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FORAMINIFERAL SEQUENCE
and CORRELATION of
SPEKE # 1,
GIPPSLAND BASIN.

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| BIOSTRATIGRAPHY from sidewall cores & inferred from E-logs. Depth in metres for sample at base of zone (refer Table 3). | | E-LOG PICKS | PALEOENVIRONMENTS (refer Table 4) | |
|--|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| MID | | C/D. | | |
| MICOENE | -1174 | D-2. | | |
| | -1284 | E-1 | | |
| | -1353 | ? | 1380 | Progradation of outer shelf & shelf edge with high energy, biogenic carbonate deposition. |
| EARLY | -1449.5 | E-2 | | |
| | -1603 | ? | | |
| MIocene | | G | | |
| | | H-1 | 1cm:100m scale | High energy deposition of biogenic carbonate on upper continental slope. |
| inferred EARLY MIocene to ? LATE OLIGOCENE (unsampled) | 1712 | H-1 to ?H-2? ~?~ | CHANGE 4cm:100m | un-sampled |
| inferred EARLY OLIGOCENE (unsampled) | | ?J-2? | 1758 | ? |
| LATE EOCENE ? | 1814 | ?K? ~?~ | 1808 1820 | un-sampled |
| MID EOCENE | -1835 | ?N? | 1850 | ? |
| ? | | ? | | Estuarine ? |
| | | | | Estuarine/lagoon with migrating barrier dunes |
| | | | | No foraminifera found in samples below 1835m |

N.B. change of vertical scale at 1700m.

~?~ possible hiatus (inferred)

TABLE 1. INTERPRETED FORAMINIFERAL SEQUENCE IN SPEKE # 1.

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INTRODUCTION

Twenty eight sidewall cores were examined from SPEKE # 1 between 2304 and 1051 metres.

No foraminifera were found in the basal four samples at 2304, 1946, 1907.5 and 1848.5 metres, although Helene Martin recovered dinoflagellates from four of these samples, thus indicating a marine influence.

Two sidewall cores were submitted, both with a labelled depth of 1825 metres. However, each represented a distinctly different facies; one being an estuarine glauconitic mudstone with Mid Eocene foraminifera, whilst the other, barren of foraminifera, was probably dune sand.

Unfortunately, there was a gap in sidewall core sampling over the interval between 1814 and 1712 metres. Within this interval, there obviously occurred the rapid transition from Eocene estuarine deposition to the deep oceanic sediments of the Oligocene and the related Cobia Event. The composition of this unsampled interval is deduced from E-log interpretation (refer Table 1) and correlations with sequences in adjacent wells (refer Table 2).

The following tables are embodied in this report:-

TABLE 1: *INTERPRETED FORAMINIFERAL SEQUENCE in SPEKE # 1 - page 1 of this report.*

TABLE 2: *INFERRRED CORRELATION of SPEKE # 1 with ADJACENT WELLS for MID EOCENE to EARLY MIOCENE - based on Planktonic Foraminiferal Biostratigraphy (Letter Zones) and Rock Stratigraphy - refer this text and Table 1, with data on adjacent wells in Taylor & Martin, 1983 and Taylor, 1983. - page 4 of this report.*

TABLE 3: *PLANTKONIC FORAMINIFERAL DISTRIBUTION - SPEKE # 1 - back of this report.*

TABLE 4: *BENTHONIC FORAMINIFERAL DISTRIBUTION and SEDIMENT GRAIN ANALYSIS - SPEKE # 1 - back of this report.*

TABLE 5: *MICROPALEONTOLOGICAL DATA SHEET with confidence ratings for biostratigraphic picks - back of this report.*

BIOSTRATIGRAPHY, PALEOENVIRONMENT and LITHO-UNIT CORRELATIONS.

EOCENE - 2304 to 1907 metres: Despite reports of dinoflagellates, no foraminifera were found at 2304, 1946 and 1907.5 metres, despite the presence of dinoflagellates in these samples (see Palynology Report). This suggests very transient marine influence.

MID EOCENE - ? ZONE N - 1848.5 to 1825 metres ≡ GURNARD FORMATION
(E-log interval 1850 to 1820m).

Samples at 1835 and 1825 metres (mudstone SWC # 29/Run 2) contained poorly biostratigraphically diagnostic, planktonic assemblages, probably representing Zone N at the top of the Mid Eocene; possibly straddling the Mid/Late Eocene boundary. It is noted that these samples revealed a ?Middle *N. asperus* microfloral assemblage and was thus designated, following convention, as ?Late Eocene in the accompanying palynological report. However, the dating of Middle *N. asperus* Zone is a contentious one, yet to be resolved.

The benthonic assemblages in these two samples were also of low specific diversity, with assemblages characteristic of estuarine environments during a marine transgressive phase. The transient nature of the transgression is clearly illustrated by the distinctly differing lithologies of the two sidewall cores with the identical depth labels of 1825m. The mudstone of SWC 29/Run 2 is of estuarine, marginal marine origin, being a glauconitic Greensand with foraminiferal and dinoflagellate assemblages (see above and Palynology Report), whilst the quartz sands and limonitic clay of SWC 50/Run 22 is indicative of dune sands and barren of foraminifera, dinoflagellates or other marine indicators; such as glauconite. These two sidewall cores were a minute part of a spatially and temporally migrating barrier dune, estuarine/lagoonal system, analogous to the present day regime of the Gippsland shoreline (refer Taylor, 1983). This unit can be correlated with the GURNARD FORMATION on faunal and lithological grounds; particularly the presence of non calcareous Greensands (refer Table 2 this report and Taylor, l.c.).

LATE EOCENE - ? ZONE K - 1814 metres ≡ COLQUHOUN FORMATION (E-log
interval 1820 to 1808m).

The single sample (at 1814m) has a poor planktonic fauna assignable to Zone K at the very top of the Late Eocene. The benthonic fauna is very similar to that of the Mid Eocene unit directly below, thus suggesting the repetition of paleoenvironmental conditions after a hiatus of 2 to 3 million years between the two units.

Most of the glauconite in this Late Eocene unit is oxidized, having the

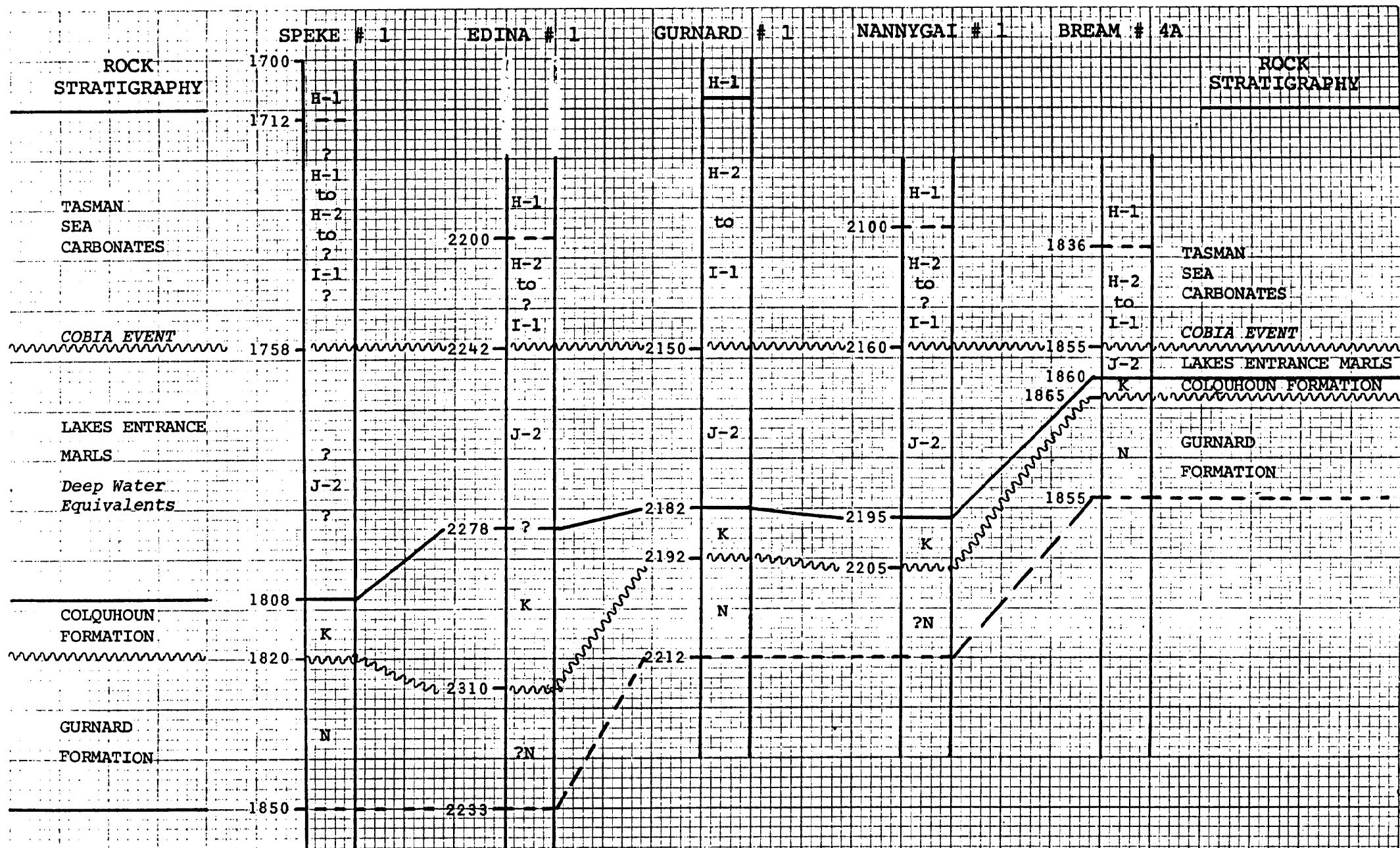


TABLE 2: INFERRED CORRELATION of SPEKE #1 with ADJACENT WELLS for MID EOCENE to EARLY MIocene - based on Planktonic Foraminiferal Biostratigraphy (Letter zones) and Rock Stratigraphy - refer this text and Table 1, with data on adjacent wells in Taylor & Martin, 1983 and Taylor, 1983.

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appearance of Brownsand, rather than that of the Greensand of the unit below. Also the Late Eocene sediment is weakly calcareous. Therefore, this Late Eocene unit is equated with the *COLQUHOUN FORMATION* (refer Table 2 this report and Taylor, 1983).

UNSAMPLLED INTERVAL between 1814 and 1712 metres: The identities of units within this sequence have been deduced from E-log characters (Table 1 this report) and a knowledge of the sequences in previously drilled wells, adjacent to SPEKE # 1 (refer Table 2 this report). These units are, in all probability:-

LOWER OLIGOCENE - ZONE J-2 ≡ LAKES ENTRANCE MARLS (E-Log interval 1808 to 1758m).

Probably a unit of calcareous shales, deposited in rapidly increasing depth, truncated by the mid to late Oligocene Hiatus of the *COBIA EVENT* at 1758m. Table 2 shows that this unit was thicker in SPEKE than in other wells. This may be a reflection of variation in depositional rates relative to the shoreline. For instance, the *COLQUHOUN FORMATION* may have persisted longer in EDINA and in fact, may have been deposited in part during J-2 times; this infers that EDINA was closer to availability of terrigenous detritus than SPEKE.

LATE OLIGOCENE to EARLY MIOCENE - ZONES I-1, H-2 and H-1 (E-log interval 1728 to 1712m).

No doubt the interval contained the oceanic *TASMAN SEA CARBONATES*; a conclusion supported by the correlation Table 2 and remarks below regarding the EARLY to MID MIOCENE sequence.

EARLY to MID MIOCENE - ZONES H-1 to D-2 to ? ZONE C.

There appears to have been uninterrupted sedimentation from the Early to Mid Miocene, although assemblages representing every Zone could not be identified due to extreme carbonate diagenesis at some levels; for example, Zone F could not be designated. Richly biogenic carbonate deposition was on the upper continental slope during the Early Miocene, with faunal evidence suggesting progradation of the shelf edge in the Mid Miocene (note E-log change at 1380m). This pattern of shelf progradation was apparent also in the adjacent wells, with sedimentation on the Oligo/Miocene boundary commencing in fairly deep water and rapidly shallowing during the Early Miocene. Thus the unsampled Oligo/Miocene, between 1758 and 1712m in SPEKE # 1 may have been of deeper water origin than that evident at and above 1712m.

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SIDEWALL CORES

Depth in metres
*2 samples labelled
with same depth

| | | G'ina angiporoides minima | G'alia nana | G'ina & G'alia spp. indet (<.2mm) | G'alia turgida | G'ina angiporoides (S.S.) | G'quad dehiscentis (S.L.) | G'oides parawoodi | G'ina woodi connecta | G'ina woodi woodi | G'ina bulloides | Cat. dissimilis | G'alia sjakensis/mayeri | G'alia continua | G'alia zealandica incognita | G'quad dehiscentis (S.S.) | G'ina ciperensis | G'alia zealandica (S.S.) | G'quad advena | G'oides subquadratus | G'oides trilobus | G'alia bella | G'alia miozea miozea | G'alia praescitula | Praorb. glomerosa | G'oides hispériculus | G'alia peripheronda | Orb. suturalis | G'quad altispira | Orb. universa |
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| 1125.0 | D | o | o | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1174.0 | D | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1284.5 | D | x | o | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1353.0 | D | o | o | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1380.0 | D | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1399.0 | D | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1427.0 | D | o | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1449.5 | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1480.0 | indet | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1536.0 | indet | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1603.0 | D | x | x | x | x | x | x | o | o | o | o | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1615.0 | | x | x | x | x | x | x | o | o | o | o | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1625.0 | | o | x | x | x | x | x | o | x | o | o | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1650.0 | | o | x | x | x | x | x | o | o | o | o | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1675.0 | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1678.0 | | o | o | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1700.0 | | o | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1705.5 | | o | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1712.0 | | x | o | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1814.0 | | D | o | x | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *1825.0 | | x | x | D | o | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *1825.0 | | N.F.F. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1835.0 | | o | o | D | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1848.5 | | N.F.F. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1907.5 | | N.F.F. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1946.0 | | N.F.F. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2304.0 | | N.F.F. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

PLANKTONIC

FORAMINIFERAL

BIOSTRATIGRAPHY

| ZONE | Sample | AGE |
|------|--------|--|
| C/D | | MID |
| D-2 | 1174 | MIocene |
| E-1 | 1284 | |
| | 1353 | |
| ? | | ? |
| E-2 | 1449.5 | |
| ? | | EARLY |
| G | 1603 | MIocene (see text re unsampled Oligocene) |
| H-1 | | |
| K? | 1712 | |
| ? | 1814 | LATE? EOCENE? |
| ?N? | | MTD EOCENE |
| | 1835 | |
| ? | | ? |

KEY:
 • = <20 specimens
 x = >20 specimens
 D = Dominant >60% specimens
 VVVVVV = possible hiatus
 indet = indeterminate taxa due to diagenesis
 N.F.F. = no foraminifera found

TABLE 3: PLANKTONIC FORAMINIFERAL DISTRIBUTION - SPEKE # 1

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| SIDEWALL CORES Depth in metres * 2 samples labelled with same depth | SELECTED BENTHONIC FORAMINIFERA | BIOGENIC COMPONENTS | | RESIDUE LITHOLOGY | | AGE and E-LOG DEPTHs |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| | | MINOR COMPONENTS | MAJOR COMPONENTS | | | |
| 1051.0+ | <i>Vulvulina granulosa</i> | | | | | |
| 1125.0+ | <i>Gaudryina convexa</i> | | | | | |
| 1174.0+ | <i>Lagenia striata</i> | | | | | |
| 1284.5+ | <i>Bulimina truncatella</i> | | | | | |
| 1353.0+ | <i>Cassidulina subglobosa</i> | | | | | |
| 1380.0+ | <i>Cibicides brevoralis</i> | | | | | |
| 1399.0+ | <i>C. vortex</i> | x | | | | |
| 1427.0+ | <i>C. thirza</i> | x | | | | |
| 1449.5+ | <i>C. molestus</i> & <i>opacus</i> | x | | | | |
| 1480.0+ | <i>C. mediocris</i> | x | | | | |
| 1536.0+ | <i>Discorbina berthelotti</i> | x | | | | |
| 1603.0+ | <i>Anomalina procolligera</i> | x | | | | |
| 1615.0+ | <i>A. bistrinoda</i> | x | | | | |
| 1625.0+ | <i>Osmilia affinis</i> | x | | | | |
| 1650.0+ | <i>NODOSARIIDS</i> | x | | | | |
| 1675.0+ | <i>Vaginulinopsis gippslandica</i> | x | | | | |
| 1678.0+ | <i>Pseudoclavulina ruditis</i> | x | | | | |
| 1700.0+ | <i>"Cycloammina" incisa</i> | x | | | | |
| 1705.5+ | <i>Ordoorsalis tenera</i> | x | | | | |
| 1712.0+ | <i>Gyroidinidae spp.</i> | x | | | | |
| 1814.0+ | <i>Sphaeroidina bulloides</i> | x | | | | |
| *1825.0+ | <i>Siphonigerina proboscidea</i> | x | | | | |
| *1825.0+ | <i>Bathygigia sp.?</i> | x | | | | |
| 1835.0+ | <i>Discichamina compressa</i> | x | | | | |
| 1848.5+ | <i>Fissurina spp.</i> | x | | | | |
| 1907.5+ | <i>Melonis affinis</i> | x | | | | |
| 1946.0+ | <i>M. simplex</i> | x | | | | |
| 2304.0+ | <i>Bathysiphon spp.</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Eurygerina pickli</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Globobulima pacifica</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Stilostomella awamoana</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>S. antillae</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Nonionella magnalingua</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Cibicides temporatus</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Siphonina australis</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Euvigerina miozea</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Discorbina complanata</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Cibicides lobatulus</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Siphogenerina raphanus</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Chilostomella orata</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Elphidium advenum</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Cassidulina Jeaurrigata</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Cibicides subhaldingeri</i> | x | | | | |
| | <i>Euvigerina bassensis</i> | x | | | | |
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| | | | | | C = Common >20 grains | |
| | | | | | r = rare <20 grains | |

TABLE 4: BENTHONIC FORAMINIFERAL DISTRIBUTION and SEDIMENT GRAIN ANALYSIS - SPEKE # 1.

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TABLE 5

MICROFAUNAL DATA SHEET

BASIN: GIPPSLAND

ELEVATION: KB: 22.0m GL: -55.0m

WELL NAME: SPEKE # 1

TOTAL DEPTH: 2770m

| AGE | FORAM. ZONULES | HIGHEST DATA | | | | LOWEST DATA | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|--------------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | | Preferred Depth | Rtg | Alternate Depth | Rtg | Two Way Time | Preferred Depth | Rtg | Alternate Depth | Rtg |
| PLIOCENE TOCINE | A ₁ | | | | | | | | | |
| | A ₂ | | | | | | | | | |
| PLIOCENE CEENE | A ₃ | | | | | | | | | |
| | A ₄ | | | | | | | | | |
| MIOCENE | B ₁ | | | | | | | | | |
| | B ₂ | | | | | | | | | |
| MIOCENE | C | 1051 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| | D ₁ | | | | | | 1174 | 2 | | |
| MIOCENE | D ₂ | 1284.5 | 1 | | | | 1284.5 | 1 | | |
| | E ₁ | 1353 | 1 | | | | 1353 | 1 | | |
| MIOCENE | E ₂ | 1427 | 1 | | | | 1449.5 | 0 | | |
| | F | | | | | | | | | |
| MIOCENE | G | 1603 | 0 | | | | 1603 | 0 | | |
| | H ₁ | 1615 | 1 | | | | 1712 | 1 | | |
| OLIGOCENE | H ₂ | *(i) | | | | | *(i) | | | |
| | I ₁ | *(i) | | | | | *(i) | | | |
| OLIGOCENE | I ₂ | | | | | | | | | |
| | J ₁ | | | | | | | | | |
| OLIGOCENE | J ₂ | *(ii) | | | | | *(ii) | | | |
| | K | 1815 | 2 | | | | 1815 | 2 | | |
| EOC- ENE | Pre-K | 1825 | | | | | 1835 | 2 | | |

COMMENTS: Based on sidewall cores, depth in metres.

*Interval between 1712 and 1815m unsampled; deduced units = (i) between 1758 and 1712m; (ii) between 1808 and 1758m.

† Mid Eocene assemblage probably representing Zone N.

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| CONFIDENCE RATING: | O: SWC or Core - Complete assemblage (very high confidence). |
| | 1: SWC or Core - Almost complete assemblage (high confidence). |
| | 2: SWC or Core - Close to zonule change but able to interpret (low confidence). |
| | 3: Cuttings - Complete assemblage (low confidence). |
| | 4: Cuttings - Incomplete assemblage, next to uninterpretable or SWC with depth suspicion (very low confidence). |

NOTE: If an entry is given a 3 or 4 confidence rating, an alternative depth with a better confidence rating should be entered, if possible. If a sample cannot be assigned to one particular zone, then no entry should be made, unless a range of zones is given where the highest possible limit will appear in one zone and the lowest possible limit in another.

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| AGE (not to scale) | SPORE POLLEN ZONES | DINOFLAGELLATE ZONES | RANGE |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| LATE EOCENE | Upper <i>N. asperus</i> | <i>P. comptum</i> | |
| MID EOCENE | Middle <i>N. asperus</i> | <i>C. incompositum</i> | |
| | ? | <i>D. heterophlycta</i> | |
| | ? | <i>W. echinosuturatum</i> | |
| | Lower <i>N. asperus</i> | <i>A. diktyoplokus</i> | <i>D. phosphoritica</i> |
| | | | <i>V. extensa</i> |
| | | | <i>A. ornata</i> |
| | | <i>K. edwardsii</i> | |
| | | <i>K. thompsonae</i> | |
| EARLY EOCENE | Upper <i>M. diversus</i> | <i>R. ornatum</i> | |
| | Middle <i>M. diversus</i> | <i>R. waipawaense</i> | |
| | Lower <i>M. diversus</i> | | |
| | Upper <i>L. balmei</i> | <i>A. hyperacanthum</i> | |
| PALEOCENE | Lower <i>L. balmei</i> | <i>A. homomorphum</i> | <i>A. homomorphum</i> |
| | | <i>E. crassitabulata</i> | <i>K. lophophora</i> |
| | | | <i>M. fimbriatum</i> |
| | ? | <i>T. evittii</i> | |
| MAASTRICHTIAN | <i>T. longus</i> | <i>I. druggii</i> | |

FIGURE 2: DINOFLAGELLATE RANGE CHART. Ranges from Stover, Helby & Partridge, 1979.

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KEY to SYMBOLS:

- ♦ : Good, above average
 o : average
 † : poor, below average
 x : exceedingly poor, trace occurrence
 cf : similar to, but with some doubt identification
 because of poor preservation
 R : reworked

TABLE 1: SPORES, POLLEN and DINOFLAGELLATES IDENTIFIED in AUSTRALIAN AQUITAINe PETROLEUM SPEKE NO. 1

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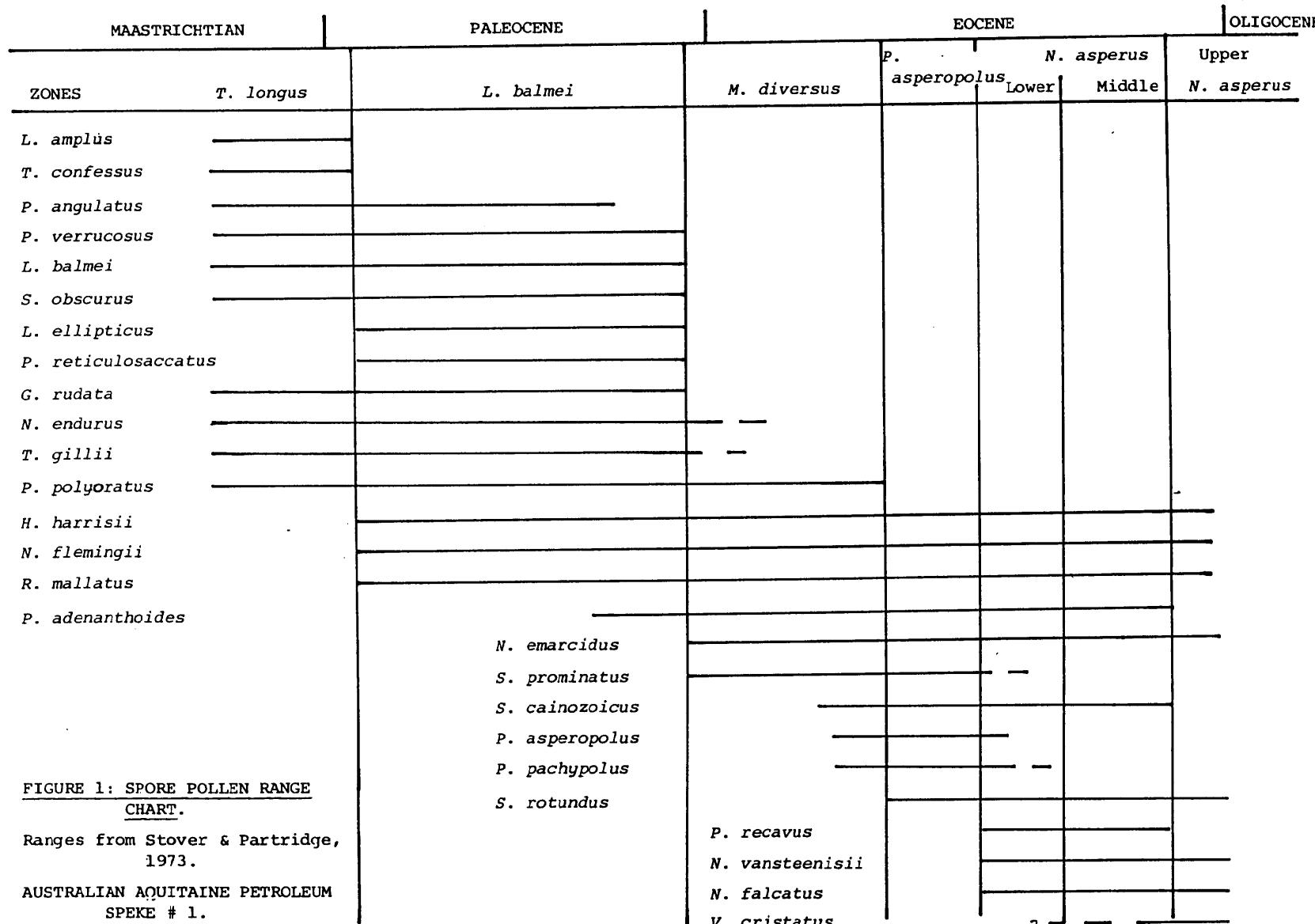


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