROGEOLOGY BASELINE STUDY AREA
- LAKES WITH TALIK
- WATERBODY (NO TALIK OR OUTSIDE STUDY AREA)
- WATERCOURSE

WHALE TAIL



- BORROW SOURCE
- INFRASTRUCTURE
- PROPOSED HAUL ROAD
- GROUNDWATER FLOW DIRECTION



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2.0 METHODS

The baseline study presents the hydrogeological conditions before Project initiation. Baseline conditions are also used for future reference in identifying environmental changes and for qualitative and quantitative evaluation of potential changes to groundwater regimes. The methods used to characterize the baseline conditions consisted of the following:

- compilation and review of hydrogeological testing data collected near the Project area;
- review existing baseline studies;
- review available data collected at the Meadowbank Mine because these operations provide relevant site analogues;
- review pertinent studies published in the literature; and
- interpretation of information to develop the conceptual hydrogeological model of the area surrounding the Whale Tail Pit.

2.1 Data Review

2.1.1 Review of Existing Baseline Studies

Knight Piésold (2015a, b) completed an initial assessment of permafrost and hydrogeological conditions in the area of the Whale Tail Pit and developed a conceptual model to provide preliminary predictions of groundwater inflow in the open pit during operations. Data collected by Knight Piésold and used in this updated baseline study included hydraulic conductivity test results, depth to permafrost, and groundwater quality, as documented in Sections 2.1.3, 2.1.4, and 3.1, respectively.

Primary changes that were made to Knight Piésold's conceptual model included the expansion of the conceptual model to the regional study limits and some modification to the hydrostratigraphy. Modifications to the hydrostratigraphy included the incorporation of overburden, from which groundwater storage can significantly affect groundwater inflow/outflow predictions during pit dewatering and pit refilling, and refinement in the estimated hydraulic conductivity of the competent bedrock with depth. Where changes were made to the hydrostratigraphy, these changes were designed to provide conservative estimates with respect to the prediction of groundwater inflow and the prediction of potential project impacts on groundwater during closure.

2.1.2 Lake Elevations and Bathymetry Data

Where available, approximate elevations of lakes near the Project were obtained from the local topographic survey data as documented in the Whale Tail Baseline Hydrology Report (Golder 2016a). Where local survey data were not available, approximate lake elevations were obtained from the National Topographic System (NTS) map sheets published by the Government of Canada.

Lake bathymetric data (measured as lake bottom depth below water surface) for select lakes were provided by Agnico Eagle.

2.1.3 Hydrogeologic Testing

Knight Piésold (2015a, b) completed a site investigation program to characterise the hydrogeological and thermal regime in the vicinity of the proposed open pit. The program consisted of the following installations/tests:



- Three 200 m long multi-point thermistor strings targeting the potential talik below Whale Tail Lake in the immediate vicinity of the open pit. A vibrating wire piezometer was installed at the base of the each thermistor.
- One 450 m long multi-port thermistor string installed in an area approximately 350 m away from the influence of the lake. This instrument was installed to assess the baseline permafrost conditions.
- Two 500 m long multi-port thermistor strings targeting the potential talik below the centre of Whale Tail Lake and the expected base of permafrost.
- An electrical conductivity (EC) data logger installed in conjunction with one of the 200 m thermistor strings in drillhole AMQ15-349A. The EC logger was installed to attempt to measure in-situ Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and salinity.
- Three wells targeting the potential talik below Whale Tail Lake in the immediate vicinity of the open pit. The wells ranged in length from approximately 180 to 255 m.
- Eighteen constant head hydraulic conductivity packer tests were completed in six drill holes. Testing was completed using an HQ-sized standard wireline packer system.

Results of the 2015 field program are documented in Knight Piésold (2015a, b; included in Attachment A). In addition, a subsequent summary table was provided by Knight Piésold that indicated which of the packer tests potentially intersected faults. This summary table, which provides details on the wells, packer test intervals, and reported hydraulic conductivity, is included in Attachment A.

2.1.4 Groundwater Quality

Knight Piésold (2015b) installed three drill holes to collect representative groundwater samples from the Project. One well was developed following installation, but the heat trace was damaged, the drill hole froze, and sampling could not be conducted. Despite repeated well development from the other two drill holes, inflow rates were low and therefore groundwater samples collected from these locations had high salinity concentrations that are attributed to the brine solution used to install the monitoring wells. The samples collected, therefore, are not representative of the natural groundwater quality, likely due to the low permeability and frozen conditions in areas presumed to be an active talik.

Based on the similar geology and permafrost conditions, Knight Piésold considered the groundwater quality data from the Meadowbank Mine are likely to be similar to the groundwater conditions in the vicinity of the Whale Tail Pit; although, it is recognized that on a parameter-by-parameter basis, groundwater quality at Whale Tail may differ from Meadowbank Mine due to site-specific geology.

Agnico Eagle began a new groundwater sampling program during the winter of 2016. To improve the chance of successfully recovery of representative groundwater samples, a Westbay multi-level well system was installed in April 2016 and is currently being developed. This monitoring device will be used to provide long-term monitoring of groundwater quality over the life of mine and following closure.



3.0 HYDROGEOLOGICAL SETTING

The information presented in this section incorporates information presented in Knight Piésold (2015a, b) and the Terrain, Permafrost, and Soils Baseline Report (Golder 2016b).

3.1 Permafrost

The Project is located in an area of continuous permafrost. In this region, the layer of permanently frozen subsoil and rock is generally deep and overlain by an active layer that thaws during summer. The depth of the active layer is typically expected to range between one and three metres (Golder 2012). Depending on lake size, depth, and thermal storage capacity, the talik beneath lakes may fully penetrate the permafrost layer resulting in an open talik. The thickness of the permanently frozen permafrost was estimated to be 425 m (Knight Piésold 2015b). Knight Piésold further estimated that a layer of perennially cryotic but unfrozen ground at the base of the permafrost that could extend to a depth of 460 m; however, this analysis was partially based on a TDS measurement from a well impacted by brine used during well installation. Considering the uncertainty in the analysis of the basal cryopeg and to be conservative with respect to predictions of groundwater quantity and quality, a permafrost thickness of 425 m was used in hydrogeological assessment of the Project.

In areas of continuous permafrost, there are two groundwater flow regimes: a deep groundwater flow regime beneath permafrost, and a shallow groundwater flow regime located in the active (seasonally thawed) layer near the ground surface. Because of the thick layer of low permeability permafrost, there is little to no hydraulic connection between these two flow regimes in areas where there are no open taliks.

3.2 Shallow Groundwater Regime

The shallow groundwater flow regime is active only seasonally during summer, and the magnitude of the flow in this layer is expected to be several times less than runoff from snowmelt (Woo 2011). Within the active layer, the water table is expected to be generally a subdued replica of topography and roughly parallel to the topographic surface. Hydraulic gradients in the Project area are estimated from topography to range from approximately 0.005 to 0.09 m/m and the annual groundwater velocities are in the order of 0.004 to 0.08 m per day. Groundwater in the active layer primarily flows to local depressions and ponds that drain to larger lakes; therefore, the total travel distance would generally extend only to the nearest pond, lake, or stream.

During winter, land is underlain by seasonal frost, which is in turn underlain by permafrost. From late spring to early autumn, when temperatures are above 0°C, the seasonal frost in the active layer becomes thawed. Water in the active layer is stored in ground ice during the cold season, and then released when it thaws in late spring or early summer, thus providing flow to surface waterbodies (Woo 2011). During the warm season, groundwater in the active layer is recharged primarily by infiltration of precipitation falling on the land surface.

The thickness of the active layer is variable and depends on several factors. The most important factors are the thaw index, thermal resistance of the vegetative cover, moisture content, and composition of soil or rock. In general the active layer thickness at the end of the summer season is expected to range from 1 to 3 m of the ground surface.

Permafrost reduces the hydraulic conductivity of the bedrock by several orders of magnitude (Burt and Williams 1976; McCaulley et al. 2002). Consequently, the permafrost in the rock would be virtually impermeable to groundwater flow. The shallow groundwater flow regime, therefore, has little to no hydraulic connection with the deep groundwater regime which is overlain by massive and continuous permafrost.



3.3 Deep Groundwater Regime

Water levels in lakes overlying open taliks provides the driving force for groundwater flow in the deep groundwater regime. Taliks (areas of unfrozen ground) exist beneath lakes that have sufficient depth so that they do not freeze to the bottom over the winter. If the lake is sufficiently large and deep, the talik can extend down to the deep groundwater regime. These taliks are referred to as open taliks. If the talik does not extend down to the deep groundwater, it is referred to as a closed or an isolated talik. Recharge to the deep groundwater flow regime is predominantly limited to open taliks.

Generally, deep groundwater will flow from higher-elevation lakes with open taliks to lower-elevation lakes with open taliks. To a lesser degree, groundwater beneath the permafrost is influenced by density differences due to saline water conditions (density-driven flow).

Taliks are to be expected where lake depths are greater than 2 m. Formation of an open-talik, which penetrates through the permafrost, would be expected for lakes that exceed a critical depth and size. The salinity of groundwater also influences the temperature at which the groundwater will freeze.

The permafrost and talik conditions below Whale Tail Lake and near the Whale Tail Open Pit have been characterised by Knight Piésold (2015a, b). Thermistors were installed in six drillholes around the periphery of the proposed open pit and Whale Tail Lake to collect data on the ground thermal regime. Knight Piésold concluded the following:

- Permafrost is expected below the land and the shallowest parts of Whale Tail Lake. The depth of the permafrost is estimated to be approximately 425 m.;
- Based on data for Baker Lake (120 km to the south), and from experience ice auguring within the Meadowbank Project Lakes in the winter, the mean maximum lake ice thickness over Whale Tail Lake is expected to be 2.25 m. During the winter collection of water quality baseline data in Whale Tail Lake in April 2016, ice thickness was confirmed to be 2.0m (Eric Franz of Azimuth pers. comm).
- A talik is expected below the central portions of Whale Tail Lake. In the shallower and narrower parts of Whale Tail Lake, the talik is likely underlain by permafrost (closed talik).
- Talik conditions within the vicinity of the proposed open pit are likely to be between 100 to 200 m in depth and underlain by permafrost.
- The talik is expected to form a continuous channel that is closed in the northern portion of Whale Tail Lake below the open pit and becomes open towards the south and central portion of the lake.

The width and shape of other lakes in the Hydrogeology BSA were reviewed to estimate if open taliks could be present below the lakes. Based on 1-D analytical solutions presented in Burn (2002), Golder estimated that open taliks could be present for circular lakes with a radius of approximately 300 m and for elongated lakes with a half-width of approximately 150 m. Beneath smaller lakes that do not freeze to the bottom over the winter, a talik bulb may form; however the talik bulb is not expected to extend to the deep groundwater flow system (i.e., a closed talik will form). Based on these criteria, all lakes in the Hydrogeology BSA meeting the minimum radius or half width are assumed to be underlain by open taliks that connect these lakes to the deep groundwater flow regime. This assumption is conservative as some lakes within sufficient radius/width may be shallow and, therefore, may not be underlain by taliks. Figure 1-2 presents the assumed locations of lakes with open taliks.



3.4 Groundwater Usage

Groundwater sources from the active layer and from the deep groundwater below the permafrost are not currently used for drinking water or a project-related use in the Project area; nor are they currently used in other continuous permafrost regions in Canada. Due to the presence of deep permafrost, the seasonal nature of the active layer, and the availability of good-quality drinking water from surface water sources near the Project, groundwater will not be used as a drinking water source in the future.

4.0 HYDROSTRATIGRAPHY

The Project is underlain by three main hydrostratigraphic units composed of overburden, weathered rock, and competent rock. In addition to these three units, enhanced permeability zones (EPZs) may potentially be present. Relatively competent bedrock is assumed to comprise the majority of the rock domain, and the hydraulic conductivity of the competent rock is assumed to decrease with depth.

The information presented in this section incorporates information presented in Knight Piésold (2015a, b) and the Terrain, Permafrost, and Soils Baseline Report (Golder 2016b).

4.1 Overburden

The Project area is dominated by veneers and blankets of till overlying undulating bedrock. The till has a silty sand matrix and clasts that range from granule gravel to large boulders in size. Glaciofluvial deposits in the form of eskers and terraces are found in the northeast section of the satellite deposit study area and they continue in a southeast direction intersecting the haul road study area in several locations. The deposits are composed of well sorted fine- to coarse-grained sand and varying amounts of granule, pebble and cobble gravel. These deposits tend to be thick but are often found adjacent to exposures of bedrock. Organic and fluvial deposits are rare, but where they do exist, they are thin (less than 1 m) and overlie till (Golder 2016b).

Overburden thickness in test holes completed by Knight Piésold near the peripheral of Whale Tail Lake ranged from approximately 4 to 13 m, as inferred from the reported depth to bedrock relative to the top of the borehole casing. In the area of the planned dikes, the combined thickness of lakebed sediments and the glacial till ranges from less than 1 m and up to 5 m (Agnico Eagle 2015b). An average thickness of 6 m was estimated based on both sets of data.

Hydraulic conductivity testing of the overburden has not been conducted in the Project area. The hydraulic conductivity of the shallow overburden beneath Whale Tail was estimated to be 2×10^{-6} metres per second (m/s) (Cumberland 2005) based on testing in the Meadowbank area. Overall, this assumed hydraulic conductivity is greater than the underlying bedrock and, therefore, is not expected to restrict groundwater flow from the overlying lakes.

4.2 Bedrock

The bedrock geology in the Project region consists of Archean and Proterozoic supercrustal sequences and plutonic rocks. In the study area, the Woodburn Lake Group (Archean supercrustal sequence) was intruded by orogenic granites, which in turn were unconformably overlain by a Proterozoic basin deposit known as the Amer Group (Sherlock et al. 2001; Zaleski 2005).

The Woodburn Lake Group is a sequence of Archean supercrustal rocks which are thought to have been deposited in a continental rift setting (Zaleski 2005). The group is composed of:



- a variety of ultramafic to felsic volcanic and volcanoclastic rocks, iron-formation, and related sedimentary rocks;
- quartz arenite, conglomerate, and related sedimentary rocks; and
- arkosic wacke and mudstone that are interlayered with iron formation (NRCAN 2015).

Although the Woodburn Lake Group is Archean, several phases of deformation have affected the stratigraphy, with four events recognised regionally (Sherlock et al. 2001).

The Amer Group was formed during the Early Proterozoic and is a succession of terrestrial and marine sedimentary rocks which outcrop in the north part of the study area near the satellite deposit. This group is composed of quartzarenite, carbonate rock, carbonaceous shale, siltstone, mudstone and sandstone, and tectonized mafic volcanic rock. It overlies the Neoarchean granite and lesser supercrustal rocks of the Woodburn Lake Group (NRCAN 2015).

4.3 Shallow Bedrock

In the Canadian Shield, the uppermost 10 to 30 m of bedrock is generally more highly fractured and correspondingly has greater hydraulic conductivity than the deeper underlying more competent rock, as has been observed where hydrogeologic testing data have been collected in shallow unfrozen bedrock (De Beers 2010; Golder 2005). This greater level of fracturing in the shallow rock is present as a result of the formation of stress relief joints due to isostatic rebound following glacial retreat. These stress relief joints are preferentially oriented horizontally, likely resulting in greater horizontal than vertical hydraulic conductivity in shallow rock.

The hydraulic conductivity of the shallow bedrock was assumed to be 1×10^{-7} m/s; one order of magnitude higher than the competent bedrock, where testing has been conducted (Section 4.4).

4.4 Competent Bedrock

Results of the packer testing conducted by Knight Piésold (2015a) indicate the hydraulic conductivity of the bedrock ranges from less than 1×10^{-9} m/s (the reported precision of the packer tests) to 5×10^{-8} m/s. Knight Piésold reported that there was uncertainty as to whether all of the tests were completed in talik and indicated that two of the packer tests (completed in AMQ15-349A) were thought to be completely within the talik. These two tests had a reported hydraulic conductivity estimate of 1×10^{-8} m/s and 5×10^{-8} m/s. The latter of these tests, 5×10^{-8} m/s, was also reported to be conducted in a depth interval that may have intersected a fault (NW / EW Brittle Fault; Table 1 of Attachment A). Two other packer tests that potentially intersected faults had reported hydraulic conductivity estimates of 1×10^{-9} m/s.

The geometric mean of all packer tests with measurable hydraulic conductivity values was 4×10^{-9} m/s (i.e., excluding tests with a reported hydraulic conductivity below the precision of the test method [1×10^{-9} m/s]). In general, single-well response tests have been found to underestimate large-scale hydraulic conductivity. This effect is observed as single-well response tests are conducted over a small-scale volume of rock near the well screen and are more often representative of the lower-permeability rock composed of poorly connected and small aperture discontinuities. It was therefore considered reasonable to conservatively assume the hydraulic conductivity of the competent bedrock was up to three times higher (approximately 1×10^{-8} m/s). This value is also the maximum of the measured packer test results that were not inferred to intersect faults or potential EPZs.



The shallowest hydraulic conductivity measurement was between 50 and 100 m along hole; whereas, the deepest measurement was between approximately 328 and 425 m along hole. Further reduction in hydraulic conductivity with depth is expected below the tested intervals, however, the hydraulic conductivity of competent bedrock has been assumed to remain constant at greater depths. Based on experience at Meadowbank, potential higher hydraulic conductivities could be present at shallower depths. Between the base the weathered bedrock and 60 mbgs, the hydraulic conductivity of the bedrock was therefore assumed to be up to three times higher (3×10^{-8} m/s).

4.5 Enhanced Permeability Zones with Associated Faults

In crystalline rocks, fault zones may act as groundwater flow conduits, barriers, or a combination of the two in different regions of the fault depending on the direction of groundwater flow and the fault zone architecture (Gleeson and Novakowski 2009). Agnico Eagle has identified evidence of large scale structures at the Project based on the results of geophysical surveys, exploration drilling, surface mapping and topographic interpretation. The dominant structural orientation is east north east (ENE) – west south west (WSW), which is the trend of the deposit lithologies. Knight Piésold (2015a) also identified the presence of a series of diffuse ductile structures that trend northeast (NE) – southwest (SW), which offset both the lithologies and the mineralization near the Project, and a sub-horizontal set of structures.

The faults are typically less than one metre thick (though some may be in the order of ten metres thick) and consist of zones of broken rock and fault gouge. Limited hydraulic conductivity testing has been conducted to assess the continuity and permeability of these structures, and it is unknown if these features would act as EPZs. Although multiple EPZs associated with structural features may be present near the Project, it is expected that the hydrogeologic importance of each individual EPZ will be variable. Of the three tests that may have intersected structures, the hydraulic conductivity ranged between 1×10^{-9} m/s and 5×10^{-8} m/s, which does not indicate enhanced permeability above the surrounding competent bedrock.

For the purpose of assessing the potential groundwater quality and quantity of inflow to the Whale Tail Pit, the potential impact of EPZs will be assessed on groundwater inflow and quality. Two EPZs generally trending in a similar direction to the observed structure will be incorporated in the analysis. The faults will be assumed to be vertical and 10 metres wide with a hydraulic conductivity of 2×10^{-7} m/s. One fault is assumed to strike northwest – southeast and hydraulically connect Whale Tail Lake to the Whale Tail Pit. The second fault was assumed to strike northeast – southwest. The EPZs were assumed to be continuous and hydraulically connected over large distances (kilometres) from the open pit.

4.6 Summary of Hydrostratigraphy and Estimated Hydraulic Properties

The conceptual model for the site consists of three hydrostratigraphic units composed of overburden, weathered rock and competent rock. Areas of enhanced permeability associated with structures such as fault zones may also be present, although present packer test data do not indicate the permeability of the structures intersected to date are higher than the surrounding competent bedrock. In developing the conceptual model, a reasonably conservative approach was taken so that the actual magnitudes of groundwater inflows (quantity and quality) to the open pits during operations are expected to be less.

Overburden and weathered bedrock are limited to the near surface, whereas relatively competent bedrock is assumed to comprise the majority of the rock domain. The hydraulic conductivity of competent rock is assumed



to decrease with depth. The assumed hydraulic properties of hydrostratigraphy units near the Whale Tail Pit, and the potential EPZs, are summarized in the Table 4-1. Permafrost is assumed to be essentially impermeable.

Table 4-1: Hydrogeological Parameters

Hydrostratigraphic Unit	Depth Interval (m)	Base Case Hydraulic Conductivity (m/s) ^(a)	Specific Storage (1/m) ^(b)	Specific Yield (-) ^(b)	Effective Porosity (-) ^(b)	Longitudinal Dispersivity (m) ^(d)	Transverse Dispersivity (m) ^(d)	Effective Diffusion Coefficient (m ² /s)
Overburden	0 to 6	2×10^{-6}	1×10^{-4}	0.2	0.2	10	1	2×10^{-10}
Weathered bedrock	6 to 34	1×10^{-7}	2×10^{-4}	0.03	0.03	10	1	2×10^{-10}
Competent bedrock	34 to 60	3×10^{-8}	1×10^{-05}	0.0006	0.001	10	1	2×10^{-10}
Competent bedrock	>60	1×10^{-8}	1×10^{-05}	0.0006	0.001	10	1	2×10^{-10}
EPZ ^(c)	-	5×10^{-7}	1×10^{-4}	0.01	0.01	10	1	2×10^{-10}

a) Derived from hydraulic testing results as presented in Golder (2016). Ratio of vertical to horizontal hydraulic conductivity assumed to be 1:1.

b) Parameter values within ranges documented in literature (Maidment 1992; Stober and Bucher 2007).

c) The EPZs are included as their effect, if present, on groundwater inflow quantity and quality will be assessed as part of the Environmental Assessment for the Project. Two EPZs are assumed to be potentially present, both are assumed to be vertical and 10 m wide. One EPZ was assumed to strike northwest – south east and hydraulically connect the Whale Tail Pit to Whale Tail Lake. The second EPZ was assumed to strike northeast – southwest. The EPZs were assumed to be continuous and hydraulically connected over large distance (kilometres) from the Project area. Hydraulic conductivity estimated from maximum packer test value of 5×10^{-8} m/s and the width of the packer test within the tested interval.

d) Values are consistent with literature values (Schulze-Makuch 2005).

m = metre; m/s = metres per second; m²/s = metres squared per second.

5.0 GROUNDWATER QUALITY

5.1 Water Quality Summary

Groundwater quality was evaluated by Knight Piésold; however, the water quality was contaminated by drilling fluids and deemed to not be representative of the formation water. Knight Piésold used the dataset from Meadowbank to infer groundwater quality, until site specific groundwater samples can be collected. The following water quality information is summarized from Knight Piésold (2015b), which is included in Attachment A.

Knight Piésold (2015b) extracted groundwater chemistry data from Appendix A of the Meadowbank Gold Mine – 2014 Groundwater Monitoring Report (Agnico Eagle 2015a). The Meadowbank groundwater data have been collected since 2003 from monitoring wells targeting talik zones in the vicinity of the mine facilities. Summary statistics are provided in Table 2 of Knight Piésold (2015b) for general parameters (pH, conductivity, alkalinity, sulphate, hardness and total dissolved solids [TDS]), dissolved metals, dissolved anions, nutrients, and cyanide. The groundwater data were compared to the Canadian Environmental Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life (CEQG; CCME 2015) and the Health Canada Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water (HC-DW; Health Canada 2014).

Groundwater quality at the Meadowbank Mine is generally described as being hard to very hard, with neutral to slightly basic pH and good buffering capacity. TDS concentrations range from 193 to 1,900 mg/L. Concentrations of fluoride, copper, iron, and selenium were elevated in comparison to guidelines for the protection of aquatic life and drinking water. Only the higher percentile values for nitrogen-containing compounds, aluminum, arsenic, boron, hexavalent chromium, molybdenum, and zinc exceeded the CEQGs.



Additionally, several of these parameters, as well as chloride, manganese and sodium, exceeded aesthetic drinking water guidelines.

5.2 Total Dissolved Solids

In the Canadian Shield, TDS in groundwater increase with depth, primarily in response to upward diffusion of deep-seated brines. The chemicals that contribute to TDS in shield brines are typically chloride and calcium, with sodium to a lesser degree. By comparison, sea water is mostly composed of chloride and sodium.

At the Project, a representative sample of deep groundwater has not been collected; data collected at the Meadowbank Mine was used to infer the TDS profile at the Project. Figure 5-1 presents the TDS profiles with depth from sites in the Canadian Shield and that of the Meadowbank Mine. The Frape and Fritz profile (1987) was developed based on chemical analyses of deep saline water collected by various investigators from several sites in the Canadian Shield. The Diavik Profile is based on site-specific data from Diavik, supplemented by information from the Lupin Mine site located about 200 km north of Diavik (Blowes and Logsdon 1997). The assumed Meadowbank profile presented in Figure 5-1 is based on site-specific data collected from depths up to 177 m and parallels the Diavik profile at deeper depths (Golder 2006).

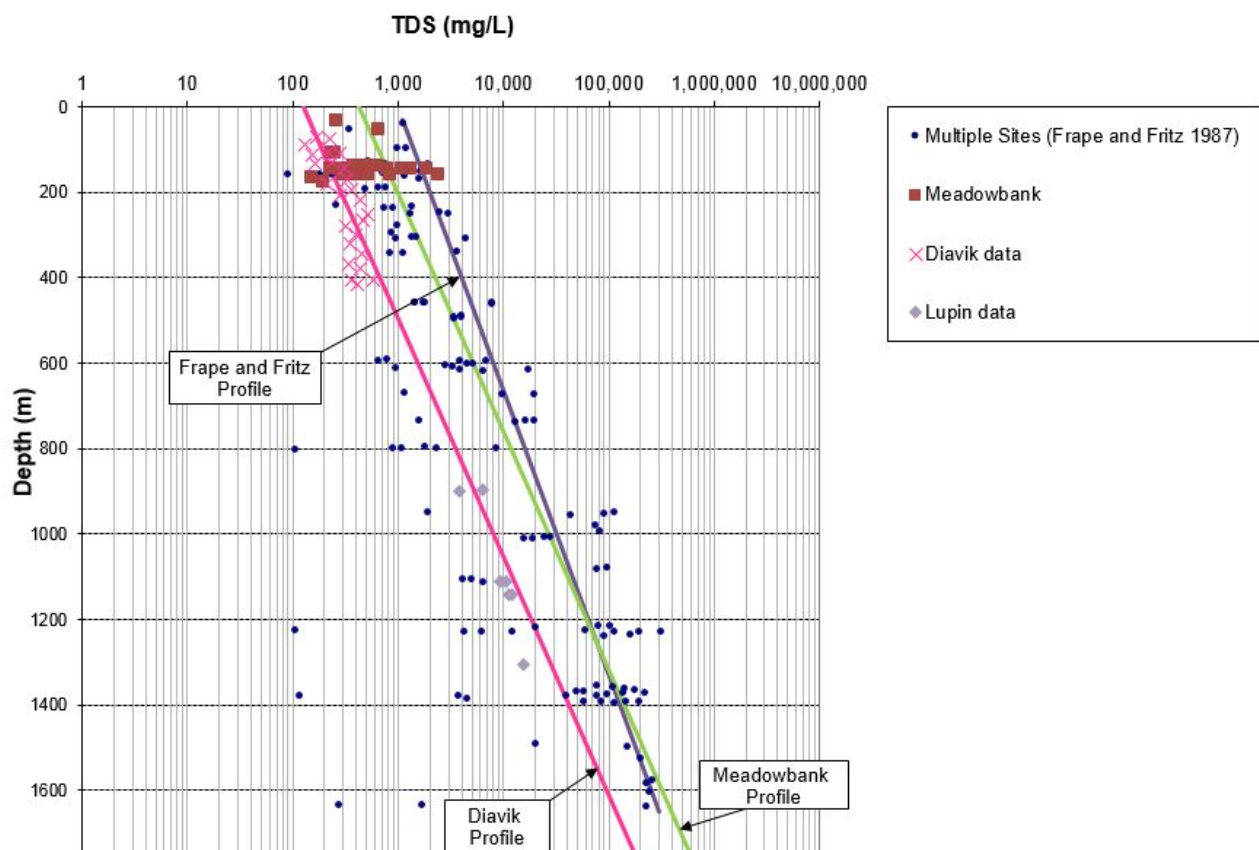


Figure 5-1: Baseline TDS versus Depth



6.0 SUMMARY OF CONCEPTUAL HYDROGEOLOGICAL MODEL

Available hydrogeological data collected at the site, together with the information collected elsewhere in the Canadian Shield, were used to develop a conceptual understanding of groundwater conditions at the Project site. A conceptual hydrogeological model is a pictorial and descriptive representation of the groundwater regime that organizes and simplifies the site conditions so they can be readily modelled. The conceptual model must retain sufficient complexity so that the analytical or numerical models developed from it adequately reproduce or simulate the actual components of the groundwater flow system to the degree necessary to satisfy the objectives of the modelling study. The baseline conceptual model has been developed to describe key features of the hydrogeological regime in the baseline study area before mining. The key features include the groundwater flow, groundwater quality, and dominant groundwater flow direction, all of which are described in more detail below. The baseline conceptual model is presented in Figure 6-1 and described below.

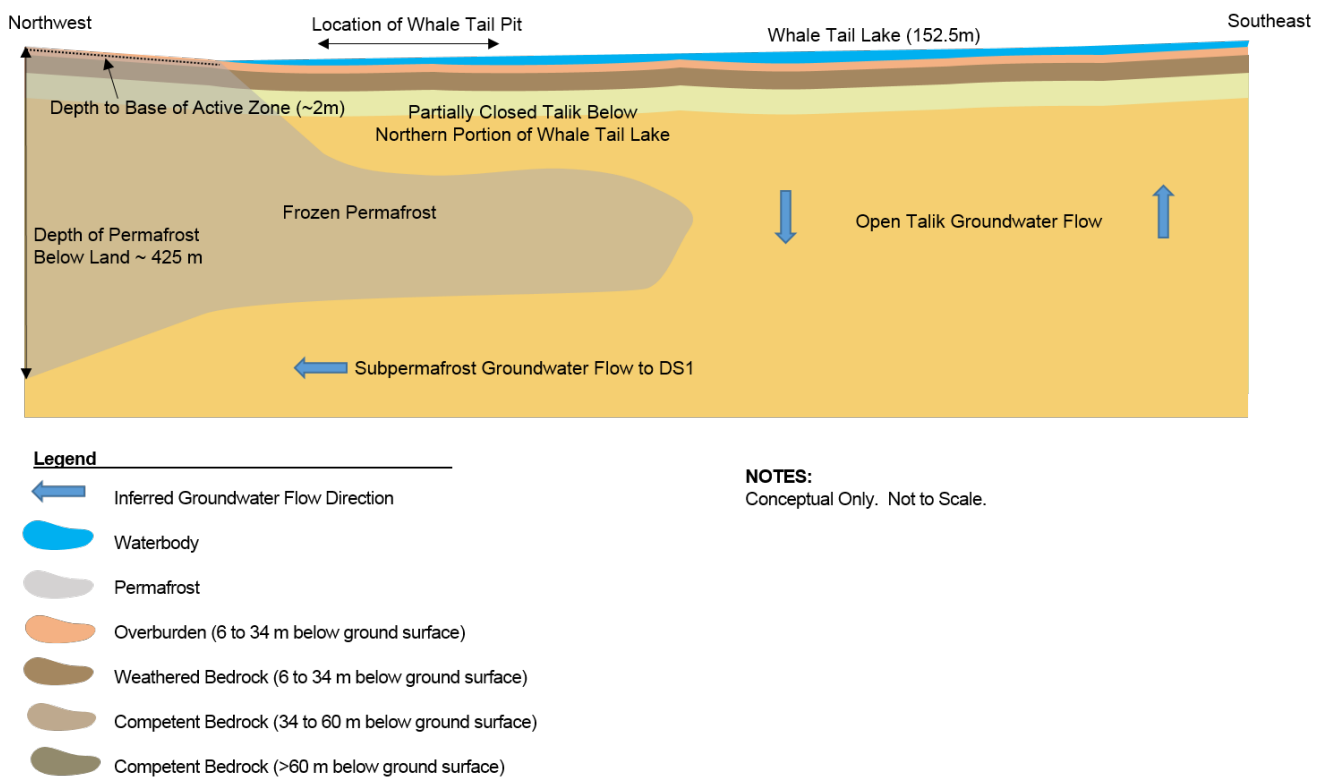


Figure 6-1: Conceptual Model of Deep Groundwater Flow Regime - Pre-mining Cross-Section View

The conceptual model for the site consists of three hydrostratigraphic units composed of overburden, weathered rock and competent rock. Areas of enhanced permeability associated with structures such as fault zones may also be present. Overburden and weathered bedrock are limited to the near surface, while relatively competent bedrock is assumed to comprise the majority of the rock domain.

Two groundwater flow regimes occur at the Project: a deep groundwater flow regime beneath permafrost, and a shallow groundwater flow regime located in the active (seasonally thawed) layer near the ground surface. With the exception of areas of taliks beneath lakes, the two groundwater regimes are isolated from one another by



thick permafrost. The depth of the active layer is estimated to range between 1 to 3 m. Permafrost thickness in the baseline study area is expected to be approximately 425 m. Below Whale Tail Lake, the talik is expected to form a continuous channel that is closed at the base of the talik in the northern portion of Whale Tail Lake below the open pit and becomes an open talik towards the south and central portion of the lake.

Groundwater flow within the deep groundwater flow regime is limited to the sub-permafrost zone. This deep groundwater flow regime is connected to the ground surface by open taliks underlying larger lakes. The elevations of these lakes are expected to be the primary control of groundwater flow directions in the deep groundwater flow regime, with density gradients providing a secondary control. The elevations of these lakes in the baseline study area indicate that Whale Tail Lake is likely both a groundwater recharge and discharge zone.

Groundwater quality at the Project has been inferred to be similar to the Meadowbank Mine based on the similar geology and permafrost conditions (Knight Piésold 2015b); however, it is recognized that on a parameter-by-parameter basis, groundwater quality at the Project may differ from the Meadowbank Mine due to site-specific geology. Consistent with other sites in the Canadian Shield, concentrations of TDS in groundwater are inferred to increase with depth, primarily in response to upward diffusion of deep-seated brines. The Meadowbank TDS profile is considered applicable to the Project and is based on the site-specific data from the Meadowbank Mine up to depths of 177 m, and parallels the Diavik profile at greater depths (Golder 2006). Agnico Eagle began a new groundwater sampling program during the winter of 2016. A Westbay multi-level well system was installed in April 2016 and is currently under development. The water samples taken for this instrument will allow the development of a site specific TDS profile and confirmation of inferred groundwater quality for the Project.



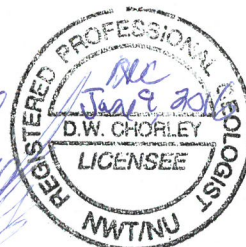
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ATTACHMENT A

Knight Piésold Reports and Packer Test Summary Table

TABLE 1

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WHALE TAIL PIT

2015 GEOMECHANICAL AND HYDROGEOLOGICAL SITE INVESTIGATION SUMMARY
DRILLHOLE PACKER TESTING SUMMARY

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Drillhole Name	Surveyed Drillhole Details						Hydraulic Testing				
	Collar Coordinates ¹			Azimuth ² (Average)	Dip ² (Average)	Final Length	Along-Hole Packer Testing Interval		Constant Head Test Results ³	Test Interval Lithology	Fault Intersection
	Easting	Northing	Elevation								
	(m)	(m)	(m)	(°)	(°)	(m)	From (m)	To (m)	(m/s)		
AMQ15-294	607,073.2	7,255,676.1	10,155.9	321	-46	221	100.3	150.0	1 x10 ⁻⁹	Altered Ultramafics, Ultramafics, Quartz Veins	Yes (RQD Corridor)
							201.8	220.5	9 x10 ⁻⁹	Ultramafics, Graphitic Chert and Chert	No
AMQ15-306	606,714.8	7,255,363.8	10,154.9	98	-47	201	52.3	100.5	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	Greywacke	Yes
							103.3	162.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	Greywacke	No
							178.3	201.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	Greywacke	Yes
AMQ15-316	606,655.1	7,255,428.2	10,154.1	5	-55	189	181.3	189.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	Ultramafics	No
AMQ15-326A	606,430.9	7,255,330.8	10,154.6	288	-57	180	160.3	180.0	No Take	Ultramafics	No
AMQ15-349A	607,064.9	7,255,627.5	10,155.3	202	-47	203	97.3	141.0	5 x10 ⁻⁸	Ultramafics and Greywacke	Yes (NW/East Brittle Fault)
							136.3	180.0	1 x10 ⁻⁸	Mafic Volcanics, Greywacke and Ultramafics	Yes
							178.3	202.5	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	Mafic Volcanics	Yes
AMQ15-421	607,098.3	7,255,490.8	10,155.1	283	-49	501	94.3	150.0	1 x10 ⁻⁹	Diorite and Greywacke	Yes (NW/ East Brittle Fault)
							148.3	201.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	Greywacke and Ultramafics	Yes
							199.3	225.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	Greywacke	Yes
							298.3	330.0	1 x10 ⁻⁹	Ultramafics	No
							328.3	455.6	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	Ultramafics and Quartz Veins	Yes
AMQ15-452	606,627.2	7,255,687.9	10,156.2	165	-49	501	469.3	501.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	Greywacke and Ultramafics	No
							127.3	177.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	Greywacke	Yes
							469.3	501.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	Graphitic Chert, Ultramafics, and Greywacke	No

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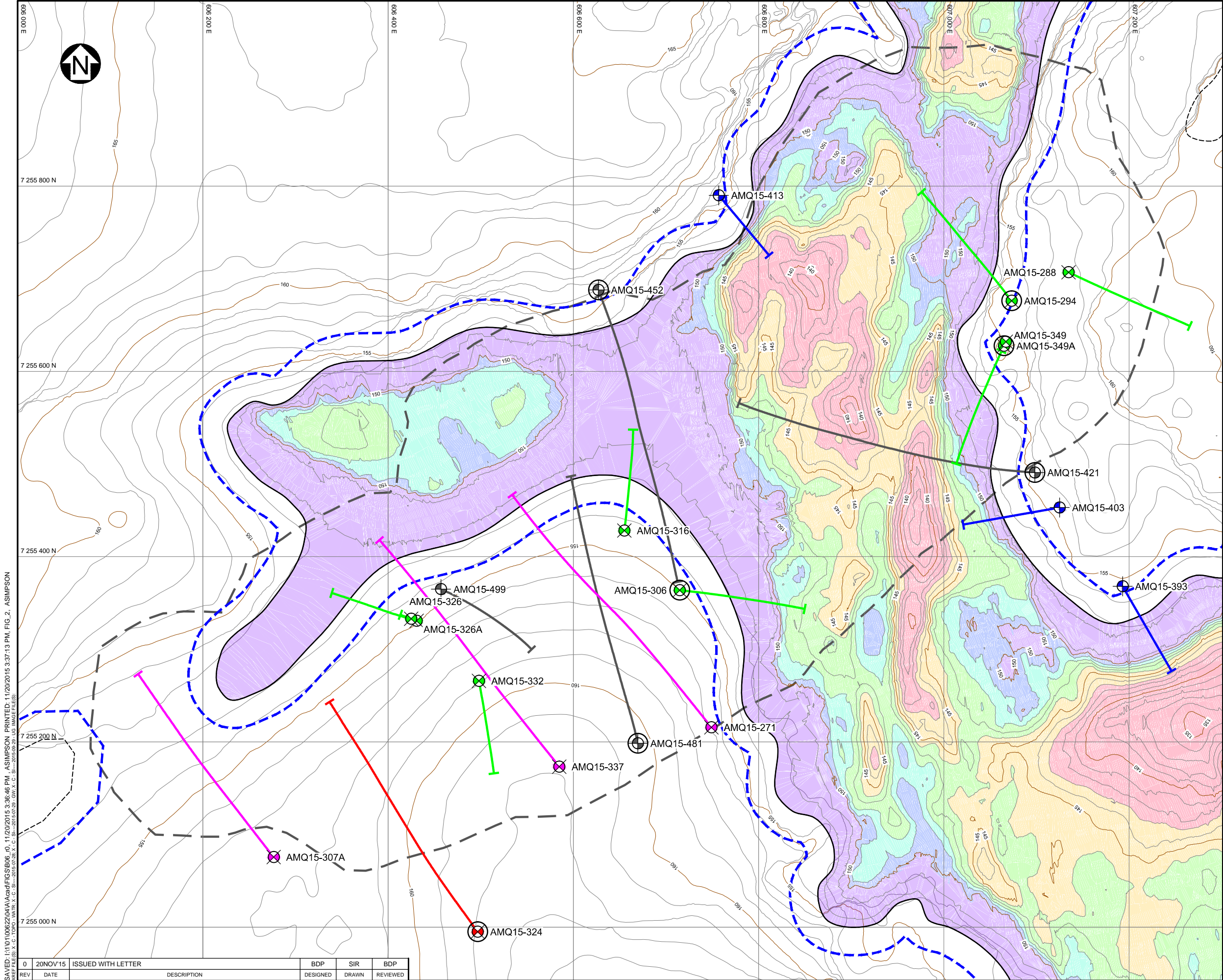
1 – INTRODUCTION

Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. Meadowbank Division (AEM) is developing the Whale Tail Pit (the Project) in Nunavut, Canada. The Project is located 50 km northwest of AEM's Meadowbank Mine and 160 km northwest of Baker Lake. AEM is currently evaluating the potential for mining the satellite Whale Tail deposit using open pit mining methods.

Knight Piésold Ltd. (KP) was retained to conduct a geomechanical and hydrogeological site investigation to support permitting and engineering for the open pit mine design. The deposit lies within the northern section of Whale Tail Lake, as shown on Figure 1. A key objective of this work was to characterize the permafrost and talik conditions below the lake by:

- Planning and conducting a site investigation program to characterize the hydrogeological and permafrost conditions in the vicinity of the proposed open pit.
- Reviewing the collected data and using it to develop a conceptual permafrost / talik model.
- Using analytical and numerical methods to confirm the conceptual model and predict the potential for talik to develop both spatially and with depth below Whale Tail Lake.
- Installing, developing, and sampling groundwater monitoring wells that were targeted to intercept the talik, if present, in the vicinity of the open pit.

The results of the permafrost and hydrogeological assessment as well as the supporting data and analyses are summarized in this letter. It is important to note that the permafrost and talik characterization was conducted using a preliminary dataset (<4 months of monitoring) and that the interpretation will be refined as additional data becomes available. The results of the groundwater quality characterization of the talik are also summarized in this letter and supplemented with available data from the AEM Meadowbank Gold Mine.



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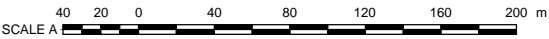
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30 m BUFFER FROM WHALE LAKE

ULTIMATE PIT BOUNDARY

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- COORDINATE GRID IS UTM NAD83 ZONE 14N.
 - PIT DESIGN, TOPOGRAPHY AND BATHYMETRY PROVIDED BY AEM (SEPTEMBER, 2015).
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WHALE TAIL PIT

PERMAFROST AND TALIK
CHARACTERIZATION STUDY

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2 – PROJECT SETTING

2.1 CLIMATE

The Project is located in the Canadian Sub-Arctic and cold winter conditions predominate for the majority of the year. There is an on-site meteorological station at the Meadowbank mine located approximately 50 km to the south. Three years of hourly and daily data (2013 to 2015) are available to characterize the meteorological conditions at the Project site, including temperature, pressure, relative humidity, wind speed and direction, and precipitation. The annual daily average temperature is -11.4°C. The annual average daily maximum and minimum temperatures are 2.7°C and -22.4°C, respectively.

2.2 TOPOGRAPHY AND LAKE CHARACTERISTICS

The topography surrounding the Project is generally flat with local surface relief of up to 20 m. The low terrain of the area has resulted in a diffuse drainage pattern. High flows are observed during spring runoff, while low flows and dry stream channels are typical in late summer. Whale Tail Lake drains to the south via a network of low lying lakes.

The following characteristics of Whale Tail Lake are based on a bathymetry survey completed in 2015 (provided by Groupe Conseil Nutshimit-Nippour, 2015). The bathymetry is shown on Figure 1.

- The lake elevation was measured at 152.4 meters above sea level (masl) in August 2015.
- The depth of the lake in the northwest end of the lake, in the vicinity of the open pit, ranges from 1 to 16 m.
- The lake bottom is terraced. The terraces extend out from the shoreline for a distance of between 1 m and 150 m. Beyond the terrace is an abrupt drop-off.

Mean annual temperatures from the bottom of the lakes in Nunavut and North West Territories (that do not freeze in winter) are 4°C (Burn, 2002).

Regional lake ice characteristics were reviewed using the Canadian Ice Database (Lenormand et al., 2002). The closest reference to Whale Tail Lake is Baker Lake (120 km to the south), which records a mean maximum lake ice thickness of 2.25 m (data from 1957 to 1990). It is expected that the mean ice thickness over Whale Tail Lake is within this range.

2.3 REGIONAL PERMAFROST CONDITIONS

The land surface near the project is underlain by continuous permafrost, with the exception of waterbodies in the area that are too deep to freeze to the bottom in the winter. Taliks (see glossary included as Appendix A) are expected beneath a waterbody where the water depth is greater than the ice thickness. Formation of open taliks that penetrate through the permafrost may be expected for relatively deeper and larger lakes in the Project area.

Site characteristics of specific interest to the current study include:

- The permafrost is expected to be at least 300 m deep and may be over 400 m deep in locations that are not affected by waterbodies (Golder, 2012). The base of the permafrost is expected to be irregular and spatially variable.
- Open or closed taliks are expected below large and deep lakes.
- The permafrost is overlain by an active layer that thaws during summer. The depth of the active layer is typically expected to range between 1 m and 3 m (Golder, 2012).

The conceptual cross section presented on Figure 2 demonstrates the interaction of surface water bodies and groundwater systems in a continuous permafrost environment.

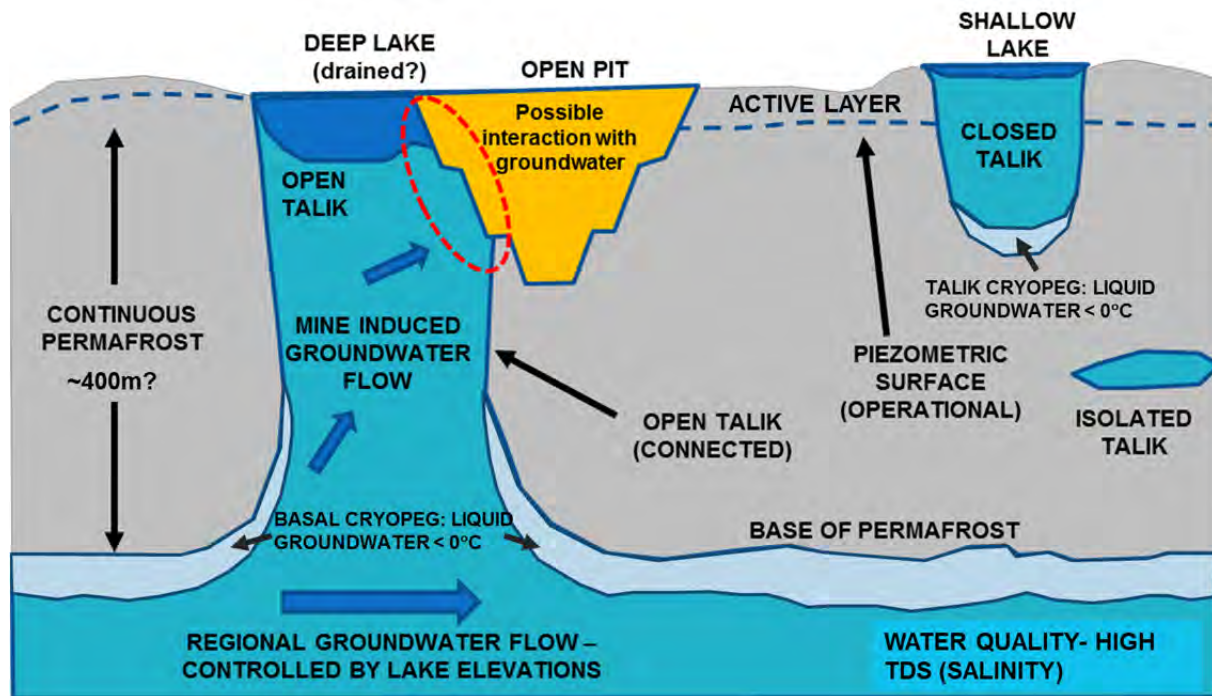


Figure 2 Conceptual Cross Section Presenting the Components of a Permafrost Region

3 – SITE INVESTIGATION PROGRAM

A geomechanical and hydrogeological site investigation program was completed by KP at the Project site between June and October, 2015. As part of the program, instrumentation was installed in six drillholes around the periphery of the proposed open pit and Whale Tail Lake in order to collect data on the ground thermal regime. Groundwater monitoring wells were also installed in three drillholes. The installed instrumentation is summarized in Table 1 and Figure 1 and includes:

- Three 200 m long multi-point thermistor strings targeting the potential talik below Whale Tail Lake in the immediate vicinity of the open pit. A vibrating wire piezometer (VWP) was installed at the base of each thermistor string to record changes in water pressure and to help assess the cryopeg-permafrost boundary.
- One 450 m long multi-point thermistor string installed in an area approximately 350 m away from the influence of the lake. This instrument was installed to assess the baseline permafrost conditions.
- Two 500 m long multi-point thermistor strings targeting the potential talik below the centre of Whale Tail Lake and the expected base of permafrost. These thermistors were installed later in the program, once the initial results of the other instruments had been reviewed.
- An electrical conductivity (EC) data logger installed in conjunction with one of the 200 m thermistor strings in drillhole AMQ15-349A. The EC logger was installed to allow the in-situ Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and salinity to be estimated.
- Three groundwater quality monitoring wells were installed, targeting the potential talik below Whale Tail Lake in the immediate vicinity of the open pit. The wells ranged in length from approximately 180 m to 255 m.

Bathymetry data were used to identify the wider and deeper sections of Whale Tail Lake where talik development is expected to be greatest.

The instrumentation was installed by attaching the thermistor string, vibrating wire piezometer cable and/or EC logger cable to a 1-inch schedule 80 PVC guide-pipe that was lowered into the drillhole. This ensured that the instruments reached their intended depths. The drillhole, initially filled with brine to prevent freezing, was then flushed with freshwater through the PVC pipe to encourage freezing of the water around the thermistor string. A

data logger was then installed at each drillhole so that regular measurements could be taken. Initially, the data was used to confirm that the instruments were working properly and that the readings stabilized to reasonable in-situ temperatures.

The groundwater monitoring wells installed in AMQ15-393 and AMQ15-403 were constructed with external heat trace clamped to 1.5-inch schedule 80 stainless steel riser pipe. The monitoring well installed in AMQ15-413 was constructed with continuous HDPE pipe with an integrated self-regulating heating cable. Two 3 m lengths of standard 1.5-inch schedule 40 PVC slotted screen were used to construct the screened interval. Two 1.5 m lengths of schedule 80 PVC bentonite pre-packs (3 m total length) were attached above the screened interval in order to isolate it from the remainder of the drillhole. The drillholes were drilled with hot water, but were flushed with a brine solution (50% CaCl₂) prior to installation in order to ensure that they remained unfrozen during the installation process. A known concentration of uranine (a fluorescent dye tracer) was added to the brine solution in AMQ15-393 and AMQ15-413 (it was unavailable for the installation of AMQ15-403). The dye was added to the brine solution to monitor the progress of well development (removal of residual water from drilling and installation). The monitoring wells were developed using an airlift methods and the objective was to purge as much water as possible from the well in order to reduce the effects of the brine used for installation on the future groundwater samples. Samples were collected using a double valve pump installed at the top of the screened interval and low-flow sampling techniques. The monitoring well installation depths required that the pump control system be manually over-ridden.

Table 1 Summary of Instrumentation Installations

Drillhole ID	Drillhole Details					Target	Instrumentation Type
	Northing (m)	Easting (m)	Length (m)	Azimuth (°)	Dip (°)		
AMQ15-294	607,073	7,255,676	323	221	-45	Lake Talik	Thermistor & VWP
AMQ15-349A	607,065	7,255,628	203	204	-45	Lake Talik	Thermistor, VWP & EC
AMQ15-306	606,715	7,255,364	201	96	-45	Lake Talik	Thermistor & VWP
AMQ15-324	606,497	7,254,995	501	300	-45	Permafrost base	Thermistor & VWP
AMQ15-421	607,098	7,255,491	501	274	-51	Deep talik. Permafrost base	Thermistor & VWP
AMQ15-452	606,627	7,255,688	501	106	-50	Deep talik. Permafrost base	Thermistor & VWP
AMQ15-393	607,193	7,255,368	261	147	-65.3	Lake Talik	Monitoring Well
AMQ15-403	607,120	7,255,461	261	260	-65.3	Lake Talik	Monitoring Well
AMQ15-413	606,757	7,255,790	210	139	-65.4	Lake Talik	Monitoring Well

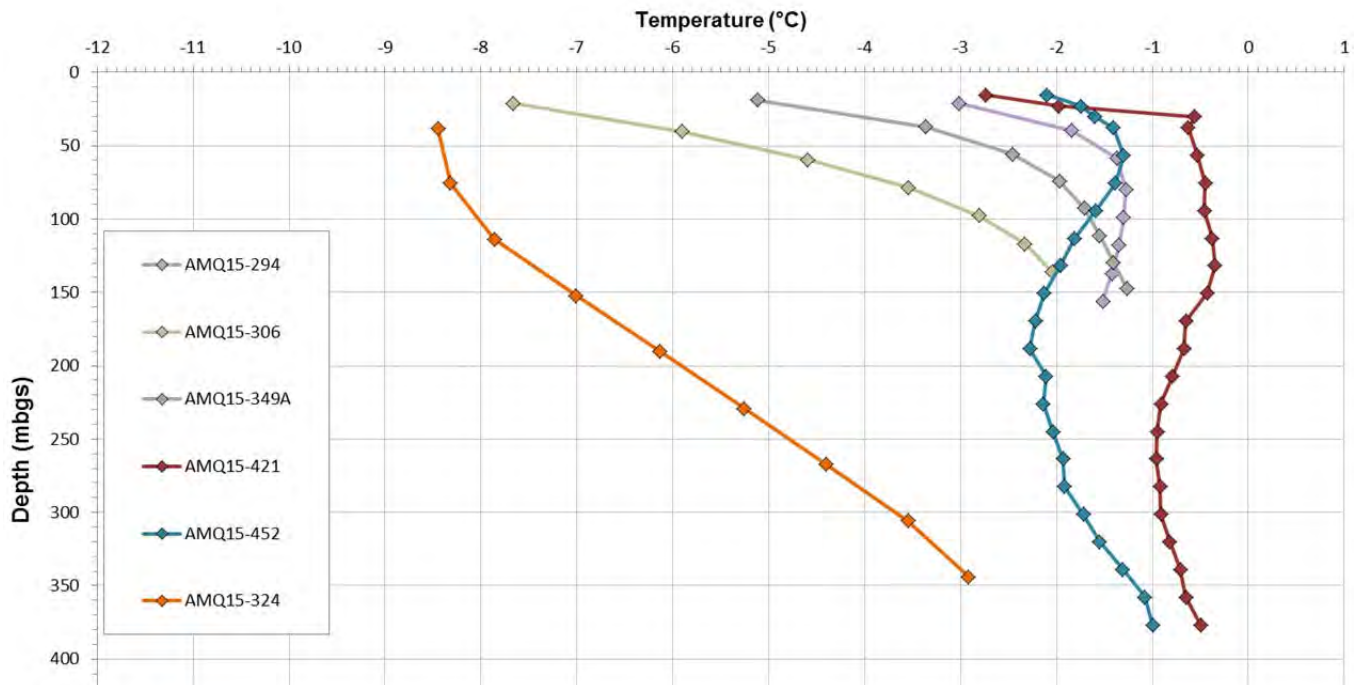
NOTES:

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2. ALL DEPTHS ARE PRESENTED AS DOWNHOLE.
3. METERS DOWN HOLE IS REPRESENTED AS "mdh".
4. DRILLHOLE ID REFERENCES ON FIGURE 1: AMQ15-393 is PDH15-03; AMQ15-403 is PDH15-02; AMQ15-393 is PDH15-01.

The full details of the instrumentation and groundwater well installations are included in Appendix B.

4 – INSTRUMENTATION DATA

The most recent temperature data from the thermistor installations (collected on September 30, 2015) is plotted on Figure 3.



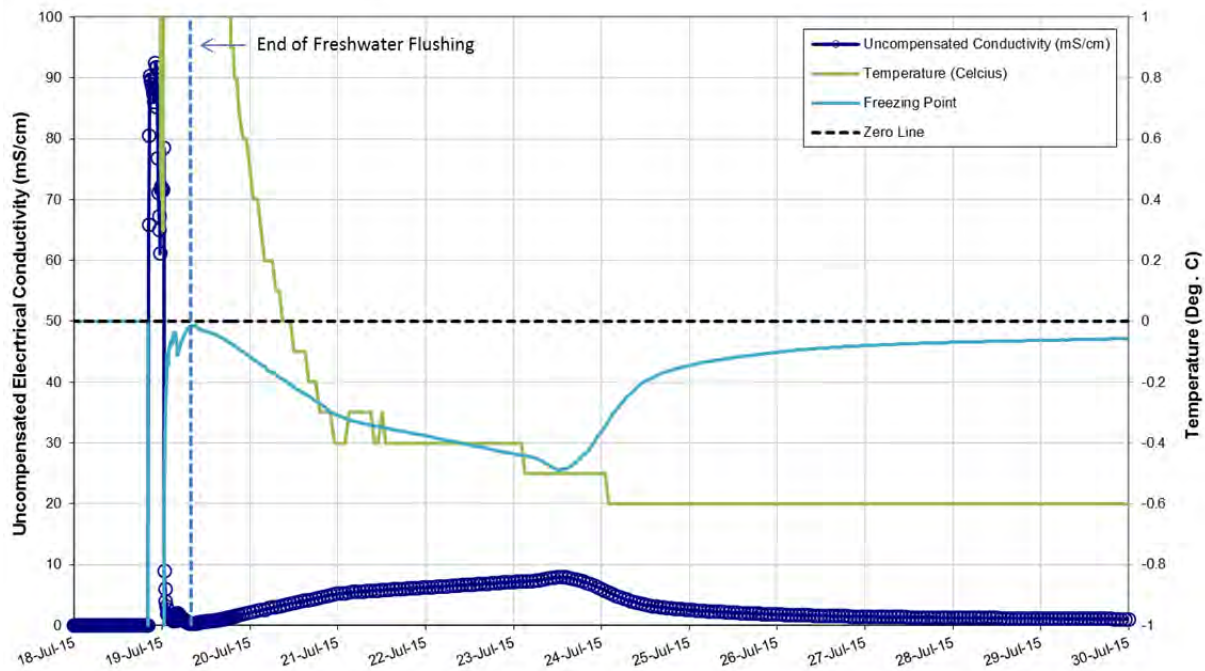
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Figure 3 September 30, 2015 Thermistor Data

The data generally show cold near-surface conditions, followed by a warming geothermal gradient with increasing depth. It should be noted that the drillholes are drilled at an incline towards a water body, complicating the interpretation of the data.

Drillhole AMQ15-324 is located away from the influence of the lake. The geothermal gradient from the thermistor in drillhole AMQ15-324 was used to estimate the depth to permafrost. The temperature profiles from the other thermistors were used to characterize the conditions beneath different sections of the lake and to help calibrate the analytical and numerical models.

The data from the EC logger installed in drillhole AMQ15-349A are shown on Figure 4. High salinity was initially measured as the logger was lowered into the brine in the drillhole. This is followed by an abrupt reduction in salinity as the drillhole was flushed with fresh water. Over time, the temperature gradually falls and the salinity increases. The increasing salinity may be due to the influx of saline groundwater from the talik. However, given the low temperatures, it may also be evidence of a gradual phase change from water to ice, with the salinity concentration increasing as less water is available as liquid. The highest conductivity recorded by the EC logger prior to freezing was 7.96 mS/cm. This can be converted a freezing point of approx. -0.35°C at the instrument depth of 150 mbgs.



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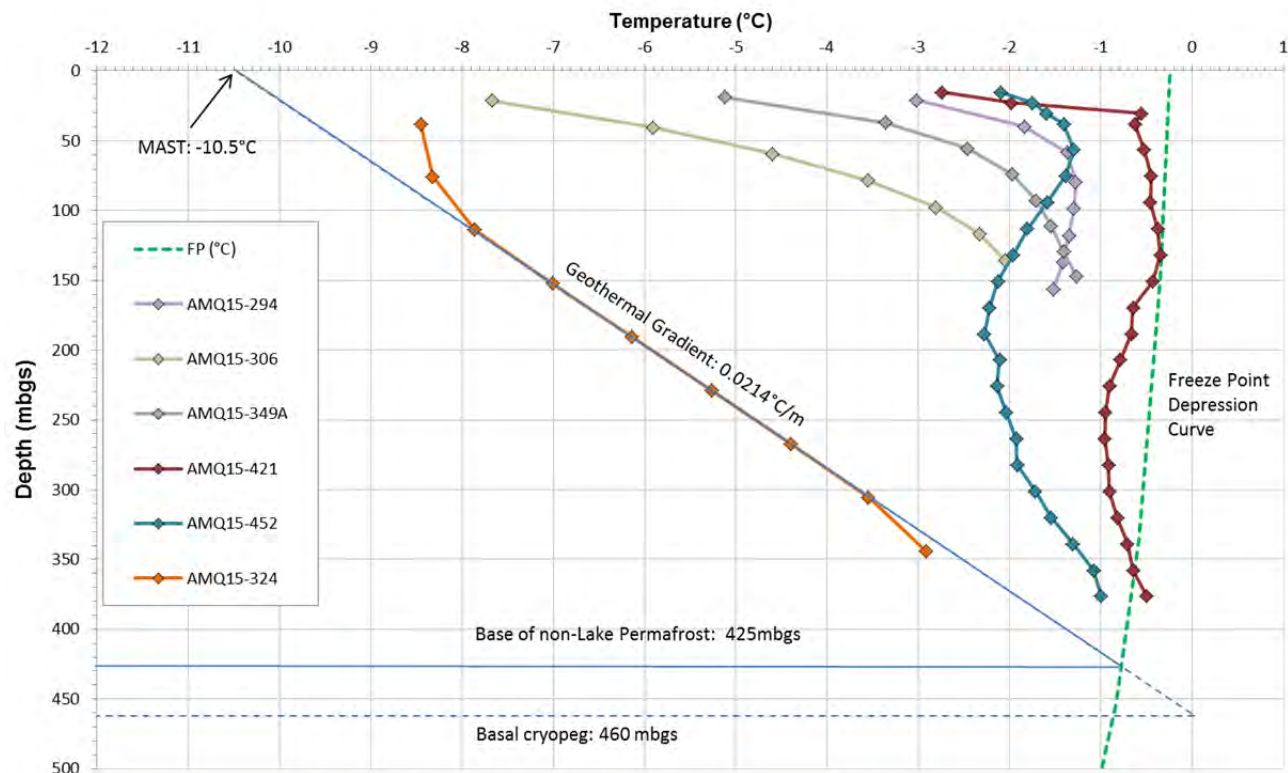
Figure 4 EC Logger Data (Drillhole AMQ15-349A)

5 – GEOTHERMAL PROPERTIES

The following geothermal properties were estimated from the instrumentation data or regional studies:

- A baseline regional geothermal gradient of $0.0214^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{m}$ was estimated using the thermistor data from AMQ15-324. The gradient is shown on Figure 5.
- The Mean Annual Surface Temperature (MAST) of -10.5°C was estimated using the geothermal gradient from AMQ15-324 and extrapolating the temperature data to surface. This was compared to the MAST of -11.4°C recorded by the climate station at the Meadowbank Mine. As the thermistor data is still considered to be stabilizing and has not yet recorded data from the winter period, the lower MAST from Meadowbank was used for this assessment.
- A freezing point depression curve was developed to estimate permafrost depth for the Project using data from the EC logger installed in drillhole AMQ15-349A and TDS and temperature vs depth relationship curves developed for other studies completed in the region. The developed relationship defines a freezing point of -0.35°C at 150 m and a freezing point of -1.0°C at 500 m. A detailed discussion of the approach used to estimate the freezing point depression curve is presented in Appendix C.

The regional geothermal gradient and the estimated freezing point depression line for the site are shown on Figure 5. The intersection point of these two curves suggests that the base of the permafrost is approximately 425 mbgs outside of the influence of waterbodies. The intersection of the geothermal gradient with the 0°C isotherm suggests that the basal cryopeg is at a depth of approximately 460 mbgs.



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Figure 5 Geothermal Properties Derived from AMQ15-324

6 – ANALYSIS OF LAKE TALIK FORMATION

6.1 ANALYSIS APPROACH

The initial approach used to assess the potential for talik development under Whale Tail Lake was an empirical analysis carried out to support the early planning for the geomechanical and hydrogeological site investigation program. The approach assumed that lakes with a half width of 100 m or more and with depths of greater than 1 m had the potential to form a talik. This approach was not able to discern whether the talik would be open or closed.

This initial assessment was refined once the data from the installed instrumentation became available. Two different types of analyses were completed: analytical solutions and numerical models. Each method is briefly described below and described in detail in Appendix D.

- **Analytical Solution:** Burn (2002) developed a series of 1D analytical solutions to describe talik development under surface water bodies. The solutions were developed to match the lake shape (circular or elongate), and to acknowledge the presence of a shallow terrace around the lake perimeter.
- **Numerical Models:** 2D numerical modeling was carried out using the finite element code Temp/W (Geo-Slope, 2014). This model was used to further assess the potential for an open talik beneath sections across and along Whale Tail Lake. The modelling estimates represent a first-order assessment of ground temperatures under equilibrium conditions and assume no transient (time-dependent) conditions, such as the timing of lake formation and temporal changes in water and ground temperature.

Three cross sections across Whale Tail Lake, shown on Figure 6, were analyzed using both methods. The results are summarized below and described in detail in Appendix D.

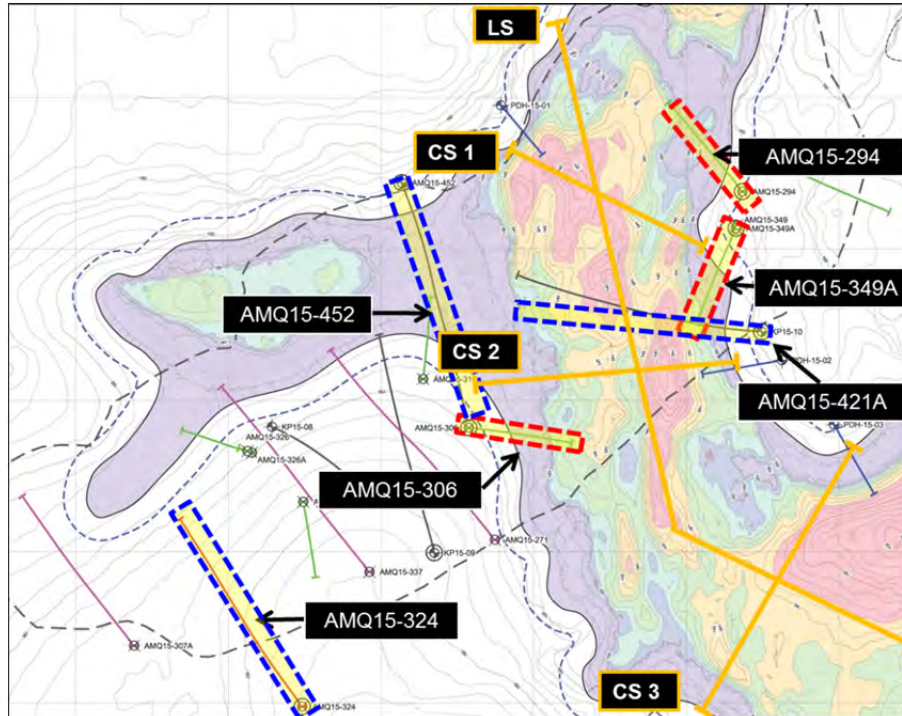
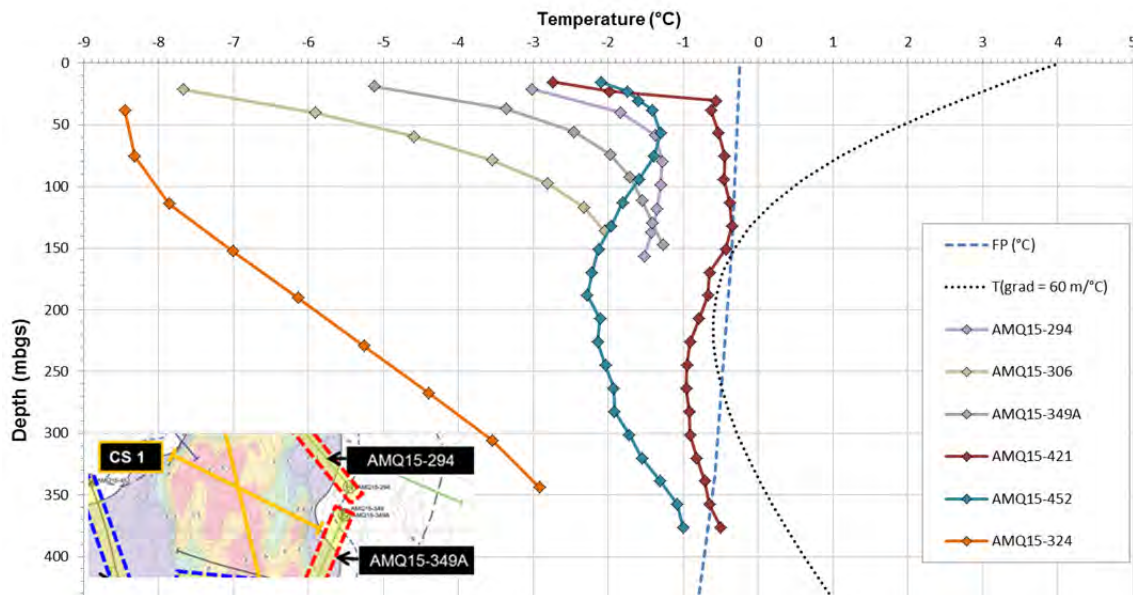


Figure 6 Location of Cross Sections for Analytical and Numerical Models

6.2 ANALYSIS RESULTS

6.2.1 Cross Section 1

Cross section 1 (CS1) lies across the northern section of Whale Tail Lake and cuts through the central-northern section of the proposed final open pit. The section is across a relatively narrow portion of the lake with a wide variation in depth.



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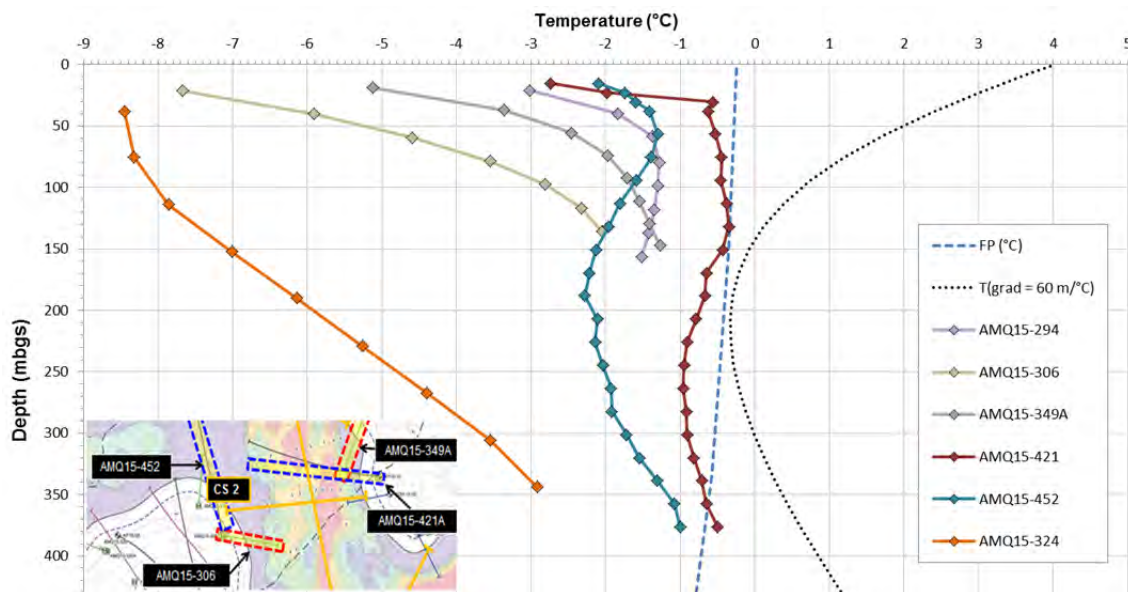
Figure 7 Results of Analytical and Numerical Solutions for CS1

The analytical solution for this section (Figure 7) suggests that talik is present, but that it is likely underlain by permafrost between 150 and 250 mbgs (i.e., where the analytical solution is to the left of the freezing point depression curve). This is supported by the results of the 2D numerical model, which suggests permafrost will be present between 100 and 280 mbgs (see Appendix C for details). The talik along this section is thought to represent a shallow channel underlain by permafrost rather than a depression. Both to the north and to the west of this section, where the lake is shallower, permafrost is more likely to dominate.

6.2.2 Cross Section 2

Cross Section 2 (CS2) roughly coincides with the southern limit of the proposed open pit as well as the path of the proposed exploration decline. CS2 is in close proximity to the thermistor installed in drillholes AMQ15-306, AMQ15-349A and AMQ15-421, allowing the results of the analyses to be compared to the instrument data.

The interpretation of the results of the analytical solution (Figure 8) and numerical model (Figure 9) is inconclusive. Whether or not the talik is open to depth is sensitive to a change of less than 0.5 °C in the freezing point depression. The analytical solution suggests the talik is just open, while the numerical modelling suggests that there may be 40 m of permafrost beneath the talik. This section is thought to approximate the southern limit of the talik channel before it becomes open to the sub-permafrost aquifer.



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Figure 8 Results of Analytical and Numerical Solutions for CS2

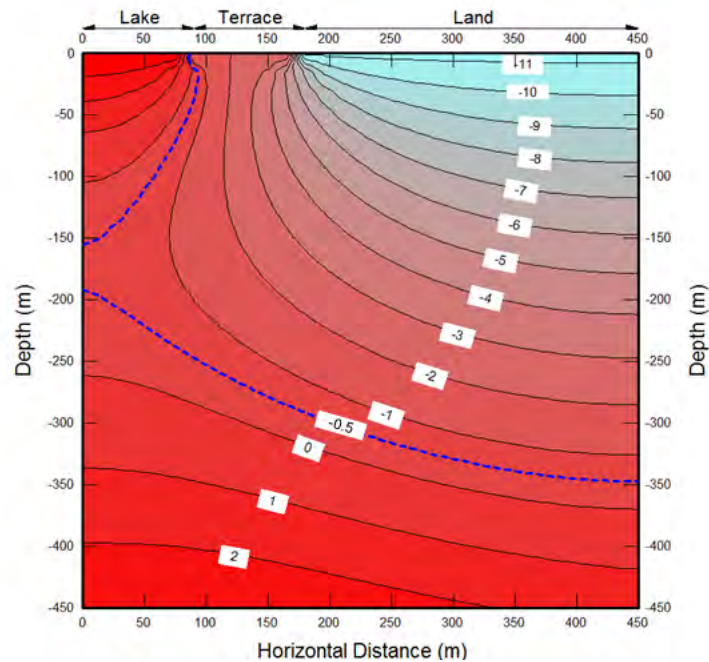


Figure 9 Temp-W Thermal Model of CS2

6.2.3 Cross Section 3

Cross Section 3 (CS3) was selected to assess the wider, deeper portion of the lake, south of the proposed open pit and exploration decline. The results of the analytical solution (Figure 10) and numerical model (Appendix C) are in agreement and suggest that the talik is open and connected to the sub-permafrost aquifer in this portion of the lake.

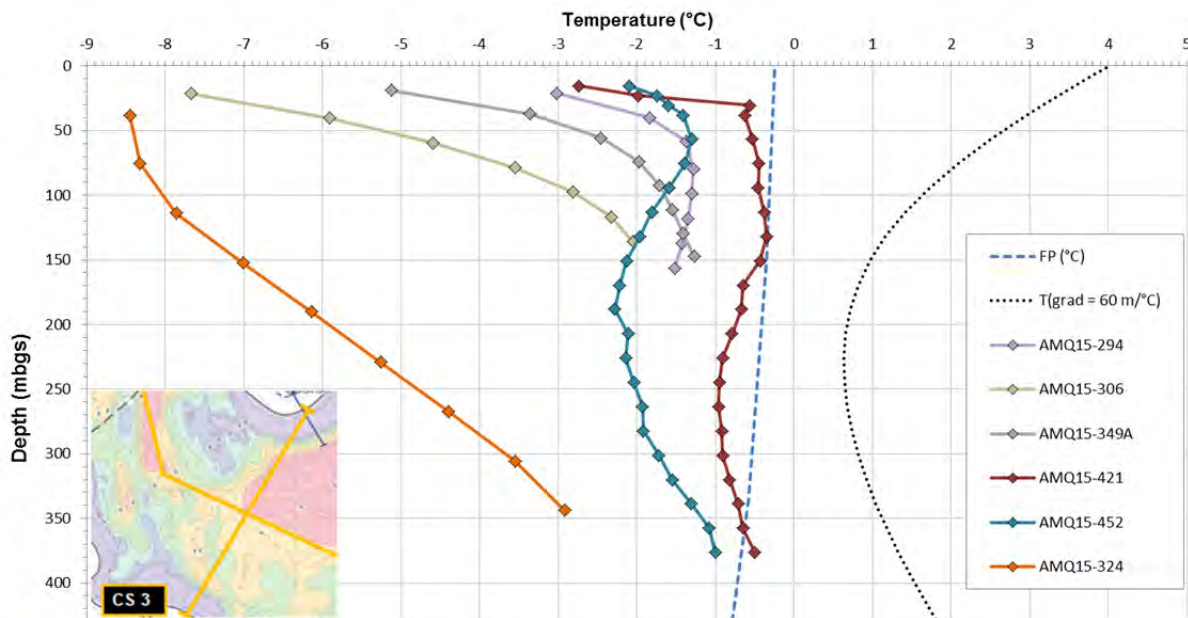


Figure 10 Results of Analytical and Numerical Solutions for CS3

6.3 SUMMARY OF RESULTS

A progressive modeling approach was used for the study. An initial empirical assessment of talik potential identified that talik was likely to develop under parts of Whale Tail Lake where the lake was greater than 200 m in width and was deeper than 1 m. The initial assessment was followed by 1 D analytical solutions and 2D steady-state thermal modelling. The results of the 1D analytical solutions and the 2D numerical models are in general agreement and suggest that:

- Permafrost is expected below the land and in the shallowest areas of Whale Tail Lake.
- Talik is expected below the central portions of the lake.
- The talik is most likely underlain by permafrost in the shallower, narrower parts of Whale Tail Lake. This is expected to include most of the lake in the immediate vicinity of the proposed open pit.
- The talik is expected to connect vertically with the sub-permafrost aquifer in the deeper, wider parts of the lake, such as section CS3.
- Overall, the likely talik is expected to form a continuous channel that is closed in the northern portion of Whale Tail Lake below the open pit and becomes open as it moves to the south towards the central portion of the lake (Figure 11).

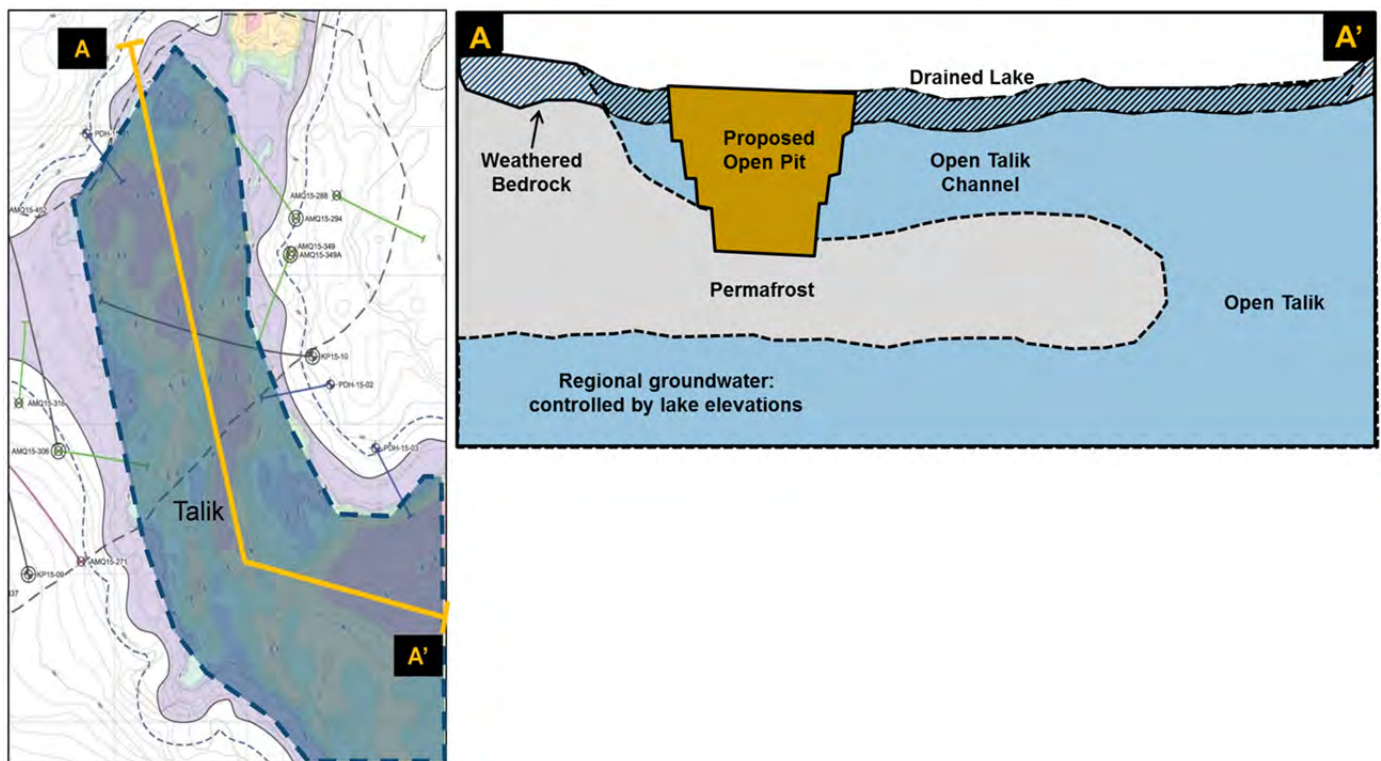


Figure 11 Interpretation of Permafrost and Talik Distribution through Whale Tail Lake

The thermal modeling does not account for transient conditions or complex subsurface stratigraphy, both of which may influence talik formation beneath Whale Tail Lake.

7 – TALIK WATER QUALITY CHARACTERIZATION

7.1 GROUNDWATER SAMPLING

Monitoring wells were installed in three drillholes (AMQ15-393, AMQ15-403 and AMQ15-413). Monitoring well AMQ15-403 was developed following installation, but the heat trace was damaged, the drillhole froze, and no further development or sampling could be completed. Water quality samples were collected from monitoring wells AMQ15-393 and AMQ15-413 for the purposes of characterizing the chemistry of the groundwater, following two rounds of well development.

Despite repeated well development, the groundwater samples collected to date from these monitoring wells have high salinity concentrations that are due to residuals of the brine solution used to install the monitoring wells. The samples are not representative of the natural groundwater quality. The continued presence of brine residuals in the groundwater wells following extensive purging has occurred at the Meadowbank Mine and at other northern sites. Repeated purging and monitoring over time at these sites has eventually allowed the collection of representative groundwater quality results. This approach will be used at the Whale Tail Pit Study Area.

In the interim, a larger groundwater quality dataset from the Meadowbank Mine has been reviewed and is believed to provide a reasonable representation of groundwater conditions within the talik beneath Whale Tail Lake. The Project and AEM's Meadowbank Mine are underlain by the same sequence of Archean supra crustal rocks of the Woodburn Lake Group (AEM, 2015a). Based on the similar geology and permafrost conditions (i.e., within taliks), the groundwater quality data from the Meadowbank Mine are likely to be similar to the groundwater conditions in the vicinity of the Whale Tail Open Pit.

7.2 GROUNDWATER QUALITY CHARACTERIZATION

Groundwater chemistry data was extracted from Appendix A of the *Meadowbank Gold Mine - 2014 Groundwater Monitoring Report* (AEM, 2015b). The groundwater quality data for this mine have been collected since 2003 from monitoring wells targeting talik zones in the vicinity of the mine facilities. The data have been collected for the purposes of characterizing groundwater quality. The number of samples represented in the dataset ranges from 18 to 43, depending on the parameter considered.

Summary statistics calculated using the Meadowbank Mine groundwater quality dataset for general parameters (pH, conductivity, alkalinity, sulphate, hardness, and TDS), dissolved metals, dissolved anions, nutrients, and cyanide are presented in Table 2. In order, to calculate the summary statistics presented in Table 2, KP removed all of the high non-detect values from the dataset so that the statistics were not biased high. All remaining non-detect values were incorporated into the statistics based on a value equal to half the method detection limit (MDL). Several parameters were consistently below the MDL or that had only one value reported above the MDL. These parameters were assigned a single value equivalent to half of the lowest MDL. The original and adjusted sample sizes for each parameter are listed in Table 2.

Quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) of the dataset was conducted by AEM (2015b). In addition to the AEM data quality assessment, an ion balance check was conducted on the individual sample results and the summary data. The ion balance check was inconclusive for many of the individual samples because specific parameters such as sodium and potassium were not included in all of the analytical results. The ion balance results for the summary statistics are as follows: Less than a 10% error for the average, median (50th P), 70th P, 75th P, and maximum summary data; between 10% and 20% for the minimum, 80th P, and 95th P summary data; and between 20% and 35% difference for the 25th P, 85th P and 90th P summary data. There are excess cations in the upper percentile summary data and excess anions in the lower percentile summary data.

There are no specific water quality guidelines for groundwater in Nunavut. The groundwater data have been compared to the Canadian Environmental Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life (CEQG) (CCME, 2105) and the Health Canada Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality (HC-DW)

(Health Canada, 2014), for reference. Hardness dependent guidelines were calculated using the hardness for the same statistical category as summarized in Table 2.

The following is a summary of the parameters with statistical values that exceed the CEQG:

- Fluoride – all but the minimum values exceed the 0.12 mg/L CEQG.
- Nitrate, Nitrite, and Ammonia – the upper 95th P results for these nitrogen-based parameters exceed their respective CEQGs. However, these results may be influenced by residual nitrogen associated with explosives residues originating in the operating open pits of the Meadowbank Mine. It is also important to note that the ammonia exceedances are strongly influenced by the pH conditions. The ammonia guideline is 12.56 mg/L N for pH of 7 and temperature of 5°C and 1.27 mg/L N for pH of 8 at the same temperature; there would be no exceedances in the current dataset if the *in situ* pH was assumed to be 7. The upper percentile values for nitrate, nitrite, and ammonia are not expected for the Project baseline groundwater quality.
- Aluminum – the upper 90th P of the data for aluminum exceed the 0.1 mg/L CEQG.
- Arsenic - the upper 90th P of the data for arsenic exceed the 0.005 mg/L CEQG.
- Boron – the maximum data for boron exceed the 1.5 mg/L long-term exposure CEQG for boron (95th P are below the guideline), but all remain well below the 29 mg/L short-term exposure value.
- Chromium – none of the measured chromium concentrations exceed the 0.0089 mg/L CEQG for trivalent chromium, which is the most likely form of chromium to be found in deep groundwater (reducing conditions). The upper 70th P of the chromium results exceeded the 0.001 mg/L CEQG for hexavalent chromium.
- Copper – the upper 80th P of the copper data exceed the hardness dependent CEQG.
- Iron – the upper 95th P of the iron data exceed the 0.3 mg/L CEQG.
- Molybdenum – the upper 95th P of the molybdenum data exceed the 0.073 mg/L CEQG.
- Selenium – the mean and the upper 80th P selenium results exceed the 0.001 mg/L CEQG.
- Zinc – maximum zinc concentrations just exceed the 0.03 mg/L CEQG; however, the 95th P data are below the guideline.

The following are the parameters with statistical values that exceed the HC-DW guidelines:

- Chloride – the upper 75th P of the chloride data exceed the 250 mg/L HC-DW aesthetic objective.
- TDS – the upper 70th P of the TDS data exceed the 500 mg/L HC-DW aesthetic objective.
- Nitrate and Nitrite – the upper percentile results for nitrite and nitrate exceed their respective health-based HD-DW guidelines; however, the results are from an operating mine as noted above, and therefore should not be considered representative of the baseline groundwater quality for the Project
- Arsenic – the maximum measured arsenic concentrations exceed the 0.01 mg/L HD-DW guideline, though the 95th P results do not.
- Iron - the upper 95th P of the iron data exceed the 0.3 mg/L HC-DW aesthetic objective.
- Manganese – the majority of the manganese data exceed the 0.05 mg/L HC-DW aesthetic objective.
- Selenium – the maximum measured selenium concentration exceeds the 0.01 mg/L HC-DW guideline, though the 95th P value does not.
- Sodium – the upper 95th P of the sodium data exceed the 200 mg/L HC-DW aesthetic objective.

In summary, the groundwater quality at the Meadowbank Mine is generally described as being hard to very hard, with neutral to slightly basic pH and good buffering capacity. TDS concentrations range from 193 mg/L to 1,900 mg/L (mean 625 mg/L; median 496 mg/L). Concentrations of fluoride, copper, iron, and selenium were elevated in comparison to guidelines for the protection of aquatic life and drinking water. Only the higher percentile values for nitrogen-containing compounds, aluminum, arsenic, boron, hexavalent chromium, molybdenum and zinc exceeded the CEQGs. Additionally, several of these parameters as well as chloride, manganese and sodium exceeded aesthetic drinking water guidelines.

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8 – SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The general characteristics of the permafrost in the vicinity of Whale Tail Lake are summarized below:

- A freezing point depression curve was developed for this site using data from the EC logger installed in drillhole AMQ15-349A and TDS and temperature vs depth relationship curves developed for other studies completed in the region. The developed relationship defines a freezing point of -0.35 °C at 150 m and a freezing point of -1.0 °C at 500 m.
- A mean annual surface temperature (MAST) of -11.4°C was used based on data from the Meadowbank Mine climate station. This is similar to the MAST of -10.4°C estimated from the thermistor installed in drillhole AMQ15-324.
- The geothermal gradient was calculated as 0.021°C/m based on the data from the thermistor installed in drillhole AMQ15-324.
- The depth of permafrost beneath the land mass at the Project is estimated to be approximately 425 m, based on the intersection of the geothermal gradient and the freeze point depression curve.

The available data and the results of thermal modeling suggest that the pre-mining permafrost and talik conditions in the vicinity of the deposit are as follows:

- The majority of the proposed open pit is expected to be in permafrost
- A talik is expected in the central section of Whale Tail Lake, where lake half-widths are greater than 300 m and the water is >5 m deep.
- Talik conditions within the vicinity of the proposed open pit are likely to be between 100 to 200 m in depth and underlain by permafrost. The talik takes the form of a channel, running along the middle of the lake to the southern limit of the open pit. The southern portions of the talik are expected to be vertically open to depth as the lake broadens and deepens.

It is important to note that the permafrost and talik characterization was conducted using a preliminary dataset, as the temperature data are still stabilizing and cooling. The current permafrost and talik interpretation should be refined as the data stabilizes and as additional data are collected.

The likely groundwater quality for the Project has been based on a long-term dataset from groundwater wells installed in the talik zone at the AEM Meadowbank Mine. The Meadowbank Mine is underlain by the same sequence of Archean supra crustal rocks of the Woodburn Lake Group as the Project area. The groundwater quality at the Meadowbank Mine is generally described as hard to very hard with neutral to slightly basic pH and good buffering capacity. The groundwater quality data have been compared against the CEQG and the HC-DW guidelines for reference purposes, as there are no specific guidelines for groundwater quality in Nunavut. Aquatic life guideline exceedances were noted for fluoride, nitrate, nitrite, ammonia, aluminum, arsenic, boron, chromium, copper, iron, molybdenum, selenium, and zinc. The upper percentile nitrate, nitrite and ammonia concentrations are likely a result of explosive residues and are therefore not considered representative of baseline groundwater quality for the Project. The aquatic life guideline exceedances were typically limited to the upper 85th to 90th percentile concentrations for the majority of these parameters. However, fluoride and selenium concentrations were more frequently above the guidelines. Aesthetic objectives for drinking water quality were exceeded for chloride, TDS, iron, manganese, and sodium and health-based drinking water guidelines were exceeded for nitrate, nitrite, arsenic and selenium.

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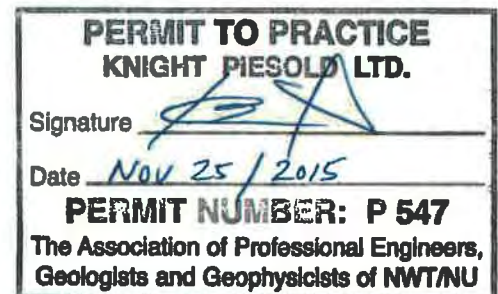
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Appendix D	Analytical and Numerical Thermal Modeling

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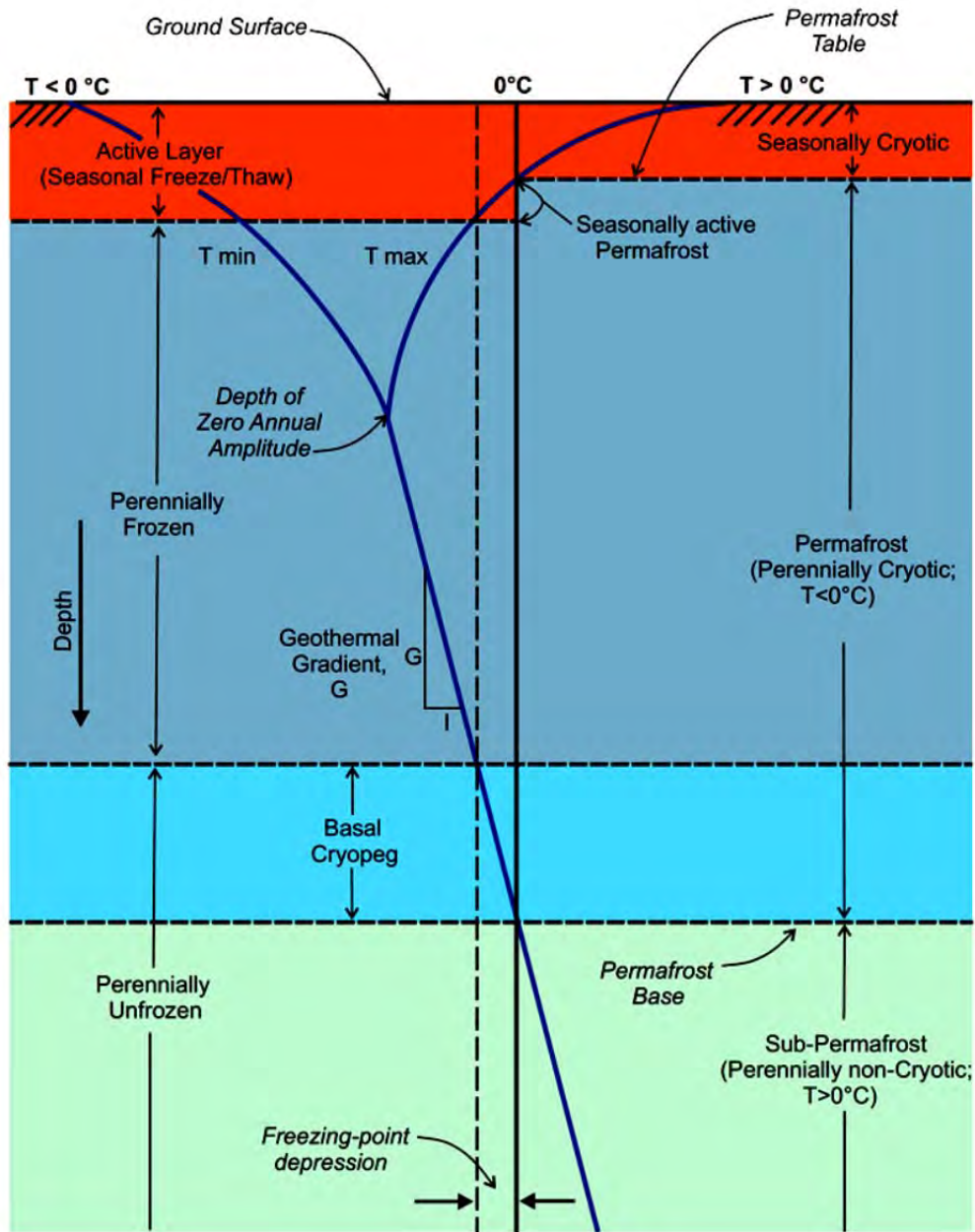
APPENDIX A
PERMAFROST TERMINOLOGY
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APPENDIX A- PERMAFROST TERMINOLOGY

Permafrost refers to subsurface soil or rock where temperatures remain at or below 0°C for two or more consecutive years. This condition is synonymous with perennially cryotic ground, which may be frozen, partially frozen, or non-frozen depending on the ice or water content of the ground and on the salinity of the included water. Permafrost is typically described throughout this baseline study by the following terminology, which relates to the ground temperature profile (Harris et al, 1988):

- Active layer: The active layer is the layer of ground subject to annual freezing and thawing in areas underlain by permafrost. The depth of the active layer can vary based on material type and water content, presence or absence of vegetation, proximity to water, and general topographic aspect.
- Permafrost table: The permafrost table is the upper boundary of permafrost, at the base of the active layer. The ground temperature above the permafrost table is above 0°C for at least a portion of each year; the ground temperature below the permafrost table is less than 0°C year-round.
- Permafrost base: The permafrost base is the lower boundary of permafrost, and its surface is typically undulating and uneven. The ground temperature above the permafrost base is less than 0°C, and below the permafrost base the ground temperature is above 0°C. The depth of the permafrost base varies with latitude, elevation, and proximity to large bodies of water. The depth of the permafrost base also depends on the thermal history of an area.
- Geothermal gradient: The geothermal gradient is the increase in ground temperature with depth, below the depth of zero annual amplitude. The geothermal gradient is typically a linear relationship. The permafrost base can be estimated if the geothermal gradient is known at a given temperature by projecting the linear relationship down until it crosses from negative ground temperature to positive ground temperature.
- Mean annual ground temperature: The mean annual ground temperature is the temperature at the ground surface. It can be measured or estimated based on a projection upward of the geothermal gradient to intersect the ground surface and compared with weather station data.
- Basal cryopeg: Basal cryopeg is layer of perennially cryotic (temperature less than 0°C) ground with liquid saline or pressurized pore water that forms the base of permafrost. The thickness of this layer is related to the salinity of the groundwater regime, which can result in depression of the freezing point several degrees below zero.
- Talik: A talik is defined as a layer or body of unfrozen ground in a permafrost area, and includes several types based on the relationship to the permafrost and the mechanism related to the unfrozen conditions (Harris et al. 1988). The three most common types of talik are defined as follows:
 - closed talik: a talik occupying a depression in the permafrost table below a lake or river (also called lake talik and river talik); its temperature remains above 0°C because of the heat storage effect of the surface water;
 - open talik: a talik that penetrates the permafrost completely, connecting a waterbody above the permafrost to the sub-permafrost aquifer (e.g., below large rivers and lakes); and,
 - isolated talik: a talik entirely surrounded by perennially frozen ground.

Figure 1: Typical Ground Thermal Profile in Permafrost



T = temperature; min = minimum; max = maximum; $^\circ\text{C}$ = degrees Celsius; \leq less than; \geq greater than.

(Martin, 2013)

APPENDIX B

THERMISTOR INSTALLATIONS & EC LOGGER

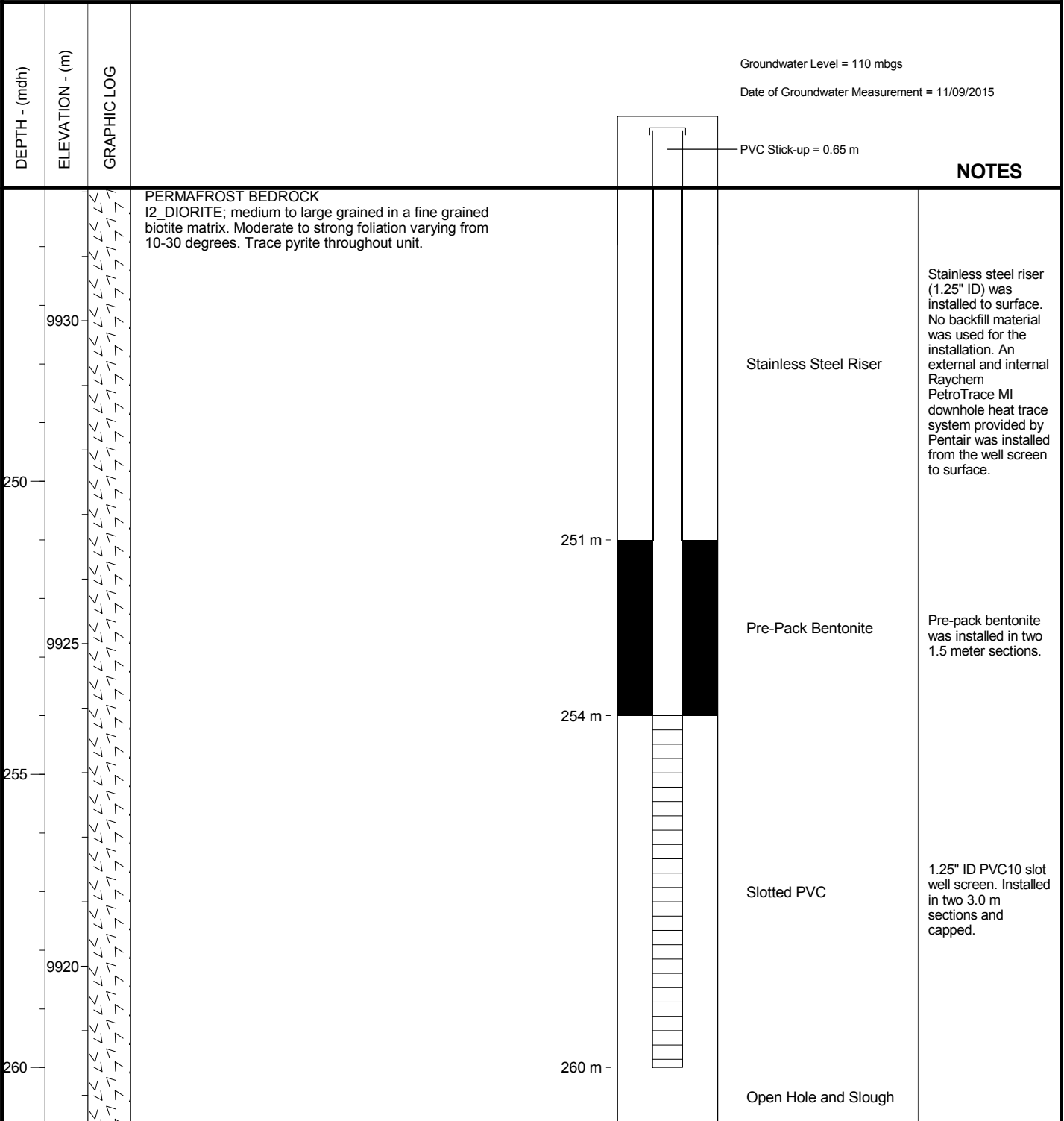
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Coordinate System: Mine Grid NAD 83 UTM Zone 14N

Drillhole No.: AMQ15-393
Drill Type: Fly 4 Duralite 1000
Total Depth: 261.0m
Elevation: 10154.643 m
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GENERAL REMARKS:

All measurements are from ground surface. Depths are represented as meters downhole (mdh). The monitoring well was installed in an HQ (96.1 mm) drillhole inclined at approximately 65°.

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FIGURE - B1

Logging conducted according to the ASTM 2488 standard and the Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual, 4th Edition, 2006.

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Location: Whale Tail Lake, East of Pit
Coordinates: 607,120 E , 7,255,461 N
Coordinate System: Mine Grid NAD 83 UTM Zone 14N

Drillhole No.: AMQ15-403
Drill Type: Fly 4 Duralite 1000
Total Depth: 261.0m
Elevation: 10155.86 m
Azimuth , Inclination: 259.73 , -65.3

Page: 1 of 1
Date Started: 5 Aug 15
Date Completed: 9 Aug 15
Logged by: AMB
Reviewed by: BG

Groundwater Level = 11.3 (frozen) mbgs

Date of Groundwater Measurement = 11/08/2015

PVC Stick-up = ~ 1.0 m

NOTES

PERMAFROST BEDROCK
V4A_KOMATIITE; fine to coarse grained. Strong talc,
carbonate and cloritization alteration. Trace pyrite
mineralization.

Stainless Steel Riser

Stainless steel riser
(1.25" ID) was
installed to surface.
No backfill material
was used for the
installation. An
external and internal
Raychem
PetroTrace MI
downhole heat trace
system provided by
Pentair was installed
from the well screen
to surface.

Pre-Pack Bentonite

Pre-pack bentonite
was installed in two
1.5 meter sections.

Slotted PVC

1.25" ID PVC10 slot
well screen. Installed
in two 3.0 m
sections and
capped.

Open Hole and Slough

GENERAL REMARKS:

All measurements are from ground surface. Depths are represented as meters downhole (mdh). The monitoring well was installed in an HQ (96.1 mm) drillhole inclined at approximately 65°.

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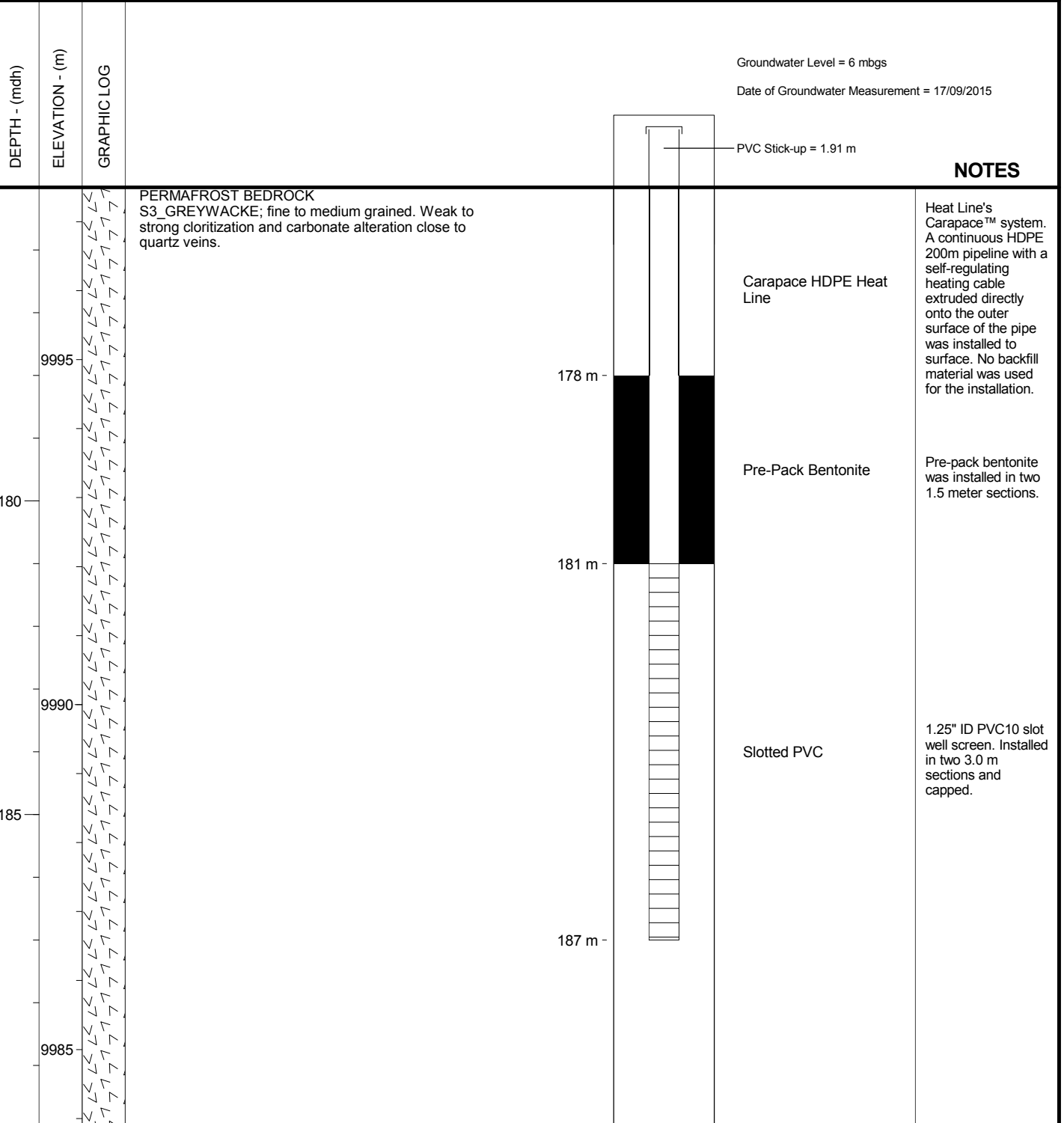
FIGURE - B2

Logging conducted according to the ASTM 2488 standard and the Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual, 4th Edition, 2006.

Contractor: Orbit Garant
Location: Whale Tail Lake, North of Pit
Coordinates: 606,757 E , 7,255,790 N
Coordinate System: Mine Grid NAD 83 UTM Zone 14N

Drillhole No.: AMQ15-413
Drill Type: Fly 4 Duralite 1000
Total Depth: 210.0m
Elevation: 10156.616 m
Azimuth , Inclination: 138.77 , -65.4

Page: 1 of 1
Date Started: 9 Aug 15
Date Completed: 13 Aug 15
Logged by: AMB
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GENERAL REMARKS:

All measurements are from ground surface. Depths are represented as meters downhole (mdh). The monitoring well was installed in an HQ (96.1 mm) drillhole inclined at approximately 65°.

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FIGURE - 4

Logging conducted according to the ASTM 2488 standard and the Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual, 4th Edition, 2006.

Appendix B1

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THERMISTOR INSTALLATION DEPTHS

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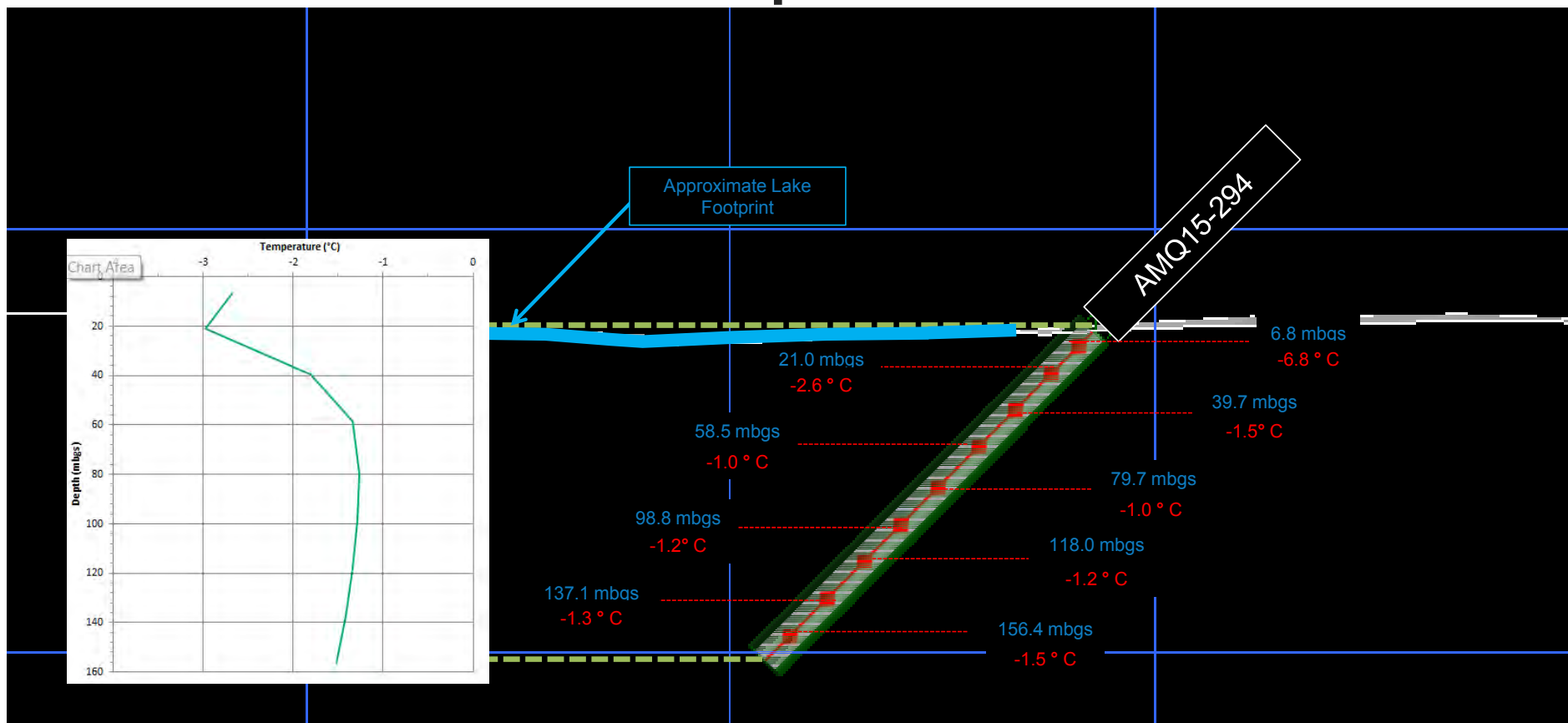
Drillhole ID	Thermistor Number	Thermistor Depth	Thermistor Depth	Comments
		(m along hole)	(mbgs)	
AMQ15-294	1	8.9	6.3	
	2	27.5	19.4	
	3	51.9	36.7	
	4	76.4	54.0	
	5	104.1	73.6	
	6	129.0	91.2	
	7	154.0	108.9	
	8	179.0	126.5	
	9	204.2	144.4	
AMQ15-306	1	-0.5	-0.4	Installed above ground
	2	27.7	19.6	
	3	52.7	37.2	
	4	77.6	54.9	
	5	102.5	72.5	
	6	127.5	90.1	
	7	152.4	107.8	
	8	177.4	125.5	
	9	200.1	141.5	
AMQ15-324	1	1.3	0.9	
	2	49.7	35.1	
	3	98.7	69.8	
	4	148.7	105.1	
	5	198.8	140.6	
	6	248.3	175.6	
	7	298.9	211.4	
	8	348.9	246.7	
	9	398.9	282.1	
	10	448.8	317.4	
AMQ15-349A	1	0.5	0.4	
	2	25.4	17.9	
	3	50.2	35.5	
	4	75.3	53.3	
	5	100.3	70.9	
	6	125.2	88.5	
	7	150.2	106.2	
	8	175.1	123.8	
	9	198.9	140.6	
AMQ15-421	1	10.3	8.0	
	2	20.3	15.8	
	3	30.3	23.5	
	4	40.3	31.3	
	5	50.3	39.1	
	6	75.2	58.5	
	7	100.2	77.8	
	8	125.1	97.2	
	9	150.1	116.6	
	10	175.0	136.0	
	11	199.9	155.4	
	12	224.9	174.8	
	13	249.9	194.2	
	14	274.8	213.6	
	15	299.8	233.0	
	16	324.8	252.4	
	17	349.7	271.8	
	18	374.7	291.2	
	19	399.6	310.6	
	20	424.6	330.0	
	21	449.6	349.4	
	22	474.6	368.8	
	23	499.6	388.3	
AMQ15-452	1	9.8	7.5	
	2	19.9	15.2	
	3	29.8	22.8	
	4	39.8	30.5	
	5	49.8	38.1	
	6	74.7	57.2	
	7	99.6	76.3	
	8	124.5	95.4	
	9	149.4	114.5	
	10	174.4	133.6	
	11	199.4	152.7	
	12	224.4	171.9	
	13	249.4	191.1	
	14	274.4	210.2	
	15	299.4	229.3	
	16	324.3	248.4	
	17	349.3	267.5	
	18	374.2	286.7	
	19	399.2	305.8	
	20	424.2	324.9	
	21	449.1	344.1	
	22	474.1	363.2	
	23	499.1	382.3	

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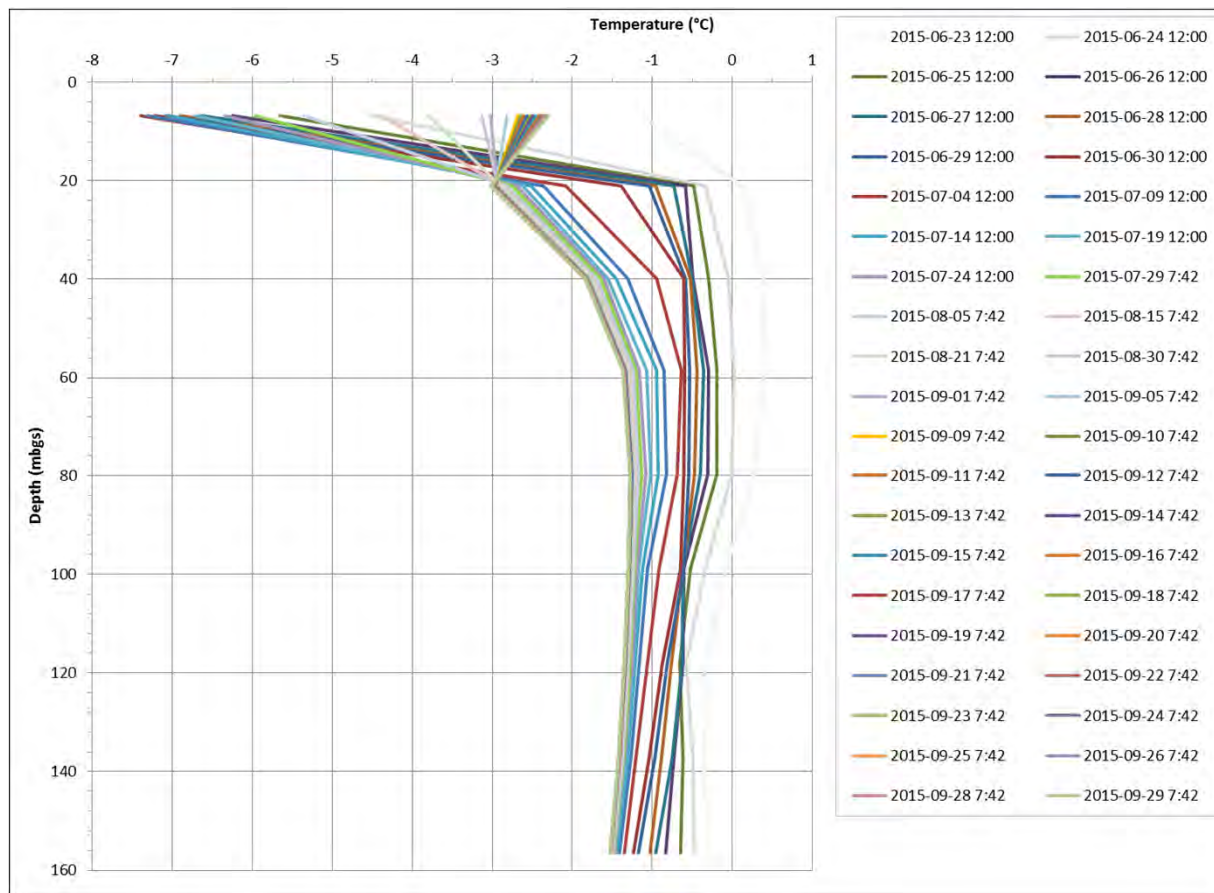
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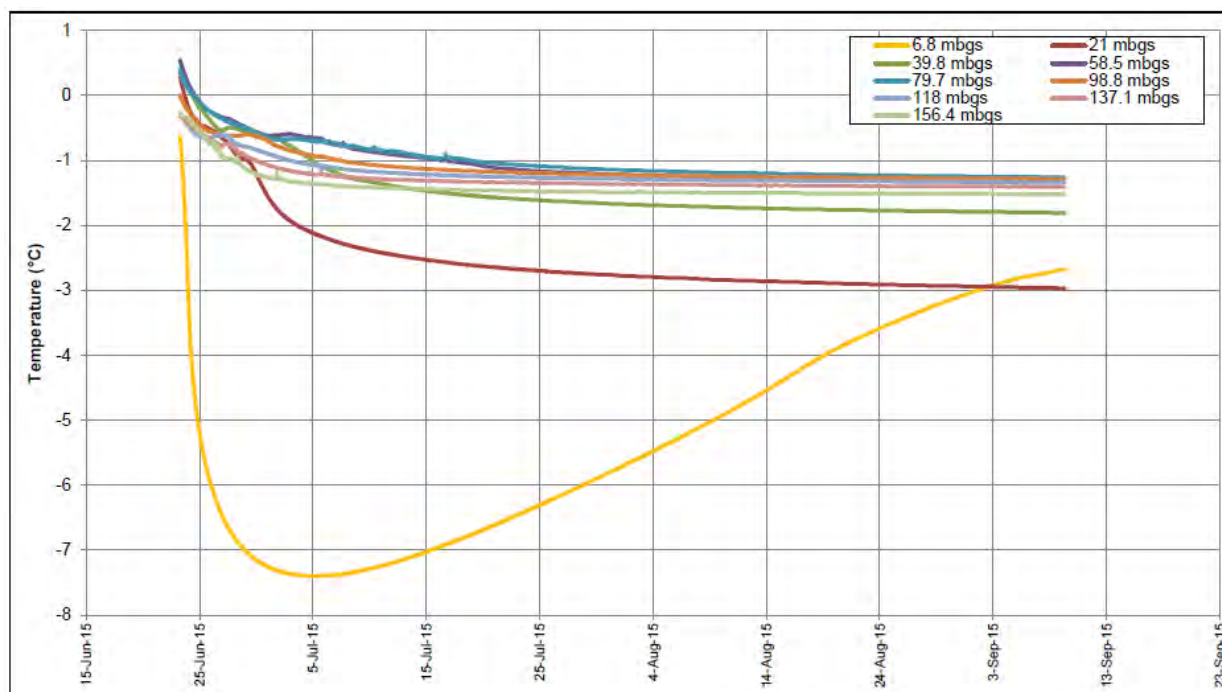
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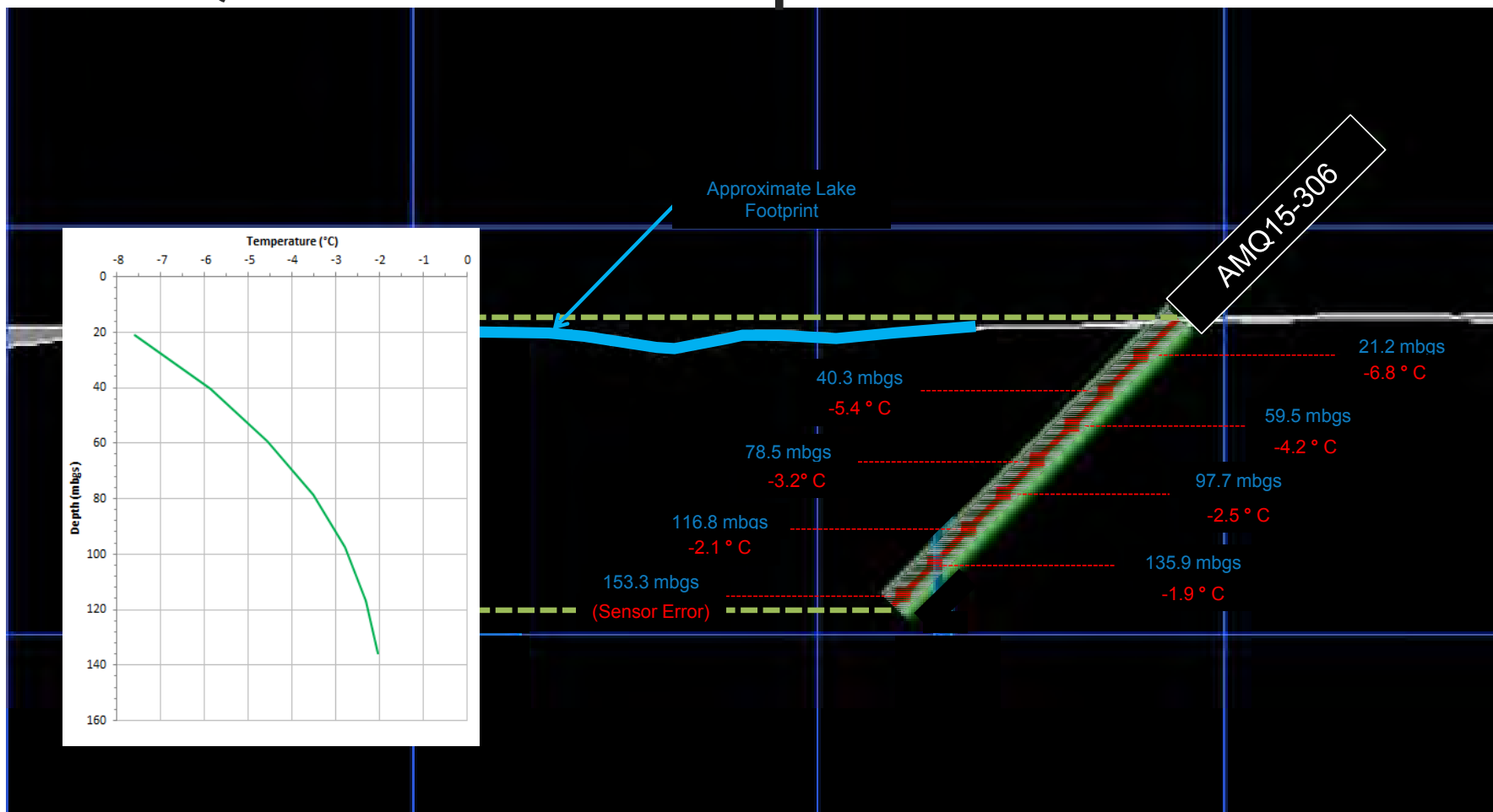
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AMQ15-294 – Ground Temperature with Time

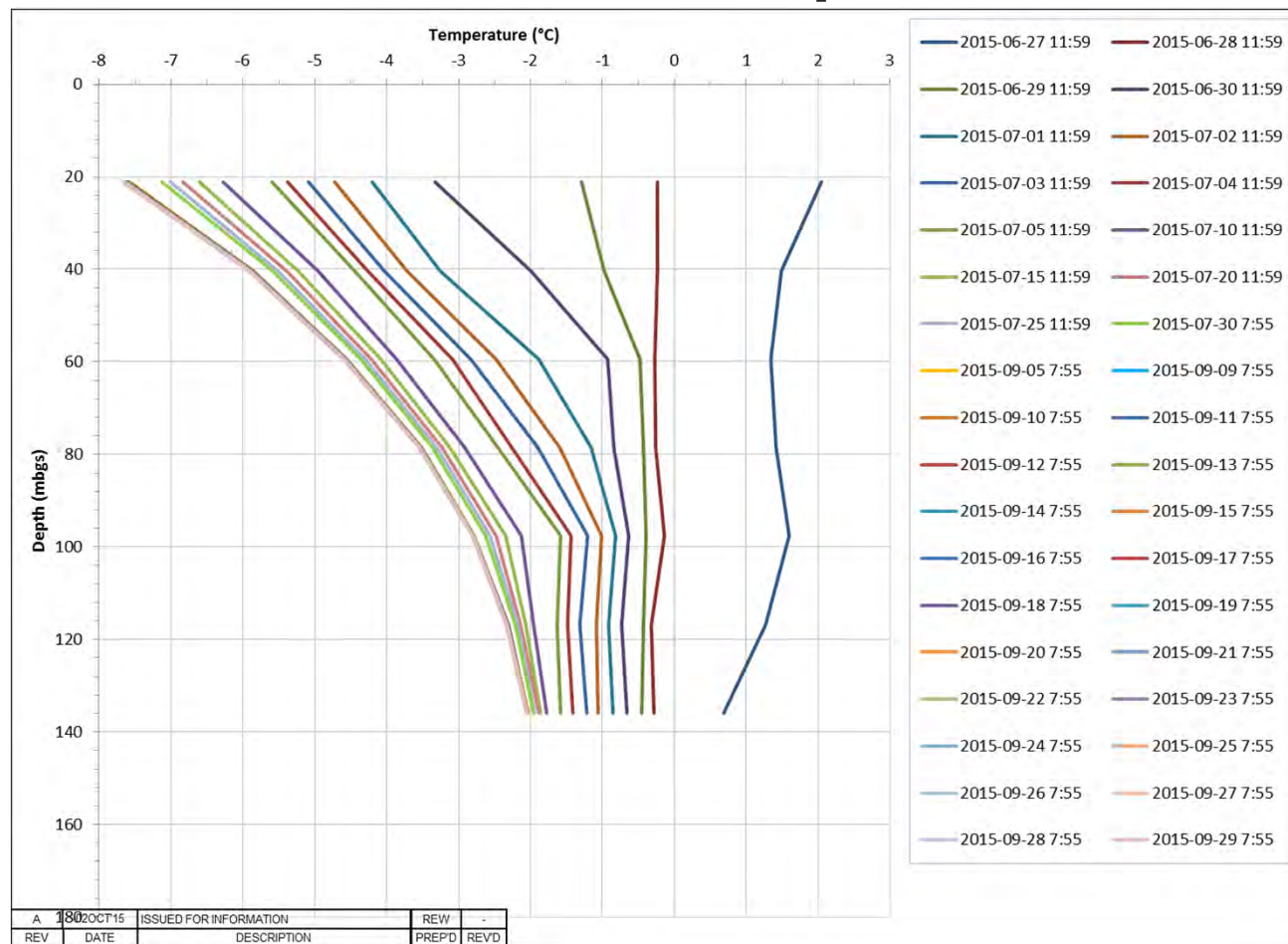


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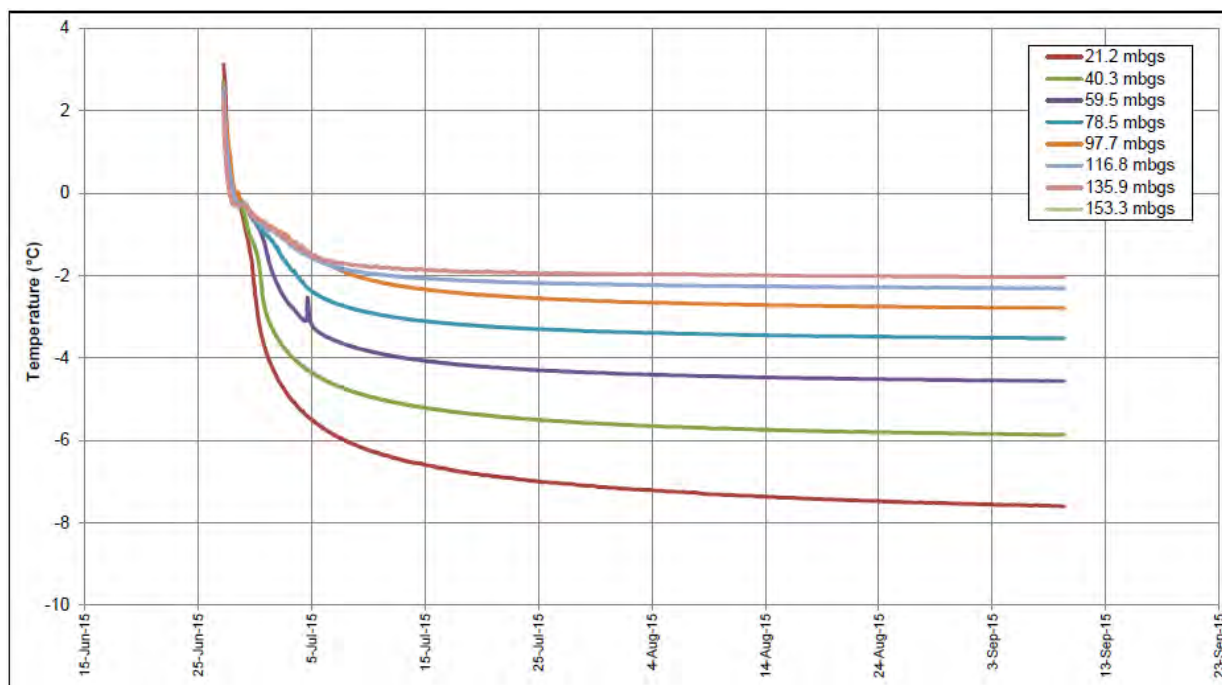


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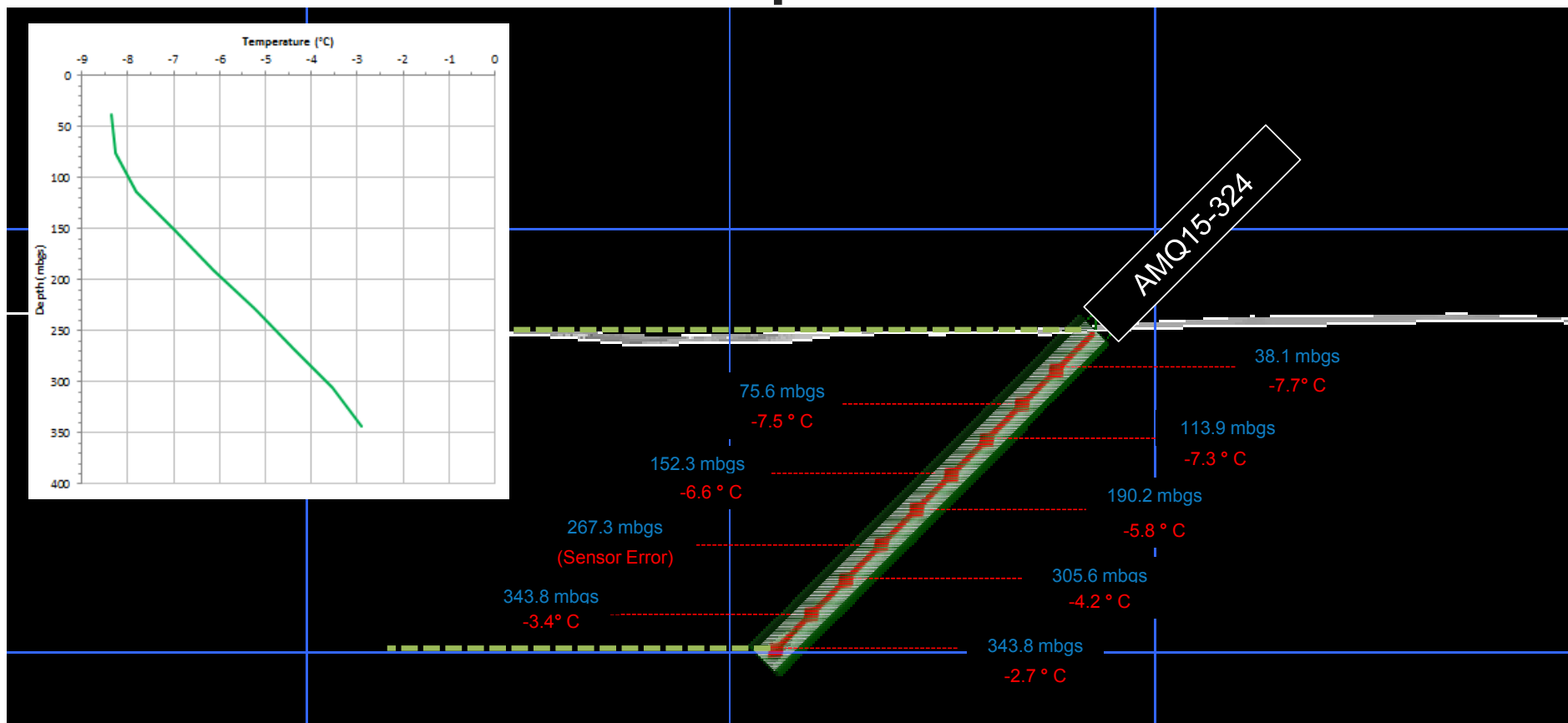
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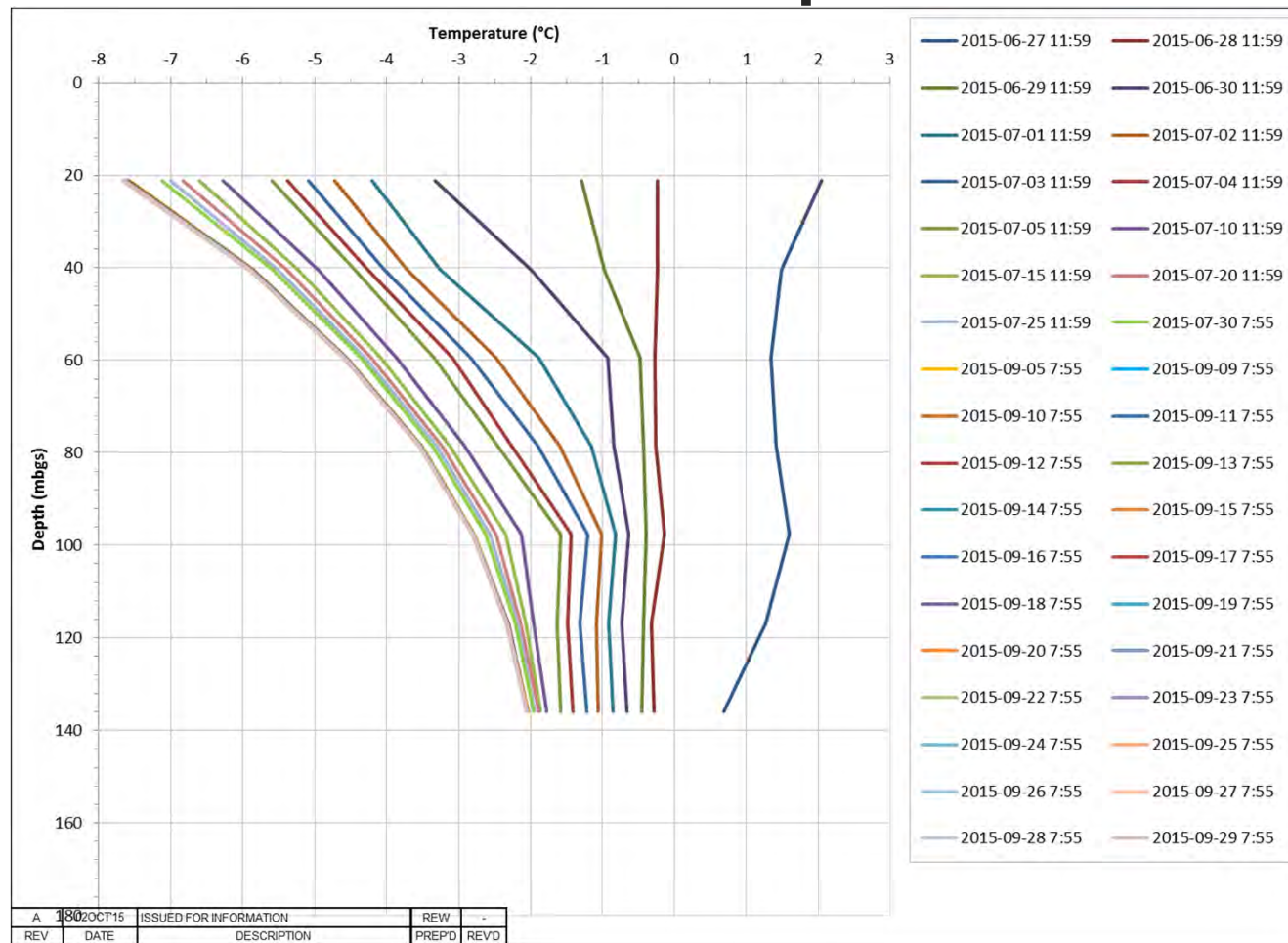
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AMQ15-324 – Ground Temperature Profile



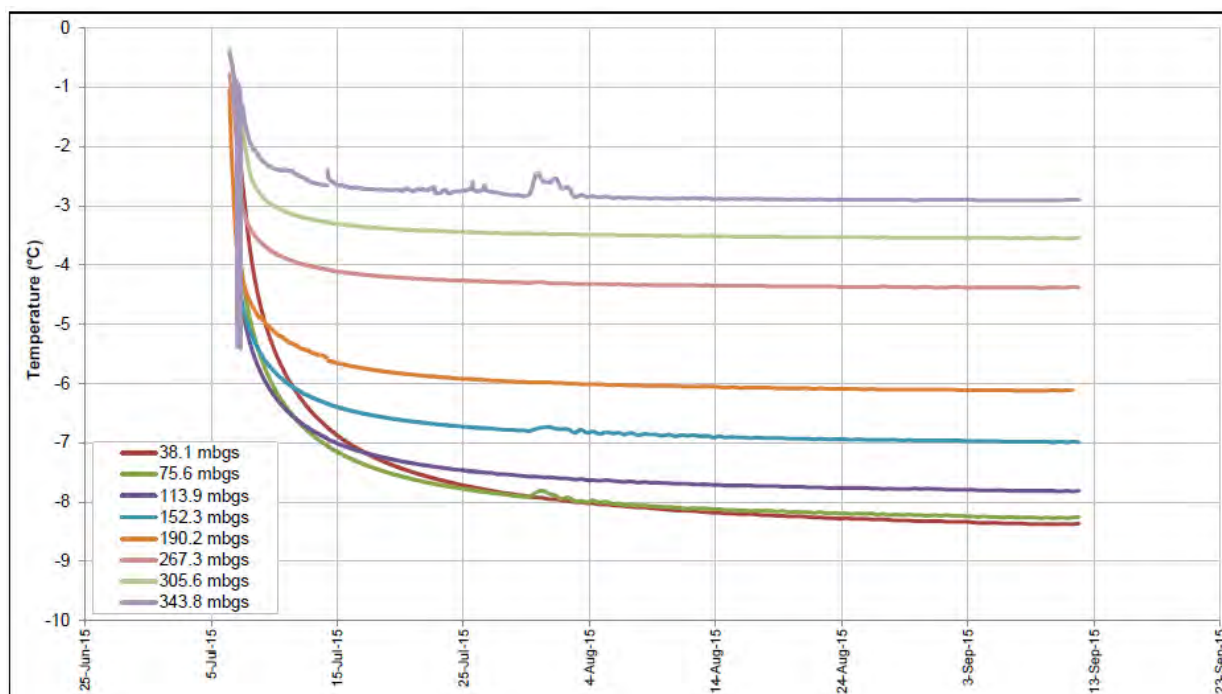
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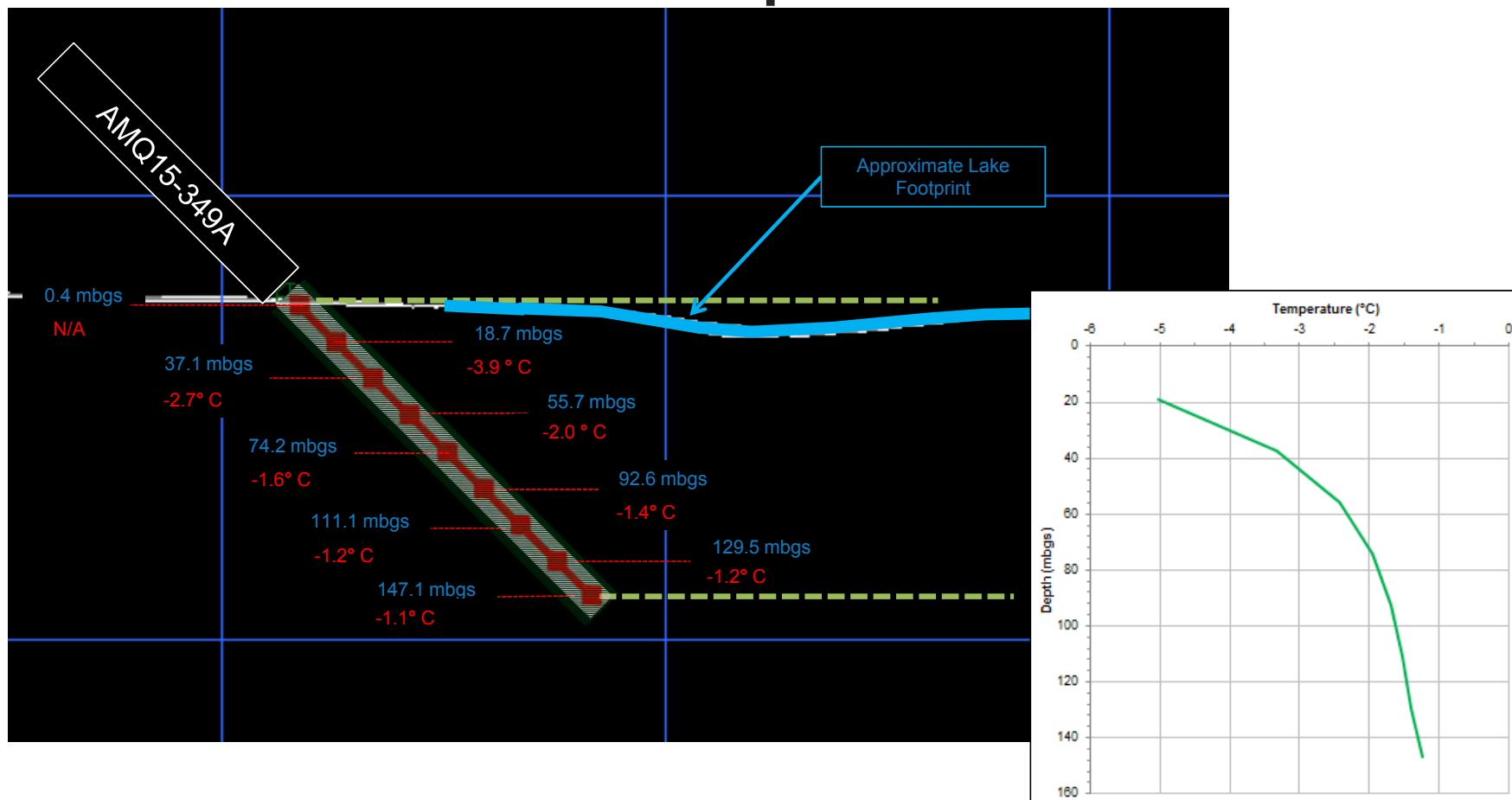
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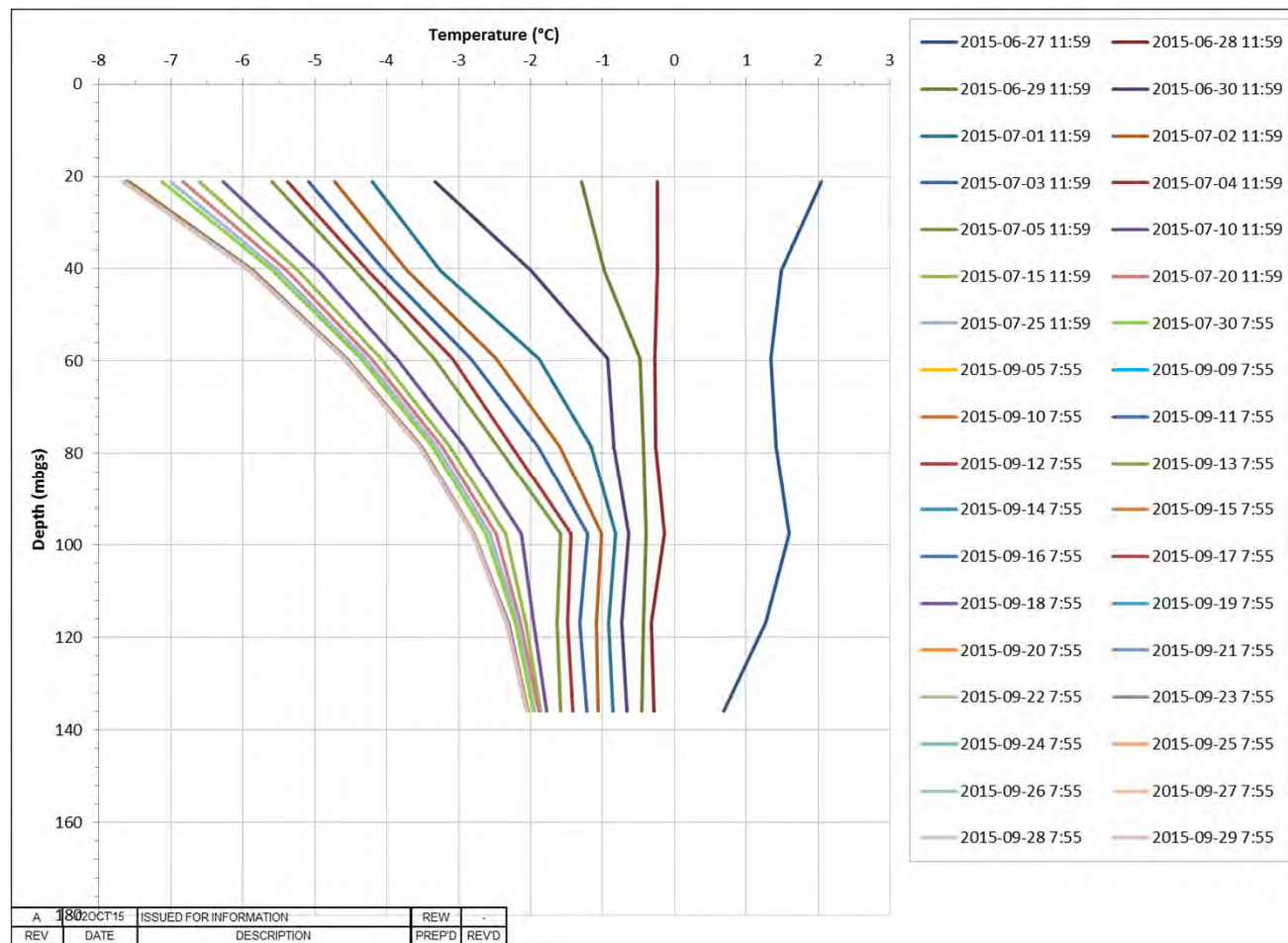
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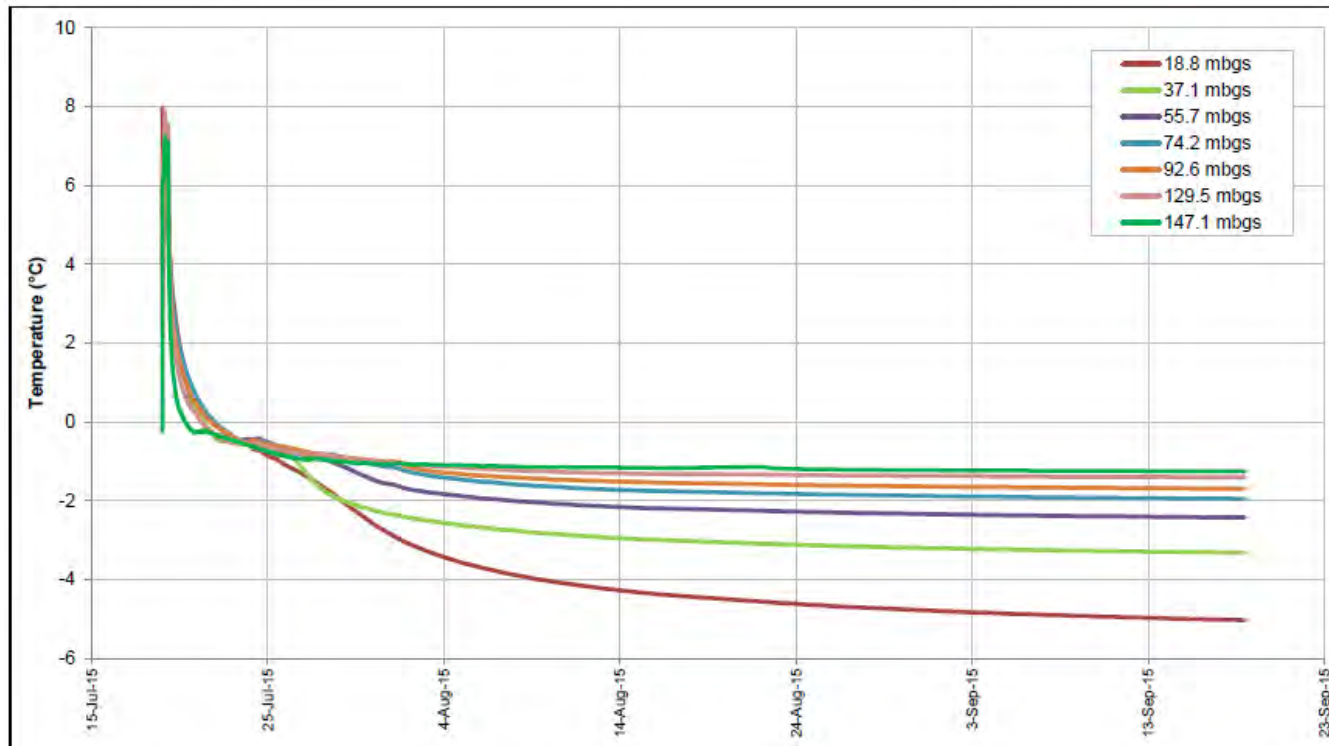
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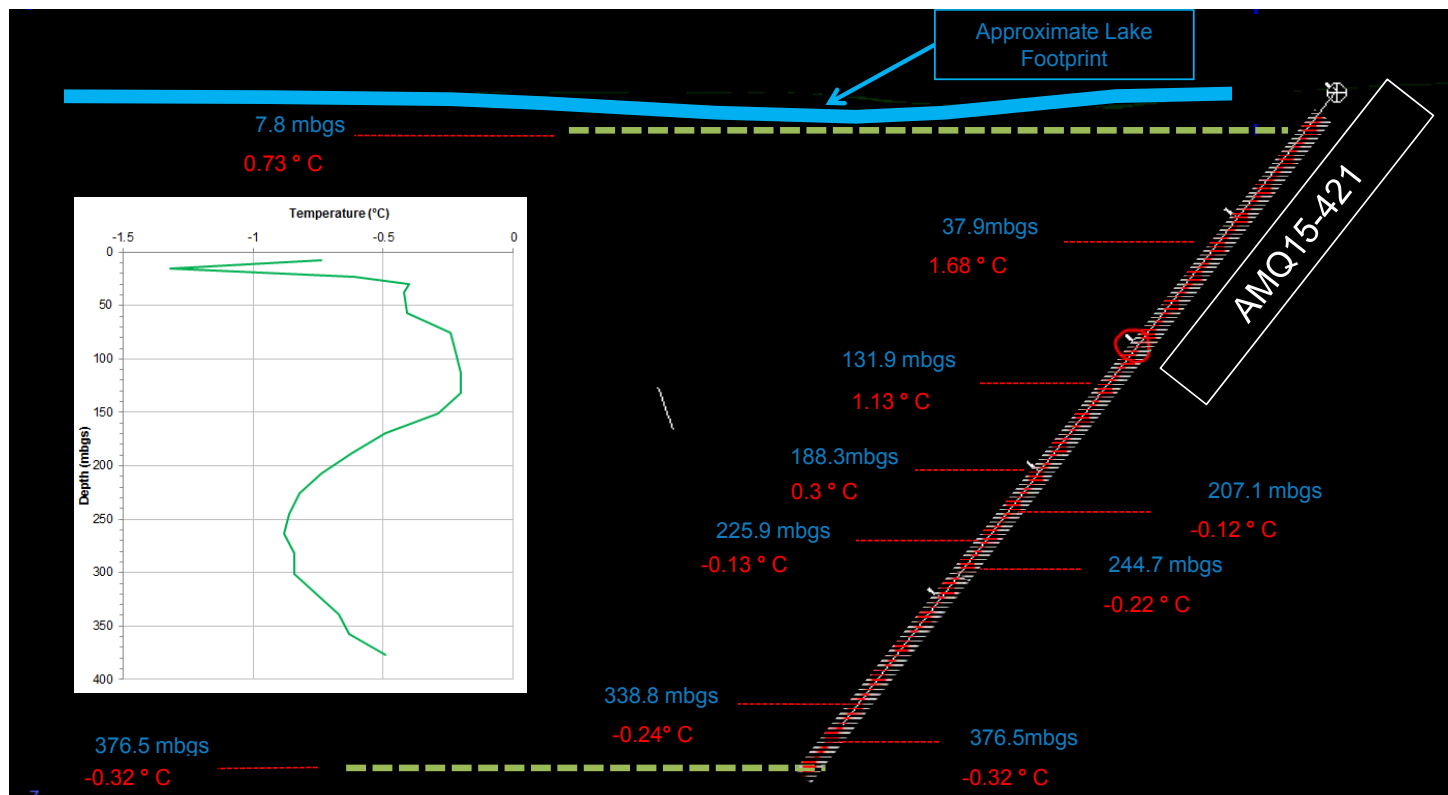
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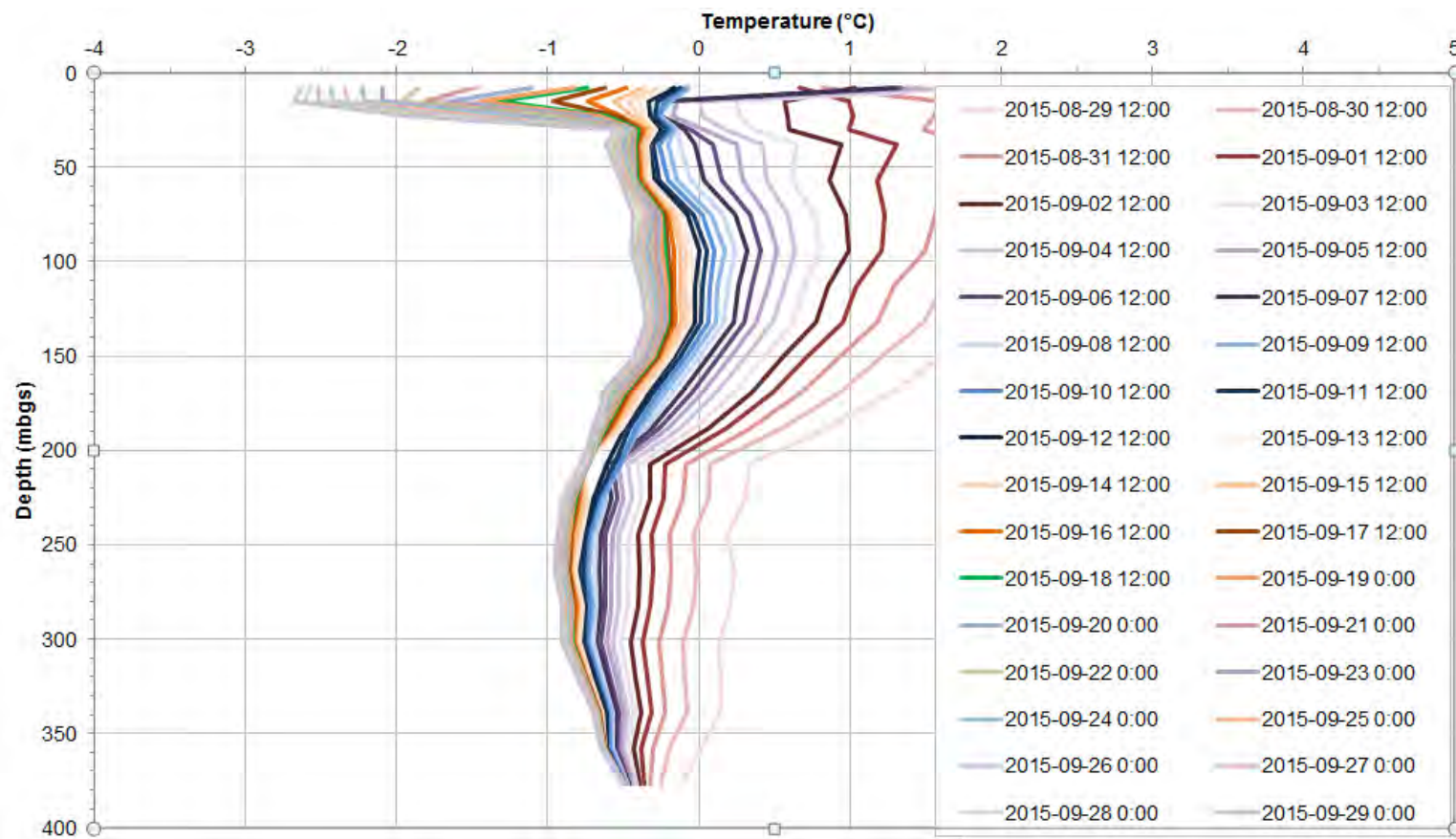
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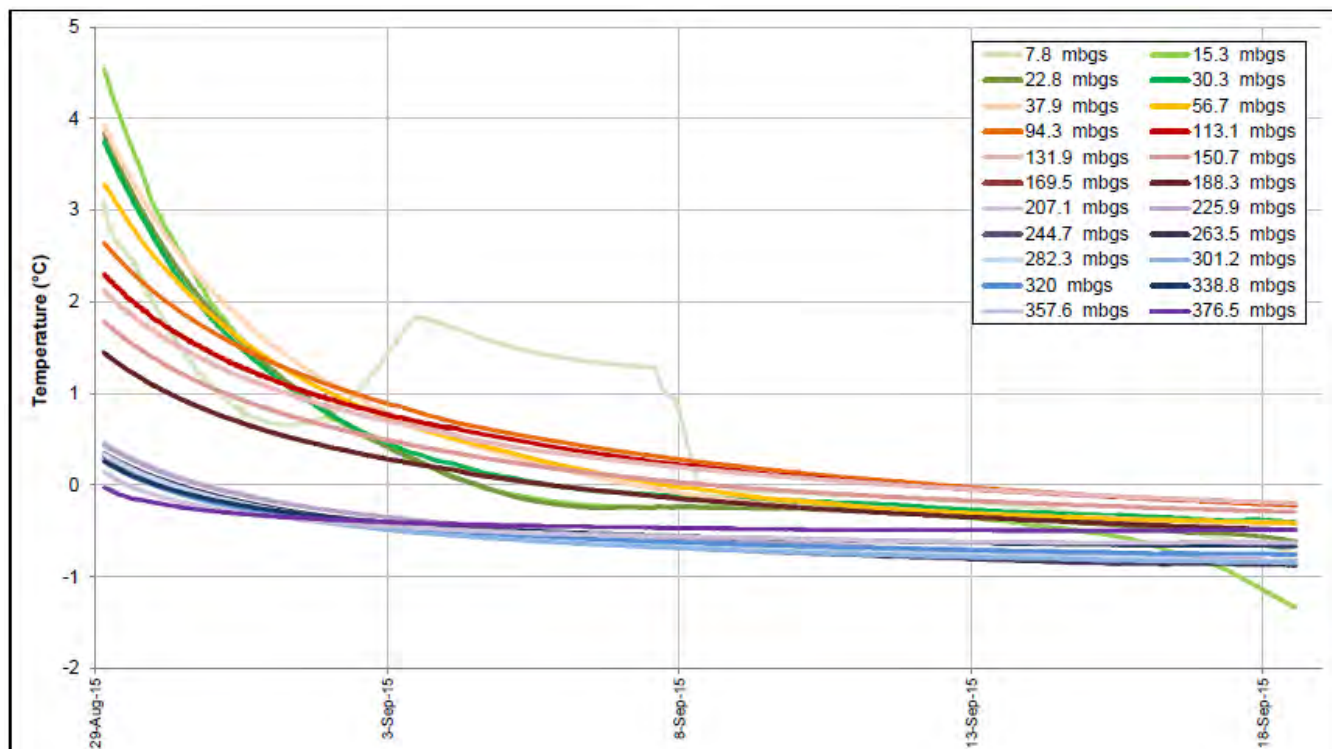
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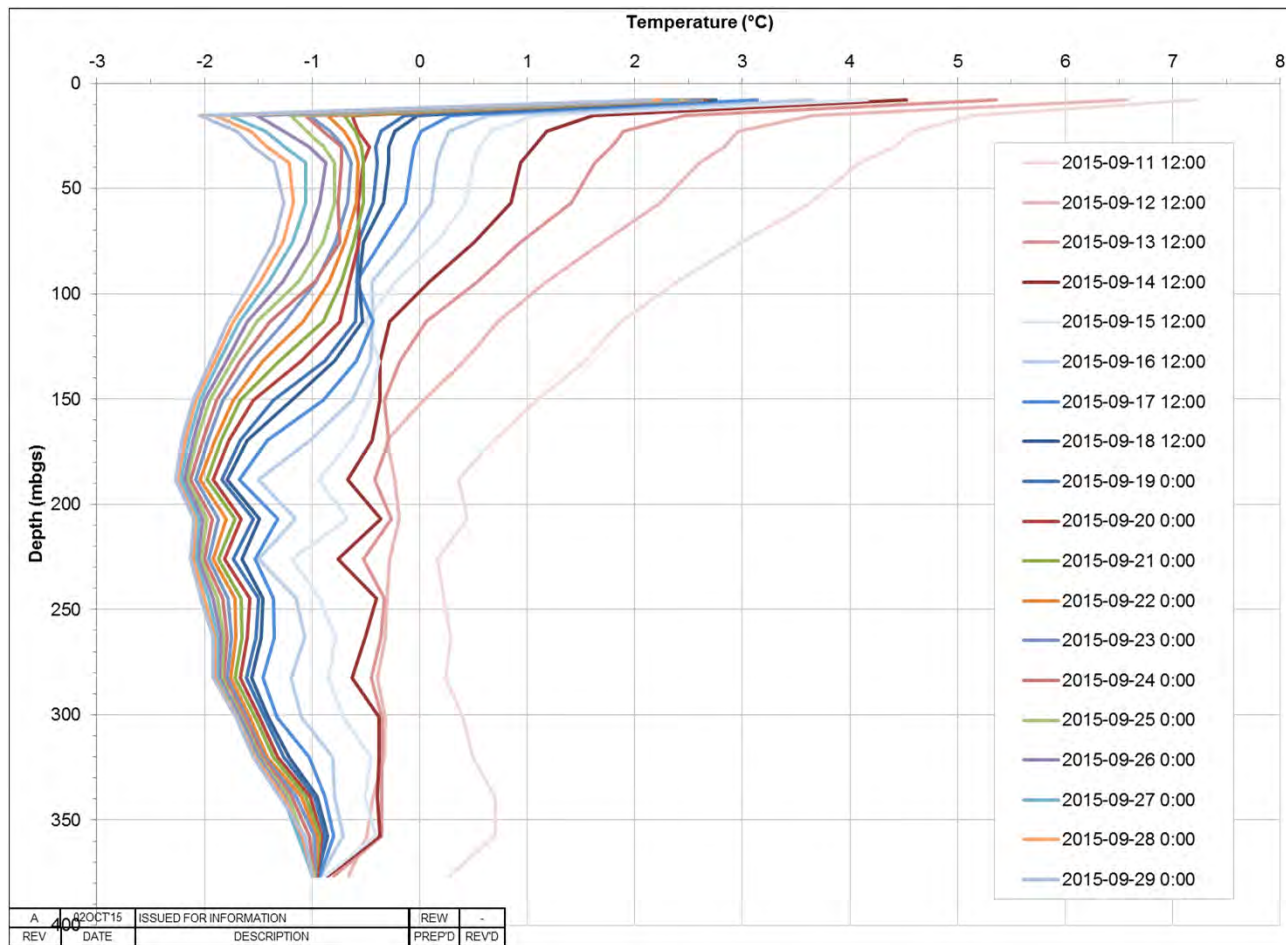
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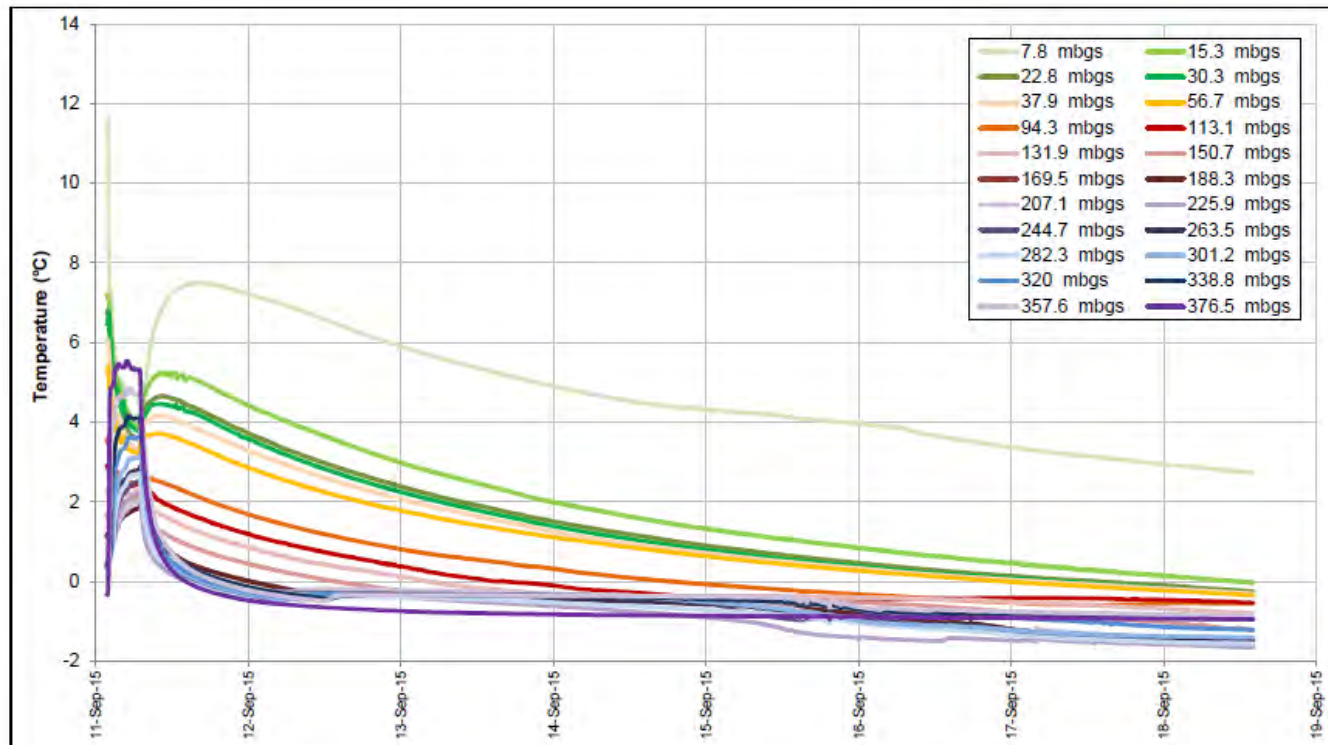
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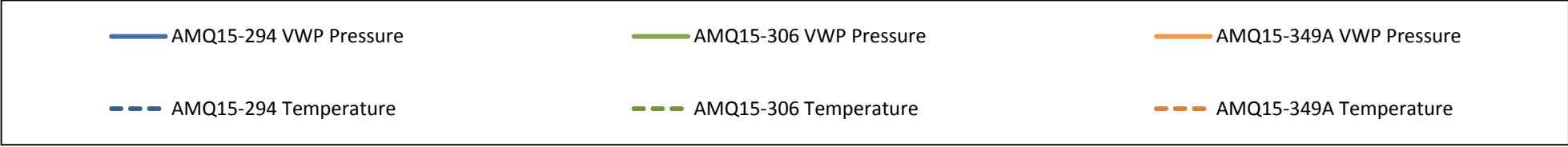
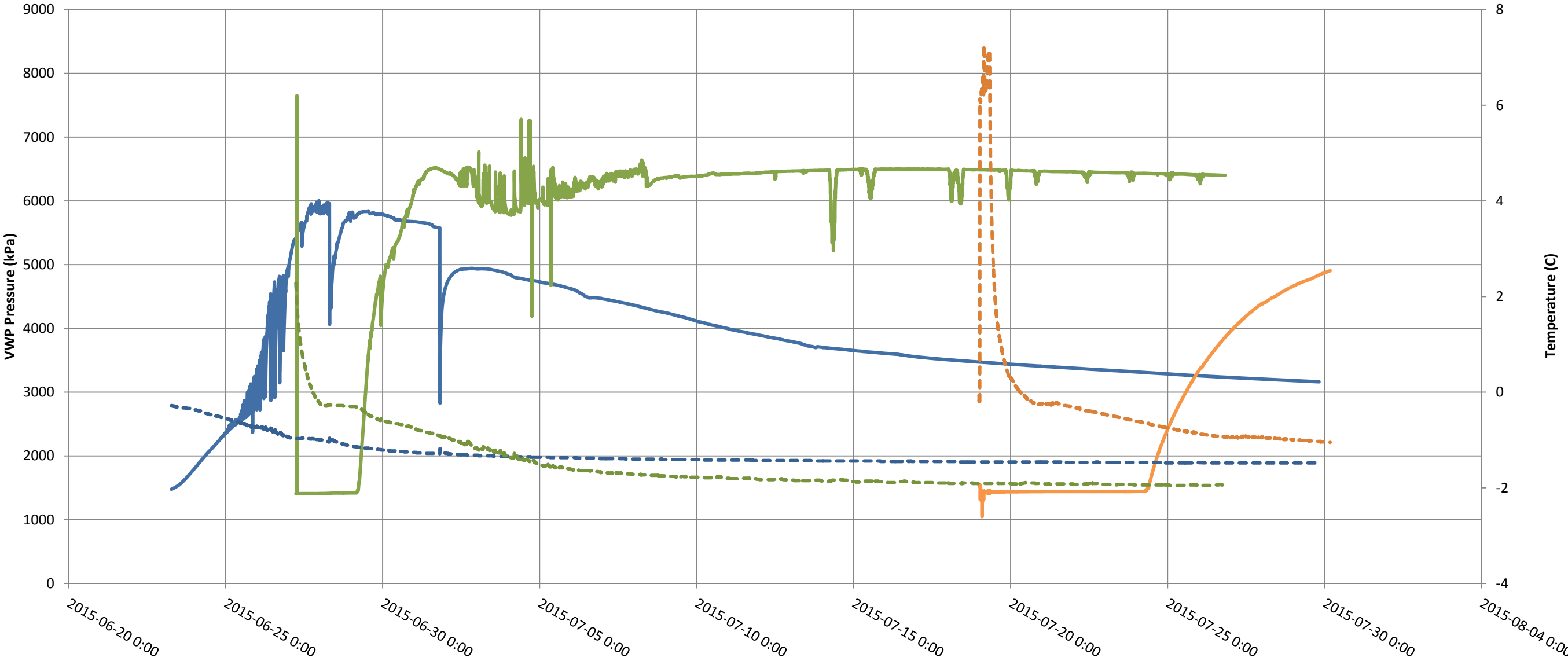
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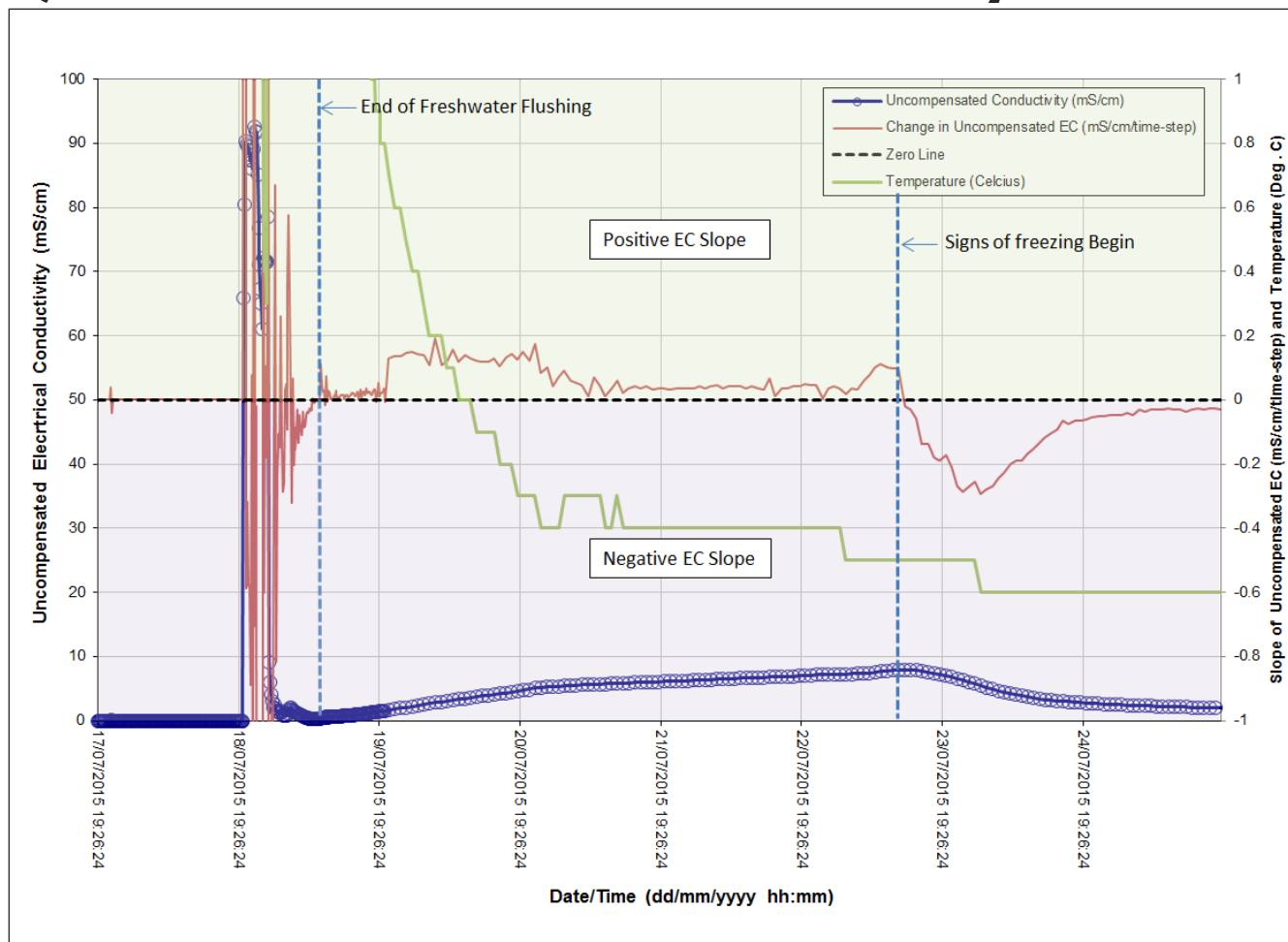
AMQ15-452 – Ground Temperature with Time



VWP Pressure Data and Corresponding Thermistor Temperature Reading



AMQ15-349A – Electrical Conductivity with Time



Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. Ground Temperature Data



Thermistor Strings



RST Instruments manufactures thermistor string assemblies that are environmentally hardened to provide accurate and reliable long-term measurements under demanding geotechnical conditions. The strings incorporate interchangeable, curve tracking, negative temperature coefficient (NTC) thermistors. As the thermistors are curve matched to desired temperature tolerance over selected temperature ranges, this permits the use of multiple sensors with a single readout or data logger, eliminating costly calibration procedures.

RST thermistor strings are custom manufactured to user specifications: cable length, thermistor number, accuracy, and location on the string. Resistance to the ingress of water is insured by a triple encapsulation procedure. Standard cable employed is a heavy duty, direct burial rated 22 gauge water blocked instrumentation cable. Thermistor strings with piezometers are also available and custom made to order. Contact RST Sales for complete details.

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specifications

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Interchangeability Tolerance	$\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$
Interchangeability Temp. Range	0°C to $+75^{\circ}\text{C}$
Operating Temp. Range	-80°C to $+75^{\circ}\text{C}$
Stability	0.01°C or better /100 months at 0°C
Resistance at 25°	2252, 3k, 5k, 10k ohms

dimensions + ordering info

THERMISTOR POINTS		CABLE DIA.		BEAD* DIA.		CABLE
POINTS	PAIRS	MM.	IN.	MM.	IN.	PART #
1	1			13.97	0.55	EL380002S
2	2	6.35	0.25	13.97	0.55	EL380004
3-5	3	6.35	0.25	13.97	0.55	EL380006
4-7	4	8.128	0.32	13.97	0.55	EL380008
6-10	6	10.41	0.41	19.05	0.75	EL380012C
13-20	13	10.41	0.41	19.05	0.75	EL380013P
26-48	26	15.24	0.60	24.13	0.95	EL380026

* Please check with RST Sales for accurate dimensions of string assembly.



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features

High reliability, ensured by triple encapsulation.

Precision matched, interchangeable thermistors.

Pre-assembled to specific length and spacing.

Heavy duty, direct burial cable standard.

ordering info

Accuracy required.

Cable length.

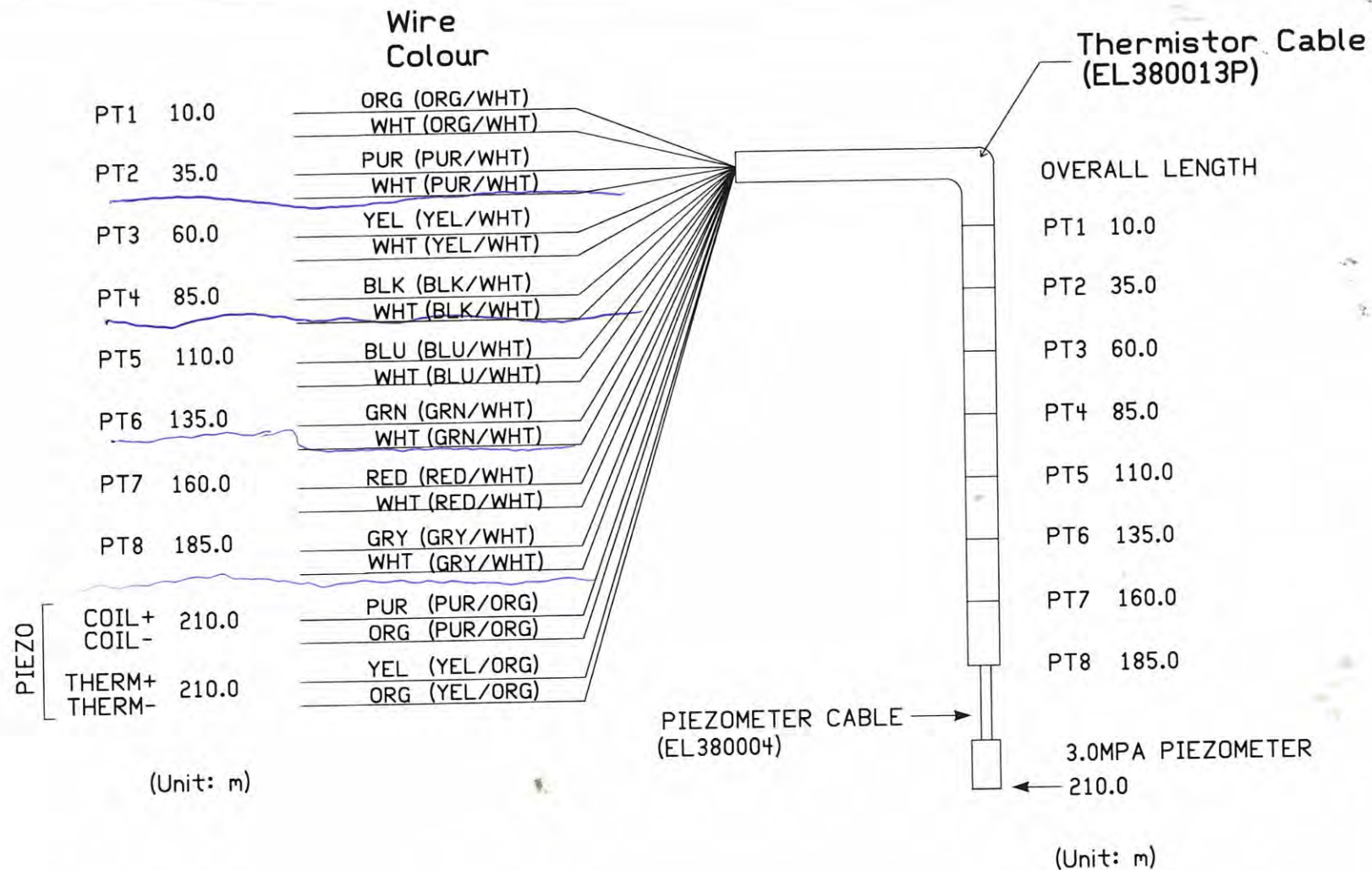
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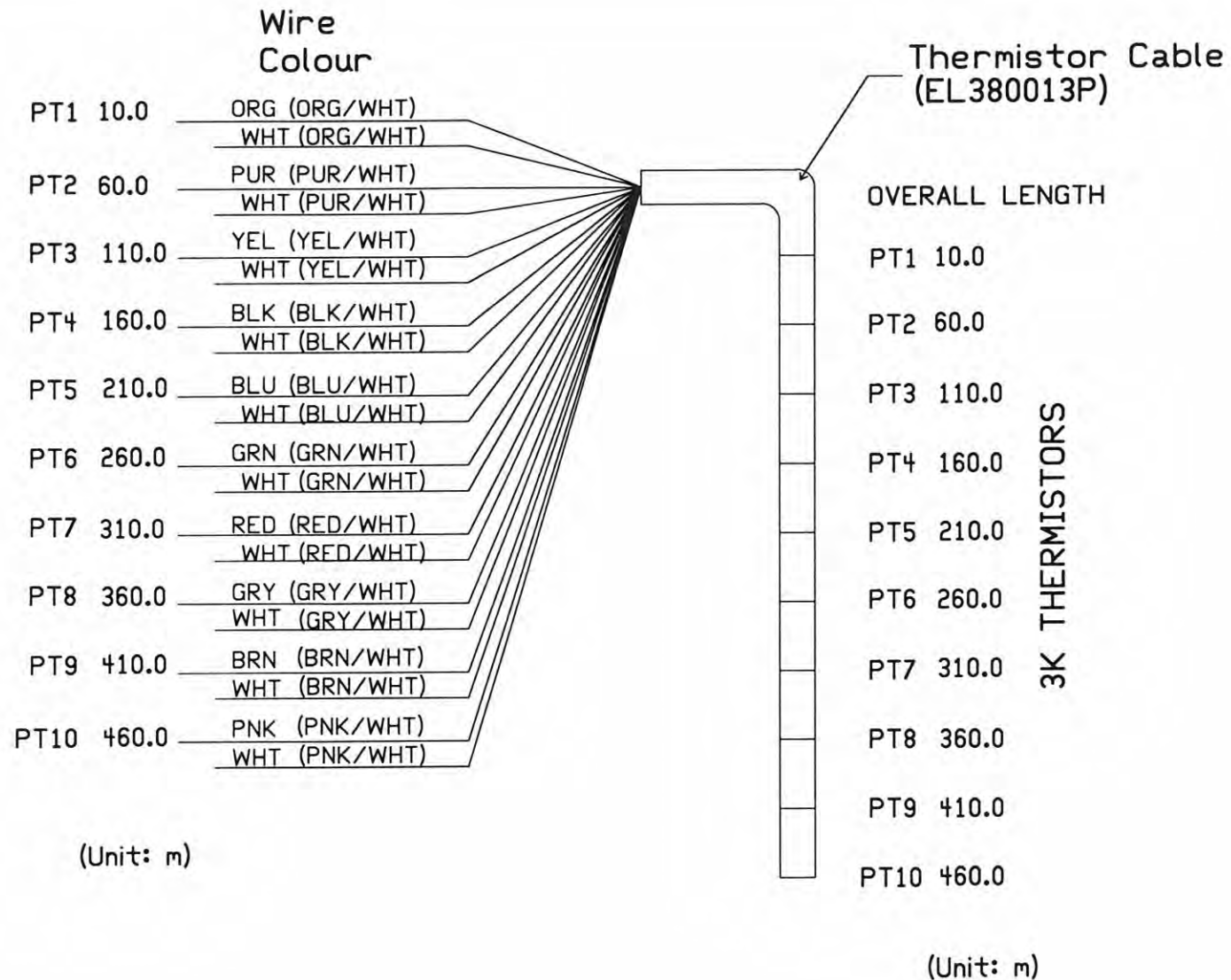
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YEL (YEL/ORG)	GRN
ORG (YEL/ORG)	WHT

S/N: TS3972-TS3974
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Resistance versus Temperature Relationship 3000 Ohm NTC Thermistors

Ohms	Temp	Ohms	Temp	Ohms	Temp	Ohms	Temp	Ohms	Temp
201.1K	-50	16.60K	-10	2417	30	525.4	70	153.2	110
187.3K	-49	15.72K	-9	2317	31	507.8	71	149.0	111
174.5K	-48	14.90K	-8	2221	32	490.9	72	145.0	112
162.7K	-47	14.12K	-7	2130	33	474.7	73	141.1	113
151.7K	-46	13.39K	-6	2042	34	459.0	74	137.2	114
141.6K	-45	12.70K	-5	1959	35	444.0	75	133.6	115
132.2K	-44	12.05K	-4	1880	36	429.5	76	130.0	116
123.5K	-43	11.44K	-3	1805	37	415.6	77	126.5	117
115.4K	-42	10.86K	-2	1733	38	402.2	78	123.2	118
107.9K	-41	10.31K	-1	1664	39	389.3	79	119.9	119
101.0K	-40	9796	0	1598	40	376.9	80	116.8	120
94.48K	-39	9310	1	1535	41	364.9	81	113.8	121
88.46K	-38	8851	2	1475	42	353.4	82	110.8	122
82.87K	-37	8417	3	1418	43	342.2	83	107.9	123
77.99K	-36	8006	4	1363	44	331.5	84	105.2	124
72.81K	-35	7618	5	1310	45	321.2	85	102.5	125
68.30K	-35	7252	6	1260	46	311.3	86	99.9	126
64.09K	-33	6905	7	1212	47	301.7	87	97.3	127
60.17K	-32	6576	8	1167	48	282.4	88	94.9	128
56.51K	-31	6265	9	1123	49	283.5	89	92.5	129
53.10K	-30	5971	10	1081	50	274.9	90	90.2	130
49.91K	-29	56.92	11	1040	51	266.6	91	87.9	131
46.94K	-28	5427	12	1002	52	258.6	92	85.7	132
44.16K	-27	5177	13	965	53	250.9	93	83.6	134
39.13K	-25	4714	15	895.8	55	236.2	95	79.6	135
36.86K	-24	4500	16	863.3	56	229.3	96	77.6	136
34.73K	-23	4297	17	832.2	57	222.6	97	75.8	137
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30.87K	-21	3922	19	773.7	59	209.8	99	72.2	139
29.13K	-20	3748	20	746.3	60	203.8	100	70.4	140
27.49K	-19	3583	21	719.9	61	197.9	101	68.8	141
25.95K	-18	3426	22	694.7	62	192.2	102	67.1	142
24.51K	-17	3277	23	670.4	63	186.8	103	65.5	143
23.16K	-16	3135	24	647.1	64	181.5	104	64.0	144
21.89K	-15	3000	25	624.7	65	176.4	105	62.5	145
20.70K	-14	2872	26	603.3	66	171.4	106	61.1	146
19.58K	-13	2750	27	582.6	67	166.7	107	59.6	147
18.52K	-12	2633	28	562.8	68	162.0	108	58.3	148
17.53K	-11	2523	29	543.7	69	157.6	109	56.8	149
								55.6	150

Temperature calculated using:

Steinhart-Hart Linearization

$$T_c = \frac{1}{C_0 + C_1(\ln R) + C_3(\ln R)^3} - 273.15$$

3000 Ohm @ 25C NTC Thermistor

C₀= 0.0014051

C₁= 0.0002369

C₃= 0.0000001019

lnR= Natural Log of Resistance

T_c= Temperature in °C



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Thermistor Strings

Customer: Hoskin Scientifique Ltee.
Work Order: 206818
Thermistor Type: 3 kΩ

Number of Points: 8
Length: 210 m

This is to certify that Thermistor Strings S/N: TS3972-TS3974 meet the RST Instruments specifications for the product.

Technician: I. Barua / J. Somphanthabansouk *As per JS* Date: 7 May 2015



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Customer: Hoskin Scientifique Ltee.
Work Order: 206818
Thermistor Type: 3 kΩ

Number of Points: 10
Length: 460 m

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Technician: I. Barua / I. Kurchavov *IK* Date: 11 May 2015





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Vibrating Wire Piezometer

Customer: Hoskin Scientifique Ltee
Model: VW2100-3.0
Serial Number: VW32656
Mfg Number: 1506812
Range: 3.0 MPa
Temperature: 21.9 °C
Barometric Pressure: 1010.1 millibars
Work Order Number: 206818
Cable Length: 210 meters
Cable Markings: n/a
Cable Colour Code: Purple / Orange (Coil) Yellow / Orange (Thermistor)
Cable Type: EL380013P / EL380004
Thermistor Type: 3 kΩ

Applied Pressure (MPa)	First Reading (B units)	Second Reading (B units)	Average Reading (B units)	Calculated Linear (MPa)	Linearity Error (% FS)	Polynomial Error (% FS)
0.0	8845	8846	8846	0.006	0.18	-0.01
0.6	8144	8145	8145	0.599	-0.02	0.02
1.2	7441	7441	7441	1.195	-0.15	0.00
1.8	6733	6734	6734	1.795	-0.17	-0.02
2.4	6020	6021	6021	2.399	-0.04	0.00
3.0	5304	5304	5304	3.006	0.20	0.00
Max. Error (%):					0.20	0.02

Linear Calibration Factor: C.F. = 0.00084720 MPa/B unit
Regression Zero: At Calibration = 8852.0 B unit
Temperature Correction Factor: Tk = 0.0007665 MPa/°C rise

Polynomial Gage Factors (MPa) A: -3.4838E-09 B: -0.00079791 C: 7.3302

Pressure is calculated with the following equations:

Linear: $P(\text{MPa}) = C.F. \cdot (Li - Lc) - [Tk(Ti - Tc)] + [0.00010(Bi - Bc)]$

Polynomial: $P(\text{MPa}) = A(Lc)^2 + BLc + C + Tk(Tc - Ti) - [0.00010(Bc - Bi)]$

	Date (dd/mm/yy)	VW Readout Pos. B (Li)	Temp °C (Ti)	Baro (Bi)
Shipped Zero Readings:	<u>8-May-15</u>	<u>8853</u>	<u>22.4</u>	<u>1019.0</u>

Li, Lc = initial (at installation) and current readings

Ti, Tc = initial (at installation) and current temperature, in °C

Bi, Bc = initial (at installation) and current barometric pressure readings, in millibars

B units = B scale output of VW 2102, VW 2104, VW 2106 and DT 2011 readouts

B units = Hz² / 1000 ie: 1700Hz = 2890 B units

Technician: J. Chu

Date: 8-May-15

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Vibrating Wire Piezometer

Customer: Hoskin Scientifique Ltee
Model: VW2100-3.0
Serial Number: VW32657
Mfg Number: 1506386
Range: 3.0 MPa
Temperature: 22.7 °C
Barometric Pressure: 986.0 millibars
Work Order Number: 206818
Cable Length: 210 meters
Cable Markings: n/a
Cable Colour Code: Purple / Orange (Coil) Yellow / Orange (Thermistor)
Cable Type: EL380013P / EL380004
Thermistor Type: 3 kΩ

Applied Pressure (MPa)	First Reading (B units)	Second Reading (B units)	Average Reading (B units)	Calculated Linear (MPa)	Linearity Error (% FS)	Polynomial Error (% FS)
0.0	8956	8957	8957	0.006	0.20	-0.01
0.6	8255	8255	8255	0.599	-0.02	0.02
1.2	7551	7551	7551	1.195	-0.17	0.00
1.8	6842	6842	6842	1.794	-0.19	-0.01
2.4	6128	6128	6128	2.398	-0.06	-0.01
3.0	5409	5408	5409	3.007	0.23	0.01
Max. Error (%):					0.23	0.02

Linear Calibration Factor: C.F. = 0.00084573 MPa/B unit
Regression Zero: At Calibration = 8963.7 B unit
Temperature Correction Factor: Tk = 0.0007243 MPa/°C rise

Polynomial Gage Factors (MPa)

A: -3.9008E-09

B: -0.00078970

C: 7.3854

Pressure is calculated with the following equations:

Linear: $P(\text{MPa}) = C.F. (Li - Lc) - [Tk(Ti - Tc)] + [0.00010(Bi - Bc)]$

Polynomial: $P(\text{MPa}) = A(Lc)^2 + BLc + C + Tk(Tc - Ti) - [0.00010(Bc - Bi)]$

	Date (dd/mm/yy)	VW Readout Pos. B (Li)	Temp °C (Ti)	Baro (Bi)
Shipped Zero Readings:	8-May-15	8959	22.5	1019.0

Li, Lc = initial (at installation) and current readings

Ti, Tc = initial (at installation) and current temperature, in °C

Bi, Bc = initial (at installation) and current barometric pressure readings, in millibars

B units = B scale output of VW 2102, VW 2104, VW 2106 and DT 2011 readouts

B units = Hz² / 1000 ie: 1700Hz = 2890 B units

Technician: J. Chu

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Applied Pressure (MPa)	First Reading (B units)	Second Reading (B units)	Average Reading (B units)	Calculated Linear (MPa)	Linearity Error (% FS)	Polynomial Error (% FS)
0.0	8569	8569	8569	0.007	0.24	0.00
0.6	7861	7862	7862	0.599	-0.04	0.00
1.2	7149	7149	7149	1.194	-0.19	0.00
1.8	6432	6432	6432	1.794	-0.21	-0.01
2.4	5708	5708	5708	2.399	-0.04	0.01
3.0	4980	4980	4980	3.007	0.24	0.00
Max. Error (%):					0.24	0.01

Linear Calibration Factor: C.F. = 0.00083588 MPa/B unit
Regression Zero: At Calibration = 8577.7 B unit
Temperature Correction Factor: Tk = 0.0008603 MPa/°C rise

Polynomial Gage Factors (MPa) A: -4.3022E-09 B: -0.00077759 C: 6.9790

Pressure is calculated with the following equations:

Linear: $P(\text{MPa}) = C.F. (Li - Lc) - [Tk(Ti - Tc)] + [0.00010(Bi - Bc)]$

Polynomial: $P(\text{MPa}) = A(Lc)^2 + BLc + C + Tk(Tc - Ti) - [0.00010(Bc - Bi)]$

	Date (dd/mm/yy)	VW Readout Pos. B (Li)	Temp °C (Ti)	Baro (Bi)
Shipped Zero Readings:	8-May-15	8569	22.4	1019.0

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Technician: J. Chu

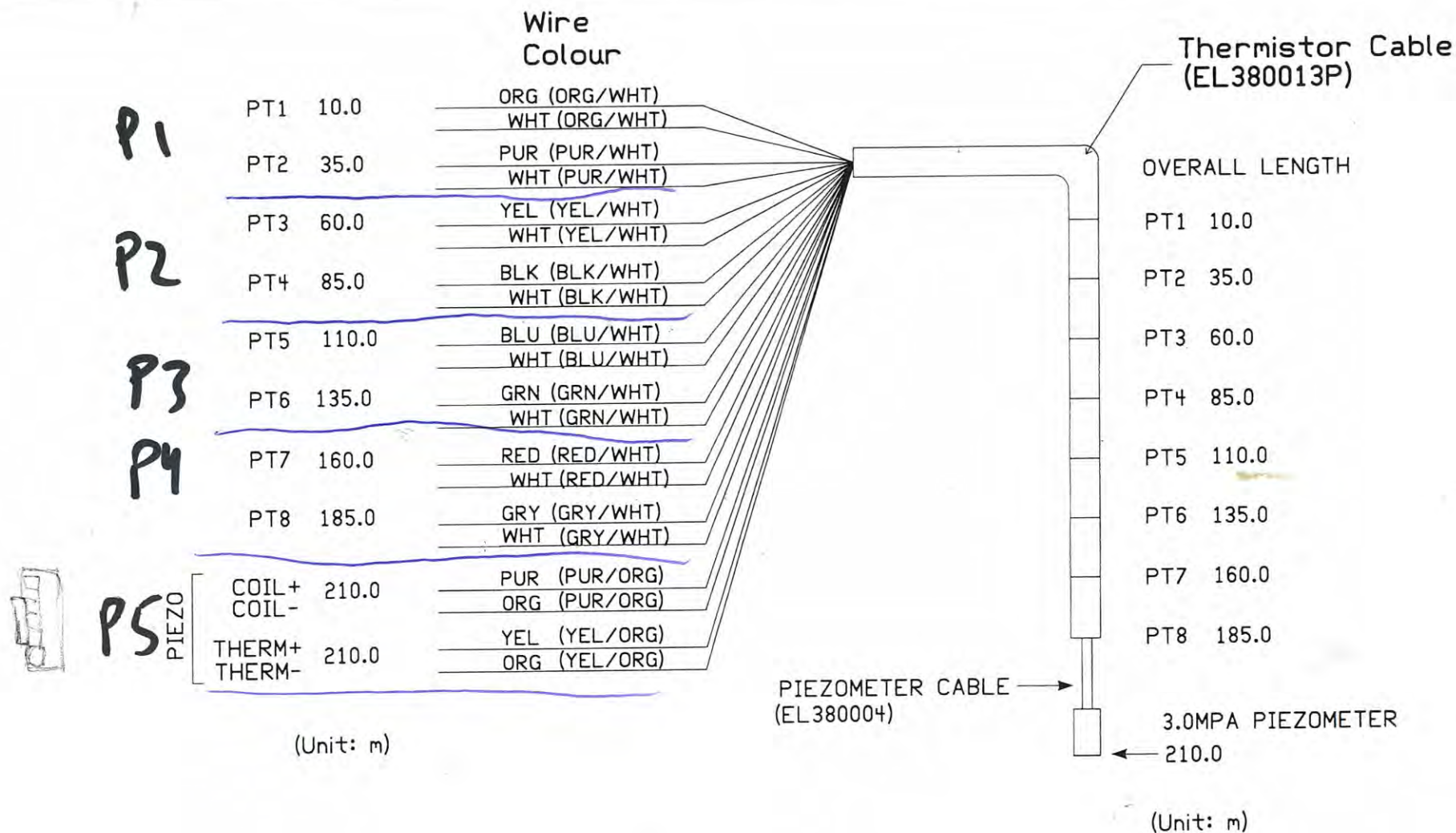
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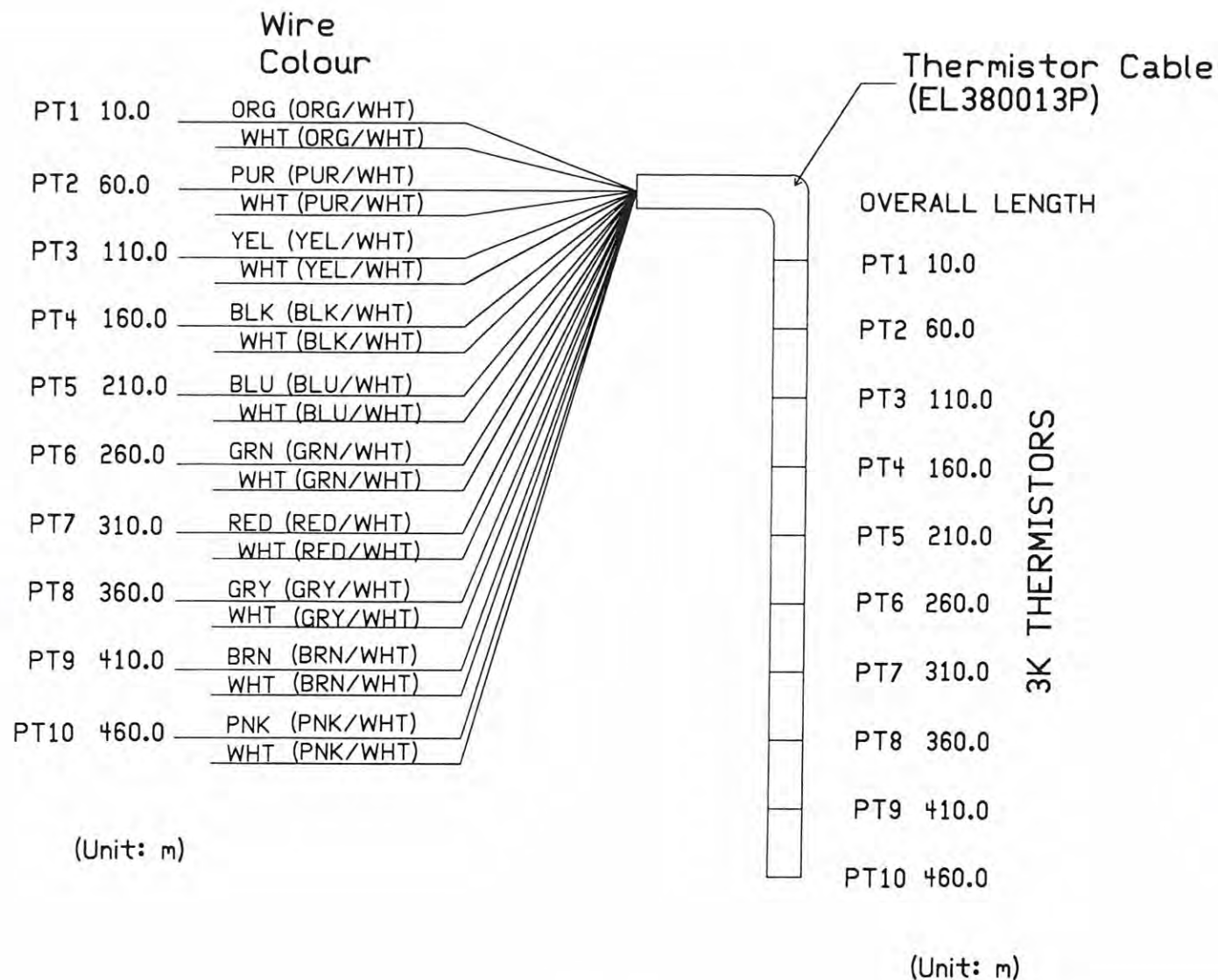




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PUR (PUR/ORG)	RED
ORG (PUR/ORG)	BLK
YEL (YEL/ORG)	GRN
ORG (YEL/ORG)	WHT

S/N: TS3972-TS3974
PIEZOMETER S/N: VW32656-VW32658

	Co:	RST INSTRUMENTS LTD	
	Title:	THERMISTOR CABLE	
	J/N:	THW0218_W0206818-1	Revision: A
	Author:	CB	Size: A
	Date:	2015/04/27	Sheet 1 of 2



Resistance versus Temperature Relationship 3000 Ohm NTC Thermistors

Ohms	Temp	Ohms	Temp	Ohms	Temp	Ohms	Temp	Ohms	Temp
201.1K	-50	16.60K	-10	2417	30	525.4	70	153.2	110
187.3K	-49	15.72K	-9	2317	31	507.8	71	149.0	111
174.5K	-48	14.90K	-8	2221	32	490.9	72	145.0	112
162.7K	-47	14.12K	-7	2130	33	474.7	73	141.1	113
151.7K	-46	13.39K	-6	2042	34	459.0	74	137.2	114
141.6K	-45	12.70K	-5	1959	35	444.0	75	133.6	115
132.2K	-44	12.05K	-4	1880	36	429.5	76	130.0	116
123.5K	-43	11.44K	-3	1805	37	415.6	77	126.5	117
115.4K	-42	10.86K	-2	1733	38	402.2	78	123.2	118
107.9K	-41	10.31K	-1	1664	39	389.3	79	119.9	119
101.0K	-40	9796	0	1598	40	376.9	80	116.8	120
94.48K	-39	9310	1	1535	41	364.9	81	113.8	121
88.46K	-38	8851	2	1475	42	353.4	82	110.8	122
82.87K	-37	8417	3	1418	43	342.2	83	107.9	123
77.99K	-36	8006	4	1363	44	331.5	84	105.2	124
72.81K	-35	7618	5	1310	45	321.2	85	102.5	125
68.30K	-35	7252	6	1260	46	311.3	86	99.9	126
64.09K	-33	6905	7	1212	47	301.7	87	97.3	127
60.17K	-32	6576	8	1167	48	282.4	88	94.9	128
56.51K	-31	6265	9	1123	49	283.5	89	92.5	129
53.10K	-30	5971	10	1081	50	274.9	90	90.2	130
49.91K	-29	56.92	11	1040	51	266.6	91	87.9	131
46.94K	-28	5427	12	1002	52	258.6	92	85.7	132
44.16K	-27	5177	13	965	53	250.9	93	83.6	134
39.13K	-25	4714	15	895.8	55	236.2	95	79.6	135
36.86K	-24	4500	16	863.3	56	229.3	96	77.6	136
34.73K	-23	4297	17	832.2	57	222.6	97	75.8	137
32.74K	-22	4105	18	802.3	58	216.1	98	73.9	138
30.87K	-21	3922	19	773.7	59	209.8	99	72.2	139
29.13K	-20	3748	20	746.3	60	203.8	100	70.4	140
27.49K	-19	3583	21	719.9	61	197.9	101	68.8	141
25.95K	-18	3426	22	694.7	62	192.2	102	67.1	142
24.51K	-17	3277	23	670.4	63	186.8	103	65.5	143
23.16K	-16	3135	24	647.1	64	181.5	104	64.0	144
21.89K	-15	3000	25	624.7	65	176.4	105	62.5	145
20.70K	-14	2872	26	603.3	66	171.4	106	61.1	146
19.58K	-13	2750	27	582.6	67	166.7	107	59.6	147
18.52K	-12	2633	28	562.8	68	162.0	108	58.3	148
17.53K	-11	2523	29	543.7	69	157.6	109	56.8	149
								55.6	150

Temperature calculated using:

Steinhart-Hart Linearization

$$T_c = \frac{1}{C_0 + C_1(\ln R) + C_3(\ln R)^3} - 273.15$$

3000 Ohm @ 25C NTC Thermistor

$C_0 = 0.0014051$

$C_1 = 0.0002369$

$C_3 = 0.0000001019$

$\ln R =$ Natural Log of Resistance

$T_c =$ Temperature in °C



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Thermistor Strings

Customer: Hoskin Scientifique Ltee.
Work Order: 206818
Thermistor Type: 3 k Ω

Number of Points: 8
Length: 210 m

This is to certify that Thermistor Strings S/N: TS3972-TS3974 meet the RST Instruments specifications for the product.

Technician: I. Barua / J. Somphanthabansouk *IB / JS* ^{As per JS} Date: 7 May 2015



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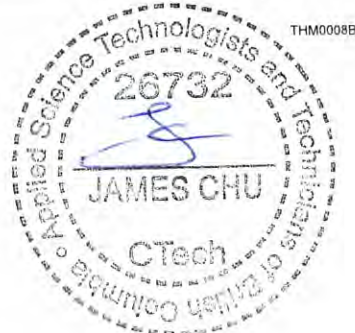
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Number of Points: 10
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Vibrating Wire Piezometer

Customer: Hoskin Scientifique Ltee
Model: VW2100-3.0
Serial Number: VW32656
Mfg Number: 1506812
Range: 3.0 MPa
Temperature: 21.9 °C
Barometric Pressure: 1010.1 millibars
Work Order Number: 206818
Cable Length: 210 meters
Cable Markings: n/a
Cable Colour Code: Purple / Orange (Coil) Yellow / Orange (Thermistor)
Cable Type: EL380013P / EL380004
Thermistor Type: 3 kΩ

Applied Pressure (MPa)	First Reading (B units)	Second Reading (B units)	Average Reading (B units)	Calculated Linear (MPa)	Linearity Error (% FS)	Polynomial Error (% FS)
0.0	8845	8846	8846	0.006	0.18	-0.01
0.6	8144	8145	8145	0.599	-0.02	0.02
1.2	7441	7441	7441	1.195	-0.15	0.00
1.8	6733	6734	6734	1.795	-0.17	-0.02
2.4	6020	6021	6021	2.399	-0.04	0.00
3.0	5304	5304	5304	3.006	0.20	0.00
Max. Error (%):					0.20	0.02

Linear Calibration Factor: C.F. = 0.00084720 MPa/B unit
Regression Zero: At Calibration = 8852.0 B unit
Temperature Correction Factor: Tk = 0.0007665 MPa/°C rise

Polynomial Gage Factors (MPa) A: -3.4838E-09 B: -0.00079791 C: 7.3302

Pressure is calculated with the following equations:

Linear: $P(\text{MPa}) = C.F. \cdot (Li - Lc) - [Tk(Ti - Tc)] + [0.00010(Bi - Bc)]$

Polynomial: $P(\text{MPa}) = A(Lc)^2 + BLc + C + Tk(Tc - Ti) - [0.00010(Bc - Bi)]$

	Date (dd/mm/yy)	VW Readout Pos. B (Li)	Temp °C (Ti)	Baro (Bi)
Shipped Zero Readings:	8-May-15	8853	22.4	1019.0

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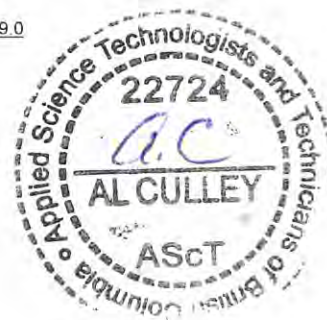
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Technician: J. Chu

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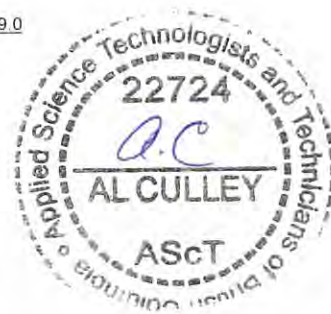
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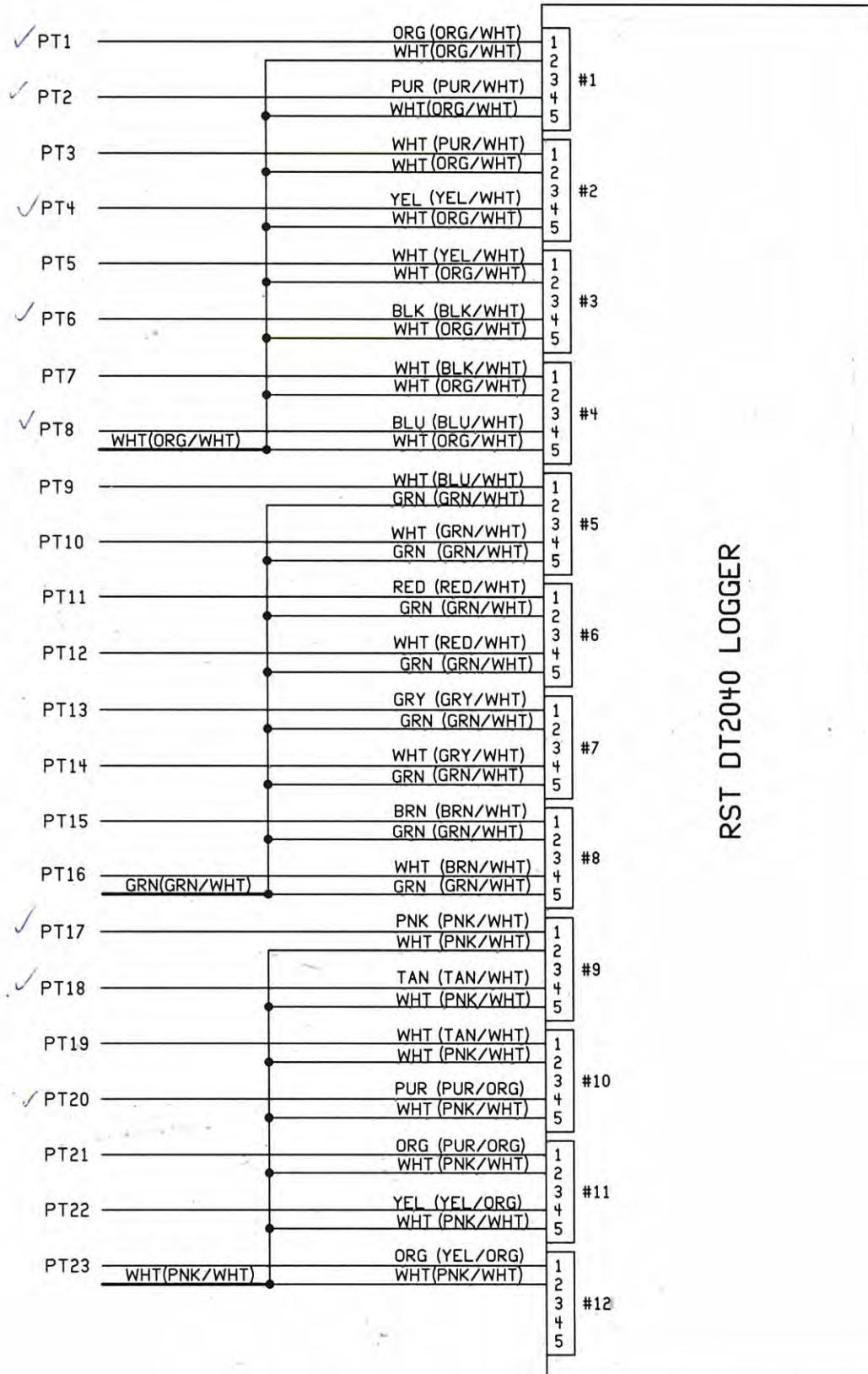
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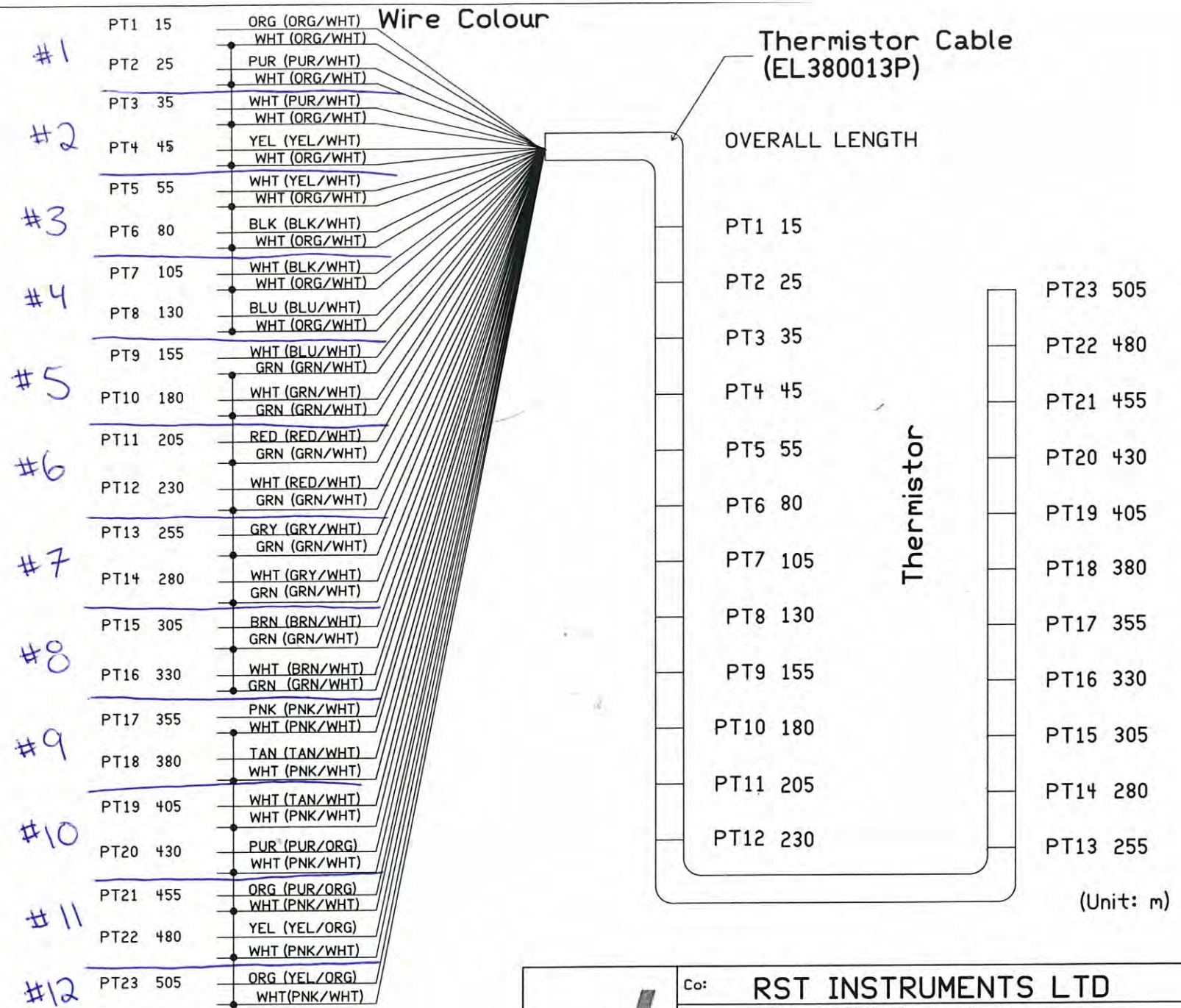


RST DT2040 LOGGER


SN: TS4005-TS4006



Co:	RST INSTRUMENTS LTD		
Title:	THERMISTOR CABLE		
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Author:	CB	Size:	A
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SN: TS4005-TS4006

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Thermistor Strings

Customer: Hoskin Scientifique LTEE.
Work Order: 207693
Thermistor Type: 3 k Ω

Number of Points: 23
Length: 505 m

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Technician: I. Kurchavov

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77.99K	-36	8006	4	1363	44	331.5	84	105.2	124
72.81K	-35	7618	5	1310	45	321.2	85	102.5	125
68.30K	-35	7252	6	1260	46	311.3	86	99.9	126
64.09K	-33	6905	7	1212	47	301.7	87	97.3	127
60.17K	-32	6576	8	1167	48	282.4	88	94.9	128
56.51K	-31	6265	9	1123	49	283.5	89	92.5	129
53.10K	-30	5971	10	1081	50	274.9	90	90.2	130
49.91K	-29	56.92	11	1040	51	266.6	91	87.9	131
46.94K	-28	5427	12	1002	52	258.6	92	85.7	132
44.16K	-27	5177	13	965	53	250.9	93	83.6	134
39.13K	-25	4714	15	895.8	55	236.2	95	79.6	135
36.86K	-24	4500	16	863.3	56	229.3	96	77.6	136
34.73K	-23	4297	17	832.2	57	222.6	97	75.8	137
32.74K	-22	4105	18	802.3	58	216.1	98	73.9	138
30.87K	-21	3922	19	773.7	59	209.8	99	72.2	139
29.13K	-20	3748	20	746.3	60	203.8	100	70.4	140
27.49K	-19	3583	21	719.9	61	197.9	101	68.8	141
25.95K	-18	3426	22	694.7	62	192.2	102	67.1	142
24.51K	-17	3277	23	670.4	63	186.8	103	65.5	143
23.16K	-16	3135	24	647.1	64	181.5	104	64.0	144
21.89K	-15	3000	25	624.7	65	176.4	105	62.5	145
20.70K	-14	2872	26	603.3	66	171.4	106	61.1	146
19.58K	-13	2750	27	582.6	67	166.7	107	59.6	147
18.52K	-12	2633	28	562.8	68	162.0	108	58.3	148
17.53K	-11	2523	29	543.7	69	157.6	109	56.8	149
								55.6	150

Temperature calculated using:

Steinhart-Hart Linearization

$$T_c = \frac{1}{C_0 + C_1(\ln R) + C_3(\ln R)^3} - 273.15$$

3000 Ohm @ 25C NTC Thermistor

C₀= 0.0014051

C₁= 0.0002369

C₃= 0.0000001019

lnR= Natural Log of Resistance

T_c= Temperature in °C



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Datalogger Type 575-LTC

Measuring and Recording of:

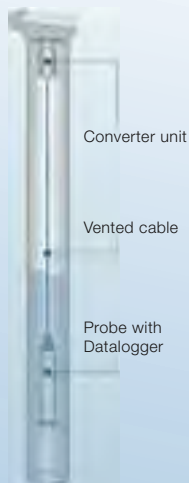
- ▶ Water Level
- ▶ Water Temperature
- ▶ Conductivity / TDS

Datalogger

Advantages:

- Maintenance free – no drying cartridges or desiccant necessary
- Integrated battery for 10 years or 3 Million Measurements (Sample interval of \approx 2 Minutes over 10 years)
- \varnothing 22 mm, for installations from 1 inch pipes
- Highest precision and long term stability by 4-pol conductivity sensor
- Particular, convenient operation by touch operation
- Flood protected – durable seal until 3 m water column
- Robust stainless steel design

Description



The Datalogger type 575- LTC is a compact analysing instrument for the documentation of water level, temperature and electrical conductivity. Additionally, from the conductivity values the TDS can be calculated if needed.

The built-in lithium battery powers the Datalogger over the guaranteed period of 10 years or 3 million measurements. A battery replacement is performed at HT, which always includes a general equipment check-up and a recalibration of the sensors.

Highest data security is achieved through

the used non-volatile flash memory, which can record at least 253,000 data sets.

The Datalogger type 575- LTC is designed for the practical user, installation can be executed very quickly and without training, the menu is clearly structured. An exchange of the desiccant or other maintenance work is not necessary.

Highest quality standards for conductivity measurements will be fulfilled with this Datalogger, the complete design is based on over 20 years of experience in the field of water quality measurements.



Typical Applications

- Measuring and Recording of salt water intrusion in coastal areas
- Measurement of Water level, Temperature and Conductivity / TDS during Pumping Tests
- Monitoring of production and observation wells
- Tracer measurements
- Level- and quality monitoring of surface water
- Remediation of contaminated areas
- Monitoring of landfills



Optimized power consumption, 50% more measurements

This Datalogger Type 575-II was developed with new power-optimized components. For you as an user it means that we can dramatically extend the guaranteed battery-lifetime.

The new guarantee conditions are: 10 years or 3 million measurements! That is a lifetime over a period of 10 years at a recording interval of ≈ 2 Minutes without replacing the battery.

After that time the battery exchange will be done fast and uncomplicated in our factory service department inclusive recalibration and exchanging of seals.

Highest precision and especially long-term-stable conductivity values

A highly accurate 4-electrode conductivity sensor with integrated temperature sensor is used. Over many years, stable and accurate conductivity values will be given without the need for a re-calibration. The Datalogger 575-LTC offers the possibility of an automatic temperature compensation to the reference temperature of 25°C.

The following settings are available:

- Sets an automatic temperature compensation based on 25°C according to DIN EN 27888
- Adjustment of an individual coefficient in % / °C for individual liquids
- Measurement without compensation, it will output the conductivity at the current temperature

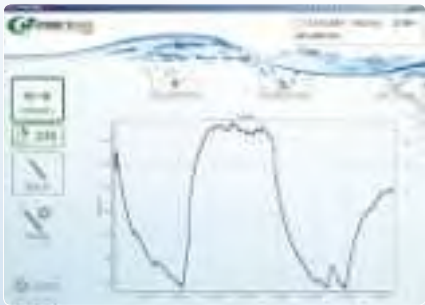
Datalogger configuration and data transfer – modified operating software

So far, we hear from customers that the operation of HT Dataloggers is quite simple. It requires no training when you operate the first time or if you do not regularly work with the devices you can operate the systems very quickly again without mistakes.

Actually, exactly the words you want to hear as the manufacturer. Nevertheless, we put time and manpower into a new operating concept that aims not only to a more attractive design of the operating program. In particular, it was important for us to respond with a new operating concept on innovations in the PC market, means for the user a wider selection of PCs and control-devices.

Touch-enabled is not synonymous with touch-friendly!

As currently the first manufacturer of groundwater Dataloggers we have adjusted the operating program also to touch PCs. This means on the one hand, that possibly cherished menu structures disappear. On the other hand, the Datalogger can now be easily operated without a touch pen and especially without a PC mouse which is during sunlight always a difficulty to move from one point to the next. The operating program is operated with a finger, which is known not to forget in the office, disappears in the tall grass or falling into the borehole. With this new operating concept, we are sure that we will make your job easier! Conventional devices, be it laptop or Pocket PC can of course still be used and are also supported by HT.



Datalogger installation – simple, conveniently and safely from 1 inch wells

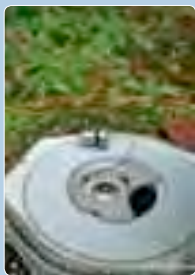
Secure Installation

Supreme motto for the installation of HT Dataloggers, all possible precautions are taken so that the device can not fall into the borehole. By the standard fixing-ring of 2 inch (DN50) the Datalogger can be easily adapted to HT well caps. Check measurements with the Water Level Meter can be performed directly without removal of the Datalogger.

For smaller pipes HT can provide suitable fixing-rings, for check measurements, the converter unit of the Datalogger needs to be moved a few Centimetres.

For observation wells with a diameter of 2.5 inch or larger, intermediate rings are used to secure the fixing of the Datalogger. In cause of the design of the diameters it is not possible that the Datalogger can fall into the borehole.

Please contact us if you have special sizes or special conditions of use. We can draw from an extensive archive of already implemented mounting options for Dataloggers.



Datalogger Type 575-LTC

Water Level

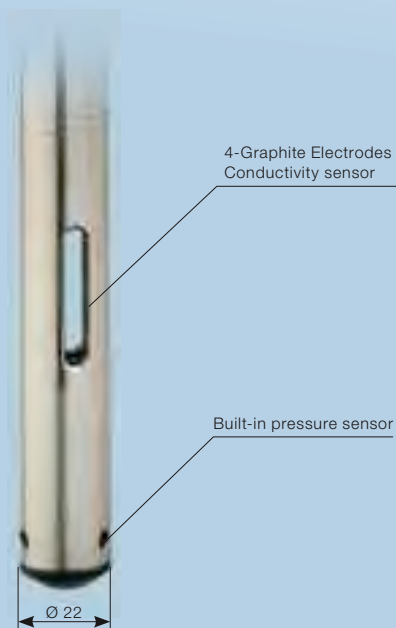
Water Level	Relative pressure
Measuring range	selectable from 1 ... 300m water column
Accuracy	< 0,05% of selected range
Long-term stability	< 0,05% of selected range / year
Resolution	Standard: 1 cm / Optional: 1 mm
Temperature correction	0 ... +50°C / Optional: 0 ... +70°C

Temperature

Measuring range	-5 ... +50°C / Optional: -5 ... +70°C (Ice-free area)
Accuracy	< 0,1°C
Long-term stability	< 0,02°C / year
Resolution	0,1°C; Optional: 0,01°C

Conductivity

Measuring range	0 ... 200.000 µS/cm
Accuracy	< 0,5% of current value, min. 2 µS/cm (0,002 mS/cm)
Resolution	0,001 mS/cm until value of 2 mS/cm 0,01 mS/cm until value of 20 mS/cm 0,1 mS/cm until value of 200 mS/cm



Device data

Memory	Flash-memory 4MB for min. 253,000 recordings = 759,000 values
Power supply	Integrated Lithium-battery; guaranteed lifetime for 10 years or 3,000,000 measurements; Factory replaceable
Sample interval	Adjustable: 1 minute to 99 days Optional: from 1 second, 10 sample intervals pre-selectable
Interface	RS232, communication via serial and USB-interface
Accuracy clock	< 2 minutes / year

Mechanical Data

Length of cable	Freely selectable until max. 500 m
Sensor immersion depth	max. 300m water column
Vented cable	Ø 6 mm flexible, UV-resistant PUR coating; Kevlar strengthen to avoid cable-stretching; integrated tube for compensation of barometric fluctuation
Pressure transducer	Membrane made from Titan; Overload max. 4 fold FS, stability max. 2 fold FS
Conductivity sensor	4-Graphite electrodes; long-term stable and insensitive to contamination or dirt
Materials	Stainless steel 316Ti; POM fibreglass reinforced; Viton
Dimensions probe	Ø 22x315 mm
Dimensions conv. unit	Ø 24x140 mm
Protection class	IP 68, converter unit permanent seal until max. 3 m water column

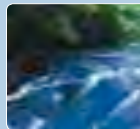
Operating software

Operating software Notebook / PC / Touch	Touch-friendly PC user interface; for XP, Vista, Win 7, Win 8 / 8.1
Operating software Pocket PC	Full functionality for operating program Win Mobile 5.0; 6.0; 6.1
Data file-format	Files are available as directly readable ASCII- files
Available formats	HT-Standard, Excel; *.zrxp; Labdüs; *.lgd; *.uvf; and many more Not the correct format there? Our software department can create the desired file-format

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APPENDIX C

CALCULATION OF FREEZING POINT DEPRESSION POINT

(Pages C-1 to C-H)

APPENDIX C

DEVELOPMENT OF SITE-SPECIFIC FREEZING POINT DEPRESSION OF GROUNDWATER

A number of factors affect the freezing point depression of the groundwater, predominantly the salinity (or total dissolved solids, TDS) and hydraulic pressure. The freezing point depression used for the permafrost and talik characterization was based on the following site-specific data:

- The electrical conductivity (EC) logger installed in AMQ15-349A at a depth of approximately 150 m below ground surface (mbgs) froze at a temperature of approximately -0.4 to -0.6°C
- Vibrating wire piezometers installed in AMQ15-294, AMQ15-306 and AMQ15-349A at depths of approximately 150 mbgs froze at temperatures of approximately -0.3 to -0.5°C.
- The highest conductivity recorded by the EC logger prior to freezing was 7.96 mS/cm. Using a conversion factor of 0.67 gives a TDS of approximately 5300 ppm and a freezing point of approximately -0.35°C.

The TDS recorded by the EC logger was compared to values observed at other operating mines and mining projects in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories using data from Golder (2014) and Frape & Fritz (1987). The TDS value of 5300 ppm at a depth of 150 mbgs was extrapolated to depth using the Frape & Fritz relationship and a best-fit relationship developed for the Meadowbank Mine (Golder, 2014), as shown on Figure C.1.

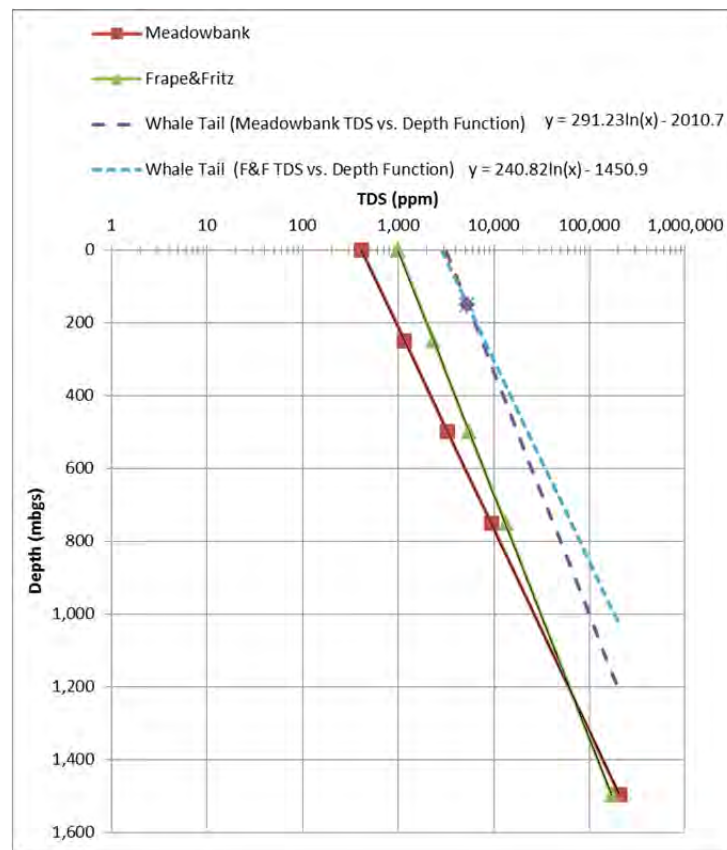


Figure C.1 Regional TDS Data vs Depth

The freezing point depressions associated with the TDS relationships presented in Figure C.1 were calculated using a relationship developed by Golder and AEM (Golder, 2014). Given the close proximity of the Meadowbank Mine to the Project, the Meadowbank TDS relationship was ultimately used. The

relationship suggests a freezing point depression of approximately -1°C at a depth of 500 mbgs, as shown in Figure C.2.

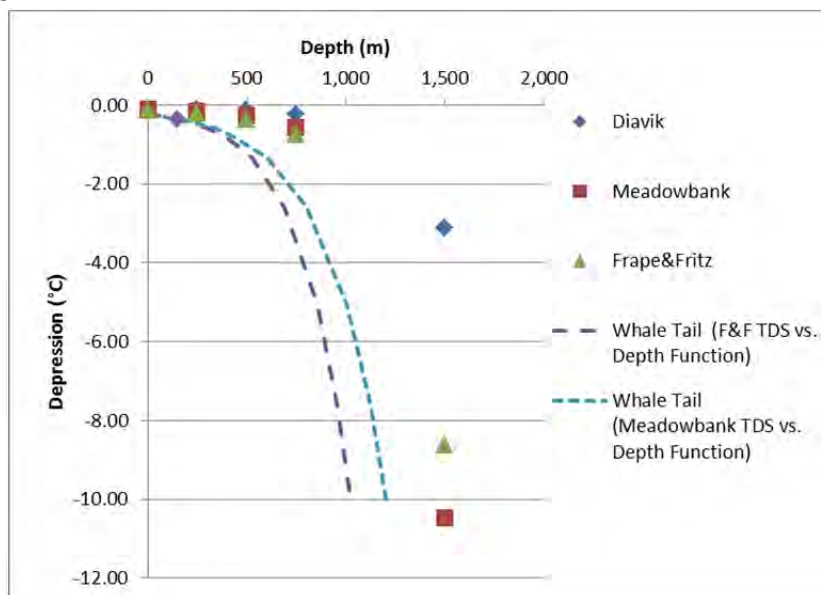


Figure C.2 Regional Freezing Point Depression vs Depth

The observed TDS and the calculated freezing point depression for the Project were compared to other operating mines and mining projects in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories:

- The TDS of 5300 ppm recorded by the EC logger is higher than TDS reported from similar depths at the Meadowbank Mine and the Diavik Mine but is less than the values seen at the Hope Bay Project and Lupin Mine.
- The calculated freezing point depression is lower than the data from the Meadowbank, Lupin and Diavik mines, but is higher than the data reported for numerous other mines and projects such as Meliadine, Back River and Hope Bay, as shown in Table C.1 below.

Table C.1 Summary of TDS and Freeze Point Depression data from cold climate mining studies

Site	Depth (mbgs)	TDS (mg/L)	Associated FP (deg C, [calculated])	Reference
Back River	515	47,000	-2.43	Sabina DEIS Vol 6, Sec 2.1.2.2
	620	76,000	-3.88	
Diavik	400	550	-0.11	Clayton et al 2013
Kiggavik	250	3500	-0.26	Kiggavik FEIS Vol 5-5B, 6.2 Results
Hope Bay	63 to 550	23,000 – 48,000	-1.2 to -2.5	Sabina DEIS Vol 6, Sec 2.1.1.3
	548	47,800	-2.47	Hope Bay Phase 2 Project Proposal
Lupin	250	39600	-2.06	Stotler, 2008
	570	4000	-0.28	
Meliadine	454	60,000 – 70,000	-3.1 to -3.6	Sabina DEIS Vol 6, Sec 2.1.1.3

The freezing point depression used in the permafrost and talik assessment was based on the data specific to the Project (-0.35°C at 150 mbgs) and the Meadowbank TDS vs depth relationship. The

freezing point depression should be considered preliminary and will be re-evaluated as additional data is collected.

Note that the TDS of 5300 ppm recorded by the EC logger has been used solely for the purposes of estimating the freezing point depression. The recorded TDS should not be used for assessing groundwater quality until it can be confirmed through the collection of representative groundwater quality samples at the Project.

APPENDIX D

ANALYTICAL AND NUMERICAL THERMAL MODELING

(Pages D-1 to D-8)

ANALYTICAL SOLUTION: FORMATION OF OPEN TALIKS UNDER ELONGATE LAKES

Burn (2002) developed a series of analytical solutions to describe talik development under surface water bodies. The solutions were developed to match the lake shape (circular or elongate), and to acknowledge the presence of a shallow terrace around the lake perimeter. In the case of the elongate nature of Whale Tail lake, the analytical equations of temperature profiles under lakes with terraces are presented by Burn (2002), can be estimated using the following equation:

Equation 1: Elongate Lake with Terrace

$$T_z = T_g + \frac{z}{l} + \frac{(T_t - T_g)}{\pi} \left(2 \tan^{-1} \frac{H_{p+t}}{z} \right) + \frac{(T_p - T_t)}{\pi} \left(2 \tan^{-1} \frac{H_p}{z} \right)$$

where:

z = depth (metres);

H_l = half-width of the lake (m);

T_z = temperature (°C) at depth z (m);

T_g = mean annual ground surface temperature (°C);

T_p = mean annual temperature at the bottom of the central pool (°C);

T_t = mean annual temperature of the terrace (°C);

H_p = half-width of the central pool (m);

H_{p+t} = half-width of the lake (pool and terrace) (m); and,

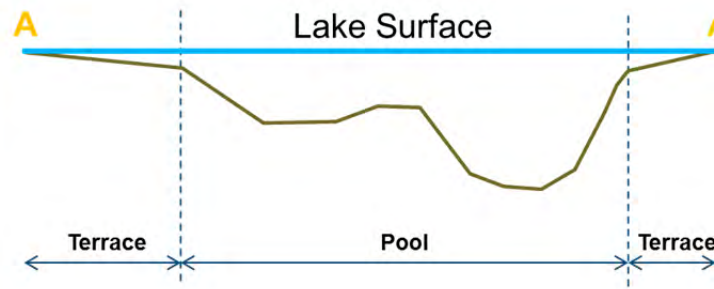
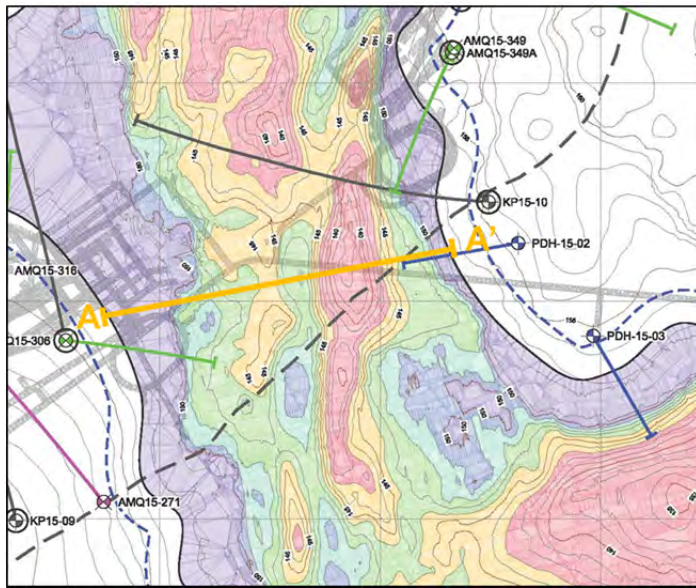
l = inverse of geothermal gradient (m/°C).

The input parameters for the equation are presented in the table below. Figure 1 presents one of the cross sections (CS1) showing the bathymetry of the lake and the interpretation of lake terraces (depth of <2 m).

Parameter	Value	Source
T_z =	Temperature at depth(z , °C);	Calculated
T_g =	Mean annual ground surface temperature (°C);	Extrapolated from AMQ15-324 geothermal gradient
z =	Depth (m);	From bottom of lake (1-10 m) to <i>below</i> base of permafrost (500 m)
l =	Inverse of geothermal gradient (m/°C);	Estimated From AMQ15-324
T_t =	Mean annual temperature of the terrace (°C);	Literature value used (-2°C, Burn 2002)
T_p =	Mean annual temperature at the bottom of the central pool (°C);	Literature value used (4°C, Burn 2002)
H_{p+t} =	Half-width of the lake (pool and terrace, m);	Measured off S.I. Plan
H_p =	Half-width of the central pool (m);	Measured off S.I. Plan

Table 1: Summary of input Parameters to Analytical and Numerical modeling

Figure 1: Cross section 1 (CS1) bathymetry



NUMERICAL SOLUTION: FORMATION OF OPEN TALIKS UNDER ELONGATE LAKES- TEMP - W

The finite element code Temp-W was used to simulate the ground temperature conditions through the cross sections of Whale Tail Lake. The model setup for each of the three sections can be viewed in the figures below. The input parameters can be summarized in **Error! Reference source not found..**

Parameter	Value	Source
MAST	Mean annual ground surface temperature (°C);	Meadowbank Weather Station
Depth	Depth (m);	From bottom of lake (1-10 m) to <i>below</i> base of permafrost (500 m)
Geothermal Heat Flux	Geothermal gradient (m/°C);	Estimated From AMQ15-324
T_t	Mean annual temperature of the terrace (°C);	Literature value used (-2°C, Burn 2002)
T_p	Mean annual temperature at the bottom of the central pool (°C);	Literature value used (4°C, Burn 2002)
H_{p+t}	Half-width of the lake (pool and terrace, m);	Measured off S.I. Plan
H_p	Half-width of the central pool (m);	Measured off S.I. Plan

Table 2: Summary of input Parameters to Temp-W Numerical model

CS1 – TEMP/W Model

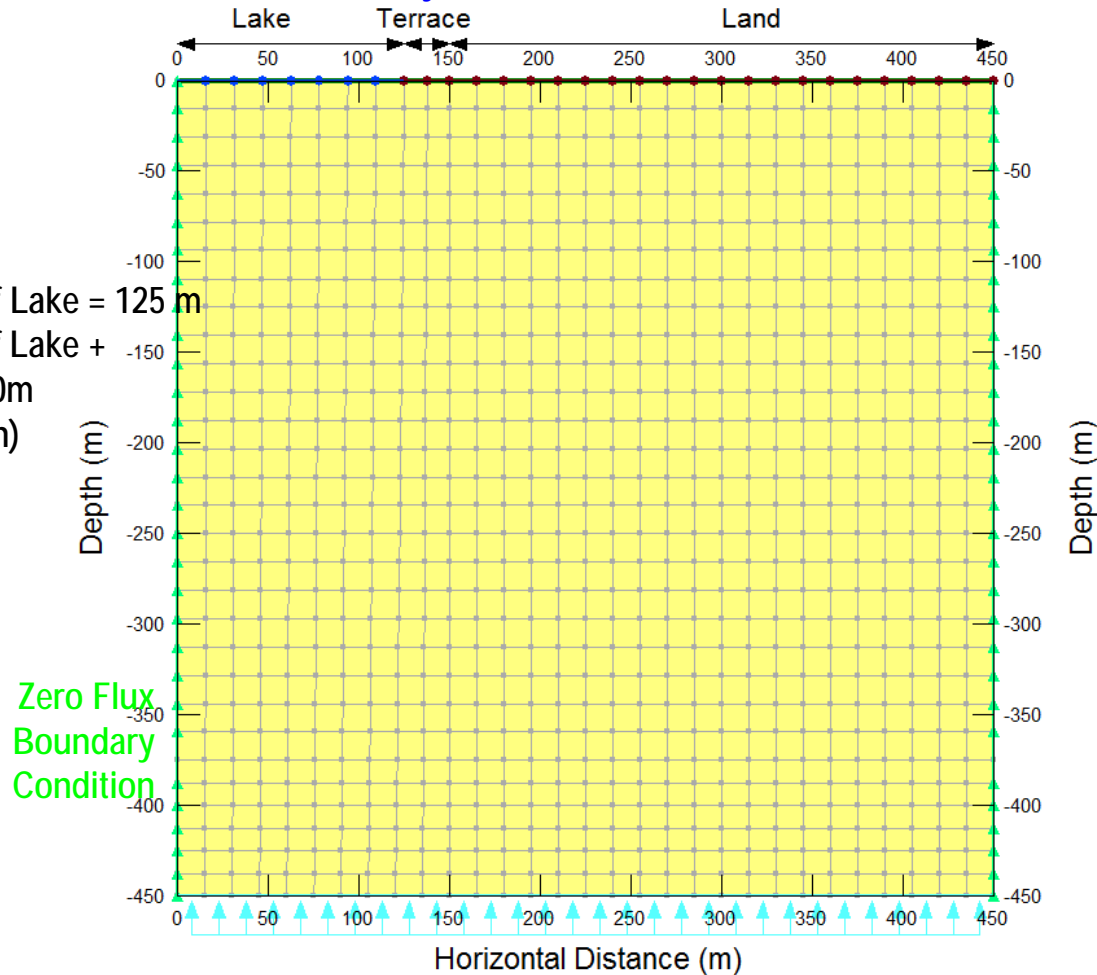
Mean Annual Lake-Bottom
Temperature = 4°C
(Literature Study)

Mean Annual Ground Surface
Temperature = -11.3°C
(Meadowbank Weather Station)

Dimensions:

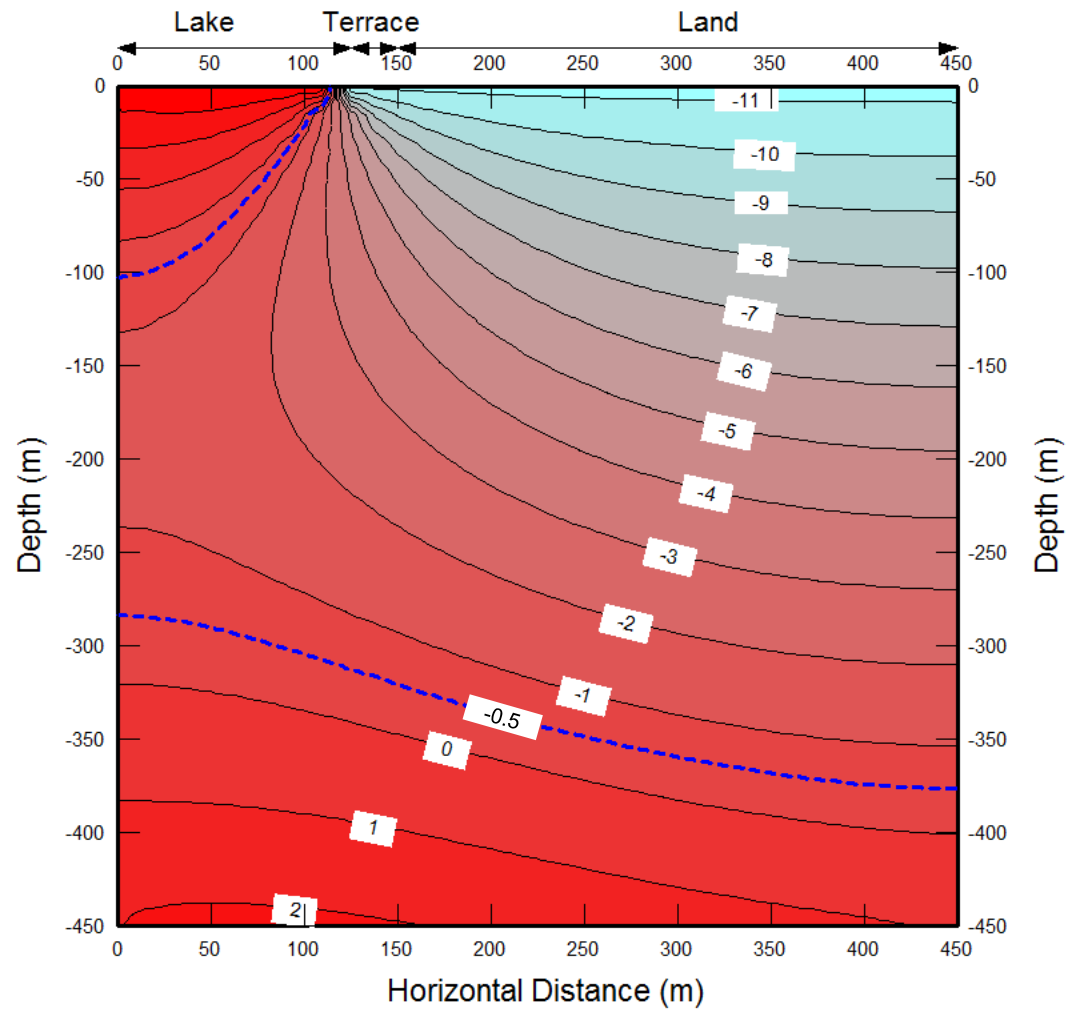
Half Width of Lake = 125 m

Half Width of Lake +
Terrace = 140 m
(From SI Plan)



Geothermal Heat Flux =
 7.26 kJ/days/m^2 based
on local geothermal
gradient (0.021°C/m -
AMQ15-324) and
estimated thermal
conductivity of the
bedrock (Greywacke
(USGS, 1988))

CS1 – TEMP/W Results



CS2 – TEMP/W Model

Mean Annual Lake-Bottom
Temperature = 4°C
(Literature Study)

Mean Annual Terrace
Temperature = -2°C
(Literature Study)

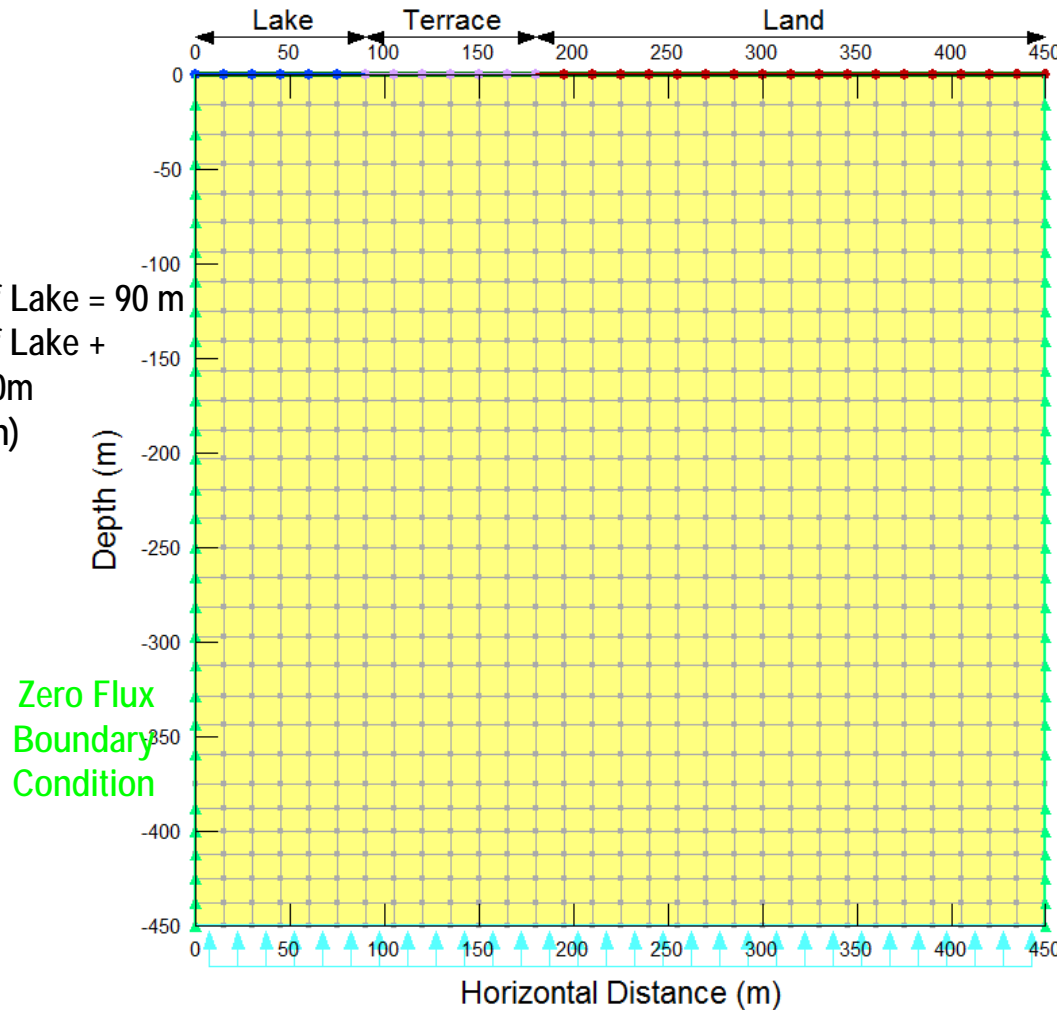
Mean Annual Ground Surface
Temperature = -11.3°C
(Meadowbank Weather Station)

Dimensions:

Half Width of Lake = 90 m

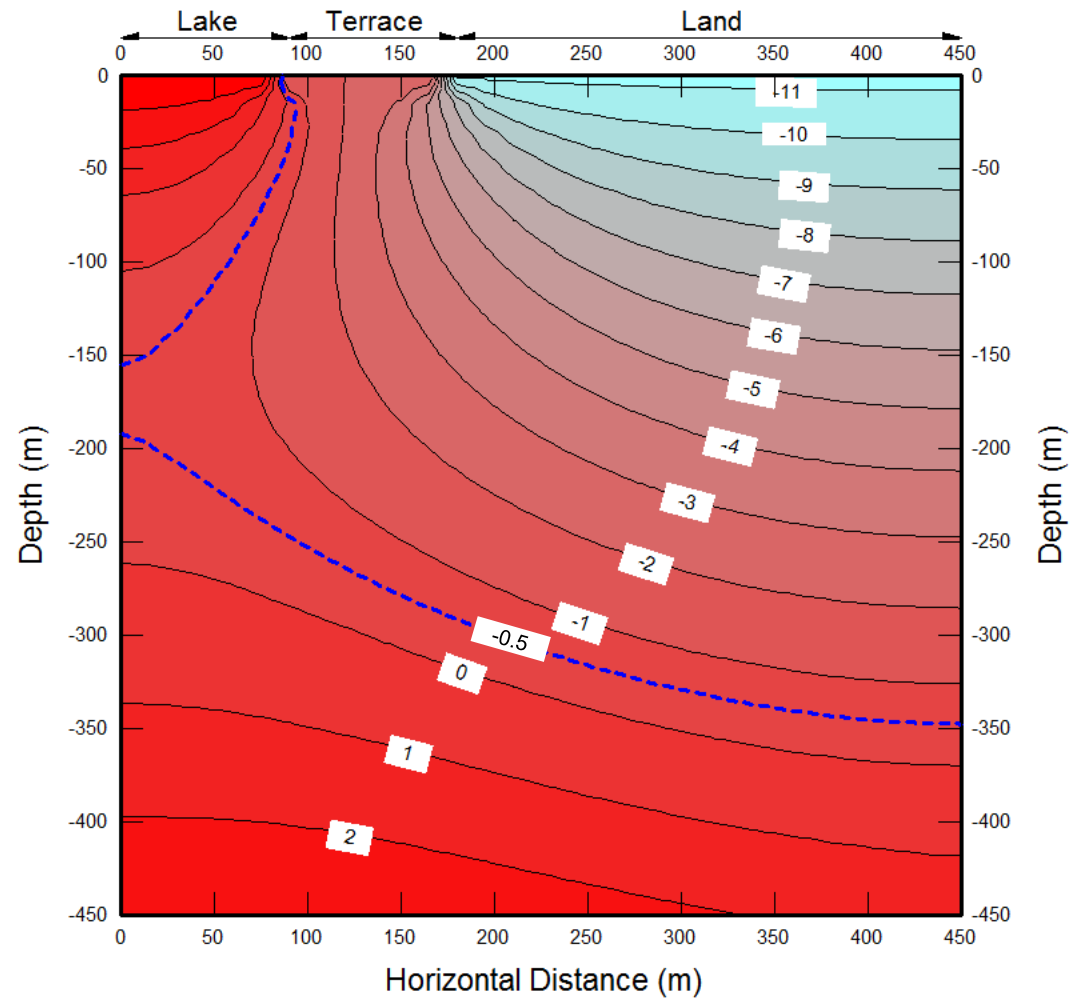
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Terrace = 180m

(From SI Plan)



Geothermal Heat Flux =
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on local geothermal
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estimated thermal
conductivity of the
bedrock (Greywacke
(USGS, 1988))

CS2 – TEMP/W Results

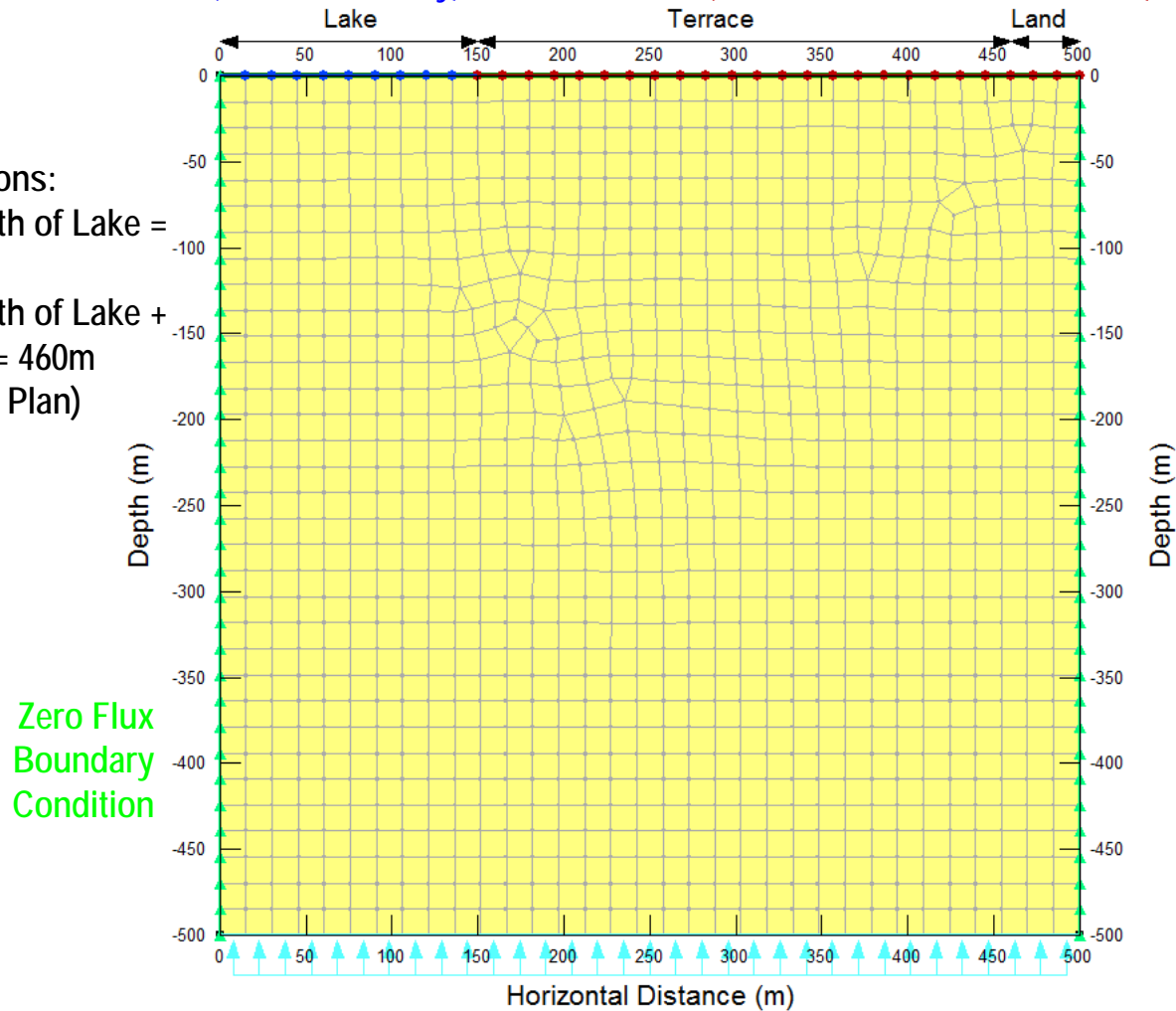


CS3 – TEMP/W Model

Mean Annual Lake-Bottom
Temperature = +4°C
(Literature Study)

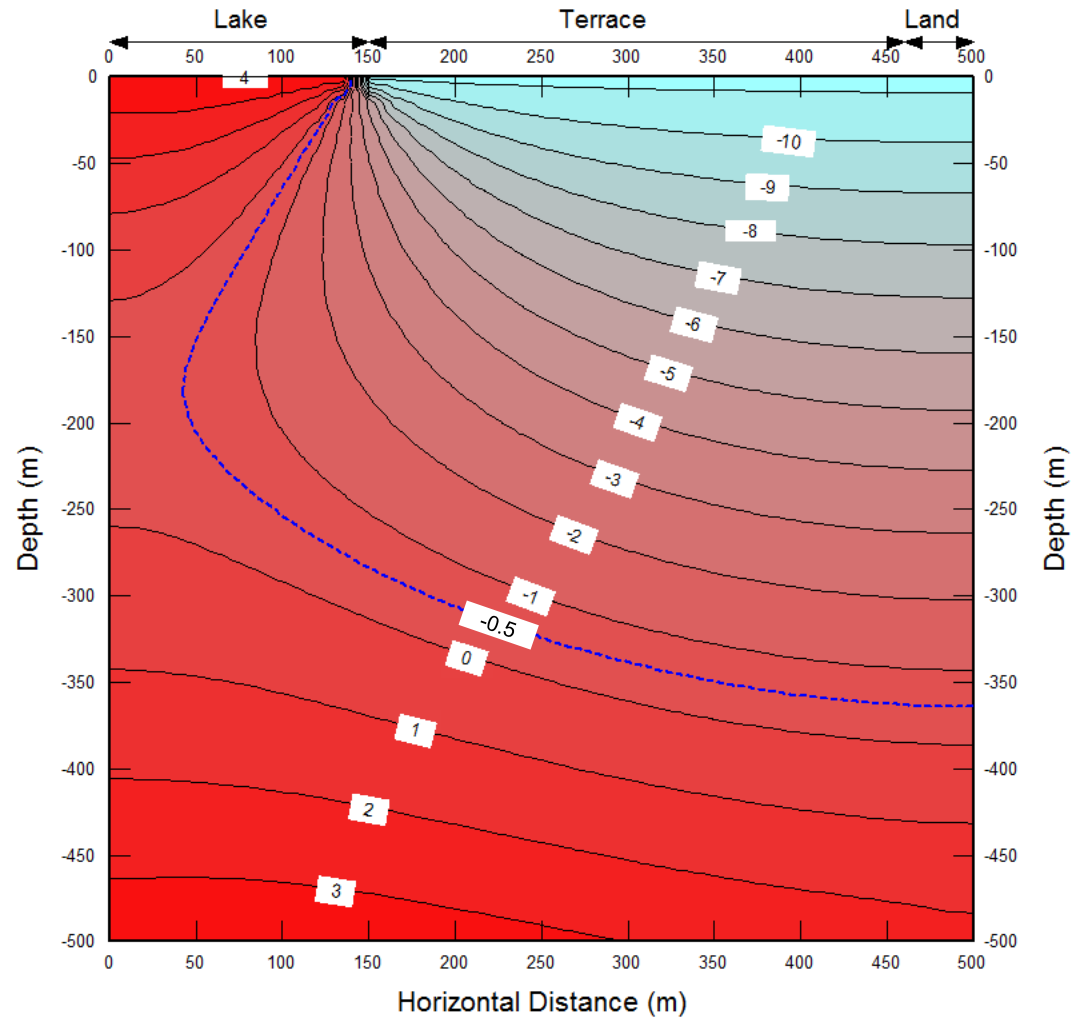
Mean Annual Ground Surface
Temperature = -11.3°C
(Meadowbank Weather Station)

Dimensions:
Half Width of Lake =
150 m
Half Width of Lake +
Terrace = 460m
(From SI Plan)



Geothermal Heat Flux =
7.26 kJ/days/m²
based on local
geothermal gradient
(0.021°C/m-AMQ15-324)
and estimated thermal
conductivity of the
bedrock (Greywacke
(USGS, 1988))

CS3 – TEMP/W Results



MEMORANDUM

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From:	Ben Green	Cont. No.:	VA15-03382
Re:	Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.: Meadowbank Division – Whale Tail Pit - Groundwater Inflow Assessment		

1 – INTRODUCTION

Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM) is developing the Whale Tail Pit in Nunavut, Canada. The Project is located 50 km northwest of AEM's Meadowbank Mine and 160 km northwest of Baker Lake. AEM is currently evaluating the potential for mining the satellite Whale Tail deposit using open pit mining methods.

Knight Piésold Ltd. (KP) was retained to provide geomechanical and hydrogeological services to support permitting and pre-feasibility level open pit mine design for the Project. One of the objectives of this scope of work is to characterize the quantity and quality of groundwater that could be expected to flow into the open pit. The groundwater quality is covered in (KP, 2015a).

The proposed open pit has a maximum depth of 120 m and is approximately 1,300 m long and 490 m wide. AEM plan to build a dam to the south and drain the northern portion of the lake. The current mine plan details the open pit extraction beginning in the last quarter of 2018 and continuing until the end of 2021.

This memorandum focuses on the quantity of groundwater inflows to the proposed open pit. A brief description of the deposit geology, as well as the permafrost and talik conditions expected in the vicinity of the deposit, is also provided. The permafrost and talik characterization is described in detail in (KP, 2015a).

2 – AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Information reviewed as part of the groundwater inflow assessment included:

- Staged open pit designs from 2018 Q4 until the end of 2021 (AEM, 2015b)
- Whale Tail Lake bathymetry (Groupe Conseil Nutshimit-Nippour, 2015)
- Lithology and structural, models (AEM, 2015a)
- Hydraulic conductivity data from eighteen packer tests conducted during the 2015 site investigation program completed by KP
- Ground temperature data from thermistors installed in six geotechnical boreholes during the 2015 site investigation program completed by KP
- Rock mass quality data collected during the 2015 site investigation program completed by KP, and
- The expected permafrost and talik conditions beneath Whale Tail Lake (KP, 2015a).

3 – GEOLOGY

The following summary of the deposit geology is summarised from AEM (2014) unless otherwise noted. The main lithologies encountered at the Project are summarized below:

- **Overburden:** The overburden layer in the vicinity of the pit is generally expected to be thin, with observed thicknesses of approximately 10 m.
- **Greywacke (S3):** The Greywacke is the most common lithology at the Project. This unit hosts the deposit and is also internal to it. The Greywacke is fine to medium grained and can be altered and/or deformed in the vicinity of the mineralized zones.

- **Mafic Volcanics (V3):** The Mafic Volcanics are present along the southern limit of the deposit and primarily consist of basalt. This package has been heavily folded and is characterized by a schistose or chaotic texture. Biotite and chlorite alteration are common within the Mafic Volcanics.
- **Ultramafics (Komatiite, V4):** The ultramafic volcanic unit, or Komatiite, bounds the northern and southern limits of the deposit. This unit is commonly altered to a chlorite-talc-carbonate schist (soapstone) with chaotic carbonate veining. The Komatiite is characterised by variable rock mass quality and can be faulted.
- **Altered Ultramafics (V3F):** The Komatiite can be locally altered and deformed, notably along the contact with the sedimentary units. The Altered Ultramafics are more competent and have more consistent rock mass quality than the Komatiite. The unit is often mineralized with disseminated sulphides and is one of the primary mineralized zones identified within the deposit.
- **Chert (S10):** A sedimentary unit consisting of interbedded bands of Chert, sediments and thin beds of iron formation. The Chert both hosts and forms many of the mineralized zones identified within the deposit. The Chert can be flooded with silica and has been locally heavily folded.
- **Graphitic Chert (S10E):** In some areas, the Chert has been interlayered with graphitic mudstone, resulting in a unit known as the Graphitic Chert. The Graphitic Chert has been intensely deformed causing it to appear chaotic and brecciated.
- **Mudstone (S6):** Well-banded fine grained sedimentary rock. This unit is often transitional with the Chert and Graphitic Chert.
- **Diorite (I2):** The Diorite is an intrusive unit located to the south of the Whale Tail deposit. The diorite is unmineralized.

A typical cross-section of the deposit is shown on Figure 1. Stratigraphy strikes towards the southwest and dips, at least initially, towards the south.

Structurally, the deposit lithologies trend ENE-WSW, which may represent the axis of an anticline or syncline. This is the dominant structural orientation. A series of diffuse ductile structures do exist that trend NE-SW, which offsets both the lithologies and the mineralization. A sub-horizontal set of structures has also been identified during the geomechanical site investigation program.

4 – PACKER TESTING

Eighteen (18) constant head hydraulic conductivity packer tests were completed in six geotechnical boreholes that were drilled during the geomechanical and hydrogeological site investigations undertaken between June 8 and October 4, 2015. Testing was completed using an HQ sized Standard Wireline Packer System (SWiPS) system manufactured by Inflatable Packers International (IPI). The results of the packer testing estimated relatively low hydraulic conductivities between less than 1×10^{-9} m/s (the achievable precision of the SWiPS) and 5×10^{-8} m/s. The results are summarized in Table 1.

Some uncertainty as to whether all of the tests were completed in talik exists due to the preliminary nature of the thermistor data used to define the extent of the talik (KP, 2015b). Two packer tests were completed in AMQ15-349A that were thought to be completely within the talik. These tests resulted in horizontal conductivity estimates of 1×10^{-8} m/s and 5×10^{-8} m/s.

5 – PERMAFROST AND TALIK CHARACTERIZATION

Groundwater regimes in permafrost regions are characterized as two systems separated by permafrost; the active layer and the deep regional groundwater system. A talik is a region of unfrozen ground that can form beneath large lakes. Fluids within a talik may remain in a liquid phase at temperatures below zero due to freezing point depression caused by high total dissolved solids (TDS) and hydrostatic pressure. An open talik is one which extends from the lakebed down through the surrounding permafrost to the regional groundwater table.

Open taliks form beneath large lakes and represent the primary connecting pathway for groundwater flow between the active layer and the regional groundwater system.

KP characterized the permafrost and potential for talik formation beneath Whale Tail Lake using the thermistor and hydraulic conductivity data from the geomechanical and hydrogeological site investigation program. The characterization is detailed in KP (2015a) and is summarised below:

- The depth to the base of continuous permafrost is expected to be approximately 420 metres below ground surface (mbgs).
- Freezing point depression beneath Whale Tail Lake ranges from -0.23°C beneath the lake to -0.75°C at 420 mbgs. These estimates are based upon an exponential freezing point depression vs. TDS function developed for the Meadowbank Mine (Golder, 2012) and on an exponentially increasing TDS relationship with depth (Golder, 2014) that has been calibrated to the Project TDS data.
- The western “fluke” of Whale Tail Lake is shallow and likely overlies permafrost. The eastern fluke is deeper and likely overlies a talik. Preliminary thermistor data and I-D analytical solutions from Burn (2002) indicate that the talik below the eastern fluke does not connect vertically through to the regional groundwater system (Figure 2).
- Whale Tail Lake is large and deep beneath the proposed attenuation pond and it overlies a talik that may connect through to the regional sub-permafrost groundwater system (Figure 2).

6 – CONCEPTUAL HYDROGEOLOGICAL MODEL

The hydrogeological conceptual model at the Project is largely a function of the permafrost and talik characterization described in KP (2015a). Other input data and assumptions used to develop the conceptual model include:

- For the purposes of the inflow assessment the vertical and horizontal hydraulic conductivities of permafrost are assumed to be zero.
- The horizontal hydraulic conductivity within the Whale Tail Lake talik zone is conservatively estimated to be 1×10^{-8} m/s based on the results of the packer testing summarized in Table 1.
- The vertical hydraulic conductivity is typically estimated to be considerably less than horizontal hydraulic conductivity (in lieu of sufficient data to indicate otherwise). This relationship may not be valid at the Project where both stratigraphy and structure are steeply dipping to sub-vertical, and where horizontal flow within talik zones is restricted by the areal extent of the talik. As a result, the vertical hydraulic conductivity was conservatively assumed to be equal to the horizontal hydraulic conductivity (1×10^{-8} m/s).
- The active layer is estimated to average 3 m thick, with a horizontal hydraulic conductivity of 1×10^{-7} m/s while thawed based on the thickness of the active layer at other Projects in Northern Canada (Rescan, 2014).
- The available geomechanical data indicate that the bedrock close to surface is weathered and more fractured than the deeper bedrock. This is likely due to successive freeze/thaw cycles. The horizontal hydraulic conductivity of this weathered bedrock cap is estimated to be 1×10^{-7} m/s within the talik zone and zero within the surrounding permafrost. The thickness of this weathered bedrock cap is estimated to be 30 m.
- In-situ hydraulic head data is not currently available for the deposit. As a result, the direction and magnitude of the hydraulic gradients at the Project are unknown. Hydraulic gradients prior to the development of the open pit are expected to be small, since the lake elevations in the project area are all reasonably similar due to the flat topography.

Key aspects of the hydrogeological regime relevant to the groundwater inflow assessment are summarized below:

- The regional groundwater gradient is controlled by the elevations of large lakes in the area that are connected to the sub-permafrost groundwater system through a series of open taliks.
- Groundwater flow (through taliks from lakes to sub-permafrost groundwater and vice versa) will be along open fractures, faults, and joint systems conduits as defined by the regional structural orientations.

7 – GROUNDWATER INFLOW ESTIMATES

An estimate of groundwater inflows to Whale Tail Pit has been completed based on the available data and the conceptual hydrogeological model. Groundwater inflow estimates to the open pit were calculated every 3 months for the life of the open pit (years 2018 to 2021) based on the open pit designs provided by AEM. Proposed pit floor depths for the years where the pit will intersect the talik range from 15 to 137 meters below ground surface (mbgs).

KP expects there to be three main sources of inflows to the proposed open pit based on the hydrogeological conceptual model above:

- Seasonal inflows from the active layer.
- Perennial leakage inflows induced by the hydraulic gradient which will develop between the dammed portion of Whale Tail Lake and the floor of the open pit.
- Perennial inflows from the talik induced by the hydraulic gradient between nearby lakes connected to the regional groundwater system and the floor of the open pit, once the pit intersects the footprint of the talik in 2019 Q3.

A schematic diagram of expected inflows is provided in Figure 3.

Two analytical equations were selected to calculate an estimate of groundwater inflows as the open pit develops:

- The Dupuit (1863) equation for horizontal groundwater flow was used to simulate inflow to the open pit from the active layer and leakage from Whale Tail Lake, and
- The Hvorslev (1951) Type D equation was used to estimate inflows from the talik intersected by the open pit.

These analytical methods were used to estimate the inflows from three different sources. These methods are summarized below:


- **Dupuit Equation – Active Layer Inflows:** Development of Whale Tail Pit will result in a seepage face along the perimeter of the pit. Active layer inflows to the pit will cause a drawdown and a gradient for groundwater flow within the active layer. The rate of flow in the active layer is a function of the hydraulic conductivity of the active layer and of the gradient which develops. Recharge to the active layer will include thawed groundwater, snowmelt, precipitation, and leakage from nearby lakes and rivers. Inflows from the active layer will only occur during months with average air temperatures above 0°C. Inflows will occur along the entire perimeter of the open pit.
- **Dupuit Equation – Whale Tail Lake Dam Induced Inflows:** KP understands that the portion of Whale Tail Lake overlying the proposed open pit is to be drained and the southern extent of the lake retained behind a dam. This will create a hydraulic gradient between the surface of the lake behind the dam and the floor depth of the open pit. Inflows will occur through the weathered bedrock cap below the drained portion of the lake towards the pit, when the pit intersects the talik. This inflow is expected to be first encountered in Q3 of 2019 when the open pit will first intersect the lake and underlying talik. The inflow rate will depend on the hydraulic conductivity of the weathered bedrock zone (assumed 1×10^{-7} m/s), the hydraulic gradient which develops in the weathered bedrock unit, and the area through which flow occurs.
- **Hvorslev Type D Equation – Inflows through the Talik:** The hydraulic head of the regional sub-permafrost groundwater is controlled by the surface elevation of large lakes with open taliks. Once the open pit intersects the talik in Q3 of 2019, a hydraulic gradient between regional lakes (approximately ground surface) and the floor of the open pit will develop. Groundwater will begin to discharge from the talik beneath the open pit. This flow will utilize open fractures and joints as preferred conduits; however, inflows are expected to be limited by the vertical hydraulic conductivity (1×10^{-8} m/s, 0.32 m/yr). Therefore although the regional hydraulic gradient provides the driving force for groundwater inflows from the talik, the actual discharge over the life of the open pit is expected to be limited to groundwater immediately below the pit.

Calculated inflows do not account for the possibility of intersecting higher conductivity fault or fracture systems during pit development than has been encountered during drilling and packer testing thus-far.


Inflows in the fourth quarter of 2021 from dam leakage and the underlying talik are expected to be 0.12 L/s and 0.29 L/s, respectively, for a total inflow rate of 0.41 L/s (35 m³/day). The estimated groundwater inflows to the open pit from the active layer, Whale Tail Lake, and the regional groundwater system is summarised on a quarterly basis in Table 2.

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Table 1 Rev 0	Drillhole Packer Testing Summary
Table 2 Rev 0	Estimated Groundwater Inflows
Figure 1 Rev 0	Typical Deposit Cross-Section
Figure 2 Rev 0	Assumed Talik Footprint beneath Whale Tail Lake
Figure 3 Rev 0	Conceptual Sources of Groundwater Inflow

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TABLE 1

**AGNICO EAGLE MINES LTD. MEADOWBANK DIVISION
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**GROUNDWATER INFLOW ASSESSMENT
DRILLHOLE PACKER TESTING SUMMARY**

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Planning Drillhole Name	Actual Drillhole Name	Surveyed Drillhole Details ²						Hydraulic Testing			
		Collar Coordinates ¹			Azimuth	Dip	Final Length	Along-Hole Packer Testing Interval		Constant Head Test Results ³	Test Interval Lithology
		Easting	Northing	Elevation							
		(m)	(m)	(m)				(°)	(°)	(m)	
KP15-01A	AMQ15-326A	606,430.9	7,255,330.8	10,154.6	287	-58	180	160.3	180.0	No Take	ULTRAMAFIC
KP15-02	AMQ15-316	606,655.1	7,255,428.2	10,154.1	7	-54	189	181.3	189.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	GREYWACKE
KP15-04	AMQ15-349A	607,064.9	7,255,627.5	10,155.3	204	-45	203	97.3	141.0	5 x10 ⁻⁸	GREYWACKE, ALTERED ULTRAMAFICS
								136.3	180.0	1 x10 ⁻⁸	GREYWACKE, ALTERED ULTRAMAFICS
								178.3	202.5	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	GREYWACKE, ALTERED ULTRAMAFICS
KP15-05	AMQ15-306	606,714.8	7,255,363.8	10,154.9	96	-45	201	52.3	100.5	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	GREYWACKE
								103.3	162.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	GREYWACKE
								178.3	201.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	GREYWACKE
KP15-07	AMQ15-294	607,073.2	7,255,676.1	10,155.9	323	-45	221	100.3	150.0	1 x10 ⁻⁹	ULTRAMAFICS, ALTERED ULTRAMAFICS, QUARTZ VEINS
								201.8	220.5	9 x10 ⁻⁹	GREYWACKE
KP15-09	AM15-452	606,627	7,255,688	10,156	160	-50	501	127.3	177.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	GREYWACKE
KP15-10	AMQ15-421	607,098	7,255,491	10,155	274	-51	501	94.3	150.0	1 x10 ⁻⁹	DIORITE, GREYWACKE, ALTERED ULTRAMAFICS
								148.3	201.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	ALTERED MAFICS
								199.3	225.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	ALTERED ULTRAMAFICS
								298.3	330.0	1 x10 ⁻⁹	ULTRAMAFICS
								328.3	455.6	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	ULTRAMAFICS
								469.3	501.0	< 1 x10 ⁻⁹	GRAPHIC CHERT

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NOTES:

1. COLLAR COORDINATES SURVEYED AND PROVIDED BY AEM. COORDINATES ARE IN UTM ZONE 14W; ELEVATIONS ARE TRANSLATED FROM THE MINE GRID.
2. REPORTED AZIMUTH AND DIPS ARE THE DRILLHOLE AVERAGE.
3. 1E-09 m/s IS LOWER LIMIT OF SWIPS PACKER TESTING PRECISION.

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TABLE 2

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GROUNDWATER INFLOW ASSESSMENT
ESTIMATED GROUNDWATER INFLOWS

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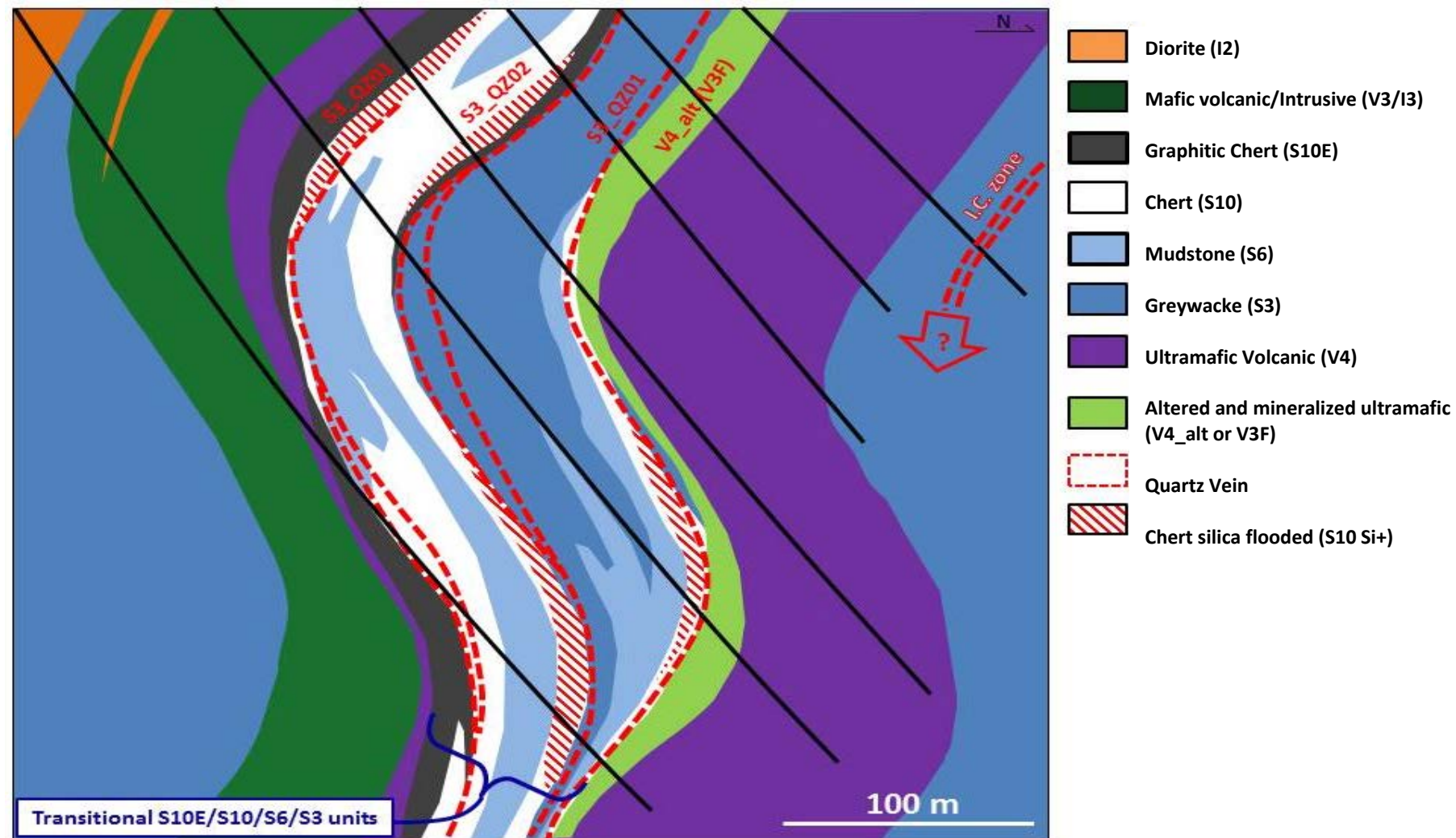
Pit Year	Cumulative Quarter	Talik Intersection	Active Layer Inflows	Dam Leakage	Talik Inflows	Total Inflows	Total Inflows
		(yes/no)	(L/s)	(L/s)	(L/s)	(L/s)	(m ³ /day)
2018 Q4 ¹	1	no	-	-	-	-	-
2019 Q1 ¹	2	no	-	-	-	-	-
2019 Q2 ¹	3	no	0.06	-	-	0.06	5
2019 Q3 ¹	4	yes	0.11	0.12	0.06	0.30	26
2019 Q4 ¹	5	yes	-	0.12	0.06	0.18	16
2020 Q1	6	yes	-	0.12	0.06	0.18	16
2020 Q2 ¹	7	yes	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.34	29
2020 Q3 ¹	8	yes	0.11	0.12	0.15	0.38	33
2020 Q4 ¹	9	yes	-	0.12	0.17	0.29	25
2021 Q1 ¹	10	yes	-	0.12	0.29	0.41	35
2021 Q2	11	yes	0.11	0.12	0.29	0.52	45
2021 Q3	12	yes	0.11	0.12	0.29	0.52	45
2021 Q4	13	yes	-	0.12	0.29	0.41	35

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1. OPEN PIT DIMENSIONS PROVIDED IN AEM DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE (AEM 2015b). ADDITIONAL QUARTERS CONSIDERED TO ALLOW EXPRESSION OF ACTIVE LAYER INFLOWS. PIT DIMENSIONS OF ADDED QUARTERS ASSUMED THE SAME AS PREVIOUS QUARTER PIT DIMENSIONS PROVIDED BY AEM.
2. ACTIVE LAYER INFLOWS ONLY OCCUR DURING SUMMER (Q2 AND Q3).
3. BEDROCK INFLOWS DO NOT OCCUR UNTIL THE OPEN PIT INTERSECTS THE LAKE AND UNDERLYING TALIK IN Q3 2019.
4. (-) DENOTES NO INFLOW OCCURING.

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1. CROSS-SECTION PROVIDED BY AEM (MARCH 5, 2015).

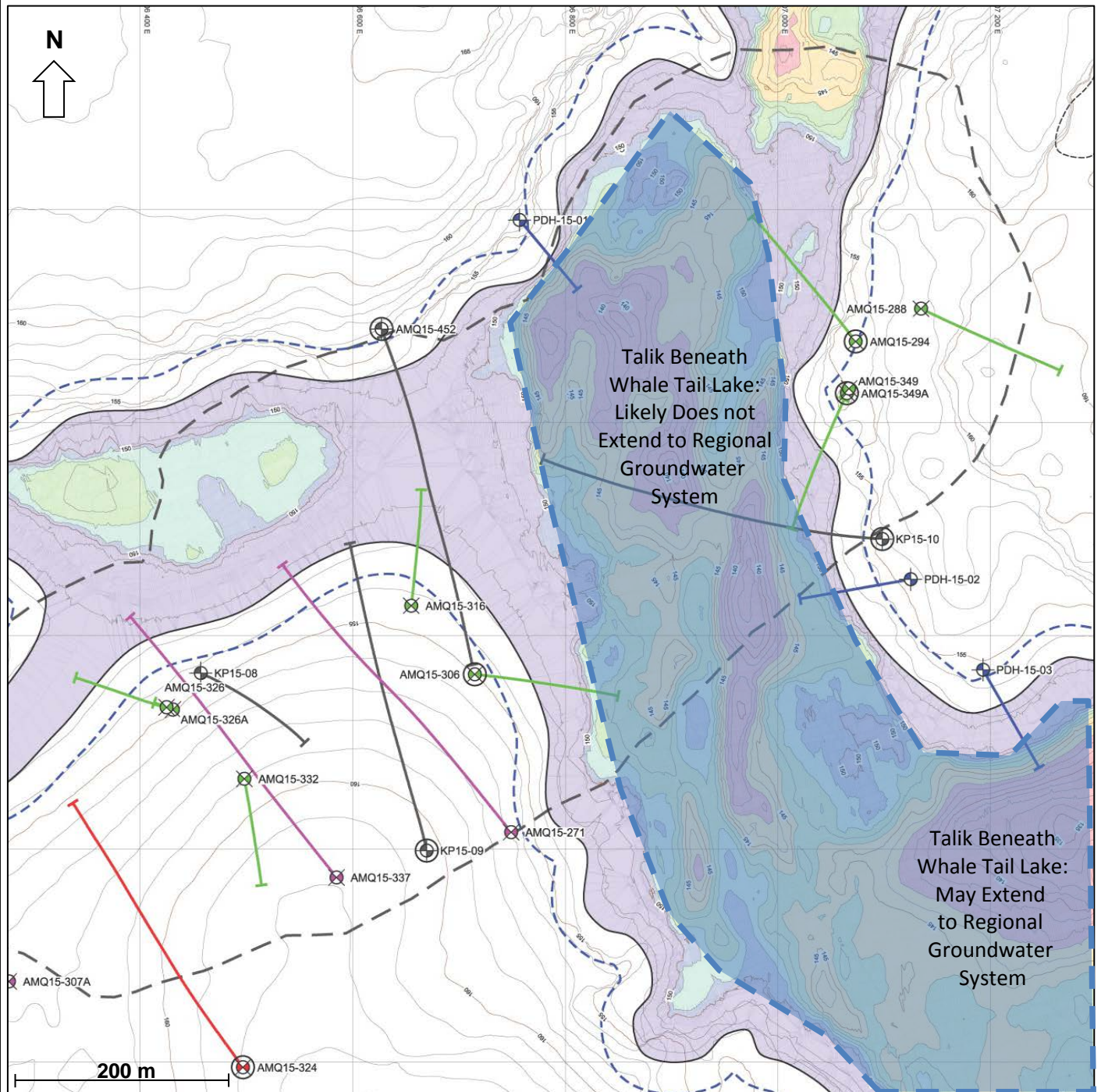
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TYPICAL DEPOSIT CROSS-SECTION

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**ASSUMED TALIK FOOTPRINT BENEATH
WHALE TAIL LAKE**

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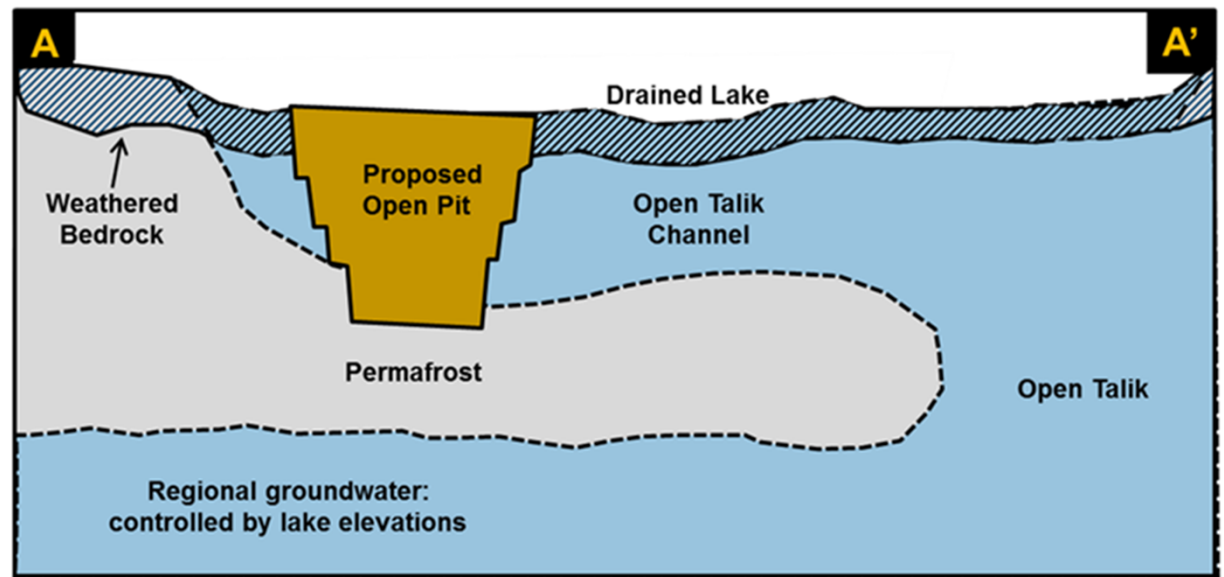
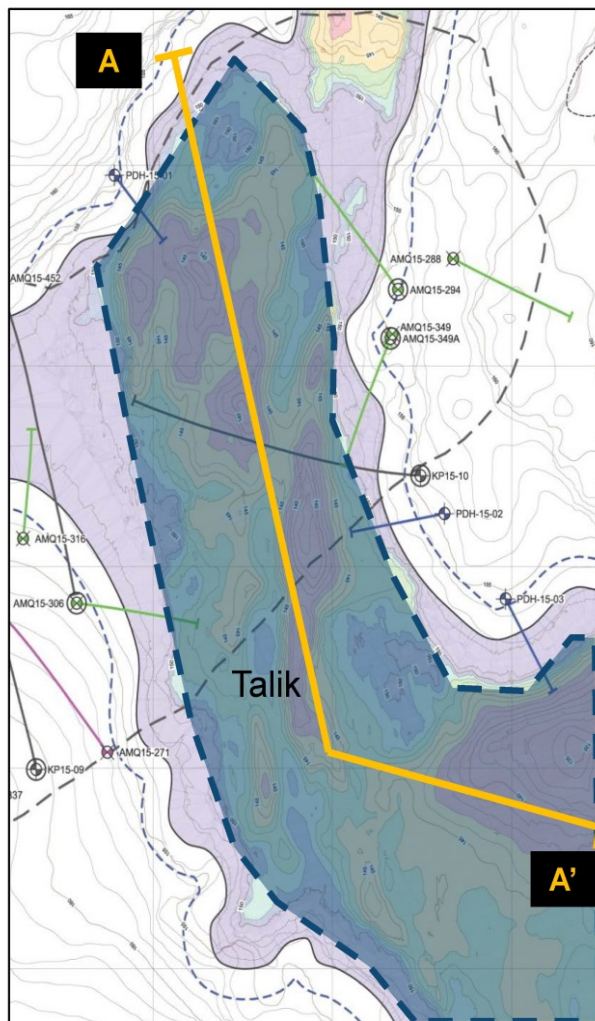
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- **Inflow 1:** Seasonal inflows from the active layer
- **Inflow 2:** Leakage from beneath dam
- **Inflow 3:** Groundwater from talik driven by regional groundwater gradients

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CONCEPTUAL SOURCES OF GROUNDWATER INFLOW

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