# Fur Seal-1

VIC/P54

## Well Completion Report

Interpretive Data

March 2008

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# 1. WELL SUMMARY

Fur Seal-1 is located approximately 30 kms from the nearest landfall in the Gippsland Basin, southeastern Victoria. It lies approximately 6.7 km west of Sunfish-1, 4.3 km north-west of Remora-1, 11.2 km east of Moonfish-1, 10.9 km southwest of Sweetlips-1 and 14 km from the Snapper Field in the production permit VIC/P54 (Figure 1). The well was designed as an exploration well to test a combined stratigraphic/structural trap in the southwest part of VIC/P54. The Fur Seal structure is an elongate, east-west orientated, four-way dip closure with the southern flank of the structure formed by the southerly dip of the Intra-Latrobe Group, and the northern flank formed by the base of the Marlin Channel truncating the southerly dipping Intra-Latrobe Group (Figures 2 and 3).

Fur Seal-1 was spudded at 03:00 hrs on October 24$^{th}$, 2005 by the semi-submersible rig Ocean Patriot in 56.6 m of water. The vertical well reached a total depth of -2588.2 mTVDAHD (2610.0 mMDRT) at 01:30hrs on November 1$^{st}$, 2005. Total depth was called in the Strzlecki Group. No Emperor Sub-group was intersected in this well.

In addition to the acquisition of logging-while-drilling data (Sperry-Sun LWD), the following suite of wireline logs was run:

Run 1: Dual CSAT Checkshot Survey

No conventional or sidewall cores were cut. No well testing was carried out.

The top of the primary objective Kingfish Formation was intersected at -2176.7 mTVDAHD (2198.4 mMDRT), 43.3 m high to prognosis (Figure 4). The lithology comprises interbedded siltstone, carbonaceous sitlstone and calcareous claystone. Minor sandstone was seen at the top of the interval. The abundance of this sandstone became greater with increasing depth and comprised up to 95% kaolinitic matrix. Poor to fair inferred porosity was noted and no hydrocarbon shows were observed.

The secondary objective Volador Formation was intersected at -2362.2 mTVDAHD (2383.9 mMDRT), 1.5 m high to prognosis (Figure 4). The lithology comprises interbedded argillaceous sandstone and siltstone. The sandstone is fine to coarse-grained and poorly sorted. Poor to fair porosity was also noted within this interval and no hydrocarbon shows were observed.

Fur Seal-1, a dry hole, was plugged and abandoned and the rig was released at 18:00 hrs on November 5$^{th}$, 2005 when 1 km from location.

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# FUR SEAL-1 LOCATION MAP

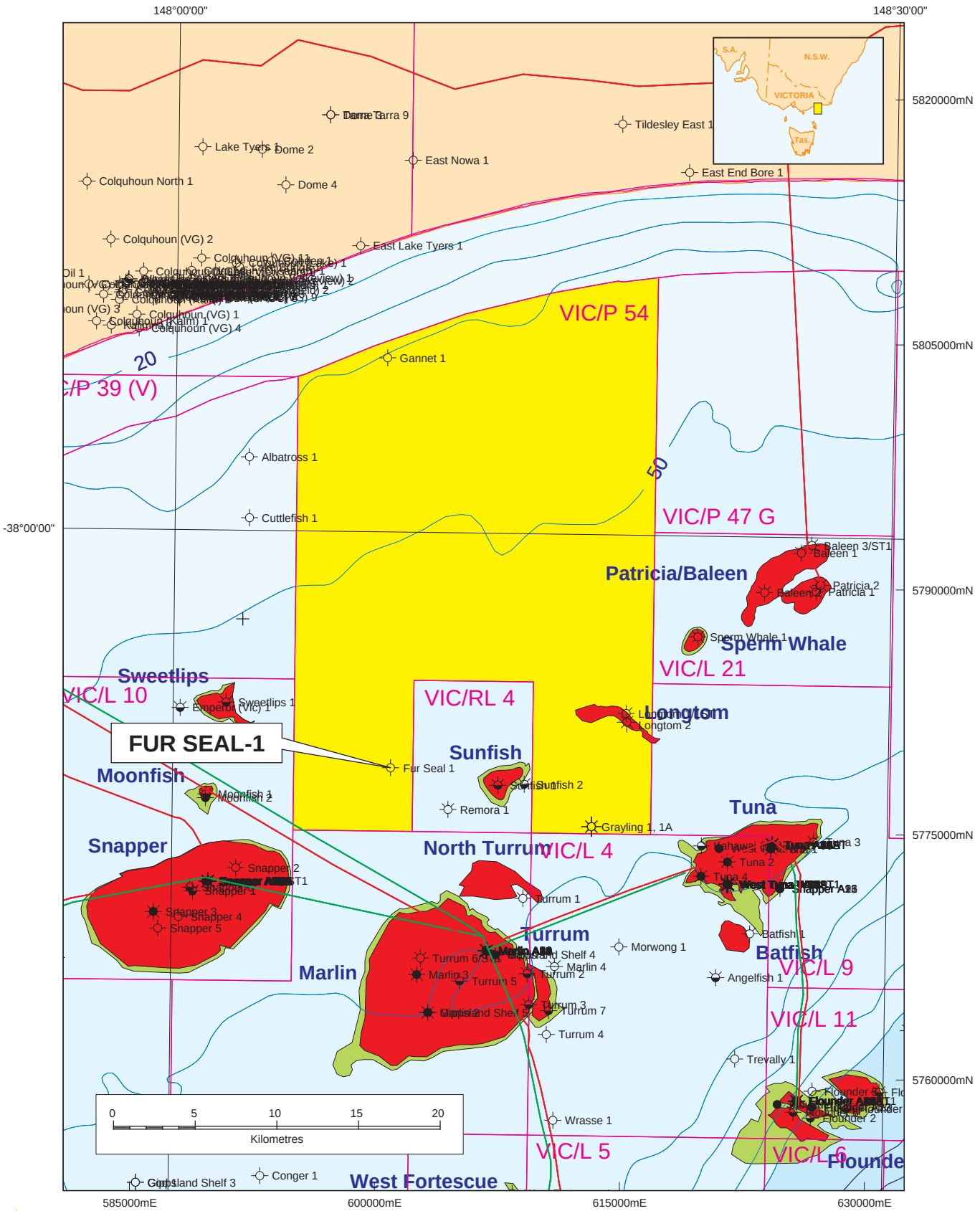


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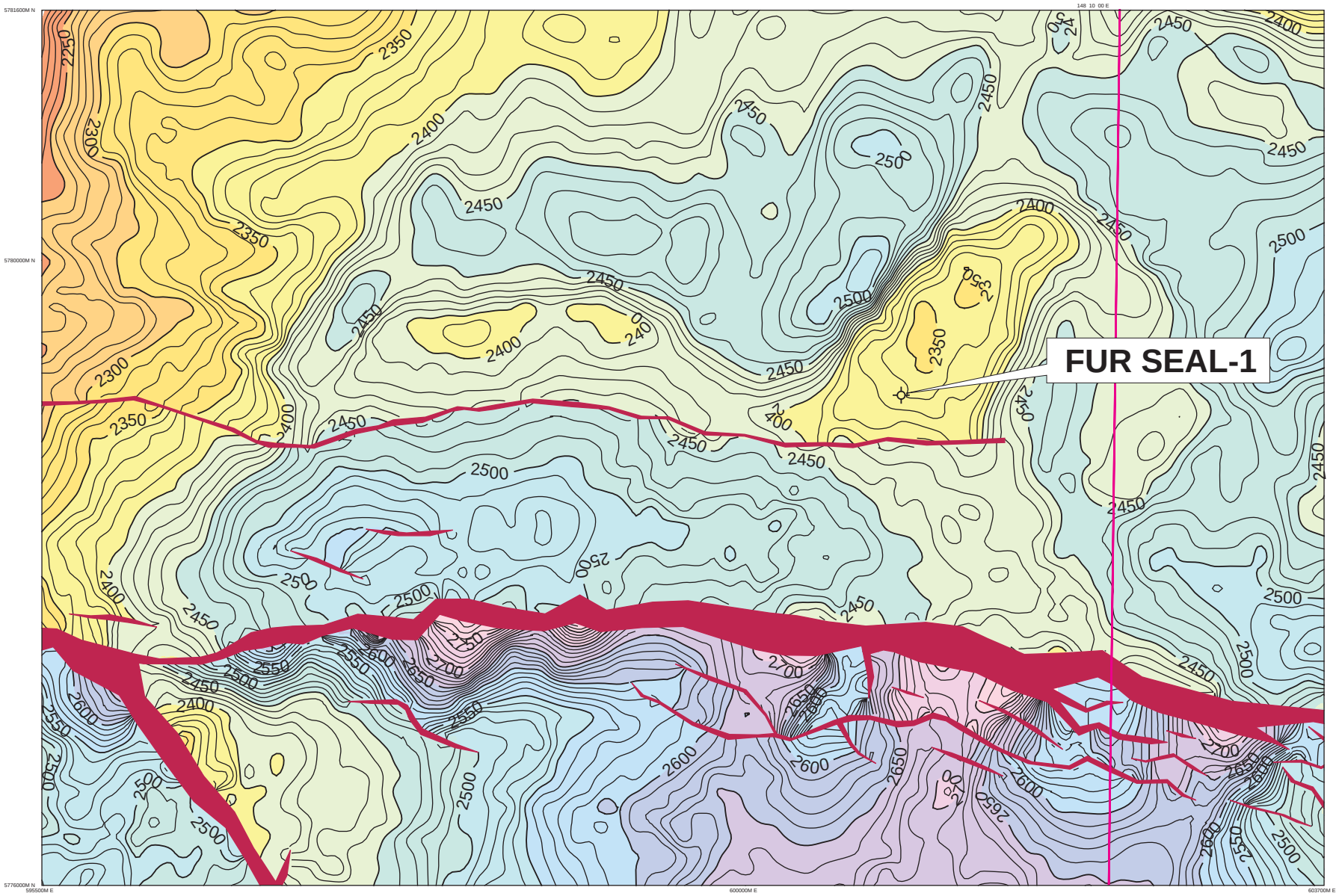
Figure 1

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KILOMETRES

Apache ENERGY

VIC/P54

Fur Seal-1

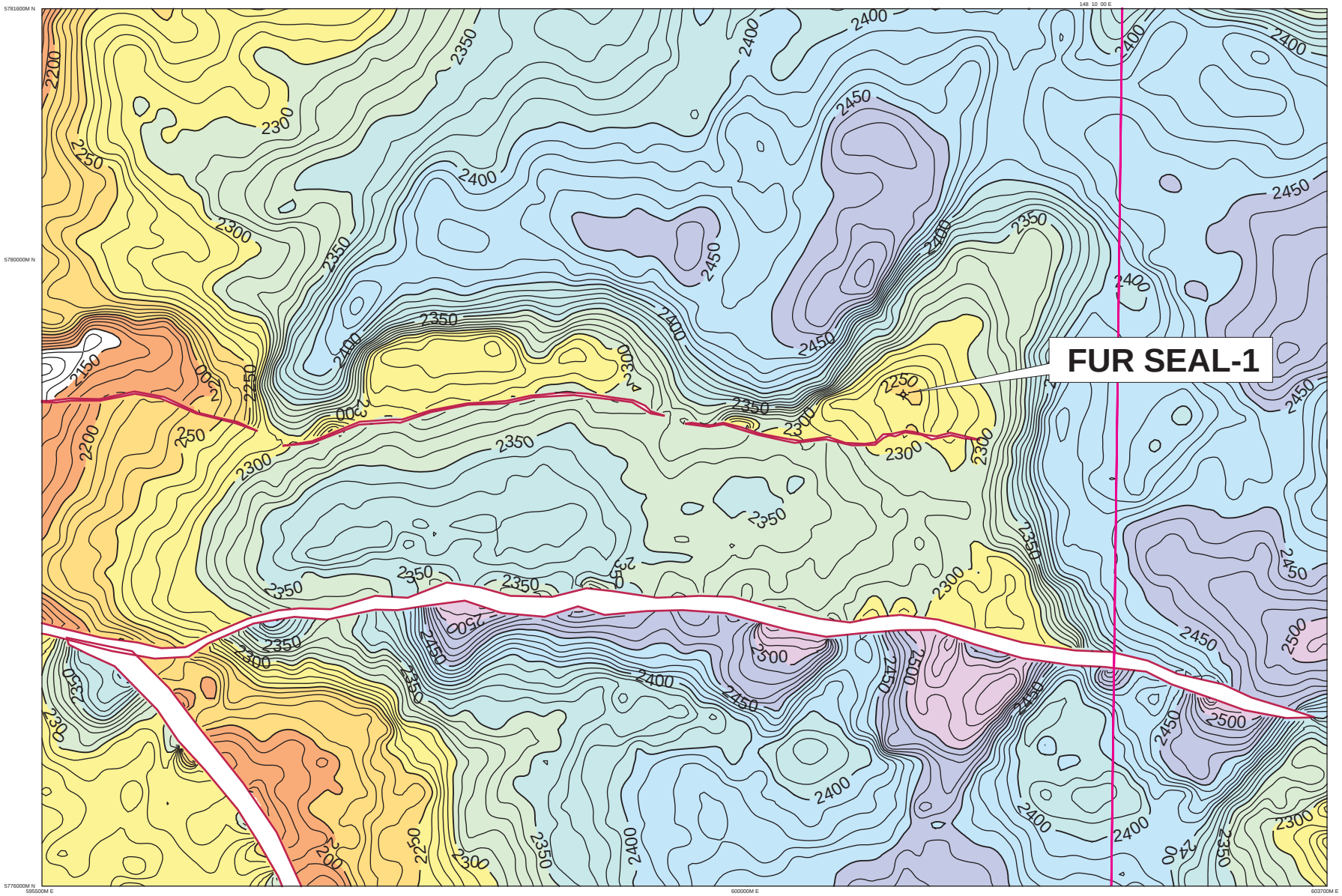
F longus / base eocene channel

Depth Structure

CONTOUR INTERVAL: 10m

| | |
|---|---|
| Author : RLK | Date : September 7, 2006 |
| Mapsheet : FURSEAL | Scale : |
| Map File : vicp54_furseal_FLON_postdrill.map | Plan No. : RLKu9562 |

Figure 2

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KILOMETRES

Apache ENERGY

VIC/P54

Fur Seal-1

L.balmei marker / base eocene channel

Depth Structure

CONTOUR INTERVAL: 10m

| | |
|---|---|
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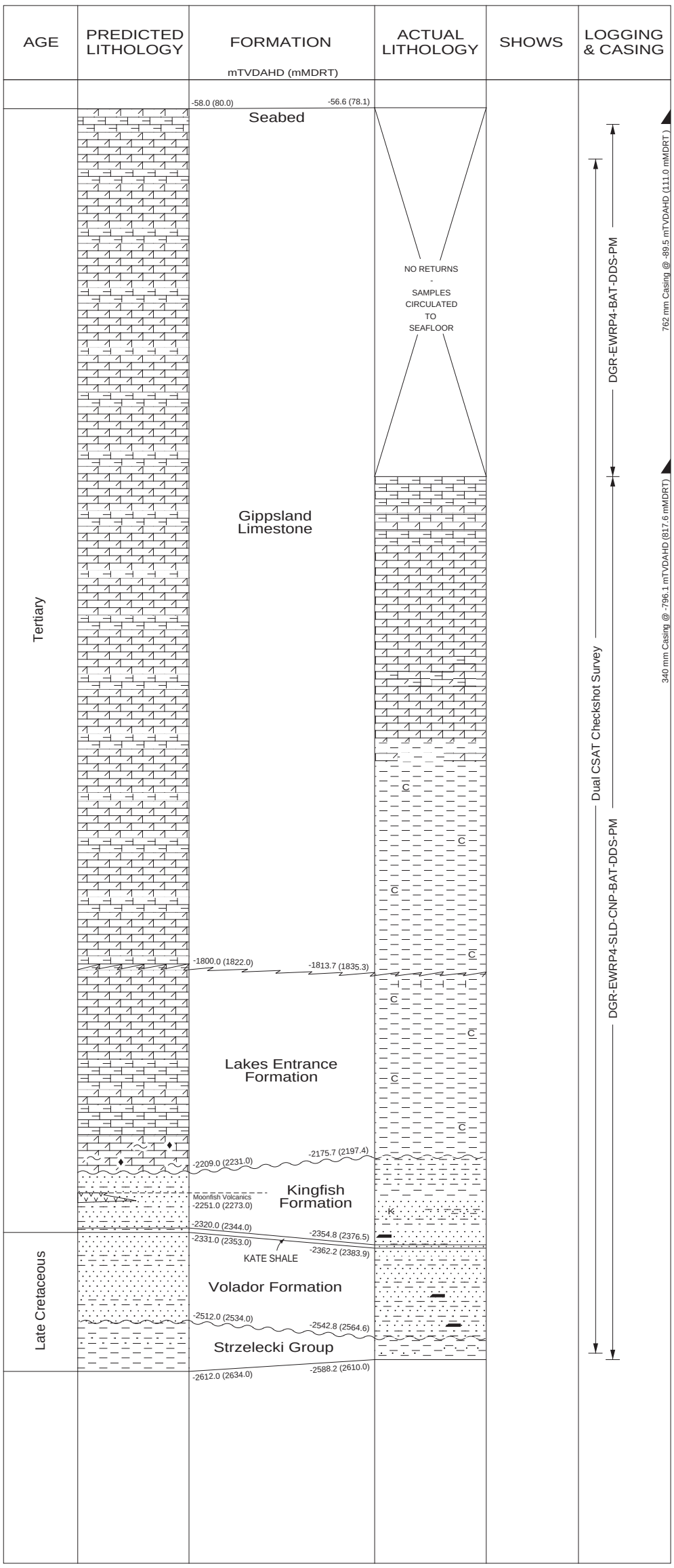
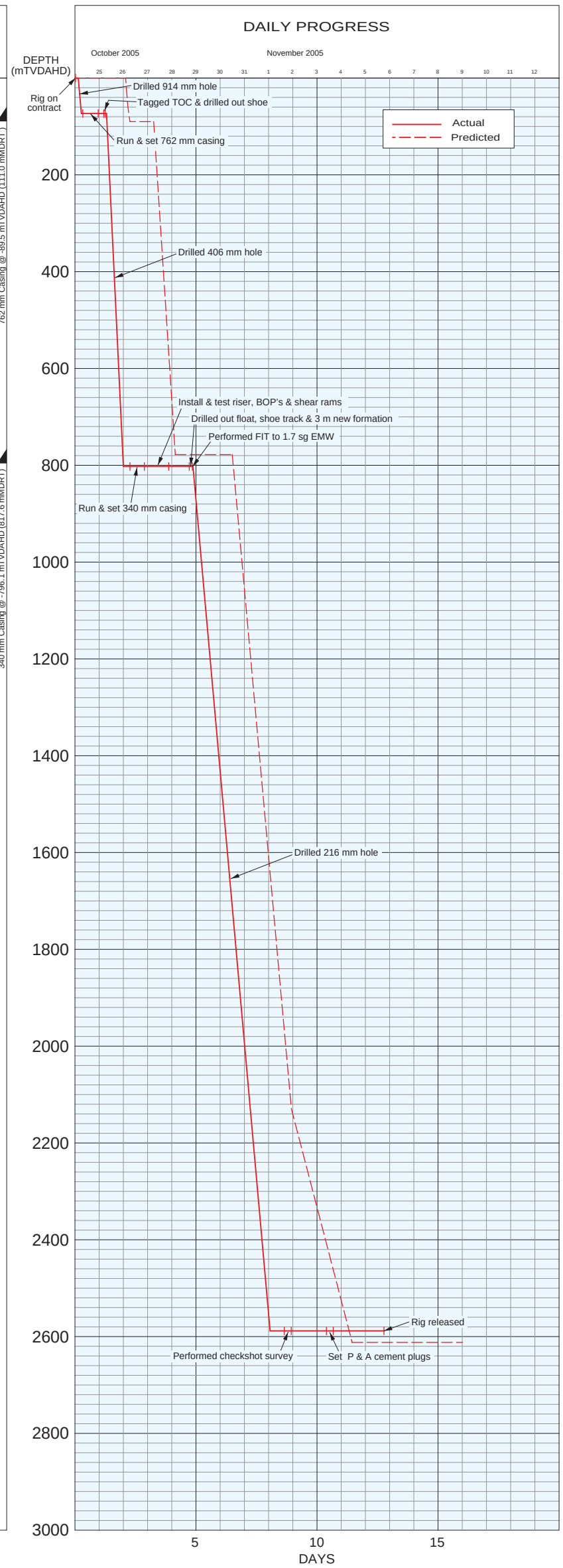
| Mapsheet : FURSEAL | Scale : |
| Map File : vicp54_furseal_BMPvolc_postdrill.map | Plan No. : RLKu9563 |

Figure 3

# FUR SEAL-1




| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| LATITUDE : | 38° 07' 47.91" S | UTM: | 5,779,136.7 mN |
| LONGITUDE : | 148° 09' 08.44" E | | 600,995.5 mE |

| | |
|---|---|
| SEISMIC LINE : | IL 3195, XL 7787 |
| SPUD DATE : | 24 October 2005, 03:00 hrs |
| REACHED T.D.: | 1 November 2005, 01:30 hrs |
| ELEVATION R.T.: | 21.5 m above AHD |
| WATER DEPTH : | 56.6 m below AHD |
| SEA BED : | 78.1 m below R.T. |
| STATUS : | Plugged & Abandoned, Dry Hole |
| RIG : | Ocean Patriot |
| RIG RELEASED : | 5 November 2005, 18:00 hrs |

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**VIC/P-54**

**GIPPSLAND BASIN**

## FUR SEAL-1

**PREDICTED vs ACTUAL SECTION & WELL HISTORY**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Author : | WCR | Date : | June 2007 |
| Drawn : | Perth Exploration Dept. | Plan No. | ASu9460 |

Figure 4

## 2. WELL INDEX SHEET

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Well:** | Fur Seal-1 | **Partners:** | Apache Energy Ltd (Operator)<br>Apache Northwest Pty Ltd<br>Nexus Energy Vic P54 Pty Ltd |
| **Well Type:** | Exploration | | |
| **Basin:** | Gippsland | | |
| **Tenement:** | VIC/P54 | | |
| **Objective:** | Kingfish Formation (Primary)<br>Volador Formation (Secondary) | | |
| **Status:** | P & A Dry Hole | | |
| **Spudded:** | 03:00 hrs 24 October 2005 | **Latitude:** | 38º 07' 47.91" S |
| **TD Reached:** | 01:30 hrs 1 November 2005 | **Longitude:** | 148º 09' 08.44" E |
| **Rig Released:** | 18:00 hrs 5 November 2005 | **Northing:** | 5,779,136.7 mN |
| **Total Depth:** | -2588.2 mTVDAHD<br>(2610.0 mMDRT) | **Easting:** | 600,995.5 mE |
| **RT Elevation:** | 21.5 m above AHD | **Datum:** | GDA94 |
| **Water Depth:** | 56.6 m below AHD | **Projection:** | MGA Zone 55, CM 147º East |
| **Drill. Contr.:** | Diamond Offshore Pty Ltd | **Seis Loc:** | Northern Fields 3D Seismic Survey<br>Inline 3195, Crossline 7787 |
| **Rig (Type):** | Ocean Patriot<br>(Semi-submersible) | | |

### Formations

| Subgroup | Formation/Marker | Tops | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **mMDRT** | **mTVDAHD** | **mTVT** |
| Seaspray | Gippsland Limestone (Seabed) | 78.1 | -56.6 | 1757.1 |
| | Lakes Entrance Formation | 1835.3 | -1813.7 | 363.0 |
| Halibut | Kingfish Formation | 2197.4 | -2175.7 | 179.1 |
| | Kate Shale (Lower *L. balmei* marker) | 2376.5 | -2354.8 | 7.4 |
| | Volador Formation | 2383.9 | -2362.2 | 182.2 |
| Emperor | Strzelecki Group | 2566.1 | -2544.4 | 43.8 |
| | Total Depth | 2610.0 | -2588.2 | |

### Hole and Casing Details

| Hole Size (mm) | Interval (mMDRT) | Interval (mTVDAHD) | Casing Size (mm) | Depth (mMDRT) | Depth (mTVDAHD) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 914 | 78.1 to 111.7 | -56.6 to -90.2 | 762 | 111.0 | -89.5 |
| 406 | 111.7 to 824.0 | -90.2 to -802.5 | 340 | 817.6 | -796.1 |
| 216 | 824.0 to 2610.0 | -802.5 to -2588.2 | | | |

### MWD/LWD Logs

| Bit No. | Log Suite | Interval mTVDAHD(mMDRT) | Max °C | Hole Size (mm) | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | DGR-EWRP4-BAT-DDS-PM | -90.2 to -802.5<br>(111.7 to 824.0) | 25 | 311 | All recorded data recovered at surface. |
| 2 | DGR-EWRP4-SLD-CNP-BAT-DDS-PM | -802.5 to -2588.2<br>(824.0 to 2610.0) | 75.5 | 216 | All recorded data recovered at surface. |

**Well Index Sheet (cont.)**

## Wireline Logs

| Suite | Run | Log Suite | Interval mTVDAHD (mMDRT) | BHT (°C) | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | Dual CSAT Checkshot Survey | -2575.2 to -160.5 (2597.0 to 182.0) | 109 | Checkshots recorded at 15 m intervals from TD to loss of signal. |

## Cement Plugs

| Plug No. | Interval mTVDAHD (mMDRT) | Tagged |
|---|---|---|
| 1a | -2588.2 to -2358.3 (2610.0 to 2380.0) | Y |
| 1b | -2388.3 to -2358.3 (2410.0 to 2380.0) | N |
| 1c | -2078.3 to -1018.4 (2100.0 to 1040.0) | N |
| 2 | -838.4 to -734.5 (860.0 to 756.0) | Y |
| 3 | -138.5 to -78.5 (160.0 to 100.0) | N |

**Testing:** No testing was carried out.

**Coring:** No conventional or sidewall cores were cut.

**Comments:** The surface location is 3.5 m on a bearing of 223.4º from the prosposed Fur Seal-1 location.

# 3. GEOLOGY

## 3.1 Summary of Regional Geology

The Fur Seal structure is located upon a fault terrace within the Rosedale Fault System on the northern margin of the Gippsland Basin (Figure 1). The Gippsland Basin is located at the eastern end of the major Late Jurassic to Late Cretaceous rift system that formed the southern edge of the Australian continent. It developed as a series of asymmetrical grabens in response to the break-up of Australia and Antarctica during the Early Cretaceous, and separation of Australia from the Lord Howe Rise/Campbell Plateau during the Late Cretaceous.

Clastic deposition commenced during the Early Cretaceous and continued in the basin at least until the Miocene in onshore regions. The onshore western part of the basin is dominated by terrestrial pre-rift succession of the Early Cretaceous Strzelecki Group which is Albian and older in age. The eastern offshore part has a much more complete and complex sedimentary record and all of the economic hydrocarbon accumulations. The offshore portion of the basin also has a thick interval of carbonates, the Gippsland Limestone that was deposited during the Miocene.

The structural evolution of the Gippsland Basin involved extensional and compressional events. Two phases of superimposed extension associated with southeastern Australian rifting events affected the region. Extension resulted in a series of NW-SE to WNW-ESE orientated en-echelon basement-involved normal faults on both the northern and southern margins of the basin. The en-echelon, soft-linked dog-leg pattern of normal faults on both the southern and northern margins of the basin is a characteristic of basement involvement in faulting, suggesting pre-existing structural grain influencing the orientation of subsequent faults. Locally, on the basin margins, these faults accommodate large syn-depositional thickness variations.

During the Cenomanian and Turonian, sediments of the syn-rift phase were deposited in lacustrine and lake margin settings (Emperor Sub-Group). The separation of the Lord Howe Rise and the onset of the Tasman Sea opening to the east of the Gippsland Basin during the Santonian were responsible for generating a basin-wide unconformity surface referred to as the Longtom Unconformity. This unconformity separates the underlying lacustrine Emperor Sub-Group from the overlying braided fluvial, deltaic to paralic and shallow marine rocks of the Golden Beach Sub-Group. Shallow marine depositional environments within the Golden Beach Sub-Group are only recorded from the eastern part of the basin. As the Tasman Sea rifting progressed to seafloor spreading in the mid-Campanian (*T. lilliei* biozone), basaltic volcanism within the basin and on the basin flanks reached a peak, covering much of the Golden Beach coastal plain environment with basic extrusives. The unconformity at the top of the Golden Beach Sub-Group is known as the Seahorse Unconformity.

Following this volcanic episode the sediments of the Halibut Sub-Group were deposited during the late syn-rift to post-rift thermal subsidence phase of basin evolution. These were deposited in fluvial, alluvial, deltaic and paralic environments in a basin that opened out to the east onto a developing ocean. The majority of the Halibut Sub-Group was deposited in a non-marine coastal plain setting behind a generally NE-SW orientated beach-barrier complex. During the deposition of the Halibut Sub-Group syn-depositional growth was achieved via

extensional reactivation of pre-existing NW-SE to WNW-ESE faults. This faulting progressively ceased during the Paleocene to Eocene. Towards the end of the Lower Eocene the coastal plain was well established with fluvial systems feeding a strand line beach/barrier system.

Compressional tectonics began to affect the Gippsland Basin from the Early Eocene. Uplift and inversion of the central region and northern margins initiated at this stage caused erosion and generation of initially fluvially incised canyon systems. Within the eastern part of the basin several erosional monadnocks are formed within these canyon systems. In eastern parts of the basin significant amounts of erosion have resulted in a prominent unconformity surface that cuts down into the Halibut Sub-Group to the level of the Maastrichtian Volador Formation. The section underlying the Top Latrobe Unconformity in the western part of the basin is much younger than in eastern parts of the basin. Backstepping (or transgressing) of a series of barrier beach/strandline complexes from east to west occurred during the Eocene. Subsequent to this period of incision and downcutting several pulses of relative sea-level rise took place as subsidence and sedimentation rates slowed, allowing flooding/transgressive pulses to gradually push the shoreline system towards the NW. The depositional lows (eroded canyons) are flooded first preferentially as Eocene offshore marine facies, e.g. the Flounder Formation, are deposited. By the Middle Eocene the palaeo-shoreline had transgressed westwards. By the end of the Eocene the palaeo-shoreline is believed to have moved inland from Lakes Entrance. In most of the offshore areas deposition of condensed glauconitic siltstones and shales replaced deposition of coarse siliciclastics.

Northwest directed compression and transpression began in the Early Eocene and continued episodically with varying intensity through to the Pliocene. Major pulses of compression subsequent to the Early Eocene affected the basin during the Lower Oligocene, Middle Miocene and Pliocene. A series of NE to ENE trending anticlines are the result of this compression. Whilst many of the resultant compressional features are eroded and partially truncated, suggesting periods of sub-aerial exposure, several structures in the west of the basin are not eroded, suggesting they were not emergent sub-aerially.

The marine marls of the Lakes Entrance formation record the final marine transgression in the Early Oligocene. Locally, this succession onlaps onto the flanks of the earlier formed compressional features. From the Mid-Miocene onwards a thick limestone unit, the Gippsland Limestone, was deposited. Major incisions during the mid to Late Miocene are interpreted as offshore erosion/mass wasting events that may have been initiated during compressional reactivation. These incisions are infilled by prograding limestone depositional wedges, which are ultimately responsible for creating the present day shelf-slope break.

The presence of mature source rock intervals within the basin is evidenced by significant oil and gas reserves in the basin. Within the Central Deep portion of the basin coals, coaly or carbonaceous shales of the Strzelecki Group, Golden Beach and Halibut Sub-Groups have all contributed to the oil and gas pools reservoired in the basin. The most prolific source rock intervals however, are suggested to be within the lower coastal plain facies of the Golden Beach and Halibut Sub-Groups. Contributions from source rock intervals in more marine-influenced shales in the eastern parts of the basin have been noted. The regional top seal for the reservoirs in the Gippsland Basin is the Lakes Entrance Formation, however, the presence of volcanics, shales, coaly shales, coals and glauconitic shales related to marine flooding within the Golden Beach and Halibut Sub-Groups

have been proven at several intersections to provide valid top seals and cross-fault seals. Within the Latrobe Group there are several proven reservoir levels distributed throughout the entire stratigraphy. The various extensional phases of faulting and subsequent compressional events and incision, in combination with the presence of intra-formational seal units, have developed a myriad of proven trapping configurations in the basin.

## 3.2 Surrounding Wells

| Well Name | Permit | Operator | Date Completed | TD (mRT) | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tuna-2 | VIC/L4 | Esso Aust. Ltd. | 09/12/1968 | 2761 | P & A*, Successful gas & oil confirmation test |
| Turrum-1 | VIC/L3 | Esso Aust. Ltd. | 27/06/1969 | 3057 | P & A*, Gas Well |
| Sunfish-1 | VIC/P1 | Esso Aust. Ltd. | 03/03/1974 | 2492 | P & A*, Oil & Gas Well |
| Sunfish-2 | VIC/P1 | Esso Aust. Ltd. | 14/10/1983 | 2647 | P & A*, Oil Well |
| Tuna-4 | VIC/L4 | Esso Aust. Ltd. | 31/08/1984 | 3321 | P & A*, Oil & Gas Well |
| Remora-1 | VIC/P1 | Esso Aust. Ltd. | 29/05/1987 | 2961 | P & A*, Gas & Oil Discovery |
| Longtom-1 | VIC/P1 | BHP Petroleum | 14/06/1995 | 2242 | Abandoned Gas Well |
| Longtom-2/ST1 | VIC/P54 | Apache Aus Dev | 22/12/2004 | 2148 | P & A*, Gas Well |
| Grayling-1/1A | VIC/P54 | Apache Aus Dev | 20/01/2005 | 2914 | P & A*, Gas Well |

P & A*- Plugged & Abandoned

## 3.3 Structure

The Fur Seal feature is an elongate, east-west orientated, four-way dip closure with the southern flank of the structure formed by the southerly dip of the Intra-Latrobe Group, and the northern flank formed by the base of the Marlin Channel truncating the southerly dipping Intra-Latrobe Group (Figures 2, 3 and 5). The Marlin Channel in this part of the Gippsland Basin has an east-west orientation to its southern margin.

## 3.4 Stratigraphy

The stratigraphic section penetrated in Fur Seal-1 is described below and summarised in Figure 6; delineation of age units is based on log correlation with nearby wells together with palynological data (Appendix 1). Detailed lithological descriptions are included in the cuttings descriptions, daily geological reports, core chip descriptions and mudlog section of the Fur Seal-1 Basic Data Well Completion Report. Age, lithology and drilling data have been collated on the composite well log accompanying this report (Enclosure 1). No cuttings were recovered from spud to -802.5 mTVDAHD (824.0 mMDRT.

<u>Gippsland Limestone</u>

Depth: -56.6 (Seabed) to -1813.7 mTVDAHD (78.1 to 1835.3 mMDRT)
Thickness: 1757.1 mTVT
Age: Late Oligocene to Recent

# FUR SEAL-1 : Nth Fields 3D line 3195 showing objective section

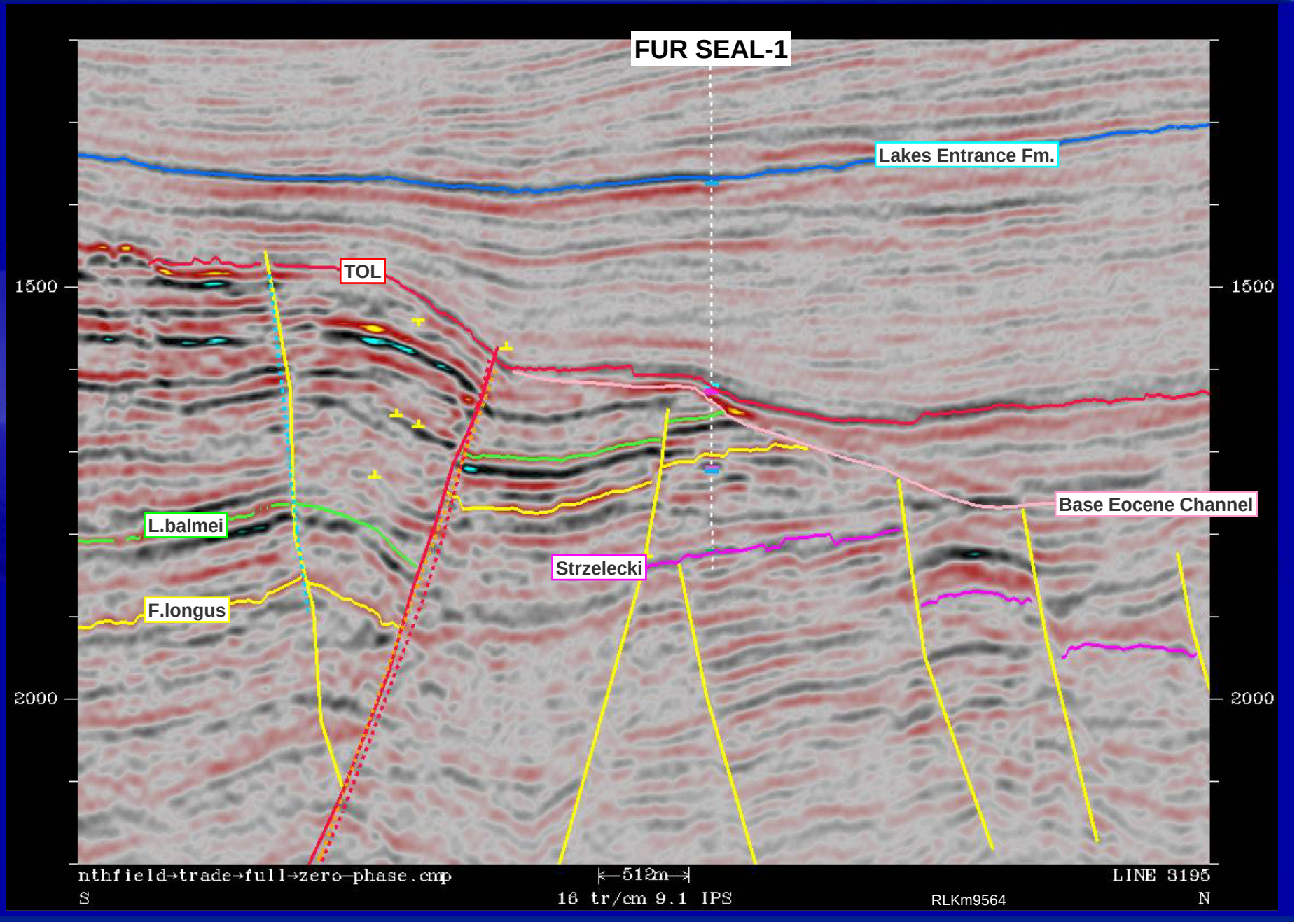


Figure 5

# FUR SEAL-1

## STRATIGRAPHY

| SYSTEM | STAGE | GROUP | FORMATION | MEASURED DEPTH (mMDRT) | SUBSEA TVD DEPTH (mTVDAHD) | THICKNESS (mTVT) | DEPOSITIONAL ENVIRONMENT | APPROXIMATE PALYNOLOGICAL ZONATIONS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 78.1 | -56.6 | | | |
| TERTIARY | LATE OLIGOCENE TO RECENT | SEASPRAY GROUP | GIPPSLAND LIMESTONE | | | 1,757.1 | OFFSHORE MARINE | |
| | | | | | | | | *T. bellus* - Upper *P. tuberculatus* |
| | | | | 1835.3 | -1813.7 | | | |
| | PALEOCENE TO OLIGOCENE | | LAKES ENTRANCE FORMATION | | | 363.0 | | *Middle - Lower P. tuberculatus* |
| | | | | 2197.4 | -2175.7 | | | Upper *L. balmei* |
| | | HALIBUT SUBGROUP | KINGFISH FORMATION | | | 179.1 | VERY NEARSHORE TO NON - MARINE | Lower *L. balmei* |
| | PALEOCENE | | | 2376.5 | -2354.8 | | | |
| | | | KATE SHALE | 2383.9 | -2362.2 | 7.4 | | |
| LATE CRETACEOUS | MAASTRICHTIAN | | VOLADOR FORMATION | | | 182.2 | | Upper *F. longus* |
| | | | | 2564.6 | -2542.8 | | | Late Cretaceous |
| | ALBIAN | | STRZELECKI GROUP | 2610.0 | -2588.2 | 43.8 | | *P. pannosus*<br>Upper *C. paradoxa* |

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|---|---|
| AUTHOR: WCR | DATED: March 2007 |
| DRAWN: Perth Drafting Dept. | PLAN No.: STRu9235 |

Figure 6

The Gippsland Limestone sediments were not sampled above -802.5 mTVDAHD (824.0 mMDRT) as returns were circulated to the seafloor. Below this level the lithology consists of predominantly calcilutite at the top of the interval, becoming interbedded with marl with increasing depth and then changes to massive marl below -958.4 mTVDAHD (980.0 mMDRT). At -1338.4 mTVDAHD (1360.0 mMDRT) the marl becomes interbedded with calcareous claystone that increases in abundance to 100% with increasing depth.

Palynological analysis (Appendix 1) on cuttings from the base of the Gippsland Limestone suggests this interval is Late Oligocene to Miocene in age, deposited within the upper *P. tuberculatus* to *T. bellus* biozones, in an offshore to shelfal marine environment. Regionally, the Gippsland Limestone is interpreted as being deposited in an offshore marine environment.

Lakes Entrance Formation

Depth: -1813.7 to -2175.7 mTVDAHD (1835.3 to 2197.4 mMDRT)
Thickness: 363.0 mTVT
Age: Oligocene

The Lakes Entrance Formation lies disconformably below the Gippsland Limestone and has been interpreted from LWD logs by a baseline shift in resistivity logs and correlation with offset wells. The lithology comprises massive calcareous claystone. Regionally, the Lakes Entrance Formation is interpreted as being deposited in an offshore marine environment.

Palynological analysis suggests the Lakes Entrance Formation is Oligocene in age, deposited within the middle to lower *P. tuberculatus* biozone in an offshore to shelfal marine environment.

Kingfish Formation

Depth: -2175.7 to -2354.8 mTVDAHD (2197.4 to 2376.5 mMDRT)
Thickness: 179.1 mTVT
Age: Paleocene

The Kingfish Formation lies unconformably below the Lakes Entrance Formation. It is interpreted from LWD logs by a slight increase in gamma ray values that correspond to a bulk shift in resistivity, density and neutron porosity logs. The top of the formation is comprised of interbedded siltstone and calcareous claystone with trace sandstone. Below -2248.3 mTVDAHD (2270.0 mMDRT) the lithology comprises interbedded kaolinitic sandstone and sandstone with minor interbedded siltstone. The sandstones are fine to coarse-grained and poorly sorted. White kaolinitic matrix (up to 95%) is noted in some samples. Inferred porosity is poor to fair and no hydrocarbon shows were observed.

Palynological analysis suggests these sediments are Paleocene in age, deposited within the *L. balmei* biozone in a non-marine, fluvial, swamp or lake environment.

Kate Shale

Depth: -2354.8 to -2362.2 mTVDAHD (2376.5 to 2383.9 mMDRT)
Thickness: 7.4 mTVT
Age: Maastrichtian

The Kate Shale lies conformably below the Kingfish Formation and is interpreted from LWD logs by a marked increase in gamma ray values. The lithology comprises predominantly siltstone (50 to 90%) with minor kaolinitic sandstone (possibly cavings from the section above).

No palynological analysis was done on cuttings from this interval in Fur Seal-1. Regionally, the Kate Shale is interpreted to be at the Tertiary-Cretaceous boundary, deposited within the lowermost *L. balmei* to uppermost *F. longus* biozones in a non-marine environment.

Volador Formation

Depth: -2362.2 to -2544.4mTVDAHD (2383.9 to 2566.1 mMDRT)
Thickness: 182.2 mTVT
Age: Maastrichtian

The Volador Formation lies conformably below the Kate Shale and is interpreted from LWD logs by a decrease in gamma ray and resistivity values. The lithology comprises interbedded sandstone and carbonaceous siltstone claystone. Trace coal was also seen. The sandstone is fine to coarse-grained and poorly sorted. Poor to fair inferred porosity is noted. No hydrocarbon shows were observed.

Palynological analysis could not determine the biozones within this section. It does, however, suggest these sediments are Late Cretaceous in age and were deposited in a non-marine environment.

Strzelecki Group

Depth: -2544.4 to -2588.2 mTVDAHD (2566.1 to 2610.0 mMDRT)
Thickness: +43.8 mTVT (base not penetrated)
Age: Albian

The Strzelecki Group lies unconformably below the Volador Formation. The Golden Beach and Emperor Subgroups, seen in offset wells below the Volador Formation, are absent from Fur Seal-1. The top of the Strzelecki Group has been interpreted from LWD logs by an increase in gamma ray and resistivity. The lithology comprises massive claystone. Minor interbedded argillaceous sandstone (thought possibly to be cavings) and silty claystone were also seen. Moderate inferred porosity was noted within the sandstone but no hydrocarbon shows were observed.

Palynological analysis suggests this section is Albian in age, deposited within the *P. pannosus* to Upper *C. paradoxa* biozones, in a non-marine, floodplain environment.

## 3.5 Hydrocarbon Occurrences

Total gas and chromatographic gas analysis were recorded during the drilling of Fur Seal-1 and results are presented in the daily geological reports and the mudlog section of the Fur Seal-1 Basic Data Well Completion Report. Riserless drilling resulted in no returns to surface from spud to -802.5 mTVDAHD (824.0 mMDRT) and therefore no gas or cuttings data were available.

Total average gas values recorded throughout the drilling of Fur Seal-1 ranged from 0.22 to 1.26%. Three minor gas peaks (up to 1.79% over a background of 1.08%) were recorded within the primary objective Kingfish Formation. Gas composition was predominantly $C_1$ but included up to $C_5$ components. No hydrocarbon fluorescence was observed. No gas peaks were recorded and no hydrocarbon fluorescence was observed within the secondary objective Volador Formation.

## 3.6 Contributions to Geological Knowledge and Conclusions

Fur Seal-1 was designed as an exploration well to test a combined stratigraphic/structural trap, mapped at both Kingfish and Volador Formation levels.

At least two porous sandstones of > 8 m thickness were encountered. Lateral seal against the southern flank of the Marlin Channel is the most likely reason for failure although the complete lack of any shows or any residual pay may point to Fur Seal-1 being in a migration shadow north of the Moonfish-Remora fault.

The *L. balmei* volcanics were not present at Fur Seal-1 and must have pinched out somewhere between this location and the Emperor/Sweetlips and Moonfish wells. As predicted, the *M. diversus* section had been removed by erosion at the Fur Seal location.

Fur Seal-1, a dry hole, was plugged and abandoned and the rig was released at 18:00 hrs on November 5$^{th}$, 2005 when 1 km from location.

# APPENDIX 1

## Palynology Report

# PALYNOLOGY OF

# FUR SEAL-1

## GIPPSLAND BASIN, AUSTRALIA

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# PALYNOLOGY OF

# FUR SEAL-1

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Enclosure 1 Species distribution chart

# 1 SUMMARY

Poor microfossil yields have reduce confidence, but the following breakdown is indicated.

1600/20 m (cutts) – 1820/40 m (cutts) : *T. bellus-P. tuberculatus* upper subzone : Miocene : offshore to shelfal marine : immature

1840/60 m (cutts) – 2190/200 m (cutts) : *P. tuberculatus* Zone, middle-lower subzones : Oligocene : offshore to shelfal marine : immature for hydrocarbons

2200/10 m (cutts) – 2210/20 m (cutts) : *L. balmei* Zone, upper subzone : Paleocene : non-marine, swamp margin and floodplain : marginal mature for oil, immature for gas/condensate

2220/30 m (cutts) – 2360/70 m (cutts) : *L. balmei* Zone, lower subzone : Paleocene : non-marine, fluvial, swamp and lake : marginal mature for oil, immature for gas/condensate

2400/10 m (cutts) – 2540/50 m (cutts) : *F. longus* Zone, upper subzone : Maastrichtian : non-marine, swamp to swamp margin : marginal mature for oil, immature for gas/condensate

2560/70 m (cutts) : Late Cretaceous : non-marine : marginal mature for oil, immature for gas/condensate

2580/90 m (cutts) : *P. pannosus* Zone : Albian : non-marine, floodplain : marginal mature for oil, immature for gas/condensate

2590/600 m (cutts) – 2600/10 m (cutts) : *C. paradoxa* Zone, upper subzone : Albian : non-marine, floodplain : marginal mature for oil, immature for gas/condensate

## 2 INTRODUCTION

Palynology of the **Fur Seal-1** section is entirely cuttings based using 23 samples submitted by Steve Moss of Apache. Microfossil yields were initially very low, and many samples have been reprocessed to achieve better yields. The problem may be the nature of the rocks, mud additives, or drilling bits. The problem will be monitored in the future for see if it re-occurs.

The Cretaceous zonation is basically that of Helby, Morgan and Partridge (1987) shown in Figure 1 with subdivisions as discussed in the test. The Tertiary zones are those of Partridge (1976 and pers. comm.) as shown on Figure 2.

All depths are given in metres and are recorded drillers depths.

Palaeoenvironmental assessments are based on specimen counts of 100 specimens, also providing a percentage content of all species. Criterea for the palaeo-environmental subdivisions are given on Table 1. In running text, rare = <1-3%, frequent = 4-10%, common = 11-30%, abundant = 31-50% and superabundant = 51-100%.

Confidence ratings include the factor of sample type, and distinctiveness of the fossil event, according to the scheme shown on Table 1. This is the STRATDAT scheme used by Esso.

Maturity data were generated in the form of Spore Colour Index, and are plotted on Figure 3 Maturity Profile : Fur Seal-1. The oil and gas windows follow the general concensus of geochemical literature. The oil window corresponds to spore colours of light-mid brown (Staplin Spore Colour Index of 2.7) to dark brown (3.6) equal to vitrinite reflectance values of 0.6% to 1.3%. Geochemists argue variations on kerogen type, basin type and basin history. The maturity data is thus open to reinterpretation using the basic colour observations as reworked. However, the range of interpretation philosophies is not great, and probably would not move the oil window by more than 200 m.

# TABLE 1

## SUMMARY OF PALYNOLOGICAL DATA : FUR SEAL-1

| DEPTH (m) | SAMPLE TYPE | MICROFOSSIL YIELD | PERCENTAGE | | | | DIVERSITY *1 | | SPORE-POLLEN ZONE | CR *2 | MICROPLANKTON ZONE | CR *2 | ENVIRONMENT *3 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | MICROPLANKTON | | | SPORE-POLLEN- | SALINE MICROPLANKTON | SPORE-POLLEN | | | | | |
| | | | DINOFLAG | SPINY AC. | FRESH ALGAE | | | | | | | | |
| 1600/20 | CUTTS | MODERATE | 52 | 5 | 3 | 40 | LOW | MODERATE | T. BELLUS-P. TUBERCULATUS, LOWER | C2 | T. VANCAMPOAE | C2 | SHELFAL MARINE |
| 1820/40 | CUTTS | MODERATE | 86 | 11 | 0 | 3 | LOW | EX LOW | T. BELLUS-P. TUBERCULATUS, LOWER | C5 | T. VANCAMPOAE | C2 | OFFSHORE MARINE |
| 1840/60 | CUTTS | MODERATE | 81 | 1 | 4 | 14 | MODERATE | MODERATE | P. TUBERCULATUS, MIDDLE-LOWER | C2 | OPERCULODINIUM SPP. | C2 | OFFSHORE MARINE |
| 1900/20 | CUTTS | LOW | 70 | 20 | 1 | 9 | LOW | LOW | P. TUBERCULATUS, MIDDLE-LOWER | C2 | OPERCULODINIUM SPP. | C2 | OFFSHORE MARINE |
| 2110/20 | CUTTS | LOW | 44 | 3 | 5 | 48 | LOW | HIGH | P. TUBERCULATUS, MIDDLE-LOWER | C2 | OPERCULODINIUM SPP | C2 | SHELFAL MARINE |
| 2150/60 | CUTTS | LOW | 74 | 10 | 3 | 13 | MODERATE | LOW | P. TUBERCULATUS, MIDDLE-LOWER | C2 | OPERCULODINIUM SPP. | C2 | OFFSHORE MARINE |
| 2180/90 | CUTTS | LOW | 32 | 2 | 2 | 64 | LOW | HIGH | P. TUBERCULATUS, MIDDLE-LOWER | C2 | OPERCULODINIUM SPP. | C2 | SHELFAL MARINE |
| 2190/200 | CUTTS | LOW | 91 | 5 | 1 | 3 | MODERATE | EX LOW | P. TUBERCULATUS, MIDDLE-LOWER | C2 | OPERCULODINIUM SPP. | C2 | OFFSHORE MARINE |
| 2200/10 | CUTTS | LOW | (1) | 0 | 3 | 96 | (LOW) | HIGH | L. BALMEI, UPPER | C2 | | | NON-MARINE, SWAMP MARGIN |
| 2210/20 | CUTTS | LOW | 92) | (1) | 0 | 97 | (EX LOW) | MODERATE | L. BALMEI, UPPER | C2 | | | NON-MARINE, FLOODPLAIN |
| 2220/30 | CUTTS | LOW | (1) | 0 | 3 | 97 | (EX LOW) | MODERATE | L. BALMEI, LOWER | C2 | | | NON-MARINE, FLOODPLAIN |
| 2260/70 | CUTTS | LOW | (5) | 0 | 0 | 95 | (EX LOW) | MODERATE | L. BALMEI, LOWER | C2 | | | NON-MARINE, FLUVIAL |
| 2290/300 | CUTTS | NEAR BARREN | - | - | - | - | - | EX LOW | INDETERMINATE | - | | | ?NON-MARINE, ?FLUVIAL |
| 2320/30 | CUTTS | EX LEAN | 0 | 0 | 5 | 95 | NIL | LOW | L. BALMEI | C2 | | | ?NON-MARINE, ?FLUVIAL |
| 2340/50 | CUTTS | LOW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | NIL | MODERATE | L. BALMEI, LOWER | C2 | | | ?NON-MARINE, SWAMP |
| 2360/70 | CUTTS | LOW | 0 | 0 | 13 | 87 | NIL | MODERATE | L. BALMEI | C2 | | | NON-MARINE, LAKE |
| 2400/10 | CUTTS | EX LOW | 0 | 0 | 2 | 98 | NIL | HIGH | F. LONGUS, UPPER | C2 | | | NON-MARINE, SWAMP MARGIN |
| 2490/500 | CUTTS | NEAR BARREN | (5) | 0 | 0 | 95 | (EX LOW) | MODERATE | INDETERMINATE | C5 | | | NON-MARINE, SWAMP |
| 2540/50 | CUTTS | LOW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | NIL | HIGH | F. LONGUS, UPPER | C2 | | | NON-MARINE, SWAMP MARGIN |
| 2560/70 | CUTTS | NEAR BARREN | - | - | - | 100 | NIL | MODERATE | LATE CRETACEOUS | C5 | | | NON-MARINE |
| 2580/90 | CUTTS | LOW | 0 | 0 | 2 | 98 | NIL | MODERATE | P. PANNOSUS | C2 | | | NON-MARINE, FLOODPLAIN |
| 2590/600 | CUTTS | LOW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | NIL | MODERATE | C. PARADOXA, UPPER | C2 | | | NON-MARINE, FLOODPLAIN |
| 2600/10 | CUTTS | LOW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | NIL | MODERATE | C. PARADOXA, UPPER | C2 | | | NON-MARINE, FLOODPLAIN |

| *1 DIVERSITY | |
|---|---|
| V HIGH | 30+ SPECIES |
| HIGH | 20-29 SPECIES |
| MOD | 10-19 SPECIES |
| LOW | 5-9 SPECIES |
| EX LOW | 1-4 SPECIES |

| *2 CONFIDENCE RATINGS | |
|---|---|
| A = Core<br>Bp = Sidewall core (percussion)<br>Br = Sidewall core (rotary/mechanical)<br>C = Coal cuttings<br>D = Ditch cuttings<br>E = Junk basket<br><br>F = Miscellaneous/unknown<br>G = Outcrop | 1 = Excellent Confidence<br>High diversity with key species<br>2 = Good Confidence<br>Moderate diversity with key species<br>3 = Fair Confidence<br>Low diversity with key species<br>4 = Poor Confidence<br>Moderate to high diversity without key species<br>5 = Very Low Confidence<br>Low diversity without key species |

| *3 ENVIRONMENTS | DINOFLAGELLATE CONTENT% | DINOFLAGELLATE DIVERSITY | FRESHWATER ALGAE CONTENT% |
|---|---|---|---|
| OFFSHORE MARINE | 67 to 100 | VERY HIGH | LOW |
| SHELFAL MARINE | 34 to 66 | HIGH | “ |
| NEARSHORE MARINE | 11 to 33 | MODERATE | “ |
| VERY NEARSHORE MARINE | 5 to 10 | MODERATE-LOW | “ |
| MARGINAL MARINE | <1 to 4 | LOW-VERY LOW | “ |
| BRACKISH | 0, SPINY ACRITARCHS ONLY | EXTREMELY LOW | “ |
| NON-MARINE (UNDIFF) | 0, NO SPINY ACRITARCHS | NIL | LOW |
| NON-MARINE (LACUSTRINE) | 0, NO SPINY ACRITARCHS | NIL | MODERATE 10%+ |

( ) BRACKETS INDICATE COUNT CONSIDERED UNRELIABLE DUE TO CAVING.

**TABLE 2 ENVIRONMENTAL RAW DATA : FUR SEAL-1**

| Depths (m) | Type | Total Marine MP | Total Fresh MP | Total Angiosperm Pollen | Total Gymnosperm Pollen | Total Spores | Total Other (mostly fungal) | Environments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1600/20 | CUTTS | 57 | 3 | 11 | 12 | 17 | 0 | SHELFAL MARINE |
| 1820/40 | CUTTS | 97 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | OFFSHORE MARINE |
| 1840/60 | CUTTS | 82 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 0 | OFFSHORE MARINE |
| 1900/20 | CUTTS | 90 | 1 | <1 | 3 | 6 | 0 | OFFSHORE MARINE |
| 2110/20 | CUTTS | 47 | 5 | 26 | 9 | 12 | 1 | SHELFAL MARINE |
| 2150/60 | CUTTS | 84 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1 | OFFSHORE MARINE |
| 2180/90 | CUTTS | 34 | 2 | 33 | 11 | 17 | 3 | SHELFAL MARINE |
| 2190/200 | CUTTS | 96 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | OFFSHORE MARINE |
| 2200/10 | CUTTS | (1) | 3 | 12 | 54 | 30 | 0 | NON-MARINE, SWAMP MARGIN |
| 2210/20 | CUTTS | (3) | 0 | <1 | 73 | 24 | 0 | NON-MARINE, FLOODPLAIN |
| 2220/30 | CUTTS | (1) | 3 | 9 | 65 | 22 | 0 | NON-MARINE, FLOODPLAIN |
| 2260/70 | CUTTS | (5) | 0 | 5 | 75 | 15 | 0 | NON-MARINE, FLUVIAL |
| 2290/399 | CUTTS | - | - | - | - | - | - | ?NON-MARINE, ?FLUVIAL |
| 2320/30 | CUTTS | 0 | 5 | 0 | 21 | 74 | 0 | ?NON-MARINE, ?FLUVIAL |
| 2340/50 | CUTTS | 0 | 0 | 5 | 31 | 64 | 0 | ?NON-MARINE, SWAMP |
| 2360/70 | CUTTS | 0 | 13 | 4 | 40 | 43 | 0 | NON-MARINE, LAKE |
| 2400/10 | CUTTS | 0 | 2 | 29 | 33 | 36 | 0 | NON-MARINE, SWAMP MARGIN |
| 2490/500 | CUTTS | (5) | 0 | 0 | 28 | 67 | 0 | NON-MARINE, SWAMP |
| 2540/50 | CUTTS | 0 | 0 | 26 | 32 | 42 | 1 | NON-MARINE, SWAMP MARGIN |
| 2560/70 | CUTTS | - | - | - | - | - | - | NON-MARINE, ?FLUVIAL |
| 2580/90 | CUTTS | 0 | 0 | 3 | 75 | 22 | 0 | NON-MARINE, FLOODPLAIN |
| 2590/600 | CUTTS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 41 | 1 | NON-MARINE, FLOODPLAIN |
| 2600/10 | CUTTS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 32 | 0 | NON-MARINE, FLOODPLAIN |

| **THE NON-MARINE ENVIRONMENTS ARE RECOGNISED ON BINT & MARSHALL & HELBY (1988) CRITERA, NAMELY** | |
|---|---|
| **FLUVIAL:** | LEAN, SANDY, POLLEN DOMINANT |
| **FLOODPLAIN:** | RICH, POLLEN DOMINANT, SPORES SUBORDINATE AND DIVERSE, NO OR VERY FEW FRESHWATER ALGAE |
| **SWAMP MARGIN:** | RICH, POLLEN AND SPORES CO-DOMINANT, SPORES VERY DIVERSE, MINOR FRESHWATER ALGAE <10% |
| **SWAMP:** | RICH, SPORES DOMINANT AND LOW DIVESITY, MINOR FRESHWATER ALGAE <10% |
| **LACUSTRINE:** | RICH, FRESHWATER ALGAE 10%+, POLLEN USUALLY DOMINANT, SPORES SUBORDINATE WITH USUALLY MODERATE TO LOW DIVERSITY |

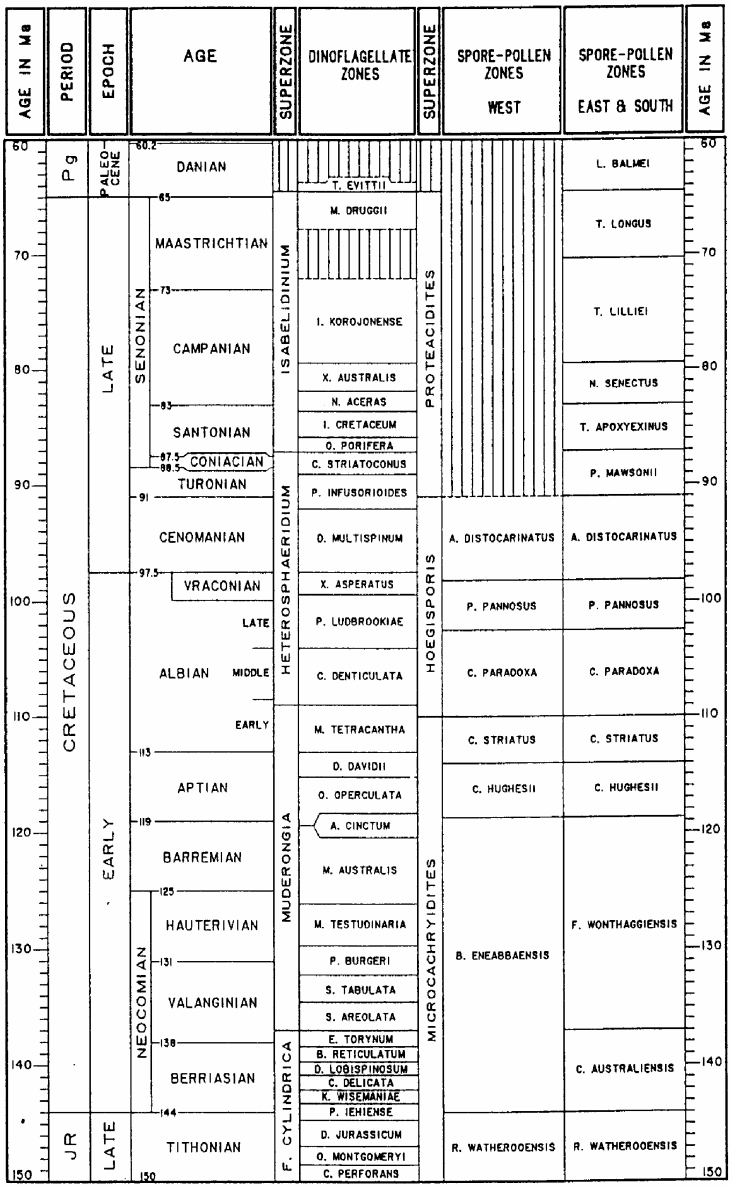



Figure 1a ZONATION FRAMEWORK - LATEST JURASSIC TO PALEOCENE

(from Helby et al, 1987)

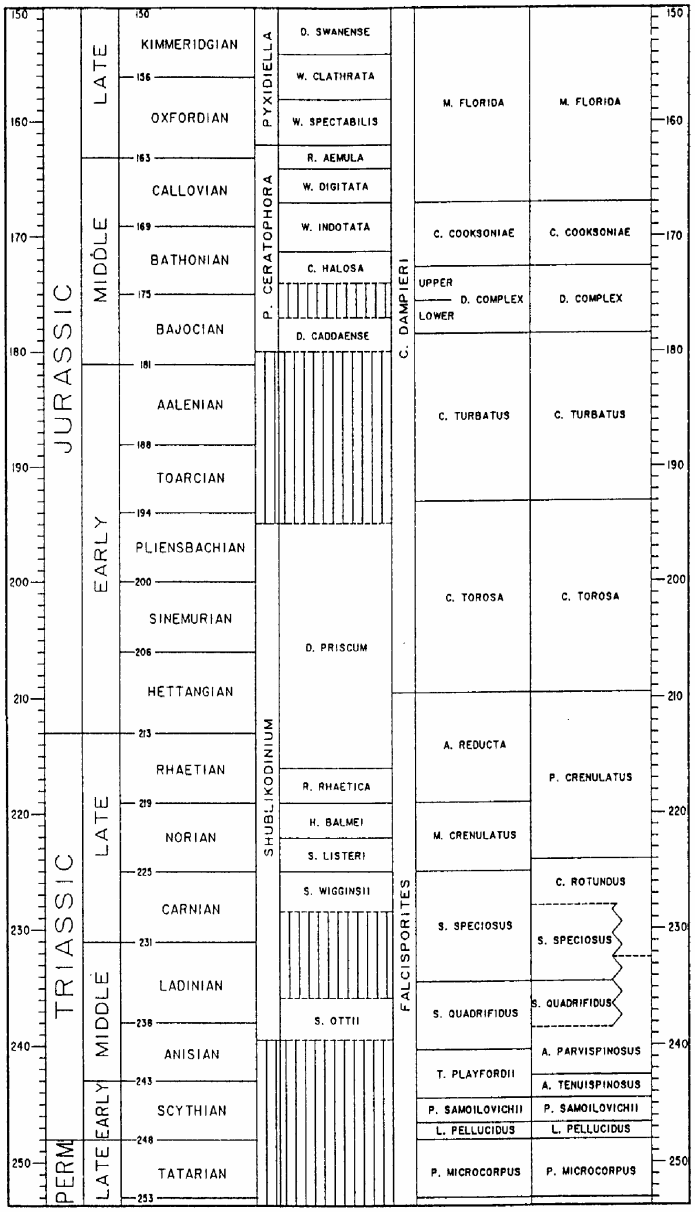



Figure 1b ZONATION FRAMEWORK - LATE PERMIAN TO LATE JURASSIC
(from Helby et al, 1987)

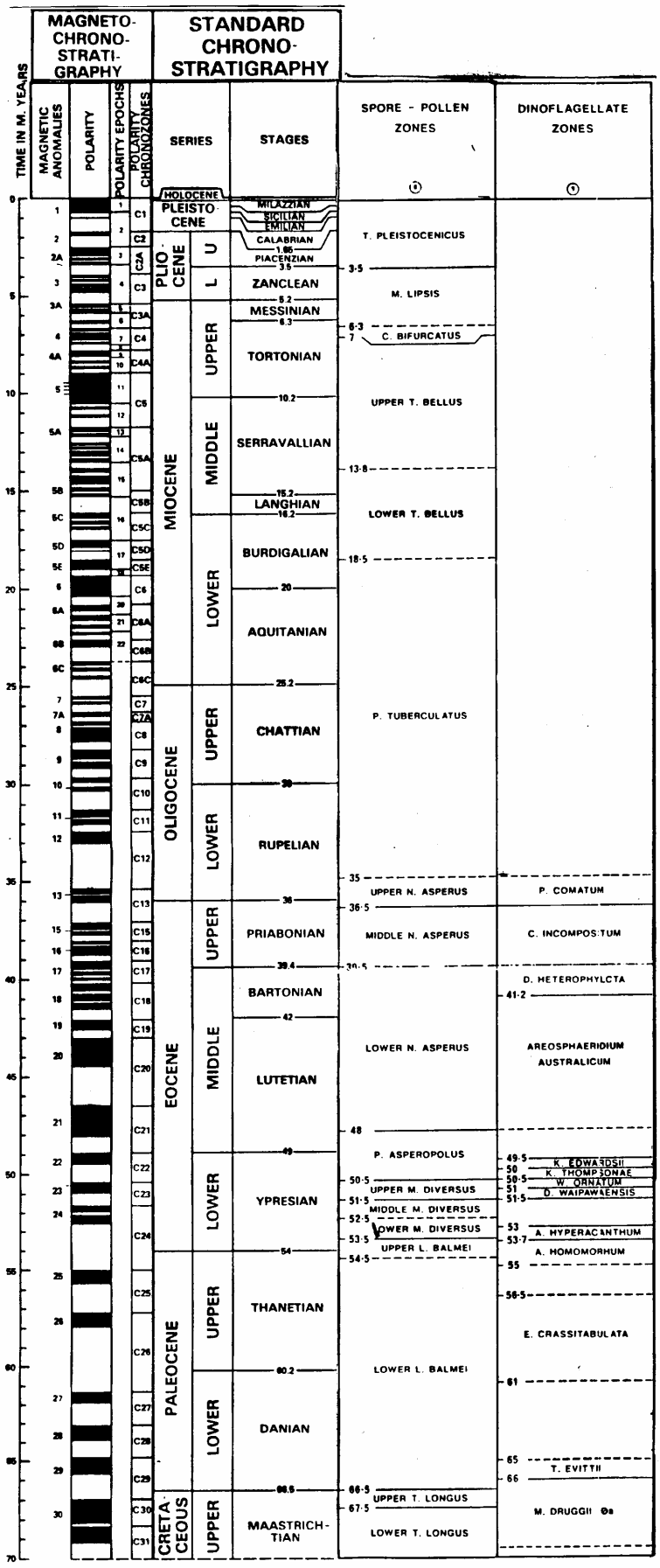
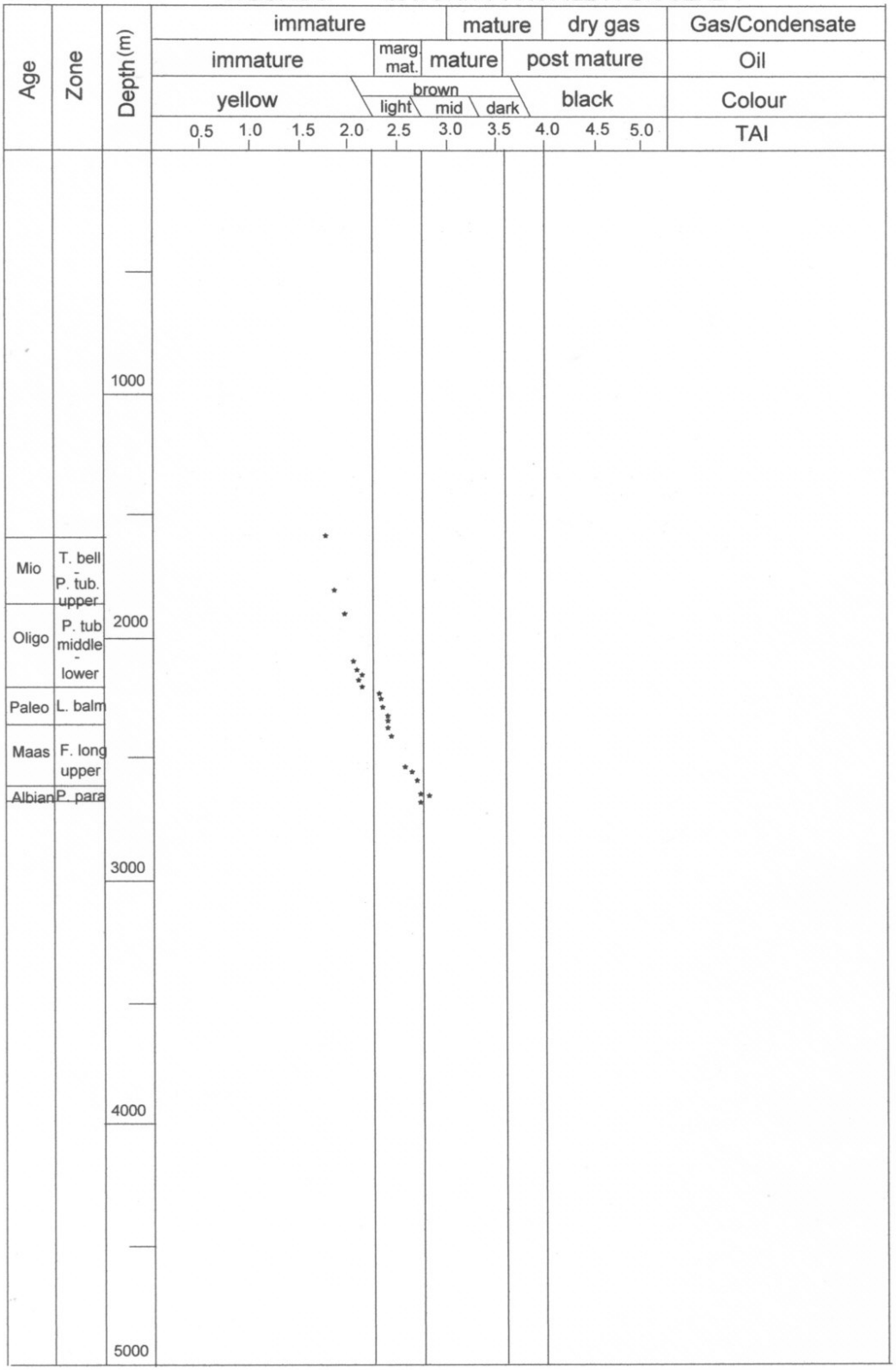



**FIGURE 1** **TERTIARY ZONATION SCHEME (Partridge 1976 and pers. comm. using time scale of Haq et al)**

FIGURE 3 MATURITY PROFILE : FUR SEAL-1



# 3 PALYNOSTRATIGRAPHY

## 3.1 1600/20 m (cutts) – 1820/40 m (cutts) : *T. bellus-P. tuberculatus* upper subzone

Assignment is indicated at the top by youngest *Cyatheacidites annulatus* and *Proteacidites rectomarginus*, and at the base by oldest *Tuberculodinium vancampoae Graminiae* and *Acaciapollenites myriosporites*. Spores and pollen are subordinate with *Cyathidites minor, Dilwynites granulatus, Falcisporites similis* and *Lygistepollenites florinii* frequent. Rare elements include *C. annulatus, Nothofagidites emarcidus, Polypodiisporites usmensus* and *P. rectomarginus*.

Dinoflagellates dominate the assemblage, with *Spiniferites ramosus* abundant and microforaminifera and *Operculodinium* spp. Frequent. Rare taxa include *Cordosphaeridium multispinosum, Impletosphaeridium* sp.1 Davey, *Lingulodinium machaerophorum* and *T. vancampoae*.

Offshore to shelfal marine environments are indicated by the dominant and diverse dinoflagellates and subordinate spores and pollen.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

## 3.2 1840/60 m (cutts) – 2190/200 m (cutts) : *P. tuberculatus* Zone, middle-lower subzones

Yields are poor with spores and pollen subordinate. Assignment is indicated at the top by youngest *Nothofagidites flemingii* and at the base by oldest *Cyatheacidites annulatu*s. Common is *Nothofagidites emarcidus* with frequent *C. minor, D. granulatus, F. similis* and *Vitreisporites pallidus*. Rare elements include *C. annulatus, N. flemingii, Nothofagidites falcatus, Myrtaceidites parvus* and *P. usmensis.*

Dinoflagellates dominate the assemblage with abundant *Spiniferites ramosus* and common *Operculodinium* spp. and microforams. Rare elements include *Cordosphaeridium multispinosum, Impletosphaeridium* sp. 1, *Lingulodinium machaerophorum, Eisenackia ornata* and *Systematophora placacantha*.

Dominance of diverse dinoflagellates indicate offshore to shelfal marine environments.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbon generation.

### 3.3 2200/10 m (cutts) – 2210/20 m (cutts) : *L. balmei* Zone, upper subzone

Assignment is indicated by at the top by youngest *Lygistepollenites balmei*, here frequent to common. The base of the subzone is defined at lower confidence by the absence of older markers (top *Tetracolporites verrucosus* seen below at 2220/30 m). The absence of *Proteacidites grandis* and the dinoflagellate *A. homomorphum* suggests truncation of the top of the subzone, as does top frequent *L. balmei* in the top sample. This latter event usually occurs below the top of the zone (1870 m in Grayling-1A well below the zone top at 1820 m). Common are *C. minor, L. balmei* and *F. similis* with frequent *C. australis, Gleicheniidites* spp., *L. balmei, P. mawsonii* and *V. pallidus*. Rare elements include *Cyathidites gigantis, G. rudata, Haloragacidtes harrisii* and *Nothofagidites endurus.* Caved elements include *C. annulatus* and *N. falcatus.*

Dinoflagellates are rare and considered all caved (especially *Operculodinium* spp. and *T. vancampoae*).

Environments appear to be non-marine with all dinoflagellates considered caved, amongst dominant and diverse pollen and spores. However, some of these dinoflagellates may be in place (*S. ramosus* and microforams) and might suggest very nearshore or marginal marine conditions. Sub-environments are swamp margin and floodplain.

Light brown spore colours indicate marginal maturity for oil, but immaturity for gas/condensate.

### 3.4 2220/30 m (cutts) – 2360/70 m (cutts) : *L. balmei* Zone, lower subzone

Assignment is indicated at the top by youngest *T. verrucosus* and at the base by the absence of older markers (top *Tricolpites confessus* at 2400/10 m). However, yields are poor and diversity low and it is possible that the zone base has been picked too low due to caving and masking of older assemblages in the cuttings suite. *L. balmei* is frequent down to 2340/50 m however, suggesting the *L. balmei* Zone at least to that point. Common are *C. splendens, D. granulatus, F. similis, L. balmei, P. mawsonii* and *V. pallidus.* Rare elements include *G. rudata* and *T. verrucosus*.

Dinoflagellates are extremely scarce and considered all caved. Some dark *S. ramosus* specimens might be in place suggesting marginal marine environments.

Environments are therefore considered non-marine, with all dinoflagellates caved amongst the dominant and diverse spores and pollen. Sub-environments are floodplain, swamp and lake, as detailed in Table 2.

Light brown spore colours indicate marginal maturity for oil, but immaturity for gas/condensate.

### 3.5 2400/10 m (cutts) – 2540/50 m (cutts) : *F. longus* Zone, upper subzone

Assignment is indicated at the top by youngest *Tricolpites confessus* and frequent *Gambierina rudata* and at the base by oldest frequent *G. rudata.* The zone top could be picked too low due to masking by younger caving. In other wells, top *F. longus* Zone is often slightly above top frequent *G. rudata*. In Sweetlips-1, top *F. longus* Zone is at 1713.9 m with top frequent *G. rudata* at 1720.0 m. Common are *C. splendens, Proteacidites* spp. and *F. similis* with frequent *C. australis, G. rudata,* and *Stereisporites antiquasporites*. Rare elements include *L. balmei, N. endurus, T. verrucosus* and *T. confessus*.

Dinoflagellates are virtually absent with isolated specimens at 2490/500 m considered caved. Freshwater algae (*Botryococcus*) are minor.

Environments are considered non-marine, with the isolated dinoflagellates considered caved. High spore content suggests swamp or swamp margin environments.

Light brown spore colours suggest marginal maturity for oil and immaturity for gas/condensate.

### 3.6 2560/70 m (cutts) : Late Cretaceous

Yields are extremely poor (probably due to sandy lithologies) and the sample cannot be zonally assigned. However, frequent *Proteacidites* spp. and rare *P. mawsonii* indicate a Late Cretaceous age. A single *G. rudata* suggests the *N. senectus* Zone or younger, but might be caved.

Common are *C. minor, F. similis* and *Proteacidites* spp. with frequent *Dictyophyllidites* spp., *P. mawsonii* and *S. antiquasporites*.

Dinoflagellates are absent.

Environments are considered non-marine with no dinoflagellates amongst the dominant and diverse spores and pollen.

Light brown spore colours suggest marginal maturity for oil and immaturity for gas/condensate.

### 3.7 2580/90 m (cutts) : *P. pannosus* Zone

Assignment is indicated at the top by the abrupt loss of Late Cretaceous types (especially *Proteacidites* spp. and *P. mawsonii*), and the downhole influx of Early Cretaceous spores (*Aequitriradites verrucosus, Cicatricosisporites australiensis, Crybelosporites striatus, Dictyotosporites speciosus, Foraminisporis asymmetricum, Triporoletes reticulatus* and *Triporoletes radiatus*. At the base, oldest *Phimopollenites pannosus* without older markers is definitive. Abundant is *F. similis* with frequent *C. minor, M. antarcticus* and *V. pallidus*. Rare elements include those Early Cretaceous taxa listed above.

Dinoflagellates are absent.

Non-marine environments are indicated by the dominant and diverse pollen and spores and absence of dinoflagellates. Dominance of saccate pollen suggests dry floodplain environments.
Light brown spore colours suggest marginal maturity for oil and immaturity for gas/condensate.

### 3.8 2590/600 m (cutts) – 2600/10 m (cutts) : *C. paradoxa* Zone, upper subzone

Assignment is indicated at the top and base by the subzone restricted *Pilosisporites grandis* at 2590/600 m only. Abundant is *F. similis* with frequent *C. minor, Dictyophyllidites* spp., *M. antarcticus* and *O. wellmanii*. Rare elements include *A. spinulosus, C. australiensis, P. grandis* and *T. reticulatus*.

Dinoflagellates are absent.

Non-marine environments are indicated by the dominant and diverse pollen and spores and absent dinoflagellates. Dominance of saccate pollen indicates floodplain environments.

Light brown spore colours suggest marginal maturity for oil and immaturity for gas/condensate.

# 4 DISCUSSION

Organic yields in these samples are generally adequate to good, but recognisable fossil contents are low. These samples have been processed more than once in an attempt to achieve better yields. It may be that mud additives or drill bit type has caused complications. The problem will be monitored in future Gippsland Basin drilling.

Comparisions to nearby wells Emperor-1 and Sweetlips-1 are instructive. At the base, Strzelecki Group was intersected in Fur Seal-1 as in Emperor-1 but not drilled in Sweetlips-1.

The Turonian-Coniacian Emperor-1 Group (*P. mawsonii* Zone Kipper Shale equivalent) seen in Emperor-1 and Sweetlips-1 is absent from Fur Seal-1.

The Maastrichtian (upper *F. longus* Zone) Latrobe Group is present in Fur Seal-1, as in the other two wells. The apparent age clash in Emperor-1 (partly *T. lilliei* Zone) is probably only apparent and not real.

The Paleocene (*L. balmei* Zone) Latrobe Group is also present in all three wells, although its top appears to be truncated in Fur Sea-1. The Early Eocene *M. diversus* to *P. asperopolous* Latrobe Group is absent at Fur Seal-1 in contrast to the other two wells.

The Oligocene-Miocene Seaspray Group (*P. tuberculatus*-*T. bellus* Zones) is present in all wells.

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**Operator : APACHE**

**Interval : 1590m - 2630m** | **Palynological Data Chart : BASIC DATA**

**Scale : 1:5000** | **% Abundance histogram : Highest occurrence**

**Chart date: 23 December 2005** | **Roger Morgan**

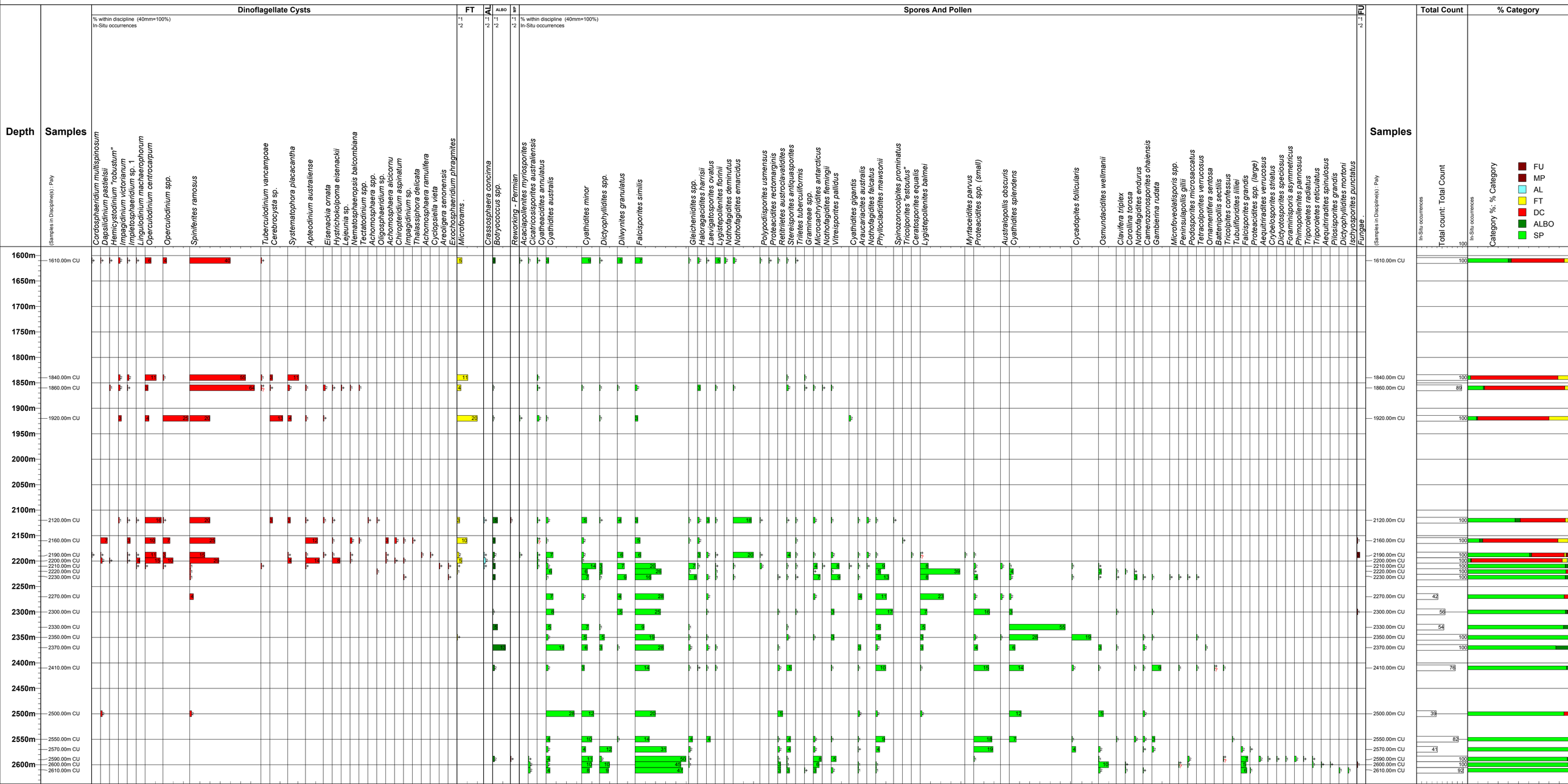
# FUR SEAL-1

**Morgan Palaeo Associates**
**Maitland, South Australia**

**Enclosure 1**

**Sampling**
- Cutting
- Core
- Sidewall core

**Text Keys**
*1 % within discipline (40mm=100%)
*2 In-Situ occurrences



**Well Name : FUR SEAL-1**

**Operator : APACHE**

**Interval : 1590m - 2630m** | **Palynological Data Chart : INTERPRETIVE DATA**

**Scale : 1:5000** | **% Abundance histogram : Highest occurrence**

**Chart date: 23 December 2005** | **Roger Morgan**

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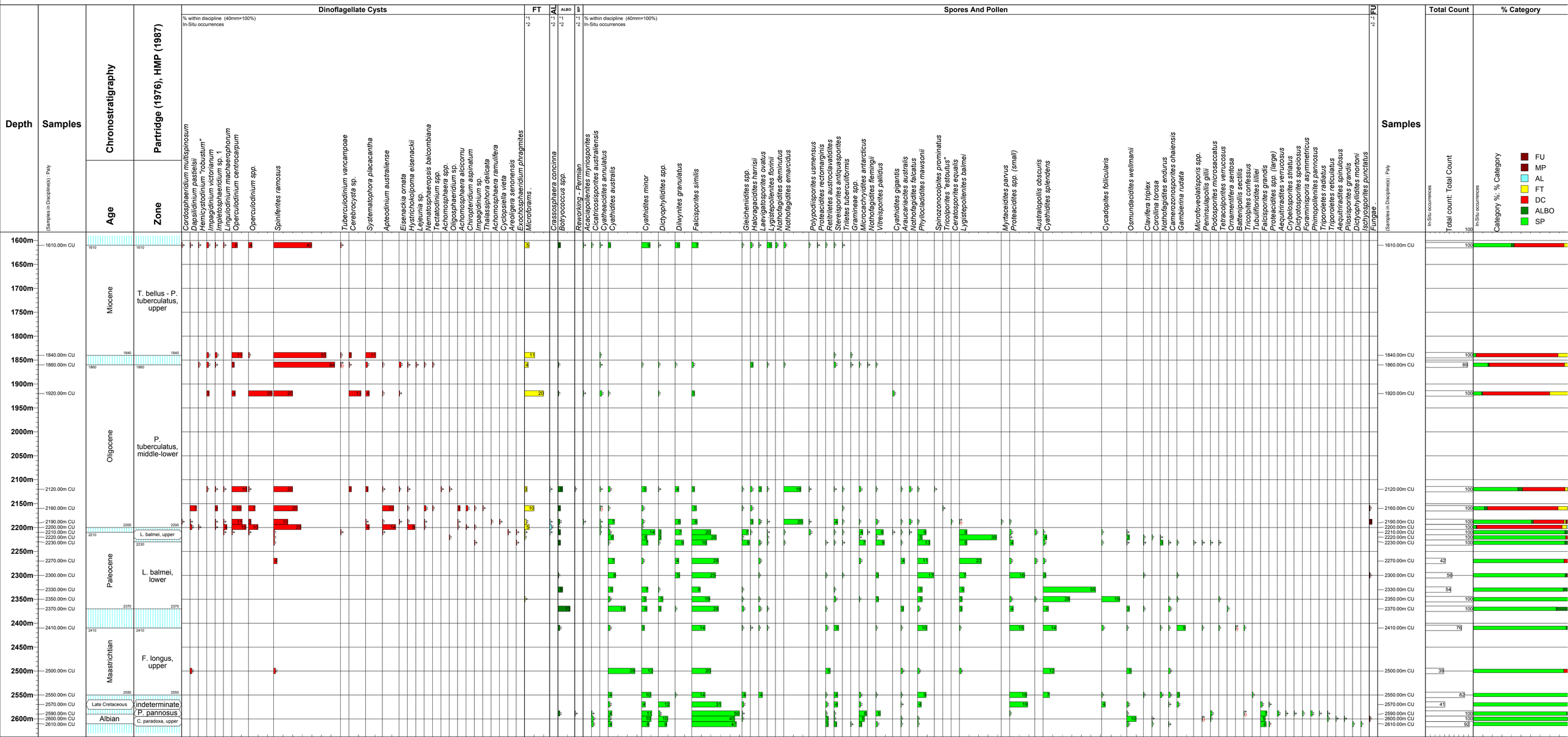

# ENCLOSURE 1

## Fur Seal-1

## Composite Log 1: 500 TVD

# COMPOSITE WELL LOG

# FUR SEAL-1

**Equinor**

COMPOSITE WELL LOG

**FUR SEAL-1**

PETROLEUM PROPERTY
NORTHERN TERRITORY

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|---|---|---|---|
| Location: | Bearing: 0.00 deg T | Operator: | Equinor Australia B.V. |
| Latitude: | 16.00 deg S | Contractor: | Transocean Marine Drilling |
| Longitude: | 129.00 deg E | Rig: | Transocean Rig 1 |
| Datum: | GDA94 | Spud Date: | 2 Jan 2021 |
| Water Depth: | 1.00 m | Completion Date: | 2 Jan 2021 |
| Total Depth: | 1.00 m | Suspended: | Not Applicable |
| Rig Type: | Jack Up Drilling Rig | Drilling Fluid: | Seawater and Hi-Vis Gel Sweeps |
| Comments: | Fur Seal-1 was drilled as a vertical exploration well to a total depth of 3,000 m MDRT. The well was plugged and abandoned as a dry hole. | | |

Drilling: This section contains the following data: Time, Hole Depth, Rate of Penetration, Weight on Bit, Rotary Speed, Torque, Standpipe Pressure, Flow In, Mud Flow Out, Pump Strokes, Mud Density In, Mud Density Out, Mud Temperature In, Mud Temperature Out, Mud Resistivity In, Mud Resistivity Out, Pump Pressure, Pump Stroke Rate, Hook Load, Block Position, Drill Bit Rotation, Rotary Table Rotation, Top Drive Rotation, Top Drive Torque, Top Drive Pressure, Top Drive Flow Rate, Top Drive Hook Load, Top Drive Block Position