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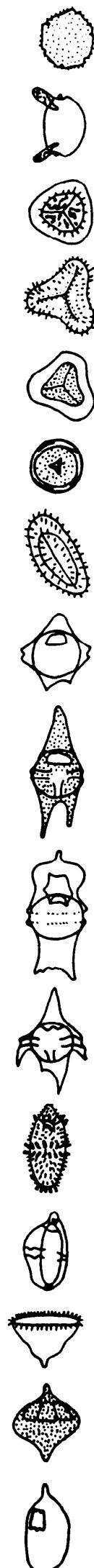
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AGAINST THE EXISTING FORMAL ZONATION.

I SUMMARY

New examination (including grain counts of 20 existing core and swc preparations plus 25 new cuttings preparations) has produced a high resolution breakdown. It is expressed below in formal zones, but is also discussed in the text in terms of fifteen major horizons and twenty three minor horizons. These produced a much tighter correlation web to nearby wells when plotted on logs. Likely maximum flooding surfaces and sequence boundaries can also be located using the dinoflagellate content and diversity as a index of marine influence.

1245m(swc) - 1265m(swc) : indeterminate (barren)

1265m(cutts) - 1283m(swc) : upper diversus Zone : Early Eocene : intermediate marine

1289m(cutts) : balmei Zone : Paleocene : marine

1315m(swc) - 1360m(swc) : longus Zone (druggii dino Zone
1315-1360m) : Maastrichtian : nearshore at the base
passing to offshore at the top ; marine maximum at 1315m

1385m(swc) - 1479m(swc) : lillei Zone (korojonense dino Zone
1419-1479m) : Campanian : nearshore to marginal marine

1550m(swc) - 1847m(swc) : upper senectus Zone (upper
australis dino Zone 1550-1652m, lower australis
1701-1801m, aceras Zone 1801-1966m) : Campanian: marginal
marine to intermediate marine; marine maxima at 1801m and
1701m

?1850m(cutts) - 1966m(cutts) : lower senectus Zone (aceras
dino Zone 1801-1966m) : Campanian : intermediate marine
to nearshore; marine maximum, at 1999m

1999m(cutts) - 2030m(cutts) : upper apoxyexinus Zone
(cretacea dino Zone 1999-2030m) : Santonian :
intermediate to offshore marine, maximum at 1999m and
2030m,

middle apoxyexinus Zone not seen : probably condensed or lost

2051m(cutts) : lower apoxyexinus Zone (?porifera dino Zone
2051m) : Santonian : apparently offshore marine but may
be caved

2076m(cutts) : indeterminate : possibly upper mawsonii Zone

2100m(core) - 2243m(swc) or ?deeper : mawsonii Zone :
Coniacian-Turonian : probably all marginal marine to
nearshore with marine maximum at 2240m

2254m(swc) - 2441m(cutts) : apparently distocarinatus Zone :
Cenomanian : probably all nearshore to marginal marine
but heavy caving obscured this.

II INTRODUCTION

Paul Carroll and David Pickavance of BHP Petroleum initiated palynological review of several wells pertinent to their acreage. In Mussel-1, they sought definitive age dating at the base of the well (especially whether Eumeralla Formation had been penetrated) and improved resolution throughout the late Cretaceous to facilitate sequence stratigraphic analysis. Restudy of the existing preparations to produce new data from a modern view point, including specimen counts, was clearly worthwhile. Some large sample gaps existed however, and new cuttings were selected to infill to around 30m spacing.

Extensive cuttings study has two main advantages but also two main disadvantages. The first advantage is that the data becomes semicontinuous and key horizons can be seen in the cavings and not missed because they occur between the point sampling of swcs or due to unfavourable facies at the swc depth. An example is the flood of X. australis (horizon 6 herein) which is quite thin but is clearly seen in cuttings and caves to the bottom of the hole. The second advantage is that a downhole or extinction based zonation can be developed which works in cuttings and therefore provides a powerful tool to monitor drilling and enable cost efficient drilling and engineering decisions especially early TD. Quite accurate predictions ahead of swcs, logs and the bit are possible.

The first major disadvantage is that potential caving renders all oldest occurrences (or inception in time) of doubtful value. Thus the established zonations which particularly in Australia are based on oldest occurrences from extensive swc suites, do not work well. Youngest occurrence or extinction events in close proximity to the established zone boundaries need to be established to continue to use the established zonation. Alternatively, the existing zonation can be abandoned and a new one erected based on extinction events.

SPORE-POLLEN ZONES	SPORE-POLLEN HORIZONS	DINOFLAGELLATE ZONES	DINOFLAGELLATE HORIZONS
LONGUS	upper T. confessus 1 T. sectilis ● 1b G. rudata • 1d N. senectus • 1d	DRUGGII	M. conorata 1a M. conorata 1c
	lower T. sabulosus 2a T. longus 2b		M. druggii 1e I. pellucida 2
LILLEI	upper T. sectilis 3a	KOROJONENSE	I. korojonense 3 I. cretacea
	lower T. lillei 3b		I. korojonense 3c I. pellucida X. australis 4 X. ceratoides A. wisemaniae
SENECTUS	upper G. rudata 7a	AUSTRALIS	A. suggestum 4a N. aceras 5 N. semireticulata X. australis ● 6
	middle T. sabulosus 7e		N. tuberculata 7 X. australis 7b N. tuberculata 7c N. semireticulata O. obesa 7d
	lower N. senectus 9a	ACERAS	T. suspectum Heterosphaeridium 10%+ 8 Heterosphaeridium 20%+ 9
APOXYEXINUS	upper A. cruciformis 1% A. cruciformis 1-4%	CRETACEA	N. aceras 9b I. belfastense 10 A. denticulata Heterosphaeridium 20%+ 10a
	middle 11		I. belfastense A. denticulata 11a
	lower 12 A. cruciformis 10%+	PORIFERA	I. cretacea 11b O. porifera 12b
MAWSONII	lower 12a A. cruciformis 10%+	STRIATOCONUS	C. edwardsii 14
	12c A. distocarinatus	INFUSORIOIDES	C. edwardsii ● 15
	consistent 13 A. distocarinatus	 — — — — C. edwardsii ● 15b	
DISTOCARINATUS	P. mawsonii 15a common saccates A. cruciformis	dinoflagellates	

FIGURE 1 ZONATION USED HEREIN SHOWING THE NUMBERED HORIZONS AGAINST THE EXISTING FORMAL ZONATION.

● = frequent (4-10%) ● = common (11-30%)

I have tried to do both herein, working within the established zonation of Helby, Morgan and Partridge (1987), but initiating a set of 38 numbered horizons. The most obvious (and therefore most reliable) bear the whole numbers 1 to 15 from youngest to oldest and are all extinction or major acme events reliably identifiable from cuttings. The other twenty three horizons bear a number and a lower case letter to show their lower level of confidence and their usual stratigraphic location. For example, horizons 7a, 7b, 7c and 7d occur from youngest to oldest, between major horizons 7 and 8, but are less reliable and therefore may crosscut the major horizons. They comprise mostly oldest occurrences in cuttings or youngest occurrences of rare species. The relationship of the two schemes are shown in figure 1 and the discussions herein is within the existing zonal framework.

The second major disadvantage to extensive cuttings study is that heavy caving can obscure subtle events due to dilution. Inspection of a caliper log can indicate the extent of caving, but even small quantities of a richly fossiliferous rock can obscure subtle horizons in a sparsely fossiliferous rock beneath. In Mussel-1, heavy caving of the dinoflagellate rich Campanian and Santonian occurs into the dinoflagellate poor Cenomanian. Caving of this sort will clearly distort statistical counts. In Mussel-1, high dinoflagellate contents in the Cenomanian are plainly caved, so identification of marine maxima and maximum flooding surfaces must be tempered with caution.

The best of both alternatives can be achieved by a mix of swcs and cuttings. Downhole monitoring can be readily achieved by 50 to 100m cuttings, followed up by extensive swc suites to close sampling gaps to around 30m.

Detailed correlation is possible using the data herein and is the subject of a separate report. Raw data are presented in Appendix I.

III PALYNOSTRATIGRAPHY

A 1245m(swc) - 1265m(swc) : indeterminate

These swcs are almost barren and lack age diagnostic taxa.

B 1265m(Esso cuttings) - 1283m(swc) : upper diversus Zone

Assignment to the upper Malvacipollis diversus Zone of Early Eocene age is indicated by oldest Proteacidites pachypolus without younger indicators. The Esso cuttings could not be re-examined : the microscope slides are not available, but the assemblages are consistent with the one examined here (1283m). The swc at the base is dominated by Halorogacidites harrisii with common Podosporites microsaccatus and Malvacipollis diversus. Other age significant pollen include Anacolosidites acutullus and Polycolpites esobalteus. Amongst the dinoflagellates are common Homotribium tasmaniense, confirming the spore-pollen assignment.

Intermediate marine environments are indicated by the dinoflagellate content (24%) but their low diversity might favour a more nearshore situation.

C 1289m(new cutts) : balmei Zone

Assignment to the Lygistepollenites balmei Zone of Paleocene age is indicated by the presence of L. balmei in an extremely lean almost barren assemblage. Only about 20 palynomorphs were seen with Proteacidites spp the most common. Rare dinoflagellates were seen but are not age diagnostic and could be caved. They are much less frequent than the spore pollen and suggest nearshore environments.

D 1315m(swc)-1360m(swc) : longus Zone (druggii dino Zone)

Assignment to the Tricolpites longus Zone of Maastrichtian age is indicated at the top by youngest T. longus, Tricolpites confessus, Tricolpites waipawaensis, Tricolporites lillei, without younger indicators (horizon 1). Overall, Proteacidites spp dominate with common to frequent G. radata and subordinate rare to frequent N. endurus. The marker species for the upper longus Zone (Tripunktisporis punctatus) was not seen even in cavings, but the dominance of G. radata over N. endurus indicates the upper part of the zone. Oldest common G. radata at 1360m(swc) is horizon 1b. The cuttings sample at 1338m is extremely lean. At the base, oldest T. longus (horizon 2b) is diagnostic.

The dinoflagellates are also age diagnostic, and include Manumiella conorata, indicating the Manumiella druggii dinoflagellate zone and therefore the middle or upper point of the longus Zone. Oldest M. conorata is horizon 1c. Areoligera spp are abundant with rare Alterbia acutula and M. conorata. At 1360m(swc), M. conorata is the only common dinoflagellate.

Environments appear to deepen in time from nearshore to marginal marine at the base (6% microplankton at 1360m) to offshore to intermediate marine at the top (42% microplankton at 1315m = potential maximum flooding surface).

E 1385m(swc) - 1479m(swc) : lillei Zone (korojonense dino Zone 1419-1479m)

Assignment to the Tricolporites lillei Zone of Campanian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger indicators, but confirmed by dinoflagellate data, and at the base by oldest T. lillei (horizon 3b). Within the

interval, Proteacidites spp are consistently dominant (20-40%) with Cyathidites and Nothofagidites spp (6-17%) frequent to common. Within the interval, youngest Tricolpites sabulosus (horizon 2a) occurs at 1419m(swc) and oldest Triporopollenites sectilis occurs at 1419m(swc) (horizon 3a). Tricolporites apoxyexinus is fairly consistent.

Amongst the dinoflagellates, youngest Chatangiella spp (1385m swc) youngest Isabelidinium pellucidum (horizon 2), I. korojonense (horizon 3) and Odontochitina spp (1419m swc), youngest Isabelidinium cretaceum (1443m swc) (horizon 3) and oldest I. pellucidum (horizon 3c at 1479m new cutts) are all useful. Youngest I. korojonense at the top (horizon 3) and oldest I. pellucidum at the base (horizon 3c) without older markers, indicates the Isabelidinium korojonense dinoflagellate zone. Dinoflagellate contents are low, with Isabelidinium spp the most frequent.

Environments are nearshore to marginal marine with dinoflagellate content mostly 3-5% and diversity low. No obvious shallowing or deepening trend is visible.

F 1550m(swc) - 1847m(swc) : upper-middle senectus Zone (upper australis Zone 1550-1652m, lower australis Zone 1701-1801m, aceras Zone 1801-1966m cutts)

Assignment to the upper part of the Nothofagidites senectus Zone of Campanian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger indicators and confirmed by horizon 4 (youngest Xenikoon australis, here supported by youngest Xenascus ceratoides). Odontochinina spp are very rare above this point, and youngest Anthosphaeridium wisemaniae occurs here in some wells. The base of the interval is defined by oldest Tricolpites sabulosus (horizon 7e) taken on its base in swcs at 1847m although

it caves much deeper. This pick may be slightly too high, as oldest G. rudata (horizon 7a) occurs in the same swc (and caves only to 1902m). More reliable are the top horizons in these cuttings including the major horizons youngest Nelsoniella aceras and N. semireticulata (horizon 5 at 1701m cutts), youngest common X. australis (horizon 6 at 1701m cutts), youngest Nelsoniella tuberculata (horizon 7 at 1801m cutts) and the minor horizons youngest Areosphaeridium suggestum (horizon 4a at 1652m cutts) and oldest X. australis in swcs (horizon 7b at 1847m swc).

The dinoflagellates enable recognition of the upper australis Zone (interval from youngest X. australis to sample above youngest N. semireticulata), lower australis Zone (interval from youngest N. semireticulata to sample above youngest Nelsoniella tuberculata, the latter known to be close to, but slightly above, oldest X. australis) and the aceras Zone (interval from youngest N. tuberculata to sample above youngest Isabelidinium belfastense).

Within the interval, Proteacidites spp generally dominate with frequent to common N. endurus and Cyathidites. Towards the base however (1801-1847m), Nothofagidites become minor with Falcisporites, Cyathidites and Proteacidites all common. Amongst the subordinate dinoflagellates, X. australis is the most common form especially at its acme at 1701m and caved beneath.

Environments are variable, from marginal marine to intermediate marine with dinoflagellate content variable from 1% with low diversity to 34% with moderate diversity. Many samples are cuttings however, so may be altered by caving. Dinoflagellate maxima occur at 1801m and 1701m and may be close beneath maximum flooding surfaces while minima occur at 1847m, 1757m and 1550m and

may be close beneath sequence boundaries. Dinoflagellate content grades between these points, suggesting two full transgression/regression cycles.

G ?1850m(cutts)-1966m(cutts) : lower senectus Zone (aceras Zone 1801-1966m)

Assignment to the lower part of the N. senectus Zone of Campanian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger indicators "in place" and at the base by oldest in place N. senectus (horizon 9a at 1966m cutts) confirmed by the dinoflagellates beneath. The zone top may therefore be picked slightly too high, if some specimens considered caved are actually in place. Within the interval, G. radata and T. sabulosus occur but are considered caved. Reliable datums include youngest Odontochitina obesa (horizon 7d at 1932m cutts), and youngest common Heterosphaeridium spp (>10%) and youngest Trithyrodinium cf spectum (horizon 8 at 1966m cutts), oldest consistent N. senectus in cuttings (horizon 9a at 1902m) and oldest Nelsoniella tuberculata (horizon 7c at 1932m in cutts).

Within the interval based entirely on cuttings, the dominant spore pollen include common Proteacidites, Falcisporites and Cyathidites. The subordinate dinoflagellates include frequent X. australis presumed caved and consistent Heterosphaeridium (around 5%). Rare but consistent are Odontochitina spp, Nelsoniella spp, I. cretaceum and Eucladinium madurensse, all considered in place.

Environments are intermediate marine to nearshore (14% to 22%) but these are all cuttings and no obvious trend is visible. In the sample below (1999m) a dinoflagellate maximum occurs and in the sample above (1847m) a dinoflagellate minimum occurs. The section assigned here

may therefore represent a regressive period.

H 1999m(cutts) - 2030m(cutts) : upper apoxyexinus Zone
(cretacea dino Zone 1999-2030m)

Assignment to the upper Tricolporites apoxyexinus Zone (= T. pachyexinus Zone of previous usage) of Santonian age is indicated at the top by the absence of N. senectus above, confirmed by youngest Isabelidinium belfastense and I. victoriensis (horizon 10 at 1999m). At the base, oldest rare Amosopollis cruciformus (1% or less) is diagnostic. Within the interval, youngest abundant Heterosphaeridium (20% or more) occurs (horizon 9 at 1999m) but is probably caved slightly, as it usually occurs above horizon 10. Horizon 9 therefore probably occurs somewhere in the sample gap 1966m to 1999m. Other useful events include oldest N. aceras possibly in place (horizon 9b at 1999m although it may be slightly caved in these cuttings) and oldest I. cretacea (horizon 11b in cuttings at 1999m, absent from all swcs beneath) and oldest I. belfastense (horizon 11a in cuttings at 1999m, absent from all swcs beneath) and oldest common Heterosphaeridium (20%+ = horizon 10a in swc at 2030m). Clearly section is severely condensed or absent near this point, as many horizons converge. Notably Appendicisporites distocarinatus has a isolated occurrence at 2030m, perhaps correlable with a similar one in Triton-1 at 2975m. Oldest Tricolpites gillii at 2030m (swc) is consistent with a mid apoxyexinus Zone or younger.

Within the interval, Cyathidites, Gleicheniidites, and Microcachryidites are frequent, with Proteacidites relatively minor from this point down. Amongst the subordinate dinoflagellates, Heterosphaeridium dominate.

Environments are apparently intermediate to offshore

marine, with 44% dinoflagellates at 1999m (although diversity may be enhanced by caving) and 33% at 2030m (with low diversity in this swc). Clearly a marine maximum occurs at or slightly above 1999m and represents a major correlable maximum flooding surface near base aceras or top cretacea dinoflagellate zones.

I 2051m(cutts) : lower apoxyexinus Zone (?porifera dino Zone)

Assignment to the lower T. apoxyexinus Zone of Santonian age is indicated at top and base by common A. cruciformis (top 10%+ = horizon 12 at 2051m), base 10%+ = horizon 12a at 2051m). The middle T. apoxyexinus Zone is characterised by having A. cruciformis, comprising 1 to 5% of the assemblage but is not identified here either due to condensation or hiatus. Odontochitina porifera occurs here but so do many other caved taxa and so it is not possible to place oldest O. porifera (horizons 12b) with any confidence.

In the assemblage, A. cruciformis is dominant (15%) with Falcisporites common. Of the subordinate dinoflagellates, Heterosphaeridium dominate but the assemblage is clearly largely caved.

Environment appears to be offshore marine (37% dinoflagellates) but this may be largely caved.

J 2076m(cutts) : indeterminate

This sample contains too few A. cruciformis to be included in lower apoxyexinus yet lacks A. distocarinatus seen below which characterised the mawsonii Zone. The dinoflagellates indicate that caving is very heavy and so the sample is considered unreliable. It may belong to the topmost P. mawsonii

Zone above youngest A. distocarinatus. Dinoflagellates include markers for all the overlying zones and are dominated by Heterospshaeridium. They are considered caved and unreliable.

K 2100m(core) - 2243m or ?deeper : mawsonii Zone

Assignment to the Phyllocladidites mawsonii Zone (equivalent to the Clavifera triplex Zone of previous usage) of Coniacian-Turonian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger indicators and youngest Appendicisporites distocarinatus (horizon 12c at 2100m core). At the base, oldest P. mawsonii in swc (horizon 15a at 2243m) is diagnostic. Within the zone, youngest consistent A. distocarinatus (horizon 13 at 2185m cutts youngest Cribroperidinium edwardsii (horizon 14 at 2236m core) and youngest frequent C. edwardsii (horizon 15 at 2240m swc) all occur. A downhole influx of angiosperms including Liliacidites kaitangataensis and Senectotetradites fistulosus and S. varireticulatus occur at 2238m in core, but cannot be seen in the cuttings below. Their correlative value is doubtful in cuttings. Other horizons that may prove useful in the future include youngest common Dilwynites granulatus (10%+ at 2170m and below), youngest consistent Cyclonephelium compactum (2185m cutts) and oldest common D. granulatus (10%+ at 2240m and above in swc).

Within the interval, Cyathidites, Falcisporites, Gleicheniidites and M. antarcticus are intermittently common. In addition, D. granulatus is common (10%+) in the interval 2170 to 2240m cuttings and Laevigatosporites ovatus is very common at 2236 to 2238m in core. Dinoflagellates are rare in most samples and heavily caved in most cuttings. Amongst the taxa in place, C. edwardsii, Odontochitina operculata and Circulodinium deflandrei are the most common.

Environments appear to be nearshore to marginal marine but the cuttings assemblages are clearly unreliable with common caving from strongly marine section above.

Amongst the cores and swcs, a marine maximum at 2240m swc (19% dinoflagellates) may indicate a maximum flooding surface while most of the other core and swc samples have dinoflagellate contents of 5% or less.

L 2254m(swc) - 2441m(cutts) : apparently distocarinatus Zone

Assignment to the A. distocarinatus Zone of Cenomanian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger indicators and at the base by the absence of older indicators. Clearly it is not well dated. Infact, P. mawsonii is absent only from one swc (2254m) and is present (presumed caved) in most of the picked cuttings beneath. Clearly the cuttings are not clean and most of the Campanian and Santonian marker species are seen. However, the proximity to top common C. edwardsii (horizon 15 at 2240m) is consistent with a top distocarinatus Zone near here. At the base, none of the Eumeralla markers were seen, especially the gross shift of the assemblage from wind blown saccate pollen dominance with dinoflagellates of the Sherbrook group, to the fluvial borne spore dominance without dinoflagellates of the Eumeralla Formation. In the absence of any older indications, the section is presumed distocarinatus Zone to the base. Within the interval, oldest common C. edwardsii (horizon 15b at 2320m) occurs.

Assemblages are dominated by common to abundant Falcisporites similis with common Cyathidites throughout and common to abundant M. antarcticus at the top (2243-2320m). Minor Permian reworking was seen. The dinoflagellates are mostly caved from the Santonian and

Campanian but *in situ* taxa include C. edwardsii and O. operculata.

Environments are probably all nearshore to marginal marine as *in situ* dinoflagellate content is 10% or less with low to moderate diversity.

IV CONCLUSIONS

- A This new study using extensive new cuttings sampling has vastly improved resolution and confidence in this section providing for tighter correlation.
- B It has also produced a new cuttings based biostratigraphy for the area which can be used for fast turnaround downhole palynological monitoring to aid engineering and drilling decisions particularly concerning prediction ahead of the bit for casing points and early TD.
- C It has produced statistically valid quantitative data to identify likely maximum flooding surfaces and lowstand deposits, therefore facilitating sequence stratigraphic analysis. Although it is clearly interpretative, likely major sequence boundaries might be 68my at 1297m, 71my at 1373m, 75my at 1407m, 80my at 1482m, 85my at 2008m, 87.5my at 2064m and 90my at 2232m. Maximum flooding surfaces might be 69.5my at 1315m, 73.5my at 1385m, 79.5my at 1479m, 83.75my at 1988m, 86my at 2033m and 89my at 2212m.
- D Deposition below 2100m is slow, contains significant sands, and shows extreme condensation in parts, especially the apoxyexinus Zone. Above this point, deposition is faster with almost solid shale, and with thicknesses very similar to nearby wells. This change is at the base of the senectus Zone and may be related to the events associated with Tasman Sea rifting described by Lowry and Longley (1991).

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1245	SWC	.	1265	LILIACIOTITES KAITANGATAENSIS	1245	SWC
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1283	SWC	.	1267	APPENDICISPORITES TRICORNITATUS	1283	SWC
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1338	CUTTS	.	1270	ANTULSPORES CF INTRA VERRUCATUS	1338	CUTTS
1360	SWC	.	1271	CADARGASPORITES GRANULATUS	1360	SWC
1385	SWC	.	1272	COPTOSPORA PILEOSA	1385	SWC
1419	SWC	.	1273	NEVESISPORITES	1419	SWC
1443	SWC	.	1274	TRIPOROLETES SIMPLEX	1443	SWC
1466	CUTTS	.	1275	RETITRILETES EMINULUS	1466	CUTTS
1479	CUTTS	.	1276	AEQUITRIRADITES VERRUCOSUS	1479	CUTTS
1550	SWC	.	1277	FORCIPITES TWISTED SP A.	1550	SWC
1600	CUTTS	.	1278	RETICULATISPORITES PUDENS	1600	CUTTS
1652	CUTTS	.	1279	BOTRYOCOCUS	1652	CUTTS
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1707	SWC	.			1707	SWC
1753	CUTTS	.			1753	CUTTS
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1801	CUTTS	.			1801	CUTTS
1847	SWC	.			1847	SWC
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1902	CUTTS	.			1902	CUTTS
1932	CUTTS	.			1932	CUTTS
1966	CUTTS	.			1966	CUTTS
1999	CUTTS	.			1999	CUTTS
2030	SWC	.			2030	SWC
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2076	CUTTS	.			2076	CUTTS
2100	CORE	.			2100	CORE
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2149	CUTTS	.			2149	CUTTS
2170	CUTTS	.			2170	CUTTS
2185	CUTTS	.			2185	CUTTS
2207	CUTTS	.			2207	CUTTS
2236	CORE	.			2236	CORE
2238	CORE	x	x		2238	CORE
2240	SWC	.	x		2240	SWC
2243	SWC	.	x		2243	SWC
2254	SWC	.	x	1	2254	SWC
2320	CUTTS	x	.	x	2320	CUTTS
2338	CUTTS	.	.	x	2338	CUTTS
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140	ANACOLOSIDITES ACTULLUS
59	ANTHOSPHAERIDIUM BULLATUM
78	ANTHOSPHAERIDIUM CONVOLVULOIDES
270	ANTULSPORITES CF INTRA VERRUCATUS
4	APECTODINIUM HOMOMORPHA (SH. SP.)
247	APPENDICISPORITES DISTOCARINATUS
267	APPENDICISPORITES TRICORNITATUS
48	APTEODINIUM GRANULATUM
164	ARAUCARIACITES AUSTRALIS
15	AREOLIGERA CORONATA
43	AREOLIGERA SENONENSIS
44	AREOSPHAERIDIUM SUGGESTIUM
107	ASCODINIUM ACROPHORUM
108	ASCODINIUM PARVUM
234	ASTEROPOLLIS ASTEROIDES
70	AUSTRALISPHAERA VERRUCOSA
189	AUSTRALOPOLLIS OBSCURUS
73	AUTRIA NUDA
262	BALMEIOPSIS LIMBATA
253	BALMEISPORITES HOLODICTYUS
279	BOTRYOCOCUS
271	CADARGASPORITES GRANULATUS
60	CADDASPHAERA HALOSA
74	CALLADISPHAERIDIUM ASYMMETRICUM
214	CALLIALASPORITES DAMPIERI
226	CALLIALASPORITES TURBATUS
182	CAMEROZONOSPORITES
228	CAMEROZONOSPORITES BULLATUS
263	CAMEROZONOSPORITES FINE
165	CAMEROZONOSPORITES OHAIENSIS
79	CANNINGIA CF AUSTRALISPHAERA
55	CANNINGIA GIANT
103	CANNINGIA RETICULATA
80	CANNINGIA SP LARGE
16	CASSIDIUM FRAGILE
166	CERATOSPORITES EQUALIS
118	CHATANGIELLA MICROCANTHA
56	CHATANGIELLA SP
26	CHATANGIELLA SVERDRUPIANA
45	CHATANGIELLA TRIPARTITA
92	CHATANGIELLA VICTORIENSIS
123	CHLAMYDOPHORELLA NYEI
215	CICATRICOSISPORITES AUSTRALIENSIS
212	CICATRICOSISPORITES LUDBROOKIAE
254	CICATRICOSISPORITES PERFORATUS
246	CICATRICOSISPORITES PUNCTATA
255	CICATRICOSISPORITES RADIATUS
201	CINGUTRILETES CLAVUS
71	CIRCULODINIUM COLIVERI
93	CIRCULODINIUM DEFLANDREI
191	CLAVIFERA TRIPLEX
124	CLEISTOSPHAERIDIUM CF POLYPES
29	CLEISTOSPHAERIDIUM SPP
65	COMETOSPHAERIDIUM WHITEI
62	COMPOSITOSPHAERIDIUM PARACOSTATUM
232	CONTIGNISPORITES COOKSONIAE
248	CONVOLUTISPORA SOLIDA
202	COPTOSPORA PARADOXA
272	COPTOSPORA PILEOSA
167	COROLLINA TOROSUS
229	COUPERISPORITES TABULATUS
122	CRIBROPERIDINIUM EDWARDSII
17	CRIBROPERIDINIUM SP
244	CRYBEI NSPORITES BERREROIDES

- 264 CRYBELOSPORES BRENNERI
 192 CRYBELOSPORES SP
 238 CYATHEACIDITES TECTIFERA
 159 CYATHIDITES AUSTRALIS
 160 CYATHIDITES MINOR
 141 CYATHIDITES SPP
 161 CYCADOPITES FOLLICULARIS
 105 CYCLONEPHELIUM COMPACTUM
 125 CYCLONEPHELIUM MEMBRANIPHORUM
 119 CYMATIOSPHAERA
 142 DACRYCARPITES AUSTRALIENSIS
 216 DENSOISPORITES VELATUS
 135 DICONODINIUM CRISTATUM
 112 DICONODINIUM PELLIFERUM
 75 DICONODINIUM PUSILLUM
 243 DICTYOTOSPORITES COMPLEX
 256 DICTYOTOSPORITES SP
 230 DICTYOTOSPORITES SPECIOSUS
 138 DILWYNITES GRANULATUS
 136 DINOGYMNIA ACUMINATUM
 128 DINOPTERYGIUM CLADOIDES
 101 DINOPTERYGIUM MEDUSOIDES
 143 ERICIPITES SCABRATUS
 168 ERICIPITES VERRUCOSUS
 49 EUCLADINIUM MADURENSE
 30 EXOCHOSPHAERIDIUM PHRAGMITES
 169 FALCISPORITES GRANDIS
 139 FALCISPORITES SIMILIS
 126 FLORENTINIA STELLATA
 239 FORAMINISPORIS ASYMMETRICUS
 231 FORAMINISPORIS DAILYI
 235 FORAMINISPORIS WONTAGGIENSIS
 277 FORCIPITES TWISTED SP A.
 268 FOVEOGLEICHENIIDITES
 109 FROMEA FRAGILIS
 190 GAMBIERINA EDWARDSII
 170 GAMBIERINA RUDATA
 203 GEPRAPOLLENITES WAHOOENSIS
 113 GILLINIA HYMENOPHORA
 162 GLEICHENIIDITES
 144 HALORAGACIDITES HARRISII
 63 HESLERTONIA SP
 64 HETEROSPHAERIDIUM HETEROCANTHUM
 87 HETEROSPHAERIDIUM LATEROBRACHIUS
 66 HETEROSPHAERIDIUM PENTAGONUM
 67 HETEROSPHAERIDIUM ROBUSTA
 68 HETEROSPHAERIDIUM SOLIDA
 5 HOMOTRYBLIUM TASMANIENSE
 133 HYSTRICHODINIUM FURCATUM
 39 HYSTRICHODINIUM PULCHRUM
 6 HYSTRICHOKOLPOMA EISENACKII
 36 HYSTRICHOSPHAERIDIUM TUBIFERUM
 94 ISABELIDINIUM BELFASTENSE
 134 ISABELIDINIUM COOKSONIAE
 35 ISABELIDINIUM RETANGULARE
 95 ISABELIDINIUM ELONGATA
 96 ISABELIDINIUM GLABRUM
 31 ISABELIDINIUM KOROJONENSE
 97 ISABELIDINIUM LATUM
 37 ISABELIDINIUM NUCULUM
 18 ISABELIDINIUM PELLUCIDUM
 131 ISABELIDINIUM RETANGULARE
 98 ISABELIDINIUM SP
 204 ISCHYOSPORITES PUNCTATUS
 7 KENLEYIA LOPHOPHORA
 76 KIOKANSIUM POLYPES
 110 KIOKANSIUM RECURVATUM
 220 KLUKISPORITES SCABERIS
 261 KUYLISPORITES STELLATA
 193 KUYLISPORITES ZIPPERI

145	LAEVIGATOSPORITES
183	LAEVIGATOSPORITES OVATUS
205	LEPTOLEPIDITES MAJOR
194	LEPTOLEPIDITES VERRUCATUS
206	LILIACIDITES
171	LILIACIDITES INTERMEDIUS
265	LILIACIDITES KAITANGATAENSIS
8	LINGULODINIUM MACHAEROPHORUM
217	LYCOPODIACIDITES ASPERATUS
163	LYGISTEPOLLENITES BALMEI
146	LYGISTEPOLLENITES FLORINII
57	MADURADINIUM PENTAGONUM
147	MALVACIPOLLIS DIVERSUS
148	MALVACIPOLLIS SUBTILIS
19	MANUMIELLA CONORATA
20	MANUMIELLA DRUGGI
24	MICHRYTRIDIUM
149	MICROCACHRYIDITES ANTARCTICUS
88	MICRODINIUM NYEI
120	MICRODINIUM VELIGERUM
89	MILLIOUDODINIUM SP
9	MILLIOUDODINIUM TENUITABULATUS
236	MUROSPORA FLORIDA
150	MYRTACEIDITES PARVUS/MESONESUS
50	NELSONIELLA ACERAS
81	NELSONIELLA MINI
58	NELSONIELLA PSILATA
51	NELSONIELLA SEMIRETICULATA
72	NELSONIELLA TUBERCULATA
240	NEOBALTICKIA
268	NEVESISPORITES VALLATUS
151	NOTHOFAGIDITES BRACHYSPINULOSUS
172	NOTHOFAGIDITES ENDURUS
184	NOTHOFAGIDITES SENECTUS
27	NUMMUS
25	NUMMUS MONOCULATUS
102	ODONTOCHITINA COSTATA
82	ODONTOCHITINA CRIBROPORA
32	ODONTOCHITINA HARRISII
115	ODONTOCHITINA NUDA
83	ODONTOCHITINA OBESOPERCULATA
84	ODONTOCHITINA OBESOPERFORATA
61	ODONTOCHITINA OPERCULATA
52	ODONTOCHITINA PORIFERA
111	ODONTOCHITINA PROTOPORIFERA
46	ODONTOCHITINA SOLIDA
137	ODONTOCHITINA STUBBY
47	OLIGOSPHAERIDIUM COMPLEX
127	OLIGOSPHAERIDIUM DIASTEMA
33	OLIGOSPHAERIDIUM PULCHERRIMUM
2	OPERCULODINIUM CENTROCARPUM
12	OPERCULODINIUM SPP
195	ORNAMENTIFERA SENTOSA
173	OSMUDACIDITES WELLMANII
21	PALAEOCYSTODINIUM AUSTRALINUM
40	PALAEOHISTRICHOSPHORA INFUSORIOIDES
129	PALAEOPERIDINIUM CRETACEUM
196	PENTACOLPORITES PACHYEXINUS
257	PERINOPOLLENITES ELATOIDES
152	PERIPOROPOLLENITES POLYORATUS
221	PEROTRILETES JUBATUS/MORGANII
227	PEROTRILETES MAJUS
266	PHIMOPOLLENITES GIANT VERRUCATE
197	PHIMOPOLLENITES PANNOSUS
249	PHYLLOCLADIDITES EUNUCHUS
174	PHYLLOCLADIDITES MAWSONII
198	PHYLLOCLADIDITES VERRUCOSUS
153	PODOSPORITES MICROSACCATUS
154	POLYCOLPITES ESOBALTEUS
222	PROTEACIDITES CF GRANDIS
155	PROTEACIDITES CRASSUS
207	PROTEACIDITES LARGE
208	PROTEACIDITES LARGE RETICULATUS
156	PROTEACIDITES PACHYPOLUS
223	PROTEACIDITES SMALL
157	PROTEACIDITES SP
241	PROTEACIDITES SPARSIGEMMATUS
28	PTEROSPERMELLA AUREOLATA
278	RETICULATISPORITES PUDENS
158	RETITRILETES ASTROCLAVATIDITES
275	RETITRILETES EMINULUS
209	RETITRILETES FACETUS

233	RETITRILETES NODOSUS
130	SCHIZOSPORIS PSILATUS
258	SENECTOTETRADITES FISTULOSUS
259	SENECTOTETRADITES VARIRETICULATUS
116	SENEGALINUM MACROCYSTUM
90	SENONIASPHAERA ABSCONDITA
53	SENONIASPHAERA LORDII
114	SENONIASPHAERA MAGNIOR
77	SENONIASPHAERA SP
218	SESTROSPORITES PSEUDOALVEOLATUS
85	SPINIDINIUM BALMEI
22	SPINIDINIUM ECHINOIDEA
23	SPINIFERITES FURCATUS/RAMOSUS
3	SPINIFERITES RAMOSUS
252	STAPLINISPORITES MANIFESTUS
175	STEREISPORITES ANTIQUISPORITES
176	STEREISPORITES REGIUM
10	SYSTEMATOPHORA PLACACANTHA
199	TETRACOLPORITES DAMARUENSIS
224	TETRACOLPORITES RETICULATUS
210	TETRACOLPORITES VERRUCOSUS
1	TOTAL DINOFLAGELLATE CONTENT
38	TRICHODINIUM
11	TRICHODINIUM HIRSUTUM
177	TRICOLPITES CONFESSUS
185	TRICOLPITES GILLII
178	TRICOLPITES LONGUS
200	TRICOLPITES SABULOSUS
211	TRICOLPITES SP
242	TRICOLPITES TWISTED
250	TRICOLPITES VARIVERrucatus
179	TRICOLPITES WAIPARAENSIS
186	TRICOLPORITES
187	TRICOLPORITES APOXYEXINUS
180	TRICOLPORITES LILLIEI
219	TRICOLPORITES RETICULATUS
251	TRILETES TUBERCULIFORMIS
269	TRILOBOSPORITES TRIBOTRYS
237	TRIPOROLETES RADIATUS
245	TRIPOROLETES RETICULATUS
274	TRIPOROLETES SIMPLEX
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34	TRITHYRODINIUM
91	TRITHYRODINIUM CF SUSPECTUM
86	TRITHYRODINIUM PUNCTATE
13	TRITHYRODINIUM SESPECTUM
99	TRITHYRODINIUM THICK PSILATE
132	TRITHYRODINIUM THICK SMOOTH
100	TRITHYRODINIUM THICK VERRUCATE
121	TRITHYRODINIUM THIN PSILATE
104	VERYHACHINM
188	VITREISPORITES PALLIDUS
69	VOZHENNKOVIa ECHINOIDEA
41	XENASCUS CERATOIDES
42	XENIKOON AUSTRALIS
54	XIPHOPHORIDIUM ALATUM

INTRODUCTION

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AGE	PALYNOLOGICAL ZONES	HIGHEST DATA				LOWEST DATA			
		Preferred Depth	Rig	Alternate Depth	Rig	Preferred Depth	Rig	Alternate Depth	Rig
NEOGENE	Plei T. pleistocenicus								
	Plio M. lipsus								
	Mio C. bifurcatus								
	T. bellus								
	P. tuberculatus								
	upper N. asperus								
	L.Bd mid N. asperus								
	Mid Bd lower N. asperus								
	P. asperopolus								
	Parl Bd upper M. diversus ♀	1265	3			1283	0		
PALEogene	mid M. diversus								
	lower M. diversus								
	Pale upper L. balmei ?	1289	3						
	lower L. balmei					1289	4		
	Maas upper T. longus ♀-♀	1315	0			1360	1		
	lower T. longus								
	Camp T. lillei ♀/♀-♀	1385	2			1479	0		
	N. senectus A	1550	2			1966	1		
	Sant up T. apoxyexinus ♀-♀	1999	3			2030	4		
	mid T. apoxyexinus								
LATE CRETACEOUS	Con low T. apoxyexinus ♀-♀	2051	3			2051	4		
	Iur P. mawsonii A	2100	2			2243	0		
	Oeno A. distocarinatus ♀	2254	2			2441	4		
	P. pannosus								
	upper C. paradoxa								
	lower C. paradoxa								
	C. striatus								
	Apt upper C. hughesi								
	lower C. hughesi								
	L.Ne F. wonthaggiensis								
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