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LONG.:	138°43'W	VALUE \$:	3,250.00

CLAIM NAME & NO.: Placer Lease PL8419

WORK DONE BY: Ted Sandor

WORK DONE FOR: Merced Industries Inc.

DATE TO GOOD STANDING:	REMARKS: 115 0 - Blackhills Creek A seismic reflection survey consisting of ten test shots was conducted over the claim. The author interpreted the results as showing bedrock occurring at a depth of between 20 and 35 ft..

SEISMIC TESTING REPORT

Blackhills Creek

#PL8419

NTS 1150/7

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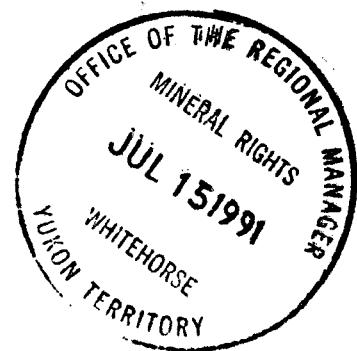
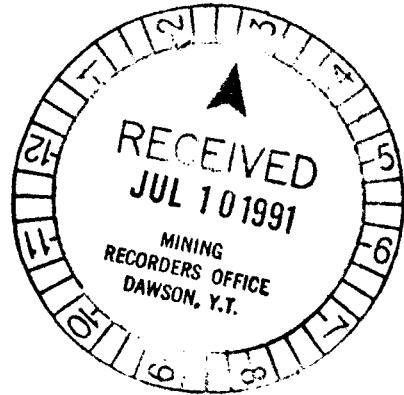
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*June 16, 1991*



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This report has been examined by  
the Geological Evaluation Unit under  
Section 41 Yukon Placer Mining Act  
and is recommended as allowable  
representation work in the amount  
of \$ 3250.00

*McBage*  
for  
Chief Geologist, Exploration and  
Geological Services Division, Northern  
Affairs Program for Commissioner of  
Yukon Territory.

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# **ASSESSMENT REPORT**

**on June 16, 1991**

**Seismic Survey**

**Blackhills Creek**

**PL8419**

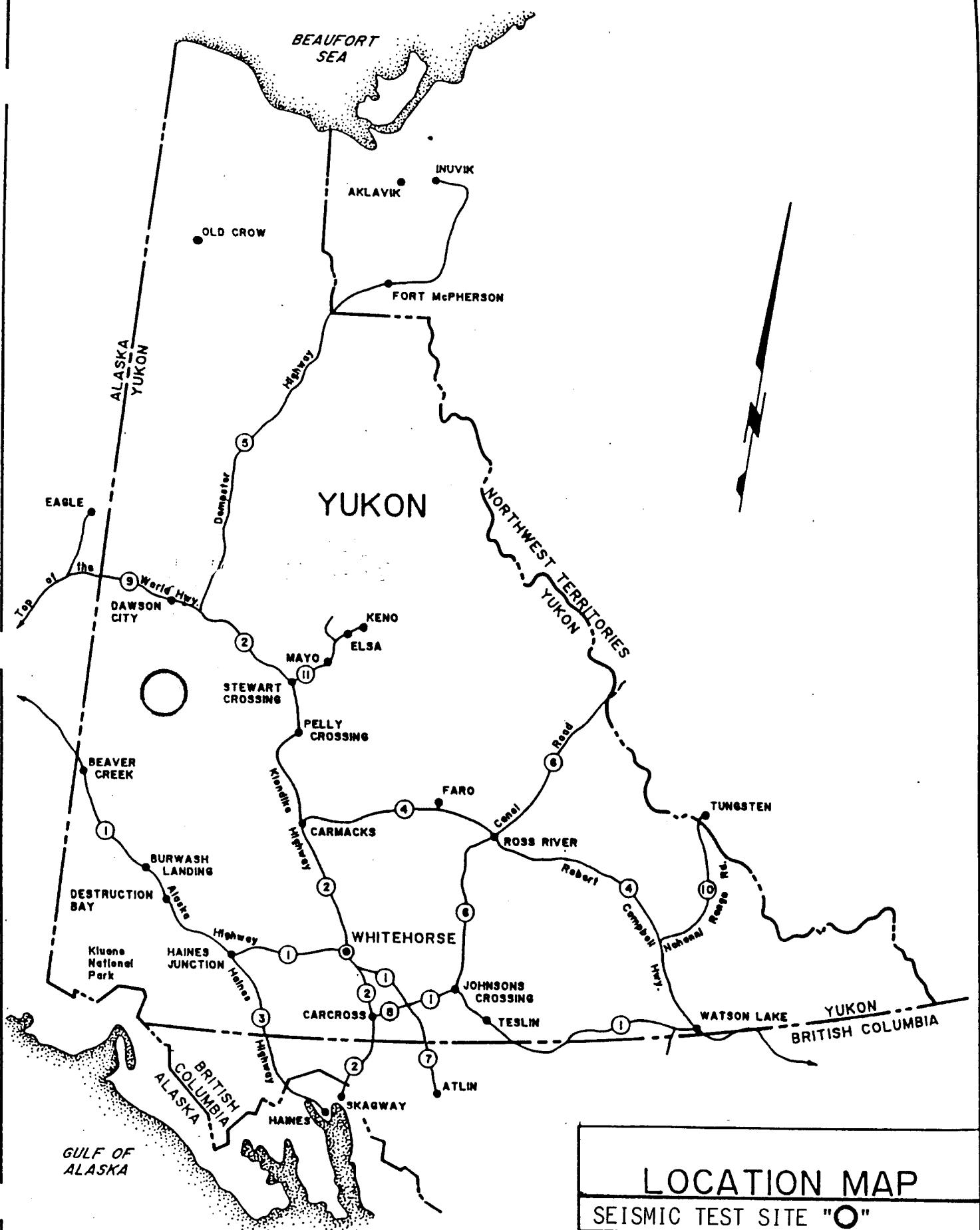
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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

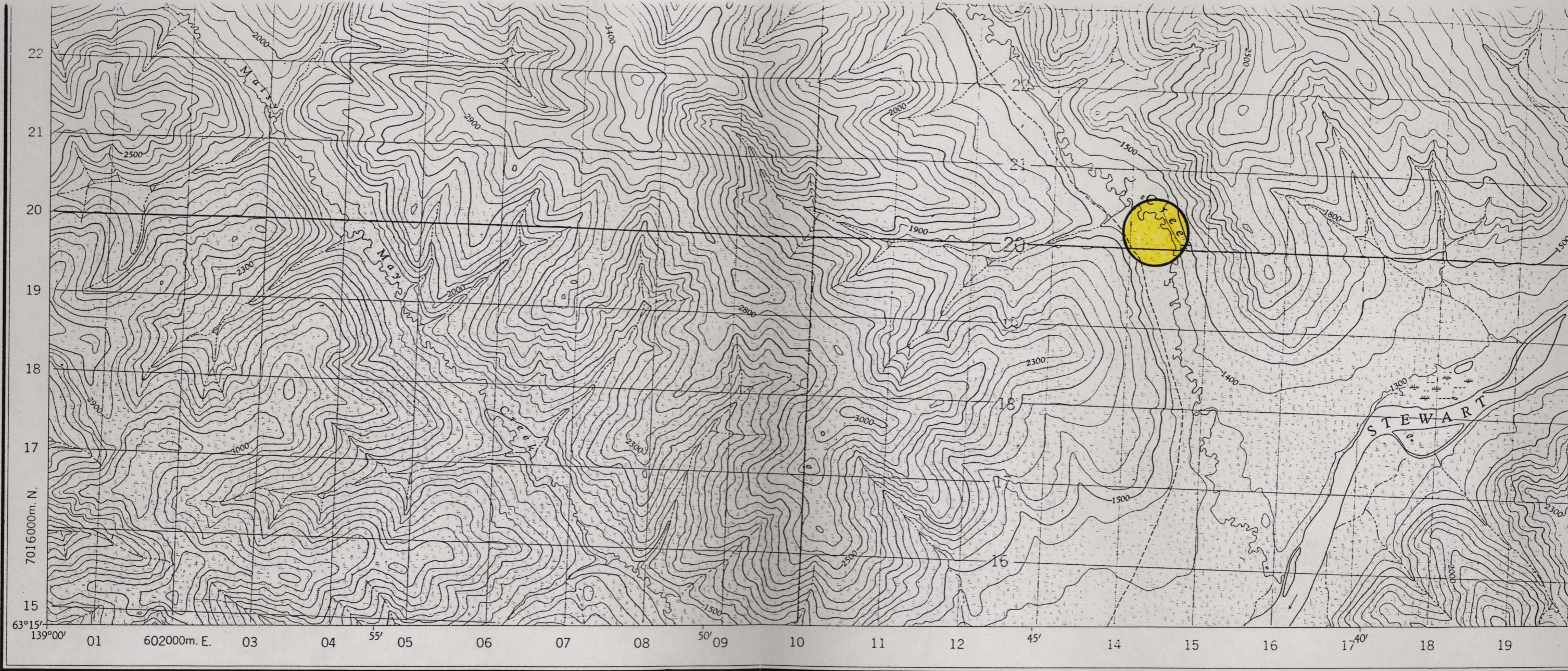
On June 16, 1991, a seismic survey was conducted on Blackhills Creek PL8419 for the owner Merced Industries Inc., c/o Jack Thompson, by fieldsman Scott Cone.

Scott Cone, using a compass and hip chain, located ten (10) test sites on Blackhills Creek PL8419 for the owner Merced Industries Inc., c/o Jack Thompson. The test location was marked with flagging and labelled (see Fig. C)

The seismic consultant, Ted Sandor, processed field recordings and interpreted the data received.



| LOCATION MAP          |                        |                     |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| SEISMIC TEST SITE "O" |                        |                     |
| N.T.S.:<br>1150/7     | TECH:                  | DATE:<br>JUNE 16/91 |
| SCALE:<br>1"=12.5mi.  | DRAFTING:<br>HANDESIGN | FIGURE:<br>A        |



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SURVEYS, 1960, from air photographs taken in 1944.

### LOCATION MAP 115 0/7 SEISMIC TEST SITE "O"

Fig. B June 16, 1991

| GRID ZONE DESIGNATION                                                                                                            |  | 100,000 M. SQUARE IDENTIFICATION |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 7 V                                                                                                                              |  | 60                               |
| E A F A                                                                                                                          |  |                                  |
| TO GIVE A REFERENCE TO NEAREST 100 METRES                                                                                        |  |                                  |
| EXAMPLE: STREAM JUNCTION                                                                                                         |  |                                  |
| EASTING: Read number on grid line immediately to left of point.<br>Estimate tenths of a square from this line eastward to point. |  |                                  |
| 15                                                                                                                               |  | 15                               |
| NORTHING: Read number on grid line immediately below point.<br>Estimate tenths of a square from this line northward to point.    |  |                                  |
| 27                                                                                                                               |  | 27                               |
| MILITARY GRID REFERENCE 155277                                                                                                   |  |                                  |
| Nearest 100 m. grid reference 155277 metres (about 52 miles)                                                                     |  |                                  |

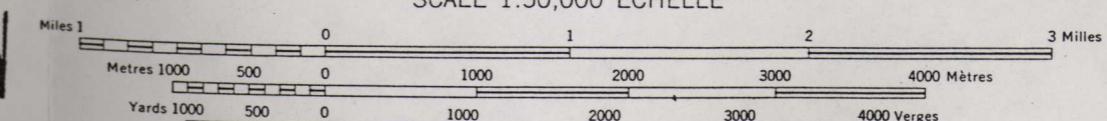
ONE THOUSAND METRE  
UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR GRID  
ZONE 7

| Roads:                                        | Routes:                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| all weather.....                              | toute saison .....                                                 |
| dry weather.....                              | période sèche .....                                                |
| cart track.....                               | de terre .....                                                     |
| trail or portage.....                         | sentier ou portage .....                                           |
| Railway, normal gauge, single track.....      | Chemin de fer, voie unique (écartement normal) siding station gare |
| Power transmission line.....                  | Ligne de transport d'énergie .....                                 |
| Mine or Open cut.....                         | Mine ou fosse à ciel ouvert .....                                  |
| Horizontal control point, with elevation..... | Point géodésique avec cote .....                                   |
| Bench mark, with elevation.....               | Repère de niveling avec cote .....                                 |



## BLACK HILLS CREEK YUKON TERRITORY

SCALE 1:50,000 ÉCHELLE



CONTOUR INTERVAL 100 FEET  
Elevations in Feet above Mean Sea Level  
North American Datum 1927  
Transverse Mercator Projection

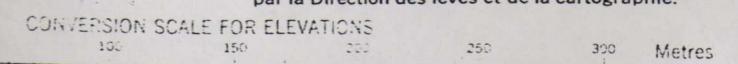
ÉQUIDISTANCE DES COURBES: 100 PIEDS  
Élévations en pieds au-dessus du niveau moyen de la mer  
Réseau géodésique nord-américain unifié (1927)  
Projection transverse de Mercator

MAGNETIC DECLINATION 31° 45' EAST  
AT CENTRE OF MAP 1960  
Annual change (decreasing) 3.5'

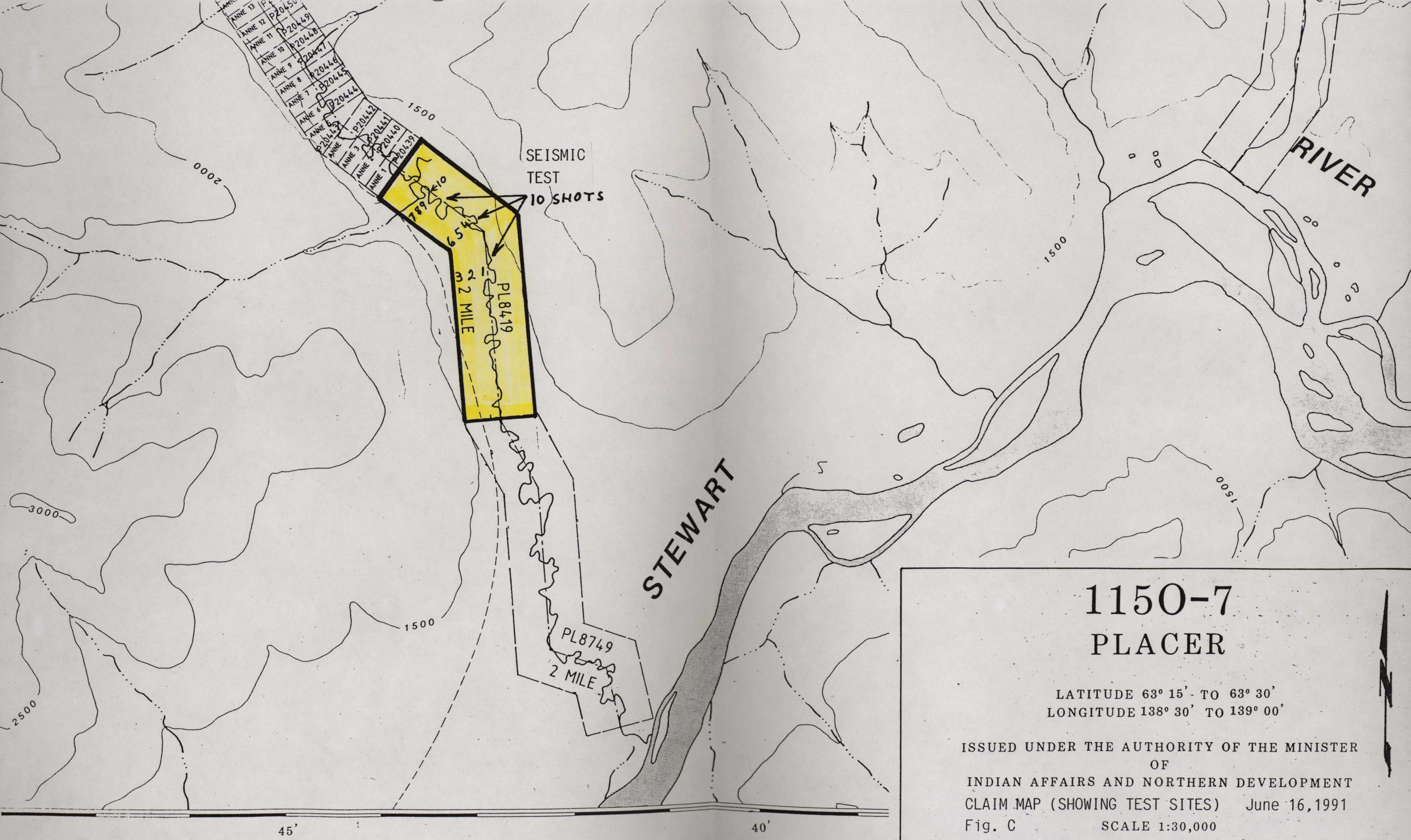
DECLINAISON MAGNETIQUE AU CENTRE  
DE LA FEUILLE EN 1960: 31° 45' EST  
Variation annuelle (décroissante) 3.5'

The nomenclature on this map has not been submitted to the Canadian Board on Geographical Names and may be subject to revision. Information on names is invited by the Surveys and Mapping Branch.

La nomenclature de la présente carte n'a pas été soumise à la Commission canadienne des noms géographiques et, par conséquent, elle pourrait faire l'objet d'une révision. Tous renseignements sur les noms seront bien accueillis par la Direction des levés et de la cartographie.



SYSTÈME DE RÉFÉRÉ

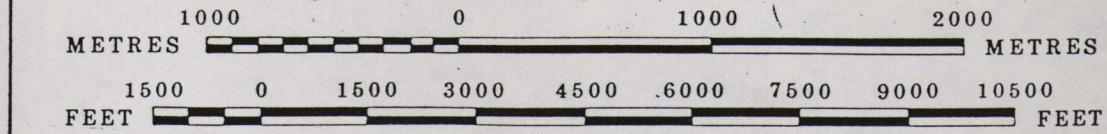


**1150-7 PL**

# 1150-7 PLACER

LATITUDE  $63^{\circ} 15'$  TO  $63^{\circ} 30'$   
LONGITUDE  $138^{\circ} 30'$  TO  $139^{\circ} 00'$

ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER  
OF  
INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT  
CLAIM MAP (SHOWING TEST SITES) June 16, 1991  
Fig. C SCALE 1:30,000



## **2. SURVEY**

### **2.1 Location and Access**

From the north, Blackhills Creek flows into the Stewart River 30 miles upstream from where it drains into the Yukon River.

Access to the test site was by 4x4 pickup. Testing was done on foot. (See Access Maps A and B)

### **2.2 Claim Information**

| <u>Name</u>      | <u>Placer Lease Number</u> | <u>Owner</u>                                                                                                        |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Blackhills Creek | PL8419                     | Merced Industries Inc.<br>c/o Jack P. Thompson<br>Box 138, 1612<br>Centennial Cres.<br>Whitehorse, Yukon<br>Y1A 3ZE |

Claim Sheet 1150/7

### **3. PERSONNEL**

Scott Cone surveyed, marked, measured, expedited and completed the field work.

Ted Sandor supervised the quality, directed the data processing and prepared the report.

Flora Evans assisted with the word processing.

#### **4. GEOLOGY**

This property consists of unconsolidated glacial and alluvial deposits. No geology reports could be found that were up to date on this area. No legible geology maps were available for reproduction.

## **5. INSTRUMENTATION**

Directional Electret Microphone  
800 OHMS 30 - 18,000 Hz Response

Panasonic Magnetic Tape Recorder Model #RQ-L335  
Frequency Range: 180 - 7,000 Hz  
Tape Speed: 4.8 cm/s (1-7/8 I.P.S.)  
Track System: 2-track monaural, recording and playback  
16 ga. shotgun, 1-1/8 oz. shot, #7-1/2 shot

Software:

Sound Filler St. Visual Sample Editor  
Requires TOS in ROM

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Akai Professional S700 Digital Sampler

12-Bit Sampling

Sampling Frequency: 4KHZ - 40 KHZ

Sampling Time: 8 Sec. - 08 Sec.

Frequency Response: 25 Hz - 16 Khz

Atari 520 St. Computer

Processor: MC6800, 32 Bit Internal,  
16-Bit External Architecture  
8 MHz clock frequency.

Memory: 524,288 Bytes of RAM; 196,608 Bytes of ROM

Keyboard: 94-key Intelligent keyboard, using 6301 Microprocessor

Storage Medium: 3-1/2 inch, Microfloppy disk;  
Single-Side, Double Density;  
135 Tracks per inch

Data Transfer

Speed: 250 Kilobits per second

Atari Sc. 1224 RGB Colour Monitor

Seikosha SP-1600 Dot Matrix Printer

Printing Method: Impact Dot Matrix Bidirectional Logic  
Seeking Printing

Print Head: 9 Pins

## 6. THEORY

This report is intended as a guide to the application of seismic refraction and reflection techniques to shallow, subsurface exploration of engineering sites. Many civil engineers and geologists have some acquaintance with this basic geophysical tool, but few apply it frequently. The primary purpose of the report is to provide the reader with a working knowledge of the method, with a convenient reference, and further, with a basis to judge the applicability of the method and the results to his particular exploration problem.

Solid state electronics have improved the portability of engineering-type refraction and reflection instruments, but they operate fundamentally in the same way they did 50 years ago. The basic field practices and methods of interpreting the data have not changed with time, although specialized interpretational techniques have been proposed and developed for some difficult cases.

The conduct of refraction and reflection surveys and the interpretation of the data are well-established and reasonably straight forward, although they are not invariant. The user can change the field layout of his equipment and apply judgement and imagination in his handling of the raw data. In common with other indirect methods of subsurface exploration, there are no rigid inflexible approaches to making sense of the data, nor are there any handbooks that infallibly direct the engineer, geologist or geophysicist to the correct answer. The general case will require thought and care: ambiguities and uncertainties are not uncommon. Some foreknowledge of the site conditions and an understanding of what is geologically plausible will always assist in resolving the raw data into meaningful information.

Figure 1 shows a refraction survey. This method could be quite costly and require complicated data processing should multiple layers of soil and gravels be encountered.

## 6. THEORY CONTINUED

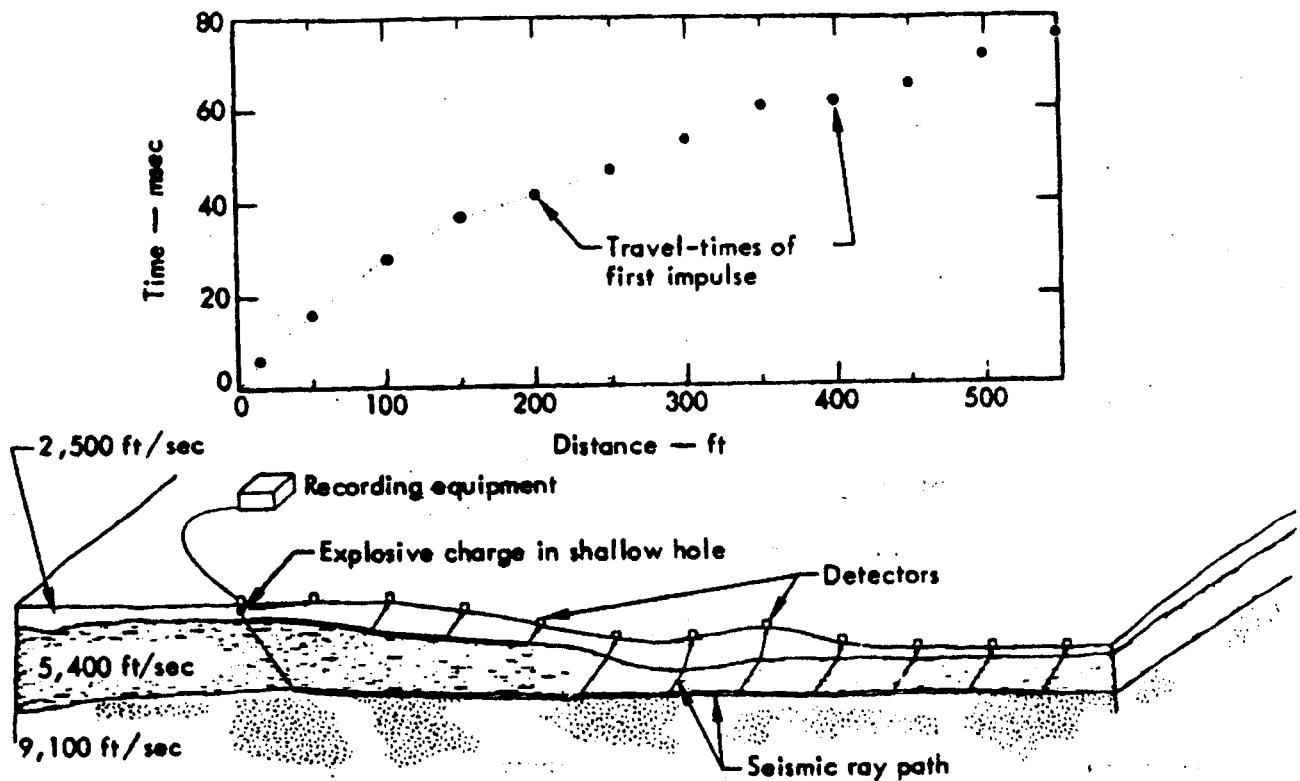


Figure 1. Schematic of seismic refraction survey

Figure 2 represents a refraction survey.

There is a definite relation between reflected and refracted energy which could be observed in Figure 2B. Using this principle and Tables A1 and A2 calculation is simplified, for the sound in a reflected survey only has to go down, turn around at point of geophone or microphone without going along the higher velocity layers and then back up. Seismic waves will bounce off of most surface with a lot of amplitude but not necessarily with a wide range of frequencies. The reflected seismic waves returning to the geophone with the strongest amplitude and frequencies should come from the layer with the highest velocity change which, in most cases, should be bedrock (solid rock) or from a gravel layer directly beneath an organic surface cover.

## 6. THEORY CONTINUED

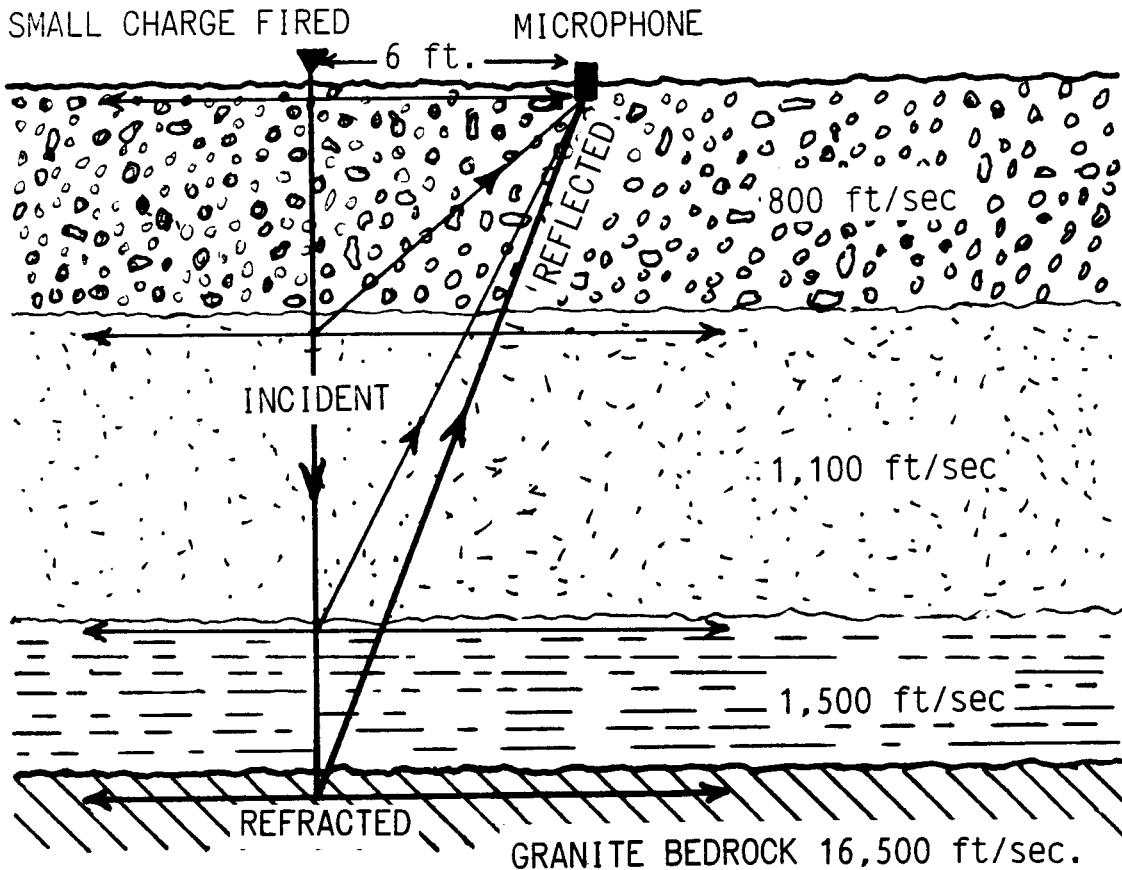
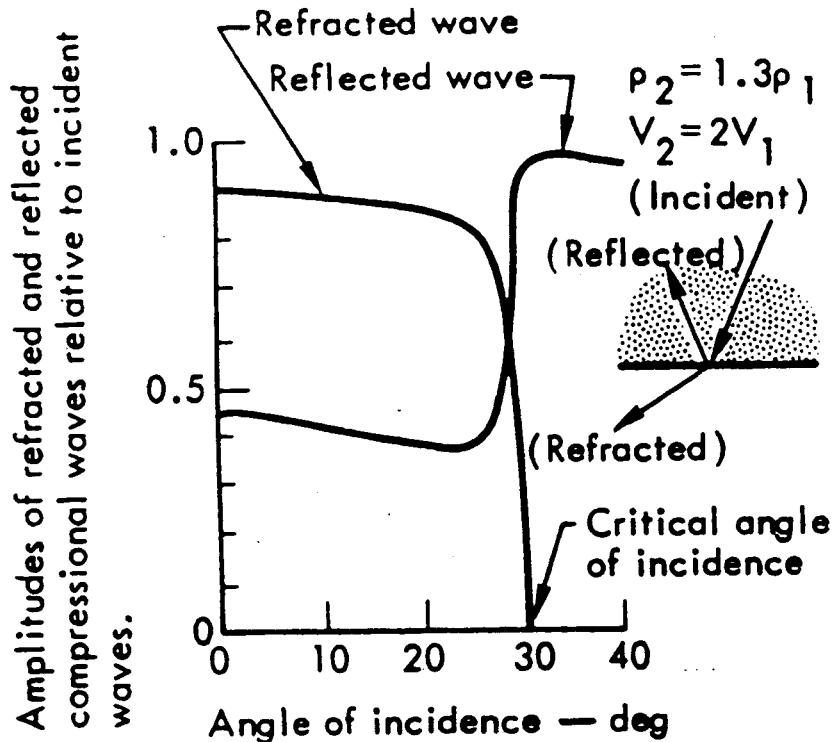


FIG. 2

The thicker line representing the reflected seismic wave from the bedrock to the microphone should be the wave with the highest amplitudes and the widest range of frequencies in Figure 2. The six foot distance from microphone to charge is to prevent damage to the delicate recording equipment. The error of this footage can usually be made up by averaging the total of the velocities a little higher to simplify interpretation. In this case "1,200 ft/sec." will be close enough.

## 6. THEORY CONTINUED



**Fig. 2b. Amplitudes of reflected and refracted compressional waves relative to incident waves as a function of angle of incidence.**

It may seem anomalous in Figure 2b that the sum of the amplitudes of the reflected and refracted pulses is greater than that of the incident wave (i.e., greater than 1.0). However, the energy of a pulse is proportional to the square of its amplitude, and the sum of the energies of the reflected and refracted waves is equal to the energy of the incident wave.

## **7. METHOD**

After the grid pattern is established on a given claim by the owner or party in charge, we mark each test with flagging. We clean loose debris to allow firm soil contact with the microphone. We then cover the microphone to lessen the surface noise. A small charge is fired (usually a 16 gauge shotgun) to generate a seismic wave six feet from the microphone. The wave going into the ground and the reflected signal coming out is recorded on a magnetic tape recorder. We also do a field test on a nearby area with similar conditions where bedrock depth is known by drilling or excavation to determine the velocity of the gravels.

## **8. DATA PROCESSING AND PRESENTATION**

The recording is sent back to base camp and is transferred into the Akai S700 Digital Sampler by means of a coaxal cable with 6.3 mm phone plug jack. The Akai is coupled with the Atari 520 St. computer with Midi Interface. Other peripherals are connected with various other interface connections.

The seismic recording is now analyzed in various formats and then the best choice is printed out on a Seikosha SP-1600 Dot Matrix Printer. A report on the testing and the interpretation of the data is made out to finalize the survey, along with copies of the original Fourier Transform for 3-D wave form analysis.

## **9. INTERPRETATION**

In tests conducted in the past on Hunker Creek and on the Klondike River we determined that those frozen gravels had a velocity of 1,500 ft/sec (1.5 ft/ms). Based on this calculation the following formula is used:

Reflected milliseconds x 1.5 divided by 2 = feet to bedrock or the layer to be of interest.

### Test 1

Thirty milliseconds shows up best on 3D format indicating bedrock at 22 feet.

### Test 2

Twenty-seven to 30 milliseconds on 3D format indicates bedrock at 20 to 22 feet. Looks like coarse gravel at this site.

### Test 3

Forty-seven milliseconds on 3D format show most frequency and highest amplitudes indicating bedrock at 35 feet.

### Test 4

Forty milliseconds on 3D format indicates bedrock at 30 feet.

### Test 5

Thirty-eight milliseconds on 3D format indicates bedrock at 28 feet.

### Test 6

Forty-five milliseconds for the start of the echo coming back indicates bedrock to be 34 feet.

### Test 7

Forty milliseconds, strongest amplitude with the widest range of frequency indicates bedrock to be 30 feet.

Test 8

Thirty-seven milliseconds, strongest amplitude with the widest range of frequency indicates bedrock to be 28 feet.

Test 9

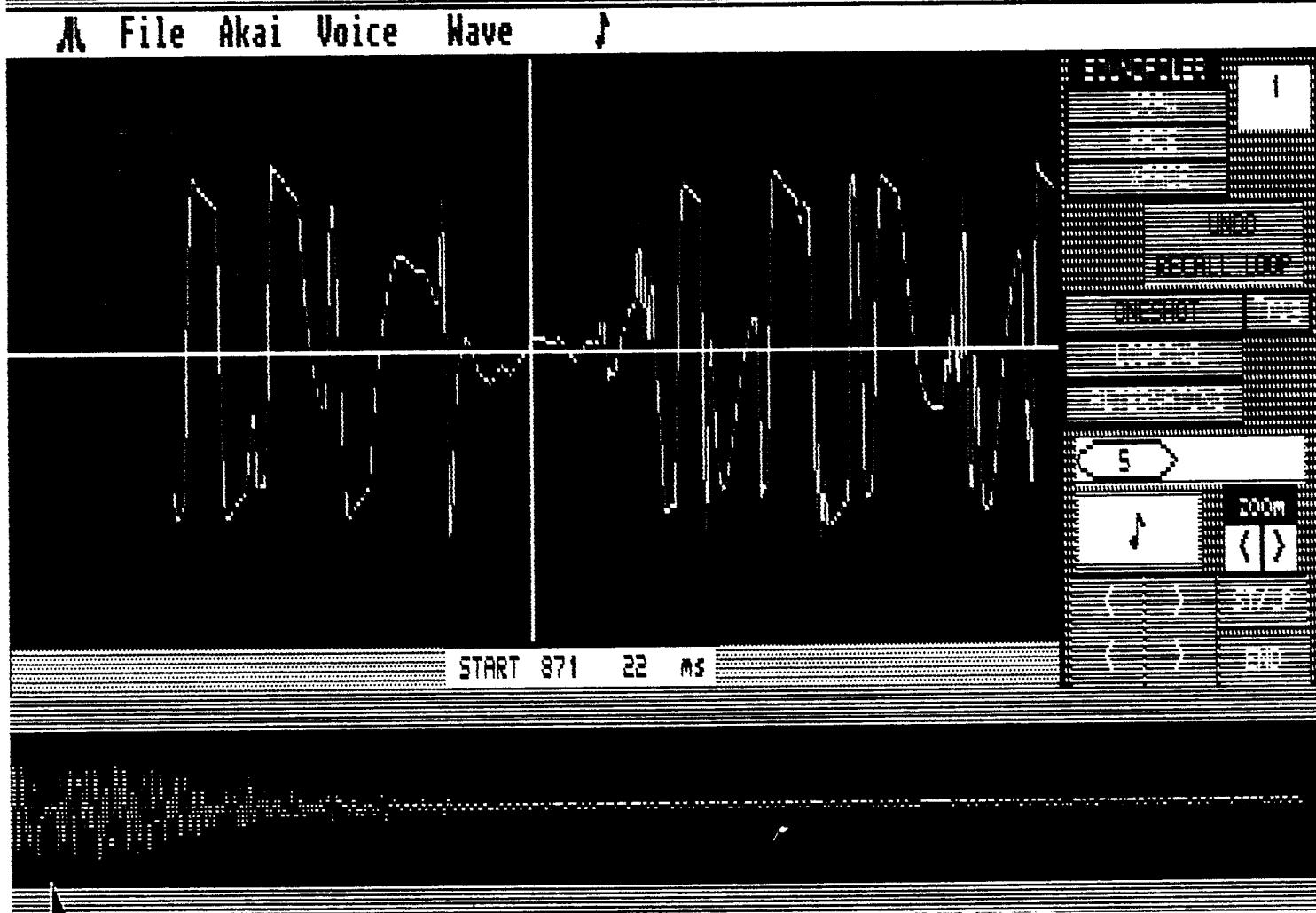
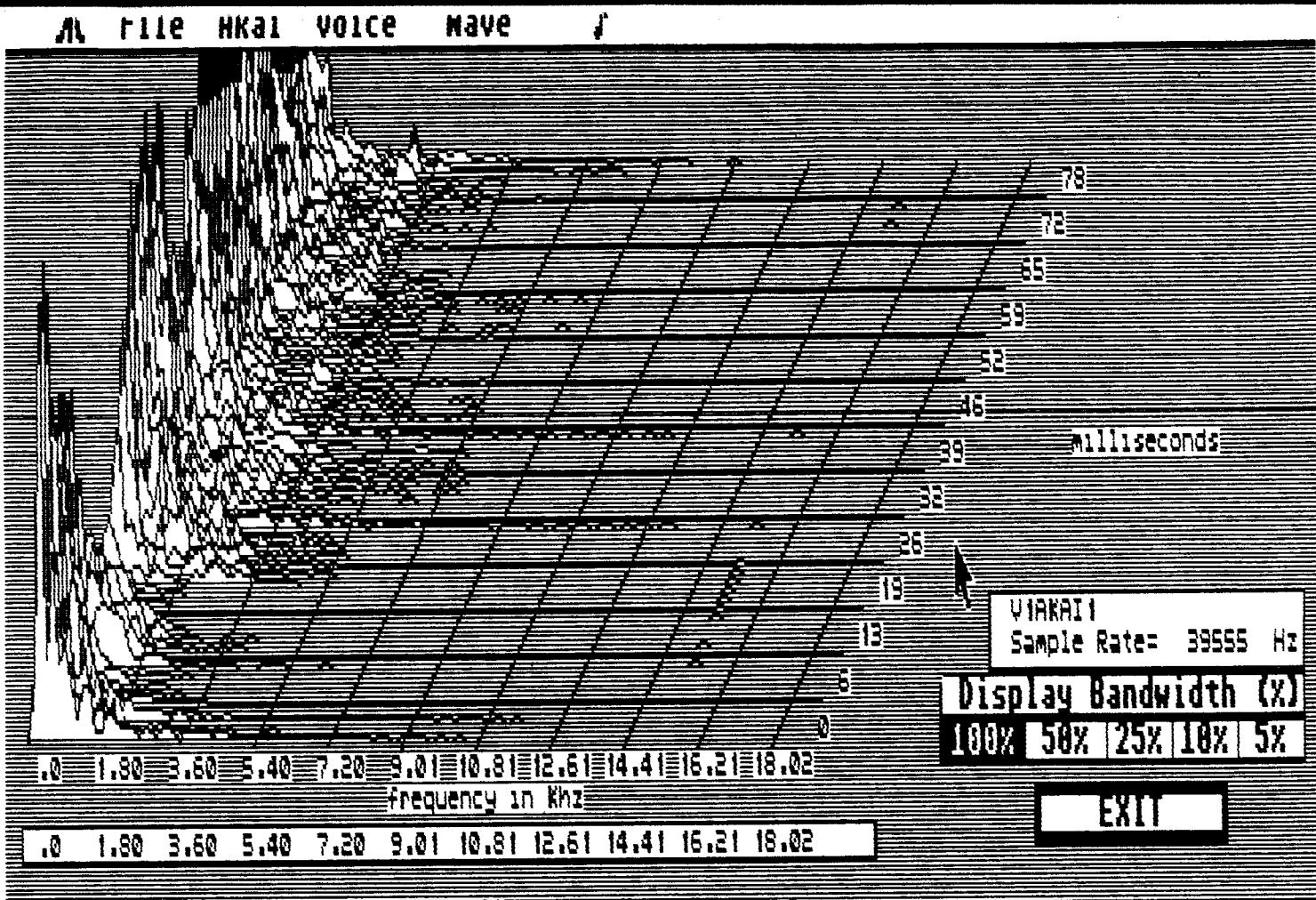
Twenty-six milliseconds to the start of the echo coming back indicates bedrock to be 20 feet.

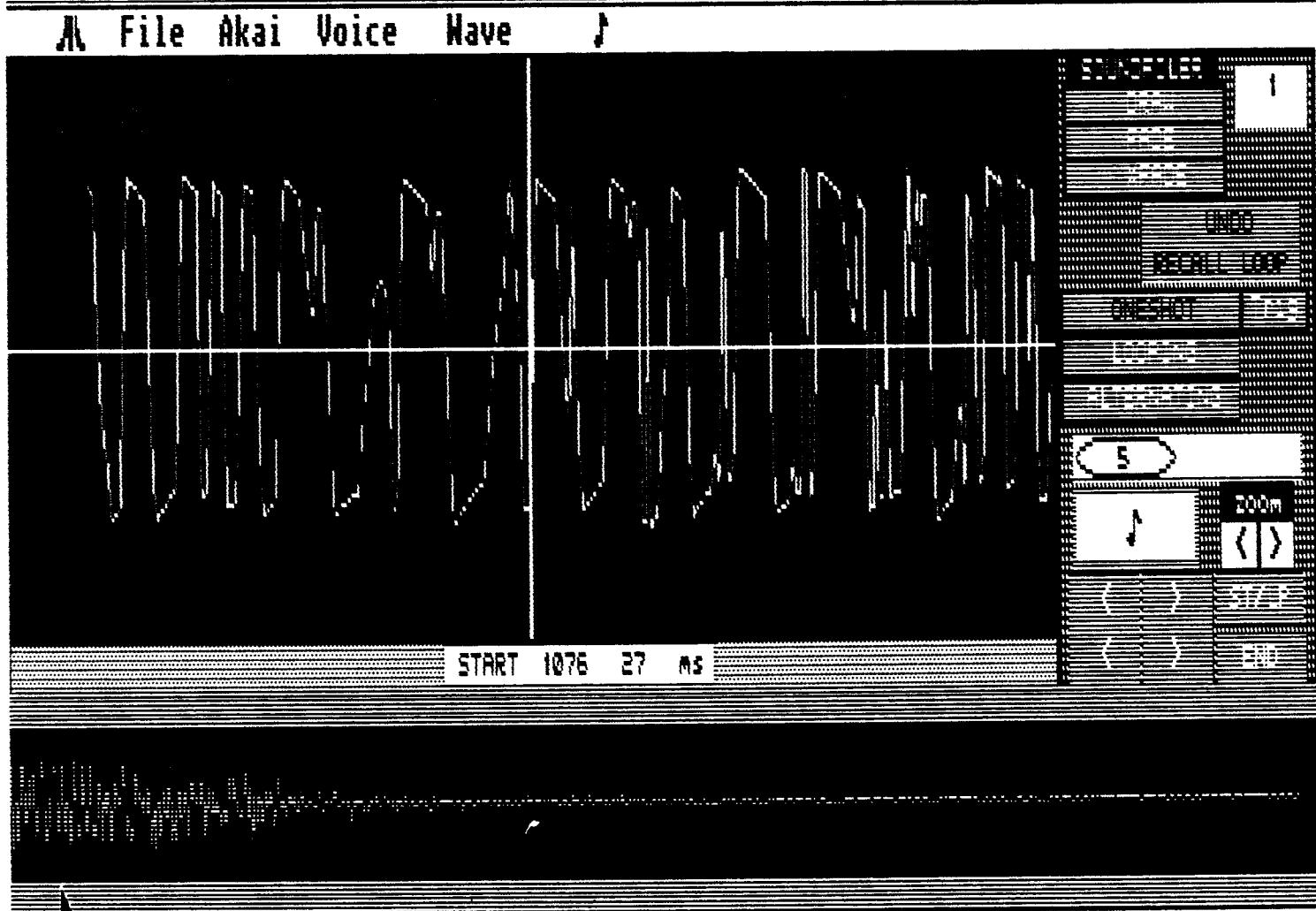
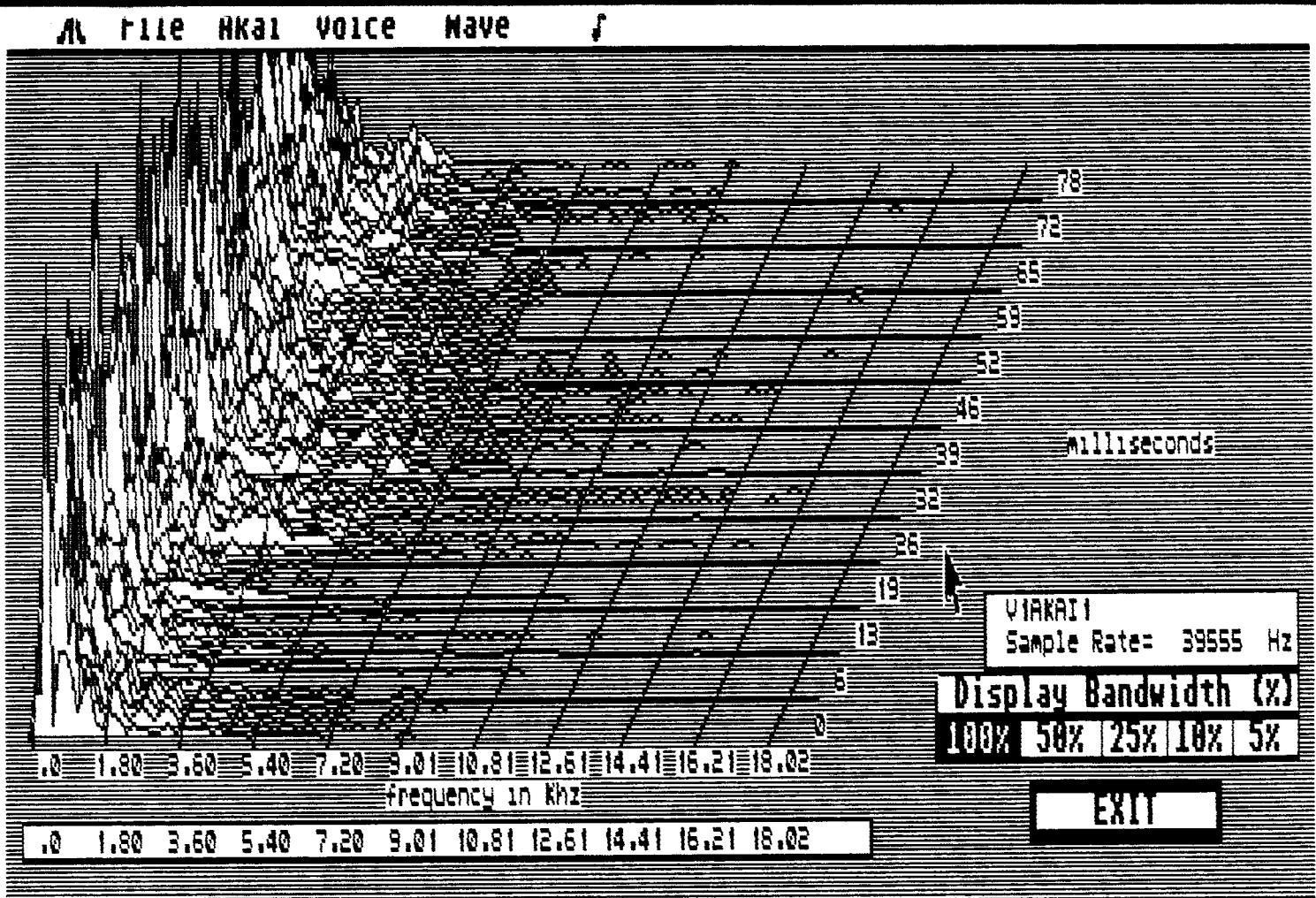
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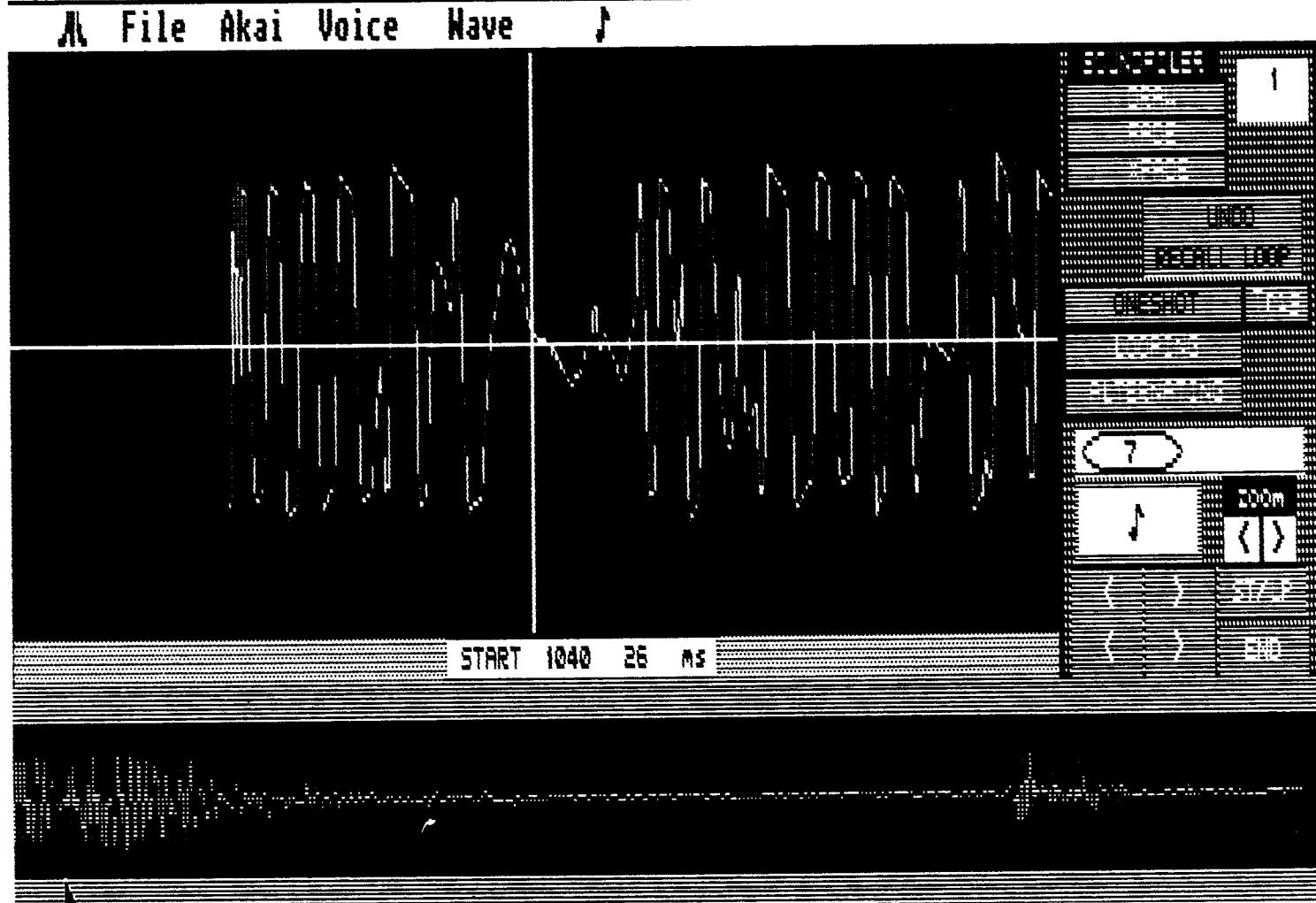
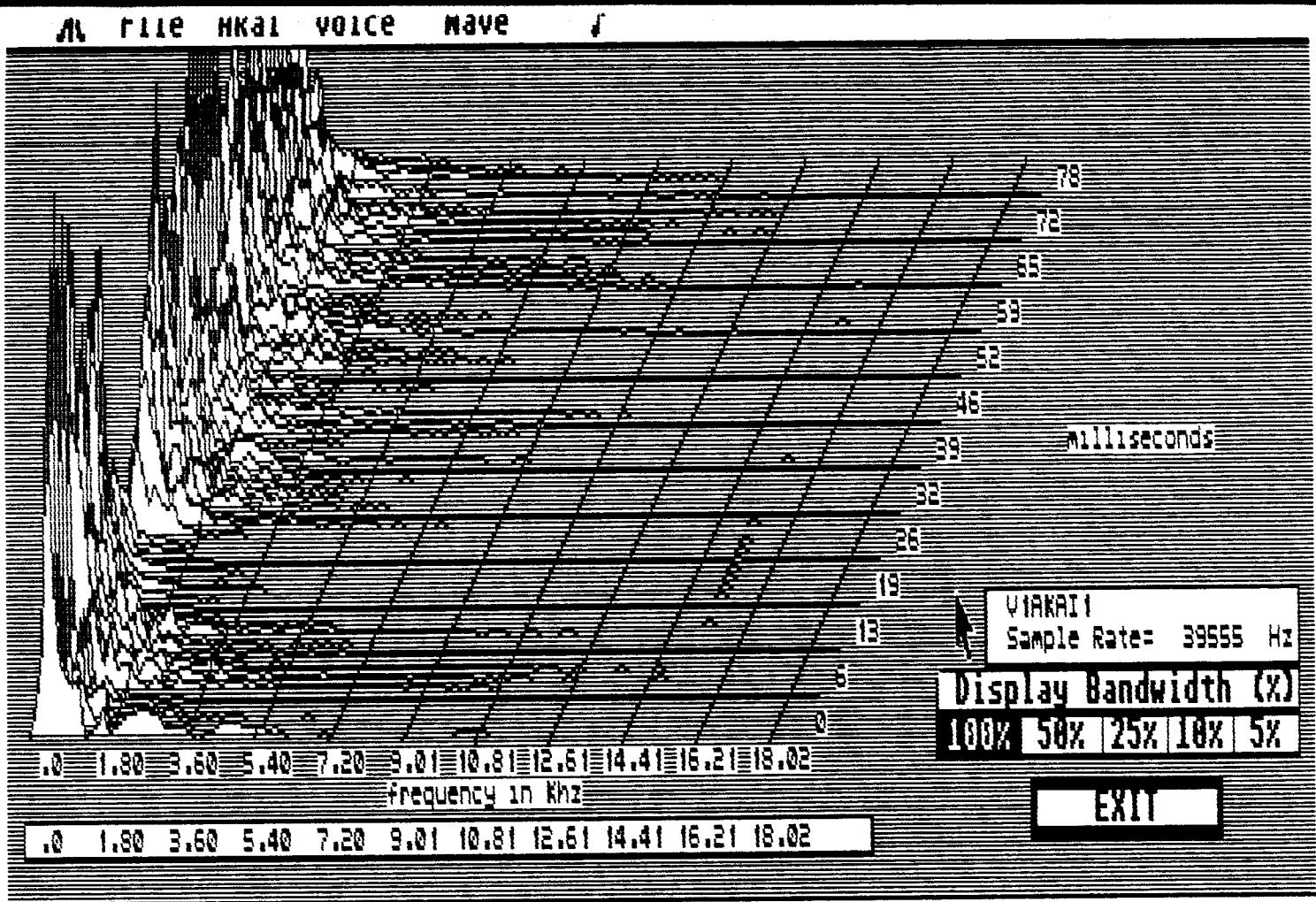
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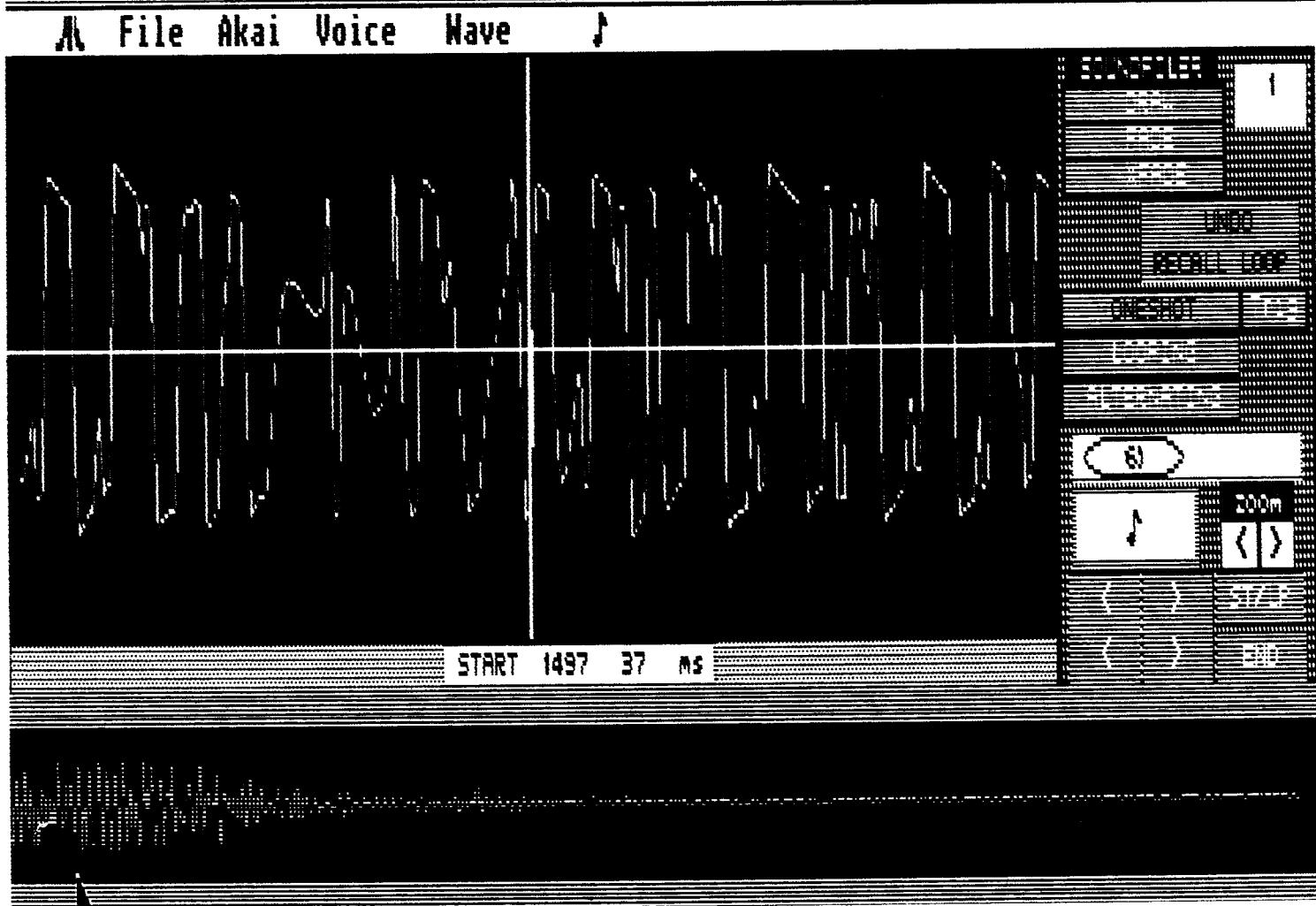
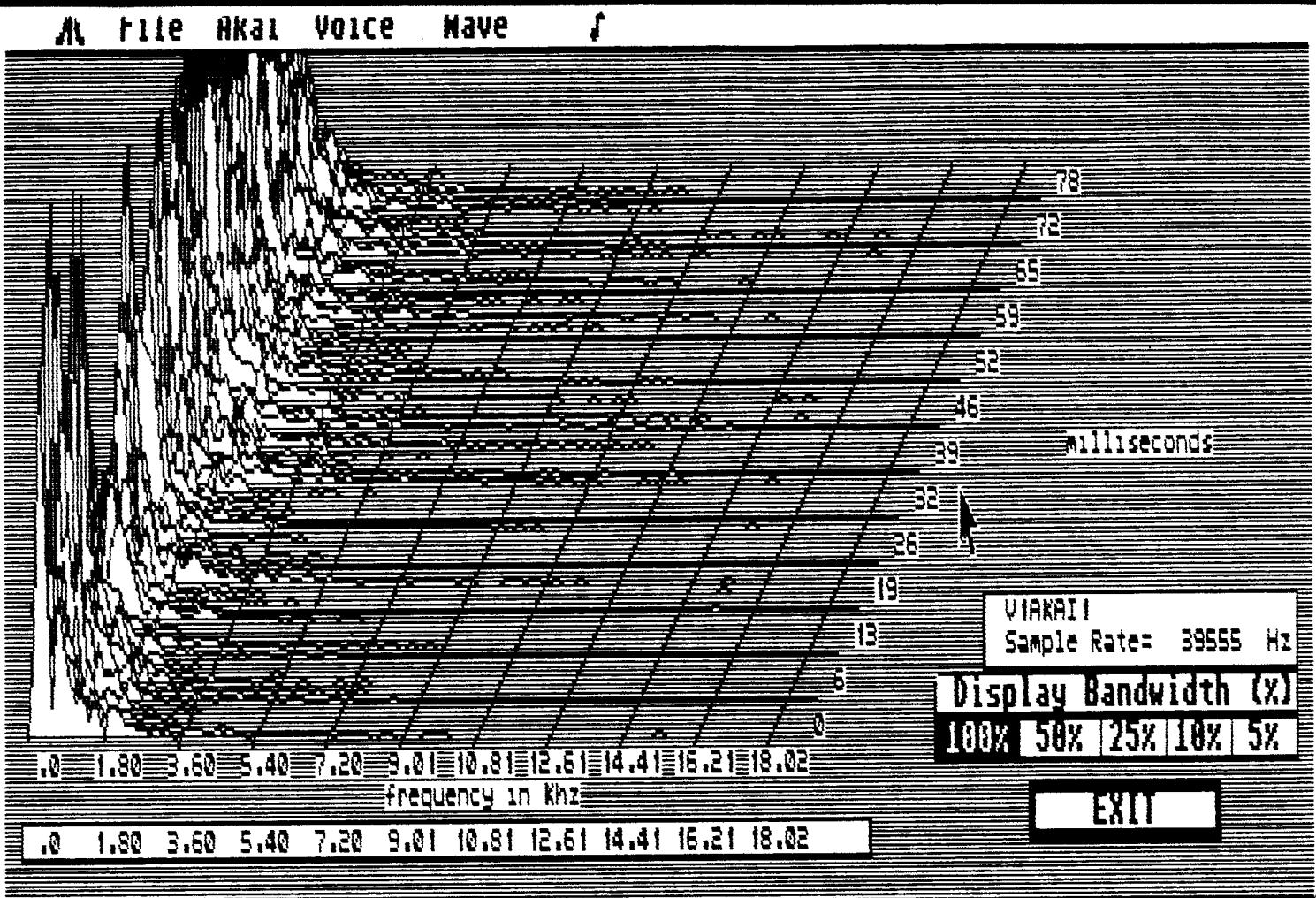
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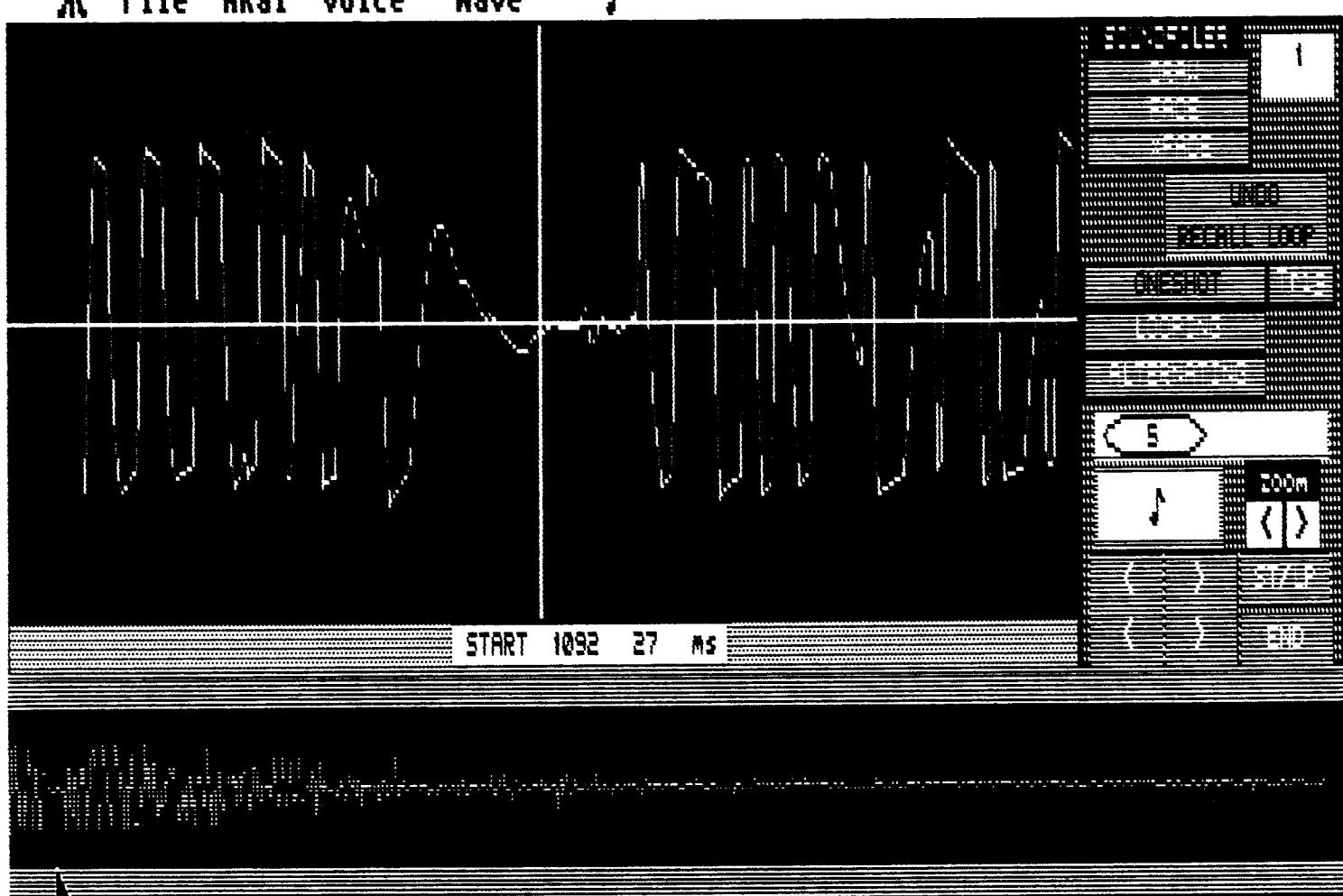
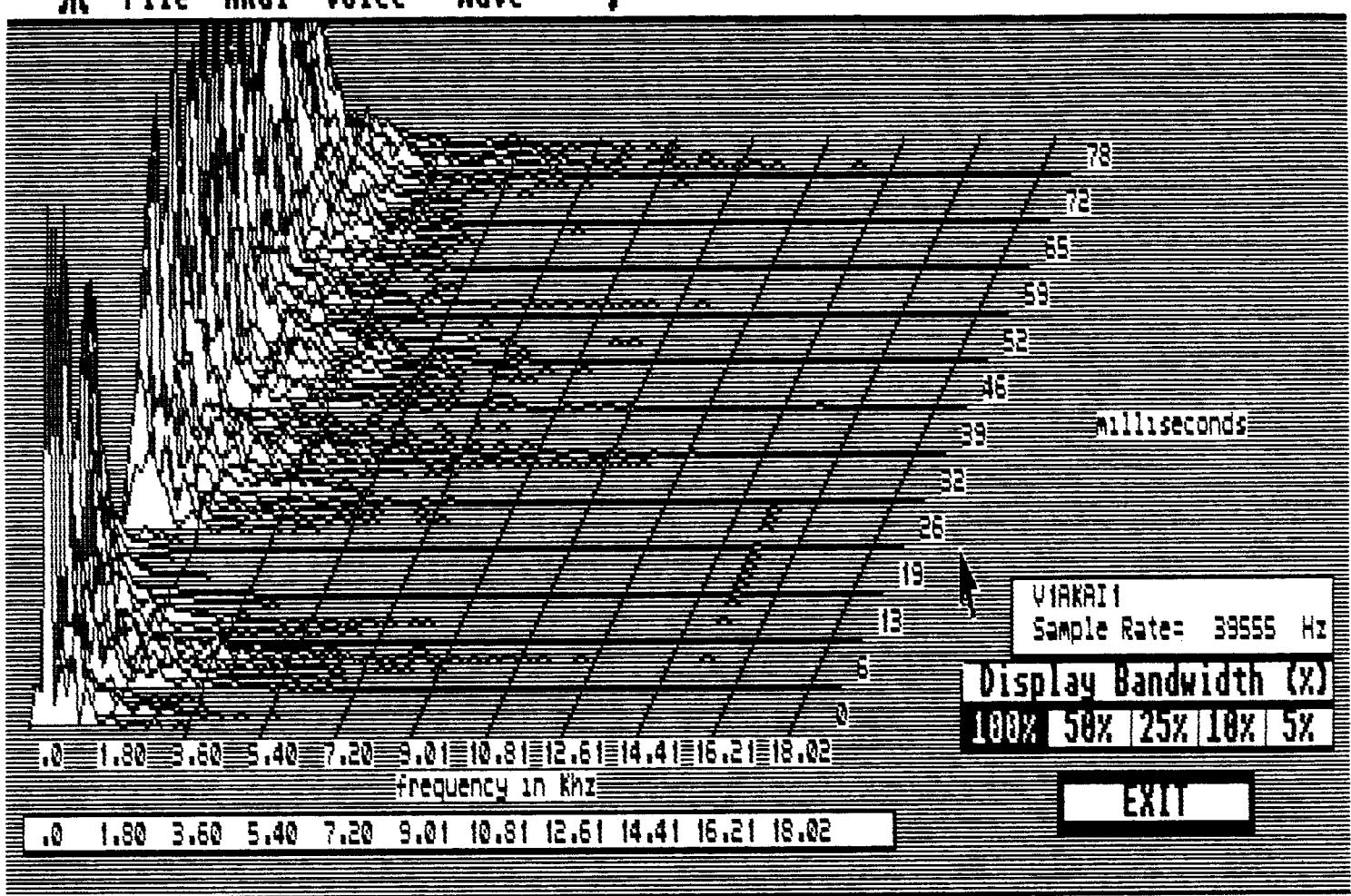
For the many varying soil conditions in different geographical locations could alter the final results. For this fact, an actual excavation on one of the test sites is strongly recommended. The most shallow reading test site is the best suited for this purpose. More accurate results can be achieved in this manner.



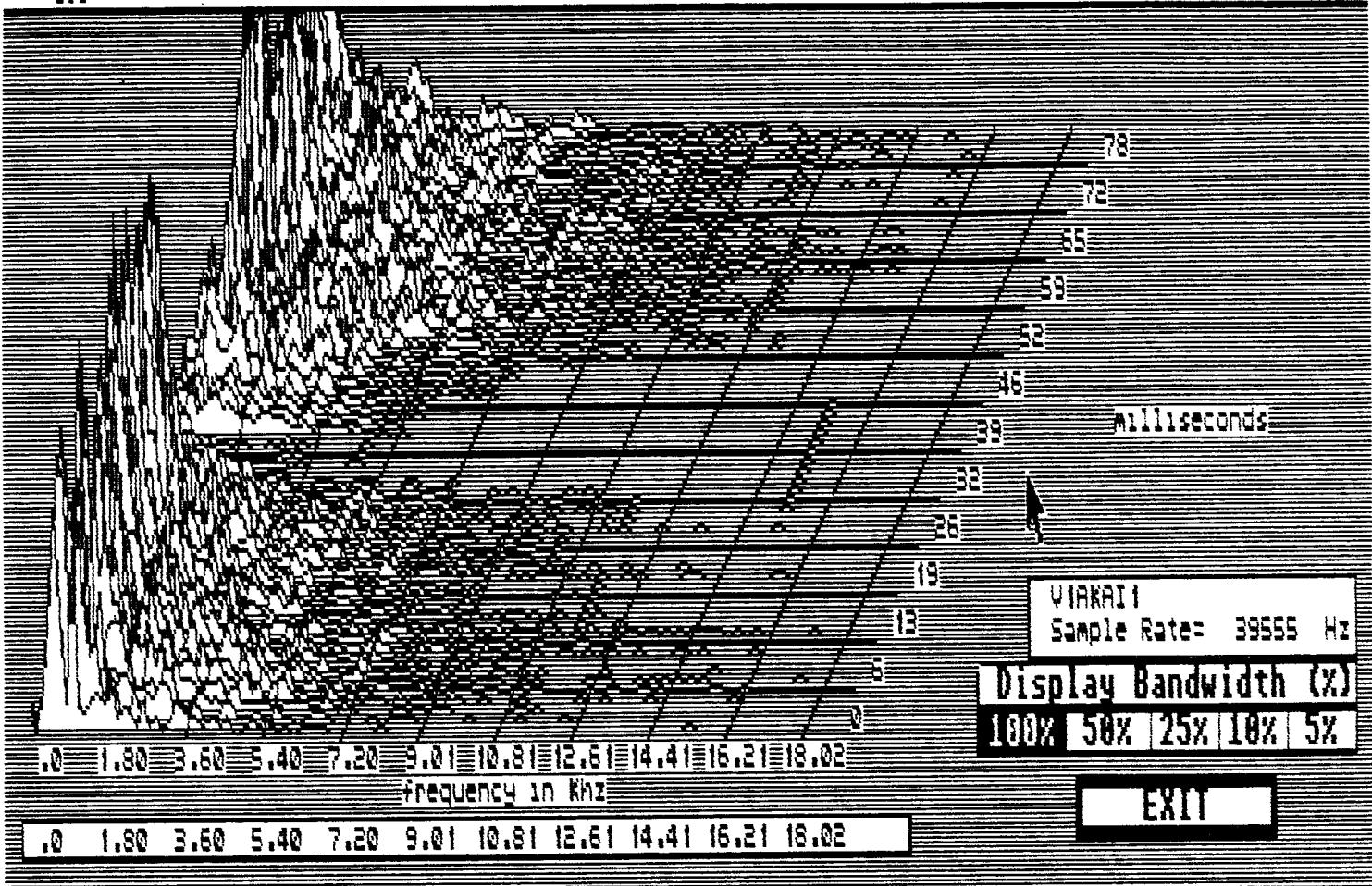




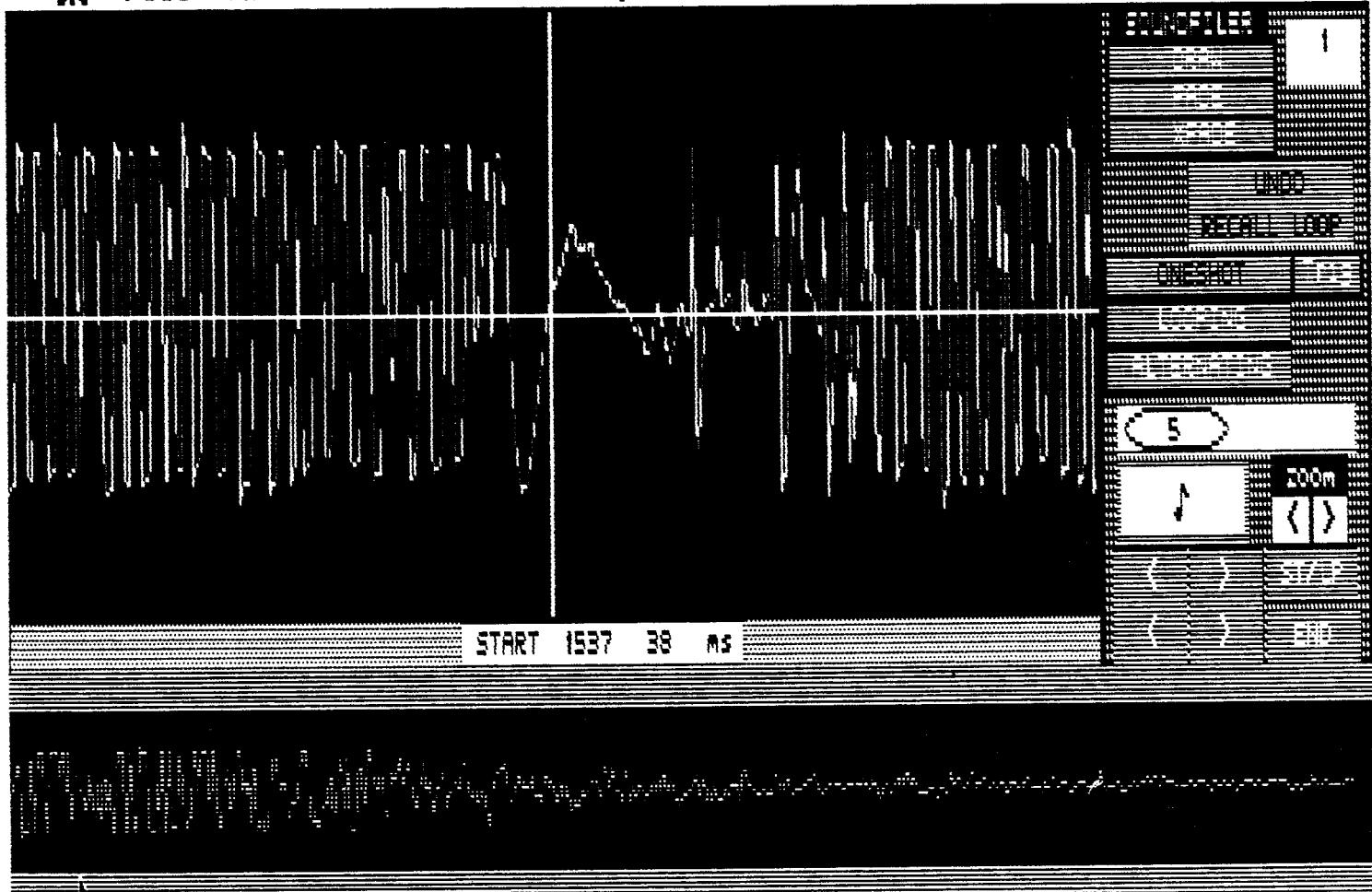




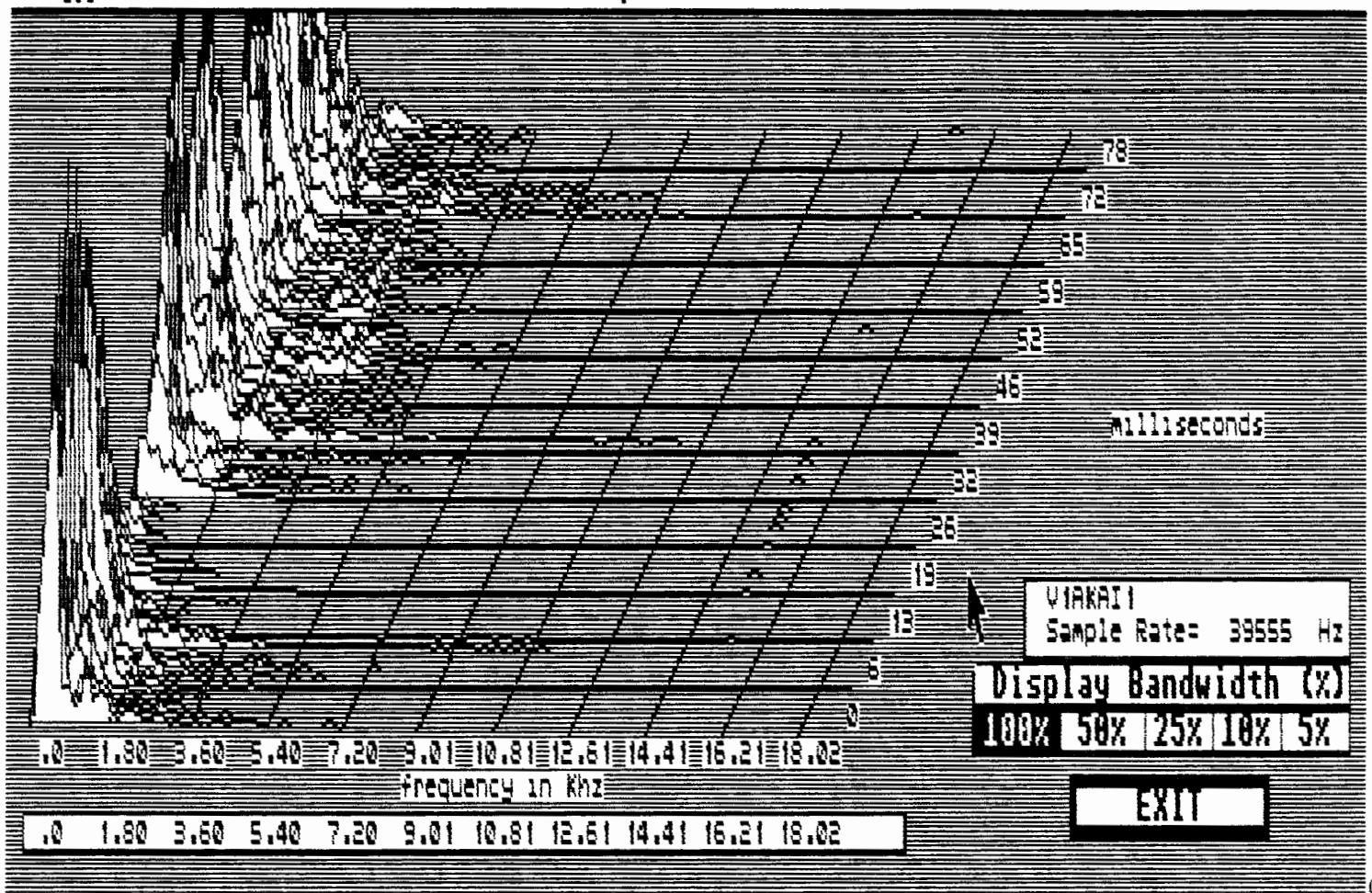
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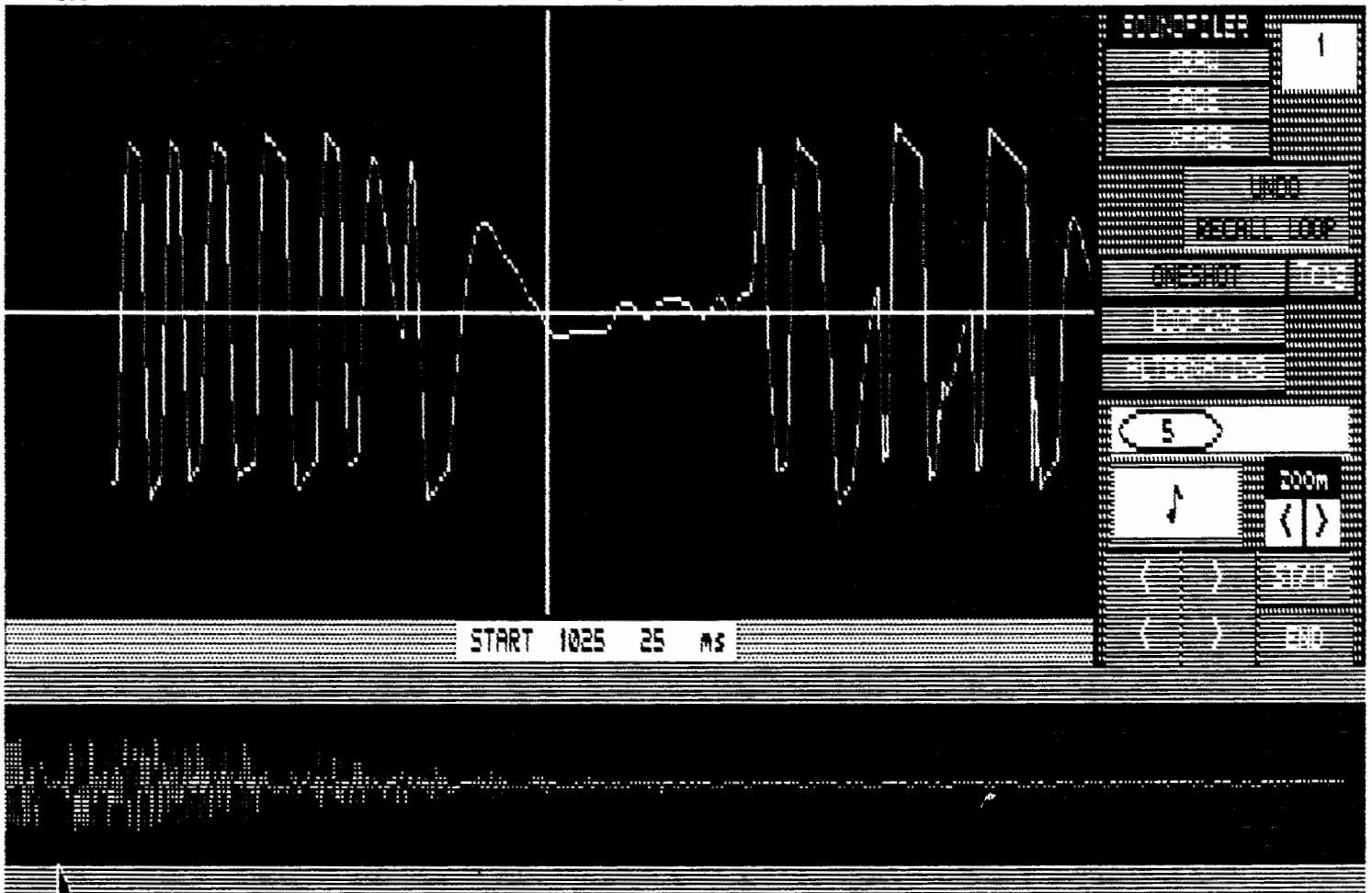
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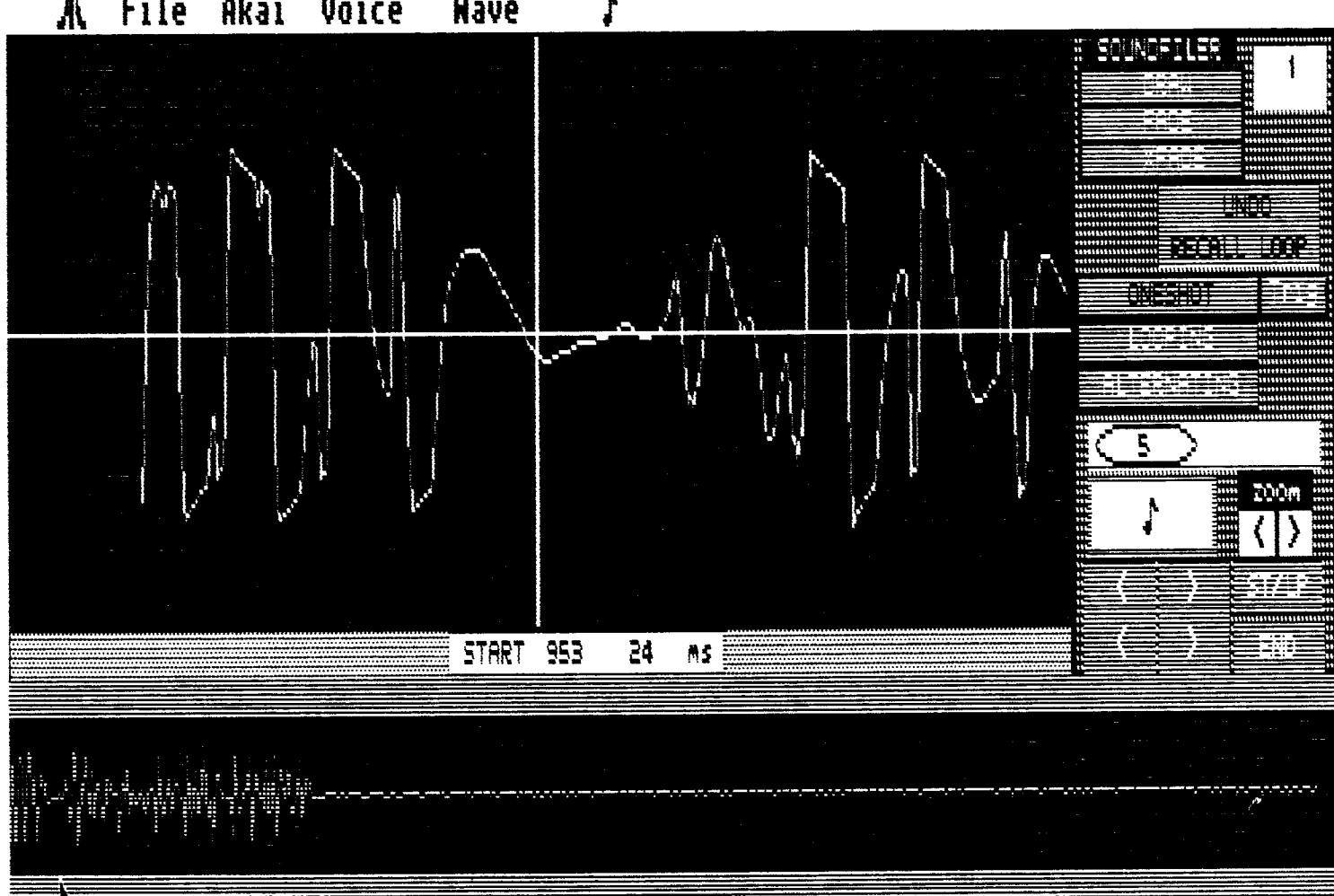
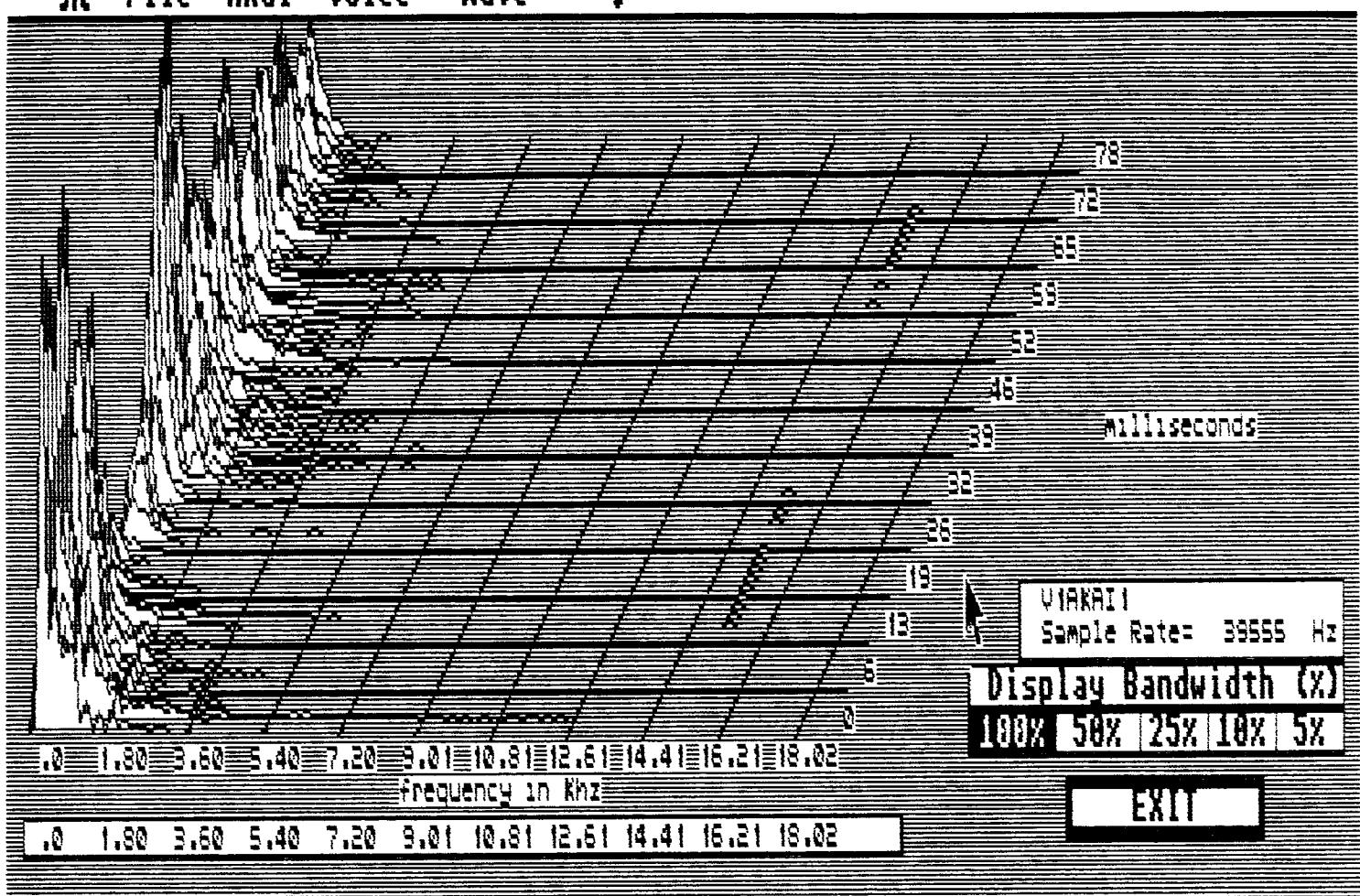


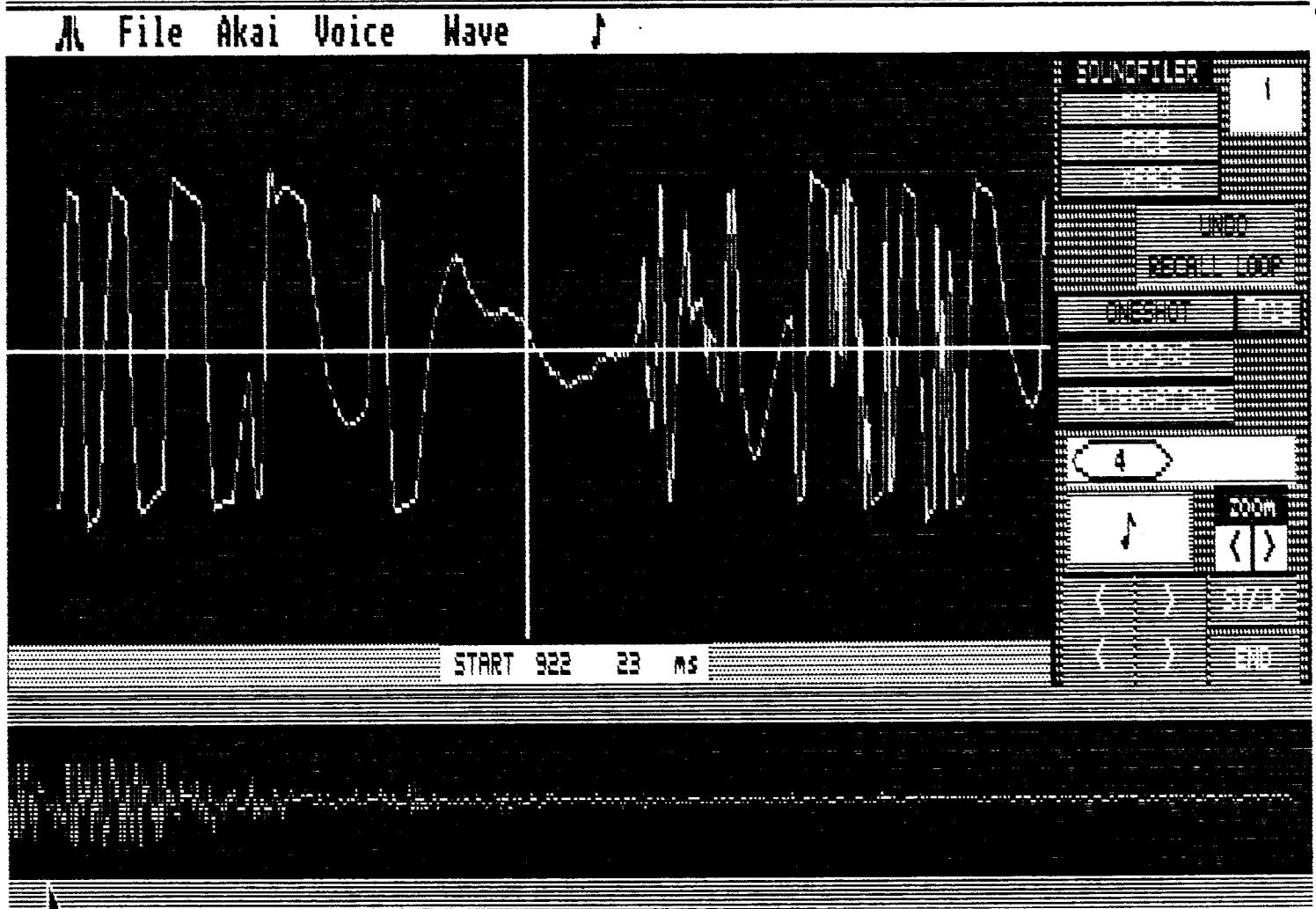
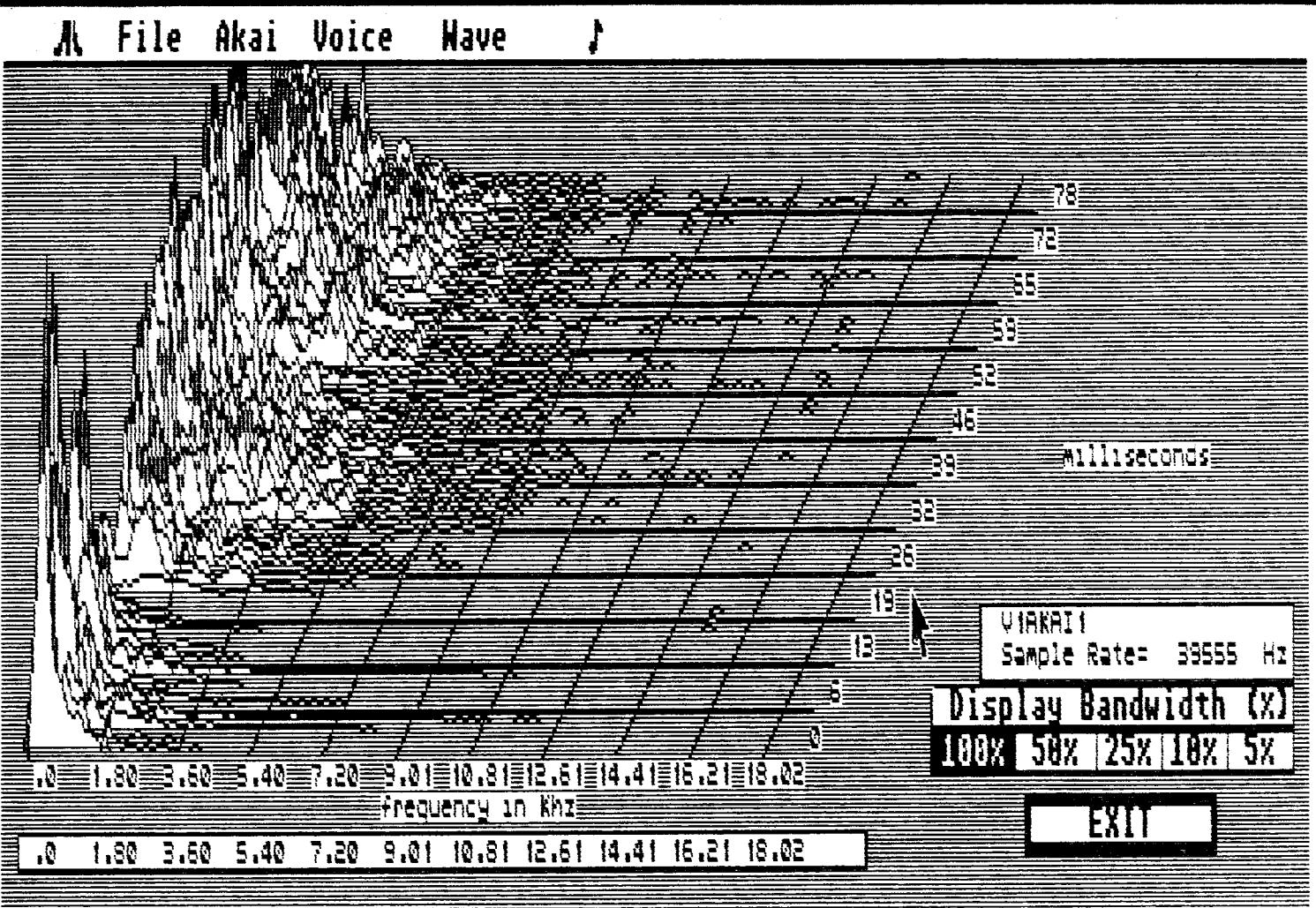
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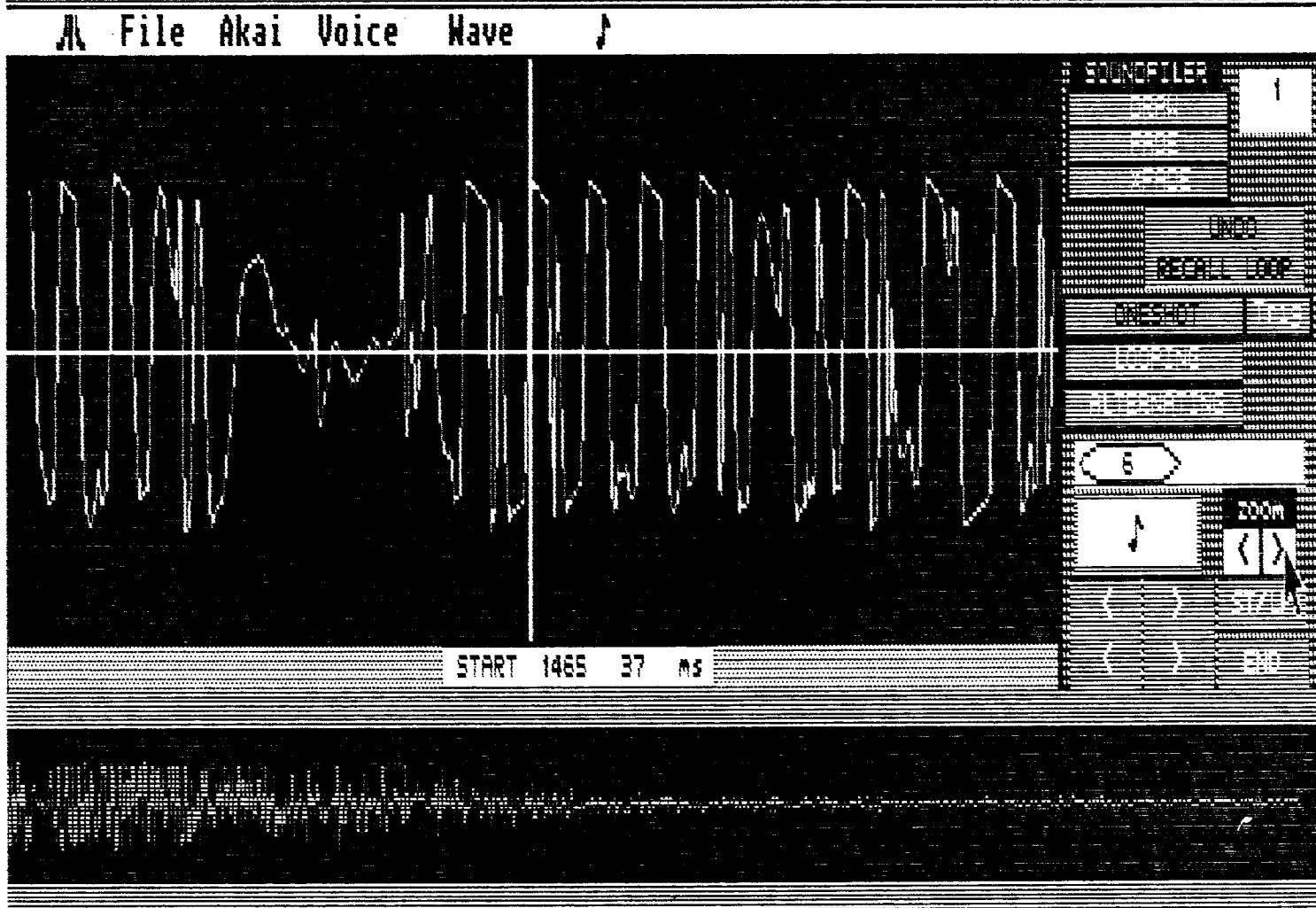
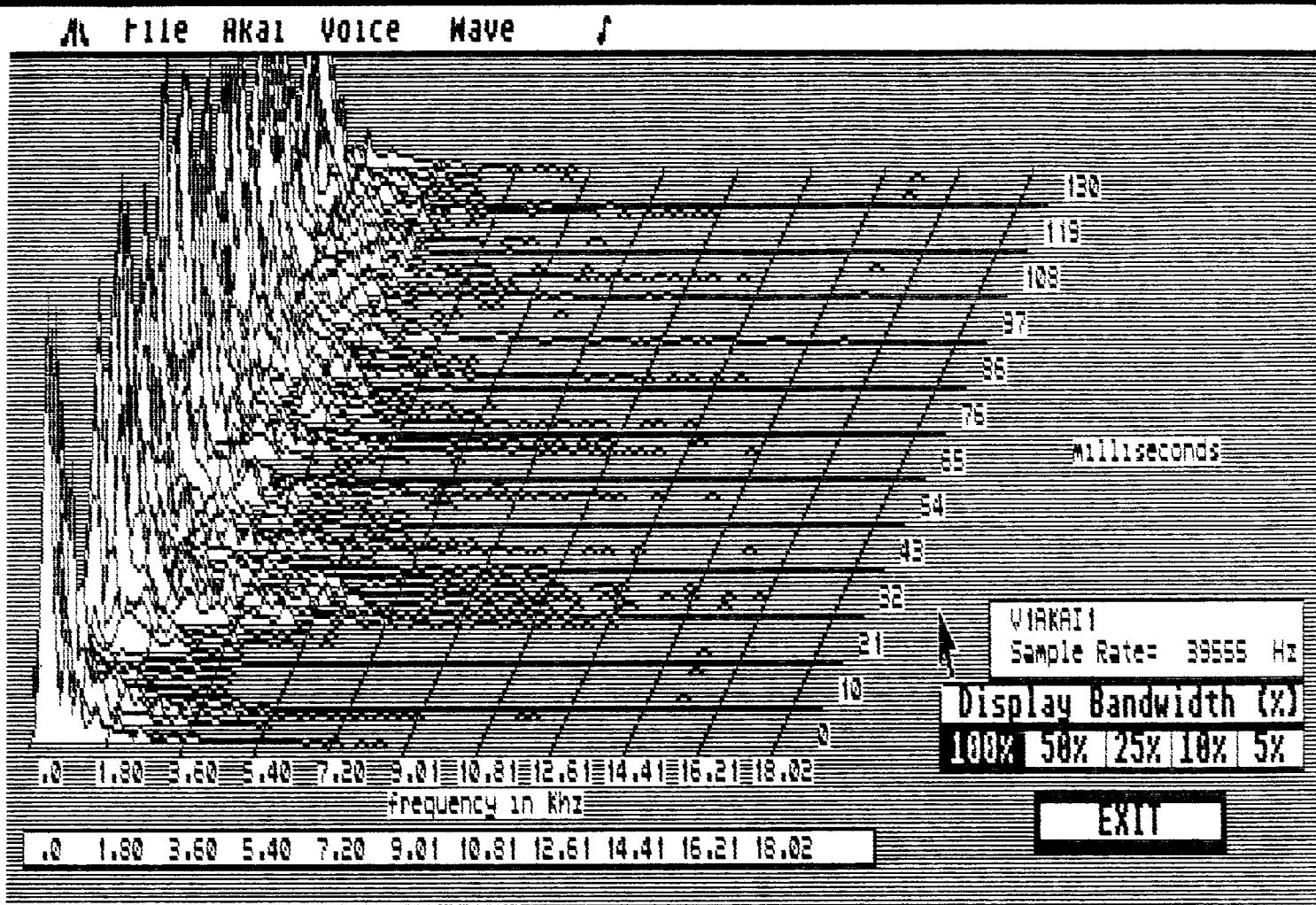


File Akai Voice Wave









## **11. RECOMMENDATION**

This type of reflected seismic testing is ideal in shallow placer ground. Without drilling or excavating near the test sites to establish velocity, the contour of the subsurface profile could still be charted in a cross test of a given valley. Old stream beds are possible to locate this way, giving a target area for a drill. A re-analysis of the seismic data after a drill log can make these tests surprisingly accurate. A tighter grid pattern in the future may be of great value in a drilling or mining strategy program.

## 12. STATEMENT OF ASSESSMENT COSTS

For seismic survey conducted on Blackhills Creek PL8419.

### Seismic Test

\$250 per test x 10 shots = \$2,500

Includes:

Seismic consultant

Assistant for field and expediting

Computer and printer time

Computer and program time

Computer down-loading (off-loading/Data Dumping)

Seismic Interpretation

Equipment - atv, axe, hip chain with thread, flagging tape, marker etc.

Transportation

Food and camping supplies

Accommodations (hotel, tent or camper)

Test shots where applicable (for calibration)

### Report Preparation

Report writing, drafting,  
map and figure preparation,  
photocopying and binding = \$750

Total Cost \$3250

## CERTIFICATION

I, Ted Sandor, of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory certify that:

1. I hold a Gas and Arc Welding diploma from Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Edmonton, Alberta, and have been practising continuously since mid seventies in Ardco Industries on oil field and seismic related equipment.
2. I am a journeyman welder, licensed to practise in Alberta. The geophysical technology came from extensive field work in the oil patch, and the very need to satisfy my own mining strategy since 1978.
3. The geophysical field work was conducted with assistance that may change from test to test. The report preparation and interpretation is done by me personally to keep up the highest quality of this report.
4. I have based conclusions and recommendations contained in this report on my knowledge of geophysics, my previous experience and the results of the field work conducted on the property.
5. Directly or indirectly I hold no interest in this property other than professional fees, nor do I expect any interest in the property or any other of the owner's holdings.
6. The accuracy of the final results depends more on the calibration of the recording device and the computers then on the qualification of the operator.

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory  
June 12, 1991

  
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Ted Sandor, Seismic Consultant

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