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STW Block

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Introduction:

This report outlines the survey operations and data processing actions taken during the airborne geophysical survey flown at the STW grid (Figure 1). The airborne geophysical survey was flown by Precision GeoSurveys Inc. for Radius Gold Inc. The geophysical survey, carried out between July 25, 2011 to July 28, 2011, saw the acquisition of high resolution magnetic and radiometric data.

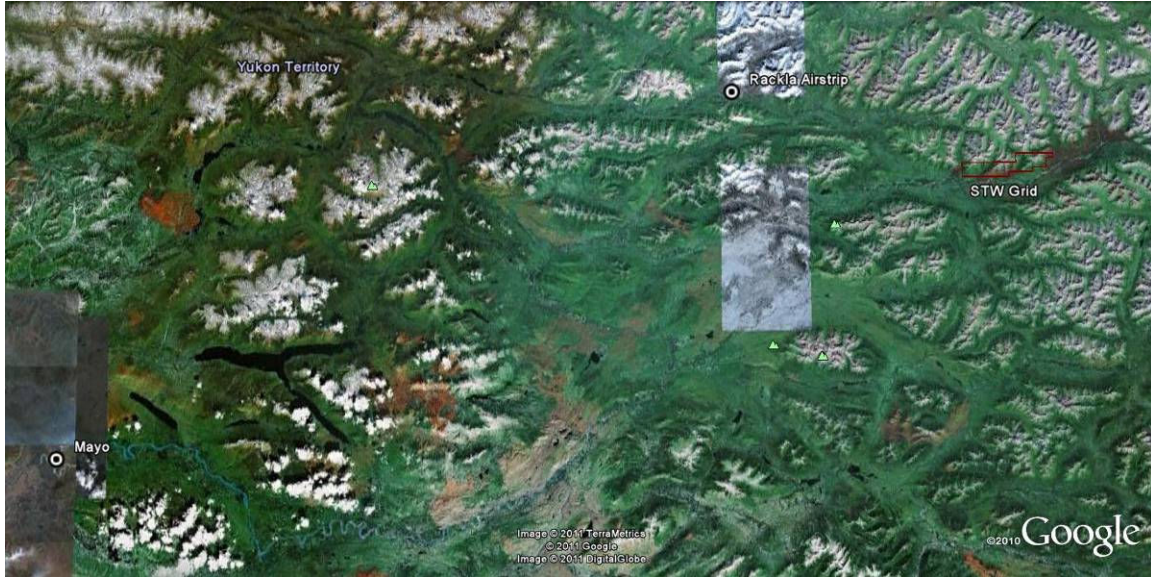


Figure 1: STW survey area location relative to the Rackla airstrip and Mayo, YT.

The STW grid is located approximately 190 kilometers north-east west of Mayo and 55 kilometers east south-east of the Rackla airstrip. The survey area of the STW grid is approximately 4.5 km by 18 km (Figure 2). A total of 351 line kilometers of magnetic and radiometric data were flown for this survey; this total includes tie lines and survey lines. The survey lines were originally planned for 100 m spacing, but were instead flown at 200 meter spacing at a 000°/180° heading; the tie lines were flown at 500 m spacing at a heading of 090°/270° (Figure 3).

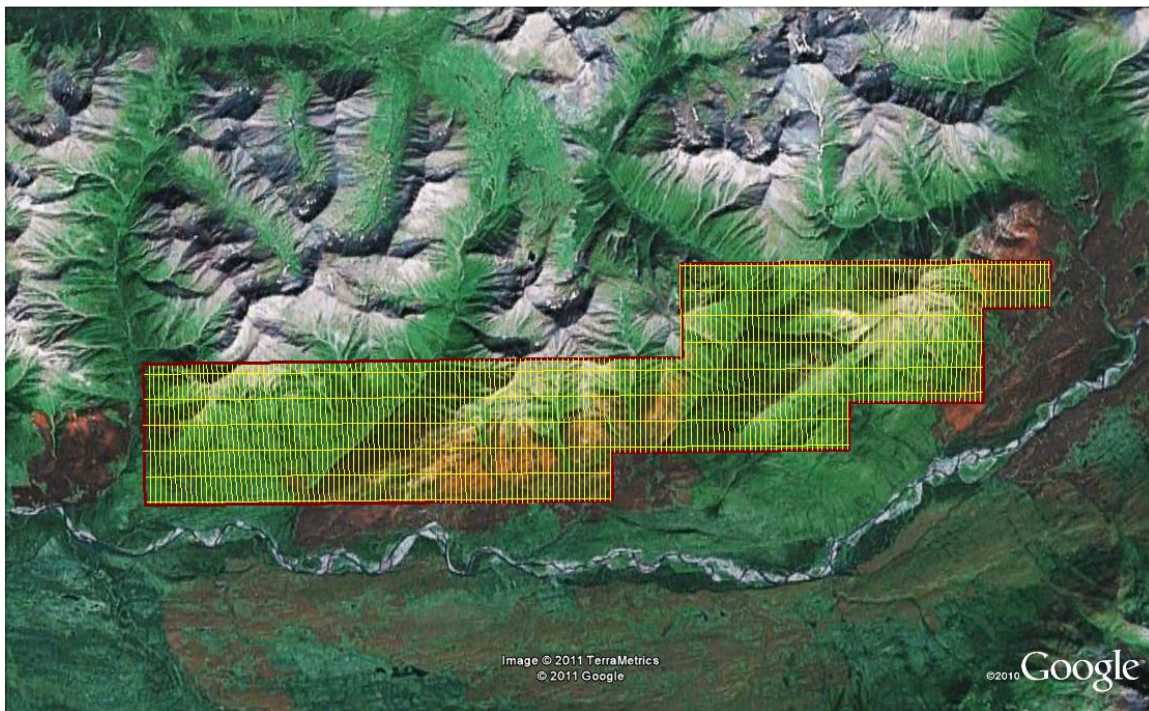


Figure 2: Block A with survey and tie lines in yellow and the boundary in red in plan view.

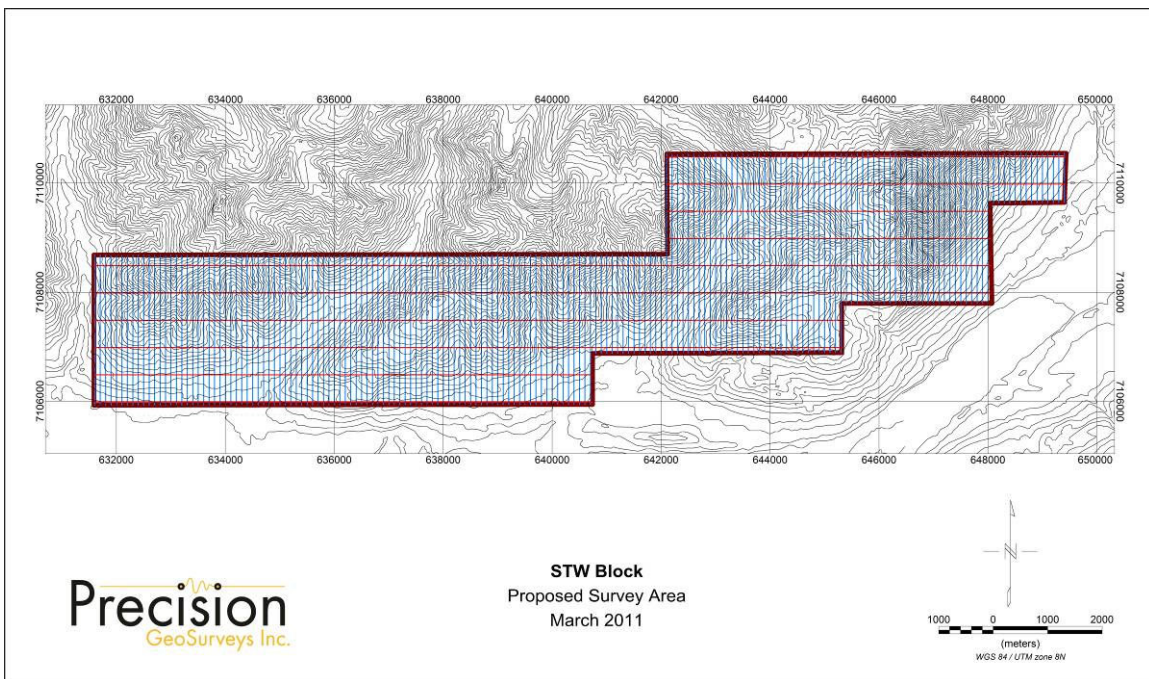


Figure 3: Proposed survey basemap of the STW grid showing survey (blue) and tie lines (light red) and the grid boundary (dark red).

Survey Specifications:

The geodetic system used for this survey is WGS 84 and the area is in both zone 8N and zone 9N. Because the majority of the grid is in UTM zone 8N, that was used for all processing and map making. The survey data acquisition specifications and coordinates for the STW grid survey are specified as followed (Table 1 and Table 2).

Survey Block	Line Spacing m	Survey Line km	Tie Line km	Total Line km	Survey Line Orientation	Nominal Survey Height m
STW	200	243	108	351	000° - 180°	35
Total				351		

Table 1: STW block- survey acquisition specifications.

Longitude	Latitude	Easting	Northing
132.0844444	64.09222222	642103	7110534
131.9341667	64.08916667	649435	7110549
131.9358333	64.08111111	649403	7109647
131.9636111	64.08166667	648041	7109631
131.9647222	64.06500000	648073	7107794
132.0211111	64.06611111	645317	7107794
132.0219444	64.05805556	645317	7106891
132.1155556	64.06000000	640741	7106875
132.1163889	64.05138889	640741	7105941
132.3038889	64.05500000	631587	7105925
132.3013889	64.07972222	631587	7108681
132.0858333	64.07555556	642118	7108697

Table 2: STW block survey polygon coordinates using WGS 84 in zone 8N.

2.0 Geophysical Data:

Geophysical data are collected in a variety of ways and are used to aid in the exploration and determination of geology, mineral deposits, oil and gas deposits, contaminated land sites and UXO detection.

For the purposes of this survey, airborne gamma ray spectrometer and magnetic data were collected to serve in the exploration of the STW property which contains rocks that are prospective for gold mineralization.

2.1 Magnetic Data:

Magnetic surveying is probably the most common airborne survey type to be conducted for both mineral and hydrocarbon exploration. The type of survey specifications, instrumentation, and interpretation procedures, depend on the objectives of the survey. Typically magnetic surveys are performed for:

1. Geological Mapping to aid in mapping lithology, structure and alteration in both hard rock environments and for mapping basement lithology, structure and alteration in sedimentary basins or for regional tectonic studies.
2. Depth to Basement mapping for exploration in sedimentary basins or mineralization associated with the basement surface.

2.2 Radiometric Data:

Radiometric surveys detect and map natural radioactive emanations, called gamma rays, from rocks and soils. All detectable gamma radiation from earth materials come from the natural decay products of three primary elements; uranium, thorium, and potassium. The purpose of radiometric surveys is to determine either the absolute or relative amounts of U, Th, and K in surface rocks and soils.

3.0 Survey Operations:

Precision GeoSurveys flew the STW property using a Bell 206 BIII Jet Ranger (Figure 4). The survey lines were flown at a nominal line spacing of two hundred (200) meters and the tie lines were flown at 500 m spacing for both the spectrometer and magnetometer as they were acquired simultaneously. The average survey elevation was 37.4 meters vertically above ground. The experience of the pilot helped to ensure that the data quality objectives were met and that the safety of the flight crew was never compromised given the potential risks involved in airborne surveying.



Figure 4: Bell 206 Jet Ranger equipped with mag stinger for magnetic data acquisition.

The base of operations for this survey was the Radius Gold camp situated next to the Rackla airstrip. The Precision crew consisted of three members:

John Witham – Pilot
Chris McKnight – Operator
Shawn Walker – On-site Geophysicist

The survey was started on July 25, 2011 and completed on July 28, 2011. The survey encountered few delays due to poor weather conditions and magnetic storms.

4.0 Equipment:

For this survey, a magnetometer, spectrometer, base station, laser altimeter, and a data acquisition system were required to carry out the survey and collect quality, high resolution data. The survey magnetometer is carried in an approved “stinger” configuration to enhance flight safety and improve data quality in mountainous terrain.

4.1 AGIS:

The Airborne Geophysical Information System, AGIS, (Figure 5), is the main computer used in data recording, data synchronizing, displaying real-time QC data for the geophysical operator, and generation of navigation information for the pilot display system.



Figure 5: AGIS installed in the Bell 206.

The AGIS was manufactured by Pico Envirotec; therefore the system uses standardized Pico software and external sensors are connected to the system via RS-232 serial communication cables. The AGIS data format is easily converted into Geosoft or ASCII file formats by a supplied conversion program called PEIView. Additional Pico software allows for post real time magnetic compensation and survey quality control procedures.

4.2 Spectrometer:

The IRIS, or Integrated Radiometric Information System is a fully integrated, gamma radiation detection system containing two downward facing NaI detecting crystals for a total volume of 8.4 litres (Figure 6). The IRIS is equipped with upward-shielding high density RayShield® gamma-attenuating material to minimize cosmic and solar gamma noise. Real time data acquisition, navigation and communication tasks are integrated into a single unit that is installed in the rear of the aircraft as indicated below. Information such as total count, counts of various radioelements (K, U, Th, etc.), temperature, barometric pressure, atmospheric humidity and survey altitude can all be monitored on the AGIS screen for immediate QC. All the radiometric data are recorded at 1 Hz.



Figure 6: IRIS strapped into the cargo box of the helicopter.

4.3 Magnetometer:

The magnetometer used by Precision GeoSurveys is a Scintrex cesium vapor CS-3 magnetometer. The system was housed in a front mounted “stinger” (Figure 7). The CS-3 is a high sensitivity/low noise magnetometer with automatic hemisphere switching and a wide voltage range, the static noise rating for the unit is ± 0.01 nT. On the AGIS screen the operator can view the raw magnetic response, the magnetic fourth difference, aircraft position, and the survey altitude for immediate QC of the magnetic data. The magnetic data are recorded at 10 Hz. A magnetic compensator is also used to remove noise created by the movement of the helicopter as it pitches, rolls and yaws within the Earth’s geomagnetic field.



Figure 7: View of the mag stinger.

4.4 Base Station:

For monitoring and recording of the Earth's diurnal magnetic field variation, Precision GeoSurveys uses two base stations: Scintrex proton precession Envi Pro magnetometer and GEM GSM-19T magnetometer. Both base stations are mounted as close to the survey blocks as possible to give accurate magnetic field data. The Envi Pro base station (Figure 8), uses the well proven precession technology to sample at a rate of 0.5 Hz. A GPS is integrated with the system to record real GPS time that is used to correlate with the GPS time collected by the airborne CS-3 magnetometer.



Figure 8: Scintrex Envi Pro proton precession magnetometer.

The GEM GSM-19T magnetometer (Figure 9) also uses the proton precession technology sampling at a rate of 0.5 Hz. The GSM-19T has an accuracy of ± 0.2 nT at 1 Hz.



Figure 9: GEM GSM-19T proton precession magnetometer.

4.5 Laser Altimeter:

The pilot is provided with terrain guidance and clearance with an Acuity AccuRange AR3000 laser altimeter (Figure 10). This is attached at the aft end of the magnetometer boom. The AR3000 sensor is a time-of-flight sensor that measures distance by a rapidly-modulated and collimated laser beam that creates a dot on the target surface. The maximum range of the laser altimeter is 300 m off of natural surfaces with 90% reflectance and 3 km off special reflectors. Within the sensor unit, reflected signal light is collected by the lens and focused onto a photodiode. Through serial communications and analog outputs, the distance data are transmitted and collected by the AGIS at 10 Hz.



Figure 10: Acuity AccuRange AR3000 laser altimeter.

5.0 Data Processing:

After all the data are collected after a survey flight several procedures are undertaken to ensure that the data meet a high standard of quality. All data were processed using Pico Envirotec software and Geosoft Oasis Montaj geophysical processing software.

5.1 Magnetic Processing:

During aeromagnetic surveying noise is introduced to the magnetic data by the aircraft itself. Movement in the aircraft (roll, pitch and yaw) and the permanent magnetization of the aircraft parts (engine and other ferric objects) are large contributing factors to this noise. To remove this noise a process called magnetic compensation is implemented. The magnetic compensation process starts with a test flight at the beginning of the survey where the aircraft flies in the four orthogonal headings required for the survey (000°/180° and 090°/270° in the case of this survey) at an altitude where there is no ground effect in the magnetic data. In each heading, specified 3 roll, 3 pitch, and 3 yaw maneuvers are performed by the pilot; these maneuvers provide the data that are required to calculate the necessary parameters for compensating the magnetic data. A computer program called PEIComp is used to create a model for each survey to remove the noise induced by

aircraft movement; this model is applied to each survey flight so the data can be further processed.

Followed by the compensation flight, a lag test is conducted. A lag correction of 0.8 seconds was applied to the total magnetic field data to compensate for the lag in the recording system as the magnetometer sensor flies 5.70 m ahead of the GPS antenna.

A magnetic base station is set up before every flight to ensure that diurnal activity is recorded during the survey flights. In this case, the base station was located in the bushes close to the Rackla airstrip. Base station readings were reviewed at regular intervals to ensure that no data were collected during periods with high diurnal activity (greater than 5 nT per minute). The base station was installed within the survey blocks at a magnetically noise-free area, away from metallic items such as steel objects, vehicles, or power lines. The magnetic variations recorded from the stationary base station are removed from the magnetic data recorded in flight to ensure that the anomalies seen are real and not due to solar activity.

Filtering is applied to the laser altimeter data as to remove vegetation clutter and to show the actual ground clearance. To remove vegetation clutter a Rolling Statistic filter was applied to the laser altimeter data and a low pass filter was used to smooth out the laser altimeter profile to remove isolated noise. As a result, filtering the data will yield a more uniform surface in close conformance with the actual terrain.

Some filtering of the magnetic data is also required. A Non Linear filter was used for spike removal. The 1D Non-Linear Filter is ideal for removing very short wavelength, but high amplitude features from data. It is often thought of as a noise spike-rejection filter, but it can also be effective for removing short wavelength geological features, such as signals from surficial features. The 1D Non-Linear Filter is used to locate and remove data that are recognized as noise. The algorithm is 'non-linear' because it looks at each data point and decides if that datum is noise or a valid signal. If the point is noise, it is simply removed and replaced by an estimate based on surrounding data points. Parts of the data that are not considered noise are not modified. The combination of a Non-Linear filter for noise removal and a low pass trend enhancement filter resulted in level data as indicated in the results section of this report. The low pass filters simply smooths out the magnetic profile to remove isolated noise.

5.2 Radiometric Processing:

Calibrating the spectrometer system in the helicopter is the first and vital step before the airborne radiometric data can be processed. Once calibration of the system has been complete, the radiometric data are processed by windowing the full spectrum to create channels for U, K, Th and total count. A 5-point Hanning filter was applied to the Cosmic window before going any further with processing the radiometric data.

Aircraft background and cosmic stripping corrections were applied to all three elements, upward uranium channels, and total count using the following formula:

$$C_{ac} = C_{lt} - (a_c + b_c * \text{Cos}_f)$$

where: C_{ac} is the background and cosmic corrected channel
 C_{lt} is the live time corrected channel
 a_c is the aircraft background for this channel
 b_c is the cosmic stripping coefficient for this channel
 Cos_f is the filtered cosmic channel

The radon backgrounds are first removed followed by compton stripping. Spectral overlap corrections are applied on to potassium, uranium, and thorium as part of the compton stripping process. This is done by using the stripping ratios that have been calculated for the spectrometer by prior calibration, this breaks the corrected elemental values down into the apparent radioelement concentrations. Lastly, attenuation corrections are applied to the data which involves nominal survey altitude corrections, in this case 34 metres is applied to total count, potassium, uranium, and thorium data.

With all corrections applied to the radiometric data, the final step is to convert the corrected potassium, uranium, and thorium to apparent radioelement concentrations using the following formula:

$$eE = C_{cor} / s$$

where: eE is the element concentration K(%) and equivalent element concentration of U(ppm) & Th(ppm)
 s is the experimentally determined sensitivity
 C_{cor} is the fully corrected channel

Finally, the natural air absorption dose rate is determined using the following formula:

$$E = 13.08 * K + 5.43 * eU + 2.69 * eTh$$

where: E is the absorption dose rate in nG/h
 K is the concentration of potassium (%)
 eU is the equivalent concentration of uranium (ppm)
 eTh is the equivalent concentration of thorium (ppm)

To calculate for radiometric ratios it follows the guidelines in the IAEA report. Due to statistical uncertainties in the individual radioelement measurements, some care was taken in the calculation of the ratio in order to obtain statistically significant values. Following IAEA guidelines, the method of determining ratios of the eU/eTh , eU/K and eTh/K was as follows:

1. Any data points where the potassium concentration was less than 0.25 were neglected.
2. The element with the lowest corrected count rate was determined.

3. The element concentrations of adjacent points on either side of each data point were summed until they exceeded a certain threshold value. This threshold was set to be equivalent to 100 counts of the element with the lowest count rate. Additional minimum thresholds of 1.6% for Potassium, 20 ppm for thorium, and 30 ppm for uranium were set up to insure meaningful ratios.
4. The ratios were calculated using the accumulated sums.

With this method, the errors associated with the calculated ratios will be similar for all data points.

5.3 Final Data Format

Abbreviations used in the GDB files are listed in the following table:

Channel	Units	Description
X	m	UTM Easting - WGS84 Zone 8 North
Y	m	UTM Northing - WGS84 Zone 8 North
Galt_m	m	GPS height - WGS84 Zone 8 North
Lalt	m	Laser Altimeter readings
DTM	m	Digital Terrain Model
GPStime	Hours:min:secs	GPStime
basemag	nT	Base station diurnal data
mag	nT	Total Magnetic Intensity
BaltLC	m	Barometric Altitude
BAROmg_kP	KiloPascal	Atmospheric Pressure
BstpLC	m	Barometric Altitude (Pres and Temp Corrected)
TempLC	Degrees C	Air Temperature
COSFILT	counts/sec	Spectrometer - Filtered Cosmic
TCcor	μR	Dose Rate Equivalent
TCexp	μR/hour	Exposure Rate - SUM(%k, eU, eTh) * determined factors
Kcor	%	Equivalent Concentration - Potassium
Ucor	ppm	Equivalent Concentration - Uranium
THcor	ppm	Equivalent Concentration - Thorium
THKratio		Spectrometer - eTh/%K ratio
UKratio		Spectrometer - eU/%K ratio
UTHratio		Spectrometer - eU/eTh ratio
Date	yyyy/mm/dd	Local Flight Date

Table 3: STW block survey channel abbreviations.

The file format will be provided in two (2) formats, the first will be a .GDB file for use in Geosoft Oasis Montaj, the second format will be a .XYZ file, this is text file. A complete file provided in each format will contain both magnetic and radiometric data.

Appendix A

Equipment Specifications

Scintrex Envi Pro Proton Magnetometer with Integrated GPS (Base Station)

Total Field Operating Range	23,000 to 100,000 nT (gamma)
Total Field Absolute Accuracy	±1 nT (gamma)
Sensitivity	0.1 nT (gamma) at 2 second sampling rate
Tuning/ Sampling	Fully solid state. Manual or automatic, keyboard selectable Cycling (Reading) Rates 0.5, 1, 2, or 3 seconds
Gradiometer Option	Includes a second sensor, 0.5m (20 inch) staff extender and processor module
Gradient Tolerance	> 7000 nT (gamma)/m
‘Walking’ Mode	Continuous reading, cycling as fast as 0.5 seconds
Supplied GPS Accuracy	+/- 1m (Autonomous), < 1m WAAS Connects to most external GPS receivers with NMEA & PPS output
Standard Memory	Total Field Measurements: 84,000 readings Gradiometer Measurements: 67,000 readings Base Station Measurements: 500,000 readings
Real-Time Clock	1 second resolution, ± 1 second stability over 24 hours or GPS time
Digital Data Output	RS-232C, USB Adapter
Power Supply	Rechargeable, 2.9 Ah, lead-acid dry cell battery 12 Volts External 12 Volt input for base station operations
Operating Temperature	40°C to +60°C (-40°F to 140°F)
Dimensions and Weight	Console: 250mm x 152mm x 55mm (10" x 6" x 2.25") 2.45 kg (5.4 lbs) with rechargeable battery Magnetic 70mm d x 175mm (2.75"d x 7") Sensor: 1 kg (2.2 lbs) Gradiometer 70mm d x 675mm (2.75"d x 26.5") Sensor: (with staff extender) 1.15 kg (2.5 lbs) Sensor Staff: 25mm d x 2m (1"d x 76") 0.8 kg (1.75 lbs)

GEM GSM-19T Proton Precession Magnetometer (Base Station)

Configuration Options	15
Cycle Time	999 to 0.5 sec
Environmental	-40 to +60 ° Celsius
Gradient Tolerance	7,000 nT/m
Magnetic Readings	299,593
Operating Range	10, 000 to 120,000 nT
Power	12 V @ 0.62 A
Sensitivity	0.1 nT @ 1 sec
Weight (Console/ Sensor)	3.2 Kg
Integrated GPS	Yes

Scintrex CS-3 Survey Magnetometer

Operating Principal	Self-oscillation split-beam Cesium Vapor (non-radioactive Cs-133)
Operating Range	15,000 to 105,000 nT
Gradient Tolerance	40,000 nT/metre
Operating Zones	10° to 85° and 95° to 170°
Hemisphere Switching	a) Automatic b) Electronic control actuated by the control voltage levels (TTL/CMOS) c) Manual
Sensitivity	0.0006 nT $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ rms.
Noise Envelope	Typically 0.002 nT P-P, 0.1 to 1 Hz bandwidth
Heading Error	+/- 0.25 nT (inside the optical axis to the field direction angle range 15° to 75° and 105° to 165°)
Absolute Accuracy	<2.5 nT throughout range
Output	a) continuous signal at the Larmor frequency which is proportional to the magnetic field (proportionality constant 3.49857 Hz/nT) sine wave signal amplitude modulated on the power supply voltage b) square wave signal at the I/O connector, TTL/CMOS compatible
Information Bandwidth	Only limited by the magnetometer processor used
Sensor Head	Diameter: 63 mm (2.5") Length: 160 mm (6.3") Weight: 1.15 kg (2.6 lb)
Sensor Electronics	Diameter: 63 mm (2.5") Length: 350 mm (13.8") Weight: 1.5 kg (3.3 lb)
Cable, Sensor to Sensor Electronics	3m (9' 8"), lengths up to 5m (16' 4") available
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +50°C
Humidity	Up to 100%, splash proof
Supply Power	24 to 35 Volts DC
Supply Current	Approx. 1.5A at start up, decreasing to 0.5A at 20°C
Power Up Time	Less than 15 minutes at -30°C

Pico Envirotec GRS-10 Gamma Spectrometer

Crystal volume	16.8 liters downward plus 4.2 liters upward
Resolution	256/512 channels
Tuning	Automatic using peak determination algorithm
Detector	Digital Peak
Calibration	Fully automated detector
Real Time	Linearization and gain stabilization
Communication	RS232
Detectors	Expandable to 10 detectors and digital peak
Count Rate	Up to 60,000 cps per detector
Count Capacity per channel	65545
Energy detection range:	36 KeV to 3 MeV
Cosmic channel	Above 3 MeV
Upward Shielding	RayShield® non-radioactive shielding on downward looking crystals
Downward Shielding	6 mm lead plate on upward looking crystals
Spectra	Collected spectra of 256/512 channels, internal spectrum resolution 1024
Software	Calibration: High voltage adjustment, linearity correction coefficients calculation, and communication test support Real Time Data Collection: Automatic Gain real time control on natural isotopes, and PC based test and calibration software suite
Sensor	Each box containing two (2) gamma detection NaI(Tl) crystals – each 4.2 liters. (256 cu in.) (approx. 100 x 100 x 650 mm) Total volume of approx 8.4 litres or 512 cu in with detector electronics
Spectra Stabilization	Real time automatic corrections on radio nuclei: Th, U, K. No implanted sources.

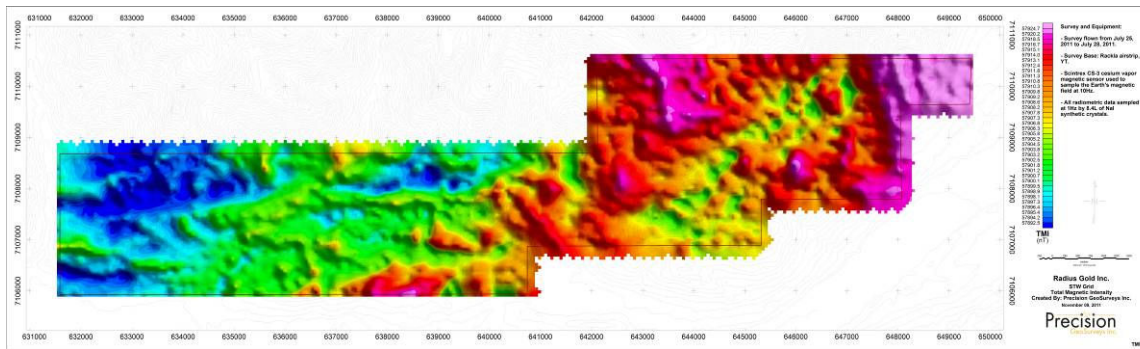
Pico Envirotec AGIS data recorder system

(for Navigation, Gamma spectrometer, VLF-EM and Magnetometer Data Acquisition)

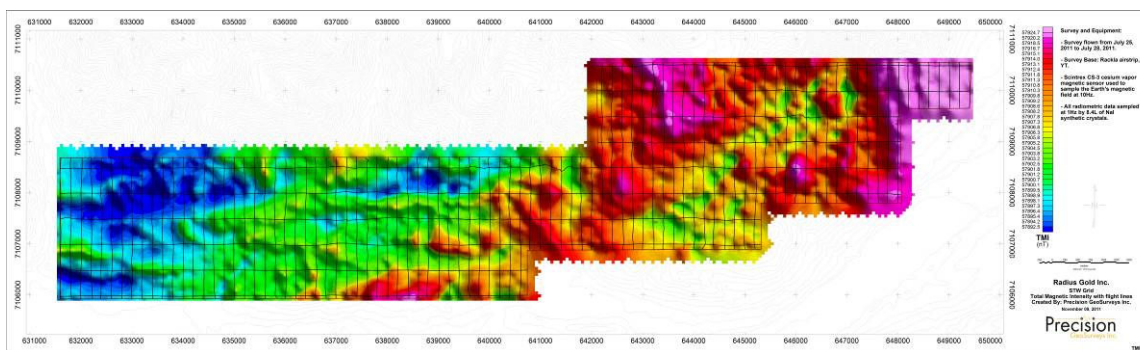
Functions	Airborne Geophysical Information System (AGIS) with integrated Global Positioning System Receiver (GPS) and all necessary navigation guidance software. Inputs for geophysical sensors - portable gamma ray spectrometer GRS-10, MMS4 Magnetometer, Totem 2A EM, A/D converter, temperature probe, humidity probe, barometric pressure probe, and laser altimeter. Output for the 2 line Pilot Indicator
Display	Touch screen with display of 800 x 600 pixels; customized keypad and operator keyboard. Multi-screen options for real-time viewing of all data inputs, fiducial points, flight line tracking, and GPS channels by operator.
GPS Navigation	Garmin 12-channel, WAAS-enabled
Data Sampling	Sensor dependent
Data Synchronization	Synchronized to GPS position
Data File	PEI Binary data format
Storage	80 GB
Supplied Software	PEIView: Allows fast data Quality Control (QC) Data Format: Geosoft GBN and ASCII output PEIConv: For survey preparation and survey plot after data acquisition
Software	Calibration: High voltage adjustment, linearity correction coefficients calculation, and communication test support Real Time Data Collection: Automatic Gain real time control on natural isotopes and PC based test and calibration software suite
Power Requirements	24 to 32 VDC
Temperature	Operating:-10 to +55 deg C; storage:-20 to +70 deg C

Appendix B

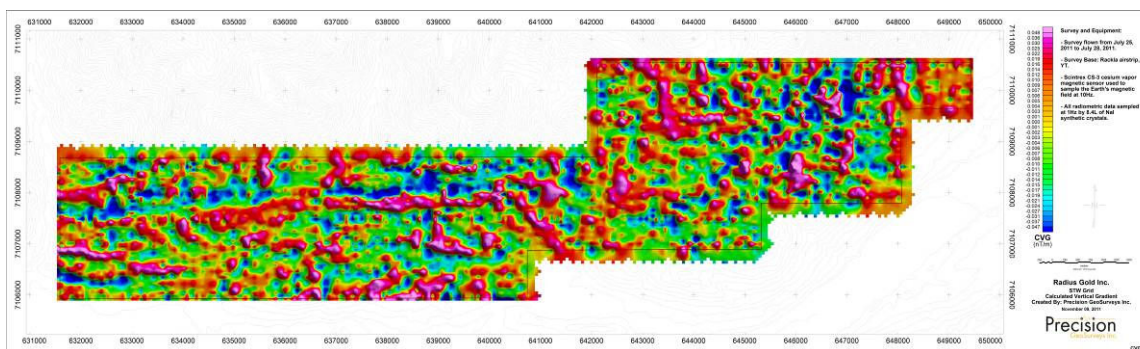
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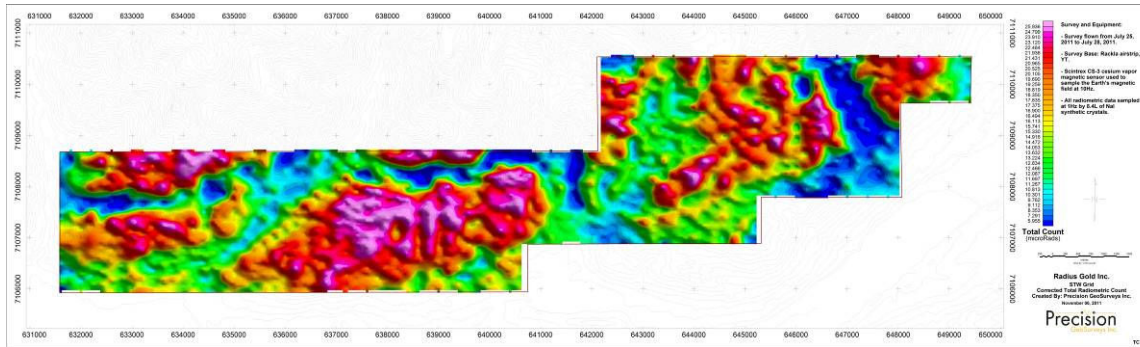
Map 1: STW Grid – Total Magnetic Field.



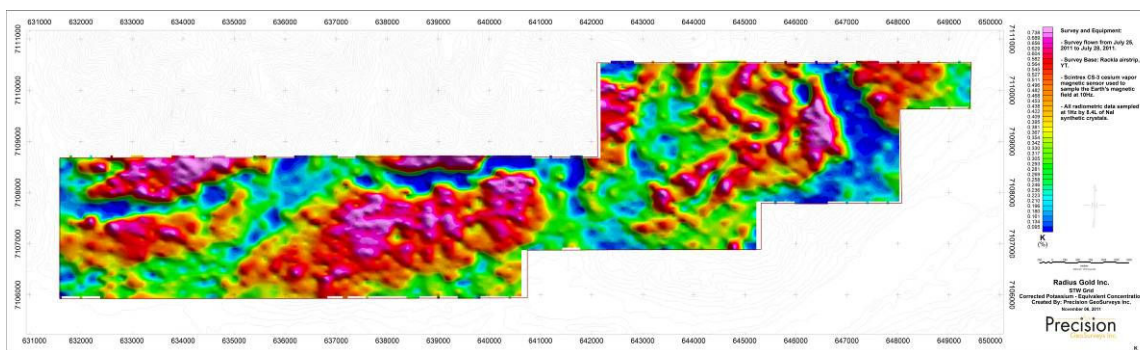
Map 2: STW Grid – Total Magnetic Field with plotted flight lines.



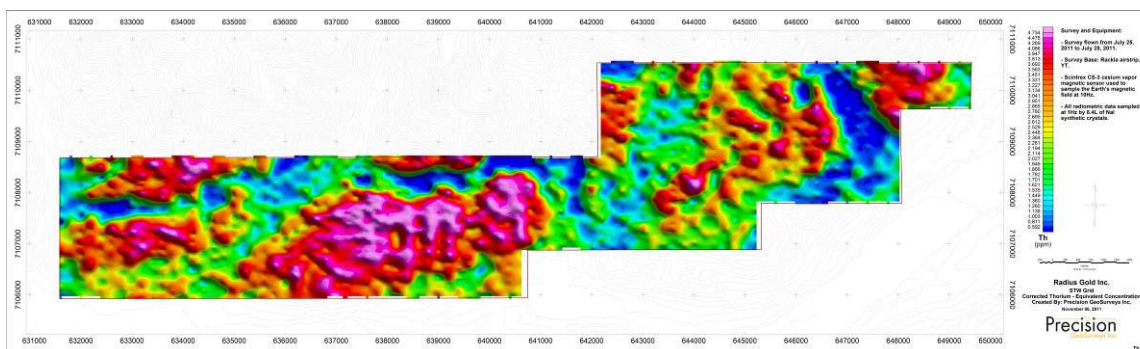
Map 3: STW Grid – Calculated Vertical Gradient.



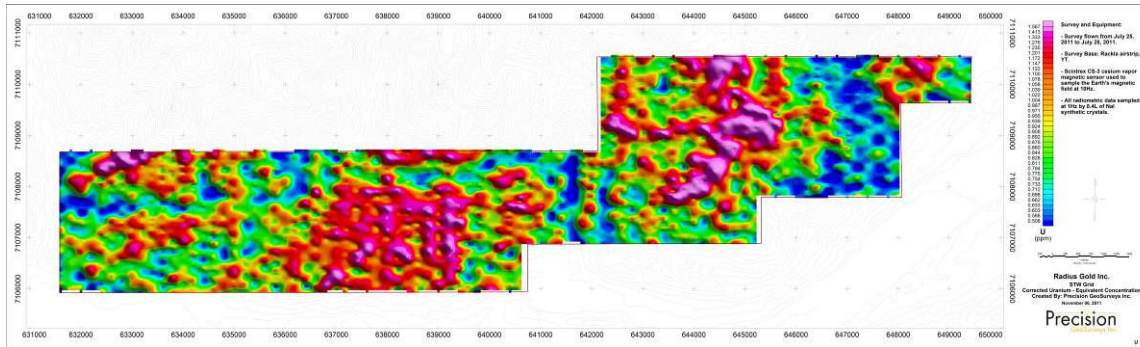
Map 4: STW Grid – Corrected Total Radiometric Count.



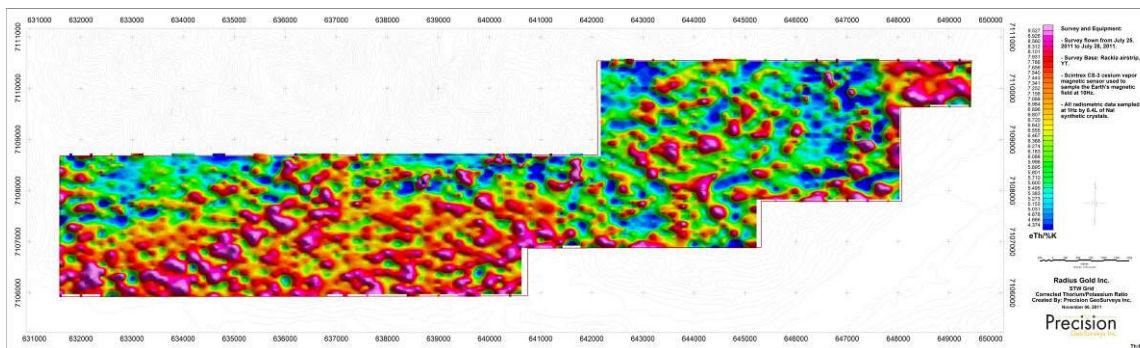
Map 5: STW Grid – Corrected Potassium.



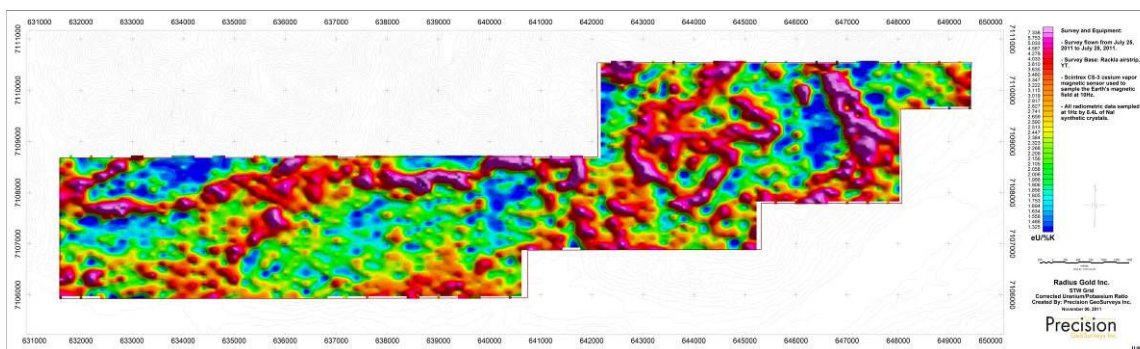
Map 6: STW Grid – Corrected Thorium.



Map 7: STW Grid – Corrected Uranium.



Map 8: STW Grid – Thorium/Potassium Ratio.



Map 9: STW Grid – Uranium/Potassium Ratio.

